

July 22:

N. Cardinal-- nest 50 feet south of the boardwalk in a rose bush between the towpath and the canal.

July 29:

E. Bluebird-- nest cavity in a dead snag north of Pancake Lock. The nest snag leans to the south and has vines at the bottom.

August 12:

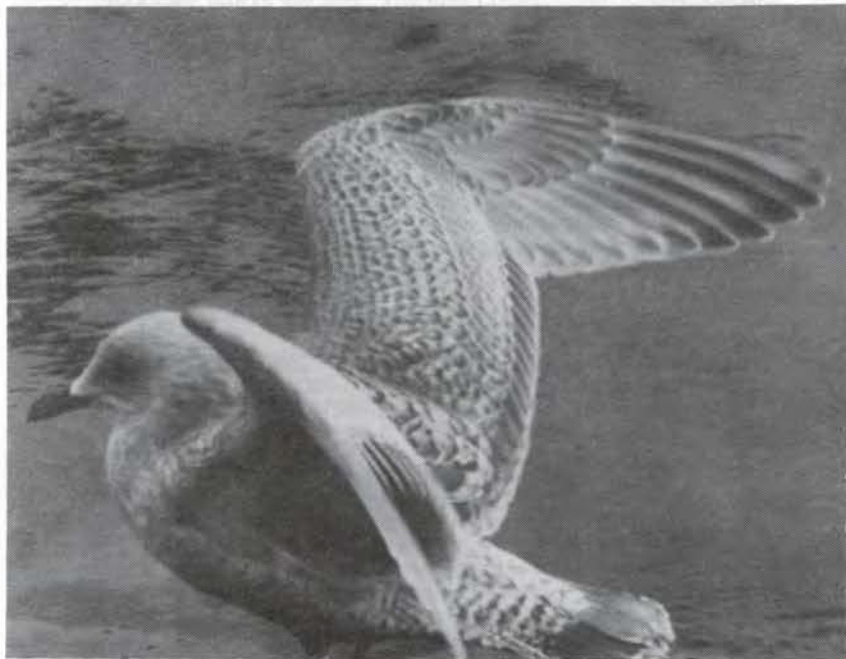
House Wren-- nest in a cavity of a dead snag just southeast of the bluebird nest found on July 29.

N. Cardinal-- nest in a bush just north of a Shingle Oak on an island in the middle of the beaver marsh. Bush has Virginia Creeper on it. Nest in a "Y" of the bush.

August 26:

N. Flicker-- nest cavity in a dead sycamore north of Pancake Lock. Hole is about 20 feet from the top.

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Thayer's Gull. C.J. Brown Res. (Clark Co.), 11/22/96.  
Photo by David Brinkman.

## Autumn 1996 Overview by Robert Harlan

"Alcid" is one word that I never figured out on typing when I became Editor of this journal some six years ago, yet this issue features the word prominently. Unquestionably, the Long-billed Murrelet in Seneca County Nov. 12-18 was one of the premier Ohio rarities of recent years. This season also included many other highlights, such as a Pacific Loon at Caesar Creek Lk. Nov. 24-26 and two Rufous Hummingbirds, at Loudonville and Luckey. Except for good numbers at Headlands Beach State Park, a rather lackluster passerine movement was perhaps offset by an impressive influx of jaegers along Lake Erie. While "winter finches" were nowhere to be found, Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area provided shorebird enthusiasts with a fine array of August rarities. It was nice to receive a report of 120 Black Terns from Metzger this season-- the highest reported count for the entire state since 1991 was 35 birds!

Perhaps you will forgive me as I muse a bit about my past six years as Editor. This issue will be my last as primary Editor, although I will stay on in a lesser role, at least for a time. Victor Fazio of Tiffin will begin to move into the Editor's role beginning with the Winter 1996-97 issue; the current Secretary of the Ohio Bird Records Committee and creator of an impressive internet birding empire should be no stranger to most of our readers. We wish him the best.

So what do six years and 23 issues reveal? During this time span, Ohio birders discovered six species for the first time ever within our boundaries: Snowy Plover (1993), Smooth-billed Ani (1993), N. Lapwing (1994), Royal Tern (1995), Spotted Towhee (1996), and Long-billed Murrelet (1997). Some other great birds include Gyrfalcon, White Ibis, Green-tailed Towhee, Bewick's Wren, Western Tanager, Lark Bunting and Fulvous Whistling-Duck, to name but a few.

Speaking of Ohio birders, I would like to thank everyone who subscribed, contributed bird reports and authored articles during my tenure. Ohio is not a particularly large or particularly small state, comparatively; but 88 counties is still a substantial area to cover well. Almost 275 Ohio birders contributed bird reports, ranging from one rarity to thousands of daily occurrence records, over the past 750 pages. Future Ohio birders will owe you all a debt of gratitude for this degree of statewide coverage. But perhaps our biggest debt of gratitude should go to Ed Pierce; without him, there would be no Ohio Cardinal, plain and simple. Thanks, Ed.

Back in the Spring 1991 issue, I wrote of "The Big Picture"...."Future bird students can make valid comparisons only if provided with both accurate and complete data. Without this type of information, a piece of the scientific puzzle is lost-- and since this puzzle is infinitely large, we need all the pieces we can get. Obviously, the puzzle will never be complete, but with more pieces available to us, the clearer the picture becomes." Hopefully, we have all helped to make that picture at least a little bit clearer.



"The Reports" section is intended to be read in phylogenetic order. Although the following accounts use the most current specific names as dictated by the American Ornithologists' Union, the order of species appearance does not yet reflect the most current changes. County names are sometimes abbreviated by using their first four letters-- "Trum" representing Trumbull County, for example. Other place name abbreviations found in this issue are: BuCr (Buck Creek State Park, a.k.a. C.J. Brown Reservoir, Clark Co.); CVNRA (Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, Cuyahoga/Summit Cos.); EBSP (Euclid Beach State Park, Cuyahoga Co.); FRes (Findlay Reservoirs, Hancock Co.); GiPo (Gilmore Ponds Metropark, Butler Co.); GPI (Gordon Park Impoundment, Cuyahoga Co.); HBSP (Headlands Beach SP, Lake Co.); KPWA (Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area, Wyandot Co.); Lksh (Lakeshore MP, Lake Co.); Magee (Magee Marsh WA, Ottawa/Lucas Cos.); Metzger (Metzger Marsh WA, Lucas Co.); MqLk (Mosquito Lake and surrounding areas, Trumbull Co.); MWW (Miami-Whitewater Wetlands, Hamilton Co.); ONWR (Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Ottawa/Lucas Cos.); & ONWRC (Ottawa NWR Count, Ottawa/Lucas Cos., as compiled by Ed Pierce).



We've never published a photograph from outside Ohio's boundaries-- until now, that is. We just couldn't pass up this shot of a Terek Sandpiper, taken by Stan Wulkowicz, at Gambell, Alaska, in 1996. Of course, Ohio has no records of this species, but at least we can hope!

THE REPORTS-- AUTUMN 1996  
By Bob Conlon and Robert Harlan

**Loons through Ibis**

**Red-throated Loon**-- Two birds were reported in the period: one was at Caesar Creek SP (Warr) 10/29 (JD, ST, J. Vanderpoel, LG); the other, at Buck Creek SP [a.k.a. C.J. Brown Res., hereafter BuCr] (Clar) 11/11-13 (BC, D. Horn, RHr, SWa).

**Pacific Loon**-- Also at Caesar Creek SP was the only Pacific Loon of the season, discovered by N. Cade and others on 11/24 and seen by many through 11/26 (NC\*, NKe\*, HA\*, LG\*, BC\*, DBrm\*, m. obs.). Ohio has only a handful of records of this species.

**Common Loon**-- The highest count came from an inland location, namely 213 birds at Mosquito Lk. [hereafter MqLk] (Trum) 11/19 (DJH). Numbers along L. Erie were disappointing, with a max. of 47 at Lakeshore MP [hereafter Lksh] (Lake) 11/1 (JP). Although several birds remained from the summer into August, the first migrant was found at Headlands Beach State Park [hereafter HBSP] (Lake) 9/15 (KM).

**Pied-billed Grebe**-- The largest number was 67 birds from the Akron lakes (Summ) 11/10 (CH).

**Horned Grebe**-- The high count along the lakefront was a modest 35 birds at Geneva (Asht) 11/23 (JP). The most reported inland was 55 at MqLk 11/9 (DJH).

**Red-necked Grebe**-- Single birds were found at MqLk 11/12 (SC, CK, DJH) and at New London Res. (Huro) 11/20 (VF).

**Eared Grebe**-- Solitary birds were located at BuCr 11/3 (DO, JD, ST) and at Nimisila Res. (Summ) 11/10 (CH).

**N. Gannet**-- An imm. was reported from Lksh 11/13 (JP\*).

**Am. White Pelican**-- 3 birds flew over Metzger Marsh WA [hereafter Metzger] (Luca) 8/18 (RHr, SWa). Presumably, these 3 were half of the 6 at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

[hereafter ONWR] (Otta/Luca) on 8/20 (BC). These 6 remained through at least 9/28 (DO). A bird was reported from downtown Cincinnati (Hami) 9/19 (J. Caminiti); this may likely be the same individual found at the nearby Oxbow (in Dearborn Co., IN) on 9/21 (FR).

**Double-crested Cormorant**-- An estimated 10,000 were on the north side of Kelley's Island (Erie) 9/28 (PL, BF et al.). KA reported about 5000 at Huron (Erie) 10/14, and 2500 there 11/11. Inland, RHe counted 690 flying south over Berlin (Holm) in less than 30 minutes 11/11. 499 were reported from the Findlay Reservoirs [hereafter FRes] (Hanc) 10/29 (A. Scarbrough, S. Ross fide BH).

**Am. Bittern**-- Singles were at Oak Hill in the Summit Co. portion of the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area [hereafter CVNRA] (Cuya/Summ) 8/11-9/14 (NKo, SZ) and on the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Count [hereafter ONWRC] (Otta/Luca) 9/1.

**Least Bittern**-- A very late injured bird was taken to the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center (Cuya) 11/12, but perished 11/17 (G. Fowler, fide DAC). JD & ST noted 6-8 birds at the Spring Valley WA (Gree/Warr) nesting site 8/4.

**Great Blue Heron**-- Max. 165 ONWRC 9/1.

**Great Egret**-- CH counted 125 at Metzger and 60 more at adjacent ONWR 8/18. The inland high was 24 at Gilmore Ponds MP [hereafter GiPo] (Butl) 8/24 & 9/14 (G. & D. Sadler, M. Busam). 3 late birds were at Sheldon Marsh SNP (Erie) 11/17 (RHr, SWa); 2 were at Magee Marsh WA [hereafter Magee] (Otta/Luca) the same day (HSH); as was another at Huron (CH).

**Snowy Egret**-- All reports were from Metzger and ONWR through 9/28, with the high being 12 birds on the ONWRC 8/4.

**Little Blue Heron**-- An adult was at ONWR 8/10-9/1 (LEY, ONWRC, m. obs.). An imm. was noteworthy at Duck Pond Marsh in the Lorain Co. Metroparks 10/3-5 (NKr).



Tricolored Heron-- One was documented at ONWR 8/10 (CH\*, LEY).

Cattle Egret-- 52 birds foraged in a single field near Castalia (Erie) 8/21 (RHr, SWa). A late pair was at Berlin 11/3, where 1 remained 11/8 (RHe). 4 were late on the ONWRC 11/3.

Green Heron-- The high count was 10 at Killbuck WA (Wayn/Holm) 8/7 (TMR). A single bird was still at Magee 10/20 (HSH).

Black-crowned Night-Heron-- The Hiris' monthly survey at Magee turned up 33 birds 9/15. The inland max. was 26 birds at Winton Woods MP (Hami) 8/26 (JS). By 11/21, the winter roost at the foot of Merwin St. in the Cleveland Flats (Cuya) held 31 birds (PL).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron-- 3 imm. were still present at Greenlawn Dam in Columbus (Fran) 9/8 (AG).

Ibis species-- Reports of undifferentiated ibis were received from Killdeer Plains WA [hereafter KPWA] (Wyan) 11/7-10 (WS, DO) and from Ashtabula (Asht) 9/14 (JP). An undocumented "Glossy" ibis at Big Island WA (Mari) 10/17 has also been included here until more details are secured (KA).

### Waterfowl

Tundra Swan-- The number of Tundra Swans appeared to be down dramatically this season. The most reported were 68 from several Geauga Co. sites 10/31 (B. Faber, D. Ferris fide DBE) and 56 at Lksh 11/9 (JP).

Mute Swan-- Max. 18 Hancock Co. 11/12 (BH).

Trumpeter Swan-- The Hiris' recorded 23 (including 7 imm.) at Magee 11/17. No mention was made of the number wearing neck collars. 2 adults and 1 juv. at Beaver Creek Res. (Sene) 11/13 had no noticeable bands (VF).

Greater White-fronted Goose-- 2 birds were present at KPWA from at least 10/28-11/19 (KA, DO, JH, m. obs.).

Snow Goose-- The

Dunakin's estimated 150 flying over their Paulding Co. property 11/2. Other significant counts were 80 in Erie Co. 10/14 (KA); 65 at Headlands Beach SP 11/3 (RHn, EB); and 45 at Lksh the same day (JP).

Brant-- A strong flight resulted in 69 being counted at Lksh 11/11 (JP) and 7 at Huron the same day (KA). 1 bird remained along the Cleveland lakefront at E. 72nd St. 11/15-17 (TLP, m. obs.).

Canada Goose-- Max. 2700 ONWRC 11/3.

Wood Duck-- The Hiris' monthly survey turned up 1074 at Magee 10/20.

Green-winged Teal-- 3365 were noted on the ONWRC 11/3. Inland, 150 were seen at KPWA 10/28 (KA).

Am. Black Duck-- 480 were on the ONWRC 11/3. 200 were inland at KPWA 11/12 (VF).

Mallard-- Highest inland report was from KPWA, where 1200 were found 11/22 (VF). 5200 were on the ONWRC 11/3.

N. Pintail-- The November ONWRC hosted 145 on 11/3. 58 at Lksh 11/13 was a good tally there (JP). The inland max. was 16 at KPWA 11/22 (VF).

Blue-winged Teal-- The highest inland report came from KPWA, where 120 were found 9/12 (KA). 150 were on the 9/1 ONWRC.

N. Shoveler-- The highest counts include 60 at KPWA 10/28 (KA); 46 at Magee 11/17 (HSH); and 40 at HBSP 11/2 (RHn).

Gadwall-- Maxima: 800 on the ONWRC 11/3 & 150 at KPWA 10/28 (KA).

Am. Wigeon-- High along the lakeshore was 1568 at Magee 10/20 (HSH). Inland high was 200 at KPWA 10/28 (KA).

Canvasback-- There were 129 at Lksh 11/27 (JP). The inland high was 10 birds at Wellington Res. (Lora) 11/9 (FG).

Redhead-- Maxima include 260 at Sheldon Marsh SNP 11/12 (KA); 120 at Magee 10/20 (HSH); & 88 at KPWA 10/28 (KA).

Ring-necked Duck-- Highs: 655 LaFarge Lk. (Port) 11/18 (V. Weingart) & 400 Best Lk. (Geau) 11/5-6 (H. Hendrickson, M. Meyer fide DBE).

Greater Scaup-- The high count was 62 at Lksh 11/27 (JP). Inland, 4 were at Paulding Res. (Paul) 10/28 (DMD).

Lesser Scaup-- 472 were counted at Lksh 11/11 (JP). Inland highs were 86 at FRes 10/29 (BH) and 56 at L. Rockwell (Port) 11/1 (LR).

Harlequin Duck-- Flybys were reported at Lksh on 11/13 (3 birds), 11/14 (1), and 11/27 (1) (all JP).

Oldsquaw-- It was a good season for this species, with at least 39 being reported 11/5+. Lakefront highs include 8 at Huron 11/30 (ES) and 5 at Lksh 11/27 (JP). Inland maxima were 7 at East Fork SP (Cler) 11/27 (FR) and 6 at Caesar Creek SP 11/27 (JD et al.).

Black Scoter-- Lakefront high was 41 at Lksh 11/11 (JP). Smaller numbers were also found in Erie & Cuyahoga Cos. The only inland bird was reported at Paulding Res. 11/22 (DMD).

Surf Scoter-- Seen along the lakeshore from Erie Co. to Lake Co., with a high count of 118 at Lksh 11/12 (JP). All inland reports: 1 FRes 10/15 (BH); 8 Oberlin Res. (Lora) 10/20-27 (TLP, CH); 1 Eastwood Lk. (Mont) 11/1 (JD, ST); 1 E. Branch Res. (Geau) 11/3 (D. Ferris fide DBE); 1 Paulding Res. 11/16 (DMD); & 2 Metzger Res. (Alle) 11/23 (DD).

White-winged Scoter-- 9 lakefront birds were reported from 5 sites 11/13-29. 2 were inland at BuCr 11/13 (RHr, SWa).

Scoter species-- 110 scoters, which were too far out to identify, were at Huron 11/19 (ES).

Common Goldeneye-- 55 were at MqLk 11/12 (CB).

Bufflehead-- Inland highs were 258 at Mosquito Lk. 11/9 (DJH) and 80 at Caesar Creek SP 11/26 (VF). 61 were at Lksh 11/11 (JP).

Hooded Merganser-- Highs were 440 at L. Rockwell 11/25 (V. Weingart) and 400 at MqLk 11/6 (DJH).

Common Merganser-- The inland high was 6 at Paulding Res. 11/9 (DMD); the lakeshore high was 53 at Lksh 11/29 (JP).

Red-breasted Merganser-- VF estimated 48,000 flying past Huron in 2 hours 11/20. Inland maximum was a paltry 50 at LaDue Res. (Geau) 11/24 (CH).

Ruddy Duck-- There were several impressive inland reports: 1000 at Metzger/Ferguson Res. 11/2 (DD); 900 at Oberlin Res. 10/27 (CH); & 608 at Mogadore Res. (Port) 11/3 (LR). Along L. Erie, JP counted 305 at Lksh 11/12. 1 remained from the summer at Miami-Whitewater Wetlands [hereafter MWW] (Hami) 9/3 (J. Bens).

### Vultures through Cranes

Black Vulture-- Only report was of 2 birds in Adams Co. 11/20 (RHr, SWa).

Turkey Vulture-- 190 were noted throughout Hancock Co. 9/24 (BH et al.). 125 were at the Solon dump (Cuya) 8/30 (RHr, SWa). ES had 120 in Holmes Co. 10/1.

Osprey-- At least 42 individuals were reported from 22 counties through 11/2.

Bald Eagle-- The max. of 26 birds was at Metzger 8/18 (CH). Inland, 9 were at MqLk 10/5 (CB).

N. Harrier-- 7 were at KPWA 11/10 (DO), while 5 were in the vicinity of Spencer Lk. WA (Medi) 11/9 (FG).

Sharp-shinned Hawk-- 3 migrants were seen in Tuscarawas Co. 10/11 (ES).

Rough-legged Hawk-- An early bird was at KPWA 9/30 (KA). Additional reports were received from 7 other counties.



Golden Eagle-- 1 was in the Oak Openings (Luca) 10/20 (TK). Another Lucas Co. bird was at Holland 10/31 (RJ).

Am. Kestrel-- 20 were found across Hancock Co. 9/24 (BH et al.). 11 were in Seneca Co. 11/16 (DO).

Merlin-- 13 birds were reported statewide 8/31 +, including 1 returning to the Merlin roost in Bath Twp. (Summ) 11/26 (LR).

Peregrine Falcon-- At least 22 birds were found statewide, from about 8 counties.

Wild Turkey-- The largest number reported was 42 from MqLk 11/10 (SC, CK).

Virginia Rail-- Reported from only 3 sites, all on or before 9/1.

Sora-- Max. was 15 at Big Island WA 9/3 (KA). Found at 6 other sites, including a late bird at ONWR 11/15 (JP).

Common Moorhen-- The high of 10 was at Killbuck Marsh WA 8/7 (TMR). 4 more birds were found at 3 sites 8/11-9/15.

Am. Coot-- Some high counts: 2913 at Magee 10/20 (HSH); 770 at the Akron lakes 11/10 (CH); & 500 at BuCr 10/14 (DO).

Sandhill Crane-- The largest number seen was 70 at Mercer WA (Merc) 11/23 (DO). Also: 35 Caesar Creek SP 11/26 (VF); 22 Auglaize Co. 11/10 (DD et al.); 12 KPWA 11/5 (VF); 10 Cowan Lk. (Clin) 11/22 (LG); 4 Funk Bottoms WA (Wayn) 9/29 (LC); & 1 LaDue Res. 10/31 (RRI).

### Shorebirds

Black-bellied Plover-- Highs include 25 at Metzger 8/31 (JD, ST); 16 at Burke Lakefront Airport (Cuya) 10/20 (CH); & 10 at FRes 10/15 (BH). Singles lingered at Conneaut (Asht) 11/24 (CH) & at FRes until 11/26 (BH).

Am. Golden-Plover-- Maxima were 20 birds at Metzger 9/1 (RHr, SWa) and 15 along Hancock Co. Road 54 10/8 (W. Seifer, fide BH). A laggard was

at Beaver Creek Res. 11/12 (VF).

Semipalmated Plover-- Max. 125 ONWRC 9/1.

Killdeer-- Highs were 220 KPWA 9/3 (KA) & 175 Berlin Res. (Maho/Port/Star) 9/22 (CH).

Am. Avocet-- At Lorain (Lora), 2 birds were found 8/7-8 (TLP). Possibly the same birds were there 8/15 (RRI). 2 more were there 9/28 (TLP). 3 were discovered at Metzger 8/13 (KA), and 1 remained through 8/24 (RHr, SWa). A single was more noteworthy at Middletown (Butl) 9/1 (T. Little, JD, ST). 4 very late birds flew by Lksh 10/31 (JP).

Greater Yellowlegs-- Maxima include 32 on the ONWRC 10/6 & 15 at Big Island WA 10/20 (RHr, SWa).

Lesser Yellowlegs-- Highs were 80 at Metzger 8/18 (CH) and 68 at KPWA 9/3 (KA).

Solitary Sandpiper-- Max. 7 KPWA 8/21 (KA). A bird in Perry Twp. (Lake) 10/17 was late (JP).

Willet-- Between 8/5 and 9/8, at least 20 birds were seen along the lakeshore from Metzger to HBSP, with the highs being 11 at Lorain 8/21 and 8 at Metzger 8/18 (both RHr, SWa). Only inland bird was at FRes 9/10 (S. Ross fide BH).

Spotted Sandpiper-- A late bird at Oberlin Res. 10/27 (CH) was surpassed by a very late bird on S. Bass Is. (Otta) 11/23 (SWu).

Upland Sandpiper-- Highest number was 5 near ONWR 8/3 (CH).

Whimbrel-- An imm. bird was at Metzger 8/25-31 (CH, JD, ST, DO). Another single was at Lorain 9/5 (RHr, SWa, TMR).

Hudsonian Godwit-- Single birds were at Metzger 8/21-24 (LG, RHr, SWa, JP) and at ONWR 9/7 (BC et al.). 2 were discovered at Lorain 10/15-16 (TLP).

Marbled Godwit-- The only Marbled Godwit consorted with the aforementioned Whimbrel at Lorain 9/5 (RHr, SWa, TMR).

Ruddy Turnstone-- Max. 8 at HBSP through most of September (RHn). Inland, 2 were at Ferguson Res. 10/12 (DD) and 2 more were at FRes 10/15 (BH). The latest report was from S. Bass Is. 11/15 (SWu).

Red Knot-- The max. was 3 imm. at ONWR 8/31-9/1 (JD, ST, LR, ONWRC). An adult was at Metzger 8/13 (JD, LR, ET), while other singles were at Lorain 8/25-31 (BF, PL, TLP) and HBSP 9/10 (KM). Inland, 1 was found at GiPo 9/6-8 (DD, LG m. obs.).

Sanderling-- High was 62 at HBSP 9/7 (RHn). 5 were quite late on S. Bass Is. 11/27 (SWu). Inland, 17 birds were found at 8 sites through 11/8.

Semipalmated Sandpiper-- Max. 160 Metzger 8/3 (CH). 7 were late at FRes 10/15 (BH).

Western Sandpiper-- Along the lakelakefront, 1-3 birds were reported from Lorain, Conneaut and Metzger 8/13-9/28. One was odd at Burke Lakefront Airport 10/20 (CH). Inland, 1 was in Paulding Co. 8/29 (DMD); 1 was at GiPo 9/8 (NKe, JS et al.); 2 were at KPWA 9/23 (KA); 3 were at MqLk 9/27 (NBr); & 1 was at BuCr 10/31-11/17 (JD, ST, DO).

Least Sandpiper-- Maxima were 140 on the 8/4 ONWRC and 42 at KPWA 9/3 (KA). 3 lingered at BuCr 11/2, and 1 was still there 11/15 (JD, ST).

White-rumped Sandpiper-- Single birds were at 5 inland sites 9/8-10/20. The only reports from along the lakeshore were from Lorain, with singles 8/26 (TLP), 9/29-10/2 (CH, RHr, SWa), and 10/18 (TLP).

Baird's Sandpiper-- Highest count was 10-11 juveniles at Metzger 8/27-9/3 (KM, JD, ST, LR, LEY). Inland, the high was 9 birds at KPWA 8/3 (VF). Single birds were also found in Butl, Clar, Hami, Paul, Port & Warr.

Pectoral Sandpiper-- About 75 birds were reported at Winton Woods MP 8/6 (DBrn). 68 were at KPWA 9/3 (KA), where 65 remained 10/25 (WS). 22 juveniles dawdled at BuCr 11/2 (JD, ST).

Purple Sandpiper-- Single birds were reported from Eastlake (Lake), HBSP, Huron, and Lorain 11/3-29. 1 at S. Bass Is. 11/18 (SWu) was more unusual.

Dunlin-- November 2 and 3 were evidently the days to see this species, including the max. of 1617 on the ONWRC 11/3. 600 flew past HBSP 11/2 (RHn), while 317 did likewise at Lksh 11/3 (JP). A flock of 72 flew over Holmes Co. 11/2 (ES).

Still Sandpiper-- The high was 60 birds on the ONWRC 9/1. 18 were inland at GiPo 9/8 (NKe, JS et al.). 2 were late on the ONWRC of 11/3.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper-- A good migration for this species: 2 at Metzger 8/17 grew to 8 birds 8/18-27 (RHr, SWa, KM); 2 Winton Woods MP 8/24 (JS); 1 juv. BuCr 8/24 (DO); 1 at Ferguson/Allen Res. 8/25 grew to 12 on 9/8 (DD); 3 juv. at Middletown 9/1-2 (JD, ST et al.); 1 Lorain 9/1-4 (TLP); 4 FRes 9/3 (BH); & 5 Burke Airport 9/10-11 (BF, PL).

Short-billed Dowitcher-- Max. 235 ONWRC 9/1.

Long-billed Dowitcher-- All lakelakefront reports were from the ONWR/Magee area, with a max. of 156 adults being seen at ONWR 8/13 (JD, LR). 24 remained for the 11/3 ONWRC. Inland, singles were at 4 sites 9/8-10/20.

Common Snipe-- Maxima include 25 at BuCr 11/2 (JD, ST) & 19 along Parsons Rd. near Oberlin Res. 10/27 (RHr, SWa).

Wilson's Phalarope-- All reports: 2 Metzger 8/6-13 (BC, KA); 2 ONWR 8/20-9/1 (KA, JD, ST, LR, ONWRC); 1 KPWA 9/3 (KA); 1 GiPo 9/6-8 (DD, LG, m. obs.); & 1 in an Avon Lake (Lora) flooded field 9/7 (JP).

Red-necked Phalarope-- Starting 8/10 this species could be seen on most days at Metzger, building to a peak of 21 birds on 9/3 (LEY, m. obs.). 1 was at HBSP 8/31 (KM, RHn, EB). 2-3 were at Lorain 8/30-9/18 (TLP, m. obs.). 9 were very good at MqLk 9/7 (SC, CK, m. obs.). Another inland bird was at Berlin Res. 9/15 (CH).



Red Phalarope-- 1 paused briefly at HBSP 11/2 (RHn, EB).

### Jaegers through Terns

Pomarine Jaeger-- This was the best autumn for jaegers in recent memory. However, given that a typical Ohio observation consists of little more than a fleeting glimpse, specific identification is often treacherous. Since all jaegers are currently subject to review by the Ohio Bird Records Committee, and given the reluctance by most observers to document these species, it becomes difficult to publish specific details here. Nonetheless, 3 dark juv. at Huron 11/29 have been accepted by the OBRC (JD\*, ST, LEY), while other documented birds are presently being recirculated through the OBRC. At least 11 more birds were reported (but not documented) as Pomarine Jaegers 9/8-11/29, ranging from Lake, Cuyahoga, Lorain and Erie Cos. I would tend to believe that the majority of these sightings are valid [R. Harlan].

Parasitic Jaeger-- Again, the caveats listed for Pomarine Jaeger apply here. At least 12 birds were reported 9/8-11/28, none of which have thus far been accepted by the OBRC. Reports range from Lksh to Huron. Again, at least some of these reports are likely correct; perhaps, however, a lower percentage than Pomarine Jaeger [R. Harlan].

Laughing Gull-- All reports: 1 juv. MqLk 9/7-26 (SC, CK, DJH); 1 juv. HBSP 9/8 & 21 (RHn, LR, KM, m. obs.); & 1 imm. Lksh 9/9 (JP).

Franklin's Gull-- Caesar Creek SP hosted 16 birds (8 basic-plumaged adults and 8 1st-winter birds) 10/25 (LG ph., JD, ST). 2 were at Clear Fork Res. (Rich) 10/25-27 (JH, RHr, SWa), and single birds were seen at at least 5 other locations 9/4-11/14.

Little Gull-- The first bird of the season was at HBSP 8/17-25 (KM, m. obs.). An adult was at the same site 11/30 (NBa). A juv. was at Lorain 8/25 (BF, PL) and an adult was there 9/7 (JP) and 11/29 (JD, ST, LEY). 1 was at Eastlake 11/23 (A. & J. Fjeldstad). JP reported birds on 7 dates at Lksh 11/1-24.

Bonaparte's Gull-- Impressive numbers were present this year. An estimated 40,000 were at Huron 11/28 (RHr, SWa), while LR estimated 20,000 at Eastlake 11/10-23 and 10,000 at HBSP during the same period. Additionally, JP estimated that 9800 passed by Lksh 11/1. The largest inland report (an incredible one, at that) was of 1340 birds at MqLk 11/9 (DJH).

Ring-billed Gull-- 10,000 were estimated at Huron 11/28 (RHr, SWa). 9950 passed Lksh 11/12 (JP).

Herring Gull-- 2000 were at Avon Lake 11/20 (VF). 1480 moved past - Lksh 11/11 (JP). A melanistic bird was very unusual at Lorain 11/30 (ES).

Thayer's Gull-- Ohio's first truly inland bird (a 1st-winter individual) was found at the marina at BuCr from 11/9 to at least 11/22. According to local fishermen, it was present for a week or so prior to its discovery by birders. This very tame bird allowed close-up photos and was frequently fed by birders and anglers! (DO ph., DBr ph., YM ph., m. obs.). A single was at Lksh 11/12 and 2 were there 11/28 (JP).

Lesser Black-backed Gull-- 2 inland occurrences were quite unusual. A near-adult was at Clear Fork Res. (Rich) 10/20 (JH, R. Troutman). Another inland bird was at Oberlin Res. 11/3 (FG). 4 adults were reported at Lorain 11/30, and another adult was at Avon Lake the same day (ES). Eastlake attracted 4 birds 11/18 (KM). A bird at Bayshore (Luca) 10/10 (RJ, ET) was a good find. Birds were also at HBSP (a juv. 9/9-16 found by KM & LR) & at Lksh.

Glaucous Gull-- A 1st-winter bird was unexpected at Oberlin Res. 11/16 (RHr, SWa). 2 birds were at Lksh 11/11 (JP) and 1 was at HBSP 11/22 (RHn).

Great Black-backed Gull-- 350+ were estimated at Eastlake 11/25 (KM). 197 passed Lksh 11/11 (JP). The 190 at Conneaut 8/31 was a large number for the date (VF). The only inland report was of 2 birds at Willard Res. (Huro) 11/20 (VF).

Black-legged Kittiwake-- Single 1st-year birds were at Lksh on 4 dates between 10/31-11/16 (JP, JD, ST, LR); & at Huron 11/11-12 (KA) and 11/29-30 (LEY, ES, JD, ST).

Sabine's Gull-- A 1st-year bird was documented at Lorain 9/5-7 (RRl\*, TLP\*, JP\*).

Caspian Tern-- The highest report was only 50 birds at Metzger 8/18 (CH). The inland max. was 29 at MqLk 9/8 (DJH).

Common Tern-- Max. was 2000 at ONWR 8/13 (JD, LR). LR estimated 700 at HBSP 9/8. Inland high was 19 at MqLk 9/8 (DJH). Latest bird was at Lksh 12/5 (JP).

Forster's Tern-- Peak counts were 450 at ONWR 8/10 (CH) and 300 at Metzger 8/10 & 27 (CH, BAT). Latest birds were at Oak Harbor (Ota) 11/10 (WS) and at HBSP the same date (LR, RHn).

Black Tern-- The peak, by far, was 120 birds tallied at Metzger 8/13 (JD, LR). Up to 10 were at HBSP 9/8-15 (RHn), and a very late bird was there 11/2 (RHn, EB). Inland singles were at 3 sites 8/20-9/8.

### Acids through Shrikes

Long-billed Murrelet-- The most unexpected bird of the period was discovered by D. Webb at Beaver Creek Res. (Sene) 11/12. It remained through 11/18, and was seen by many observers. This represents Ohio's first record of this asiatic stray (D. Webb, VF\* ph., JD\*, m. obs.). [See the articles elsewhere in this issue for complete details].

Black-billed Cuckoo-- A late bird was at ONWR 10/14 (KA).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo-- Max. 9 ONWRC 8/4.

Snowy Owl-- A good showing after 2 "off" years. Single birds were seen at Lorain 11/12+ (KA, MJK, m. obs.); at Fairport Harbor 11/16+, with 2 in the area 11/23 (LR, RHe, m. obs.); at ONWR 11/16 (JP); at Pipe Creek WA (Erie) 11/17 (RHr, SWa); at Conneaut 11/23+ (CH); and at Huron 11/29+ (JD, ST, LEY).

Short-eared Owl-- Lone birds were at Magee 10/20 (HSH) and 11/16 (JP) & at Oberlin 11/16 (FG). 2 were near the Paulding/Defiance Co. line 11/26 (DMD).

N. Saw-whet Owl-- Singles were at HBSP 11/9-10 (NBa, RHn); at Lksh 11/12 (JP); & at Donald Gray Gardens (Cuya) 11/16 (DAC).

Common Nighthawk-- The only counts of more than 50 birds were from Cincinnati, with 200 birds seen 9/6 (C. Avril) & 100 seen 9/1 (JS, J. Bens). A late bird was seen along the Cleveland Shoreway 10/13 (BF, PL).

Whip-poor-will-- TK reports 3-4 birds still calling in the Oak Openings (Luca) 8/31.

Chimney Swift-- The max. was 750 at Pine Lk. (Maho) 9/13 (DJH). 700 were at L. Rockwell 9/28 (LR). The last bird was seen in Perry Twp. (Lake) 10/17 (JP).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird-- Late singles were in BH's Findlay (Hanc) yard 10/17 and in Paulding Co. 10/13 (DMD).

Rufous Hummingbird-- An adult male turned up at the Luckey (Wood) feeders of R. Froelich and G. Schult on or about 9/18, remaining at least until 10/26 (JD\*, VF\*, m. obs.). Another adult male was at the same Loudonville (Ash/Holm) feeders frequented by a bird during Autumn 1995, this time being found 10/26 through the end of the period, ultimately representing Ohio's first Christmas Count Rufous Hummingbird! (JH, m. obs.).

Belted Kingfisher-- 12 were at Magee 8/18 (HSH).

Red-headed Woodpecker-- 23 were counted in Hancock Co. on both 8/6 and 8/27 (BH et al.), and 14 (mostly imm.) were at KPWA 10/10 (WS).

Red-bellied Woodpecker-- 2 were unusual on S. Bass Is. 11/20 (SWu).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker-- Max. 6 HBSP 9/29 (LR).

N. Flicker-- A heavy concentration of 21 was at L. Medina 9/29 (C. Witt).



45 were recorded on the 10/6 ONWRC.

Olive-sided Flycatcher-- All reports: an early bird at Ashtabula 8/7 (JP); 1 Shaker Lakes (Cuya) 8/29 (RRi); 1 at the Black Swamp Nature Center (Paul) 8/31 (DMD); 1 at Lksh 8/31 (JP); 1 at Nathan Hale Pk. (Cuya) 9/25 (RHr); & a late bird at Antwerp (Paul) 10/3 (DMD).

E. Wood-Pewee-- 8 were observed at HBSP 9/29 (LR). A late bird was at Huron 10/12 (JD, ST).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher-- Widely scattered, including 11 banded at Lksh 8/7-9/24 (JP). 3 were at Chagrin River MP (Lake) 9/16 (TLP).

Acadian Flycatcher-- A late bird was at Lksh 10/2 (JP).

Alder Flycatcher-- For the second consecutive year, DO provided an August report (8/4) at BuCr; last year he found one 8/5. A late bird was identified at HBSP 9/29 (LR).

Least Flycatcher-- Someone must have found more than the highest count we received (2 birds!). Certainly fewer birds than normal were present.

E. Kingbird-- Peak count was 48 on the Magee survey 8/18 (HSH). A late bird was at Springville Marsh SNP (Sene) 10/13 (VF).

Horned Lark-- 384 were counted throughout Hancock Co. 11/12 (BH et al.).

Purple Martin-- 2000 gathered at Lorain 8/21 (RHr, SWa).

Tree Swallow-- Peak was 2954 at Magee 9/15 (HSH).

N. Rough-winged Swallow-- 2 very late birds were at Sheldon Marsh SNP 11/16 (JB, P. Raver).

Bank Swallow-- 10,000 congregated at Metzger 8/21 (RHr, SWa). A very late bird was reported at LaDue Res. 11/4 (KM).

Cliff Swallow-- About 100 birds were estimated at Pine Lk. 9/13, an outstanding total (DJH). 12 were at

KPWA 9/3 (KA), and 9 were at FRes 9/10 (S. Ross, fide BH).

Barn Swallow-- 200 each were in Holmes Co. 8/11 (ES) and at Pine Lk. 9/13 (DJH). A late bird at LaDue Res. 11/4-5 (KM, RRi) was eclipsed by a bird at Rittman (Wayn) into early December (I. Beck, LR).

Blue Jay-- 200 migrants passed HBSP 9/29 (LR).

Am. Crow-- A solid white individual was reported to DBe from Munson Twp. (Geau) in November.

Red-breasted Nuthatch-- Quite scarce, with only 1 banded at Lksh this season (JP). 5 were noted across Hancock Co. 11/19 (BH et al.).

House Wren-- 3 late birds were at Euclid Beach SP [hereafter EBSP] (Cuya) 10/25 (TLP), while another was at Lorain 11/9 (RHr).

Winter Wren-- Highs were 8 at EBSP 10/11 (TLP) and 7 at HBSP 11/10 (LR).

Sedge Wren-- VF tallied 14 territories at KPWA 8/3. 4 remained there 8/25 (KA). Singles were at HBSP 10/12-13 (LR) and at Metzger 10/14 (KA).

Marsh Wren-- 10 were at Killbuck WA 8/7 (TMR). A late bird was at ONWR 11/16 (JP).

Golden-crowned Kinglet-- High reports were 45+ at Howland (Trum) 10/20 (CB) & 43 at Magee 10/20 (HSH). An adult was still at the Chapin Forest MP (Lake) nesting site 8/15 (JP).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet-- Over 100 birds arrived at HBSP 10/11, where 20 were seen in a single tree (KM).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher-- A laggard was at Magee 10/20 (HSH).

E. Bluebird-- 35 were counted in G. Hiett's Hancock Co. yard 10/2 (fide BH).

Veery-- About 30 nocturnal migrants were heard in the Oak Openings 8/24 (TK). 13 were banded at Lksh 9/10 (JP). A late bird remained in BH's Findlay yard 10/19.

Gray-cheeked Thrush-- Daytime max. was 10+ at HBSP 9/15 (KM). 2 late birds were in Columbus 10/23 (RRo).

Swainson's Thrush-- Lower numbers than normal were detected, with the max. being 24 banded at Lksh 10/2 (JP). Southbound singles were banded at Lksh 7/30 and 8/4 (JP). On the other end of the spectrum, a late bird was reported from the FRes woods 10/29 (BH).

Hermit Thrush-- Maxima were 13 at Magee 10/20 (HSH) and 12 at EBSP 10/14 (TLP).

Wood Thrush-- 20 were found in the CVNRA 9/21 (DAC). A singing bird was at Riverbend MP (Hanc) 10/15 (BH), while an even later bird lingered in Howland 10/29 (CB).

Gray Catbird-- Latest report came from HBSP 11/10 (LR).

Am. Pipit-- The first migrant was reported at HBSP 9/9 (KM). One perched in a tree there 11/10 (LR et al.). Highs were 120 in Tuscarawas Co. 10/11 (LEY); 65 at FRes 10/15 (BH); & 50 at MqLk 11/10 (SC, CK).

Cedar Waxwing-- RRo reported a flock of 250-300 in Columbus during the first half of October. 150 were at MqLk 10/14 (DJH).

N. Shrike-- Singles were seen at different sites in the CVNRA 11/8 (GM ph.) and 11/30 (DAC); & at ONWR 11/16 (JP).

Loggerhead Shrike-- One was present in Adams Co. for about a week in mid-November (B. Lund, D. Burton et al., fide RHr).

Shrike species-- An unidentified shrike was in Hancock Co. on the unusual date of 10/19 (A. Scarbrough, fide BH).

### Vireos through Warblers

White-eyed Vireo-- The latest bird was banded at Lksh 10/16 (JP).

Bell's Vireo-- 1 remained at the BuCr summering site 8/4 (DO).

Blue-headed Vireo-- A laggard was at Lksh 11/11-12, strangely enough,

coming to JP's suet, thistle and sunflower feeders.

Yellow-throated Vireo-- 3 were at Camp Berry (Hanc) 9/19 (m. obs., fide BH).

Warbling Vireo-- 12 were counted at HBSP 9/14 (LR).

Philadelphia Vireo-- 10 at HBSP 9/21 provided a good count (EB, RHn, LR). 5 at L. Isaac (Cuya) 9/14 was also of note (NKO, SZ). A somewhat late bird was at HBSP 10/10 (LR).

Red-eyed Vireo-- High was 15 at EBSP 9/15 (PL, BF).

Blue-winged Warbler-- A somewhat late bird was banded at Lksh 10/2 (JP).

"Brewster's" Warbler-- 2 of these hybrids were reported this season: 1 at Oak Hill Day Use Area in the s. CVNRA 8/25 (NKO, SZ); and 1 in Columbus 9/7-9 (RRo).

Golden-winged Warbler-- All reports: 1 in Columbus 9/8 (RRo); a male at L. Isaac 9/14 (NKO, SZ); & 1 in Highland Co. 9/15 (DO).

Tennessee Warbler-- Numbers were not as bad as last year, but still not up to snuff. Maxima were 18 at KPWA 9/23 (KA) and 12 at HBSP 9/14-15 (LR, RHn).

Orange-crowned Warbler-- At least 16 individuals were reported from 7 counties, mostly in October. A dawdler consorted with a flock of kinglets at Lksh 11/10 (JP).

Nashville Warbler-- Peak counts were 30 at HBSP 9/21 (RHn) and 8 at EBSP the same day (PL, BF). A laggard was spotted at ONWR 11/10 (J. Burt, WS et al.).

N. Parula-- At least 20 birds were reported from 8 counties through 10/6, including 4 at HBSP 9/14 (LR).

Yellow Warbler-- The high was 26 on the ONWRC 8/4.

Chestnut-sided Warbler-- Maxima were recorded at HBSP 9/14 and 9/21, with 10 and 18 birds found, respectively (LR). A tardy migrant



was banded at Lksh 10/16 (JP).

**Magnolia Warbler**-- Migration produced the following high counts: 22, 28 and 33 at HBSP on 9/14, 21, and 29 (LR) & 22 and 25 at Columbus on 9/6 and 8 (RRo).

**Cape May Warbler**-- The high count was 26 at HBSP 9/14 (LR et al.). Laggards lingered in Paulding Co. 10/30 (DMD) and at Toledo's Bayshore Power Plant 11/10 (ET).

**Black-throated Blue Warbler**-- The max. was 7 at Rocky River MP (Cuya) 9/18 (RHr, SWa).

**Yellow-rumped Warbler**-- The only count of more than 100 birds was of 120 at HBSP 10/10 (LR).

**Black-throated Green Warbler**-- A late migrant was in Holmes Co. 10/27 (LEY). An even later bird was at GiPo 11/9 (M. Busam). The highs were 12 at HBSP 9/14 (LR) and 10 at Nathan Hale Pk. 9/24 (RHr).

**Blackburnian Warbler**-- 1 arrived at Lksh on 8/11 (JP). Max. was 10 at HBSP 9/14 (LR).

**Yellow-throated Warbler**-- Single birds remained in the CVNRA 9/1 (DAC) and at Mitchell Forest (Hami) 9/29 (NKe, JS).

**Pine Warbler**-- About 10 singles were found 8/25-10/15.

**Prairie Warbler**-- Single birds were found in Holmes Co. 9/14 (an imm.) and in Tuscarawas Co. 9/19 (an adult male, both ES). Other singles were at HBSP 9/14 (EB) and at L. Medina 9/22 (C. Witt).

**Palm Warbler**-- An early bird was at Rocky River MP 8/31 (TMR). A bird showing the characteristics of the yellow eastern race was identified in Holmes Co. 10/27 (LEY). The high was 25 at HBSP 9/29 (LR). Other counts were much lower. Another disappointing season for this species.

**Bay-breasted Warbler**-- The high was 20 at HBSP 9/21 (RHr).

**Blackpoll Warbler**-- Maxima were 32 at HBSP 9/29 (LR) & 30 in Tuscarawas Co. 9/28 (ES).

**Cerulean Warbler**-- The annual Indian Pt. MP (Lake) hanger-on was still present 9/4 (JP), but later singles were at Chapin Forest MP 9/18 (A. & J. Fjeldstad) and at HBSP 9/29 (LR).

**Black-and-white Warbler**-- Highs were 9 at Riverbend MP (Hanc) 9/10 (S. Ross, fide BH) and 8 at HBSP 9/21 (LR).

**Am. Redstart**-- An impressive 83 were tallied on the Hiris' Magee survey 9/15. Another good count was 42 birds at HBSP 9/29 (LR). A laggard was discovered at Sheldon Marsh SNP 10/26 (JD, LR, J. Vanderpoel).

**Prothonotary Warbler**-- 5 birds were noted at 4 sites 8/17-9/7.

**Worm-eating Warbler**-- 1 at HBSP 9/14 added to the handful of Cleveland area fall records (LR, EB).

**N. Waterthrush**-- The earliest arrival was banded at Lksh 8/7 (JP). A recently fledged bird was at Hell's Hollow MP (Lake) 8/2 (JP).

**Louisiana Waterthrush**-- RRo found a migrant in Columbus 8/24-27.

**Connecticut Warbler**-- All reports: singles banded at Lksh 9/10, 9/15, and 10/2 (JP); singles in Holmes Co. 9/15 and 9/25 (LEY); 1 at HBSP 9/21 (EB); & 1 at Columbus 10/3 (RRo).

**Mourning Warbler**-- Reported throughout the state from 8/19 to 10/7. 15 were banded at Lksh 8/31-10/5 (JP).

**Common Yellowthroat**-- Highs were 54 on the 8/4 ONWRC and 15 at HBSP 9/21 (LR). Only November report was of 1 at ONWR 11/15 (JP).

**Hooded Warbler**-- An impressive 11 migrants were banded at Lksh 9/20-10/6 (JP). 3 other migrants were noted elsewhere 9/3-10/2.

**Wilson's Warbler**-- High was 12 at HBSP 9/14 (LR).

**Canada Warbler**-- A fall migrant was banded at Lksh 7/27 (JP). A bird was on the late side at Columbus 10/2 (RRo), as was one on the ONWRC 10/6.

**Yellow-breasted Chat**-- Singles banded at Lksh 7/22 and 9/2 were likely headed south (JP).

### Tanagers through Finches

**Scarlet Tanager**-- Max. 8 KPWA 8/31 (KA). A female was in the Oak Openings on the late date of 10/20 (ET).

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak**-- High count was 9 from the Ira Rd. section of the CVNRA 8/26 (TMR).

**Blue Grosbeak**-- A singing male was an unexpected find at the Toledo Express Airport (Luca) 8/24-31 (TK, ET).

**Indigo Bunting**-- A very late bird was banded and photographed in Parma Hts. (Cuya) 11/29 (Nko, SZ).

**Dickcissel**-- A number of late appearances: 1 at the Gordon Park Impoundment [hereafter GPI] (Cuya) 10/5 (ES); another banded in Morrow Co. 10/26 (WS, J. Burt); & a 2 at MWW on the notably late date of 11/28 (NC).

**Am. Tree Sparrow**-- Max. 100 MqLk 11/25 (DJH).

**Chipping Sparrow**-- Numbers were down from last year's excellent showing, but 50+ in Tuscarawas Co. 10/11 was still a good count (ES). One at RJ's Holland feeder 12/9 was undoubtedly a fall migrant.

**Field Sparrow**-- Max. 22 ONWRC 8/4.

**Clay-colored Sparrow**-- At least 3 were spotted: 1 at HBSP 9/18 (RFI\*); 1 in Mayfield Hts. (Cuya) 9/29 (NBa\*); & 1 at GPI 10/5 (ES\*, JK, J. Miller, T. Hochstetler).

**Savannah Sparrow**-- ES reported 40 in Holmes Co. 9/19. 10 at Metzger 8/31 were interesting, as this is not a nesting site (DO). 1 was singing at Beaver Creek Res. 11/18 (VF), while 1 at MWW 11/28 was likely attempting to winter (NC).

**Grasshopper Sparrow**-- Only reports of likely migrants were singles in Holmes Co. 9/21 (ES) and at GPI 10/6 (RHr, SWa et al.).

**Le Conte's Sparrow**-- One was documented from GPI 10/5 (JK\*, ES\*).

**Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow**-- Very good numbers were located, especially at Lorain and GPI. An early bird was at Lorain 9/7 (JP), while 2 were there 10/1 (BC, B. Whan), 1 was present 10/6 (RHr, SWa, CH et al.), and a very sickly bird still remained 11/17 (SWa, RHr et al.). 3 were kicked up at GPI 10/5 (JK, ES), while singles were at Huron 10/3 (KA), at HBSP 10/4 & 12 (BAT, EB), & at Metzger 10/14 (KA).

**Fox Sparrow**-- The most from a single site was 9 found at Magee on 10/20 (HSH).

**Song Sparrow**-- The only count of 100 or more was 150 at GPI 10/5 (ES).

**Lincoln's Sparrow**-- 25 were found at GPI 10/5 (ES).

**Swamp Sparrow**-- High counts include 96 at Magee 10/20 (HSH) and 40 at GPI 10/5 (ES).

**White-throated Sparrow**-- Maxima include 300 at GPI 10/5 (ES); 300 at Columbus 10/15 (RRo); 200+ at HBSP 10/11 (KM); and 200+ at Donald Gray Gardens 10/14 (PL, FG). A bird present at the Lksh feeders during the summer was still present 8/1-11 (JP).

**White-crowned Sparrow**-- Highs reported were 300 at GPI 10/5 (ES) and 200 at HBSP 10/10 (LR). An imm., apparently of the "Gambel's" race, was at ST's Beavercreek (Gree) feeder 11/8.

**Dark-eyed Junco**-- An early arrival was at Lksh 9/10 (JP), although this species was still present at nesting sites in August. An enormous 600 were found at HBSP 11/10 (LR).

**Lapland Longspur**-- Highest count was 8 at Huron 10/3 (KA).

**Snow Bunting**-- Maxima include 200+ at Ashtabula 11/9 (JP) and "hundreds" at Fairport Harbor 11/23 (NBa). Up to 150 could be found around the famous cement plant in Paulding Co. 11/24-30 (DMD).



Bobolink-- 80 were at ONWR 8/25 (KA). 35 were in Holmes Co. 8/11, and a very late bird remained there 11/3 (ES).

Red-winged Blackbird-- The 10/6 ONWR estimated 50,000 birds.

E. Meadowlark-- Max. was a concentration of 48 in Holmes Co. 8/17 (ES).

W. Meadowlark-- The Darsch Rd. (Otta) bird was still present 11/16 (JP).

Yellow-headed Blackbird-- TLP discovered a female at Lorain 8/21.

Rusty Blackbird-- A flock of about 1000 birds was at KPWA 11/5 (VF).

Brown-headed Cowbird-- A flock of about 1000 birds was in Ottawa Co. 9/1 (RHr, SWa).

Brewer's Blackbird-- 2 reports were received from MWW: 5 on 11/5 (P. Wharton) and 11 on 11/28 (NC).

Orchard Oriole-- Max. 4 at Magee/ONWR 8/31 (LR).

Baltimore Oriole-- Max. 24 ONWR 8/4.

Purple Finch-- Various sites reported from 4 to 6 birds 10/29-11/10.

House Finch-- JP reports a hefty decrease in numbers banded at Lksh, and provides the following totals: 1993-- 763; 1994-- 958; 1995-- 684 (when conjunctivitis was first noted); 1996-- 356.

Red Crossbill-- One was located at Springville Marsh SNP 8/25 (VF). A yellowish bird was at a Mt. Blanchard (Hanc) feeder 11/25-12/5 (L. & Y. Walker, fide BH).

Common Redpoll-- JP saw 1 coming to his thistle feeders at Lksh 11/10-11. Our only report.

Pine Siskin-- Not an invasion year, but JP had small numbers at his Lksh feeders 8/1-17. Max. was 8 on S. Bass Is. 11/18 (SWu).

Am. Goldfinch-- 200 were estimated at KPWA 9/23 (KA) and again 10/20

(RHr, SWa).

Evening Grosbeak-- A dramatic turnaround from last year. Only report was of a single bird at the Findlay Clay Pits (Hanc) 11/5 (D. Kohl, M. Dailey, fide BH).

### EXOTICS AND ESCAPES

Tufted Duck-- An imm. male was carefully and critically observed on Shipman Pond at Mentor Marsh SNP (Lake) 10/28 (KM et al.). Although the date of the sighting and the fact that the bird was an immature were both suggestive of possible wild origins, a silver band on one leg and short primaries on one wing suggested otherwise.

### ADDENDA

Harlequin Duck-- 2 imm. males were shot by K. Kraus and his hunting party at W. Branch Res. (Port) 11/8/95 (fide LR). Ohio sports only a handful of inland records, although these two will not be making a return performance.

Pomarine Jaeger-- An adult was documented at Conneaut on the unseasonal date of 8/18/95 (J. Emery\*, J. Rider).

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Another 1996 record from Gambell, Alaska-- a breeding-plumaged Red-necked Stint, photo by Stan Wulkowicz. Remarkably, there is one Ohio record for this species, also a breeding-plumaged bird, in Ashtabula Co. 7/21-22/62. It can happen!