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by William A. Klamm

September: The month turned out to be wet and cool. Temperatures averaged 62.2°, 1.7° below normal. The high was 88° on the 14th and the low was 66° on the 30th. Lake Erie was at 77° on the 1st and fell to 66° by the 30th. Sunshine prevailed 43% of the time. Rain fell on 15 days and totaled 5.94 in., 2.50 in. above normal. The most rainfall in 24 hours was 1.82 in. on the 2nd and 3rd.

October: The month was again cool and wet. The average temperature was 51.3°, 1.5° below normal. The high was 80° on the 7th, and the low was 31° on the 11th and 14th. Lake Erie was 65° on the 1st and dropped to 55° on the 31st. Sunshine prevailed 56% of the time. Precipitation fell on

11 days and totaled 3.52 in., 0.98 in. above normal. The greatest amount in any 24 hours was 1.33 in. on the 30th and 31 st. Snowfall totaled 0.2 in. on the 31 st.

November: This month continued the cool and wet pattern. Temperatures averaged 41.8°, 0.8° below normal. The high was 63° on the 13th, 14th, and 15th while the low was 22° on the 28th. Lake Erie temperature began at 54° on the 1st and declined to 45° on the 30th. Sunshine prevailed 28% of the time. Precipitation was distributed on 13 days and totaled 4.06 in., 0.89 in. in excess of normal. The greatest fall in any 24 hour period was 1.26 in. on 27-28. Snowfall totaled 3.0 in. The greatest snowfall in any 24 hour period was 1.4 in. on 28-29 and the greatest depth on the ground stood at 1.0 in. on the 30th.

Thirty Years Ago: A total of 259 species were reported for the year ending 30 Nov. 1963. An injured Pomarine Jaeger [Parasitic Jaeger] was at Gordon Park on 8 Sep. (Klamm). A Peregrine Falcon was seen at Rocky River MP on 28 Sep. (Klamm). A Red Phalarope delighted many at White City from 30 Sep. through 2 Oct. (Carrothers, Raynes). A then rare Double-crested Cormorant was seen at Edgewater Park on 9 Nov. (Stasko). Two Boreal Chickadees were seen at Rocky River Reservation on 16 Nov. (Klamm).

Twenty Years Ago: A total of 257 species was reported for the year ending 30 Nov. 1973. An immature Pomarine Jaeger visited Lake Rockwell from 30 Sep. through 3 Oct. (Szabo). A Red-necked Phalarope was seen at White City on 21 Oct. (Corbin, Hannikman). A Caspian Tern was late at Burke Airport on 4 Nov. (Klamm). A Barn Owl sat atop a building on West 9th St. on 21 Nov. (Knight).

Ten Years Ago: Indicative of the increase in birders, 274 species were reported for the year ending 30 Nov. 1983. A Cattle Egret was at Gordon Park on 30 Sep. (Hoffman). The largest gathering (12) of White-rumped Sandpipers ever in the region was at Gordon Park on 5 Oct. (Klamm). A Least Bittern was extremely late at Shaker Lakes on 23 Oct. (Rickard). A Red Phalarope was at White City on 27 Nov. (Kellerman).

COMMENT ON THE SEASON

by Larry Rosche

Field data for this past season were so exceptional they left no room for field notes. The weekend of 6-7 November sticks out in the minds of Lake Erie watchers as one of the best ever. Imagine the excitement of a Northern Gannet, multiple Red Phalaropes, Parasitic and Pomarine Jaegers, and a Sabine's Gull amid many 1000s of Bonnies. Overall, waterfowl migration inland was the poorest in the past 20 years. I monitored Lake Rockwell and Mogadore Reservoir very diligently and found most puddle ducks were in exceptionally low numbers. Wood Ducks are in dire straits locally. Both teals were in very low totals. Lake Rockwell usually supports over a hundred American Wigeons. This fall the high count was 26. The same situation occurred with respect to Ring-necked Ducks there. I'm also at a loss for words to explain the occurrences of scoters and Oldsquaws at Mogadore Reservoir. Bonaparte's Gulls were in numbers reminiscent of the mid 1980s. Shorebird habitat was improved over recent falls. While no exciting rarities were found, the numbers of common species were the best in several years, Warbler migration was fairly good along the lakefront, particularly from 18 Sep. through 26 Sep. Transoceanic migrants like Cape May and Blackpoll Warblers were very numerous. This indicates (to me) that many of our fall sight records pertain to east coast migrants. Lastly, we finally had a winter finch movement in the 1990s.

As always, special thanks to those observers who photo-document their rarities. Wishing you the best of good birds.

Autumn 1993

The first 2 **Common Loons** were seen at Headlands Beach State Park (hereafter HBSP) on 26 Sep. (LR). Typically, the first inland report came nearly 3 weeks later at LaDue Reservoir on 16 Oct. (LK). No locally significant high counts were received. The high tally for **Pied-billed Grebes** was a solid 37 at Mogadore Reservoir on 1 Nov. (LR). Up to 20 were seen at Summit Lake (LK). The news along Lake Erie for this species remains bleak. Only one was counted at HBSP during all of the man hours put in there. The first **Horned Grebes** noted along the lake were on 6 Oct. (WNK). Paralleling loons, no sizeable flocks were reported. The only **Eared Grebes** noted were on 6 Nov. A bird was in Lorain (TLP) and one was off Lakeshore MP (JP). **Double-crested Cormorants** were numerous as expected. A **Great Egret** lingered at Lake

Medina through 24 Oct. (CW). On 9 Nov. Silver Creek MP hosted an impressive 17 species of waders and waterbirds. The most noteworthy of which was an extremely tardy **Green Heron** (BS). **Black-crowned Night-Herons** were last seen at Shaker Lakes on 30 Sep. (PP). Up to 4 were seen along the lakefront through 24 Nov. (WNK, DAC). An immature was at LaDue on 3 Oct. (CH).

The first flock of **Tundra Swans** was 25 over HBSP on 27 Oct. (PH). Several earlier than usual flocks (by 10 days) were found on Halloween. A band of 7, including 3 young, was at Summit Lake (JW). A group of 19 was at LaDue (EE, AF, CH) and 42 were at Lake Rockwell (LR). These numbers were easily eclipsed on 1 Nov. when 1000s passed over the region. Elinor Elder heard birds passing over Aurora at night and saw a flock of 70 early in the morning of 1 Nov. A flock of 300 low-

flying birds were seen over Medina that morning (CW). At least 2000 flew over the Seiberling Naturealm the same day (WS). Two later flocks, totaling 114, flew by HBSP on 28 Nov. A flock of 30 was seen over Chardon on 30 Nov. (DB). For the 7th straight year a blue phase **Snow Goose** found its way to Akron. It was first noted at Nesmith Lake 16 Oct. (BDL). As many as 4 were seen at Summit Lake 24-29 Oct. (LK). The largest flock (50) since 1955 flew by Lakeshore MP on 6 Nov. (JP). An immature blue morph bird was at Lakeview Park on 29 Nov. (TK).

This may surprise some readers but, **Wood Ducks** have decreased at an alarming rate locally over the past 5 years. Counts at Lake Isaac have gone from a high of 123 in 1988 to 5 in 1993. The tallies have dropped from 250 to 35 over the same time frame at Lake Rockwell. A flock of 20 was at

Lower Shaker Lake on 19 Sep. (BF). On 2 Oct., 41 **Green-winged Teal** flew by HBSP in several groups (EB, LR). Inland, the high count was a measly 15 at the former Barberton stronghold. **American Black Duck** numbers were at or above seasonal averages. **Mallards** continue to thrive locally. One wonders if migrant Mallards along the lakeshore are up to normal standards. A pair of late Northern Pintails was at Lower Shaker Lake 22 Nov. (PP). **Blue-winged Teals** were rare fall migrants. **Northern Shovelers** were extremely scarce. Two were at Silver Creek MP on 9 Nov. (BS). Of the migrant puddle ducks, **Gadwalls** seem to be doing better than the others. The high count (66) was at Lake Rockwell on 22 Oct. Another 20 were at LaDue Reservoir on 16 Oct. (LK). A total of 7 graced Shaker Lakes on 11 Nov. (RR). **American Wigeon** numbers were at a 20 year low at Lake Rockwell.

The storms of 30-31 Oct. brought the first major push of divers to the region. A **Canvasback** was at Mogadore Reservoir on 4 Nov. (CH). A flock of 80 at Wellington Reservoir on 8 Nov. was the only sizeable group noted (KA). Two were at Silver Creek MP on 9 Nov. (BS). A small flock of 15 flew by HBSP on 28 Nov. (RH, LR). Five were at Lake Rockwell on 29 Nov. (CH). The first **Redhead** was at Rocky River Park on 30 Oct. (TLP). The only inland reports were of 18 At Wellington Reservoir on 8 Nov. (KA), 3 at Silver Creek MP on 9 Nov. (BS), and a pair on Best Lake 28 Nov. (DB). Lake Rockwell was not the caravansary it usually is to

Ring-necked Ducks. The high count there was 150 (approximately 800 fewer than expected) (LR). A flock of 50-100 was at Lake Medina on 29-31 Oct. (RHL, LK). The 300 at Best Lake on 25 Oct. represented the regional high tally (DB). Scaup numbers were nothing to write home about but far more impressive than in the fall of 1992. Up to 60 **Greater Scaups** wandered inland to Mogadore Reservoir by 1 Nov. While this number is insignificant when compared to the flocks along Lake Erie, it probably represents the largest inland total for the fall season ever in the region (LR). Four were at Lake Medina on 29 Oct. (LK, CW). **Lesser Scaups** were sporadically numerous along the lake. **Oldsquaws** were noteworthy inland. As many as 2 were at Mogadore Reservoir on 3 & 4 Nov. This was unprecedented for this species inland at this season (LR, CH). A hen spent 31 Oct. resting in Fairport Harbor (RH, LR, JVP). Two were regularly seen in Fairport Harbor through the period (m.ob.). A **Black Scoter** was seen off Lakeshore Park on 24 Oct. (RH, LR, JVP). The second record for Portage County, a female, provided a "first" for Lake Rockwell on the afternoon of 28 Oct. Incredibly, another hen was found at Mogadore Reservoir, site of the first record, on 1 Nov. (LR) & 4 Nov. (CH). Six were off HBSP on 30 Oct. (EB, RH). A female was seen off and on at Rocky River Park throughout Nov. (WNK). A flock of 18 **Surf Scoters** passed by Fairport Harbor in single file on 31 Oct. (RH, LR, JVP). Up to 4 were seen from Perkins west to Rocky River Park most of Nov. (WNK, TLP). A hen was at

Mogadore from 1-4 Nov. (LR, CH). Three **White-winged Scoters** rested at Mogadore on 3 Nov. (LR). Five were counted at Rocky River Park on 8 Nov. (JP). Singles were at Eastlake on 11 Nov. (JP) and HBSP on 26 Nov. (LR). The first **Common Goldeneyes** were found on 30 Oct. at various lakefront locales. Inland, Mogadore held 28 on 1 Nov. **Buffleheads** provided one of the brighter pictures in the *Anatidae* family. Numbers were impressive inland as well as along the lake. An early flock of 7 arrived at Lake Rockwell on 19 Oct. Numbers along Lake Erie reached the 100s by Halloween. Hooded Mergansers peaked at 420 (100 above the expected number) at Lake Rockwell in Nov. (EE, CH, PH, LR). Lake Medina hosted another 100 on 21 Nov. (CW). Best Lake was the site for 150 on 30 Nov. (*fide* DB). A female

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Common Merganser was early at Gordon Park on 22 Oct. (RHL). Ten at Lake Rockwell on 29 Nov. was unusual (CH). The usual mosses of **Red-breasted Mergansers** (40,000+) were intermittently seen throughout Nov. on the west side of the Cuyahoga River (WNK, TLP). They were relatively scarce in the east. **Ruddy Ducks** could be found at Mogadore and Oberlin Reservoirs in the 1 00s. High tallies were impressive, but not unexpected. Highs were 473 at Mogadore on 3 Nov. and 400+ (NK) at Oberlin Reservoir on 2 Nov. Along the lake they were scarce.

The only November **Turkey Vulture** was in the CVNRA on 5 Nov. (BAT). Starting with a bird at Barberton on 2 Sep. (CH). **Ospreys** were quite noticeable. Birds were in the CVNRA on 13 & 26 Sep. (DAC). On 15 Sep. one was seen at the E. 55th St. Marina (TLP) while another was at Lake Isaac (RHL). A bird sailed over HBSP on 17 Sep. (RH). One was at Spencer Lake SWA on 18 Sep. A bird was observed catching a large goldfish at Lake Medina on 12 Sep. (CW). As many as 5 visited at Lake Rockwell. There were 3 inland Lake Co. sightings (JP). A bird flew low over East Branch Reservoir on 3 Oct. (DB). One was in Lorain on 6 Oct. (TLP). Another was in the Portage Lakes on 8 Oct. (BDL). One lingered at Findley SP on 24 Oct. (NK). The bird at Silver Creek MP on 9 Nov. was exceptionally late (BS). Two adult **Bald Eagles** were seen regularly at Lake Rockwell through the period (EE, CH, PH). An immature was there 21-28 Oct. (LR). Two remained through the period at the Burton Wetlands (*vide* DB). Immatures were seen in North Perry on 16 Sep. and 1 Oct. (JP). An immature was seen over Willoughby on 30 Sep. (AF). A first year bird was in the CVNRA on 26 Oct. (KM). An eagle with an all white tail and a mostly dark head provided a first for Tinker's Creek SP on 20 Nov. (JT). Lastly a bird was in Lorain Co. on 20 Nov. (NK). A Northern Harrier was at Lake Isaac on 27 Oct. (RHL). One was at HBSP on 8 Nov. (RR). One was at Eastlake the same day (KM). Cooper's Hawks were as expected, The Chasars watched an immature at their

bird bath on 23 Oct. A "Coop's" crashed into the Toneff's house in Brecksville and dropped the red squirrel it was carrying on 8 Nov. Both survived. **Sharp-shinned Hawks** were reported in higher than usual totals. The Sharpy seen catching and devouring an Eastern Phoebe in the CVNRA on 16 Oct. provided a most interesting observation (BAT). A **Red-shouldered Hawk** provided a welcome surprise at Walden in Aurora on 30 Oct. (EE). Another bird was regularly seen at North Chagrin (RR). A bird was at Lake Isaac on 1 Sep. (RHL). An exhausted **Broad-winged Hawk** was caught by Kevin Metcalf in Mayfield Heights on 16 Sep. and rehabilitated by the Lake County Metroparks. A **Rough-legged Hawk** was early near Oberlin on 6 Sep. (BR). Another early bird was at Lake Medina on 12 Sep. (CW). A light-phase bird was in Painesville Township on 12 Nov (FG, LR). Another was in Avon Lake on 18 Nov. (AF). **American Kestrels** were in average numbers. A **Merlin** was at HBSP on 22 Sep. (RH). A male

was at Lake Rockwell on 24 Sep. (CH). Two were regularly seen in Both from mid-October (DAC, BAT, LK). One was at Edgewater Park on 8 Nov. (TLP). A bird was seen harassing two kestrels at Burke Airport on 11 Nov. (DJH). A total of five was reported from along the lake east of HBSP (JP).

A **Ring-necked Pheasant** in Valleyview on 17 Oct. provided a rare Cuyahoga County report (DAC). A **Ruffed Grouse** seemed out of place at HBSP on 2 & 3 Oct. (EB, RH, LR). Two groups of **Soras** were seen at Spencer Lake SWA on 4 Sep. (NK). Another 2 were in Lorain on 11 & 14 Sep. (TLP). Since no reports of **Common Moorhens** were received this past summer, Bob Lane's discovery of 2 adults and 8 juveniles at Frame Bog on 12 Sep. was welcomed news. **American Coots** numbered well into the 100s at the traditional Mogadore staging area. Springfield, and Summit Lakes supported another 200 birds. Up to 50 could be found at Wellington Reservoir (NK).

Comment on the 1992-1993 Cleveland Bird Calendar year

The final total of 292 species establishes a new benchmark against which future years will be measured. Not included in this list are several reports which must pass state records committee scrutiny. Its hard to imagine that 30 years ago 250 species was a good total. Reporters are to be congratulated for their diligence afield. New for the region were White Ibis, Snowy Plover, Slaty-backed Gull, Ani species, and Green-tailed Towhee. This brings the total of species recorded in the region to 359. Also found and documented well were the very rare Northern Gannet (first since 1987), Barrow's Goldeneye (third record), Long-tailed Jaeger (fifth record), and Bewick's Wren (first since 1978). Missing were Snowy Egret, Eurasian Wigeon, King Eider, Piping Plover, Long-billed Dowitcher, and Common Black-headed Gull. As you can see only the regular but very rare birds were missed. Thanks to our dedicated field observers and to those who take the time to meticulously document rarities. Good luck in 1994 and keep those cameras handy for those rare ones. LR

Shorebird reports were slightly improved over the post few falls. Small numbers of **Black-bellied Plovers** loitered in the HBSP and Fairport Harbor until 15 Nov. As many as 17 were seen at Burke Airport on 18 Oct. (FG). Two **American Golden-Plovers** were at HBSP on 12 Sep. (RH). One was there through 26 Sep. Six were at Lake Rockwell on 27 Sep. (LR). As many as 12 were seen at Edgewater SP on 1 Oct. (TLP). Reports on **Semipalmated Plovers** were fairly widespread in small numbers. The 10 at East Branch Reservoir on 30 Oct. were very late (AF). A high of 14 **Greater Yellowlegs** was seen in Lorain on 23 Sep. (TLP). Up to 6 were at Lake Medina 12 Sep. (CW). Another 3 were at LaDue on 16 Oct. (LK). The maximum at Lake Rockwell was 11 on 8 Oct. (CH). A late total of 6 was at East Branch Reservoir on 30 Oct. (AF). The latest report for **Solitary Sandpiper** was of a bird with a broken wing at East Branch Reservoir on 7 Oct. (LR). A **Whimbrel** was reported from Fairport Harbor on 2 Sep. (JP). **Ruddy Turnstones** were found only along Lake Erie beaches. A bird lingered there through the period (EB, RH). Always an exciting find, a **Red Knot** was in Lorain on 6 Sep. (TLP). **Sanderlings** were in excellent numbers at HBSP. Inland, 3 at Barberton on 2 Sep. were unique (CH). A **White-rumped Sandpiper** at Lorain provided the region's only report for the year (TLP). A **Baird's Sandpiper** was at HBSP on 3 Sep. (RH). Two were in Lorain on 28 Sep. (RR). LePage saw 1 or 2 there most of Sep. **Semipalmated** and **Least Sandpipers** were in

lower than expected numbers. A high tally (48) of **Pectoral Sandpipers** came from LaDue on 3 Oct. (CH). A high count of 70 **Dunlins** was made at HBSP on 23 Oct. (RH). The 6 at Lake Medina on 10 Oct. made for a good local tally (CW). A flock of 11 **Stilt Sandpipers** was at Lorain on 7 Sep. (TLP). Up to 3 frequented the massive mud flat at Lake Rockwell until water levels rose on 2 Oct. Holt saw 2 at West Branch SP on 10 Sep. On 2 Sep. 4 **Short-billed Dowitchers** were at Barberton (CH). Their numbers along the lake were far from impressive. Two **Common Snipe** lingered at Lake Rockwell through mid-October. The only **American Woodcock** report was from Donald Gray Gardens on 26 Oct. (BF, PL).

Jaegers were exceptionally widespread as well as noteworthy. LePage noted birds on 4 dates from 29 Sep. through 21 Oct. He cautiously left them unidentified as to species. Another unidentified jaeger was in Lorain on 7 Nov. (BR). From late October literally tens of 1000s of Bonaparte's Gulls could be found along the lake. Many of the estimated 20,000+ at Eastlake were birds of the year, indicating good nesting success in Canada. A first-year **Franklin's Gull** was at Eastlake 7-15 Nov. (EB, RH). An adult **Little Gull** was at HBSP on 30 Oct. (EB, RH). A first winter bird was in Lorain on 25 Nov. (DJH). Two were there on 28 Nov. Up to 4 could be found at Eastlake in Nov. (RH, KM, RR). A **Thayer's Gull** was seen from Lakeshore MP on 21 Nov. (JP). An early **Lesser Black-backed Gull** was at HBSP on 20 Sep. (KM). One

was regular at Eastlake in Nov. (m.ob.). Chasar and LePage found up to 3 in Lorain in Nov. An adult was at Gordon Shores Boat Club on 28 Nov. (DJH). An immature **Glaucous Gull** flew by HBSP on 31 Oct. (RH, LR, JVP). A first winter bird was at Eastlake on 7 Nov. and after (m.ob.). A bird was seen at the E. 55th St. Marina the same day (CH). A bird in all white plumage was at Rocky River Park on 16 Nov. (WNK). One flew by Lakeshore MP on 20 Nov. (JP). **Great Black-backed Gulls** again demonstrated increased numbers throughout lakefront locations. Two at

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LaDue on 4 Nov. were the first ever reported from there (*vide* DB). While **Caspian Terns** were fairly scarce after Sep. A report of a pink-dyed bird at Lake Rockwell on 1 Oct. was unusual (CH). **Common Terns** lingered at Lorain until late October in previously unheard of numbers. LePage tallied 291 on 25 Oct. and another 170 on 28 Oct. Singles lingered in Lorain through 24 Nov. (m.ob.). The last sighting at Eastlake was 18 Nov. (KM). Inland, 6 were at Lake Rockwell on 2 Sep. (CH). **Forster's Terns** were generally scarce. The only report from HBSP was on 26 Sep. (RH). Two **Black Terns** were in Lorain 9 Sep. (BR).

A **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** was at Rocky River MP on 12 Sep.

(RHL). On 15 Sep. one was at Euclid Beach SP (FG) while another was at Lake Isaac (RHL). Both **Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoos** were seen at the Carlisle Visitor Center on the late date of 22 Oct. (BR). An **Eastern Screech-owl** was seen in Brecksville on 4 & 7 Sep. (BAT). A gray-phase bird was regularly found at HBSP from 17 Oct. (EB, RH, LR). A Barred Owl was seen in the CVNRA on 13 Sep. (DAC). One was at North Chagrin on 5 Nov. (RR). A **Short-eared Owl** and a **Northern Saw-whet Owl** were reported from Lakeshore MP on 9 Nov. (JP).

Kopka noted several hundred **Common Nighthawks** over his Akron home on the morning of 1 Sep. The Werts saw the latest group (5) over Akron on the warm evening of 7 Oct. The 700+ **Chimney Swifts** over HBSP on 2 Oct. was an impressive tally (EB, RH, LR) but nothing compared to the 4500 reported from Lakeshore MP on 8 Oct. (JP). The last **Ruby-throated Hummingbirds** were at the Carlisle Visitor Center and in Grafton through 22 Sep. (NK).

Red-headed Woodpeckers continued to be seen at lake-front sites through mid-Sep. The latest immature to linger was at the Mastick Road area of Rocky River MP on 24 Sep. (WNK). The immature at the Ira Road Beaver Pond in the CVNRA on 5 Sep. was the only inland report (LK). This species was at a low point in its occurrence cycle in Geauga Co. (*fide* DB). **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** migration was not up to par along the lake. The high count was 10 at HBSP on

22 Sep. (RH). A bird lingered at North Chagrin through 21 Nov. (KM). A **Pileated Woodpecker** was at Tinker's Creek SNP on 12 Sep. (EE). One was at HBSP on the 3 Oct. Sunday Census (RH).

Along the lake, **Olive-sided Flycatchers** were reported only from Lakeshore MP. One was in the CVNRA 11-13 Sep. (DAC). **Eastern Wood-Pewees** were exceptionally late at the CMNH on 1 Oct., Lake Isaac on 2 Oct. (DJH), and in Parma Heights on 5 Oct. (RHL). A **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** was in Parma Heights on 7 Sep. (RHL). One was at Euclid Beach SP on 17 Sep. Another was at HBSP on 23-24 Sep. (RH, RHL). Lake Isaac had one on 29 Sep. (RHL). A "**Trill's Flycatcher**" was banded on 17 Oct. at Lakeshore MP (JP). **Least Flycatchers** were numerous through mid-September. A late **Eastern Phoebe** was at Lake Rockwell on 4 Nov. (LR). A straggler was reported from Lakeshore MP on 10 Nov. (JP). The latest **Great Crested Flycatcher** was in the CVNRA on 2 Oct. (LK). Our latest **Eastern Kingbird** was at Spencer Lake SWA on 25 Sep. (BR). Few **Purple Martins** were seen anywhere in the region. **Tree Swallows** were numerous at Lake Rockwell in October. A late group of 16 **Northern Rough-winged Swallows** was noted feeding along the Coast Guard Station Road at HBSP on 1 Oct. (RR). Any October **Barn Swallow** is noteworthy. Bacik reported one at HBSP on the 3 Oct. Sunday Census.

Black-capped Chickadees were more common than expected along the lake. The

380 banded at Lakeshore MP during the season was startling. Typically 15-20 are banded there (JP). The first strong movement of **Red-breasted Nuthatches** in the nineties occurred this fall. Reporters felt that this species could be found in good numbers everywhere they went in September and October. A noticeable movement of **White-breasted Nuthatches** was also detected along the lake in late Nov. The 50 banded at Lakeshore MP was 10 times the norm (JP). The **Brown Creeper** passage was much improved over 1992. From

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discussions with longtime observers, it appears that **Carolina Wrens** are at an all time high in abundance. Good numbers of **Winter Wrens** could be found at HBSP into late October. A total of 110 was banded at Lakeshore MP. A bird was at the Peskin's yard in Shaker Heights on 9 Nov. Two **Marsh Wrens** were at Frame Bog on 12 Sep. (BDL). A bird was in Valley City on 15 Oct. (FG). **Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets** passed through in expected totals, The report of 350+ at Lakeshore MP on 13 Oct. was high.

Eastern Bluebirds received no mention. A **Veery** was at Lake Isaac on 21 Sep. (RHL). At Lakeshore MP 42 were banded. The **Gray-cheeked Thrush** migration was poor west of the Perry Power Plant. The high sin-



Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*) - Lake Rockwell - 4 November 1993
by Larry Roache

gle day tally at HBSP was only 2. At Lakeshore MP an incredible 105 were banded (JP).

Swainson's Thrushes were numerous. Numbers at HBSP and banding totals from Lakeshore correlated fairly well. While pale in comparison to lakefront numbers, 4 **Hermit Thrushes** at Lake Rockwell on 17 Oct. constituted the highest single day tally ever for the site (LR). A high of 8 was reached at Lake Medina on 10 Oct. (CW). Their movement along Lake Erie was much more noticeable. Highs ranged in the 30s at HBSP. The 159 banded at Lakeshore MP represented a strong passage this year. **Wood Thrushes** were seen in Brecksville on 12 Sep. (DAC) and at HBSP on 20 Sep. (RH). A nest with 2 young **American Robins** was found on the late date of 15 Sep. in Russell Township (*fide* DB). A **Northern Mockingbird** was a surprise at a residence on E 174th St. on 28 Nov. (TK). On 1 Oct. Peskin found his first **Brown Thrasher** at Shaker Lakes in 5 years. Up

to 30 **American Pipits** fed at LaDue Reservoir through 31 Oct. (CH, LK).

Two **Solitary Vireos** were at Euclid Beach SP 30 Sep. (FG). A late **White-eyed Vireo** was banded at Lakeshore MP on 11 Nov. (JP). **Philadelphia Vireos** were seen at HBSP on 8 dates. A high count of 8 was made there on 17 Sep. (RH). A bird was at Lake Isaac on 29 Sep. (RHL). **Red-eyed Vireos** were in expected totals.

A migrant **Blue-winged Warbler** was at Lakeshore MP on 21 Sep. A **"Brewster's" Warbler** was banded there on 22 Sep. (JP). The latest Blue-winged was at Euclid Beach SP on 26 Sep. (BF, RHL TLP). **Tennessee Warblers** were fairly widespread. An early **Orange-crowned Warbler** was at Tinker's Creek SNP on 12 Sep. (EE). They put in a good showing at HBSP where up to 4 were tallied several days in October

(m.ob.). Two were at Euclid Beach SP on 25 Sep. (FG). A bird was in Parma Heights on 30 Sep. and one in Parma on 21 Oct. (RHL). A bird was at Lake View Cemetery on 1 & 2 Oct. (DJH). A total of 12 was banded at Lakeshore MP (JP). **Nashville Warblers** were fairly common. A high count of 15 was made at Euclid Beach SP on 21 Sep. (TLP). The high at HBSP was 12 on 22 Sep. (RH). A **Northern Parula** was at Lake Isaac on 21 Sep. (RHL). Euclid Beach SP hosted another that same day (TLP). A male was at HBSP on 25 Sep. (EB, RH, LR). Another was at Euclid Beach SP the same day (FG). Lakeshore MP was the host to birds on 19, 20, 22 Sep. and 5 Oct. (JP). A **Yellow Warbler** lingered at HBSP through 22 Sep. (RH). **Chestnut-sided Warblers** moved well in early Sep. **Magnolia Warblers** were typically numerous with counts ranging into the 30s at various lakefront locales. Away from the lake, the 18 in Parma Heights on 19 Sep. represented an outstanding tally (RHL). **Cape May Warblers** were as numerous at HBSP as any year in recent memory. In the Rocky River MP 20 were tallied on 12 Sep. (RHL). The high count of 16 **Black-throated Blue Warblers** on 25 Sep. at HBSP (EB, RH, LR) was exceptional and outdid the 8 at Euclid Beach SP (FG) the same day. The next day 10 were at Euclid Beach SP (RHL). **Yellow-rumped Warblers** numbered into the 100s at HBSP the second week of Oct. Over 100 were tallied in the CVNRA on 2 Oct. (LK). **Black-throated Green Warblers** were common. The inland high was 6 in Parma Heights on 19 Sep. The lakefront high was 8 at Euclid Beach SP on 21 Sep.

**Selected September 1993 Field Tallies
for Thrushes, Vireos, and Warblers
at Headlands Beach State Park**

Species	9/11	9/17	9/19	9/20	9/23	9/25	9/26
Gray-cheek Thrush	1	•	•	1	•	•	•
Swainson's Thrush	1	7	4	•	23	2	•
Wood Thrush	•	•	•	1	•	•	•
Solitary Vireo	•	•	•	1	•	2	•
Warbling Vireo	•	2	1	3	1	2	•
Philadelphia Vireo	•	1	•	2	1	1	•
Red-eyed Vireo	•	8	•	8	2	2	•
Tennessee Warbler	•	1	1	2	1	6	2
Orange-crowned W.	•	•	•	•	•	•	1
Nashville Warbler	•	1	•	8	5	15	10
Yellow Warbler	•	1	•	1	•	•	•
Chestnut-sided W.	3	•	2	3	•	•	•
Magnolia Warbler	12	10	6	15	8	20	10
Cape May Warbler	2	2	1	8	8	20	6
Black-throated Blue	•	2	1	4	2	16	5
Yellow-rumped W.	•	1	1	10	25	80	70
Black-thr. Green W.	2	2	2	4	•	7	4
Blackburnian W.	1	•	•	2	•	4	1
Palm Warbler	•	1	2	4	1	2	2
Bay-breasted W.	•	•	•	3	1	2	•
Blackpoll Warbler	6	8	8	40	23	50	20
Black-and-White W.	•	•	•	1	•	1	•
American Redstart	6	8	6	10	4	3	4
Ovenbird	3	•	•	1	•	1	•
N. Waterthrush	•	•	•	•	•	•	1
C. Yellowthroat	2	8	10	10	3	6	3
Hooded Warbler	•	1	•	•	•	•	•
Wilson's Warbler	2	8	3	2	4	6	7
Canada Warbler	1	1	1	•	•	•	•

•Not observed

Data excerpted from R. Hannikman's and L. Rosche's field reports

(TLP). While this number may seem small compared to other species, it is representative of the expected numbers of Black-throated Greens. This species is one of the most widespread migrants in the region. Up to 5 **Blackburnian Warblers** were at Euclid Beach on 21 Sep. (TLP). Two were at Lake Isaac on 1 Sep. (RHL). More **Pine Warblers** were encountered than usual. Witt noticed one at Lake Medina on 12 Sep. Harlan had 2 at Rocky River MP on 12 Sep. Hannikman found young males at Sims Park on 26 Sep. and in his backyard in Euclid on 2 Oct. A bird was at Euclid Beach SP on 21 Sep. (TLP). A brightly colored male was at Lakeview Park in Lorain on 28

Sep. (RR). A vagabond visited Big Creek Park on 18 Nov. (DB). The latest individual dined at a suet feeder in North Perry on 29 Nov. (JP). **Palm Warblers** were in lower than expected totals at HBSP. The high for this species is expected to be in the 40+ range. This year the high was 25 at Euclid Beach SP on 26 Sep. (RHL). A late bird was in Parma on 26 Oct. (RHL). While being very widespread and common in distribution, the high count of **Bay-breasted Warblers** was only 12 at Euclid Beach SP on 21 Sep. (TLP). **Blackpoll Warbler** numbers were exceptionally high throughout the eastern half of the region. The high tally was 50 at HBSP on 21 Sep. (RH). A count of 15 was made at

Euclid Beach SP on 21 Sep. (TLP). Inland, the high count was 18 at Parma Heights on 19 Sep. (RHL). Three in Streetsboro on 21 Sep. was a good number for the location (CH). **Black-and-white Warblers** were common along the lakefront. Counts of 5- 10 were made at Euclid Beach SP and HBSP. **American Redstarts** were typically numerous and prolonged in their movement along the lake. A bird was at Spencer Lake SWA on 25 Sep. (NK). The 5 **Ovenbirds** at Euclid Beach SP on 25 Sep. was indicative of their higher than average numbers along Lake Erie. A **Northern Waterthrush** was detected in Lorain on 5 Sep. (CH). Late birds were at Rocky River MP (2) on 2 Oct. (RHL), at HBSP on 6 Oct. (RH), and at Lakeshore MP 7 Oct. (JP). Several observers commented on how scarce **Mourning Warblers** were. A bird was at HBSP on 21 Sep. (RH, KM). The one in Parma on 27 Sep. was the only one seen by a very active birder (RHL). This was not the case east of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. They were seen nearly daily at Lakeshore MP from 8 Sep. through 22 Sep. A late bird was there on 12 Oct. (JP). **Common Yellowthroats** were as expected. The latest **Hooded Warbler** was at Lake Rockwell on 6 Oct. (LR). Along the lake, a bird was at HBSP on 17 Sep. (RH). A migrant was in Parma Heights on 19 Sep. (RHL). A bird in the Rocky River MP on 2 Oct. was slightly late (RHL). **Wilson's Warblers** were common but not as abundant as in the late 1980s. A **Canada Warbler** lingered at HBSP through 19 Sep. (RH). Two were

**Selected Thrushes, Vireos, and Warblers
banded at Lakeshore Metropark
September 1993**

Gray-cheeked Thrush	12
Swainson's Thrush	185
Wood Thrush	7
Solitary Vireo	1
Warbling Vireo	•
Philadelphia Vireo	3
Red-eyed Virgo	17
Tennessee Warbler	8
Orange-crowned Warbler	3
Nashville Warbler	24
Yellow Warbler	1
Chestnut-sided Warbler	4
Magnolia Warbler	38
Cape May Warbler	1
Black-throated Blue Warbler	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler	10
Black-throated Green Warbler	2
Blackburnian Warbler	•
Palm Warbler	1
Bay-breasted Warbler	5
Blackpoll Warbler	18
Black-and-White Warbler	1
American Redstart	30
Ovenbird	18
Northern Waterthrush	1
Common Yellowthroat	8
Hooded Warbler	1
Wilson's Warbler	18
Canada Warbler	6
•Not banded	

Data excerpted from J. V. Pogacnik's field report

at Euclid Beach SP on 21 Sep. (TLP). **Yellow-breasted Chats** were not reported away from Lakeshore MP.

A female **Scarlet Tanager** at HBSP on 2 Oct. was the only one reported from there this fall (RH, LR). The latest **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** was at a Brecksville feeder on 8 Nov. (BAT). The 3 at Spencer Lake SWA on 25 Sep. were moving on time (NK). **Indigo Buntings** are one of our most abundant breeding species. It is interesting to note that very few are reported in the fall. None were caught at Lakeshore MP. In the region, a total of 4 were found. Lake Isaac provided refuge for 2 birds on 8 Sep. and 1 was there on 21 Sep (RHL). The other was in the Rocky River MP on 20 Sep. (WNK). Two **Rufous-sided**

Towhees at Sims Park on 10 Nov. were the only ones observed during the month (RR).

American Tree Sparrows were moving along the lakefront in large numbers on 10 & 11 Nov. (DJH). **Chipping Sparrows** left on time. The only November report came from Lakeshore MP on the 5th. A probable **Clay-colored Sparrow** was in Lorain on 1 Oct. (DJH). (Their wish was to leave it as probable therefore it is not in the noteworthy reports.) Field Sparrows, like other *Spizella* sparrows, were not as common as in past falls. The Klamms found 2 **Vesper Sparrows** in Cleveland on 18 Sep. Two birds were in Medina on 15 Nov. (CW). A **Grasshopper Sparrow** was reported from Lakeshore

MP on 5 Oct. (JP). **Lincoln's Sparrows** were regularly found in small numbers at HBSP from 20 Sep. through 6 Oct. Charles Klaus commented that Don Basic found them through the period in the shrubs at National City Center. The high count for was 6 in the CVNRA on 1 Oct. (BAT). **Fox Sparrows** were scarce along the lake. A bird was at Spencer Lake SWA on 25 Sep. (NK). Two were in the CVNRA on 16 Oct. (BAT). The high tally for **White-throated Sparrows** was 150 at HBSP on 26 Sep. (RH). A high count of **250 White-crowned Sparrows** was made at Gordon Park on 6 Oct. (RH). **Dark-eyed Juncos** were numerous. An unusual report of **Snow Buntings** came from a Lorain feeder on the early date of 26 Sep. Not only were they in a rather urban locale, they were feeding at a window shelf feeder (BR). Over 200 were at Lakeshore MP on 18 Oct. The first **Lapland Longspur** was at HBSP on 10 Oct. (EB). Two were there on 13 Oct. (KM). The high count was 14 at Gordon Park on 22 Oct. (RHL). A single bird was seen foraging with Horned Larks at Burke Airport on 31 Oct. (WNK).

The **Eastern Meadowlark** report from Lorain Co. on 9 Sep. was the only one received (NK)! **Pine Siskins** staged briefly in Oct. The first were noted on 7 Oct. in Lorain Co. (NK) and in Cuyahoga Falls (PH). The last 10 were in Parma Heights on 26 Oct. (RHL). A **White-winged Crossbill** was reported from Lakeshore MP on 24 Oct. (JP). Two Red Crossbills were banded there on 9 Nov. (JP). Nine **Common**

Redpolls were at North Chagrin on 2 Nov. (KM). After these, many 100s were seen along Lake Erie. A whopping 300+ were counted at Lakeshore MP on 10 Nov. (RHL, JP). The high for HBSP was 100 on 11 Nov. (RH). Lakewood Cemetery hosted another 100+ on 12 Nov. (WNK, FG). Fair numbers were seen near the CMNH and Shaker Lakes (BF, PP). Two in Sagamore Hills (DAC) and one at the Ira Road Beaver Pond in the CVNRA (LK) on 14 Nov. were the southernmost reports. **Evening Grosbeaks** provided excitement for the first time in many years. They were numerous along the lakefront in mid-to late Oct. A flock of 100 was observed at the Carlisle Visitor Center on 29 Oct. (NK).

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Red-throated Loon - A bird flew by Headlands Beach SP on 11 Nov. (Hannikman). Two birds were seen at the Avon Lake Power Plant on 15 Nov. (Kellerman). One was off North Perry on 20 Nov. (Pogacnik).

Northern Gannet - Our first report this decade was of an immature in Lorain on the morning of 7 Nov. provided (Holt, Erdine Thompson). Incredibly, Massachusetts observer Jim Berry saw one flying low over his car along 1-71 near Hopkins International Airport later that same morning.

American Bittern - A bird was at Herrick Fen on 22 Sep. (Lane). The Greenlands found one at Corning Lake at the Holden Arboretum 16 Oct.



Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*) - Headlands Beach SP - 7 November 1993
by Kevin McCall

Brant - Two flocks, totaling 45 birds, flew by the breakwall at HBSP on the blustery morning of 31 Oct. (Hannikman, Rosche, Vanderpoel). A bird was in Bay Village on 8 Nov. (Pogacnik).

Harlequin Duck - The Schlabach party found a female in Lorain on 20 Nov.

Peregrine Falcon - A bird stooped gulls and killdeer at Springfield Lake on 15 Sep. (Vanderpoel). Another was at Euclid Beach SP on 18 Sep. (Harlan). One flew by HBSP on 23 Sep. (Hannikman). An immature with a red band on the left leg was at Burke Airport on 27 Sep. (Hoffman). An adult was in Lorain on 28 Sep. (Rickard). Another was there on 15 Nov. (Kellerman). Pogacnik reported 2 immatures and 2 adults during the period at Lakeshore MP.

Sandhill Crane - Three birds flew west by Perkins Beach on 7 Sep. (Klamm).

Purple Sandpiper - As many as 2 were intermittently seen at HBSP from 31 Oct. (Bacik, Hannikman, m.ob.).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper - One was at Burke Airport on 15 Sep. (Greenland). A juvenile was at HBSP on 16 Sep. (Hannikman).

Red-necked Phalarope - The only report for the year was of a juvenile at HBSP on 6 Sep. (Bacik, Hannikman).

Red Phalarope - The first birds were discovered on 6 Nov. One was at E. 72nd St. where it remained through the 7th (LePage, m, ob.). Another was in Vermilion at Ruggles Beach (Alexander). Topping these were 4 together off Lakeshore Park (Pogacnik). Two were at HBSP on 7 Nov. (Vanderpoel, Wert, m.ob.). A bird was at Lakewood Park on 10 Nov. Two were there on 19 Nov (Klamm). A bird was in Fairport Harbor on 11 Nov. (DJH). One was seen at HBSP on 12 Nov. (Hannikman).

Pomarine Jaeger - Two birds, one a stunning adult, were studied carefully near the breakwall at HBSP on 6 Nov. (Hannikman, Bacik). A truly amazing report come from Lorain. It was of an immature chasing the previously mentioned Northern Gannet on 7 Nov. (Holt)! One was reported off Lakeshore MP on 21 Nov. (Pogacnik). Two immatures were at HBSP on 28 Nov. (Rosche, m.ob.).

Parasitic Jaeger - Two immatures were seen at HBSP on 6 Nov. (Bacik, Hannikman). A dark immature raced past Eastlake on 12 Nov. causing many 1000s of gulls to lift off of the water (Hannikman, m.ob.). A bird fitting the description of this species was seen in Lorain on 25 Nov. (Hoffman). Dark immatures were seen from Lakeshore MP on 4 dates from Sep. to Nov. (Pogacnik).

Long-tailed Jaeger - The region's 5th record, an immature, was well documented at the mouth of the Black River in Lorain following a downpour on 6 Sep. (Hoffman).

Laughing Gull - Anders Fjeldstad reported a first-winter bird at Eastlake on 31 Oct.

Black-legged Kittiwake - A bird was reported from North Perry on 9 Nov. (Pogacnik).

Sabine's Gull - A bird of the year was singled out as it drifted through the many 1000s of Bonaparte's Gulls at Eastlake on 7 Nov. (Hannikman, m.ob.). It was seen through 15 Nov.

Ani species - Details will be forthcoming on an ani, probably



American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*) - Coming Lake - 16 October 1993
by Frank and Melinda Greenland

Groove-billed, which was found dead and in poor condition on Thanksgiving. it was turned into the CMNH and then sent to the Smithsonian Institution for definite identification (McLean). This represented the region's 359 known species.

Snowy Owl - The first bird of the fall was at Burke Airport on 31 Oct. (Greenland, Klamm). By the end of the period, at least 2 were in the vicinity of E. 55th St. and Burke Airport. A bird was in Lorain on 15-25 Nov. (Kellerman, Schlabach, Hoffman).

Long-eared Owl - A handsome specimen was seen at Donald Gray Gardens on 13 Nov. (Greenland, Hannikman).

Northern Shrike - A bird was banded at Lakeshore MP on 25 Oct. Another was seen along Fairport Nursery Road in Fairport Harbor on 17 Nov. (Pogacnik).

Black-throated Blue Warbler - A male was found at

Norm and Marge Hoprich's in Garfield Heights on 29 Nov. It remained through the period subsisting a generous helping of peanut butter. This represented the latest occurrence of this species in the state of Ohio.

Cerulean Warbler - An immature female was at HBSP on the record late date of 8 Oct. (Rosche).

Connecticut Warbler - Donald Gray Gardens was a safe haven for one on 9 Sep. (Greenland). A young male was found dead at the Cleveland Federal Office Building on 20 Sep. (Hoffman). Birds were seen on 4 dates in Sep. at Lakeshore MP (Pogacnik).

Le Conte's Sparrow - A bird was documented from Lorain on 8 Nov. (Pogacnik).

Sharp-tailed Sparrow - Only 2 were reported in the region this year. LePage found both in Lorain on 12 Oct.

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