



The 2002-03 Christmas Bird Count areas. Numbers within circles correspond to count numbers in the preceding article. 🐦

Attention, Ohio Observers

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A hundred winters ago, William Leon Dawson was completing work on The Birds of Ohio (1903). He issued the following appeal to Ohio birders in the January-February issue of the Wilson Bulletin (15[1]:32). Present-day readers may be interested in seeing a list of birds whose Ohio status was problematic a century ago, as considered by one of the most prominent ornithologists of the day. —Ed.

Information is especially desired concerning the status or occurrence in this State of the following species. Some of them are merely under suspicion as probabilities; some are just coming to recognition as newly elaborated sub-species; others, once reckoned common by our ornithological fathers, have unaccountably passed from our ken; others still, while well known residents of our State, occupy variable areas, or occur within limits not satisfactorily determined. In preparing a book on the Birds of Ohio the writer is both discovering the weak places in his own armor, and waking up to the fact that many likely species are being allowed to pass unnoticed by the majority of observers. Any information received will be gratefully acknowledged in these columns or in the pages of the book:

- Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*).
- Red-legged Black Duck (*Anas obscura rubripes*).
- Cory's Least Bittern (*Ardetta neoxena*).
- Yellow Rail (*Porzana noveboracensis*).
- Black Rail (*P. jamaicensis*).
- American Goshawk (*Accipiter atricapillus*).
- Saw-whet Owl (*Nyctala acadica*).
- Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus borealis*).
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*).
- Hoyt's Horned Lark (*Otocoris aepstris [sic] hoyti* Bishop); recently elaborated. Probably abundant in winter.
- Prairie Horned Lark (*O. a. praticola*) in winter.
- Thick-billed Redwing (*Agelaius phoeniceus fortis* Ridgw.) in early winter and early spring.
- Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*). What is its range?
- Philadelphia Vireo (*Vireo philadelphicus*).
- Northern Parula Warbler (*Compothlypis amicana usneæ*).
- Sycamore Warbler (*Seirus noveboracensis notabilis*).
- Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*).

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