

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

By Craig Caldwell

### Greater White-fronted Goose

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller contributed the high count of 83, along Bellflower Road, **Carroll**, on 19 Feb. (40 counties)



*This surprise drop-in Greater White-fronted Goose was photographed by Dan Enders at the West Carrollton Dam on the Great Miami River in Dayton on 18 Dec.*

### Snow Goose

Ron Sempier counted 180 in Killdeer's Pond 27 and watched another 250 fly in from the south and depart to the west, all on 03 Feb. Richard Counts found 384 at the Hardin Wetlands on 07 Feb; about 2/3 of them were the blue morph. (62 counties)



*A blue morph Snow Goose was captured in East Liberty, Logan, on 06 Feb by Steve Jones.*

### Ross's Goose

The high count was 30; Josh King found them in Mercer WA on both 05 and 09 Feb. Lots of folks saw up to 28 at nearby Big Island at about that time. The most elsewhere were eight along the

Hockhocking-Adena Bikeway, **Athens**, between 12 and 15 Feb (m. obs.). (39 counties)

### Cackling Goose

Adam Zorn found 12 at Walborn Reservoir, **Stark**, on 21 Feb. A site near Celina, Mercer (Rick Asamoto, 30 Dec) and Killdeer (Irina Shulgina, 11 Feb) each held 10. (38 counties)

### Canada Goose

Richard Bradley noted at least 4000 at Killdeer on 18 Feb. Ethan Kistler found 3000 at Mosquito Lake on 02 Feb. (all 88 counties)

### Mute Swan

Mike Smith saw 22 at Medusa on 14 Feb. The second-highest count was 15, by Gregory Bennett at Turkeyfoot Lake, **Summit**, on 08 Jan. (40 counties)

### Trumpeter Swan

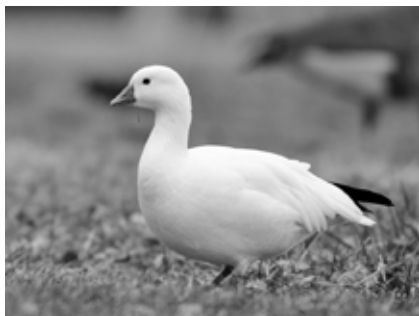
Sixty graced Metzger on 04 Feb (Ryan Jacob) and. (32 counties)

### Tundra Swan

Ed Pierce's ONWR census teams counted 2588 on 06 Dec and 2875 on 03 Jan, and then estimated more than 4000 on 07 Feb (*fide* Douglas Vogus). The most elsewhere were Ryan Lesniewicz's 1550 at Metzger on 07 Feb. The most away from **Lucas** and **Ottawa** were the 700 total which Ron Sempier found in three groups at Killdeer on 18 Feb. (38 counties)

### Wood Duck

Stefan Minnig found 19 in McCracken Fen SNP, **Logan**, on 13 Dec. A pond on Honey Creek Road, **Perry**, held 13 for Mike Smith on 23 Feb. (50 counties)



*This lone Ross's Goose decided to visit Riverview Park in Dayton and was photographed by Dan Enders on 11 Dec.*

### Gadwall

The ONWR census on 06 Dec tallied 817 (Ed

Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Paul Sherwood counted 457 at Castalia, **Erie**, on 12 Feb. The most well inland were the 220 which Brian Wulker found scattered among five ponds at Fernald on 04 Jan. (57 counties)

### Eurasian Wigeon

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At Deer Creek Lake on 19 Feb (Margaret Bowman) and 20 Feb (Dave Smith)

At a gravel pit in **Greene** between 21 and 27 Feb (m. obs.)

At Killbuck's Wright Marsh, **Wayne**, on 27 and 28 Feb (m. obs.)

By Wilderness Road on 27 to 29 Feb (m. obs.)

### American Wigeon

Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 751 at ONWR on 06 Dec (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Delaware WA hosted 230 on 23 Feb (Steve Landes). (51 counties)

### [Eurasian x American Wigeon]

Steve Landes picked out one of these from the Delaware WA flock of American Wigeons on 23 Feb.

### American Black Duck

Barry McEwen found 528 in CPNWR on 20 Dec. Blendon Woods came through as usual, with a count of 340 on 14 Feb (Nyle Simpson). (68 counties)



*This American Black Duck was photographed by Dan Enders at Blendon Woods on 24 Dec.*

### Mallard

Mark Shieldcastle estimated 4500 were feeding in a field by Darsch Road, **Ottawa**, on 28 Feb. **Lucas** and **Ottawa** provided several more four-digit counts as well. The most elsewhere were the 2500 which Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker found at Buck Creek on 31 Jan. Only **Jackson**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** did not have sightings.

### [Gadwall x Mallard]

Andy Jones well described one which he saw at Wade Lagoon, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 Dec.

### [American Black Duck x Mallard]

Stephanie Malinich and Terri Faust separately found 10 of these among the throngs of American Black Ducks at Blendon Woods on 21 Jan and 27 Feb, respectively. (19 counties)

### Blue-winged Teal

The seven locations which provided sightings are listed by date of the first report:

Killdeer, two on 09 Dec (Irina Shulgina)

The Buckeye Lake CBC circle (**Licking/Fairfield/Perry**), eight on 19 Dec (*fide* Audubon)

The Winous Point and Ottawa Shooting Clubs, **Ottawa**, during the Fremont CBC, eight on 19 Dec (*fide* Mark Shieldcastle)

Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, one on several dates between 22 Dec and 02 Jan (m. obs.)

Blendon Woods, one on 31 Jan (*fide* Bruce Simpson)

Delaware WA, six between 26 and 29 Feb (m. obs.)

Spring Valley WA, **Warren**, two from 27 to 29 Feb (m. obs.)

### Northern Shoveler

Craig Holt provided the high count, 210 at Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, on 24 Dec. Ryan Lesniewicz saw 111, the second-highest number, at Castalia, **Erie**, on 22 Jan. (56 counties)

### Northern Pintail

The waterlogged fields along Wilderness Road hosted 750 on 29 Feb (Su Snyder). Mark Shieldcastle found 500 along Darsch Road, **Ottawa**, on 28 Feb. (53 counties)

### Green-winged Teal

Ron Sempier saw 220 at Killdeer's Pond 27 on 08 Dec and Killdeer produced several other triple-digit numbers as well. The most elsewhere were John Petruzzi's 80 at Mill Creek on 09 Dec. (47 counties)



*Stefan Minnig found this Green-winged Teal at Old Reid Park, Clark, on a rainy 19 Feb.*

### Canvasback

Matt Kemp found almost 600, "Impressive numbers mixed in with scaup" at the Bayshore

fishing access point, **Lucas**, on 14 Feb. The second-highest number, 44, came from the same location on 21 Jan (Kim Warner). The inland high count was 30; Eric Elvert found them in a **Greene** gravel pit on 06 Feb. (45 counties)

### **Redhead**

Robert Royse noted “a whopping 900+...in the middle wetlands” of Deer Creek WA on 22 Feb. Metzger held about 700 for Karl Overman that same day. (67 counties)



*Stefan Minnig caught this Redhead in a retention pond in Montgomery on 19 Feb.*

### **Ring-necked Duck**

Neill Cade estimated 380 were at Fernald on 29 Dec. Ben Morrison found more than 300 at Summit Lake, **Summit**, on 07 Jan. (67 counties)

### **Greater Scaup**

Tom Bartlett found almost 800 at East Harbor on 02 Jan. The most not on Lake Erie were 31 which Dave Chase saw on the Cuyahoga River at Cleveland's Scranton Flats on 30 Jan, and the most inland were George Novosel's 30 at Killbuck on 28 Feb. (37 counties)

### **Lesser Scaup**

The Toledo CBC crews counted more than 60,000 on 20 Dec (*vide* Audubon). Paul Jacyk saw about 2800 of them off Toledo's 149<sup>th</sup> Street that day, the largest count by a single observer. He also made the second-highest count, 500, from Bay View Park, **Lucas**, on 19 Feb. The inland high number was 200, at the gravel pit in **Greene** on 24 Feb (m. obs.). (65 counties)

### **Scaup sp.**

Matt Kemp saw a mixed flock of about 8000 off 119<sup>th</sup> Street, Toledo, on 11 Dec.

### **King Eider**

David Weaver *et al.* discovered a female which spent 02 Dec to 19 Jan off Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**. The OBRC will credit all who provided enough information to evaluate.

### **Harlequin Duck**

John Pogacnik saw an immature bird fly past Lake Erie Bluffs on 16 Dec. Lots of folks saw a female at Cleveland's East 55<sup>th</sup> Street on 20 and 21 Dec.



*A one-day wonder, Alex Eberts captured this male Harlequin Duck on 20 Dec at Cleveland's East 55th Street Marina.*

### **Surf Scoter**

Dan Gesualdo saw what turned out to be the last of the season off Cedar Point Road, **Erie**, on 20 Jan, though sightings resumed in Mar. There had been scattered sightings on Lake Erie about every three days until then. The high count was nine; Jen Brumfield saw them off Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on both 03 and 06 Dec. The inland high was Gary Cowell's six at Outhwaite Reservoir, **Crawford**, on 03 Jan. **Delaware**, **Hancock**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, **Noble**, and **Wyandot** also had sightings.

### **Black Scoter**

Jen Brumfield saw the season's last off Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 21 Feb, though there was one early Mar report as well. Chris Pierce saw five off Bradstreet's Landing, **Cuyahoga**, on 20 Dec. Gary Cowell saw two at Clear Fork on 11 Dec and they were still there for John Herman on 30 and 31 Dec. **Clark**, **Delaware**, **Erie**, **Holmes**, and **Lorain** also produced sightings.



*Darlene Friedman photographed this Black Scoter at Cold Creek, Erie, on 24 Jan.*



*A surprise visitor to Lake Erie, this King Eider was photographed by Alex Eberts at Sims Park, Cuyahoga, on 05 Dec.*

### White-winged Scoter

Terri Holland provided the high count, 12 off Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 Jan. Jen Brumfield and Andy Jones saw six at Cleveland's East 55<sup>th</sup> Street on 15 Dec. Rick Asamoto's four on the Great Miami River in **Montgomery** on 22 Feb was the highest inland number. Other reports came from **Delaware**, **Erie**, **Franklin**, **Hancock**, **Lake**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, and **Wyandot**.

### Scoter sp.

A few singles at various **Cuyahoga** sites couldn't be identified at the species level.

### Long-tailed Duck

Laura Gooch saw one at CLNP on 05 Feb; it was the last of the season though Mar reports followed. The Findlay Reservoirs hosted four from 06 Dec to 10 Jan (m. obs.). Other **Cuyahoga** sites, **Erie**, **Lake**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, **Muskingum**, and **Trumbull** also produced reports, all of single birds.

### Bufflehead

Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 988 around Kelleys Island on 05 Jan. Tom also had found about 350 there on 02 Dec, the second-highest number. The most elsewhere were 180 at CPNWR on 20 Dec (Barry McEwen) and the inland high was 107 at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 09 Jan (Paul Sherwood). (54 counties)

### Common Goldeneye

Tom Bartlett found more than 2800 at Kelleys Island on 21 Jan. The second-most were Nicole Freshour's 1000 off Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 06 Jan. Eric Elvert counted 95 at Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, on 24 Feb for the largest inland number. (48 counties)



These seven Common Goldeneye were captured by Chuck Stuszczak, Jr. on 23 Jan at East 72nd Street in Cleveland.

### Hooded Merganser

Charles Bombaci counted 212 at Hoover Reservoir on 16 Jan. (71 counties)

### Common Merganser

Paul Sherwood noted about 6000 at Huron harbor, **Erie**, on 18 Jan. Doug Marcum provided the highest number away from Lake Erie, 400 at Lake Rockwell, **Portage**, on 06 Dec. (55 counties)

### Red-breasted Merganser

Jen Brumfield and Elizabeth McQuaid estimated that at least 33,500 passed Cleveland's East 55<sup>th</sup> Street on 19 Dec. Cory Chiappone's 15,000 at Headlands on 23 Dec was the highest number. Melanie Shuter saw 45 at Deer Creek SP on 03 Dec; that was the inland high count. (46 counties)

### Ruddy Duck

Rick Asamoto provided the two highest counts, 650 at Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs on 05 Dec and 1000 at Bresler Reservoir on 30 Dec. Both sites are in **Allen**. (61 counties)

### Red-throated Loon

All of the reports were in Dec; John Herman's single bird at Clear Fork on 30 and 31 Dec were the last. Eli M. Miller saw two at Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, at 8:00 am on 05 Dec and also three hours later at Headlands. Several birders saw two at Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 06 Dec. Were these all the same birds? A fourth double came during the Cuyahoga Falls CBC, **Summit/Portage**, on 20 Dec (*vide* Audubon). **Franklin** and **Mercer** also provided sightings.



This beautiful Red-throated Loon was photographed by Steve Jones at Griggs Reservoir, **Franklin**, on 15 Dec.

### Pacific Loon

A report from **Erie** has enough information for the OBRC to evaluate it; one from **Cuyahoga** does not.

### Common Loon

These were seen during the whole season, though Feb reports were very sparse. Allen and Daniel Stutzman counted 74 at Seneca Lake, **Noble**, on 17 Dec. Participants on a BSBO boat trip found 40 along the **Cuyahoga** littoral on 05 Dec. (42 counties)



A Hooded Merganser was caught by Mark Hsu while it was fishing for a snack at Lake Isabella, **Hamilton**, on 20 Dec.

### Northern Bobwhite

The reports are:

One near Bentonville, **Adams**, on 23 Dec (Carlton Schooley)

One on a **Lucas** property on both 14 Jan and 22 Feb (Kim Warner)

“A few” at a site on the **Fayette/Highland** line on 23 Jan (Duane Troyer)

One on a **Gallia** farm on 28 Feb (Josh Stapleton)

### Ring-necked Pheasant

Kyle Brooks saw 40 in the vicinity of Charlie’s Pond, **Pickaway**, on 06 Jan; others saw up to 35 in the area on other dates. The most elsewhere were five males and five females near Minerva, **Carroll**, on 17 Feb (Kent Miller). (27 counties)

### Ruffed Grouse

The reports, all of single birds, are:

Near Salt Fork SP, **Guernsey**, on 06 Dec (Tom Frankel) and in the park itself on 16 Dec (Cory Chiappone) and 17 Jan (Dave Chase)

In Tar Hollow SP, **Ross**, on 13 Dec (Alex Eberts and Leslie Sours)

Along Chapel Drive on 06 Feb (Ben Morrison) and 27 Feb (Dave Smith)

### Wild Turkey

Cindy and Cory Gratz found three groups totaling 245 birds in Blue Rock SP, **Muskingum**, on 26 Dec. The second most were Benjamin Miller’s 113 near the Kokosing River, **Knox**, on 15 Feb. (65 counties)

### Pied-billed Grebe

Melanie Shuter made the high count of 31, at Deer Creek on 08 Dec. Bill Stanley found 25 at Old Highland Stone on 01 Jan. (60 counties)

### Horned Grebe

The BSBO boat trip on 05 Dec produced 400 off **Cuyahoga**. Jonathan Knape saw about 100 from Wendy Park on 12 Dec. The most inland were Dick Hoopes’ 18 at Buck Creek on 04 Dec. (43 counties)

### Red-necked Grebe

The reports are:

One at LaDue between 01 and 03 Dec (Wes Hatch and Matthew Valencia)

One at Edgewater Marina, **Cuyahoga**, on 02 Dec (David Weaver)

One seen from CLNP on 04, 06, and 13 Dec (m. obs.)

(It’s likely that the four **Cuyahoga** sightings above were all of the same bird)

Two calling off Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 20 Dec (Jen Brumfield)

One at Headlands on 24 Dec (Chris Pierce)

One at North Perry, **Lake**, on 09 Jan (John Pogacnik)

### Eared Grebe

David Weaver saw the first of the season, at Quay 55, **Cuyahoga**, on 02 Dec. Alum Creek hosted the last from 18 Dec to 20 Jan (m. obs.); it was the only bird seen away from Lake Erie. Two were seen at many Cleveland sites. One non-Cleveland **Cuyahoga** location and one in **Lake** also produced sightings.



Sarah Lucas photographed this Eared Grebe at Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 03 Dec.

### Western Grebe

A much-photographed individual spent from 03 to 09 Jan at Caesar Creek Lake, mostly in the **Warren** section but a few times drifting into **Clinton**. The OBRC has one formal report and many from the internet.

### Double-crested Cormorant

Daniel DeLapp saw 420 at Wendy Park on 29 Dec. The trio of Jon Cefus, Kent Miller, and Ben Morrison (hereafter CMM) produced the inland high count of 35, at Seneca Lake, **Noble**, on 12 Dec. (46 counties)

### American Bittern

The reports are:

One at Mentor Lagoons SNP, **Lake**, on 04 Dec (Becky Donaldson)

One in the Wellington Reservation, **Lorain**, on 05 Dec (Todd Eiben)

Two at The Wilds on 26 Dec during the Chancellersville CBC (Glen Crippen *et al.*)

### Great Blue Heron

The high count was 52; Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder tallied them at Medusa on 02 Jan. Bob Ensign and Mike Smith found 25 at Dillon Reservoir, **Muskingum**, on 13 Feb for the high count away from Lake Erie (76 counties)

### Great Egret

One was seen in the Cuyahoga River from Cleveland’s Jefferson Avenue on 10 and 16 Jan, two were there on 24 Feb, and one remained on 25 Feb (all Todd Eiben). His last two sightings were the only ones in Feb. The latest report otherwise was Dave Smith’s from the Sulphur Brook

estuary, **Erie**, on 09 Jan. Paul Sherwood contributed the high count of eight from the ponds at the intersection of Routes 2 and 269, **Erie**, on 11 Dec. Single birds in **Clermont**, **Ottawa**, **Noble**, **Seneca**, and **Summit** complete the reports.

#### Green Heron

An injured bird remained from fall at the Ira Road marsh in CVNP; it was seen intermittently until 25 Dec (m. obs.). Robert Royse saw one on and off from fall to 03 Dec at Deer Creek WA.

#### Black-crowned Night-Heron

India Hart counted the high of 28, at Ottawa Park, **Lucas**, on 13 Feb. **Butler**, **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Franklin**, **Greene**, **Hancock**, **Montgomery**, **Ottawa**, and **Stark** also produced reports.

#### Black Vulture

Inga Schmidt found about 250 at Aberdeen, **Brown**, on 03 Jan. Phil Cantino's 190 in Athens (city) on 12 Dec was the second-highest number. Two hung around Brecksville, **Cuyahoga**, from about 02 Jan to 12 Feb (m. obs.). Tim Krynak saw another unusually far north bird (especially for winter) in Wellington, **Lorain**, on 21 Feb. (46 counties)

#### Turkey Vulture

The high count was 420; Corey Husik saw them at Indigo Hill, **Washington**, on 27 Dec. Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison saw 135 near Lake Buckhorn, **Holmes**, on 03 Jan for the second-highest number. (66 counties)

#### Osprey

There were tantalizing reports from Bass Island, **Ottawa**, on 20 Dec and Blendon Woods on 03 Jan. Neither included enough details for me to comfortably accept them as positive ID's, but I mention them because an Osprey was confirmed near Cedar Springs, Ontario, through 15 Dec, and could have headed south over these locations.

#### Bald Eagle

Tom Bartlett's 54 at Kelleys Island on 21 Jan was the highest of many large counts by or near Lake Erie. Sally Isacco provided the inland high count of 30 from Killdeer on 08 Feb. (80 counties)

#### Northern Harrier

Funk hosted the most; observers saw up to 19 on several dates before and after Ryan Steiner's 21 on 23 Dec. The second-highest count, 15, was shared by Matt Kappler at Killdeer on 17 Jan and Ed Bremer at Darby Creek on 03 Feb. (64 counties)

#### Sharp-shinned Hawk

Observers found doubles in **Franklin**, **Preble**, and **Warren**. (64 counties)

#### Cooper's Hawk

Seven locations each hosted three. (80 counties)

#### Red-shouldered Hawk

A four-person CBC team found nine in their 30 miles of travel in **Brown** on 02 Jan. (72 counties)



*This Red-shouldered Hawk was photographed on 07 Feb by Mark Hsu at East Fork.*

#### Red-tailed Hawk

Margaret Bowman counted 21 at T.J. Evans Park, **Licking**, on 04 Jan, and Ed Wransky tied her in the Wellington area, **Lorain**, on 26 Feb. Only **Morgan** and **Putnam** did not have sightings.

#### Rough-legged Hawk

Though these began arriving in Oct, this season's first find was Bruce Simpson's at Killdeer on 04 Dec. Kyle and Olivia Brooks saw 10 at The Wilds on 16 Jan. (42 counties)

#### Golden Eagle

Rick Asamoto found one at Cowan Lake, **Clin-ton**, on 06 Dec, and Margaret Bowman another in **Muskingum** on 26 Dec for the only sightings that month. Jeff Harvey's bird at The Wilds on 21 Feb was the last of the season. Lots of folks saw two at The Wilds on 24 Jan, as did Angelika Nelson over Gorman NC, **Richland**, on 20 Feb. Other reports came from **Franklin**, **Marion**, **Noble**, **Seneca**, **Wayne**, **Williams**, and **Wyandot**.

#### Virginia Rail

The reports are:

One at the "Rail Marsh" south of Holmesville, **Holmes**, on 05 Dec (Ed Schlabach)

One in Delaware SP on 23 Dec (Sean Williams)

One heard at Darby Creek on 26 Dec (Carl Winstead)

One during the ONWR CBC on 03 Jan (*fide* Audubon)

One in the Holmes section of Killbuck on 19 Jan (Ben Morrison)

Two in Spring Valley WA, **Greene**, on 27 Feb (John Habig) and one there the next day (Gabriel Amrhein)

### American Coot

The high number was about 2000, shared by Mosquito Lake on 04 Dec (Andrea Anderson) and Old Highland Stone on 16 Jan (m. obs.). Paul Sherwood found 825 at Medusa on 01 Dec. (55 counties)

### Sandhill Crane

Brian Wulker saw eight flocks fly over Fernald during his full day there on 20 Dec; they totaled 875 birds. (50 counties)

### Killdeer

Melanie Shuter counted 253 at Deer Creek on 15 Dec and wrote, “Mild temperatures and abundant food from lake drawdown have kept them here.” Robert Royse saw at least 200 there on several dates. The most elsewhere were 162 at Seneca Lake, **Noble**, on 12 Dec (CMM—see Double-crested Cormorant). (80 counties)

### Spotted Sandpiper

Gary Cowell saw one at Charles Mill Lake Park, **Ashland**, on 16, 18, and 24 Dec. Ken Beers saw one in Fairborn, **Greene**, during the Dayton CBC on 27 Dec. Zachary Allen documented another at Lake Vesuvius, **Lawrence**, on 13 Jan.

### Greater Yellowlegs

One was reported during the Mohican SF CBC, **Knox/Richland/Ashland/Holmes**, on 20 Dec (*vide* Audubon). Gary Cowell found what had to be the same bird feeding with Killdeer in the **Richland** section of Pleasant Hill Lake on 23 Dec.

### Sanderling

Tom Bartlett saw one or two at Kelleys Island on several dates between 03 and 09 Dec. John Pogacnik found two there on 20 Dec.

### Dunlin

Robert Royse saw up to three at Deer Creek until 16 Dec. The latest date was 20 Dec; Barry McEwen *et al.* saw one in CPNWR and John Pogacnik another at Kelleys Island that day. The high count was eight, during the 06 Dec ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). **Lake** and **Portage** also contributed sightings.

### Purple Sandpiper

One was in Cleveland harbor on 05 Dec (m. obs.) and it or another was at Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 17 Dec (Mary Anne Romito).

### Least Sandpiper

Two sites produced reports:

Lost Bridge, four on 05 Dec (Jeff Bilsky), four on 06 Dec (Brian Wulker), and two on 19 Dec (Bill Zimmerman)

Carillon Historical Park, **Montgomery**, two on 19 Jan (Jason Sullivan and Chris Zacharias) and one on 20 Jan (m. obs.)

### Pectoral Sandpiper

Regina Schieltz saw one in the Woods Road wetlands, **Darke**, on 13 Dec.

### Long-billed Dowitcher

One spent from 03 to 24 Dec at the Wellington Reservation, **Lorain** (m. obs.)

### Wilson's Snipe

David Carr reported 12 at Fernald on 26 Dec. (19 counties)

### American Woodcock

The Black Swamp CBC, **Paulding/Putnam/Defiance**, on 16 Dec produced the sole sighting of that month (*vide* Audubon). The only Jan sightings were singles in Williamsburg, **Brown**, on 05 Jan (Bill Stanley), at Armleder Park on 08 Jan (Kirk Westendorf), and a vocal one in **Athens** on 31 Jan (Darren Cohen). The highest of the many Feb counts was Brian Wulker's 12 at Fernald on 27 Feb. (37 counties)

### Pomarine Jaeger

The Mentor CBC, **Geauga/Lake**, reported one on 26 Dec (*vide* Audubon). Dan Gesualdo saw one at Huron, **Erie**, on 11 Jan and Paul Sherwood found it again on 14 Jan.

### Black-legged Kittiwake

One spent from 05 to 14 Dec in the Grand Rapids area, **Lucas/Wood** (m. obs.). Eli M. Miller saw one at Wendy Park on 31 Dec.

### Black-headed Gull

One spent from 26 Dec to 16 Jan in the Cleveland area; many observers posted photos or descriptions but none provided a formal report for the OBRC. The OBRC has at least one formal report and many internet reports from **Lake**.



A Black-headed Gull was caught in flight at Wendy Park by Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. on 01 Jan.

### Little Gull

The reports are:

One at Headlands and nearby Fairport Harbor from 04 to 20 Dec (m. obs.)

One at Lake Erie Bluffs on 11 Dec (John Pogacnik)

Two at North Perry, **Lake**, on 19 Dec (John Pogacnik)

One at and near Wendy Park between 26 Dec and 05 Jan (m. obs.)

One during the Ashtabula CBC on 26 Dec (*fide* Audubon)

One at Conneaut on 27 Dec, probably the Ashtabula CBC bird (Roger Redmond)

Two at the former Hot Waters in Lorain (city) on 29 Dec (Debbie Parker)



*Hidden among the Bonaparte's Gulls at Wendy Park, this Little Gull provided a clear shot for Steve Jones on 26 Dec.*

### Sabine's Gull

John Pogacnik saw "a very late 1st cycle...fly west by my house in North Perry", **Lake**, on 19 Dec.

### Bonaparte's Gull

Paul Schmidlin estimated 10,000 were along Cleveland's lakefront on 29 Dec. The most away from **Cuyahoga** were the 1250 which Doug Gochfeld and Tom Johnson saw at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 13 Dec. The inland high counts were 600 at Seneca Lake, **Noble**, on 12 Dec (CMM) and 700 at Deer Creek on 16 Dec (Robert Royle). (46 counties)

### Laughing Gull

Bill Ohlsen well described the one he found at Cleveland's Gordon Park on 17 Jan.

### Franklin's Gull

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At GLSM SP on 05 Dec (Rick Asamoto)

At Conneaut on 13 Dec (John Pogacnik)

On the Caesar Creek SP beach during the Caesar Creek-Spring Valley CBC, **Warren**, on 17 Dec (Jim Hickman)

On the **Lorain** shore during the Elyria-Lorain CBC on 19 Dec (Erik Bruder)

On the Cuyahoga River at Cleveland's Scranton Flats on 19 Dec (Marty Calabrese, Mary Anne Romito)

At Wendy Park on 26 Dec (Jeremy Dominguez, Leslie Sours)

(The last two sightings could have been of a single wandering individual)

### Mew Gull

A formal report to OBRC and several informal ones place a Mew Gull at Black River Landing, **Lorain**, on 12 Dec.



*This incredible Mew Gull was discovered and photographed by Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. at Black River Landing, **Lorain**, on 12 Jan.*

### Ring-billed Gull

Jacob Roalef and Greg Sagasser estimated that 40,000 crowded Huron, **Erie**, on 11 Jan. The highest number elsewhere was Daniel DeLapp's 11,000 at Wendy Park on 05 Jan. The inland high count of 5000 was shared by Bolivar Landfill, **Stark**, on 17 Dec (Kent Miller), Atwood Lake, **Carroll**, on 09 Jan (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison), and Springfield Lake, **Summit**, on several Jan dates (m. obs.). (80 counties)

### Herring Gull

Paul Sherwood found about 15,000 at Huron, **Erie**, on 14 Jan, and counts up to 10,000 came from there on other dates. The most elsewhere were at Meyers Lake, **Stark**, where Jon Cefus and Kent Miller saw 4500 on 13 Dec. (61 counties)

### Thayer's Gull

The season's first appeared at Springfield Lake, **Summit**, on 10 Dec (m. obs.) and the last at Bend View MP, **Lucas**, on 19 Feb (Bill Buckingham). Matt Kemp saw five at the Bayshore fishing access, **Lucas**, on 20 Feb, and Jen Brumfield and Dan Gesualdo found three at Nickel Plate Beach, **Erie**, on 16 Jan. Reports also came from **Clermont**, **Defiance**, **Franklin**, **Hancock**, **Henry**, **Lake**, **Montgomery**, **Stark**, and **Wood**.



### Iceland Gull

A late Nov sighting in **Hancock** preceded this season's first, which was by John Pogacnik at Lake Erie Bluffs on 11 Dec. Mark Rozmarynowycz saw the season's last, at Bayshore, **Lucas**, on 20 Feb. Douglas Flagg and Carlton Schooley separately reported four at Cleveland's Scranton Flats on 15 Dec. **Defiance, Erie, Hancock, Henry, Montgomery, Stark, Summit**, and **Wood** also had sightings.

### Thayer's/Iceland Gull

**Hancock, Lucas, Stark, Summit**, and **Wood** hosted indeterminate birds.

### Lesser Black-backed Gull

Matt Kemp counted 28 at Bay View Park, **Lucas**, on 16 Jan, and several birders saw 25 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 03 Jan. (25 counties)

### [Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull]

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller saw one at Meyers Lake, **Stark**, on 13 Dec. Multiple observers reported one at Springfield Lake on 06 Jan.

### Glaucous Gull

The high count was three, shared by Briane Vagner at Willoughby, **Lake**, on 12 Dec and Jon Cefus and Kent Miller at the Republic Landfill, **Stark**, on 05 Feb. (18 counties)

### Great Black-backed Gull

Jon Brumfield counted 128 at Wendy Park on 13 Feb and 133 at the Avon Lake power plant, **Lorain**, on 18 Feb. The most elsewhere were Valerie Giovannucci's 75 at Providence MP, **Lucas**, on 10 Feb. The most in a county away from Lake Erie were Kent Miller's 14 at the Shroyer ball fields, **Stark**, on 17 Feb. (25 counties)

### [Herring x Great Black-backed Gull]

John Pogacnik *et al.* found one at Kelleys Island on 20 Dec.

### Kelp Gull

Is this the Bird of the Decade? Many viewers posted photos and thorough descriptions of this bird between its discovery on 05 Dec and the last report on 17 Feb. Most of the reports were from Akron's Springfield Lake, **Summit**, but some came from the Bolivar landfill and the Shroyer ball fields, both in **Stark**. See the article later in this issue for more.

### Common Tern

Joe Hammond saw a straggler at Cleveland's East 9<sup>th</sup> Street Pier on 05 Dec.

### Tern sp.

Patty McKelvey saw one at Lorain on 06 Dec, but too briefly for full identification.

### Rock Pigeon

John Habig saw about 500 along the Great Miami River in Dayton on 16 Jan and many counts of 300 were reported. Only **Morgan** did not produce a sighting.

### Eurasian Collared-Dove

The high count of eight was shared by Troy Shively in Uniopolis, **Auglaize**, on 09 Jan and Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker along the South Charleston Bike Trail, **Clark**, on 05 Feb. Other reports came from **Ashland, Champaign, Erie, Mercer**, and **Wayne**.



Su Snyder photographed this Eurasian Collared-Dove in **Wayne** on 13 Jan.

### Mourning Dove

A trio of birders found 220 in Woodlawn Cemetery, **Lucas**, on 20 Dec. Reports came from every county except **Morgan**.

### Barn Owl

The reports are:

One during the Wilmot CBC, **Holmes/Stark/Tuscarawas/Wayne**, on 18 Dec (*fide* Audubon)

One in Highland during the Paint Creek CBC on 20 Dec (Bruce Lombardo *et al.*)

Two during the Brown Family Environmental Center CBC, **Knox**, on 20 Dec (*fide* Audubon)

Three during the Ragersville CBC, **Coshocton/Holmes/Tuscarawas**, on 30 Dec (*fide* Audubon)

One near the corner of Kidron and Western Roads, **Wayne**, on 01 Jan (Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder), two there on 23 Jan (Hallie Mason), and one there on 30 Jan (Dave Smith)

Two elsewhere in **Wayne** on 03 Jan (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison)

One, regrettably found dead on a roadside near Prospect, **Delaware**, on 10 Jan (Robert Royse)

One in **Muskingum** on 13 Feb (Kaitlin Dosch)

One in Blacklick Woods MP, **Fairfield**, on 14 Feb (Arianna Moulton)

### Eastern Screech-Owl

Greg Links found 11 at Maumee Bay on 20 Dec.

Tom Kemp counted eight in **Lucas** during a CBC on 03 Jan. Several birders each reported three. (47 counties)

### Great Horned Owl

Matt Kemp's five in OOPMP on 03 Jan was the high count. Three triples and many doubles were reported. (53 counties)

### Snowy Owl

Tama Marks saw the first of the season in Harpersfield, **Ashtabula**, on 03 Dec. One spent several days beginning 04 Dec at VOA Park, **Butler**, and nearby (m. obs.). Several birders saw three at Cleveland Hopkins Airport while viewing from the 100<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group restaurant. Cleveland's Burke Lakefront Airport hosted two for much of the season. Other sightings came from **Fayette**, **Holmes**, **Lake**, **Lorain**, **Ottawa**, **Paulding**, **Sandusky**, **Trumbull**, **Wayne**, and **Wood**.



Mark Hsu caught this Snowy Owl hanging out near Washington Court House, **Fayette**, on 05 Feb.

### Barred Owl

The high count of three was shared. Matt Kemp found them in OOPMP on 03 Jan, Gabriel Amrhein in John Bryan SP, **Greene**, on 01 Feb, and Bob Fauble at Darby Creek on 20 Feb. (53 counties)

### Long-eared Owl

Two Nov sightings preceded this season's first, which was by Eric Reiner and William Reiner, Jr. at Darby Creek on 07 Dec. They "Discovered [it] by checking a mob of Blue Jays...". The Cedar Oaks Farm pine grove at Killdeer hosted one between 31 Jan and 20 Feb, the latest winter date, though others were found in Mar. The high counts were duos, on 11 Dec at Harrison Lake, **Fulton** (Kim Warner), and on several dates at Maumee Bay (m. obs.). **Erie**, **Holmes**, **Lake**, **Licking**, **Richland**, **Tuscarawas**, and **Union** also had sightings.

### Short-eared Owl

These, like Long-eareds, first arrived before win-

ter and last left after it. Christopher Collins and Dan Enders provided the high count of 18, at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 02 Jan. (That site also had fall's high count of eight.) The most elsewhere were 13 at Armleder Park on both 20 and 23 Jan (m. obs.). (32 counties; see the map)



A popular attraction at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, a Short-eared Owl put on a show for Mark Hsu on 05 Dec.

### Northern Saw-whet Owl

The reports are:

Two on 02 Dec and one on 04 Jan seen during daytime, and seven banded during Dec, at Kelleys Island (Tom Bartlett *et al.*)

One at Nickel Plate Beach, **Erie**, during the Firelands CBC on 19 Dec (Dan Gesualdo and Mary Warren)

One at Mogadore Reservoir, **Portage**, during the Quail Hollow CBC on 19 Dec (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison)

One during the Cuyahoga Falls CBC, **Portage/L Summit**, on 20 Dec (*vide* Audubon)

One calling at Pipe Creek WA, **Erie**, at about 11 pm on 02 Jan (m. obs.)

One at Killdeer on 02 Jan (Dave Smith)

One during the Grand Rapids CBC, **Fulton/Henry/Lucas/Wood**, on 03 Jan (*vide* Audubon)

One at the Maumee Bay campground on 05 Jan (Kim Warner)

### Rufous Hummingbird

The one which was first seen near Shreve, **Holmes**, on 28 Nov, and which Allen Chartier banded on 05 Dec, was last seen on 11 Dec. It had previously spent most of Nov in **Richland**—see the fall *Cardinal*. (Note that the fall issue contained a separate Species Account of a Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird seen at Marlin Miller's home on 28 Nov. The entry was an unintentional duplica-

tion, because he is the same Marlin Miller whose feeder hosted the bird into Dec.) Allen banded another in Slickrock Township, **Clermont**, on 15 Nov; that bird remained until 09 Jan.

### **Belted Kingfisher**

The high count was Dennis Mersky's six at the CVNP Ira Road marsh on 16 Dec. Two locations each hosted four, on three dates between them (m. obs.). (75 counties)

### **Red-headed Woodpecker**

Louis Hoying provided the two highest counts, up to 13 at Lake Loramie SP, **Shelby**, on several dates among his 40-some visits and 15 along the Blackberry Island Trail, also **Shelby**, on 05 Feb. (59 counties)

### **Red-bellied Woodpecker**

Jon Cefus counted 29 during 50 miles of travel for a CBC in **Tuscarawas** on 18 Dec. William Hutchinson found 18 in the CNC Rowe Woods on 17 Jan, the most not during a CBC. (all 88 counties)

### **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**

Tracy Cambron saw five in the Grand Valley Preserve, **Hamilton**, on 24 Dec. (65 counties)

### **Downy Woodpecker**

Kelleys Island hosted 51 for Tom Bartlett on 21 Jan. The second most were William Hutchinson's 35 in CNC's Rowe Woods on 17 Jan. (all 88 counties)

### **Hairy Woodpecker**

Douglas Vogus *et al.* found 12 during both the 05 Dec and 01 Jan Towpath Trail censuses in CVNP. (80 counties)

### **Northern Flicker**

The mowed fields along Darby Creek's Yellowlegs Trail hosted 35 on 08 Feb (Heather Luedecke). (83 counties)

### **Pileated Woodpecker**

Bruce Simpson found eight at Blendon Woods on 20 Dec. (75 counties)

### **American Kestrel**

Alex Tokash counted 15 at The Wilds on 16 Jan. The second-highest number was nine, contributed by Ron Sempier at Killdeer on 08 Dec and Tom Bartlett around nearby Carey, **Wyandot**, on 01 Jan. **Defiance**, **Guernsey**, **Morgan**, and **Morrow** did not have sightings.

### **Peregrine Falcon**

Marty Calabrese was at Cleveland's Scranton Flats on 19 Dec; from there he saw "two perched on Key Center over by Public Square; one fly-by w/ fresh kill". Many observers saw two birds elsewhere. (31 counties)

### **Gyr Falcon**

The OBRC has a report from **Cuyahoga**.

### **Merlin**

There were many duos, and Jason Parrish found three in Union Cemetery, **Franklin**, on 31 Jan. (42 counties)



*A Merlin showed off for Stefan Minnig at Eastwood MP, Montgomery, on 23 Dec.*

### **Pacific Slope/Cordilleran Flycatcher**

Bill Thompson III discovered this apparent "Western" Flycatcher (the pre-split name) on 13 Dec at his **Washington** home. The OBRC has his formal report and many informal ones.

### **Eastern Phoebe**

About 15 of these hardy flycatchers were seen, usually for only a day or two but on dates throughout the season. Sean Hollowell saw two at Spring Lakes Park, **Greene**, on 03 Dec, as did Zachary Allen in Wayne NE, **Scioto**, on 06 Jan. (24 counties)

### **Tyrannus sp. Kingbird**

Tom Bartlett found a yellow-bellied kingbird on Kelleys Island; it was seen between 21 Dec and 06 Jan. Whether it was a Couch's, a Western, or a hybrid is yet to be determined. The OBRC has photos and descriptions.

### **Northern Shrike**

Eli M. Miller saw two at Killbuck on 19 Dec. All other sightings, from there and 19 other counties, were of single birds. (see the map)

### **White-eyed Vireo**

Robert Royse was surprised to find one in Deer Creek WA on both 30 Dec and 01 Jan.

### **Blue Jay**

Gary Cowell found 72 along his CBC route, which is mostly in **Knox**. (all 88 counties)

### **American Crow**

Two parties reported roosts of about 10,000 birds. Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker's were near Springfield, **Clark**, on 18 Dec. Jon Cefus noted his in New Philadelphia, **Tuscarawas**, on 20 Jan. The second-highest number was Leslie Warren's 1600 near her **Mahoning** home on 12 Feb. **Van Wert** alone did not produce a report.

### **Common Raven**

Ten reports of single birds came from **Hamilton**, **Hocking**, **Jefferson** (2), **Monroe**, **Trumbull**, and **Tuscarawas** (4).

### Horned Lark

Ben Morrison saw about 350 in a field near the corner of Parrish and French Avenues west of Alliance, **Stark**, on 05 Jan. (76 counties)



*There is no doubt about how the Horned Lark got its name in this image by Mark Hsu at Heritage Oak Park, **Warren**, on 06 Feb.*

### Tree Swallow

Shane Myers saw one pioneer at the Findlay Reservoirs on 20 Feb and Gregory Bennett another at Nimisila Reservoir, **Summit**, on 29 Feb.

### Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Jeff Bilsky got blurry but diagnostic photos of two stragglers at Lost Bridge on 05 Dec.

### Barn Swallow

One flew past John Pogacnik at Lake Erie Bluffs on 11 Dec, and two were in Noah Yoder's barn in **Holmes** on 16 Dec (*vide* David L. Erb)

### Carolina Chickadee

Brian Wulker enjoyed finding 86 in Sycamore Park, **Clermont**, on 27 Dec. Jon Cefus counted 60 along his **Tuscarawas** CBC route on 18 Dec. (64 counties)

### Black-capped Chickadee

Tom Bartlett counted 131 scattered throughout Kelleys Island on 21 Jan and 199 there on 20 Feb. The most elsewhere were Matt Kemp's 72 in and near OOPMP during a CBC on 03 Jan. (33 counties)

### Chickadee sp.

Unspciated chickadees were reported in 19 counties.

### Tufted Titmouse

William Hutchinson counted 58 in CNC's Rowe Woods on 17 Jan. Every county but **Van Wert** had sightings.

### Red-breasted Nuthatch

The most were Taben Roye's 11 in Firestone MP, **Summit**, on 31 Jan. A group of birders found

the second-most, five, on the Cathedral Latin campus, **Geauga**, on 02 Jan. (40 counties)

### White-breasted Nuthatch

Jon Cefus counted 50 during his CBC travels in **Tuscarawas** on 18 Dec. Stay tuned – there is recent evidence that this species is really four, though only one of them is resident here in Ohio. (all 88 counties)

### Brown Creeper

Tom Bartlett's 12 at Kelleys Island on 21 Jan was the high count. (76 counties)

### House Wren

Rich Pendleberry documented one at Killbuck's Wright Marsh, **Wayne**, on 21 Jan.

### Marsh Wren

Observers found two at Darby Creek on several Dec and Jan dates and twice in Spring Valley WA, **Greene**, during the same period. Singles were also seen at those locations and in **Delaware**, **Hardin**, **Holmes**, **Pickaway**, **Summit**, and **Wayne**.

### Winter Wren

Sites in **Delaware**, **Lucas** (2), and **Ross** each hosted three. (46 counties)



*This close-up view of a Winter Wren was taken on 15 Dec by Stefan Minnig at Hills and Dales MP, **Montgomery**.*

### Carolina Wren

Steve Pelikan found 22 among the outdoor sculptures in Glenwood Gardens, **Hamilton**, on 12 Dec. (82 counties)



*This Carolina Wren, a backyard favorite, was beautifully captured by Mark Hsu on 07 Feb at East Fork.*

### **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**

Joseph Boros documented one at Killbuck on 12 Dec.

### **Golden-crowned Kinglet**

The high count of 19 was shared by a CBC team in Strouds Run SP, **Athens**, on 03 Jan and Nicole Freshour at Lake Hope SP, **Vinton**, on 16 Jan. (77 counties)



*This captivating Golden-crowned Kinglet struck the perfect pose for Mark Hsu at East Fork on 07 Feb.*

### **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**

These were scarce but present all season. Tracy Cambron found the most, three in the Grand Valley Preserve, **Hamilton**, on 24 Dec. (23 counties)

### **Eastern Bluebird**

Cindy and Corey Gratz found 70 during a CBC in Blue Rock SP, **Muskingum**, on 26 Dec. (81 counties)



*A beautiful Eastern Bluebird was photographed by Karen Scott in her Dublin, **Franklin**, back yard on 15 Feb.*

### **Wood Thrush**

Toni Stahl has a heated birdbath at her Dublin,

**Franklin**, home. It hosted a Wood Thrush all through winter though she and her visitors didn't see it every day. It or another showed up a couple of miles away during the Columbus CBC on 20 Dec (*fide* Rob Thorn).

### **Hermit Thrush**

John Pogacnik *et al.* did a CBC on Kelleys Island on 20 Dec and found 68. Tom Bartlett counted up to 31 there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the eight which Jeff Bilsky found in the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, **Adams**, on 12 Dec. (39 counties)



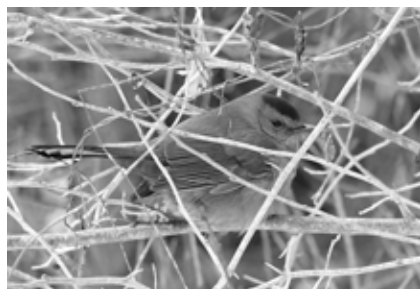
*This Hermit Thrush at Hills and Dales MP, **Montgomery**, was photographed by Stefan Minnig on 13 Jan.*

### **American Robin**

Kirk Westendorf estimated that about 3500 were in the United American Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 31 Dec. A group of birders noted about 3000 in "Continuous flocks coming in from the north" to roost at Frohring Meadows, **Geauga**, on 02 Jan. Only **Defiance** didn't produce a sighting.

### **Gray Catbird**

At least 15 spent all or part of the season in our state. John Pogacnik saw two at Lake Erie Bluffs between 16 and 23 Dec and the rest were singles. (14 counties)



*Exhibiting the typical behavior of the Gray Catbird, this one was photographed by Leslie Sours in **Franklin** on 12 Feb.*

### Brown Thrasher

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At the United American Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on five dates between 08 Dec and 19 Jan (Kirk Westendorf)

Near Bunker Hill, **Holmes**, on 09 Dec (Emery A. Yoder)

During the Western Hamilton County CBC on 20 Dec (*vide* Audubon)

In Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, on 22 Dec (m. obs.)

### Northern Mockingbird

Gary Cowell counted 12 in **Knox** during his 20 Dec CBC efforts. Two other CBC routes each produced seven. (62 counties)

### European Starling

Andy Jones and Michelle Leighty estimated that 50,000 were in a roost at the Barberton salt ponds, **Summit**, on 07 Jan. Timothy Spahr found about 35,000 at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 13 Dec. Sites in **Noble** (CMM) and **Summit** (Mary Anne Romito) each had about 10,000. Every county but **Lawrence** had sightings.

### American Pipit

Margaret Bowman counted 47 in a **Holmes** farm field on 05 Jan. Ben Morrison came in second with 34 in a field by Congress Lake Road, **Portage**, on 11 Jan. (33 counties)

### Bohemian Waxwing

Dan Gesualdo was at Sheldon Marsh on 09 Jan. He saw two birds which were plumper and darker than the rest of a waxwing flock but they all left before he could see their vents. A tantalizing report!

### Cedar Waxwing

Tom Bartlett provided the high count, 250 at Kelleys Island on 22 Jan. Kurt Grenig found about 150 in the Station Road area of CVNP on 04 Dec. (64 counties)

### Phainopepla

The OBRC has a report from **Portage** that, if confirmed, would be the state's first of the species.

### Lapland Longspur

Robert Royse found several flocks which totaled at least 350 birds south of the Findlay Reservoirs on 10 Jan. Ryan Jacob saw a flock of about 200 by Howard Road, **Lucas**, on 04 Feb. (36 counties)

### Snow Bunting

A field by Soltis Road, **Geauga**, hosted about 400 on 15 Jan (m. obs.). (29 counties)

### Ovenbird

Patty McKelvey discovered one in Cleveland's

Ralph J. Perk Plaza on 18 Dec and birders saw it there until 09 Feb.



Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. photographed this Ovenbird in Ralph J. Perk Plaza, Cleveland, on 24 Dec.

### Orange-crowned Warbler

Marie Morgan reported one with excellent details at the Akron water reclamation facility, **Summit**, during the Cuyahoga Falls CBC on 20 Dec. Daniel Feuerstein documented one at Shawnee Creek, **Lucas**, on 02 Jan.

### Common Yellowthroat

The reports are:

One during the Western Hamilton County CBC on 20 Dec (Joe Bens)

One in Delaware SP on 23 Dec (Sean Williams)

One at Darby Creek on 26 Dec (Carl Winstead)

One during the Ragersville CBC, **Coshocton/Holmes/Tuscarawas**, on 30 Dec (Matthias Troyer)

One at Mill Creek on 14 Jan (John Petruzzzi)

### American Redstart

Rob Thorn found a very late, but seemingly healthy, female at Galloway Preserve, **Franklin**, on 02 Dec.

### Magnolia Warbler

Tom Bartlett found one consorting with Yellow-rumped Warblers at Kelleys Island on 06 Jan.

### Palm Warbler

These showed up in two locations during Dec and five in Jan. The last was Greg Pasek's find at Sandy Ridge on 09 Jan; it or another had been seen there earlier as well. David Carr *et al.* found three at Armleder Park during a CBC on 27 Dec and others found one or two there into Jan. The other reports came from **Brown**, **Butler**, **Clermont**, **Holmes**, and **Knox**.

### Pine Warbler

The earliest of four Dec sightings was in the **Franklin** section of the Hoover Reservoir CBC circle on 19 Dec (Charles Bombaci). Three Jan and two Feb reports followed; the last was from Tammy Seaman at her **Lucas** home on 14 Feb. The other sightings were in **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Holmes**, **Tuscarawas**, and **Warren**.

### Yellow-rumped Warbler

Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski provided the high count of 55 along Luken Road, **Warren**, on 17 Dec. The second-highest was Tom Bartlett's 28 at Kelleys Island on 21 Jan. (60 counties)

### Wilson's Warbler

Steven Hochstetler described one he found during the Mohican SF CBC on 26 Dec; Roger Troutman says it's only the second or third ever found during an Ohio CBC.

### Eastern Towhee

Jack Stenger found 16 at Shawnee Lookout on 05 Jan; Steve Pelikan saw 12 at Glenwood Gardens, also **Hamilton**, on 12 Dec. (53 counties)

### American Tree Sparrow

Killdeer produced the two highest counts, 270 on 12 Feb (Cam Lee) and 419 on 15 Jan (Tom Bartlett). The most elsewhere were 245 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 11 Dec (John Pogacnik). Only **Lawrence**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** did not have sightings.

### Chipping Sparrow

Gayle McKay saw four at Blendon Woods on 05 Dec. (23 counties)

### Field Sparrow

Leslie Houser's 24 in the Valley View Preserve, **Hamilton**, on 09 Jan were the most. (44 counties)

### Vesper Sparrow

Robert Sams discovered one in Litzenberg Memorial Woods, **Hancock**, on 06 Feb, and Dave Smith re-found it the next day.

### Lincoln's Sparrow

Patty McKelvey discovered one in Cleveland's Ralph J. Perk Plaza on 07 Dec. She or others saw it on and off during the rest of Dec and almost daily in Jan and into Feb; occasional reports put two there. Elsewhere, David and Jo Johnstone saw one, played a recording, and had two more pop up into view during the Caesar Creek-Spring Valley CBC, **Warren**, on 17 Dec.



Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. photographed this Lincoln's Sparrow on 24 Dec in the small urban greenspace of Ralph J. Perk Plaza in Cleveland.

### Lark Sparrow

One spent from 27 Dec to 10 Jan at Roman Mast's home in Walhonding, **Knox**; lots of folks journeyed there to see it.

### Savannah Sparrow

Marge and Ron Bicknell counted eight near Dayton airport on 23 Jan. (25 counties)

### Fox Sparrow

Sites in **Ashland**, **Hamilton**, and **Marion** each hosted six. (52 counties)



Mark Hsu photographed this handsome Fox Sparrow at East Fork on 14 Feb.

### Song Sparrow

Jon Cefus tallied 81 along his CBC route in **Tuscarawas** on 18 Dec. The most not on a CBC were Daniel DeLapp's 43 at Miami River CP, **Butler**, on 22 Dec. Only **Van Wert** and **Williams** did not provide sightings.

### Swamp Sparrow

Sean Williams found "At least 40 estimated chipping around Leonardsburg Marsh" and about 25 elsewhere in Delaware SP on 23 Dec. The second-highest tally was 26, by Richard Counts in the Hardin wetlands on 13 Dec. (59 counties)

### White-throated Sparrow

Maumee Bay provided the high count, 126 by Greg Links on 20 Dec. Eric Liebold saw 55 in Fremont's Walsh Park, **Sandusky**, on 29 Jan. (80 counties)

### White-crowned Sparrow

Bob Ensign found about 60 at Dawes Arboretum, **Licking**, on 20 Dec. Steve Pelikan saw the second-highest number, 45, at Glenwood Gardens, **Hamilton**, on 12 Dec. (57 counties)

### Dark-eyed Junco

Dick and Jean Hoffman counted 169 in Lake View Cemetery, **Cuyahoga**, on 19 Dec. A septet of birders almost tied them with 160 in Woodlawn Cemetery, **Lucas**, on 18 Dec. Every county except **Van Wert** had sightings. **Hancock**, **Medina**, and **Wood** hosted possible "Cassiar" juncos; **Delaware**, **Medina**, **Montgomery**, **Muskingum**, and **Warren** had possible *cismontanus* birds; and **Delaware**, **Greene**, **Hamilton**, **Lucas**, **Medina**, and **Morrow** had possible "Oregon" birds.

### Northern Cardinal

Jon Cefus' CBC route in **Tuscarawas** produced 86 on 18 Dec. Only **Van Wert** did not have any sightings.

### Dickcissel

The reports are:

One at Janet Hughes' feeder in **Erie** from Nov to 15 Dec.

An immature bird at Lake Erie Bluffs on 16 Dec (John Pogacnik)

One on 02 and 10 Jan at Roman Mast's home in Walhonding, **Knox**

One at a **Wayne** feeder from 18 to 31 Jan (m. obs.)

### Summer Tanager

One lingered from fall to 02 Dec at a Walton Hills, **Cuyahoga**, home (*vide* Brian Wulker).

### Western Tanager

Multiple observers posted photos of one at a Dayton home in mid-Jan, but as far as I know there are no formal reports.



This Western Tanager was photographed by Alex Eberts at the home of Carolyn Garber in **Montgomery** on 10 Jan.

### Red-winged Blackbird

Andy Jones and Michelle Leighty estimated that the Barberton salt ponds, **Summit**, held 75,000 on

07 Jan. About 10,000 were at Atwater, **Portage**, on 07 Feb (Joseph Ford and Doug Marcum). (79 counties)

### Eastern Meadowlark

The high count of 20 was shared by R. Lee Reed near Dayton Airport on 04 Dec, Tom Bain along River Drive, **Pickaway**, on 30 Jan, and Sean Hollowell at the Great Miami WMB on 20 Feb. (40 counties)

### Yellow-headed Blackbird

The reports, all of single birds, are:

Near Kidron, **Wayne**, on 05 Feb (Allen W. Troyer)

Near Meinke Marina, **Lucas**, on 21 Feb (Dave Smith)

At a private **Lucas** property on 24 Feb (Kim Warner)

At Volunteer Bay, **Erie**, on 28 Feb (Dan Gesualdo)

### Rusty Blackbird

The high count of 200 was shared. Joseph Ford and Doug Marcum found them at Atwater, **Portage**, on 07 Feb; Ryan Jacob's were at Maumee Bay on 28 Feb. (50 counties)

### Brewer's Blackbird

The reports are:

One in Scheele Preserve, Kelleys Island, on 03 Dec (Tom Bartlett)

Eight, unusually far south but adequately described, during the Delaware Reservoir CBC, **Delaware**, on 20 Dec (Daniel Bobb *et al.*)

One photographed in **Marion** just south of Killdeer on 28 Dec (Edward Lux)

One in Oakwoods SNP, **Hancock**, on 12 Jan (Robert Sams)

### Common Grackle

About 15,000 were with the much larger number of Red-winged Blackbirds at the Barberton salt ponds, **Summit**, on 07 Jan (Andy Jones and Michelle Leighty). A **Wayne** field held about 7000 on 23 Jan (Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder). (68 counties)

### Brown-headed Cowbird

Andy Jones and Michelle Leighty provided a third high count from the Barberton salt ponds, **Summit**, 15,000 on 07 Jan. Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison found the next-highest number, 2000, near Buckhorn, **Holmes**, on 03 Jan. (66 counties)

### Brambling

Were it not for a certain gull, this bird would have been the find of the season. Dan Bertsch discovered it at his home next to Allardale Park, **Medina**, on 19 Dec. It was seen at his feeders,



and occasionally in the park itself, until 12 Mar. The OBRC will acknowledge everyone who filed a formal report. More than 500 birders posted their successful viewing in eBird, and surely many others saw it as well.

#### **House Finch**

Ethan Kistler and Billi Krochuk found about 100 in Allardale Park, **Medina**, when they went to look at the Brambling on 12 Jan. Ed Bremer also saw about 100, at Scioto Audubon MP, **Franklin**, on 17 Jan. (82 counties)

#### **Purple Finch**

John Pogacnik *et al.* tallied 66 at Kelleys Island on 20 Dec. Tom Bartlett found the second-most, 28, on the island on 04 Jan. The most elsewhere were Brian Menker's nine at the Caesar Creek Visitor Center on 22 Jan. (56 counties)

#### **Red Crossbill**

Jen Brumfield heard one calling as it flew overhead in **Cuyahoga** on 07 Feb.

#### **White-winged Crossbill**

Bill Lynch saw four in Greenlawn Cemetery, **Franklin**, on 06 Feb.

#### **Common Redpoll**

John Pogacnik's CBC efforts on Kelleys Island on 20 Dec yielded 29. Many smaller double-digit reports came from Willow Point WA, **Erie**, and a few from sites in **Lake**, **Lucas**, and **Warren**. (15 counties)

#### **Pine Siskin**

Up to 130 (on 20 Dec) were found in Toledo's Woodlawn Cemetery (m. obs.) The most elsewhere were 57 discovered by the Kent State Bird Club at Lake Rockwell, **Portage**, on 10 Feb. (49 counties)

#### **American Goldfinch**

Andy Sewell provided the high count of 148 during the Kingston CBC in **Ross** on 01 Jan. Every county but **Putnam** and **Van Wert** had sightings.

#### **House Sparrow**

Scott Myers found about 800 around the Celina grain silos, **Mercer**, on 01 Jan. Only **Morgan** and **Noble** did not produce reports.

#### **Errata**

Sharp-eyed John Herman noted that Pleasant Hill Lake Park, site of fall's earliest Franklin's Gull, is in **Richland**, not **Portage**. He also wondered about the report of a Cave Swallow in **Richland**. It wasn't there—the fourth county in the list should have been **Summit** instead.

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