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Caspian terns normally do not spend the summer within the boundaries of Ohio. These two (right), however, were seen intermittently at Caesar Creek State Park, Warren Co., throughout the season. Photo by Troy Shively on 5 June 2001.

## Further Readings on the Birds of Ohio from Sixty or More Years Ago

Readers who have enjoyed Kirtland's writings republished in this issue may be interested in the following seminal works in Ohio ornithology from generations past.

**Langdon, F. 1879. A Revised List of Cincinnati Birds. Cincinnati Society of Natural History Bulletin 1:167-193.** Enlarged from an 1877 catalogue to treatments of 282 species of the Cincinnati area, with brief annotations. The best source of the day for the region. Published in a periodical, thus available mostly in library collections today.

**Wheaton, J. 1882. Report on the Birds of Ohio. Ohio Geological Survey Bulletin 4:187-628.** First published in a small edition in Columbus in 1879, an extensive and informative work with lengthy annotations for each species, recognized or unrecognized. A useful 19-page bibliography chronicles species as they were added to the Ohio list; it includes 22 references to works by Kirtland. Some copies of this important work are currently available in used bookstores at favorable prices of \$20-\$40.

**Dawson, W. 1903. The Birds of Ohio. Wheaton Publishing Company, Columbus. Two vol, 671 pp.** Copiously illustrated, more popular than scientific in approach but still informative, with much local natural history detail, it includes introduction and analytical keys by Lynds Jones. Pricy because of illustrations, runs \$50-200 these days.

**Jones, L. 1903. The Birds of Ohio. Ohio State Academy of Science Special Papers No. 6. 241 pp.** Presented as a revision of Wheaton (1882), with less extensive updated notes on status and distribution. Hard to find in bookstores.

**Hicks, L. 1935. Distribution of the Breeding Birds of Ohio. Ohio Biological Survey Bulletin No. 32. 65 pp.** An annotated checklist of 181 species confirmed as breeders in the state. 65 pp. Priced from \$2-\$10 these days in used book stores.

**Campell, L. 1940. Birds of Lucas County. Toledo Museum Scientific Bulletin Vol. 1, No. 1: 1-225.** A fine well-annotated list of birds of the region, precursor to his *Birds of the Toledo Area* (1968). \$20-\$40 currently in the used book trade, the 1968 work less costly.

**Trautman, M. 1940. The Birds of Buckeye Lake, Ohio. Miscellaneous Publications of the Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, No. 44. 466 pp.** Superb work, from the era in which Buckeye Lake was wilder and birdier than today, with far wider applications in Ohio. Fairly easy to find in the used book trade, at prices from \$25-\$75.

A note for bibliophiles: perhaps the rarest and most valuable book on Ohio birds is Jones, G., and E. Shulze. 1878. *Illustrations of the Nests and Eggs of the Birds of Ohio*, with text. Circleville, OH. Sold originally for \$5 in a single printing of 90 copies, one is currently for sale for over \$9000, and this copy lacks the hand-coloring of the 24 life-sized prints present in other examples.

Some words of advice on nomenclature. In studying ornithological works of a hundred or more years past, making sure exactly which species one is reading about is sometimes no easy task. Remember that English names are often more stable than scientific ones, and for the latter generic names are more likely to have changed than specific ones. Examine internal evidence, and look for similar names in old works such as those of Wilson, Bonaparte, and Audubon. An internet search of the problematic older name is often helpful in finding a modern equivalent. —Ed.