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*Sean Hollowell watched in awe as a locally common Great Egret joined two smaller visiting rarities, a Snowy Egret and a Little Blue Heron, at Huffman MP, **Greene**, on 30 Aug*

On the cover:

*This Northern Wheatear, uncommon in the lower 48, put on a show for many visitors in **Richland**, including Alex Eberts who captured this shot on 22 Oct.*

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COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Craig Caldwell

The first three months of this season were all hotter than normal. Aug's average temperature ranked at number 108, with number 124 being the hottest. While the average of the maximum temperature was close to normal, the average of the low temperatures was the fifth highest on record. The Sep overall average was the highest ever for that month. As for Aug, that number was primarily driven by the average of the low temperatures, which also was the highest on record, while the average of the highs came in at number 94 of the 124 years with data. Curiously, though Oct's overall average was only a little above normal, the Cleveland station had a record high of 89° on 08 Oct. Nov by contrast was significantly cooler. The month's average of maxima was the sixth lowest of all time, which drove the overall average down to number 24.

Precipitation in all four months was above average, though how far above varied. Aug ranked at number 111 with number 124 being the wettest; Sep was number 123 (the second wettest ever!), October was number 73, and Nov was number 115. In Aug, the Cincinnati area received four times its usual rain and much of the rest of the state got double to triple its usual amounts. In Sep several discrete bands trending from the southwest to the northeast got up to six times their long-term average rainfall, which numerically overwhelmed the few parts of the state which got as little as 25% of their usual amounts. Oct rainfall varied from 75% to 300% of normal with no particular pattern other than that the northeast quadrant was the wettest zone. Nov precipitation, which included snow, was above average statewide with the several areas which got up to triple their norms driving up the overall result.

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

Later fall departures, particularly of songbirds, are the new norm. Eight of our 10 flycatcher species and five of the seven vireos had late last sightings, at least for the latitude where seen. Every swallow species had at least a few individuals seen later than usual. All four of the thrushes which don't overwinter here had last sightings past their historical departure dates. And 27 of

the 36 reported warblers left later than usual, and a few lingered long enough to be found during Audubon Christmas Bird Counts. However, the last sightings of the few sparrows which don't winter here were about evenly divided between "on time" and late.

This issue of the *Cardinal* contains reports of 316 species, the highest since 2012's 317. The species accounts also include six hybrids (three each of waterfowl and gulls) and 11 reports at the genus level. In addition, this issue also continues the streak of data from every county. Seven species were reported in all 88 counties and two were seen in 87. Twenty-two more species were seen in at least 80.

A whopping 24 review species were reported; their names are underlined. Sightings of a gratifying 13 of them generated formal reports to the OBRC. Reports of 11 species were only posted to eBird or other media, fortunately with photos or descriptions which will allow review. Several of the species with formal submissions also had posted reports from other locations; some of the posts had supporting data but those of three species had no information. These numbers don't include an exotic Gray Partridge and three unusual (for Ohio) color morphs.

The Trumpeter Swan header is also underlined though it is not among the review species noted above. Those we see here are either introduced birds (to Ohio or a state to our north) or their descendants. No indisputably wild ones have been documented. The OBRC is evaluating records to decide if they are established (in the formal sense of having a self-sustaining population) which would enable them to be removed from the review list and be ABA-rules countable.

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/>.

Data for the following Species Accounts come from reports submitted directly to *The Cardinal* and *The Bobolink* (the latter courtesy of its publisher, Robert Hershberger), eBird (<http://ebird.org/content/ebird>), and the Ohio-birds listserv (<http://birding.aba.org/maillist/OH>). In the species accounts, "normal" departure and arrival dates are from Harlan *et al.*, *Ohio Bird Records Com-*

mittee Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Ohio, 2008. Mentions of breeding locations are from Rodewald *et al.*, *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio* ("OBBA II", 2016).

Taxonomic order and nomenclature follow the *Check-List of North American Birds*, 7th Edition (1998) as updated through the 59th Supplement (2018). 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 which 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>)
 Bayshore = a fishing access site near a power plant a bit east of Toledo
 BBS = the North American Breeding Bird Survey, a joint project of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Canadian Wildlife Service
 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-ri-son** airport
 BRAS = Black River Audubon Society
 BSBO = Black Swamp Bird Observatory, **Ottawa** (<http://www.bsbo.org>)
 Buck Creek = Buck Creek State Park, **Clark**
 Burke Airport = Cleveland Burke Lakefront Air-port, **Cuyahoga**
 Caesar Creek = Caesar Creek State Park, **War-ren**, unless the lake is specified; a bit of the lake is also in **Clinton**
 CBC = Audubon's Christmas Bird Count

CCE = Crane Creek Estuary, **Lucas** and **Ottawa**, viewable from both ONWR and the CCE
 Trail which originates at Magee
 Chapel Drive = a road off Ohio 83 south of Cum-berland in **Noble** which traverses grasslands
 Clear Creek = Clear Creek Metro Park; the east-ern 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-govern-mental entity whose Long Branch Farm and Rowe Woods units are in **Clermont**
 Conneaut = the mudflats to the west of Con-neaut Harbor, **Ashtabula**
 CP = County Park
 CPNWR = Cedar Point National Wildlife Ref-uge, **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
 Deer Creek = the State Park is in **Pickaway**, the Wildlife Area is in **Fayette**, and Deer Creek Lake is in both but mostly **Pickaway**
 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 par-cels mostly in **Adams** and extending a bit into **Scioto**.
 Edgewater = the Edgewater unit of Cleveland Lakefront Metroparks, **Cuyahoga**
 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**
 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 recently opened bird magnet in **Lucas**
- Hueston Woods = Hueston Woods State Park, **Butler** and **Preble**
- Huron = the harbor, breakwalls, and old dredge spoil impoundment in that **Erie** city, unless noted otherwise
- Indian Lake = Indian Lake State Park, **Logan**
- Jones Preserve = Jones Preserve at Long Point, on Kelleys Island, **Erie**
- Kelleys Island = the island and adjoining waters, **Erie**
- Killbuck = Killbuck State Wildlife Area, **Holmes** and **Wayne**
- Killdeer = Killdeer Plains State Wildlife Area; a bit is in **Marion** but it's mostly in **Wyandot**
- Kiwanis Park = Kiwanis Riverway Park, on the Scioto River in Dublin, **Franklin**
- LaDue = LaDue Reservoir, **Geauga**
- Lake Erie Bluffs = a **Lake** Metroparks parcel overlooking the eponymous water body
- Lake Hope/Zaleski = Lake Hope State Park and surrounding Zaleski State Forest, **Vinton**
- Lake Loramie = Lake Loramie State Park, **Shelby**
- 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**.
- 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
- 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.
- 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, **Erie**
- OOPMP = Oak Openings Preserve MetroPark, **Lucas**
- ONWR = Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, **Lucas** and **Ottawa**
- ONWR Blausey, Boss, and Navarre = units of ONWR separate from the main area, all in **Ottawa**; of them only Boss is 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**
- Pickrel Creek = Pickrel Creek Wildlife Area, **Sandusky**
- Pickerington Ponds = Pickerington Ponds Metro Park, **Fairfield** and **Franklin**
- Pipe Creek = Pipe Creek Wildlife Area, in the city of Sandusky, **Erie**
- Pleasant Hill Lake = an impoundment straddling the **Ashland/Richland** line
- Rocky Fork = Rocky Fork State Park, **Highland**
- Salt Fork = Salt Fork State Park, **Guernsey**
- Sandy Ridge = Sandy Ridge Reservation, **Lorain**
- 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
- Villa Angela = the Villa Angela unit of Cleveland's Lakefront Reservation
- 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 which 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**
- Zaleski = Zaleski State Forest, **Vinton**

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

By Craig Caldwell

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

The OBRC has a report from Ashtabula.

Snow Goose

Josh King saw the first, along U.S. 127 in *Mercer* on 21 Sep. Dave Chase and Jeff Peters shared the high count of seven, from Headlands on 27 Oct and Killdeer on 11 Nov respectively. (31 counties)



A flash of white amongst the Canada Geese at Schellin Park, Wayne, tipped off Stu Snyder to the presence of this Snow Goose on 08 Nov.

Ross's Goose

Rocky River Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, hosted the first, on 22 Sep (Jen Brumfield). Jon Cefus and Kent Miller saw two by Leatherwood Road, *Guernsey*, on 09 Nov. *Lucas*, *Stark*, and *Wyandot* also had sightings.

[Snow x Ross's Goose]

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller saw one with their two Ross's on 09 Nov.

Snow/Ross's Goose

Geauga, *Wayne*, and *Wood* hosted indeterminate birds.

Greater White-fronted Goose

The first showed up at Headlands on 21 Sep (m. obs.). The high count was 22, by Jon Cefus and Kent Miller at Wilderness Road on 04 Oct and Elliott Ginger at Buck Creek on 24 Nov. (9 counties)

Brant

The first date was 12 Oct. On that day Craig Holt saw one at Conneaut and several birders counted 11 at Painesville TP, *Lake*. The latter was also the largest flock. *Cuyahoga* and *Erie* also contributed sightings.

Cackling Goose

Several birders reported the first, from Toledo's Woodlawn Cemetery on 23 Sep. Rick Nirschl reported the most, seven at Toledo Memorial Park on 31 Oct. Reports also came from *Franklin*, *Logan*, *Union*, *Wayne*, and *Wyandot*.

Canada Goose

Keith Eric Costley estimated that 2000 were at the mouth of the Portage River, *Ottawa*, on 24 Nov, and there were two more counts exceeding 1000. Only *Belmont* and *Henry* didn't have sightings

Cackling/Canada Goose

Indeterminate birds were in *Cuyahoga*, *Fayette*, and *Lucas*.

Mute Swan

Counts of seven came from three locations on four dates. (31 counties)

Trumpeter Swan

Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 115 during the 07 Oct ONWR census and 215 there on 04 Nov (*vide* Douglas Vogus); others reported up to 85 in the refuge. The most elsewhere were Larry Richardson's 48 at and near Mosquito WA on 17 Nov. (23 counties)

Tundra Swan

Joe Brehm saw the first, eight in Wayne NE, *Perry*, on 07 Oct. Mark Shieldcastle provided the high count of 1100, from ONWR on 25 Nov. The next most were 587 seen by Philip Chaon not far from ONWR on 18 Nov, and the most seen inland were Mia Yeager's 450 at Kent Bog SNP, *Portage*, on 13 Nov. (34 counties)

Trumpeter/Tundra Swan

Six counties hosted indeterminate birds.

Wood Duck

Cristy J. Miller *et al.* counted 375 flying south during a Big Sit in *Wayne* on 13 Oct. Paul Jacyk saw about 120 pass Howard Marsh on 06 Oct. (73 counties)

Blue-winged Teal

Howard Marsh held about 450 on 08 Sep (Kathy Telfer). The most elsewhere were 200 along the ONWR WD on 23 Sep (Ben and Steve Meredyk) and the inland high number was 110 at Kiser Lake SP, *Champaign*, on 02 Sep (Stefan Minig). (47 counties)

Cinnamon Teal

Posts from Pickerington Ponds had descriptions and photos, but no one filed an OBRC report.

Northern Shoveler

The first date of 04 Aug was shared by Bob and Sara Crist, four birds at Darby Creek, and Elizabeth McQuaid and Helena Souffrant, two at Howard Marsh. Bob Lane found about 180 at Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, on 15 Oct. (45 counties)



On 12 Sep, this Northern Shoveler was photographed by Debbie Parker in **Medina**.

Gadwall

Castalia Pond, **Erie**, hosted the first of the season, six on 14 Aug (Michael Hensley). The 04 Nov ONWR census produced 1078 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus) and Medusa the next most, 600 on 05 Nov (Paul Sherwood). (52 counties)

Eurasian Wigeon

Laura Dornan well described one she saw at Mosquito WA on 26 Oct.

American Wigeon

Debbie and Mark Raven saw two at Sandy Ridge on 10 Aug, the earliest date. Birders reported about 450 at Mosquito WA on several dates between late Sep and late Oct, and up to 229 at other times. Matt Kemp found 150 at ONWR on 06 Oct, the most elsewhere. (33 counties)

Mallard

Tom Kemp counted 2543 during a 14 Nov census in Cedar Point NWR. The next most were 1198 by Ed Pierce's 04 Nov ONWR census team (*fide* Douglas Vogus). The third-most were 800 noted at Funk by Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison. (82 counties)

American Black Duck

Tom Kemp's Cedar Point NWR census on 14 Nov tallied 261. Ever-reliable Blendon Woods hosted 65 that same day for Gregory Allen. (46 counties)

[Mallard x American Black Duck]

Birders found these hybrids in 12 counties.

Northern Pintail

Cristy and David H. Miller saw one at Wilderness Road on 22 Aug, as did Karl Overman at

Mallard Club. The ONWR census on 04 Nov produced 250 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Cole DiFabio saw several flocks totaling 145 birds fly past Painesville TP, **Lake**, on 17 Oct. The most inland were 38 at Darby Creek on 28 Oct (m. obs.). (30 counties)

[Mallard x Northern Pintail]

Ben Meredyk photographed one of this hybrid at Sandy Ridge on 18 Nov.

Green-winged Teal

Sandy Ridge hosted the first, for Bill Ohlsen on 09 Aug. Karen and Warren Leow saw about 250 at Howard Marsh on 22 Sep and up to 200 were reported there on other dates. John Petruzzi provided the inland high count of 150, from Mill Creek on several dates. (43 counties)

Canvasback

One spent much of the summer at Spring Lakes Park, **Greene**, and the season's first was there on 01 Aug (Sean Hollowell). The first migrant was at Howard Marsh on 08 Aug (Rene', Andy, and Bill McGill). Buck Creek's lake held 28 on 21 Nov (Ed and Sheila Bremer), but Dan Kempf counted 76 passing over the lake that same day. (25 counties)

Redhead

One spent the summer with the Canvasback at Spring Lakes Park and was seen into Aug (m. obs.). Joel Throckmorton saw the first migrant, an early bird at Winous Point on 13 Aug. The second was about on schedule; Joshua Davidson saw it at Mentor Marsh on 15 Sep. Ethan Kistler and Billi Krochuk found 115 at Mosquito SP on 23 Nov. (40 counties)

Ring-necked Duck

Lorain hosted the first, on 22 Sep (Ben Meredyk). Summit Lake hosted the most, 410 on 29 Nov (George Novosel). (50 counties)

Greater Scaup

Debbie Parker saw the first, at Lake Medina on 16 Oct. The Portage River mouth, **Ottawa**, held 18 for Kenn Kaufman on 29 Nov, and the inland high of four was shared by several sites. (25 counties)

Lesser Scaup

Bill Ohlsen's find at Lorain on 13 Aug was a month earlier than expected, but scattered sightings continued every few days until mid-Nov when sightings became more frequent. However, the high of 1700 to 1800 came from Paul Jacyk off the north shore of Maumee Bay on 18 and 19 Oct. The most elsewhere were Paul's 400 at Maumee Bay (the SP) on 11 Nov. Craig Holt provided the inland high count of 125 from Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, on 20 Nov. (48 counties)

Greater/Lesser Scaup

Rick Nirschl reported a “[l]arge continuous raft of ducks on Lake Erie from east to west as far as you can see” off Maumee Bay SP on 12 Nov; he estimated it numbered 40,000. Tom Kemp reported 31,000 off Cedar Point NWR two days later.

Harlequin Duck

Several observers noted one flying past Painesville TP, **Lake**, on 08 Nov. Lori Brumbaugh and Ben Morrison separately reported one passing Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 29 Nov.

Surf Scoter

The first was off Perry TP, **Lake**, on 11 Oct (Duane Miller and Atee Yoder). Several birders saw 12 off Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 17 Nov and a different group saw 11 at Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, on the next day. (23 counties)

White-winged Scoter

The first date was 12 Oct. Jen Brumfield *et al.* saw one off Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, that day, while m. obs. counted 11 off Willoughby’s Sunset Park, **Lake**. Lori Brumbaugh’s 15 off Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 08 Nov were the most, and Paul Sherwood’s five at Willard Reservoir, **Huron**, on 10 Nov were the most inland. (18 counties)

Black Scoter

Four flew past Painesville TP, **Lake**, on 12 Oct (m. obs.). Shari Jackson and Ben Morrison saw 39 off Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 29 Nov, and up to 24 were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 11 at Edgewater on 31 Oct (Kevin and Patty McKelvey) and the most inland were six at Dillon SP, **Muskingum**, on 13 Oct (Homer Hansen and Scott Pendleton). (17 counties)

Scoter sp.

Birders reported 40 to 70 flying eastbound at Headlands on the morning of 13 Oct.

Long-tailed Duck

Mark Shaver saw the first, at Conneaut on 20 Oct. Several birders saw four off Dry Tree Point, **Lucas**, on 25 Oct. **Cuyahoga**, **Knox**, **Lake**, **Mahoning**, **Ottawa**, and **Summit** also generated reports.

Bufflehead

Dale Lautenschleger saw the first, at CLNP on 10 Oct. Inga Schmidt saw about 130 at LaDue on 11 Nov, and Springfield Lake, **Summit**, held 113 that same day for Dennis Mersky. (60 counties)

Common Goldeneye

The first was off Dry Tree Point, **Lucas**, on 18 Oct (Paul Jacyk). About 200 were off Sims Park,

Cuyahoga, on 21 Nov (Gautam and Sameer Apte) and off nearby Euclid Park, **Cuyahoga**, two days later (Todd Eiben). The most inland were 24 at Lake Milton SP, **Muskingum**, on 23 Nov (John Petruzzi). (31 counties)

Hooded Merganser

Mark Shaver estimated by 10s and came up with 640 at LaDue on 19 Nov. (62 counties)

Common Merganser

Josh Hargrave and Joan Scharf noted “continuing adult with 8 merglets” at Conneaut on 01 Aug. Bob and Denise Lane counted 85 at Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, on 04 Nov and 129 there on the next day. The most elsewhere were Inga Schmidt’s 60 at LaDue on 25 Nov. (35 counties)

Red-breasted Merganser

About 10,000 were off the North Perry, **Lake**, shore on 26 Nov (Joan Scharf) and also off Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 29 Nov (Shari Jackson and Ben Morrison). The most inland were 65 at Clear Fork on 23 Nov (Gary Cowell). (43 counties)

Ruddy Duck

Helen and Ken Ostermiller found about 1500 at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 03 Nov. Susan Carpenter provided the second-highest number, 850, from Springfield Lake, **Summit**, on 20 Nov. (55 counties)



A lone Ruddy Duck, photographed by Su Snyder, swims through the flooded areas along Wilderness Road on 25 Aug.

Northern Bobwhite

Andrea Anderson saw one in Fernwood SE, **Jefferson**, on 04 Nov for the only report that month. Eric Juterbock found seven at a farm in Rushsylvania, **Logan**, on 08 Aug, and three sites each held four. (12 counties)

Ring-necked Pheasant

The high count of seven was shared by Leslie Sours at Darby Creek on 09 Sep and Dick Hoopes in Swine Creek Reservation, **Geauga**, on 15 Nov. (32 counties)

Gray Partridge

Swine Creek Reservation also hosted what had to be a hunt club escapee on 28 and 29 Nov (m. obs.).

Ruffed Grouse

Joseph Keating found one at TNC's Buzzard-roost Rock, *Adams*, on 19 Sep. Craig and Kristi McConnell saw one near Chardon, *Geauga*, on 19 Nov.

Wild Turkey

Mosquito WA hosted 50 for Doug Marcum on 18 Nov. The next most were 28, seen by Chris Krintzline at Miller Conservation Farm, *Seneca*, on 21 Nov. (57 counties)

Pied-billed Grebe

Eric Juterbock noted 60 along the ONWR WD on 23 Sep. (66 counties)



Joanne Priest captured a photo of this stealthy Pied-billed Grebe family swimming in the reeds at Nimisila while she was kayaking on 07 Aug

Horned Grebe

BSBO staffers conducting point counts noted that the one they found at Howard Marsh on 19 Aug was uncommon for the month. Though they usually don't show up until mid-Sep, Jen Brumfield saw an "Adult alternate!" at Wendy Park on 04 Sep. Paul Jacyk wrote "WOW !!! Number from a single continuous scope scan from north to south" about his 62 at Alum Creek on 17 Nov. Jen Brumfield's 48 off Rocky River Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 18 Nov was the second-highest number. (47 counties)

Red-necked Grebe

The first showed up way down south at Eastwood MP, *Montgomery*, on 17 Oct (m. obs.). Delaware SP held four on 18 Oct (Richard Bradley) as did the Findlay Reservoirs on 26 Nov (Linda Houshower). (14 counties)

Eared Grebe

The reports are:

One at Mosquito WA on 14 Nov (m. obs.)

Two at Alum Creek from 17 Nov (Paul Jacyk) into Dec (m. obs.)

One at Hueston Woods from 30 Nov (Cole DiFabbio and David Russell) into Dec (m. obs.)

Rock Pigeon

Andrew Aldrich noted about 750 in Findlay, *Hancock*, on 14 Nov. (82 counties)

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Eric Juterbock saw seven in Celina, *Mercer*, on 03 Oct. That city was the first to provide regular sightings, but this season they were also found in *Champaign, Clark, Erie, Fayette, Franklin, Marion, Pike, Van Wert*, and *Wayne*.

Mourning Dove

Charlie Saunders estimated 280 were at Gilmore MP, *Butler*, on 20 Aug, and up to 210 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 161 tallied by Ed Pierce's census crew in ONWR on 02 Sep (*vide* Douglas Vogus). (all 88 counties)

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Sightings were fairly regular up to the last, a lingering bird see by Dave Chase at Wake Robin on 06 Nov. Katelyn Shelton tallied six in Clear Creek MP on 23 Sep. (70 counties)

Black-billed Cuckoo

Margaret Bowman saw the last, on 18 Oct in *Licking*. It hung around a week longer than the second-last, which Becky Donaldson and Sally Isacco separately noted at Wake Robin on 11 Oct. At least six locations each held duos. (27 counties)

Common Nighthawk

The last date of 20 Oct was shared by Richelle Gatto at Wingfoot Lake, *Portage*, and Brian Tinker in downtown Cleveland; each saw one bird. David H. Yoder saw a kettle of about 600 over Chili, *Coshocton*, on 27 Aug. Eli M. Miller made a "fairly accurate count" of 488 over Farmerstown, *Holmes*, on 30 Aug. (60 counties)

Chuck-will's-widow

Joe Woyna photographed one in a tree in the Cleveland Public Library's Eastman Garden at mid-day on 27 Sep, and Jen Brumfield refound it on the ground at 10 pm. This date is a month beyond when they're usually gone from the state. See Field Notes for more.

Eastern Whip-poor-will

Tom Bartlett banded a hatch-year male in the Jones Preserve on Kelleys Island on 29 Oct, a couple of weeks past when they're usually last crossing the Ohio River. Matt Courtman saw the second-last, along the Hoover Park Connector Trail, *Stark*, on 14 Sep. A duo in Tranquility Wildlife Area, *Athens*, on 05 Aug (Derek Parker) and singles in *Hocking, Lawrence*, and *Vinton* complete the list.

Chimney Swift

Two at Burke Airport (Lori Brumbaugh and Bob Helton) and one at Mill Creek (the Lanes) on 04 Nov were the last. Ann and Dwight Chasar pro-

vided the two highest counts, flocks of 900 and 1100 entering a chimney in Bedford Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 and 30 Aug, respectively. They also saw the third-most, 850 in Peninsula, **Summit**, on 07 Sep. (78 counties)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Sightings were fairly steady to the last, which were singles at feeders in Westwood, **Hamilton** on 22 Oct (Richard Gass) and Butler Township, **Montgomery**, on 23 Oct (Christine Hawley). Aaron Gabbe found about 25 in Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**, on both 10 and 12 Sep, and Sam Romeo counted 18 at Aullwood on 06 Sep. (75 counties)

Rufous Hummingbird

Jimmy Bingman photographed one at Vern Bingman's feeder in Bowling Green, **Wood**, on 23 Nov; it wasn't seen again. Allen Chartier provided the details for the following reports; the birds' hosts were Molly Slack, Theresa Yowler, Jane Florjancic, and Sue Baxter.

Location and County	Age	Sex	First		Last	
			Observed	Banded	Observed	Observed
Troy, Miami	Ad	M	11 Sep	(not)	13 Sep	
Lebanon, Warren	HY	F	23 Oct	09 Nov	21 Jan 2019	
Valley View, Cuyahoga	HY	F	30 Oct	10 Nov	19 Jan 2019	
Findlay, Hancock	HY	F	16 Nov	18 Nov	23 Nov	

HY = Hatch year, Ad = Adult

Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird

Kevin and Patty McKelvey photographed one in Grafton, **Lorain**, on 31 Oct. Another was briefly at the Nancy Knox home in Canal Winchester, **Fairfield**, starting 14 Nov (*vide* Allen Chartier).

King Rail

Several birders heard and saw one at the end of Force Road in Killbuck on 19 Aug. Douglas Bohanan heard one at Calamus Swamp, **Pickaway**, also on 19 Aug.

Virginia Rail

Dan Donaldson found the last, at Mentor Marsh SNP, **Lake**, on 15 Nov. Counts of four came from Darby Creek on 14 Aug (Natalie Carusillo, Christopher Collins) and 19 Aug (Ronnie Clark), and there were several reports of two scattered about the state. (19 counties)

Sora

Reports came almost daily from Darby Creek until the last, which was by Sean Fitzgerald on 25 Oct. The second-last was Jamie Cunningham's at Metzger on 14 Oct. Darby Creek on 14 Aug (Greg Cornett) and Cedar Point NWR on 20 Sep (Barry McEwen) produced counts of four. (20 counties)

Common Gallinule

Ronnie Clark's bird at Darby Creek on 18 Nov was the last; they had otherwise been seen there

frequently up to 30 Oct. The last elsewhere was one at a pond near Buck Creek seen by many on 20 and 21 Oct. Darby Creek also hosted the most, 18 on 13 Aug for Irina Shulgina. Chris Pierce saw a family or families of two adults and 14 young along the ONWR WD on 02 Sep. (16 counties)



It was an exciting moment for Su Snyder as she captured this family of Common Gallinules on 02 Aug along Clark Road near Killbuck.

American Coot

Dan Kramer found about 900 at Nimisila on 30 Nov, and Don Niece saw 800 at Indian Lake SP, **Logan**, on 03 Nov. (52 counties)

Sandhill Crane

Cassidy and Tyler Ficker saw about 500 over I-275 in western **Hamilton** on 02 Nov; that's near the Oxbow wetlands at the mouth of the Great Miami River. Cole DiFabio noted about 350 over Oxford, **Butler**, on 27 Nov. (45 counties)



These sixteen noisy Sandhill Cranes were only part of the flock seen by Su Snyder on 10 Oct along Wilderness Road.

Black-necked Stilt

The Lanes counted 16, including immatures, at Howard Marsh on 26 Aug, and up to 13 were seen there on other dates. The count dwindled to two or three on 06 Sep, the species' last date anywhere (m. obs.). The most seen not at Howard Marsh were seven which overflew adjacent Metzger on 12 Aug (Kate Jones-Orr and Karen Zeleznik). A duo at Mercer WA on 05 Aug (Josh King) was the only sighting away from the Howard-Metzger-ONWR-Magee complex.

American Avocet

Debbie and Mark Raven and Ed Wransky separately reported the last, from Sandy Ridge on 15 Oct, a couple of weeks late for so far north. Five had been there on 25 Sep, the second-last date (Janice Farral, Ben Meredyk). The high count of 16 came from the Findlay Reservoirs on 23 Sep (m. obs.). Conneaut hosted six on 24 Aug (Robert Krajewski) and 05 Sep (Heather Angst). (12 counties)



Wilderness Road is often full of surprises, like this American Avocet photographed by Su Snyder on 29 Aug.

Black-bellied Plover

Josh Hargrave saw the first of the season on 01 Aug, two at Conneaut which “[f]lew over beach around 7:45 [and] headed inland.” (Three there on 31 Jul were the first since Jun.) Nancy Anderson saw the last, at Marblehead, **Ottawa**, on 26 Oct; often they’re seen through Nov. Dave Chase found six at Headlands on 21 Aug. (19 counties)

American Golden-Plover

Cory Chiappone and Cole DiFabio saw the first since spring, at Conneaut on 17 Aug. Dave Smith’s at Beaver Creek Reservoir, **Seneca**, on 21 Oct was the last. Andy Sewell contributed the high count of eight, from near Darby Creek on 10 Sep. (16 counties)



Howard Marsh hosted nesting Black-necked Stilts, and Alex Eberts was ready with his camera on 03 Sep.

Semipalmated Plover

These began arriving in Jul. The last lingered a bit longer than usual; Eric Juterbock found it at Rocky Fork on 05 Nov. Several folks had seen one or two at LaDue on 28 Oct, the second-last date. Mill Creek hosted 22 on 06 Aug for Bob Lane and John Petruzzi, and up to 16 on other dates. The most elsewhere were Paul Jacyk’s 15 at Maa-me Bay on 11 Aug. (38 counties)



*On 05 Sep, Alex Eberts got down to ground level while photographing this adorable Semipalmated Plover at Baypoint, **Ottawa**.*

Piping Plover

A post from **Lorain** had photos.

Killdeer

Andy Sewell noted about 550 near Darby Creek on 10 Sep and up to 350 were there on other dates. Observers reported 300 to 350 along Wilderness Road on 04 Aug. Only **Henry** and **Monroe** didn’t have sightings.



Debbie Parker photographed this Killdeer exploring Lorain on 26 Sep.

Upland Sandpiper

Susie Shetterly saw one near Bolton Field, **Franklin**, on 06 Aug, and Emery A. Yoder another near Bunker Hill, **Holmes**, on 19 Aug.

Whimbrel

Two at Headlands on 18 Sep were the last (m. obs.), and one in the Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 03 Sep was the second to last (Jen Brumfield). The Headlands two shared high count honors with duos at sites in **Ashtabula**

and **Erie**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, and **Wayne** hosted solo birds.

Hudsonian Godwit

Robert Krajewski watched the first of the season arrive at Conneaut on 16 Aug (following a 31 Jul sighting); Inga Schmidt saw it or another there later in the day. One spent from 03 to 05 Nov along Krause Road, **Ottawa** (m. obs.). Richard Bradley saw two at Killdeer on 19 Aug. One was at Howard Marsh, the only other location, from 20 to 29 Sep.

Marbled Godwit

Only a 21 Jul duo preceded this season's first, three at Howard Marsh on 03 Aug (Debbie Miller). The second was a solo at Killdeer from 16 to 20 Aug (m. obs.). One pleased observers at the Grand Lake hatchery from 31 Aug to 04 Sep. The Maumee Bay inland beach hosted the last one, on 18 Oct (Annie Crary). That's all, folks.

Ruddy Turnstone

Sightings were scattered but steady to the last one, which Craig Holt made at Conneaut on 03 Nov, a good two weeks after they usually leave the state. Several birders saw 10 near the Cedar Point lighthouse, **Erie**, on 28 Aug. (11 counties)



A curious Ruddy Turnstone was photographed by Darlene Friedman while the bird searched for a meal at Maumee Bay on 20 Sep.

Ruff

The OBRC has a report from **Wayne** as well as multiple posts with photos and descriptions.

Stilt Sandpiper

One or two were at Mill Creek from 16 Oct to the last sighting, which was by John Petrucci on 02 Nov. Howard Marsh provided the high count, 18 on 21 Sep (m. obs.), and up to 15 were in the Howard-Metzger-ONWR-Magee marshes on other dates. The most elsewhere were Dennis Mersky's nine at Wilderness Road on 02 Aug. (20 counties)

Sanderling

Patricia Dwight saw the last one, at Sheldon Marsh on 27 Nov, a rather late date for so far north. Up to six at three sites on 03 Nov were the

second-last sightings. Daniel Smith saw about 50 at the Cedar Point lighthouse, **Erie**, on 18 Aug and the most inland were the seven found by Amy Downing at the Findlay Reservoirs on 26 Aug. (23 counties)

Red Knot

Multiple observers saw the first, two at the Lorain (city) fishing pier on 17 Aug. Rick Nirschl saw the last, at Maumee Bay on 29 Oct, a month later than usual. The most, five which Nancy Anderson found at Marblehead, **Ottawa**, on 19 Oct were also straggling. (9 counties)



Alex Eberts captured this photograph of a shy Red Knot at Baypoint, Ottawa, on 05 Sep.

Dunlin

The last date was 23 Nov, though they're often seen well into Dec. Amy Longley and Betsy MacMillan saw one at Maumee Bay that day, as did Joe Baldwin at Upper Sandusky Reservoir 2, **Wyandot**. Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder counted 106 at Wilderness Road on 23 Oct. (43 counties)

Least Sandpiper

The last sightings, and the only ones in Nov, were by Natalie Carusillo, three at Darby Creek on 11 Nov, and by Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder at Wilderness Road on 14 Nov. Andrew Simon counted 59 at Howard Marsh on 01 Sep. Dennis Mersky's 43 at Killdeer on 20 Aug were the second-most. (52 counties)

White-rumped Sandpiper

The last were singles on 30 Oct at LaDue (George Novosel) and Mill Creek (m. obs.). Aaron Nisley found 37 along the Holmes County Trail on 13 Sep; Lorain held the second-most, 13 on 10 Sep (Debbie Parker). (20 counties)

Baird's Sandpiper

The season's first was at Maumee Bay on 07 Aug (Rene', Andy, and Bill McGill); a single Jul sighting had preceded it. The last was at Buck Creek on 11 Nov (m. obs.). That's a typical last date, but the second-last was seen way back on 21 Oct, at the Hebron fish hatchery, **Licking** (Andrea and

Brad Imhoff). Several birders saw nine at Berlin Reservoir on 06 Sep and up to eight on other days; the most elsewhere were five at Conneaut also on 06 Sep (Robert Krajewski). (18 counties)



This Baird's Sandpiper showed off its trademark long wings for Alex Eberts at Baypoint, Ottawa, on 05 Sep.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Englewood hosted the first, on 11 Aug (m. obs.). Dave Smith saw the next, at the Findlay Reservoirs on 26 Aug. Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble found three near Darby Creek on 11 Sep; they were the last and most. (10 counties)

Pectoral Sandpiper

Adriana Losey and Max Nootbaar saw the last, along Krause Road (the one in *Knox*, not *Ottawa*) on 02 Nov. Killdeer hosted 70 for Cam Lee on 04 Aug and Berlin Lake held 59 for Ben Morrison on 05 Sep. (42 counties)

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Rob Thorn found the last, lingering a bit at Pickerington Ponds on 23 Oct. Cole DiFabio estimated he saw 310 at Headlands on 18 Aug and wrote, "Spotted an extremely tight and fast moving flock flying at edge of lake, making very quick and sharp turns. Estimated about 150 birds in the flock. Two more flocks flew over, with some going south and some going west. Also had a couple other groups of single-digit birds. None of the birds landed." Andrew Simon counted 62 at Howard Marsh on 01 Sep and Jon Cefus 35 at Berlin Lake on 07 Sep for the next-highest numbers. (45 counties)

Western Sandpiper

One Jul sighting preceded this season's first, which was at Metzger on 09 Aug (Patrick Markee). The next was one (or a succession of singles) which spent 26 Aug to 03 Sep at Wilderness Road (m. obs.). Linda Ewing and Katie Riddle saw the last, one at Howard Marsh on 09 Oct. Often they're still being seen in mid-Nov. Two at Wilderness Road on 31 Aug were the only multiple (Joseph Boros). *Ashtabula*, *Delaware*, *Franklin*, and *Seneca* also had sightings.

Short-billed Dowitcher

Chris Pierce saw the last, at the Shreve fish pond, *Wayne*, on 06 Oct, a bit late for so far north. Paul Jacyk and Kim Warner provided the high count of 47, from the ONWR WD on 26 Aug, and up to 40 were in ONWR on other dates. The most elsewhere were Alex Eberts' 28 at Metzger on 01 Aug and the most inland were Steve Jones' 13 at Killdeer on 28 Aug. (29 counties)



These Short-billed Dowitchers were photographed by Debbie Parker while they rested at Lorain on 21 Aug.

Long-billed Dowitcher

The last date was 23 Oct; on that day duos were at the Hebron fish hatchery in *Licking* (Margaret Bowman) and Sandy Ridge (Jennifer Allison). The most were 76 at Howard Marsh on 06 Oct (Paul Sherwood) and 24 in ONWR on 23 Sep (David and Dorothy Bukovac). (11 counties)

American Woodcock

Reports were scattered throughout the season. Larry Richardson found eight in Grand River WA, *Trumbull*, on 14 Oct and up to six on other dates. The most elsewhere were at Wake Robin on 02 Sep, when Dave Chase saw three flybys. (24 counties)

Wilson's Snipe

The Lanes found 19 at Mill Creek on 30 Oct; Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble saw 15 at Darby Creek on 10 Oct. (32 counties)

Spotted Sandpiper

Adriana Losey and Max Nootbaar found the last, at Alum Creek on 02 Nov, a little late for the latitude. Robert Sams saw 35 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 12 Aug and up to 26 were there on other dates. Cole DiFabio found 20 at Mentor Marsh SNP, *Lake*, on 14 Aug. (60 counties)

Solitary Sandpiper

Sherry Plessner and Quentin Skrabec saw the last, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo on 26 Oct. It had been there for about a week and was a couple of weeks behind schedule. Aaron Nisley found 20 near Baltic, *Holmes*, on 01 Aug. (49 counties)

Lesser Yellowlegs

The last one was a bit late at the Grand Lake hatchery when seen by Natalie Carusillo on 17 Nov and again by Eric Juterbock on 21 Nov. Debra Sweeney saw the last but for it, at Sandy Ridge on 11 Nov. About 60 were at Howard Marsh on 21 Sep (m. obs.). (50 counties)

Willet

Though Willets are often still here well into Oct, this year's last was seen on 17 Sep, at the Green Velvet Sod Farm, **Clark** (Eric Elvert). The most were Irina Shulgina's six at Headlands on 01 Sep and three which overflowed Conneaut on 21 Aug (Bob Lane). (10 counties)

Greater Yellowlegs

The last was lagging a bit; Adam Zorn photographed it at Berlin Lake on 25 Nov. Counts at Mill Creek topped out at 51 by the Lanes on 21 Oct; Howard Marsh hosted the most elsewhere with about 40 on 21 Sep (m. obs.). (52 counties)

Wilson's Phalarope

Amy Didion's at Pickerel Creek on 06 Aug was the season's first. The species had nested at Howard Marsh so it's not surprising that the high count of four came from there; Linda Mitchell saw them on 31 Aug. The last sighting was also at Howard, one which was seen almost daily from 15 Sep to 01 Oct. (10 counties)

Red-necked Phalarope

Observers found up to five at Howard Marsh between 24 Aug and 20 Sep, which were the overall first and last dates as well. Duos were in three locations; they and singles were in **Clark**, **Cuyahoga**, **Lorain**, **Preble**, **Wood**, and **Wyandot**.



Darlene Friedman snapped this photo of a lovely Red-necked Phalarope at Howard Marsh on 11 Sep.

Pomarine Jaeger

The reports are:
One photographed in the **Preble** section of

Hueston Woods on 09 Sep (Cole DiFabio), unusually early and unusually far south
One in Huron harbor, **Erie** on 21 Oct (Dave Smith)

One at Painesville TP, **Lake**, also on 21 Oct (m. obs.)

One outside the Cleveland harbor breakwall during a BSBO boat trip on 17 Nov

One at Lake Erie Bluffs on 27 Nov (John Pogacnik)

Parasitic Jaeger

The OBRC has a report from **Lucas** to go with posts. Posts from **Lake** have photos. One post from **Cuyahoga** has a description but two others from there had no useful information.

Long-tailed Jaeger

A post from **Cuyahoga** has a description.

Jaeger sp.

Sightings in **Ashtabula**, **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Lake**, and **Lucas** couldn't be narrowed to the species.

Black-legged Kittiwake

One spent from 10 to 26 Nov at Hoover Reservoir, crossing the **Delaware/Franklin** line many times.



On 12 Nov, Alex Eberts captured this stunning photo of the Black Kittiwake that delighted many birders at Hoover Reservoir.

Bonaparte's Gull

Several birders watched about 5000 descend to a night roost at Alum Creek on 10 Nov. Paul Jacyk recorded the second-most, at least 1900 off Toledo's 119th Street on 15 Oct. (61 counties)

Laughing Gull

The locations, all hosting solo birds, are:

At Deer Creek SP on 27 Sep (Marcia Brehmer and Melanie Shuter)

At the **Mercer** end of Grand Lake from 07 to 09 Oct (m. obs.)

On the Scioto River near Griggs Dam, **Franklin**, on 07 Nov (m. obs.)

At Seneca Lake, **Guernsey/Noble**, on 16 Nov (Derrick Hill)

Little Gull

The reports are:

One passing Sherod Park, **Erie**, on 27 Oct (m. obs.)

One at Headlands, also on 27 Oct (Dave Chase)

One at Wendy Park on 13 Nov (Todd Eiben)

One at the Black River mouth in Lorain (city) on 27 Nov (m. obs.)



*This Little Gull showed Kurt Wray some sass while he was shooting along the Baypoint shore, **Ottawa**, on 24 Aug.*

Franklin's Gull

The first showed up on 20 Sep, at East Fork, and stayed at least to 24 Sep (m. obs.). The last was also seen by m. obs., at Lorain on 27 Nov. Edward Ingold saw the second-last, rather earlier on 12 Nov at the Findlay Reservoirs. The most were Josh King's four at Grand Lake on 14 Oct. (13 counties)

Ring-billed Gull

The high number was 10,000. It was shared by m. obs. at Wendy Park on 10 Nov; by Jeff Harvey at Evans Lake, **Mahoning**, on 11 Nov, and in Cleveland harbor by the participants of a BSBO boat trip on 17 Nov. Jeff Harvey wrote that his "covered the north end of the lake." (67 counties)

California Gull

One spent about two weeks at Pleasant Hill Lake; the OBRC has two reports and has also gleaned multiple posts with photos. A post from Lorain has a photo and description but one from **Lake** has no supporting information.

Herring Gull

John Pogacnik counted 2314 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 27 Nov. The next-most were Michael Linkster's 1450 along the Ottawa River Interpretive Trail, **Lucas**, on 23 Nov. Shane Myers and Robert Sams provided the highest inland number, 1200 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 21 Nov. (49 counties)

Iceland Gull

Five locations each hosted one:
Headlands on 11 Nov (Tom Frankel)

The lower Cuyahoga River on 17 Nov (BSBO boaters)

The Findlay Reservoirs on 25 Nov (Shane Myers and Robert Sams)

Lake Erie Bluffs on 20 Nov (John Pogacnik)

Canton's Meyers Lake, **Stark**, on 30 Nov (Jon Cefus, Kent Miller)

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Several Jul Lake Erie-side reports preceded this season's first, which came courtesy of Robert Sams from the Findlay Reservoirs on 05 Aug. That site also provided the three highest counts, 62, 88, and 170, in the second half of Nov (m. obs.). Michael Linkster saw the most elsewhere from the Ottawa River Interpretive Trail, **Lucas**, 13 on 23 Nov. (23 counties)

[Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull]

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller photographed and described one at the Bolivar landfill, **Stark**, on 26 Nov; it was still there for Kent three days later.

Glaucous Gull

Single birds were seen at or passing these five sites:

Wendy Park on 17 Nov (Barbara Knapp)

Lake Erie Bluffs on 27 Nov (John Pogacnik)

The Lorain (city) fishing pier on 26 Nov (Debbie Parker)

Meyers Lake, **Stark**, on 30 Nov (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller)

The Bolivar landfill, **Stark**, also on 30 Nov (and also Jon Cefus and Kent Miller)



*A Glaucous Gull takes flight in this incredible photo by Debbie Parker on 26 Nov in **Lorain**.*

Great Black-backed Gull

Participants on the 17 Nov BSBO boat trip saw about 50 at and near Cleveland Harbor. The next most were 13 found by Jen Brumfield at Wendy Park on both 14 Aug and 03 Nov. The only two inland reports were by Mandy Roberts of four at the Findlay Reservoirs on 05 Sep and by Melanie Shuter at Deer Creek on 13 Sep. Every Lake Erie county had sightings.

[Herring x Great Black-backed Gull]

Kent Miller well described one at Congress Lake, **Stark**, on 20 Nov.

Least Tern

Multiple photos accompanied posts from **Richland** but no one gave the OBRC a report. If formally confirmed (not that there's any doubt in my mind) it will be the first county record according to John Herman.

Caspian Tern

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller reported the last, from Seneca Lake, **Noble**, on 09 Nov. The most were 175 seen from Bay Point, **Ottawa**, on both 05 Sep (Alex Eberts and Scott Myers) and 11 Sep (Cole DiFabio). An Osprey spooked about 125 from a grassy area at Howard Marsh on 12 Aug (Kate Jones-Orr and Karen Zeleznik). The most inland were Gary Cowell's 35 at Pleasant Hill Lake on 11 Sep. (44 counties)



A Caspian Tern dwarfs a nearby Bonaparte's Gull and Ring-billed Gull in this photograph taken on 08 Aug by Debbie Parker at Lorain.

Black Tern

Carl Winstead saw the last, at Hoover NP on 30 Sep. East Fork held the most, 24 on 17 Aug for Richard Payne. Tom Kemp counted nine at Grand Rapids, **Lucas**, "flying in a single line down wind and down river toward Otsego Rapids; largest number I have seen in Ohio in a long time". (26 counties)

Common Tern

Barbara Knapp saw the last of the season, at Wendy Park on 17 Nov, though there were also two mid-Dec reports. Jordan West and Megan Mahon noted about 600 at Maumee Bay on 01 Sep and up to 350 were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Cole DiFabio's 185 off Bay Point, **Ottawa**, on 11 Sep, and the inland high count was 46 by Lee Funderburg at Buck Creek on 08 Sep. (30 counties)

Forster's Tern

Paul Jacyk found the last, two off Dry Tree Point,

Lucas, on 25 Nov. Kenn Kaufman saw the second-last, three at Metzger on 05 Nov. Maumee Bay hosted about 350 on 25 Aug (m. obs.) and up to 200 on other dates. Paul Jacyk saw the second-most, 95 at Bay View Park, **Lucas**, on 01 Oct. The inland high count of 12 was shared by Nate McGowan on the Marietta, **Washington**, side of the Ohio River on 29 Aug and Marj Swies at Pickerington Ponds on 01 Nov. (28 counties)

Red-throated Loon

Cleveland's East 55th Street marina hosted the first, on 12 Oct (Mason Sieges). Seven were off Lake Erie Bluffs on 18 Nov (m. obs.). **Ashtabula**, **Delaware**, **Geauga**, **Holmes**, **Mahoning**, and **Union** also had sightings.

Common Loon

Alvin Miller and David Miller counted 435 passing over Mast Farm Service in Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 14 Nov. But a few miles further south in Charm, **Holmes**, that same day, Junior Burkholder saw 462 from Keim Lumber. The most elsewhere were Mark Shaver's 149 at Mosquito Lake on 18 Nov. (50 counties)



Debbie Parker captured this photograph of a Common Loon swimming in Lorain on 29 Oct.

Neotropic Cormorant

A flyby in **Lucas** was reported to the OBRC.

Double-crested Cormorant

James Tomko saw about 5000 off Sandusky, **Erie**, on 21 Oct. Cole DiFabio saw about 2500 off Bay Point, **Ottawa**, on 11 Sep. Kelly Donithan counted 960 in five southbound flocks over Killdeer on 11 Nov. (76 counties)

American White Pelican

One which had spent most of Jul at Lost Bridge lingered to 11 Oct (m. obs.). Josh King provided the last report of the season on 17 Nov, 30 birds at Grand Lake. They remained there from the inland high count of 48 made by Jon Jenkins on 14 Oct. Ed Pierce's ONWR census team counted a remarkable 198 on 07 Oct, a number five times more than their previous high count (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Josh Hargrave and Joan Scharf saw about 165 over Stange Road, **Ottawa**, on 27 Sep, for the second-most. (12 counties)

Brown Pelican

One which spent a week in *Erie* generated many photographs but no report to the OBRC.

American Bittern

Megan Mahon and Jordan West saw the last, in Miami Whitewater Forest, *Hamilton*, on 10 Nov. Leslie Sours found the most, three at Darby Creek on 09 Oct. (15 counties)

Least Bittern

One which probably nested at Conneaut lingered there to 23 Nov (Judy Altman). Irina Shulgina's find at Darby Creek on 11 Nov was the second-last. Both stayed long past their usual departure date. Counts of three came from Darby Creek on 17 Aug (Ronnie Clark) and Pickerington Ponds on 03 Sep (Gayle McKay). (11 counties)

Great Blue Heron

Englewood hosted the most, 188 for Eric Elvert on 03 Aug, and up to 156 on other dates. Charlie Saunders found 110 at Gilmore MP, *Butler*, on 06 Aug, the most elsewhere. Only *Henry* and *Pike* didn't have sightings.

"Great White" Heron

One at Conneaut thought to be this morph of the Great Blue Heron provided many photo opportunities but didn't generate a report to the OBRC.

Great Egret

Don Burlett and Jim Koppin saw about 325 at Howard Marsh on 19 Aug; the next-most were 228 at Gilmore MP, *Butler*, on 17 Aug (Robert Lacker and Charlie Saunders). (67 counties)



Bernie Master snapped this photo of a Great Egret in flight at Hoover Reservoir on 18 Nov.

Snowy Egret

Two spent from mid-Aug to 15 Oct at and near Mentor Marsh SNP, *Lake* (m. obs.). The high

count of 18 came from ONWR on both 05 Aug (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus) and 26 Aug (Gina Swindell). Duos in several locations were the most not in *Lucas* or *Ottawa*. (11 counties)

Little Blue Heron

The first date was 10 Aug; on that day one was at Mill Creek (m. obs.) and another at Deer Creek SP (Melanie Shuter). Metzger held the last, on 11 Sep (Kenn Kaufman, Charles Owens). Three spent from 12 to 15 Aug at Mill Creek (m. obs.). (10 counties)

Cattle Egret

BSBO staffers saw the first of the season, at Howard Marsh on 08 Aug. (Several Jul reports preceded it.) Karl Mechem saw the last, at ONWR on 08 Nov. ONWR also provided the high count, four on 18 Oct (Paul Cary). (12 counties)

Green Heron

One was seen from mid-Aug to 15 Nov near the Hebron hatchery, *Licking*; many observers thought it was injured. Robert Lacker and Charlie Saunders saw one at Gilmore MP, *Butler*, on 05 Nov, about two weeks beyond when they're usually gone. Andrea and Brad Imhoff counted 53 while kayaking around Buckeye Lake, *Licking*, on 29 Aug. Jeff Harvey saw 43 at Mill Creek on 15 Aug. (67 counties)



A Green Heron posed for a photo at O'Shaughnessy Twin Lakes, Delaware, for Adam Brandemühl on 29 Sep.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Paul Jacyk provided the high count of 13, from Howard Marsh on 20 Sep (25 counties)

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Irina Shulgina found one at Pickerington Ponds on 05 Aug; it stayed until 05 Sep. Both Evelyne Newell and Judy Semroc were credited with finding another at Mentor Lagoons NP, *Lake*, on 06 Aug; that one hung around to 05 Oct. Both were immature birds: Were they born locally or somewhere to our north? There were a few summer records in Ohio and also in the Toronto, Ontario, area.

Glossy Ibis

The OBRC has a report from **Lake** and many posts with photos as well.

Plegadis sp. Ibis

The OBRC has a report from **Holmes**.

Roseate Spoonbill

One spent about a week in **Licking**; the OBRC received two reports in addition to the many posts with photos. Birds in **Franklin**, **Knox**, and **Wayne** were photographed but didn't generate any formal reports. A post from **Muskingum** had a brief description. How many different ones were seen?



An "irruption year" for Roseate Spoonbills resulted in this gorgeous bird's visiting the Heron hatchery, v, where Alex Eberts photographed it on 14 Aug.

Black Vulture

Dan Kempf found about 90 on a cell phone tower in **Clark** on 17 Oct. The next-most were about 65 which Andrea and Brad Imhoff saw feeding on two carcasses near Newark, **Licking**, on 18 Nov. (54 counties all the way north to **Cuyahoga**)



A committee of Black Vultures was photographed by Alex Eberts while they lounged in **Vinton** on 02 Aug.

Turkey Vulture

Tim Haney watched 540 migrate past Toledo's Woodlawn Cemetery on 22 Oct. On 12 Oct, Paul Jacyk saw 380 southbound over Bay View Park, **Lucas**. Only **Henry** didn't have a sighting.

Osprey

Alex Abraham saw the last, at Twin Lakes Park, **Portage**, on 15 Nov. Nimisila provided the high count of 10, for Dennis Mersky on 16 Aug and for Brian Tinker on 25 Aug. Allan Claybon found the most elsewhere, seven at East Fork on 26 Aug. (71 counties)



Before searching for its next meal, this Osprey posed for Su Snyder along Clark Road near Killbuck on 01 Aug.

Golden Eagle

The reports are:

Two over Toledo on 29 Oct (Rick Nirschl)

One seen from the Ottawa River Interpretive Trail, **Lucas**, on 03 Nov (Paul Jacyk)

One over her Paulding home on 03 Nov (Micki Dunakin)

Two over her **Ross** home on 04 Nov (Susie Shetterly)

One at a public hunting area off County Road 89, **Hancock**, on 07 Nov (Chad Carroll and Robert Sams)

One near Fresno, **Coshocton**, on 08 Nov (Benjamin Yoder)

Northern Harrier

Richard Counts found 16 at the Hardin wetlands on 23 Nov. Three sites each held six, the second-highest number. (62 counties)

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Harris Abramson's quartet in Wyoming, **Hamilton**, on 26 Sep might have been a family group. Tom Kemp also saw four, at Grand Rapids, **Lucas**, on both 16 and 17 Oct. (62 counties)

Cooper's Hawk

Counts of four came from two **Franklin** sites and one in **Holmes**; the **Franklin** birds appeared to be families while those in **Holmes** were migrants. (79 counties)

Northern Goshawk

A post from **Greene** had a description; one from **Warren** had no details.

Bald Eagle

Conneaut as usual provided the high count, 32 for Robert Krajewski on 03 Aug. Tom Kemp saw the most elsewhere, 24 at Cedar Point NWR on 14 Nov. Killdeer hosted the inland high count of 11, on 18 Nov (m. obs.). (78 counties)

Mississippi Kite

Posts from *Greene*, *Hocking*, and *Ross* had photos but no one filed a report with the OBRC.

Red-shouldered Hawk

Patricia Lee saw two family groups totaling eight near her Cincinnati home on 30 Aug. Counts of four came from six locations. (71 counties)

Broad-winged Hawk

Eric Shlapack saw the last, over Marengo, *Morrow*, on 18 Oct. Reuben S. Erb counted 314 passing Millersburg, *Holmes*, on 16 Sep; see Field Notes for more. The next-most were Leon Miller's 40 over Walnut Creek, *Holmes*, also on 16 Sep. (39 counties)

Red-tailed Hawk

Jen Brumfield counted 12 at Cleveland's Hopkins Airport from the 100th Bomb Group restaurant parking lot on 24 Sep. Reuben S. Erb and Leon Miller handily eclipsed that number with 49 which passed Walnut Creek, *Holmes*, on 08 Nov. Only *Monroe* and *Van Wert* didn't have sightings.

Rough-legged Hawk

Sue Moske saw the first, at Pickerington Ponds on 21 Oct. Counts of three came from Shiloh, *Richland*, on 24 Oct (Danielle Palmer), and near Cadiz, *Harrison*, on 22 Nov (Scott Pendleton). (19 counties)

Barn Owl

Several birders saw one far from its usual haunts at Conneaut on 10 Aug. Daniel Beechy saw the season's last, at a Township Road 190 property, *Holmes*, on 15 Nov. Atlee Yoder saw two during a Big Sit at Killbuck on 13 Oct. *Franklin*, *Hamilton*, *Lake*, and *Warren* also had sightings.

Eastern Screech-Owl

Timothy Hodge saw four in Garbry Big Woods Reservation, *Miami*, on 03 Aug, and triples were seen at three locations. (44 counties)

Great Horned Owl

Alex Eberts found three at ONWR Navarre on 26 Sep as did Robb Clifford at his *Montgomery* home on 25 Oct. (51 counties)

Snowy Owl

Scott Miller photographed the first, in Haviland, *Paulding*, and wrote, "August 8th walked by my office window and there it was in the shade under the tree. Hung out until a semi pulled in our lot

and scared it away." What made it leave the far north so early? It was not heavily speckled, the usual marks of a female or immature bird, but neither was it pure white, plumage which we associate with adult males. The next didn't appear until 12 Nov, when Michelle Schaffer saw it by Pemberville Road, *Wood*, *Madison* and *Trumbull* also hosted birds.

Barred Owl

The most were triples in Kelly Kozlowski's *Geauga* yard on 17 Sep, in Lawrence Woods SNP, *Hardin*, on 02 Oct (Steve Jones), and at Beechhaven, *Perry*, on 21 Oct (Linda Helm). (48 counties)

Long-eared Owl

Lots of birders got to see one at CLNP on 21 Oct; it was refound or another found on 25 Nov (also m. obs.). John Petruzzi found the only other one, at Mill Creek on 30 Nov.

Short-eared Owl

Kim Warner saw four working a property in *Lucas* on 28 Sep. Next was one in Mt. Vernon, *Knox*, on 03 Oct (Andrea Imhoff). The most were five which Rebecca Irvin and Melanie Shuter separately saw near Charlie's Pond, *Pickaway*, on 30 Nov. (11 counties)

Northern Saw-whet Owl

The first was at Headlands on 06 Oct, a week or so earlier than usual (Joshua Davidson, Sally Isacco). The next was almost a month later; Paul Sherwood saw it at Lowe-Volk Park, *Crawford*, on 02 Nov. Rachele Kappler provided the high count of four, on Kelleys Island at North Shore Alvar SP on the evening of 03 Nov. A team at Huston Brumbaugh NC, *Stark*, banded three during the fall (*vide* Al Eibel). See the separate article "Project Owl-net-Ohio" for more banding results. (10 counties)

Belted Kingfisher

Jeff Harvey found nine at Mill Creek on 17 Aug. (82 counties)

Lewis's Woodpecker

The OBRC has a report from *Belmont*.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Dick Hoopes and Kelly Kozlowski saw the first of the season, two recently fledged birds at Eldon Russell Park, *Geauga*, on 26 Aug. Louis Hoying saw the first migrant, at Lake Loramic SP, *Shelby*, on 10 Sep. The high count was 12; Karl Mechem saw his at Glen Echo Park, *Franklin*, on 06 Oct and the 07 Oct ONWR census team saw the others (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vagus). Jen Brumfield found nine at Wendy Park, also on 07 Oct. (62 counties)

Red-headed Woodpecker

Louis Hoying found an amazing 28 at a dredge pit complex in **Shelby** and wrote, “had 18 in sight at once, others were spotted in the strip of trees on the west side of the pit area”. Susan Evannoff and Su Snyder counted 22 at Killbuck on 23 Nov. (75 counties)



A not-quite-red-yet Red-headed Woodpecker stopped head banging long enough for Su Snyder to capture this shot on 16 Oct near Killbuck.

Pileated Woodpecker

Hueston Woods produced 11 for David Russell on 25 Oct. Fred Losi counted seven on 15 Sep during the CVNP fall census. (72 counties)



*Sean Hollowell photographed this beautiful female Pileated Woodpecker at his parents' house in **Greene**. It is one of three individuals that frequent their yard.*

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Brandon Brywczynski counted 22 during seven miles of wandering in OOPMP on 14 Sep. Every county but **Pike** and **Van Wert** produced a sighting

Downy Woodpecker

The high count was again 22; it was shared by Ann and Dwight Chasar at the Station Road area of CVNP on 09 Oct and Ed Pierce *et al.* in ONWR on 04 Nov (*vide* Douglas Vogus). And again, only **Pike** and **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.

Hairy Woodpecker

Eric Watts counted nine at Camp Asbury, **Portage**, on 13 Oct. (78 counties)

Northern Flicker

Andy Jones and Aaron Boone counted 110 in only two hours at CLNP on 08 Oct; many of them were flying in from over Lake Erie. The second-highest number, 43, also came from CLNP, on 11 Oct. The most elsewhere were Bill Grant's 25 at Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 25 Sep. Reports came from all counties except **Henry**, **Monroe**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert**.

American Kestrel

George Billman found seven at Killdeer on 09 Aug. (82 counties)

Merlin

Kent Miller and Dana and Sean Ricker found the first since 15 Jun, in Chillicothe, **Ross**, on 01 Aug. Reports came in fairly steadily after that though it was an early date for so far south. Atlee Yoder *et al.* counted four during the 13 Oct Big Sit on Force Road at Killbuck. (39 counties)



Lovain harbor had a Merlin on the hunt while Debbie Parker was taking photos on 10 Sep.

Peregrine Falcon

The high count of four was shared by CLNP on 24 Oct (Jennifer Allison and Lori Brumbaugh) and the Cleveland-area shore during a Blackbrook Audubon boat trip on 03 Nov. (38 counties)

Great Crested Flycatcher

Alexandria Horne found singles in **Montgom-**

ery at both Aullwood Garden MP and Englewood on 13 Oct, about a week later than usual. Three sites hosted birds on 07 Oct. The high count of four was also shared by three locations. (56 counties)

Western Kingbird

The OBRC has a report from *Holmes* and many posts with photos from *Summit*.

Eastern Kingbird

Janice Farral saw the last, in the Black River Reservation, *Lorain*, on 02 Oct, a week or more late for so far north. More timely was the second-last, which Alexandria Horne saw while kayaking the Little Miami River in *Warren* on 24 Sep. The 05 Aug ONWR census team counted 55 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Sara Queen's 40 at Rocky Fork on 20 Aug were the second-most. (74 counties)

Gray Kingbird

The OBRC received two reports of the one which was probably hurricane-driven up to *Clark* in late Oct; zillions of posts had photos.



The long-staying Gray Kingbird was photographed by Chris Collins at Leadingham Prairie Preserve, Clark, on 17 Oct.

Olive-sided Flycatcher

The first were a bit later than usual on 10 Aug when Andy Jones and Courtney Brennan saw one at Shaker Lakes NC, *Cuyahoga*, and Hatcher Morton another in Miami Township, *Greene*. Richard Payne saw the last, in Mariemont, *Hamilton*, on 03 Oct, also a bit later than usual. Doubles came from Grand Rapids, *Lucas*, on 27 Aug (Tom Kemp) and Wintergarden Woods on 09 Sep (Jack Leow). (28 counties)

Eastern Wood-Pewee

One lingered at Pymatuning SP, *Ashtabula*, for Jim McConnor on 29 Oct. Headlands produced one for Sally Isacco on 20 Oct, still a late date for the north coast. Aaron Nisley counted 22 along three miles of County Road 122, *Holmes*, on 26 Aug, and Irina Shulgina saw 15 in Killdeer on 29 Aug. (83 counties)

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

One arrived at Lorain a bit early on 11 Aug (m. obs.). The next were singles on 20 Aug at CLNP (m. obs.) and at the James H. Barrow Field Station, *Portage* (hereafter Barrow FS) (David Factor). Aaron Nisley's Big Sit at Killbuck on 13 Oct produced the last, at least two weeks later than they're usually seen in the state. Atlee Yoder found six in CLNP on 08 Sep. (37 counties)

Acadian Flycatcher

Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker photographed one at the Estel Wenrick Wetlands, *Clark*, on 03 Nov and found it again the next day. It had lingered at least three weeks past the species' historical departure date. Jack Verdin's at Fernald on 01 Oct was the second-last. The Barrow FS produced 11 for David Factor on 04 Aug. (57 counties)

Alder Flycatcher

The reports are of singles in Troy, *Miami*, on 02 Aug (Timothy Hodge), at Shaker Lakes NC, *Cuyahoga*, on 10 Aug (Patrick Markee), and at Mohican on 01 Sep (Eric and Liz Shlapack).

Willow Flycatcher

Stragglers remained until 05 Oct in CVNP for Ned DeLamatre and until 07 Oct in ONWR for Ed Pierce *et al.* (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Usually they're gone from the state three weeks earlier. Elizabeth McQuaid counted 11 at CLNP on 05 Aug. The second-highest count of six was shared on 10 Aug by Hatcher Morton in Miami Township, *Greene*, and Bob Lane at Mill Creek. (44 counties)

Alder/Willow "Traill's" Flycatcher

CLNP hosted 20 indeterminate birds on 12 Sep for Roy Ketchum and Josh Hargrave. (20 counties)

Least Flycatcher

The last was only a bit late to leave; Ken Carman saw it in *Hamilton* on 13 Oct. Atlee Yoder found 12 in CLNP on 08 Sep and the second-highest count of four came from each of three sites. (44 counties)

Gray Flycatcher

The OBRC has a report from *Lake*.

Eastern Phoebe

As usual, these were being seen throughout the period and into Dec. One *Brown* and two *Cuyahoga* locations each hosted 10. (79 counties)

Northern Shrike

Larry Richardson saw the first, at Mosquito WA on 16 Oct, and m. obs. the second, at Lake Erie Bluffs on 21 Oct. Solos were also found in

Cuyahoga, Harrison, Lucas, Mahoning, Ottawa, and Wyandot.

White-eyed Vireo

Inga Schmidt saw the last, in Swine Creek Reservation, **Geauga**, on 30 Nov, a couple of weeks late for the north. The second-last, Ben Meredyk's in Olmsted Falls, **Cuyahoga**, on 18 Nov was also lingering a bit. Salt Fork produced the two highest counts, 11 on 15 Sep (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison) and 18 on 03 Aug (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller). The most elsewhere were Jack Stenger's nine in Zaleski on 15 Sep; some were still singing. (55 counties)

Bell's Vireo

Irina Shulgina found the last, in Glacier Ridge MP, **Union**, on 16 Sep; it's hard to know if that's a typical date here on the eastern edge of the species' breeding zone. It was quite a bit later than the second-last date of 04 Sep, when Dan Kempf and Jeff Peters saw one at another nesting location, the Osborn Road gravel pits in **Clark**. Lee Funderburg had seen three there on 10 Aug. The only other location was Homestead MP, **Franklin**, where they've nested for years; Kent Miller and Dana and Sean Ricker saw two there on 01 Aug.

Yellow-throated Vireo

For a change, the last was seen about a week earlier than usual, by Kristen Lauer at home in **Montgomery** on 07 Oct. Jack Stenger counted seven in Zaleski on 15 Sep and noted that most were still singing. (56 counties)

Blue-headed Vireo

Tom Kemp had seen one in his Grand Rapids, **Lucas**, yard on 30 Jul, and it or another was there on 01 Aug as well. John Kolar saw the next, at The Rookery, **Geauga**, on 12 Aug. Rick Nirschl photographed a seriously late bird on 16 Nov in Toledo Memorial Park, and Sally Isacco's find at Headlands on 11 Nov was also straggling. CLNP produced the high count of seven on 27 Sep (m. obs.). (55 counties)

Philadelphia Vireo

The first date was 26 Aug, a tad later than usual. It was shared by Bill Deininger in CLNP and Dick Hoopes and Kelly Kozlowski at Eldon Russell Park, **Geauga**. Sally Isacco photographed one at Lake Erie Bluffs on 26 Nov, more than a month after the last one has usually crossed the Ohio River. The second-last, which Diana Steele saw at East Harbor SP, **Ottawa**, on 15 Oct, was still about two weeks late for the north coast. Counts of five came on 23 Sep near Keene, **Coshocton** (James E. Yoder), and on 27 Sep from CLNP (m. obs.). (42 counties)

Warbling Vireo

Paul Sherwood saw the last, at Sheldon Marsh on 14 Oct, late for so far north. Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 22 in ONWR during the 02 Sep census (*vide* Douglas Vogus). (59 counties)

Red-eyed Vireo

The stragglers just keep on comin'. Robert Thorn saw the last, in **Franklin's** Green Lawn Cemetery on 11 Nov, almost three weeks late for the middle of the state. The second-last was even further north, seen by Lori Brumbaugh and Bob Helton in CLNP on 30 Oct. The high count of 20 was shared by Dick Hoopes and Kelly Kozlowski in Eldon Russell Park, **Geauga**, on 26 Aug and m. obs. at Berlin Lake on 08 Sep. (76 counties)

Blue Jay

Aaron Boone and Andy Jones spent about two hours in CLNP on 08 Oct watching 800 jays arrive from over the lake. Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo hosted about 250 on 12 Oct for m. obs. (all 88 counties)



Blue Jays are always a show stopper, and Debbie Parker wonderfully captured the beauty of this bird on 23 Oct in Sheffield Village, Lorain.

Common Raven

Andrea Anderson saw four in the Mingo Grasslands, **Jefferson**, on 23 Sep. That's adjacent to Fernwood SE, where the state's first modern nest was found a few years ago. Many birders saw two which hung around Lake Erie Bluffs from 25 Nov well into Dec. **Belmont, Guernsey, Mahoning,** and **Washington** also produced sightings.

Fish Crow

A post from **Cuyahoga** included an audio recording and posts from several sites in that county had descriptions but no photos. Many photos accompanied posts from **Summit**. However, no one filed a report with the OBRC.

American Crow

Ryan Tomazin estimated that 22,000 were at the Bridgeport roost, **Belmont**, on 20 Nov. On 10 Nov Cole DiFabio wrote from near Zanesville, **Muskingum**, "A constant stream of birds flying along the east side of highway and heading east. For a half mile, there was a stream of crows visible above the tree line"; he estimated that it totaled 1500 birds. **Van Wert** and **Williams** didn't produce reports.



An American Crow posed for Debbie Parker on 02 Nov in Lorain.

Horned Lark

David Ward estimated 350 were in fields near Hurshtown, **Paulding**, on 29 Nov. (50 counties)

Purple Martin

The last was at Darby Creek on 13 Oct (m. obs.), two to three weeks late for mid-state. The Nimsila reed bed roost held about 40,000 on 19 Aug (Gregory Bennett) and up to 30,000 on other dates. The 02 Sep ONWR census tallied the second-most, 314 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). (59 counties)

Tree Swallow

These are our hardiest swallow, but even they are usually gone by mid-Nov. Nevertheless, Brad Imhoff saw one at Buckeye Lake SP, **Licking**, on 29 Nov, and Kori Gasaway and James Muller another in Delaware WA on 23 Nov. Howard Marsh hosted about 2500 on 29 Sep for Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison. (74 counties)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Usually they're gone by the last week of Oct, but Howard Gratz saw three in **Knox** on 02 Nov, Doug Overacker saw six in Old Reid Park, **Clark**, on both 02 and 05 Nov, and David H. Yoder saw the last, at Salt Fork on 06 Nov. Tom Kemp estimated 450 were over the Maumee River at Grand Rapids, **Lucas**, on 23 Sep and up to 220 were there on other dates; see Field Notes for more. Cole DiFabio found the most elsewhere, about 180 at the group campground in Hueston Woods on 05 Oct. (63 counties)

Bank Swallow

These continued the trend of late departures: Margaret Bowman saw two at the Hebron hatchery, **Licking**, on 14 and 15 Oct and one there on 17 Oct. They're usually gone before the end of Sep. David Hochadel and Ethan Kistler estimated that 950 were gathered at Mosquito Lake on 01 Aug, while Joel Throckmorton saw about 700 at Winous Point on 10 Aug. (40 counties)

Cliff Swallow

The last date of 29 Sep is a typical one, but not for the north coast. On that date Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison saw four at Huron harbor, **Erie**, and Chris Pierce two at Howard Marsh. Bill Ohlsen counted 46 at Lorain on 13 Aug and Sam Romeo matched him at Aullwood on 16 Aug. (39 counties)

Cave Swallow

The OBRC has a report from **Lake**.

Barn Swallow

Barns are almost as hardy as Tree Swallows, with an historical departure date around 07 Nov. But Lee Funderburg photographed one at Caesar's Creek on 10 Nov as did Rick Dunning at Camp Dennison, **Hamilton**, on 26 Nov. The two highest counts came from Howard Marsh, 200 on 11 Sep (Erica Reese) and 328 on 26 Aug (George Novosel). Joel Gilb's 170 at Sandy Ridge on 04 Aug were the most elsewhere. (80 counties)

Carolina Chickadee

Pine Quarry Park, **Franklin**, hosted 30 for Kristi Krumlauf on 07 Sep. (65 counties)

Black-capped Chickadee

Joshua Davidson counted 34 in North Chagrin Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 25 Oct. (34 counties including out-of-range birds photographed in **Coshocton**, **Licking**, and **Morrow**)

Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee

Fifteen counties had indeterminate birds.

Tufted Titmouse

David Hochadel found 34 in Mosquito SP on 24 Sep, handily exceeding Donald Radcliffe's 20 in Blendon Woods on the previous day. Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

These started arriving in late Jul and a scattering became a flood by Sep. Aaron Boone and Andy Jones found 40 in CLNP on 08 Oct. The next-most were the 27 which Julie Tyson saw in Cincinnati's Spring Grove Cemetery on 28 Sep. (79 counties)

White-breasted Nuthatch

Andrew Simon provided the high count of 24, from Swine Creek Preserve, **Geauga**, on 01 Sep. Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.

Brown Creeper

The season's first could have been there all summer: William Reid saw it in Brown Township, **Vinton**, on 01 Aug. The next was surely a recent arrival; Michael Monarch found it in **Lucas** on 24 Aug. Aaron Boone counted 12 at Headlands on 06 Oct. (61 counties)

House Wren

Sightings were fairly steady until the last of the season, which Dave Haffner saw in Cincinnati on 07 Nov. (There were also a couple of Dec reports, as yet unverified.) Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 17 in ONWR on 05 Aug (*vide* Douglas Vogus) and Tom Frankel found 12 on Kelleys Island at North Shore Alvar SP on that same date. (70 counties)

Winter Wren

Gregory Allen saw the first, almost surely a migrant, at Blendon Woods on 10 Sep. (But it might have started its journey at the CVNP Kendal ledges...) Debra Sweeney counted 10 at CLNP on 13 Oct and up to eight were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were six at Headlands on both 12 and 13 Oct (m. obs.). (47 counties)

Sedge Wren

Timothy Guida and Debbie and Mark Raven separately noted the last, at Sandy Ridge on 05 Nov. That's about two weeks late for the state, let alone for so far north. Even the second-last, one or two at Darby Creek between 16 and 23 Oct (m. obs.) were lagging a bit. Killdeer hosted five on both 19 and 26 Aug for Irina Shulgina. (11 counties)

Marsh Wren

Three sites each held one on 25 Nov, the last date of the season, but a few always hang on into or even through winter. Ben and Steve Meredyk found 13 at the end of Force Road in Killbuck on 12 Aug and wrote, "At one time had 8 individuals in same large bush, also constant presence in surrounding area by estimated 5 other birds". Birders saw up to seven there on other days. The most elsewhere were fives at four locations. (29 counties)

Carolina Wren

Peter Scott cycled 20 miles of the Little Miami Scenic Trail in **Warren** on 03 Aug and counted 40, which were the "most common bird of day, pairs vocalizing all along trail - river bottom floodplain habitat". Three sites each hosted 15, the second-highest number. **Defiance**, **Henry**, **Putnam**, and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Kevin Torigoe found one in CLNP on 04 Nov,

a very late date for the north coast. Two other locations had sightings in the second half of Oct. CLNP also provided the high count, 17 on 11 Aug for Mike Sustin. (60 counties)

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Ed Pierce's ONWR census team saw the first, on 03 Sep, somewhat earlier than migrants usually arrive, but there were no summer reports anywhere in the state. The next was Susan Carpenter's find in Stow, **Summit**, on 09 Sep, and near-daily reports began on 22 Sep. The ONWR census-takers counted 188 on 07 Oct (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). The second-highest number of 125 was shared by m. obs. at Headlands on 12 Oct and James McCarty at CLNP on 14 Oct. (76 counties)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Ed Pierce's ONWR team also saw the first of these, on 03 Sep, about when they're expected to arrive (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Cam Lee saw the next, in Delaware SP on 05 Sep. CLNP hosted about 150 on 13 Oct (Gautam Apte) and 14 Oct (James McCarty). Next-most were 116 in ONWR on 07 Oct (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). (67 counties)



A Ruby-crowned Kinglet popped in for a photo shoot while Debbie Parker was in **Lorain** on 24 Oct.

Northern Wheatear

The OBRC has posts with photos from **Richland**, but no formal report.

Eastern Bluebird

David English birded Frohring Meadows, **Geauga**, and provided the two highest counts, 73 on 16 Oct and 103 on 25 Oct. The most elsewhere were Leslie Sours' 63 at Darby Creek on 29 Sep. Only **Darke**, **Monroe**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** were apparently bluebird-less.

Veery

Katelyn Shelton saw the last, in the **Fairfield** section of Clear Creek MP on 20 Oct. The second-last was in Leasingham Prairie Preserve, **Clark**, on 17 Oct (m. obs.). Those are late dates,

and the only ones after 07 Oct, a typical last date. Four sites each hosted three, all in mid- to late Sep. (22 counties)



Chris Collins photographed a cooperative Veery on 10 Sep at Woodman Fen, *Montgomery*.

Gray-cheeked Thrush

These often arrive in late Aug, but this season's first were a duo at CLNP on 06 Sep (Helen and Ken Ostermiller). The last were also there, well-described by Ken Andrews on 28 Oct, a week later than they usually clear the state. Alvin E. Miller saw five near Walnut Creek, *Holmes*, on 23 Sep. (30 counties)

Hermit Thrush

Heather Luedecke saw the first migrant, in Prairie Oaks MP, *Franklin*, on 11 Sep. CLNP hosted 18 on 22 Oct for Joan Scharf. (48 counties)



A proud Hermit Thrush struck a pose for Debbie Parker in Sheffield Village, *Lorain*, on 23 Oct.

Swainson's Thrush

The first sightings were on 11 Aug, by Kari Warner Matsko at Mentor Lagoons NP, *Lake*, and Karl Overman at Maumee Bay. The next, on 26 Aug, were also shared. On that date Bill Deininger and Ned DeLamatre each saw one at CLNP and Sarah Fischer saw two at ONWR Navarre. Benjamin Yoder counted 262 passing overhead before dawn on 12 Sep in Fresno, *Coshoc-ton*. The next-most were 80; Wayne Stutzman heard them during only 10 minutes of listening

near Millersburg, *Holmes*, on 29 Sep. Usually they're gone at the end of Oct, but two stragglers were seen. Joan Scharf noted hers in the *Lake* section of North Chagrin Reservation on 11 Nov and Ned DeLamatre's was in the Kendall region of CVNP on 25 Nov. (58 counties)

Wood Thrush

George Coleman saw one in Rocky River Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 12 Oct, as did Bill Morrison at his *Medina* home. That's when you'd expect a last sighting, but in one of the southernmost counties. The Lanes counted 12 in Bath NP, *Summit*, on 18 Aug; Wayne Fonville came in second with nine in Hocking Hills SP on 03 Aug. (56 counties)

American Robin

Inga Schmidt monitors a roost on Chagrin River Road, *Geauga*; she counted 1046 on 21 Aug, 1270 on 27 Aug, and at least 800 as late as 12 Nov. The most elsewhere were 747 which David Russell counted in Hueston Woods on 25 Oct in a "[n]ear continuous flight overhead starting about 830 until 11 am". None were reported from *Monroe*, *Pike*, or *Van Wert*.

Gray Catbird

David Factor counted 34 on each of 14 and 23 Sep at the Barrow FS. (79 counties)

Brown Thrasher

The Bowl hosted seven for Scott Pendleton on 07 Sep (62 counties)

Northern Mockingbird

Deborah Edwards-Onoro's 22 in Cincinnati's Walnut Hill Cemetery on 17 Aug were the most. (63 counties)

European Starling

Gary Cowell estimated 9100 were using their usual roost in Mansfield, *Richland*, on 01 Oct. Josh Hargrave and Joan Scharf noted about 4500 in two flocks at Killdeer on 20 Aug. (all 88 counties)

Cedar Waxwing

Flocks of about 300 were noted by John Petruzzi at Mill Creek on 07 Sep and Phil Cantino in West State Street Park, *Athens*, on 12 Nov. (80 counties)

House Sparrow

The high count was 250. Duane Miller and Benjie Saylor saw that many at Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery on 27 Sep. So did Brett and Eddie Kasper near Shiloh, *Richland*, on 23 Oct at the Northern Wheatear stakeout. (all 88 counties)

American Pipit

The first arrived about as expected on 07 Sep, when Cory Chiappone saw four at Mentor La-

goons NP and Dick Lee a single in the Black River Reservation, **Lorain**. The next made it to Darby Creek on 14 Sep for m. obs. **Clermont**, **Hancock**, and **Preble** each hosted one on the season's last date of 25 Nov but there were also several Dec sightings. Jeff Harvey *et al.* saw a flock of 127 arrive at Mill Creek on 17 Nov. The next-most were Devon Zimmerman's 80 at Shiloh, **Richland**, on 01 Nov. (36 counties)

Evening Grosbeak

This banner season for sightings began on 31 Oct. Linda Gilbert saw one at home in **Geauga** and Bob Lane saw two in Yellow Creek Township, **Columbiana**. The Kent Miller home in Hartville, **Stark**, hosted 13 on 14 Nov and John Herman found 10 in Mohican SP on both 12 and 13 Nov. (Sightings continue as this is being written in late Jan.) (16 counties)

House Finch

Kyle Bailey noted about 100 near Mansfield Airport, **Richland**, "a large flock in a bean field feeding on seeds of flower and grass species that are mixed in." Several flyover flocks totaled about 80 for Aaron Boone and Andy Jones at CLNP on 08 Oct. (80 counties)

Purple Finch

The one which Debra Sweeney saw in Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 11 Aug was the first likely migrant. Gautam Apte counted 20 at Shaker Lakes NC on 14 Oct and up to 18 were there on other dates. John Petruzzi's 10 at Mill Creek on 16 Oct were the most elsewhere. (53 counties)

Common Redpoll

Jo Ann Kubicki and Marty Reynard saw the first, in CLNP on 21 Oct. Kari Warner Matsko saw 11 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 25 Nov for the only count exceeding four. (6 counties)

Red Crossbill

Those which might have nested in Lake Hope SP, **Vinton**, were still being seen to 05 Aug; the high count was six at the archery range on 01 Aug (m. obs.). (See Field Notes for much more.) The first elsewhere was a single bird found by Stefan Gleissberg in Waterloo SE, **Athens**, on 15 Aug, and up to three were reported there on other dates. Lake Hope's six were tied by Duane Miller and Bennie Saylor at the Mohican SP Gorge Overlook on 04 Nov. The three seen by Jay Wright at Vinton Furnace Experimental Forest on 18 Nov complete the locations.

Pine Siskin

Adam Zorn saw the first, at Huston Brumbaugh NC, **Stark**, on 11 Aug, a date six weeks earlier than they usually arrive. Did it nest nearby? The

next were Joan Scharf's duo at Euclid Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 17 Sep. Brandon Brywczyński noted about 75 at his **Lucas** home on 22 Nov and Tom Kemp saw about 55 at his home, also in **Lucas**, on 07 Nov. (55 counties)

American Goldfinch

Sandy Ridge hosted about 210 on 04 Nov for Ben Meredyk. Eric Shlapack noted about 200 in a sunflower field at Stanford Woods SNP, **Delaware**, on 17 Oct. (all 88 counties)

Lapland Longspur

David Smith saw the first, at Ferguson and Metzger Reservoir, **Allen**, on 29 Sep. Next were 10 at Wake Robin on 20 Oct (m. obs.). Tom Kemp had about 100 fly over Grand Rapids, **Lucas**, on 27 Nov; the next-most were 60 seen by David Ward near Hurshtown, **Paulding**, on 20 Nov. (18 counties)

Chestnut-collared Longspur

The OBRC has a report from **Union**; if it and the bird reported in spring from **Lake** are confirmed they would be the state's first records.

Snow Bunting

The first date was 21 Oct, about as expected. Up to six were seen that day at three locations. The most were MiMi Hoffmaster's 75 on Cleveland's Scranton Peninsula on 03 Nov. Dave Chase counted 53 at the boat ramp in Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 12 Nov. (21 counties)

Eastern Towhee

Clear Creek MP hosted 17 for Katelyn Shelton on 20 Oct. (77 counties)

American Tree Sparrow

Lenore Charnigo saw the first, in Big Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 27 Sep. Next were one to three at three sites on 06 Oct. The high count was 50, by Zachary Grien at CLNP on 27 Oct.

Chipping Sparrow

Mandy Roberts saw about 100 near Lima, **Allen**, on 07 Oct, and Cole DiFabio saw about 70 in **Preble** near Hueston Woods on 20 Oct. (80 counties)

Clay-colored Sparrow

Mill Creek hosted the first, for John Petruzzi on 14 Sep. Next were singles on 29 Sep at the Ellis Lake wetlands, **Butler** (Mike Busam and Charlie Saunders) and at CLNP (Bob Helton). The last was quite late at Bay View Park, **Lucas**, on 12 Nov (Paul Jacyk); even the second-last was straggling at Mosquito WA on 23 Oct (Larry Richardson). (12 counties)

Field Sparrow

Killdeer hosted about 40 for Irina Shulgina on 14 Aug. (79 counties)

Vesper Sparrow

Jacob Raber saw the last, at The Ridges, **Athens**, on 10 Nov. The most were duos at five locations. (25 counties)

Lark Sparrow

All the reports were from OOPMP: two on 05 Aug (David Boon and Kevin Rysiewski), three on 10 Aug (Paul Sherwood), and one on 17 Sep (Michael Monarch).

Savannah Sparrow

Scott Pendleton noted 45 along Busby Road, **Harrison**, on 04 Aug, and Amy Downing saw 35 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 06 Sep. (45 counties)

Grasshopper Sparrow

The last sighting, in Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 18 Nov was a month or so late for the north coast, but several birders saw it. Scott Pendleton's find near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 03 Nov was still significantly late. Scott Pendleton also provided the high count of 60 (!), from Busby Road, **Harrison**, on 04 Aug. The next-highest number was four, seen by Mark Shaver in Dorset WA, **Ashtabula**, on 19 Aug. (20 counties)

Henslow's Sparrow

The last date, 14 Oct, was a typical one. Chad Carroll saw one bird at Litzenberg Memorial Woods, **Hancock**, and Irina Shulgina another at Killdeer that day. The second-last were three seen by Westin Appleton at home in **Franklin** on 03 Oct. Busby Road, **Harrison**, was hopping when Scott Pendleton found 25 there on 04 Aug. Bath NP, **Summit**, hosted 12 on 19 Aug for Ken Andrews. (16 counties)

LeConte's Sparrow

Jamie Cunningham saw the season's only one, at Metzger on 14 Oct.

Nelson's Sparrow

Frohring Meadows, **Geauga**, hosted the first, on 07 Oct for Stan Plante and Inga Schmidt. (Often they arrive in mid-Sep.) Fernald hosted the last, for Jack Verdin on 28 Oct. And Metzger had the most, four on 14 Oct for Jamie Cunningham. (11 counties)

Fox Sparrow

The first date of 13 Oct was shared by Debbie and Mark Raven at Caley Reservation, **Lorain**, and Atlee Yoder *et al.* at the Killbuck Big Sit; both sightings were of singles. Fred Losi saw 15 near the CVNP headquarters on 11 Nov. (45 counties)

Song Sparrow

Gary Chapin found about 75 in CLNP on 05 Nov. (all 88 counties)

Lincoln's Sparrow

Jen Brumfield *et al.* saw an early arrival at Wendy

Park on 26 Aug, and sightings were fairly frequent from then until the last, which was later than usual. Alexandria Horne saw it at Voice of America Park, **Butler**, on 21 Nov. Susan Brauning saw it at Prairie Oaks MP, **Franklin**, on 20 Nov. Wendy Park also provided the high count, 20 on 09 Oct for Michael Lester. The next most were Josh King's 15 at Gilliland Nature Sanctuary, **Mercer**, on 05 Oct. (47 counties)

Swamp Sparrow

Rick Asamoto and Chris Zacharias teamed to count 45 at the Great Miami WMB on 13 Oct. (61 counties)

White-throated Sparrow

CVNP's Wetmore Trails hosted the first, for Dennis Mersky about a week early on 05 Sep. Ed Pierce's ONWR census-takers counted 178 on 07 Oct (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Next-most were 170 at East Harbor SP, **Ottawa**, a "conservative estimate" by Kenn Kaufman. (78 counties)

White-crowned Sparrow

Singles seen at CLNP by Gustavo Lanese and at Headlands by Dave Chase on 24 Sep were the first. CLNP also held the most, about 100 on 22 Oct (Greg Pasek) and up to 90 on other dates. Three other locations each hosted 50. Bill Stanley photographed one of the western *gambelii* subspecies at home in **Clermont** on 23 and 26 Oct. (61 counties)



This White-crowned Sparrow was digging up a meal at Lorain while Debbie Parker was birding on 22 Oct.

Dark-eyed Junco

Carl Winstead saw the first migrant, at his **Franklin** home on 15 Aug; this early bird could have come from one of the nesting sites in the northeast counties. CLNP hosted about 250 on 30 Oct (Lori Brumbaugh and Bob Helton) and up to 150 on other dates. Karen and Rich Kasouf's 49 at West Park Cemetery, **Cuyahoga**, were the most elsewhere. Birds proposed to be of the western *cismontanus* subspecies were seen in

Clermont, Cuyahoga, and Ottawa. (83 counties overall)

Yellow-breasted Chat

The last date of 16 Sep was typical for the southern border, but not for mid-state. Nevertheless, the **Franklin** section of Prairie Oaks MP (Ronnie Clark) and Glacier Ridge MP, **Union** (Irina Shulgina) each had one that day. The high count of four came from East Fork on 01 Aug (Bill Stanley). (17 counties)

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Howard Marsh hosted up to three from summer until 03 Sep. One of them might have moved over to next-door Metzger, where Chris Pierce saw it on 02 Aug.

Bobolink

Often some of these stay three weeks into Oct, but this year Julie Tyson saw the last two on 08 Oct, at Fernald. One which Ed Pierce *et al.* saw at ONWR the day before probably took a while longer to get across the Ohio River (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Cory Chiappone and Cole DiFabio saw 110 at Dorset WA, **Ashtabula**, on 17 Aug. (28 counties)

Eastern Meadowlark

The Bowl hosted 65 for Scott Pendleton on 14 Oct. The second-highest count was 38, by Richard Counts at the Hardin wetlands, also on 14 Oct. (61 counties)

Orchard Oriole

Scott Pendleton saw one at The Bowl on 07 Sep, about their usual departure date. The high count was five, and it was achieved at five sites, all during the first half of Aug. (33 counties)

Baltimore Oriole

The last (but see the next entry), which Ed Pierce *et al.* found in ONWR on 07 Oct, was at least three weeks behind schedule and was not surprisingly the first record for that month on an ONWR census (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Jamie Koller saw the second-last, at his home in Mentor, **Lake**, on the still-late dates of 01 and 02 Oct. The high count of 10 was shared by Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker at Buck Creek on 19 Aug and m. obs. in the Ira Road area of CVNP on 27 Aug. (62 counties)

Orchard/Baltimore Oriole

Jeff Peters photographed one at Terra Woods, Clark, on 10 Sep. To my eye it's about midway between the two species in markings and intensity of color. If an Orchard, it's the last (and a bit late) by a few days. Baltimorees were historically typically here a week or so longer than Orcharders but lately some have been staying much longer.

Red-winged Blackbird

Michael Hensley estimated that 15,000 were at East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 27 Sep. Joseph Ford noted about 9000 at Mogadore Reservoir, **Portage**, on 07 Nov. (83 counties)

Brown-headed Cowbird

Howard Marsh held about 3000 for Tim Colborn and Mike Edgington on 12 Sep, and Raymond VanBuskirk saw about 2000 in **Ottawa** south of ONWR on 16 Oct. (67 counties)

Rusty Blackbird

Matt Hall saw the first, three in the Black River Reservation, **Lorain**, on 20 Sep. Larry Richardson saw a heartening 270 at Mosquito WA on 07 Nov. The next-most were about 100 which George Billman saw at Killdeer on 30 Oct. (44 counties)



Debbie Parker found this sneaky Rusty Blackbird hiding at Sandy Ridge on 18 Oct.

Brewer's Blackbird

Several observers noted one or two near Fredericksburg, **Wayne**, between 29 Oct and 01 Nov, and some got photos. Andy A. Troyer wrote that they were "mainly in pastures – it seemed like they were finding grubs to eat".

Common Grackle

Elizabeth Frascatore saw about 10,000 at a rest area along I-71 in **Ashland** on 28 Oct. Four locations each held about half that many at other times. (74 counties)

Blackbird sp.

Benjamin Yoder saw about 30,000 over Fresno, **Coshocton**, on 14 Nov. Alvin and David Miller estimated that 22,500 passed Mast Farm Service in **Holmes** in about three hours, also on 14 Nov.

Ovenbird

Larry Richardson saw the last, at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 29 Oct, a late date for the far north. The second-last was still lagging when Kevin and Patty McKelvey saw it in downtown Cleveland on 22 Oct. Three counts of five came in mid-Sep. (51 counties)

Worm-eating Warbler

JW Rettig saw the last, in Kelley NP, **Clermont**, on 03 Oct, a couple of weeks later than usual. David Rudemiller and Brandt Schurenberg noted the second-last, at Shawnee on 16 Sep. Joe Brehm found the only duo, in Wayne NF, **Athens**, on 06 Sep. (8 counties)

Louisiana Waterthrush

For a change, these departed (or at least were last seen) well ahead of their usual last date around 22 Sep. Cole DiFabio found one in Hueston Woods on 01 Sep and the second-last was Kari Warner Matsko's in Concord Ravines, **Lake**, on 17 Aug. Blythe Hazellief counted three in Glen Helen Preserve, **Greene**, on 02 Aug and the only other multiple sighting was of two, by William Reid in Wayne NF, **Hocking**, on 01 Aug. (13 counties)

Northern Waterthrush

Several birders saw the first, in Toledo's Woodlawn Cemetery on 10 Aug. Josh Hargrave and Roy Ketchum found the last, at Mentor's Veterans Park, **Lake**, on 26 Oct, rather late for the north coast. ONWR Navarre hosted duos on 17 Sep (Alex Eberts) and 22 Sep (Nancy Ransom). (23 counties)

Golden-winged Warbler

These were a little late both in arriving and departing. Single females on 23 Aug at Darby Creek (George Billman) and Grand Rapids, **Lucas** (Tom Kemp) were the first. Josh Holland's in Pedro, **Laurence**, on 02 Oct was the last. Alex Eberts banded a hatch-year male at ONWR Navarre on 26 Sep. Lee Funderburg's two at Buck Creek on 13 Sep were the most. (12 counties)

Blue-winged Warbler

Larry Richardson saw the last, at Mosquito WA on 08 Oct, about when they're usually leaving the state. The most were triples, shared by Jon Cefus and Kent Miller at Salt Fork SP, **Guernsey**, on 03 Aug and Debbie Miller at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 14 Aug. (29 counties)

Black-and-white Warbler

Alee Yoder saw one at CLNP on 27 Oct, three weeks later than they're usually gone from the state. Lenore Charnigo found the second-last, still lagging in Big Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 16 Oct. Two sites in **Franklin** and one in **Hocking** each held six. (60 counties)

Prothonotary Warbler

These are usually gone by Labor Day, but Josh Holland described one he saw at Nimisila on 21 Oct. The second-last date was 16 Sep. Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble saw one at Hoover NP that day, as did John Hull at Woodsdale Re-

gional Park, **Butler**. Counts of three came from six locations. (18 counties)

Tennessee Warbler

Bryan Sharp well described his early arrival (for mid-state) in Rocky Fork MP (not SP), **Franklin**, on 10 Aug. Next were singles on 19 Aug in CLNP (Cynthia Norris) and Armleder Park (Kurk Dorscy). The last, seen by Bill Townsend at Shawnee on 28 Oct, was only a little late. Cole DiFabio counted 23 in Hueston Woods on 09 Oct. (55 counties)

Orange-crowned Warbler

These were both early to arrive and late to depart. Kelly Kozlowski and Matthew Valencic saw the first, at Eldon Russell Park, **Geauga**, on 02 Sep. Many birders saw the last, at CLNP on 29 Nov, and there were many other Nov sightings. Matt Hall's nine at Lorain on 22 Oct were the most and there were four reports of five elsewhere. (34 counties)



This phenomenal photo of an Orange-crowned Warbler was captured by Debbie Parker at Lorain on 22 Oct.

Nashville Warbler

Eric Mullholand banded one at Springville Marsh SNP, **Seneca**, on 19 Aug. Sightings were fairly steady to the last, by Tom Farrell in Rebert Pike Nature Park, **Clark**, on the late date of 22 Nov. Lori Brumbaugh found 15 in CLNP on 01 Oct. (55 counties)

Connecticut Warbler

This year's sightings began and ended about as expected. Aaron Gabbe saw the first, in Hills and Dales MP, **Montgomery**, on 09 Sep, and Raphael Kopan the last, at East Fork on 06 Oct. Alex Eberts banded four at ONWR Navarre on 11 Sep; John Petruzzi's duo at Mill Creek on 15 Sep was the only other multiple sighting. (18 counties)

Mourning Warbler

These, like Connecticut Warblers, arrived and departed about "on schedule". Raphael Kopan's

at Armleder Park on 12 Aug was the first. The second was well behind it; Sarah Fischer saw it at ONWR Navarre on 23 Aug. The last date of 09 Oct was shared by Brandt Schurenberg at Winton Woods CP, **Hamilton**, and Gordon Dimmig and Michael Lester at The Mall in Cleveland. Atlee Yoder found three in CLNP on 08 Sep. (20 counties)

Kentucky Warbler

The last two were lagging by a month when Dawn Hewitt found them in Wayne NE, **Washington**, on 06 Oct. Even the second-last was late; Phil Cantino saw it at Hocking Woods NC, Athens, on 16 Sep. Duos in addition to the **Washington** birds were at Strouds Run SP, **Athens**, on 09 Aug (Phil Cantino) and Shawnee Lookout on 18 Aug (Julie Tyson). (9 counties)

Common Yellowthroat

Though Jim McCormac's at Darby Creek on 15 Nov was the last of the season, sightings continued well into winter. Joseph Lautenbach found 16 at Killdeer on 09 Aug as did Lee Funderburg at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 20 Sep. (73 counties)



On 29 Sep, Debbie Parker encountered this playful Common Yellowthroat in **Lorain**.

Hooded Warbler

Brad Imhoff saw the last, at Dawes Arboretum, **Licking**, a couple of weeks late for the latitude on 15 Oct. David Factor counted nine at the Barrow FS on 11 Aug. (38 counties)

American Redstart

The only Nov sightings were at Wendy Park, by Gary Chapin on 04 Nov and by Lori Brumbaugh the next day. Brent Nelson counted 28 in Cincinnati's Eden Park on 12 Sep. (60 counties)

Cerulean Warbler

Despite their presence here all summer, there were only three Aug sightings. John Shrader saw the last, at Caesar Creek on 22 Sep. Participants in an Ohio Young Birders outing saw two in Shawnee Lookout on 01 Sep. (10 counties)

Kirtland's Warbler

The OBRC has posts with photos from **Franklin**, but no formal report.



A Kirtland's Warbler was beautifully captured by Chris Collins on 30 Sep at Darby Creek.

Cape May Warbler

The first date of 15 Aug was shared by Michael Hensley at the Huron River Greenway, **Erie**, and Craig and Kristi McConnell at Headlands. The last sightings were very late on 10 Nov. William Reid saw his along the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway, **Athens**, and Allen W. Troyer his way up north at Headlands. The only other post-Oct bird was David Russell's in Cincinnati's Spring Grove Cemetery on 03 Nov. (56 counties)

Northern Parula

Nancy Howell found the last, in CLNP on 14 Oct, about when we expect them to be leaving the state. Cole DiFabio counted five in Hueston Woods on 26 Sep. (50 counties)

Magnolia Warbler

Bruce Simpson saw the first since early Jul, in Zaleski on 02 Aug. The next were singles on 19 Aug in Mohican SF (Nancy O'Bryan) and ONWR (Don Burlett and Jim Koppin). Allen W. Troyer saw one at Headlands on 10 Nov and Sally Isacco saw probably the same bird there the next day. That's a good three weeks after they usually cross the Ohio River, but there were other Nov sightings as well. Karen Lakus found 30 at CLNP on 23 Sep and the next-most were 23 seen by Josh Hargrave and Joan Scharf in Chagrin River Park, **Lake**, on 17 Sep. (65 counties)

Blackburnian Warbler

Bruce Miller saw the first since late Jun, two at Hoover NP on 13 Aug. Lori Brumbaugh accurately described her exceedingly late find on 05 Nov at Wendy Park. The second-last was still a little late when Fred Losi saw it at Caesar Creek on 19 Oct. Counts of eight came from CLNP on 08 Sep (Atlee Yoder) and the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway, Athens, on 30 Sep (Jacob Raber). (55 counties)

Bay-breasted Warbler

Adam Zorn's at Huston Brumbaugh NC, **Stark**, was the first; on 09 Aug it was a week or so early. Debbie Miller's at Killbuck on 18 Aug was the second. Volker Bahn and Jeff Peters saw the last, at Wright State Woods, **Greene**, on 26 Oct, a week or so late. James E. Yoder counted 51 near Keene, **Coshocton**, on 23 Sep, while CLNP maxed out its several large numbers with 30 on 23 Sep by Karen Lakus. (63 counties)



Debbie Parker photographed a Bay-breasted Warbler hiding in the shadows of Wendy Park on 20 Sep.

Yellow Warbler

Birds were still arriving at Headlands long after they usually leave the state. Sally Isacco saw one there on 11 Nov, and she and Eli Miller separately saw another on 17 Nov. ONWR hosted 20 for Krzysztof Kurylowicz on 01 Aug. (48 counties)

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Lori Brumbaugh saw one at Wendy Park on 05 Nov, about three weeks late for that latitude. The second last was more nearly on schedule; Oscar Wilhelm saw it in Cincinnati's Ault Park on 19 Oct. Aaron Gabbe discovered eight in Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**, on 12 Sep. (46 counties)

Blackpoll Warbler

George Billman saw the first, at Darby Creek on 23 Aug. The last was John Petruzzi's find at Mill Creek on 13 Nov. Jen Brumfield counted 43 at Wendy Park on 09 Oct. (60 counties)

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Sarah Fischer saw the first, at ONWR Navarre on 26 Aug. Blendon Woods had the last, somewhat late for mid-state on 28 Oct (m. obs.). Alex Eberts banded 38 at ONWR Navarre on 11 Sep; see Field Notes for more. The next-highest number was four, by Mary Ann Henderson at Sandy Ridge on 12 Sep. (39 counties)

Palm Warbler

Steve Pelikan found the first, in Miami White-water Forest, **Hamilton**, on 03 Sep. Gary Cowell noted that the last was "VERY TARDY" at Pleasant Hill Lake on 25 Nov. Though true, it wasn't a whole lot later than Ed Schlabach's find

near Sugar Creek, **Holmes**, on 17 Nov. Wendy Park hosted 31 on 09 Oct for Jen Brumfield. (52 counties)

"Yellow" Palm Warbler

This subspecies, *hypochrysea*, is very rare west of the Appalachian Mountains, especially in fall. Josh Hargrave and Joan Scharf photographed one on 12 Nov at Lake Erie Bluffs.

Pine Warbler

One photographed at Wayne Lakes, **Darke**, on 20 Nov was very late (*vide* Regina Schieltz). Tom Frankel saw the second-last, at Mentor Lagoons NP, **Lake**, on 10 Nov, still a week or so later than usual for the north coast. Susie Shetterly found 10 in Hocking Hills SP on 30 Sep; Bill Grant's six at CLNP on 23 Sep was the second-highest number. (47 counties)

Yellow-rumped Warbler

The first showed up a week or so early on 15 Aug, for Inga Schmidt at Wake Robin. The ONWR census team tallied 73 on 07 Oct (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Jen Brumfield counted 52 at Wendy Park, also on 07 Oct. (77 counties)

"Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler

This is the western subspecies, split by some taxonomists from our eastern "Myrtle". Dave Chase photographed one at Headlands on 05 Oct.

Yellow-throated Warbler

These normally share with Prairie Warblers the distinction of being our earliest warblers to depart. They're usually gone by the beginning of Oct, but Nancy Anderson saw one on both 17 and 18 Oct at East Harbor SP, **Ottawa**, and Phil Cantino fully described a seriously late bird at Tunnel Rock, **Athens**, on 10 Nov. Cole DiFabio found four in Hueston Woods on 10 Sep. (31 counties)

Prairie Warbler

These, like Yellow-throateds, are usually gone before Oct. But Josh Holland gave an excellent description of one he saw in Proctorville, **Lawrence**, on 17 Nov. The second-last was late though not as dramatically so; Amanda Frazier saw it in West State Street Park, **Athens**, on 10 Oct. William Reid found the only multiple, two in Wayne NE, **Hocking**, on 01 Aug. (17 counties)

Black-throated Green Warbler

James Glover described a straggler he watched for 10 minutes on 22 Nov at his home in **Franklin**. The last otherwise was a more timely bird seen by Nancy Wright at home in **Medina** on 30 Oct. James E. Yoder provided the high count of 22, from near Keene, **Coshocton**, on 23 Sep. The next-most were the 16 seen by Joshua Davidson at Headlands on 30 Sep. (63 counties)

Canada Warbler

Stefan Gleissberg saw one at his *Athens* home on both 06 and 08 Oct. Josh Hargrave and Joan Scharf found three in Chagrin River Park, *Lake*, on 10 Sep. (27 counties)

Wilson's Warbler

George Billman saw the first, at Darby Creek on 23 Aug. Jake Kudrna provided an excellent description of one he found at the Canalway Center, *Cuyahoga*, on 27 Nov, more than a month later than expected for the far north. The second-last, seen by Tom Kemp in Grand Rapids, *Lucas*, on 17 Oct, was also a laggard. Josh Hargrave and Joan Scharf found seven in Chagrin River Park, *Lake*, on 10 Sep with the Canadas. (34 counties)

Summer Tanager

Bill Stanley saw the last, at his *Clermont* home a little late on 07 Oct. Kirk Westendorf noted three in Cincinnati's Ault Park on 14 Sep. (20 counties)

Scarlet Tanager

William Reid saw the last, in Wayne NF, *Hocking*, on 14 Oct. The high count of seven was shared by David Factor at the Barrow FS on 11 Aug and Jack Stenger in Zaleski on 15 Sep. (57 counties)

Northern Cardinal

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller wandered for about 13 miles in Salt Fork SP, *Guernsey*, on 13 Oct and tallied 50 cardinals. (all 88 counties)

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Wes Hatch photographed a female at LaDue on 24 Nov, a couple of weeks late for so far north. Amy Longley and Betsy MacMillan saw the second-last, two at CLNP on 29 Oct. David Factor found 10 at the Barrow FS on 04 Aug as did Jordan West at Cincinnati's Heritage Park on 28 Sep. (65 counties)



Adam Brandemuhl found this beautiful Rose-breasted Grosbeak peeking out from the shadows at Highbanks MP, *Delaware*, on 19 Sep.

Blue Grosbeak

The last was a month late leaving Fernald, where it probably nested; Laura and Jeffrey Roemer saw it on 06 Oct. The second-last date of 20 Sep was shared with solos by Lee Funderburg at Huffman Prairie, *Greene*, and Peggy Wang at Blendon Woods. Michael Shade counted nine at Chaparral Prairie SNP, *Adams*, on 15 Aug and up to eight there on other dates. The most elsewhere were quartets at two sites. (22 counties)

Indigo Bunting

Shawnee Lookout hosted the last, a little late on 28 Oct, for Alexander Clark and Katie Grigsby. Twenty miles of the Little Miami Scenic Trail, *Warren*, provided 30 for Peter Scott, while Cole DiFabio needed less than half a mile of walking in Hueston Woods SP to find 21 on 10 Oct. (79 counties)

Dickcissel

One visited Andrea Anderson's feeder in *Jefferson* on and off from 18 to 29 Nov; usually they've left the state a month earlier. The second-last was Richard Payne's in Pierce Preserve, *Clermont*, on the more timely 17 Oct. Lee Funderburg counted 16 along a Cedarville cross-country course, *Greene*, on 02 Aug, and Richard Counts found nine at the Hardin wetlands the same day. (20 counties)

Errata

Jon Cefus has told me that his counts of 11 Great Crested Flycatchers at Brown's Lake Bog, *Wayne*, and 11 Northern Mockingbirds at Stillfork Swamp, *Carroll*, in the summer issue were data entry errors into a beta version of eBird; the true counts were of one. As a result, the actual high count of the flycatchers was seven, shared by observers in *Cuyahoga*, *Geauga*, *Henry*, and *Lucas*. The high count of mockingbirds remains the 11 which Matt Anderson saw in *Fulton* on 09 Jun.

Addenda

Black Rail

The OBRC received a report of a May sighting in *Lucas*.

Glossy Ibis

The OBRC received a report of a May sighting in *Licking*.

Spotted Towhee

The OBRC received a report of sightings in *Lorain* on Jan, Feb, and Apr dates.

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PROJECT OWLNET—OHIO

By Tom Bartlett

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More than 20 years ago, Scott Weiden-saul, Dave Brinker, and Steve Huy started Project Owl-net to monitor migrant owls, mainly Northern Saw-whet Owls. The project has evolved over the years to include owl banding stations over all of North America. The trio set up a listserv for owl banders which gives advice and support to banding stations and lists protocols for running stations and reporting data.

In 2016, I decided we needed something similar on a more local level in Ohio. At the time we had between five and 10 stations in Ohio, some of which were run on a very irregular basis. The thought was, maybe we could get more stations up and running on a more regular basis. It seems to be working; however we need more stations and more help to reach an optimum level of information about Northern Saw-whet Owls in Ohio.

Currently there are 13 Ohio Owl-net stations in 11 counties. These and their principal investigators are: *Athens*, Dr. Kelly Williams; *Butler*, Dr. Dave Russell; *Craw-ford*, Bob Scott Placier; *Erie* (Kelleys Island), Tom Bartlett; *Lake*, Ann Bugada and Dan Donaldson; *Montgomery*, Dr. Dave Russell; *Ottawa* (Catawba Island), Bruce Buckingham; *Ottawa* (South Bass Island), Tom Bartlett; *Seneca* (two sites), Jim Coffman; *Tuscarawas*, Dan Kramer; *Vinton*, Bob Scott Placier; and *Warren*, Steve Lee and Rebecca Palmer. Some stations run intermittently due to the time commitment it takes, and frequently are staffed by only one individual. We would like to see these stations run more often, so if you live near

one and would like to be part of the project, let us know.

Some of these sites have operated since 2003. Since then, almost 2000 individual Northern Saw-whet Owls have been banded in Ohio and the stations have had numerous recaptures of individuals banded out of state. In 2016 the sites banded 224 Saw-whets, and was considered an “up” year in the cycle of saw-whets. Such a year is usually followed by a decline and in 2017 the sites only banded 101 individuals. 2018 was expected to be only slightly better than 2017; however, something happened and the Owl-net stations banded 224 individuals. (We have since learned another bander in *Stark* banded three more.) We are not sure why the Ohio number more than doubled, as most of the surrounding states reported below-normal numbers. On Kelleys Island in the fall of 2018 we banded a record number for our 16 years of operation, 156 birds. The Whitefish Point, Michigan, station which normally bands hundreds of saw-whets each fall only banded 58 in the same period.

Every year is different and adds to the knowledge base. We Project Owl-net members are looking forward to 2019.

Northern Saw-Whet Owl Banding Results 2018 Fall through December

Banding Station	County	Bander in Charge	Nights	NSWO Banded	EASO Banded	Other Banded	Foreign Recaps	In-season Recaps
Kelleys Island	Erie	Tom Bartlett	35	156	4	3	13	40
Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center	Ottawa	Tom Bartlett	1	0	1	0	0	0
Miller Conservation Farm	Seneca	Jim Coffman	13	13	2	0	2	8
Garlo Heritage Preserve	Seneca	Jim Coffman	9	3	0	1	0	0
Caesar Creek	Warren	Steve Lee/Rebecca Palmer	22	24	0	0	1	10
Lake Erie Bluffs	Lake	Ann Bugeda/Dan Donaldson	11	10	1	0	0	1
Hueston Woods	Butler	Dave Russell	1	0	0	0	0	0
Germantown Reservation	Montgomery	Dave Russell	1	1	0	0	0	0
Russell Drive, Bolivar	Tuscarawas	Dan Kramer	7	4	0	0	0	1
Palatial Estates	Vinton	Bob Scott Placier	15	28	0	0	2	0
Lowe-Volk Park	Crawford	Bob Scott Placier	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dowler Ridge	Athens	Kelly Williams						
Catawba Island	Ottawa	Bruce Buckingham	11	18	2	0	2	1
Ohio Totals			116	257	10	4	20	61

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

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

Foreign recaptures had been banded thusly. The date of capture at the Ohio station is in parentheses.

Kelleys Island, **Ottawa**, station:

- 01 Nov 2013 at Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory, Ontario, Canada (03 Nov)
- 05 Nov 2018 at Wheatley, Ontario, Canada (08 Nov)
- 01 Oct 2018 at Hilliardton, Ontario, Canada (11 Nov)
- 21 Oct 2017 at Cayuga, Ontario, Canada (14 Nov)
- 14 Oct 2017 at Falmouth, Maine (17 Nov) (see note)
- 14 Oct 2017 at Falmouth, Maine (17 Nov) (see note)
- 01 Dec 2017 at Sewickley, Pennsylvania (18 Nov)
- 20 May 2017 at Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, Michigan (18 Nov)
- 02 Nov 2018 at Long Point Bird Observatory, Port Rowan, Ontario, Canada (04 Dec)

Origination data are not available for two recaptures in Nov and two in Dec.

Twelve of the 40 in-season recaptures were caught more than once.

The non-owl captures were two Hermit Thrushes and a Northern Cardinal.

Note: The distance and direction from Falmouth, Maine, to Kelleys Island is about 650 miles west-southwest; two birds made that flight.

Miller Conservation Farm, **Seneca**, station:

- 20 Oct 2017 at Long Point Bird Observatory, Port Rowan, Ontario, Canada (12 Nov)
- 03 Nov 2018 at Kelleys Island (14 Nov)
- One of the in-season recaptures was caught twice after banding.

Caesar Creek, **Warren**, station:

- 08 Nov 2016 at Newark, Indiana (10 Nov)

Palatial Estates, **Vinton**, station:

- 16 Oct 2017 at Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory, Ontario, Canada (18 Nov)
- 28 Oct 2015 at Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, Michigan (25 Nov)

Catawba Island, **Ottawa**, station:

- 24 Oct 2016 near Picton, Ontario, Canada (19 Nov)
- 11 Nov 2018 at Kelleys Island (12 Nov)

Garlo Heritage Preserve, **Seneca**, station:

- The non-owl capture was a Sharp-shinned Hawk.

These data were collated by Tom Bartlett from Project Owlnet entries by each station's lead bander and by Tom's direct correspondence with them. I thank them all.

CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK FALL CENSUS, 2018

By Dwight Chasar and Craig Caldwell

This year’s Fall Census in CVNP was conducted on 15 Sep. Fifty observers in 21 teams counted 5725 individuals of 110 species. Like last year, the weather was mild to warm: temperatures ranged from 68 to 80° under sunny skies – just think, no rain! The species count was fall’s fourth highest, behind the censuses of 2006 (115 species), both 2008 and 2015 (113), and 2010 and 2017 (112). The total of individuals was again within historic numbers. This was the 36th fall census and the 21st in which counts of individuals were made.

The counts of Turkey Vulture, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Acadian Flycatcher, Yellow-throat-

ed Vireo, Barn Swallow, White-breasted Nuthatch, and Hooded Warbler were the highest ever for the season. The Carolina Wren count was the second-highest, and that of American Goldfinch was very high but not a record. At the other end of the scale, the European Starling count was the lowest ever and American Crow’s was the second-lowest. Canada Goose numbers were also on the low side. Cooper’s Hawks rebounded from last fall’s miss, which was the first on a fall census.

We don’t think the low starling count is indicative (yet?) of a trend, but we can always hope.

Species	Number
Canada Goose	155
Wood Duck	30
Mallard	31
Wild Turkey	26
Rock Pigeon	4
Mourning Dove	110
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2
Common Nighthawk	4
Chimney Swift	274
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	8
Killdeer	15
Solitary Sandpiper	1
Double-crested Cormorant	10
Great Blue Heron	18
Great Egret	2
Green Heron	4
Turkey Vulture	65
Osprey	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Cooper’s Hawk	5
Bald Eagle	2
Red-shouldered Hawk	8
Broad-winged Hawk	2
Red-tailed Hawk	13
Eastern Screech-Owl	2
Great Horned Owl	2
Barred Owl	2
Belted Kingfisher	10
Red-headed woodpecker	19
Red-bellied Woodpecker	189

Species	Number
Downy Woodpecker	99
Hairy Woodpecker	21
Northern Flicker	56
Pileated Woodpecker	33
Peregrine Falcon	2
Eastern Wood-Pewee	35
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1
Acadian Flycatcher	7
Least Flycatcher	3
Eastern Phoebe	45
Great-crested Flycatcher	3
Eastern Kingbird	2
White-eyed Vireo	5
Yellow-throated Vireo	20
Warbling Vireo	21
Philadelphia Vireo	2
Red-eyed Vireo	25
Blue Jay	396
American Crow	108
Tree Swallow	5
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	16
Barn Swallow	20
Black-capped Chickadee	215
Tufted Titmouse	123
Red-breasted Nuthatch	17
White-breasted Nuthatch	151
Brown Creeper	1
Carolina Wren	82
House Wren	5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1

Species	Number
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1
Eastern Bluebird	43
Veery	3
Swainson's Thrush	11
Wood Thrush	4
American Robin	604
Gray Catbird	124
Northern Mockingbird	1
Brown Thrasher	3
European Starling	65
Cedar Waxwing	272
House Sparrow	123
House Finch	49
American Goldfinch	441
Eastern Towhee	30
Chipping Sparrow	12
Field Sparrow	23
Song Sparrow	54
Swamp Sparrow	23
Eastern Meadowlark	6
Baltimore Oriole	2
Red-winged Blackbird	707
Brown-headed Cowbird	2
Common Grackle	228
Blue-winged Warbler	4
Tennessee Warbler	3

Species	Number
Nashville Warbler	5
Northern Parula	2
Yellow Warbler	1
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1
Magnolia Warbler	31
Cape May Warbler	3
Black-throated Blue Warbler	3
Black-throated Green Warbler	12
Blackburnian Warbler	2
Yellow-throated Warbler	1
Pine Warbler	1
Palm Warbler	7
Bay-breasted Warbler	13
Blackpoll Warbler	1
Black-and-white Warbler	5
American Redstart	6
Ovenbird	3
Common Yellowthroat	50
Hooded Warbler	48
Wilson's Warbler	2
Scarlet Tanager	10
Northern Cardinal	122
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	13
Indigo Bunting	10
Total	5725

GRAND LAKE ST. MARYS Introducing Some Fragments of its Ornithological History

By Bill Whan

Ohio is not blessed with many natural lakes. Nearly all we possess are remnants of melting glaciers. After Lake Erie, Medina County's Chippewa Lake, at 385 acres, is the largest. Counting its many artificial bodies of water, Ohio has over 50,000 lakes and ponds, but only 33 of them make the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's list of natural ones, for which an important criterion is support of native lacustrine vegetation.

During the past hundred years, large artificial lakes in Ohio have usually been constructed for purposes of recreation or municipal water supply or both. During the nineteenth century, however, the most important water projects were designed to advance commerce in Ohio by means of two canal systems: the Ohio and Erie in the east, and the Miami and Erie in the west. These networks, including their spur lines, passed through 44 of Ohio's 88 counties and extended over 1000 miles. Their construction began by 1825, and by 1855 canal traffic reached its peak. Facing competition from railroads, the canal system declined rapidly soon thereafter. The severe flooding of 1913 erased many aqueducts, locks, and other facilities, reducing Ohio's canals to historical traces.

The most substantial remnants of this once-proud accomplishment are the reservoirs which were originally constructed to act as reliable sources of water for the canals. The principal reservoir for the Ohio and Erie Canal was the Licking Reservoir (now Buckeye Lake in *Fairfield*, *Licking*, and *Perry*); a 1902 account by Lynds Jones of the bird life of this body of water may be found in the *Ohio Cardinal* 28(2). The Miami and Erie Canal's most significant was the Grand Reservoir in *Auglaize* and *Mercer*. (It is now usually called Grand Lake St. Marys, though its official name is simply Grand Lake.) The Grand Reservoir was not a wholly artificial imposition on the landscape. Economy required its construction on low-lying terrain, so a primeval wetland site was chosen, with margins that featured intermediate habitats like wet forests, seasonally flooded areas, feeder creeks, etc. Two much smaller subsidiary reservoirs were constructed soon thereafter: Loramie in *Shelby* and Lewiston in *Logan*, which persist to this day as Lake Loramie and Indian Lake.

Grand Lake is Ohio's largest inland body of water, and at the time of its construction (1837

to 1845) it was the world's largest artificial lake. It may remain the largest such lake in the world constructed without the aid of machinery. German and Irish laborers moved soil with wheelbarrows to dike the area between two existing eight-mile-long east-west ridges on the north and south, and legend has it they were paid 30 cents and a jigger of whiskey a day. Local residents who resented the consequent loss of farmland breached the dike in 1843; similarly motivated crimes occurred at other Ohio reservoirs during the era. Like Buckeye Lake's site, Grand Lake's was chosen because of its previous condition as a natural wetland (described by Gordon [1969] as a wet prairie grassland with an elm-ash swamp forest at the western end near Celina), called Beaver Prairie, and its location along an optimal 249-mile route from Toledo to Cincinnati that involved only six miles of portage at high water and 26 miles at low water.

The size of the reservoir varied over time, but was once measured at over 17,000 acres and between eight and nine miles long and between one and a half and three miles wide. Today it encompasses about 13,000 acres. Grand Lake has an unusual split watershed: its western end drains via the Mississippi River into the Gulf of Mexico, and the eastern end into the Atlantic Ocean via the St. Lawrence River. The reservoir was quite shallow, with an average depth of five to seven feet. Not long after construction it came to be largely surrounded with marshy land, which was excellent waterbird habitat. In 1878, Langdon quoted a communication from Dury, describing the cormorant colony on the site:

On the south side of the Reservoir, about seven miles from Celina, was the 'Water Turkey' Rookery [presumably Double-crested Cormorants, though "water turkey" now refers to the Anhinga]. Here I used to go to shoot them, with the natives who wanted them for their feathers; I have helped to kill a boat-load...One season I climbed up to their nests and got a cap full of eggs. The nests were made of sticks and built in the forks of the branches. The trees [which were dead] were mostly oaks, and covered with excrement. I found from two to four eggs or young to a nest. The young were queer creatures—looked and felt like [I] ndia rubber...The old birds flew around in clouds, and made their croaking notes,

indicative of their displeasure at my presence...Some of the trees had ten or twelve nests on them...As the timber has rotted and blown down, the birds have become less and less numerous.

Langdon goes on to say: "The above circumstances occurred during the month of June, 1867, since when, as Mr. Dury states, these birds have rapidly decreased in numbers. The many specimens examined by him were, without exception, var. *floridanus*. My own observation of the species in Ohio is limited to a single specimen found floating in the Reservoir late in October, 1874, when its comrades had probably migrated. It has been tolerably well identified on both Miamis during the migrations." The apparent abundance of this species in Dury's account is of some interest in view of current attempts to reduce its numbers in the region.

Eventually, a substantial fishing industry developed in the reservoir, based on the marsh nursery. In 1888, oil from the Lima field was discovered on the site, and first offshore oil-rigs in the US were constructed to harvest it. Hundreds of these, along with other resource-extraction activities (especially felling of forests that prior to 1900 had covered 75% of the surrounding land) led to the deterioration of the natural qualities of the site. Carp were introduced into the lake. In 1913 a 160-acre fish hatchery was established on the eastern end of the reservoir and it remains today. The hatchery was once a superior birding spot, attracting many shorebirds in migration, along with some rare larids. Adjacent marshlands were productive of bitterns and rails until recent decades, when a general decline of native aquatic vegetation advanced, said to have been caused in part by more extensive mowing of impoundment margins. Clark and Sipe (1970) give another good look at these habitats and others. The hatchery is still of occasional interest when managed water levels attract migrant shorebirds.

Grand Lake St. Marys SP provides limited lakeside wooded habitat, beaches, and views of the lake itself. Mercer WA, in the southwest corner of the reservoir, devotes much of its 1408 acres to waterfowl management for hunting. This was an important site for the introduction of *maxima* Canada geese beginning in the 1950s. Access for birders is limited. In the extreme northwestern corner of the lake, gulls, terns, and shorebirds may be found along a rocky breakwall, most often when no one is fishing at the site. Otherwise, the lake has grown less attractive to birds as human uses for agriculture, habitation, and recreation have increased. Grand Lake is not the rich birding spot it once was, but it has proba-

bly suffered too much in our estimation as this decline has kept observers away, in turn further reducing reports and consequently its reputation for attracting interesting birds.

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FIELD NOTES

From Alex Eberts:

[Re 11 Sep while banding at ONWR Navarre] Insane amount of movement overnight. Flight calls were heard overhead before sunrise and many warblers were observed flying high overhead during the point count. Warblers began dropping into the marsh as the sun came up and they were literally dripping from the trees. The majority of the new arrivals were Black-throated Blue and Blackpoll warblers with a smaller but still very noticeable presence of Magnolia Warblers and American Redstarts.

From Rob Harlan:

[Re the Chuck-wills-widow in Cleveland] The downtown Cleveland record was amazing and possibly unique...definite fall migration records are very few for the state, and northeast Ohio records are almost unheard of. I'd need to do some research to see just how late this record is, even at the statewide level. Wish I'd seen it!

From Tom Kemp:

[Regarding Northern Rough-winged Swallows over the Maumee River on 23 Sep] It's not unusual to see hundreds of Rough-wings on the river in fall; major staging area. For some historical perspective, the high count for the Toledo area is 600 Rough-wings on 15 Sep 1988. This area of the Maumee River, southwest of Toledo, appears to be an important staging area for this species. For my recent record, with this number of birds I usually estimate in groups of 10, 25, or 50. The birds feed over the river or congregate on power lines near the river. All of these were seen from my yard and there are certainly more downriver toward Waterville. I look pretty carefully for different swallow species; didn't happen to see any that day, but I could have missed some. Finally, late summer censuses at CPNWR along the lake find few, if any, of this species, so they really do seem to prefer the river.

From John Petruzzini:

[Regarding two Connecticut Warblers at Mill Creek on 15 Sep] Follow up on the first bird found this morning by Nick Parish. After about an hour of searching, we located a Connecticut that, like his bird, had a small break in the eye ring at the back corner of the eye. After being joined by Jeff Harvey, we located another bird that sported a bold, complete eye ring, leaving no doubt that at least two individual birds were pres-

ent. Also possible is that all three sightings were unique birds.

From Bernie Masters:

About 50 Common Nighthawks hawking insects over Thomas Worthington High School, Route 161, Worthington, *Franklin*. This is a regular yearly occurrence as the HS is in the fall migratory path of the nighthawks and Chimney Swifts. No rain that evening helped.

From Kathy Shank:

Attached is a photo of a Blue Jay on a nest made of electrical ties on top of a light fixture on our garage. They raised five young there this summer—they looked uncomfortably squished on the nest as they got bigger and bigger. We found those white electrical ties all over the garage roof and the yard—about a hundred of them. We don't know where they were stealing them from in the neighborhood, but the whole thing was pretty entertaining. The jays would buzz my head every time I went out in the yard while they were nesting. We have plenty of jays visiting our feeders as well.



From Nathan Mast:

[Regarding an American Golden-Plover and Willet near Newcastle, *Knox*, on 26 Aug] The above two birds were found in unexpected habitat, feeding with a flock of Killdeer in a freshly seeded alfalfa field. No standing water.

From Bob Scott Placier:

[Regarding his banding station in *Vinton*] Had an excellent fall season! A number of species

were at record highs for me, although it was only my fourth season of fall banding. My season ends 31 Oct. Species in very high (for me) numbers include Bay-breasted Warbler at 31, previous best five. Hooded Warbler 47, 31 max previously. Magnolia Warbler 70, previous 39. And Red-eyed Vireo 24, 10 previous.

From Carole Babyak:

Snowy Owl – On 16 Nov a farmer, George Beck, who lives about one mile north of Daryl Black's farm told me that Daryl said he has had a Snowy Owl around his farm for three to four days. This is Hoagland-Blackstub Road west of Mosquito. On 18 Nov the owl was in Daryl's field I took a picture but it was raining that day, so the pictures are blurred. The owl looked at me and had two eyes opened. On 25 Nov I drove by 10+ cars parked on both sides of the road, with many telescopes I drove back later, to find no cars and the owl was still perched on farm machinery. She had a full crop.

The highlight for me is possibly five Red-breasted Nuthatches They first showed up calling in a spruce tree on 24 Sep. On 25 Sep they were coming to the peanut feeder. I've seen two males together, two medium rusty breast and a very light colored breast. On 13 Nov just before 5 pm I was filling the peanut feeder when a very intense, brilliantly rusty colored male came to get a peanut. Stepping back, several branches above a very light colored female was loudly vocalizing. She came down several branches, spiraling around the branches then still vocalizing went back up to the higher branches and flew off to a spruce tree, he immediately followed. She was vocalizing, he was quiet.

From Reuben S. Erb:

A note on Broadwing count [314 on 16 Sep in *Holmes*]. Strong east to southeast winds from hurricane on 16 Sep blew Broadwings farther west than normal. The first one was seen around 10:30. After that most were in kettles from five to 28...The last ones [came] thru at 4:00 pm. One of the best flights ever. (season total 347) [19 Aug to 10 Oct]

From Robert Sams

[Regarding 62 Lesser Black-backed Gulls at the Findlay Reservoirs on 11 Nov] [I] only counted obvious adults and third cycle LBBG, estimating another 20 juveniles in various stages or hybrids, adult Lesser Black-backed are larger than RBGU but smaller than Herring having yellow feet and bill, slate-black upper wings. [The eBird post has photos] of the awesome number of gulls

in that field...showing some LBBG in flight with Herring and Ring-billed. Number of these gulls increasing year to year and they are roosting here nightly nearly year round.

From Kent Miller:

[Regarding Red Crossbills at Lake Hope SP] My recordings from yesterday morning [01 Aug] have been determined by Tim Spahr to not only reveal numerous Type 1 "Appalachian" Red Crossbills but also a second state Type 10 or "Sitka Spruce" Red Crossbill whose population centers in the Pacific Northwest but are known to irrupt occasionally to the Northeast States. If you'd like to read about some of the distinctive and ranges of these currently different types within the species complex, google "ebird red crossbill" and check out the article by Tim Spahr and Matt Young.

In addition to Cole's previous notes [Cole Di-Fabio], we had six crossbills in the trees directly above and eventually right in the parking lot for the archery range near the end of Park Road 9. For those of you who use eBird (and the importance of these birds to science and the developing understanding of these birds make submitting your records of these birds to eBird as valid as any reason to use eBird) please use the following protocol. Due to the current limits of identifying the different types of Red Crossbill by sight alone, please record any photos or observations without audio recording as general Red Crossbill. If you are able to gain a WAV file recording with your cell phone or other device, please send it to Tim Spahr at tspahr44@gmail.com and if he is able to determine the type, than add that type to your checklist and attach that sound file to the entry of that type in your checklist.

From Gary Cowell:

[Regarding a Palm Warbler at Pleasant Hill Lake on 25 Nov] VERY TARDY: First heard and ID made by constant chip notes coming from wooded edge of the lake shore while I was scoping the lake. It then showed itself for about five minutes (viewed with bins at 20 feet) moving around 15 to 20 feet above the lakeshore edge in the trees constantly tail wagging. It appeared to be alarmed by a nearby perched Red-tailed Hawk.

YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

10 years ago, the Fall 2008 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 32 No. 1 (Andy Jones, Editor-in-Chief; Craig Caldwell, Seasonal Editor) contained these items:

The skyponds west of Bellevue, **Sandusky**, continued to provide the banner assortment of shorebird sightings begun in Jul.

Ten locations hosted Nelson's Sparrows in passage.

Thirteen Connecticut Warblers were recorded, though counts of most other warblers were well below normal.

Two flocks of Cave Swallows totaling 11 birds visited the Lake Erie shore.

25 years ago, the Fall 1993 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 17 No. 1 (Rob Harlan, Editor) contained these items:

Ed Pierce's ONWR census team found both a Snowy Plover and a Curlew Sandpiper on 01 Aug. A notably different Snowy Plover was at Metzger a couple of weeks later.

At least 100 Osprey were noted.

The ODNR reported that 24 Bald Eagle nests produced 31 young.

35 years ago, the *Ohio Cardinal* did not publish an issue.

50 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* (Aug) and 64:4 (Sep–Nov), Annette B. Flanigan, Editor, included these items:

(A reminder—the CBC area is a circle of radius 30 miles centered at Cleveland's Public Square)

Oct and Nov were both unusually cool and wet.

One (!) Double-crested Cormorant provided “[a]n exceptionally good view” on 31 Aug.

Two Piping Plovers were recorded.

One Bald Eagle, one Peregrine Falcon, and two Northern Mockingbirds rated notice.

A Barn Owl roosted in an abandoned silo in Chesterland, **Geauga**.

A Long-eared Owl was discovered in the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**.

Red-breasted Nuthatch arrivals began in Aug and produced 52 records from Sep through Nov.

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

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*Always a favorite winter visitor in Ohio, this Red-breasted Nuthatch paused long enough for Adam Brandemihl to capture a shot on 30 Oct in **Delaware**..*

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*This rare visitor from the south was photographed by Kurt Wray near Cedar Point in **Erie** on 27 Aug*

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