

YEARS AGO

10 years ago, the Spring 2003 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 26 No. 3 (Bill Whan, Editor), contained these items:

At least 190 Red-Necked Grebes were reported from 01 Mar to 08 May, with sightings in 38 counties. The high count was 61, at the Eastlake power plant, **Lake**, on 12 Mar.

“A passel of pelicans” (the now-familiar American Whites) added up to about 30 birds.

A pair of Loggerhead Shrikes nested in **Adams**.

A singing Bell’s Vireo made what seems to be the species’ first appearance on the Heritage Trail, **Franklin**; they’ve been there every year since.

No Kirtland’s Warblers were reported.

25 years ago, the Spring 1988 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 11 No. 3 (Ed Pierce and Tom Kemp, Co-Editors), contained these items:

Rob Harlan wrote an article describing some changes in Ohio’s avifauna in the 150 years since Jared Kirtland published his 1838 list. Rob noted the extinction of the Passenger Pigeon and Carolina Parakeet and the extirpation of Greater Prairie-Chicken and Common Raven. Regarding the latter, he wrote “With Raven populations on the rise in nearby localities, it is not unreasonable to expect further Ohio sightings in the future.”

Sixty-three contributors reported from 50 counties.

Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were reported in **Greene** and **Knox** in addition to those in the Columbus breeding colony.

Bald Eagles were reported from three sites in addition to the “traditional Lake Erie locations”.

Loggerhead Shrikes nested in **Lucas** and **Wood**.

No Kirtland’s Warblers were reported.

35 years ago, the Spring 1978 issue was the first *Ohio Cardinal*. Vol. 1, No. 1 was created and edited by John Herman. Twenty-three individuals provided sightings. The issue included these items:

Red-necked Grebe, Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egret, Sandhill Crane, and many other species were so little known in the state that John required documentation before publishing their reports. One Snowy Egret and three Sandhill Cranes were documented.

Twenty-three Ospreys were reported, as the effects of DDT waned and efforts were made to provide suitable habitat.

No Kirtland’s Warblers were reported.

There were two reports of House Finches; their westward expansion from New York City was still gaining strength though their first Ohio sighting had been in 1964.

50 years ago, the *Cleveland Bird Calendar*, “Spring Number 1963”, Vol. 59 No. 2 (Donald L. Newman, editor), contained these items:

Lake Erie remained ice-bound until late Mar.

Back when all Canada Geese were migratory, the first flock was noted on 11 Mar.

The Cleveland area’s second Cattle Egret was in Waite Hill between 21 and 28 Apr. (The first area record was in 1962 and Ohio’s first in 1958.)

A single “non-singing” Northern Mockingbird was reported.

The area’s first Swainson’s Warbler reportedly spent 12 May in Huntington Reservation. Peterjohn does not mention it but lists only one previous sighting in the state, in 1947.

A “Sutton’s” Warbler (Yellow-throated Warbler x Northern Parula) was in Cuyahoga Falls on 09 May.

Guess the bird: “The only record of this species...an increasingly rare visitor...is of a bird flying west past Lakewood Park on March 31.” It was a Double-crested Cormorant.

100 years ago, the *Bird Calendar Bulletins* No. 2 and 3, March 26- June 1, 1913 (W.H. Hulme, Editor), included these items. (*Bird Bulletins* were then morphing into the *Cleveland Bird Calendar*, which is still published today by the Kirtland Bird Club).

Eastern Bluebirds were migratory; the first arrival was noted on 13 Mar.

Mourning Doves were first noted on 01 Apr.

A Canada Jay (now called Gray Jay) was reported by Prof. Hulme in Lake View Cemetery on 22 Apr. Hulme notes in an understatement that it was “a bird rarely seen in these parts”. So rarely seen, indeed, that it’s not on the official Ohio list even as a review species, as the report was either not seen or dismissed by subsequent compilers.