

**Pine Siskin:** Some were around all winter, and present in spring in 10+ counties. Mohican SF held 140 on 12 Mar (**B. Glick**), and 35 on 22 Mar (**J. Larson**). One lingered as late as 31 May at HBSP (**K. Metcalf**).

**Evening Grosbeak:** Appeared in 10 or more northern counties during the period, after fewer appearances in winter. High count was ~50 at Lakeshore MP, *Lake*, on 7 May (**J. Pogacnik**), and the latest was seen in *Holmes* on 13 May (**L. Yoder et al.**).

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## Summer 1998 Overview

by Bill Whan

In fall, winter, and spring, freakish aberrations in normal weather—strong winds, sharp fluctuations in temperature, violent storms, fog, etc.—often make birding more interesting. Migrations can be sped up or retarded, and vagrants blown in; the unusual can become, briefly, routine. Because birds are then free to adjust to new conditions by foraging in different places or in new ways, or to leave an area entirely if things get tough, we can enjoy a new mix of birds without feeling they are suffering unduly as a result. Thus it is that strong and steady winds from north or south, giant cold fronts sweeping across the landscape, or unseasonably hot nights with fog and drizzle, can bring hopeful observers out in numbers to see the resulting changes in the local birdlife at times when birds are wintering or migrating.

In the breeding season, such great fluctuations from the norm tend to be unwelcome to birds and birders alike. Violent atmospheric conditions are then less likely to blow in fabulous rarities, and much more likely to disrupt in fatal ways birds' attempts to propagate their own kind, drowning or blowing down nests, chilling hatchlings, wiping out food sources, etc. In summer, birds are the most conservative in their behaviors, and just as they become far more choosy and restricted about where and how they spend their days, birders perforce follow suit, forgoing chases after rarities and hopeful visits to fabled local hotspots in favor of patient deliberate observations, taking pleasure rather in incremental learning about the local residents.

This summer had a somewhat rocky start, with cooler than normal temperatures early in June in all regions, and in many places some violent storms with heavy rains in mid-month, neither helpful to nesting birds. Nighttime temperatures fell into the low 40's F too often in the former case, and in the latter, Cincinnati recorded 5.77" more rain than normal. Later, conditions moderated, and temperatures rose into the 90's F in from two to five days in late June across the state. July was calm and not so hot, with near-normal precipitation, ensuring success for birds whose nests had survived earlier threats from the weather.

Two Review Species were found this summer, both of them at Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area—a white ibis and an unusual mid-summer western kingbird. Many remarkable nestings took place: see the reports for short-eared owls, great egrets, golden-crowned kinglets, red-breasted nuthatches, northern harriers, sandhill cranes, several flycatcher species, and others. We noted the continuing decline of marsh species: black terns, bitterns, and rails, and the growing numbers of grassland species in areas once covered with dense forest, in wildlife areas reclaimed from strip mining. Habitat for shorebirds continued to be scarce, and only the last hurrah of the Lorain impoundment as a haven for shorebirds and larids provided even a less-than-perfect resource—toxic spoil and dead things rotting in the sun—for long-distance migrants. Turnover at Lorain was rapid for migrants, who found the food less than relishing, as fatalities were frequent among gulls poisoned by sludge from Ohio's most polluted river. One hopes we'll take such lessons as we can find from the data in the reports that follow.

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## The Summer 1998 Reports

**Common Loon:** Quite a few reports. One summered at Lk Rockwell, *Portage* (L. Rosche). One spent most of the season in Mayfield Hts, *Cuyahoga* (N. Barber). A basic-plumaged bird spent at least 1 Jun-18 Jul in *Paulding* (M&D Dunakin). A single bird was reported at a Findlay Res 2 Jun-28 Jul (B. Hardesty); J. Perchalski noted two there on 18 Jul. A breeding-plumaged bird was off HBSP on 6 Jun (fide L. Rosche), and another at MWA on 18 Jun (D&J Hochadel). One was seen at least from 21 Jun through 29 Jun at Indigo Lk on the CVNRA (D&A Chasar). An imm was at Alum Ck Res, *Delaware*, on 8 Jul (M. Williams). D. Dister saw a basic-plumaged bird at Metzger Res, and three in the same plumage at Bresler Res (both Allen) on 12 Jul.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** C. Holt had one at Pipe Ck WA on 7 Jun, when the ONWRC tallied 28. The ONWRC count of 5 Jul was 49, probably augmented by young. T. Bartlett noted a young bird at Killbuck on 24 Jul, then another at Springville Marsh in *Seneca* on 26 Jul. M&D Dunakin reported a pair nesting successfully at the Black Swamp Nature Ctr in *Paulding*.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** The ONWRC tallied 121 on 7 Jun and 73 on 5 Jul. At Gilmore Ponds, Butler, F. Frick found one or two, and N. Cade one on 25 Jul. C. Holt found 10 on Lk Rockwell, *Portage*, on 11 Jun, four on Berlin Res on 14 Jul, and 27 at Lorain on 26 Jul.

**American Bittern:** Hard to find. D&A Chasar had two near Jaite in the CVNRA on 13 Jun. T. Bartlett reported an adult at Springville Marsh, *Seneca*, on 26 Jul.

**Least Bittern:** Three were counted on the 7 Jun ONWRC, and T. Bartlett had the species through the period at Springville Marsh.

**Great Blue Heron:** For the ONWRC, 73 on 7 Jun grew to 89 on 5 Jul. C. Babyak's count of the colony at Lordstown, *Trumbull*, came to 314 nests on 13 Jun, occupying 72 trees. The GAASBC found 228 in *Summit*.

**Great Egret:** Fifty-four were found on the 7 Jun ONWRC, then 104 on that of 5 Jul. A bird was at MWA on 18 Jun (D&J Hochadel), and another on 15 Jul and 26 Jul at Lorain (C. Holt). At Gilmore Ponds, Butler, 11 were found on 25 Jun, and remarkably two nests on the following day (J. Hays) in the black-crowned night-heron colony; eight birds remained there on 25 Jul (Hays), but the nests had shared in the failure of the night-herons'.

**Snowy Egret:** Relatively few found. Pipe Ck WA had two on 7 Jun (C. Holt). Five were counted on the 5 Jul ONWRC. Two were at Lorain on 24 Jul (J. Pogacnik).

**Little Blue Heron:** No nests detected, and most birds seemed to be part of post-breeding dispersal. An immature bird was at Killdeer on 14 Jul (V. Fazio), another at Gilmore Ponds on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (D. Brinkman) and the 24<sup>th</sup> (F. Frick), and a third at Turtle Ck, *Ottawa*, on 28 Jul (T. Bartlett). An adult was found at Magee on 24 Jul (fide V. Fazio).

**Cattle Egret:** Scarce. One joined the Days of the Ardeidae at Gilmore Ponds on 2 Jul (J. Hays), and J. Larson found two near the Davis-Besse plant, *Ottawa*, on 25 Jul.

**Green Heron:** The high count came from—where else?—Gilmore Ponds on 2 Jul (P. Wharton et al.), with 15; 11 were there on 25 Jul (N. Cade).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** On 7 Jun, C. Holt found 12 at Pipe Ck WA and the ONWRC found 15, where on 5 Jul they found 14. N. Cade found 12 at Winton Wds in *Hamilton* on 18 Jul, and Holt a couple at Lorain on 26 Jul. At Gilmore Ponds, 18 active nests were seen, along with 30 adults, on 26 Jun (P. Wharton, J. Hays), thought to constitute a relocation of the failed Mill Creek colony in Cincinnati; on 15 July 10 nests sheltered chicks, and four others held incubating adults (Hays). By 29 July the entire nesting had failed, probably due to predation and a violent windstorm (Hays). See Hays & Dykstra in the Summer 2000 *Ohio Cardinal*.

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**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:** Nests in Columbus went uncompleted (A. Goloda), and none were reported from elsewhere.

**White Ibis:** A bird was found at Killdeer by T. Bartlett on 7 Jul, and last seen by E. Pierce on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Accepted by the OBRC.

**Wood Duck:** On 7 Jun, C. Holt had five at Pipe Ck WA and not far away at Ottawa the monthly census found 60, a count which diminished to 41 by the census of 5 July. Twenty were at Gilmore Ponds on 2 Jul (P. Wharton), and 60 in the CVNRA on 13 Jul (T&M Romito).

**Gadwall:** One was observed at Lorain on 26 Jul (C. Holt).

**American Wigeon:** Two were on the 7 Jun ONWRC, and another duo at Lk Medina on 16 Jul (C. Witt).

**American Black Duck:** The 5 Jul ONWRC found two, and K. Metcalf one at N. Chagrin Res'n on 22 Jul.

**Northern Pintail:** L. Schlabach caught sight of one in *Holmes* on 16 Jun, and C. Holt reported one at Lorain from 26 Jul through the end of the period.

**Green-winged Teal:** C. Holt found birds at Lorain and Pipe Ck WA on 7 Jun and 4 Jul, and the ONWRC four on 5 Jul.

**Redhead:** A male was at Pipe Ck WA on 7 Jun (C. Holt).

**Lesser Scaup:** A pair frequented Pintail Pond at MWA during early Jul (J&D Hochadel). Two were found on the 5 Jul ONWRC, and a male was at the fish hatchery at Lk St Marys on 12 Jul (D. Dister).

**Black Scoter:** Quite unusual was an imm drake off HBSP on 1 Jun (K. Metcalf).

**Hooded Merganser:** Many bred in spring, but were sparsely reported this summer. D&A Chasar reported five on 8 Jun and 17 Jun at the CVNRA, and E. Pierce five at Killdeer on 11 Jul.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** A few spent most of the summer at HBSP (L. Rosche). One spent the first week of Jun in *Paulding* (M&D Dunakin). C. Holt saw one at Conneaut on 14 Jun, and another at Lorain on 30 Jun.

**Ruddy Duck:** Up to three were at MWA through early Jul (D&J Hochadel), and two males summered in *Portage* (C. Holt). An alternate-plumaged male was at Lk St Marys on 28 Jun, and a female on 12 Jul (D. Dister). Thirteen were tallied on the 5 Jul ONWRC.

**Osprey:** One was in *Erie* on 13 Jun (D. Overacker), one at Hinckley MP, *Medina*, on 29 Jun (N. Kotesovec), and another in *Hancock* on 30 Jun (J. Gilliam, fide B. Hardesty), where another was seen on 14 Jul by B. Von Stein (fide Hardesty) and on 28 Jul by Hardesty. One was at Cowan Lk SP on 12 Jul (L. Gara). The Berlin Lk pair had one nestling by 14 Jul (C. Holt). One was over Dayton on 26 Jul (T. Uhlman).

**Northern Harrier:** At least one pair nested in Thompson Twp, *Seneca*, with young observed on 27 Jun (T. Bartlett), and an imm was observed at BIWA on 23 Jun (V. Fazio). One was in remnant grasslands in Lorain on 14 Jun (R. Harlan, S. Wagner).

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** D. Chasar monitored a nest in the CVNRA, which held five nestlings on 4 Jul; all had fledged by the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** D. Chasar deemed its numbers good in n. *Summit*, and they have indeed done well in the northeast in recent years. C. Babyak found two fledglings near her home in *Trumbull*. Elsewhere in less expected areas, T. Bartlett had a bird at Springville Marsh, *Seneca*, on 7 Jun, and another at Killbuck on 24 Jul. Nineteen were counted on the GAASBC.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** Well north in its Ohio range, D. Chasar had a bird on 18 and 19 Jul in *Summit*.

**King Rail:** No reports.

**Virginia Rail:** T&M Romito had two birds twice in the first week of Jun at the CVNRA. T. Bartlett reported at least three successful nests at Springville Marsh, *Seneca*, and a count of 21 birds, including one young one, at Killbuck on 24 Jul.

**Sora:** One successful nest was located at Springville Marsh (T. Bartlett). Only one each was found on the 7 Jun and 5 July ONWRCS.

**Common Moorhen:** Nested at Springville Marsh (T. Bartlett) and on the Ravenna Arsenal (L. Rosche). Bartlett found nine at Killbuck on 24 Jul, including six immatures.

**American Coot:** The ONWRC found 27 on 7 Jun and 105 on 5 July. On the former date four were at Pipe Ck WA near Sandusky (C. Holt). One spent the month of Jul at Fostoria Res, *Hancock* (B. Hardesty). Holt noted the continued stay of 1-2 at Lorain through 29 Jul.

**Sandhill Crane:** 2-3 pairs at Killbuck WA successfully raised young (ODW staff, *vide* V. Fazio). On 14 Jun, one of late May's four birds remained at MWA (J&D Hochadel). Four were overhead in *Hamilton* on 6 Jul (J. Cade), and on 20 Aug one was circling and calling in Ottawa (J. Hammond, B. Whan).

**Black-bellied Plover:** One was at Lorain on 7 Jun (C. Holt), and returnees were restricted to the next season.

**Killdeer:** Killdeer Plains WA harbored 134 on 11 Jul (E. Pierce). A survey of *Hancock* on 14 Jul produced ~150 (*vide* B. Hardesty).

**American Avocet:** Two appeared at Lorain on 30 Jun (C. Holt); one was present there on 9 Jul (R. Rickard), then two on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (Holt), and one on the 25<sup>th</sup> (J. Larson).

**Semipalmated Plover:** On 7 Jun, C. Holt noted 14 at Lorain and 3 at Pipe Creek WA. Thirty returnees were at Lorain on 29 Jul (Holt).

**Greater Yellowlegs:** One was at Lorain on 25 Jun (R. Rickard), and one there on 4 Jul (C. Holt). Four were tallied on the 5 July ONWRC. At Lorain, M&T Romito saw 10 on 17 Jul, and Holt 13 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** V. Fazio found four at Killdeer on 23 Jun. Five were on the ONWRC of 5 July. At Lorain, C. Holt had four on 4 Jul and 17 on 26 Jul.

**Solitary Sandpiper:** Southbound was one at MWA on 2 July (D. Hochadel).

**Willet:** All reports from the Lorain impoundment: a bird on 25 Jun (R. Rickard), three on 4 Jul (C. Holt), and two on 21 Jul (N. Barber).

**Spotted Sandpiper:** Satisfied with impoundment and canal margins, 28 were found on the 5 July census of Ottawa. Fifteen made do on the mudflats at Lorain on 22 Jul (C. Holt).

**Upland Sandpiper:** At BIWA, V. Fazio witnessed courtship on 3 June, and three pairs were nesting by 23 Jun. On 14 June C. Holt observed four in Denmark Twp in *Ashabula*.

**Whimbrel:** One touched down in the Lorain impoundment on 4 Jul (C. Holt).

**Hudsonian Godwit:** Three spent 21 Jul in the Lorain impoundment (N. Barber), and another was there on 25 Jul (J. Pogacnik).

**Marbled Godwit:** T. LePage found two at Lorain on 21 Jul.

**Ruddy Turnstone:** Two remained at Ottawa for the census of 7 Jun, and single birds were seen at Lorain on 22 and 26 Jul (C. Holt).

**Red Knot:** In the Lorain impoundment, D&J Hoffman found two on 21 Jul, T. LePage 10 on 23 Jul, and J. Pogacnik one on 25 Jul.

**Sanderling:** A late bird was at Winton Woods, *Hamilton*, on 7 Jun (J. Stenger). Another touched down at BCSP on 26 Jul (D. Overacker). At Lorain, C. Holt found one on 4 Jul, 15 on 22 Jul, and 12 on 29 Jul.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** At Lorain, 52 were to be found on 7 Jun and ~200 on 29 Jul (C. Holt). T&M Romito had a bird in Strongsville on 29 Jun.

**Least Sandpiper:** C. Holt had counts at Lorain of 11 on 30 Jun, 37 on 4 Jul, and 40 on 29 Jul. M&T Romito had 28 there on 17 Jul to establish a fairly continuous presence.

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** A bird on 7 Jun at Lorain (C. Holt) probably was the one there the following day for K. Metcalf. Three were at MWA on the latter date (J&D Hochadel).

**Baird's Sandpiper:** J. Pogacnik found a juv at Lorain on 24 Jul.

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** All reports from Jul, the first of four on the 12<sup>th</sup> at Lorain, with seven there on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (both C. Holt), and a final bird on the 26<sup>th</sup> (K. Metcalf). One at Fostoria Res, *Hancock*, on the 14<sup>th</sup> was followed by two there on the 21<sup>st</sup> (B. Hardesty). N. Cade found five at Winton Wds, *Hamilton*, on the 18<sup>th</sup>. High count 15 at Killdeer on the 19<sup>th</sup> (D. Overacker).

**Dunlin:** At Lorain, late spring migrants made up the high count, 26 on 7 Jun (C. Holt). Even later, or perhaps summering non-breeders, were one in alternate plumage at Killdeer on 23 Jun (V. Fazio), one at 4 Jul at Lorain (Holt), one on the ONWRC of 5 Jul, and on Findlay Res #1 on 14 Jul (B. Hardesty).

**Stilt Sandpiper:** B. Glick had one to two at Killdeer on 14 Jul, and N. Cade one at Winton Wds, *Hamilton*, on 18 Jul, but most touched down at Lorain, where C. Holt reported two on 12 Jul, one on 18 Jul, and one on 29 Jul.

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** Beyond six detected at Winton Wds, *Hamilton*, on 7 Jun (J. Stenger), all reports came from Lorain, where over 120 birds were counted between 4 Jul (49 birds, C. Holt) and 29 Jul (20 birds, Holt).

**Common Snipe:** Two were at Charlie's Pond, *Pickaway*, on 21 Jul (L. Powlick), and one at Killbuck on 24 Jul (T. Bartlett).

**Wilson's Phalarope:** C. Holt spotted a juvenile at Lorain on 15 Jul, and J&D Hoffman found two there on 23 Jul.

- Laughing Gull:** The Lorain impoundment was a magnet for larids, too, with this species seen there on 22 Jul (C. Holt); T. LePage had reported an adult there on 27 Jun. The GAASBC reported their first-ever record of this species in mid-Jun.
- Franklin's Gull:** Also found at Lorain, one bird on 18 Jun (T. LePage).
- Bonaparte's Gull:** Reported on 7 Jun, with two on the ONWRC, and from that date through 25 July on the beach at BCSP, Clark (D. Overacker). Small numbers persisted at Lorain through mid-Jul (C. Holt), and 33 were off Kelleys' Isl on 19 Jul (T. Bartlett).
- Ring-billed Gull:** C. Holt noticed the first juvenile bird at Lorain on 12 Jul.
- Herring Gull:** The earliest juvenile was reported from Lorain on 15 Jul (C. Holt).
- Great Black-backed Gull:** Forty were at Lorain on 7 Jun, and 12 at Conneaut on 14 Jun (C. Holt). The Lorain flock came to over 100 on several days in Jul, where Black River pollutants may have contributed to visible mortality out on the baking mudflats for this top-of-the-food-chain species.
- Common Tern:** At the two supported nest locations, Ottawa had 30 pairs, 40 nests, and 23 young; Pipe Ck WA had 68 pairs, 122 nests, and 62 young (ODW). Skimpy numbers elsewhere.
- Caspian Tern:** On 7 Jun, four were at BCSP, Clark (D. Overacker) and three on the ONWRC. One was at Walnut Beach on 14 Jun (C. Holt), two at Marblehead on 21 Jun (T. Bartlett), and 11 at Lorain on 30 Jun (Holt). In Jul, one was at Metzger Res, Allen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> (D. Dister), 24 at Lorain on the 19<sup>th</sup> (P. Lozano), with 20 remaining there on the 29<sup>th</sup> (Holt).
- Forster's Tern:** Small numbers around, even smaller than black tern's. C. Holt's Lorain watch found two on 4 Jul and eight on 15 Jul. Four were on the 5 Jul ONWRC, and P. Lozano noticed two more at Lorain on 19 Jul.
- Black Tern:** Only three reports, over as many days. J. Stenger had 10 at Winton Wds on 7 Jun. Two were in Hancock on 9 Jun (S. Ross, *vide* B. Hardesty), and five at Gilmore Ponds on the same day for F. Frick.
- Black-billed Cuckoo:** Judged scarce by some observers. D&A Chasar had one at Jaite in the CVNRA on 9 Jun, and the mid-June GAASBC found a total of eight. On Kelleys Isl, three were around on 21 Jun and two on 19 Jul (T. Bartlett), and on the latter date F. Renfrow had one at Old Man's Cave SP, Hocking.
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** Contrastingly, several observers commented on this cuckoo's good showing. Three were at Jaite on 4 Jun (D&A Chasar), then five at the Shaker Lks on 6 Jun (N. Keller). The GAASBC found 42.
- Short-eared Owl:** On 6 Jun a pair was noted at Thompson Twp in Seneca; they were accompanied by an imm bird on 27 Jun (T. Bartlett). R. Rinehart (*vide* V. Fazio) saw a bird near the Killdeer HQ on the suggestive date of 21 Jun. J. Larson reported two nests early in the period at The Wilds, Muskingum, one with five young and the other with two.
- Chuck-will's-widow:** The bird heard during the spring in Hocking, first on 10 Apr, was heard through 8 Jul (J. Fry). Reported from the usual Adams spots on 13 Jun (E. Pierce).
- Chimney Swift:** J&D Hochadel found at least 40 dead birds along the causeway over MWA on 8 Jun, and speculated they may have been struck by cars in the fog. The GAASBC counted 545 in Summit in mid-June.

- Belted Kingfisher:** The GAASBC tallied an impressive 58 birds.
- Red-headed Woodpecker:** Eighteen were found on the Hancock survey of 14 Jul (*vide* B. Hardesty). Six or more spent the period near Pinery Narrows in the CVNRA (D&A Chasar), and three did the same in Geauga Pk District (D. Best). Four were at their usual Killdeer haunts on 11 Jul (E. Pierce).
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** D. Best reported two in the Geauga Pk District throughout the period.
- Northern Flicker:** 105 on the GAASBC, and 22 in the Hancock survey of 21 Jul (*vide* B. Hardesty).
- Olive-sided Flycatcher:** C. Holt and L. Rosche observed one 14-15 Jun in Hiram Twp, Portage.
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** One was at N. Chagrin Res'n on 4 Jun (R. Rickard), and another as late as 13 Jun at HBSP (R. Harlan).
- Acadian Flycatcher:** C. Holt found one in Ashtabula on 14 Jun and one in Portage on the following day. F. Renfrow counted 10 at EFSP on 19 Jun. The GAASBC tallied 124 in Summit.
- Alder Flycatcher:** D. Chasar noted one on the CVNRA on 6 Jun, and the Romitos one there on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. A migrant was at BCSP on 7 Jun (D. Overacker), and on the same day T. Bartlett first noted a bird at Springville Marsh, Seneca, where one was seen on 25 and 26 Jul as well. Two were in the Streetsboro Bog in Portage on 18 Jun (R. Rickard), and V. Fazio had a territorial bird way down in BIWA, Marion, on 23 Jun.
- Willow Flycatcher:** Twenty-two were counted in excellent habitat by the ONWRC on 7 Jun. R. Schlabach counted nine on a mile-square tract in Holmes during the period.
- Least Flycatcher:** In traditional areas were single birds at Holden Arboretum, Lake, on 3 Jun (R. Rickard), near Jaite on 6 Jun (D&A Chasar), on 21 Jun on Kelleys Isl and 5 Jul at Springville Marsh (both T. Bartlett). Far less routine were a singing bird in Athens on 2 Jun (V. Fazio) and a territorial bird the same observer located way down in Shawnee SF, Scioto, on 29 Jun. W. McClanahan had one in Hancock on 7 Jul (*vide* B. Hardesty).
- Western Kingbird:** A bird was found just outside Killdeer on 30 Jun (G. Stauffer) and was seen during subsequent days by m obs. Accepted by the OBRC. Beyond Ohio's only confirmed nesting pair in Lucas during 1933, this was only the second summer record of this species in Ohio.
- Great Crested Flycatcher:** High count was 11 at EFSP on 15 Jun (T. Fitzpatrick).
- Bell's Vireo:** D. Overacker located two birds, and what was possibly a juvenile, near the species' traditional haunts at BCSP, Clark, on 12 Jul.
- Yellow-throated Vireo:** At an unaccustomed location were three on 20 Jun in Strongsville (T&M Romito). The GAASBC had 48 in Summit.
- Blue-headed Vireo:** One was at Holden Arboretum, Lake, on 3 Jun (R. Rickard). A pair nested at The Ledges in the CVNRA (D&A Chasar), where three were seen on 12 Jun (Rickard). Four pairs spent the period at Hinckley MP, Medina (N. Kotesovec). F. Renfrow noted as many as four at Conkle's Hollow SP (3 Jul), three near Cedar Falls (2 Jul), and two at Old Man's Cave (18 Jul), all in Hocking.
- Red-eyed Vireo:** J. Beechy counted 46 in a mile-square survey area in Holmes during the summer, and only half the area was wooded.

- Purple Martin:** C. Holt noted 350 over the Lorain impoundment on 29 Jul.
- Tree Swallow:** 355 were counted by the 5 Jul ONWRC, and K. Metcalf had 70+ at HBSP on 26 Jul.
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** Nesting was noted in Ash Cave, *Hocking*, on 12 Jun (F. Renfrow).
- Cliff Swallow:** L. Gara noticed a bridge in *Adams* with numerous nests and 20 birds nearby on 10 Jul. H. Armstrong counted 20 near Lost Bridge in *Hamilton* 28 Jul. A singleton passed over Lorain on 8 Jun (K. Metcalf). In *Holmes*, the very center of its distribution, what was doubtless an Ohio-record 614 nests were built on P. Yoder's farm buildings, and A. Troyer had 320 pairs at his farm.
- Barn Swallow:** About 100 were at Lorain on 15 Jul (C. Holt).
- Red-breasted Nuthatch:** J. Hammond watched a male at Atwood Lk, *Tuscarawas*, on 4 Jul, for the second consecutive year. Intimations of nesting included an imm seen at a feeder in Tiffin, *Seneca*, on 4 Jul (T. Bartlett), and two pairs regularly seen during the period at Hinckley MP in *Medina* (N. Kotesovec). The first confirmed *Trumbull* nesting, in Cortland, yielded three young on 11 Jun (D&J Hochadel). C. Babyak's observations between 24 Jun and 7 Jul confirmed nesting, with two adults and at least two young, just to the south at Meander Res in 80-year-old pines and spruces. In *Hocking*, F. Renfrow verified nesting of a pair, and had other territorial males nearby.
- Brown Creeper:** N. Kotesovec had a pair through the period in Hinckley MP, *Medina*. J. Grabmeier confirmed nesting by a pair at Lake La Su An WA in *Williams*, for an unusual new locale. D&A Chasar reported nesting in the CVNRA. On 10 Jun, F. Renfrow had a singing bird at Conkle's Hollow, and another singing at Old Man's Cave on 28 Jun and 3 Jul, both in *Hocking*.
- House Wren:** Thirty-three were on the 5 Jul ONWRC, 148 on the *Hancock* survey of 14 Jul (fide B. Hardesty), and 311 on the GAASBC.
- Winter Wren:** A singing bird in P. Yoder's yard in *Holmes* from 19 Jun to 6 Jul apparently went unmated. L. Yoder found three in Mohican SF on 19 Jun.
- Sedge Wren:** One sang from 6 Jun to 14 Jun in *Holmes* (E. Schlabach), as did another from 8 Jun to 11 Jun in *Wayne* (M. Gingerich). One was in BIWA, *Marion*, on 23 Jun (V. Fazio), and another was singing in Swine Ck, *Geauga*, on 29 Jun (K. Metcalf).
- Marsh Wren:** C. Holt noted two at the Lorain impoundment on 30 Jun, and T&M Romito three there on the 17 Jul. Four were at SVWA on 5 Jul (L. Gara), and two at BCSP on 20 Jun (D. Overacker). On 24 Jul, T. Bartlett counted 26 singing at Killbuck Marsh, *Wayne*.
- Golden-crowned Kinglet:** On 29 May fledglings were being fed in Hinckley MP, *Medina* (N. Kotesovec); the pair was seen through 13 Jul, but no re-nesting was noted.
- Veery:** Six were found in the Mohican SF on 19 Jun (L. Yoder), and two in Strongsville on 29 Jun and one in the CVNRA on 6 Jul (both M&T Romito). Two were in the Streetsboro Bog, *Portage*, on 5 Jul (R. Rickard). The GAASBC counted 59 in *Summit*, and D. Best estimated seven likely nestings in the *Geauga* Pk District this season.
- Swainson's Thrush:** Pretty much on schedule, with no notably late reports. T. Bartlett banded one at Springfield Marsh, *Seneca*, on 7 Jun.
- Hermit Thrush:** A few breed each year. D&A Chasar noted up to two from 28 Jun through mid-Jul at The Ledges in the CVNRA. In *Hocking*, F. Renfrow had two at Clear Ck MP on 11 Jun, as many as six at Conkle's Hollow on 1 Jul, five at Cedar Falls on 4 Jul, six at Hocking Hills on 18 Jul, and three at Old Man's Cave on 18 Jul.

- Wood Thrush:** J. Beechy found 25 in a square-mile area in *Holmes* during the period; only half the survey area is wooded.
- Gray Catbird:** The GAASBC had no trouble finding the species in *Summit*, with 522 reported there in the mid-Jun survey.
- Northern Mockingbird:** Solidifying its northern range. T&M Romito saw a pair feeding young in Brecksville on 14 Jul.
- Brown Thrasher:** Twenty-one were reported from the GAASBC for *Summit*.
- Blue-winged Warbler:** Not so hard to find in the northeast as it once was. One was on territory at Hinckley MP, *Medina*, on 2 Jun (R. Harlan, S. Wagner). Seventy were found by the GAASBC surveyors in mid-June. One was discovered on Kelleys Isl on 19 Jul (T. Bartlett).
- Golden-winged Warbler:** One singing male in *Trumbull* on 14 Jun could not be relocated later (Klies and Crawford, fide J&D Hochadel).
- Hybrids of the above:** Whether through scrambled genes or having learned the wrong score, a bird seen by J. Beechy in *Holmes* on 17 Jun looked like a blue-winged and sang like a golden-winged. It is of course no longer possible to identify these two species, or their hybrids, by song alone...or perhaps by appearance alone either.
- Northern Parula:** Doing well in its traditional range, with three on territory in *Scioto* on 29 Jun (V. Fazio) and six at Cedar Falls SP, *Hocking*, on 4 Jul (F. Renfrow).
- Yellow Warbler:** At Ottawa on 7 Jun, 58 were counted by the ONWRC, and the GAASBC had 351 in *Summit* later in the month. By 18 Jul, C. Holt noticed 10 southbound migrants at Lorain.
- Chestnut-sided Warbler:** Hints and confirmations of breeding came from the northeastern counties. On 6 Jun, several were seen in the CVNRA, and later young were observed (D&A Chasar). R. Harlan and S. Wagner found one at Hampton Hills on 13 Jun, and N. Kotesovec another at Hinckley MP on 24 Jun. Interesting were nine found on Kelleys Isl on 21 Jun, with one on 19 Jul (T. Bartlett).
- Magnolia Warbler:** One was on Kelleys Isl on 21 Jun (T. Bartlett). F. Renfrow found singles on 10 and 12 Jun, then two males on 1 Jul at Conkle's Hollow in *Hocking*, and one on 2 Jul at Cedar Falls. Six territorial males were in Hinckley MP, *Medina*, through much of Jul (N. Kotesovec). Birds were seen through early Jul at The Ledges in the CVNRA, including immatures (D&A Chasar).
- Yellow-rumped Warbler:** In no hurry was one seen in *Hancock* on 2 Jun (D. Barker, fide B. Hardesty).
- Black-throated Green Warbler:** In its *Hocking* range, F. Renfrow found eight at Rock House and six at Old Man's Cave on 30 Jun. In the Mohican SF, L. Yoder had 10 on 19 Jun. D. Chasar reported its numbers up in the CVNRA, and N. Kotesovec encountered 22 males over a minimum of 31 summer days, along with six females, at Hinckley MP, *Medina*. The GAASBC reported 30 for *Summit*.
- Yellow-throated Warbler:** Two seen in pines—not the habitat for our local "sycamore warbler" subspecies—on 20 Jun and 6 Jul (F. Renfrow) were of interest. T&M Romito report the species doing well in the CVNRA, with five or six detected in early Jul.
- Pine Warbler:** In *Hocking*, F. Renfrow found a bird feeding young at Old Man's Cave on 28 Jun, and four there the following day. In the Mohican SF, L. Yoder located one on 19 Jun. Further north, a territorial bird was seen near Meander Res on 3 Jun (C. Babyak), and a bird on 5 Jun in Brecksville (A&D Chasar).

- Prairie Warbler:** No out-of-range reports, but common elsewhere. **F. Renfrow** counted 10 at EFSP on 1 Jun, and **E. Pierce** 14 in *Adams* on 13 Jun.
- Palm Warbler:** Late were eight passing through *Hancock* on 2 Jun (*vide B. Hardesty*).
- Blackpoll Warbler:** The only straggler was one on the first day of the period near Sugar creek (**L. Schlabach**).
- Cerulean Warbler:** In the CVNRA, **D&A Chasar** noted young being fed on 16 and 22 Jun. **V. Fazio** counted 64 over four days in *Athens* and *Vinton* in early Jun, observing their "greatest density occurs on ridge tops dominated by white oak with not less than a 50-ft canopy."
- Black-and-white Warbler:** In the north, **L. Yoder** found four at Mohican SF on 19 Jun, and **N. Kotesovec** had a male at Hinckley MP refindable from 19 May-3 Jul.
- American Redstart:** **T. Bartlett** counted an impressive 49 birds in song on Kelley's Isl on 21 Jun, then 11 on 19 Jul.
- Prothonotary Warbler:** In the north, **D&A Chasar** noted two successful nests in the CVNRA, **C. Babyak** two territorial males through the period near Meander Res, and **D. Best** seven nesting pairs in the Upper Cuyahoga nesting project.
- Worm-eating Warbler:** **L. Yoder** turned up four in the Mohican SF, a familiar northern outpost for the species.
- Ovenbird:** The GAASBC found 52 in *Summit* in mid-Jun, and **L. Yoder's** 19 Jun survey of the Mohican SF yielded seven birds.
- Louisiana Waterthrush:** In *Hocking* strongholds, **Renfrow** counted eight at Cedar Falls on 11 Jun. Further north, **T&M Romito** had one at Strongsville on 29 Jun, **L. Yoder** 10 in the Mohican SF on 19 Jun, and the GAASBC reported eight in *Summit*.
- Kentucky Warbler:** High count six males at EFSP on 1 Jun (**F. Renfrow**). One was at Hinckley MP, *Medina*, on the following day (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**). **J. Beechy** had four on a square-mile survey plot in *Holmes* during the period. Interesting was one singing in early Jun at Lake La Su An WA in *Williams* (**J. Grabmeier**).
- Mourning Warbler:** Late birds included one at BCSP on 7 Jun (**D. Overacker**), one near Antwerp, *Paulding*, on 12 Jun (**M&D Dunakin**), and one the next day at HBSP (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**).
- Common Yellowthroat:** The GAASBC tallied 325 in *Summit*; the 5 Jul ONWRC had 36.
- Hooded Warbler:** Did well in *Summit*, where the GAASBC counted 131 in mid-Jun.
- Wilson's Warbler:** One singing on Kelley's Island on 21 Jun was extremely late (**T. Bartlett**). There are only three later records; one of a bird banded on 18 Jul 1988 at SVWA (*The Ohio Cardinal* 11(4):9) might just as easily have been an early southbound bird.
- Canada Warbler:** A late migrant was one singing in *Vinton* on 2 Jun (**V. Fazio**). Two were seen at Conkle's Hollow, *Hocking*, on 10 and 12 Jun, then a nest by 29 Jun (**F. Renfrow**). **D&A Chasar** reported a pair with young at The Ledges in the CVNRA through Jul.
- Yellow-breasted Chat:** The high count was seven at EFSP on 19 Jun (**F. Renfrow**).

- Summer Tanager:** High count three in *Adams* on 13 Jun (**E. Pierce**). A nest in *Delaware* was confirmed at Highbanks MP (**J. Grabmeier et al.**). Two possible nests were in *Holmes* (**B. Glick, M. Barkman**).
- Scarlet Tanager:** The GAASBC counted 122 in *Summit* in mid-Jun.
- Field Sparrow:** 205 birds on the GAASBC. Nineteen were seen on the 5 Jul ONWRC, and 21 on the *Hancock* survey of 7 Jul (*vide B. Hardesty*).
- Vesper Sparrow:** High counts came from *Holmes*, where local farming practices allow it to nest successfully more often, with seven on 25 Jul (**M. Troyer**) and nine during the period in a square-mile plot (**J. Beechy**).
- Lark Sparrow:** The Oak Openings colony numbered seven-plus on a 14 Jun visit by **K. Metcalf**.
- Savannah Sparrow:** The species used to be much more numerous there, but at Ottawa the census of 7 Jun found two, and that of 5 Jul but one. **C. Holt** counted 18 in *Ashtabula* on 14 Jun, and 16 were found in a *Hancock* survey on 7 Jul (*vide B. Hardesty*). The GAASBC found 28. **A. Troyer** had 18 on a square-mile survey plot in *Holmes* during the period.
- Grasshopper Sparrow:** Outside of grasslands in reclaimed stripmines, the high count was at BIWA, where **V. Fazio** found 29 territories on 23 Jun, then 56 by the end of the month. Scarcer in the northeast, so notable were three in *Ashtabula* on 14 Jun (**C. Holt**) and one at Fairport Harbor on 28 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**). One was found at Ottawa, on the 5 Jul census.
- Henslow's Sparrow:** No remarkable counts outside the artificial grasslands. Of interest was one in Thompson Twp, *Seneca*, on 6 Jun, and at Killdeer on 30 Jun (both **T. Bartlett**).
- Swamp Sparrow:** Six on the 5 July ONWRC was not encouraging, but 110 were reported in *Summit* during the GAASBC.
- White-throated Sparrow:** Stragglers were in *Holmes* on 1 Jun (**E. Yoder**) and 10 Jun (**N. Yoder**). One was singing on 15 Jun at Springville Marsh (**T. Bartlett**), and another sang near HBSP into Jul (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**).
- White-crowned Sparrow:** One stayed as late as 9 Jun in *Hancock* (**B. Von Stein, vide B. Hardesty**).
- Dark-eyed Junco:** A migrant was late at HBSP on 14 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**), and **M. Gingerich** noticed one singing at Mohican SF through at least 26 Jun. Bred at the usual northeastern spots, including N. Chagrin Res'n, where four or more territorial males were noted by **K. Metcalf**.
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** **D. Chasar** said numbers seemed down in the CVNRA this summer. The GAASBC ended up with 115. They may breed in the southeastern woods, but confirmation of nesting is lacking; this summer males were noted in *Hocking* and along the *Athens-Vinton* county line on 2 Jun (**V. Fazio**), and one to two were singing 2-5 Jun in *Meigs* (**G. Gerrone**).
- Blue Grosbeak:** Reported during the period on a number of occasions in *Adams* and *Clermont*.
- Dickcissel:** On 3 Jun four were seen at BIWA, where 20 were singing by 23 Jun, then 47 by the end of the month (**V. Fazio**). Two were seen in *Preble* on 7 Jun (**D. Styer**), and two on the 5 Jul ONWRC. **T. Bartlett** reported two or more through the period at Thompson Twp, *Seneca*, and four pairs nested in *Holmes* (**L. Raber, vide M. Troyer**).

- Bobolink:** D. Chasar reported numbers were down at the Scobie Rd site in the CVNRA. C. Holt counted 26 in *Ashtabula* on 14 Jun. Twelve were at BIWA on 23 Jun (V. Fazio).
- Eastern Meadowlark:** Seemed down in general. At Ottawa, two on 7 Jun and one on 5 Jul were not good numbers.
- Western Meadowlark:** A male was present in *Holmes* from late May through 7 Jul (A. Troyer, m obs). One was in *Greene* on 14 Jun (D. Overacker), and a male sang in *Hancock* on 7 and 10 Jul (B. Hardesty).
- Common Grackle:** High count 446 on the 5 Jul ONWRC. P. Lozano noticed a group anting with mothballs in Lakewood on 21 Jun.
- Orchard Oriole:** In good shape in the CVNRA, where five fledged in a nest near Jaite on 13 Jun (D&A Chasar) and four were noted at Ira Rd on 29 Jun (T&M Romito). By 6 Jul the first migrant was noticed, in *Holmes* (M. Gingerich).
- Purple Finch:** In good numbers. One was in *Ashtabula* on 14 Jun (C. Holt), 17 on the GAASBC in mid-month, and a male haunted Mohican on 26 Jun (M. Gingerich). K. Metcalf noted one on the N. Chagrin Res'n on 2 Jul, and one was in Streetsboro Bog, *Portage*, for R. Rickard on the 5<sup>th</sup>. J. Fry had a female visit his feeders in *Hocking* on 23, 24, 26, and 28 Jul and a male follow up on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Pine Siskin:** Appeared at a feeder in *Holmes* 5 and 7 Jun (R. Hershberger, J. Miller).
- American Goldfinch:** High count 85 in a thistle patch in *Holmes* on 22 Jun (M. Troyer).
- Evening Grosbeak:** An adult appeared at Lakeshore MP, *Lake*, on 16 Jun (J. Pogacnik).

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This Swainson's warbler managed to find itself in one of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory's nets at Navarre Marsh, Ottawa Co. It was banded on 28 April 1998 and was relocated two days later. Photo by Bruce Simpson on 28 April 1998.