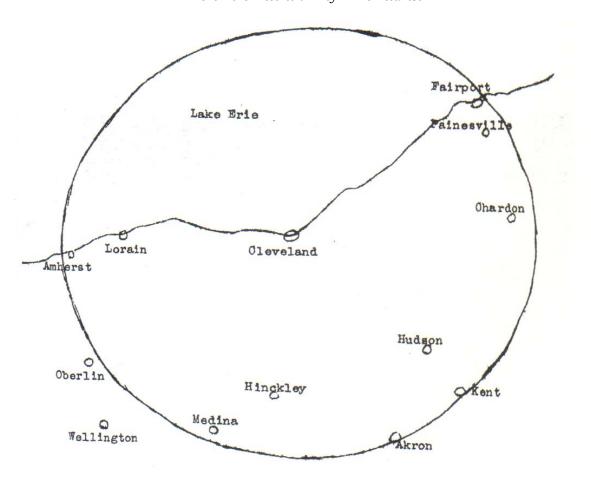
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In our last issue (the first of the current year) we recorded 86 species of birds as having been observed during the period December-January-February. The present issue, covering the period March-April-May, adds 138 additional species to this list, making a total of 224 to date. Last year at this time the number was also 224.

<u>Laughing Gull Record Questioned</u> - Dr. John W. Aldrich, former editor of the Calendar, now Biologist for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, wrote the editor asking for further information on Gordon Spare's identification of the Laughing Gull reported in Vol. 40, Numbers 3 and 4, of the Calendar. The complete written record of several observations, including sketches made by Mr. Spare, was forwarded to him. Dr. Aldrich replies as follows: "I am still not convinced that a laughing gull was actually seen, since in my opinion it would be almost impossible to distinguish the immature laughing gull from the Franklin gull in the field, unless perhaps on the basis of size if the two species were sitting side by side. The plumages in the immature stage figured are almost identical. We know, on the basis of specimens collected, that the Franklin gull occurs regularly on Lake Erie, whereas there are no authentic records of the laughing gull to my knowledge." Since the record, as it stands, is open to so much question, it is the editor's opinion that it will be good policy to withdraw the laughing gull record from our all-time list, until more conclusive evidence of the occurrence of this species is offered. Dr. Aldrich adds: "The Kittiwake record is probably all right, since the markings are much more diagnostic and there are other authenticated records for the state."

<u>Lark Bunting in Ohio</u> – The first record of the occurrence of the Lark Bunting in Ohio was made September 6, 1944, by Merit B. Skaggs, who captured the bird in his banding trap at South Euclid on that day. Announcement has not been made previously in the <u>Calendar</u> in order to give priority to the publication of the record in the <u>Auk</u>, where it appeared in the April, 1945 number (<u>Auk</u>, Vol. 62, No. 2, p. 313). This adds another species (No. 294) to our all-time list.

<u>During this period</u> an effort has been made to enter into correspondence with qualified bird observers in localities within our 30-mile limit, from which, previous to this time we have had no regular reports. In this connection we are glad to welcome to our corps of "reporters" Dr. Ralph W. Dexter of the Department of Biology, Kent State University; Miss Norma Klausmeyer, of Avon Lake; Mr. R. T. McNamara, of Solon; Mr. Frank M. Phelps, of Elyria (formerly a regular contributor to the <u>Calendar</u>); Miss Ruth R. Kennan, of Bass Lake; Miss Edna M. Gifford, of Chagrin Falls; and Mr. Charles P. Mountz, of Stow.

To cover our territory adequately we still need observers in Lorain, North Amherst, Grafton, Medina, Hudson, Mantua, Aurora, Burton, Chardon and Fairport, as well as other similar places located within the 30-mile circle.

If any of our subscribers know of people, not included in our present list of cooperators, interested enough and expert enough to provide us with reliable records of bird observations, the editor will appreciate greatly receiving their names.

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SUMMARY OF WEATHER CONDITIONS

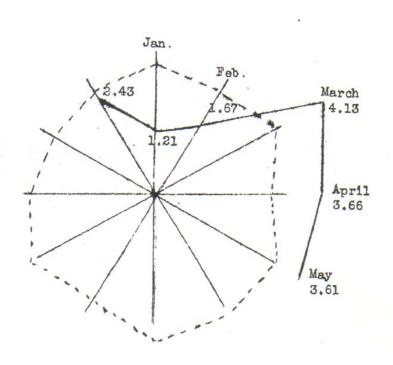
We had our spring in March this year. The forepart of March was fairly normal, with rain, snow and chilly winds, but the remainder of the month and the first two weeks of April produced a brand of weather wholly unusual, which will long be remembered by those who observe such things.

With the exception of three days in March (19-21) and four in April (2-5), we were treated to a steady succession of warm, springlike, sunshiny days which seemed like the perfect weather for late May. The result of this was to start the development of vegetation with a rush. Silver maples and elms were in bloom March 15. By March 24 the early spring wildflowers were fully in bloom - some even past the peak of their flowering. Shadbush, normally blooming the first week in May, ws in full flower on March 28. On Easter Sunday (April 1) the wildflower trails were in top form, although species like Harbinger-of-spring, Hepatica and Bloodroot had already dropped their petals. Redbud was then in bloom. The season seemed about three weeks advanced over normal. By April 15 the aspect of the forest was that of May 15. From this time on, however, the weather was characterized by cold rains and chilly winds, with frosts during the first week of May. As a whole, May was a wet, cold month, warming up a bit after the 17th. While trees normally developing their foliage early were well advanced by the middle of April, those which normally develop their foliage later, like sycamore, the ashes, hickories and walnuts, were about on schedule. Some of these, particularly the sycamores, got caught

Summary of Weather Conditions (continued)

by the frosts of early May and suffered considerably. While the temperature record for the period was an erratic one, the excess temperatures of March were counterbalanced by the low temperatures of April and May, so that by May 31 the accumulated excess since January 1 was only 404 degrees.

The details of monthly precipitation for the period are shown graphically in the chart below. Each spoke of the wheel, from center to circumference, represents 3 inches of water. The dotted line connects the points which show the "normal" or average precipitation for each month. The solid line connects points showing the actual precipitation for the months of 1945 indicated. Note how precipitation for March, April and May was considerably beyond normal. Figures are those of the U.S. Weather Bureau at the Cleveland Airport.



INTERESTING OR UNUSUAL RECORDS

<u>Holboell Grebe</u> – March 23(1) – "Right below me as I crawled up on the abutment over the storm sewer at White City" – Carrothers.

<u>Little Blue Heron</u> - May 29(1) - Rocky River - Baker.

<u>European Wigeon</u> – March 18(2) – Pymatuning – Carrothers. March 18(1) – Sandusky – Morse.

Stilt Sandpiper - May 13(1), 20(2) - Jefferson - Wharram.

<u>Long-eared Owl</u> – April 2(1) – Rocky River – Nelson. April 29(1) – Brookside Park – McQuown.

<u>Saw-whet Owl</u> – April 3(1) – Willoughby – Seen perched on horizontal branch of Austrian pine in planting of evergreens. Evening of same day bird heard calling from apple tree over garage – Shankland.

<u>Mockingbird</u> – April 22(1) – Gordon Park Bird Walk – Bohn. April 29(2) – Drummond Road, Shaker Heights.

<u>Brewster Warbler</u> – May 19(1) – "Seen at close range on the ground, later in shrubbery. Carefully identified" – Lakewood – Olson.

<u>Interesting or Unusual Records</u> (continued)

<u>Lawrence</u> <u>Warbler</u> – May 13(1) – Silver Lake – Mountz.

<u>Prairie Warbler</u> – May 13(1) – Pymatuning – Skaggs.

Western Meadowlark – April 28-29(2) – Near Bath – Pair apparently nesting – Identified by characteristic song which was heard many times – Others saw birds later and agreed on identification – Efforts made to find nest during two days were unsuccessful – Mountz.

Common Redpoll - March 18(5), 25(8) - Jefferson - Wharram.

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 (these are starred); some records indicate that certain individual birds remained in the region over winter, while the bulk of the species wintered further south. "Breed" means that individuals of the species indicated breed in the Cleveland region.

Spring Arrivals and Departures

Records within 30 miles of Cleveland Public Square

	<u>First 1945</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Last 1945</u>
Lesser Loon	March 25(7)	March 25(7)	May 6(1)
Holboell Grebe	March 23(1)	()	March 23(1)
Pied-billed Grebe	March 18(2)		Breeds
Double-crested Cormorant	March 25(1)		March 25(1)
Great Blue Heron	March 18(2)		Breeds
Little Blue Heron	May 29(1)		May 29(1)
Eastern Green Heron	April 8(2)		Breeds
Black-crowned Night Heron	April 2(1)		Breeds
American Bittern	April 7(3)		Breeds
Eastern Least Bittern	May 12(1)		Breeds
* <u>Common</u> <u>Mallard</u>	Wintered	March 4(17)	Breeds
Black Duck	March 4(2)		Breeds
<u>Gadwall</u>	March 3(4)		March 3(4)
Baldpate	March 18(45)		May 5(3)
American Pintail	March 18(2)		April 29(1)
Blue-winged Teal	April 8(3)		May 16(3)
Wood Duck	March 18(5)		Breeds
Redhead	March 4(5)		April 14(1)
Ring-necked Duck	March 18(30)		March 27(18)
<u>Canvasback</u>	March 18(3)		April 8(1)
American Greater Scaup	March 18(2)		March 31(4)
Lesser Scaup	Wintered	March 24(156)	May 27(3)
American Goldeneye	Wintered		March 26(7)
<u>Bufflehead</u>	Wintered	March 25(25)	April 7(4)
Ruddy Duck	Wintered	April 21(14)	May 23(1)
<u>Hooded</u> <u>Merganser</u>	Wintered	April 24(7)	May 8(1)
American Merganser	Wintered	April 2(75)	April 2(75)
Red-breasted Merganser	Wintered	April 29(405)	May 24(3)

	<u>First 1945</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Last 1945</u>
Eastern Turkey Vulture	April 18(7)	Mary 7(32)	Breeds
* <u>Sharp-shinned</u> <u>Hawk</u>	Wintered		Breeds
* <u>Cooper</u> <u>Hawk</u>	Wintered	May 12(8)	Breeds
* <u>Eastern</u> <u>Red-tailed</u> <u>Hawk</u>	March 4(1)	March 18(8)	Breeds
*Northern Red-shouldered Hawk	Wintered	March 18(10)	Breeds
Broad-winged Hawk	April 21(1)	April 22(4)	Breeds
Northern Bald Eagle	April 14(1)		Breeds
* <u>Marsh</u> <u>Hawk</u>	Wintered		Breeds
American Osprey	April 19(1)		April 29(2)
Eastern Pigeon Hawk	May 18(1)		May 18(1)
* <u>Eastern</u> <u>Sparrow</u> <u>Hawk</u>	Wintered		Breeds
*Appalachian Ruffed Grouse	Wintered		Breeds
* <u>Eastern</u> <u>Bobwhite</u>	Wintered		Breeds
* <u>Ring-necked</u> <u>Pheasant</u>	Wintered		Breeds
<u>Virginia</u> <u>Rail</u>	May 26(1)		Breeds
<u>Sora</u>	May 7(1)		Breeds
<u>Florida</u> <u>Gallinule</u>	May 27(1)		Breeds
American Coot	Wintered		Breeds
Belted Piping Plover	May 6(1)		Breeds
Semipalmated Plover	May 5(1)		May 29(2)
Killdeer	March 3(2)	April 29(44)	Breeds
Ruddy Turnstone	May 19(2)		May 30(5)
American Woodcock	March 12(1)	March 27(6)	Breeds
Wilson Snipe	March 24(1)	May 1(12)	May 25(2)
<u>Upland</u> <u>Plover</u>	April 8(1)		Breeds
Spotted Sandpiper	April 8(2)	May 20(64)	Breeds
Eastern Solitary Sandpiper	April 8(1)	May 20(14)	May 23(3)
Greater Yellowlegs	March 26(1)	May 6(9)	May 13(2)
<u>Lesser Yellowlegs</u>	April 19(5)	May 8(14)	May 18(2)
Pectoral Sandpiper	March 18(1)		May 20(1)
<u>Least Sandpiper</u>	April 17(2)		May 30(2)
Red-backed Sandpiper	May 24(1)		May 30(1)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	May 9(1)		May 30(3)
American Herring Gull	Wintered	March 4(223)	May 27(15)
Ring-billed Gull	Wintered	May 5(200)	May 27(25)
Bonaparte Gull	March 24(200)	April 22(2000)	May 27(1)
<u>Common</u> <u>Tern</u>	May 12(300)	May 13(500)	May 25(4)
<u>Caspian</u> <u>Tern</u>	May 5(3)		May 8(1)
Black Tern	May 19(3)		May 19(3)
Eastern Mourning Dove	March 3(3)	May 20(88)	Breeds
Rock Dove	Wintered		Breeds
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	May 13(5)		Breeds
Black-billed Cuckoo	May 13(11)		Breeds
American Barn Owl	March 27(1)		Breeds
Eastern Screech Owl	Wintered		Breeds
Great Horned Owl	Wintered		Breeds
Northern Barred Owl	Wintered		Breeds
Long-eared Owl	April 2(1)		April 29(1)
Saw-whet Owl	April 3(1)		Breeds

	<u>First 1945</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Last 1945</u>
Eastern Whip-poor-will	April 27(1)		Breeds
Eastern Nighthawk	April 27(1)		Breeds
<u>Chimney</u> <u>Swift</u>	April 10(1)		Breeds
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	May 6(3)		Breeds
Eastern Belted Kingfisher	March 18(8)		Breeds
Northern Flicker	March 4(1)		Breeds
*Northern Pileated Woodpecker	Wintered		Breeds
*Red-bellied Woodpecker	Wintered		Breeds
Eastern Red-headed Woodpecker	March 27(4)		Breeds
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Marcy 18(1)		May 7(1)
*Eastern Hairy Woodpecker	Wintered		Breeds
*Northern Downy Woodpecker	Wintered		Breeds
Eastern Kingbird	April 22(1)		Breeds
Northern Crested Flycatcher	May 4(1)		Breeds
Eastern Phoebe	March 14(1)		Breeds
Yellow-belled Flycatcher	May 23(1)		May 30(1)
Acadian Flycatcher	May 13(2)		Breeds
Alder Flycatcher	May 6(3)		Breeds
<u>Least Flycatcher</u>	April 21(1)		Breeds
Eastern Wood Pewee	May 6(1)		Breeds
Eastern Olive-sided Flycatcher	May 12(1)		May 19(1)
*Prairie Horned Lark	March 3(2)		Breeds
<u>Tree Swallow</u>	April 19(1)		Breeds
American Bank Swallow	April 17(6)		Breeds
Eastern Rough-winged Swallow	April 15(3)		Breeds
Barn Swallow	March 29(4)		Breeds
Northern Cliff Swallow	May 12(1)		Breeds
Purple Martin	March 26(2)		Breeds
*Northern Blue Jay	Wintered		Breeds
Eastern Crow	Wintered		Breeds
*Northern Black-capped Chickadee	Wintered		Breeds
*Tufted Titmouse	Wintered		Breeds
*White-breasted Nuthatch	Wintered		Breeds
Red-breasted Nuthatch	March 4(1)		May 13(1)
Brown Creeper	Wintered		May 20(1)
Ohio House Wren	March 15(1)		Breeds
Eastern Winter Wren	March 25(1)		May 12(1)
*Carolina Wren	March 16(1)		Breeds
Prairie Marsh Wren	May 12(1)		Breeds
Eastern Mockingbird	April 22(1)		April 29(2)
Catbird	April 14(1)		Breeds
Eastern Brown Thrasher	April 1(2)		Breeds
Eastern Robin	Wintered		Breeds
Wood Thrush	April 6(1)		Breeds
Eastern Hermit Thrush	March 15(1)		May 23(4)
Olive-backed Thrush	May 6(8)		May 30(7)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	May 6(2)		May 28(7)
Veery Footome Dhashind	April 21(1)		Breeds
Eastern Bluebird Plue gray Createstaker	March 3(5)		Breeds
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	April 15(2)		Breeds

	First 1945	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Last 1945</u>
Eastern Golden-crowned Kinglet Eastern Ruby-crowned Kinglet American Pipit *Cedar Waxwing Migrant Shrike *Starling White-eyed Vireo	March 4(2) March 15(1) May 1(1) Wintered March 23(1) Wintered May 13(1)	March 25(34) April 29(95)	May 6 (1) May 23(4) May 12(2) Breeds Breeds Breeds May 13(1)
Yellow-throated Vireo Blue-headed Vireo	April 24(1) April 29(2)	May 20(7)	Breeds May 20(7)
Red-eyed Vireo Philadelphia Vireo Eastern Warbling Vireo	April 8(1) May 20(1) May 6(3)	May 27(4)	Breeds May 29(3) Breeds
Black and White Warbler Prothonotary Warbler Worm-eating Warbler Golden-winged Warbler	April 8(2) May 20(1) May 21(1) May 12(1)	May 20(45)	May 29(1) May 20(1) May 21(1) May 19(1)
Brewster Warbler Lawrence Warbler Blue-winged Warbler	May 19(1) May 13(1) April 29(1)	25 00(1)	May 19(1) May 13(1) Breeds
<u>Tennessee Warbler</u> <u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u> <u>Nashville Warbler</u>	May 6(1) May 6(3) April 8(2)	May 20(14) May 20(32)	May 27(3) May 20(1) May 30(1)
Northern Parula Warbler Eastern Yellow Warbler	May 6(1) April 21(1)	May 19(22) May 20(119)	May 23(6) Breeds
Magnolia Warbler Cape May Warbler Black-throat Blue Warbler	May 2(1) May 6(2) April 29(4)	May 20(55) May 20(20) May 20(20)	May 30(5) May 23(1) May 30(1)
Myrtle Warbler Black-throated Green Warbler	March 16(3) April 8(1)	May 19(58) May 20(47)	May 28(1) Breeds
<u>Cerulean Warbler</u> <u>Blackburnian Warbler</u> <u>Chestnut-sided Warbler</u>	May 6(4) May 6(1) May 9(1)	May 27(18) May 20(105) May 20(72)	Breeds May 30(2) May 30(2)
Bay-breasted Warbler Black-polled Warbler	May 12(1) May 13(1)	May 20(75)	May 30(4) May 30(5)
Northern Pine Warbler Western Palm Warbler Ovenbird	April 29(1) April 15(1) April 21(1)	May 20(28) May 20(75)	May 27(1) May 23(5) Breeds
Grinnell Waterthrush Louisiana Waterthrush Connecticut Warbler	April 29(1) April 1(1) May 12(3)	May 20(10) May 20(10) May 30(5)	May 21(1) Breeds May 31(1)
Mourning Warbler Northern Yellowthroat Yellow-breasted Chat Hooded Warbler	May 15(1) April 15(1) May 6(3) May 5(1)	May 20(45)	May 30(3) Breeds May 30(4) Breeds
Wilson Warbler Canada Warbler American Redstart	May 13(2) May 6(1) April 22(3)	May 30(9) May 19(54) May 20(164)	May 30(9) May 30(11) Breeds
*English Sparrow Boblink Eastern Meadowlark	Wintered April 14(2) March 3(2)	April 29(37)	Breeds Breeds Breeds

	<u>First 1945</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Last 1945</u>
Western Meadowlark	April 28(2)		April 29(2)
Eastern Red-winged Blackbird	March 1(2)	April 29(124)	Breeds
Orchard Oriole	May 15(2)		Breeds
Baltimore Oriole	April 8(1)	May 20(50)	Breeds
Rusty Blackbird	March 4(5)	March 10(30)	May 12(1)
Bronzed Grackle	March 1(4)	April 29(41)	Breeds
Eastern Cowbird	March 10(1)	April 22(65)	Breeds
Scarlet Tanager	April 19(1)	May 20(82)	Breeds
<u>*Eastern</u> Cardinal	Wintered		Breeds
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	May 4(1)	May 20(48)	Breeds
<u>Indigo</u> <u>Bunting</u>	May 6(3)	May 20(28)	Breeds
Eastern Purple Finch	March 4(4)	April 29(29)	Breeds
Common Redpoll	March 18(1)		March 18(1)
<u>*Eastern</u> <u>Goldfinch</u>	Wintered	May 20(245)	Breeds
Red-eyed Towhee	March 11(2)	April 29(58)	Breeds
Southeastern Savannah Sparrow	April 16(2)		Breeds
Eastern Grasshopper Sparrow	April 28(1)		Breeds
Western Henslow Sparrow	April 19(1)		Breeds
Eastern Vesper Sparrow	March 16(2)		Breeds
<u>*Slate-colored</u> <u>Junco</u>	Wintered	March 24(120)	Breeds
Eastern Tree Sparrow	Wintered	March 4(54)	May 6(3)
Eastern Chipping Sparrow	March 18(2)	May 6(52)	Breeds
Eastern Field Sparrow	Marcy 5(1)	April 29(67)	Breeds
White-crowned Sparrow	April 29(2)	May 20(70)	May 30(1)
White-throated Sparrow	March 24(1)	May 6(134)	May 21(1)
Eastern Fox Sparrow	March 17(7)	April 1(8)	May 12(1)
Eastern Swamp Sparrow	March 18(2)		Breeds
Mississippi Song Sparrow	Wintered		Breeds

NOTE: The date "May 20", appearing frequently as a day of maximum numbers in the lists above, combines the reports of 6 groups participating in the Sunday morning bird walks of that day. We need to bear in mind the fact that migrating birds do not necessarily wait for Sundays to make their appearance.

COMMENTS ON MIGRATION

The spring-like weather of March seems to have produced an unusual number of abnormally early records of straggling individual birds far ahead of the main body of their species. This included herons, sandpipers, cuckoos, Chimney Swift, flycatchers, swallows, House Wren, Wood Thrush, Red-eyed Vireo, warblers, Baltimore Oriole, Scarlet Tanager, and certain sparrows. This was not, of course, due to local weather, but to the fact that the early spring was wide-spread throughout the south.

Migration as a whole, at least in its later phases, seems to have been held up by the series of cold rainy days in the first half of May. Yet we note the arrival of the Hooded Warbler in usual numbers in the North Chagrin woods on schedule time (May 5-6). On May 13 flights of warblers were noted in the Rocky River Valley, and flights of Kingbirds and Goldfinches at Gordon

Comments on Migration (continued)

Park. On the same day a spectacular flight of Common Terns was reported over Lake Erie at the mouth of Rocky River. On May 20 a flight of Blue Jays was observed at Gordon Park. Considering the fact that local Blue Jays were all engaged in nesting activities at this time, this flight seemed rather odd.

When the warbler migration really developed, it came swiftly, probably reaching its peak May 15 to 18, both to the east (Cleveland Heights, Lyndhurst) and west (Lakewood). In certain locations it reached impressive proportions. "I've been watching birds for ten years, but I never saw anything like this before," says one observer. By May 20 the warbler flights were on the wane, and were quickly a thing of the past.

<u>The Bobwhite Situation</u> – We asked certain observers for special reports on the Bobwhite. Very few were reported on the regular lists. Most of those seen were coming to feeding stations. Some reported having seen no Bobwhite since January 1.

INTERESTING RECORDS FROM NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES

Waterfowl, Eagles and Ospreys - East, West and South

<u>Pymatuning</u> – (Reports by Carrothers, Lieftinck, Morse)

Loon – March 25(2), May 13-20 ("Quite a few scattered over the main lake" – Lieftinck). Horned Grebe – March 25(1). Whistling Swan- March 25(1), May 13-20(4). Canada Goose – March 25(100). Mallard – March 18(6), 25(20), May 13(10). Black Duck – March 18(4), 25(11), May 13(4). Gadwall- March 25(10), May 13(8), European Wigeon – March 18(2). Baldpate- March 18(157), 25(150), May 13(6). Pintail- March 18(4), 25(15). Green-winged Teal – March 18(1), 25(3). Blue-winged Teal – May 13(2). Shoveler- March 18(1), 25(5). Wood Duck – March 25(8). Redhead – March 18(77), 25(14). Ring-necked Duck – March 18(32), 25(100). Canvasback- March 25(3). Lesser Scaup – March 25(30). Goldeneye – March 25(4). Buffledhead – March 18(2), 25(8). Ruddy Duck- March 25(2). Hooded Merganser – March 25(2). American Merganser – March 18(2), 25(4). Coot- March 18(30), 25(25).

<u>Jefferson</u> – <u>Greater</u> <u>Scaup</u> – March 25(20), May 17(7) – (Reported by Wharram).

Sandusky Marshes – (Reports by Godfrey, Morse, Olson)

Horned Grebe - April 8(6). Pied-billed Grebe - April 8(2). Whistling Swan-March 18(3). Canada Goose - March 28(50). Mallard - March 11(8), 18(6), 28(9), April 8(27). Black Duck - March 11(23), 18(8), 28(6), April 8(19). Gadwall - March 18(8), April 8(2). European Wigeon- March 18(1). Baldpate - March 11(17), 18(30), 28(7), April 8(40). Pintail- March 11(8), 18(20), April 8(3). Green-winged Teal- March 11(2). Blue-winged Teal - March 18(3), April 8(15). Shoveler- March 11(10), 18(4), April 8(8). Wood Duck - April 8(2). Redhead - March 11(25), 18(200), 28(3), April 8(4). Ring-necked Duck-March 18(50), April 8(4). Canvasback- March 11(306), 18(80), 28(1), April 8(5). Lesser Scaup- March 11(7), 18(60), 28(3), April 8(155). Goldeneye-March 11(38), 18(10). Bufflehead- March 11(11), 18(8), 28(19), April 8(16). Ruddy Duck - March 28(2), April 8(700).

Interesting Records from Neighboring Localities (continued)

(Sandusky Marshes)

<u>Hooded Merganser</u> – March 18(1). <u>American Merganser</u> – March 11(175), 18(6), April 8(12). <u>Red-breasted Merganser</u> – March 11(4), 18(15), 28(1), April 8(10). <u>Bald Eagle</u> – April 8(4). <u>Osprey</u> – April 8(1). <u>Coot</u> – March 11(52), 18(508), 28(78), April 8(500).

South Akron Lakes - (Reports by Lieftinck)

<u>Black Duck</u> – March 11(3). <u>Baldpate</u>- March 11(20), April 29(7). <u>Pintail</u> – March 11(6). <u>Blue-winged Teal</u> – April 29(12). <u>Shoveler</u> – March 11(1). <u>Redhead</u>- March 11(60). <u>Ring-necked Duck</u> – March 11(30). <u>Goldeneye</u> – March 11(10). <u>Ruddy Duck</u> – March 11(1), April 29(8). <u>American Merganser</u> – March 11(4). <u>Coot</u> – March 11(20).

<u>Mogadore</u> – (Reports by Dexter, Mountz – All April 1 except Loon as indicated)

<u>Loon</u> – April 1(1), 19(4). <u>Pied-billed Grebe</u> – 8. <u>Mallard</u> – 8. <u>Black Duck</u> –

- 5. <u>Baldpate</u> 12. <u>Pintail</u> -3. <u>Blue-winged Teal</u> 8. <u>Shoveler</u> 1. <u>Redhead</u> –
- 7. Ring-necked Duck 11. Canvasback 1. Leasser Scaup 4. Bufflehead
- 3. American Merganser 1. Bald Eagle 1. Coot 6.

<u>Huron</u> – <u>Bald</u> <u>Eagle</u> – April 8 – (Old bird sitting on nest – Godfrey)

Bay Bridge - Bald Eagle - April 8 - (Two birds at nest - Godfrey)

Other Species

Stilt Sandpiper - May 13(1), 20(2) - Jefferson (Wharram)

Barn Owl – March 25(1) – Ravenna (Oberholser)

Whip-poor-will – May 4(1) – Wellington (Clisby); May 9(2), 18(2), 21(1) – Jefferson (Wharram); May 19(1) – Parkman (Evans)

<u>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</u>- March 15(1), 22(2) – Jefferson (Wharram); April 15(1), May 4(1), 6(1) – Wellington (Clisby)

Red-breasted Nuthatch April 8(2) – Wellington (Clisby)

Brown Creeper – April 8(1), 12(1), 15(1) – Wellington (Clisby); April 8(1) – Jefferson (Wharram)

Winter Wren- March 25(1) – Wellington (Clisby); May 20(1) – Jefferson (Wharram)

Golden-crowned Kinglet – March 25(5), April 2(15), 8(5), 12(3) – Wellington (Clisby); April 1(5), 15(5), May 6(12) – Jefferson (Wharram)

<u>Ruby-crowned Kinglet- April 12(3)</u>, 15(4), 22(3), May 2(4), 4(4), 6(2), 9(2), 14(2) – Wellington (Clisby); April 7(5), 24(10), 29(8), May 6(7), 12(4) – Jefferson (Wharram)

Pipit - May 7 - "Small flock in newly plowed field" - Pymatuning (Lieftinck)

<u>Prairie</u> <u>Warbler</u> – May 13(1) – Pymatuning (Skaggs-Morse)

Common Redpoll - March 18(5), 25(8) - Jefferson (Wharram)

NESTING RECORDS

Out of an unusual number of nesting records received, the editor has found it necessary to select for publication only those which are most important or most completed, and therefore most valuable. The following list includes 43 species.

- Great Blue Heron LaGrange Township, April 1, about 35 nests in "rockery", some birds apparently incubating F. M. Phelps. Near Streetsboro, May 30, about 20 nests in moist beech-maple-elm woods Ralph W. Dexter. Novelty, May 9, counted 25 nests, probably 8 pairs of birds present, a few egg shells on ground May 13, many egg shells and remains of food on ground, could hear young in nests C. T. Downer.
- <u>Common Mallard</u> <u>Novelty</u>, April 12, bird incubating 16 eggs C. T. Downer.
- Cooper Hawk Shaker Lakes, April 22, nest in cucumber tree in "horseshoe lake woods", female on nest, male near by April 29 and May 6, female on nest sitting very low May 19, 20, birds absent from nest May 28, female on nest sitting very high and broadside to heavy wind May 29, female on nest but at once flew off; her screaming summoned mate; both birds aggressive in attempts to drive observer away Donald Newman.
- <u>Red-tailed Hawk Willoughby</u>, May 30, two half grown young C. M. Shipman. <u>Three miles north of Akron</u> May 19, nest with small downy young J. E, Lieftinck.
- <u>Red-shouldered Hawk Mayfield</u>, May 30, nest in beech about 35 feet up, two young about three weeks old Godfrey.
- <u>Ring-necked Pheasant Avon, May 12, nest and 11 eggs Owen Davies. Rocky River May 12, nest and 12 eggs Owen Davies.</u>
- <u>Killdeer</u> <u>Lakewood</u>, May 27, 29, bird incubating 2 eggs May 30, young hatched, following adults Owen Davies. <u>Rocky River</u>, April 15, nest, 4 eggs Owen Davies. <u>Rocky River Metropolitan Park</u>, April 29, adult with 4 newly hatched young Gladys E. Olson.
- <u>Woodcock</u> <u>Mayfield</u>, May 30, three young scarcely distinguishable from adults Godfrey. Novelty, April 12, old bird has been on nest for about a week C. T. Downer.
- <u>Upland Plover Richmond and Highland Roads, South Euclid,</u> May 28, nest in hollow in clump of grass, 4 eggs, female incubating June 7, three young in nest, one still wet form recent hatching; one hiding about a foot away from nest Harry E. Duer.
- Mourning Dove LaGrange, April 1, nest in wild crab containing 2 fresh eggs F. M. Phelps. Oberlin, April 29, three eggs laid in a last year's robin's nest May 31, one young left nest June 4, two remaining young left nest Tom McHugh. Hinckley, same nest reported in Vol. 40, No. 2, p. 12 (1944), on old robin's nest under eaves March 22, old bird began incubation April 21, young left nest April 28, old bird on nest again with 2 eggs She left May 3 and was absent 4 days Eggs were removed May 6 On May 9, 10 old bird was at nest again, but no eggs were present Later 2 more eggs laid, but bird disappeared, and nest was abandoned Frank D. Johnson.
- <u>Black-billed Cuckoo</u> <u>Fullerton</u>, May 19, nest in thorn four feet from ground in overgrown field, 2 eggs May 26, four eggs June 2, one young hatched Adela Gaede.
- <u>Pileated Woodpecker North Chagrin Metropolitan Park</u>, May 23, nest in top of dead beech 55 feet up. Young could be heard clamoring inside May 26, two young (male and female) with heads out of hole May 29, young half out of hole and adults apparently trying to get them to leave nest May 29, young male left nest June 1, young female left nest (See Field Notes, p. 14) Vera Carrothers.

Nesting Records (continued)

- <u>Downy Woodpecker</u> <u>Shaker Lakes</u>, May 30, nest in stub in woods above Lily Pond about 12 feet high, hole near top, young in nest June 2, young gone R. W. Hill. <u>Shaker Lakes</u>, May 26, female feeding young in nest Donald Newman. <u>Shaker Lakes</u>, May 27, hole 5 ½ feet from ground, young birds noisy May 30, young still in nest Donald Newman.
- <u>Phoebe</u> <u>Near Chesterland</u>, May 28, nest on top of wren nesting box, under eaves of cottage May 28, young left nest Margarette Morse.
- <u>Prairie Horned Lark</u> <u>Pine Ridge Golf Course</u>, May 26, nest, 3 eggs of lark, 1 of Cowbird R. F. Strickland.
- Tree Swallow Holden Arboretum, May 30, nest in box, 4 eggs M. B. Walters.
- Blue Jay Lakewood, May 27, 28, 30, bird incubating in nest 7 feet up Owen Davies.

 Elyria, March 30, nest building in maple near house April 14, incubating April 27, feeding young F. M. Phelps. Shaker Heights, March 15, nest construction begun, on base of old nest occupied in 1943 and 1944 (identical site) Nest completed and 5 eggs laid Then the birds continued to incubate with out success until May 24, when they abandoned the nest Eggs may have been unduly chilled by continuous low temperatures of April John H. Lathe.
- <u>White-breasted Nuthatch</u> <u>Hinckley</u>, May 7, both old birds carrying food to young in hole in black walnut about 25 feet up Arthur B. Williams. <u>Elyria</u>, April 16, bird carrying nesting material into natural cavity in beech F. M. Phelps.
- <u>House Wren Willoughby</u>, May 6, two nests in process of construction L. P. Barbour.

 <u>Catbird Lakewood</u>- May 18, nest blown out of tree, two broken eggs contained young almost ready to hatch Owen Davies. <u>Rocky River Metropolitan Park</u> (North), May 30, two nests each 6 feet from ground, each containing two eggs Owen Davies.
- Brown Thrasher North Chagrin Metropolitan Park, May 6, nest and 4 eggs May 15, four young May 23, young fully feathered May 26, nest empty Vera Carrothers.
- Robin <u>Lakewood</u>, April 3-6, constructing nest April 9, incubating May 6, two young leave nest Owen Davies.
- Wood Thrush Bass Lake, May 30, nest nearly complete in oak 15 feet up Ruth R. Kennan. Willoughby, May 14, bird incubating L. P. Barbour. Elyria, May 21, nest in maple sapling 3 ½ feet from ground, four eggs F. M. Phelps.
- <u>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher- Hinckley</u>, May 7, birds just beginning nest construction in small black walnut about 30 feet up, both birds working Leta E. Adams.
- <u>Migrant Shrike</u> <u>Whitehaven Cemetery, Mayfield,</u> March 30, beginning of nest construction in thorn tree 10 feet from ground, both birds bringing nesting material April 22, both birds about, one incubating May 6, five eggs Margarette Morse, W. E. Godfrey.
- <u>Yellow-throated Vireo</u> <u>North Akron</u>, May 19, bird beginning nest construction J. E. Lieftinck.
- Red-eyed Vireo Rocky River Metropolitan Park (North), May 30, nest, one egg Owen Davies.
- Blue-winged Warbler Near Chesterland, May 30, nest in clump of grass, cradled in crotch of horizontal branch of willow close to ground, near brook; contained 4 eggs of warbler, 1 of Cowbird Margarette Morse. Elyria, May 7, nest construction begun May 14, nest completed, contained 1 Cowbird egg- Later abandoned by warbler F. M. Phelps. Aurora Bird Sanctuary, May 13, nest being constructed, female collecting dead leaves, nest near edge of woods about 6 inches from ground May 20, two warbler's and three Cowbird's eggs in nest; one Cowbird's egg removed May 24, three warbler's eggs

Nesting Records (continued)

(Blue-winged Warbler)

and two Cowbird's eggs; one Cowbird's egg removed – June 2, three young warblers and one young Cowbird; Cowbird removed; young warbler apparently just hatched; Cowbird appeared a little older – H. E. Duer.

<u>Yellow Warbler</u> – <u>Elyria</u>, May 30, nest with 5 eggs – F. M. Phelps.

Ovenbird - Elyria, May 14, nest being built - May 21, contained one egg of Ovenbird, two of Cowbird - Nest abandoned - F. M. Phelps.

<u>Yellow-breasted Chat</u> – <u>Elyria</u>, May 30, nest with three eggs of Chat and two of Cowbird – F. M. Phelps.

<u>Redstart</u> – <u>Elyria</u>, May 21, nest being built in thorn tree about 8 feet up – F. M. Phelps.

<u>North Chagrin Metropolitan Park</u>, May 20, just beginning nest construction in two-way fork of sapling sugar maple about 30 feet from ground – W. E. Godfrey.

Red-winged Blackbird – Elyria, May 14, colony nesting in open meadow – Field heavily sprinkled with wild mustard in bloom, and the birds had built their nests in this plant – Ten nests counted varying from one fresh egg to two small young – F. M. Phelps.

<u>Baltimore Oriole</u> – <u>Bass Lake</u>, May 30, nest in process of construction 20 feet up – Ruth R. Kennan.

<u>Bronzed Grackle</u>- Shaker Lakes, May 4, three nests, old birds incubating – May 14, two nests blown down, one contained three young a few days old, the other three eggs – Vera Carrothers.

<u>Cowbird</u> – From nesting records of other species mentioning Cowbird's eggs recorded herewith, the following compilation is made:

Prairie Horned Lark - May 26, nest, 3 eggs of lark, 1 egg of Cowbird.

Blue-winged Warbler - May 13, nest with 2 warbler's eggs, 3 Cowbird's eggs.

May 14, nest completed and abandoned, with no warbler's eggs, 1 Cowbird egg.

May 30, nest with 4 warbler's eggs, 1 Cowbird's egg.

Ovenbird – May 21, nest abandoned with 1 Ovenbird's egg, 2 Cowbird's eggs.

Yellow-breasted Chat – May 30, nest with 3 eggs of Chat, 2 of Cowbird.

Swamp Sparrow - May 13, nest with 5 eggs of sparrow, two of Cowbird.

Song Sparrow - May 23, nest with 4 eggs of sparrow, 1 of Cowbird.

Cardinal - Bedford, April 30, two eggs hatched this day. - Mrs. A. I. Bradley.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - Kent, May 15, nest building begun - Ralph W. Dexter.

Red-eyed Towhee – Elyria, May 14, nest on ground tucked under broad leaf of Skunk Cabbage, contained 4 eggs – F. M. Phelps. Bass Lake, May 22, nest in rose bush, 2 feet from ground, bird incubating – Ruth R. Kennan.

<u>Slate-colored Junco</u> – <u>Gates Mills</u>, May 21, nest with 4 young apparently two to three days old, in cleft of ivy-covered stump on lawn near edge of deep ravine – May 27, four young left nest; one unhatched egg remained (See Field Notes, p. 15) – Mrs. C. F. Uhl.

<u>Field Sparrow</u> – <u>Mayfield</u>, May 30, nest on ground in thorn scrub, 3 eggs – W. E. Godfrey. <u>Elyria</u>, April 30, nest, 2 eggs – May 14, 4 young – F. M. Phelps. <u>Fullerton</u>, May 26, nest on ground at foot of shrub about 1 foot high, 4 eggs – June 2, eggs gone – Adela Gaede.

<u>Swamp Sparrow</u> – <u>Avon Lake</u>, May 25, nest in arbor vitae about 2 feet from ground, 4 eggs – Norma Klausmeyer. <u>Aurora Bird Sanctuary</u>, May 13, nest 10 inches from ground in rushes in swampy location – Five eggs of sparrow, two of Cowbird – Cowbird eggs removed – May 20, five eggs of sparrow – May 24, 12:30 P.M., two eggs and three young – 4:30 P.M., one egg and four young – June 2, nest deserted – H. E. Duer.

Nesting Records (continued)

Song Sparrow - Hinckley, May 7, nest on ground, 5 eggs - Mildred Stewart. Shaker
 Lake Wildflower Preserve, April 29, nest on ground, 4 eggs - May 6, three eggs - A. B. Williams. Shaker Lakes, May 8, nest on ground in clump of grass, 5 eggs - May 13, bird incubating - May 26, three young about three to four days old, remaining two eggs missing - May 30, young still in nest, wing feathers still in quill stage - Donald Newman. Cleveland Heights - May 23, nest in barberry hedge, 4 eggs of sparrow, 1 of Cowbird - A. B. Williams. North Chagrin, May 26, nest, 4 eggs - Vera Carrothers.

FIELD NOTES

- <u>Pileated Woodpecker Nesting Behavior</u> This nest was discovered by Vera Carrothers on the afternoon of May 23, 1945, and revisited by her on four subsequent dates, the last being May 31. It was seen by Harry E. Duer first on May 26, and revisited by him for the purpose of taking motion pictures on five subsequent dates, the last being June 1. The nest was studied by the editor on May 28. The following account is combined and summarized from the notes of all three observers:
 - Nest in North Chagrin Reservation of Cleveland Metropolitan Park System, near bridle path, in stub of dead beech, 55 feet from ground.
 - May 26 Female observed feeding 2 young, the red-capped head of one protruding from hole.
 - May 27 As result of continuous watching, both male and female observed feeding young at 2:00, 3:00 and 4:50 P.M.
 - May 28 Male and female observed feeding young at 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 5:45, 6:50, 7:07 P.M. From 7:15 to 7:50 parents apparently tried to get young out of nest. They were more than halfway out but could not be persuaded to leave. There were 2 young only, 1 male, 1 female, as determined by difference in head coloring.
 - May 29 Female fed both young at 6:35 A. M. Did not return by 7:20 A.M. No further observations till 12:40 P.M., at which time young femail only remained in nest. Young male discovered following parents in immediate vicinity, frequently calling for food. 12:40 adult male drumming at favorite drumming post, a tall slender dead beech, about 10 inches in diameter, about 100 feet from nest tree. Drumming spot was at point about 20 feet from ground. At 1:27 P.M. adult female fed young female at nest.
 - May 30 This being Memorial Day, there were many people in the park, riding horseback along bridle path and following foot trails through woods. Adult woodpeckers restless, with much flying, calling and drumming. In early afternoon a low-flying Cooper Hawk was closely pursued by both adult woodpeckers, while a number of smaller birds joined in the excitement. Adults were evidently bent on getting young female to leave nest. When fed she would come so far out that it would seem impossible for her to get back without turning, but she would always back in.
 - May 31 Observations 12:30 to 4:00 P.M. Young female still in nest. Behavior of adults much as before, but apparently more insistent on getting young bird to leave nest.

<u>Field Notes</u> (continued)

(Pileated Woodpecker Nesting Behavior)

June 1 – 1:50 P.M. – young female located in tall slender maple about 35 feet from ground. Discovered by drumming on dead branch, simulating old bird. The young answered this by calling.

Arthur B. Williams

Juncos Nesting at Gates Mills – It has been know for several years that the Slate-colored Junco now nests regularly on Little Mountain, which lies partly in Lake, partly in Geauga County. When B. P. Bole, Jr. was making his intensive studies of the fauna and flora of Little Mountain from 1935 to 1939, he listed from 6 to 10 nesting pairs of Juncos there each year. These were reported in the Calendar for the years given. The writer saw some of these nests and made a series of pictures of several, but no nest has been reported in recent times away from the mountain.

In 1941 the writer reported seeing Juncos in juvenile plumage in the North Chagrin beech-maple woods on July 20 and July 27. Mrs. Margaret Sherwin also reported seeing adult Juncos almost daily at the Halle farm near Kirtland, during summer of 1941, in a wooded ravine. She banded adults and a juvenile there on August 7 of that year.

Mrs. C. F. Uhl, who lives on the east side of the Chagrin Valley at Gates Mills, reports that for the past 6 years she has seen adult Juncos there during the summertime. This summer she discovered a Junco's nest containing 4 young birds, in a cleft of an ivy-covered stump on her lawn at the edge of a deep ravine. The writer and Earl Godfrey visited this nest on May 27. The 4 young birds were so advanced in development that they left immediately when the nest was closely approached. Then it appeared that there was a single unhatched egg remaining. This egg and the nest were collected for the Museum of Natural History. The parent birds were greatly excited by the flight of the young from the nest, and put on a great show of simulating injury to draw us away from the spot.

The probability seems strong that about the cool deep ravines of the Chagrin Valley, where the hemlocks still contribute a northern aspect to the forest, the Slate-colored Junco may be regularly nesting in some numbers.

Arthur B. Williams

Gadwalls in the Back Lot – "Toward the rear of my land at North Olmsted there is a low area which has been under nine to ten inches of water since the snow melted. When I returned home shortly before noon on March 3, my wife reported seeing a duck on our 'lake'. Shortly after dinner, as I walked back, I was rather surprised to find four ducks busily feeding. I returned to the house immediately for my binoculars in order to identify the species. The females looked rather like Mallards, but the males were quite different. It took me several tries before I finally realized I was looking at Gadwalls. Then I approached them cautiously to within 200 feet and studied them for another half hour. They seemed quite undisturbed and continued to feed busily. Airplanes overhead did not frighten them, to my surprise. Later in the afternoon someone in the distance shot, and although the sound was not very loud, this scared the ducks straight into the air, and after gaining some height, they flew off in a northwesterly direction."

Albert T. Haag

Field Notes (continued)

The Kirtland Bird Club's Field Day at Pymatuning – "From 4:30 A.M. to 11:30 P.M. on May 13, 1945, about twenty members and friends of the Kirtland Bird Club searched the Pymatuning Reservoir area in quest of as large a list of birds as possible. Most of the day it rained, but when the lists were all in they showed a combined total of 109 different species. My personal list of 102 species was as follows:

Pied-billed Grebe, 1; Great Blue Heron, 7; Green Heron, 2; American Bittern, 2; Least Bittern, 2; Mallard, 8; Black Duck, 3; Gadwall, 8; Baldpate, 6; Blue-winged Teal, 6; Wood Duck, 1; Turkey Vulture, 7; Red-shouldered Hawk, 2; Marsh Hawk, 1; Ruffed Grouse (drumming), 1; Bobwhite, 2; Pheasant, 3; Virginia Rail, 2; Sora, 2; Florida Gallinule, 8; Killdeer, 4; American Woodcock (heard), 1; Wilson Snipe, 1; Spotted Sandpiper, 10; Solitary Sandpiper, 2; Greater Yellowlegs, 1; White-rumped Sandpiper, 1; Least Sandpiper, 5; Common Tern, 6; Caspian Tern, 2; Black Tern, 20.

Mourning Dove, 12; Black-billed Cuckoo, 1; Chimney Swift, 10; Ruby-throated Hummingbird, 1; Flicker, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Kingbird, 3; Crested Flycatcher, 1; Phoebe, 3; Prairie Horned Lark, 2.

Swallows: Tree, 10; Bank, 30; Rough-winged, 25; Barn, 25; Cliff, 3; Purple Martin, 60.

Crow, 15; Chickadee, 2; Tufted Titmouse, 2; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; House Wren, 10; Prairie Marsh Wren, 4; Catbird, 8; Brown Thrasher, 2.

Robin, 150; Wood Thrush, 8; Veery, 4; Bluebird, 4.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, 2; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 2; Starling, 40.

Vireos: Yellow-throated, 2; Red-eved, 2; Warbling, 2.

Warblers: Black and White, 1; Blue-winged, 8; Yellow, 35; Magnolia, 1; Black-throated Green, 2; Cerulean, 3; Prairie, 1; Ovenbird, 4; Grinnell Waterthrush, 10; Northern Yellowthroat, 5; Yellow-breasted Chat, 1; Canada, 1; Redstart, 6.

English Sparrow, 30; Bobolink, 28; Meadowlark, 8; Redwing, 40; Orchard Oriole, 2; Baltimore Oriole, 10; Bronzed Grackle, 12; Cowbird, 10; Scarlet Tanager, 1.

Cardinal, 8; Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 3; Goldfinch, 24; Towhee, 5. Sparrows: Savannah, 4; Henslow, 2; Vesper, 3; Chipping, 4; Field, 10; White-crowned, 20; White-throated, 12; Swamp, 8 and Song, 22."

Merit B. Skaggs