

BIRD CALENDAR, 1931 – 27th Year

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This number of the bird calendar is a little delayed since it was desirable to make it as complete as possible for the summer season. Records obtained during the three months of June, July, and August are here included, and so this report is principally that of the nesting activities of birds in this region.

The number of contributors this time is small, because many people were absent on vacations or were busy at other activities. However, the nesting season is one of the most interesting during the year in spite of heat and mosquitoes. The contributors are John Aldrich, James Stevenson, Francis Gilliland, J. Paul Visscher, W.H. Waterson and S. Charles Kendeigh.

This fall, we hope more people will send in records of birds seen during the fall migration. We know, already, that many people are active. A fall calendar will probably be issued some time in December which will cover the months of September, October, and November. The usual committee will receive records or they may be sent direct to Dr. S.D. Kendeigh, Department of Biology, Western Reserve University.

One hundred twenty-two species are recorded in this number. Of these seven species had not been reported previously. The yearly list of birds seen and recorded so far this year by the Cleveland Bird Club now stands at two hundred sixteen. For a large number of the records included in this number we need especially to thank Mr. John Aldrich.

There are certain kinds of censuses of nesting birds which any person can take either on the grounds around his home or elsewhere. One of these is a count of the actual number of nests of all species of birds present. It is usually necessary, in order to get all of them, to make a systematic search three, four, or more times during the summer through every shrub and tree. As an illustration and as a record for 1931, the following nest census obtained on the 15 acres bird sanctuary at the Baldwin Bird Research Laboratory, is here given. The species are listed in order of abundance.

1. Robin	35 nests
2. Song Sparrow	18 nests
3. House Wren	15 nests
4. Catbird	13 nests
5. Chipping Sparrow	9 nests
6. Starling	5 nests
7. Cedar Waxwing	5 nests
8. Bluebird	2 nests
9. Phoebe	2 nests
10. Wood Thrush	2 nests
11. Goldfinch	2 nests
12. Red-eyed Vireo	2 nests
13. Tufted Titmouse	1 nest
14. Baltimore Oriole	1 nest
15. Wood Pewee	1 nest
<u>16. Yellow-throated Vireo</u>	<u>1 nest</u>
Total – 16 species	114 nests

It would be interesting to see if other people can equal this and furthermore, a record of the birds nesting on your private estate is always worthwhile. This census is remarkable in that there is no record of mourning doves nesting, although in previous years they have been common. We wonder how that compares with the experience of others.

Included in the following list, are the records of several species which it is especially worthwhile to note. Among these are the Wood Duck, Egret, Wilson Snipe, Caspian Tern, Henslow Sparrow, Junco, Purple Finch, Prothonotary Warbler, Short-billed Marsh Wren, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and Veery. One will also notice that the fall migration is well under way with the return of the sandpipers and the early warblers.

	<u>Herring Gull</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (4); 16 (5); 26 (20)
	<u>Ring-billed Gull</u> – J.A.	Jun. 16 (1)
	<u>Bonaparte Gull</u> – J.A.	Jun. 16 (10)
	<u>Common Tern</u> – J.A.; J.P.V.	Jun. 16 (100); 30 (5); Jul. 25 (no young birds found in nests on Starve Island; many eggs scattered around. Apparently severe storms of late June and early July were very destructive to the nests of these water birds. Reports from other parts of the Great Lakes indicate a general unsuccessful nesting this year). Aug. 2 (colony of 100-150, nearly all nests destroyed by storms; Ballast Islands near Put-in-Bay); Aug. 26 (20)
	<u>Caspian Tern</u> – J.A.	Jun. 16 (10); Aug. 26 (1000)
	<u>Black Tern</u> – J.A.; W.H.W.	Jun. 16 (30); 30 (8); Aug. 9 (several immature).
	<u>Black Duck</u> – J.A.	Aug. 3 (2); 26 (4)
210	<u>Wood Duck</u> – J.A.	Jun. 16 (2); Jul. 7 (1); 23 (2); Aug. 30 (5)
	<u>American Bittern</u> – J.A.	Jun. 16 (2); 30 (1); Jul. 23 (1)
	<u>Great Blue Heron</u> – J.A.	Jun. 9 (1); 16 (1); 22 (2); 30 (1); Jul. 14 (1); Aug. 26 (4); 30 (5)
	<u>Green Heron</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (6); 16 (1); Jul. 7 (1); 23 (1); Aug. 36 (3)
211	<u>Egret</u> – F.G.; S.C.K.; W.H.W.	Aug. 14 (1); 16 (1); 23 (1); 30 (1); This bird was found each time on the Shaker Lakes. It was accompanied occasionally by a Great Blue Heron.
	<u>Black-crowned Night Heron</u> – J.A.	Jun. 16 (1); Jul. 30 (1); Aug. 26 (1); 30 (3)
	<u>Virginia Rail</u> – J.A.	Jul. 7 (1); Aug. 30 (1)
	<u>Florida Gallinule</u> – J.A.	Jun. 9 (1); 16 (1); 30 (1); Jul. 7 (1)
	<u>Wilson Snipe</u> – J.A.	Jun. 22 (2); Pymatuning Swamp.
212	<u>Baird Sandpiper</u> – J.A.	Aug. 26 (1)
	<u>Least Sandpiper</u> – J.A.; W.H.W.	Aug. 9 (1); 26 (10)

	<u>Semipalmated Sandpiper</u> – J.A.	Jun. 16 (1); Aug. 26 (50)
	<u>Spotted Sandpiper</u> – J.A.	Jun. 16 (6 young); 30 (2); Jul. 7 (1); 14 (1)
213	<u>Sanderling</u> – J.A.	Aug. 26 (1)
	<u>Lesser Yellow-legs</u> – J.A.	Aug. 26 (1)
	<u>Greater Yellow-legs</u> – W.H.W.	Aug. 2 (1)
	<u>Upland Plover</u> – J.A.	Jun. 9 (3); 22 (6)
	<u>White-rumped Sandpiper</u> – J.A.	Jun. 16 (6)
	<u>Ruddy Turnstone</u> – W.J.W.	Aug. 2 (1)
	<u>Killdeer</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (4); 9 (1); 16 (6); 30 (20; Jul. 14 (70)
	<u>Semipalmated Plover</u> – J.A.	Jul. 7 (1); Aug. 26 (5)
	<u>Piping Plover</u> – J.A.	Jun. 16 (1); Bay Point
	<u>Bob-white</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (1); 16 (1); 22 (1); 30 (10; Jul. 7 (2); 12 (1); 14 (10; 23 (20; Aug. 26 (2); There is some evidence that the Bob-white was unusually reduced in numbers this summer.
	<u>Ruffed Grouse</u> – J.A.; W.H.W.	Jun. 9 (parent with brood); 14 (hen with 12 half grown chicks); 22 (par- ent with brood); Jul. 14 (1); 23 (par- ent with half grown young).
	<u>Turkey Vulture</u> – J.A.	Jun. 9 (1); 22 (2); 23 (2)
	<u>Marsh Hawk</u> – J.A.	Jun. 16 (1); 30 (1); Jul. 7 (2)
	<u>Sparrow Hawk</u> – J.A.; W.H.W.	Jun. 2 (1); Jul. 7 (1); 29 (Public Square).
	<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u> – J.S.	Jun. 12 (2)
	<u>Great Horned Owl</u> – J.A.	Jun. 22 (1); Jul. 23 (1)
	<u>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</u> – J.S.; W.H.W.	Jul. 7 (1); Aug. 3 (10; 31 (1)
	<u>Belted Kingfisher</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (1); 9 (1); 16 (1); 30 (10; Jul. 7 (10; 23 (1); Aug. 26 (1)
	<u>Hairy Woodpecker</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 9 (1); 12 (1); 22 (1)
	<u>Downy Woodpecker</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (1); 12 (1); Jul. 23 (1); Aug. 31 (2)
	<u>Pileated Woodpecker</u> – J.A.; S.C.K.; W.H.W.	Jun. 9 (92); Aug. 16 (2); 21 (1)
	<u>Red-headed Woodpecker</u> – J.A.	Jun. 16 (1); 22 (2); 30 (1)
	<u>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</u> – J.A.	Jun 9 (3); 22 (1)
	<u>Red-bellied Woodpecker</u> – W.H.W.	Aug. 16 (pair)
	<u>Flicker</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (2); 9 (1); 16 (2); 22 (2); 30 (1); Jul. 7 (1); 23 (1); Aug. 26 (5)
	<u>Nighthawk</u> – J.A.; S.C.K.	Nearly every evening throughout the summer at least one individual was heard sailing over the houses of Cleveland Heights.
	<u>Chimney Swift</u> – J.A.; J.S.; W.H.W.	Jun. 3 (2); 10 (10-15); 12 (2); 30 (2); Aug. 26 (1)
	<u>Ruby-throated Hummingbird</u> – J.A.; J.S.; W.H.W.	Jun. 9 (3); 12 (1); 22 (1); Jul. 7 (1); 17 (2 nests)

	<u>Kingbird</u> – J.A.	Jun. 9 (1); 16 (2); 22 (2); 30(2)
	<u>Wood Pewee</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (1); 9 (6); 12 (4); 22 (6); Jul. 7 (3); 12 (4); 14 (2); 23 (4); Aug. 26 (1); 31 (2)
	<u>Phoebe</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 9 (1); 12 (1); 22 (2); Jul. 14 (4); 23 (2)
214	<u>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</u> – J.A.	Aug. 26 (1)
	<u>Crested Flycatcher</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun.3 (4); 9 (1); 12 (2); 22 (2); Jul. 7 (1); 12 (4); 23 (1)
	<u>Traill Flycatcher</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (1); 30 (2)
	<u>Least Flycatcher</u> – S.C.K; W.H.W.	One bird remained on Hillcrest Farm, Gates Mills, until June 6. He was singing vigorously for a mate all this time but then disappeared. Jun. 14 (1)
	<u>Acadian Flycatcher</u> – J.A.	Jun. 9 (2)
	<u>Prairie Horned Lark</u> – J.A.	Jun. 30 (1)
	<u>Blue Jay</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 9(1); Jul. 12 (1); 14 (1); Aug. 31 (1)
	<u>Crow</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (1); 12 (2); 16 (6); 22 (4); 30 (3); Jul. 7 (3); 12 (5); 14 (1); 23 (3); Aug. 26 (3)
	<u>Bobolink</u> – J.A.	Jun. 9 (4); 16 (2); 22 (2); Jul. 23 (10)
	<u>Cowbird</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 9 (1); 12 (1); Jul. 7 (3); 12 (2)
	<u>Red-winged Blackbird</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (20); 16 (v.c.); 18 (eggs and young); 22 (v.c.); 30 (v.c.; eggs and young); Jul. 7 (10); 14 (5); 23 (10)
	<u>Meadowlark</u> – J.A.; S.C.K.	Jun. 3 (1); 9 (1); 16 (2); 22 (6); 30 (8); Jul. 7 (2); 14 (1); 23 (4); 30 (30 birds sitting on telephone wire along Cedar Road east of Cleveland Heights).
	<u>Baltimore Oriole</u> – J.A.; J.S.; W.H.W.	Jun. 11 (1); 12 (2); Jul. 14 (1)
	<u>Bronzed Grackle</u> – J.A.; W.H.W.	Jun. 3 (2); 9 (nest with young); 16 (2, flocks); 30 (25); Jul. 7 (2); 14 (1)
	<u>Starling</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 22 (20); 30 (c); Jul. 7 (25); 14 (30)
	<u>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 9 (3, nest with 3 eggs); 22 (6); Jul. 12 (1)
	<u>Goldfinch</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (5); 9 (10); 12 (3); 16 (6); 22 (25); 30 (2); Jul. 7 (6); 12 (6); 14 (2); 23 (5); Aug. 26 (1)
	<u>Vesper Sparrow</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (2); 9 (1); 16 (1); 22 (1); 30 (1); Jul. 7 (2); 14 (15); 23 (10)
	<u>Savannah Sparrow</u> – J.A.; W.H.W.	Jun. 9 (1, 1); 14 (6); 22 (10, young out of nest); Ju. 15 (c); 23 (10)
215	<u>Henslow Sparrow</u> – J.A.; W.H.W.	Jul. 15 (1); 18 (1); 23 (2); 27 (8); Aug. 3 (5); 23 (3, singing)
	<u>Grasshopper Sparrow</u> – J.A.	Jul. 27 (2); Aug. 3 (1)

<u>Chipping Sparrow</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 9 (2); 12 (4); Jul. 12 (5); 14 (20); 23 (2); Aug. 31 (1)
<u>Field Sparrow</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 12 (12 and 3 young); 3 (10); 16 (1); 22 (8); Jul. 7 (2); 12 (11); 14 (2); 23 (10); Aug. 31 (15)
<u>Slate-colored Junco</u> – S.C.K.	Aug. 21 (small flock of about 5 on Little Mountain near Mentor. Probably nested here although this is very unusual for Ohio. The habitat of white pine and hemlock in this place is very similar to what it is where the bird nests more commonly in Canada).
<u>Purple Finch</u> – S.C.K.	One adult male in full plumage and in full song seen repeatedly during June at Gates Mills, but no nest could be found.
<u>Song Sparrow</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (12); 12 (19); 16 (10); 2 (10); 30 (10, several juvenile birds); Jul. 7 (10); 12 (35); 23 (6); Aug. 26 (10); 31 (1); both this species and the Field Sparrow have been very common this season.
<u>Swamp Sparrow</u> – J.A.; W.H.W.	Jun. 3 (2); 9 (1); 14 (c); 22 (15, young out of nest); Jul. 7 (3 breeding pairs); 14 (4); 23 (4)
<u>Towhee</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (2); 9 (2); 12 (10); 16 (2); 22 (6); Jul. 7 (1); 12 (1); 14 (1); 23 (1); Aug. 23 (2)
<u>Cardinal</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (1); 9 (1); 12 (2); 22 (1); 30(1); Jul. 7 (2); 12 (1)
<u>Indigo Bunting</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 12 (1); 16 (1); 30 (4); Jul. 7 (4); 12 (2); 23 (1)
<u>Scarlet Tanager</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (1); 9 (nest with three young); 22 (1); Jul. 7 (2); 14 (2); 23 (1)
<u>Purple Martin</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (1); 9 (10); 12 (2); 22 (10); Jul. 7 (2); 12 (2); Aug. 26 (5)
<u>Barn Swallow</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (2); 9 (2); 16 (2); 22 (1); 30 (2); Jul. 7 (1); 12 (1); 14 (30); 23 (6); Aug. 26 (50)
<u>Tree Swallow</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (1); 16 (2 nesting); 22 (4); Aug. 26 (100)
<u>Bank Swallow</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (2); 16 (1); Aug. 26 (50)
<u>Rough-winged Swallow</u> – J.A.	Jul. 23 (1)
<u>Cedar Waxwing</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (6); 12 (2); 9 (2); 16 (91); 30(1); Jul. 7 (2); 14 (1)
<u>Migrant Shrike</u> – J.A.	Jun. 30 (1)
<u>Red-eyed Vireo</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (20); 9 (96); 12 (4); 16 (1); 22 (10); 30 (1); Jul. 7 (25); 12 (6); 14 (1); Aug. 31 (1)
<u>Warbling Vireo</u> – J.A.	Jun. 22 (2); 23 (1)
<u>Yellow-throated Vireo</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (1); 9 (1); 22 (1); 23 (1); unusually common this summer.
<u>Black and White Warbler</u> – J.A.	Jun. 22 (1)

216	<u>Prothonotary Warbler</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (2, Richmond)
	<u>Blue-winged Warbler</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 9 (2); 22 (2); Jul. 12 (1)
	<u>Yellow Warbler</u> – J.A.L J.S.; S.C.K.	Jun. 3 (1); 9 (1); 12 (2); 16 (20); 22 (4); 30 (10); Jul. 2(2); 7 (1); Aug. 3 (1); 5 (1); 8 (1); 14 (1); 18 (1)
	<u>Hooded Warbler</u> – J.A.; W.H.W.	Jun. 12 (5); 14 (several); Jul. 12 (2)
	<u>Cerulean Warbler</u> – J.A.; J.S.; W.H.W.	Jun. 9 (2); 12 (3); 13 (c); 22 (10); Jul. 7 (2)
	<u>Chestnut-sided Warbler</u> – J.A.; S.C.K.	Jun. 9 (1); 22 (1); Aug. 25 (1)
	<u>Blackburnian Warbler</u> – J.A.; S.C.K.	Jun. 9 (2); 22 (2); Aug. 26 (2); 31 (1)
	<u>Black-poll Warbler</u> – J.A.	Aug. 31 (1)
	<u>Bay-breasted Warbler</u> – S.C.K.	Aug. 26 (2)
	<u>Black-throated Green Warbler</u> – J.A.; J.S.; S.C.K.	Jun. 9 (1); Jul. 12 (1, 3); 20 (1)
	<u>Oven-bird</u> – J.A.; J.S.; W.H.W.	Jun. 9 (6); 12 (4); 14 (nest with 4 eggs); 22 (4); Jul. 7 (2); 12 (1); 23 (1)
	<u>Louisiana Water-thrush</u> – J.S.	Jul. 12 (1)
	<u>Northern Yellow-throat</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (10); 12 (1); 16 (1); 22 (1); 30 (2); Jul. 7 (15); 12 (3); 14 (5); 23 (5); Aug. 31 (1)
	<u>Redstart</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 9 (10, 3 nests with no eggs); 12 (5); 22 (8); Jul. 7 (2); 12 (1); 14 (1)
	<u>Catbird</u> – J.A.; J.S.; W.H.W.	Jun. 3 (6); 9 (4); 12 (17); 16 (6); 17 (1); 22 (4); 30 (6); Jul. 7 (1); 12 (14); 14 (6)
	<u>Brown Thrasher</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 12 (3); 16 (2); 30 (1); Jul. 12 (2); 14 (1); 23 (1)
	<u>Carolina Wren</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (1); 9 (1)
	<u>House Wren</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (6); 9 (10); 12 (11); 16 (2); 22 (6); 30 (1); Jul. 7 (1); 12 (20); 14 (2); 23 (1); Aug. 26 (1)
	<u>Short-billed Marsh Wren</u> – J.A.; W.H.W.	Jun. 14 (8); 16 (1); 22 (3); Jul. 23 (20, Pymatuning Swamp); Aug. 16 (several)
	<u>Long-billed Marsh Wren</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (15); 9 (1); 16 (10); 22 (2); 30 (10); Jul. 7 (24, second brood started); 23 (2); Aug. 26 (2)
	<u>White-breasted Nuthatch</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (1); 9 (1); 12 (2); 22 (1); Jul. 7 (2); 14 (1); Aug. 31 (1)
	<u>Red-breasted Nuthatch</u> – J.A.	Jul. 7 (1); Richmond
	<u>Black-capped Chickadee</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 3 (2); 9 (2); 12 (4); 22 (1); Jul. 7 (2); 23 (2); Aug. 31 (5)
	<u>Tufted Titmouse</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 12 (4); Jul. 7 (1); Aug. 31 (5)
	<u>Wood Thrush</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 9 (1); 16 (1); Jul. 12 (2)
	<u>Veery</u> – J.A.	Jun. 9 (10); 22 (6, young out of nest, Pymatuning Swamp); Jul. 7 (1); 14 (1); 23 (2)
	<u>Olive-backed Thrush</u> – J.A.	Jun. 3 (1)
	<u>Robin</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun 3 (3); 12 (20); 16 (2); 22 (6); 30 (6); Jul. 7 (1); 12 (9); 14 (1); 23 (2)
	<u>Bluebird</u> – J.A.; J.S.	Jun. 12 (1); 22 (2); 30(2); Jul. 7 (2); 14 (2); 23 (2)