

YEARS AGO

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10 years ago, the Spring 2014 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 27 No. 3 (Bill Whan, Editor) contained these items:

It was a wet three months; many areas received more than two inches in excess of their averages.

Ohio's first Black-bellied Whistling-Duck appeared in **Hamilton**.

Five locations each hosted one Red-necked Grebe.

A Brown Pelican briefly stopped in the small **Greene** section of Caesar Creek Lake.

There were 105 active Bald Eagle nests.

Cuyahoga, Erie, and **Knox** provided "An extraordinary three reports" of Kirtland's Warbler.

25 years ago, the Spring 1989 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 12 No. 3 (Ed Pierce and Tom Kemp, Co-Editors), contained these items:

Two each Red-throated Loons and Red-necked Grebes were reported.

Sixteen Bald Eagles were reported in areas away from Lake Erie.

Both a Curlew Sandpiper and a Ruff were documented.

A Sabine's Gull stayed in Lorain until 16 May.

"Very few warblers had reached northern Ohio by mid-May."

One Kirtland's Warbler sighting was confirmed.

35 years ago, the Spring 1979 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 2, No. 1 (John Herman, Editor) included these items:

One Red-throated Loon and two Red-necked Grebes were reported.

Five reports contained seven Bald Eagles.

Nine locations hosted a total of 22 Northern Bobwhites.

Two Ruffs were documented.

John Pogacnik documented a Bewick's Wren at Crane Creek.

Hermann Kind documented a Bachman's Sparrow at Shawnee.

50 years ago, the *Cleveland Bird Calendar*, Spring 1964 Vol. 60 No. 2 (Donald L. Newman, Editor) contained these items:

Spring was about two weeks early, with "...exceptionally early flowering and leafing of trees and shrubs...".

A Black-backed Woodpecker was in Walton Hills, the seventh record in the Cleveland area.

A Boreal Chickadee spent 07 Mar to 02 Apr visiting a Columbia Station, **Lorain**, feeder, for what is still our only spring record.

Elliot Tramer documented a Bewick's Wren at Shaker Lakes.

Red Crossbills were found in eight locations and White-winged Crossbills in four (all within 30 miles of Cleveland's Public Square).

House Finches were reported in three locations and "This newcomer to the region...has apparently begun already to enlarge its area of occurrence."

100 years ago, the *Bird Calendar* – 1914, Bulletin No. 2 (Francis H. Herrick, Editor), contained this item:

"The present season, as gauged by the condition of vegetation on May 17, was from one to two weeks behind the average."