



Brian Zwiebel was fortunate enough to find and photograph this Blue-headed Vireo attending to its nest at Shawnee State Forest in Scioto County. The photograph was taken 18 April 2008, more than a month before the safe date for this species, but this unequivocal evidence of breeding trumps the safe date and makes this a valuable addition to the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II.

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Alternate-plumaged Red Knots, bathed in salmon, are rarely seen in Ohio, especially not in larger flocks. These birds were singled out of a flock of 47 at Big Island Wildlife Area in Marion County, where Rick Asamoto photographed them on 24 May 2008. See the season report for a photograph of the complete flock, one of the largest recorded in Ohio in recent memory.



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