

Winter Surprise: A January Baltimore Oriole in Ohio


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My husband called me to the breakfast room window, "Karen, you should see this huge goldfinch." OK, OK, we have lots of goldfinches at our thistle feeder and it was probably just fluffed up keeping warm, I thought. But this bird was on our big feeder, the one with sunflower and safflower mix, and it didn't look quite right. The bill gave it away, certainly not a goldfinch's bill. But what was an oriole doing at our feeder in Dayton, Ohio, in the dead of winter—23 January, to be exact, even though it had been rather mild? And what was an oriole doing at a feeder, anyway? Aren't they insect and fruit eaters?

We have been observing the comings and goings of birds in our yard for many years, racking up an impressive 62 species either in or flying over our 3-4-acre wooded suburban yard. Among our more interesting visitors have been summer tanager, fox sparrow, yellow-billed cuckoo, pileated woodpecker, wood thrush, and a nice variety of migrant warblers. This winter we were very pleased to have the red-breasted nuthatch and brown creeper to chase away the season's doldrums, but we never expected an oriole. Nor had we ever seen one here even in summer.

We eventually called the Audubon rare bird alert number here in Dayton, left a message about our bird, and got out all our bird books to figure out what kind of oriole we had. My new Sibley guide, a Christmas gift, came in handy: either a female or first-year male Baltimore oriole. Jim Arnold from the hotline came out and decided it was a first-year male because of the deep yellow color and the dark back. And then more birders came. It was present for over a week, and he came every day, flying between our house and our neighbors' across the street who serve up safflower seed and peanuts. I tried stringing orange sections in strategic locations to enhance our offerings, but he seemed to prefer the seed. I know insects are his number one favorite, especially caterpillars, and I'm wondering if he heard me declare this past year as our "Year of the Butterfly," and somehow got wind of the black swallowtail chrysalis hanging on our porch, and is just biding his time. Or maybe he was after any of the other 13 varieties of butterflies we observed here last summer. Hopefully our wooly worms were well hidden under the leaf litter. But then again, maybe he just preferred seeds. At any rate, there was no need for us to go south this winter; we had a little bit of summer right here in our own backyard.

See page 71 in this issue for one of the author's photographs of this remarkable bird. —Ed. 

The 2001-02 Christmas Bird Counts

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This year we present the results from 60 Christmas Counts conducted entirely or partially in Ohio, down from last year's 62. Most of the results were obtained directly from the Audubon web site at <<http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/>>. Audubon cautions that the data have not been reviewed yet. Readers of this report should also be aware that there may be some errors. Three counts—Athens, Clark County, and Gypsum—did not report their results to Audubon, but are included here. Finally, we include the results from Hancock County, which counts the entire county, rather than the standard 15-mile circle.

An asterisk next to an entry in the charts indicates that we received documentation of the sighting. Other reports of unexpected species may also be accurate. I have omitted reports of exotics, and have corrected a few obvious data entry errors. At least I hope they were errors. If your count really did see multiple Tufted Ducks, and no Ring-necked Ducks, then I apologize for taking them away from you in this report.

Unusually warm weather lasted until well into the count period, allowing quite a few unexpected species to linger. We usually get a combined species list of somewhere in the high 140s; this year the tally was 152, plus 5 additional during count week. The most amazing statistic for this year's count is that we found six warbler species. Besides the obvious yellow-rumped warblers, we usually find a couple of common yellowthroats, and even a pine warbler isn't out of the question. But this year we also had Nashville warbler, yellow warbler, and American redstart.

Building on Tom Kemp's article in last winter's issue ("All Time High Ohio Christmas Bird Counts", *The Ohio Cardinal* Vol. 24(2):94-98), this year's count added three new species to our list: brown-headed nuthatch (Burton, 1), yellow warbler (Cuyahoga Falls, 1) and American redstart (Columbus, 1). New high counts were set for mute swan (Gypsum, 43), bald eagle (Gypsum, 63), sandhill crane (Preble County, 200), least sandpiper (Clark County, 3), purple sandpiper (Lake Erie Islands, 11), hairy woodpecker (Millersburg, 148), and white-breasted nuthatch (Millersburg, 639). High counts were tied for red-throated loon (Mentor, 1), green heron (Millersburg, 1), northern shoveler (Ottawa NWR, 23), peregrine falcon (Cleveland, 2), black-headed gull (Elyria-Lorain, 1), and Nashville warbler (Cleveland, 1).

For those who enjoy the competitive aspect of Christmas Counts, Cincinnati and Toledo each found 88 species, followed by Millersburg with 84, Gypsum with 83, Cuyahoga Falls and Wilmot with 77, and Elyria-Lorain and Ragersville with 76. Cuyahoga Falls put 88 counters into the field, plus an additional 56 at feeders, Preble County had 89 in the field, and Toledo had only 31 field counters, but added 236 feeder watchers.

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Red-throated Loon				1									21	1
Common Loon	1		2	1									11	2
Pied-billed Grebe	4		1	1									3	1
Horned Grebe	1		cw	2		2							3	
Red-necked Grebe														
Northern Gannet				cw										
Double-crested Cormorant				1									4	
Great Blue Heron	6	2	9	3	29	7		20	9	6	cw	16	28	30
Great Egret														
Black-crowned Night-Heron														
Green Heron					1*									
Black Vulture		1			65			33					1	
Turkey Vulture		6	2		220		2	100					3	
Snow Goose	1					1				126				
Canada Goose	404	1411	1093	891	1385	447	189	192	213	13816	712	336	28	657
Mute Swan		2	3	3					3			1	2	
Trumpeter Swan										6				
Tundra Swan	58		cw		1					419				
swan sp.														
Wood Duck	1				8	1		1		2			9	1
Gadwall	17			1	11	4				7				3
American Wigeon	10									5			cw	
American Black Duck	200	12	14	18	4	79	3	18		1218	4			19
Mallard	925	111	109	300	742	249	18	230	71	26735		69	71	191
Mallard hybrid														
Blue-winged Teal														
Northern Shoveler	1					2				23				1
Northern Pintail					1					4				
Green-winged Teal						cw		1						
Canvasback	17													
Redhead	59		1											
Ring-necked Duck			45			cw				49		4	5	1
Greater Scaup	23											4		
Lesser Scaup	9		48			cw				8		17		3
scaup sp.	30													5
Surf Scoter			cw											
White-winged Scoter														
Long-tailed Duck														
Bufflehead	10			9		4		20		2		1		5
Common Goldeneye	51			11						1352				
Hooded Merganser	18	5	5	10	2	8			68	4			72	4
Common Merganser				8						401	cw			
Red-breasted Merganser	707			250	3					95			cw	
merganser sp.														
Ruddy Duck	22		8		2					2				
duck sp.										800				1
Osprey														
Bald Eagle				1	3	1		1		9	cw	1		3
Northern Harrier	1	1		2		1		2		12	27	6	36	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2		4	4	1	5				cw	2	1	1
Cooper's Hawk	5	3	9	3	21	6	2	7	2	8	1	2	1	4
Northern Goshawk										1				
Accipiter sp.			1		2									3
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	2	6	2		1	4						2	3
Red-tailed Hawk	11	24	57	13	236	44	23	62	37	36	37	25	39	35
Rough-legged Hawk			1	1	16	8	2				1		cw	
Buteo sp.		1												1
Golden Eagle				cw										
American Kestrel	2	13	14	7	77	17	12	22	21	43	14	17	37	29
Merlin	1			1								1		1*

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															1	1
															63	19
		3	1	2											152	37
															36	14
															1	1
															0	1
									6					15	222	13
		9	8	3	3	5	3	95	49	2	26	18	12	5	1095	52
															1	2
															11	1
															1	1
					3										186	7
					45						7	147			659	15
								18	7	3			1		159	12
	181	30	258	546	835	1519	261	932	2610	4317	601	2289	1786	1193	69685	54
				32		6		9				1			128	19
													2		18	4
					69			78					1	8	907	16
				1		2		18			1	15	1		1	1
															127	26
	6			6		10		110	29	3	18		41	5	652	30
						4		4	8		12		1		178	15
					1	61	2	188	79	8	35	18	4	61	3384	41
	12	74	90	287	75	1311	65	2101	185	246	632	690	463	442	50932	53
															9	2
									2		8*				8	2
								286			1		1		386	11
								5	11	3			2		47	13
								63	45		4	14	3	18	178	14
								79		2					417	7
	4										1				123	8
				5				424		36	45		61	3	1299	22
								7							41	5
	23							8		1122		46		2	1891	26
										136					211	4
															1	2
															1	1
															1	1
	2			2				41	47	6			1		2048	23
								407	22					15	3412	14
									30		16		5	29	813	33
									5		35	10		16	2054	12
											13	38			17714	16
													1		1	1
	47									139	5	4			782	17
				2	137										780	6
															1	1
	2							10	12	23			2	13	194	27
	13	1	2		15	5	16	2	6	11	3	4	9		280	38
	2	3	2	1	5		3	5	3	1		3		1	108	38
	2	3	1	8	26	7	8	10	4	7	6	19	8	2	341	54
															2	2
									2	2			1		17	11
		4		1	1	2				4		4	cw		90	24
	12	36	22	20	175	61	92	32	43	43	32	203	59	21	2398	54
	cw				31	2		1	1				9	5	106	22
															5	4
															0	1
	14	20	25	16	57	36	33	20	15	59	17	90	31	11	1231	53
														1	9	7

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Peregrine Falcon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
hawk sp.	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ring-necked Pheasant	—	—	1	—	11	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ruffed Grouse	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wild Turkey	—	—	126	2	174	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern Bobwhite	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virginia Rail	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
American Coot	7	12	79	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sandhill Crane	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Killdeer	—	1	—	—	47	15	2	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Least Sandpiper	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Purple Sandpiper	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common Snipe	—	—	—	—	20	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
American Woodcock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pomarine Jaeger	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Franklin's Gull	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Little Gull	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Black-headed Gull	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonaparte's Gull	1381	—	295	460	—	13	—	286	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ring-billed Gull	9983	—	770	9589	1	139	—	14	507	377	375	—	482	—
Herring Gull	58	—	8	144	2	—	—	4	370	27	45	—	—	—
Thayer's Gull	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iceland Gull	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lesser Black-backed Gull	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Glaucous Gull	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Great Black-backed Gull	10	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—
gull sp.	—	—	88	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rock Dove	158	72	340	137	1283	261	29	387	186	15	47	2	28	477
Mourning Dove	206	176	683	67	1938	165	114	170	174	1019	63	176	577	493
Barn Owl	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eastern Screech-Owl	2	3	30	2	15	5	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—
Great Horned Owl	—	3	3	1	16	1	—	4	—	20	1	1	1	—
Snowy Owl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barred Owl	—	—	4	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Long-eared Owl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Short-eared Owl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern Saw-whet Owl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Belted Kingfisher	3	4	13	2	37	3	—	6	5	1	3	17	15	5
Red-headed Woodpecker	2	—	—	3	35	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red-bellied Woodpecker	41	38	89	30	484	60	33	69	21	11	22	63	34	62
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	—	5	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Downy Woodpecker	40	44	115	37	538	71	48	50	51	61	36	37	25	68
Hairy Woodpecker	10	10	21	7	148	9	11	9	4	2	7	2	13	—
Northern Flicker	1	9	11	—	150	16	18	30	7	1	7	22	32	20
Pileated Woodpecker	3	18	12	6	79	6	14	9	—	—	—	10	7	18
Eastern Phoebe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern Shrike	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
shrike sp.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blue Jay	133	114	314	166	1111	285	93	33	71	96	40	70	60	251
American Crow	788	276	10000	273	2298	1059	256	3829	261	2	49	200	318	311
Horned Lark	—	53	—	—	252	91	—	6	40	314	239	40	11	—
Bank Swallow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carolina Chickadee	—	128	8	—	1069	7	27	181	233	—	—	163	57	144
Black-capped Chickadee	142	—	4	252	82	8	58	—	—	10	49	—	—	—
chickadee sp.	—	—	298	—	56	136	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	133
Tufted Titmouse	86	105	209	140	1002	131	47	86	53	21	26	73	48	170
Red-breasted Nuthatch	7	2	14	1	31	5	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
White-breasted Nuthatch	55	48	125	36	639	72	25	38	33	10	32	53	17	63
Brown-headed Nuthatch	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brown Creeper	1	4	3	5	55	3	1	7	1	7	7	7	3	1

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—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	8	5
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	3	1	—	—	—	—	15	3
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	93	22
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	6
7	90	3	—	121	23	9	—	—	2	111	13	91	11	61	1067	28
—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	5
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1813	30
—	—	200	—	—	—	—	—	272	—	8	111	—	—	25	488	9
—	53	35	—	57	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	—	960	33
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	59	—	—	—	3	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43	10
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—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
42	—	1	727	1830	33	5	3831	3449	3890	8	146	6	4	5657	24318	24
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	163633	48
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10645	35
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—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	532	11
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	202	6
10	238	113	65	818	373	141	908	197	366	528	2570	360	186	—	16791	53
34	572	244	661	1718	651	389	617	240	405	301	1813	497	199	—	21329	54
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	3
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	295	30
3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	202	42
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	62	24
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	7
2	7	2	4	3	5	8	2	5	—	9	13	11	4	—	3	4
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	377	50
6	33	16	26	295	55	52	30	30	37	84	245	82	27	—	154	24
—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3438	54
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	89	19
9	56	20	50	341	76	98	87	78	54	113	327	110	43	—	5141	54
—	5	1	3	88	11	7	8	12	8	13	75	17	10	—	889	51
2	30	12	11	65	3	15	9	17	6	37	47	28	11	—	1153	53
—	24	4	4	63	8	4	—	6	3	7	42	11	6	—	498	40
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	7
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	8
10	180	30														

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Carolina Wren	11	26	22	11	401	30	22	87	31	22	1	28	58	129
House Wren	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Winter Wren	—	—	—	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1
Marsh Wren	—	—	—	—	1*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	3	1	1	142	18	—	15	1	—	—	18	16	11
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	ow	—
Eastern Bluebird	—	83	126	67	871	169	49	62	25	3	11	64	71	48
Hermit Thrush	—	—	—	2	2	1	5	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
American Robin	302	41	20	332	280	29	2	408	17	3	—	701	7	196
Gray Catbird	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern Mockingbird	2	20	1	1	178	9	12	16	26	—	—	10	3	104
Brown Thrasher	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
European Starling	899	1624	884	2884	2768	777	271	8865	1557	9510	1101	14243	2802	1622
American Pipit	—	—	—	—	34	8	—	—	—	—	—	21	—	ow*
Cedar Waxwing	—	—	2	128	24	14	6	3	3	9	—	14	1	—
Nashville Warbler	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yellow Warbler	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yellow-rumped Warbler	—	1	—	—	5	1	—	3	1	—	—	20	18	1
Pine Warbler	—	—	—	—	1*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
American Redstart	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common Yellowthroat	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eastern Towhee	—	5	—	—	55	1	—	24	—	1	—	5	3	27
American Tree Sparrow	13	20	83	45	1053	285	25	285	7	1111	115	24	14	4
Chipping Sparrow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Field Sparrow	—	4	9	—	1	—	—	12	—	—	1	—	1	3
Savannah Sparrow	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Henslow's Sparrow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fox Sparrow	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Song Sparrow	14	50	67	2	963	56	29	206	37	77	2	18	36	192
Swamp Sparrow	—	1	4	1	35	1	—	31	—	100	—	—	—	11
White-throated Sparrow	12	30	15	26	215	10	35	59	2	8	1	94	32	159
White-crowned Sparrow	—	2	—	—	614	25	2	132	5	13	1	3	7	51
sparrow sp.	—	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dark-eyed Junco	62	260	334	304	953	461	197	105	42	115	145	131	137	516
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lapland Longspur	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51	—	—	—	—
Snow Bunting	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	300	7	—	—	—	—
Northern Cardinal	88	240	409	82	2357	351	227	214	182	357	30	199	114	646
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red-winged Blackbird	ow	2	4	26	892	3	9	126	10	13987	—	5	2	3
Eastern Meadowlark	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	3	—	—	1	11	—
Yellow-headed Blackbird	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	ow	—	—	—	—
Rusty Blackbird	—	—	—	—	56	—	—	—	1	265	—	—	—	—
blackbird sp.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—
Common Grackle	—	1	1	350	245	—	—	—	3	7052	—	40	30	2
Brown-headed Cowbird	—	1	—	75	242	10	1	—	—	10770	—	—	—	1
Purple Finch	2	11	5	1	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
House Finch	264	179	335	100	796	142	6	41	195	116	242	21	60	201
White-winged Crossbill	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common Redpoll	24	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pine Siskin	3	—	2	20	ow	72	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—
American Goldfinch	77	81	240	121	859	250	62	90	126	208	41	99	73	224
Evening Grosbeak	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
House Sparrow	461	257	811	322	2255	223	157	263	956	6199	766	87	30	402
total species	67	60	67	74	84	74	47	62	44	74	42	67	67	70
total individuals	17950	5707	18472	17820	30741	6449	2164	16764	5094	97768	4301	17763	6599	7924
observers	25	30	21	18	75	16	9	9	6	38	7	29	10	26
+ at feeders	1	9	24	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	22
party hours	25	39	80	46	275	52	27	31	26	42	26	59	35	51

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

	Plymouth (12) December 30, 2001	Portsmouth (61) December 22, 2001	Preble Co. (68) December 21, 2001	Quail Hollow-Harville (37) December 16, 2001	Regensburg (70) December 26, 2001	Salem (33) January 5, 2002	Tiffin (11) December 15, 2001	Toledo (3) December 16, 2001	Trumbull Co. (28) December 16, 2001	Wellington (26) January 5, 2002	Western Hamilton Co. (63) December 23, 2001	Wilmet (32) December 15, 2001	Woodslee (31) December 22, 2001	Youngstown (34) December 15, 2001	Total Individuals	Number of Counts
1	79	6	6	123	24	23	27	8	4	154	144	51	18	2649	53	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	22
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
—	17	1	2	41	5	2	—	6	1	25	13	9	2	613	39	
—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	13	7
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
9	90	40	54	648	136	40	5	80	70	77	379	188	21	5100	53	
—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50	12	
5	14	274	35	468	136	1	124	10	13	4643	19	300	42	19700	51	
—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	6
—	27	13	—	138	8	3	3	—	—	81	156	10	—	1242	38	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4
479	4831	2700	2013	4595	2514	2102	1090	1032	4650	22417	5083	1520	686	265187	54	
23	—	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	108	10	
—	—	—	—	14	4	1	142	95	—	6	11	25	11	1939	37	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	195	25
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
1	8	—	3	28	2	1	—	—	—	1	13	1	4	338	33	
43	13	15	113	709	198	185	496	234	65	20	458	360	49	10032	54	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	4	
—	6	11	—	25	4	—	—	—	—	—	13	1	—	152	25	
—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	13	5	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	
—	—	2	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	54	20	
3	89	28	27	832	58	43	33	25	11	316	351	148	25	5811	54	
—	—	—	—	9	9	—	14	2	—	56	11	13	2	446	32	
2	51	26	20	238	15	11	28	17	3	301	46	33	12	3942	49	
—	19	2	13	383	18	—	—	2	2	4	533	24	22	2116	39	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68	3	
29	300	91	139	1455	224	174	223	244	109	295	517	298	126	12976	54	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	141	4	
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	109	—	—	—	—	—	—	686	17	
26	262	64	192	2047	297	310	224	214	236	547	1179	390	134	19322	54	
—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	
1	7	—	915	ow	48	2	5213	40	—	212	2472	574	2	25999	41	
—	25	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	115	18	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	
—	—	—	3	1	—	—	390	—	—	37	17	72	—	1135	17	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1832	4	
—	—	1	308	3	—	—	13304	—	—	6030	29	25	—	28278	31	
2	—	—	222	23	4	45	2514	—	1	3	988	100	1	15447	34	
—	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	6	—	—	—	109	23	
21	22	32	322	570	242	243	191	106	16							

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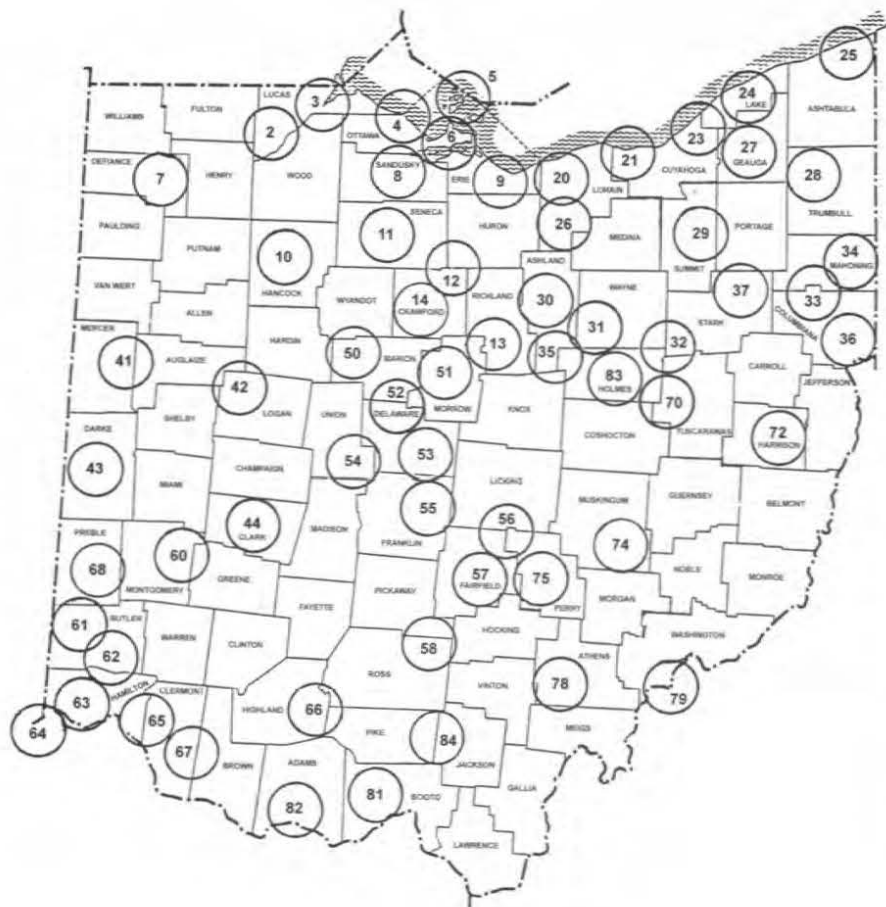
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***Plegadis ibis* sp.**—Van Wert County, 28 October 2001, observer J. Perchalski. This record of the glossy/white-faced type was of course in non-breeding plumage, and separation of these two species in this plumage is one of the most vexing problems the Committee—and birders in general—consistently face. Ultimately, both the observers and the OBRC felt that this bird was best left identified only to genus, although several members did suspect it may have actually been the rarer—for Ohio—white-faced ibis *P. chihi*, based in part on the apparent lack of pale lines around the base of the bill.

Long-tailed Jaeger *Stercorarius longicaudis*—Lake County, 27 October 2001, observer K. Metcalf. There are Ohio records of this species from the third week of October, but this is the first from the fourth week. While the bird was a juvenile, and great care must be taken in separating this species from subadult parasitic jaeger *S. parasiticus*, it was well seen and impeccably documented, including supporting field sketches.



The 2001-02 Christmas Bird Count areas. Numbers within circles correspond to count numbers in the preceding article. 