

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

By Craig Caldwell

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

The Mt. Vernon, **Knox**, bird remained at least until 02 Nov. (See the Summer 2012 *Cardinal*.)

Snow Goose

The first were seen on 25 Sep at Hoover NP (Greg Miller) and Margaret Peak Preserve, **Lorain** (BRAS). The few Sep, Oct, and early Nov sightings grew markedly in number from 15 Nov into winter. The high count was 15 (12 white and three blue) in a field by I-80 in **Erie** on 22 Nov (Rence Tressler). The second-highest was nine (two white morph, seven blue) at Meinke Marina, **Lucas**, on 28 Nov (Sherric Duris). Twenty counties provided reports.

Ross's Goose

The four reports, all of single birds, are:

Ohio Veterans Home, **Erie**, on 09 Oct (Dan and Lynn Gesualdo)

Wellington Upground Reservoir, **Lorain**, 13 to 29 Nov (m. obs.)

North Baltimore Reservoir, **Wood**, on 26 Nov (Tom Kemp)

Evans Lake, **Mahoning**, on 26 Nov (Ryan Golterman and Craig Holt)

Brant

Jen Brumfield and John Pogacnik each noted two flocks passing their lakefront sites on 27 Oct; Jen saw 22 birds from Cliff Drive, **Cuyahoga**, and John saw eight at North Perry, **Lake**. The high count was 330, by m. obs. over four hours at Perry Township Park, **Lake**, on 28 Oct (Laura Keene). Several locations in each of **Ashtabula**, **Cuyahoga**, **Lake**, **Lorain**, and **Lucas** provided sightings, as did one site in each of **Hancock**, **Jefferson**, **Portage**, and **Trumbull**.

Cackling Goose

Cory Chiappone reported the first on 10 Oct, at the North Chagrin Reservation NC, **Cuyahoga**. Daniel Parsons thought as many as a dozen were scattered among 150 Canada Geese there on 30 Oct. The highest definite count was five, at the Spartan Chemical ponds, **Lucas**, on 27 Oct (Sherric Duris and Barry McEwan). **Ashland**, **Auglaize**, **Geauga**, **Hancock**, **Lorain**, **Trumbull**, **Williams**, and **Wood** also provided reports.

Canada Goose

Victor Fazio III tallied the largest flock, about 1100 at Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve, **Ottawa**, on 04 Nov. Wellington Upground Reservoir, **Lorain**, held 800 on 23 Nov for Ken Ostermiller. Reports came from 74 counties.

Mute Swan

The high count was 25, at Medusa Marsh, **Erie**, on 24 Nov (Craig Caldwell). Thirty-six counties contributed sightings.

Trumpeter Swan

Annie Crary counted 56 during the 24 Nov ONWR auto tour. Reports came from 20 counties; **Muskingum** (home of The Wilds) is the only one south of Interstate 80.

Tundra Swan

Robert Sams provided the first report, of 29 birds at the Findlay Reservoirs, **Hancock**, on 27 Oct. The highest number was an estimated 1350 in ONWR on 13 Nov (Justin Bosler); most of them were in the CCE rather than the impoundments. The highest count away from Lake Erie was of 700, at Killdeer on 13 Nov (Ron Semper) and at LaDue on 24 Nov (Dan and Lynn Gesualdo). Twenty-eight counties had sightings.

Wood Duck

Numbers thinned during Nov but reports carried into winter. Dale Dunford noted about 500 in Grand River WA, **Trumbull** on 14 Sep, for the only triple-digit report. Sightings came from 62 counties.

Gadwall

A scattering of Aug reports grew mightily during the season. The high count was 2200, at Metzger on 07 Nov (Kenn Kaufman). The second-highest number was 880, found at Killdeer on 03 Nov (Victor Fazio III). Forty-two counties provided reports.

American Wigeon

Mike Wilson reported the first, on 18 Aug at ONWR. The next sighting was of two birds at Pipe Creek on 26 Aug (m. obs.). Jen Brumfield counted 425 while watching Lake Erie from Cliff Road, **Cuyahoga**, on 27 Oct. Reports came from 33 counties.

American Black Duck

Gene Stauffer counted 258 at Blendon Woods on 19 Nov and Justin Bosler estimated about 250 were in Muddy Creek Bay, **Ottawa**, on 05 Oct. Thirty-eight counties contributed sightings.

[American Black Duck x Mallard]

Reports came from 10 widely distributed counties and were scattered in time as well. The highest number of birds was four, which Tracy Hammer noted at Blendon Woods on 20 Nov.

Mallard

The mouth of South Creek hosted about 5000 on both 19 Sep and 01 Nov (Justin Bosler). The next highest count was 1960, from Killdeer on 03 Nov (Victor Fazio III). Sixty-eight counties had sightings.

Though these were seen throughout the season, Nov provided many fewer reports than the other months. Justin Bosler contributed the two highest counts, both on 06 Sep. South Creek held 4000 and Winous Point 500. Robert Sams made the highest inland count, 147 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 21 Sep. Reports came from 45 counties.

Northern Shoveler

The pattern of few and very scattered summer reports continued to mid-Aug, when migration flow really got

under way. South Creek held 200 shovelers on 06 Sep (Justin Bosler). Two sites each had 100 birds, Magee on 15 Sep (John Shrader) and Killdeer on 23 Nov (Ben Warner and Sean Williams). Thirty-seven counties provided reports.

Northern Pintail

The first sighting since 06 Jun came on 14 Aug at Darby Creek (Paul Hurtado). McClure's Marsh hosted one the next day (m. obs.). Jen Brumfield reported a "great movement" on 12 Oct; she counted 538 pintails passing Rocky River Park. The highest inland count was by Victor Fazio III, 40 birds at Killdeer on 03 Nov. Twenty-five counties had sightings.

Green-winged Teal

A few spent the summer near Lake Erie; Aug provided only a moderate number of sightings. The high counts came soon after, 2000 at South Creek on 06 Sep and in the CCE on 14 Sep (both Justin Bosler). The inland high was 233, on 08 Nov at Mosquito Lake (Gregory Bennett). Reports came from 37 counties.

Canvasback

Mike Sandy reported the first of these elegant ducks on 04 Oct from Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**. John Habig counted the highest of the several double-digit numbers, 17 at Ferguson Reservoir, **Allen**, on 28 Oct. Sixteen widely-scattered counties provided sightings.

Redhead

The only reports before 28 Sep were of single birds at Pipe Creek on 19 Aug (Jen Brumfield and Irene Krise) and along the CCE Trail on 20 Aug (Kenn Kaufman). Frequent sightings began about 20 Oct; the high count was 225, on 24 Nov off **Lorain** (Cory Chiappone). The highest inland count, which was also the second-highest overall, was 70 at West Branch SP, **Portage**, on 24 Nov (Gregory Bennett). Thirty-five counties had sightings.

Ring-necked Duck

A single mid-Jul report preceded fall's first, two birds at the Barrett Paving gravel pits, **Montgomery**, on 13 Aug (Rick Asamoto). The next sighting was not until 30 Sep at CCET (Ben Warner). The high count was well inland, 750 at Charles Mill Lake, **Ashland/Richland**, on 30 Oct (Bruce Glick). Reports came from 41 counties.

Greater Scaup

Brian Zwibel saw the first, "a few" off Oregon, **Lucas**, on 20 Sep. Craig Holt saw the next arrivals, five at Conneaut on 05 Oct. The third sighting wasn't until 27 Oct, shared by Ethan Kistler at Metzger, and John Pogacnik, who counted 306 off **Lake**. The latter was the only triple-digit count, and the only double-digit number was 14 from CPNWR on 30 Oct (Sherrie Duris). Of the 19 counties which provided reports, only **Clermont** is south of Columbus.

Lesser Scaup

Barrett Paving's pits, **Montgomery**, hosted the first on 13 Aug (Rick Asamoto). The second report came a month later, three birds off **Lake** on 15 Sep (John Pogacnik). Jen Brumfield estimated she saw 2500 from her Cliff Road, **Cuyahoga**, vantage point on 27 Oct. Bresler Reservoir, **Allen**, hosted the largest inland number, 1000 on 03 Nov (Rick Asamoto). Forty-one counties all the way to **Hamilton** had sightings.

Scaup sp.

Kenn Kaufman estimated 12,000 were in a mixed flock off Maumee Bay on 05 Nov.

King Eider

One female was reported in a raft of scoters off **Cuyahoga** on 16 Nov. It stayed one more day. The OBRC has documentation.

Common Eider

A male and two females were reported off **Lake** on 29 Oct; the OBRC has documentation.



Jerry Talkington did a magnificent job digiscoping this distant female King Eider from the cliff at Edgewater on 16 Nov.

Harlequin Duck

The four reports listed below, all from **Lake**, could include some repeat sightings on different days or at different locations.

One at Headlands on 27 Oct (Jerry Talkington)

Two off North Perry on 27 Oct (John Pogacnik)

One variously at Fairport Harbor and Headlands on 30 Oct (m. obs.)

Three off North Perry on 31 Oct (John Pogacnik)

Surf Scoter

John Pogacnik noted the season's first off **Lake** on 28 Sep. Jen Brumfield's Cliff Road, **Cuyahoga**, lake watch produced the high count of 150 on 27 Oct. The highest inland count was six, on 03 Nov at Mosquito Lake (Tom Bain). Reports came from 24 counties.

White-winged Scoter

Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, (a reliable scoter site) provided Michael and Sarah Kuzio with the season's first sighting on 09 Oct. The next report was not until 27 Oct, when Jen Brumfield and Karen and Rich Kassouf saw them at several **Cuyahoga** sites. Among them was Cliff Road, where Jen made the amazing high count of 300 that day. I wish I had been there; most sightings of this species are in single or low double digits. The Findlay Reservoirs provided Robert Sams with the highest inland count, 11, on 01 Nov. Twenty-six counties had sightings.

Black Scoter

The **Paulding** Sewage Lagoons hosted the season's first two on 20 Oct (Doug and Micki Dunakin). John Pogacnik's hours on the Erie shore in **Lake** paid off with

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the high count of 611 on 27 Oct. The second-highest count was at Perry Township Park, **Lake**, on 29 Oct; observers reported between 35 and 40. Eighteen counties produced reports.

Scoter sp.

In addition to the hundreds of identifiable scoters off **Lake** on 27 Oct were more than 400 which were too distant to call at the species level (John Pogacnik).

Long-tailed Duck

Sims Park, **Cuyahoga** (Jen Brumfield); Wellington Up-ground Reservoir, **Lorain** (Ken Ostermiller); and North Perry, **Lake** (John Pogacnik) shared the first sightings on 27 Oct. John's count of 38 was the season's high. The other four counties with direct Lake Erie frontage (**Ashtabula**, **Erie**, **Lucas**, and **Ottawa**) also had sightings.



Bob Lane enjoyed a nice view of this male Long-tailed Duck at Conneaut on 10 Nov.

Bufflehead

The first passed John Pogacnik's Erie-viewing site in **Lake** on 25 Oct. Tom Bartlett's Kelleys Island census crew counted 953 on 16 Nov. The inland high was 200 at LaDue on 24 Nov (Dan and Lynn Gesualdo). Forty-two counties provided reports.

Common Goldeneye

John Pogacnik again noted the first, a flock of 18, in **Lake** on 27 Oct. **Allen**, **Richland**, and **Summit** all hosted one or two the next day. The highest of the 10 double-digit counts was inland at Mosquito Lake on 04 Nov (Craig Holt). Fourteen counties in all had sightings.

Hooded Merganser

Lake Milton, **Mahoning**, provided the high count of 177 on 24 Nov (Gregory Bennett). Nancy Anderson saw about 100 off Bay View, **Erie**, on 03 Nov. Reports came from 44 counties.

Common Merganser

The 20 which several observers reported at Conneaut on 01 Aug probably included the family which had been seen regularly there during the last week of Jul. James E. Yoder found a family of seven on the Walhonding River, **Coshocton**, on 18 Aug; he said they "probably nested" nearby. Tom Kemp made the only other Aug report, two females or immatures on the Maumee River between **Lucas** and **Wood**. He suspects they weren't early migrants but bred upstream. (See the Summer 2012 *Ohio Cardinal* for definite breeding records.) Two at

Holden Arboretum, **Lake**, on 28 Sep were probably the first, and rather early, migrants (Daniel Parsons). Twenty counties provided reports.

Red-breasted Merganser

The trickle of Aug and Sep sightings grew to a flood in Oct and remained numerous in Nov. Jen Brumfield estimated 12,000 passed Rocky River Park on 27 Nov. Twenty-two counties had sightings.

Ruddy Duck

Single-digit counts began on 11 Aug with one bird at Shelby Reservoir #2, **Richland** (Gary Cowell). The first double-digit count, 14, came 01 Oct at the Findlay Reservoirs (Robert Sams). Many reports exceeded 1000 birds, and the high was 4300 at Bresler Reservoir, **Allen**, on 18 Nov (Rick Asamoto). Reports came from 51 counties.

Northern Bobwhite

The seven reports are:

One at Crown City WA, **Gallia**, on 01 Aug (Ken Ostermiller)

One at Fernald on 01 Aug (Gary Stenger)

One at Forty Acres Pond, **Auguize**, on 06 Aug (Tim Durnell)

Two in a **Medina** yard next to a farm on 15 Aug (Sara Grimm)

Up to six on five dates between 27 Aug and 05 Oct in the Williamsburg Wetlands of East Fork (Bill Stanley)

One at Fernald on 25 Sep (Todd Strasser)

One on 10 Nov and one on 17 Nov at different **Highland** sites (Junior Barnes)

Chukar

One, no doubt a hunt club escapee, visited Terry Colvin's **Medina** yard on 22 and 25 Nov.

Ring-necked Pheasant

The reports were thinly scattered among 17 counties. The high count was eight (all males), on 01 Nov in Dillon WA, **Muskingum** (Margaret Bowman).

Ruffed Grouse

The five reports, all of single birds, are:

In Harrison SF on 02 Aug (Scott Pendleton)

In Rocky Fork SP, **Highland**, on 12 Oct (Junior Barnes)

In Fernwood SE, **Jefferson**, on 14 Oct (Andrea Anderson)

In the Ohio Power lands near The Wilds, **Muskingum**, on 14 Nov (Susan Nash)

Near Tappan Lake, **Harrison**, on 26 Nov (Atlee A. Yoder)

Wild Turkey

Anna Wittmer and two friends provided the highest single-location count, 43, in a field on Lucas-Perrysville Road, **Richland** on 24 Nov. Anna had also found 23 in one group and about 100 total at various **Wyandot** sites on 19 Oct. Reports came from 41 counties.

Red-throated Loon

Gabe Leidy spotted the first over Lake Erie off Sheffield Lake, **Lorain**, on 06 Oct, earlier than their usual first

appearance. The second was a **Lake** flyby on 13 Oct (John Pogacnik). Dave Slager and Kent Miller shared the high count of two. Kent's were at LaDue on 01 Nov and Dave's at Bresler Reservoir, **Allen**, on 06 Nov. Fifteen counties provided sightings.

Common Loon

One which Andrea Anderson saw at tiny Shreve Lake, **Wayne**, on 23 Aug may have summered unnoticed elsewhere in Ohio or been a very early migrant. One more Aug sighting and a few in Sep led to large numbers in Oct and Nov. Jen Brumfield watched Lake Erie from Edgewater for six hours on 30 Oct and counted 773 in that time. Dan Gesualdo noted 475 in one hour at Volunteer Bay, **Erie**, on 23 Nov. Thirty-nine counties had sightings.

Pied-billed Grebe

These showed up in 64 counties, more than triple the number of summer sightings. Kenn Kaufman provided the high count of 105 from Metzger on 25 Sep. Mark Gilsdorf found 75 at Rocky Fork SP, **Highland**, on 25 Nov for the second highest number.

Horned Grebe

Greg Miller noted that his 25 Sep sighting at Hoover NP "seems early" but sightings came almost daily from then through the end of the season. The Kelleys Island census on 16 Nov tallied 747 (Tom Bartlett *et al.*) Jen Brumfield counted 125 off Rocky River Park on 14 Nov, for the second-highest number. The highest inland count was 47, on 03 Nov at the Findlay Reservoirs (Jeffrey Pontius). Reports came from 41 counties.

Red-necked Grebe

Sherrie Duris found the earliest, two at Rossford Marina on the Maumee River, **Lucas**, on 27 Oct. That sighting and a few other doubles shared the honors for highest count. A dozen counties, of which **Clermont** and **Warren** are south of Columbus, had sightings.

Eared Grebe

The four reports are:

Two at the Findlay Reservoirs on 27 Oct (Robert Sams)

One at Mosquito Creek WA, **Trumbull**, from 02 to 04 Nov (m. obs.)

One at Bresler Reservoir, **Allen**, seen 11 and 18 Nov (Rick Asamoto)

One at LaDue on 14 Nov (Rence Tressler)

Western Grebe

One was reported at Mosquito Lake between 25 Oct and 02 Nov. It or another was reported at LaDue between 02 and 21 Nov. The OBRC has documentation from both locations.

Double-crested Cormorant

Kenn Kaufman saw about 8000 from the Yetter Road fishing access site on Sandusky Bay, **Ottawa**, on 01 Nov. The highest inland number was over 3400, which Albert L. Troyer counted as about 40 flocks passed over him in 45 minutes on the **Morrow/Richland** line on 12 Oct. Sixty-two counties produced reports.

American White Pelican

The six reports are:

Three in the CCE from 28 to 30 Sep (m. obs.)

One at Buck Creek on 29 and 30 Sep (m. obs.)

Two in Oak Harbor, **Ottawa**, on 30 Sep (Cincinnati Nature Center field trip)

One at East Fork on 13 Oct (Bill Stanley)

One at Hoover Reservoir from 27 to 30 Oct (m. obs.)

One visible from the Cedar Point Causeway, **Erie**, on 03 Nov (*vide* Jim McCormac)

Brown Pelican

Sightings at five locations were documented for the OBRC and entered into the record. William Bentley saw one at Buckeye Lake, **Licking**, on 21 Aug. One (the **Licking** bird?) spent from at least 24 to 31 Aug at Atwood Lake, **Carroll**, and was documented by several observers. Erik Bruder saw one eastbound along the Lake Erie shore of Bay Village, **Cuyahoga**, on 03 Sep. Mark Rozmarynowycz saw one later that afternoon off Magee. Adrian Smith saw one from the Camp Perry beach, **Ottawa**, on 08 Oct. The OBRC has documentation of a **Sandusky** report, and at least two other reports remain undocumented.

American Bittern

Cory Chiappone saw the season's last on the Wake Robin Trail on 02 Nov. Other single birds were reported from **Cuyahoga** (3 sites), **Darke**, **Fayette**, **Franklin**, **Hamilton**, **Hancock**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, and **Tuscarawas**.

Least Bittern

The four locations are:

Winous Point, one to three on several dates in the first half of Aug (Tom Bartlett *et al.*) Big Island WA, **Marion**, one on 16 Aug (Ron Sempier)

Shaker Lakes (the whole system), **Cuyahoga**, six on 17 Aug (Laura Gooch)

CCE, one on 15 Sept (Laura Broadbeck and Joseph Ford)

Upper Sandusky Reservoir #2, **Wyandot**, one on 21 Oct (Cody Kent)

Great Blue Heron

The 05 Aug ONWR census team counted 166 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). The highest count away from Lake Erie was Paul Krusling's 80 at Lost



Western Grebes are rare visitors to Ohio, and Bob Lane captured the moment on 27 Oct at Mosquito Lake for a photo which shows the distinguishing cap, eye, and bill.

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Bridge, **Hamilton**, on 01 Sep. Carole Babyak counted 303 nests in a heronry on 09 Nov at a General Motors property in **Trumbull**. Reports came from 76 counties.

Great Egret

On 07 Aug, Justin Bosler reported 1000 in an “incredible flight from nearby roosts to foraging areas in w. Muddy Creek Bay [**Sandusky**], careful est. of ~50/min. for at least 20 mins.” The next highest count was 290, achieved on the 05 Aug ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). The highest inland count was 85 at Lost Bridge, **Hamilton**, on 25 Aug (Joe Kappa). Forty-nine counties produced sightings.

Snowy Egret

The several counts in the 20s were headed by the 26 in ONWR during the 02 Sep census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). The season’s last was a single bird in the Sulfur Creek estuary, **Erie**, on 12 Oct (Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski). Reports also came from **Cuyahoga**, **Delaware**, **Franklin**, **Hamilton**, **Ma-honing**, **Medina**, **Portage**, and **Sandusky**.

Little Blue Heron

These were quite widespread, with sightings of at least 40 individuals in 20 counties. The high count was six, on 01 Aug in Dillon WA, **Muskingum** (Margaret Bowman, Bruce Glick, Mike Smith). Jason Bosler reported the last, in ONWR on 14 Sep.

Cattle Egret

These are usually gone by mid-Nov, but one hung on at Killdeer for Dwayne Martin to find on 25 Nov. Seven were near Overton, **Wayne**, on 27 Oct (Willis Brubaker) and (surely the same birds) near Fredericksburg, **Wayne**, on 27 and 28 Oct (Ivan Troyer). The only other count exceeding one was Laura Keene’s four in an **Erie** field on 18 Aug. **Ashland**, **Clermont**, **Cuyahoga**, **Holmes**, **Licking**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, **Richland**, and **Wayne** also contributed sightings.



Allan Claybon had his camera ready for a lovely shot of this Cattle Egret as it foraged for insects in a field at East Fork on 20 Oct.

Green Heron

Sightings diminished through the season at a fairly steady pace to the last, when **Stark** Parks personnel found a straggler at the Fry Family Park on 01 Nov. Two double-digit counts were reported: David Bernstein saw 14 along the Great Miami River in Miamisburg, **Montgomery**, on 23 Aug, and two days later Gary Cowell and Jason Hull found 11 in the Ashland University Wetlands, **Richland**. Reports came from 58 counties.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Participants on a BSBO cruise found 74 on 24 Nov along the lower Cuyahoga River in Cleveland (*vide* Kenn Kaufman). The inland high count was 12, on the Olen-tangy River in Columbus on 24 Aug (Dave and Emily Slager). Seventeen counties provided reports.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

John Pogacnik got eyes on a calling adult as it flew past his **Lake** home on 01 Sep.

White-faced Ibis

Dave Slager documented one at Pickerington Ponds on 15 Jul; it remained for two more days. A report from **Hamilton** is pending with the OBRC.

Plegadis Ibis

Dave Slager also documented two individuals which could not be identified to species with the White-face Ibis at Pickerington Ponds. Bernie Master documented two which flew over his Worthington, **Franklin**, home on 27 Aug. Other reports are pending with the OBRC.

Black Vulture

Stefan Mozu Gleissbird counted 50 near his **Athens** home on 11 Oct. The second highest count was 40, by Wyatt Westerkamp at East Fork on 21 Oct. Thirty counties produced sightings. One taking off from a cell tower along I-271 in **Medina** on 07 Aug (Nathan Scener and Maria Stager) and another soaring with Turkey Vultures over Ohio Route 2 in **Lake** on 17 Oct (Buster Banish) were well north of their usual haunts.

Turkey Vulture

About 300 were taking advantage of the thermal over the Lebanon Industrial Park, **Warren**, on 22 Oct (John Habig). A similar number roosted in Trail Bottom, **Holmes**, on 11 Oct (Ben Hershberger). Eighty counties had sightings.

Osprey

The north end of Hoover Reservoir (Ben Warner, 06 Aug) and Atwood Lake, **Carroll** (Kent Miller, 28 Aug), both hosted five to share the high count. Ages weren’t reported, but those are prime dates for families to be out and about. Two sites also shared the latest sightings on 07 Nov. Bill and René McGill saw one at East Fork; Bob Hikada’s was at Pickerington Ponds. Reports came from 48 counties.



Both this Green Heron and Doug Day made successful catches in this action shot taken at Armleder Park on 26 Aug.

Swallow-tailed Kite

One was reported in *Holmes* on 02 and 06 Aug; Su Snyder documented the latter occurrence.



Su Snyder captured this challenging shot to document a rare Swallow-tailed Kite on 06 August in *Holmes*.

Golden Eagle

Jeff Row reported one in *Pike* on 18 Oct (*vide* Kathi Hutton). A raptor push over western Toledo, *Lucas*, included two for Rick Nirschl on 05 Nov. Keith Schla-bach watched a juvenile pass overhead near Sugar-creek, *Tuscarawas*, on 10 Nov. Sherric Duris saw one over Taylor Road, *Lucas*, on 21 Nov. Danielle McCament watched one being harassed by a Bald Eagle over the Mount Vernon Development Center, *Knox*, on 23 Nov.

Mississippi Kite

Three graced Lever Park in Loveland, *Hamilton*, between 03 and 14 Aug. OBRC has many reports whose authors will be acknowledged in the Committee's next report. A single bird was reported near Norwich, *Muskingum*; OBRC has the description.



On 08 August, Allan Claybon captured this image of a Mississippi Kite, one of three which frequented Lever Park, *Hamilton*, from 03 to 14 Aug.

Northern Harrier

Dale Dunford noted 10 working Metzger on 10 Nov. Two sightings of five shared the second-highest counts. Paul Krusling saw them on 12 Nov in the Miami White-water Forest wetlands, *Hamilton*, and Sherric Duris and John Pogaenik found theirs in the CCE on 23 Nov. Forty-four counties provided reports.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Scott Pendleton watched two immature birds as they

begged from a parent in *Harrison* on 16 Aug. Nathan Martineau *et al.* also counted three, during an 8½ hour Ohio Young Birders Big Sit at Meadowbrook Marsh, *Ottawa*, on 07 Oct. Reports came from 39 counties.

Cooper's Hawk

Nathan Martineau *et al.*'s Big Sit (see Sharp-shinned Hawk) also produced 19 Cooper's; usually sharpies dominate migration counts on the north coast. The next highest count was four, by both Sher Burkhardt in Springfield, *Clark*, on 06 Aug and Leon N. Miller in *Holmes* on 28 Sep. Fifty-seven counties had sightings.

Northern Goshawk

As James E. Yoder wrote in *The Bobolink*, these are "highly sought after and often misidentified by trigger-happy observers...". I concur, but pass on all of this season's reports nonetheless. James F. Yoder and Leon N. Miller reported one near Walnut Creek, *Holmes*, on 29 Sep. Don Stover reported finding one while kayaking the Wallhonding River, *Coshocton*, on 24 Oct. Justin Bosler reported another during the 31 Oct ONWR auto tour.

It's appropriate, though a chronological jump, to note now that at its March, 2013, meeting, the OBRC voted to add Northern Goshawk to the Review List. Starting with the Spring 2013 issue of the Cardinal, goshawk reports will not be published unless the OBRC has accepted their documentation.

Bald Eagle

The highest number of several in double digits was 15 in *Tuscarawas*, which *The Bobolink* said were "at a private pond with low water levels, making some easy meals for the eagles." Jeff Harvey counted 14 at Conneaut on 10 Aug. Fifty-eight counties produced sightings.

Red-shouldered Hawk

Dwight Chasar *et al.* counted 18 during the 15 Sep CVNP Fall Census. The highest single-observer count was Carole Babyak's seven at North Bloomfield, *Trumbull*, on 04 Oct. Reports came from 45 counties.

Broad-winged Hawk

West of Lake Erie is THE area to see fall Broad-winged migration. Rick Nirschl estimated 3200 were in kettles just west of Toledo Airport on 24 Sep. Earlier that day he had counted 890 over Wildwood MP. (Both locations are in *Lucas*). Usually the migrants have passed through by about 07 Oct. However, this fall's last three sightings were of single birds at the Beach City Dam, *Tuscarawas*, on 13 Oct (Atlee A. Yoder), at Mill Creek Sanctuary, *Mahoning*, on 14 Oct (Jeff Harvey), and at Big Island WA, *Marion*, on 25 Oct (Ron Sempier). Twenty-nine counties had sightings.

Red-tailed Hawk

The highest counts were of 40 by Leon N. Miller near Walnut Creek, *Holmes*, on 06 Nov and 26 by Ed Schla-bach near Sugar-creek, *Tuscarawas*, on 07 Nov. Seventy-one counties provided reports.

Rough-legged Hawk

Matthew Erickson saw the first, at Deer Creek WA, *Pickaway*, on 14 Oct; this was also the southernmost sighting. The high count was four, achieved twice. *The Bobolink* area RBA reported them near The Ashery, *Wayne*, on 05 Nov; Scott Pendleton found them at The

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Bowl on 24 Nov. Reports came from 15 counties.

Virginia Rail

Erie, Franklin, Harrison, Holmes, Lake, Lucas, Ottawa, Summit, Trumbull, Warren, and *Wayne* produced sightings.

Sora

Elliot Tramer provided this gem of a report: “Tom Kemp and I counted (111) responding to stones thrown into the marsh at [CPNWR] on September 21. Since we were probably throwing only about 40 m into the marsh, the true number of Soras there that day can only be imagined. Over 1,000?” The only other count exceeding 10 was the 11 which Laura Dornan found at Metzger on 31 Aug. Twenty-three counties had sightings.

Common Gallinule

James E. Yoder counted 138 along Cemetery Road in Killbuck Marsh WA, *Wayne*, on 06 Sep, when high water pushed them into view. Ten days later, Su Snyder could find only 19 in the same area for the season’s second-highest count. Ben Warner saw the last one, on 29 Sep in ONWR. Reports also came from *Franklin, Lorain, Lucas, Marion, Ottawa, Sandusky,* and *Trumbull*.

American Coot

Sightings increased greatly after Aug as southbound birds transited our state. Metzger hosted 2100 on 05 Nov (Kenn Kaufman). The largest inland count was similar, a “conservative” 2000 at Highland Stone quarries, *Highland*, on 16 Nov (Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski). Forty-nine counties produced reports.

Sandhill Crane

Charles Bombaci counted 155 in two large flyover flocks at Killdeer on 25 Nov. The second highest count was on 27 Nov, 140 birds at Lake View Estates, *Darke* (Kevin Schieltz). Carole Babyak and Su Snyder reported adults with colts in *Trumbull* (04 Oct) and *Wayne* (09 Sep), respectively; both families were probably local nesters. Reports came from 28 counties.

Black-bellied Plover

Justin Bosler tallied the first sighting, highest count (84), and last sighting, all in the CCE. These came on 02 Aug, 12 Oct, and 09 Nov respectively. (There was also one Jul sighting.) Almost all of the double-digit counts came from that site. The highest count away from Lake Erie was 12, reported separately by Ryan Golterman and Kent Miller at Mosquito Creek WA, *Trumbull*, on 17 Aug. Nineteen counties had sightings.

American Golden-Plover

Craig Holt saw the first, at Conneaut on 09 Aug. The Findlay Reservoirs hosted 42 for Robert Sams on 12 Oct and Ethan Kistler on the next day. Justin Bosler tallied another last-of-season in the CCE on 24 Oct. Seventeen counties provided reports.

Semipalmated Plover

These began arriving in early Jul; Aug and Sep produced many double-digit counts. The highest was 47, by Kenn Kaufman in the CCE on 20 Aug. The highest inland count was not far behind – Kent Miller found

44 at Hoover NP on 31 Aug. Sherrie Duris and John Pogacnik found the season’s last, on 23 Nov in the CCE. Reports came from 31 counties.

Piping Plover

Jeff Harvey documented one at Conneaut on 20 Aug. According to Alice Van Zoeren of The Great Lakes Waterbird Research Program (http://www.waterbirds.umh.edu/Piping_Plovers/piping2.htm), the celebrity visitor was hatched and banded this summer at Wasaga Beach in Simcoe County, Ontario. This site is on the southeastern corner of Georgian Bay on the east side of Lake Huron.



Jerry Talkington obtained a stellar image of this Piping Plover when it stopped for the day on 20 Aug at Conneaut, so sharp a photo (in the original color version) that the band codes identified it as a recent June hatchling from the east shore of Lake Huron.

Killdeer

Dave Slager found 370 at Darby Creek on 08 Aug and there were many other triple-digit counts both inland and near Lake Erie. Seventy-three counties had sightings.

American Avocet

Like many of “our” shorebirds, these began arriving in Jul. Scattered (in place and time) reports continued until



Fall plovers in non-breeding plumage can be difficult to identify, but this Black-bellied Plover gave photographer Allan Claybon an excellent view of its diagnostic black “armpti” (axillaries) for easy identification at East Fork on 20 Oct.

25 Oct, when Rick Asamoto saw one at Buck Creek. The high count was Su Snyder's and James E. Yoder's 12 on Wilderness Road, **Wayne**, on 06 Sep. Twelve counties had sightings.

Spotted Sandpiper

Ben Warner's sighting of 15 at the north end of Hoover Reservoir on 11 Aug was the largest of several double-digit counts. The last sighting was on Watermark Island in Columbus on 05 Nov (Irina Shulgina). Reports came from 49 counties.

Solitary Sandpiper

Forty-seven counties contributed sightings. Dillon WA, **Muskingum**, provided the latest sighting on 26 Oct (Margaret Bowman), and the high count of 51 on 01 Aug (Bruce Glick). The second-highest count was 32, from both the B&O Trail, **Richland**, on 01 Aug (Gary Cowell) and Darby Creek on 03 Aug (Dave Slager).

Greater Yellowlegs

Scott Myers counted 35 in two flyover flocks at the Findlay Reservoirs on 17 Oct. Kenn Kaufman made the last sighting a month later, 17 Nov, at Magee. Thirty-eight counties had sightings.

Willet

Though there were a few Jun and Jul sightings, this season's earliest came at three locations on 05 Aug. The last report was of a single bird at Conneaut on 08 Oct (Cory Chiappone and Doug Marcum). The two highest counts were also at Conneaut, 10 on 05 Aug (Jeff Harvey) and six the next day (Sally Isacco). Reports came from **Cuyahoga, Erie, Franklin, Lucas, Ottawa, and Warren**.

Lesser Yellowlegs

The largest numbers were in Aug, with a high of 300 at South Creek on 05 Aug (Justin Bosler). Numbers dwindled to a trickle by the last sighting, of four in the CCE on 23 Nov (Sherrie Duris). Thirty-three counties had sightings.

Upland Sandpiper

Jen Brumfield and others reported these regularly from Burke Airport between 01 and 25 Aug (the latest sighting of the season). Jen also had the season's high count of four there on 21 Aug. The other locations with sightings were Cuyahoga County Airport, Industrial Park Drive (a likely nesting site in **Harrison**), Walnut Creek (**Holmes**), Maumee Bay, ONWR, Winous Point, and Darby Creek.

Whimbrel

One with an injured leg was seen at ONWR from mid-Aug to mid-Sep; it could also have been the subject of the reports at other **Lucas** and **Ottawa** sites from CPNWR to Camp Perry during the same period. The last definite sighting of the species was at CPNWR on 21 Sep by Elliot Tramer, though Ethan Kistler reported a "probable, but very distant" one off ONWR on 24 Sep. The high count was a phenomenal 37 which passed Headlands as a single flock on 17 Aug (Emil Bacik *vide* Jen Brumfield). (For comparison, I found no fall season report of more than four birds in the last 10 years of the *Cardinal*.) Four was the second-highest count this year, achieved at Burke Airport by Karen and

Rich Kassouf and Jen Brumfield on both 05 and 12 Aug. Other sightings came from **Erie, Hamilton** and one inland **Lucas** site.

Hudsonian Godwit

Tom Kemp saw the first, at ONWR on 16 Aug. South Creek hosted the only double-digit group, 14 on 30 Aug (Justin Bosler). Over a month passed between the second-last sighting in the CCE on 09 Sep (*vide* Tom Kemp) and the last at Pickerington Ponds on 16 Nov (Bill Whan). Reports also came from **Erie, Hamilton, Lorain, and Portage** plus additional **Franklin, Lucas, and Ottawa** sites.

Marbled Godwit

Craig Holt recorded the first of the season at Conneaut on 09 Aug. One spent several days at Maumee Bay until the season's last sighting on 13 Oct (Ethan Kistler). Four apparently spent some time in the CCE, where Wes Hatch and Annie Crary saw them on 19 and 21 Aug, respectively. **Auglaize, Erie, Franklin, Lorain, Ottawa, and Portage** also contributed sightings.



This Marbled Godwit spent several days at the Grand Lake St. Marys fish hatchery, Auglaize, and cooperated for a photo by Shane Egleston 14 Aug

Red Knot

Dan and Lynn Gesualdo saw two from the Cedar Point Chausec, **Erie**, on 17 Aug. The last two reports were of single birds in the CCE on 30 Sep (m. obs.) and 19 Oct (Kent Miller). Two sites had the high count of four. Karen and Rich Kassouf saw them from the Chausec on 18 Aug and Jeremy Ross found them at the BGSU Radar Deployment Site, **Lucas**, on 03 Sep. Other sightings came from **Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Ottawa, and Trumbull**.

Sanderling

Kenn Kaufman saw the last, two on the Magee East Beach on 11 Nov. The high count was 20, recorded 11 Sep on the main Magee beach (Greg Links and Brian Zwiebel), 12 Sep at Metzger (Rick Nirschl), and 23 Sep at Headlands (Daniel Parsons). Nineteen counties contributed sightings.

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Ethan Kistler reported the last, in the CCE on 15 Oct. The highest of several three-digit counts was 450, found by Justin Bosler at South Creek on 05 Aug. Reports came from 38 counties.

Western Sandpiper

Sightings were fairly steady from mid-Jul until the last five on 09 Nov in the CCE (Justin Bosler). The estuary also had the high count of 10 on 07 Nov (Justin Bosler) and 08 Nov (Sherrie Duris). Sightings came from other **Lucas** sites and from **Ashtabula, Clark, Delaware, Erie, Franklin, Hamilton, Ottawa, Portage, Sandusky, Stark** and **Wayne**.

Least Sandpiper

Darby Creek hosted the last one, for Irina Shulgina on 10 Nov. As was the case with Ruddy Turnstone, this date is at least a month before the last stragglers usually depart. Dave Slager had the high count of 173, also at Darby, on 27 Aug. Forty-two counties contributed reports.

Ruddy Turnstone

The last sighting was on 15 Sep, at the Findlay Reservoirs (Robert Sams). Bucking the trend, this date is about a month earlier than usual. Jeff Harvey saw 10 at Conneaut on 10 Aug; the second-highest count was three, found also at Conneaut on several dates. Reports also came from **Ashland, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Delaware, Erie, Franklin, Lucas, Ottawa,** and **Trumbull**.



The flashy plumage of this Ruddy Turnstone prompted attention from photographer Jerry Talkington on 24 Aug at Conneaut.

White-rumped Sandpiper

The first southbound migrant arrived 29 Jul (Jeff Harvey and Wes Hatch) and the first fall sighting was on 01 Aug (Nancy Anderson), both at Conneaut. Reports were steady from 09 Aug almost to the last. One showed up on 14 Nov at the Grand Lake St. Marys fish hatchery, **Auglaize**, and Dave Slager characterized it as a "LATE juvenile". The last, however, straggled through Funk Bottoms WA, **Wayne**, on 20 Nov (Aaron E. Miller). Groups of five graced McClure's Marsh on 28 Aug and the CCE on 26 Sep (both Justin Bosler). Twenty-two counties had sightings.

Baird's Sandpiper

Like White-rumped, one Jul report preceded the first Baird's of the fall, which again was at Conneaut on 01 Aug for Nancy Anderson. Berlin Reservoir, **Mahoning/Portage**, hosted 15 in one group with a few Least Sandpipers on 18 Aug (James F. Yoder). The CCE held the second-most, nine on 04 Sep (Kent Miller and Ben Morrison) and the last, one on 26 Oct (Justin Bosler). Reports came from 21 counties.

Pectoral Sandpiper

A group of 10 at Metzger on 05 Nov almost closed this species' season (Kenn Kaufman), but that honor went to one at Funk Bottoms WA, **Wayne**, on 20 Nov (Aaron E. Miller). Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 250 during a banding session at McClure's Marsh. Thirty-six counties provided reports.

Purple Sandpiper

The sightings are:

- One on 31 Oct at Edgewater (Jen Brumfield)
- One on 24 Nov at Cleveland's East 55th Street marina (Jen Brumfield)
- One on 24 Nov at Conneaut (Bob and Denise Lane, David Weaver)
- One on 26 Nov and three on 29 Nov at Headlands (Cory Chiappone)
- One on 27 Nov on Kelleys Island (Tom Bartlett)

Dunlin

The 05 Aug ONWR census found the season's first (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus), though there was one 15 Jul report. There were also two Dec reports which followed fall's last one at Metzger on 27 Nov (Kenn Kaufman). The CCE hosted 700 on 24 Oct (Justin Bosler); that site and a few others had smaller triple-digit numbers as well. Reports came from 22 counties.

Stilt Sandpiper

Justin Bosler saw the latest in the CCE on 24 Oct. Jen Brumfield's six hour sojourn at Burke Airport on 05 Aug paid off when 50 of them arrived. Nineteen counties had sightings.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Eighteen counties hosted these much sought after shorebirds, which are usually seen well away from the water's edge. Dave Slager and Ben Warner saw the first, at the northeast end of Hoover Reservoir on 04 Aug. The last were two in the CCE on 29 and 30 Sep (m. obs.). Robert Sams counted an unusually high eight at the Findlay Reservoirs on 08 Sep; several locations and dates provided counts of six.



Buff-breasted Sandpipers are hard enough to find, much less photograph, yet Les Houser had excellent results with both on 26 Aug from the Hoover NP boardwalk.

Short-billed Dowitcher

These began arriving in early Jul and numbers peaked in Aug. The CCE held the high counts of 100 to 150 on 18 and 19 Aug (m. obs.). A trickle of sightings from mid-Oct in the estuary led to the last on 29 Oct, well af-

ter the species has usually departed (Harris Abramson). Sixteen counties produced reports.

Long-billed Dowitcher

As usual, these arrived, peaked, and departed later than their Short-billed relatives. The first, but for an unusual 27 Jul sighting, was on 14 Aug at Mosquito Creek WA, **Trumbull** (Ryan Goltzman). The last sighting was of two in the CCE on 23 Nov (Sherrie Duris). Kent Miller provided the high count of 75 from the CCE on 19 Oct. Reports also came from **Erie, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Lake, Ottawa, Sandusky, Trumbull**, and **Wayne**.

Wilson's Snipe

Aaron E. Miller provided by far the highest count, about 100 at the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**, on 13 Oct. Ethan Kistler saw 40 at Metzger on 12 Oct, and there were several more double-digit counts. Twenty-seven counties provided reports.

American Woodcock

Pat Rydquist and Stanley Stine witnessed a rare fall gathering of at least 20 sky-dancing and peenting at Liberty Park, Twinsburg, **Summit**, on the evening of 20 Oct. Perhaps they were young of the year practicing for next spring? Margaret Bowman noted the next highest number, five, at the Hebron hatchery wetlands, **Licking**, on 03 Oct. The last sightings were at Armlender Park, **Hamilton**, on 19 Nov (Kirk Westendorf) and in ONWR, a late flyby on 25 Nov (Ashley Bradford, Mike O'Brien, and Mary Warren). Reports came from 19 counties.

Wilson's Phalarope

Their migration here spanned only five weeks, from 05 Aug to 12 Sep. The first were two at each of the Winous Point Metzger Unit (Justin Bosler) and Mosquito Lake (Ryan Goltzman). The last was along the Cedar Point Chausee, **Erie** (Justin Bosler). McClure's Marsh held five on 15 Aug (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Sightings came from a dozen counties; **Preble** is the only one south of Columbus.

Red-necked Phalarope

The first of the season were two at the Dillon Lake beach, **Muskingum**, on 12 Aug (Ann Cramer and Shaunc Skinner). The next turned up at McClure's Marsh on 14 Aug (Justin Bosler) and stayed a day for m. obs. Pipe Creek held seven on 25 Aug for a trio of watchers. Cullen Park, **Lucas**, provided the last sighting on 11 Oct (m. obs.). Twenty counties yielded reports.



Allan Claybon discovered two Franklin's Gulls and photographed one of these migrants on the beach at Caesar Creek on 04 Oct.

Red Phalarope

The first was at Pipe Creek on the very early date of 09 Aug, but Dave Clark's photos (*vide* Jen Brumfield) show it well. The next was still early along Cedar Point Road, **Erie**, on 08 Sep (m. obs.). "Normal" sightings began on 22 Sep when one flew past Jen Brumfield at Rocky River Park. John Pogacnik had four flybys in **Lake** on 28 Oct, and the remaining 10 reports were of single birds. The last were on 03 Nov at Fairport Harbor, **Lake** (Kent Miller, Ben Morrison) and the Findlay Reservoirs (m. obs.). An unusual location was Seneca Lake, **Guernsey/Noble**, where Bruce Glick *et al.* saw one on 01 Nov. Sites in **Ashtabula, Clark, Hancock**, and **Mahoning** also hosted birds.

Black-legged Kittiwake

Jen Brumfield had two in first basic plumage fly by Edgewater on 30 Oct.

Sabine's Gull

John Pogacnik saw one pass by on each of 02 Sep and 30 Oct during his North Perry, **Lake**, surveys. The thirty- or so birders on each of Jen Brumfield's Local Patch boat trips off **Erie** scored three on both 15 and 24 Sep.

Bonaparte's Gull

Jen Brumfield estimated 12,000 were visible from Edgewater on 30 Oct. There were many four-digit reports from the Lake Erie shore, but the highest inland count was 400 at Mosquito Lake on 02 Nov (Ken Ostermiller). Reports came from 49 counties.

Black-headed Gull

One was reported in Lorain; the OBRC has documentation.

Little Gull

John Pogacnik saw the first, two adults, during his 13 Oct survey from North Perry, **Lake**, and saw several more from there during the rest of the season. Kent Miller and Ben Morrison found three at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 30 Oct for the highest count. One spent 03 to 08 Nov at Hoover Reservoir (m. obs.). Most of the sightings were in the larger **Delaware** section but at least once it wandered south to become **Franklin's** first confirmed record (*vide* Bill Whan). **Ashtabula** and **Cuyahoga** also contributed several reports.

Laughing Gull

The five locations, two of them inland, with sightings are:

Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, one on 25 Aug (Tom Bain) and 30 Aug (Jeff Harvey)

Findlay Reservoirs, two on 30 Oct (Robert Sams)

Headlands, one on 10 Nov (Haans Petruschke and Jerry Talkington)

North Perry, **Lake**, one on 10 Nov and three on 11 Nov (John Pogacnik)

East Fork, one on 14 Nov (Robert Edlin, J.W. Rettig)

Franklin's Gull

Sightings were spread among 16 counties as far south as **Clermont**. Robert Reed noted the first two birds, at East Harbor on 25 Aug. The next was well south at Buck Creek on 09 Sep (Doug Overacker). Dave Slager

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found 36 there on 24 Sep, and other observers reported 15 to 31 between 23 Sep and 08 Oct. The last of the season was at Clear Fork Reservoir, **Richland**, on 14 Nov (Gary Cowell) though there was also one Dec report.

Mew Gull

One was reported at Huron harbor, **Erie**; the OBRC has photos.



Gabe Leidy was a most astute observer to have discovered and photographed a rare second year Mew Gull amongst the masses of more common gulls of various ages and plumages at the Huron pier, Erie, on 13 Oct.

Ring-billed Gull

Jen Brumfield recorded 13,000 from Edgewater on 30 Oct and Wendy Park on 01 Nov; these and other **Cuyahoga** sites provided many four- and five-digit counts. The largest inland number was 3500 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 20 Nov (Robert Sams). Sixty-two counties had sightings.

California Gull

One was reported at the west (**Mercer**) end of Grand Lake St. Marys on 13 Aug; the OBRC has the information.

Herring Gull

Cuyahoga, Erie, and **Lorain** produced many four-digit reports capped by the 6000 at Edgewater on 30 Oct (Jen Brumfield). Robert Sams found 2100 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 20 Nov for the highest inland count. Reports came from 43 counties.

Thayer's Gull

Jen Brumfield and Ben Morrison separately reported one at Edgewater on 03 Nov.

Iceland Gull

The three reports are:

One at Clear Fork Reservoir, **Richland**, on 05 Nov (John Herman *vide* Roger Troutman)

One "Kumlein's" which passed Rocky River Park on 23 Nov (m. obs.)

One "Kumlein's" at North Perry, **Lake**, on 25 Nov (John Pogacnik)

Lesser Black-backed Gull

One mid-Jul report preceded this season's first, at Conneaut on 05 Aug (Jeff Harvey). A trickle of Aug reports grew through Sep to many in Oct and Nov. The high count of 15 came from the Findlay Reservoirs on 17 and 20 Nov (Robert Sams). Every county bordering

Lake Erie plus **Hancock, Logan, Mahoning, Richland**, and **Wood** had sightings.

Glaucous Gull

Three reports came from **Lake**, with single birds at Fairport Harbor on 03 Nov (Kent Miller) and 26 Nov (Cory Chiappone) and at Lake Erie Bluffs on 17 Nov (John Pogacnik). John Herman discovered a rare inland bird at Clear Fork Reservoir, **Richland**, on 29 Nov.

Great Black-backed Gull

All of the Erie lakeshore counties produced sightings, as did **Franklin, Hancock**, and **Trumbull**. Cole DiFabio estimated the high number of 40 during a boat trip off **Lorain** on 04 Nov. Kenn Kaufman noted the second-highest number, 12, on 01 Nov at Huron harbor, **Erie**, and 24 Nov in Cleveland's harbor. Robert Sams' two at the Findlay Reservoirs on 31 Oct was the highest inland count.

[Herring X Great Black-backed Gull]

Kent Miller noted one at Headlands on 28 Sep.

Caspian Tern

Justin Bosler filed the only triple-digit report, 120 birds at South Creek on 30 Aug. Stragglers on 02 Nov at East Harbor (Ryan Lesniewicz and Jennifer Rycenga); Bayshore, **Lucas**, on 03 Nov (Justin Bosler); and Maumee Bay on 14 Nov (Sherric Duris) closed the season. Reports came from 32 counties.

Black Tern

Jill Bowers made the high count of 20 at the Grand Lake St. Marys fish hatchery, **Auglaize**, on 26 Aug. The next highest number was seven, seen at Mosquito Lake SP on 05 Aug (Ryan Golterman) and Paulding Reservoir on 14 Sep (Micki Dunakin and Scott Myers). Wyatt Westercamp saw the season's last, at the CCE on 21 Sep. Fifteen counties provided sightings.

Common Tern

Justin Bosler estimated 8000 in the CCE on 26 Sep; there were a couple more four-digit counts and many in triple digits from near Lake Erie. Affirming the species' preference for big water, the highest inland count was 14, at Pleasant Hill Lake on 18 Sep (Gary Cowell). Seventeen counties as far south as **Clermont** had sightings.

Forster's Tern

The highest counts came in late Sep in **Erie, Lucas**, and **Ottawa**; the top among them was Elliot Tramer's 1600 at CPNWR on 21 Sep. Numbers decreased through Oct to the last sighting on 09 Nov, three birds at East Harbor (Kenn Kaufman). Reports came from 19 counties.

Pomarine Jaeger

Jen Brumfield saw the first, off the western **Cuyahoga** shore on 14 Sep. John Pogacnik saw four off North Perry, **Lake**, on 30 Oct. A few more reports came from those two counties but no others.

Parasitic Jaeger

The OBRC has several reports.

Long-tailed Jaeger

The OBRC has at least one report.

Jaeger sp.

Several reports of unidentifiable jaegers came from

Cuyahoga, Lake, and Lucas.**Rock Pigeon**

Two viewers reported groups of 300 in *Franklin*. Alex Champagne saw them on the OSU Waterman Farm on 17 Aug, while Paul Hurtado's were on the utility wires above the Lane Avenue bridge, both also *Franklin* sites. Sixty-six counties produced reports.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

One report from *Franklin* was forwarded to the OBRC.

Mourning Dove

Kent Miller estimated 500 near his Hartville, *Stark*, home on 28 Aug and there were many more triple-digit reports among the 77 counties with sightings.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Two weeks elapsed between the second-last sighting, at Wendy Park on 06 Oct (m. obs.), and the last, at the Shaker Lakes Nature Center on 20 Oct (Ryan McDermott). Both locations are in *Cuyahoga*. Kent Miller found six in Quail Hollow SP, *Stark*, on 11 Sep and there were several reports of four. Thirty-nine counties provided reports.

Black-billed Cuckoo

These left before their cousins; the last sighting was on 29 Sep, at East Harbor (Jen Brumfield). Reports came from 15 counties.

Barn Owl

The reports are:

An adult and three to five young at Cincinnati Nature Center's Long Branch Farm, *Clermont*, on 09 and 11 Aug (CNC Staff, Bill and René McGill)

One in "Field and Forest Birding Area", *Highland*, on 27 Sep (Junior Barnes)

One near Somerset, *Perry*, on 27 Oct (Joe Faulkner)

One on a farm in *Holmes* on 13 Nov (Sally Isacco, Karen and Rich Kassouf)

One on a farm (the same farm?) in *Holmes* on 15 Nov (Dan and Lynn Gesualdo)

"A family of five was raised near Mt. Eaton", *Wayne* (fide *The Bobolink* area RBA)

Eastern Screech-Owl

Four reports were each of three birds: during the Kelleys Island censuses on 17 Aug and 16 Nov (Tom Bartlett *et al.*); at Springville Marsh on 01 Sep (Tom Bartlett); and at Lakeside, *Ottawa*, on 28 Sep (Kyle Carlsen). Kelly Williams-Sieg, while banding Northern Saw-whet Owls in *Ross*, recaptured a screech which she had originally banded in 2008. Reports came from 33 counties.

Great Horned Owl

The 04 Nov ONWR census counted five (Ed Pierce *et al.*, fide Douglas Vogus). Tom Bartlett and crew noted four at Springville Marsh on 29 Sep while banding smaller birds. Kirk Westendorf found two pairs in Armleder Park, *Hamilton*, on both 26 Sep and 17 Oct. Thirty-six counties provided sightings.

Barred Owl

The high count of three was achieved three times. William Hull found them at Interwood House, *Hancock*,

on 29 Aug; Bill Stanley's were at the East Fork Horseman's parking area on 30 Aug, and Joe Kappa and Paul Krusling only heard theirs in the *Preble* part of Hueston Woods SP on 10 Nov. Thirty-three counties produced reports.

Long-eared Owl

The five reports are:

One at Killdeer on 13 Oct (Irina Shulgina)

One in the Brecksville Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 07 Nov (Ann and Dwight Chasar)

One at Maumee Bay on 15 Nov (Sherrie Duris)

Two at Maumee Bay on 16 Nov (Kent Miller and Ben Morrison)

Four near Ragersville, *Tuscarawas*, on 17 Nov (Ivan J. and Mary Esther Yoder)

One on Kelleys Island on 26 Nov (Tom Bartlett *et al.*)

Short-eared Owl

Robert Sams saw the first, in the small *Marion* section of Killdeer on 20 Oct. Jim McCormac wrote on 25 Nov, "I made a stop at Lawrence Woods State Nature Preserve [*Hardin*] this evening around dusk to check for Short-eared Owls, and was not disappointed. At least four and maybe five owls played Whack-A-Vole in the big meadows." Joe Faulkner also saw at least four, also on 25 Nov, in the Rehoboth mine reclaim area, *Perry*. Other sightings came from *Ashtabula*, *Cuyahoga*, *Hamilton*, *Hancock*, *Harrison*, *Lake*, *Lorain*, *Lucas*, *Montgomery*, *Seneca*, and *Wyandot*.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Scott Pendleton encountered the first when he heard it calling at his home in *Harrison* on 09 Sep. Seventeen counties provided reports; all of them were of single birds except for the banders' summaries which follow.

John Keunzli's high school class banded 12 at Camp Wyandot, *Hocking*, on 10 Nov.

Kelly Williams-Sieg and Bob Scott Placier's station at Buzzard's Roost Preserve, *Ross*, was active on 13 nights between 20 Oct and 24 Nov. They banded two birds in Oct and 21 in Nov, all of them on eight of the nights.

Bob Scott Placier's public banding demonstrations captured two in Lowe-Volk Park, *Crawford*, on 02 Nov and three in the Taft Reserve, *Licking*, on 16 Nov. He and his *Hocking* College students banded a total of 12 in Nov near campus.

Rebecca Palmer bands at Caesar Creek SP, *Warren*. Her new captures this fall numbered three on 29 Oct, seven on 01 Nov, two on 02 Nov, nine on 05 Nov, seven on 07 Nov, two on 16 Nov, and two on 17 Nov. In addition to them, on each of 04 and 19 Nov she recaptured birds banded three days previously, and also on 04 Nov she recaptured one which she had banded on 05 Nov 2010. She had two "foreign" recaptures (on 02 and 16 Nov) and is still awaiting the reports from their original capture sites. Rebecca also told the *Cardinal* that a bird she banded on 08 Nov 2010 was recaptured in Maine in Oct 2011.

Common Nighthawk

Leon N. Miller and Wilbur Miller noted about 375 near

Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 26 Aug. Matt Anderson saw at least 200 feeding on a swarm of flying ants over Whitehouse, **Lucas**, on the evening of 25 Aug. There were several other three-digit counts in Aug and Sep. The last sightings were late individuals at Kolping Park, **Hamilton**, on 24 Oct (William Hull) and near Orrville, **Wayne**, on 01 Nov (Christy Miller, *vide The Bobolink* area RBA). Reports came from 48 counties.

Eastern Whip-poor-will

Scott Pendleton passed on reports of two calling in the New Athens, **Harrison**, area on 27 to 31 Aug. Matt Anderson heard two at OOPMP on 02 Sep, as did Tom Kemp at the CCE on 17 Sep.

Chimney Swift

Jen Brumfield scored the high count of 6500, at CLNP on 02 Oct. She also saw the last, a total of 20 on 22 Oct at CLNP, Wendy Park, and Bluestone (all in **Cuyahoga**). Sixty counties provided sightings.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Tom Bartlett counted 25 while banding at Springville Marsh on 09 Sep; he had banded six of the 20 observed there on 01 Sep. Aug and Sep contributed several other double-digit counts. The last bird hung around Linda Kurth's feeder in **Henry** for a few days until 02 Nov. This is about 10 days past their historical final sighting. Reports came from 61 counties.

Rufous Hummingbird

The following table summarizes data provided by Allen Chartier, whose banding efforts have greatly increased our knowledge of the movements of this species.

Location and County	Age	Sex	First Observed	Banded	Last Observed
BSBO, Ottawa	HY	F	13 Sep	27 Nov	21 Jan
Butler, Richland	AHY	M	~20 Sep	19 Nov	19 Nov
North Olmsted, Cuyahoga	Ad	M	~23 Sep	see notes	21 Jan
Canal Winchester, Fairfield	AHY	F	~15 Oct	06 Dec	03 Jan
Near Sugarcreek, Holmes	AHY	F	26 Oct	07 Nov	14 Nov
Westerville, Delaware	AHY	F	26 Oct	19 Nov	22 Nov
Circleville, Pickaway	HY	F	~27 Oct	25 Nov	01 Feb
Findlay, Hancock	HY	M	29 Oct	21 Nov	01 Jan
Ontario, Richland	AHY	F	~30 Oct	see notes	05 Nov
Chillicothe, Ross	HY	F	~01 Nov	25 Nov	05 Dec
Canton, Stark	AHY	F	~01 Nov	11 Dec	14 Dec
Lewis Center, Delaware	AHY	F	21 Nov	25 Nov	04 Jan
Williamsburg, Clermont	HY	F	22 Nov	14 Dec	23 Jan

HY = Hatch Year, AHY = After Hatch Year, Ad = Adult
 A tilde (~) preceding the date means the exact date is unknown.
 The North Olmsted bird was not banded; its identity was provided by Jen Brumfield.
 The Ontario bird was found dead on the feeder on 05 Nov.

Selasphorus Hummingbird

Additional sight records which were not confirmed to species came from **Coshocton, Delaware, Greene, Franklin, Highland, Holmes, Lucas, Ottawa, Richland, and Union** (Junior Barnes, Carrie Hampton, Paul Hurtado, Jennifer Niederlander, Bill Stanley, Leslie Warren, and *vide* Allen Chartier).

Belted Kingfisher

Jen Brumfield counted 13 along the lower Cuyahoga River on her boat trip out to Lake Erie on 19 Oct. Sixty-nine counties provided sightings.

Red-headed Woodpecker

OOPMP hosted 23 for Elliot Tramer on 01 Sep and 17 on 20 Nov; two counts of 10 also came from there. The highest count elsewhere was 11 by Su Snyder along

Messner Road in Killbuck Marsh WA, **Wayne**. Reports came from 47 counties.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Danielle McCament counted 25 along the Mount Vernon Development Center Nature Trail, **Knox**, on 07 Nov. There were several reports of 10 to 12, widely scattered around the state. Seventy-six counties had sightings.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

The first probable migrant appeared on 04 Aug at Springville Marsh (Tom Bartlett *et al.*); a 02 Aug sighting in a **Lake** yard could have been one of the local breeders (Sally Kennedy). The next after these was seen in Blendon Woods on 07 Sep (Gene Stauffer) and sightings were frequent after that date. Jen Brumfield counted 16 in East Harbor on 29 Sep. Forty-three counties contributed sightings.

Downy Woodpecker

Kelleys Island censuses yielded the two highest counts, 29 on 17 Aug and 42 on 16 Nov (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). The most by a single observer was 20 by Charles Bombaci in Hoover NP Area N on 29 Aug. Reports came from 74 counties.

Hairy Woodpecker

Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 10 during the 08 Sep CVNP monthly census. The Mount Vernon Development Center Nature Trail, **Knox**, hosted six on 04 Nov for Danielle McCament. Sixty-six counties provided reports.



A lovely fall addition to a North Olmsted, **Cuyahoga**, back yard, this male Rufous Hummingbird was photographed by Chuck Slusarczyk on 11 Oct.

Northern Flicker

Jen Brumfield reported an "amazing movement of flickers" at CLNP on 24 Sep; she and Dan Gesualdo counted 125 to 130. The second-highest count was "only" 55, also by Jen at CLNP, on 28 Sep. Sixty-eight counties had sightings.

Pileated Woodpecker

The 05 Oct CVNP census yielded five (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Five locations (in **Ashland, Harrison, Holmes, Pike, and Richland**) each produced four. Reports came from 56 counties.

American Kestrel

Thirteen were hunting Burke Airport on 23 Aug (Dan Gesualdo). Twelve were there on 05 Aug (Jen Brum-

field) and at Killdeer on 24 Nov (Charles Bombaci). Sixty-four counties produced reports.

Merlin

One in Rocky River, **Cuyahoga**, on 08 Aug (Elizabeth McQuaid) and one at The Bowl on 27 Aug (Scott Pendleton) were the only sightings that month. The latter bird might have summered; Scott saw one at The Bowl on three summer dates. CLNP hosted three on 24 Oct (m. obs.) and Highland Park Cemetery, also **Cuyahoga**, held two on 07 Oct (Inga Schmidt). All the other reports, from 32 counties total, were of single birds.

Peregrine Falcon

Several observers watched three along the Lake Erie shore from the Pier W restaurant deck (Lakewood, **Cuyahoga**) on 17 Nov. Reports came from 27 counties and several contained two birds.

Prairie Falcon

One was reported in **Hancock** between 13 and 16 Oct. The OBRC has documentation.

Falcon sp.

A large falcon at Metzger Ferguson Reservoir, **Allen**, on 28 Oct was first thought to be a Prairie Falcon, but other opinions include Gyrfalcon or a hybrid. The OBRC has some photographs.

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Ben Morrison saw the first, at Berlin Reservoir, **Mahoning/Portage**, on 13 Aug. Reports were fairly frequent from then to the third week of Sep, and the last sighting was on 26 Sep in Greenleaf Park, **Medina** (Blake Mathys). Three parties each found two birds, in Goll Woods SNP, **Fulton**, on 02 Sep (Matthew Gingerich and Matthew Gnagey), in Chagrin River Park, **Lake**, on 03 Sep (Peter Hellman), and in Wintergarden Woods/St. Johns NP, **Wood**, on 04 Sep (Jeremy Ross). Twenty-four counties had sightings.

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Craig Moore found the most, 24 in Blacklick Woods, **Fairfield**, on 26 Aug; there were several other double-digit counts. Chris Knoll and Mary Warren reported the last of the season, from Magee on 21 Oct. Sixty counties provided reports.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Two early migrants appeared in Spring Valley WA, **Warren**, on 07 Aug (Daniel Seger). The second sighting was 10 days later on Kelleys Island (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Sally Isacco found three in CLNP on 24 Sep. Doug Overacker saw the last, at Buck Creek on 06 Oct. Sightings came from 30 counties.

Acadian Flycatcher

Gary Cowell found six along the Lyons Falls Trail in Mohican SF on 03 Sep; the next highest count was four at each of four locations. The last sighting was on 07 Oct in Glacier Ridge MP, **Union** (Irina Shulgina). It was two weeks after the second-last on 23 Sep, singles in **Wayne** (Aaron E. Miller) and in Shawnee Lookout (Linda Osterhage). Thirty-one counties contributed reports.

Alder Flycatcher

The five reports, each of one bird, are:

Wright Marsh, **Wayne**, singing on 03 Aug (Aden A. Yoder and Atlee A. Yoder)

Herrick Fen, **Portage**, on 12 Aug (Jorg Freiberg)

Pipe Creek on 25 Aug (Kenn Kaufman)

Hueston Woods SP, **Preble**, banded on 30 Aug (David Russell)

CPNWR on 30 Sep, a late date (Sherric Duris and Kevin Karlson)

Willow Flycatcher

Tom Bartlett *et al.* found six in Springville Marsh on 04 Aug. The last sighting was at Magee on 22 Sep (m. obs.). Reports came from 32 counties.

Least Flycatcher

The high count was five, achieved by Tom Bartlett's Kelleys Island crew on 17 Aug and by Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams at Camp Berry, **Hancock**, on 23 Sep. The last date, 30 Sep, was also shared, by single birds at two locations: Penitentiary Glen, **Lake** (Cole DiFabio) and Villa Angela (Nancy Anderson). Twenty-nine counties yielded sightings.

Empidonax sp.

Linda Osterhage saw one straggler of this genus at Shawnee Lookout on the late date of 11 Oct. Several "Trail's" (Alder or Willow) Flycatchers were reported earlier in the season.

Eastern Phoebe

Don Glasco saw the second-last of the season, in the Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods, **Clermont**, on 10 Nov. Keith Schlabach saw the last near Blissfield, **Coshocton**, on 28 Nov, though single birds lingered through the winter elsewhere. Tim Krynak and his nature walk participants counted 20 in North Chagrin Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 05 Aug. Sixty counties had sightings.

Say's Phoebe

One was reported in Calvary Cemetery, **Cuyahoga**, on 25 Oct. The OBRC has documentation.

Great Crested Flycatcher

Caley Reservation, **Lorain**, hosted five on 12 Aug (BRAS) as did CVNP's Towpath Trail on 15 Sep (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Angelika Nelson filed the latest report, from Dillon SP, **Muskingum**, on 28 Sep. Sightings came from 37 counties.

Western Kingbird

One was reported in Brookside Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Oct. The OBRC has documentation.



An excellent sighting by Karen and Rich Kassouf of a wayward Western Kingbird at Brookside Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Oct was documented in this image by Jen Brunfield.

Eastern Kingbird

The 17 Aug Kelleys Island census turned up 61 (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). The second-highest count was 39, in ONWR on 16 Aug (Mike Wilson). David Gesiki found the last in Wintergarden Woods/St. Johns NP, **Wood**, on 13 Oct. Fifty-two counties produced reports.

Northern Shrike

Two locations hosted the first on 22 Oct: two birds on the CCE Trail, **Lucas** (Justin Bosler) and one at Headlands (Ray Hannikman). The two CCE Trail birds also share the high count (and possibly the birds themselves) with two along the Magee causeway on 03 Nov (Andrew Mashburn). **Delaware, Geauga, Lorain, Mahoning, Montgomery, Portage, Richland, Tuscarawas, Union, Wayne**, and **Wyandot** also fielded these winter visitors.

White-eyed Vireo

Bruce Glick and Leroy E. Yoder "tallied an amazing 18 of these skulkers" while biking in Holmes on 19 Sep (*vide The Bobolink*). Mark Gilsdorf and others on a Cincinnati Bird Club trip revealed in 13 of them in Shawnee Lookout on 09 Sep. Andy R. Troyer saw the last, near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 27 Oct, rather late for that latitude. Reports came from 39 counties.

Bell's Vireo

This species breeds along the Heritage Trail, **Franklin**, and that was the only location for fall sightings. Irina Shulgina and Craig Moore saw three there on 12 and 19 Aug, respectively. Irina also saw the latest on 11 Sep.

Yellow-throated Vireo

Bruce Glick and Leroy E. Yoder found nine during their **Holmes** bike excursion on 19 Sep. Shawnee Lookout hosted both the second-most and the last. Mark Gilsdorf and the Cincinnati Bird Club found eight on 09 Sep and Linda Osterhage saw the last on 06 Oct. Thirty-eight counties had sightings.

Blue-headed Vireo

There were quite a few summer sightings, but this season's first was not until 13 Aug at Freer Field Park, **Ashtabula** (David Swain). James E. Yoder saw the last, near New Bedford, **Holmes**, on 08 Nov. Greg Miller saw five in East Harbor on 30 Sep. Thirty-five counties provided reports.

Warbling Vireo

Twenty swarmed the Magee boardwalk on 27 Aug (Katie Anderson and Kenn Kaufman). Buck Creek hosted the last, on 30 Sep (Doug Overacker). Sightings came from 49 counties.

Philadelphia Vireo

Ann and Dwight Chasar saw the first, on 24 Aug at the Station Road entrance to CVNP. Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted seven during the 21 Sep Kelleys Island census. The second-highest count was five, at TWC on 27 Sep (Aden A. Yoder). Three were tallied at one site in each in **Cuyahoga, Delaware, Holmes, Lake, Summit**, and **Wayne** between 02 and 15 Sep. Scott Myers saw the last, on 22 Oct at the Black Swamp NC, **Paulding**. Reports came from 28 counties.

Red-eyed Vireo

Curiously, the last several sightings were all in northern counties, with the latest being at Wendy Park on 08 Oct

(Joe Woyma). Magee held 24 on 09 Sep (Justin Bosler) and there were a few more double-digit reports. Fifty-five counties produced sightings.

Blue Jay

Here's another curiosity – 11 counties did NOT produce reports of this species. Jay migration peaked in late Sep, producing at least five triple-digit counts. The highest was 378 at the Black Swamp NC, **Paulding**, on 26 Sep (Doug and Micki Dunakin and Scott Myers).

American Crow

Anna Wittmer reported an estimated 10,000 were streaming east over a mall in **Richland** on 25 Nov. The second-highest counts were of about 500, at Clear Fork Reservoir, **Richland**, on 15 Oct (Gary Cowell) and near Mansfield, **Richland**, on 19 Oct (Anna Wittmer). Reports came from 72 counties.

Fish Crow

The OBRC has several reports from **Cuyahoga**.

Common Raven

Scott Pendleton documented three individuals near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 12 Aug. The OBRC has several other reports from **Harrison** and one from **Washington**.

Horned Lark

Charles Bombaci estimated 400 at Killdeer on 24 Nov, the highest of the few triple-digit numbers. Forty-three counties provided reports.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

The last were single birds on 27 Oct in **Franklin** (m. obs.), on 31 Oct in **Summit** (Kent Miller) and on 09 Nov on the Lake Erie shore in ONWR (Justin Bosler). These dates are two to three weeks later than usual. About 200 were working the Oberlin, **Lorain**, reservoir on 17 Sep (Edward Kamposek) and South Lattimore Road, **Ottawa**, on 27 Sep (Justin Bosler). Forty-seven counties had sightings.

Purple Martin

Justin Bosler reported the last, from Winous Point on 15 Oct, like the previous species about two weeks later than usual. Rita Schneider found a staging roost of about 2000 at Nimisila Reservoir, **Summit**, on 06 Aug; similar numbers remained for another couple of weeks. Reports came from 40 counties.

Tree Swallow

Several Nov sightings preceded the latest of two birds at Headlands on 12 Nov (Wes Hatch). The high count of 3000 was achieved twice, at Indian Lake SP, **Logan**, on 25 Sep (Dave Slager) and at Maumee Bay on 13 Oct (Ethán Kistler). Su Snyder photographed a leucistic individual at Funk Bottoms WA, **Wayne**, on 05 Sep. Fifty-eight counties produced sightings.

Bank Swallow

Jason Bosler tallied the two highest counts, 500 on 08 Aug in Winous Point's Metzger Unit and 1500 on 22 Aug at South Creek. David Gesiki saw four at his **Lorain** home on 07 Oct for the last sighting. Reports came from 35 counties.

Barn Swallow

Greg Miller said about the bird he saw along the CCE Trail on 11 Nov, "Imm bird. Was really hoping for a cave

swallow." His was the latest report; the next to last was at the Haul Road quarries, **Franklin**, on 27 Oct (m. obs.). On 01 Aug, Jen Brumfield saw a staging concentration of about 1200 at Burke Airport which she described as a "mega swarm". Su Snyder found a white one on 06 Aug in **Holmes**; she wasn't close enough to tell if it was albino or leucistic. Sixty-three counties had sightings.

Cliff Swallow

Several observers saw the latest bird, on 23 Sep at Hoover NP. The same location had the highest count, 80 on 06 Aug (Ben Warner). Reports came from 29 counties.

Cave Swallow

These were reported along the Lake Erie shore in several counties. OBRC has documentation of some of the sightings.

Carolina Chickadee

David A. Brinkman counted 40 in Spring Grove on 28 Nov, though he said it was "quiet and slow today". Mark Gilsdorf noted 50 at Rocky Fork SP, **Highland**, on 25 Nov. Fifty-one counties provided reports.

Black-capped Chickadee

Allen Chartier carefully watched and listened to three near Barrs Mills, **Tuscarawas**, on 07 Nov; the location is somewhat south of their generally accepted range. The Kelleys Island survey crew counted 126 on 16 Nov (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Single-observer counts at other locations ranged up to 40. Thirty counties had sightings.

Tufted Titmouse

Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods, **Clermont**, hosted 25 on 10 Nov (Don Glasco). Sixty-nine counties produced reports.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

The first report of the season came from **Mahoning** on 08 Aug (Leslie Warren), the bird could have summered nearby or just arrived from the north. James E. Yoder frequented Mohican SF; he counted 34 there on 15 Sep and 38 on 13 Oct, noting that both counts resulted from several flocks. Tom Bartlett has been banding for over 40 years; he stated that during this season he banded more of this species than in any previous year. Reports came from 64 counties.

White-breasted Nuthatch

The highest of the many double-digit counts was 19, by Joe Woyma at CLNP on 08 Oct. This count must have included some Canadian birds, the result of a seldom-seen (and presumably short-distance) migration. Seventy-two counties provided sightings.

Brown Creeper

Curiously, the few Aug reports were all in the first half of the month. Most birds were near known breeding areas, but those at Magee and ONWR must have been migrants. Jen Brumfield counted 20 in CLNP on 08 Oct and the 16 Nov Kelleys Island census found 24 (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Fifty-three counties produced reports.

House Wren

Sightings were fairly regular to the last date of 24 Oct. On that date Gary Cowell found one along the B&O Trail, **Richland**, and Junior Barnes another in his **Highland** garden. Springville Marsh hosted 10 on 09

Sep (Tom Bartlett *et al.*) and the Elmwood Cemetery, **Lorain**, held seven on 03 Sep (Gregory Bennett). Reports came from 51 counties.

Winter Wren

A few nest in the northeast, **Hocking** and **Vinton**; there were several late Aug and early Sep sightings in the known locations. The first probable migrant showed up in Bill Yeck Park, **Montgomery**, on 09 Sep for John Shrader. Jen Brumfield wrote "AMAZING" when she reported 17 in Wendy Park on 08 Oct. Headlands hosted 10 on 27 Sep (Wes Hatch) and 28 Sep (Kent Miller). Thirty-seven counties produced sightings.

Sedge Wren

Herrick Fen, a Nature Conservancy property in **Portage**, must have been a hopping place on 20 Aug, when Renee Tressler found up to 15 there (and a few Marsh Wrens as well). They were apparently both local family groups and migrants. Bill Whan reported "about 12" at Darby Creek on 04 Aug. One at Darby Creek on 21 Oct (Irina Shulgina) and two at Wendy Park the same day (Jen Brumfield) shared "last bird" honors. Sightings also came from **Clermont**, **Erie**, **Hamilton**, **Lake**, **Licking**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, **Pickaway** and **Wayne**.

Marsh Wren

James E. Yoder reported the last of the season form Wright Marsh, **Wayne**, on 10 Nov, though a few as always showed up during Dec Christmas Bird Counts. The Wake Robin Trail hosted nine on 18 Sep (Jen Brumfield) and Metzger held eight on 07 Oct (Justin Bosler, Sherrie Duris). Reports came from 20 counties.



Ron Sempier photographed this delightful Red-breasted Nuthatch in his back yard in **Marion** on 21 Oct.

Carolina Wren

The highest count by a single observer was Charles Bombaci's 13 in Delaware WA on 29 Aug, though Tom Bartlett's Kelleys Island crew found 15 on 21 Sep. Sixty-nine counties provided sightings.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

A very few Oct sightings led to the last, on 04 Nov at ONWR (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods, **Clermont**, held 10 on 25 Aug (CNC staff) as did Shawnee Lookout on 02 Sep (Linda Osterhage). Forty-seven counties produced reports.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

The season's (extremely early) first appeared at Magee

on 08 Aug (Mike Wilson). The next sightings weren't until 02 Sep, at Tinkers Creek SNP, **Portage** (Jorg Freiberg) and ONWR (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Jen Brumfield estimated 225 in the CLNP on 16 Oct. Sightings came from 57 counties.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Jeremy Ross saw the first on 24 Aug, more than a week earlier than expected, in **Lucas**. The next showed up in Riverview Park, **Lake**, on 03 Sep (Sally Isacco). Sightings increased from about 10 Sep on, then tailed off again in the two weeks preceding the last sighting, on 24 Nov in Spring Grove (Steve Pelikan). The high count was 75 by Tom Bartlett *et al.* at Springville Marsh on 06 Oct. Joe Woyma came in second with 33 in CLNP on 08 Oct. Forty-four counties had sightings.

Eastern Bluebird

Greg Links found 35 in OOPMP on 09 Nov, the highest of many double-digit sightings. Mike Watson reported from Holden Arboretum, **Lake**, that the first eggs of two broods were laid on 02 Aug. They were late third nestings; usually the latest laying is in mid-Jul. Sixty-eight counties provided sightings.

Veery

There were a few Aug reports; nearly all the rest were in Sep. The high count of six was on 01 Sep, at Springville Marsh (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). The Oct reports were of single birds at Willard Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 04 Oct (Joe Woyma), ONWR on 07 Oct (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus), and Wendy Park on 08 Oct (Joe Woyma). Sightings came from 24 counties.

Gray-cheeked Thrush

David H. Yoder heard one overhead before dawn on 31 Aug near New Bedford, **Coshocton**. Magec hosted the first daytime record, on 03 Sep for Mark Rozmarynowicz and Clair Cogar. Aden A. Yoder's ears collected 36 in the early morning of 27 Sep near Mt. Eaton, **Wayne**. Justin Bosler saw 15 at Magec on 27 Sep. John Habig reported the last on 10 Oct from Twin Creek MP, **Warren**. Twenty-three counties produced reports.

Swainson's Thrush

Tom Bartlett *et al.* found the first, on Kelleys Island on 17 Aug. Reports, from 41 counties, flowed steadily almost to the last on 25 Oct from Sheldon's Marsh SNP, **Erie** (Tom Eshelman). The highest of several triple-digit nighttime counts, 270, came early on 09 Sep near Walnut Creek, **Holmes** (Reuben S. Erb). Kelleys Island produced the high eyes-on count, 41 on 21 Sep (Tom Bartlett *et al.*); there were many double-digit sightings in Sep.

Hermit Thrush

The three which Chris Zacharias found in the gorge of Mohican SP on 01 Aug probably nested or were born there. The next report, on 29 Aug, was of a migrant at Sandy Ridge Reservation, **Lorain**, seen by members of a BRAS field trip. All of the double-digit counts were near Lake Erie in **Cuyahoga** and **Lake**; the highest was Jen Brumfield's 46 at Wendy Park on 08 Oct. Thirty-five counties had sightings.

Wood Thrush

Samantha Stoklosa saw two in Three Creeks MP,

Franklin, on 13 Oct; Justin Bosler saw one at Springville Marsh the same day. These were the last but for a straggler reported at Blendon Woods on 02 Nov (Keith Kraut). Linda Osterhage counted 20 during two hours in Shawnee Lookout on 26 Aug. The only other double-digit counts were 14 by Andy R. Troyer near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 15 Sep and 10 by Tom Bartlett *et al.* at Springville Marsh on 09 Sep. Reports came from 36 counties.

American Robin

Greg Links caught the peak of migration on 28 Oct when he estimated 825 in Maumee Bay's campground and nearby. Robert Sams saw 650 at Camp Perry, **Hancock**, the day before, as did Greg Links at Ottawa City Park, **Lucas**, on 03 Nov. Seventy-three counties produced reports.

Gray Catbird

Rob Harlan wrote, "[A] hungry and unruly group of at least 7 adults and young invaded our Columbia Woods Apartments (Norton, Summit Co.) deck for 15 minutes 9/4, generally tossing the place. Sandy, a bit shaken up, was heard to exclaim "They made a mess of my planters." A senseless crime, but we have moved on with our lives." Tom Bartlett banded some of the 100 he encountered at Springville Marsh on 09 Sep. Scott Pendleton noted the last of the season on 25 Nov, in the Tappan drainage area, **Harrison**, though a few stuck around elsewhere all winter. Sixty-eight counties had sightings.

Northern Mockingbird

Alex Nickley counted 15 along the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway, **Athens**, on 16 Oct. The only other double-digit count was Jen Brumfield's 13 along the lower Cuyahoga River on 19 Oct while motoring out to Lake Erie. Robert Hershberger found seven at Secrest Arboretum, **Wayne**, on 19 Nov and reported in *The Bobolink* that "every single one was imitating White-winged Crossbills!" Reports came from 49 counties statewide but were weighted to the southern half.

Brown Thrasher

Sightings declined in Nov to the small number of overwintering birds. Greg Miller and friends counted 13 in a nine-acre area near Trail, **Holmes**, on 02 Sep. Tom Bartlett *et al.* found 10 at Springville Marsh on 09 Sep as did Dan Gesualdo in CVNP on 25 Sep. Forty counties produced sightings.

European Starling

Though they're no doubt present statewide, starlings were reported in only 79 counties. Allen Chartier estimated 10,000 in the Hazelwood area of **Hamilton** on 26 Nov. Victor Fazio II found about 9000 at Medusa Marsh, **Erie**, on 04 Nov.

American Pipit

Charles Bombaci thoroughly documented a rare summer sighting, of two no less, in Hoover NP on 06 Aug. The second sighting, of one at Findlay Reservoirs on 09 Sep, was solidly in their usual window (Robert Sams). Victor Fazio III counted 160 passing Bay View, **Erie**, in less than two hours on 04 Nov. Perry D. Hershberger saw at least 250 as flocks passed through Farmerstown, **Holmes**, between 21 Oct and 14 Nov. Reports came from 38 counties.

Bohemian Waxwing

One report is in process at the OBRC.

Cedar Waxwing

Eliot Tramer wrote, "'Tornado alley' in OOPMP was swarming with waxwings in early Autumn. This area, opened up by an F2 tornado in June 2010, has grown up in pokeweed that is very attractive to waxwings. I estimated over 300 waxwings there August 29 and about 600 on September 5. Another group of about 250 was feeding on the fruits of ornamental Bradford Pears in a yard adjacent to OOPM on November 3." Further south, Hoover NP hosted about 500 on 25 Sep (Greg Miller). Sixty-seven counties provided sightings.

Lapland Longspur

The first arrived right on time, flying off Lake Erie into ONWR on 24 Sep (Ethan Kistler). The next sighting, however, didn't come until 07 Oct at Metzger (Justin Bosler) and the third on 20 Oct in *Lorain* (Elizabeth McQuaid). The only sightings south of mid-state were at East Fork on 07 Nov (Bill Stanley) and Lake Saint Joseph, *Perry*, on 18 Nov (Joe Faulkner). Sherrie Duris estimated 600 were along Seaman Road, *Lucas*, on 23 Nov. Sightings came from 21 counties.

Snow Bunting

Jason Bosler filed the first report, three birds at ONWR on 23 Oct. Sightings were frequent from then into winter. Robert Sams found about 200 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 24 Nov and several more triple-digit counts came from there and *Lucas*. Sightings at East Fork on 06 and 07 Nov (m. obs.) were the only ones south of Columbus. Twenty-five counties produced reports.



Two Snow Buntings garnered the interest of birders at East Fork and were photographed by Bill and René McGill on 07 Nov.

Ovenbird

The last was a straggler which hunkered down at OSU's Jennings Hall from 07 to 09 Nov (m. obs.). One at Shaker Lakes, *Cuyahoga*, on 01 Nov was also late, especially for the latitude (Laura Gooch). Springville Marsh produced the two highest counts, 10 on 01 Sep and 15 on 09 Sep (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Thirty-one counties had sightings.

Worm-eating Warbler

The four reports are:

Two in the Mohican SP Lodge area on 04 Aug (Anna Wittmer)

One at Shawnee Lookout on 11 Aug (Linda and Susan Osterhage)

One at the Indigo Hill Birding Tower, *Washington*, on 20 Aug (Mark Garland)

One on Scotts Ridge Road, *Washington*, on 13 Aug (Kyle Carlsen)

Louisiana Waterthrush

The five reports are:

Two at East Fork's Williamsburg Wetlands on 01 Aug and one on 08 Aug (Bill Stanley)

One at Tinkers Creek NP, *Cuyahoga*, on 02 Aug (Eric Schlabach)

One at Blendon Woods on 01 Aug (Bruce Simpson)

Three along the Walhonding River, *Coshocton*, on 18 Aug (James E. Yoder)

Northern Waterthrush

The one which Daniel Parsons saw at Holden Arboretum, *Lake*, on 08 Aug could have been one of our rare breeders. Dave Slager saw an early migrant in the OSU wetlands, *Franklin*, on 12 Aug. The last spent from 02 to 30 Nov in the OSU Jennings Hall courtyard (m. obs.); that time span began about two weeks after the historical departure date for the species. One at Pleasant Hill Park, *Ashland*, on 29 Oct was also straggling (Gary Cowell). Perhaps it then moved to Jennings... Justin Bosler saw three at Magee on 09 Sep and there were several reports of two. Twenty-two counties had sightings.

Blue-winged Warbler

Reports were fairly steady to that of the second last bird, seen in *Wayne* on 22 Sep by Andy R. Troyer. John Habig saw the last on 10 Oct, a little later than usual, at Twin Creek MP, *Warren*. There were a few reports of two birds. Reports came from 22 counties.

[Blue-winged x Golden-winged "Lawrence's" Warbler]

Aden A. Yoder discovered one at TWC on 29 Aug.

Golden-winged Warbler

The reports are listed. Repeated sightings at a location are assumed to be of a single bird unless otherwise noted.

One at Harbin Park, *Butler*, on 25 Aug (Charles Saunders)

One at Magee 26 and 27 Aug (m. obs.)

One at Blendon Woods on 04, 07, and 09 Sep (m. obs.)

One at Wendy Park on 02 Sep (*vide* Jen Brumfield)

One male in Worthington, *Franklin*, on 07 Sep (Bernie Master)

A male or males at Shawnee Lookout on 09 and 17 Sep (John Habig, Linda Osterhage)

One at Withrow NP, *Hamilton*, on 12 Sep

A female or females at Shawnee Lookout on 14 and 23 Sep (Linda Osterhage)

A male at Magee 19 to 30 Sep (m. obs.).

Black-and-white Warbler

The high count was 12, tallied at TWC by Aden A. Yo-

der on 27 Sep. Magee hosted nine for Kenn Kaufman on 09 Sep and Wyatt Westerkamp on 21 Sep. The second-last sightings were on 08 Oct at Headlands (Michael and Sarah Kuzio) and Wendy Park (Rich Kassouf). The last was in the OSU wetlands, **Franklin**, on 18 Oct, which Paul Hurtado noted is “getting late for this species”. Forty-three counties produce reports.

Prothonotary Warbler

Usually these have departed by early Sep, but Eldon Russell Park, **Geauga** (James Fletcher), Geneva SP, **Ashtabula** (Nick Ziemba), and Magee (John Shrader) each hosted one on 15 Sep. All three locations are breeding sites. The high count was six, on 14 Aug at the north end of Mosquito Lake (Ryan Golterman). **Ashland**, **Butler**, **Clermont**, **Delaware**, **Muskingum**, **Ottawa**, and **Summit** also provided sightings.

Tennessee Warbler

The first was an early arrival at Shawnee Lookout on 04 Aug (Linda and Susan Osterhage). The second appeared at Mosquito Lake SP on the nearly normal 14 Aug (Kent Miller). Leroy E. Yoder found 34 in north-west **Coshocton** on 08 Sep. Ethan Kistler counted 30 at various **Darke** sites on 30 Aug and reports of 20 came from **Ashland**, **Coshocton**, and **Lucas** in Sep. Irina Shulgina reported the last, from Kiwanis Riverway Park, **Franklin**, on 27 Oct. Reports came from 50 counties.

Orange-crowned Warbler

Robert Sams noted a considerably early bird in the Riverland Recreation Area, **Hancock**, on 03 Sep. Magee hosted the next, on 09 Sep (m. obs.). Reports were fairly numerous from 15 Sep to the last sighting, which came at Headlands on 03 Nov (Christopher Dyer, Jim McConnor). The only counts exceeding two were of five at Wendy Park on 08 Oct (Jen Brumfield) and six along the CCE Trail on 28 Sep (Jackie and Tom Bain). Twenty-three counties had sightings.

Nashville Warbler

Craig Moore saw the first, in his **Franklin** yard on 19 Aug. Aaron E. Miller counted 41 total at several **Wayne** sites on 23 Sep. Kent Miller saw the most in one location, 15 at Headlands on 28 Sep. Two sites shared the second-last date of 26 Oct, a Cincinnati yard (Lori Brumbaugh) and Whitehouse, **Lucas** (Eliot Tramer). The latest was a single in **Holmes** on 01 Nov (Emery Yoder). Forty-four counties provided reports.

Connecticut Warbler

All the sightings were of single birds. Scott Pendleton saw the first, at The Bowl on 26 Aug. Bill Stanley found the last, at his **Clermont** home on 02 Oct. **Cuyahoga**, **Franklin**, **Hancock**, **Licking**, **Lucas**, and **Wayne** also contributed reports.

Mourning Warbler

Ray Silvey in **Franklin** and John Pogačnik in **Lake** each saw one on 13 Aug. Reports were fairly regular, though sparse, until the last from the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 03 Oct (Karen and Rich Kassouf). The CLNP hosted two for Scott Loss on 27 Aug and three for Jen Brumfield on 21 Sep. Ethan Kistler also saw two, at Magee on 20 Sep. The other reports, from 17 counties

total, were of single birds.

Kentucky Warbler

The sightings, all of single birds, were:

Along the Lyons Falls Trail, Mohican SP, on 01 Aug (Chris Zacharias)

At Shawnee Lookout on each of 11, 12, 19, and 24 Aug (m. obs.)

In Wayne National Forest, **Washington**, on 13 Aug (Kyle Carlsen)

In the Kroger Wetlands, **Washington**, on 25 Aug (Kyle Carlsen)

Near Sugarcreek, **Tuscarawas**, also on 25 Aug (Ed Schlabach)

On West 148th Street, **Cuyahoga**, on 05 Sep (Elizabeth McQuaid)

Common Yellowthroat

The highest of many double-digit counts was 50, by Jen Brumfield at Wendy Park on 24 Sep. Kirk Westendorf saw the last but one in Armleder Park, **Hamilton**, on 21 Nov. The last spent from 30 Nov to mid-Dec in the OSU Jennings Hall courtyard (m. obs.). Fifty-eight counties provided reports.

Hooded Warbler

CVNP Towpath Trail censuses provided the high count of seven on 08 Sep and the second-last sighting, of two on 05 Oct (both Douglas Vogus *et al.*). The last was a couple of weeks later than usual near New Bedford, **Coshocton**, on 20 Oct (Adam H. Yoder). Several observers reported four. Twenty-two counties had sightings.

American Redstart

The last sighting, on 24 Oct in Wildwood MP, **Lucas**, was a little later than usual (Cindy Rowe and Kelli Rule). Oakwoods NP, **Hancock**, held 56 on 03 Sep (Robert Sams). The second-highest count was 30, from Three Creeks MP, **Franklin**, on 16 Sep (Dave and Emily Slager). Reports came from 54 counties.

Kirtland's Warbler

The OBRC has one report.

Cape May Warbler

Tom Bartlett's Kelleys Island team counted six on 17 Aug for the first of the season. All but one of the double-digit sightings were at Magee, whence Kenn Kaufman wrote on 08 Sep, “Easily the most numerous warbler today; mostly dull-plumaged birds, many of them probably young females. Several small flocks composed just of this species, and several individuals in every mixed warbler flock on the boardwalk. 70 is a very conservative count / estimate for the species.” The Kroger Wetlands, **Washington**, held 10 on 25 Sep (Kyle Carlsen). Greg Miller noted a “tardy first year female” at East Harbor on 10 Nov. She was quite a bit later than the second-last sighting, two birds in **Athens** on 18 Oct (Alex Nickley). Thirty-six counties provided reports.

Cerulean Warbler

The six reports, all of single birds, are:

At Shawnee Lookout on 11 Aug (Linda and Susan Osterhage) and 25 Aug (Harris Abramson)

Along Scotts Ridge Road, **Washington**, on 13 Aug

(Kyle Carlsen)

In Dillon SP, *Muskingum*, on 15 Aug (Margaret Bowman)

In Glenon Woods on 11 Sep (Bruce Simpson)

Near Blenmont, *Holmes*, on 13 Sep (Bruce Glick)

Northern Parula

Reports flowed in steadily almost until 13 Oct. Lori Brumbaugh saw one in her Cincinnati yard. The last, however, was straggling in *Licking* on 26 Oct (Atlee A. Yoder). Gabe Leidy found eight at Pipe Creek on 22 Sep, some of the 14 total he counted at several sites that day. Thirty-two counties had sightings.

Magnolia Warbler

Inga Schmidt saw the first migrant, on Chagrin River Road, *Geauga*, on 16 Aug. (A few summered in Mohican SF/SP) Kelleys Island hosted 32 on 21 Sep (Tom Bartlett *et al.*) and Magee 20 on 08 Sep (Kenn Kaufman). Kent Miller's partly leucistic individual on Howell's Egypt Road, *Columbiana*, on 18 and 23 Oct was the second-last. One straggler spent from 29 Nov into Dec at a home in *Holmes* (fide Robert Hershberger). Forty-seven counties produced sightings.

Bay-breasted Warbler

Rob Thorn found one on Oxbow Island, *Franklin*, on 25 Aug and sightings were steady until the second-last one on 11 Oct at Shawnee Lookout (Linda Osterhage). The last was over a week later and at the other end of the state, near the BSBO office in *Ottawa* on 19 Oct (Kent Miller). TWC provided the high count of 10 on 27 Sep for Aden A. Yoder. Reports came from 32 counties.

Blackburnian Warbler

The first sightings came 11 Aug, single birds in *Hamilton*, *Holmes*, *Lucas*, *Ottawa*, and *Portage*. Ethan Kistler produced the high count of 15 from a mixed-species flock in *Darke* on 21 Aug. An Ohio Young Birders group found the last, on 13 Oct at the Cincinnati Nature Center; *Clermont*. Forty-three counties provided reports.

Yellow Warbler

Ken Ostermiller counted 24 along the CCE Trail on 05 Aug. The second-last sighting was at the tail end of the usual migration period, on 08 Oct in CLNP (Karen and Rich Kassouf). The last were stragglers at homes in *Holmes* (Michael Hershberger) and *Tuscarawas* (Hallie Mason) on 21 Oct. Thirty-nine counties had sightings.

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Sightings were thin in early Aug but picked up and were steady through Sep. Justin Bosler found eight at Magee on 09 Sep; the second highest count of seven was at TWC on 29 Aug (Aden A. Yoder). Irina Shulgina noted the season's last on 09 Oct in Glacier Ridge MP, *Union*. Thirty-five counties produced reports.

Blackpoll Warbler

Kent Miller saw the first, two in Mosquito Lake SP on 14 Aug. Magee was hopping with them a month later: John Shrader counted 70 on 15 Sep and Harris Abramson 60 on 29 Sep. Two locations in *Morrow* and one in each of *Lucas* and *Summit* hosted single birds on the last date of 21 Oct. Reports came from

40 counties.

Black-throated Blue Warbler

The earliest showed up on 26 Aug at two sites. Nancy Anderson saw one in Villa Angela and Scott Pendleton another in *Harrison*. The 21 Sep Kelleys Island census tallied 16 (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). The second highest count was 11 by Robert Sams in Oakwoods NP, *Hancock*, on 03 Sep. Several observers saw the last one, at Magee on 21 Oct. Thirty-four counties had sightings.

Palm Warbler

Tom Bartlett saw the first, an early arrival on Kelleys Island on 17 Aug. Almost two weeks passed before the next sighting, on Chagrin River Road, *Geauga*, on 29 Aug (Inga Schmidt). Jen Brumfield counted 35 in CLNP on 08 Oct. She also pressed on the report of the latest, one of the scarce-in-Ohio "yellow" subspecies, at West Branch SP, *Portage*, on 07 Nov. Thirty-nine counties provided reports.

Pine Warbler

The season's first were five at Mosquito Lake on 04 Aug (Ryan Golterman), where they might have bred. They also provided the highest count. The next sighting was not until 23 Aug, a migrant at ONWR (Drew InBalto). Leslie Houser and John Martin saw the last, in Spring Grove on 17 Nov. Reports came from 26 counties.

Yellow-rumped Warbler

The first two showed up on 02 Aug in Westfield Center, *Medina* (Ken Ostermiller). This is quite early, but another was banded at Navarre on 06 Aug (Julie Shieldcastle). Frequent sightings began during the last week of Aug. Preservation Park, *Delaware*, hosted the high single-observer count of 200 on 12 Oct (Charles Bombaci). The 19 Oct Kelleys Island census team found 357 (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Sixty-two counties yielded sightings.

Yellow-throated Warbler

This widespread southern nester was only seen a few times in Aug. The high count was five, which Kyle Carlsen tallied on 25 Sep in the Kroger Wetlands, *Washington*. Many reports contained two birds. Linda Osterhage reported the last, in Shawnee Lookout on 06 Oct, a little later than usual. Eighteen counties contributed sightings.

Prairie Warbler

The seven reports are:

One in Backwater Swamp, *Harrison*, on 18 Aug (Scott Pendleton)

Two at the Indigo Hill Birding Tower, Washington, on 20 Aug (Mark Garland)

Two on the Hillview Blue Trail, Twin Creeks MP, *Montgomery* on 04 Sep (John Habig)

Two in the Germantown Cemetery, Twin Creeks MP on 07 Sep (John Habig)

One at the Fry Family Park, *Stark*, on 12 Sep (Parks staff)

One at his *Harrison* home on 21 Sep (Scott Pendleton)

One at Magee (rare there) on 26 Sep (Josh

Haughwout and Mark Rozmarynowycz)

Townsend's Warbler

Josh Haughwout found and documented an adult male at Magee on 08 Sep. Unfortunately it moved around within the woodlot and apparently left that night, so few others were able to see it.

Black-throated Green Warbler

One was still singing on territory at Jen Sauter's farm in **Hocking** on 11 Aug; he was the first reported in the season. One of the (shared-date) last was a female in Jerry Talkington's Willoughby, **Lake**, yard on 06 Nov, more than a week past the expected last date for the north. The other was near Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, that same day (m. obs.). Kenn Kaufman found 20 at Magee on 08 Sep; Aden A. Yoder and Atlee A. Yoder counted 45 at TWC on 28 Sep. Reports came from 51 counties.

Canada Warbler

These breed in the Mohican SP gorge, so the one there on 01 Aug was likely a local (Chris Zacharias). The first migrant showed up at Elmwood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 Aug (Paula Lozano). Several reports contained two birds; none had more. Twenty-three counties produced sightings.

Wilson's Warbler

Jill Bowers saw the first, at Magee on 07 Aug. The next sighting was all the way south at Shawnee Lookout on 19 Aug (Linda Osterhage), and reports were steady from then until the end of Sep. Single birds in **Darke**, **Hamilton**, and **Wyandot** were the only Oct sightings, and Nancy Anderson was surprised to find a very late bird in Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 Nov. The high count, said *The Bobolink*, was "an astounding 10" by Aaron E. Miller near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 23 Sep. Jen Brumfield saw eight at Wendy Park on 22 Sep as did Kent Miller at Headlands on 19 Sep. Thirty-five counties had sightings.

Yellow-breasted Chat

The East Fork Williamsburg Wetlands, **Clermont**, hosted four on 24 Aug and 04 Sep (Bill Stanley), and the few other reports of more than one also came from there. The last sighting was at Ohio Dominican University, **Franklin**, on 03 Oct (Blake Mathys). They're very uncommon at Magee but one showed up on 26 Aug (*vide* Mary Warren) and 17 Sep (Ethan Kistler). **Delaware**, **Hamilton**, **Licking**, and **Washington** also contributed reports.

Eastern Towhee

Doug Overacker saw 15 at Buck Creek on four dates between 10 Sep and 06 Oct. There were several more double-digit counts among the 59 counties with sightings.

American Tree Sparrow

Scott Pendleton saw two at East Harbor on 29 Sep. The high count was 400 by Charles Bombaci at Killdeer on 24 Nov. Reports came from 50 counties.

Chipping Sparrow

These were scarce by the end of the season though sightings continued through winter. However, Matt Anderson tallied "an amazing 145" at Whitehouse Cemetery, **Lucas**, on 21 Oct. Gary Cowell's 82 at his **Richland** home was the second-highest count. Fifty-nine counties

produced reports.

Clay-colored Sparrow

The first was reported at Blendon Woods on 08 Sep (*vide* Bruce Simpson) and the last in a Columbus yard on 27 Oct (Steve Landes). Between those dates were nine other reports from **Cuyahoga** (3), **Franklin**, **Holmes**, **Lake** (2), **Lorain**, **Richland**, **Summit**, **Tuscarawas**, and **Wayne**.

Field Sparrow

Two observers reported counts of 40. David A. Brinkman saw them in the Miami Whitewater Forest wetlands, **Hamilton**, on 13 Oct; Matt Anderson saw his in the "Tornado Alley" section of OOPMP on 21 Oct. Reports came from 56 counties.

Vesper Sparrow

The Bowl hosted 20 on 07 Oct for Scott Pendleton; no other location had more than seven. The last was a bit late for the latitude, near Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 04 Nov (Leon N. Miller and Wilbur Miller). The second-last sightings were on 27 Oct, on Young Road, **Franklin** (Dave Slager) and Twin Creeks Wetland, **Hamilton** (Brian Wulker). Twenty-one counties provided reports.

Lark Sparrow

The six reports are:

At OOPMP, two on 04 Aug (Michael David), one on 09 Sep (Mark Ruane), and one on 11 Sep (Dan and Lynn Gesualdo)

Near Atwood Lake, **Carroll**, on 28 Aug (James E. Yoder *et al.*)

At the Krause Road/Stange Road corner, **Ottawa**, on 02 Sep (Douglas Vogus)

At Lake Eric Bluffs MP, **Lake**, on 22 Oct (*vide* John Pogacnik)

Lark Bunting

One spent at least from 03 to 21 Nov along a short stretch of Penrod Road, **Tuscarawas**. Dozens of chasers saw the bird; Craig Caldwell documented his sighting directly to the OBRC and others posted photos. Documentation of a **Hancock** sighting is pending



A rare Lark Bunting on Penrod Road, Tuscarawas, was oblivious to the attention but briefly unlucked his head for a sleepy shot by Laura Keene on 07 Nov.

Savannah Sparrow

The high count was 75, by Jen Brumfield at Bluestone,

Cuyahoga, on 08 Oct. Blue Creek Conservation Area, **Lucas**, held 45 on 21 Oct (Matt Anderson) and numbers decreased from that date through the end of the season. Reports came from 30 counties.

Grasshopper Sparrow

Paul Hurtado found 12 at Darby Creek on 14 Aug. The second-highest count was seven at one site in each of **Franklin**, **Gallia**, and **Harrison**, all in Aug. Darby Creek also provided the last sightings, of one bird on 21 and 25 Oct (Irina Shulgina). A dozen counties produced reports.

Henslow's Sparrow

Scott Pendleton counted 27 along one mile of road at The Bowl at dusk on 07 Aug. Ken Ostermiller contributed the only other double-digit report; he found 16 in Crown City WA, **Gallia**, on 01 Aug. Dan and Lynn Gesualdo saw the last on the Wake Robin Trail on 02 Oct.

Le Conte's Sparrow

The Wake Robin Trail hosted up to three between 22 Sep and 08 Nov (m. obs.); those are also the first and last dates for the state. Other sites with three are Lorain on 06 Oct (Gabe Leidy) and Deer Creek WA, **Pickaway**, on 22 Oct (Rob Royse). Another **Lake** site plus **Lucas** and **Ottawa** each had one sighting.

Nelson's Sparrow

The first appeared along the Wake Robin Trail on 08 Sep, and at least one was seen there repeatedly until 25 Oct. As was the case with Le Conte's Sparrow, these were also the state's first and last dates. In addition, the high count of six was there, on 22 Sep (Ben Morrison). Metzger held four on 07 Oct (Justin Bosler). Reports also came from **Butler**, **Cuyahoga**, **Franklin**, **Hamilton**, **Harrison**, **Lorain**, **Pickaway**, **Summit**, **Tuscar-**



Gabe Leidy discovered that migrating Nelson's Sparrows stopping at Lorain preferred a patch of smartweed, and he successfully photographed one of this normally secretive species on 22 Sep.

Fox Sparrow

Gary Cowell saw the first, in Mohican SF on 06 Oct. The ONWR auto tour on 23 Oct provided 20 for Ethan Kistler, and 10 were at Maumee Bay on 28 Oct (Greg Links). Reports came from 37 counties.

Song Sparrow

Wendy Park was teeming on 08 Oct when Jen Brumfield estimated 100 there. Another lakefront site, CLNP, had 85 on 21 Oct (Jen Brumfield). Seventy-three counties had sightings.

Lincoln's Sparrow

The ONWR census crew found the first on 02 Sep (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). One spent much of Nov in the OSU Jennings Hall courtyard (m. obs.) and remained well into Dec. Its last fall sighting was on 21 Nov (Irina Shulgina), so strictly speaking the season's last report was from near New Bedford, **Coshocton**, on 24 Nov (Adam H. Yoder). Rodney Crice and Don Martin reported about 30 in the Miami Whitewater Forest wetlands, **Hamilton**, on 29 Sep. Jen Brumfield noted 23 and 24 in two **Cuyahoga** sites on 08 Oct and there were several counts in the 10 to 15 range. Thirty-seven counties produced reports.

Swamp Sparrow

The high count of 60 was reported twice, at Metzger on 08 Oct (Kenn Kaufman) and the Miami Whitewater Forest wetlands, **Hamilton**, on 25 Oct (David A. Brinkman). Sightings came from 45 counties.

White-throated Sparrow

Bernie Master saw the first, a pioneer in Worthington, **Franklin**, on 30 Aug. Nancy Anderson wrote on 01 Sep, "...1 or 2 seen in Villa Angela near main woods entrance near road near very large evergreen bushes that always seem to have very early White-throated during migration." Another pioneer showed up in West Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 04 Sep (Jen Brumfield). Jen counted the high of 500 in CLNP on 08 Oct. All of the many smaller triple-digit counts were near Lake Erie except the 152 which Robert Sams noted at Springville Marsh on 21 Oct. Sixty-three counties provided reports.

Harris's Sparrow

Tom Kemp documented one at his home in **Wood** on 11 and 12 Oct, and many year-listers were able to see it. This species visits almost annually but usually arrives somewhat later in the year. The site is also unusual; most of the sightings during the last decade have been in **Holmes** and **Wayne**.

White-crowned Sparrow

Sandy Ridge Reservation, **Lorain**, hosted the first, on 20 Sep (Dick Lee). Starting 27 Sep, sightings were almost daily through the end of the season. Ethan Kistler reported 450 during the 23 Oct ONWR auto tour and wrote, "Very conservative count. Surely in the thousands..." The second highest count was 163, from Wendy Park on 08 Oct (Jen Brumfield). Fifty-one counties had sightings.

Dark-eyed Junco

Sightings continued from summer at and near the species' nesting sites in **Cuyahoga**, **Geauga**, **Lake**, and **Portage**. The first apparent migrant was quite early on the Lake Erie shore at Villa Angela on 27 Aug (Nancy Anderson). James E. Yoder saw the next probable migrant on 14 Sep near Baltic, **Coshocton**. All of the triple-digit counts were in **Cuyahoga**, most of them in CLNP; the highest, 450, was there on 21 Oct (Jen Brumfield). Reports came from 66 counties.

Summer Tanager

The high count was three, at OOPMP on 16 Sep (Matt Anderson). This area is the species' only regular breeding site in the northern third of the state. One wandered to Headlands from somewhere to be the last sighting on

28 Oct, a month later than their usual departure date (Cole DiFabio and Cory Chiappone). The second-last bird was at Aullwood Audubon Center, **Montgomery**, on 04 Oct (Robert Reed and Tom Hissong). **Clermont, Coshocton, Delaware, Franklin, Hamilton, Miami, Summit, and Washington** also contributed sightings.

Scarlet Tanager

Robert Sams noted the last, in Litzsburg Memorial Woods, **Hancock**, on 06 Oct. ONWR and Kiwanis Riverway Park, **Franklin**, each held one on 30 Sep (m. obs. and Irina Shulgina, respectively). Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski counted 10 along a mile of the Loveland Bike Trail, **Clermont**, on 01 Sep. The next-highest count was three, on 05 Sep at Pleasant Hill Lake Park, **Ashland** (Gary Cowell). Forty counties produced reports.

Northern Cardinal

The 08 Sep CVNP Towpath Trail census team counted 54 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). The highest count other than in a census was 40, by Greg Miller in **Holmes** on 02 Sep and Greg Links in Woodlawn Cemetery, **Lucas**, on 16 Nov. Seventy-six counties had sightings.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Charles Bombaci found 12 at CharMar, **Delaware**, on 19 Aug. The Springville Marsh banding crew captured or saw 10 on 16 Oct (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Thomas Slemmer saw the last, in Calhoun, **Delaware**, on 20 Oct, though sightings often continue into Nov. Reports came from 46 counties.

Blue Grosbeak

Sightings were sparse but regular in Aug; the last was a juvenile along the Dry Run Creek bike path, **Franklin**, on 01 Sep (Craig Moore). Fernald hosted five on 13 Aug for Brian Wulker. Sightings also came from **Gallia, Richland, Tuscarawas, and Washington**.

Indigo Bunting

Ken Ostermiller found 29 in the Crown City WA, **Gallia**, on 01 Aug, and the season produced many counts in the 10 to 25 range. The last sightings were on 14 Oct, two birds at the Shaker Lakes NC, **Cuyahoga** (Laura Gooch and Andy Jones), and three at Bill Stanley's **Clermont** home. Fifty-seven counties yielded reports.

Dickcissel

Sightings were steady through Aug and then declined to the last, on 30 Sep in B.J. Homan's **Franklin** yard. Marc Schroeder and Ben Warner counted 15 at Darby Creek on 27 Aug. Every count of five or more came from that site or Fernald. **Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Gallia, Hancock, Harrison, Holmes, Lorain, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Stark, Union, and Wayne** also contributed reports.

Bobolink

Ed Schlabach counted 160 in a **Tuscarawas** cornfield on 23 Sep and 60 there on 29 Sep. Elsewhere, Sandy Ridge Reservation, **Lorain**, hosted 50 on 01 Aug (Karen and Rich Kassouf) and Jen Brumfield noted a flyby of 40 at Burke Airport on 06 Sep. The second-last sighting was in the aforementioned cornfield on 10 Oct (Ed Schlabach), but Kent Miller found a "late straggler still lingering by the pond giving frequent call note from the

nearby weeds" at Springfield Bog, **Summit**, on 22 Oct. Twenty-seven counties provided reports.

Red-winged Blackbird

Tom Bartlett *et al.* estimated that 6000 swarmed Springville Marsh on 29 Sep. There were more counts in the thousands well into Nov. Reports came from 62 counties.

Eastern Meadowlark

The Bowl held 27 on 19 Sep (Scott Pendleton) and there were many more double-digit counts. Thirty-nine counties had sightings.

Western Meadowlark

Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams identified one at the Findlay Reservoirs on 30 Sep.

Yellow-headed Blackbird

The three reports, all of single birds, are:

At Metzger on 06 Aug (Kenn Kaufman)

At Fernald on 14 Sep (Paul Krusling)

At the Stange Road/Krause Road corner, **Ottawa**, on 13 Oct (Jeffrey Pontius)

Rusty Blackbird

The first appeared at Magee on 09 Sep (Irene Krise) and the next in CVNP's Brookside Marsh on 25 Sep (Ann and Dwight Chasar). Terry Colvin reported up to 1500 along Thonen Street, Rittman, **Wayne**, on several Nov dates. ONWR hosted 350 on 09 Nov (Justin Bosler). (See also Blackbird sp.) Reports came from 29 counties.

Brewer's Blackbird

Single birds were reported at Headlands on 07 Oct (Jerry Talkington, Irene Krise), at the Shreve fish pond, **Wayne**, on 20 Oct (James E. Yoder), and in the **Marion** portion of Killdeer on 22 Oct (Gene Stauffer).

Common Grackle

Angela Freeman estimated 10,000 were in a "HUGE flock on migration, took 10-15 minutes to pass over" near her home in **Portage** on 05 Nov. Sightings came from 55 counties.

Brown-headed Cowbird

Justin Bosler saw a flock of about 2000 at McClure's Marsh on 27 Sep. Scott Myers saw one of similar size in **Paulding** on 01 Oct. Three parties reported flocks of 500, the second-highest count. Forty-eight counties had sightings.

Blackbird sp.

The Bobolink reported that on 10 Nov James E. Yoder "had a huge flock of blackbirds at [Killbuck Marsh WA, **Holmes/Wayne**] including several thousand rusties". Brian Menker watched three large mixed flocks near the I-70/I-675 interchange, **Clark**, on 14 Nov, and estimated they totaled 10,000 birds. There were several other mixed flocks with numbers in four digits.

Orchard Oriole

Doug Overacker found four in Buck Creek on 11 Aug. Ken Ostermiller saw two birds along Wilderness Road, **Wayne**, on 19 Aug. Greg Miller noted "1 very late 1st year male" in **Tuscarawas** on 07 Sep. That bird wasn't nearly as tardy, or hardy, as the adult male which fre-

quented a jelly feeder near Orrville, *Wayne*, from 23 Nov into winter (Bruce Glick). Reports also came from *Clermont, Franklin, Geauga, Hamilton, Lucas, Mahoning, Ottawa, Stark*, and *Summit*.

Baltimore Oriole

Mid-Sep has historically been this species' departure time, but in recent years often a few have lingered. This year is no exception: At least three individuals were seen after 30 Sep. Dan Barda had a good look at an immature bird in Epstein Park, *Lucas*, on 19 Oct. One came to a jelly feeder in Southington, *Trumbull*, a few times between 30 Oct and 19 Nov (Cyndie Hammers). Robert Hershberger kept tabs on one north of Holmesville, *Holmes*, from 12 Nov into Dec. The high count was 20 by Katie Anderson and Kenn Kaufman at Magee on 27 Aug. Forty-eight counties produced reports.

Purple Finch

Justin Bosler found a flock of six on the Cedar Point Chausee, *Erie*, on 12 Sep, and John Shrader saw the same number at his Centerville, *Montgomery*, feeder on 31 Oct. Thirty-five other counties had sightings of smaller numbers.

House Finch

The many double-digit counts were headed by Ben Warner's 80 in New Snipe Marsh, *Delaware*, on 01 Oct. Reports came from 60 counties.

European Greenfinch

Ken Ostermiller's escapee (previously last seen 03 Jul) reappeared at his *Medina* feeder on 19 and 24 Aug.

Red Crossbill

Jim McCormac heard one calling as it passed over Geneva SP, *Ashtabula*, on 31 Aug. This pioneer presaged one of the biggest finch invasions of recent years. Greg Miller counted 16 in Woodlawn Cemetery, *Lucas*, on 27 Nov. Up to 15 were in Spring Grove between 16 and 19 Nov (David A. Brinkman) and there were several more double-digit counts. Twenty-two counties had sightings by the end of the fall season, and many more were added to the list in winter.

White-winged Crossbill

The first reports came on 04 Nov, from eight locations in *Cuyahoga, Hancock, Lorain, Trumbull*, and *Tuscarawas*. Ken Ostermiller found 70 at the Mohican SP covered bridge on 09 Nov; by 16 Nov the flock or flocks there had grown to over 200 birds (Renee Tressler). Harris Abramson found about 50 in Spring Grove on 20 Nov and there were many counts exceeding 20. Doug and Micki Dunakin noted that the two birds they saw in *Paulding* on 07 Nov were their first in that county since Dec 2001. Thirty-five counties provided reports.

Common Redpoll

Jerry Talkington noted the first, a flyover at Headlands on 09 Oct. Almost a month passed before the next sightings, one bird on 31 Oct at Conneaut (Jim McCormac and John Pogachnik) and then up to 15 on 05 Nov in *Lake, Ottawa*, and *Stark*. Participants on a Kirtland Bird Club field trip at the new Lake Erie Bluffs MP, *Lake*, on 10 Nov were wowed by multiple flocks totaling 650 birds. The next highest count was 100, from Mentor Marsh, *Lake*, on 18 Nov (Harris Abramson);

there were dozens of double-digit counts. Reports came from 20 counties.

Hoary Redpoll

The OBRC has one report from *Cuyahoga*.

Pine Siskin

Atlee H. Burkholder saw one at his *Coshocton* feeder on 07 Sep. Reports trickled in until late Sep and came thick and fast after that. Albert L. Troyer said at least 140 swarmed his father's *Morrow* feeders in Oct. Greg Links somehow counted 133 in a single flock in Woodlawn Cemetery, *Lucas*, on 23 Nov. That location and Spring Grove had several more triple-digit counts. Other locations, in 57 counties over all, hosted up to 75 birds.

American Goldfinch

It was easy to slight this resident finch, sometimes lost among the visitors from the north, but Ethan Kistler counted 300 at a private preserve in *Darke* on 20 Oct. Margaret Bowman and Susan Nash found about 200 on Zion Ridge Road, *Muskingum*, near The Wilds on 26 Oct. Seventy-seven counties produced sightings.

Evening Grosbeak

These showy giants (relatively speaking) garnered attention out of proportion to their numbers, as sightings were life, state, or millennium birds for many reporters. John Pogachnik saw the first when it briefly visited his feeders in *Lake* on 09 Oct. The second was reported in Solon, *Cuyahoga*, on 23 Oct (*vide* Jen Brumfield). The high count was 13, by Kent Miller in a flock on Howell's Egypt Road, *Columbiana*, on 08 Nov. (This count would be nearly tripled by the end of Feb.) Reports came from 27 counties.

House Sparrow

Peter Lowther reported the largest count, 400 in Cleveland Heights, *Cuyahoga*, on 11 Aug. Ethan Kistler found 200 in *Wood* on 11 Oct. Seventy-four counties provided sightings.

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