

Table 3. 1989-2002 Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge shorebird survey results (by year) from Michael R. Bolton and John Szanto.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Total
Black-bellied Plover	137	17	243	156	134	33	8	81	17	61	781	572	2,230	359	4,819
American Golden-Plover	122	8	10	0	76	74	0	1	0	0	161	525	533	10	1,520
Sensory Plover	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Semipalmated Plover	113	70	634	54	948	153	94	130	122	46	121	2,540	2,604	1,514	9,143
Killdeer	521	662	745	628	993	573	183	563	669	161	9,876	1,654	11,620	4,991	33,849
American Avocet	25	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	2	0	6	0	5	0	43
Greater Yellowlegs	229	152	251	209	293	300	157	194	318	108	443	334	1,043	639	4,672
Lesser Yellowlegs	363	538	696	484	807	266	207	912	2,718	313	4,607	1,246	9,027	4,652	26,836
Solitary Sandpiper	17	12	35	6	61	16	4	8	12	1	5	52	96	6	331
Willet	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	9	1	0	19
Spotted Sandpiper	78	104	145	60	147	122	34	94	41	10	85	77	216	107	1,320
Upland Sandpiper	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
Wormbird	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Hudsonian Godwit	11	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	6	12	44
Marbled Godwit	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	14
Ruddy Turnstone	13	15	1	0	54	17	0	33	7	11	2	30	30	19	232
Red Knot	2	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	6	38	0	55
Sanderling	30	10	4	0	3	0	0	152	0	0	117	134	1,132	7	1,589
Semipalmated Sandpiper	761	302	192	8	1,265	79	30	4,460	284	17	1,396	512	5,578	9,658	34,755
Western Sandpiper	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	3	1	12	27
Least Sandpiper	133	135	188	71	642	61	47	352	263	8	2,465	8,063	4,921	1,624	18,973
White-rumped Sandpiper	8	1	3	0	4	0	0	4	35	0	10	32	58	27	182
Horned Sandpiper	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	35	0	53	13	115
Pectoral Sandpiper	443	212	1,293	231	604	1,599	1,716	43	575	1,203	3,566	1,776	18,466	3,510	35,237
Dunlin	6,228	2,699	2,102	714	10,795	819	5,084	18,136	12,265	1,410	17,836	13,842	80,638	55,731	228,293
Curlew Sandpiper	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Silt Sandpiper	46	20	0	1	89	0	0	65	3	0	99	11	655	613	1,602
Unidentified <i>Calidris</i>	21	125	64	0	100	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	510
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	8
Ruff	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Short-billed Dowitcher	323	236	230	236	964	112	22	1,015	520	179	4,672	718	1,919	2,150	13,236
Long-billed Dowitcher	53	570	410	260	0	205	0	27	1	0	281	123	319	812	3,041
Unidentified <i>Limonastrea</i>	40	4	0	350	0	0	0	120	0	0	488	0	3	0	1,005
Wilson's Snipe	116	55	213	14	12	160	2	2	27	2	81	0	16	100	800
American Woodcock	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Wilson's Phalarope	10	2	4	0	5	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	4	45	78
Red-necked Phalarope	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	2	0	7	4	19
Total Individuals	9,828	5,959	7,467	3,486	17,953	4,578	7,588	26,596	17,905	3,534	47,352	52,264	121,208	86,636	412,354
Total Species	25	25	22	17	28	26	15	23	21	15	28	22	30	25	35



This Wilson's snipe was one of several utilizing a wet field in Scioto County this spring. Digiscoped photo by Joe Hammond on 15 March 2003.

Recent Actions of the Ohio Bird Records Committee

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The Ohio Bird Records Committee exists to increase knowledge of Ohio's birdlife by validating records, maintaining archives for researchers of Ohio records of occurrences of rare bird species, and establishing the official list of Ohio bird species. The OBRC relies vitally on help from Ohio's field birders who send in details of their sightings of rare birds. Birds unsatisfactorily documented or not subjected to peer review by the Committee cannot be added to official Ohio records, nor will they be attributed in *The Ohio Cardinal*. The OBRC establishes the Review List, which includes all species encountered infrequently enough in the state as to require documentation (specimen, photo, sound recording, and/or full written descriptions from witnesses) for their inclusion in the scientific record. As customary for a spring issue of the *Cardinal*, the full Review List appears at the end of this report.

The OBRC does not review sightings as such, of course, only documentations of sightings. The Committee cannot decide if a given species was seen and correctly identified, but only if the documentation made available from those present at the sighting verifies, for the historical record, the species' occurrence at the time. All documentations received, together with Committee actions thereon, are archived for researchers. All these records—with the sole exception of the identities of Committee members on vote sheets—are available to the public upon request of the Secretary.

Current members of the OBRC are Micki Dunakin (Antwerp), Joe Hammond (Columbus), Rob Harlan (Parma Heights), Ned Keller (Cleveland), Jay Lehman (Cincinnati), Greg Links (Temperance, Michigan), Jim McCormac (Columbus), Kevin Metcalf (Chardon), Sue Tackett (Brookville), Elliot Tramer (Whitehouse), and Sean Zadar (Parma Heights). A summary of actions taken since the last published report follows. Names of observers submitting acceptable documentation are supplied in each case.

Accepted Records

In order to be accepted, records require a minimum of nine accept votes from the 11-member committee.

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus*—Lorain Harbor, Lorain County, 10 January 2003. Observer: John Pogacnik. This record comes right after last fall's invasion, and is the 16th record since 1980.

Ross's Goose *Chen rossii*—Montgomery County, 11-12 January 2003. Observer: David Dister.

Ross's Goose *C. rossii*—Hueston Woods State Park, Butler County, 7 March 2003. Observers: David and Jill Russell. Ohio now averages two or three reports annually, and this species may soon be removed from the review list.

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*—Lakeshore Reservation, Lake County, 19 January 2003. Observer: John Pogacnik. There have been over 30 records in the last two decades, and this species may soon qualify for removal from the list of review species.

Mew Gull *Larus canus*—Eastlake, Lake County, 3 November 2002. Observer: Larry Rosche. The ninth record.

California Gull *Larus californicus*—Lorain County, 14 January 2003. Observer: John Pogacnik. There have now been over 30 records.

Least Tern *Sterna antillarum*—Conneaut Harbor, Ashtabula County, 19 August 2002. Observer: Dan Sanders. About the 18th record since 1980.

Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus*—Wooster, Wayne County, October–December 2002. This bird was visiting a feeder at the home of William Gerber, and was seen by many birders. It was caught, critical measurements taken, and banded on 7 December by Allen Chartier. Fall 2002 was unprecedented in Ohio for *Selasphorus* hummingbirds, with at least a dozen reports of which nine were proven to refer to rufous hummingbird.

Rufous Hummingbird *S. rufus*—Manchester, Adams County, October–December 2002. This bird was visiting the feeders at the home of Esta and Herman Carter, and was caught and banded by Allen Chartier on 13 December.

***Selasphorus* sp. hummingbird**—Batavia, Clermont County, most of November 2002. Visiting feeders at the home of Cindy and Rick Johnson, caught and banded by Allen Chartier on 29 November. This bird was thought to be an adult female, but most committee members felt that critical ID characters were ambiguous on this individual, and did not definitively eliminate the congener Allen's hummingbird.

***Selasphorus* sp. hummingbird**—Carrollton, Carroll County, 24 October–early December 2002. This bird was coming to the feeders at the home of J. D. Reed, who videotaped it. While the tape is adequate to determine genus, most members felt that a specific identification could not be made.

Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi*—Shaker Lakes, Cuyahoga County, 4–12 March 2002. Discovered by Leo Deininger, this rare western stray—only Ohio's sixth record—was present but irregular for several weeks, and seen by many birders. Charles Spagnoli and Bill Whan provided documentation.

Yellow Rail *Coturnicops noveboracensis*—Tuscarawas County, 7 October 2002. Documentation from Robert Schlabach and Bruce Glick. Photographed. Fourteenth record since 1980. This bird was caught during a hayfield mowing operation and, incredibly, another yellow rail was caught in the same manner on this farm back in 1991.

Records Not Accepted

Documentations received for the following reports received fewer than six votes to accept, and were hence not accepted.

Bicknell's Thrush *Catharus bicknelli*—Navarre Marsh, Ottawa County, 28 October 2001. This record passed through three circulations without a decision; pursuant to OBRC bylaws it had to be deliberated on and a decision reached at our annual meeting, held on 12 April 2003. After lengthy discussion and a re-review of the photos, it was decided unanimously that the existing documentation couldn't be accepted. Even though the bird was caught during a banding operation, at least one key measurement was not taken, and no written description of the bird was attributed to an author. Subtleties of coloration—both plumage and bare parts—are important in differentiating this species (as currently regarded) from other thrushes, particularly gray-cheeked thrush, and this information was not available. We consulted several outside experts, who agreed with our decision. This record would not only have been a state first; it also would have been one of the latest reports from this latitude, and one of the westernmost records.

California Gull *Larus californicus*—Eastlake, Lake County, 3 November 2002. This record was reviewed from scanty details and a photograph poorly reproduced in *The Cleveland Bird Calendar*; documentation was unfortunately not provided directly to the committee. Based on the evidence, most members did not feel that other species of gulls could be safely eliminated. As with all records, we would welcome better quality documentation if made available.

Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus*—Killdeer Plains WA, Wyandot County, 26 August 2002. Members offered several reasons for not accepting this report, including the description of the color of the upperparts, the extent of the breast band, and lack of description of head. It was felt that semipalmated plover was not ruled out, based on the description.

Records in Recirculation

Records are recirculated when they have received from the Committee between six and eight votes to accept, or if any member requests recirculation.

Ross's Goose *Chen rossii*—Lake Phippen, Portage County, 18 March 2003.

Western Gull *Larus occidentalis*—Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, early March 2003.

Records Pending Review

We await details on some of these reports.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*—Cuyahoga County, 16 April 2003.

Tricolored Heron *E. tricolor*—Washington County, 24 April 2003.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*—Wayne County, 16 May 2003.

White-faced Ibis *P. chihi*—Sandusky County, 18 May 2003.

Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*—Licking County, 16 April 2003.

Black Rail *Laterallus jamaicensis*—Holmes County, June 2003.

Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus*—Lucas County, 3 May 2003.

Least Tern *Sterna antillarum*—Ottawa County, 17 May 2003.

Common Raven *Corvus corax*—Cuyahoga County, 11 May 2003.

Yellow-rumped "Audubon's" Warbler *Dendroica coronata auduboni*—Franklin County, 4 April 2003. While technically not a review species, this record is being reviewed at the request of the OBRC secretary, as there is a possibility of this subspecies being re-split from the "Myrtle" warbler at some point in the future. There are only 3 or 4 Ohio records of this western subspecies.

Smith's Longspur *Calcarius pictus*—Tuscarawas County, 8 April 2003.

Hoary Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni*—Wayne County, 19 February 1981. It was requested that we review this documentation, as the record precedes formation of the OBRC.

Notes from the OBRC Annual Meeting, Held 12 April 2003

Three new members were welcomed: Joe Hammond, Rob Harlan, and Sue Tackett. Thanks were given to outgoing members Dave Dister, Bernie Master, and Larry Rosche. Noted with sadness was the passing of member Cal Keppler of Youngstown, who was a great asset to the birding community and the OBRC. The committee unanimously agreed to retain McCormac as Secretary for another year.

The Secretary reported that in the preceding year the OBRC reviewed 54 records, accepting 46 (85%), not accepting four records, with four records still ongoing in re-circulation. Thanks to a generous grant from the Master Family Fund, the OBRC was able to complete a new annotated checklist of Ohio birds in 2002, and print 3000 copies. Almost all of these have been distributed free of charge to birders in all parts of Ohio and at least 14 other states. Three new species were added to the state list in 2002: Calliope hummingbird, Eurasian collared-dove, and garganey, bringing the state list to 412 species.

A motion made by the Secretary to reduce the size of the committee from the current 11 members to seven was approved unanimously, and the reduction will be phased in over the next few years.

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The Review List as of 1 June 2003

This list includes (1) any species with no accepted record for Ohio (not enumerated here), (2) any species for which the known frequency of occurrence in Ohio is not greater than two individuals per year over the past 10 years, or (3) any recorded species for which the known frequency of occurrence in Ohio over the past 10 years is greater than two, but fewer than three, records per year, and determined for the list by a vote of the OBRC. This list is reviewed yearly by the Committee; while no species has been removed from the Review List over the past year, three species (garganey, Eurasian collared-dove, and Calliope hummingbird) have been added to the list below based on accepted records during the past year.

Pacific Loon	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Common Raven
Western Grebe	Curlew Sandpiper	Violet-green Swallow
Black-capped Petrel	Ruff	Boreal Chickadee
Leach's Storm-Petrel	Eurasian Woodcock	Brown-headed Nuthatch
Northern Gannet	Parasitic Jaeger	Rock Wren
Brown Pelican	Long-tailed Jaeger	Bewick's Wren
Anhinga	Black-headed Gull	Northern Wheatear
Magnificent Frigatebird	Heermann's Gull	Mountain Bluebird
Tricolored Heron	Mew Gull	Townsend's Solitaire
White Ibis	California Gull	Varied Thrush
Glossy Ibis	Ross's Gull	Sprague's Pipit
White-faced Ibis	Ivory Gull	Bohemian Waxwing
Roseate Spoonbill	Royal Tern	Black-throated Gray Warbler
Wood Stork	Arctic Tern	Townsend's Warbler
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	Least Tern	Kirtland's Warbler
Ross's Goose	Large-billed Tern	Swainson's Warbler
Trumpeter Swan	Thick-billed Murre	Painted Redstart
Cinnamon Teal	Black Guillemot	Western Tanager
Garganey	Long-billed Murrelet	Green-tailed Towhee
Tufted Duck	Ancient Murrelet	Spotted Towhee
King Eider	Atlantic Puffin	Bachman's Sparrow
Common Eider	Eurasian Collared-Dove	Black-throated Sparrow
Barrow's Goldeneye	White-winged Dove	Lark Bunting
Swallow-tailed Kite	Common Ground-Dove	Baird's Sparrow
Mississippi Kite	Smooth-billed Ani	Harris's Sparrow
Harris's Hawk	Groove-billed Ani	Smith's Longspur
Swainson's Hawk	Northern Hawk Owl	Black-headed Grosbeak
Gyr Falcon	Burrowing Owl	Painted Bunting
Prairie Falcon	Great Gray Owl	Great-tailed Grackle
Yellow Rail	Boreal Owl	Bullock's Oriole
Black Rail	Calliope Hummingbird	Brambling
Purple Gallinule	Rufous Hummingbird	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
Northern Lapwing	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	Pine Grosbeak
Snowy Plover	Black-backed Woodpecker	Hoary Redpoll 
Wilson's Plover	Gray Flycatcher	
Piping Plover	Say's Phoebe	
Black-necked Stilt	Vermilion Flycatcher	
Spotted Redshank	Western Kingbird	
Eskimo Curlew	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	
Long-billed Curlew	Loggerhead Shrike	
Red-necked Stint	Black-billed Magpie	



Common terns were plentiful at Conneaut Harbor in Ashtabula County this spring. This one was photographed there on 15 May 2003 by Gary Meszaros.