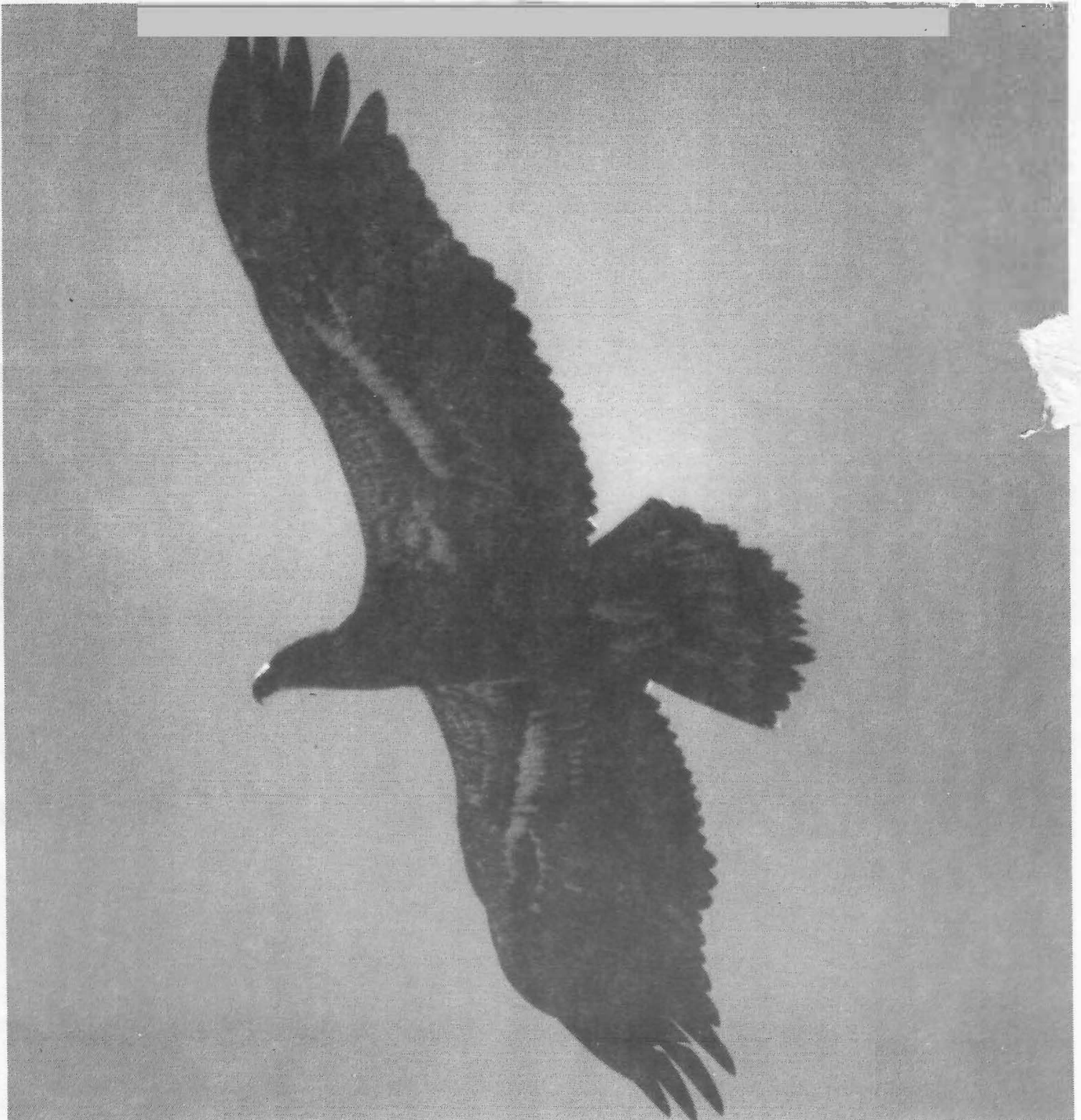


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THE SPRING SEASON 1989
1 MARCH - 31 MAY

Matt Anderson and Tom Kemp

Spring 1989 turned out to be a very productive spring in terms of the total species count, but I would imagine it's a fairly safe bet that there are few springs which have disappointed so many birders. For the throngs who plan once or twice-a-year treks to the Magee Marsh bird boardwalk there were likely more frowns than smiles as people stepped into their cars to head home. The second weekend of May, which is the traditional peak for birding crowds, came and went and it was still difficult to find as many as a dozen species of warblers in a day.

Anyone who wondered where all the birds were needed only to drive a couple of hours south where 25 to 30 species of warblers had been in a major stall pattern for a couple of weeks. Migration was on time if not a bit ahead of schedule in the southern half of the state where as many as 25 species of warblers were present as early as April 25. A series of cold, wet weather patterns with predominantly northeasterly winds centered around the Great Lakes absolutely slammed the door on the passerine migration. The northern half of the state experienced one of its latest songbird migrations in years, and as a result, many people missed out. It wasn't until May 19 that the northern half of the state experienced winds from the southwest which brought with them a major wave.

As late as the migration was, however, the cool weather threw the leafing-out process just as far behind, allowing for good viewing conditions. A freak snowstorm on May 6 and 7 was as much a surprise for the birds as the birders. It's probably not too often that Ruby-throated hummingbirds have an opportunity to feed at snow-covered Buckeye blossoms! Most, if not all, of the state was above normal for year-to-date precipitation by the end of May.

Migration in March and the first part of April progressed more or less normally with a good diving duck movement and mediocre dabbling duck migration. All told, 289 species were recorded compared to 266 in 1988 and 277 in 1987. Coverage of the state was excellent and certainly accounted, at least in part, for the increased species count. The highlights which follow include an impressive array of rare species.

A couple of Red-throated loons at Pleasant Hill Lake on April 15 were the only ones reported this spring; the largest concentration of Common loons was the 52 at Lake Rockwell on April 3. There were two Red-necked grebes and one Eared grebe reported, and a total of 110 Horned grebes at Wellington and Oberlin Reservoirs was certainly noteworthy. Three Am. White pelicans at CJ Brown Reservoir during April were a pleasant surprise for local birders. Double-crested cormorants continue to be found at widely scattered locales throughout the state in sizable numbers. One can only hope that the dozen or so American bitterns reported indicates a slight improvement in the status of this rare species. Snowy egrets and Little Blue herons were reported in low numbers and the only Tricolored heron report came from Logan County on May 6. Cattle egret reports were up this spring with many sightings coming from the interior of the state. Green-backed herons continue to be down from years past. Yellow-crowned night-heron reports numbered five. A dark ibis identified as a Glossy was seen at Winous Point on May 13.

Thirty-one species of waterfowl were recorded for the spring - a very good representation. Tundra swans passed through the state in low numbers with no sizable concentrations noted. Both reports of Greater White-fronted geese were away from Lake Erie. Counts of 600 Green-winged teal at ONWR in late March, 413 at CPNWR on April 9, and 200 at Big Island WA were all impressive compared to recent springs. Likewise, concentrations of 514 Blue-winged teal at Big Island on April 22 and 400 at Pickerel Creek WA on April 16 were also noteworthy. At least two Cinnamon teal were present this spring, one at ONWR and the other near Wooster. The only Eurasian wigeon reported was at Medusa Marsh on April 10.

Diving ducks were plentiful in general in March and early April. Peak diving duck numbers included the following: 2100 Canvasbacks in Lorain and Cleveland March 19; 1420 Ring-necked ducks at Mogadore Reservoir March 22; 8000 Lesser scaup at Metzger Marsh March 25; 4000 Greater scaup at Cleveland on March 12; 210 Hooded mergansers at ONWR March 25; and 15,000 Red-breasted mergansers at Mentor Headlands April 22. A possible Tufted duck X Scaup hybrid at Cleveland April 2-4 is apparently the object of a certain amount of debate as to its exact identity. Harlequin ducks were reported from two sites in mid-March, and half of the eight Oldsquaw reports came from inland locations. No Black scoters were reported. The other two scoter species lingered unusually late: a Surf scoter in Lorain May 27 and a White-winged scoter in Toledo through the end of the period.

The annual spring hawk watch at ONWR netted 1453 raptors during the count period from mid-March to early May. Turkey vultures comprised well over half the total. Sixteen Bald eagle reports away from traditional Lake Erie areas were certainly encouraging. A Sharp-shinned hawk nest discovered in Lucas County may be only the second ever for northwest Ohio. Two migrant Northern goshawks were noted along Lake Erie in March. Broad-winged hawks apparently trickled through or bypassed the state as the only concentration noted was of 160 birds on April 30 in Lake County. Six reports of Merlins were more than is normal for most springs as were the nine Peregrine falcon reports. The Toledo Peregrine story had another interesting twist when the male from last year's pair and an intruding male engaged in aerial combat over the downtown area. The intruder ended up being killed and the other male injured (and subsequently sent to a rehabilitation center). Surprisingly, yet another male appeared within days to begin keeping company with the female.

An intriguing report (including a photograph) of six Purple gallinules from Montgomery County on March 18 is hard to figure. Sandhill cranes were tallied in widely scattered locations; the biggest group was 50 in the Miami Valley on March 11. Although shorebird habitat was certainly at a premium throughout the spring, numerous rarities were recorded among the 28 species reported. Most unusual was the Black-necked stilt present at ONWR May 22-24 and seen by many. A Curlew sandpiper on May 19 at Metzger Marsh and a Ruff at Little Portage WA on May 4 were good finds. Twenty-six American avocets at ONWR on April 20 was a nice total. Very impressive inland concentrations of Lesser golden-plovers were noted in Pickaway County (1250 on April 29), Wayne County (950 on April 29), and Marlon and Wyandot Counties (250 on May 13). Other interesting inland shorebird sightings included five Willets in Wayne County on April 29 and another in Hamilton County on May 9; a Whimbrel in Washington County May 25; a Western sandpiper in Wayne County on May 6; and a Red-necked phalarope on May 25 near Barberton. A final thought on shorebirds: What has become of Sanderlings? The only report received was of three at Magee marsh on May 18. As a matter of fact, The Ohio Cardinal has received a total of only four reports of this species in the last three springs!

A very impressive 14 species of gulls were included in the spring reports. As was the case during the past winter season, the vast majority of noteworthy sightings came from Cleveland and Lorain. The Sabine's gull which attracted so much attention over the winter remained in Lorain throughout the spring. A California gull in Cleveland on March 12 and one or two Black-legged kittiwakes there in early March were among the rarer gull species listed. Other species deserving mention are Little, Iceland, Thayer's, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous gulls.

Both cuckoo species apparently were more common this spring after numerous down years. Single Barn owls in Coshocton County and near Wilmington were the only ones reported. Only a few Long-eared and Northern Saw-whet owls were seen in their traditional locations. Fourteen Alder and 20 Yellow-bellied flycatchers reported by one observer on Lucas County May 25 constituted a significant movement.

Swallows and martins arrived in normal numbers; however the cold spring may have been a bit rough on some of them. Reports of Purple martin mortality came from both Washington and Mahoning Counties. Two Bewick's wren reports were submitted: one on March 9 at Englewood Reserve and the other in Adams County April 20-29. Only four Sedge wrens were noted. One-hundred eighty Ruby-crowned kinglets at Shaker Lakes on April 30 was an outstanding count, as was the tally of 200 Swainson's thrushes in Lucas and Ottawa Counties on May 19. A Varied thrush with a small group of robins in Bluffton on March 26 was a surprise.

Cedar waxwings were virtually absent throughout the period until the second half of May when they returned to the state in large numbers. Wood County's nesting Loggerhead shrikes were back again and individuals of this species were noted from four other sites. White-eyed vireos have become increasingly scarce in northwest Ohio - very few were noted this spring. A count of 80 Red-eyed vireos on May 12 at Scioto Trails SF is quite impressive. Bell's vireos are appearing in the state virtually every year now. One returned to CJ Brown Reservoir on May 20 this year.

All regularly occurring warbler species were reported this spring, and a Kirtland's warbler at Reno Beach on May 19 was added in for good measure. Very few warblers had reached northern Ohio by mid-May. In sharp contrast, however, was the concentration of warblers (and other songbirds) in the southern half of the state. Impressive numbers built up as species arrived on schedule and were held there by cold rainy weather. While most birders were essentially getting skunked along the lakeshore, the following concentrations were noted at Scioto Trails SF on May 12: 30 Blue-winged, 200 Tennessee, 35 Nashville, 25 Chestnut-sided, 120 Black-throated Green, 40 Blackburnian, and 35 Bay-breasted warblers. Far fewer overflight species were noted along Lake Erie than are seen in most years. The absence of southerly or southwesterly winds in late April and early May no doubt accounted for this. Good numbers of warblers did eventually make it to the northern half of the state, but you might not have thought so if you were out on the wrong day. Large numbers passed through particularly on May 19 and 20 with the following concentrations noted: 35 Black-throated Blue, 155 Magnolia, 38 Blackpoll, 19 Mourning, 8 Connecticut, and 50 Canada warblers as well as 200 American redstarts. Five Pine warblers at the Bird Boardwalk on May 5 was an unusually high number for northwest Ohio.

The only Summer tanager report from the northern part of the state was the pair in the Oak Openings starting May 20 where this species is becoming regular in late spring/early summer. Rose-breasted grosbeaks were seen in especially good numbers this spring - note particularly the 101 recorded in Franklin County on May 13. Blue grosbeak reports came in from six localities, the farthest north being the Oak Openings where a pair bred in 1988. Only four Dickcissel reports were received for the period. The 18 species of sparrows tallied were highlighted by a Clay-colored sparrow at Mentor Headlands, a LeConte's sparrow at CPNWR, and a Sharp-tailed sparrow at Gordon Park, all on May 14. An Am. Tree sparrow at Magee Marsh was unusually late and two Dark-eyed juncos in Cuyahoga County on May 29 were also noteworthy. Henslow's sparrow reports were submitted from seven localities while Lark sparrows were reported only from their traditional Oak Openings spot. A count of 400 Bobolinks in Ottawa and Lucas Counties on May 14 indicated a major movement in mid-May of this species. Three reports of Yellow-headed blackbirds and one of Brewer's blackbird were submitted. An estimate of 100 Northern orioles on May 12 at Scioto Trails SF was another clear indication of the tremendous numbers of birds there. Winter finches were virtually absent during the past winter and likewise this spring. The only species reported were a handful of Purple finches, Pine siskins, and Evening grosbeaks.

In the following reports, an asterisk indicates a species has been documented and accepted by the Records Committee. Underlined species are considered unusual. The Ohio River sightings are all from Washington County. Commonly used abbreviations are ONWRC (Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge count), CPNWR (Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge count), LPWA (Little Portage Wildlife Area), CVNRA (Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area), and MHSBP (Mentor Headlands State Beach Park). The Ottawa and Little Cedar Point monthly counts are compiled by Ed Pierce and Joe Komorowski, respectively.

Loons through Herons

Red-throated Loon-4/15 Pleasant Hill Lk. (2) (RM). Common Loon-3/16 Hoover Res. (KA), 3/31 Eastwood Lake (30) (GL), 4/3 L. Rockwell (52) (LR), 5/13 Findlay Res. (9) (BH), 5/30 Findlay Res. (BH). Pied-billed Grebe-3/4 L. Cowan (LG), 3/10 East Fork Lk. (22) (HC), 3/29 ONWR/Magee Marsh (29) (ET), 4/2 Akron Lakes (28) (LR), 4/10 Wellington/Oberlin Res. (55) (KA). Horned Grebe-3/14 Hancock Co. (BH), 3/19 Akron Lakes (66) (LR), 4/2 Buck Creek SP (6) (DO), 4/10 Wellington/Oberlin Res. (110) (KA). Red-necked Grebe-3/26 Bresler Res. (RCu), 4/10 Oberlin Res. (KA). Eared Grebe-4/10 Wellington Res. (KA). Am. White Pelican-4/4-25 CJ Brown Res. (m.ob.*, ph.). Double-crested Cormorant-3/2 Cleveland (9) (RH), 4/12-23 Medusa Marsh (300) (VF, RC), 4/24 Mad River (40-50) (GL), 4/28 Knox Lk. (66) (JVH), 5/25 Ohio R. (Washington Co.) (40) (LB). American Bittern-Twelve reports from 3/28 to 5/29. Least Bittern-Seven reports from 5/5 to 5/27. Great Blue Heron-3/25 Knox Lk. (53) (JVH), 4/2 Akron Lakes (25) (LR), 4/6 Medina Co. (100 nests) (RH), 4/9 CPNWRC (59), 5/7 ONWRC (125), 5/13 Hancock Co. (53) (m.ob.), 5/21 Darby Marsh (40) (KMo). Great Egret-3/8 Ohio R. (LB), 3/13 Ottawa Co. (NE), 3/22 Pickering Creek WA (DKr), 3/27 Erie/Lucas/Ottawa Cos. (57) (VF), 4/27 Ottawa Co. (85) (VF), 5/7 ONWRC (56). Snowy Egret-4/26-5/31 Medusa Marsh (VF, KA), 5/20 Erie Co. (2) (KMo), 5/27 ONWR (RH, TL). Little Blue Heron-5/20 Ottawa Co. (RC), 5/22 Franklin Co. (RC). Tricolored Heron-5/6 Logan Co. (N1*, m.ob.). Cattle Egret-Nine reports from 4/26 to 5/22. Green-backed Heron-4/18 Summit Co. (TR), 4/19 Greenlawn Cem. (KM), 4/19 Washington Co. (LB), 4/25 Hancock Co. (BH), 4/25 Shaker Lakes (VF). Black-crowned Night-Heron-4/4 Maumee R. Rapids (ET), 4/7 E. Harbor (KMo), 4/8 Spring Valley (CM, CB), 4/16 Greenlawn Cem. (BA), 5/14 CPNWRC (15). Yellow-crowned Night-Heron-4/14 Medusa Marsh (VF), 4/17 Columbus (KA), 4/22 Columbus (2 on nest) (GM), 5/4 Medusa Marsh (KA), 5/7 Dayton (DH). Glossy Ibis-5/13 Winous Pt. (BA) [few details-Ed.].

Swans through Puddle Ducks

Tundra Swan-3/4 Mosquito Creek WA (KMo), 3/11 ONWR (32) (KA), 3/12 Wellington Res. (25) (VF), 3/25 Lucas Co. (25) (MA), Late: 5/28 Killdeer Plains (PE). Mute Swan-Nine reports. Greater White-fronted Goose-3/4-16 Spring Valley (4) (m.ob.*), 4/9 Mosquito Lake (6) (SRT)*. Snow Goose-3/2 Akron (ECP), 3/17 Big Island WA (41) (KA), 3/19 CJ Brown (13) (JHi, DO), 3/22 Ohio R. (LB), Late: 5/14 ONWR (KA), 5/20 CJ Brown (DO). Canada Goose-3/11 Lucas Co. (3700) (VF), 3/19 Darby Marsh (300) (KMo), 3/19 Akron Lakes (450) (LR), 4/2 ONWRC (500). Wood Duck-3/4 Spring Valley (LG), 3/25 Ottawa Co. (80) (RC), 4/2 ONWRC (61), 5/8 Spring Valley (60) (HC), 5/13 Mosquito Lk. (45) (DH). Green-winged Teal-3/19-27 ONWR (max 600) (VF, RC), 3/19 Barberton (125) (LR), 3/19 Deer Creek SP (60) (DO), 3/23 Big Island WA (200) (KA), 4/9 CPNWRC (413), 5/5 Erie Co. (18) (VF), 5/27 ONWR (RH). Am. Black Duck-3/5 ONWRC (95), 3/7 Castalia (600) (VF), 3/19 Darby Marsh (150) (KMo), 4/9 CPNWRC (114). Mallard-3/7 Castalia (2400) (VF), 3/19 Darby Marsh (500) (KMo), 4/9 CPNWRC (446). Northern Pintail-3/4 Buck Creek SP (25) (DO), 3/17 Big Island WA (200) (KA), 3/19 Barberton (60) (LR), 3/19 Darby Marsh (125) (KMo), 4/9 CPNWRC (343), reduced numbers (ET). Blue-winged Teal-3/18 Pickering Creek WA (DKr), 3/27-4/6 Sheldon's Marsh (45) (VF), 4/2 ONWRC (190), 4/8 Barberton (35) (LR), 4/9 CPNWRC (109), 4/11 Hancock Co. (46) (BH), 4/16 Pickering Creek WA (400+) (DKr), 4/22 Big Island WA (514) (RC), 5/13 Mosquito Lk. (35) (DH). Cinnamon Teal-4/13-14 Wooster (m.ob., ph.), 4/7-5/2 ONWR (pair, ph.) (VF*, KA). Cinnamon X Blue-winged Teal-4/16-27 ONWR (KA, RC) [no details-Ed.]. Northern Shoveler-3/19 Barberton (35) (LR), 3/25 Spring Valley (20) (LG), 3/27 ONWR (80) (VF), 4/2 ONWRC (97), 4/4 Hancock Co. (22) (BH), 4/9 CPNWRC (155), 4/27 ONWR (80) (VF). Gadwall-3/19 Darby Marsh (25) (KMo), 3/27 ONWR (100) (VF), 4/2 ONWRC (130), 4/7 Medusa Marsh (47) (Est), 5/27 Medusa Marsh (5) (RH). Eurasian Wigeon-4/10 Medusa Marsh (KA). American Wigeon-3/22 Mogadore Res. (160) (VF), 3/25 ONWR (212) (RC), 4/9 CPNWRC (243), 5/27 Medusa Marsh (RH).

Diving Ducks

Canvasback-3/18 MHSEF (360) (LR), 3/19 Lorain/Cleveland (2100) (VF), 4/9 CPNWRC (105). Redhead-3/11 Buck Creek SP (75) (DO), 3/12 CPNWRC (367), 3/14 Findlay Res. (101) (BH), 3/19 L. Erie shore (2720) (VF), 4/2 Mogadore Res. (143) (LR), 5/7 ONWRC (4), 5/16 Barberton (ECP). Ring-necked Duck-3/9 L. Cowan (50) (LG), 3/19 Grand River WA (Trumbull Co.) (200) (RH), 3/22 Mogadore Res. (1420) (VF), 4/9 CPNWRC (130), 4/16 Stages Pond (210) (RC), 5/20 Medusa Marsh (KMo). Greater Scaup-4/1 Cleveland (4000) (VF). Lesser Scaup-3/18 MHSEF (3600) (LR), 3/18 Sandusky Bay (2000+)



Am. White Pelicans at CJ Brown Reservoir. Clark Co.. April 1989. Photograph by John Shrader.

(TK), 3/23-4/2 Cleveland (3800) (VF), 3/25 Metzger Marsh (8000) (MA), 5/14 CPNWRC (57). **Tufted Duck X Scaup, sp.-4/2-4** Cleveland (m.ob.) [apparently the exact identity of this bird remains in question; British experts suspect it is a hybrid, others are not so sure; more details may be forthcoming-Ed.]. **Harlequin Duck-3/18-20** Edgewater Pk. (KA, TL), 3/19-22 Avon Lake (VF), Oldsquaw-Eight reports (4 inland) from 3/5 to 4/29. **Surf Scoter-3/11** Lorain (3) (VF, KMo), 5/11 New London Res. (2) (VF), 5/14 CPNWRC, Late: 5/27 Lorain (LR). **White-winged Scoter-3/5-19** Springfield (3) (m.ob.), 3/7-12 Lorain Co. (12) (VF, TL, ECP), 3/23 Cleveland (2) (VF), 4/3 L. Rockwell (3) (LR), Late: 5/29-31 Toledo (MA). **Common Goldeneye-3/12** Cleveland (800) (VF), 3/12 CPNWRC (160), Late: 5/13 ONWR (KA). **Bufflehead-3/19** Avon Lk. (65) (VF), 3/25-4/1 Spring Valley (30) (LG, DO), 4/3 L. Rockwell (62) (LR), 4/4 Findlay Res. (26) (BH), Late: 5/16 Winous Pt. (6) (KA). **Hooded Merganser-3/23** Lorain Co. (72) (VF), 3/25 ONWR (210) (RC), 4/6 Conneaut (65) (VF), nested ONWR, LPWA, Magee Marsh (KA, RH). **Common Merganser-3/12** Lorain Co. (500) (VF). **Red-breasted Merganser-3/19** Lorain Co. (6300) (VF), 3/28 Findlay Res. (517) (BH), 4/6 Ashtabula Co. (12,000) (VF), 4/22 MHSEF (15,000) (LR), 5/30 Findlay Res. (BH). **Ruddy Duck-3/12** L. Cowan (NH), 4/10 Wellington Res. (300) (KA), 4/14 Lucas Co. (800) (VF), 4/21 Mogaone Res. (188) (LR), 5/17 Pickerington Pond (10) (KM), 5/27 ONWR (pair) (RH).

Vultures through Falcons

Black Vulture-3/5 Adams Co. (PW), 4/3 Scioto Trails SF (KA), 4/15 Lunken Airport (PG), 5/14 Fort Ancient (LG), 5/29 Hamilton Co. (DS). **Turkey Vulture-3/1** Hamilton Co. (DD), 3/14 Mahoning Co. (NB), 3/23 Richland Co. (40) (JVH), 3/25-28 ONWR (817) (JK, TN), 3/27 Perkins Beach (Cuyahoga Co.) (116) (RH), 4/4 Perkins Beach (150) (RH), 4/30 Lake Co. (55) (LR). **Osprey-45** reports from 3/19 to 4/30. **Bald Eagle-Nest** with young at Mosquito Lk. (DH), 16 reports away from traditional L. Erie areas. **Northern Harrier-27** reports plus 16 at ONWR for season (JK, TN). **Sharp-shinned Hawk-Migrants: 3/25** ONWR (9) (m.ob.), 3/27-28 ONWR (55) (JK, TN), 4/14 ONWR (51) (JK, TN), 4/29 ONWR (36) (JK, TN), 4/30 Lake Co. (178) (LR), nested in Lucas Co. (MA). **Cooper's Hawk-Migrants: 3/25** ONWR (6) (m.ob.), 3/27 ONWR (11) (JK, TN), 4/30 Lake Co. (6) (LR). **Northern Goshawk-3/11** Magee Marsh (KA), 3/25 ONWR (m.ob.). **Red-shouldered Hawk-3/11** Magee Marsh (12) (KA), 3/25 ONWR (18) (m.ob.), 3/27 ONWR (25) (JK, TN), 4/30 Lake Co. (5) (LR). **Broad-winged Hawk-Early: 4/2** Hinckley Lk. (Medina Co.) (RH), 4/14 ONWR (VF), 4/15 Xenia (JHI), 4/20 ONWR (25) (JK, TN), 4/30 Lake Co. (160+) (LR). **Red-tailed Hawk-3/11** ONWR (59) (JK, TN), 3/12 Wayne Co. (20) (KMo), 3/25 ONWR (65) (m.ob.), 3/27 ONWR (184) (JK, TN), 3/27 Perkins Beach (19) (RH). **Rough-legged Hawk-20** reports from 3/10 to 5/17 plus 12 at ONWR for season (JK). **American Kestrel-25** at ONWR for season (JK). **Merlin-3/18** ONWR (RCu), 3/25 ONWR (m.ob.), 4/14 MHSEF (LR), 4/30 Lake Co. (LR), 5/7 ONWR, 5/20 Lucas Co. (RC, KA). **Peregrine Falcon-3/4** Cleveland (ECP), 3/18 Ottawa Co. (2) (RCu), 4/4 Cleveland (ECP), 4/22 Wayne Co. (VDM), 4/30 Lake Co. (LR), 5/13 Crane Creek (KA), 5/20 Magee Marsh (KA), 5/25 Cleveland (pair) (RH, TL, IK), throughout period in Toledo (m.ob.).

Pheasants through Cranes

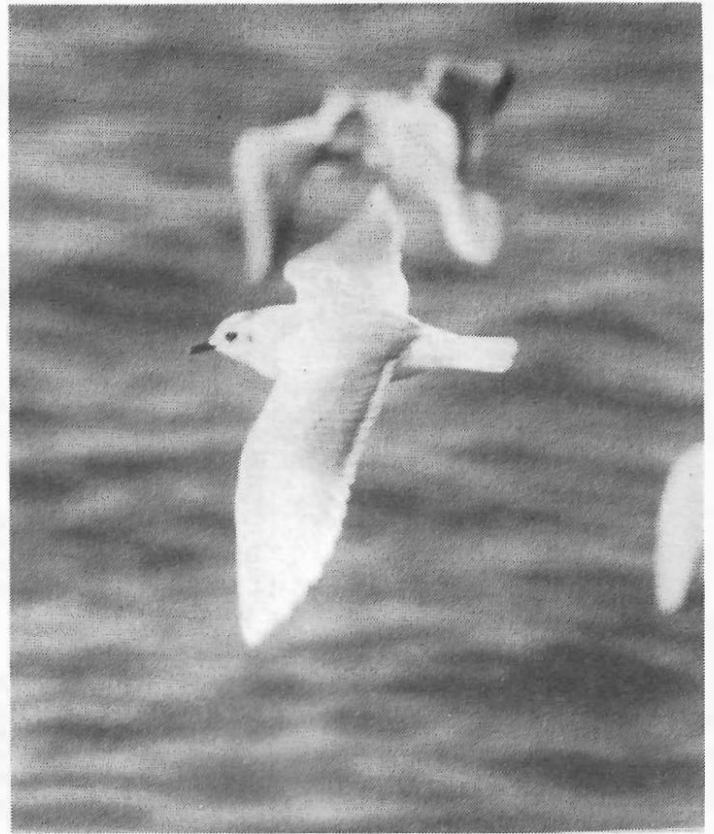
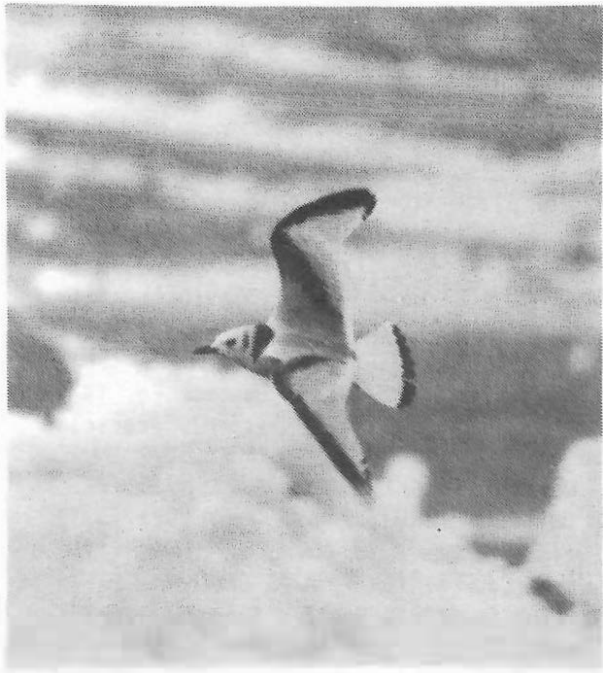
Ring-necked Pheasant-7 reports. **Ruffed Grouse-3/5** Adams Co. (PW), 3/19 Grand River WA (RH), 3/25 ONWR (PE), 4/18 Liberty (Trumbull Co.) (DH), 4/26 Shawnee SF (5) (KA), nested in Holmes Co. (DM). **Wild Turkey-3/5** Adams Co. (PW), 4/12 Scioto Trails SF (KA), 4/25 Richland Co. (JVH), 5/18 Hocking Co. (BSt), 5/17 Shawnee SF (KA), increasing in Holmes and Washington Cos. (DKI, LB). **Northern Bobwhite-19** reports. **King Rail-4/24** Big Island WA (BA), 5/4 LPWA (4) (KA), 5/16 Big Island WA (RC), 5/21 LPWA (RC), 5/29 Wayne Co. (JVH). **Virginia Rail-3/27** Spring Valley (fide JSt), 3/28 Pickaway Co. (KA), 4/2 Medusa Marsh (VF), 4/16 Spring Valley (5) (RC). **Sora-3/28** Pickaway Co. (KA), 4/6 Spencer Lk. (Medina Co.) (RH), 4/16 Spring Valley (6) (RC), 5/14 Magee Marsh (35) (KA), 5/16 Big Island WA (12) (SE). **Purple Gallinule-3/18** Montgomery Co. (6) (RT, KC, ph.). **Common Moorhen-4/23** Crane Creek (RC), 5/6 Wayne Co. (DKI), 5/6 Clark Lk. (DC), 5/7 Spring Valley (LB), 5/13 Mosquito Lake (SE). **American Coot-3/4** Mosquito Creek WA (KMo), 4/4 Findlay Res. (257) (BH), 4/6 Wellington Res. (300) (VF, RH), 4/9 CPNWRC (801), 4/12 Magee Marsh (600) (VF), 4/15 Delaware WA (600) (RC), 5/7 ONWR (486), 5/13 Barbenton (adults/young) (LR). **Sandhill Crane-Nine** reports including 50 on 3/11 in the Miami Valley (m.ob.).

Shorebirds

Black-bellied Plover-4/26 Medusa Marsh (VF), 4/28 Willow Pt. WA (DKr), 4/29 Wayne Co. (DK1), 5/2 Great Miami R. (10) (TL), 5/22 Metzger Marsh (80) (JH, JSh). **Lesser Golden-Plover**-3/27 Magee Marsh (47) (VF), 3/27 Metzger Marsh (30) (KA), 4/8 ONWR (100) (ECP), 4/23 Clark Co. (50) (BA), 4/24 Big Island WA (120) (BA), 4/29 Pickaway Co. (1250) (RC, TD), 4/29 Wayne Co. (950) (DK1), 5/13 Marion/Wyndot Cos. (250) (JH, m.ob.). **Semipalmated Plover**-5/2 Wayne Co. (DK1), 5/7 ONWR (39), 5/8 Pickenel Creek WA (DKr), 5/22 Huron (26) (TL), 5/28 Gordon Pk. (13) (RH), 5/29 Ohio R. (LB). **Killdeer**-3/4 Waterville (ET), 3/11 Crane Creek (93) (VF), 5/7 ONWR (105), 5/13 Hancock Co. (46) (BH). **Black-necked Stilt**-5/22-24 ONWR (JH*, JSh, m.ob.*) [about the 6th state record]. **American Avocet**-4/20 ONWR (26) (JSz). **Greater Yellowlegs**-3/11 ONWR (KA), 5/5 MHSEF (114) (VF), 5/7 ONWR (34). **Lesser Yellowlegs**-3/12 Lunken Airport (DD), 3/21 Wayne Co. (DK1, JvH), 3/27 ONWR (VF), 4/23-27 LPWA (100-130) (VF), 5/4 Ottawa Co. (300) (KA). **Solitary Sandpiper**-4/13 Funk (VF), 4/15 Pickenel Creek WA (DKr), 4/27 Ottawa Co. (8) (VF), 4/30 Gilmore Ponds (10) (DS), 5/7 ONWR (19), 5/13 Hancock Co. (8) (BH), 5/14 CPNWR (24). **Willet**-4/29 Wayne Co. (5) (DK1), 4/29 Sheldon's Marsh (KMo), 5/5 MHSEF (6) (VF), 5/5 Huron (2) (RH, TL), 5/9 Hamilton Co. (DB). **Spotted Sandpiper**-Early: 4/2 ONWR (TB, ECP), 4/20 Gilmore Ponds (m.ob.), 4/20 Adams Co. (PW), 4/22 CUNRA (DAC), 4/27 Mosquito Creek (CE), 5/5 MHSEF (68) (VF), 5/7 ONWR (22), 5/18 Hancock Co. (28) (BH). **Upland Sandpiper**-9 reports beginning 4/17. **Whimbrel**-5/25 Washington Co. (LB, m.ob.). **Ruddy Turnstone**-3/12 Lorain (last reported sighting of wintering individual) (VF), 5/6 Crane Creek (LG), 5/13 Hancock Co. (BH), 5/22 Metzger Marsh (25) (JH, JSh), 5/25 Magee Marsh (250) (KA). **Red Knot**-5/25 Magee Marsh (2) (KA). **Sanderling**-5/18 Magee Marsh (3) (KA) [only report-Ed.]. **Semipalmated Sandpiper**-5/6 Wayne Co. (DK1), 5/8 Gilmore Ponds (JD), 5/27 Huron (11) (TL), 5/28 Gordon Pk. (RH). **Western Sandpiper**-5/6 Wayne Co. (DK1*, m.ob., ph.). **Least Sandpiper**-4/23 LPWA (KA), 5/5 MHSEF (16) (VF), 5/7 ONWR (113), 5/9 Gilmore Ponds (DB), 5/25 Ohio R. (LB). **White-rumped Sandpiper**-5/16 Magee Marsh (KA), 5/20 Metzger Marsh (VF). **Pectoral Sandpiper**-4/2 ONWR (35), 4/4 Wayne Co. (DK1), 4/15 Bolton Field (Franklin Co. (40) (BA), 4/16 Gilmore Ponds (140+) (DD, JSt), 4/21 Franklin Co. (200) (KA), 4/23 Clark Co. (75) (DD), 4/27 Ottawa Co. (480) (VF), 5/5 LPWA (50) (TL), 5/10 Franklin Co. (300) (RC), 5/25 Ohio R. (LB). **Dunlin**-Early: 3/19 Deer Creek SP (DD), 4/21 Franklin Co. (KA), 5/12 Pickenel Creek WA (800+) (DKr), 5/20 Metzger Marsh (500-650) (MA, VF, RC), 5/25 Magee Marsh (700) (KA), 5/27 Metzger Marsh (300-400) (TL). **Curlew Sandpiper**-5/19 Metzger Marsh (KA*). **Ruff**-5/4 LPWA (KA*). **Short-billed Dowitcher**-5/4 LPWA (20), 5/6 Crane Creek (12) (LG), 5/6 Gilmore Ponds (m.ob.), 5/7 ONWR (57), 5/19 Marblehead (KMo). **Common Snipe**-3/11 ONWR (KA), 4/2 ONWR (36), High: 4/7 Gilmore Ponds (200) (NK, JSt), 5/14 Gordon Park (16) (VF). **American Woodcock**-3/1 Washington Co. (LB), 3/4 Sheldon's Marsh (IK), 3/11 Spring Valley (CC), 3/14 Hancock Co. (BH), 3/15 Liberty (DH), 3/16 Oak Openings (TK). **Wilson's Phalarope**-4/15 Spring Valley (DM), 5/14 Pickenel Creek WA (2) (DKr), 5/31 Gordon Pk. (fide WNK). **Red-necked Phalarope**-5/25 Barbenton (LR).

Jaegers through Terns

Laughing Gull-4/30 Cleveland (TL), 5/25 Huron (KA). **Franklin's Gull**-4/9 East Fork Lk. (PB), 4/20 Franklin Co. (fide TD). **Little Gull**-5/5 Huron (RH), 5/27 Huron (RH, TL). **Bonaparte's Gull**-4/1 Lorain (3300) (VF), 4/1 Lake Co. (2000) (VF), 5/16 Huron (185) (VF). **Ring-billed Gull**-3/11 Pleasant Hill Res. (500) (JvH), 5/13 Hancock Co. (844) (BH). **California Gull**-3/12 Cleveland (LR*, ph.). **Thayer's Gull**-3/2-8 Cleveland (m.ob.), 4/6 Lorain (VF). **Iceland Gull**-3/2-8 Cleveland (4) (m.ob.), 3/7-8 Lorain (3) (VF, KA), 4/1 Gordon Pk. (VF). **Lesser Black-backed Gull**-3/2-8 Cleveland (3) (m.ob.), 3/19 Avon Lake (2) (VF), 4/1-11 Lorain (VF), 4/19 Conneaut (2) (VF), Later: 5/14 Crane Creek (KA). **Glaucous Gull**-3/2-8 Cleveland/Lorain (max 9) (m.ob.), 3/8 Eastlake (VF), 3/31 Lorain (VF), 4/1 Huron (VF), 4/1 MHSEF (VF), 4/23 Cleveland (IK). **Herring X Great Black-backed Gull**-3/19 Avon Lake (VF)*. **Great Black-backed Gull**-Inland: 3/13 L. Rockwell (Portage Co.) (LR, ph.), 5/20 Metzger Marsh (MA). **Black-legged Kittiwake**-3/2-13 Cleveland (1-2) (m.ob., ph.). **Sabine's Gull**-5/16 Lorain (m.ob., ph.) [remarkable wintering bird remained through the spring period]. **Caspian Tern**-4/1 Lorain (VF, KA), 4/10 Lorain (20) (TL), 4/18 Englewood Res. (CE), 4/22 ONWR (13) (ECP), 4/23 Conneaut (75) (VF). **Common Tern**-4/17 Columbus (KA), 5/11 Lorain (250) (TL), 5/16 Ottawa Co. (200) (KA), 5/27 Wayne Co. (JvH). **Forster's Tern**-4/4 Lorain (KA), 5/5 Cleveland (22) (VF), 5/16 Ottawa Co. (150) (KA), 5/19 Euck Creek SP (DD). **Black Tern**-5/4 Magee Marsh (KA), 5/4 East Fork Lk.



Gulls at Cleveland, Ohio, late winter/early spring 1989. Clockwise from top left: Black-legged Kittiwake, Little, Lesser Black-backed, Glaucous, and Iceland Gulls. Kittiwake photo by Larry Rosche, all others by Vic Fazio.

(EE, TS), 5/11 Willard Res. (E) (VF), 5/16 Big Island WA (8) (RC), 5/16 GLSM (LG), 5/16 Ottawa Co. (26) (KA).

Cuckoos through Flycatchers

Black-billed Cuckoo-4/29 Adams Co. (EL), 4/30 Miami-Whitewater SF (Hamilton Co. (NK), 5/7 Sugar Creek Res. (LG), 5/19 Lucas Co. (7) (KA, TL), 5/20 Magee Marsh (4) (MA, RC), 5/25 Magee Marsh (8) (KA). **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**-4/26 Adams Co. (KA), 4/30 Hamilton Co. (DB, NK), 5/13 Hancock Co. (BH), 5/20 Magee Marsh (3) (MA), 5/25 Magee Marsh (6) (KA) [both cuckoo species appeared more common this spring]. **Barn Owl**-3/1 Coshocton Co. (JVH), 4/1 Wilmington (CN). **Barred Owl**-two nests in the Oak Openings (TK). **Long-eared Owl**-3/17-18 Killdeer Plains (2) (KA, KM), 3/25 Magee Marsh (2) (m.ob.), 4/9 Lucas Co. (ET), 4/15 Killdeer Plains (RC). **Short-eared Owl**-3/1-4/5 CJ Brown (m.ob.), 3/19 MESP (6) (VF), 4/16 MHSBP (TL), 4/24 Gordon Pk. (TL), 5/3 MESP (3) (JSto). **N. Saw-whet Owl**-3/19 Crane Creek (TL), 3/20 Greenlawn Cem. (KM), 3/25 Magee Marsh (m.ob.). **Common Nighthawk**-4/30 Adams Co. (BL), 5/3 Marietta (LE), 5/4 Shaker Lakes (VF), 5/10 Hamilton Co. (HD), 5/21 Clermont Co. (74) (DB). **Chuck-will's-widow**-4/26 Adams Co. (KA). **Whip-poor-will**-4/20 Washington Co. (LB), 4/21 Adams Co. (FW), 4/21 Oak Openings (TK). **Chimney Swift**-4/15 Pickerington Pond (BA), 4/15 Middletown (NK, JSt), 4/17 Marietta (LE), 4/18 Adams Co. (85) (BL), 4/22 Cleveland (42) (TL), 5/13 Hancock Co. (150) (m.ob.). **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**-4/24 Marietta (LB), 4/26 Shawnee SF (KA), 4/27 Adams Co. (BL), 5/7 Toledo (feeding at Buckeye blossoms with snow on the branches!) (ET). **Belted Kingfisher**-5/13 Hancock Co. (E) (BH). **Red-headed Woodpecker**-24 reports, continues to decline (VF). **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**-3/3 Clermont Co. (HD), 3/14 Wilmington (LG), 4/14 Trumbull Co. (CB), 4/17 Greenlawn Cem. (16) (KA), Late: 5/1 Washington Co. (LB), 5/4 Mahoning Co. (NB), 5/13 Hancock Co. (BH). **Downy Woodpecker**-5/13 Hancock Co. (52) (m.ob.). **Northern Flicker**-3/4 Buck Creek SF (DO), 3/14 Hancock Co. (BH). **Olive-sided Flycatcher**-5/20 Hamilton Co. (HC), 5/21 Englewood Res. (m.ob.), 5/21 Hinckley MP (ECP), 5/22 Mahoning Co. (NB), 5/25 Lucas Co. (5) (KA), 5/25 Sims Pk. (Cuyahoga Co.) (TL). **Eastern Wood-Pewee**-4/30 Hamilton Co. (NK), 5/4 Washington Co. (LE), 5/9 Greenlawn Cem. (BA), 5/21 Darby Marsh (7) (KM). **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**-5/13 Greenlawn Cem. (KM), 5/16 Mahoning Co. (NB), 5/19 MHSBP (VF), 5/19 Perkins Beach (RH), 5/20 CJ Brown (DO), 5/20 Crane Creek (6) (RC), 5/25 Lucas Co. (20) (KA). **Acadian Flycatcher**-4/29 Greenlawn Cem. (KM), 4/29 Adams Co. (BL), 5/2 Hamilton Co. (DO), 5/10 Fort Ancient (LG). **Alder Flycatcher**-5/17 Crane Creek (ET), 5/19 Lucas/Ottawa Cos. (7) (KA), 5/20 Irwin Prairie (3) (MA), 5/22 L. Isaac (Cuyahoga Co.) (4) (RH), 5/25 Lucas Co. (14) (KA). **Willow Flycatcher**-5/2 Hancock Co. (BH), 5/5 Greenlawn Cem. (KM), 5/17 Pickeral Creek WA (DKr), 5/19 Holmes Co. (DK1). **Least Flycatcher**-4/25 Greenlawn Cem. (E) (KA), 4/29 Hamilton Co. (HD), 4/30 Shaker Lakes (5), 5/14 Shaker Lakes (32) (VF), 5/16 Firestone MP (15) (ECP), 5/17 L. Isaac (20) (RH). **Eastern Phoebe**-3/13 Adams Co. (PW), 3/17 Waterville (ET), 3/21 Centerville (JS), 3/25 Magee Marsh (3) (MA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (12) (m.ob.). **Great Crested Flycatcher**-4/21 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 4/25 Cleveland (TL), 4/27 Mosquito Creek (CB), 5/11 Hamilton Co. (E) (HD), 5/30 Hancock Co. (9) (BH). **Eastern Kingbird**-4/20 Hamilton Co. (DE), 4/21 Adams Co. (PW), 4/23 Washington Co. (LE), 4/25 Pickaway Co. (KA), 4/29 Pickeral Creek WA (DKr), 5/19 Lucas/Ottawa Cos. (55) (KA), 5/25 Crane Creek (30) (BA).

Larks through Thrushes

Horned Lark-3/7 Hancock Co. (21) (BH). **Purple Martin**-3/17 Washington Co. (LB), 3/23 Delaware Co. (KA), 3/25 ONWR (MA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (52) (m.ob.), mortality reported in Mahoning and Washington Cos. (NE, LB). **Tree Swallow**-3/11 Spring Valley (JHi), 3/11 Pickerington Pond (BA), 3/17 Pickerei Creek WA (DKr), 3/30 Grand Rapids (Wood Co.) (1000) (SH), 4/29 Corning Lk. (140) (VF), 5/7 ONWRC (200), 5/14 ONWRC (107), 5/21 Darby Marsh (150) (KMc). **N. Rough-winged Swallow**-4/6 Findley Lk. (Lorain Co.) (RH), 4/8 C.J. Brown Res. (KM), 4/12 Magee Marsh (VF), 5/5 MHSBP (90) (VF), 5/12 Spring Valley (37) (BSt). **Bank Swallow**-4/20 Willow Pt. WA (DKr), 4/23 Spring Valley (LB), 5/11 Willard Res. (300) (VF), 5/13 Findlay Res. (81) (m.ob.). **Cliff Swallow**-Early: 3/28 Pickaway Co. (KA), 4/23 Hamilton Co. (FG), 5/10 Hoover Res. (30) (RC), 5/13 Findlay Res. (38) (m.ob.). **Barn Swallow**-3/26 Hamilton Co. (HC), 4/4 Hancock Co. (BH), 4/4 Adams Co. (BL), 4/6 Findley Lk. (RH), 4/8 Alum Creek Res. (BA), 5/11 Portage Co. (450) (VF). **Blue Jay**-5/4 Perkins Beach (600) (RH), 5/5 MHSBP (450) (VF), 5/20 Lucas Co. (450) (RC, KA). **Red-breasted Nuthatch**-5/8 Washington Co. (LB), 5/12 Wilmington (LG), 5/13 Hancock Co. (BH), 5/19 Oak Openings (MA), 5/21 Sheldon's Marsh (RC, KA). **Brown Creeper**-4/30 Shaker Lakes (45) (VF), 5/19 Oak Openings (MA), 5/29 CVNSA (FE). **Bewick's Wren**-3/9 Englewood Res. (CB), 4/20-29 Adams Co. (BL). **House Wren**-Early: 3/27 Mahoning Co. (NB), 4/21 Adams Co. (BL), 4/21 Caesar Creek (DD), 4/22 Greenlawn Cem. (KM), 4/22 Hamilton Co. (HC), 4/29 Pickerei Creek WA (DKr). **Winter Wren**-3/27 Crane Creek (22) (VF), 4/17 Greenlawn Cem. (38) (KA), 5/19 Mentor Marsh (VF). **Sedge Wren**-5/11 Beavercreek (DN, CM), 5/15 Gordon Park (VF), 5/19 Reno Beach (Lucas Co.) (KA), 5/24 Magee Marsh (RC). **Marsh Wren**-4/27 Crane Creek (VF), 5/3 Washington Co. (LB), 5/13 Pickerington Pond (KM), 5/16 Barberton (8) (ESP), 5/19 Wayne Co. (DK1), 5/20 LPWA (7) (RC), common throughout Sandusky Bay marshes (DKr). **Golden-crowned Kinglet**-4/2 ONWRC (55), 4/4 Hancock Co. (36) (BH), 4/17 Rocky River Res. (70) (RH), 4/17 Shaker Lakes (75) (VF), 5/13 Magee Marsh (MA), 5/18 Shaker Lakes (IK), 5/19 Magee Marsh (KMc). **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**-3/25 Magee Marsh (MA), 3/26 Mosquito Creek (CB), 4/30 Shaker Lakes (180) (VF), 5/7 ONWRC (72), 5/13 Hancock Co. (23) (m.ob.), 5/24 Maricita (LE), 5/27 Crane Creek (RH) [good migration of both kinglet species]. **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**-4/10 Adams Co. (BL), 4/13 Killbuck Marsh (VF), 4/21 Sandusky Co. (DKr), 4/29 Glen Helen (15) (DO), 5/4 Crane Creek (20) (VF), 5/7 ONWRC (28), 5/13 Hancock Co. (10) (m.ob.), 5/13 Mosquito Lk. (6) (DH). **Eastern Bluebird**-3/4 Pickerei Creek WA (DKr), 3/25 Ottawa Co. (34) (RC, KA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (32) (m.ob.). **Veery**-4/26 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 4/27 Cincinnati (DB), 4/29 Mentor Marsh (VF), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (24) (KA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (12) (m.ob.), 5/14 Greenlawn Cem. (10) (RC), 5/27 Mosquito Lk. (5) (DH). **Gray-cheeked Thrush**-4/30 Adams Co. (PW), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (KA), 5/15 Columbus (BA), 5/22 Crane Creek (DAC), 5/25 Cleveland (VF). **Swainson's Thrush**-4/27 Hamilton Co. (7) (HC), 4/29 Adams Co. (DO), 4/30 Shaker Lakes (VF), 5/2 Mosquito Creek (CE), 5/14 Holmes Co. (DK1), 5/19 Lucas/Ottawa Cos. (200) (KA). **Hermit Thrush**-4/17 Greenlawn Cem. (50) (KA), 5/13 Lucas Co. (3) (MA), 5/15 Shaker Lakes (VF). **Wood Thrush**-4/20 Adams Co. (PW), 4/23 Clear Creek (Fairfield Co.) (KM), 4/26 Holmes Co. (DK1), 5/13 Hancock Co. (24) (m.ob.), 5/23 Liberty (8) (DH) [spotted thrushes continue to make poor showings-Ed.]. **American Robin**-3/13 Shaker Lakes (600) (VF), 3/28 Hancock Co. (306) (BH), 5/13 Hancock Co. (317) (m.ob.). **Varied Thrush**-3/26 Bluffton (BH*).

Mimics through Vireos

Gray Catbird-4/18 Adams Co. (PW), 4/23 Findlay (RCu), 4/23 L. Cowan (LG), 5/13 Mosquito Lake (15) (CB), 5/13 Hancock Co. (96) (m.ob.), 5/22 L. Isaac (31) (RH), 5/30 Hancock Co. (30) (BH). **Northern Mockingbird**-common along Cleveland lakefront (RH). **Brown Thrasher**-3/26 Hamilton Co. (HC), 3/27 Adams Co. (BL), 4/1 Spring Valley (DD), 4/2 Greenlawn Cem. (BA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (30) (m.ob.), continued scarce in NW Ohio (MA, TK). **Water Pipit**-3/17 O'Shaughnessy Res. (KA), 3/25 Ottawa Co. (24) (RC), 3/25 MHSBP (5) (MA), 5/4 ONWR (20) (VF), 5/7 Knox Lk. (JWH), 5/9 Findlay Res. (BH), 5/15 Rocky River Res. (RH). **Cedar Waxwing**-5/19 MHSBP (215) (VF), 5/20 Crane Creek (600) (RC), 5/25 Lucas/Ottawa Cos. (500) (KA), large numbers 2nd half of May (m.ob.). **Northern Shrike**-3/24 Gordon Park (VF), 3/25-4/5 Magee Marsh (KA). **Loggerhead Shrike**-3/1 Sandusky Co. (DKr), 3/3 Adams Co. (BL), 3/21 West Branch SF (Portage Co.) (LR, ph.), 4/9 Adams Co. (BL), 5/21 Wood Co. (nesting) (ET). **White-eyed Vireo**-4/18 Adams Co. (PW), 4/23 Trumbull Co. (NB), 4/24 Greenlawn Cem. (KH), 4/25 Hancock Co. (BH), 4/30 Hocking Hills (18) (RC). **Bell's Vireo**-5/20 C.J.

Brown Res. (DD). Solitary Vireo-4/17 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 4/20 Adams Co. (FW), 4/25 Euclid (TL), 4/30 Cincinnati (ESt). Yellow-throated Vireo-4/17 Scioto Trails SF (KA), 4/20 Adams Co. (EL), 4/21 Hamilton Co. (HC), 4/25 Hancock Co. (BH), 4/28 Tinker Creek SF (TL), 5/13 Sharon Woods MF (Franklin Co.) (11) (RD), 5/13 Hocking Co. (5) (ESt). Warbling Vireo-4/20 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 4/22 Spring Valley (m.ob.), 4/27 Crane Creek (VF), 5/8 Spring Valley (9) (HC), 5/19 MHSBF (11) (VF). Philadelphia Vireo-4/30 Miami-Whitewater (NK), 5/9 Greenlawn Cem. (BA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (2) (BH), 5/20 Lucas Co. (3) (MA), 5/21 Akron (LK). Red-eyed Vireo-4/21 Adams Co. (BL), 4/26 Washington Co. (LB), 4/28 Greenlawn Cem. (BA), 4/29 Pickersel Creek WA (DKr), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (80) (KA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (19) (m.ob.), 5/18 Hamilton Co. (17) (HC).

Blue-winged through Cerulean Warblers

Blue-winged Warbler-4/18 Dayton (DB), 4/26 Adams Co. (BL), 4/30 Hocking Hills (26) (RC), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (30) (KA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (10) (m.ob.). Golden-winged Warbler-22 reports beginning 4/25. Brewster's Warbler-5/4 Crane Creek (VF), 5/12 Brecksville Res. (RH), 5/17 Rocky River (VF), 5/21 Aullwood (m.ob.). Tennessee Warbler-4/25 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 4/27 Hamilton Co. (HE, DE), 4/29 Mentor Marsh (VF), 5/13 Hancock Co. (24) (m.ob.), 5/13 Hamilton Co. (17) (HC), 5/18 Scioto Trails SF (200+) (KA). Orange-crowned Warbler-4/25 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 4/27 Hamilton Co. (3) (DB), 5/1 Finestone MF (ECP), 5/4 Crane Creek (VF), 5/9 Lucas Co. (2) (MA), 5/19 Cuyahoga Co. (2) (RH), 5/20 MHSBF (FE). Nashville Warbler-4/25 Columbus (BA), 4/26 Adams Co. (DK), 4/27 Hamilton Co. (12) (DB), 4/30 Shaker Lakes (9) (VF), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (35) (KA), 5/13 Lucas Co. (35) (MA), 5/13 Sharon Woods MF (35) (RC). Northern Parula-4/20 Adams Co. (PW), 4/21 Caesar Creek (DD), 4/30 Hocking Hills (10) (RC), 5/6 Shaker Lakes (VF). Yellow Warbler-4/17 Lunken Airport (DD), 4/21 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 4/21 Adams Co. (BL), 4/22 Pickersel Creek WA (DKr), 4/23 Spring Valley (LG), 4/30 Shaker Lakes (115) (VF), 5/7 ONJRC (73), 5/13 Hancock Co. (90) (m.ob.). Chestnut-sided Warbler-4/26 Adams Co. (FW), 4/27 Wilmington (LG), 4/30 Shaker Lakes (VF), 5/1 Mosquito Creek (CB), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (25) (KA), 5/18 Shaker Lakes (45) (IK). Magnolia Warbler-4/27 Mahoning Co. (NB), 4/29 Scioto Trails SF (KA), 4/30 Adams Co. (DD), 5/17 Mosquito Creek (12) (DB), 5/18 Finestone MF (18) (ECP), 5/19 Lucas Co. (155) (KA). Cape May Warbler-4/25 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 4/27 Hamilton Co. (DB), 4/29 Adams Co. (PW), 5/6 Pickersel Creek WA (DKr), 5/14 Crane Creek (5) (BSt), scarce in Cleveland region (RH). Black-throated Blue Warbler-4/27 Hamilton Co. (DB), 5/1 Mosquito Creek (CB), 5/5 Greenlawn Cem. (RM), 5/7 Lima (5Du), 5/19 Lucas Co. (35) (KA), 5/20 Crane Creek (16) (VF). Yellow-rumped Warbler-4/26 Scioto Trails SF (400) (KA), 4/26 Mahoning Co. (200+) (NB), 4/29 Finestone MF (300) (LK), 4/30 Shaker Lakes (150+) (VF), 5/1 Fairfield Co. (140) (RC), 5/13 Hancock Co. (181) (m.ob.), 5/18 Hamilton Co. (HC), 5/20 Oak Openings (MA), 5/28 Shaker Lakes (VF). Black-throated Green Warbler-4/17 Adams Co. (BL), 4/17 Scioto Trails SF (KA), 4/19 Clermont Co. (19) (DE), 5/4 Crane Creek (30) (VF), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (123) (KA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (43) (m.ob.), 5/13 Lucas Co. (20) (MA). Blackburnian Warbler-4/25 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 4/25 Macedonia (DAG), 4/30 Fort Ancient (LG), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (40) (KA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (17) (m.ob.). Yellow-throated Warbler-4/3 Scioto Trails SF (KA), 4/5 Adams Co. (EL), 4/15-22 Magee Marsh (m.ob.), 4/16 Tar Hollow (8) (VF), 4/30 Hocking Hills (16) (RC), 5/2 Hancock Co. (BH), 5/12 Brecksville Res. (RH). Pine Warbler-3/24 Scioto Trails SF (KA), 3/25 Adams Co. (BL), 3/26 Clermont Co. (DD), 4/16 Brecksville Res. (RH), 4/25 Columbus (BA), 5/5 Lucas Co. (5) (ET). Kirtland's Warbler-5/19 Fero Beach (KA*). Prairie Warbler-4/20 Adams Co. (PW), 4/21 East Fork SF (DD), 4/23 Washington Co. (LB), 4/25 Scioto Trails SF (KA), 5/20 Oak Openings (MA). Palm Warbler-4/20 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 4/24 Finestone MF (JR), 4/25 Adams Co. (EL), 4/30 Shaker Lakes (60) (VF), 5/7 ONJRC (76), 5/13 Hancock Co. (7) (m.ob.). Bay-breasted Warbler-4/25 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 4/29 Adams Co. (BL, DD), 4/30 Shaker Lakes (VF), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (35) (KA). Blackpoll Warbler-4/25 Hocking Hills (JH, EE), 5/5 Greenlawn Cem. (5) (DD), 5/6 Akron (LK), 5/19 Lucas Co. (38) (KA), 5/29 Trumbull Co. (CB). Cerulean Warbler-4/25 Scioto Trails SF (15) (KA), 4/27 Adams Co. (RW), 4/27 Hamilton Co. (DB), 4/28 Washington Co. (LB), 4/30 Hocking Hills (9) (RC).

Black-and-white Warbler through Chat

Black-and-white Warbler-4/17 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (29) (m.ob.), 5/13 Lucas Co. (12) (MA), 5/13 Hamilton Co. (8) (HC), 5/14 CUNRA (10) (PE). **American Redstart**-4/25 Scioto Trails SF (12) (KA), 4/29 Scioto Co. (DK), 5/5 Greenlawn Cem. (BA, KM), 5/19 Lucas Co. (200) (KA), 5/20 Crane Creek (110) (RC), 5/21 Mosquito Lk. (12) (DH). **Prothonotary Warbler**-4/25 Adams Co. (PW), 4/26 Kinickinnick (KA), 4/30 Fort Ancient (LG), 5/21 Winous Pt. (Ottawa Co.) (5) (RC), 5/27 Mosquito Lk. (7) (DH), 5/29 CUNRA (PE), 5/30 Cedar Bog (Champaign Co.) (RC). **Worm-eating Warbler**-4/25 Scioto Trails SF (6) (KA), 4/26 Adams Co. (PW), 4/27 Hamilton Co. (DE), 5/7 Cartwell Cliffs (KM). **Ovenbird**-4/20 Adams Co. (PW), 4/20 Washington Co. (LB), 4/25 Scioto Trails SF (15) (KA), 5/13 Sharon Woods MP (23) (RC), 5/13 Hancock Co. (32) (m.ob.), 5/14 CPNWR (14). **Northern Waterthrush**-4/25 Shaker Lakes (VF), 4/27 Hamilton Co. (HC), 4/29 Pickerel Creek WA (DKr), 5/4 Lima (RCu), 5/14 CPNWR (5). **Louisiana Waterthrush**-3/27 Adams Co. (PW), 4/3 Scioto Trails SF (KA), 4/16 Tar Hollow (39) (VF). **Kentucky Warbler**-4/25 Adams Co. (PW), 4/26 Scioto Trails SF (6) (KA), 4/30 Fort Ancient (LG), 5/6 Shaker Lakes (VF), 5/12 CUNRA (RH), 5/20 Oak Openings (MA). **Connecticut Warbler**-5/19 Lucas Co. (8) (KA), 5/20 Centerville (m.ob.), 5/20 Oak Openings (MA), 5/21 Aullwood (m.ob.), 5/22 Firestone MP (ECP), 5/24 CUNRA (RC). **Mourning Warbler**-5/15 Cincinnati (DD), 5/17 Mahoning Co. (NE), 5/18 Lucas Co. (MA), 5/19 Lucas Co. (19) [amazing-Ed.] (KA), 5/20 Crane Creek (4) (VF, RC), 5/25 Columbus (3) (6A), high numbers in Cleveland region (RH). **Common Yellowthroat**-4/23 Adams Co. (BL), 4/25 Mosquito Creek (CB), 4/25 Columbus (BA), 5/8 Spring Valley (15) (HC), 5/13 Hancock Co. (44) (m.ob.), 5/21 Darby Marsh (20) (KMo). **Hooded Warbler**-4/22 Miami-Whitewater (JSt), 4/27 Washington Co. (LB), 4/28 Adams Co. (PW), 4/30 Hocking Hills (15) (RC), 5/6 CUNRA (PE), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (30) (KA), 5/23 Liberty (5) (DH). **Wilson's Warbler**-5/13 Hancock Co. (BH), 5/15 Shaker Lakes (6) (VF), 5/19 Lucas Co. (28) (KA), 5/20 Crane Creek (8) (RC). **Canada Warbler**-5/14 Adams Co. (DK), 5/16 CUNRA (PE), 5/19 Lucas Co. (50) (KA), 5/20 Crane Creek (18) (RC), high numbers in Cleveland region (RH). **Yellow-breasted Chat**-4/26 Scioto Trails SF (KA), 4/26 Adams Co. (PW), 4/29 Spring Valley (LG), 5/20 Irwin Prairie (6) (MA).

Tanagers through Snow Bunting

Summer Tanager-4/25 Kinickinnick (KA), 4/29 Hamilton Co. (HC), 4/30 Fort Ancient (LG), 5/20 Oak Openings (MA). **Scarlet Tanager**-4/25 Scioto Trails SF (30) (KA), 4/27 Hamilton Co. (HC, DE), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (80) (KA), tremendous fallout in Washington Co. 5/7-17 (LB). **Northern Cardinal**-5/13 Hancock Co. (129) (m.ob.). **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**-4/17 Dayton (BB, CB), 4/23 CUNRA (DAD), 4/25 Columbus (BA), 4/28 Tinker Creek SP (TL), 5/5 Maumee River (24) (ET), 5/5 Greenlawn Cem. (20), 5/7 Oak Openings (22) (MA), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (80) (KA), 5/13 Franklin Co. (101) (RC), 5/13 Hancock Co. (37) (m.ob.), 5/14 Greenlawn Cem. (33) (RC). **Blue Grosbeak**-4/24-5/31 Shawnee Lookout (m.ob.), 4/30 Adams Co. (3) (BL), 5/1 Hamilton Co. (2) (DD), 5/13 Marietta (LB), 5/24 Oak Openings (MA*). **Indigo Bunting**-4/20 Adams Co. (PW), 4/25 Scioto Trails SF (KA), 4/25 Adams Co. (BL), 4/29 Sugar Creek Res. (LG), 5/13 Hancock Co. (31) (m.ob.). **Dickcissel**-5/13 Clermont Co. (DD), 5/13 Hamilton Co. (PWh, JB), 5/20-31 Cj Brown Res. (DD, m.ob.), 5/21 Hamilton Co. (4) (PWh). **Rufous-sided Towhee**-3/4 Wilmington (LG), 4/30 Adams Co. (19) (BL), 5/13 Hancock Co. (28) (m.ob.). **Am. Tree Sparrow**-3/12 CPNWR (73), 4/24 Cuyahoga Co. (23) (RH), Late: 5/1 LFMA (VF), 5/13 Magee Marsh (KA). **Chipping Sparrow**-Early: 3/12 Greenlawn Cem. (KM), 3/29 Adams Co. (BL), 4/2 L. Cowar (LG), 4/6 Pickerel Creek WA (DKr), 4/29 MHSEB (40) (VF), 5/13 Hancock Co. (65) (m.ob.). **Clay-colored Sparrow**-5/14 MHSEB (LR, TL*). **Field Sparrow**-3/7 Adams Co. (BL), 3/11 Spring Valley (LG), 3/27 Toussaint WA (15) (VF), 5/13 Hancock Co. (65) (m.ob.). **Vesper Sparrow**-3/14 Pickaway Co. (KA), 3/19 Deer Creek SP (DD), 3/25 Oregon (MA), 3/25 Ottawa Co. (6) (RC), 3/27 Adams Co. (6) (BL). **Lark Sparrow**-5/20 Oak Openings (MA). **Savannah Sparrow**-3/27 Adams Co. (BL), 3/28 Pickaway Co. (KA), 4/12 DNWR (VF), 5/13 Hancock Co. (17) (m.ob.), 5/30 Cj Brown Res. (19) (RC). **Grasshopper Sparrow**-4/17 Gordon Pk. (TL), 4/20 Adams Co. (PW), 4/25-29 Pickaway Co. (10) (KA, RC), 4/25 Hancock Co. (BH), 5/14 MHSEB (LR), 5/26 Hopkins Airport (RH). **Henslow's Sparrow**-4/22 Caesar Creek (DE), 4/26 Adams Co. (KA), 4/29 Pickaway Co. (RC), 5/7 Hocking Co. (KM), 5/14 Shaker Lakes (VF), 5/15 Huffman Prairie (Montgomery Co.) (m.ob.), 5/20 Toledo Airport (MA). **LeConte's Sparrow**-5/14 CPNWR. **Sharp-tailed Sparrow**-5/14 Gordon Pk. (TL). **Fox Sparrow**-3/2

Wilmington (LG), 3/3 Middletown (TLi), 3/7 Adams Co. (BL), 3/27 Crane Creek (34) (VF), 4/2 ONJRC (40), 4/3 Greenlawn Cem. (45) (KA), 4/14 Mosquito Creek (6) (CB), 4/29 Sheldon's Marsh (KMo), Late: 5/3 Mahoning Co. (NE). **Song Sparrow**-5/13 Hancock Co. (166) (m.ob.). **Lincoln's Sparrow**-5/2 Adams Co. (RH), 5/2 Columbus (BA), 5/4 Magee Marsh (KA), 5/6 Clark Lk. (DD), High: 5/14 MHSEF (24) (LR), 5/20 Crane Creek (5) (RD). **Swamp Sparrow**-3/11 Spring Valley (15) (LG), 4/15 Big Island WA (20) (RD). **White-throated Sparrow**-3/8 Adams Co. (BL), 4/16 Liberty (30) (DH), 4/25 Scioto Trails/Shawnee SF (600) (KA), 4/30 Adams Co. (31) (BL), 5/1 Finestone MP (37) (ECP), 5/13 Hancock Co. (141) (m.ob.), 5/14 CPNARC (85). **White-crowned Sparrow**-3/7 Adams Co. (BL), 3/11 Spring Valley (LG), 3/11 Pickerington Pond (BA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (72) (m.ob.), 5/14 CPNARC (28), 5/25 Magee Marsh (KA). **Dark-eyed Junco**-4/3 Greenlawn Cem. (350) (KA), 4/17 Finestone MP (135) (ECP), 5/18 Bath (PE), 5/29 Cuyahoga Co. (2) (VF). **Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco**-3/17 Shaker Lakes (VF), 4/10 Finestone MP (ECP). **Lapland Longspur**-3/15 Metzger Marsh (SH), 3/25 ONJR (112) (RC, KA). **Snow Bunting**-3/11 ONJR (100) (KA), 3/27 ONJR (19) (VF), 4/11 Findlay Res. (BH).

Blackbirds through Evening Grosbeak

Bobolink-4/21 Franklin Co. (KA), 4/24 Hamilton Co. (PWh), 4/25 Oak Openings (MA), 4/26 Holmes Co. (DKI), 5/4 Crane Creek (24) (VF), 5/14 Ottawa/Lucas Cos. (400) (KA). **Red-winged Blackbird**-3/14 Lake Co. (14,000) (VF), 5/13 Hancock Co. (427) (m.ob.), 5/14 CPNARC (500). **Eastern Meadowlark**-3/4 Gordon Park (VF), 3/4 Wilmington (LG), 3/4 Buck Creek SF (DD), 5/13 Hancock Co. (45) (m.ob.). **Western Meadowlark**-3/11 Magee Marsh (KA), 3/19 MBSP (VF), 3/25 ONJR (RD), 4/15 Killdeer Plains (RD), 4/30 Holmes Co. (DKI). **Yellow-headed Blackbird**-5/5 Magee Marsh (ET), 5/14-19 Crane Creek (m.ob.), 5/17 Pickeral Creek WA (DKr). **Rusty Blackbird**-3/11 Spring Valley (LG), 4/2 Ottawa Co. (1600) (VF), 4/10 Billmore Ponds (100+) (DD), 4/20 ONJRC (150), 5/13 Lucas Co. (MA), 5/13 Mosquito Lk. (DH), 5/16 LPWA (VF). **Brewer's Blackbird**-3/27 Ottawa Co. (3) (KA). **Common Grackle**-3/11 Lake Co. (26,000) (VF). **Brown-headed Cowbird**-5/13 Hancock Co. (74) (m.ob.). **Orchard Oriole**-4/23 Washington Co. (LB), 4/25 Greenlawn Cem. (KA), 4/27 Adams Co. (DKI), 4/27 Pickeral Creek WA (DKr), 5/15 Hamilton Co. (6) (HC), 5/20 Lucas Co. (9) (ET). **Northern Oriole**-4/22 Adams Co. (BL), 4/26 Hamilton Co. (5) (HC), 4/29 Greenlawn Cem. (KM), 5/12 Scioto Trails SF (100) (KA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (69) (m.ob.), 5/14 MHSEF (25) (TL). **Purple Finch**-3/11 Spring Valley (LG), 3/24 Scioto Trails SF (14) (KA), 4/1 Holmes Co. (DKI), 4/21 Franklin Co. (RD), 5/1 Finestone MP (8) (ECP), 5/20 Oak Openings (MA). **Pine Siskin**-3/11 Crane Creek (VF), 4/19 Baston (20) (BSh), 5/10 Oak Openings (MA), 5/13 Sharon Woods MP (RD). **American Goldfinch**-4/26 Scioto Trails SF (300) (KA), 5/13 Hancock Co. (224) (m.ob.), 5/20 Crane Creek (260) (RD). **Evening Grosbeak**-3/26 Sharon Woods MP (7) (RD), 4/3 Greenlawn Cem (KA).

The following Spring 1989 reports are being reviewed by the Ohio Cardinal Records Committee.

Mississippi Kite 5/4 Toussaint WA

Black Rail 5/19 Little Portage WA

Pomarine Jaeger 3/15 ONJR

Blue Grosbeak 5/16 Lima

Smith's Longspur 5/5 Lucas County (8)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editors:

I [wish to point out some errors in your remarks] concerning last winter's occurrence of Ruddy Turnstone [Vol. 12, No. 2]. Not only was it not "the first mid-winter record for interior North America", it was not the first such record for Ohio. Reference to Am. Birds Vol. 29, p. 698 and The Cleveland Bird Calendar Vol. 71, No. 1, p. 7 reveals the presence of a Ruddy Turnstone in Cleveland at White City from December 25, 1974 through February 23, 1975, too late to have been included in any Christmas Bird Count data you may have reviewed. As I personally saw that bird through February 22, 1975 and have Dick's photographs of it (with a Purple Sandpiper), I am certain of the validity of the report.

In addition, the above reference in The Cleveland Bird Calendar cites records for Ruddy Turnstone in the Cleveland region at Lorain on December 30, 1974 and the only previous winter season record on January 1 and 2, 1968. While not "mid-winter" records, both were overlooked in the Editors' note.

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Editors: We stand corrected and thank Mrs. Hoffman for the additional winter Ruddy turnstone records.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ohio has several Rare Bird Alert telephone numbers that may help assist birders in finding unusual birds in their areas. Here is the current list for the state: Cincinnati (513) 521-2847, Cleveland (216) 289-2473, Columbus (614) 221-9736, Blendon Woods Metropark (614) 895-6222, SW Ohio (513) 277-6446, Toledo (419) 877-5003, Youngstown (216) 742-6661.

The Trumpeter Swan Restoration Program in Ontario, Winter 1988-89

The Trumpeter Swans released wing-clipped at the Lee Brown marsh at Long Point, Lake Erie, in March 1988, moulted successfully and were able to fly again in August. They moved to the Big Creek Marsh and then to the mouth of Big Creek during the freeze-up period. They were seen as late as 14 December there but left soon after.

On 17 December No. 81 appeared at Presquille Park in Erie, Pennsylvania and stayed until March.

On 21-26 December, 1988, Nos. 86 and 87 were seen at Dunkirk, New York, on the east end of Lake Erie. These two were raised in captivity in Ontario in 1987.

In mid-December, Nos. 80, 82, and 83 arrived on the Allegheny River near Warren, Pennsylvania. Nos. 80 and 82 were still there 8 March but it appears that No. 83 left some time about 24 February.

Numbers 81 to 86 were wild caught at Comox on Vancouver Island in January-February 1988. One whose number was not read was on Long Point Bay at St. Williams on 12 March.

The Trumpeters fostered under Mute Swans at Cranberry Marsh in 1986 wandered more widely in 1988 than they did in their first two years of life. In April Nos. 24 and 25 moved 20 km north to Lake Scugog and then No. 24 moved on to Balsam Lake about 80 km north of Cranberry Marsh. They returned to lake Ontario and spent August and September between Cranberry Marsh and Humber Bay. In October they moved back to lake Scugog for a few days but returned to Lake Ontario. On 26 December they were together on Toronto Island and on 18 February, 1989, were seen on Cherry Beach. They returned to Whitby Harbor about 12 March.

One of the wild caught Trumpeters from Comox was retained for breeding. However, the pinioning operation was not successful and it flew away in August. This male moved to Gibson Lake near Palgrave where it remained until the lake froze in late November. This was probably the unmarked Trumpeter seen with Nos. 24 and 25 on Toronto Island on 26 December.

Dr. Andrie of the Buffalo Museum of Science reported an immature "that was likely a Trumpeter" on 11 February 1989 in Dunkirk Harbor. It was unmarked.

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SPRING STILT SURPRISE

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By mid-afternoon on Monday, May 22, Judy Sherwood and I were just finishing our annual two day birding trip to Lake Erie and thinking about starting back to Columbus. It had been a fairly successful trip with over 100 species so far. After doing a Big Day Birdathon the preceding weekend we were taking it easy trying to fill in the gaps in our year lists and enjoying ourselves.

Since we hadn't turned up much in the way of waders and shorebirds we decided to see what we could find at Ottawa NWR even though there was serious dike repair work going on. We parked by the refuge office and picked our way through heavy equipment, piles of loose dirt and mud-filled tread marks until we headed north from the parking lot normally used by birders. It was a cloudy day with occasional periods of weak sun and the temperature was mild with a light breeze. We walked toward the lake past the first two impoundments without seeing much of interest except a pair of Spotted sandpipers playing hide-and-peek with us along the dike. The waterfowl had either moved on or were hiding in the vegetation and Killdeer were the only other kind of shorebird visible. We turned west to the end of the dike and south again, discovering that the area which had been good for shorebirds a week earlier was now abandoned, and only Great Blue herons and Great egrets kept the coots company. Through the woods we went, still hoping for something wonderful. A pair of Wood ducks took off, but otherwise even the passerines were quiet.

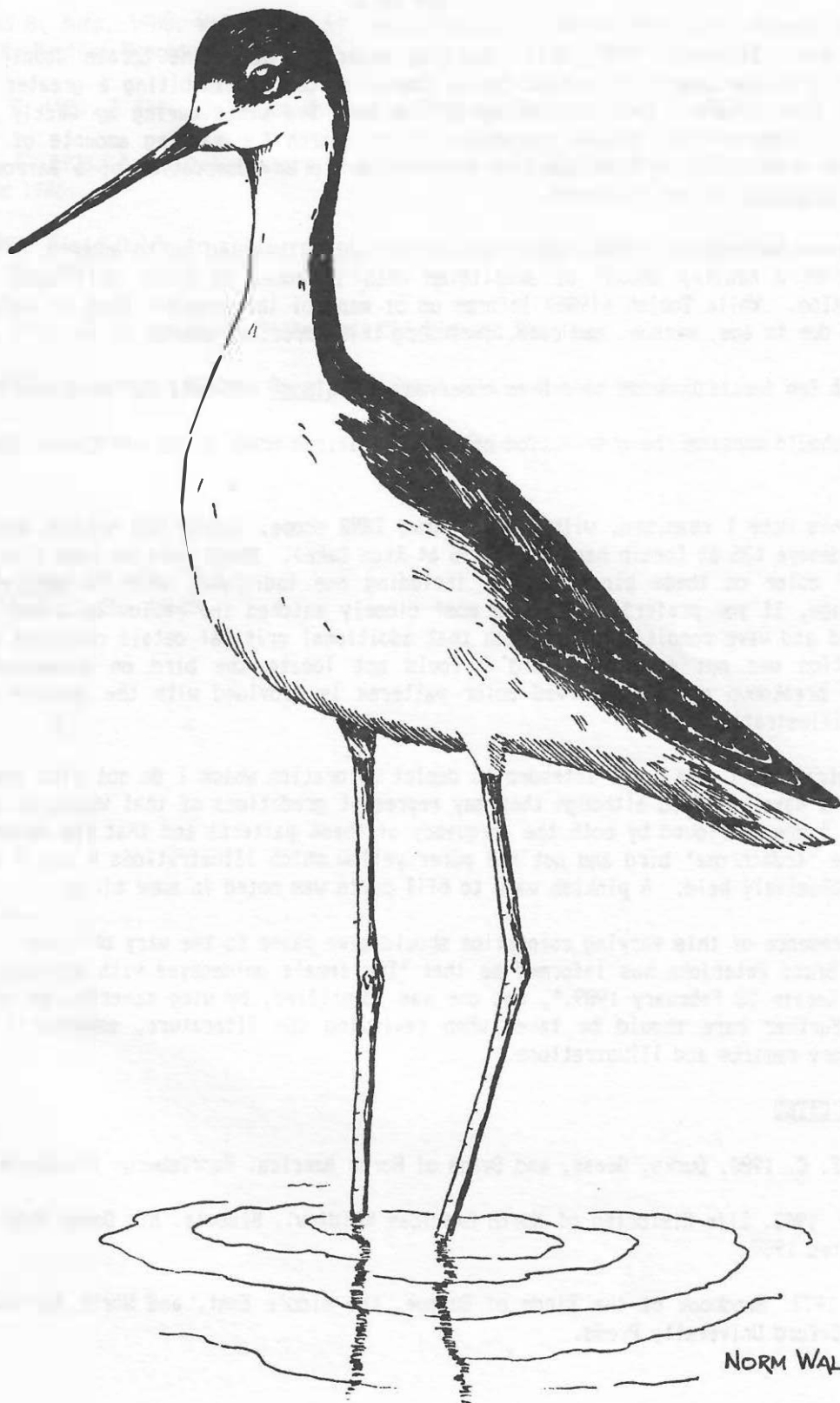
Finally, our path brought us back to the southwest corner of the first impoundment where signs forbid further passage along the dike road paralleling Route 2. Ahead, we saw three egrets, one of which was hunched down enough to merit inspection in case it might be a sought-after Snowy. It wasn't, but as we both put our glasses on it we saw a strange black-and-white object moving in the background. Simultaneously we said "What's that?", then Judy said "We just saw that in Texas!" as I focused in to see a Black-necked stilt! It was in the company of about a half dozen yellowlegs of both species in an area where the ground seemed to be slightly above water level. The birds moved in and out of short vegetation so we had unobstructed views of it as it fed by pecking at the ground. We quickly set up our scope and watched it slowly work its way east, at a distance of about 225 feet. then we also moved east until we were directly opposite it where we had a chance to study it at our leisure at a distance of no more than 50 yards. We immediately used our checklist to write field notes and make a rough drawing of the bird which we realized would need to be documented for an official sighting, even though it is such a distinctive bird that it really can't be mistaken for anything else. Unlike many species, it is very aptly named for it truly did appear to be teetering around on a pair of long pink stilts.

After looking our fill for about 15 minutes and double-checking our observations, we made our way back to the car and then on to spread the word with phone calls and a talk with John Pogacnik in hopes that other birders would be as lucky as we and get to see an Ohio Black-necked stilt.

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EDITORS' NOTE

There are five probable prior records of Black-necked stilt in Ohio other than general historical references. Four of them and the general historical references are discussed in The Ohio Cardinal, Vol. 4, No. 2. Vol. 5, No. 2 (joint issue). There is an additional sight record of this species from the Fostoria Reservoir on July 6, 1985 (A. H. Clausus).



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SOME VARIABILITY IN THE EXTENT OF BILL COLOR IN FEMALE COMMON
GOLDENEYE, BUCEPHALA CLANGULA: A CAUTIONARY NOTE.

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In early February, 1989, while counting waterfowl along the Lorain County lakeshore, I inadvertently became aware of certain female Common goldeneye exhibiting a greater prominence of bill color than others. Over the course of the next few weeks during my weekly census of the lakeshore, I progressively became systematic in my search for varying amounts of bill color in these birds, especially as this practice may lead me to an observation of a Barrow's goldeneye, Bucephala islandica, or so I thought.

This non-scientific review, begun out of curiosity, has led me to suggest or reiterate the observance of a healthy amount of skepticism when it comes to using bill color in Bucephala identification. While Tobish (1986) informs us of many of the possibilities in variation in both goldeneyes due to age, season, and race, including this important note.....

"A few female Commons have been observed with almost entirely yellow-orange bills.....",

I think I should mention the observation of some variations noted along the Lorain lakeshore from 1 March 1989.

On this date I examined, with a 40x77 Kowa TSN2 scope, within 100 meters, approximately 90 female goldeneye (35 at Lorain harbor, and 55 at Avon Lake). There were no less than five distinct degrees of color on these birds' bills, including one individual with an entirely yellow (or yellow-orange, if you prefer) bill which most closely matched the yellow on a box of Kodachrome film. Wind and wave conditions were such that additional critical detail required for conclusive identification was not obtainable and I could not locate the bird on subsequent days. An additional breakdown of the observed color patterns is provided with the generic female Common goldeneye illustrations.

Illustrations C and D are intended to depict coloration which I do not find described in the literature I have reviewed although they may represent gradations of that which is described. In any event, I was intrigued by both the frequency of these patterns and that the color most closely matched the "Kodachrome" bird and not the purer yellow which illustrations A and B tended toward, but not exclusively held. A pinkish wash to bill parts was noted in some birds.

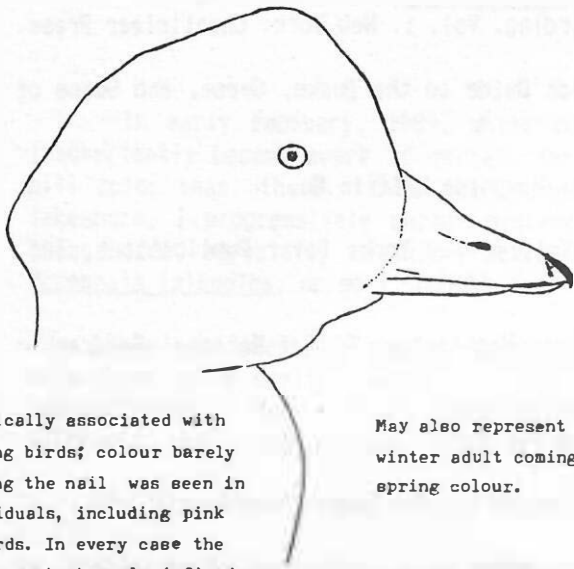
The presence of this varying coloration should give pause to the wary observer. I should note here that Bruce Peterjohn has informed me that "Two female goldeneyes with entirely yellow bills (were) at Lorain 12 February 1989.", and one was identified, by wing coverts, as an adult female Common. Further care should be taken when reviewing the literature, especially as to detect contradictory remarks and illustrations.

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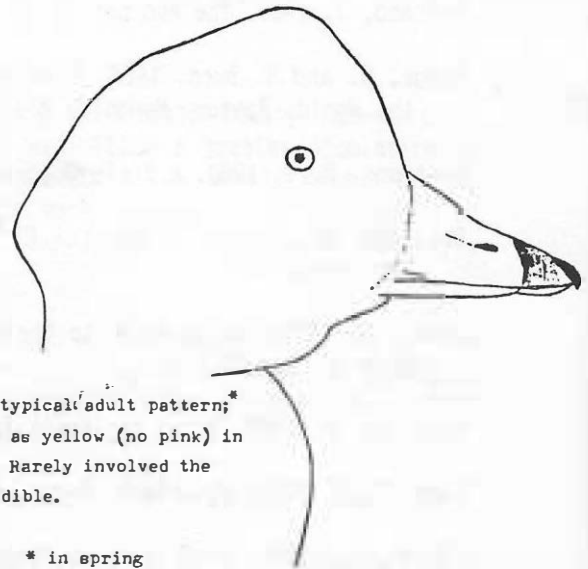
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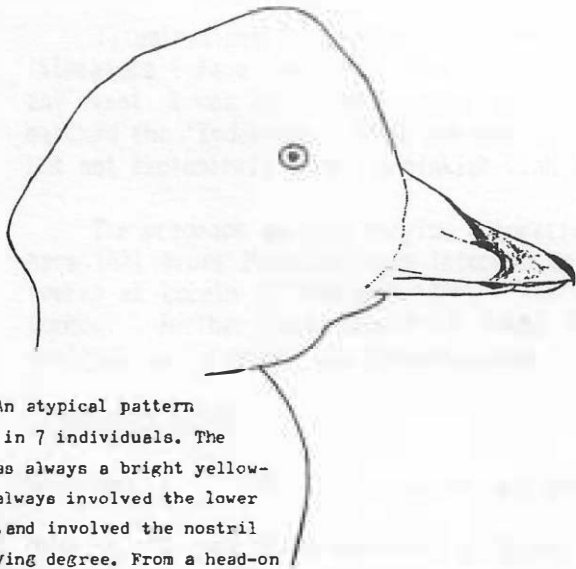
A. Typically associated with 1st spring birds; colour barely enveloping the nail was seen in 42 individuals, including pink in 11 birds. In every case the colour was not strongly defined, melding with the dark bill.

May also represent a winter adult coming into spring colour.

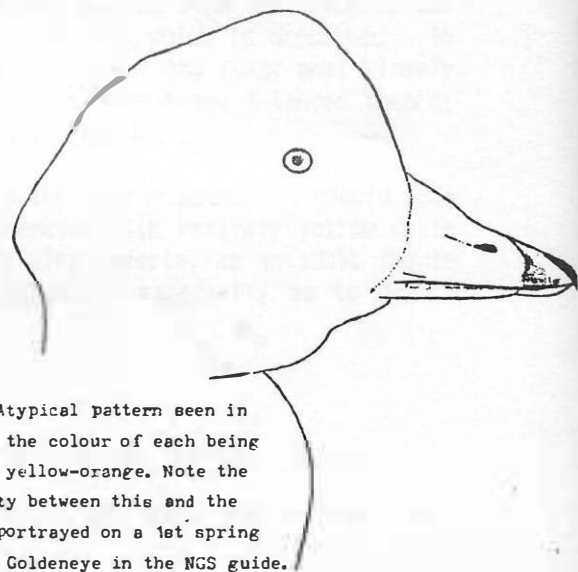


B. The typical adult pattern; * only seen as yellow (no pink) in 37 birds. Rarely involved the lower mandible.

* in spring



C. An atypical pattern observed in 7 individuals. The colour was always a bright yellow-orange, always involved the lower mandible, and involved the nostril to a varying degree. From a head-on view the entire bill would appear to exhibit the bright colour.



D. Atypical pattern seen in 3 birds, the colour of each being a bright yellow-orange. Note the similarity between this and the pattern portrayed on a 1st spring Barrow's Goldeneye in the NGS guide.

TRUMBULL COUNTY TAMARACK SWAMP

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Historic evidence for a tamarack swamp in northern Trumbull County is mentioned in Early Years on the Western Reserve by George C. Wing. This book is an account of the Brown family of Bloomfield who moved to Ohio from Connecticut. It was written by a descendant and includes quotes from letters, diaries, journals, reminiscences, and local tradition. Chapter IV is devoted to the tamarack swamp.

In the 19th century the swamp was said to be "unapproachable by man" but a haven for "ducks, snipe, plovers, rails and sandpipers." The timber of "larger growths, pines, spruce, hemlock and the black larch.....abounded," until "summer heats" caused fire. The fires were impossible to fight in the swamp so the people tried to protect their fields and homes. "Water from toilsome distances, fresh grasses, foliage and damp earth, were thrown upon the creeping foe.....Finally, after many seasons, the big timber was devastated."

The author says that the swamp was peculiar because it was on high ground and because it had four islands, "distinct hummocks of sandy-loam well grown with maples or other hardwood timber and fringed around with low alders and evergreens." It was close to other swamps and broken ground to the north where the dense cover made a refuge for "Wolves, deer, foxes, and lesser animals. Big marsh hares.....reddish yellow in the summer and white in the snowy months.....thrived." Winter was the only time when "hardened surfaces" allowed "access" and "sport to course these fleetest of creatures.....to the waiting guns."

"The place was long-famed as a pigeon roost, and the daily flights thereto from the near and far beechwoods and buckwheat fields fairly darkened the skies. Wild turkeys, partridges, woodcocks and quail were in great store. And it was a favorite place for people to harvest huckleberries." The huckleberry harvest of 1830 is mentioned in the "Reminiscences of Senator William M. Stewart of Nevada", as noted in Early Years on the Western Reserve. He mentions that five miles east of his house on Grand River was a huckleberry swamp. He and his family so filled their wagon with huckleberries that they had to walk home.

Alexander (the son of "Squire Brown") Brown's journal of July 31, 1841, mentions seeing people "going to the swamp after berries." The August 1 entry states that the town was alarmed; the church bell rang for two boys who had gotten lost in the swamp. Joining the search party he notes: "Swamp very pleasant, and full of Whortle and Cranberries, and all sorts of wildflowers and young tamaracks."

"Local tradlton" allies the swamp with the Underground Railroad. "Bloomfield was on the route.....Squire Brown's house was an important station.....It was whispered.....when the pursuit was close, and the occasion desperate, Old Tamarack opened her murky depths to the panting human, and held him secret and secure."

I think the site of the swamp is now east of Bloomfield along State Route 87 past an abandoned railroad track. This land has been flooded again by a man-made impoundment on ODNR land. A ditch running north and south is probably an early attempt to drain the land for farming. There is a high hummock of land, possibly one of the islands that now has a planting of white pine. On this hummock is a spring that the former farmer owner had leveled at one end to enable his cows to drink. This impoundment has flooded some forest creating dead trees and attracting Tree swallows, Prothonotary warblers, Red-headed woodpeckers, Great Crested flycatchers, and beavers who are helping to perpetuate the high water.

The swamp is today "unapproachable by man" because of ODNR ownership (no trespassing) but it still is a haven for all sorts of wild things and much can be seen right from the road.

The winter white hare and the wolf will probably not return, but the Wild turkey is returning. The partridge, once a common name for the Ruffed grouse, is still here.

Summer residents include Common yellowthroat, Ovenbird, American redstart, Yellow-breasted chat, and Blue-winged, Yellow, and Prothonotary warblers, Bobolink, Brown creeper, Cooper's. Red-shouldered, and Red-tailed hawks, Northern harrier, Bald eagle, Mallard, Wood duck, Blue-winged teal, Hooded merganser, Barred and Great Horned owls, Least flycatcher, Eastern bluebird, Sora, Virginia rail, and Savannah sparrow.

The Ruby-throated hummingbirds are always found around the summer blooming Canada lily, and Bobolinks are always perching on colorful swaying plants. There is a mixture of northern, Appalachian, and prairie plants: Bur oaks, Blazing stars, Queen of the prairie, Butterfly weed, Sphagnum moss, Foam flower, and many more. On August 1, 1841, when Alexander Brown walked through the tamarack swamp, he said it was pleasant with flowers. He did not mention deer flies or mosquitos; deer flies and mosquitos are there now. Spotted and Painted turtles can be found in the ponds along with the Northern Water snake, which seems to be the most common snake. Massasauga rattlesnakes are also there.

During migration the different habitats (woods, edges, ponds, wetlands, fields) and wild food crops attract numbers of ducks and a large variety of other birds. Winter also can bring pleasant surprises in bird life.

Watching and finding birds makes one very aware of the change of seasons or cycle of seasons. Watching the land and finding fragments of its history makes one very aware of change. Some of the swamp's change was because of glacial retreat and warmer temperatures, some may have been man's attempt to drain off water for cultivation of the land. Today the swamp's site is wet-- as it was 200 years ago. Man brought back some of what had been there.

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Least Bittern at Mosquito Lake, Trumbull Co., 13 May 1989. Photograph by Carole Jonson-Babyak.

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