

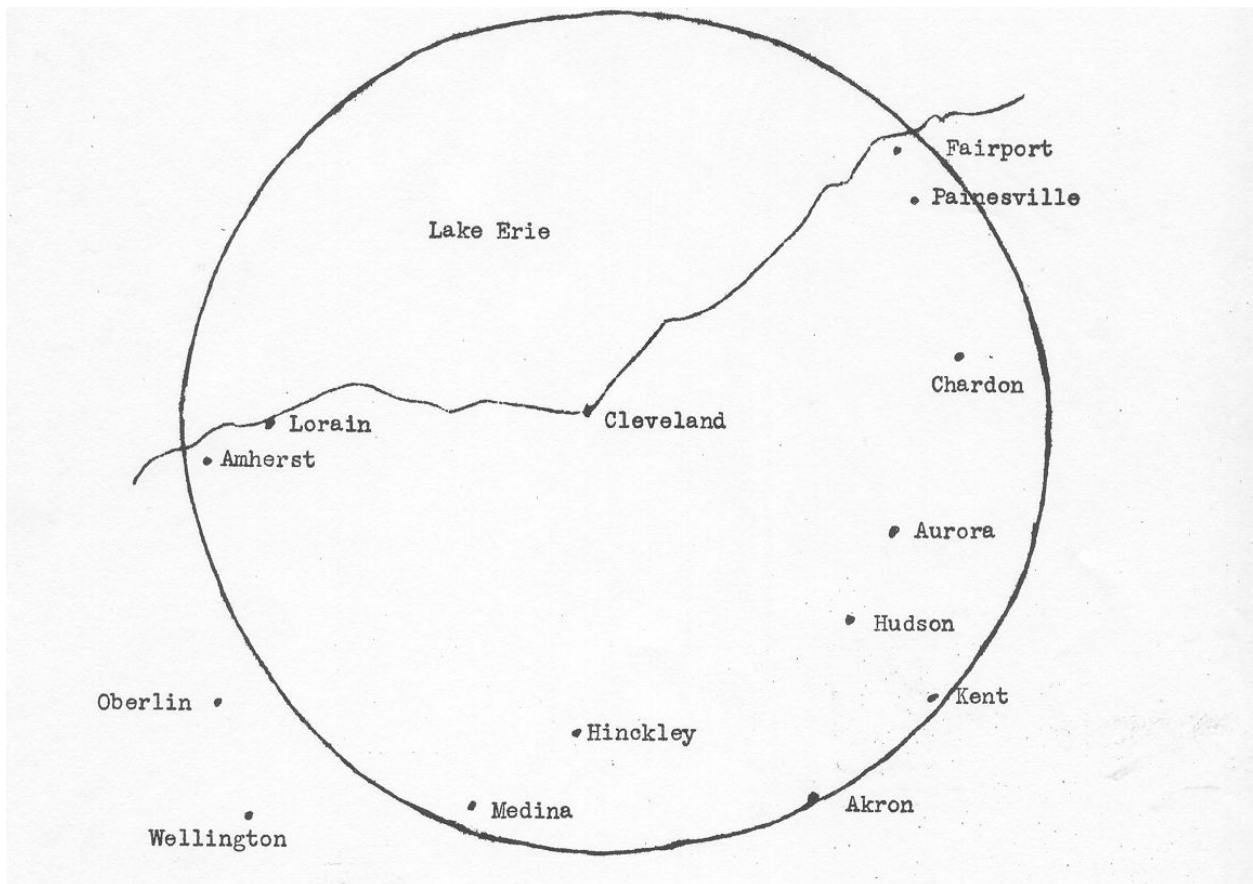
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Records in this issue include the complete reports of the Sunday Morning Bird Walks, sponsored by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and conducted from 10 different points April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 1948. With an extra walk thrown in, this made a total of 61 separate expeditions for bird observations. A total of 223 different species was reported. Covering the period of the heaviest part of the spring migration, these reports provide an excellent picture of the progress of this important period in bird activities.

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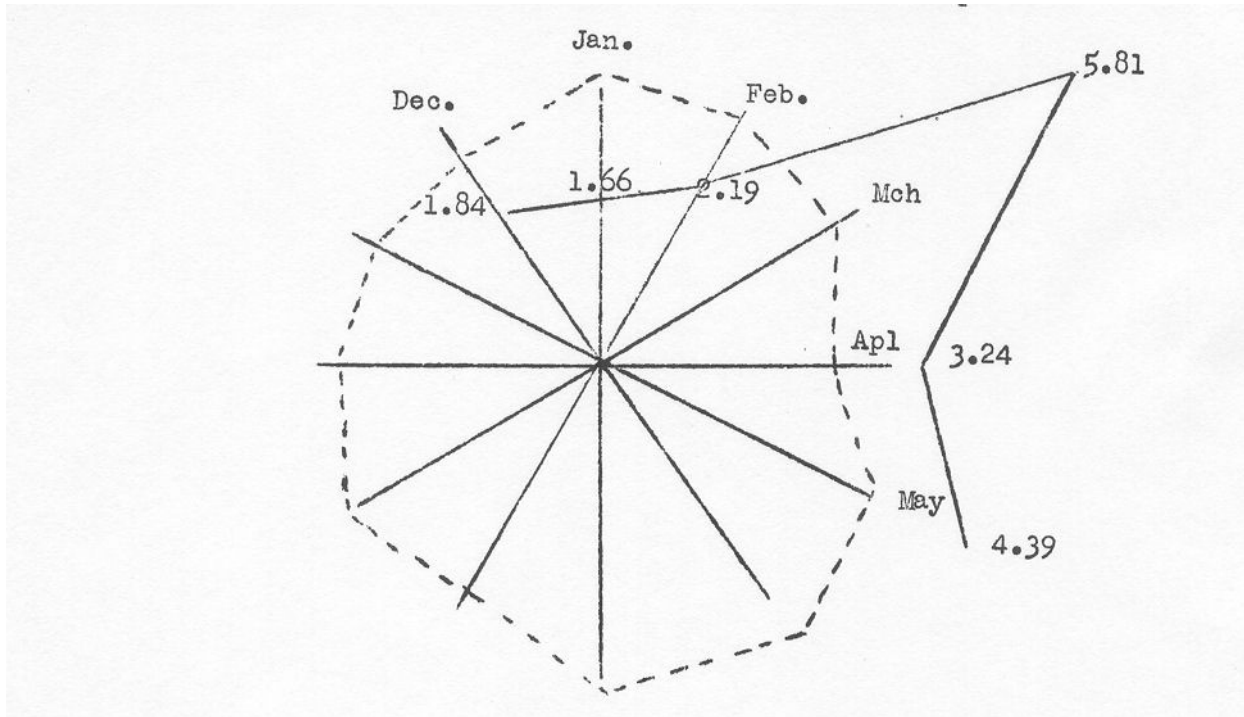
## SUMMARY OF WEATHER CONDITIONS

March – The month provided two records – the coldest March day in 78 years of records (5 degrees below zero March 12) and the third wettest March in history (5.81 inches of water). Most of the rainfall came during downpours on the 17th and 21st. Six inches of snowfall on the 11th caused some traffic difficulties. With all this, March enjoyed a greater amount of sunshine than usual.

April – Unusually warm. Temperatures were below freezing on only 5 days. Last freezing temperature April 18. Winds of gale velocity were recorded April 8.

May – Mild and wet during first half, cool and dry during latter half. No killing frosts during the month.

Details of monthly precipitation are shown graphically in the chart below. Each spoke of the wheel, from center to circumference, represents 3 inches of water. The dotted line connects the points which show "normal" or average precipitation for each month. The solid line connects points showing the actual precipitation for the months of 1947-1948 indicated. Figures are records of U. S. Weather Bureau located at the Cleveland Airport.



#### INTERESTING OR UNUSUAL RECORDS

Holboell's Grebe – One seen March 26 and 27 along Lake Erie shore near East 71st Street by Vera Carrothers. One seen April 10, 11, 12 on small pond in Forest Hill Park by George King.

White-fronted Goose – Five birds seen at the Wildfowl Pool in the Cleveland Zoo, March 14, at about 8:20 A.M., by Robert Mattlin, Paul Schuster, and Roland Eschedor, all employees of the Zoo. The geese were first flushed from the pool, and later returned, circling about 15 feet overhead, affording a clear view. Eschedor is familiar with the species, having observed it in the west.

Duck Hawk – One reported "chasing pigeons" at White City March 13 by J. E. Lieftinck. One reported in Rocky River Valley in approximately the same place April 18 and May 9 by Owen Davies, Jr.

Western Willet – One seen at White City May 8 by George King and Margarete E. Morse.

Kumlien's Gull – Reported by J. E. Lieftinck and Dr. Warren L. Towle March 13, as seen at Cleveland lakefront near Illuminating Company plant just west of Gordon Park. Identification made by both observers independently and in great detail.

White-eyed Vireo – Reported by J. E. Liefinck as seen first on April 29 in woods near his home, northwest Akron. Was present here for three consecutive days, singing “chip-wee-oo-chick” incessantly. It stayed most of the time in low shrubbery. White iris and other field marks closely noted.

Golden-winged Warbler – An unusually large number of records this spring. One bird each, May 8, 9, 16, 18, 19, 22, and 2 on May 11, the localities being Shaker Lake, Rocky River Metropolitan Park, Clifton Park and Akron. The observers, F. J. Ackermann, Adela Gaede, and J. E. Liefinck.

Sycamore Warbler – A male, observed under ideal conditions by B. P. Bole, Jr. and Robert S. Smith on the Bole property just north of the Holden Arboretum April 24. Observations made at 20 feet with 8x glasses for a period of about 15 minutes. The white eye-stripe which distinguishes this form (albilora) from the eastern race (dominica) was clearly noted by both observers.

Pine Siskin – Four were seen in Ely Woods, Elyria, May 2, by Frank M. Phelps.

#### SPECIES OCCURRENCE RECORDS

Records listed below were all made within 30 miles of the Cleveland Public Square. “(W)”, meaning “wintered”, after the species name indicates that there are January and February 1948 records for the species in the region. “Breeds” means that individuals of the species breed here. Permanent resident species are marked with a star. First and last dates are for the period March-April-May-1948.

	<u>First</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Last</u>
<u>Loon</u>	March 28 (1)		May 13 (2)
<u>Holboell's Grebe</u>	March 26 (1)		April 12 (1)
<u>Horned Grebe</u> (W)	March 3 (1)	April 17 (5)	April 18 (1)
<u>Pied-billed Grebe</u>	March 3 (1)	April 3 (8)	Breeds
<u>Double-crested Cormorant</u> (W)	March 6 (2)		April 17 (1)
<u>Great Blue Heron</u> (W)	March 23 (1)	April 20 (25)	Breeds
<u>Little Blue Heron</u>	April 28 (4)		May 9 (1)
<u>Eastern Green Heron</u>	April 16 (1)	April 25 (14)	Breeds
<u>Black-crowned Night Heron</u>	April 11 (3)		Breeds
<u>American Bittern</u>	April 6 (2)		Breeds
<u>Eastern Least Bittern</u>	May 11 (1)		Breeds
<u>Whistling Swan</u>	March 21 (21)		March 21 (21)
<u>Canada Goose</u>	March 19 (10)		March 19 (10)
<u>White-fronted Goose</u>	March 14 (5)		March 14 (5)
<u>Mallard</u> (W)	March 3 (8)	March 9(45)	Breeds
<u>Black Duck</u> (W)	March 3 (30)	March 9 (60)	Breeds
<u>Gadwall</u>	March 24 (8)		April 21 (4)
<u>Baldpate</u>	March 3 (14)	March 17 (60)	May 16 (10)
<u>American Pintail</u>	March 17 (2)		April 18 (2)
<u>Green-winged Teal</u>	March 17 (5)		March 17 (5)
<u>Blue-winged Teal</u>	March 17 (2)	April 21 (16)	Breeds
<u>Shoveler</u>	March 16 (3)		March 27 (4)
<u>Wood Duck</u>	March 17 (1)		Breeds
<u>Redhead</u> (W)	March 3 (45)	March 20 (100)	April 4 (1)

	<u>First</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Last</u>
<u>Ring-necked Duck</u> (W)	March 1 (5)	March 23 (25)	May 9 (12)
<u>Canvasback</u> (W)	March 6 (10)		March 24 (3)
<u>Greater Scaup</u> (W)	March 14 (2)		March 14 (2)
<u>Lesser Scaup</u> (W)	March 1 (1)	March 27 (100)	May 23 (7)
<u>American Goldeneye</u> (W)	March 1 (1)	March 6 (100)	April 3 (3)
<u>Bufflehead</u> (W)	March 3 (3)	March 13 (22)	April 18 (2)
<u>Oldsquaw</u> (W)	March 1 (1)	March 13 (4)	March 28 (1)
<u>White-winged Scoter</u> (W)	March 6 (1)		March 14 (3)
<u>Ruddy Duck</u>	March 6 (1)	May 8 (32)	May 28 (1)
<u>Hooded Merganser</u>	March 3 (2)	May 9 (18)	May 9 (18)
<u>American Merganser</u> (W)	March 3 (50)	March 6 (600)	May 16 (2)
<u>Red-breasted Merganser</u> (W)	March 3 (2)	April 1 (2000)	May 31 (1)
<u>Eastern Turkey Vulture</u>	March 21 (3)	May 2 (61)	Breeds
* <u>Sharp-shinned Hawk</u> (W)	April 3 (2)	May 9 (7)	Breeds
* <u>Cooper's Hawk</u> (W)	March 14 (3)	May 2 (6)	Breeds
* <u>Eastern Red-tailed Hawk</u> (W)	March 18 (1)		Breeds
* <u>Northern Red-shouldered Hawk</u> (W)	March 1 (1)		Breeds
<u>Broad-winged Hawk</u>	April 10 (1)	May 9 (10)	Breeds
<u>American Rough-legged Hawk</u>	April 18 (5)		April 18 (5)
<u>Northern Bald Eagle</u>	May 9 (1)		May 9 (1)
* <u>Marsh Hawk</u> (W)	March 3 (1)		Breeds
<u>American Osprey</u>	April 25 (3)		April 28 (1)
<u>Duck Hawk</u>	March 13 (1)		May 9 (1)
* <u>Eastern Sparrow Hawk</u> (W)	March 3 (5)		Breeds
* <u>Appalachian Ruffed Grouse</u> (W)	March 1 (1)		Breeds
* <u>Eastern Bobwhite</u> (W)	March 24 (8)		Breeds
* <u>Ring-necked Pheasant</u> (W)	March 6 (2)		Breeds
<u>Virginia Rail</u>	April 6 (1)		Breeds
<u>Sora</u>	April 21 (1)		Breeds
<u>Florida Gallinule</u>	April 24 (2)		Breeds
<u>American Coot</u>	March 18 (1)	March 24 (120)	Breeds
<u>Belted Piping Plover</u>	April 18 (1)		Breeds
<u>Semipalmated Plover</u>	May 2 (1)		May 25 (1)
<u>Killdeer</u>	March 3 (1)	April 18 (27)	Breeds
<u>Ruddy Turnstone</u>	May 2 (1)		May 23 (1)
<u>American Woodcock</u>	March 18 (1)		Breeds
<u>Wilson's Snipe</u>	April 21 (1)		May 22 (1)
<u>Upland Plover</u>	May 2 (3)		Breeds
<u>Spotted Sandpiper</u>	April 24 (1)	May 16 (34)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Solitary Sandpiper</u>	April 21 (2)	May 9 (11)	May 25 (3)
<u>Western Willet</u>	May 8 (1)		May 8 (1)
<u>Greater Yellowlegs</u>	April 5 (1)	May 16 (12)	May 25 (1)
<u>Lesser Yellowlegs</u>	April 25 (1)	May 10 (5)	May 15 (2)
<u>Pectoral Sandpiper</u>	April 18 (2)		May 15 (1)
<u>Least Sandpiper</u>	May 12 (1)		May 23 (2)
<u>Red-backed Sandpiper</u>	May 23 (2)		May 23 (2)
<u>Semipalmated Sandpiper</u>	May 11 (1)	May 28 (30)	May 29 (3)
<u>Sanderling</u>	May 10 (2)		May 28 (1)
<u>Glaucous Gull</u> (W)	March 6 (1)		March 23 (1)
<u>Kumlien's Gull</u>	March 13 (1)		March 13 (1)
<u>Great Black-backed Gull</u>	March 6 (4)		March 14 (1)
<u>American Herring Gull</u> (W)	March 1 (1)	March 6 (600)	May 30 (1)
<u>Ring-billed Gull</u> (W)	March 16 (21)	May 16 (60)	May 30 (8)
<u>Bonaparte's Gull</u>	March 27 (200)	March 28 (200)	May 28 (3)
<u>Common Tern</u>	April 5 (25)	May 16 (87)	May 30 (2)
<u>Caspian Tern</u>	May 23 (1)		May 23 (1)

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<u>Black Tern</u>	May 8 (4)		May 8 (4)
<u>Eastern Mourning Dove</u> (W)	March 16 (2)	April 25 (119)	Breeds
* <u>Rock Dove</u> (W)	March 18 (15)		Breeds
<u>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</u>	April 25 (1)		Breeds
<u>Black-billed Cuckoo</u>	April 25 (1)		Breeds
* <u>American Barn Owl</u>	April 15 (1)		Breeds
* <u>Eastern Screech Owl</u> (W)	March 28 (1)		Breeds
* <u>Great Horned Owl</u> (W)	March 18 (1)		Breeds
* <u>Northern Barred Owl</u> (W)	March 24 (1)		Breeds
<u>Eastern Whip-poor-will</u>	April 18 (1)		Breeds
<u>Eastern Nighthawk</u>	April 28 (1)		Breeds
<u>Chimney Swift</u>	April 24 (5)	May 16 (106)	Breeds
<u>Ruby-throated Hummingbird</u>	April 27 (1)	May 16 (9)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Belted Kingfisher</u>	March 20 (2)	April 18 (25)	Breeds
<u>Northern Flicker</u> (W)	March 3 (1)	April 18 (85)	Breeds
* <u>Northern Pileated Woodpecker</u> (W)	March 6 (1)		Breeds
* <u>Red-bellied Woodpecker</u> (W)	April 6 (1)		Breeds
<u>Eastern Red-headed Woodpecker</u> (W)	March 13 (1)	April 16 (15)	Breeds
<u>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</u> (W)	March 21 (1)	April 18 (15)	May 16 (4)
* <u>Eastern Hairy Woodpecker</u> (W)	March 3 (2)		Breeds
* <u>Northern Downy Woodpecker</u> (W)	March 3 (6)		Breeds
<u>Eastern Kingbird</u>	April 6 (1)	May 16 (115)	Breeds
<u>Northern Crested Flycatcher</u>	April 24 (1)	May 16 (42)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Phoebe</u>	March 20 (3)		Breeds
<u>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</u>	May 12 (1)		May 29 (1)
<u>Acadian Flycatcher</u>	May 2 (1)	May 16 (12)	Breeds
<u>Alder Flycatcher</u>	May 2 (1)	May 23 (14)	Breeds
<u>Least Flycatcher</u>	May 7 (1)	May 9 (31)	May 28 (5)
<u>Eastern Wood Pewee</u>	April 25 (1)	May 24 (26)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Olive-sided Flycatcher</u>	May 17 (1)		May 23 (1)
* <u>Prairie Horned Lark</u> (W)	March 6 (1)		Breeds
<u>Tree Swallow</u>	March 24 (3)	April 17 (20)	Breeds
<u>American Bank Swallow</u>	April 18 (1)	May 16 (1016)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Rough-winged Swallow</u>	April 17 (3)	May 16 (143)	Breeds
<u>Barn Swallow</u>	April 11 (4)	May 16 (97)	Breeds
<u>Purple Martin</u>	April 3 (2)	May 16 (45)	Breeds
* <u>Northern Blue Jay</u> (W)	March 6 (7)	May 2 (65)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Crow</u> (W)	March 3 (152)	May 2 (163)	Breeds
* <u>Northern Black-capped Chickadee</u> (W)	March 3 (5)		Breeds
* <u>Tufted Titmouse</u> (W)	March 3 (2)		Breeds
* <u>White-breasted Nuthatch</u> (W)	March 3 (2)		Breeds
<u>Red-breasted Nuthatch</u> (W)	March 26 (1)		May 22 (1)
<u>Brown Creeper</u> (W)	March 22 (1)	April 18 (25)	May 22 (2)
<u>Ohio House Wren</u>	April 19 (3)	May 2 (51)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Winter Wren</u>	April 1 (1)		April 25 (1)
* <u>Carolina Wren</u> (W)	April 25 (2)		Breeds
<u>Prairie Marsh Wren</u>	May 11 (1)	May 28 (15)	Breeds
<u>Short-billed Marsh Wren</u>	May 2 (1)		Breeds
<u>Eastern Mockingbird</u>	May 4 (1)		May 23 (1)
<u>Catbird</u>	April 18 (1)	May 16 (146)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Brown Thrasher</u>	April 6 (1)	April 25 (57)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Robin</u> (W)	March 1 (1)	April 25 (268)	Breeds
<u>Wood Thrush</u>	April 18 (2)	May 9 (97)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Hermit Thrush</u> (W)	March 18 (1)	April 18 (22)	May 16 (1)
<u>Olive-backed Thrush</u>	April 24 (2)	May 16 (38)	May 30 (9)
<u>Gray-cheeked Thrush</u>	May 1 (1)		May 28 (7)
<u>Veery</u>	April 22 (1)		Breeds

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<u>Eastern Bluebird</u>	March 7 (1)	April 25 (18)	Breeds
<u>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</u>	April 17 (1)	May 9 (14)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Golden-crowned Kinglet</u> (W)	March 26 (6)	April 18 (18)	May 4 (2)
<u>Eastern Ruby-crowned Kinglet</u>	April 5 (2)	April 25 (91)	May 28 (1)
<u>American Pipit</u>	May 9 (9)		May 28 (5)
<u>Cedar Waxwing</u> (W)	March 3 (28)	April 18 (152)	Breeds
<u>Migrant Shrike</u>	March 25 (1)		Breeds
* <u>Starling</u> (W)	March 3 (125)	April 17 (171)	Breeds
<u>Yellow-throated Vireo</u>	April 25 (3)		Breeds
<u>Blue-headed Vireo</u>	April 25 (1)	May 9 (11)	May 19 (1)
<u>Red-eyed Vireo</u>	April 25 (1)	May 23 (94)	Breeds
<u>Philadelphia Vireo</u>	May 11 (3)		May 23 (6)
<u>Eastern Warbling Vireo</u>	April 25 (1)	May 16 (22)	Breeds
<u>White-eyed Vireo</u>	April 29 (1)		May 15 (1)
<u>Black and White Warbler</u>	April 20 (3)	May 9 (86)	May 30 (2)
<u>Prothonotary Warbler</u>	May 16 (3)		Breeds
<u>Golden-winged Warbler</u>	May 8 (1)	May 11 (5)	May 22 (1)
<u>Blue-winged Warbler</u>	April 19 (1)	May 9 (48)	Breeds
<u>Tennessee Warbler</u>	May 1 (1)	May 16 (25)	May 26 (6)
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	May 7 (1)		May 15 (1)
<u>Nashville Warbler</u>	April 21 (1)	May 16 (63)	May 23 (4)
<u>Northern Parula Warbler</u>	May 11 (1)	May 22 (5)	May 23 (2)
<u>Eastern Yellow Warbler</u>	April 24 (4)	May 9 (144)	Breeds
<u>Magnolia Warbler</u>	April 20 (6)	May 16 (56)	May 30 (1)
<u>Cape May Warbler</u>	May 9 (6)	May 16 (35)	May 23 (2)
<u>Black-throated Blue Warbler</u>	May 8 (1)	May 11 (17)	May 30 (1)
<u>Myrtle Warbler</u>	March 7 (1)	May 9 (141)	May 23 (4)
<u>Black-throated Green Warbler</u>	April 20 (3)	May 16 (63)	Breeds
<u>Cerulean Warbler</u>	April 25 (3)	May 16 (31)	Breeds
<u>Blackburnian Warbler</u>	April 25 (2)	May 16 (100)	May 23 (9)
<u>Sycamore Warbler</u>	April 24 (1)		April 24 (1)
<u>Chestnut-sided Warbler</u>	April 25 (5)	May 11 (27)	May 25 (2)
<u>Bay-breasted Warbler</u>	May 9 (2)	May 23 (28)	May 25 (2)
<u>Black-poll'd Warbler</u>	April 25 (1)	May 30 (25)	May 31 (3)
<u>Northern Prairie Warbler</u>	May 10 (1)		May 10 (1)
<u>Western Palm Warbler</u>	April 16 (1)	May 16 (21)	May 20 (1)
<u>Ovenbird</u>	April 24 (8)	May 9 (67)	Breeds
<u>Grinnell's Waterthrush</u>	April 25 (3)		Breeds
<u>Louisiana Waterthrush</u>	April 5 (1)	May 16 (22)	Breeds
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	May 11 (1)		May 22 (1)
<u>Mourning Warbler</u>	May 16 (1)		May 30 (1)
<u>Northern Yellowthroat</u>	April 25 (2)	May 16 (64)	Breeds
<u>Yellow-breasted Chat</u>	May 9 (7)		Breeds
<u>Hooded Warbler</u>	April 24 (1)	May 23 (18)	Breeds
<u>Wilson's Warbler</u>	April 24 (1)		May 31 (1)
<u>Canada Warbler</u>	April 20 (2)	May 16 (7)	May 31 (2)
<u>American Redstart</u>	April 25 (10)	May 16 (150)	Breeds
* <u>English Sparrow</u> (W)	March 3 (50)		Breeds
<u>Bobolink</u>	May 2 (2)	May 9 (25)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Meadowlark</u>	March 7 10	March 18 (25)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Red-winged Blackbird</u>	March 6 (128)	March 18 (700)	Breeds
<u>Orchard Oriole</u>	May 9 (1)		Breeds
<u>Baltimore Oriole</u>	April 25 (1)	May 16 (68)	Breeds
<u>Rusty Blackbird</u>	March 21 (1)	April 25 (70)	May 9 (1)
<u>Bronzed Grackle</u>	March 6 (1)	April 25 (441)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Cowbird</u>	March 17 (1)	April 25 (226)	Breeds

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<u>Scarlet Tanager</u>	April 25 (4)	May 9 (41)	Breeds
* <u>Eastern Cardinal</u> (W)	March 3 (50)		Breeds
<u>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</u>	April 8 (1)	May 16 (47)	Breeds
<u>Indigo Bunting</u>	April 25 (1)	May 16 (47)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Purple Finch</u>	April 8 (1)	April 18 (37)	May 28 (2)
<u>Pine Siskin</u>	May 2 (4)		May 2 (4)
<u>Eastern Goldfinch</u> (W)	March 13 (4)		Breeds
<u>Red-eyed Towhee</u> (W)	March 3 (4)		Breeds
<u>Southeastern Savannah Sparrow</u>	March 21 (1)	April 25 (8)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Grasshopper Sparrow</u>	April 24 (4)		Breeds
<u>Western Henslow's Sparrow</u>	April 18 (3)		Breeds
<u>Eastern Vesper Sparrow</u>	March 27 (6)	April 7 (16)	Breeds
<u>Slate-colored Junco</u> (W)	March 3 (15)		Breeds
<u>Eastern Tree Sparrow</u>	March 3 (30)		April 25 (10)
<u>Eastern Chipping Sparrow</u>	March 26 (1)	April 25 (81)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Field Sparrow</u>	March 20 (1)	April 25 (95)	Breeds
<u>White-crowned Sparrow</u>	April 17 (1)	May 9 (237)	May 23 (1)
<u>White-throated Sparrow</u> (W)	March 7 (1)	May 9 (249)	May 23 (3)
<u>Eastern Fox Sparrow</u>	March 19 (2)	April 10 (16)	May 4 (4)
<u>Lincoln's Sparrow</u>	May 2 (1)		May 21 (1)
<u>Eastern Swamp Sparrow</u>	March 20 (1)	April 10 (10)	Breeds
<u>Mississippi Song Sparrow</u>	March 3 (4)	April 18 (155)	Breeds
<u>Eastern Snow Bunting</u>	March 14 (30)		March 14 (30)

## INTERESTING RECORDS FROM NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES

MOSQUITO CREEK	March		April			May
	10	20	3	4	18	31
Loon					1	
Whistling Swan		12				
Canada Goose	50	1	2		9	
Mallard		23	2			25
Black Duck		30	10			4
Baldpate		72	20			6
Pintail		10	4			
Blue-winged Teal						5
Shoveler		30				
Redhead		7			1	
Canvasback		10				
Lesser Scaup		50	10		20	
Goldeneye		5				
Bufflehead		6				
American Merganser	36	15				
Red-breasted Merganser		30				
Short-eared Owl				4		

Observers - Vera Carrothers, Carl F. Hamann,  
R. W. Hill, Margarette E. Morse



SANDUSKY REGION	March				April			May	
	14	20	21	24	3	4	11	22	31
Whistling swan			3	7					
Canada Goose			2						
Mallard	12	14	6	25	20	10	1	10	2
Black Duck	12	2	10	40	18	10	8	15	2
Gadwall	10	6	5	26	10	2	2		
Baldpate	6	10	38	250	4	30	20	2	
Pintail	12		8	5					
Green-winged Teal				7	4		3		
Blue-winged Teal				60	25	25	20	4	
Shoveler	2	2	6	3		5	5		
Wood Duck				2			2		
Redhead	75			8	12	1	20		
Ring-necked Duck	8			15	2	2	33		
Canvasback	10	3		1	10				
Lesser Scaup	50	22	29	75	20				
Goldeneye	30	14	14	16	30	8	13		
Bufflehead	3		2	4	6	2	2		
White-winged Scoter	1								
Ruddy Duck		1		1	3		265	1	
Hooded Merganser					3	4			
American Merganser	3	2	25	15	70	150	125		
Red-breasted Merganser	2		4	1	50	200			
Coot		200	250	275	200		8	40	
Robin	20	450	500	20	20			50	
Red-winged Blackbird	100	20,000	5,000	300	50	200	200	200	100
Bronzed Grackle	6	5,000	2,000	152	40	50	25	40	20
Cowbird		400	4	50	2	100	100	20	40

Observers - James F. Akers, Mrs. R. E. Clisby, Owen Davies, Jr., R. W. Hill, Margarette E. Morse, Gladys E. Olson, Margaret E. Perner, Marjorie Ramisch

#### OTHER SANDUSKY RECORDS

May 5 – American Egret (1), Bald Eagle (2), King Rail (1), Sora (1), Semipalmated Plover (6), Black-bellied Plover (80), Ruddy Turnstone (6), Lesser Yellowlegs (6), Least Sandpiper (3), Red-backed Sandpiper (24), Semipalmated Sandpiper (3), Caspian Tern (1), Short-billed Marsh Wren (1), Migrant Shrike(3), Orchard Oriole (1) – J. E. Lieftinck

May 22 – Short-billed Marsh Wren found in three different locations – Margarette E. Morse

PYMATUNING	March	April		May
		21	10	13
Loon		12	13	
Canada Goose	62			35
Mallard		15	30	8
Black Duck	2	10	10	10
Gadwall			2	
Baldpate	51	4	26	2
Pintail	20		6	
Green-winged Teal			2	
Blue-winged Teal		11	12	4
Shoveler			4	
Wood Duck	2	3	8	2
Redhead	2			
Ring-necked Duck	50	2	15	
Lesser Scaup	20	90	7	1
Goldeneye	1	2		
Ruddy Duck				5
Hooded Merganser	2		2	
American Merganser			2	
Red-breasted Merg.	3	6	5	
Coot		15		1
Robin	20	50	25	50
Red-winged Blackbird	4	200	125	100
Bronzed Grackle		3	15	2
Cowbird	1	20	25	10

Observers - James F. Akers, Margarette E. Morse, Margaret E. Perner

AKRON LAKES	March						April		
	7	20	21	24	25	27	4	17	18
Loon			1			4	1	1	
Horned Grebe		2				3		4	
Canada Goose		2							
Mallard		31	6	5				2	
Black Duck		62	6						
Gadwall		8	2			6			
* European Wigeon	1	1				4	6		
Baldpate		65	34			2			
Pintail			7						
Green-winged Teal		2	7						
Blue-winged Teal								2	
Shoveler			12						
Wood Duck								2	
Redhead		14					30		
Ring-necked Duck		61				5			
Canvasback		12		1					
Lesser Scaup		202	330			6	15	1	2
Goldeneye		14	7			4			
Bufflehead		1	6				24		2
Oldsquaw		2							
** King Eider		1							
Ruddy Duck		5		3	2			5	2
Hooded Merganser		4		2					
American Merganser		38	60			12			
Red-breasted Merg.		20	9	8	77				
Coot		21					100	200	2

\* seen on Long Lake \*\* seen on Lake Dorothy Observers - J. E. Lieftinck, Robert W. McNeese

## NESTING RECORDS

Great Blue Heron – Several nesting colonies are reported, as follows: About 2 miles north of Hudson near Route 91, about a dozen birds. By May 10 some of the young had already left the nest – Bessie Simpson. Near Novelty, colony of 6 nests containing young birds May 31 – C. T. Downer. LaGrange, colony of about 25 birds April 20 – James F. Akers.

American Bittern – Elyria, May 13, nest located in large pasture dotted with many small bulrush patches in low spots. Nest with 4 eggs in one of these patches not more than 30 feet in diameter. No standing water – F. M. Phelps.

Mallard – Holden Arboretum, April 18, nest with 11 eggs – Vera Carrothers.

Black Duck – Aurora Pond, May 31, nest on ground under briars, 9 eggs – C. T. Downer.

Wood Duck – Aurora Pond, May 31, pair with at least 6 young – R. W. Hill. Rocky River Valley near Lagoon Picnic Ground, May 18, female entering nest in knot hole about 50 feet from ground in large sycamore (a “Moses Cleaveland Tree”) – Owen Davies, Jr.

Red-tailed Hawk – Sherwin estate, Waite Hill, May 9, nest in sycamore, one fledgling in nest – Ethyl R. Eastman.

Killdeer – Elyria, May 2, downy young three to four days old, indicating egg laying very early in April – Frank M. Phelps.

Woodcock – Lake Dorothy, Akron, May 1, nest on ground near swamp, 4 eggs; May 12, still 4 eggs; May 23, nest deserted, remains of egg shells (hatched) left in nest – Robert W. McNeese.

Upland Plover – Elyria, May 6, 4 eggs well concealed in a tuft of tall dead grass in large pasture – Frank M. Phelps.

Mourning Dove – Aurora, April 2, adults renovating last year’s nest in spruce five feet up; April 7, adult incubating 2 eggs; April 21, 1 young, 1 unhatched egg; May 5, nest empty – Carl F. Hamann.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – Fullertown, May 30, nest in shrub 5 feet from ground, adult incubating – Adela Gaede.

- Novelty, May 31, bird on nest in maple 7 feet up, nest about 200 feet from Black-billed Cuckoo’s nest in hawthorn – C. T. Downer.

Black-billed Cuckoo – Novelty, May 31, bird with caterpillar in mouth on nest in hawthorn 8 feet up, nest about 200 feet from Yellow-billed Cuckoo’s nest in maple – C. T. Downer.

Barred Owl – Elyria, April 16, nest in dead stub 12 feet high, entrance hole 10 feet up, two heavily incubated eggs could be seen through a crack – Frank M. Phelps.

Pileated Woodpecker – Hinckley, May 28, adult at nest feeding young – John E. Lieftinck.

Red-bellied Woodpecker – North Chagrin, May 1, pair noted going in and out of hole in large beech about 100 feet up – Owen Davies, Jr.

Downy Woodpecker – Aurora Pond, May 22, nest in hold in dead tree 5 feet up, both adults feeding young; May 29, same as on May 22 – Adela Gaede.

Wood Pewee – Aurora Pond, May 31, building nest in elm 35 feet up – C. T. Downer.

Prairie Horned Lark – Boston Hills, May 5, nest, 4 eggs on fairway of golf course – C. T. Downer.

- Boston Hills, May 16, 3 eggs on golf course – C. T. Downer.

Black-capped Chickadee – Novelty, May 31, nest 2 feet up in dead thorn apple stump. C. T. Downer.

White-breasted Nuthatch – Rocky River, May 23, pair nesting in hole in sugar maple 25 feet up – Owen Davies, Jr.

Robin – Aurora, April 1, female on nest in spruce 30 feet up, apparently incubating; April 12, female behaves as though young in nest – C. F. Hamann.

Robin – Natural History Museum grounds, April 13, female building nest 15 feet up in main crotch of trunk of small red maple; April 14, nest nearly completed; April 15, nest deserted; April 17, bird on nest; April 20, 21, bird apparently incubating; May 18, 3 young left nest – Arthur B. Williams.

- Lakewood, April 20, nest building started on slanting window ledge of house, material kept falling off, but bird persisted, and on fourth day (April 24) nest completed; April 28, 29, 30, May 1, 1 egg laid each day – Fred J. Ackermann.

- Fullerton, May 9, nest, 3 eggs in thorn tree about 2 feet from ground – Adela Gaede.

Wood Thrush – Cleveland Heights, May 8, nest, 3 eggs, with 1 of cowbird – Leta E. Adams.

- Rocky River, May 23, nest in small sapling 7 feet up, 2 eggs – Owen Davies [Jr.].

- Aurora Pond, May 31, nest, 4 eggs in maple 7 feet up – C. T. Downer.

- Aurora Pond, May 31, nest, 3 eggs in maple 8 feet up – C. T. Downer.

- Aurora Pond, May 31, bird on nest in maple 10 feet up – C. T. Downer.

Veery – Lander Road near Highland Road in pin oak swamp, May 31, nest, 3 eggs – Maurice B. Walters.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – Brecksville, tow path by old Ohio Canal, May 2, nest building started high up in large elm on short dead stub of branch which protruded about 2 feet from large branch. "They gathered the thin, outer scale of the wild grape vine in shreds and returned time and again to the nest" – Mrs. L. Merle Hostetler.

- Rocky River Metropolitan Park near Mastick Picnic Ground, May 9, nest nearing completion in apple tree – W. E. Scheele.

- Gates Mills, May 9, nest under construction 15 feet up in black walnut – C. T. Downer.

Migrant Shrike – On side of road off Chestnut Ridge, Ridgeville Township, April 25, nest, 5 eggs in osage orange hedge – F. M. Phelps.

Yellow-throated Vireo – Aurora Pond, May 15, nest in large white oak 50 feet up; May 22, adults feeding young in nest – Adela Gaede.

Warbling Vireo – Gates Mills, April 25, nest under construction 35 feet up in sycamore; May 2, both birds at nest, but apparently not incubating yet; nest later abandoned. May 24, bird on nest 10 feet up in elm 25 feet from abandoned nest – C. T. Downer.

Prothonotary Warbler – Aurora Pond May 29, nest in hole in dead tree standing in water about 50 feet from shore, hole about 5 feet from water, male brought food to female who seemed to feed young – Adela Gaede.

- Aurora Pond, May 31, hole 8 feet up in dead black cherry stump standing in water, female going in and out every 20 minutes, male singing – C. T. Downer.

Blue-winged Warbler – Elyria, May 20, nest, 1 egg in base of clump of blackberry vines 2 or 3 inches off ground; May 24, 3 warbler eggs, 1 cowbird egg – Frank M. Phelps.

Yellow Warbler – Rocky River, May 20, nest in small thorn tree near river edge about 6 feet from ground, 2 eggs; May 23, 4 eggs, incubating; May 5, 4 newly hatched young – Owen Davies, Jr.

- Aurora Pond, May 31, nest in hawthorn 5 feet up, 4 eggs – C. T. Downer.

- Aurora Pond, May 31, nest just completed in wild apple tree 4 feet up – C. T. Downer.

Yellow-breasted Chat – Novelty, May 16, nest, 1 egg 4 feet up in maple seedling clump; May 23, 5 eggs – C. T. Downer.

Redstart – Aurora Pond, May 22, nest in small tree about 3½ feet from ground, 3 eggs; May 29, bird incubating – Adela Gaede.

- Aurora Pond, May 31, nest 5 feet up in maple, 4 eggs – C. T. Downer.

- Aurora Pond, May 31, nest 6 feet up in maple, 4 eggs – C. T. Downer.

- Aurora Pond, May 31, nest 8 feet up in maple, 2 eggs – C. T. Downer.

Bobolink – Elyria, May 20, female gathering dry grass near fence bordering field and flying with it into grass in meadow, male present; May 29, female flushed, revealing nest, 6 eggs – Frank M. Phelps. (See Field Notes)

Baltimore Oriole – Gates Mills, April 25, female observed inside nest weaving materials, nest 20 feet up in elm; May 2, nest completed – C. T. Downer.

Cardinal – Cleveland Heights, April 17, nest building in honeysuckle vine on house; April 22, 2 eggs; April 23, 3 eggs; nest was interfered with by Blue Jay; May 3, 2 eggs – Mrs. W. B. Rogers.

Towhee – Elyria, May 8, nest concealed in clump of dead grass at base of blackberry vines, 2 young birds and single unhatched egg of towhee and cowbird – Frank M. Phelps.

Chipping Sparrow – Novelty, May 18, nest in pine 2 feet up, 4 young – C. T. Downer.

Field Sparrow – Novelty, May 31, nest on ground, 5 eggs – C. T. Downer.

#### FIELD NOTES

Warbler Migration – Most observers agree that the height of the warbler migration occurred this spring during the week [of] May 9-16, and that probably May 10 and 11 marked the crest of a real “wave” of migrating birds – Ed.

Evening at Aurora Pond – May 22 – “While watching a pair of wood ducks which evidently had a nesting site near at hand, a pileated woodpecker flew in and fed young not far from the wood duck’s perch, and a tree swallow slipped in to a tree hole near by. A pair of prothonotary warblers flew back and forth in plain sight, while a third sang off to one side. At one time the male prothonotary perched on the same bush with a pair of bluebirds. All this was coincidental with much action in 3 nests of the great blue herons” – Majorie Ramisch.

Double-crested Cormorant at Meander Lake – “A male Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus auritus*) was accidentally captured and killed in a 14-foot Fike net set on Meander Lake near Youngstown on April 30, 1948. This is an unusual species for the locality. It was brought to the laboratories of Kent State University by Mr. Daniel C. Armbruster of the Ohio Division of Conservation and Natural Resources. In the stomach of the bird were found an almost complete specimen of the White Crappie (standard length of 6 in.; total length of 7 in.) and 65 nematode parasitic worms. In order to reach the place in the Fike net where the drowned cormorant was found, it had to travel under water for a distance of 35 to 40 feet at least 6 feet below the surface, and pass through two throats 9 inches square and 6 inches square respectively, according to Lee S. Roach, Assistant Chief of the Fish Management Section” – Ralph W. Dexter, Kent State University.

Song of the Hermit Thrush – “Because of the much publicized beauty of the Hermit’s song, I have long been anxious to hear it. Meanwhile I have become familiar with the song from a bird record. Saturday morning, April 17, at about 6:30, I was on East Park Boulevard at the edge of the woods bordered by North Park, South Park, East Park, and Lee Road. I was suddenly amazed to hear the beautiful song of the Hermit. It sang for perhaps half a minute. I then walked into the woods to find the bird, and when I came upon it I was able to identify it positively as a Hermit Thrush. I watched it for quite a while but the bird would not sing again.” – Cy J. Zenisek.

Red-eyed Vireo a Mocker – “May 31, 1948, listened to a red-eyed vireo which mimicked other birds. In between the phrases of its familiar song it inserted the call of the Baltimore oriole, the ‘tchu-tchu’ of the purple martin, and several other calls. I understand the white-eyed vireo mimics other birds at times, but I can find no record of the red-eyed vireo doing so.” – J. E. Lieftinck.

Swimming Killdeer – “On May 31 two baby killdeers were found near the edge of Corning Lake. One kept running toward the water and soon found itself cut off from its loudly protesting parents. We were surprised to see it take to the water and swim about beyond its depth, well out of our reach. Its little feet paddled fast and vigorously.” – Margarette E. Morse.

How to Find a Bobolink’s Nest – “On May 20 I was watching two male Bobolinks on high clumps of grass in a roadside meadow when I saw a female drop down into the grass. One of the males immediately flew to the spot and remained there until she reappeared. I watched her make five or six trips to the fence bordering the field where she apparently gathered dry grass. Twice the male accompanied her on these trips and on other occasions flew from his favorite perch to meet her at the point where she disappeared in the grass, which was always the same. On May 29 I searched this area carefully and found nothing. Turning back toward the road I saw a female fly up quite a distance ahead of me. I retired from the field at once and resume watching. In about ten minutes both birds came winging across the field and dropped on a grass clump in the nest area. She soon disappeared into the grass and in a couple of minutes he flew to a distant part of the field. After a little wait I started toward the grass clump and when about 25 feet short of it, the female flushed right at my feet, revealing the nest with six eggs. The nest was located about 50 feet from the point where she dropped into the grass with nesting material on the 20th. The fact that the male had left the nesting area and was not there to warn her of my approach was the decisive factor in finding the nest.” – Frank M. Phelps.