

YEARS AGO

10 years ago, the Winter 2013-14 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 27 No. 2 (Bill Whan, Editor), was the first issue under OOS sponsorship, in which the subscription cost also included membership. (OOS ownership was to come later.) It contained these items:

Thirteen gull species were reported.

Five review species were reported; two of them, Ross's Goose and Rufous Hummingbird, are no longer on the review list.

One Snowy Owl visited the state.

At least 100 Long-eared Owls were found across 16 counties; the Killdeer Plains roost held 26 on 22 Feb.

More than 150 Short-eared Owls occurred. They were in 12 counties.

Six warbler species were reported.

25 years ago, the Winter 1988-89 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 12 No. 2 (Ed Pierce and Tom Kemp, Co-Editors), contained these items:

"Most of the state had easily below-normal amounts of snowfall and there were no prolonged deep freezes of more than a few days duration. Large parts of Lake Erie remained open all winter."

There were 51 Audubon Christmas Counts.

Ed Pierce and Mike Bowler found a Sabine's Gull at Cleveland on 24 Jan. It turned out to be the first mid-winter inland North American record and only the second mid-winter visitor for the whole continent.

The season's 15 gull species included a Mew Gull, and eight Little Gulls at one time visited Cleveland.

Birders found two Snowy Owls.

35 years ago, the Winter 1978-79 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 2, No. 4 (John Herman, Editor) included these items:

Four Bald Eagles overwintered at ONWR and one was seen in each of *Madison* and *Seneca*.

The state's first Heerman's Gull visited Cleveland from 12 to 18 Feb.

One Snowy Owl was reported.

A Gyrfalcon spent 05 to 09 Dec at ONWR.

Four Loggerhead Shrikes were found.

50 years ago, the *Cleveland Bird Calendar*, Winter 1963-64 Vol. 60 No. 1, Donald L. Newman, Editor, contained these items:

"By December 22 the lake was extensively ice covered..."

One King and five Common eiders visited.

One Common Loon showed up at Cleveland.

"Nor was there even one record for the Double-crested Cormorant, which is now truly a rarity in the region."

Two Bald Eagles on the *Lorain* shore were noteworthy.

A winter finch invasion included a flock of at least 70 Evening Grosbeaks at the North Chagrin Reservation feeders on 19 Jan.

The Cleveland area's first House Finches were noted.

100 years ago, the *Bird Calendar* – 1914, Bulletin No. 1 (Francis H. Herrick, Editor), contained these items: Fifteen inches of snow fell between 09 and 12 Nov.

Three Whistling [Tundra] Swans were shot on the Bratenahl shore on 13 Nov.

A pair of American Kestrels spent the winter on the Western Reserve University campus.

American Crows were "reported but rarely seen".