

SPECIES ACCOUNTS — SUMMER 2011

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Canada Goose:

This species was reported from 84 counties and confirmed to have bred in 77. The highest count was 359, on the 05 Jun CVNP census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus).

Mute Swan:

This photogenic but destructive alien was reported in 22 counties, with a high count of 10 (two families of five) at Pipe Creek WA, *Erie*, on 18 Jun (Chris Pierce). Breeding was also confirmed in five other counties.

Trumpeter Swan:

Most of the reports were from the western Lake Erie marsh counties (*Erie*, *Lucas*, and *Ottawa*), though *Hamilton*, *Lorain*, *Marion*, *Wayne*, and *Wyandot* were also represented. The only double-digit count was the 33 found during the 05 Jun ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Charles Bombaci reported the only cygnets; he found a family with four on 29 Jun at Killdeer Plains.

Wood Duck:

These were widespread, being reported from 80 counties and confirmed to have bred in 61. The 05 Jun ONWR census found 199 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus), and Margaret Bowman estimated 50 young birds at Dillon WA, *Muskingum*, on 04 July.

Gadwall:

Only *Ashtabula*, *Gallia*, *Lorain*, *Lucas*, *Ottawa*, and *Sandusky* produced sightings. Mark Shieldcastle found a female with her brood in *Ottawa* on 04 July. The high count was eight, found 10 July at Magee (Carol Langford).

American Wigeon:

Four reports were found: The 05 Jun ONWR census counted three birds (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Seven were along the *Ottawa-Lucas* Road near ONWR on 11 Jun (Kenn Kaufman), one appeared at the *Hardin* wetlands on 12 Jun (Richard Counts), and an unnoted number were at *Lorain* on 19 Jun (Jen Brumfield). None were known to breed.

American Black Duck:

The dozen reports came from *Ashtabula*, *Lorain*, *Lucas*, *Scioto*, and *Union*. The high count, nine birds, was in *Lorain* on 29 July (George Coleman). Breeding was not observed.

Mallard:

This widespread nesting bird was reported breeding in 58 counties and seen in another 24. Richard Counts found nearly 300 at the *Hardin* wetlands on

12 Jun and Rob and Sandy Harlan noted a similar number at a York Township, *Sandusky*, site on 03 July.

Blue-winged Teal:

Most of these reports came from the counties adjoining Lake Erie, though 14 counties in all were represented. Five counties had breeding records. The Honda Wetlands held 19 birds on 19 July (Irina Shulgina).

Northern Shoveler:

About a dozen reports came from *Franklin*, *Hardin*, *Hamilton*, *Lorain* and *Sandusky*. Richard Counts found a hen and eight ducklings at the *Hardin* wetlands on 12 Jun for the only breeding record.

Northern Pintail:

One was reported at the *Hardin* wetlands on 12 Jun (Richard Counts) and another from Riddle Road, *Sandusky*, on 17 Jul (Jen Brumfield and Irene Krise).

Green-winged Teal:

There were about 10 reports, all from *Lorain*, *Lucas*, *Mahoning*, *Marion*, and *Sandusky*. Half of them were of singles and the others of two birds.

Canvasback:

Donald Morse, Jr., and Kirk Westendorf saw one bird on 23 and 24 Jun at Armleder Park, *Hamilton*. Mark Shieldcastle found a brood in Cedar Point NWR on 29 Jun; it was the third there since the 1990s.

Redhead:

One was seen on the Upper Sandusky Reservoir, *Wyandot*, on 04 Jul (Su Snyder) and 06 Jul (Laura Dornan). Mark Shieldcastle found a single adult and a brood in different areas of *Sandusky* on 18 and 30 Jun, respectively.

Ring-necked Duck:

One was on Nesmith Lake, *Summit*, on 06 and 18 Jun (Gregory Bennett) and another in the CVNP Brookside Road marsh on several dates between 02 and 18 Jun (Dwight and Ann Chasar). Su Snyder found the last on the Upper Sandusky Reservoir, *Wyandot*, on 04 July.

Greater Scaup:

A single bird just made it into the season; Craig Holt found an adult female at Conneaut on 01 Jun. He commented that it was "my first ever in June in Ohio".

Hooded Merganser:

More than 20 counties from Lake Erie to the Ohio River had these. Most of the reports were of one to three birds but four reports each noted 10 individuals. Breeding was noted in 11 counties.

Common Merganser:

These were reported from one location in each of *Ashtabula*, *Darke*, *Erie*, *Lake*, *Monroe*, and *Ottawa*. The *Lake* report was of a female with four young, on the Grand River in Hidden Valley MP on 27 Jun (*vide* John Pogacnik). Bob Lane found six families on tributaries of Little Beaver Creek in *Columbiana*.

Red-breasted Merganser:

A straggler, presumed to be the same bird, was noted at Lorain on 21 Jun (Irene Krise) and 26 Jun (Ken Ostermiller).

Ruddy Duck:

The southernmost of the 10 reported sightings were in *Union*, on 05 and 06 Jun at the Honda Wetlands (m. obs.). Jen Brumfield counted 12 birds at Lorain on 06 Jun and Richard Counts saw the same number at the *Hardin* wetlands on 04 Jul. Rob Harlan found an occupied nest at Lorain 17 Jun.

Northern Bobwhite:

These were reported in 38 counties, mostly through the OBBA II. Michael Hershberger found a nest with eggs in *Holmes* and young were seen in *Brown*, *Highland*, and *Union*.



Northern Bobwhite, 05 Jun at VOA Park, Butler, by Laura Keene

Ring-necked Pheasant:

Five were found near Charles Pond, *Pickaway*, on 12 Jun (Wes Hatch) and also in *Champaign* on 16 Jun (Doug Overacker). Smaller numbers were seen in 21 other counties. Margaret Bowman found a nest with eggs in *Licking* on 12 Jun and young were seen in *Ross* (12 Jul, David Hess) and *Union* (23 Jul, Mark Riley).

Ruffed Grouse:

Nine counties (*Adams*, *Darke*, *Geauga*, *Harrison*, *Jefferson*, *Lawrence*, *Meigs*, *Trumbull*, and *Washington*) yielded reports. Scott Pendleton found young in *Harrison* on 30 Jun.

Wild Turkey:

This species was reported from over 70 counties.

The highest number, 15, was in a *Summit* yard on 23 Jul; Dwight and Ann Chasar noted that the homeowner might be setting out feed for them. Breeding was confirmed in 46 counties.

Common Loon:

A few are usually present in summer, either north-bound stragglers or non-breeding individuals who stay until fall migration. The five single sightings between 01 and 12 Jun in *Hamilton*, *Hardin*, *Richland*, *Marion*, and *Trumbull*, were probably the former (m. obs.). The three birds on Evans Lake, *Mahoning*, on 04 July (Marshall Iliff) may have been among the latter, but there were no more reports from that location until well into fall.

Pied-billed Grebe:

These were confirmed to breed in eight of the 23 counties reported. Richard Counts found 24 birds in the *Hardin* wetlands on 04 July.

Horned Grebe:

Gene Stauffer saw the only one of the season in Prairie Oaks MP, *Madison*, on 01 Jun.

Double-crested Cormorant:

Though the reports were concentrated along Lake Erie, these birds were found in almost 30 counties as far south as the Ohio River. Jen Brumfield counted 60 at Lorain on 17 Jul. Breeding was confirmed only in *Mahoning* and *Pickering*, so apparently no one cruised past West Sister Island or scoped Turning Point Island from the Sandusky waterfront.

American White Pelican:

A single bird stayed at Sandy Ridge from 17 to 22 Jun (m. obs.), eight flew over Sherrie Duris's home in *Lucas* on 17 Sep, and 11 flew past Medusa Marsh, *Erie*, on 25 Jun (Rita Schneider).

American Bittern:

The 11 reports, all of single birds, were from *Delaware*, *Franklin*, *Lucas*, *Mahoning* (4), *Sandusky*, *Trumbull*, and *Union* (2). The 29 Jun *Lucas* bird was making a distraction display, indicating a nearby nest (Mark Shieldcastle).

Least Bittern:

Richard Counts saw four birds including two young in the *Hardin* wetlands on 12 Jun. Bruce Miller and Irina Shulgina counted four, no ages noted, in the Honda Wetlands on 16 and 30 July respectively. Mark Shieldcastle also confirmed breeding in *Ottawa* and *Sandusky* and they were seen in a further eight counties.

Great Blue Heron:

83 of our counties hosted these impressive birds and 17 provided breeding evidence. The highest counts were of 136 on the 03 July ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus) and 80 along Wilderness Road, *Wayne*, on 31 July (Ken Ostermiller).

Great Egret:

This species followed its usual pattern relative to the Great Blue Heron: It was found in fewer counties, 24, but the top count was higher. Ed Pierce *et al.* found 260 during the same 03 Jul ONWR census that produced the Great Blue maximum. Breeding was recorded only in **Sandusky**, where Mark Shieldcastle found an occupied nest on 30 Jun.

Snowy Egret:

Lucas, **Ottawa**, and **Sandusky** produced all of the 12 reports, though no breeding was noted. Seven of the reports were of single birds; there were also a double, two triples, and a count of five. The high by far was the 22 which Ed Pierce *et al.* found in ONWR during the 03 Jul census.

Little Blue Heron:

Two were present from late May to 02 Jun at the Darby Creek wetlands, **Franklin**, and another stayed in the Ellis Road Wetlands, **Butler**, from 04 to 07 June (both m. obs.). Charles Crawford saw one at ONWR on 03 Jun and Larry Richardson found another south of Bellevue, Seneca, on 24 July.

Tricolored Heron:

One was reported as a brief glimpse in flight near Charles Pond, **Pickaway**, on 12 Jun, and another was posted to the ONWR eTT on 09 Jul.

Cattle Egret:

Many observers noted one along the Magee causeway during the second half of Jun. One or two were also reported from sites in **Erie**, **Darke**, **Holmes**, **Pickaway**, **Tuscarawas**, and **Union**. The prize goes to Debra Shankland and Robert Hinkle, who found 28 at the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant, **Cuyahoga**, on 01 Jun. No breeding was reported.

Green Heron:

These sometimes-secretive birds showed themselves in 71 counties. Irina Shulgina found eight at the Honda Wetlands on 31 Jul. They were confirmed to breed in 17 counties.

Black-crowned Night-Heron:

These were found in 13 scattered counties. Ed Pierce *et al.* made the high count of 24 during the 03 Jul ONWR census. Ben Warner saw one carrying food to a nest in **Wyandot** on 25 July.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:

One to five were reported through 17 Jul at the Preston Road, Columbus, "colony", though none were specifically noted as youngsters. Andy R. Troyer saw an adult on 16 and 30 Jul along Valley Road in Killbuck Marsh; *The Bobolink* notes that this is the same area where a pair attempted to nest in 2010.

White-faced Ibis:

Tom Bartlett found one at Winous Point on 29 Jun; a second *Plegadis* ibis with it could not be further identified. One was reported on 06 Jun at Lorain and the bird remained until 08 Jun (m. obs.).

Black Vulture:

As expected, this species was reported south-east of a line which goes roughly Oxford-Ashland-Youngstown. The only double-digit count was 12; Barbara Fisher watched that group feed on a deer carcass along Route 33 in **Ashland** on 18 Jul. Scott Pendleton found one on a nest in **Harrison** on 05 Jun.

Turkey Vulture:

These were reported from all 88 counties. Charles Bombaci made the high count of 60 around the northwest part of Hoover Reservoir, **Delaware**, on 17 Jun. Breeding was recorded in 15 counties.

Osprey:

Sightings were reported from over two dozen counties scattered throughout the state. Northwestern Hoover Reservoir, **Delaware**, held the most: Charles Bombaci counted eight there on 17 Jun. Breeding was confirmed in eight counties.

Mississippi Kite:

Steve and Donna Wagner watched two adults circle and hunt for half an hour in Milford, **Clermont**, on 09 July and thoroughly documented the experience; they also had a glimpse of a third, possibly immature, bird. Jim McCormac passed on a report of a pair and one juvenile at Hide-a-Way Hills, **Hocking**, on 13 Jul.

Bald Eagle:

Birds were seen in 29 counties and several counts of eight were reported. Though breeding is concentrated in the western Lake Erie marshes, this summer's only reports of active nests or recently-hatched or fledged young were from **Monroe**, **Sandusky**, **Seneca**, **Summit**, **Wayne**, and **Wyandot**.

Northern Harrier:

There were 12 reports of single birds, from **Co-shocton**, **Erie**, **Geauga**, **Lucas** (2), **Madison**, **Richland**, **Shelby**, **Stark**, **Trumbull** (2), and **Tuscarawas**. Scott Pendleton noted a family at the **Harrison** airport on 30 July.



White-faced Ibis, 06 Jun at Lorain by Ben Warner

Sharp-shinned Hawk:

Thirty-two counties were represented and all but two sightings were of single birds. Craig Moore saw two in *Shelby* on 19 Jun. Gary Cowell saw an adult and a begging youngster in *Ashland* on 17 Jul. Eric Hart found another youngster in *Meigs* on 02 Jul.

Cooper's Hawk:

This species is much more widespread than its smaller relative the Sharp-Shinned. They were seen in 74 counties and reported breeding in 33.

Red-shouldered Hawk:

Youngsters or other breeding evidence were seen in 19 of the 51 counties which generated reports.

Broad-winged Hawk:

More than 30 counties provided sightings and breeding was noted in seven. Matt Anderson watched a family of four soaring near Whitehouse, *Lucas*, on 25 Jun.

Red-tailed Hawk:

These were seen in all 88 counties and breeding was confirmed in 72. Many sightings were of multiple birds, with the highest count being seven found during the 05 Jun ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus).

American Kestrel:

This species was also gratifyingly widespread; it was found in 81 counties, though there was breeding evidence in only 38. Irene Krise counted nine birds along Linsey Road, *Shelby*, when she chased the Cassin's Sparrow on 02 Jul.

Merlin:

One flew past Aaron Miller and David Weaver near Kidron, *Wayne*, on 28 Jun, and Mark Mahnke saw one at an I-90 rest area in *Ashtabula* on 04 Jul.

Peregrine Falcon:

These were reported from 14 counties, most of which include a large urban area. Breeding was noted in *Cuyahoga*, *Mahoning*, *Stark*, *Summit*, and *Trumbull*.

King Rail:

Larry Gara and Robert Thobaben found two in a privately-owned wetland in *Highland* on 03 and 06 Jun respectively. The Honda Wetlands hosted two from 03 Jun through the end of the period (m. obs.). Craig Moore saw one at Darby Creek on 25 Jul. No young were reported.

Virginia Rail:

Eighteen counties yielded this species, many with counts of five or more, and *Cuyahoga*, *Ottawa*, and *Union* had documented breeding. The Honda Wetlands starred – Ben Warner saw 10 adults and young on 14 Jul.

Sora:

Ben Warner and John Watts separately reported youngsters at the Honda Wetlands in Jul. Gary

Stenger found a family at Fernald NP, *Butler/Hamilton*, on 27 Jul. These were the only summer breeding records in the 21 counties where the species was reported. Andy Sewell noted the high count of eight birds at Honda on 16 July.

Common Gallinule:

Five of the 15 reported counties had documented breeding. Richard Counts reported the high number of 13 in the *Hardin* Wetlands on 04 July.

American Coot:

These were reported from 17 widely distributed counties and breeding was noted in five. Craig Caldwell and George Coleman provided the high count of nine at Lorain on 25 and 29 July respectively.

Sandhill Crane:

This species was reported in 14 counties; the southernmost was *Madison*. There were multiple sightings at Funk Bottoms WA, *Wayne*, with the season's high count of seven there on 17 Jul (Ken Ostermiller). Patti Cook noted young colts near Burton, *Geauga*, on 04 Jun and Charles Bombaci found another family in Killdeer Plains on 29 Jun.

Black-bellied Plover:

Ken Ostermiller saw one at Lorain on 30 Jul and Steve Larue reported it the next day.

Semipalmated Plover:

Most of the sightings were at Lorain or Conneaut, though seven other counties were also represented. Laura Keene counted the high of six at Lorain on 16 Jul.

Piping Plover:

Emil Bacik found two banded individuals at Lorain on 13 Jul; they stayed three more days. Dave Slager provided documentation to the OBRC.

Killdeer:

These were reported from all counties except *Morgan* and *Vinton*, and breeding evidence was seen in 64. Rick Asamoto counted 331 at the Englewood Reserve, *Montgomery*, on 16 July.

Black-necked Stilt:

Jonathan Frodge documented one at Armleder Park, *Hamilton*, on 02 Jun.

American Avocet:

There were nine reports starting 26 Jun from Conneaut, Lorain, Pipe Creek WA (*Erie*), and Riddle Road (*Sandusky*) with a total of 16 individuals noted. Many observers reported the high count of five on 25 Jul at Lorain.

Spotted Sandpiper:

Forty-one counties were represented and 10 had confirmed breeding. Rick Asamoto counted the high of 16 birds on both 09 and 16 Jul at the Englewood Reserve, *Montgomery*.

Solitary Sandpiper:

The first was seen 22 Jun at Sandy Ridge (BRAS) and they were present in the state through the end of the period. They were reported from 18 counties. The high count of 13 was at Trail Lagoon, *Holmes*, on 31 Jul (David H. Miller).

Greater Yellowlegs:

These did not arrive until 02 Jul, when Jen Brumfield saw one along Riddle Road in *Seneca*. The high count was at the same location, 15 birds on 17 Jul (Jen Brumfield, Craig Caldwell). They were reported from eight other counties.

Willet:

Observers found one or two birds at Lorain in early Jun and during most of Jul. The high count of 15 was there on 10 Jul, and Jen Brumfield wrote that it was the "largest group of WILL I've encountered in the state". Craig Holt reported the only other sightings, three birds on 02 Jul and one on 17 Jul at Conneaut.

Lesser Yellowlegs:

Matt Anderson reported the first of the season on 19 Jun in *Fulton*. They were seen in 20 counties with a high count of 220 at Riddle Road, *Sandusky*, on 17 Jul (Jen Brumfield).

Upland Sandpiper:

One holdover from May was reported at Bolton Field, *Franklin*, on 05 Jun (Sue Tackett) and 22 Jun (Ben Warner and Dave Slager). David Weaver found five at Lahm Airport, *Richland*, on 11 Jun and Doug Overacker saw one in *Madison* on 29 Jul. Scott Pendleton and friends found the only breeding record, three clutches totaling 10 chicks at the *Harrison* airport on 02 Jun. Love those airports!

Whimbrel:

Rich Kassouf reported one at Sandy Ridge on 03 Jun. Jeff Harvey saw two at Conneaut on 24 Jul.



American Avocet, 09 Jul at Lorain by Jen Brumfield

Marbled Godwit:

There were also two reports of this species, both of single birds at Lorain, on 23 Jul (m. obs.) and 30 Jul (Ken Ostermiller).

Ruddy Turnstone:

Elliot Tramer found two birds at ONWR on 02 Jun and Philip Chaon saw two at Conneaut on 29 Jul.

Red Knot:

Wes Hatch found one at Lorain on 11 Jun.

Sanderling:

The first of the season was probably a northbound straggler; it was at Lorain on 06 and 07 Jun (BRAS and Dick Lee, respectively). The other reports were of three on 14 Jul at Frohring Meadows, *Geauga* (Peter Hellman), four at Lorain on 25 Jul (Joseph Ford), and one to six on several dates during the second half of Jul at Conneaut (m. obs.).

Semipalmated Sandpiper:

Sixteen counties produced reports. Birds were present for the whole period but most of the sightings were after 10 Jul. The high count of 15 was made at Lorain on 21 to 23 Jul (m. obs.).

Western Sandpiper:

Joseph Ford saw two at Lorain on 15 Jul and Andy Jones and Dave Slager found one at Winous Point the next day.

Least Sandpiper:

"Spring" migrants were seen until 06 Jun and south-bound birds first appeared on 29 Jun. Both sightings on the named dates were at Lorain, by Ben Warner and Irene Krise respectively. Jen Brumfield provided the high count of 65 from Riddle Road, *Sandusky*, on 17 Jul.

White-rumped Sandpiper:

Armleder Park, *Hamilton*, had "a few" on 02 Jun (Jonathan Frogde), one was reported from Lorain on several Jun dates and again on 15 Jul (m. obs.), and one was at Conneaut on 21 Jun (Craig Holt). There were no July reports.

Baird's Sandpiper:

Irene Krise found one at Lorain on 29 Jun and Gabe Leidy saw another there on 21 Jul.

Pectoral Sandpiper:

William Jones noted a spring straggler at the Mill Creek Sanctuary, *Mahoning*, on 02 Jun. The first fall birds were one on Woods Road, *Darke*, on 04 Jul (Regina Schieltz) and four by the Maumee River at Grand Rapids, *Wood* (Elliot Tramer). Brian Wulker counted the high of 15 at Lost Bridge, *Hamilton*, on 23 Jul. They were also seen in nine other counties.

Dunlin:

Lorain hosted single birds to mid-Jun and up to four from late Jun through the end of the period. One was at Conneaut on 21 Jun (Craig Holt) and another at Sandy Ridge on 26 Jul (BRAS).

Stilt Sandpiper:

These were seen only in July, and “only” at Lorain, Conneaut, Sandy Ridge, Willow Point WA (*Erie*), and Englewood Reserve (*Montgomery*). BRAS, Jen Brumfield, Craig Holt, Irene Krise, Ed and Bev Neubauer, and Rita Schneider reported single birds at these sites. Rich Kassouf found 13 at Lorain on 28 Jul for the only multiple sighting.

Short-billed Dowitcher:

One or two were at Lorain through 12 Jun (m. obs.). The next did not appear until 09 Jul, when Irene Krise and Jen Brumfield found them at Willow Point WA, *Erie*, Riddle Road, *Sandusky*, and Lorain. Andy Jones and Dave Slager found the most, a count of 60 at Winous Point on 16 Jul. They were also seen in *Auglaize* and *Darke*.

Long-billed Dowitcher:

One was seen at Lorain on 16 Jul (BRAS, Dick Lee) and another at Conneaut on 24 Jul (Jeff Harvey).

Wilson’s Snipe:

These were seen at Lorain, the Honda Wetlands, and less-traveled locations in *Belmont*, *Clinton*, *Holmes*, *Huron*, and *Monroe*. No breeding was confirmed.

American Woodcock:

These were found in 29 counties with breeding confirmations from five. Dave Slager made the high count of three at the Honda Wetlands on 04 Jun.

Wilson’s Phalarope:

Jen Brumfield and Irene Krise found one at the Riddle Road, *Sandusky*, wet spot on 17 Jul. Mike Smith and BRAS reported another at Sandy Ridge on 19 Jul.

Red-necked Phalarope:

Tim Fairweather reported the season’s only bird from Sandy Ridge on 19 Jul.

Bonaparte’s Gull:

Single birds were seen in *Ashtabula*, *Erie*, and *Ottawa* on a total of nine dates. Robert Reed counted a group of 23 in East Harbor SP, *Ottawa*, on 27 July.

Laughing Gull:

BRAS provided the only report, of one bird at Lorain Harbor on 12 July.

Ring-billed Gull:

These were seen in more than 25 counties as far south as *Warren*. Most flocks were smaller than 200 birds, but on 13 Jul Marshall Iliff and Jen Brumfield reported approximately 650 in Lorain Harbor. Marshall estimated 1300 at Conneaut later that same day. No breeding was confirmed.

Herring Gull:

Like Ring-billeds these were seen south to *Warren*, but in fewer than 20 counties. Lorain Harbor had approximately 700 on 13 Jul (Marshall Iliff, Jen

Brumfield). Mark Shieldcastle found occupied nests at two locations in *Sandusky*.

Lesser Black-backed Gull:

Conneaut hosted one or two on several dates between 13 and 29 Jul (m. obs.).

Glaucous Gull:

Many observers reported a much out of season bird at Magee on 18 and 19 Jul.

Great Black-backed Gull:

Nine reports, of from one to five birds, came from Conneaut, Headlands, Lorain Harbor and Impoundment, and Magee between 01 Jun and 17 Jul.

Caspian Tern:

There were a moderate number of reports in Jun and many in Jul. Every county adjoining Lake Erie except *Sandusky*, plus *Auglaize*, *Coshocton*, and *Wood* provided at least one. Jen Brumfield found the high count of 35 Lorain Harbor on 17 Jul.

Black Tern:

Five individuals were reported. David Brinkman found one at Winton Woods County Park, *Hamilton*, on 01 Jun; Larry Gara saw one at Caesar Creek SP, *Warren*, on 03 Jun; two graced Cedar Point NWR, *Lucas*, on 28 Jun (Elliot Tramer); and one was at Willow Point WA, *Erie*, on 09 Jul (Jen Brumfield and Irene Krise).

Common Tern:

A scattering of this species appeared throughout the period in *Erie*, *Lucas*, and *Ottawa*. The highest counts were 49 on 05 Jun and 68 on 03 Jul during the respective monthly ONWR censuses (Ed Pierce et al., fide Douglas Vogus).

Forster’s Tern:

Ashtabula, *Columbiana*, *Delaware*, *Lucas*, *Ottawa*, and *Wyandot* provided seven reports of one or two birds from 22 Jun through the end of the season.

Rock Pigeon:

The only surprise in this species’ distribution was that there were no reports from *Clark*; every other county generated at least one. Breeding was confirmed in 21 counties.

Eurasian Collared-Dove:

Kent Miller first reported a nesting pair at a grain mill in Kidron, *Wayne* on 04 Jun. Many viewers enjoyed watching the parents and their offspring through the summer. Troy Shively reported an active nest in Celina, *Mercer*, on 20 Jun. There were also reports from *Clark*, *Franklin*, *Highland*, *Lake*, *Paulding*, and *Wood*, though none of these sightings were documented for the OBRC.

Streptopelia sp. Dove:

Dave Slager spent a considerable amount of time in Celina, *Mercer*, on 24 Jul and photographed at least two doves which were clearly not pure Eurasian

Collared-Doves. He did not speculate on their parentage. The genus *Streptopelia* includes Turtle-Doves and other Collared-Doves, several of which are popular in the cage-bird trade. Mourning Doves are genus *Zenaidura*; hybrids between two genera are known but are less common than hybrids within a genus.

Mourning Dove:

Our native dove was found in every county and produced confirmed breeding reports in 53. Brian Wulker noted “several massive groups” in Armleder Park, *Hamilton*, which totaled approximately 150 birds.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo:

These were found in 82 counties and confirmed to nest in 17. Doug Overacker found six during a 07 Jul outing in *Champaign*.

Black-billed Cuckoo:

This species was found in half of our counties with breeding records in five. Most reports were of single birds but a few areas had two.

Barn Owl:

Thomas Henry banded young in 14 nests in *Holmes*, five in *Wayne*, two in *Tuscarawas*, and one each in *Carroll*, *Henry*, and *Knox*. Tom Kemp found recently fledged young in *Adams*. *The Bobolink* provided the sidelight that a female banded as a nestling near Kidron, *Wayne*, in Jun 2007 was found raising a family in *Juniata*, Pennsylvania.

Eastern Screech-Owl:

Eight of the 69 counties with records had confirmed breeders. Ted Floyd found five birds at Lynx Prairie, *Adams*, on 05 Jun.

Great Horned Owl:

These were seen or heard in just over half of our counties. Fourteen counties had breeding records, all of which were of young birds out of the nests.

Barred Owl:

This species is somewhat more habitat-restricted than Great Horned Owls, but is apparently more easily found in summer: They were reported in 57 counties, 19 of which had confirmed breeding. Marshall Iliff heard at least five, “a major chorus of these guys”, in Oak Openings, *Lucas*, on 04 Jul.

Short-eared Owl:

Leon Yoder found one in southern *Holmes* on 16 Jul. Harlan’s authoritative *Checklist* shows no summer records for this species prior to its publication in 2008, but there are eBird entries in Jun 2007 (*Erie*) and another in Aug 2008 (*Medina*).

Common Nighthawk:

These were found in 32 counties with breeding confirmed in *Auglaize* and *Columbiana*. Jen Brumfield counted the high of 25 over the Hamilton Avenue Arts Building, *Cuyahoga*, on 28 Jul.

Chuck-will’s-widow:

There were six reports of from one to four birds from *Adams* and one from *Scioto*; these counties are the species’ Ohio epicenter. Julie West found one decidedly out of its normal range in *Cuyahoga* on 06 Jul. This aberration, however, is not unique; there are previous May records from Magee and the Navarre Unit of ONWR.

Eastern Whip-poor-will:

There were about 20 reports from 16 counties. Most reports were from the unglaciated and more wooded southeast, but three came from the Oak Openings region of *Lucas*. Breeding was confirmed in *Vinton*.

Chimney Swift:

These were seen in all 88 counties; breeding was confirmed in nine. Dwight and Ann Chasar watched an aggregation of about 200 entering an abandoned industrial chimney in *Cuyahoga* on 16 Jul.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird:

These too were seen in every county, and noted to breed in 22. Kathi Hutton wrote that “at least a dozen...are draining the feeders every day” at her home in *Clermont*.

Belted Kingfisher:

Almost three quarters of our counties produced records and in 25 of them the records included breeding. Robert Reed described what appeared to be two family groups totaling seven birds in the Englewood Reserve, *Montgomery*, on 03 Jul.

Red-headed Woodpecker:

Though anecdotally these are sometimes elusive, they were seen in 78 counties and noted to breed in 38. There were two records of seven birds, on 06 Jul along back roads in southwest *Wyandot* (Laura Dornan) and on 26 Jul in the Delaware WA (Charles Bombaci).

Red-bellied Woodpecker:

These and Downy Woodpeckers share the woodies-seen-in-every-county prize. Red-bellied breeding was noted in 54 of them. A swing through *Greene* on 06 Jun produced 17 birds for Doug Overacker.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:

There were multiple reports of adults in *Ashtabula* and *Lake*; some reports from each also noted an occupied nest or families (John Pogacnik, John Tautin, Daniel Kramer). *Cuyahoga* and *Geauga* each produced one report.

Downy Woodpecker:

Downies were in every county and seen to breed in 48 of them. Tom and Paula Bartlett counted 30 during the 18 Jun Kelleys Island census.

Hairy Woodpecker:

These came up a bit short in the all-counties sweep-

stakes; they were not seen in *Defiance*, *Montgomery*, *Paulding*, and *Preble*. They were recorded as breeding in 28 counties. Three reports were of four birds: on 09 Jun in Hocking Hills SP, *Hocking* (Jimmie Campbell), on 16 Jun in *Champaign* (Doug Overacker), and on 30 Jun on the South Towpath Trail, *Stark* (Darrin Petko).

Northern Flicker:

These were missed in only *Muskingum* and *Tuscarawas* but were seen to breed in 42 other counties. Hope Orr provided the high count of six along the Towpath Trail north of Boston in CVNP on 09 Jun.

Pileated Woodpecker:

These flashy giants were discovered in 67 counties, and breeding was confirmed in 12. Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted seven during the 04 Jun CVNP census; that number includes two young heads peering out of a nest hole.

Olive-sided Flycatcher:

Butler, *Delaware*, *Franklin*, and *Scioto* produced four reports totaling six birds during the first week of June; these birds were at the tail end of their usual spring migration window. Tom Bartlett *et al.* found an early fall migrant, perhaps a failed nester, during the 16 Jul Kelleys Island census.

Eastern Wood-Pewee:

Only *Fulton* did not produce a sighting this season. Breeding was noted in 26 counties. The high count was 14, reported 02 Jun in Highbanks (Charles Bombaci).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:

The three reports were probably of northbound stragglers. Mark Rozmarynowycz found one bird at the Kitty Todd Preserve, *Lucas*, on 03 Jun; Tom Johnson another at Glacier Ridge MP, *Union*, on 10 Jun; and Gregory Bennett the last on West Comet Road, *Summit*, on 12 Jun.

Acadian Flycatcher:

These were found in 76 counties and confirmed to have bred in 23. Charles Bombaci reported the high count of 20 on 02 Jun in Highbanks.

Alder Flycatcher:

Though these were seen or heard in 23 counties, no breeding was confirmed. The Oak Hill area of CVNP, for years now a reliable site for them, held four on 09 Jun (Jen Brumfield).

Willow Flycatcher:

Only *Defiance*, *Gallia*, and *Paulding* did not yield any of this species; breeding was noted in 29 counties. Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 28 during the 05 Jun CVNP census.

Least Flycatcher:

Most of the sixteen counties where these were found are in the northeast quadrant of the state, though *Hamilton*, *Noble*, and *Seneca* also had records.

Several locations had two birds but no breeding was confirmed.

Eastern Phoebe:

Every county had these and 67 of them had confirmed breeders. Charles Bombaci found 15 birds on 02 Jun in Highbanks and on 17 Jun at Hoover Reservoir, both in *Delaware*.

Great Crested Flycatcher:

This species was also found in every county though breeding was confirmed in only 26. Charles Bombaci and Highbanks again provided the high count, 10 birds on 02 Jun.

Western Kingbird:

Several members of the extended Troyer family enjoyed one on 25 Jun near Belville, *Richland*. Albert and Andy Troyer documented the find for the OBRC.

Eastern Kingbird:

Like its cousins the Eastern Phoebe and Great Crested Flycatcher, these kingbirds were found in every county. Breeding was confirmed in 56. Tom Bartlett *et al.*'s count of 39 during the 16 Jul Kelleys Island census probably represented both breeders and migrants.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher:

James Coffman found one at a *Seneca* farm on 08 Jul. He and Paula Bartlett photographed it on 09 Jul.

White-eyed Vireo:

About ¾ of our counties, 62, had these, and 21 had confirmed breeding. Doug Overacker counted five on 26 Jun at various locations in *Scioto*. Gary Cowell also found five on 16 Jul in the Home Road Marsh, *Richland*.

Bell's Vireo:

These were seen at seven sites in *Butler* (2), *Brown*, *Clark*, *Franklin* (2), and *Hamilton*. John Watts found a pair carrying nesting material on 02 Jun at one of the *Franklin* sites for the only confirmed breeding.



Bell's Vireo, 06 June at VOA Park, *Butler*, by Laura Keene

Yellow-throated Vireo:

This species was found in 79 counties and confirmed to breed in 13. Two reports were of five birds but the high count was 10 during the 04 Jun CVNP census (Douglas Vogus *et al.*).

Blue-headed Vireo:

These were seen or heard in 19 widely scattered counties; no breeding was confirmed. Alvin E. Miller and Wayne E. Miller found 14 during a day-long visit to Mohican SP and SF on 10 Jun.

Warbling Vireo:

Eighty-three counties had these and 15 yielded breeding confirmations. The 04 Jun CVNP census counted 30 of them (Douglas Vogus *et al.*).

Red-eyed Vireo:

Only *Fulton* lacked a record of this highly vocal bird. Breeding was confirmed in 37 counties. Charles Bombaci counted 40 in Highbanks on 02 Jun.

Blue Jay:

As expected, these were found in all counties, and they had confirmed breeding in 47 of them. The northwest shore of Hoover Reservoir, *Delaware*, had 20 on 17 Jun (Charles Bombaci).

American Crow:

These were reported from every county except *Fulton* and had confirmed breeding in 60. Carl Ball made the only count above 50; he found 300 on 31 Jul in the Hunters Ridge development, *Richland*. On 06 Jun, John Robinson watched a crow empty a robin nest to feed its own young.

Common Raven:

One was reported to the OBBA II from each of two *Jefferson* blocks and another was reported in *Monroe*.

Horned Lark:

Breeding was confirmed in 27 of the 71 counties with records. Charles Bombaci counted the high of 23 on 13 Jul in *Wyandot* near the *Hardin* line.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow:

There were reports from 83 counties and breeding was confirmed in 39. These had the second-lowest high count among the swallows, with Jen Brumfield seeing about 50 at Lorain on 17 and 23 Jul.

Purple Martin:

Eighty-one counties produced reports and confirmed breeders were in 74 of them. Not surprisingly, highly urbanized *Cuyahoga* and *Hamilton* were among the non-reporting seven. Charlie Saunders found about 300 in Fairfield's Harbin Park, *Butler*, on 28 Jul.

Tree Swallow:

These were almost everywhere; only *Williams* was without a sighting. Confirmed breeding was also

widespread with records in 71 counties. Migration staging produced counts of 1000 to 1200 in *Madison* during the last week of Jul (Doug Overacker).

Bank Swallow:

These were seen in 43 counties and confirmed to breed in 16. Laura Dornan estimated 5000 in the vicinity of Charlie's Pond, *Pickaway*, on 13 Jul.

Barn Swallow:

Fulton is under birded; it was again the only county without a record of a species. Seventy-nine counties had confirmed breeding records. Jen Brumfield and Marshall Iliff noted a concentration of 250 on 13 Jul at Lorain. Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 284 on 16 Jul on Kelleys Island.

Cliff Swallow:

Exactly half of our counties had records and exactly $\frac{3}{4}$ of those had confirmed breeding. Approximately 40 birds were seen during the 05 Jun ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus) and also on 12 Jun along the northeast shore of Hoover Reservoir, *Delaware* (Charles Bombaci).

Carolina Chickadee:

As is expected, all of the 67 counties with records included or were south of U.S. Route 30. No doubt hybrids with Black-Capped Chickadees were present in the contact zone but none were reported. Forty-six counties had confirmed breeding. Charles Bombaci found 25 at two *Delaware* sites in early Jun.

Black-capped Chickadee:

These were in 35 counties, most of them north of the traditional U.S. Route 30 dividing line. However, an individual found in *Jefferson* on 01 Jun sang like a Black-capped and responded to a Black-capped recording (Scott Pendleton *et al.*) and James E. Yoder thoroughly described another in *Tuscarawas* on 24 Jul. The 02 Jul CVNP census counted 28 birds (Douglas Vogus *et al.*).

Tufted Titmouse:

Fulton and *Greene* lacked records; reports from 52 counties confirmed breeding. The 02 Jul CVNP census again had the high count, 27 birds (Douglas Vogus *et al.*).

Red-breasted Nuthatch:

Recently fledged young were found in *Ashland*, *Lake*, and *Mahoning*, and other sightings were reported from *Cuyahoga*, *Lucas*, *Richland*, and *Summit*. Five were seen in CVNP on two occasions, on 10 Jun near Horseshoe Pond (Craig Caldwell) and on 22 Jul near Station Road (Dwight and Ann Chasar).

White-breasted Nuthatch:

Every county but *Columbiana* generated at least one report, and breeding was confirmed in 29 of them. Douglas Vogus *et al.* made the high count of 10 during the 04 Jun CVNP census.

Brown Creeper:

There were 20 reports from nine counties, none of which confirmed breeding. Most reports were of single birds, but there were four with two, and the Yoder Brothers found five in Mohican SP and SF on 10 Jun.

Carolina Wren:

These were found in all counties except *Henry* and *Washington*; breeding was confirmed in 33. Doug Overacker found nine during a swing through *Greene* on 05 Jun and Charlie Saunders saw eight in Riverside Park, *Butler*, on 31 Jul.

House Wren:

Every county had some and they were confirmed to breed in 55. The 18 Jun Kelleys Island census counted 26 (Tom and Paula Bartlett).

Winter Wren:

Seven single birds were reported from *Ashtabula*, *Geauga*, *Lake*, and *Summit*. Tom Frankel and Haans Petruschke watched one carrying food at Little Mountain, *Geauga*.

Sedge Wren:

Reports came from 19 counties of which *Williams* was the southernmost. The only confirmed breeding was in *Holmes*, where Alvin E. Miller and Wayne E. Miller found a nest with eggs. Two reports were of two birds, on the Chippewa Inlet Trail, *Medina*, on 02 Jun (Chris Decker) and at Sandy Ridge on 15 Jun (BRAS).

Marsh Wren:

The 19 counties with reports were scattered across the state. Breeding was confirmed in *Erie*, *Hardin*, *Lucas*, and *Sandusky*. The two highest counts were 29 during the 03 Jul ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus) and 25 during a survey of Winous Point on 16 Jul (Andy Jones and Dave Slager).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:

These excitable sprites were found in every county but *Paulding* and were confirmed to breed in 34 of them. Leslie Houser found 12 in the East Loveland NP, *Clermont*, on 05 Jun.

Golden-crowned Kinglet:

Mike Bracken made the single report from the Oberlin, *Lorain*, All-Purpose Trail on 18 Jun.

Eastern Bluebird:

I am pleased to see that these were found in all 88 counties and bred in 83 of them. Holden Arbotretum, *Lake*, had 14 on 05 Jul for the high count (Tom Frankel).

Veery:

It is probable that this bird was heard but not seen in many of the 29 counties with reports. The two breeding records, however, were eyes-on: Jim Dolan saw recent youngsters in *Columbiana* on 11 Jun

and Laura Dorman saw a (second attempt?) nest under construction on 12 Jul in *Carroll*. The Yoder Brothers counted 31 during their day in Mohican SP and SF, 10 Jun.

Swainson's Thrush:

Elliot Tramer found one straggler at Magee on 02 Jun.

Hermit Thrush:

All of the reports are noted here. Adults and young birds were seen at Clear Creek MP on 25 Jun and 16 Jul (Bruce Simpson) and near Old Man's Cave on 09 Jul (John Watts); both are in *Hocking*. Jim Dolan saw an adult carrying food in *Columbiana* on 11 Jun. Mohican SP and SF provided many reports including the high count of 21 on 10 Jun (Yoder Brothers). A single report came from *Hamilton*.

Wood Thrush:

Only *Greene*, *Paulding*, and *Williams* did not produce sightings. Breeding was noted in 24 counties. Paul Drescher made the high count of 15 from the Five Forks area of Wayne NE, *Lawrence*, on 20 Jun.

American Robin:

Roger Tory Peterson called it "The one bird everybody knows" in his first field guide. They were found in every county and confirmed to breed in all but *Fulton* and *Williams*, though it is highly likely that they did so there as well. Tom Bartlett's census crew counted 179 on Kelleys Island on 16 Jul and several other counts exceeded 100.

Gray Catbird:

Only *Greene* lacked at least one report of this species, and 71 counties had confirmed breeding. Scott Ramos counted 30 along the Magee boardwalk on 10 Jun.

Northern Mockingbird:

Almost half of the 84 counties with reports had breeding confirmed. The high count of 15 was at the Fernald NP, *Butler/Hamilton*, on 15 Jul (Paul Krusling).

Brown Thrasher:

All counties but *Williams* yielded reports, and thrashers were confirmed to breed in 54 of them. Charles Bombaci found nine at Killdeer Plains on 05 Jul.

European Starling:

It should be no surprise that these were found in every county and confirmed to breed in 81. A flock of about 500, most of which were immature birds, was at Lorain on 29 Jun (Craig Caldwell).

Cedar Waxwing:

Paulding was the sole county without a record; the species bred in 48 counties. There were two reports of about 35 birds for second place, but the high count was the 102 during the 18 Jun Kelleys Island census (Tom and Paula Bartlett).

Ovenbird:

These were found in approximately 30 counties and confirmed to breed in six (*Adams, Athens, Guernsey, Jefferson, Muskingum, and Vinton*). The Yoder Brothers counted 75 during their busy 10 Jun in Mohican SP and SF.

Worm-eating Warbler:

Twenty-two counties, mostly in or adjacent to the unglaciated southeast, had reports, but one report came from *Warren*. Mohican SP and Mohican, Shawnee and Zaleski SFs provided multiple sightings. The Yoder Brothers made the high count of nine on 10 Jun in the Mohicans. *Adams, Perry, Pike, and Scioto* yielded breeding confirmation.

Louisiana Waterthrush:

These were found, presumably along streams, in 40 counties and bred in 15. The Yoder Brothers counted 22 in Mohican SP and SF on 10 Jun.

Northern Waterthrush:

Rob and Sandy Harlan found one singing on 26 Jun in the Burton Wetlands, *Geauga*, "traditional site". John Pogacnik saw another carrying food in *Lake* on 27 Jun.

Blue-winged Warbler:

These were seen or heard in 51 counties and confirmed to breed in 13 of them. The highest count was 10, found 18 Jun in the Horseshoe Pond-Tree Farm Trail area of CVNP (Dwight and Ann Chasar).

Black-and-white Warbler:

Thirty-seven counties, mostly south and east of a line from Cincinnati to Cleveland, generated sightings, though *Erie, Hancock, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Ottawa* were also represented. Janet Duerr provided the single breeding record, an adult carrying food on 18 Jun in *Meigs*.

Prothonotary Warbler:

These crowd-pleasers graced 29 counties and were confirmed to breed in 11. Elliot Tramer found two pairs nesting in the very small Magee woodlot on 02 Jun. Charles Bombaci counted 41 individuals during a 14 Jun shoreline cruise of Delaware Reservoir's Area N.

Swainson's Warbler:

One was reported to the OBBA II as singing in Pine Run, *Columbiana*, on 04 and 11 Jun.

Kentucky Warbler:

These were found in 44, primarily southern, counties but also northeast to *Ashland, Mahoning, and Richland*. Breeding was confirmed in *Lawrence, Preble, Scioto, and Vinton*. Most of the records were in Jun and of single birds, but three sites each had three.

Common Yellowthroat:

This species is happy in several habitat types so its

presence in every county, and breeding confirmation in 42, is not a surprise. The 05 Jun ONWR census counted 45 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus) and Charles Bombaci found 37 at Killdeer Plains on 05 Jul.

Hooded Warbler:

These bred in nine of the 55 counties with records. The Yoder Brothers found a phenomenal 80 during their day in Mohican SP and SF, 10 Jun.

American Redstart:

Fifty-nine counties had sightings and breeding was confirmed in 11 of them. The high count was 12, found 27 Jun in Headwaters Park, *Geauga* (Kim Savides).

Cerulean Warbler:

This mature woods specialist was found in 39 counties. Kate Batdorf found recently-fledged young in *Licking* on 14 Jun and observers noted adults carrying food in *Athens, Delaware, Geauga, and Knox* on other Jun dates. There were several reports with more than five birds but the Yoder Brothers again take the prize with the 17 they counted on 10 Jun in Mohican SP and SF.

Northern Parula:

These were widely but thinly scattered, with records from 57 counties. Over half of the reports were of single birds, but there were some of two and three and four reports contained four. Breeding was confirmed in *Brown, Franklin, Knox, and Scioto*.

Magnolia Warbler:

There were 19 reports from the highly varied *Ashland, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Geauga, Hocking, and Vinton* Counties. The only breeding confirmation was an adult carrying food in *Geauga* on 16 Jun (Linda Gilbert).

Bay-breasted Warbler:

Bruce Simpson found one lingering in Zaleski SF on 02 Jun.

Blackburnian Warbler:

Single birds were recorded in *Jefferson* on 01 Jun (Scott Pendleton), in *Noble* on 12 Jun (Laura Keene), in *Wayne* on 19 Jun (Tim Shue), and in *Hocking* on 26 Jul (Lisa Koerner). Mohican SP and SF produced two on 10 Jun (Yoder Brothers, Wayne E. Miller, and Alvin E. Miller).

Yellow Warbler:

Somehow no one found this species in *Greene*. Breeding was confirmed in 41 counties. The 18 Jun and 16 Jul Kelleys Island censuses found 99 and 112, respectively (Tom Bartlett *et al.*) but the 05 Jun ONWR census topped them with 156 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus).

Chestnut-sided Warbler:

Breeding was not confirmed this summer in any of the 29 counties with records, though 14 blocks did

have breeding in previous OBBA II years. All reports were of single birds except for two of two: 06 Jun at the Girdled Road Reservation, **Lake** (Kim Savides), and the 02 Jul CVNP census (Douglas Vagus *et al.*).

Blackpoll Warbler:

Molly McDermott found one along the Olentangy Bike Trail, **Franklin**, on 09 Jun. John Pogacnik watched a singing male “late (early?) migrant” in his **Lake** yard on 19 Jun.

Black-throated Blue Warbler:

One was seen 01 Jun along Cross Creek, **Jefferson** (Scott Pendleton *et al.*), and another on 18 Jun in **Holmes** (Robert Riggs). John Pogacnik saw an adult carrying food in Hidden Valley Park, **Lake**, on 27 Jun. Tom Frankel and Haans Petruschke found three territorial males (one carrying food) and a female in Stebbins Gulch, **Geauga**.

Pine Warbler:

Twenty-five counties generated reports. Most of them were on and to the east of a line from **Adams** through **Pike**, **Hocking**, **Perry**, **Coshocton**, and **Summit** to **Lake**. The Yoder Brothers found 16 on 10 Jun in Mohican SP and SF, reliable locations somewhat outside that line. Matt Anderson found the other outliers in Oak Openings Preserve MP, **Lucas**, on 12 Jun. Breeding was confirmed in **Adams**, **Lake**, **Lawrence**, **Perry**, and **Scioto**.

Yellow-throated Warbler:

These were found in 51 counties with breeding confirmed in five. Several sites had multiple birds, and Wayne E. Miller made the high count of 10 in Mohican SP and SF on 11 Jun.

Prairie Warbler:

This species was reported from 38 counties. Doug Overacker found 10 birds in **Adams** on 25 Jun and Margaret Bowman noted “at least six pairs” in Tri Valley WA, **Muskingum**, on 10 Jun. Breeding was confirmed in seven counties.

Black-throated Green Warbler:

Gary Cowell produced the only breeding record when he saw an adult carrying food at Malabar Farm, **Richland**, on 09 Jul. The Yoder Brothers counted 56 during their 10 Jun Mohican SP and SF hikes. Birds were also found in 15 other counties.

Canada Warbler:

Bruce Simpson saw single birds at Clear Creek MP, **Hocking**, on several Jun dates. Annie Lindsay found one in **Harrison** on 29 Jun. Gary Cowell watched one carrying food at the Mohican SP Gorge Overlook on 12 Jul. Mohican SP and SF produced 22 for the Yoder Brothers on 10 Jun.

Wilson’s Warbler:

Bruce Simpson found one in Zaleski SF on 04 Jun and Laura Keene another in **Noble** on 12 Jun.

Yellow-breasted Chat:

Sixty-two counties were represented and breeding was confirmed in 14. Five birds were found in **Adams** on 25 Jun (Doug Overacker) and **Scioto** on 04 Jul (Bill Stanley), but Margaret Bowman’s six in **Coshocton** on 05 Jun edged those reports for the high count.

Eastern Towhee:

This big sparrow was recorded in 83 counties and bred in 34. Paul Drescher found 23 in the Five Forks area of Wayne NF, **Lawrence**, on 20 Jun.

Cassin’s Sparrow:

Doug Overacker heard a familiar, but not from Ohio, song in **Shelby** on 12 Jun and suspected the singer was a Cassin’s Sparrow; he and two friends confirmed the bird’s identity by sight the next day. This is Ohio’s first record and the bird remained at least until 02 Jul for many viewers.

Chipping Sparrow:

Every county hosted this common backyard and woodlot bird. It bred in 79. The high count was 50, by Doug Overacker in **Shelby** on 12 Jun during the trip on which he found the Cassin’s Sparrow.

Clay-colored Sparrow:

A singing male was in Sauer’s Farm Park, **Ashland**, on 16 Jun (Gary Cowell) and another was north of Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, apparently for the fourth year (m. obs. on m. dates, *vide The Bobolink*).

Field Sparrow:

Somehow these were missed in **Clark**, which should have ample habitat for them. They were seen in all the other counties and bred in 37 of them. Mike Smith found 20 in the Wellington Reservation, **Lorain**, on 04 Jul.

Vesper Sparrow:

This species is much sought after, and searchers were rewarded in 64 counties. Vespers were confirmed to breed in only 11, however. The high count of 12 was achieved twice, on 25 Jun in the Darby Creek wetlands (Craig Moore) and on 14 Jul during 30 miles of canvassing in an OBBA II block in **Union** (Dave Slager).

Lark Sparrow:

Elliot Tramer noted that this species “continues to thrive” Oak Openings Preserve MP, **Lucas**; Mark Rozmarynowycz found 15 there on 03 Jun. Mike Busam passed on an undated report of a small cluster near Monroe, **Warren**, and Robert Hershberger noted in *The Bobolink* that they “continue to nest at Leighly Hill, western **Tuscarawas**”. Chris Zacharias saw six, including an adult carrying food, in **Greene** on 19 Jun. The Bridgeview Trail, **Lorain**, pair fledged three young, a probable first breeding record for the county (Jen Brumfield, Dick Hoffman, and Terri Martincic).

Savannah Sparrow:

All but 10 counties had these, and breeding was confirmed in 18. Tom Frankel counted 25 at Frohring Meadows, *Geauga*, on 16 Jul.

Grasshopper Sparrow:

Like Savannahs and often sharing the same fields, these also bred in 18 of the 78 counties reporting them. Their high count was only eight, however, noted 19 Jun near the Cassin's Sparrow in *Shelby* (Craig Moore) and 16 Jul in Glacier Ridge MP, *Union* (Andy Sewell).



Grasshopper Sparrow, 28 Jun at Fernald Preserve, *Hamilton*, by Laura Keene

Henslow's Sparrow:

This species has more limited taste in vegetation communities than that of the two preceding birds; it was found in 33 counties and was confirmed to breed in only five. Annie Crary did find 12 in a *Belmont* OBBA II block on 24 Jun.

Song Sparrow:

The absence of reports from *Meigs* must be due to a lack of reporters rather than a lack of birds; they were found in every other county and bred in 63. The high counts were on the season's two CVNP censuses, 65 on 04 Jun and 66 on 02 Jul (Douglas Vogus *et al.*).

Swamp Sparrow:

Reports came from 35 counties and breeding confirmation from six of them. The 03 Jul ONWR census found the most, 26 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus).

White-throated Sparrow:

Butler, *Holmes*, and *Wayne* each hosted a single bird in Jun. Marcia Rubin found three in downtown Cleveland on 15 Jun and a very late bird was seen at Headlands on 10 Jul (m. obs.).

White-crowned Sparrow:

Reuben Miller saw and heard one straggler on 02 Jun near Dalton, *Wayne*; though this is a latish date it is within the historical migration window.

Dark-eyed Junco:

These were confirmed as breeders in every county in which they were found: *Ashtabula*, *Cuyahoga*, *Geauga*, *Lake*, and *Summit*. There were approximately 20 reports, with the high count being 5 birds in Penitentiary Glen MP, *Lake*, on 04 Jul (Tom Frankel).

Summer Tanager:

This species was reported in 39 counties as far northeast as *Ashland* and *Wayne* and also in the disjunct *Lucas*. Breeding was confirmed in six. Dave Slager found five birds in a *Pike* OBBA II block on 25 Jul though they were not among the definite breeders.

Scarlet Tanager:

Only *Madison* and *Paulding* were without reports. Breeding confirmation came from 23 counties. Paul Drescher counted 12 in the Five Forks area of *Wayne* NE, *Lawrence*, on 20 Jun.

Northern Cardinal:

These were found in all counties with confirmed breeding in 65. The two CVNP censuses again had the high counts, 52 on 04 Jun and 55 on 02 Jul (Douglas Vogus *et al.*).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak:

Seventy-two counties had records and breeding was confirmed in 19 of them. Carl Ball found 14 in the Hunters Ridge development, *Richland*, on 22 Jun.

Blue Grosbeak:

This species' 39-county distribution was similar to that of Summer Tanager, with breeding in seven counties. A first year male in Doug and Micki Dunakin's *Paulding* yard on 02 Jun was their first in the county. An unusual nesting record came from the *Summit* section of CVNP on 18 Jun (Marian and Jeff Kraus).

Indigo Bunting:

All 88 counties had these, and 47 were confirmed with breeders. Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 45 during the 16 Jul Kelleys Island census.



Dickcissel, 28 Jun at Fernald Preserve, *Hamilton*, by Laura Keene (next page)

Dickcissel:

The species seemed especially widespread this year; there were records from 52 counties with confirmed breeding in nine. Many double-digit counts were reported. Notable among them were 23 at Fernald NP, *Butler/Hamilton*, on 10 Jul (Bruce Leonhart) and 48 “all territorial males” in the *Hardin* wetlands on 04 Jul (Richard Counts).

Bobolink:

Twelve of 54 reporting counties had confirmed breeding. Post-breeding flocks included 59 in the *Hardin* wetlands on 13 Jul (Charles Bombaci) and 80 near Farmerstown, *Holmes*, on 26 Jul (Perry D. Hershberger).

Red-winged Blackbird:

Every county had records and breeding was confirmed in 77 of them. There were several counts above 300 with the highest being the 485 tallied during the 05 Jun ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus).

Eastern Meadowlark:

Reports came from all counties except *Fulton*, *Henry*, and *Williams*. Breeding was confirmed in 51. Charles Bombaci made the high count of 34 in the *Hardin* wetlands on 13 Jul.

Western Meadowlark:

Elliot Tramer found one in the Blue Creek Conservation Area, *Lucas*, on 21 Jun, and Bob Kemp found another in *Defiance* on 24 Jul. The only breeding evidence was an adult seen carrying food in *Sandusky* on 25 Jul (Mark Shieldcastle).

Common Grackle:

Every county had records, and breeding was confirmed in 78. Several counts exceeded 100; the highest was 461 on the 16 Jul Kelleys Island census (Tom Bartlett *et al.*).

Brown-headed Cowbird:

Only *Fulton* did not provide a record; 43 counties had breeding. Many of the confirmed breeding reports were of young birds being fed by their “parents”; the affected species included Eastern Kingbird, Red-eyed and Yellow-throated vireos, Northern Cardinal, Chipping Sparrow, Orchard Oriole, and House Sparrow. A BRAS field trip noted a flock of about 200 at Lorain on 13 Jul.

Orchard Oriole:

Curiously, only heavily birded *Ashland* and *Trumbull* did not have records. Breeding was confirmed in 38 counties. John Marvin found the high count of 12 at the Kilby Road gravel pits, *Hamilton*, on 12 Jun.

Baltimore Oriole:

Every county generated reports and breeding was confirmed in 65 of them. The 18 Jun Kelleys Island census counted 72 (Tom and Paula Bartlett).

Purple Finch:

These were reported in 19 counties and confirmed to have bred in two. John Tautin and John Pogacnik saw youngsters in *Ashtabula* and *Lake*, respectively, during Jun. Wayne E. Miller and Alvin E. Miller found four birds in Mohican SP and SF on 11 Jun.

House Finch:

Every county but *Greene* and *Vinton* produced reports; 51 of them had confirmed breeding. Mark Rozmarynowycz found about 100 at Lorain on 28 Jul.

Pine Siskin:

The season produced four reports. Robert Hershberger found a singing male in Mt. Hope, *Holmes*, on 12 Jun. John Pogacnik watched recently fledged birds visiting a *Lake* feeder on 19 Jun. Joseph Miller saw one bird in Mt. Eaton, *Wayne*, on 21 Jun, and Rob Thorn watched one singing at Chestnut Ridge, *Fairfield*, on 12 Jul.

American Goldfinch:

All 88 counties had these and 32 had confirmed breeding. The highest number reported was 100, at Oakes Quarry Park, *Greene*, on 26 Jun (Dan Enders).

House Sparrow:

I was shocked, shocked! to see reports from every county and breeding in 85. Tom Bartlett’s crew counted 135 during the 16 Jul Kelleys Island census.

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