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The period of the spring migration this year was well covered by a group of 51 "reporters" who have submitted their observations for this issue of the Calendar. Out of this wealth of material an unusually clear-cut picture of bird life in the Cleveland region during the period covered emerges.

Despite wartime restrictions on the use of gasoline and participation in various war services on the part of many, it was found possible to do a considerable amount of field work close at home, and by conserving what gasoline was available, and sharing transportation, a number of group trips were made possible.

Because so many individual trips were of short duration, and group lists were shared by those participating, it is difficult, if not impossible, in this issue to assign individual credit for greatest number of trips and largest species lists. The number of species reported this year to date (December 1, 1943 to May 31, 1944) is 224. Of these 86 were reported for the period December-January-February, and 138 have been added for the period March-April-May. Last year the score at this time was 218.

Special attention is called to the unusual amount of nesting data included in this issue. The accumulation of such records for this region is of particular importance now in view of the work being undertaken by the Kirtland Bird Club looking toward the production of an authoritative annotated check list of the birds of the Cleveland region.

The following persons have contributed reports and observations to make this issue of the Calendar one of the most satisfactory spring migration numbers yet issued:

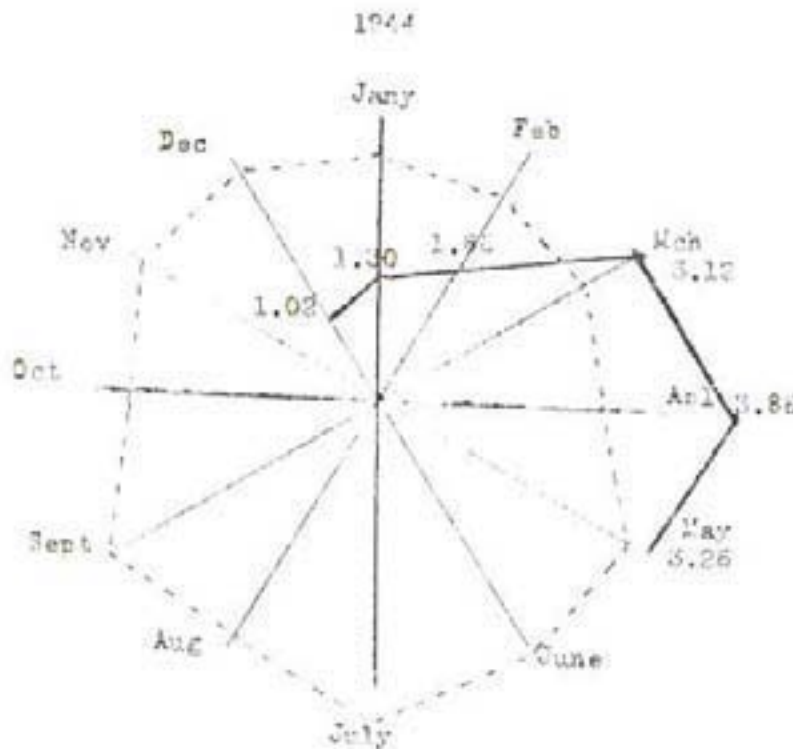
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SUMMARY OF WEATHER CONDITIONS

The spring of 1944 was a wet one - somewhat comparable to that of 1943, although not quite so wet. Although the record shows a deficiency of 0.16 of an inch below normal from January 1 to May 31, a glance at the chart below will reveal that the shortages were in January and February, and that precipitation during the months of March, April and May was considerably above normal. With practically no frost after the first week in April, and consistently warm weather in May, this excess of moisture produced another "lush" spring, with early-blooming wildflowers and dense forest vegetation.

These conditions should have been favorable to bird life, both from the standpoint of migration and of early nesting activities. They probably were responsible for the absence of any well-recognizable "waves" of the later migrant species.

The chart below shows graphically the amount and distribution of rainfall by months. The spokes of the wheel, from the center outward, each represent 3 inches of water. The points connected by the dotted line indicate the "normal," or average precipitation at Cleveland, based on 74 years of weather observations. The heavy black line connects points representing the actual amount of precipitation recorded monthly for the first 6 months of 1944 and for December, 1943. Note how the records for March, April and May fall beyond the "normal" as indicated by the dotted line. Figures are those of the U. S. Weather Bureau, located at the Cleveland Airport.



INTERESTING OR UNUSUAL RECORDS

American Egret

- May 28 - Mogadore Reservoir (near Akron) in company with Great Blue, and Black-crowned Night Herons - Dr. Warren Towle.
May 29 - One bird reported seen on marsh near Sandusky by R. F. Strickland.

Lesser Snow Goose

- March 27 - Two birds reported seen at Bay Bridge near Sandusky from train window by R. F. Strickland.

European Wigeon

- March 22 - Shaker Lake - One bird with four Baldpates - Vera Carrothers.
April 2 - Smith's swamp near Pymatuning - One bird observed with Baldpates and Gadwalls - J. B. Lieftinck.
April 22 - Clague Pond. - H. W. Baker.
May 10 - Hartstown swamp near Pymatuning - One bird observed - J. E. Lieftinck.

Great Black-backed Gull

- March 19 - Two birds observed off Gordon Park on Lake Erie by Vera Carrothers, W. Earl Godfrey, Merit B. Skaggs and other members of the Kirtland Bird Club.

Long-eared Owl

- April 6 - Westlake (Cuyahoga County) - One bird caught in trap "set for hawks." Examined, and reported by Rudolph Kula.

Bohemian Waxwing

- Several reports of this species seem to indicate a flight in the Cleveland region this spring.
March 8 - A flock of about 30 birds near the lake shore in Rocky River feeding on dry berries in low trees and bushes - not at all shy. Reported by Susanne Bohme and Genevieve Corry.
March 8-9 - Two birds at feeding station - Lyndhurst - Mrs. F. B. Page.
April 4 - Lakewood - A flock of 9 birds seen twice on this date by Mrs. Simon Olson - Birds feeding on barberry berries after a heavy snow storm.
March 19 - A pair, soon joined by a group of nine or ten others, observed at feeding station in Lakewood. Easily observed and recognized by all distinguishing marks - Mrs. Walter A. Sawyer.

White-eyed Vireo

- May 14 - One bird seen by Leta E. Adams, James Findley, Raymond W. Hill, and Donald Newman in the Bird Sanctuary at the western end of the lower Shaker Lake. When first observed, it was singing from the topmost point of a tall red oak. It was observed again by Donald Newman at noon on the same day near the same spot, searching the foliage of the oaks and willows which grow along the edge of the brook.
May 10 - One seen by Dr. T. C. Surrarer at Berea.
May 14 - One seen by H. W. Baker, North Olmsted.

INTERESTING OR UNUSUAL RECORDS (continued)

Worm-eating Warbler

April 30 - One bird reported by J. O. McQuown as having been observed in the "wooded regions adjacent to Brookside Park."

May 7 - Two birds reported by H. V. Baker as having been seen in Rocky River Metropolitan Park.

Yellow-breasted Chat

As we have noted before, this species seems to be extending its nesting range into the Cleveland region. The records this spring include regular reports from May 9 on, totaling 29 individuals. Merit Skaggs report of a pair, banded by him at his home in South Euclid May 27 and 28, would seem to indicate a nesting near at hand.

Orchard Oriole

April 29-30 - One bird reported seen at Shaker Lakes on each of these dates by Elsie C. Erickson.

May 9 and 14 - Pymatuning - J. E. Lieftinck.

May 21 - Pymatuning - Merit B. Skaggs.

Summer Tanager

May 8 - A male bird reported seen in the Cuyahoga Gorge a few miles north of Akron by Dr. Warren Towle, of Akron, who is described as "a competent observer" by Mr. J. E. Lieftinck.

Pine Grosbeak

March 5 - Waite Hill, Willoughby - Three birds feeding in Dogwood and Crab Apple trees, "They were so tame that several times I almost touched one. One sang in the top of an old Norway Spruce and I have never heard a lovelier song - so faint you could hardly tell where it came from."
- Margaret Sherwin.

Common Redpoll

March 26 - Long Lake, immediately south of Akron - Eleven birds, including three adult males, reported feeding in alder trees by J. E. Lieftinck.

Bachman Sparrow

May 2 - One bird seen at Shaker Lakes and reported by W. Earl Godfrey.

Gambel Sparrow

May 20 - One bird trapped with White-crowned Sparrows and banded by Merit Skaggs at South Euclid. Identification made by bird in the hand.

SPECIES OCCURRENCE RECORDS

In the following list, "Wintered," means that there are January and February records of the occurrence of the species here. Some of these birds are winter visitors from the north; some are permanent residents (these are starred); some records indicate that certain individual birds remained over winter, while the bulk of the species wintered farther south. "Breeds," means that individuals of the species indicated breed in the Cleveland region.

Spring Arrivals and Departures

	<u>First 1944</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Last 1944</u>
Lesser Loon	Mch 26 (1)	Apl 2 (29)	May 28 (1)
Red-throated Loon	Apl 7 (2)		Apl 7 (2)
Horned Grebe	Apl 7 (4)	Apl 23 (4)	May 11 (2)
Pied-billed Grebe	Mch 25 (1)	Apl 16 (6)	Breeds
Great Blue Heron	Mch 19 (3)	Apl 2 (22)	Breeds
American Egret	May 28 (1)		May 29 (1)
Eastern Green Heron	Apl 13 (1)	May 21 (24)	Breeds
Bc Night Heron	Apl 2 (1)	May 7 (4)	Breeds
American Bittern	Apl 2 (1)	May 14 (6)	Breeds
E. Least Bittern	May 6 (2)		Breeds
Whistling Swan	Mch 26 (1)		Apl 2 (2)
Common Canada Goose	Mch 18 (91)	Mch 22 (420)	May 6 (6)
Lesser Snow Goose	Mch 27 (2)		Mch 27 (2)
Common Mallard	Mch 12 (60)	Apl 2 (58)	Breeds
Black Duck	Mch 12 (10)	Apl 2 (25)	Breeds
Gadwall	Mch 19 (15)	Apl 2 (14)	May 14 (1)
European Wigeon	Mch 22 (1)	Apl 22(2)	May 10 (1)
Baldpate	Mch 6 (1)	Apl 2 (750)	May 21 (3)
American Pintail	Mch 12 (3)	Apl 2 (1000)	Apl 13 (200)
Green-winged Teal	Mch 19 (16)	Mch 19 (16)	May 8 (3)
Blue-winged Teal	Apl 2 (2)	Apl 16 (13)	May 24 (4)
Shoveler	Mch 19 (26)	Apl 2 (48)	May 21 (1)
Wood Duck	Apl 2 (4)	May 7 (10)	Breeds
Redhead	Mch 19 (690)	Mch 26 (110)	Apl 22 (1)
Ring-necked Duck	Mch 12 (22)	Apl 2 (307)	Apl 22 (4)
Canvasback	Mch 19 (100)	Apl 2 (70)	May 11 (1)
American Greater Scaup	Apl 2 (20)		May 11 (6)
Lesser Scaup	Wintered	Apl 2 (700)	May 21 (4)
American Goldeneye	Mch 12 (4)	Mch 19 (85)	Apl 24 (2)
Barrow Goldeneye	Apl 22 (1)		Apl 22 (1)
Bufflehead	Mch 12 (3)	Apl 2 (19)	May 11 (4)
Ruddy Duck	Mch 19 (4)	Apl 16 (40)	May 21 (10)
Hooded Merganser	Mch 19 (12)	Apl 2 (30)	Apl 26 (4)
American Merganser	Mch 12 (12)	Apl 2 (213)	Apl 22 (2)
Red-breasted Merganser	Mch 19 (60)	Apl 1 (800)	May 28 (12)
Eastern Turkey Vulture	Mch 24 (2)	May 14 (31)	Breeds
*Sharp-shinned Hawk	Wintered		Breeds
*Cooper Hawk	Wintered		Breeds

Spring Arrivals and Departures (continued)

	<u>First 1944</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Last 1944</u>
*Eastern Red-tailed Hawk	Wintered		Breeds
*Northern Red-shouldered Hawk	Wintered		Breeds
Broad-winged Hawk	Apl 23 (13)	Apl 24 (28)	Breeds
American Rough-legged Hawk	Mch 24 (1)		Mch 24 (1)
Northern Bald Eagle	Mch 19 (1)		Breeds
*Marsh Hawk	Wintered		Breeds
American Osprey	Apl 20 (1)		May 21 (2)
*Eastern Sparrow Hawk	Wintered		Breeds
*Appalachian Ruffed Grouse	Wintered		Breeds
*Eastern Bobwhite	Wintered		Breeds
*Ring-necked Pheasant	Wintered		Breeds
Virginia Rail	Apl 30 (1)		Breeds
Sora	Apl 29 (1)	Apl 30 (3)	Breeds
Florida Gallinule	Apl 7 (2)		Breeds
American Coot	Mch 12 (6)	Mch 26 (51)	Breeds
Semipalmated Plover	May 21 (10)		May 21 (10)
Killdeer	Mch 12 (9)		Breeds
Black-bellied Plover	May 28 (1)		May 28 (1)
American Woodcock	Mch 12 (1)		Breeds
Wilson Snipe	Apl 8 (1)	Apl 16 (6)	Apl 22 (1)
Upland Plover	Apl 21 (1)		Breeds
Spotted Sandpiper	Apl 16 (1)	Apl 30 (26)	Breeds
Eastern Solitary Sandpiper	Apl 23(2)	May 14 (14)	May 22 (1)
Greater Yellowlegs	Apl 2 (1)		May 21 (2)
Lesser Yellowlegs	Apl 2 (2)		May 14 (1)
Pectoral Sandpiper	Mch 25 (1)		May 7 (1)
Least Sandpiper	Apl 21 (1)	May 14 (4)	May 27 (1)
Red-backed Sandpiper	May 7 (2)		May 7 (2)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Apl 30 (1)		May 21 (3)
Glaucous Gull	Mch 19 (1)		Apl 7 (3)
Great Black-backed Gull	Mch 19 (2)		Mch 19 (2)
American Herring Gull	Wintered		May 7 (5)
Ring-billed Gull	Wintered		May 14 (2)
Bonaparte Gull	Apl 2 (1)	Apl 16 (67)	May 7 (2)
Common Tern	May 11 (20)		May 21 (4)
Caspian Tern	Apl 22 (1)		Apl 22 (1)
Black Tern	May 4 (1)	May 10 (60)	Breeds
Eastern Mourning Dove	Mch 5 (6)	Apl 30 (121)	Breeds
*Rock Dove	Wintered		Breeds
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	May 6 (1)	May 14 (4)	Breeds
Black-billed Cuckoo	May 14 (3)	May 21 (7)	Breeds
*Eastern Screech Owl	Wintered		Breeds
*Great Horned Owl	Wintered		Breeds
*Northern Barred Owl	Wintered		Breeds
Long-eared Owl	Apl 6 (1)		Apl 6 (1)
*Saw whet Owl	Mch 11 (1)		Breeds
Eastern Whipoorwill	Apl 23 (2)		Breeds
Eastern Nighthawk	May 2 (4)	May 27 (33)	Breeds

Spring Arrivals and Departures (continued)

	<u>First 1944</u>	<u>Maximum 1944</u>	<u>Last 1944</u>
Chimney Swift	Apl 19 (1)	May 14 (62)	Breeds
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	May 7 (1)	May 14 (12)	Breeds
Eastern Belted Kingfisher	Mch 11 (1)	Apl 16 (19)	Breeds
Northern Flicker	Mch 5 (2)	Apl 30 (103)	Breeds
*Northern Pileated Woodpecker	Wintered		Breeds
*Red-bellied Woodpecker	Wintered		Breeds
Eastern Red-headed Woodpecker	Apl 25 (3)	May 7 (19)	Breeds
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Mch 21 (1)	Apl 16 (74)	May 12 (1)
*Eastern Hairy Woodpecker	Wintered		Breeds
*Northern Downy Woodpecker	Wintered		Breeds
Eastern Kingbird	Apl 22 (2)	May 21 (27)	Breeds
Northern Crested Flycatcher	Apl 23 (3)	May 14 (42)	Breeds
Eastern Phoebe	Mch 24 (2)	Apl 2 (17)	Breeds
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	May 21 (2)		May 21 (2)
Acadian Flycatcher	Apl 30 (2)	May 28 (11)	Breeds
Alder Flycatcher	May 7 (1)	May 14 (9)	Breeds
Least Flycatcher	Apl 30 (3)	May 14 (11)	Breeds
Eastern Wood Pewee	May 6 (1)	May 21 (38)	Breeds
Eastern Olive-sided Flycatcher	May 10 (1)		May 10 (1)
Prairie Horned Lark	Wintered		Breeds
Tree Swallow	Apl 1 (2)	Apl 28 (12)	Breeds
American Bank Swallow	Apl 23 (1)	May 2 (16)	Breeds
Rough-winged Swallow	Apl 16 (9)	Apl 30 (42)	Breeds
Barn Swallow	Apl 16 (4)	May 14 (35)	Breeds
Northern Cliff Swallow	May 6 (1)	May 7 (6)	Breeds
Purple Martin	Apl 11 (2)	May 1 (60)	Breeds
*Northern Blue Jay	Wintered		Breeds
*Eastern Crow	Wintered	Feb 26,27,28,29	Breeds
*Northern Black-capped Chickadee	Wintered		Breeds
*Tufted Titmouse	Wintered		Breeds
*White-breasted Nuthatch	Wintered		Breeds
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Apl 2 (1)	May 7 (30)	May 21 (4)
Brown Creeper	Wintered	Apl 23 (47)	May 10 (2)
Bewick Wren	May 6 (2)		May 6 (2)
Ohio House Wren	Apl 17 (1)	May 14 (50)	Breeds
Eastern Winter Wren	Apl 15 (1)	Apl 28 (2)	May 10 (1)
*Carolina Wren	Wintered		Breeds
Prairie Marsh Wren	May 4 (1)	May 12 (10)	Breeds
Eastern Mockingbird	Apl 29 (1)		Apl 29 (1)
Catbird	Apl 22 (1)	May 7 (95)	Breeds
Eastern Brown Thrasher	Apl 4 (1)	Apl 30 (26)	Breeds
Eastern Robin	Mch 1 (1)	Mch 21 (300)	Breeds
Wood Thrush	Apl 22 (1)	May 7 (64)	Breeds
Eastern Hermit Thrush	Mch 30 (1)	Apl 16 (43)	May 14 (1)
Olive-backed Thrush	Apl 24 (1)	May 13 (48)	May 24 (5)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	Apl 26 (1)	May 7 (7)	May 23 (2)
Veery	Apl 23 (1)	May 14 (11)	Breeds
Eastern Bluebird	Mch 5 (2)	Mch 12 (14)	Breeds

Spring Arrivals and Departures (continued)

	<u>First 1944</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Last 1944</u>
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Apl 22 (1)	May 7 (12)	Breeds
Eastern Golden-crowned Kinglet	Wintered	Apl 16 (115)	May 14 (1)
Eastern Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Mch 21 (2)	Apl 23 (44)	May 21 (4)
Bohemian Waxwing	Mch 8 (32)		Mch 19 (2)
*Cedar Waxwing	Wintered	Apl 2 (42)	Breeds
Migrant Shrike	Apl 8 (2)	May 10 (7)	Breeds
*Starling	Wintered		Breeds
White-eyed Vireo	May 10 (1)		May 14 (2)
Yellow-throated Vireo	May 6 (2)	May 14 (11)	Breeds
Blue-headed Vireo	May 4 (1)		May 21 (5)
Red-eyed Vireo	May 5 (1)	May 21 (98)	Breeds
Philadelphia Vireo	May 6 (2)	May 21 (5)	May 22 (1)
Eastern Warbling Vireo	May 2 (3)	May 14 (11)	Breeds
Black and White Warbler	Apl 25 (2)	May 6 (22)	May 21 (6)
Prothonotary Warbler	Apl 22 (1)		Apl 22 (1)
Worm-eating Warbler	Apl 30 (1)		May 8 (2)
Blue-winged Warbler	Apl 24 (1)	May 14 (26)	Breeds
Tennessee Warbler	May 4 (1)	May 14 (20)	May 28 (1)
Orange-crowned Warbler	May 4 (1)	May 7 (4)	May 20 (2)
Nashville Warbler	Apl 30 (4)	May 14 (11)	May 21 (1)
Northern Parula Warbler	May 3 (2)	May 7 (4)	May 21 (2)
Eastern Yellow Warbler	Apl 24 (1)	May 7 (59)	Breeds
Magnolia Warbler	May 1 (2)	May 14 (73)	May 24 (1)
Cape May Warbler	May 6 (1)	May 14 (67)	May 21 (18)
Black-throated Blue Warbler	May 2 (2)	May 7 (11)	May 21 (2)
Myrtle Warbler	Apl 16 (4)	Apl 30 (79)	May 21 (6)
Black-throated Green Warbler	Apl 24 (1)	May 7 (38)	Breeds
Cerulean Warbler	May 7 (7)	May 14 (13)	Breeds
Blackburnian Warbler	Apl 30 (1)	May 21 (34)	May 28 (1)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Apl 30 (1)	May 21 (27)	May 25 (1)
Bay-breasted Warbler	May 10 (1)	May 20 (15)	May 21 (21)
Black-poll'd Warbler	May 12 (3)	May 21 (18)	May 2? (1)
Northern Pine Warbler	May 14 (1)	May 17 (3)	May 20 (1)
Western Palm Warbler	Apl 20 (1)	May 2 (27)	May 21 (1)
Ovenbird	Apl 23 (1)	May 7 (61)	Breeds
Grinnell Waterthrush	Apl 16 (1)	May 14 (14)	May 26 (1)
Louisiana Waterthrush	Apl 11 (1)	Apl 30 (20)	Breeds
Connecticut Warbler	May 9 (1)		May 28 (2)
Mourning Warbler	May 20 (1)	May 21 (2)	May 26 (1)
Northern Yellowthroat	Apl 29 (4)	May 21 (59)	Breeds
Yellow-breasted Chat	May 9 (1)	May 20 (5)	Breeds
Hooded Warbler	Apl 30 (1)	May 7 (12)	Breeds
Wilson Warbler	May 10 (1)	May 21 (10)	May 25 (1)
Canada Warbler	May 6 (1)	May 14 (15)	May 27 (4)
American Redstart	Apl 29 (1)	May 7 (36)	Breeds

Spring Arrival and Departures (continued)

	<u>First 1944</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Last 1944</u>
*English Sparrow	Wintered		Breeds
Bobolink	Apl 14 (3)	May 14 (17)	Breeds
Eastern Meadowlark	Mch 3 (1)	Apl 2 (18)	Breeds
Eastern Red-winged Blackbird	Mch 5 (2)	Mch 11 (67)	Breeds
Orchard Oriole	Apl 29 (1)	May 9 (2)	Breeds
Baltimore Oriole	May 1 (1)	May 14 (28)	Breeds
Rusty Blackbird	Mch 11 (13)	Apl 2 (22)	May 14 (2)
Bronzed Grackle	Mch 11 (2)	Mch 24 (39)	Breeds
Eastern Cowbird	Mch 24 (2)	Apl 2 (47)	Breeds
Scarlet Tanager	Apl 28 (1)	May 7 (19)	Breeds
Summer Tanager	May 8 (1)		May 8 (1)
*Eastern Cardinal	Wintered		Breeds
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Apl 24 (1)	May 14 (16)	Breeds
Indigo Bunting	Apl 16 (1)	May 14 (15)	Breeds
Dickcissel	May 7 (4)	May 13 (3)	May 25 (1)
Eastern Purple Finch	Wintered	May 14 (9)	Breeds
Canadian Pine Grosbeak	Mch 5 (3)		Mch 5 (3)
Common Redpoll	Mch 21 (6)	Mch 26 (11)	Apl 7 (2)
Pine Siskin	May 10 (60)		May 13 (3)
*Eastern Goldfinch	Wintered	Apl 30 (70)	Breeds
Red-eyed Towhee	Wintered	Apl 30 (56)	Breeds
Southwestern Savannah Sparrow	Apl 15 (2)	May 14 (8)	Breeds
Eastern Grasshopper Sparrow	Apl 6 (3)	Mar 21 (11)	Breeds
Western Henslow Sparrow	Apl 22 (1)	May 7 (110)	Breeds
Eastern Vesper Sparrow	Apl 2 (1)	Apl 16 (49)	Breeds
Bachman Sparrow	May 2 (1)		May 2 (1)
Slate-colored Junco	Wintered	Apl 16 (439)	Apl 30 (18)
Eastern Tree Sparrow	Wintered	Apl 16 (85)	Apl 30 (7)
Eastern Chipping Sparrow	Apl 13 (1)	Apl 24 (102)	Breeds
Eastern Field Sparrow	Mch 15 (2)	Apl 23 (33)	Breeds
White-crowned Sparrow	Apl 16 (1)	May 7 (12)	May 21 (4)
Gambel Sparrow	May 20 (1)		May 20 (1)
White-throated Sparrow	Apl 16 (10)	Apl 30 (139)	May 21 (4)
Eastern Pox Sparrow	Mch 21 (1)	Apl 16 (7)	May 1 (1)
Lincoln Sparrow	May 13 (1)	May 14 (2)	May 19 (1)
Eastern Swamp Sparrow	Mch 26 (1)	May 14 (5)	Breeds
Mississippi Song Sparrow	Wintered	Mch 25 (153)	Breeds

SOME MIGRATION TIMETABLES

Spring 1944

Waterfowl and Shorebirds (First Dates)

- Feb. 13 - Common Mallard
 21 - Lesser Scaup, American Goldeneye
 22 - Redhead, Red-breasted Merganser, Bufflehead
 23 - Killdeer
 26 - Black Duck
 27 - Common Canada Goose, Ring-necked Duck, Hooded Merganser,
 American Coot
- March 6 - Baldpate
 12 - American Pintail, American Merganser, American Woodcock
 19 - Green-winged Teal, Shoveler, Canvasback, Gadwall, Ruddy Duck
 22 - European Wigeon
 25 - Pied-billed Grebe
 26 - Lesser Loon, Whistling Swan
 27 - Lesser Snow Goose
- April 2 - Blue-winged Teal, Wood Duck, Greater Scaup, Greater Yellow-
 legs, Lesser Yellowlegs
 7 - Horned Grebe, Red-throated Loon
 8 - Wilson Snipe
 16 - Spotted Sandpiper
 21 - Upland Plover
 22 - Barrow Goldeneye
 23 - Eastern Solitary Sandpiper
 29 - Sora
 30 - Virginia Rail, Florida Gallinule, Least Sandpiper,
 Semipalmated Sandpiper
- May 21 - Semipalmated Plover
 28 - Black-bellied Plover

Warblers (First Dates)

- April 11 - Louisiana Waterthrush
 16 - Myrtle Warbler, Grinnell Waterthrush
 20 - Western Palm Warbler
 22 - Prothonotary Warbler
 23 - Ovenbird
 24 - Blue-winged Warbler, Eastern Yellow Warbler, Black-throated
 Green Warbler
 25 - Black and White Warbler
 29 - Northern Yellowthroat, American Redstart
 30 - Worm-eating Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Cape May Warbler,
 Blackburnian Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Hooded Warbler
- May 1 - Magnolia Warbler
 2 - Black-throated Blue Warbler
 3 - Northern Parula Warbler
 4 - Tennessee Warbler
 6 - Canada Warbler
 7 - Orange-crowned Warbler, Cerulean Warbler

SOME MIGRATION TIMETABLES (continued)

(Warblers)

May 9 - Connecticut Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat
10 - Bay-breasted Warbler, Wilson Warbler
12 - Black-poll'd Warbler
14 - Northern Pine Warbler
20 - Mourning Warbler

COMMENTS ON MIGRATION

All observers agree on the absence of decided "waves" of warblers, or indeed of any group of birds this spring, as is so often the case when the weather is unsettled during the migration period.

Merit Skaggs writes: "My observations on warblers indicated that there were no heavy 'waves' this year, such as we had in 1943, but due to the continuous warm weather they came and went gradually. The last migrant warblers observed by me were a Black-poll'd on May 27, and a Connecticut on May 28. Cape Mays and Black-poll'ds seemed present in more than average numbers." The above observation is based on almost daily morning trips of from 30 to 40 minutes each, made by Mr. and Mrs. Skaggs to a small woodland near their home in South Euclid during the migration season.

On the Museum grounds in downtown Cleveland, where migration waves are often dramatically visible, no such concentrations of species which have occurred in other years were observed this spring.

J. E. Liefinck comments on the scarcity of shorebirds this spring. This may be due in part to high water covering the mud flats. Yet in good shore-bird territory at Pymatuning, he notes the relative absence of sandpipers and plover during the migration period.

The relative abundance of Brown Creepers, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, Golden-crowned Kinglets and Robins this spring is noted by most observers.

Editor

NESTING RECORDS

Mute Swan

April 30 -Lake Dorothy, near Barberton - A semi-wild pair nesting -
J. E. Lieftinck.

Wood Duck

May 14 - Pymatuning - Nest in beech 45 feet up - J. E. Lieftinck.

Red-tailed Hawk

April 30-May 14 - Virginia Kendall State Park - Nesting April 30 -
May 14, two adults near nest with at least two young still in
downy stage - One adult flushed from nest - James H. Jenkins.

Ruffed Grouse

May 9 - McNutt woods, Pymatuning - Nest with 10 eggs - J. E. Lieftinck.

May 9 - McNutt woods, Pymatuning - nest with 15 eggs - J. E. Lieftinck.

May 21 - Pymatuning - Nest with 9 eggs - Marion Skaggs.

Woodcock

April 11-May 2 - Near Chagrin Falls - Nest with 4 eggs April 11 - May 2,
four young apparently 1 day old - H. E. Duer.

Mourning Dove

March 12-May 3 Hinckley - March 12, bird returns to same nesting site
(an old robin's nest under eaves of building), spends two days
"investigating" - March 15, begins building - March 26, on nest
incubating 2 eggs - April 26, two young leave nest - May 3, old
bird again sitting on nest (three broods were raised on this same
site in 1943) - Frank D. Johnson.

April 26 - Shaker Lakes - Bird on nest - Vera Carrothers.

May 15 - Lakewood - Two young left nest 10 feet up in spruce tree -
Tom McHugh.

Flicker

May 5-May 10 - Lakewood - May 5, digging in dead part of tree about
6 feet from ground - May 10, cavity completed - Owen Davies.

Phoebe

April 11 - Novelty - Nesting - C. T. Downer.

April 27-June 1 - North Chagrin - April 27, nest practically complete
May 11, 5 eggs in nest - May 24, 3 eggs and 2 newly hatched young
in nest - June 1, 1 egg and young birds in nest - A. B. Williams.

May 28 - Gates Mills - Nest on porch column - One five-day old Cowbird
and one unhatched Phoebe egg - W. Earl Godfrey.

Alder Flycatcher

May 27 - North Chagrin Metropolitan Park - Incubating two eggs and a
Cowbird egg - Vera Carrothers.

Barn Swallow

May 20 - Farm near Avon, Ohio - Five young in nest in barn - Owen Davies.

Blue Jay

April 20-April 25 - Lakewood - April 20, took nest away from Robin -
April 25, sitting on nest - Owen Davies.

May 3 - Caledonia Ravine, East Cleveland - Two nests with young -
Blanche Scott.

May 7 - Lakewood - Bird sitting on nest - Owen Davies.

White-breasted Nuthatch

May 28 or 30 - South Euclid - Young hatched in nest 20 feet up in
White Ash - Merit B. Skaggs.

May 31 - South Euclid - Young clearly audible in nest - W. Earl Godfrey.

NESTING RECORDS (continued)

Brown Thrasher

May 23 - Wade Park (Shakespeare Garden) - Bird on nest in thorn tree -
Margarette E. Morse.

Robin

April 20-May 24 - Cleveland Heights - Began nest construction April 20 -
Nest completed April 22 (three days work) - Bird not seen about
nest again until April 24 - Then occasional visits, probably for
egg laying - Incubation began April 27 - Heads of young birds
began to show above edge of nest May 11 - Your young birds left
nest May 24 - Arthur B. Williams.

April 23 - Bratenahl - Nest under construction high up in large elm -
Margarette E. Morse.

April 28-May 15 - Lakewood - Bird sitting on nest April 28 - Young left
nest about May 15 - Owen Davies.

May 3 Caledonia Ravine, East Cleveland - Eight nests - Blanche Scott.

May 5 - Forest Hill Park - Two nests - Blanche Scott.

May 6 - Shaker Lakes - Bird carrying nesting materials - Margarette B.
Morse.

May 14 - Farm near Avon, Ohio - Adults feeding four young in nest in
pine tree - Owen Davies.

May 18 - Forest Hill Park - Two nests - Blanche Scott.

Wood Thrush

May 11-May 18 - North Chagrin Metropolitan Park - May 11, nest in small
Sugar Maple nearing completion - May 18, bird apparently incubating
Arthur B. Williams.

May 11-June 1 - North Chagrin Metropolitan park May 11, nest in
hemlock nearing completion - May 18, old bird incubating - June 1
old bird feeding young in nest Arthur B Williams.

May 12-May 29 Lakewood - Adult's building nest in rhododendron bush
about 6 feet from ground on May 12 May 28-29 adults observed
incubating - Owen Davies.

May 21 - Little Mountain - Nest 15 feet up - W. Earl Godfrey.

May 21 - Little Mountain - Nest 12 feet up - W. Earl Godfrey.

May 21 - Gates Mills -Nest 25 feet up, 2 eggs - W. Earl Godfrey.

Bluebird

May 30 - Hinckley - Two birds seen nesting through hole in barn about
15 feet up - Hay was in loft into which hole opened - Nadine
Literaty.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

May 14 - Pymatuning - Nest with bird apparently incubating - J. E.
Liefertinck.

May 21 - Rocky River Metropolitan Park - Bird on nest 10-12 feet from
ground in apple tree near wading pool in Mastick Picnic Ground -
H. C. Dobbins.

Eastern Yellow Warbler

May 30 - North Chagrin Metropolitan Park - Started incubation - Vera
Carrothers.

Black-throated Green Warbler

May 12 - McNutt woods, Pymatuning - Nearly completed nest in pine tree -
"The female continued to build even though my head was only a
few feet from the nest." - J. E. Liefertinck.

NESTING RECORDS (continued)

Cerulean Warbler

May 14 - Pymatuning - Nest under construction - J. E. Lieftinck.

Ovenbird

May 21 - Pymatuning - Nest with 4 eggs - Marion Skaggs.

May 21 - Little Mountain - Nest, 4 eggs with 1 egg of Cowbird -
W. Earl Godfrey.

May 24 - North Chagrin Metropolitan Park - 5 eggs of Ovenbird, 2 of
Cowbird - M. B. Walters.

June 12 - Brecksville - Nest with 5 eggs - Henry Merkle.

Red-winged Blackbird

May 11-June 3 - North Chagrin Metropolitan Park - In the redwing colony
here, incubation started about May 11 or 12 - There were 18 nests
with complete clutches of eggs on May 17 - first young were
hatched May 22 or 23 - The first young left the nests June 3 - Vera
Carrothers.

Bronzed Grackle

May 20 - Shaker Lakes - At least two nests in tall pine - young begging for
food - One young out of nest - Margarette N. Morse.

Scarlet Tanager

June 18 - Brecksville Metropolitan Park - Nest with young several days
old - Henry Merkle.

Vesper Sparrow

May 21 - Little Mountain - Nest on ground 4 eggs - W. Earl Godfrey.

Chipping Sparrow

May 14-June 11 - Forest Hill Park - Nest in barberry 12 inches from
ground - May 28 4 eggs - June 5, four young beginning to "feather
out" - June 11, nest empty, 1 young seen close by Jessie C. Burgess.

Field Sparrow

May 21 - Mayfield Heights Nest on ground, 4 eggs - W. Earl Godfrey.

May 21 Little Mountain - Nest on ground, 4 eggs - W. Earl Godfrey.

Song Sparrow

May 6 Shaker Lakes - Nest on ground, 4 eggs - Margarette E. Morse.

May 20 - Shaker Lakes - Nest on ground, bird incubating 5 eggs -
Margarette E. Morse.

May 28 - Mayfield Heights - Nest on ground, 2 eggs - W. Earl Godfrey.

FIELD NOTES

European Wigeon on Shaker Lake - Vera Carrothers contributes the following:

"On May 22, at 7:30 A.M., a European Wigeon was seen with four
Baldpates so close to the north shore of the lower Shaker Lake that it
could be observed from the car window. I called Raymond Hill, and he
reported seeing the bird at 3:30 that afternoon. On my return from
school, I saw it again at 4 P.M., but ten minutes later all the ducks
had gone. Jim Findley tells me that he saw a duck with a reddish
head associated with the Baldpates as they flew in here the night
before, so it was probably on the lake for about 24 hours."

FIELD NOTES (continued)

Broad-winged Hawks in Migration - J. E. Lieftinck reports that in the late afternoon of April 23 he saw three Broadwings circling over Wingfoot Lake near Akron. He also noted one immature bird resting in a tree. Presently six others came sailing over at a considerable height. At short intervals these were followed by three additional lone birds.

On the following day, April 24, Rudolph Kula reports seeing a total of twenty-eight Broadwings at Westlake (Cuyahoga County). These were passing over in groups of three to five at a time, circling, but progressing northwards. A few were flying low. At the same time a few Sharp-shins and Cooper Hawks also passed over.

On this same day (April 24) Mrs. Simon Olson reports seeing 30 Broadwings in migration over Rocky River Valley.

A Bobwhite Incident - Frank D Johnson reports that on April 30 he found a dead male Bobwhite on his lawn at Parma in process of being "pecked" by another male Bobwhite. The body of the dead bird was still warm and bloody, and Mr. Johnson thinks all the evidence he observed points to the dead bird having been killed by the other in combat.

Bird Banding Notes - "At our home at South Euclid we banded, among others, this spring, 22 White-crowned Sparrows, 1 Gambel Sparrow, 1 Lincoln Sparrow, 2 Olive-backed Thrushes, 1 Chestnut-sided Warbler and 2 Yellow-breasted Chats. The latter were evidently nesting near our house."

Merit and Marion Skaggs

Birds at Sea - Edward MacArthur, who is serving with the U. S. Merchant Marine, writes that while at sea off the U. S. Atlantic coast this spring he noticed a bird among the cargo of crates lashed to the deck of his ship. On closer inspection it proved to be a male Towhee. Surprised at this, he made a search of the deck cargo and listed 4 Towhees, 3 Brown Thrashers, 1 White-throated Sparrow, 2 Chipping Sparrows, 1 Field Sparrow, and 1 Hermit Thrush. The next day he added a Northern Yellow-throat to this list. He says that some of these birds appeared to be fairly exhausted from flight, and thinks the ship was a welcome resting spot on their northward migration route. He remarks, however, that they could hardly be classed as hitch-hikers, for the boat was sailing south. He concludes: "So you see, I had my bird walk today in spite of the fact that I was out on the Atlantic. And incidentally, it was Sunday today, which reminds me that you also had a bird walk. And I hope it was as successful as mine, for mine was successful, I believe, when you consider the circumstances."

Whippoorwill - "When I chanced to awake at 2:45 A.M. on April 28, I decided to remain awake for a few minutes in the hope that I might hear a Screech Owl, when suddenly from across the street in Forest Hill Park there came the soft, almost whispered, call of a Whippoorwill, thrice-repeated, but with a scarcely perceptible pause between each phrase. The bird then fell silent and I soon went back to sleep, pleased at having heard this bird which customarily eludes the city dweller."

Donald L. Newman

FIELD NOTES (continued)

New Use For the Soybean Plant - "The product of the soybean plant has been put to many uses, and more uses for this plant are constantly being discovered. However, from a naturalists viewpoint, a most interesting use was noted on March 19, 1944, when several members of the Kirtland Bird Club were on a field trip to the Sandusky Bay region."
"Not far from the bridge across the Bay we saw a Bald Eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) flying about 50 feet above ground and just ahead of our car. We stopped and watched, as the bird, evidently a female, alighted on the ground not far from the road. She soon took off, and after flying a short distance, came down close to the ground and suddenly extended her talons to pick up a good-sized bunch of soybean stalks that had been left in a windrow. Despite a cold, north wind, the eagle made her way to her eyrie about a mile away, where she deposited her soybean plants, evidently for nest lining. The use of such a coarse material for nest lining would be suited only to large birds, but it appears interesting that the useful soybean plant should be so employed by the eagle.

Merit B. Skaggs

Birds and More Birds "Once a year Marion and Merit Skaggs, Vera Carrothers and Margarette Morse have journeyed to Pymatuning Reservoir and vicinity to list the maximum number of birds possible during a one-day period. This year an invitation was extended to the Kirtland Bird Club to join in the expedition, and a total of 15 members and friends participated."

"Why Pymatuning? - To see birds in any considerable number we must go to the habitats where the birds are found, and Pymatuning Reservoir and vicinity affords probably the best variety of habitats near Cleveland."

"Why in May? - (1) About the middle of May the warblers are at the peak of their migration, and in addition many other migrants are en route to more northern breeding grounds. (2) A goodly number of the waterfowl and shorebirds are still lingering although in much reduced numbers. (3) Most of the summer residents are back."

"In order to get an early start we went to Linesville, Pa. at the north end of Pymatuning Reservoir on Saturday afternoon, and stayed overnight at the Warren and other tourist homes. Due to a speedy watch, and alarm clock, we were up before daylight on May 14 and were pulling in the birds by songs and notes long before they could be seen."

"The weather was as nearly perfect as could be desired. The wind was light and the temperature ranged from 55° to 75°. Wooded habitats were first visited in order to get the warblers early in the day."

"By about 9 A.M., when we took time out for breakfast at the Linesville Hotel, we had run up a score of some 85 species. Naturally, from then on the going was harder. In the afternoon we visited the Hartstown swamp area a few miles southeast of Pymatuning Reservoir. Here some 10 species of ducks were found; also six Canada Geese (3 adults and 3 young). The geese may have wandered from the Pymatuning Sanctuary, but were apparently maintaining themselves independently."

"The list which appears below includes 126 species, representing 37 families of birds. Several of the party recorded around 120 species on their individual lists. No extremely rare birds were observed and some common ones were missed. Many new birds were added to the "Life Lists" of a number of the party, 23 species of warblers were recorded.

FIELD NOTES (continued)

(Birds and More Birds)

The complete list of species observed on this trip follows: Common Loon, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, American Bittern, Canada Goose, Mallard, Black Duck, Gadwall, Baldpate, Blue-winged Teal, Shoveler, Wood Duck, Lesser Scaup Duck, Ruddy Duck, Red-breasted Merganser, Turkey Vulture, Cooper Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Bald Eagle, Ruffed Grouse, Bobwhite, Ring-necked Pheasant, Florida Gallinule, Coot, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Ring-billed Gull, Black Tern, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Black-billed Cuckoo, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Kingbird, Crested Flycatcher, Phoebe, Alder Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Wood Pewee, Prairie Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Bank Swallow, Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Purple Martin, Blue Jay, Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Short-billed Marsh Wren, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Robin, Wood Thrush, Olive-backed Thrush, Veery, Bluebird, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Cedar Waxwing, Starling, Yellow-throated Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Black and White Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Parula Warbler, Yellow Warbler Magnolia Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Black-poll Warbler, Palm Warbler, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Louisiana Waterthrush, Northern Yellowthroat, Hooded Warbler, Canada Warbler, American Redstart, English Sparrow, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Redwinged Blackbird, Baltimore Oriole, Bronzed Grackle, Cowbird, Scarlet Tanager, Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Purple Finch, Goldfinch, Red-eyed Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Henslow Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Song Sparrow."

H. C. Dobbins

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE CALENDAR

Because of the merging of the Cleveland Bird Calendar last year with BIRD-LIFE, subscriptions to the Calendar, as such, were allowed to lapse. Now that BIRD-LIFE has suspended publication, and the continuance of the Calendar has been undertaken by the Kirtland Bird Club in cooperation with the Cleveland Bird Club Inc., it becomes desirable again to build up a subscription list for the Calendar to cover the cost of materials and postage.

One hundred subscriptions at 50¢ per annum each (4 numbers) are sought this year for this purpose. As of June 30, 39 such subscriptions have been received. Copies of Vol. 40, No. 1 are still available, so that late subscribers may have a complete file of the 1944 issues. All serious students of birds in the Cleveland region will want to keep for study and for future reference the records contained in the Calendar. Send 50¢ by check, coin in envelope, or postage stamps, together with mailing address, to the Editor, at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 2717 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 15, Ohio.