

Spotted sandpiper: One in *Hardin* 1 Apr (R. Counts) was early. Correspondingly late was an impressive flight of ~50 adorning HBSP's beach and breakwalls 20 May (R. Hannikman).

Solitary sandpiper: Also early was one near **Killbuck** on 7 Apr (S. Snyder). Numbers peaked at four at the **Delaware** water plant 3 May (B. Shively) and five in *Wayne* 17 May (Snyder).

Greater yellowlegs: One touched down 10 Mar along the Ohio River in **Portsmouth** (B. Sparks). The largest gathering was only 23, at **BIWA** 1 Apr (V. Fazio).

Willet: Continued the improved numbers of recent years, with 84 reported. D. Friedman found a local record 26 at **Magee** on 26 Apr. High numbers away from the NW marshes included 10 at **Columbia Res'n** in *Lorain* 2 May (R&S Harlan *vide* J. Brumfield), nine on **Alum Ck Res** beach 5 May (Jack Stenger), and 15 at **MWW** on 16 May (F. Frick).

Lesser yellowlegs: Arrived early, on 9 Mar, at **Acton Lk** (C. Tucker). Throngs numbered 179 in the Ohio River bottoms at **Portsmouth** 28 Apr (B. Whan), and ~200 at **Metzger** two days later (E. Tramer). One remained in *Hardin* 24 May (R. Counts).

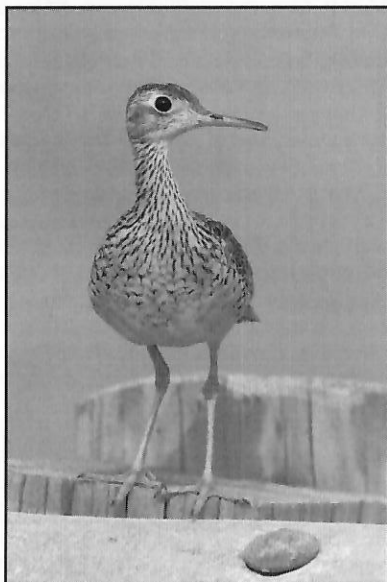
Upland sandpiper: Failed to please many, or perhaps any, observers at showplace spots like **Krause Rd** (though one was briefly at nearby **Howard Rd**. 23 Apr (B. Zwiebel), but was faithful to any number of airport strongholds, even adding one at Don Scott Field in **Columbus** (26 May, P. Rodewald). Increased security at these places makes assessment difficult.

Whimbrel: Disappointingly few appearances: one 23 May at **MWW** (P. Wharton), and three at **Metzger** 26 May (J. McCormac), on which day M. Anderson witnessed 22 skim over his daughter's soccer team near **Toledo**.

Ruddy turnstone: All spring reports in May as usual, with the first rather late on the 11th at **BCSP** (R. Asamoto). Good turnouts included 32 mostly alt birds at **Findlay Res #1** 27 May (R. Counts), and hordes at **Metzger** that topped out at 70+ on the 28th, with 25 remaining on the last day of spring there (both K. Kaufman).

Red knot: Not always seen in spring in Ohio recently, the partial liberation of **Metzger Marsh** benefited some, including 15 on 16 May (J. Miller) and five (four alt) on 28 May (K. Kaufman).

Sanderling: With the exception of a breeding-plumaged bird at **Caesar Ck** on 17 May (L. Gara), and one in mixed plumage on riprap at **Metzger Res** in *Lima* 31 May (D. Dister), all (five) other reports came from the Lake shore at **Conneaut** or **Metzger** in the second half of May.



Brian Zwiebel got this great image of an upland sandpiper along Howard Rd in Lucas Co 23 Apr. Never sighted again, it was probably just passing through.

Semipalmated sandpiper: Puzzlingly, appeared late (first reported 16 May at two *Ashtabula* spots by C. Holt), and sparingly, with a high count of only 34, in *Hardin* 28 May (R. Counts). It is possible they occurred in normal schedules and numbers at **Metzger**, but the viewing distances involved did not often permit confident identifications.

Western sandpiper: Seldom reported in spring here, a quite late first-year bird was carefully studied at **Orwell Marsh** in *Ashtabula* on 31 May (C. Holt).

Least sandpiper: Early was one found near **BIWA** 6 Apr (B. Kinkead). A bird in basic plumage was near **ONWR** on 21 Apr (R&S Harlan), but few reports emerged from the NW marshes, again perhaps because of the challenges to peep ID there. The high count was only 75, at **Funk** on 12 May (E. Schlabach), and reports emerged from *Hardin*, *Warren*, *Clinton*, *Franklin*, and *Ashtabula* during May.

White-rumped sandpiper: Early arrivals were birds near (6 May) and at (9 May) **Metzger** (R&S Harlan). Scarce, never reported in numbers higher than two, and hardly restricted to the NW marshes, it occurred through the eop.

Pectoral sandpiper: Its local fortunes often linked with those of golden-plovers, staged some good flights. First detected in *Pike* on 13 Mar (B. Royse), numbers peaked at the end of the month, with 450+ in *Hardin* the 30th (R. Counts) and 390 near **BIWA** two days later (V. Fazio), then during Apr 585 in *Hardin* (Counts) the 14th and ~400 near **ONWR** the 21st (R&S Harlan). Two in **Greene** on 22 May (D. Dister) and two at **Cowan Lk** the following day (L. Gara) were losing the race for good nesting spots.

Dunlin: R. Schieltz found a molting adult in *Darke* 15 Apr, and R&S Harlan one in basic plumage near **ONWR** on 21 Apr. By 22 Apr 100+ were at **Metzger** (B. Bowman), where on 8 May R. Nirschl estimated 2000 dunlins, on 9 May Tramer 4000, and on 10 May P. Rodewald 3050.

Stilt sandpiper: Quite unusual were seven credible reports in May. In *Wayne*, E. Schlabach had one the 12th, and S. Snyder another the 17th. At **Metzger**, S. Snyder found three the 11th, G. Miller one the 13th, G. Links one the 19th, and K. Kaufman another on the 31st. L. Gara had one at **Cowan Lk** in *Clinton* the 21st.

Short-billed dowitcher: Not many, with fewer than 225 reported statewide. Reported mostly on 16 May, including the rather puny state high count of 60 birds at **Metzger** (E. Schlabach). First arrivals were on 10 May, with 40 at **Funk** (J. Herman), and on 11 May with two in *Hardin* (R. Counts) and 14 at **MWW** (F. Frick), the last six in *Ashtabula* 20 May (C. Holt). Ours (*L. g. hendersoni*) is the rarest and most imperiled subspecies.

Long-billed dowitcher: Two dowitchers near **BIWA** 6 Apr were almost certainly of this species (B. Kinkead et al.). A dowitcher sp. reported at **BIWA** on 22 Apr (R. Asamoto) was another candidate.

Wilson's snipe: A few wintered. Burgeoning spring numbers included 30 in *Cuyahoga* 15 Mar (P. Lozano), ~50 at **Gilmore Ponds** 18 Mar (E. Baumgardner), 50+ in *Scioto* 17 Apr (B. Royse), and ~50 at the **VOA** site in *Butler* 24 May (M. Busam).

American woodcock: A few apparently wintered. Erie St. Cemetery in **Cleveland** was a good spot again, with 15 on 10 Mar (P. Lozano). J. Kuenzli found 23 in *Union* on 30 Mar. A woodcock was flushed from a nest with egg on 15 Mar in *Scioto* (P. Whan).

Wilson's phalarope: A poor flight overall, with one migrant on 12 May at **ONWR** (B. Warner), but an adult female showed up in **Hardin** 18 May, later to be joined by a male 25 May (R. Counts), with hopes for another nesting pair there this year. The happy couple was joined by another female 28 May (Counts).

Red-necked phalarope: The **Hardin** wetland attracted one 16 May (A. Boone), which remained through the 19th (R. Counts).

Laughing gull: In 2001, Peterjohn wrote that laughing gulls had been "rare spring visitors along Lake Erie," but "accidental spring visitors to inland lakes." This year ten inland lakes hosted 12 adult birds, with only three (at **Metzger** 12, 26, and 29 May) along Lake Erie: 27 Apr at **Acton Lk** (D. Russell), 29 Apr one at **Hoover Res** (K. Davis) then two 5 May (B. Sparks), one at **BSCP** 4 May (D. Overacker), two at **Caesar Ck SP** 9 May (L. Gara) and one 24 May (A. Oliver), one at the **GLSM** fish hatchery in **Auglaize** 9 May (M. Misplon), one at **Springfield Lk** in **Akron** 21 May (G. Bennett), one at **Alum Ck Res** 26 May (Davis), one at **Findlay Res #1** on 27 May (R. Counts),



Among quite a few around the state this spring, an adult laughing gull found Acton Lk to its liking 27 April. Photo by Dave Russell.

Franklin's gull: Not often a spring bird in Ohio, the only sighting was of one in **Cincinnati** 19 Apr (B. Hull).

Little gull: An immature bird passed **LSR** on 31 Mar (J. Pogacnik).

Bonaparte's gull: The earliest report of returnees was of two at **Seneca Lk** on 15 Mar (J. Benedetti). J. Pogacnik reported 920 at **LSR** 31 Mar, and by 7 Apr R. Hannikman was to report "thousands" at **Fairport Hbr**. Anomalous events included 63 at **Mosquito Lk**, a lot for 15 May (C. Babyak), and birds still in basic plumage at **Hoover Res** on 6 May (G. Stauffer) and at **Lorain** on 27 May (G. Bennett).

Ring-billed gull: At **LSR**, J. Pogacnik reported a partial count of 31,860 on 4 Mar. On 7 Mar, ~2000 staged down in **EFSP** (B. Foppe).

Iceland gull: Procrastinators were at **LSR** 3 Mar (J. Pogacnik), **Cleveland** 18 Mar (G. Leidy), and at **LSR** 25 Mar and 6 Apr (Pogacnik). C. Holt reported a first-year bird at **Conneaut** on 16 May, a new record late date for the species, which would be erased should Iceland be lumped with Thayer's gull.

Lesser black-backed gull: J. Pogacnik's morning surveys at **LSR** produced a first-year bird 4 Mar, and adults 25 and 31 Mar and 6 Apr (with a 2nd-yr). He found five at **Lorain** 17 Mar, where G. Bennett had one as late as 12 May. On 9 Apr, G. Cudworth reported five (two ad, three first) at **Eastlake**, along with 2 ad at **E 72nd St.**, and two more at **HBSP**. Two first-year birds were late at **Conneaut** 16 May (C. Holt). Inland, B. Hardesty found one at a **Findlay Res** 20 Mar, and J. Herman an ad at **Clear Fork Res** 19-20 Mar, then later another there 6 Apr, and on 16 Apr a second-summer bird.

Glaucous gull: **LSR** produced an adult 4 Mar, two first-years 6 Apr, and another 5 May (J. Pogacnik). R. Hannikman found two at **HBSP** 7 Mar, E. Reiner one at **E. 72nd St** 11 Mar, Pogacnik three at **Lorain** 17 Mar, and D. Good one at **Huntington Beach** 17 Apr. Another was inland at **Dillon Lk** in **Muskingum** 18 Mar (S. Skinner).

Great black-backed gull: J. Pogacnik witnessed 989 at **LSR** 4 Mar. Late in the period, at **Conneaut C.** Holt reported 25 on 5 May, 15 on 16 May, then one at **Fairport** 17 May.

Great black-backed X herring gull hybrids: J. Pogacnik reported an ad and a 2nd-year at **Lorain** 17 Mar.

Caspian tern: G. Stauffer encountered one early at **Hoover Res** 28 Mar. High count 60 at **Conneaut** 5 May (C. Holt).

Black tern: Seventy reported statewide, the only large flock 35 in **Hancock** 10 May, also the early date (B. Hardesty). Reported numbers at **Metzger** did not exceed five (J. Miller, 16 May), but may have included local breeders.

Common tern: Sparingly reported, first with two in **Delaware** 13 Apr (B. Master), and a high count inland of 17 at **Mosquito Lk** 15 May (C. Babyak).

Forster's tern: First reported were two 1 Apr from the Sandusky Bay Bridge (V. Fazio), and two had been seen just across the Lake at **Point Pelee** the previous day (A. Wormington). Remarkable were Forster's inland and far to the east, many of them, in mid-May: E. Schlabach reported 25 from both **Pleasant Hill Lk** and **Funk** on 12 May, C. Holt 25 from **Conneaut** 16 May, and C. Babyak the high count of 32 at **Mosquito Lk** 18 May. Later, L. Gara noted two at **Caesar Ck SP** 24 May.

Eurasian collared-dove: A Michigan observer documented a pair in the village of **Stryker** in **Williams** 12 Mar (ph).

White-winged dove: Observers documented one in **Delaware** 28 Apr, which if accepted would be the state's fourth.

Yellow-billed cuckoo: First reported 24 Apr in **Clermont** (B. Foppe), then 26 Apr in **Butler** (B. Schlake), then 6 May in **Zaleski SF** (D. Weber) and **Meigs** (T. Morman), cuckoos made good showings later in the month, with 30+ at **Magee** the 23rd (E. Tramer), 11 at **Deer Ck SP** the 27th (B. Royse), and 15 at **Hoover Res** on the 29th (C. Bombaci).

Black-billed cuckoo: Reported first from **Cincinnati's Shawnee Lookout** on 29 Apr (N. Keller), at **Magee** by 8 May six could be found (R. Nirschl), then five on 23 May (E. Tramer). A good flight, though as always the scarcer cuckoo.

Barn owl: Many succumbed to the April freeze; one **Holmes Co.** farmer kept his silo's pair alive with nightly feedings of poultry scraps. R. Thorn reported one in **Columbus** 23 May, where they are unexpected.

Long-eared owl: B. Shively found one in **Delaware SP** 1 Mar, and B. McNulty another in a **Columbus** park 4 Mar. A. Sewell reported the high count at **Killdeer**, five on 5 Mar. On 3 Apr, G. Leidy found a migrant at **HBSP**, and J. Pogacnik another elsewhere in **Lake**.

Short-eared owl: Not a good year by all accounts, with a high count of only 4-5 at **Killdeer** 13 Mar (B. Warner). Others were reported Mar and early Apr in **Trumbull** (J. Petruzzi), **Ottawa** (J. Pogacnik), **MBSP** (L. Stiefel), and **Hardin** (R. Counts)—which might have provided the high count had great horned owls not pursued them mercilessly. Interesting were two seen aloft during the **Conneaut** hawk-watch of 27 Apr (R. Schlabach).

Northern saw-whet owl: One was found dead along a road in **Fairport (Lake)** 14 Apr (J. Pogacnik).

Common nighthawk: The first returnee came on 28 Apr in **Marion** (R. Counts). Inconspicuous as always in spring, few migrants were reported. Continued gradually to disappear from former nesting sites, judging by reports. C. Holt, a quite active observer in NE Ohio, found exactly none this season.

Chuck-will's-widow: Appeared on schedule in its customary haunts, but one in **Butler** 3 May was a good find (D. Russell). Was once again repeatedly heard singing in **Hocking** this May (P. Knoop). Night surveys for the OBBA may teach us a lot about the distribution of this species in Ohio.

Whip-poor-will: B. Hardesty reported a bird heard 21 Mar-3 Apr in **Hancock**, an unusual record. Calling birds 1 Apr in **Scioto** (Z. Allen) and 2 Apr in **Meigs** (T. Morman) were more likely on territory.

Chimney swift: First reported in **Cincinnati** on a chilly 7 Apr (B. Wulker), others wisely awaited the end of the cold snap, with two in **Yellow Springs** 17 Apr (N. Boutis), and one in **Cuyahoga** by 19 Apr (G. Leidy). The phenomenon of large spring roosts was again noted, with S. Cunliffe reporting 100+ in a **Hudson** school chimney on 1 May, and R&S Harlan ~2000 entering a **Medina** chimney 7 May at dusk. See pp 178-179 of last summer's *Ohio Cardinal*.

Ruby-throated hummingbird: Secondhand reports, lacking much detail, of hummers at feeders 27 Mar in **Cuyahoga** and 1 Apr in **Lorain** were so early that the possibility of returning rufous hummingbirds must be considered, along with the possibility of misidentifications. L. Gruber had an early ruby-throated in **Clermont** more on schedule 22 Apr. Two at **Conneaut Hbr** 20 May (C. Holt) seemed out of place.

Yellow-bellied sapsucker: One in **Mahoning** 12 Mar was likely earlier than a spring migrant (C. Holt). Migrant numbers in single **Columbus** locations reached eight on 4 Apr (R. Thorn) and 12 on 22 Apr (B. Master). Birds in **Cincinnati** 5 (B. Stanley) and **Hancock** 8 May (B. Hardesty) were running late, but one for the 12 May CVNP census could have been a nester.

Olive-sided flycatcher: The first reports came from 4 May, at **Cedar Bog** (D. Snapp) and **BCSP** (D. Overacker). Last reported 31 May in **Paulding** (M&D Dunakin).

Eastern wood-pewee: On schedule, the first birds appeared 5 May, in **Columbus** (B. Royse), **Caesar Ck gorge** (N. Keller), and **Cincinnati** (B. Foppe); three days later they were in **Paulding** (Dunakins) and **Wayne** (S. Snyder).

Yellow-bellied flycatcher: Seen at **Magee** 9 May (R. Nirschl), and **Killdeer** 10 May (T. Shively). High count 10, at **Magee** 25 May (E. Tramer).

Acadian flycatcher: First seen 29 Apr, at **Shawnee SF** (B. Royse) and in **Hocking** (D. Horn), with migrants still passing through **Magee** as singles 20, 22, and 23 May (R&S Harlan).

Alder flycatcher: First to appear was one in **Zaleski SF** 6 May (D. Weber). R&S Harlan found a surprising 15 at **Magee** 23 May, and E. Tramer nine at **CPNWR** the 26th.

Willow flycatcher: Jay Stenger found the earliest, at the **VOA** 5 May; by the 9th, three were at **Magee** (R&S Harlan). Three were singing in **Conneaut's** harbor 31 May (C. Holt).

Least flycatcher: **Clermont** greeted the first on 24 Apr (B. Foppe). R&S Harlan found 10 at **Magee** on 9 May, and five as late as the 23rd. J. Fry discovered a singing male 29 May at the **Hocking** spot where one summered in 2006.

Eastern phoebe: Any wintering birds were reinforced 13 Mar in **Shawnee SF** with 38 reported (B. Royse); the same day, arrivals were noted in **Mahoning** (C. Holt) and **Holmes** (E. Schlabach). Three reached **Magee** 22 Mar (R. Nirschl).

Great crested flycatcher: First detected in **Summit's Nimisila Res** 23 Apr (R&S Harlan), 46 were found in the **CVNP** census of 12 May.

Eastern kingbird: B. Crow found one in **Vinton** on schedule 22 Apr. M. Anderson reported 40 migrants at **Metzger** by 8 May.

Scissor-tailed flycatcher: Reported from **Cuyahoga Co** 23 April. Documentation is needed.

Loggerhead shrike: On 19 Mar, a banded individual of this species was photographed in **Adams**; it was later determined to be one of 14 pairs in **Ontario's** reintroduction project. Another was banded in **Ottawa** 5 May.

Northern shrike: Winter's **Deer Ck** bird remained 5 Mar (B. Royse). A. Newman found one at **Woodbury WA** 8 Mar, and B. Kinkead one off the **Magee** causeway 17 Mar. C. Slater had another at **Egypt Valley WA** 19 Mar (*vide* J. McCormac). An imm at **Sandy Ridge Res'n** was present 20 Mar (R. Schneider). One at **Wolf Ck Environmental Ctr (Medina)** spent 14 Mar (D. Kersten) through 7 Apr (D. Bertsch). One at **GRWA** on 24 Mar was latish (C. Holt).

White-eyed vireo: Arrived in **Hocking** 15 Apr (B. Placier), with a 30 Apr report from **Magee** (N. Gilbert).

Bell's vireo: A. Betuel announced the return of what was likely last year's male to the **OSU campus** 10 May; A. Wolfe late the same day observed two birds. B. Royse announced the discovery of another, near **Deer Ck SP**, on 31 May.



In Adams Co, 19 Mar on its way north was this loggerhead shrike; the band is from the Ontario reintroduction project. Photo courtesy Pete Whan.

Yellow-throated vireo: Two showed up in *Meigs* on 21 Apr (T. Morman). R&S Harlan observed a late migrant at *Magee* on 22 May.

Blue-headed vireo: Arrived in the state via *Adams* 20 Mar (P. Whan), and was found in *Hocking* two days later, where two nests were confirmed by 13 May (both J. Watts). Fourteen were in *Shawnee SF* 2 Apr (B. Royse); the CVNP census found four 12 May, and E. Schlabach one in *Tuscarawas* 17 May.

Warbling vireo: Arrived in *Cincinnati* (B. Hull) and *EFSP* (B. Stanley) on 21 Apr. The CVNP census of 12 May tallied a healthy 74, versus 84 of the ubiquitous red-eyed.

Philadelphia vireo: Reported earliest at *Indian Ck WA* in *Brown* 5 May (Jay Stenger). E. Schlabach had two in *Holmes* 10 May, the only report of multiple birds.

Red-eyed vireo: Arrived as a cohort of half a dozen at *Shawnee SF* 22 Apr (M. Studebaker)

Blue jay: On 18 Mar, a cohort of 50 moved through *Indian Ck WA* in *Brown* (B. Stanley). M. Anderson estimated 3500 had passed over *Metzger* by mid-morning on 8 May. E. Tramer remarked that despite these multitudes, the species has been locally depressed in numbers this year. He offered results of systematic roadside surveys taken this year and last in the oak openings near *Toledo*, with the following results: 47 jays on Mar 8 '06, versus only eight on 25 Mar '07; 38 on 11 Apr '06, versus only four on 16 Apr '07; 29 on 28 Apr '06, versus only seven on 27 Apr '07; 24 on 8 May '06, versus only 10 on 3 May '07.

Purple martin: C. Dusthimer had two at *Buckeye Lk* 30 Mar. The 17th of Apr in *Clermont* (B. Stanley), and the following day in *Lucas* (G. Links), brought other birds after the end of the last cold spell.

Tree swallow: Reported 2 Mar at *BCSP* (B. Menker) and 3 Mar in *Hamilton* (F. Frick), they were much slower to reach the northern counties, such as on the 24th in *Trumbull* (C. Holt) and the 25th in *Paulding* (Dunakins).

Northern rough-winged swallow: Early arrivals included 22 Mar in *Clermont* (D. Morse), 23 Mar at *HBSP* (R. Hannikman, ph, a new local early record), and one at the *Senecaville fish hatchery* 24 Mar (E. Schlabach).

Bank swallow: Early was one 16 Apr in *Wood* (P. Chad). Reached *Holmes* by 20 Apr (E. Schlabach) and *Springville Marsh SMP* by the 22nd (T. Bartlett).

Cliff swallow: M. Schlabach noticed the first on 1 Apr pretty early, in *Holmes*.

Barn swallow: E. Schlabach spotted the earliest at *Senecaville* in *Guernsey* 24 Mar.

Carolina wren: Decent numbers were generally reported in the north. C. Holt had one at *Conneaut* 20 May.

House wren: On 22 Apr, birds were found at *MWW* (S. Pelikan) and in *Delaware* (R. Lowry). No interesting high count was available, perhaps because these wrens are too feisty to move ensemble.

Winter wren: Singing males were at *Funk* 22 Mar (B. Glick), *Fort Ancient* 28 Apr (D. Dister), and *Mohican SF* 20 May (B. Placier). D. Chasar reported the species 11, 19, 20, 27 Apr and 25 May at *Brecksville Res'n*.

Sedge wren: Detected earliest 29 Apr in *Pickaway* (P. Rodewald), with 30 Apr birds in *Knox* (B. Warner) and *HBSP* (S. Isacco). On 24 May, two were at *Tri-Valley WA* (Warner) and three near *Killbuck WA* (J. Herman). One sang at *Magee* 25 May (E. Tramer). Several occupied *ONWR* 13 May (m obs).

Marsh wren: Apr 25 brought one to *SVWA* (B. Powell), while four reached *Conneaut* by 27 Apr (C. Holt); five were installed at *Sandy Ridge Res'n* in *Lorain* 30 May (C. Caldwell).

Golden-crowned kinglet: T. Bartlett tallied 119 for the *Kelleys Isl* census of 26 Mar. A pair was seen near a former nest site in *Mohican SF* 30 Apr (B. Glick), and nesting was suspected in a hemlock grove at *Clear Ck MP* in *Hocking* 7 May (K. Miller). One at *Magee* as late as 15 May (B. Zwiebel) was still on its way north.

Ruby-crowned kinglet: A feeder-assisted wintering bird in *Ashland* was last seen 30 Mar (T. Leslie). S. Pelikan found one in *Cincinnati* 22 Mar. A record high for *CPNWR* was 88 on 28 Apr (E. Tramer), while P. Chaon counted 65-70 at *Shaker Lks* 23 Apr, and K. Kaufman 170+ at *Magee* 1 May, where the latest was observed 22 May (R&S Harlan).

Blue-gray gnatcatcher: First reported in *Adams* 23 Mar (P. Whan), 43 crowded *CPNWR* 28 Apr (E. Tramer).

Veery: First reported 27 Apr at *Brecksville* (D. Chasar); the first nest at *Clear Ck MP* was confirmed 13 May (J. Watts). Seven were the last reported migrants, at *Magee* on 23 May (R&S Harlan).

Gray-cheeked thrush: Arrived via overflight at *Magee* 29 Apr (G. Leidy). Ten remained 23 May (R&S Harlan).

Swainson's thrush: Good numbers, by accounts. K. Kaufman reported the first, at *Magee* 23 Apr. R&S Harlan had 25 there 23 May, and a latish one at *Cuyahoga Falls* 31 May.

Hermit thrush: Early were two singing males, seemingly on territory, in *Waterloo SF* in *Athens* 3 Apr (B. Royse). On territory in *Clear Ck MP* and *Old Man's Cave SP* were other males on 27 May (T. Shively). Twenty gathered at *Magee* 21 Apr (R&S Harlan), and quite late there was an imm male migrant on 23 May (J. Dunn *vide* Harlan).

Wood thrush: Four reports came from southern counties of their arrival on 22 Apr.

American robin: Beyond this season's many winterers, robin migration was well underway on 25 Mar, when J. Pogacnik counted 1070 along the shore in *Lake*, and T. Bartlett 628 on *Kelleys Island*.

Gray catbird: Reports of catbirds in *Stark* 14 Mar (K. Fenstermaker) and in *Franklin* 30 Mar (V. Fazio) more likely represented over-wintering individuals than early arrivals. One apparently arrived at *HWSP* 24 Apr (D. Russell).

Northern mockingbird: E. Tramer noted some missing from traditional spots near *Toledo*, and wondered if cold and snow had done them in. Increased competition for food from hordes of robins this year may have played a part, too.

Brown thrasher: One 11 Mar at *MWW* (S. Bobonick) may have spent the winter. Certainly an overflier was one at *HBSP* on 23 Mar (R. Hannikman *vide* L. Rosche).

American pipit: Reports spanned the winter months, but a migrant push began with 10 at **Gilmore Ponds** 3 Mar (M. Busam), ~40 in **Darke** 17 Mar (R. Schieltz), then ~20 the day the ice broke up around **S. Bass Isl** 23 Mar (L. Brohl), and 68 in **Hardin** the following day (R. Counts). The high count was 225 at **KPWA** 4 Apr (B. Kinkead). Good numbers in May included ~125 at **Metzger** 8 May (M. Anderson), 90 in **Tuscarawas** 12 May (E. Schlabach). Stragglers were two in **Conneaut** 20 May (C. Holt) and another duo at **Metzger** 25 May (K. Kaufman).

Cedar waxwing: Their numbers fluctuate, and trended down this spring, even with a high count of 125 seen at **Metzger Marsh** 8 May (M. Anderson), probably due to the April freeze.

Blue-winged warbler: First reported 22 Apr s. of **Columbus** (B. Royse), with one at **Magee** within five days (R. Nirschl). The **CVNP** had good numbers as usual, with 55 on the census of 12 May.



An SY male blue-winged warbler captured for banding 22 April at HWSP. Photo from Dave Russell.

Golden-winged warbler: All reports follow: male 28 Apr **Shawnee SF** (B. Sparks), 30 Apr in **Paulding** (M&D Dunakin), male **Tiffin** 1 May (T. Bartlett), male **The Wilds** 3 May (J. Larson), 3 May **OSU campus** (S. Matthews *vide* P. Rodewald), 4 May at **BCSP** (D. Overacker), **Blendon Wds MP** in **Columbus** 5 May (D. Linzell), **Delaware SP** 5 May (Jack Stenger), in **Licking** 6-8 May (C. Dusthimer), male with atypical song **Highbanks MP** in **Delaware** 7 May (R. Lowry), **OSU campus** 7 May (A. Boone), birds netted at **Navarre** 7 & 9 May (BSBO), female **OSU campus** 8 May (D. Horn), **Magee Marsh** 8 May (R. Nirschl), two at **Metzger** 8 May (M. Anderson), two at **Riverbend** in **Hancock** 8 May (B. Hardesty), 8 May in the **CVNP** (D. Chasar), singing male 22 May at **Battelle-Darby MP** in **Franklin** (J. Kuenzli).



A male golden-winged warbler mist-netted on the OSU campus 3 May by S. Matthews. Photo P. Rodewald.

"Brewster's" warbler: Only one report emerged of this hybrid of the above two species. At **BCSP** 4 May, D. Overacker encountered a bird with golden wing-bars that otherwise resembled a blue-winged warbler.

Tennessee warbler: Appearing as early as 22 Apr at **Magee** (R. Nirschl), a flight at **HBSP** on 20 May numbered ~40 (R. Hannikman).

Orange-crowned warbler: The remarkable wintering bird in **Columbus** was last seen 8 Mar (N. Nye). Also there was the first on a more conventional schedule, on 17 Apr (D. Horn). Last reported at **Magee** 12 May (C. Dusthimer).

Nashville warbler: In **Columbus** by 23 Apr (A. Boone), sixty were found at **Metzger** 8 May (M. Anderson).

Northern parula: One along the Scioto R in **Columbus** 2 Apr was an overflyer (S. Landes), with the first more conventional migrant reported singing in **Vinton** 6 Apr (D. Hess). At **Magee**, 15 were present 9 May (R&S Harlan), and C. Holt had one in **Conneaut** as late as 20 May.

Hybrid northern parula X cerulean warbler: Returned for the fourth consecutive year to its **Toledo** haunts 24 Apr (R. Nirschl).

Yellow warbler: Reported 22 Apr first, in **Cincinnati** (A. Oliver), **Muskingum** (J. Larson), **Magee** (R. Nirschl), and **Springville Marsh, Seneca** (T. Bartlett). C. Holt had 47 in one **Mahoning** locale 8 May, and R&S Harlan ~50 the following day at **Magee**. The 12 May **CVNP** census tallied 181.

Chestnut-sided warbler: Five birds 27-28 Apr were territorial in two locales in the **Shawnee SF** (B. Sparks), at one of which breeding was confirmed last year. One was netted in **Ottawa** 23 Apr (BSBO).

Magnolia warbler: Appeared on schedule 4 May in **Hamilton** (S. Castellano) and **BCSP** (D. Overacker).

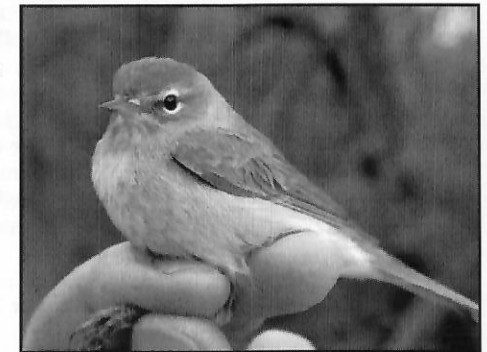
Cape May warbler: First reported from **Cincinnati** 29 Apr (N. Keller), by 1 May three males had reached **Magee** (K. Kaufman). P. Rodewald reported 38 there and nearby in **ONWR** on 10 May.

Black-throated blue warbler: Quite early was one in **Licking** 22 Apr (H. Nagy), with one in **Seneca** 28 Apr (T. Bartlett). A. Boone made a notable count of 32 on 16 May at **Magee**.

Yellow-rumped warbler: K. Kaufman estimated ~500 at **Magee**, mostly ad males, 24 Apr, and ~180 there on 1 May. The last report from **Magee** came 22 May (R&S Harlan).

Black-throated green warbler: Five were singing in **Zaleski SF**'s pines by 3 Apr (B. Royse). In **Hancock**, 18 were counted 12 May (B. Hardesty), and 23 were in the **CVNP** for their census of the same day.

Blackburnian warbler: Touched down widely on 22 Apr: **MWW** (S. Pelikan), **Seneca** (T. Bartlett), and **Magee** (R. Nirschl). Nirschl reported ~40 at **Magee** by 8 May, and E. Tramer 16 at **CPNWR** the 12th. One remained in the **CVNP** 25 May (D. Chasar), and another was singing on territory at **Rock House (Hocking)** the 27th (T. Shively).



This young orange-crowned warbler, captured for banding at HWSP 23 April, shows the drab plumage of the eastern race *celata*. Photo courtesy of Dave Russell.

Yellow-throated warbler: First reported by V. Fazio in *Adams* and *Scioto* 29 Mar. B. Royle had 20 in the latter county by 2 Apr; the following day he had 13 singing males in *Zaleski SF*, all in pines rather than sycamores.

Pine warbler: Wintering birds continued, in *Pickaway* through 3 Mar (E. Reiner) and near *Cincinnati* through 26 Apr (L. Keene). One was singing in *Franklin* 10 Mar (D. Linzell), and 13 in *Scioto* the 13th (B. Royle). One tended territory near *Pymatuning Res* 27 Apr (C. Holt). E. Tramer reported scattered pine warblers in the oak openings near *Toledo*, but observed the elimination of pine plantations there makes their local future doubtful.

Kirtland's warbler: An observation in *Wooster* 23 May was documented for the OBRC.

Prairie warbler: First reported was a singing male in Ohio's prairie warbler stronghold, *Adams Co.*, on 15 Apr (P. Whan). G. Leidy found a wayward one at *HBSP* 28 Apr.

Palm warbler: An early bird touched down 31 Mar at *Sandy Ridge* in *Lorain* (T. Colburn); it was of the yellow eastern race. Other eastern birds showed up 2 Apr at *Magee* (R. Nirschl), 27 Apr in *Summit* (D. Kramer), and 29 Apr at *LSR* (J. Pogacnik). K. Kaufman estimated 50 palms at *Magee* 1 May, and the last was at *MBSP* 23 May (R&S Harlan).

Bay-breasted warbler: First reported with 13 individuals in *Cincinnati* on 5 May (B. Stanley).

Blackpoll warbler: First reported as an overflight at *Magee* on 24 Apr (R. Nirschl *vide* K. Kaufman), 50+ were at *HBSP* 23-24 May (R. Hannikman), then 33 at *CPNWR* 26 May (E. Tramer), with two hanging on at *Conneaut* 31 May (C. Holt).

Cerulean warbler: Apr 22 marked its arrival, with reports from *Shawnee* (M. Studebaker, B. Hull), *MWW* (S. Pelikan), and *Clermont* (D. Fankhauser). High count was 30 in the *Zaleski SF* on 2 May (D. Weber). T. Kemp (*vide* E. Tramer) reported probable nesting in the oak openings of *Toledo* in late May: a male was singing in a site formerly occupied in nearby *Secor MP* on 21 May: these events may signal a return of ceruleans as a nesting species there.

Black-and-white warbler: Arrived 2 Apr at *Shawnee*, where 14 were witnessed 17 Apr (B. Royle). At *Magee*, the high was 20 on 1 May (K. Kaufman).

American redstart: By 22 Apr, 18 were already at *Shawnee SF* (M. Studebaker), and by 24 May, 100+, nearly all first-year males and females, were to be found at *Magee* (G. Leidy).

Prothonotary warbler: A very early arrival, a male evidently well seen in *Columbus*, came on 29 Mar (R. Williams), where the local early record is 10 Apr. In *Delaware*, 82 territories were found by 11 May, with 108 by the 25th (C. Bombaci). J. Fry found two in *Vinton* 19 May. C. Holt saw one at *Berlin Res* 22 May, and R&S Harlan found one in song at *Magee* 23 May.

Worm-eating warbler: J. McCormac reported 10-15 in *Shawnee SF* 22 Apr, and one was banded in *Tiffin* the following day (D. Plotts). Three reached *Magee* on 27 Apr (R. Nirschl).

Ovenbird: Arrived 21 Apr in *Meigs* (T. Morman), with 25 present in *Scioto* by 19 May (L. Gardella), and 15 at *Magee* 9 May (R&S Harlan).

Northern waterthrush: First found as part of an overflight at *Magee* 24 Apr (K. Kaufman), seven were there by the 27th (R. Nirschl), and three still hung around on 23 May (R&S Harlan).

Louisiana waterthrush: Arrived first 24 Mar in *EFSP* (L. Romine). By 2 Apr, B. Royle heard 27 at *Shawnee SF*.

Kentucky warbler: First reported from *EFSP* 23 Apr (G. Fantetti), 2-3 reached *Magee* by 8 May (R. Nirschl).

Connecticut warbler: Starting fairly early were birds near *Toledo* on 11 May (M. Anderson), *Magee* 12 May (G. Miller), *ONWR* 17 May (B. Warner), *Delaware SP* 18 May (B. Shively), and 20 May at *Magee* (P. Rodewald) and at the *CVNP* (D. Chasar). BSBO banders reported Connecticuts May 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 30 in *Ottawa*.

Mourning warbler: Widely reported the second week of May, with a high count of six at *HBSP* 22 May (S. Wagner).

Common yellowthroat: Reported 23 Apr from s. of *Columbus* (B. Royle), *Cincinnati* (B. Zimmerman), and *SVWA* (J. Lehman), ten were at *Magee* by the 30th (N. Gilbert).

Hooded warbler: First at *Shawnee SF* 13 Apr (M. Studebaker), a female lingered at *Magee* 20 May (R&S Harlan).

Wilson's warbler: K. Kaufman reported a few at *Magee* 8 May for the first; 20 were there 20-21 May (R&S Harlan).

Canada warbler: Latish, the first was seen at *Caesar Ck Sp* 10 May (E. Baumgardner). A. Boone tallied 31 at *Magee* 19 May. Territories were established at *Clear Ck MP* and *Old Man's Cave* in *Hocking* 27 May (T. Shively).

Yellow-breasted chat: L. Harder described one near *Oak Hbr* in *Ottawa* early on 20 Apr. D. Patick counted 20 at *Crown City WA* in *Gallia/Lawrence* on 20 May.

Summer tanager: Appeared 24 Apr in *Clermont* (B. Foppe), then at *Metzger* the 27th (R. Nirschl).

Scarlet tanager: An unmistakable male near *Chillicothe* 3 Apr (J. McMahon) furnished a second-earliest state record. B. Roach photographed a rare orange male at *Magee* 17 May. In the realm of the expected, one touched down in *Cincinnati* 22 Apr (B. Hull), and 13 were counted in *Toledo's* oak openings 15 May (E. Tramer).

Spotted towhee: The *Toledo*-area rarity of winter was last seen 20 Apr by its discoverer and host J. Dixon.

American tree sparrow: Last reported 20 Apr at *Pine Lk*, *Ashtabula* (C. Holt).

Clay-colored sparrow: One was at *Magee* 1 May (K. Kaufman) through 5 May (A. Newman), and another in w. *Toledo* 2 May (G. Levalenti *vide* G. Links), while another was in song at *Metzger* 8 May (M. Anderson). P. Rodewald happened upon one at *ONWR* 10 May, and C. Holt another at *Conneaut* 20 May.

Field sparrow: Five were in *Hardin* 10 Mar (R. Counts), and six in *Hancock* 13 Mar (*fide* B. Hardesty).

Vesper sparrow: One was on territory in *Tuscarawas* 29 Mar (B. Glick), and the first returned to *Wood* 1 Apr (B. Cullen), with another in *Hancock* two days later (B. Hardesty). Seems to be often overlooked.

Lark sparrow: The *Toledo* colony numbered six on 24 Apr (J. Moss), and among encouraging signs from SW Ohio was three once more at the *Oakes Quarry* in *Greene* 20 May (D. Snuffer).

Savannah sparrow: One devoted to E. Schlabach's feeder in *Holmes* since early Feb last visited 7 Mar. Appeared 3 Mar in *Clermont* (P. Krusling), with an appearance at *HBSP* 25 Mar (R. Hannikman). High count 21 in *Hardin* 19 May (R. Counts).

Grasshopper sparrow: Arrived 10 Apr in *Pickaway* (B. Royse).

Le Conte's sparrow: Even rarer in spring, one was found at *Irwin Prairie* w. of *Toledo* 28 Apr (R. Nirschl).

Fox sparrow: Five showed up at a *Columbus* park 4 Mar (P. Raver). Later in the month, high counts were achieved of ~60 on the 22nd and ~70 on the 26th at *Magee* (R. Nirschl), then a notable 140+ at *Wintergarden Pk* in *Wood* the 30th (G. Links). Latest report came from *Magee* 6 May (R&S Harlan).



Rick Asamoto photographed this fledgling from the lark sparrow nesting at Oakes Quarry near Dayton on 28 May.

Lincoln's sparrow: One was banded at *Gilmore Ponds* 22 Apr (S. Pawlowski *fide* M. Busam), with 15 seen at *Metzger* 8 May (M. Anderson). The last three were reported from *Magee* on 23 May (R&S Harlan).

Swamp sparrow: First seen at *EFSP* 12 Mar (D. Morse), with two at *Springville Marsh* in *Seneca* 17 Mar (T. Bartlett). High count 20 at *Magee* 21 Apr by R&S Harlan.

White-throated sparrow: Numerous as always during early spring, the last report came from *Magee* on 16 May (A. Boone).

Harris's sparrow: The *Holmes* wonder of winter was last reported on 3 May (*fide* E. Schlabach), having molted into breeding plumage. Another breeding-plumaged bird graced a feeder in *Hamilton* 28-29 Apr.

White-crowned sparrow: Regarded as less numerous than usual by many, the last of these sparrows was reported on 31 May in *Conneaut* (C. Holt).

Dark-eyed junco: D. Chasar reported 3-4 territories in *Brecksville Res'n* 24 May. Late migrants: 10 May at *Magee* (P. Rodewald), 22 May in *Hancock* (B. Hardesty), and 24 May at *HBSP* (R. Hannikman).

Lapland longspur: G. Links had ~900 near *Metzger* 3 Mar. K. Overman reported "hundreds" near *ONWR* on 4 Mar. At the *Hardin* wetland, R. Counts reported 117 on 24 Mar, 280 on 30 Mar, 117 on 4 Apr, 156 on 14 Apr, and eight on 21 Apr. J. Kuenzli found ~200, many in alt plumage, along *KPWA's Washburn Rd* 13 Apr.



On 2 May, this disconsolate female rose-breasted grosbeak, a first for this Cincinnati location, regards a mulberry tree devastated by the April cold snap. Photo by Bill Zimmerman.

Rose-breasted grosbeak: Arrived early on 10 Apr in *Hamilton* (M. Wessel) and *Butler* (M. Guiseffi), and as far as *Magee* by 27 Apr (R. Nirschl). Twenty-five were at *Metzger* 8 May (M. Anderson). A census of *Hancock* turned up 33 on 12 May (B. Hardesty). Probably ranked first among unusual feeder visitors this season, perhaps because of widespread loss of buds, flowers, and fruits during the April cold spell.

Blue grosbeak: Increasingly plenteous, by all accounts. First reported in *Adams* 27 Apr (P. Whan), one was at a familiar *Pickaway* location the following day (S. Landes) with two males there 28 May (J. Fry), then another two days later up in *Holmes* (B. Glick). Birds were in *Clermont* 2 May (B. Hull), *Morgan* 2 May (G. Crippen), *KPWA* 10 May (T. Shively), two in *Dayton* 12 May (E&B Neubauer), and one in *Franklin* 15 May (E. Reiner). D. Patick reported six from seldom-visited *Crown City WA* in *Lawrence/Gallia* on 20 May. Records further north are not lacking, but tend to occur later: a pair was at *Tri-Valley WA* 24 May (B. Warner), two in *Toledo* 25 May (S. Duris), one in *Logan* 27 May (Shively), and a first *Richland* record (a first-summer male) 28-30 May (J. Herman). One was spotted 29 May in a *Cincinnati* park (Hull).



Not your everyday Logan County feeder-bird was this female blue grosbeak on 27 May. Photo courtesy of LeeAnn Swonguer.

Indigo bunting: Arrived at *HWSP* 24 Apr (J. Perry), and by 8 May M. Anderson was to report 55 at *Metzger*.

Dickcissel: First announced from *Hardin* 5 May (B. Warner), soon became widespread in suitable habitat in the western three tiers of counties.

Bobolink: First reported from *Seneca* (T. Bartlett) and *Holmes* (J. Miller) on 28 Apr, soon occupied suitable habitats statewide.

Red-winged blackbird: Two thousand at **Gilmore Ponds** on 4 Mar was of note (J. Lippert).

Eastern meadowlark: Appeared, especially in the western counties, in customary numbers; interesting was a flyby of ~75 at **HBSP Mar** (R. Hannikman).

Western meadowlark: One in rural **Wood** found 30 Mar (G. Links) remained, apparently unmated, through at least 19 May for m. obs.

Yellow-headed blackbird: T. Bartlett came across the first, a male at **Magee**, on 1 Apr, and two more at **Springville Marsh** in **Seneca** 14 Apr. Other NW marshes sightings included multiple observations at a cattail marsh in **ONWR** throughout May (m obs), where blackbirds nested last year, and one in **Ottawa** 19 Apr (BSBO). Farther afield, J. Kubicki reported one in **Cuyahoga** 23 Apr, and J. Moore videotaped one in **Highland** 30 Apr (records in the SW counties are casual at best).

Rusty blackbird: Reported in numbers >100 mostly in the northern counties, led by 300+ just SE of **ONWR** on 26 Mar (K. Kaufman). Last seen in **ONWR** 10 May (P. Rodewald).

Brewer's blackbird: Even scarcer than usual, with J. Pogacnik offering the only reports: two near **ONWR** 8 Apr, and one at his **Lake** feeder 15 Apr.

Common grackle: The largest number came from a phenomenal blackbird roost at **Gilmore Ponds** in **Butler** on 4 Mar--9000 (J. Lippert).

Orchard oriole: Apparently arrived 23 Apr at **Camp Dennison** in **Hamilton** (B. Foppe), and stayed in good numbers. High counts were ~15 at **Metzger** 8 May (M. Anderson) and 11 at **LSR** 13 May (J. Pogacnik).

Baltimore oriole: First reported from Cincinnati's **Winton Wds** 11 Apr (J. Lippert), by 8 May M. Anderson was to see 140+ in a fallout at **Metzger**.

Purple finch: Moved north in Mar, after reports from **MWW** (N. Cade) on the 6th. E. Schlabach had one singing at his farm in **Holmes** 21 Mar-21 May. Deep snow in the **Chardon** area brought concentrations of 15 or more to C. Crockett's feeders on 8 Apr. J. Fry's **Hocking** feeders attracted two 1-2 May and a female 3 May. At former nesting sites, C. Caldwell saw one in **Mohican SF** 19 May, and R&S Harlan a pair at **Hinckley MP** in **Medina** 15 May. C. Holt had one in **Ashtabula** 31 May.

Common redpoll: Remarkable was one at a **Franklin** feeder 12-15 Apr (B. Master, ph).

Pine siskin: Little was heard of this species. J. Pogacnik had one at his **Lake** feeders as late as 13 May.



Surely among the most unexpected spring appearances was that of a common redpoll at a feeder in Worthington, Franklin Co on 12-15 Apr. Photograph courtesy of Bernard Master.

Evening grosbeak: Seen only once in a while these days, and often enough in the center of the state's NE quadrant, as was the only one reported this spring, a female at a **Holmes** feeder 22 May (*fide* B. Glick).

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