

The 2003-04 Christmas Bird Counts

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This year we present the results of only 54 Christmas Count circles, down from 60 the past two years. We did have one new circle, Carey, located centered in Wyandot County. We have come to rely on getting the results from the Audubon web site (www.audubon.org/bird/cbc) for the most part. This year, Audubon changed to a new data entry system, which took quite a while to implement. Perhaps some compilers just gave up in frustration, and didn't report their results. At any rate, we hope to have more results next year. As always, we have reported the results as you submitted them, without verifying reports of rarities.

Although we had fewer circles this year, we found more species of birds, with this year's total of 151 species topping last year's 148, but still short of 152 from two years ago. Twenty-one of those species were found in only one count circle: a greater white-fronted goose at Carey (plus another count week at Toledo), a harlequin duck and a sanderling at Lake Erie Islands, a broad-winged hawk at Oxford, a peregrine falcon, a pomarine jaeger, a Franklin's gull and a little gull at Elyria-Lorain, four Virginia rails at Millersburg, a greater yellowlegs and a pine warbler at Adams County, four dunlins at Ashtabula, a Thayer's gull at Cleveland, a rufous hummingbird at Columbus, three house wrens at Hoover Reservoir, a yellow warbler and a palm warbler at Ragersville, a lark sparrow at Western Hamilton County, a Henslow's sparrow at Cincinnati, a Brewer's blackbird at Wilmot, and a white-winged crossbill at Mansfield. In addition to the species found on count day, two more were found during count week: Ross's goose at Cuyahoga Falls and evening grosbeak at three locations.

Cincinnati once again had the most species, 91. Toledo was close behind with 90, followed by Wilmot with 88, Cuyahoga Falls with 84, Ragersburg with 83, and Carey, Lake Erie Islands and Millersburg with 80. Preble County recruited the most observers, 102, followed by Cuyahoga Falls with 94, Wilmot with 84, and Cincinnati with 77. The data available from Audubon did not distinguish between field observers and feeder watchers.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to finding all these great birds last winter. See you again in a few months!

SPRING 2004 OVERVIEW AND REPORTS

	Adams County (82) Dec. 18, 2003	Ashland (30) Dec. 20, 2003	Ashtabula (25) Dec. 20, 2003	Beaver Valley (64) Dec. 14, 2003	Buckeye Lake (56) Jan. 3, 2004	Bucyrus (14) Jan. 10, 2004	Burton (27) Jan. 1, 2004	Cadiz (72) Jan. 1, 2004	Carey (15) Jan. 4, 2004	Cincinnati (65) Dec. 28, 2003	Clark County (44) Dec. 20, 2003	Cleveland (23) Dec. 20, 2003
Virginia Rail	3	---	4	---	3	---	---	---	1	526	114	---
American Coot	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	220	---
Sandhill Crane	79	1	---	70	---	---	---	---	4	23	3	---
Killdeer	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Greater Yellowlegs	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sanderling	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dunlin	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Wilson's Snipe	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pomarine Jaeger	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Franklin's Gull	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Little Gull	---	---	44	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	250
Bonaparte's Gull	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ring-billed Gull	11	1	2850	---	46	206	---	90	95	1293	700	3127
Herring Gull	---	---	568	---	---	3	29	---	97	ew	10	358
Thayer's Gull	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Great Black-backed Gull	---	---	62	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
gull sp.	---	35	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rock Pigeon	280	253	295	166	42	100	138	70	182	468	33	1067
Mourning Dove	866	170	164	634	540	323	160	63	730	685	130	219 v
Barn Owl	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Eastern Screech-Owl	4	2	---	8	1	1	---	---	3	2	4	---
Great Horned Owl	3	---	---	1	---	1	1	---	---	2	4	---
Barred Owl	2	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	---	---
Long-eared Owl	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Short-eared Owl	---	---	8	4	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---
Northern Saw-whet Owl	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rufous Hummingbird	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Belted Kingfisher	5	3	---	3	1	---	3	1	1	23	6	5
Red-headed Woodpecker	4	---	---	---	---	14	---	---	3	1	---	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	61	55	11	41	7	50	57	15	32	307	19	78
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3	---	cw	---	1	1	---	---	1	14	---	---
Downy Woodpecker	50	76	17	49	12	66	71	20	57	231	31	108
Hairy Woodpecker	19	13	8	9	4	7	20	3	5	36	9	21
Northern Flicker	29	15	2	20	8	24	19	5	14	94	8	8
Pileated Woodpecker	25	5	cw	15	---	4	12	4	---	32	---	8
Eastern Phoebe	3	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
Northern Shrike	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
shrike sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Blue Jay	271	137	51	118	52	166	153	65	144	346	16	167
American Crow	560	207	253	797	112	150	238	82	265	3214	7500	104
Horned Lark	48	---	cw	39	1	214	---	14	300	2	36	3
Carolina Chickadee	76	2	---	70	19	71	---	45	8	743	76	---
Black-capped Chickadee	---	36	88	---	---	13	337	---	20	---	---	190
chickadee sp.	---	53	---	---	---	8	---	---	2	---	---	---
Tufted Titmouse	78	75	26	56	19	73	83	26	15	246	14	108
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	6	2	---	---	---	3	---	---	10	---	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	54	71	18	41	10	99	82	14	39	119	18	86
Brown Creeper	6	7	cw	3	1	25	3	---	7	31	16	---
Carolina Wren	58	16	3	56	16	7	10	---	25	251	10	21
House Wren	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Winter Wren	---	---	2	2	---	---	1	---	9	1	1	---
Marsh Wren	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
Golden-crowned Kinglet	16	15	1	28	---	5	2	2	---	46	3	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	1
Eastern Bluebird	120	34	10	51	31	11	57	45	6	122	---	28
Hermit Thrush	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	2	---
American Robin	209	2	8	13	3	4	22	12	20	5374	8	272
Gray Catbird	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---
Northern Mockingbird	31	---	---	38	3	---	---	8	4	90	9	7

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2136	1022	115	310	49	936	287	60	26	39	91	338	190	56	225	1	---
434	848	316	492	318	390	242	191	729	432	266	400	162	98	685	106	---
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97	189	110	51	46	40	37	17	12	51	17	42	59	21	37	42	---
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170	315	88	75	33	76	60	22	26	84	24	47	69	21	64	89	---
23	67	8	10	6	11	2	2	---	17	2	7	9	---	16	1	---
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113	493	109	86	35	35	36	34	7	308	6	204	68	3	394	44	---
189	---	30	156	38	40	562	59	106	223	405	49	37	---	387	3	---
290	---	290	4	153	---	---	---	---	13	---	27	185	161	---	150	---
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75	263	69	26	71	36	25	17	1	73	5	45	69	6	75	---	---
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82	237	145	54	26	40	24	16	14	85	18	32	74	11	43	26	---
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96	64	48	18	59	20	16	2	5	28	4	48	38	---	43	46	---
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37	6	12	13	13	---	---	---	---	10	4	17	16	4	24	---	---

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Brown Thrasher	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	---
European Starling	3568	269	546	2471	1576	1987	956	361	3066	18865	2500	1250
American Pipit	5	1	---	4	---	---	---	---	3	---	7	---
Cedar Waxwing	271	---	---	10	1	6	23	---	---	146	1	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yellow Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yellow-rumped Warbler	173	4	---	35	---	1	1	1	10	96	1	---
Pine Warbler	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Palm Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Yellowthroat	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Eastern Towhee	10	---	---	8	---	---	---	12	6	96	9	---
American Tree Sparrow	36	109	68	32	87	122	262	34	327	142	54	110
Chipping Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
Lark Sparrow	30	---	---	16	---	9	---	---	---	15	---	---
Field Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Savannah Sparrow	---	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---
Henslow's Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---
Fox Sparrow	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Song Sparrow	111	41	22	247	37	49	58	57	154	770	37	24
Lincoln's Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Swamp Sparrow	5	2	---	2	---	2	1	---	18	15	4	1
White-throated Sparrow	141	8	2	61	2	2	10	2	28	534	157	41
White-crowned Sparrow	158	35	cw	65	26	3	---	---	12	104	9	1
sparrow sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dark-eyed Junco	626	171	253	356	38	143	256	65	215	443	110	296
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lapland Longspur	---	8	7	---	---	4	---	---	405	---	---	---
Snow Bunting	---	---	142	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
Northern Cardinal	249	190	138	210	63	163	253	33	155	1094	113	235
Dickcissel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Red-winged Blackbird	41	1	---	2	50	---	---	---	27	129	---	15
Eastern Meadowlark	123	---	---	79	---	1	---	---	25	1	---	---
Rusty Blackbird	---	---	---	6	15	---	1	---	---	2	---	---
Brewer's Blackbird	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
blackbird sp.	---	31	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Grackle	68	1	---	20	103	3	---	---	2	309	---	248
Brown-headed Cowbird	76	3	---	8	2	4	---	64	47	37	---	30
Purple Finch	51	7	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
House Finch	49	94	61	29	20	72	104	14	80	146	26	115
White-winged Crossbill	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Redpoll	---	---	8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pine Siskin	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	---	---	---
American Goldfinch	221	147	65	85	18	87	126	7	139	376	36	215
Evening Grosbeak	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
House Sparrow	269	399	254	131	220	340	284	63	997	518	161	721
Total species	74	57	58	69	47	54	53	44	80	91	63	66
Total individuals	10198	3983	8774	6492	4118	5197	8573	1738	11199	41095	13873	15649
Observers	22	20	10	21	11	10	23	9	9	77	11	41

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27114	7732	8567	5473	1078	12507	4840	808	---	1265	1838	37307	9295	1111	6901	21841	
27	1	---	2	76	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
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15	9	25	4	7	1	8	---	---	4	3	7	9	---	13	135	
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49	546	91	340	29	137	173	7	---	107	51	110	50	186	37	138	
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174	246	53	62	61	30	54	9	---	63	76	223	35	26	64	56	
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2	27	---	---	3	2	4	2	---	4	---	24	---	9	4	22	
341	202	234	52	102	29	53	1	---	25	49	249	31	2	53	337	
37	8	---	54	6	3	3	---	---	6	---	17	13	cw	35	3	
469	799	193	395	173	242	171	99	---	640	137	144	225	61	77	296	
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909	1055	303	255	208	161	96	55	---	603	52	365	247	37	185	270	
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1	21	38	2	---	---	---	---	---	160	2	28	40	3	5500	192	
1	1	8	---	3	---	---	---	---	4	---	---	6	---	---	49	
333	823	117	157	8	45	79	49	70	195	12	83	94	17	79	135	
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cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	110	---	---	---	---	---	
553	751	155	158	91	140	85	38	6	150	24	122	182	39	102	95	
1455	2049	390	918	174	275	185	375	1268	911	398	92	414	341	637	701	
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76	84	70	58	65	70	64	49	27	64	49	75	72	49	70	80	
45640	25737	18157	11526	7708	75546	30599	2736	2467	8731	4539	46266	19463	5573	129969	43766	
40	94	62	23	9	18	18	9	8	26	10	14	20	13	30	24	

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	Lancaster (57) Dec. 27, 2003	Mansfield (13) Dec. 14, 2003	Millersburg (83) Dec. 16, 2003	Mohican State Forest (65) Jan. 7, 2004	Mount Gilead (51) Dec. 14, 2003	New Lexington (75) Dec. 28, 2003	Ohio River IN-OH-KY (64) Dec. 14, 2003	O Shaughnessy Res. (54) Dec. 14, 2003	Ottawa N.W.F.R. (4) Jan. 4, 2004	Oxbow Lake (7) Jan. 3, 2004	Oxford (61) Dec. 20, 2003	Paint Creek Area (66) Dec. 14, 2003
Greater White-fronted Goose	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Snow Goose	---	1	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ross's Goose	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Canada Goose	790	1515	1822	1061	46	253	386	1059	5823	139	234	---
Mute Swan	3	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	1
Trumpeter Swan	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	36	---	---	---
Tundra Swan	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1164	---	---	---
Wood Duck	---	---	3	---	---	---	11	---	---	---	---	---
Gadwall	---	---	3	6	---	---	99	---	24	---	34	7
American Wigeon	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	---	9	---	1	---
American Black Duck	---	5	22	6	---	---	65	4	96	1	---	8
Mallard	205	231	939	187	3	44	2400	75	6276	11	471	8
Am. Black Duck x Mallard	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Blue-winged Teal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Northern Shoveler	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	9	---	---	---
Northern Pintail	---	3	4	---	---	---	20	---	17	---	---	---
Green-winged Teal	---	cw	---	---	---	---	55	---	---	---	---	---
ICanvasback	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	---	1386	---	---	---
Redhead	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	161	---	---	---
Ring-necked Duck	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Greater Scaup	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	---
Lesser Scaup	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	---	115	---	1	---
scaup sp.	---	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	190	---	---	---
Harlequin Duck	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Surf Scoter	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Black Scoter	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Long-tailed Duck	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---
Bufflehead	---	cw	---	2	---	---	2	---	3	---	5	3
Common Goldeneye	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	589	---	---	---
Hooded Merganser	---	2	---	5	---	---	3	3	7	---	---	---
Common Merganser	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	1526	---	---	8
Red-breasted Merganser	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	23	---	1	2
Ruddy Duck	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
duck sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8330	---	---	---
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	cw	17	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
Ruffed Grouse	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wild Turkey	1	316	163	80	83	---	78	---	---	40	---	---
Northern Bobwhite	---	---	9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Loon	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
Pied-billed Grebe	---	---	2	3	---	---	3	---	---	---	2	26
Horned Grebe	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
Double-crested Cormorant	---	1	---	44	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Great Blue Heron	1	10	24	20	---	2	58	3	1	6	5	14
Black-crowned Night-Heron	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Black Vulture	2	---	60	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	---
Turkey Vulture	17	---	404	---	---	7	3	---	cw	---	6	1
Bald Eagle	---	---	cw	5	---	---	1	1	17	---	---	3
Northern Harrier	---	1	10	4	1	2	2	3	8	24	5	4
Sharp-shinned Hawk	---	1	7	1	2	1	---	---	1	1	7	---
Cooper's Hawk	4	15	28	2	3	2	3	6	2	---	1	1
Accipiter sp.	---	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	4	14	---	4	---	3	2	---	---	---	---	---
Broad-winged Hawk	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
Red-tailed Hawk	27	52	196	110	6	13	54	22	22	23	15	13
Rough-legged Hawk	---	3	16	16	---	1	1	1	---	---	---	---
Buteo sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
American Kestrel	7	10	49	9	3	7	23	24	14	18	11	10
Merlin	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peregrine Falcon	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
hawk sp.	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1

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1589	194	21	186	1222	1412	570	1809	2769	1653	691	1	1399	3125	1823	69690	52	52	
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5	---	13	---	---	---	---	4	1	---	17	---	---	---	---	95	18	18	
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1	---	2	---	---	---	---	1	---	4	---	1	4	---	20	158	17	19	
22	---	12	---	3	125	---	328	21	---	25	10	36	25	1734	40	40		
388	143	970	100	157	425	171	1672	371	150	731	492	1160	542	32527	53	53		
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3	---	15	---	---	10	---	5	---	---	---	1	1	---	115	17	17		
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1	7	---	---	---	---	---	83	21	10	---	---	2	---	382	18	18		
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11	1	---	---	---	---	---	12	6	30	cw	---	---	---	2	8	4	4	
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3	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	30	---	---	---	---	800	9153	4	4	
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13	---	34	3	34	6	7	---	24	147	119	164	63	9	1850	33	33		
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56	---	18	4	5	11	3	81	1	3	15	18	9	3	740	50	50		
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9	---	---	---	51	---	---	---	---	---	10	14	---	---	1	862	20	21	
1	---	5	---	1	---	12	10	11	---	1	1	1	7	132	28	32		
cw	3	1	2	24	7	12	7	7	22	2	14	16	3	351	45	46		
6	2	1	---	6	---	2	5	---	---	6	5	2	---	124	38	38		
4	2	---	1	33	3	12	13	7	5	9	38	3	3	408	50	50		
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40	5	48	9	159	25	87	47	21	42	62	212	42	13	2322	54	54		
cw	---	---	---	24	---	3	---	---	6	---	20	5	cw	124	26	29		
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26	6	31	8	40	23	9	27	5	53	16	66	17	7	893	53	53		
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	Lancaster (57) Dec. 27, 2003	Mansfield (13) Dec. 14, 2003	Millersburg (63) Dec. 16, 2003	Mohican State Forest (35) Jan. 1, 2004	Mount Gilead (51) Dec. 14, 2003	New Lexington (75) Dec. 28, 2003	Ohio River IN-OH-KY (64) Dec. 14, 2003	O'Shaughnessy Res. (54) Dec. 14, 2003	Ottawa N.W.R. (4) Jan. 4, 2004	Oxbow Lake (7) Jan. 3, 2004	Oxford (61) Dec. 20, 2003	Paint Creek Area (66) Dec. 14, 2003
Brown Thrasher	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
European Starling	481	1314	2815	2060	32	184	1305	2418	8176	1019	1410	4742
American Pipit	---	---	46	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	3
Cedar Waxwing	6	22	1	72	---	---	4	---	---	---	7	203
Orange-crowned Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yellow Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	4	30	13	---	7	14	---	---	28	15	2
Pine Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Palm Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Yellowthroat	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Eastern Towhee	5	6	54	6	---	2	17	---	---	---	4	2
American Tree Sparrow	52	242	1146	196	12	7	349	81	480	11	11	47
Chipping Sparrow	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Lark Sparrow	3	---	54	---	---	---	12	1	---	---	1	22
Field Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Savannah Sparrow	---	---	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Henslow's Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fox Sparrow	---	3	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---
Song Sparrow	77	85	980	130	12	13	364	83	46	1	23	10
Lincoln's Sparrow	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Swamp Sparrow	---	4	48	4	---	---	14	---	8	---	---	3
White-throated Sparrow	6	19	223	36	---	5	77	36	---	1	101	9
White-crowned Sparrow	20	10	660	80	2	22	316	17	7	---	7	6
sparrow sp.	18	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dark-eyed Junco	130	743	1028	700	34	20	55	163	94	71	275	86
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lapland Longspur	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	---	---	---	---
Snow Bunting	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	42	---	---	---	---
Northern Cardinal	167	608	1623	500	26	38	202	184	140	41	148	75
Dickcissel	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Red-winged Blackbird	---	13	175	25	---	---	7	---	2414	---	---	---
Eastern Meadowlark	---	---	38	1	1	---	1	---	---	---	5	---
Rusty Blackbird	---	1	91	---	---	---	---	---	702	---	---	---
Brewer's Blackbird	---	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
blackbird sp.	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Grackle	4	1	12	203	---	---	---	1	175	---	---	1
Brown-headed Cowbird	18	1	422	10	---	---	---	---	46	---	11	---
Purple Finch	4	3	---	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	---
House Finch	32	288	236	181	34	9	95	135	11	41	39	7
White-winged Crossbill	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Redpoll	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pine Siskin	---	127	1	69	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
American Goldfinch	22	277	505	154	19	20	148	---	183	37	77	17
Evening Grosbeak	---	---	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
House Sparrow	210	546	1670	606	32	81	205	---	1850	229	235	50
Total species	54	69	80	71	35	46	68	44	64	39	70	59
Total individuals	3400	24533	23543	9598	584	1211	9035	5362	82907	2199	4746	6639
Observers	19	20	60	32	2	5	5	14	16	11	26	7

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2846	123	1476	3413	9072	2718	1959	16928	596	5068	64123	6311	1115	713	327509	53	53	
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4	---	22	44	2	1	60	12	25	8	322	13	---	15	1849	38	38	
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19	---	10	2	54	---	2	---	4	3	23	29	3	6	832	42	42	
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36	2	17	4	53	---	---	1	---	---	25	52	3	cw	488	34	35	
56	55	17	23	902	192	324	370	303	54	124	611	223	74	9396	53	53	
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235	15	155	15	1100	90	55	141	37	8	408	822	120	26	7890	53	53	
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15	3	---	---	29	5	---	285	9	---	34	27	8	---	649	35	35	
91	19	70	51	370	20	16	142	13	7	394	224	39	3	4720	51	51	
22	7	29	---	806	55	9	225	10	11	6	871	58	3	3857	44	46	
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135	83	273	66	1267	30	658	385	215	98	308	862	226	94	15192	53	53	
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461	32	319	86	1825	180	287	370	228	112	485	1508	193	100	10911	14	15	
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12	---	13	---	31	---	---	68	1	51	43	256	162	5	4011	33	33	
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8	3	8	---	44	1	26	883	1	100	184	543	2	---	8569	38	38	
5	---	1	---	---	---	10	1	---	---	12	---	---	2	181	19	20	
112	46	21	2	364	52	190	88	63	72	148	309	81	24	5786	54	54	
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247	75	149	54	467	119	90	213	204	164	185	502	106	72	8319	53	53	
305	128	178	122	1355	700	1500	948	354	567	925	1843	321	92	29992	53	53	
68	41	73	45	83	54	55	90	63	65	76	88	71	67	151			
10511	1791	6575	5094	28979	8399	9150	42652	10281	24325	83618	26919	10099	6572	1058034			
41	5	29	102	52	13	27	29	9	25	31	84	25	13	1300			

Further Afield

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Many readers will, perhaps, recall a previous column in which I remarked that I owned a small but serviceable time machine. Since that column, several of the grumpier among them have expressed doubts that I actually own such a conveyance, instead preferring to believe that most of the material in these columns is simply dredged up from old ornithological journals and historical web sites. Nonetheless, I assure you that I will acquire said time machine, by way of eBay, several decades from now.

For most of the year she lies out in the garage, under a variety of rusting lawn implements and spider-infested croquet sets; this year, she has also been submerged under several moldering rolls of flood-soaked carpet padding. Not to worry, though—after topping off her blinker fluid reservoir and a thorough spit shine, she'll be running as good as new.

For most tenured *Ohio Cardinal* readers, the existence of my time machine will come as old news and established fact. But for all our new readers and Founding Members of the Ohio Ornithological Society, I should probably explain that she is programmed exclusively to revisit the historical Ohio birding scene at precise 10-year intervals. I can think of no better use.

But back to the matter at hand. Elsewhere in this issue, Bill Whan admirably and thoughtfully treats the Spring 2004 birding season. In a similar fashion, may I suggest that we begin our journey through time, beginning with the March through May period known as:

Spring 1854

On March 28, Britain, France and the Ottoman Empire join forces against Russia in the Crimean War. The Territories of Kansas and Nebraska are established on May 30, the same day that Elisha Otis demonstrates his invention, the safety elevator, in New York City.

Please wait until the time machine has made a complete stop before disembarking. Thank you...it is now permissible to remove your safety belts. After a quick look about, we quickly see that passenger pigeons are "extremely abundant in Central Ohio," especially in the vicinity of the nesting and roosting site at Bloody Run Swamp, east of Kirkersville in Licking County. Our reporter J.M. Wheaton states that even as far away as Columbus their flocks are "never out of sight" and that although the flocks shouldn't be considered especially large, they do contain "from five hundred to fifty thousand birds" each. For those of us famished after our long journey back to 1854, Wheaton assures us that the markets in Columbus offer live passenger pigeons for our dining pleasure at "five or six cents a dozen." Now, where's my bib?...

Spring 1864

President Lincoln nominates Ulysses S. Grant for the rank of lieutenant

general on March 9, a rank previously held only by George Washington and Winfield Scott. Grant faces off against Confederate General Robert E. Lee at the Battle of the Wilderness on May 5-7.

We will pause only briefly here in 1864. With so few young men remaining in Ohio, birding is more often left to those too old to soldier. Our correspondent Jared Potter Kirtland, now in his early 70s, does confirm for us that a few wild turkeys remain around Cleveland, and that although the common raven is now "becoming very rare," the American crow is "rapidly increasing." He also adds that brown-headed cowbirds are "abundant, formerly rare." This sounds like our cue to skip ahead to:

Spring 1874

On March 8, we lose our 13th President, Millard Fillmore. On March 24, we gain Ehrich Weiss, who magically transforms himself into Harry Houdini. As part of the festivities on his 21st birthday, outlaw Wes Hardin kills Deputy Sheriff and former Texas Ranger Charles Webb in Comanche, Texas on May 26.

Back in Columbus, J.M. Wheaton is kind enough to point out flocks of red-breasted nuthatches where he usually sees only single birds. He also leads us toward a territorial "Traill's flycatcher" he had found in Thomas's swamp on the west side of the Olentangy River. As you will recall, until 1973 the willow and alder flycatchers were lumped together as "Traill's flycatcher". Our attempts come up empty though, and we'll have to make do with Wheaton's description of its song as "a characteristic *whit-te-ar*." Not until after we leave will he find Ohio's first "Traill's" nest on June 5. Too bad we couldn't find it ourselves, as his description of the song seems a better fit with the modern interpretation of the alder flycatcher's "*fee-bee-o*" song, as opposed to the "*fitz-bew*" song of the much more likely willow flycatcher. Hmmm, I say....

Spring 1884

On March 6, Susan B. Anthony implores President Arthur to support female suffrage. He feels otherwise. The first long distance telephone call is made on March 27, stretching from Boston to New York City. A patent for "flaked cereal" is granted to John Harvey Kellogg on May 31.

By spring 1884, we begin to see birders logging regular migrational data. A very early green heron arrives at College Hill in Cincinnati on March 15. The same observer, W. Parson, also finds an early eastern wood-pewee on April 25. Six short-eared owl eggs from a Morrow County nest, plus one of the adults, find their way into the Oliver Davie collection, as does Ohio's first specimen of the "little brown crane," taken from a small flock near Springfield. Today, we would refer to this form as the small, northerly nesting race, the "lesser" sandhill crane, as opposed to our nesting "greater" race. Both still occur in Ohio, but subspecific differences are rarely considered here nowadays.

Spring 1894

Bottles of Coca-Cola are sold for the first time on March 12. Jacob

Coxey's "Army" of 100 leaves Massillon, Ohio on foot March 25, beginning the long walk to Washington, D.C. to rally for government job creation. Hoping to assemble as many as 100,000 on the way, they gather 5000 instead. When they arrive on May 1, Coxey is quickly arrested for trespassing on the White House lawn.

Scanning the collection of Frank H. Welder of Marietta, we find a prize: a scissor-tailed flycatcher, Ohio's first, taken May 20. We don't have the heart to tell him that the whereabouts of the specimen is unknown in our day. Henslow's sparrows are also in the news. W.F. Henninger spots a bird he suspects to be a Henslow's near Tiffin May 28. Although he cannot get a conclusive view of the bird fleeing, he finds a nest with eggs in the same swampy field June 3, and identifies it as Ohio's first Henslow's nest. He also informs us "I heard the note 'tse seep' several times." Just the next day, storyteller William Leon Dawson and scientist Lynds Jones make a discovery of their own. Here is Dawson's version; we quote his report to us at length:

On the evening of June 4th...near Oberlin, while returning in a buggy with my friend, Lynds Jones, from a collecting trip along the Lake Erie shore, we heard a strange bird-note in a neighboring wheat-field...Mr. Jones, who was familiar with this species in Iowa, had previously described the note to me so perfectly that we both exclaimed "Henslow's!" and sprang from the buggy. The ventriloquial voice with its lisping notes, 'itse-tse-tsip' led us on a merry chase in the gathering dusk, and our devious wanderings through the growing grain brought out a vigorous protest from the owner of the field. But we muttered something about "state record" just as Jones pressed the trigger, and the farmer nobly forgave us in the name of Science. Fumbling in the dark for the little body which, unfortunately, meant more to us dead than alive—Science is so skeptical—we hurried home with the treasure.

Now here is Jones's version, told to us after the fact: "During the entire summer of 1894, this species was found in considerable numbers about Oberlin, and several specimens were taken." I see. In all likelihood, neither Dawson nor Jones was aware that Henninger had just claimed the nest record from the day before, but their story is certainly more entertaining. At least Dawson's version. Also, as a conundrum for your consideration: why does Henninger describe the vocalization of the Henslow's as "tse seep," and Dawson as a lisping "itse-tse-tsip"? To me, both these descriptions are certainly more reminiscent of the song of the savannah sparrow, which Roger Tory Peterson describes as "a dreamy lisping *tsit-tsit-tsit-tseeee-tsaay*", rather than the hiccuppy, insect-like "*tsi-lick*" of the Henslow's. Have interpretations of Henslow's sparrow's song changed between 1894 and today? Hmmm, I say again. I'd like to ask Dawson myself, but he and Jones seem to have buggied off again somewhere....

Spring 1904

The St. Louis World's Fair, celebrating the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase, but one year late, opens on April 30. The Fair helps to popularize and Americanize ice cream cones, hamburgers, iced tea, hot dogs, peanut

butter, and "fairy floss" (cotton candy). The 1904 Olympic Games also open at the Fair on May 14. Fred Lorz wins the marathon, but is soon disqualified when it is learned that he rode 11 of the 26 miles in a car. Lorz does go on, however, to win the 1905 Boston Marathon. It could happen.

Male Eurasian wigeons are shot at West Huron Marsh and on Sandusky Bay, both on April 18, by Hinde and Hartung, respectively. Old friend Lynds Jones spies a male Kirtland's warbler, as close as eight feet, and for at least 10 minutes, at Oak Point along the Lorain County shoreline May 9. Robert Sim, meanwhile, has a good day at Geneva in Ashtabula County May 7. He tallies 72 sharp-shinned hawks, five ospreys, 200 American pipits, and 120 blue jays. Hats off to Mr. Sim for providing a solid migrational snapshot for us 100 years ago.

Spring 1914

Throughout the spring, political unrest plagues a European continent destined for a Great War. Babe Ruth debuts April 22 for the minor league Baltimore Orioles in his first professional game. The 19-year old Ruth is the winning pitcher. On May 9, President Wilson proclaims the first Mother's Day.

A Carolina chickadee makes "its first appearance in Oberlin and for the general region," and remains in the village until April 22, according to old chum Lynds Jones. Bewick's wrens are noteworthy in Chardon April 18 and in Oberlin April 20. A cranky W.F. Henninger disputes the inclusion of Ohio-nesting chuck-will's-widows in the most recent *A.O.U. Check-list*. According to a note from Henninger, who has spent much time birding southern Ohio, the chuck "does not occur in Ohio at all. The writer would like to see the Biological Survey furnish the proof (printed or otherwise) that the Chuck-will's-widow breeds in Ohio." They could not. As we all know today, this species was not officially added to the list of Ohio birds until 1932.

Spring 1924

In March, Egyptologists continue to ponder the splendors of King Tut's sarcophagus, which had just been opened February 12. On March 4, "Happy Birthday to You" is first published. It would prove quite popular. Agitator Adolf Hitler is sentenced to a five-year prison term on April 1.

Lynds Jones just won't give up. On May 18, his crew accumulates an impressive 148 species at Bay Point, the now grievously under-birded peninsula that tongues into the mouth of Sandusky Bay from the north, opposite Cedar Point. S. Charles Kendeigh relates to us that "perhaps the most interesting record... was that of the Nelson Sparrow. One was first noted singing on the [May] 10th within the [Oberlin] village limits. Later it could be found regularly in a shrubby corner in the southwestern part of town." Has anyone reading this column ever heard a Nelson's sharp-tailed sparrow sing in Ohio? Well, I haven't.

Spring 1934

Adolf Hitler announces on March 21 his plans for an elaborate new

highway system to further strengthen the infrastructure of the Reich. The Dust Bowl worsens throughout the season; for many areas, it's the hottest and driest year in recorded history. Barrow and Parker, murderers and bank robbers better known by their first names, are killed in a hail of bullets May 23.

We receive a "very full and complete report" from Youngstown; some of what are called the "most important records" include Canada goose March 23 through April 8 and 3000 northern pintails March 24. The spring also finds seasonal editor Robert L. Baird in a quandary: "We can only comment on two of the records that seem almost impossible. They were Barn Swallow on March 24 and Nighthawk on March 31. Both were made by Howard Braun, a licensed bird-bander." Seventy years later, we would consider a March 24 barn swallow as early, but not terribly so; a March 31 common nighthawk, on the other hand, would still be considered terribly so.

Spring 1944

March 4—U.S. planes bomb Berlin, Germany for the first time. March 17—Danny DeVito is born. March 18—Nazi Germany occupies Hungary. April 3—Tony Orlando is born. April 4—British troops capture Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. May 14—George Lucas is born. May 17—Gen. Eisenhower sets D-Day for June 5th. It will be delayed one day.

We find many happy birders in March. The first modern golden eagle for the Toledo area is discovered on March 11, and a Eurasian wigeon appears at Cleveland's Shaker Lakes March 22. Members of the Kirtland Bird Club find two great black-backed gulls in Cleveland and two glaucous gulls on Sandusky Bay on March 19. Even so, according to seasonal editor Harold Mayfield, "Probably the most remarkable occurrence of the entire period was that of a male Surf Scoter at Dayton" April 12. He continues: "This bird has been seen a very few times on Lake Erie but was completely unexpected in southern Ohio."

Spring 1954

The U.S. tests a hydrogen bomb on March 1; it is thought to be 600 times as powerful as the atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima, Japan in WWII. Bill Haley and the Comets record "(We're Gonna) Rock Around the Clock" April 12. On May 6, Roger Bannister breaks the four-minute mile by .6 seconds.

A flock of 100 Smith's longspurs is seen at the Oxford airport March 27. Three pairs of yellow-crowned night-herons establish nests near Columbus "for the first known time" this season. Milton Trautman is a busy man on South Bass Island May 1, and overwhelmed by the passage of 1000 warblers and 2000 American goldfinches in three hours' time. But May 24 is even more interesting. About 9 p.m., a squall arises, and Trautman counts about 100 birds a minute passing through the shining lights of the 352-foot tall Perry's Monument. Before he can have the lights doused, nearly 100 birds hit the tower, mostly warblers. One falling bird strikes Trautman about the head and shoulders as it plummets to earth—a female Kirtland's warbler, of course.

Spring 1964

The Beatles string together three consecutive #1 hits to start the season. The streak is broken by Louis Armstrong's blockbuster "Hello, Dolly!" The 1964/1965 New York World's Fair opens on April 22. Displays include Michelangelo's "Pieta," the debut of the Ford Mustang, and a "fully functioning" robotic Abraham Lincoln. Rachel Carson, author of *Silent Spring*, dies on April 14, aged 56 years. On April 30, Fidel Castro warns that he will fire on U.S. reconnaissance planes over Cuba.

What a season for rarities. A boreal chickadee is present at a Lorain County feeder March 7 through April 2. Three days later, a black-backed woodpecker is discovered in neighboring Cuyahoga County. Lorain strikes back one week later with a fulvous whistling-duck April 13. On a somber note, a black-crowned night-heron colony, once numbering some 200 nests, is absent this season near Winton Woods in Cincinnati. Nearby, 100 eastern screech-owl nest boxes attract only three nesting pairs of owls, but 35 pairs of American kestrels take up residence. These lay 60 eggs, but fledge no young. According to our contact Ron Austing, "The state of Ohio has been spraying this area for several years to control Japanese beetles." Silent spring visits Winton Woods.

Spring 1974

President Nixon is named as a co-conspirator in the Watergate break-ins on March 15. The Viet Cong propose another truce with the U.S. and South Vietnam on March 22. On April 8, Henry Aaron connects with his 715th home run, topping the career mark of George Herman Ruth, Jr.

Murray Peters and David Osborne find no fewer than four fulvous whistling-ducks in Butler County April 11. Sandusky Bay attracts 42 American avocets April 28. On May 5, Ray Hannikman gets credit for a double-crested cormorant in Cleveland; it reportedly represents the "only Ohio encounter" of the spring. For those keeping score, that makes four fulvous ducks, 42 avocets, and one cormorant, just 30 years ago.

Spring 1984

As of April 23, more than 4000 AIDS cases have been diagnosed in the U.S. In quasi-birding news, the rock band Wings, held responsible for recording several of Rob Harlan's all-time least favorite songs, mercifully disbands on April 25. The Soviet Olympic Committee announces on May 8 that it will boycott the upcoming Los Angeles games due to "anti-Soviet hysteria."

Shorebirds go primetime. Sightings include 24 American avocets at Huron April 27, Ohio's first curlew sandpiper, plus a ruff, in Seneca County May 16, 47 red knots there on the 18th, and not less than 101 whimbrels in Wayne County May 26. A Smith's longspur, noted as "An exquisite male in summer plumage," is seen at Gordon Park impoundment (a.k.a. Dike 14) in Cleveland on May 5-6. Others will be seen there April 6, 1986, and April 6, 1991.

Spring 1994

On March 4, four men are convicted of bombing the World Trade Center in New York City, killing six. Figure skater Tonya Harding pleads guilty to conspiracy March 16 in the Nancy Kerrigan knee-whacking incident. Jacqueline Lee Bouvier Kennedy Onassis dies on May 19. On the same day, the FDA approves the first genetically engineered tomato.

Grebes go primetime. An amazing 80 or so red-necked grebes are discovered in about 19 counties from March 19 through May 9. Seven or eight eared grebes tag along for good measure. The first-known Toledo area nest of yellow-crowned night-heron is discovered in someone's back yard April 28. A Magee Marsh black vulture is also a Toledo area first on April 29. Lake County hoards a hoary redpoll March 16-17, a Kirtland's warbler May 15, and a Bewick's wren on May 21.

Spring 2004

For information regarding this period, please consult Bill Whan's seasonal report elsewhere in this issue. He will presumably present full details on a Bohemian waxwing, a brown pelican, and some other birds.

Spring 2014

As always, our time machine lurches briefly into the future before returning us to the present day. Even our quick visit discloses an increased number of migrant summer tanagers and blue grosbeaks strengthening their position in the north. On May 23, a singing male painted bunting is found in Adams County. Another—a female?—is reported nearby but goes unconfirmed. The Ohio Ornithological Society celebrates its 10th birthday and welcomes its 2000th member. On International Migratory Bird Day, newly appointed President-for-life Jim McCormac and 100 OOS members begin the long walk to Washington, D.C., to rally for increased federal funding for bird preservation. McCormac is quickly arrested for trespassing on the White House lawn. ✨

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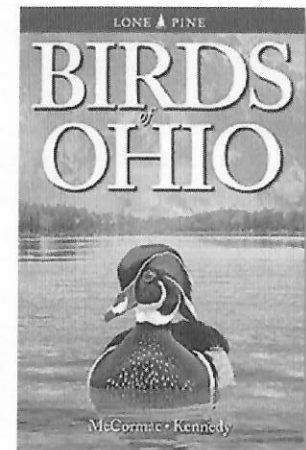
McCormac, J., and G. Kennedy. 2004.***Birds of Ohio.*** Lone Pine Publishing, Edmonton, AB. 360 pp. Soft cover, \$19.95.

Lone Pine's *Birds of Ohio*, by Jim McCormac and Gregory Kennedy, is very up to date. The color-coded key in the front and on the back cover make for an almost instant access to any bird group. Even a color-blind person would find this useful! The birds are presented in the current American Ornithologists' Union Check-list order: the ducks, geese, and swans are first; gallinaceous birds next. After that, the new Check-List follows the old order.

This is an honest book. I have a book titled *Birds of State X: Field Guide*. It covers the 130 most common birds of that state. Unfortunately, if you happen to be looking at one of the 130 other species that are reasonably often seen, you may discover that the book fails as a field guide, at least in part, because it is only about the most common birds of state X. *Birds of Ohio* has full-page coverage of every species you might normally expect. For example, the gulls include full treatments of laughing, Franklin's, little, Bonaparte's, ring-billed, herring, Thayer's, Iceland, lesser black-backed, glaucous, great black-backed, and Sabine's gulls as well as black-legged kittiwake! Although *Birds of Ohio* would often work as a field guide, it is not one and does not claim to be one. I appreciate that.

The introduction provides information on birding; it lists some bird-oriented organizations around Ohio, and includes paragraphs on bird conservation, bird feeding, and nest boxes. Nearly half the introduction is devoted to the top birding sites in Ohio. These have been chosen to include all sections of the state.

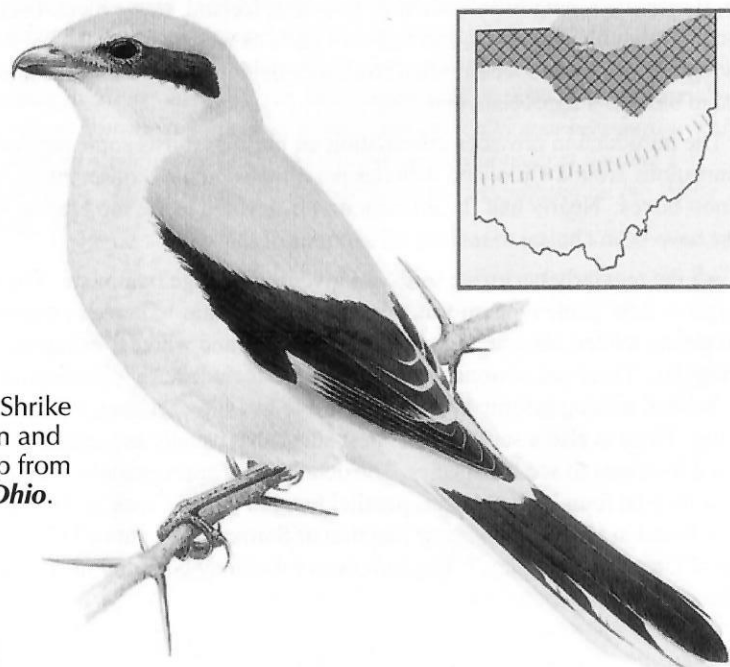
All the regularly occurring birds are given a full-page treatment. The bottom of the page gives field guide type information centered on Ohio. There are excellent maps of Ohio giving winter, summer, and migratory ranges, and whether occurrences are normal or irregular. There are seasonal bar charts. Also included are identification features, size, habitat, nesting information (if applicable to Ohio), feeding, voice, and similar species. There is also a sentence on "best sites" that usually suggests two or three optimal locations to see the species. The detail varies appropriately. The chuck-will's-widow may be found "along roads parallel to Ohio Brush Creek in Adams Co.; a few can be found in Hocking Co., near junction of Starner and Cantwell Cliffs roads, just south of Clear Creek Valley." The American robin may be found in "urban lawns and gardens."



The middle of each page is devoted to a painting of the bird. The paintings are large and attractive, and are the first thing you notice when you open a page. A few, such as the yellow-rumped warbler, appear pale, but most of the paintings are bright. The book is not intended to be a field guide, so don't expect all plumages to be illustrated.

The top portion of each species page is devoted to interesting topics about the species. For me, this section is the life of the book. Here you may find something about the usefulness of knowing the bird's song. Perhaps there will be something about the breeding biology of the bird, or some unusual migratory occurrence. For example, when did Milton Trautman see around 50,000 golden-crowned kinglets on Lake Erie's South Bass Island? Have you always wanted a comparison between a chimney swift and a Boeing 727? You'll find it here. Is it true that valiant frogs eat hooded warblers? No, that's 7-inch-long Vaillant's frogs in Central America that have "been recorded snapping up and swallowing Hooded Warblers." Or, how about a little conservation? "Tufted Titmice nest in tree cavities, either natural ones or those created by woodpeckers. Twenty-three other native bird species use cavities and need dead or dying trees in which to excavate them; people who practice woodland management need to recognize the value of standing dead timber and allow some of these trees to remain."

For the vast majority of Ohioans *Birds of Ohio* is well designed. With this book they could gain an interest in, and an appreciation of Ohio's birds. It is good to see a book designed to help the broader public understand more about natural history. One could hardly do better than start with Peterson's *A Field Guide to the Birds of Eastern and Central North America* and McCormac and Kennedy's *Birds of Ohio*. ♣



Northern Shrike illustration and range map from *Birds of Ohio*.

A Parting Shot . . .



This eared grebe hung around Caesar Creek SP in Warren Co. in the company of a flotilla of American coots. Robert Royse shot this handsome portrait there on a gray day 2 April 2004.

Wanted!



Have you seen this bird? Once regular by the hundreds in spring in Ohio, the Smith's longspur has been recorded only once in the past dozen years. This male is standing next to seed-heads of foxtail (*Aristida* sp.) in a corn-stubble field--prime habitat for migrant Smith's. Photo by Peter Weber, 17 April 2004, in Illinois.