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THIS number of the *Calendar* includes the period of the spring migration. The section of Ohio covered by our observers includes primarily the Cleveland region, but extends also west to Sandusky, south to Oberlin, and east to Ashtabula County. While the records presented here are fragmentary, they do give in some detail the main facts with regard to the arrival and passage of birds in this region. The report lacks the usual rather full information on waterfowl. This is due to war-time restrictions on observations along the Lake Erie shore, and to greatly reduced transportation possibilities.

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As is usual, the members of the Kirtland Bird Club have furnished the bulk of the observations contained in the following reports. To W. Earl Godfrey of the Department of Ornithology of the Cleveland

Museum of Natural History the editor is indebted for much assistance in the arrangement and tabulation of the records and in supplying subspecific names.

Competition for first place in number of species reported is strong. Merit and Mrs. Skaggs turned in a list of 176 species; Vera Carrothers, 175 species; Margarett Morse, 173 species; James Findley, 165 species. The editor wishes to compliment these observers on the completeness of their records and the excellent manner in which their reports were prepared. James Findley's list was practically a day-to-day record for the period covered. Margarett Morse made 21 of her 30 trips entirely within the limits of Greater Cleveland. Eight other observers turned in lists of from 111 to 145 species. A particularly notable list was that of Earl Godfrey who reported 93 different species as the result of 45 days of observation on the grounds of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in downtown Cleveland. Mrs. Olson's list of 133 species also included 45 days of observations, largely about her home in Lakewood.

The number of species reported for the current year (Dec. 1, 1942, to May 31, 1943) is now 218. Of these 86 had been previously re-reported; 132 have been added during the present period. Last year the species list at this time stood at 224, the difference being largely accounted for in the ranks of the waterfowl and shorebirds. Again we record the withdrawal of several more of our observers for service in the United States Army or Navy. These are:

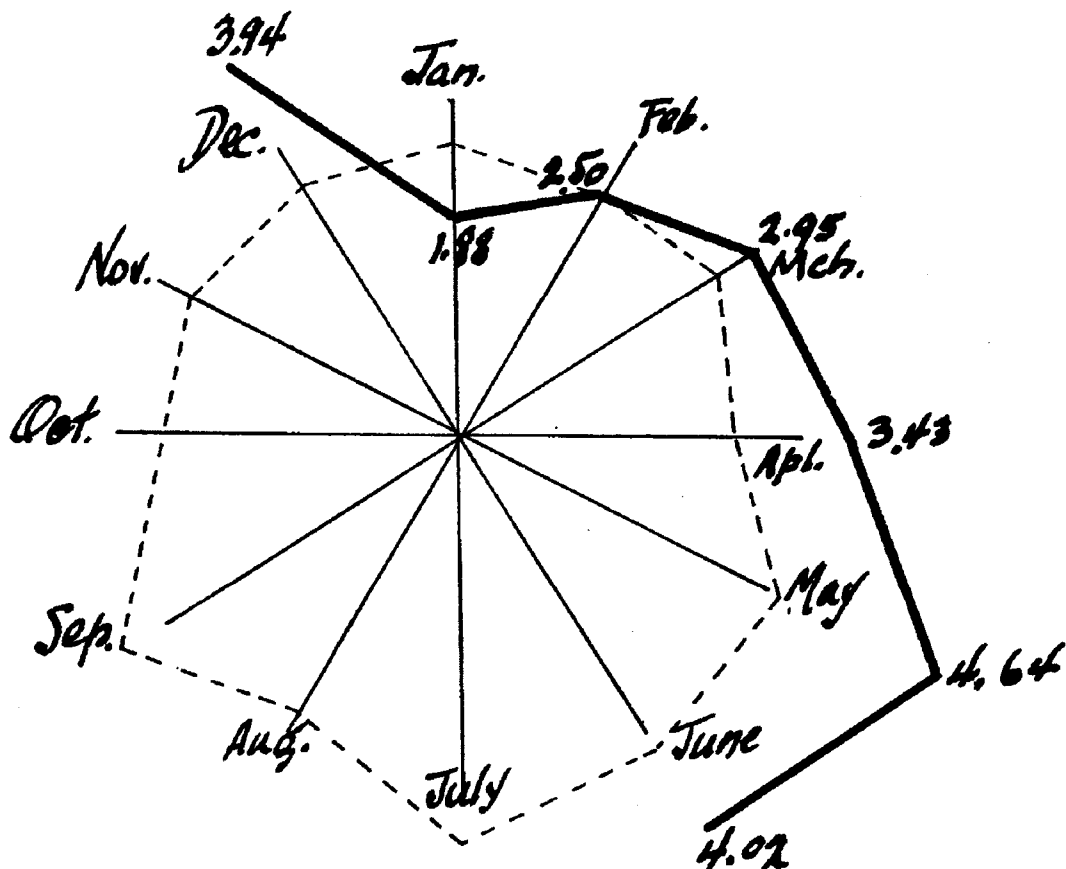
James Akers, to the U. S. Army.
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Richard Klein, to the U. S. Army.
Charles H. Knight, to the U. S. Army.
Charles B. Margach, to the U. S. Navy.
Mrs. Ruby H. Margach, to the WAC.

Sergeant Klein's name was inadvertently omitted from previous reports. He was perhaps the first of our group to enter Army service. These bring to 18 the number of *Bird Calendar* observers now serving with the armed forces. We record with pleasure the fact that Edward MacArthur, home on furlough, takes time off to become a contributor to this issue of the *Calendar*.

SUMMARY OF WEATHER CONDITIONS

One would be tempted to say that we have had, this spring, the wettest weather ever experienced here; but the Editor, through experience, has learned caution. Checking last year's Cleveland Weather Bureau records, it appears that during the first five months of 1942 we had 15.74 inches of rain. This year the record of the first five months is 15.40 inches. In other words, we had about one third of an inch less rain this year than last.

There was, however, a great difference in the time of rainfall. Last year the heavy precipitation was in February and March; this year it was in April and May. In fact there were only five days in May, 1943, when the Weather Bureau did not record some precipitation.. The chart below shows graphically the amount and distribution of



PRECIPITATION BY MONTHS, 1943

rainfall to June 30 of this year. The spokes of the wheel from the center outward each represent three inches of water. The points connected by the dotted line indicate the normal or average precipitation at Cleveland, based on 73 years of weather observations. The heavy black line connects points representing the actual amount of precipitation recorded monthly for the first six months of 1943 and for December, 1942. Note how the records for April and May fall far outside the 'normal' as indicated by the dotted line. The lower half of the wheel (April to October) represents roughly the growing season. All natural vegetation by the end of May was very lush.

Of temperature we had an accumulated excess of 105 degrees by May 31, 1943, as compared with an excess of 392 degrees for the same period last year. Yet on the whole, those who assert that in this year we have had a cold, wet, and delayed spring are not far wrong. The period of the appearance of fully developed foliage on the forest trees this year was the week of May 16-23. As compared with the abnormally early spring of 1942 there was a difference of nearly three weeks. Yet the 'migrant hosts' of birds were about on time as usual. Their time of arrival was obviously not determined by weather conditions here.

SPECIES OCCURRENCE RECORDS

In the following list, 'Wintered' means that there are January and February records of the occurrence of the species here. Some of these birds are winter visitors from the north; some are permanent residents; some records indicate that certain individual birds remained over winter, while the bulk of the species wintered farther south.

'Breeds' means that individuals of the species indicated breed in the Cleveland region.

Interesting or unusual records are marked with an asterisk.



SPRING ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

<i>Name of Bird</i>	<i>First, 1943</i>	<i>Maximum, 1943</i>	<i>Last, 1943</i>
Lesser Loon	Mch. 21 (2)	Apr. 17 (40)	May 15 (15)
Holboell Grebe	Apr. 4 (1)	-----	Apr. 24 (1)
Horned Grebe	Wintered	Apr. 17 (6)	May 16 (1)
Pied-billed Grebe	Mch. 6 (1)	Apr. 18 (11)	Breeds
Great Blue Heron	Mch. 14 (1)	Apr. 17 (25)	Breeds
*Eastern Green Heron	Apr. 8 (1)	May 9 (18)	Breeds
Black-crowned Night Heron	Mch. 18 (1)	May 9 (5)	Breeds
American Bittern	Apr. 11 (3)	-----	Breeds
Whistling Swan	Mch. 21 (25)	-----	Apr. 22 (5)
Canada Goose	Mch. 11 (1)	Apr. 17 (102)	Apr. 17 (102)
Mallard	Wintered	Apr. 4 (102)	Breeds
Black Duck	Mch. 11 (1)	Apr. 4 (50)	Breeds
Gadwall	Mch. 13 (1)	-----	May 16 (3)
*European Wigeon	Apr. 11 (2)	-----	Apr. 11 (2)
Baldpate	Mch. 13 (1)	Apr. 4 (600)	May 16 (3)
American Pintail	Wintered	Mch. 21 (209)	Apr. 17 (15)
Green-winged Teal	Mch. 11 (1)	-----	Apr. 17 (2)
Blue-winged Teal	Mch. 21 (3)	-----	May 16 (16)
Shoveler	Mch. 13 (1)	-----	Apr. 17 (6)
Wood Duck	Mch. 21 (2)	Apr. 10 (8)	Breeds
Redhead	Mch. 13 (1)	Mch. 21 (1000)	Apr. 17 (4)
Ring-necked Duck	Wintered	Mch. 21 (255)	Apr. 20 (1)
Canvasback	Wintered	Mch. 21 (3000)	Apr. 18 (1)
Greater Scaup Duck	Mch. 26 (6)	-----	Apr. 28 (27)
Lesser Scaup Duck	Wintered	Mch. 28 (450)	May 23 (1)
American Goldeneye	Wintered.	Mch. 21 (33)	May 17 (1)
Bufflehead	Wintered	Mch. 21 (12)	Apr. 23 (3)
*White-winged Scoter	Mch. 21 (3)	-----	Mch. 21 (3)
Ruddy Duck	Mch. 16 (1)	Apr. 17 (1000)	May 31 (1)
Hooded Merganser	Mch. 13 (1)	Mch. 21 (11)	May 9 (3)
American Merganser	Wintered	Mch. 21 (330)	Apr. 25 (2)
Red-breasted Merganser	Wintered	Apr. 18 (115)	May 16 (25)
Turkey Vulture	Mch. 14 (5)	Mch. 31 (17)	Breeds
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Cooper Hawk	Wintered	Mch. 21 (6)	Breeds
Eastern Red-tailed Hawk	Wintered	Apr. 24 (11)	Breeds
Northern Red-shouldered Hawk	Wintered	Mch. 14 (14)	Breeds
Broad-winged Hawk	Mch. 25 (1)	-----	Breeds
*American Rough-legged Hawk	May 3 (1)	-----	May 16 (1)
Northern Bald Eagle	Wintered	Apr. 11 (2)	Breeds
Marsh Hawk	Mch. 6 (1)	Apr. 4 (8)	Breeds
American Osprey	Apr. 21 (1)	-----	May 17 (1)
*Eastern Pigeon Hawk	Apr. 4 (1)	-----	May 14 (1)
Eastern Sparrow Hawk	Wintered	Mch. 20 (9)	Breeds
Appalachian Ruffed Grouse	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Eastern Bobwhite	Wintered	May 23 (16)	Breeds
Ring-necked Pheasant	Wintered	May 9 (25)	Breeds

SPRING ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (Continued)

<i>Name of Bird</i>	<i>First, 1943</i>	<i>Maximum, 1943</i>	<i>Last, 1943</i>
Virginia Rail	May 2 (2)	-----	Breeds
Sora	Apr. 24 (1)	-----	Breeds
Florida Gallinule	Apr. 10 (10)	-----	Breeds
American Coot	Mch. 14 (1)	Apr. 17 (200)	Breeds
Belted Piping Plover	May 15 (1)	-----	May 23 (2)
Semipalmated Plover	May 16 (9)	May 6 (9)	Breeds
Killdeer	Mch. 13 (2)	Mch. 21 (30)	Breeds
American Woodcock	Mch. 21 (1)	Apr. 19 (16)	May 30 (1)
Wilson Snipe	Mch. 28 (1)	Apr. 25 (9)	Breeds
Upland Plover	Mch. 31 (1)	-----	Breeds
Spotted Sandpiper	Apr. 8 (1)	May 16 (63)	May 19 (2)
Eastern Solitary Sandpiper	Apr. 26 (1)	Apr. 9 (32)	May 14 (3)
Greater Yellowlegs	Apr. 14 (1)	May 8 (8)	May 18 (1)
Lesser Yellowlegs	Apr. 23 (1)	May 2 (8)	May 13 (2)
Pectoral Sandpiper	May 1 (1)	-----	May 12 (1)
Least Sandpiper	Apr. 29 (1)	May 9 (10)	May 16 (12)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	May 16 (12)	-----	May 17 (1)
*Stilt Sandpiper	May 9 (1)	-----	May 16 (5)
American Herring Gull	Wintered	-----	May 16 (8)
Ring-billed Gull	Wintered	-----	May 23 (4)
Bonaparte Gull	Apr. 4 (3)	Apr. 18 (80)	May 23 (10)
Common Tern	May 7 (18)	May 9 (84)	May 16 (1)
Caspian Tern	Apr. 25 (1)	-----	May 16 (102)
Black Tern	Apr. 27 (1)	-----	Breeds
*Eastern Mourning Dove	Wintered	Apr. 18 (54)	Breeds
Rock Dove	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	May 6 (1)	May 17 (3)	Breeds
Black-billed Cuckoo	May 6 (2)	May 23 (8)	Breeds
American Barn Owl	-----	May 31 (1)	Breeds
Eastern Screech Owl	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Great Horned Owl	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Northern Barred Owl	Wintered	-----	May 16 (1)
*Long-eared Owl	May 16 (1)	-----	Breeds
Eastern Whippoorwill	Apr. 27 (2)	May 11 (4)	Breeds
Eastern Nighthawk	May 8 (4)	May 12 (12)	Breeds
Chimney Swift	Apr. 18 (1)	May 10 (83)	Breeds
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	May 9 (6)	May 16 (8)	Breeds
Eastern Belted Kingfisher	Mch. 21 (2)	May 2 (21)	Breeds
Northern Flicker	Wintered	Apr. 25 (76)	Breeds
Northern Pileated Woodpecker	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Eastern Red-headed Woodpecker	Apr. 19 (1)	May 9 (20)	Breeds
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Mch. 15 (1)	May 2 (28)	May 23 (2)
Eastern Hairy Woodpecker	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Northern Downy Woodpecker	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Eastern Kingbird	Apr. 30 (1)	-----	Breeds

SPRING ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES(Continued)

<i>Name of Bird</i>	<i>First, 1943</i>	<i>Maximum, 1943</i>	<i>Last, 1943</i>
Northern Crested Flycatcher	May 1 (2)	May 9 (35)	Breeds
Eastern Phoebe	Mch. 22 (1)	Apr. 18 (20)	Breeds
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	May 7 (1)	May 16 (4)	May 26 (1)
Acadian Flycatcher	May 6 (1)	-----	Breeds
Alder Flycatcher	May 9 (3)	May 23 (12)	Breeds
Least Flycatcher	May 5 (1)	May 16 (15)	Breeds
Eastern Wood Pewee	May 6 (1)	May 16 (22)	Breeds
*Olive-sided Flycatcher	May 21 (1)	-----	May 21 (1)
Prairie Horned Lark	Wintered	April 10 (23)	Breeds
Tree Swallow	Mch. 31 (1)	Apr. 4 (48)	Breeds
American Bank Swallow	Apr. 20 (2)	May 16 (360)	Breeds
Rough-winged Swallow	Apr. 11 (1)	May 16 (271)	Breeds
Barn Swallow	Apr. 17 (1)	May 9 (44)	Breeds
Northern Cliff Swallow	Apr. 4 (2)	May 9 (10)	Breeds
Purple Martin	Mch. 21 (2)	May 9 (65)	Breeds
Northern Blue Jay	Wintered	May 23 (116)	Breeds
Eastern Crow	Wintered	Apr. 4 (250)	Breeds
Black-capped Chickadee	Wintered	-----	Breeds
*Carolina Chickadee	Apr. 17 (1)	-----	Apr. 17 (1)
Tufted Titmouse	-----	-----	Breeds
White-breasted Nuthatch	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Wintered	May 16 (6)	May 23 (3)
Brown Creeper	Wintered	Apr. 21 (43)	May 22 (1)
Ohio House Wren	Apr. 24 (1)	-----	Breeds
Eastern Winter Wren	Mch. 10 (2)	Apr. 11 (4)	May 11 (1)
Carolina Wren	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Prairie Marsh Wren	May 9 (2)	May 16 (13)	Breeds
*Eastern Mockingbird	May 15 (1)	-----	May 15 (1)
Catbird	May 1 (1)	May 9 (99)	Breeds
Eastern Brown Thrasher	Apr. 23 (2)	May 9 (22)	Breeds
Eastern Robin	-----	Apr. 4 (322)	Breeds
Wood Thrush	Apr. 25 (1)	May 9 (66)	Breeds
Eastern Hermit Thrush	Apr. 1 (2)	May 2 (25)	May 19 (1)
Olive-backed Thrush	-----	May 22 (39)	May 30 (2)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	May 2 (1)	May 21 (7)	May 26 (1)
Veery	May 2 (6)	May 12 (15)	Breeds
Eastern Bluebird	Mch. 10 (2)	Mch. 14 (79)	Breeds
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Apr. 26 (1)	May 9 (21)	Breeds
Eastern Golden-crowned Kinglet	-----	-----	-----
Eastern Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Wintered	Apr. 10 (65)	May 22 (1)
American Pipit	Apr. 11 (6)	May 9 (160)	May 22 (7)
Cedar Waxwing	Mch. 10 (4)	-----	Mch. 10 (4)
Migrant Shrike	Mch. 13 (100)	May 23 (134)	Breeds
Starling	Mch. 21 (1)	-----	Breeds
*White-eyed Vireo	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Yellow-throated Vireo	May 7 (1)	-----	May 7 (1)
Blue-headed Vireo	May 6 (1)	-----	Breeds
-----	Apr. 27 (1)	May 9 (6)	May 23 (2)

SPRING ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (Continued)

<i>Name of Bird</i>	<i>First, 1943</i>	<i>Maximum, 1943</i>	<i>Last, 1943</i>
Red-eyed Vireo	May 6 (2)	May 23 (74)	Breeds
Philadelphia Vireo	May 8 (1)	May 16 (4)	May 27 (1)
Eastern Warbling Vireo	May 6 (3)	May 9 (15)	May 31 (1)
Black-and-white Warbler	Apr. 26 (1)	May 16 (48)	May 23 (3)
Prothonotary Warbler	May 9 (2)	May 18 (2)	May 30 (1)
*Worm-eating Warbler	May 11 (1)	-----	May 11 (1)
*Golden-winged Warbler	May 6 (1)	May 12 (3)	May 21 (1)
Blue-winged Warbler	May 6 (3)	May 16 (21)	Breeds
*Brewster Warbler	May 16 (1)	-----	May 16 (1)
Tennessee Warbler	May 6 (1)	May 23 (6)	May 23 (6)
Orange-crowned Warbler	May 8 (3)	May 11 (4)	May 25 (1)
Nashville Warbler	May 4 (1)	May 16 (11)	May 23 (2)
Northern Parula Warbler	May 6 (1)	May 12 (12)	May 23 (6)
Eastern Yellow Warbler	May 2 (16)	May 9 (90)	Breeds
Magnolia Warbler	May 5 (1)	May 16 (57)	May 30 (2)
Cape May Warbler	May 6 (3)	May 12 (39)	May 23 (17)
Black-throated Blue Warbler	May 4 (1)	May 16 (52)	May 23 (12)
Myrtle Warbler	Apr. 15 (1)	May 11 (205)	May 23 (5)
Black-throated Green Warbler	Apr. 25 (2)	May 16 (34)	Breeds
Cerulean Warbler	May 8 (1)	May 16 (22)	Breeds
Blackburnian Warbler	May 6 (2)	May 16 (49)	May 27 (1)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	May 6 (4)	May 16 (52)	May 30 (1)
Bay-breasted Warbler	May 7 (1)	May 16 (19)	May 30 (4)
Black-pollled Warbler	May 11 (1)	May 16 (11)	May 30 (3)
Northern Pine Warbler	May 1 (3)	May 15 (3)	May 23 (1)
*Kirtland Warbler	May 18 (1)	-----	May 18 (1)
*Northern Prairie Warbler	May 12 (1)	May 16 (4)	May 16 (4)
Western Palm Warbler	Apr. 30 (1)	May 12 (31)	May 22 (3)
Ovenbird	May 1 (1)	May 9 (47)	Breeds
Grinnell Waterthrush	Apr. 23 (2)	May 16 (18)	Breeds
Louisiana Waterthrush	Apr. 10 (1)	May 9 (14)	Breeds
*Kentucky Warbler	May 11 (1)	May 12 (1)	May 16 (1)
Connecticut Warbler	May 15 (1)	May 22 (4)	May 22 (4)
Mourning Warbler	May 13 (1)	May 18 (4)	May 26 (1)
Northern Yellowthroat	May 2 (1)	May 16 (51)	Breeds
Yellow-breasted Chat	May 6 (4)	May 16 (7)	Breeds
Hooded Warbler	Apr. 26 (1)	May 9 (17)	Breeds
Wilson Warbler	May 6 (2)	May 16 (9)	May 31 (1)
Canada Warbler	May 6 (2)	May 16 (27)	May 30 (2)
American Redstart	May 8 (6)	May 16 (129)	Breeds
English Sparrow	Wintered	-----	Breeds
Bobolink	May 2 (9)	May 23 (28)	Breeds
Eastern Meadowlark	Mch. 11 (1)	Mch. 21 (49)	Breeds
Eastern Redwing	Mch. 11 (26)	Mch. 21 (1611)	Breeds
*Orchard Oriole	May 13 (1)	May 16 (6)	Breeds
*Baltimore Oriole	Apr. 4 (2)	May 16 (34)	Breeds
Rusty Blackbird	Mch. 16	Apr. 17 (15)	May 12 (2)
Bronzed Grackle	Mch. 11 (1)	-----	Breeds

SPRING ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (Continued)

<i>Name of Bird</i>	<i>First, 1943</i>	<i>Maximum, 1943</i>	<i>Last, 1943</i>
Eastern Cowbird	Mch. 16 (1)	-----	Breeds
Scarlet Tanager	Apr. 14 (1)	May 23 (27)	Breeds
Eastern Cardinal	Wintered	-----)	Breeds
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	May 5 (2)	May 16 (28)	Breeds
Indigo Bunting	May 6 (4)	May 23 (27)	Breeds
Eastern Purple Finch	Mch. 27 (5)	May 2 (21)	Breeds
Common Redpoll	Mch. 3 (3)	Apr. 18 (16)	Apr. 25 (7)
Eastern Goldfinch	Wintered	May 18 (1000)	Breeds
Red-eyed Towhee	Mch. 14 (1)	May 9 (46)	Breeds
Southeastern Savannah Sparrow	Apr. 11 (2)	Apr. 21 (50)	Breeds
Eastern Grasshopper Sparrow	Apr. 9 (1)	Apr. 21 (20)	Breeds
Western Henslow Sparrow	Apr. 21 (2)	Apr. 14 (100)	Breeds
Eastern Vesper Sparrow	Mch. 28 (1)	Apr. 11 (19)	Breeds
Slate-colored Junco	Wintered	Apr. 25 (107)	Breeds
Eastern Tree Sparrow	Wintered	Apr. 4 (62)	May 9 (1)
Eastern Chipping Sparrow	Apr. 10 (2)	May 9 (56)	Breeds
Eastern Field Sparrow	Mch. 20 (1)	May 9 (87)	Breeds
White-crowned Sparrow	May 6 (52)	May 6 (52)	May 28 (1)
White-throated Sparrow	Mch. 19 (1)	May 9 (86)	May 22 (1)
Eastern Fox Sparrow	Mch. 27 (1)	Apr. 11 (17)	May 10 (2)
Lincoln Sparrow	May 6 (12)	May 6 (12)	May 29 (1)
Swamp Sparrow	Apr. 9 (1)	Apr. 21 (13)	Breeds
Mississippi Song Sparrow	Wintered	Apr. 18 (101)	Breeds

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Holboell Grebe. —One was seen on April 4 at Pymatuning Reservoir and reported by Vera Carrothers; one was identified on Corning Lake, Holden Arboretum, and reported by Mrs. Olson.

Eastern Green Heron. —The remarkable early date of April 8 as a first record is noteworthy. This bird was seen at Shaker Lakes and reported by Margery Ramisch.

European Wigeon. —Two birds were seen near Sandusky, April 11, by Margarete Morse.

White-winged Scoter. —Three birds were reported off Edgewater Park in Lake Erie, March 21, by J.O. McQuown.

American Rough-legged Hawk. —Usually recorded here as a winter visitor only, we now have three spring reports (one by J.O. McQuown and two by Mrs. Olson), of a bird seen in the lower Rocky River valley on May 3, 6, and 16, probably the same bird.

- Eastern Pigeon Hawk.** —Three reports: one seen by J. O. McQuown at Edgewater Park on April 4; one seen near East and North Park boulevards on May 13 by George Ansley; one seen perched on the Rapid Transit trolley wire near St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, by Raymond Hill.
- Stilt Sandpiper.**— One reported seen on May 17 at Austinburg by S. V. Wharram.
- Eastern Mourning Dove.** —An unusual number of wintering and March occurrences are reported. See also an early nesting record on page 126.
- Long-eared Owl.**—A single bird seen May 16 at Pymatuning Reservoir by members of the Kirtland Bird Club.
- Carolina Chickadee.**—A single individual seen and heard near Gordon Park close to the Lake Erie shore on April 17 by Margarete Morse, B. P. Bole, Jr., and Earl Godfrey. The bird was identified by call note, coloration, and size. This is the first record of this species for the Cleveland region.
- Eastern Mockingbird.**—One was seen near a small pond at North Chagrin Metropolitan Park on May 15 by Vera Carrothers.
- White-eyed Vireo.** —One was seen at Virginia Kendall State Park (Akron Metropolitan Park System) on May 8 by James Jenkins.
- Worm-eating Warbler.**—One was seen at Wellington on May 11 by Roy E. and Mrs. Clisby.
- Golden-winged Warbler.**—Unusually numerous here this spring, there being 8 records in all, including Berea, Rocky. River, Wade Park, Nela Park, Cleveland Heights, and South Euclid. The observers were Mrs. Olson, Margarete Morse, Merit and Mrs. Skaggs, and Mrs. Bicksee.
- Brewster Warbler.** —This rare hybrid of the Golden-winged and Blue-winged warblers was reported seen on May 16 at Shaker Lakes by Gordon Spare.
- Kirtland Warbler.** —one seen in Lakewood on May 18 by Tom McHugh.
- Kentucky Warbler.** —One was seen at Twinsburg on May 11 by James Jenkins; one at Shaker Lakes on May 12 by Rudolph Kula; and one at Shaker Lakes on May 16 by James Findley.
- Orchard Oriole.** —Unusually numerous. Twelve occurrences in all were reported, including Wellington, Oberlin, Gordon Park, Shaker Lakes, and Pymatuning Reservoir.
- Baltimore Oriole.**—The astonishingly early date of April 4 is reported by Alice Porter who then observed and heard two singing male birds near Oakhill Drive, Cleveland Heights.

MIGRATION TIMETABLE

Spring 1943

Waterfowl and Shorebirds (first dates).

March	5	American Goldeneye
	8	Horned Grebe
	11	Canada Goose, Mallard, Black Duck, Green-winged Teal, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, American Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser.
	13	Gadwall, Baldpate, Shoveler, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Hooded Merganser, Killdeer.
	14	Pintail, Coot
	16	Pied-billed Grebe
	20	Canvasback
	21	Loon, Whistling Swan, Blue-winged Teal, Wood Duck, White-winged Scoter, American Woodcock.
	26	Greater Scaup
	28	Wilson Snipe
	31	Upland Plover
April	4	Holbell Grebe
	8	Spotted Sandpiper
	10	Florida Gallinule
	11	European Wigeon
	14	Greater Yellowlegs
	23	Lesser Yellowlegs
	24	Sora Rail
May	26	Solitary Sandpiper
	1	Pectoral Sandpiper
	2	Least Sandpiper, Virginia Rail
	9	Stilt Sandpiper
	15	Piping Plover
	16	Semipalmated Plover, Semipalmated Sandpiper

Mockingbirds, Thrushes, Finches, and Sparrows (first dates).

March	1	Song Sparrow
	3	Robin, Redpoll, Junco
	9	Tree Sparrow
	10	Bluebird
	14	Goldfinch, Towhee

March	19	White-throated Sparrow
	20	Field Sparrow
	27	Fox Sparrow
	28	Vesper Sparrow
April	1	Hermt Thrush
	9	Grasshopper Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow.
	10	Savannah Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow.
	18	Purple Finch
	21	Henslow Sparrow
	23	Brown Thrasher
	25	Wood Thrush
May	26	Olive-backed Thrush
	1	Catbird
	2	Gray-cheeked Thrush, Veery
	5	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
	6	Indigo Bunting, White-crowned Sparrow, Lincoln Sparrow
	15	Mockingbird
Warblers (first dates).		
April	10	Louisiana Waterthrush
	15	Myrtle
	23	Grinnell Waterthrush
	25	Black-throated Green
	26	Black-and-white, Hooded
	29	Yellow
	30	Palm
May	1	Pine, Ovenbird
	2	Yellowthroat
	4	Nashville, Black-throated Blue
	5	Magnolia
	6	Golden-winged, Blue-winged, Tennessee, Parula, Cape May, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Yellow-breasted Chat, Wilson, Canada.
	7	Bay-breasted
	8	Orange-crowned
	9	Prothonotary
	11	Worm-eating, Black-polled, Kentucky
	12	Prairie

May	13	Mourning.
	15	Connecticut.
	16	Brewster.
	18	Kirtland.

Blackbirds and Orioles (first dates).

March	11	Meadowlark, Redwing, Brownzed Grackle
	16	Rusty Blackbird, Cowbird
April	4	Baltimore Oriole
May	2	Bobolink
	13	Orchard Oriole

COMMENTS ON THE MIGRATION

Veteran bird observers here say that in all their experience they do not recall a spring when migrating birds were so plentiful and so satisfactorily observed. This was due in some degree to the fact that the foliage on forest and wayside trees and shrubs was considerably delayed in its appearance and development, making observation easier. The abundance of migrating birds was reflected in the astonishing list of 47 species observed in one day (May 11) by Earl Godfrey on the grounds of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in downtown Cleveland. Unusually abundant were Mourning Doves, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Brown Creepers, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and Robins. Warblers were also numerous and the number of species large.

"The warbler migration", says Merit Skaggs, "tops anything I have ever seen." He then mentions seeing 25 different species of warblers on one day (May 16), and a total of 32 species for the period. On May 11 he saw "several hundred" warblers, representing 13 species, during a 40 minute interval, near the southern end of Euclid Creek Metropolitan Park. On May 2, according to James Findley, a large movement of Chimney Swifts was in progress.

A migration wave of hawks (buteos and accipiters) was reported *as* having been observed on May 6 by Albert T. Haag. There were two groups, one of 50 to 60 birds, the other of 150 to 200. They were moving in large circles high in the air, but progressing in a southeasterly direction.

A mass movement of Goldfinches northeastwardly along the Lake Erie shore is reported by Mrs. Gladys Olson as having been in progress on May 17, 18, and 19. On May 18 over 1000 birds of this species were observed moving through the trees along the edge of the lake. At times they appeared like a cloud. An exchange of information by telephone in the neighborhood developed the fact that the birds were moving in a band about 100 feet wide and about a quarter of a mile long, from the mouth of Rocky River eastwardly.

Several observers mentioned the singing of the birds as a feature of the migration this spring. Specifically noticed are White-crowned Sparrows, Juncos, and Lincoln Sparrows (Margarette Morse) ; Whippoorwills and a Louisiana Waterthrush singing when there was an inch of snow on the ground, April 10 (Merit Skaggs).

Records of American Egrets, reported for this period during the previous two years, were lacking this year.

NESTING RECORDS

- March 26—Eastern Mourning Dove: Parma; bird incubating 2 eggs; F. D. Johnson.
 27—American Woodcock: near Chippewa Lake; bird incubating 2 eggs; William G. Richardson.
- April 11—Northern Bald Eagle: near Sandusky; bird on nest; Margarette Morse.
- May 2—Tufted Titmouse: Cleveland Heights; nest building; J. S. Findley.
 4—Eastern Mourning Dove: Cleveland Heights; nest with 2 eggs; J. S. Findley.
 6—Starling: Cleveland Heights; eggs in nest; J. S. Findley. 7—Eastern Crow: Cleveland Heights; nest with 4 eggs; J. S. Findley.
 7—Eastern Robin: Cleveland Heights; nest with eggs; J. S. Findley.
 10—Northern Flicker: Cleveland Heights; bird in nest cavity; J. S. Findley.
 10—Bronzed Grackle: Cleveland Heights; 5 young in nest, eyes closed; birds in gray down; J. S. Findley.
 23—American Redstart: Madison; 2 nests under construction; Philip Greene.

- May 23—Wood Thrush: Madison; nest with 1 egg; Philip Greene.
23—Eastern Field Sparrow: Madison; nest with 3 eggs;
Philip Greene.
26—Eastern Brown Thrasher: Cleveland Heights; nest with 2
young; J. S. Findley.

FIELD NOTES

Threatened Casualties.

A Whippoorwill flew into the Higbee Store on Cleveland's Public Square, April 27; and it was brought to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Apparently uninjured, it was later released.

A Pied-billed Grebe in a helpless condition was picked up on April 12 on one of the streets of Rocky River by Dr. A. E. Shaw. Later, apparently recovered, it was released at the mouth of the river.

Henslow Sparrows—Protectors of the Pines.

These secretive birds of neutral colors and insignificant vocal powers usually go unnoticed by the passer-by as well as by many an amateur ornithologist. When Mrs. Clisby reported 100 Henslow Sparrows, therefore, the Editor came to sharp attention and wondered what the answer might be. Mrs. Clisby writes from Wellington, Ohio, most interestingly as follows. "About the Henslow Sparrows. They are scattered over several fields planted with evergreens in the Findley Forest Reservation. The trees are from 3 to 5 feet high, with weeds and grasses all over the field—over 100 acres of it. The 100 Henslows reported were an estimated number, arrived at by counting carefully a portion of one field and listening to their song (if you call it a song) over the whole territory. The birds nest here. We do not see them elsewhere in this vicinity.

The ranger on the Reservation tells us that the white pines are often damaged to a considerable extent by the saw fly, and that he was expecting to use a spray to counteract the attack of these insects, but that the Henslow Sparrows arrived before the spray, and by their efficient work in disposing of the insects made the use of the spray unnecessary."

