

## Summer Censuses

Summit County  
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The Greater Akron Audubon Society has since 1978 conducted a summer bird count. The details of our count and area including the results of the 1978, 1979, and 1980 counts are reported in The Ohio Cardinal, Volume 3, No. 2. Below are listed the results for 1981 and 1982.

It is hard to compare the total results from year to year. For example, we had fewer total birds in 1982, but also fewer party hours. In 1980 we had about the same number of party hours as 1982 (125/127) but more birds (12,039/9,325). Two people who seem to find more birds in one hour than others found in a day were unable to participate in 1982. Certain species did seem low in 1982: cardinal, scarlet tanager, yellowthroat. The black birds were low largely because the Copley muck flats were not covered. There is probably nothing significant about these decreases unless it continues in 1983.

1981: 6-19 to 6-22; approximately 170 party hours; 30 participants; very warm and humid throughout period, fair to overcast, light rain showers; 109 species and 14,984 individuals.

1982: 6-18 to 6-21; approximately 127 party hours; 29 participants; temperature ranged 49-77° throughout period; dry during day; clear in morning and overcast in afternoon; 110 species and 9,325 individuals.

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>		<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Pied-billed Grebe	1	0	Mourning Dove	537	333
Double-crested Cormorant	0	1	Black-billed Cuckoo	4	5
Great Blue Heron	9	15	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	8	7
Green Heron	16	24	Great Horned Owl	2	2
Canada Goose	40	77	Screech Owl	0	1
Mallard	102	178	Barred Owl	2	3
Black Duck	2	0	Com. Nighthawk	38	36
American Coot	1	3	Chimney Swift	157	213
Wood Duck	42	22	Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	10	16
Turkey Vulture	12	23	Belted Kingfisher	17	8
Cooper's Hawk	3	1	Common Flicker	80	87
Red-tailed Hawk	9	9	Pileated Woodpecker	4	1
Red-should. Hawk	3	2	Red-bellied Wood.	14	12
Broad-winged Hawk	0	5	Red-headed Wood.	5	2
Kestrel	13	6	Hairy Woodpecker	22	16
Bobwhite	11	15	Downy Woodpecker	105	70
Ring-neck. Pheasant	7	8	Eastern Kingbird	16	15
Sora	1	0	Great Crested Flyc.	20	13
Common Gallinule	9	5	Eastern Phoebe	17	2
Killdeer	317	49	Acadian Flycatcher	48	16
Woodcock	1	1	Alder Flycatcher	0	1
Spotted Sandpiper	0	2	Willow Flycatcher	38	34
Herring Gull	2	2	Least Flycatcher	4	3
Rock Dove	270	321	Wood Pewee	107	83

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>		<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Horned Lark	7	3	Black-throated Blue Warb.	0	1
Tree Swallow	13	43	Black-throated Green Warb.	0	1
Bank Swallow	66	263	Prairie Warbler	3	2
Rough-winged Sw.	40	50	Ovenbird	9	1
Barn Swallow	111	195	Louisiana Waterthrush	3	1
Purple Martin	48	32	Kentucky Warbler	0	1
Blue Jay	296	193	Com. Yellowthroat	266	139
Common Crow	173	82	Yellow-breasted Chat	4	2
Black-cap. Chickadee	253	224	Hooded Warbler	53	8
Tufted Titmouse	151	121	Canada Warbler	1	0
Red-breasted Nuthatch	0	4	American Redstart	18	15
White-br. Nuthatch	66	56	House Sparrow	1770	736
House Wren	118	128	Bobolink	11	31
Carolina Wren	2	7	Eastern Meadowlark	50	48
Sedge Wren	0	1	Red-winged Blackbird	1154	516
Catbird	219	193	Northern Oriole	80	70
Brown Thrasher	20	23	Orchard Oriole	1	4
Am. Robin	1475	959	Common Grackle	973	538
Wood Thrush	73	71	Brown-headed Cowbird	252	161
Veery	24	14	Scarlet Tanager	38	21
Eastern Bluebird	12	17	Cardinal	423	271
Cedar Waxwing	140	141	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	46	50
Starling	1979	558	Indigo Bunting	259	95
White-eyed Vireo	6	6	Purple Finch	10	13
Solitary Vireo	3	0	House Finch	17	110
Yellow-throated Vireo	16	9	Am. Goldfinch	447	348
Red-eyed Vireo	134	105	Rufous-sided Towhee	75	62
Warbling Vireo	46	30	Savannah Sparrow	51	33
Brewster's Warbler	1	0	Grasshopper Sparrow	6	13
Blue-winged Warbler	48	24	Henslow's Sparrow	2	0
Black & White Warbler	1	0	Vesper Sparrow	2	0
Prothonotary Warbler	2	0	Chipping Sparrow	203	74
Yellow Warbler	165	124	Field Sparrow	283	128
Cerulean Warbler	25	16	Swamp Sparrow	54	12
Chestnut-sided Warbler	3	2	Song Sparrow	538	368
Marsh Wren	6	2			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	12	7			

Hocking and Fairfield Counties

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I again in 1981 did a summer bird census in Clearcreek Valley. This was my fourth and last year for this work as I have moved out of state.

The results of my other years and a description of this area as to geography and habitat are found in The Ohio Cardinal, Volume 3, Number 2 at page 14.

I again in 1981 as in 1980 found 93 species and two hybrids. The total of approximately 2017 birds was the highest of the four years. In 1980 I noted increases in: Carolina wren, red-bellied woodpecker, common flicker, wood thrush, towhee and song sparrow. In 1981, the Carolina wren pairs decreased (7 down to 4) but in general the bird has increased since 1978 (0 pairs); the red-bellied woodpecker also decreased in pairs (8 down to 6) but also generally increased; the common flicker, crashed (7 pairs down to 2) its lowest point in the four years; the wood thrush maintained its increase (28 pairs down to 25); the towhee declined

to its average level (21 pairs to 10); and the song sparrow increased again (23 pairs up to 49). Those birds noted to peak in 1980 generally did well again in 1981: wood pewee (29 vs. 24), ovenbird (41 vs. 29), and hooded warbler (17 vs. 15). In 1981 the following species also peaked: downy woodpecker (7 vs. 11), bluebird (3 vs. 7), yellow-throated warbler (11 vs. 19), Louisiana waterthrush (7 vs. 12), Kentucky warbler (11 vs. 20), and scarlet tanager (23 vs. 31). Down again in 1981 and also over the four years were yellow-billed cuckoo and chimney swift. The rough-winged swallow and redstart declines in 1980 recovered in 1981. Also down in 1981 were black vulture (7 vs. 2), pileated woodpecker (8 vs. 2) and prairie warbler (8 vs. 3).

Over the four year period other declines were noted in: turkey vulture, crow, yellow warbler, and prairie warbler and increases noted for ruffed grouse, red-bellied woodpecker, white-breasted nuthatch, Carolina wren, yellow-throated warbler, black-throated green warbler, chestnut-sided warbler, pine warbler, ovenbird, Louisiana waterthrush, Canada warbler, northern oriole and song sparrow.

Twenty-two forms of warblers were summer residents (up one: one magnolia warbler male on territory was the first for this species in four years). A "Lawrences" warbler was found for the fourth consecutive year. It was a male and nested with a female blue-winged warbler fledging two blue-winged warblers. One "Brewster's" warbler, a male on territory this year, was seen.

New species in 1981 (for the four year period) were: willow flycatcher, solitary vireo, magnolia warbler, and pine siskin.

Decimated from this area for the entire survey are: bobwhite, mockingbird and vesper sparrow.

For the four years 106 species were located of which 84 and one hybrid were known to nest.

Pairs unless otherwise stated.

<u>Species</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Gr. Bl. Heron	0	
Gr. Heron	1	
Mallard	0	
Wood Duck	1	2 young seen
Turk Vulture	17	
Bl. Vulture	2	
Cooper's Hk.	1 bird	
R.T. Hawk	1	
B.W. Hawk	2	
R.S. Hawk	1	Raised 1 young
Ruf. Grouse	6	2 nests found, 3 young seen
W. Turkey	2	
Killdeer	1	
M. Dove	7	Young seen
R. Dove	1 bird	
Y.B. Cuckoo	3	
B.B. Cuckoo	4	
Screech Owl	3	2 young seen
G.H. Owl	1	
Barred Owl	0	
Whip-poor-will	2	
Chimney Swift	15	

<u>Species</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>Comment</u>
R.T. Humbrd	4	
B. Kingfisher	3	1 nest found
C. Flicker	2	1 nest found
R.B. Woodpkr	6	
Pil. Woodpkr	2	
Ha. Woodpkr	3	
Do. Woodpkr	11	Young seen
E. Kingbird	1	2 young seen
G.C. Flyctcher	5	
E. Phoebe	14	Several young seen
Ac. Flyctcher	64	Several young seen
Willow Flyctchr	1 bird	
E.W. Pewee	24	Young seen
O.S. Flyctchr	0	
R.W. Swallow	8	Young seen
B. Swallow	8	Young seen
Prpl. Martin	2	
Blue Jay	4	
Crow	8	4 young seen
Car. Chickde	16	Young seen
Tuft Titmse	16	Young seen
W.B. Nuthac	8	
Hse. Wren	3	
Car. Wren	4 birds	
Catbird	13	
B. Thrasher	0	Probably present
A. Robin	5	
Wd. Thrush	25	Young seen
Veery	1 bird	Singing male on territory
E. Bluebird	7	Young seen
B.G. Gnatchr	15	2 nests found
Cedar Waxwg	7	
Starling	5	Young seen
W.E. Vireo	16	
Y.T. Vireo	55	Young seen
Solitary Vireo	1 bird	Non-territorial
R.E. Vireo	6	
Warb Vireo	3	
B & W Warb.	13	Young seen
Worm-eat	7	
Blue-wing.	9	Nest found
"Lawrence's"	1 male	See article
"Brewster's"	1 male	On territory
N. Parula	19	
Yellow	12	
Magnolia	1	Singing male on territory
B. Th. Green	13	
Cerulean	18	2 young seen
Yel. Thrtd.	19	
Chest.-sd.	3	
Pine	4	
Prairie	3	
Ovenbird	49	Young seen
La. Water.	12	Young seen
Kentucky	20	Young seen
C. Yelthrt.	49	Young seen

<u>Species</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Yel.-br. Chat	13	
Hooded	15	Young seen
Canada	5	5 singing males on territory
A. Redstart	7	Young seen
Hse. Sparrow	20	Young seen
E. Mdolrk	2	
R.W. Blbrd	11	Young seen
N. Oriole	4	Young seen
C. Grakl	6	
B.H. Cowbrd	15	
Scar Tangr	31	
Sum Tangr	3	
Cardinal	25	Young seen
In. Buntg	62	Young seen
Pine Siskin	3	6 birds coming to feeder
A. Goldfn	17	
R.S. Towhee	10	Young seen
Grass. Spar.	2	
Hens. Spar.	3	
Chip. Spar.	16	Young seen
Field Spar.	7	
Song Spar.	29	Young seen

The results in the Ohio Cardinal Volume 3, No. 2 should be changed to include the following: kestrel, 1 bird, 1979; bobwhite, 2 birds, 1978; red-headed woodpecker, 1 bird, 1978; mockingbird, 1 bird, 1978; veery, 1 bird, 1978 and 1979; orchard oriole, 1 pair, 1979.

#### Trumbull County

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1982 was the fourth year of my breeding bird survey (BBS: Rt. #022) in this location. My survey is done one day each year. The route is basically north and south on Ohio Route 534 in Trumbull County for 25 miles. The habitat is rural with cultivated fields, old over-grown fields and pastures. There is little woodland. I follow the Breeding Bird Survey procedures including making fifty stops along this route. I start at approximately 5:00 A.M. and stop after four hours. The weather has been good, for example, on June 12, 1982, the temperature during the survey ranged from 55-67° with dry and clear conditions. Below are my results for the last two years. The numbers represent individual birds.

	<u>6/07/81</u>	<u>6/12/82</u>
Great Blue Heron	6	5
Green Heron	3	0
American Bittern	1	0
Wood Duck	0	1
R.T. Hawk	1	1
A. Kestrel	1	0
Bobwhite	4	5
R.N. Pheasant	9	7
Killdeer	16	12
Upland Sandpiper	0	1
Herring Gull	1	0
R.B. Gull	0	1

	<u>6/07/81</u>	<u>6/12/82</u>
Rock Dove	13	16
Mourning Dove	73	39
B.B. Cuckoo	1	0
Chimney Swift	60	44
R.T. Humbrd	0	2
B. Kingfisher	1	0
C. Flicker	4	0
R.B. Woodpkr	2	2
R.H. Woodpkr.	0	1
D. Woodpkr.	2	1
E. Kingbird	1	1
G.C. Flychr.	4	3
E. Phoebe	1	2
Willow Flychr.	6	10
E.W. Pewee	6	7
Horned Lark	5	2
Bank Swalo	2	0
R.W. Swalo	7	4
Barn Swalo	33	49
Purple Martin	20	2
Blue Jay	32	29
C. Crow	39	33
B.C. Chickadee	4	12
Tufted Titmouse	18	23
W.B. Nuthatch	4	4
H. Wren	16	12
G. Catbird	11	12
B. Thrasher	2	1
A. Robin	133	78
W. Thrush	5	6
E. Bluebird	1	0
C. Waxwing	21	11
Starling	412	317
Y.T. Vireo	0	1
R.E. Vireo	10	18
W. Vireo	1	2
B.W. Warbler	4	0
Yellow Warbler	14	22
Ovenbird	1	1
C. Yellow-throat	24	20
Hooded Warb	0	1
House Sparrow	265	140
Bobolink	7	2
E. Meadowlkr	13	13
R.W. Blackbird	306	156
N. Oriole	11	11
C. Grackle	250	132
B.H. Cowbird	5	15
Scarlet Tanager	2	0
N. Cardinal	27	24
R.B. Grosbk.	6	3
Indigo Buntg.	16	7
A. Goldfinch	6	19
R.S. Towhee	7	9
Savannah Sparo	2	3

	<u>6/07/81</u>	<u>6/12/82</u>
Chipping Sparo	11	24
Field Sparo	35	19
Swamp Sparo	0	1
Song Sparo	60	56
TOTAL SPECIES	63	60
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2,052	1,455

An Unusually Late Horned Lark Nest

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On June 5, 1982, a Horned Lark (Otocoris alpestris praticola) nest containing three eggs was found in an unplanted corn stubble field at the Miami University Airport, three miles west of Oxford, Ohio. The nest was discovered when the brooding adult flushed from the nest and flew away without calling. The nest was photographed on June 6, and, unfortunately, was destroyed by minor flooding of the field on June 10. The eggs seemed to be in an early stage of incubation, and there was no sign of any "patio" near the nest, although this is often present (Harrison, H.H. 1975 A field guide to birds' nests, Houghton-Mifflin Co., Boston).

Horned Larks normally nest in March, with several records in February (Bent, A.C. 1942 Life histories of North American flycatchers, larks, swallows, and their allies, U.S. Nat. Mus. Bull. 179:1-555). Many records exist for nesting in April and May (Campbell, L.W. 1940 Birds of Lucas County, Toledo Mus. Sci. Bull. 1:1-225), but only a very few for June and July. For example, Walker, C.F. and Troutman, M.B. 1936 Notes on Horned Larks of Central Ohio Region, Wilson Bulletin 48:151-155, were not able to locate a single nest in central Ohio.



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