

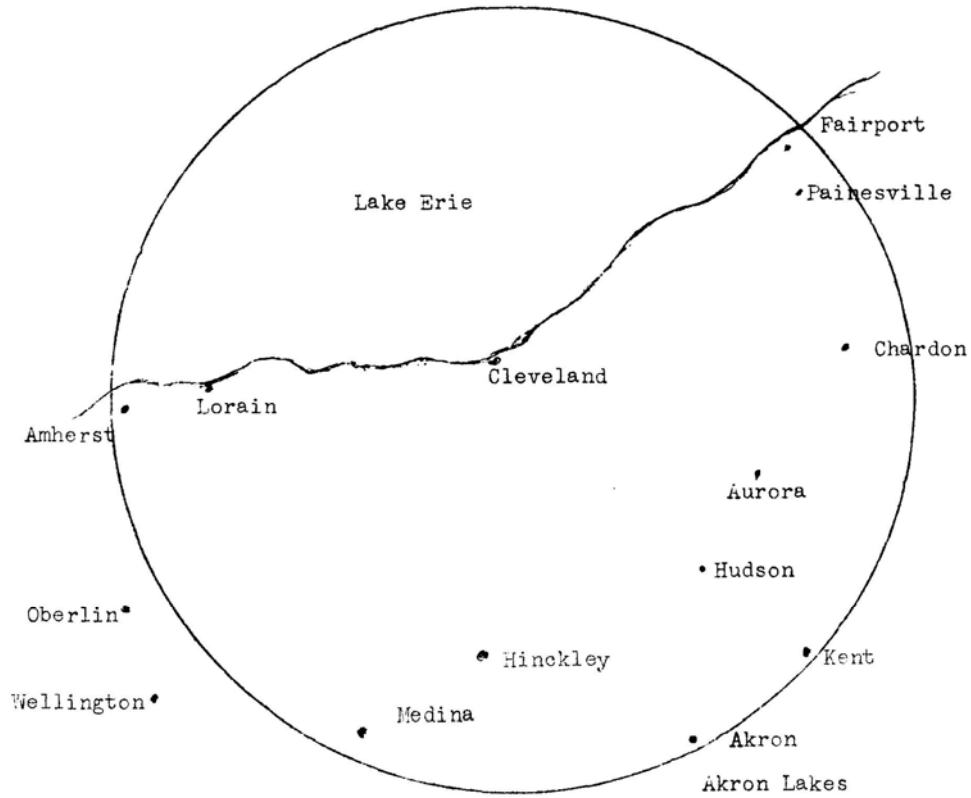
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Records in this issue include the complete reports of the Sunday morning Bird Walks conducted by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History on April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14 and 21, 1950. These covered the region at 13 different points, including Elyria on the west, Hinckley on the south, Punderson Lake on the east and Black Brook on the northeast. Adding 2 extra walks held at Gordon Park May 28 and June 4, and 3 walks at the Holden Arboretum April 23, May 7 and 14, this made a total of 77 different excursions for the observation of birds during the 1950 spring migration season.

This coverage is the best we have ever had. The importance of its contribution to our knowledge of the birds of this region is reflected directly in the wealth of data shown in the following pages. Our hearty thanks go to all those whose enthusiastic volunteer leadership has made this possible.

Incidentally, the list of 74 contributors to this issue is the largest number ever, and is somewhat of a record in itself.

"THE BIRDS OF CLEVELAND" is the short title chosen for our Check List of Birds of the Cleveland Region. Copies should be ready for distribution early in July. The price is \$2.00 (plus 6¢ sales tax in Ohio). Anyone at all interested in the study of birds in the Cleveland area will want, and should have, this book. Orders should be sent to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 2717 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 15, Ohio

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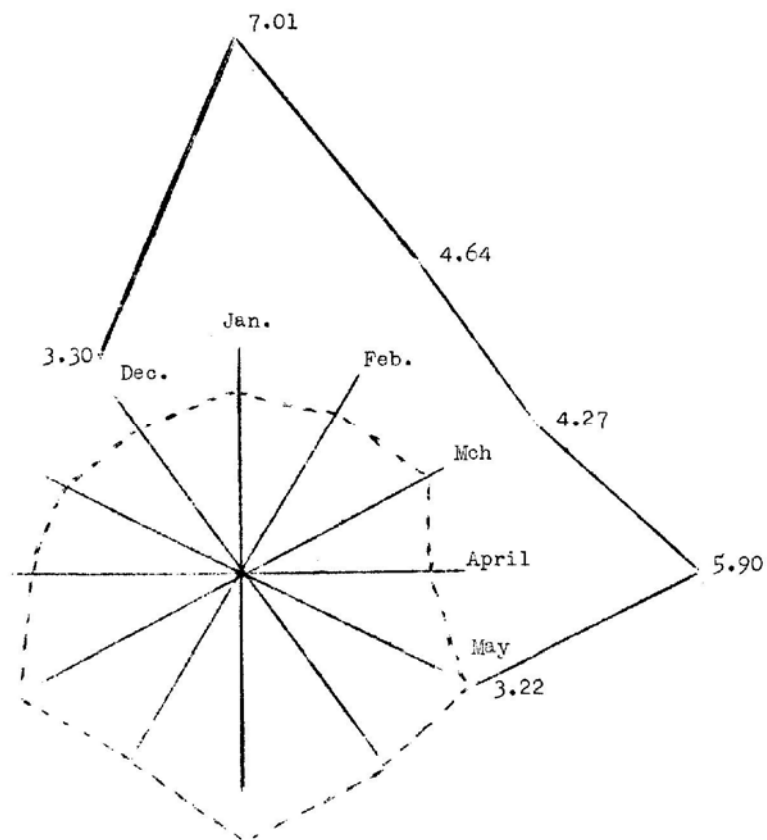
SUMMARY OF WEATHER CONDITIONS

March - A cold, disagreeable month with frequent rain or snow. Lowest temperature of the winter was 6° on the 3rd. Snowfall about twice normal.

April - The wettest April in 80 years of records. Rain fell on all but 6 days. It was also the coldest April in 24 years, with temperatures below normal on two thirds of the days. An all time low of 20° was recorded on the 13th and 14th.

May - Dry in the first half of the month, but with abundant rainfall during the latter half. The combination of April and early May weather produced a delayed spring.

In the diagram 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 1949-1950 indicated. Figures are records of U. S. Weather Bureau located at the Cleveland Airport.



INTERESTING OR UNUSUAL RECORDS

- Eared Grebe - One seen April 6 near Mecca by R. W. Hill (See Field Notes, p.11).
Snowy Egret - One seen May 7 at Aurora Pond by R. W. Hill; one seen May 14 at Abram's Lake by H. C. Dobbins.
Little Blue Heron - One seen May 30 in marsh along Route 532 one half mile north of Cuyahoga Falls by C. F. Gibbs.
American Brant - One seen by Frank Phelps near Marblehead May 14 (See Field Notes, p. 12).
European Widgeon - Two seen April 17 on Corning Lake by W. E. Scheele.
Iceland Gull - One seen March 4 at Avon by James F. Akers.
Snowy Owl - March reports include 8 records of individual owls seen along the lake shore, some of which are undoubtedly duplicates. One was observed eating a merganser.
Great Gray Owl - One seen March 25 on breakwater at East 71st Street by M. C. Gilfillan (See Field Notes, p. 12).
Golden-winged Warbler - An unusual number of records (14 in all) ranging from May 6 to May 14, and including Brecksville, Rocky River, Elyria, Gordon Park, North Akron, Aurora, Hinckley and Black Brook.
Evening Grosbeak - Scattering records through March, April and May - Chardon, Painesville, Aurora, Kent, Chesterland.
Pine Siskin - Although only 1 bird was reported seen in our region (March 5), a flock of 80 was reported at Pymatuning April 2 by J. E. Lieftinck.
Lark Sparrow - One seen May 7 on Gordon Park Bird Walk. Reported by B. P. Bole, Jr.

SPECIES OCCURRENCE RECORDS

"W" means "wintered" (January, February records)

*means "permanent resident"

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>LAST</u>
Loon	March 30(1)	April 16(11)	May 30(2)
Holboell's Grebe	March 5(1)		March 5(1)
Horned Grebe (W)	March 5(1)	April 16(22)	April 30(2)
Pied-billed Grebe	March 8(1)	April 16(46)	Breeds
Double-crested Cormorant	March 4(2)		April 22(1)
Great Blue Heron	March 21(1)	April 16(21)	Breeds
Snowy Egret	May 7(1)		May 14(1)
Little Blue Heron	May 30(1)		May 30(1)
Eastern Green Heron	April 23(1)	May 7(24)	Breeds
Black-crowned Night Heron	March 21(1)	April 16(11)	May 21(16)
American Bittern	March 27(3)		Breeds
Least Bittern	May 21(1)		Breeds
Whistling Swan	March 18(1)		May 1(1)
Canada Goose	March 12(12)	March 20(75)	
Mallard (W)	March 4(50)	April 16(43)	Breeds
Black Duck (W)	March 4(50)	March 11(200)	Breeds
Gadwall	March 5(2)	April 5(10)	April 9(2)
European Widgeon	April 17(2)		April 17(2)
Baldpate (W)	March 4(1)	April 5(20)	May 13(1)
American Pintail (W)	March 29(20)	April 9(20)	April 23(5)
Green-winged Teal	April 5(8)		April 16(2)
Blue-winged Teal	March 28(2)	April 16(51)	Breeds
Shoveler	March 24(1)	April 23(11)	May 21(1)
Wood Duck	March 28(4)	May 7(22)	Breeds
Redhead (W)	March 4(323)	March 11(318)	May 14(1)

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>LAST</u>
Ring-necked Duck (W)	March 6(3)	April 2(57)	April 23(50)
Canvasback (W)	March 3(20)	March 11(200)	May 7(8)
Greater Scaup	March 26(300)	March 26(300)	April 16(2)
Lesser Scaup (W)	March 3(75)	March 18(1000)	May 30(2)
American Goldeneye (W)	March 3(50)	March 15(50)	April 30(2)
Bufflehead (W)	March 3(50)	March 4(85)	May 7 (1)
Oldsquaw (W)	March 4(1)		April 2(8)
White-winged Scoter (W)	March 4(5)		March 22(1)
Ruddy Duck (W)	March 15(7)	April 23(51)	May 21(1)
Hooded Merganser (W)	March 5(3)	March 29(72)	April 30(1)
American Merganser (W)	March 3(20)	April 23(150)	May 7(2)
Red-breasted Merganser (W)	March 4(1000)	April 2(3000)	May 17(3)
Eastern Turkey Vulture	March 28(2)	May 7(133)	Breeds
*Sharp-shinned Hawk	April 2(1)		Breeds
*Cooper's Hawk	March 5(1)		Breeds
*Eastern Red-tailed Hawk	March 5(1)		Breeds
*Northern Red-shouldered Hawk	March 1(1)	April 16(11)	Breeds
Broad-winged Hawk	March 29(1)		Breeds
Northern Bald Eagle	May 14(1)		May 14(1)
*Marsh Hawk	March 4(2)	May 7(4)	Breeds
American Osprey	April 24(1)		May 29(1)
*Eastern Sparrow Hawk	March 4(1)	April 2(9)	Breeds
*Appalachian Ruffed Grouse	April 16(1)		Breeds
*Eastern Bobwhite	April 9(1)	May 7(12)	Breeds
*Ring-necked Pheasant	March 12(1)	May 7(18)	Breeds
Virginia Rail	April 22(1)		Breeds
Sora	April 22(1)		Breeds
Florida Gallinule	May 7(2)		Breeds
American Coot	April 2(1)	April 5(300)	May 30(2)
Semipalmated Plover	May 20(1)		May 28(4)
Killdeer (W)	March 5(2)	April 2(33)	Breeds
Black-bellied Plover	May 28(1)		May 28(1)
Ruddy Turnstone	May 15(1)		May 21(2)
American Woodcock	March 21(1)	April 15(4)	Breeds
Wilson's Snipe	April 17(4)	April 29(12)	May 23(1)
Upland Plover	April 16(1)	May 16(3)	Breeds
Spotted Sandpiper	April 23(2)	May 7(56)	Breeds
Solitary Sandpiper	April 15(1)	May 7(32)	May 30(2)
Greater Yellowlegs	April 16(4)		May 14(3)
Lesser Yellowlegs	March 29(1)	May 1(17)	May 21(3)
Pectoral Sandpiper	April 16(2)		May 21(1)
White-rumped Sandpiper	May 13(1)		May 21(3)
Least Sandpiper	May 7(8)		May 21(3)
Red-backed Sandpiper	May 13(1)		May 21(4)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	May 7(1)		May 30(3)
Iceland Gull	March 4(1)		March 4(1)
American Herring Gull (W)	March 3(1000)	April 2(500)	May 28(32)
Ring-billed Gull (W)	March 3(1000)	April 2(520)	May 28(40)
Bonaparte's Gull (W)	March 3(10)	May 2(100)	May 28(30)
Common Tern	April 23(10)	May 14(100)	May 30(12)
Caspian Tern	April 27(5)		April 29(1)
Black Tern	May 7(22)		May 20(9)
*Eastern Mourning Dove	March 4(5)	April 16(163)	Breeds
*Rock Dove	March 15(25)		Breeds
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	May 7 (1)		Breeds

	FIRST	MAXIMUM	LAST
Black-billed Cuckoo	May 14(2)		Breeds
*Eastern Screech Owl	March 5(2)		Breeds
*Great Horned Owl	April 7(1)		Breeds
Snowy Owl (W)	March 4(1)		March 18(1)
*Northern Barred Owl	March 10(1)		Breeds
Great Gray Owl	March 25(1)		March 25(1)
Eastern Whip-poor-will	April 30(1)		Breeds
Eastern Nighthawk	April 26(2)		Breeds
Chimney Swift	April 23(11)	May 7(146)	Breeds
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	May 6(1)	May 14(11)	Breeds
*Eastern Belted Kingfisher	March 20(1)	April 16(30)	Breeds
*Northern Flicker	March 12(1)	April 23(96)	Breeds
*Pileated Woodpecker	March 5(1)		Breeds
*Red-bellied Woodpecker	March 4(1)		Breeds
Red-headed Woodpecker	April 23(1)	May 14(34)	Breeds
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	March 27(1)	April 16(26)	May 30(1)
*Eastern Hairy Woodpecker	March 5(2)		Breeds
*Northern Downy Woodpecker	March 2(1)	April 16(58)	Breeds
Eastern Kingbird	April 16(1)	May 14(45)	Breeds
Crested Flycatcher	May 4(7)	May 14(52)	Breeds
Eastern Phoebe	March 25(1)	April 16(41)	Breeds
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	May 23(2)		May 31(1)
Acadian Flycatcher	May 7(2)		Breeds
Alder Flycatcher	May 7(5)	May 28(22)	Breeds
Least Flycatcher	May 4(1)	May 14(63)	Breeds
Eastern Wood Pewee	May 4(1)	May 21(34)	Breeds
Olive-sided Flycatcher	May 21(1)		May 28(1)
*Prairie Horned Lark	March 4(12)		Breeds
Tree Swallow	March 28(2)	May 6(145)	Breeds
Bank Swallow	April 23(34)	May 7(237)	Breeds
Eastern Rough-winged	April 17(10)	May 7(141)	Breeds
Barn Swallow	April 6(1)	May 7(60)	Breeds
Cliff Swallow	April 23(1)		Breeds
Purple Martin	March 27(5)	May 7(65)	Breeds
*Northern Blue Jay	March 2(1)	May 14(288)	Breeds
*Eastern Crow	March 4(15)	March 7(1000)	Breeds
*Black-capped Chickadee	March 5(30)		Breeds
*Tufted Titmouse	March 5(8)		Breeds
*White-breasted Nuthatch	March 5(11)		Breeds
Red-breasted Nuthatch (W)	March 4(1)	May 7(26)	May 28(1)
Brown Creeper (W)	March 5(3)	April 16(35), 30(37)	May 31(1)
Ohio House Wren	April 23(2)	May 7(104)	Breeds
Eastern Winter Wren (W)	March 28(1)	April 16(6)	May 22(1)
Bewick's Wren	April 27(1)		Breeds
*Carolina Wren	March 4(1)		Breeds
Long-billed Marsh Wren	April 16(1)		Breeds
Short-billed Marsh Wren	May 14(1)		Breeds
Eastern Mockingbird	March 12(1)		April 29(1)
Catbird	April 26(1)	May 7(216)	Breeds
Eastern Brown Thrasher (W)	April 16(1)	May 7(37)	Breeds
*Eastern Robin	March 2(1)	April 2(535)	Breeds
Wood Thrush	April 23(1)	May 7(104)	Breeds
Eastern Hermit Thrush (W)	March 28(1)	April 30(36)	May 21(2)
Olive-backed Thrush	April 16(2)	May 7(52)	May 31(1)

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>LAST</u>
Gray-cheeked Thrush	April 23(2)	May 14(19)	May 30(2)
Veery	May 4(3)	May 7(11)	Breeds
Eastern Bluebird (W)	March 20(4)	April 2(36)	Breeds
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	April 23(2)	May 7(38)	Breeds
Golden-crowned Kinglet (W)	March 15(6)	April 16(99)	May 14(5)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (W)	April 9(1)	April 23(128)	May 30(1)
American Pipit	March 22(2)		May 21(1)
*Cedar Waxwing	March 7(20)	April 9(92)	Breeds
Migrant Shrike	March 30(1)	April 9(3)	Breeds
*Starling	March 4(75)	March 11(540)	Breeds
Yellow-throated Vireo	April 29(2)	May 7(16)	Breeds
Blue-headed Vireo	April 28(1)	May 14(15)	Breeds
Red-eyed Vireo	May 4(2)	May 21(61)	Breeds
Philadelphia Vireo	May 4(2)		May 30(2)
Eastern Warbling Vireo	May 6(2)	May 14(39)	Breeds
Black and White Warbler	April 29(1)	May 14(39)	May 28(2)
Prothonotary Warbler	May 6(1)		Breeds
Golden-winged Warbler	May 6(2)	May 14(8)	May 14(8)
Blue-winged Warbler	May 4(8)	May 14(82)	Breeds
Tennessee Warbler	May 7(3)	May 21(42)	May 28(15)
Orange-crowned Warbler	May 7(1)	May 14(4)	May 14(4)
Nashville Warbler	May 4(1)	May 14(68)	May 23(2)
Parula Warbler	April 30(1)	May 17(4)	May 22(1)
Eastern Yellow Warbler	April 22(1)	May 7(226)	Breeds
Magnolia Warbler	May 6(1)	May 21(51)	May 31(1)
Cape May Warbler	May 5(2)	May 14(58)	May 23(1)
Black-throated Blue Warbler	May 4(1)	May 14(20)	May 28(1)
Myrtle Warbler	April 11(2)	May 7(88)	May 23(1)
Black-throated Green Warbler	April 27(1)	May 14(49)	Breeds
Cerulean Warbler	April 30(1)	May 14(67)	Breeds
Blackburnian Warbler	May 6(4)	May 14(39)	May 28(2)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	May 4(1)	May 21(47)	May 30(2)
Bay-breasted Warbler	May 6(1)	May 21(43)	May 28(1)
Black-pollled Warbler	May 17(8)	May 21(15)	May 30(4)
Western Palm Warbler	April 23(2)	May 7(29)	May 21(1)
Ovenbird	April 23(1)	May 7(67)	Breeds
Grinnell's Waterthrush	May 4(5)	May 7(15)	Breeds
Louisiana Waterthrush	April 2(1)	May 7(16)	Breeds
Kentucky Warbler	May 6(1)		May 16(1)
Connecticut Warbler	May 7(2)		May 27(1)
Mourning Warbler	May 20(1)	May 21(7)	May 28(3)
Northern Yellowthroat	May 2(1)	May 14(67)	Breeds
Yellow-breasted Chat	May 7(2)		Breeds
Hooded Warbler	May 5(1)	May 14(19)	Breeds
Wilson's Warbler	May 13(1)	May 21(7)	May 28(7)
Canada Warbler	May 7(1)	May 23(17)	May 28(3)
American Redstart	May 4(5)	May 14(165)	Breeds
*English Sparrow	May 2(10)		Breeds
Bobolink	April 28(1)	May 14(21)	Breeds
Eastern Meadowlark (W)	March 5(1)	May 7(38)	Breeds
Eastern Redwing	March 5(12)	April 4(500)	Breeds
Orchard Oriole	May 14(1)		Breeds
Baltimore Oriole	April 9(2)	May 14(107)	Breeds
Rusty Blackbird	March 20(4)	March 30(36)	May 3(10)
Bronzed Grackle	March 6(1)	April 16(66)	Breeds

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>LAST</u>
Eastern Cowbird	March 22(1)	April 16(762)	Breeds
Scarlet Tanager	May 3(1)	May 14(45)	Breeds
*Eastern Cardinal	March 2(2)	May 14(92)	Breeds
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	May 4(11)	May 14(104)	Breeds
Indigo Bunting	May 4(1)	May 14(24)	Breeds
Eastern Evening Grosbeak	March 4(6)	March 19(31)	May 20(3)
Eastern Purple Finch	March 12(12)	May 7(37)	Breeds
Pine Siskin	March 5(1)		March 5(1)
*Eastern Goldfinch	March 5(3)	May 14(317)	Breeds
Red-eyed Towhee (W)	March 4(1)	April 16(56)	Breeds
Savannah Sparrow	April 6(4)	April 23(10)	Breeds
Grasshopper Sparrow	April 27(1)		Breeds
Henslow's Sparrow	April 16(1)		Breeds
Vesper Sparrow	March 28(1)	April 23(11)	Breeds
Eastern Lark Sparrow	May 7(1)		May 7(1)
*Slate-colored Junco	March 15(25)	April 23(283)	Breeds
Eastern Tree Sparrow	March 5(67)	April 9(100)	May 2(2)
Chipping Sparrow	April 3(1)	May 14(56)	Breeds
Eastern Field Sparrow	March 27(1)	April 16(122)	Breeds
White-crowned Sparrow	April 30(2)	May 14(138)	May 23(2)
Mite-throated Sparrow	April 4(1)	May 7(64)	June 2(2)
Eastern Fox Sparrow	March 27(1)	April 16(42)	May 17(2)
Lincoln's Sparrow	May 14(25)	May 14(25)	May 22(1)
Eastern Swamp Sparrow	April 3(3)	May 21(18)	Breeds
Mississippi Song Sparrow (W)	March 5(7)	April 2(126)	Breeds
Eastern Snow Bunting (W)	March 1(100)		March 1(100)

RECORDS FROM NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES

MOSQUITO CREEK	March April									
	26	1	2	4	5	6	8	15	19	29
Loon	1				2		5	50		3
Horned Grebe		2			1					35
American Egret									1	
Whistling Swan		28								
Canada Goose					110					
Mallard	2	12				2	25			2
Black Duck	8	4			2	2	40			
Baldpate	60	10		60	25	50	200	50		15
Pintail	10	12		30	2	2	8			
Green-winged Teal							2	75		3
Blue-winged Teal		50		50		40	14			50
Shoveler				1			5			4
Wood Duck						11				
Redhead	20	250		50	25	30	18			8
Ring-necked Duck	40	8				10	7			
Canvasback	10	300		4	4	100				
Lesser Scaup	5	20		2	50		4			10
Goldeneye		15								
Bufflehead	1	15		20						5
Ruddy Duck				10		5				
Hooded Merganser		4								
American Merganser	20	10				1	10			
Red-breasted Merganser		15			15					
Coot	3	100			20					50
Duck Hawk								1		
Short-eared Owl		2	5		1					

OBSERVERS-Carrothers, Gaede, Hill, Lieftinck, Miller, Oliver

MOGADORE RESERVOIR	March					April								May					
	4	12	16	23	28	2	7	9	16	20	23	26	30	3	7	12	16	21	28
Loon						5	1	3	2	3	8	3	2	6	2				
Canada Goose									15	15									
White-fronted Goose						4													
Lesser Snow Goose	Three on April 19																		
Mallard	3	35	16	6	10	2	4		25	20	20	6	6	4	10	5	6	7	15
Black Duck		15 0	25			30	5 0	2 5	50	20	8	10	15	25	10	30	5	10	6
Baldpate	30	5	35	10	5	3		5 0		25	250	6	5	20	2				
Pintail	4	5	10					3						1					
Blue-winged Teal									5		7	2		15	8	6	3	3	3
Shoveler															2				
Redhead	25	50	50						8	200	30	10							
Ring-necked Duck		10	100	60		4						2							
Canvasback		55	10				2			50									
Lesser Scaup		5	15		20	35	5 0	5 0	86	75	100	100	200	50	100	15	1 0	15	50
Goldeneye		20				2													
Bufflehead						2	1 3		10			6	6	6	3				
Oldsquaw												2							
Ruddy Duck						20	3 5	1 5 0	25	2		100	4	15	15				10
Hooded Merganser	Fifteen on April 27																		
American Merganser							5												
Red-breasted Merganser							2 2												
Coot		5				20	3 0	3 5	250	16	200	250	200	150	30	4			
Osprey									1						1				
OBSERVER-Parker Wilcox																			

SANDUSKY REGION	March			April		May
	5	6	20	2	24	1
Loon					1	
Horned Grebe				1		1
Canada Goose					38	
Mallard			58	20	4	50
Black Duck		4	100	2	2	50
Gadwall	60		100	5	2	30
European Widgeon			1			
Baldpate	15	50	200	6	4	100
Pintail			65			5
Green-winged Teal			12			15
Blue-winged Teal			35		100	100
Shoveler	8	20	3	6	7	25
Wood Duck						5
Redhead	4	10	500		4	
Ring-necked Duck				17	2	
Canvasback		6	350		6	
Greater Scaup			10			
Lesser Scaup		20	150		10	25
Goldeneye	8	9	35		1	
Bufflehead			15		1	2
Ruddy Duck					200	
Hooded Merganser			6			
American Merganser			10			1
Red-breasted Merganser		15	35		50	2
Coot		1	100	200	35	200
Rough-legged Hawk				1		
Migrant Shrike			3			
OBSERVERS: Akers, Carrothers, Oliver, Olson, Phelps						

NESTING RECORDS

- Great Blue Heron - Novelty, May 21, 57 birds in colony - C. T. Downer.
- Mallard - Marsh ½ mile north of Cuyahoga Falls, May 30, female with 13 young - C. F. Gibbs.
- Blue-winged Teal - Abram's Lake, May 21, nest with 5 broken eggs - Walter Hoyles
- Wood Duck - Hinckley, May 30, about 30 feet up in old pileated woodpecker hole in beech tree, 9 eggs. Nesting material, down and dead bees (active hive of bees about 6' above duck's nest) - Rollin Dike, Edward MacArthurthur.
- Cooper's Hawk - Aurora, May 9, adult flew from same nest 40' up in white ash occupied in 1949; May 21, adult flew from nest - Carl F. Hamann.
- Red-shouldered Hawk - Aurora, April 1, bird on nest 40' up in crotch of beech;
 April 20, adult on nest, leeward side of which covered with pieces of down;
 April 27, adult flushed from nest; May 19, young visible over rim of nest - Carl F. Hamann.
- North Chagrin, April 9, nest of dead twigs in crotch of beech tree 30' up, female broke off 14-inch dead branch of beech tree and added it to nest - Donald L. Newman.
 - Silver Lake, April 9, 16, 23, bird on nest; April 24, nest abandoned; 6th consecutive year for this nest; May 21, nest located ¼ mile from abandoned nest above; May 30, bird on nest - C. F. Gibbs.
- Woodcock - Ridgeville Township, April 18, 4 eggs - F. M. Phelps.
- Barred Owl - Aurora Sanctuary, April 27, owl sitting in cavity in top of tree;
 April 28, owl still visible in hole; May 4, both owls in the hole; May 8, adult still in hole; May 14, young observed; May 21, young out of nest - Carl F. Hamann.
- Chimney Swift - Lakewood, May 11, building in chimney - F. J. Ackermann.
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird - North Akron, May 24, building nest - J. E. Lieftinck.
- Red-headed Woodpecker - Aurora Pond, May 27, adult feeding young in nest in hole in dead tree 40' from water - Adela Gaede.
- Alder Flycatcher - Marsh ½ mile north of Cuyahoga Falls, May 30, adult building nest in bushes along road - C. F. Gibbs.
- Least Flycatcher - Near Chesterland, on H. Black farm, May 21, bird on nest in medium-sized apple tree 30' up; May 30, bird on nest - C. T. Downer, A. B. Williams (See Field Notes, p. 13).
- Purple Martin - Cleveland, May 14, began nest building - N. Gutschmidt.
- Blue Jay - Aurora, May 18, female on nest in wild apple tree in brushy field, 9' up; May 27, at least 2 young in nest; May 31, 3 well grown young - Carl F. Hamann.
- Rocky River, May 11, pair building nest in sugar maple 20' up - F. J. Ackermann.
- Chickadee - Aurora Pond, April 16, pair going back and forth into hole in dead stub 8' above water - Carl F. Hamann.
- Aurora, April 18, 2 birds carrying nesting material into wren house hanging 6' up on elm; May 11, birds carrying food into hole in box; May 16, 17, male feeding female; May 27, 5 young in box 3-4 days old; May 30, one adult found unable to fly; May 31, one adult feeding young - Carl F. Hamann.
 - Fullerton, . May 30, adult feeding young bird perched in tree - Adela Gaede.
- Brown Thrasher - Bedford, May 27-31, 4 eggs in nest 4' up in ibota privet - Mrs. A. E. Luedy.
- Catbird - Silver Lake, May 27, bird carrying nesting material to nest; May 30, 1 egg - C. F. Gibbs.
- Wood Thrush - North Akron, May 21, 2 eggs and 1 cowbird egg - J. E. Lieftinck.

- Veery - Aurora, May 24, nest, 5 eggs on ground, slightly elevated at base of small viburnum dentatum and blackberry bush; May 27, 31, female incubating - Carl F. Hamann.
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - North Akron, May 22, building nest - J. E. Lieftinck. -
- Aurora Pond, May 22, pair building nest on top of forked branch of small elm tree near pond edge, 20' up - Carl F. Hamann.
- Migrant Shrike - Sprague Road, just west of NYC RR crossing, May 14, nest, 7 eggs; June 1, 6 young hatched - James F. Akers.
- Yellow-throated Vireo - Aurora Sanctuary, May 22, bird building nest on upright branch of sugar maple 30-35' up - Carl F. Hamann.
- Blue-winged Warbler - Silver Lake, May 29, nest in vacant lot, 2 eggs (1 warbler, 1 cowbird); May 30, 3 eggs (2 warbler, 1 cowbird); cowbird egg carefully removed with spoon; May 31, nest abandoned, 1 egg remained - C. F. Gibbs.
- Yellow Warbler - Aurora Lake, May 17, 3 building nests; 1 in blackberry tangle; others in small bushes - Carl F. Hamann.
- Louisiana Waterthrush - Ely Woods, Elyria, May 16, 5 eggs - F. M. Phelps.
- Hooded Warbler - Fullerton, May 30, nest, 4 eggs in crotch of sugar maple 1½' up - Adela Gaede.
- Redstart - North Akron, May 24, building nest - J. E. Lieftinck.
- Aurora, May 17, building nest in crotch of small elm - C. F. Hamann.
- Brecksville, May 21, nest being built in white ash 15' up - F. J. Ackermann.
- Purple Finch - Bedford, April 23, male courtship song; nested in 12' moss cypress; May 23, female feeding 1 young in willow, male feeding 1 young in apple tree; May 25, adults and 2 young feeding together in apple tree - Mrs. A. E. Luedy.
- Bedford, May 17, nest in Schott's juniper 8' up in cultivated evergreen plot, 1 egg; May 21-23, female on nest; May 24, 6 eggs; May 27-June 2, bird on nest; June 4, 2 young visible in bottom of nest; June 5, 4 young visible over rim of nest; June 7-12, both birds feeding 5 young - Mrs. A. E. Luedy.
- Towhee - Aurora, May 4, flushed female from nest at edge of woods at base of small hawthorn, no eggs; May 15, 4 eggs; May 19, 4 eggs, female on nest; May 26, nest empty - C. F. Hamann.
- Chipping Sparrow - Brecksville, Goodrich Research Center, May 15, nest in evergreen shrubbery; May 17, 1 egg; May 18, 2 eggs; May 19, 3 eggs; May 22, 4 eggs; June 2, 4 young; June 9, 4 young; June 12, nest empty, adults in vicinity - C. F. Gibbs.
- Field Sparrow - Aurora Pond, May 21, nest, 4 eggs - Margaret Perner.
- Fullerton, May 30, nest, 4 eggs, on ground near blackberry bush - Adela Gaede.
- Fullerton, May 30, nest, 2 eggs on ground, protected by goldenrod stalks - Adela Gaede.
- Song Sparrow - Brecksville, Goodrich Research Center, May 15, nest in evergreen shrubbery, 4 eggs; May 18, eggs hatched; May 19, adults feeding young; May 22, nest empty - C. F. Gibbs.

REPORT ON PURPLE MARTIN NESTING CENSUS

The effort to determine the approximate number of active purple martin colonies within 30 miles of the Cleveland Public Square aroused considerable public interest. Through radio broadcasts, announcements in suburban and Cleveland newspapers, and the cooperation of many individuals, a large number of reports were received.

When tabulated, as of June 19, these showed a total of 147 martin houses with a nesting population of 1621 pairs of birds. To these we may add 58 houses with 645 pairs of birds reported last year and not covered by the reports of this year. This gives us a total of 205 houses with 2266 pairs of nesting martins.

It is significant that the entire region is well represented in this sample coverage. While most martin colonies are reported from Cleveland, the outlying suburbs east, west and south are well supplied with nesting colonies. Outstanding is the village of Chardon, with 13 houses occupied by 173 pairs of birds.

It is the Editor's opinion that these figures may represent only 1/4 or 1/5 of the actual martin population of the region. In other words, we probably have 800 to 1000 martin houses here, with 8000 to 10,000 pairs of birds occupying them every year.

Incidentally, a great deal of valuable information about purple martins was obtained, which can be included in a study of their nesting habits.

To all who assisted in this project goes our hearty thanks for their interest and cooperation.

Arthur B. Williams, Editor

FIELD NOTES

Eared Grebe - "When riding from Greene to Mecca April 6, 1950, I saw this grebe in the water only 15 to 20 feet from the car (the water here was only 3 feet from the roadway). It swam along parallel to the road. I had Peterson in my hand. The bird was just as shown on page 6 for eared grebe in winter plumage. The description on pages 3 and 4 fitted exactly." - R. W. Hill.

While the above observation was made just east of our regional limits, it is of interest to us because of two previous records of the Eared Grebe on Corning Lake at the Holden Arboretum - Ed.

American Bittern Visits Museum of Natural History - Carl Hamann, looking out of the window of Dr. Williams' office about 10 o'clock on the morning of May 5, spied an American Bittern sitting in a lilac bush in the space between the two buildings at 2717 Euclid Avenue. The bird did not move from this perch until 3:30 in the afternoon.

Meanwhile he became an object of interest to all Museum visitors, including Harold T. Clark, Museum Trustee, and a class of 38 sixth grade children from John Burroughs School. Many automobiles, coming and going, passed within 10 feet of the bird. The wind, at times, mussed up his feathers considerably, but he seemed to be able to shake them all back into place again without trouble.

We think our visitor may have been traveling all night, and being tired, dropped into the first green bush that he saw at daylight for a good long rest -
Arthur B. Williams.

Pacing a Whistling Swan - "Just before noon today (May 1) I happened to see a Whistling Swan in flight. I was driving west on Lake Shore Boulevard, a little to the west of Lost Nation Road, when I overtook this huge white bird flying sedately ahead of me about 100 feet up. There couldn't be much mistake about him; but for his all-white color he looked like a great blue heron going backwards. He veered over to the shore line and followed it along. When I kept steadily abreast my speed was only 20 m.p.h. - and several times, by going only 30, I got ahead of him and pulled off the road to stop and watch him go by. We went along about a mile together. He was a fine sight." - Theodore Hall.

Brant Reported at Sandusky Bay - "A Brant was seen May 14, 1950, by Jack Smith and myself on the south side of the Marblehead Peninsula in a large marshy pond near Cooke's Dock. One of the Toledo Club members had reported it earlier in the day but it had not been accepted. When our wholly independent report came in, great interest was immediately shown, and probably 100 members of the Toledo Club went to see it during the afternoon." - Frank M. Phelps

Goshawk Killed by Hen - B. P. Bole, Jr. is responsible for the following account of a goshawk episode in the village of Bratenahl during the winter of 1920 or 1921. At the time he was interested in raising a flock of barred Plymouth Rock chickens.

While watching the chickens one day, the hawk suddenly "appeared out of nowhere" and struck one of the hens. Instantly another hen and a rooster, standing nearby, attacked the hawk. The hen, a big one weighing about 10 pounds, clamped her beak on the back of the hawk's head while the two rolled over and over on the ground. When the hen and the hawk were separated the hawk was dead, having had the back portion of its skull crushed by the hen's beak.

This, incidentally, adds another goshawk record to our list for the Cleveland region - Ed.

Great Gray Owl on Cleveland Breakwater - Mr. M. C. Gilfillan, District Game Management Agent, District 3, Northeastern Ohio, says that on March 25, 1950, while studying the ducks along the Lake Erie shore near East 71st Street, Cleveland, his attention was attracted to a large, dark owl sitting on the breakwater. With 7 x 35 binoculars he was able to study the bird closely for about 15 minutes in bright sunlight. He has no doubt but that the bird was a great gray owl - Strix nebulosa nebulosa.

This he determines on the basis of (1) size. The bird was a "giant" in size as compared with the size of a canvasback duck in flight close by. (2) The color was exceedingly dark - in fact, it seemed almost black. (3) The facial discs were large and strongly marked with concentric circles. It could not be confused with a snowy owl, even of the darkest markings.

The only record of the great gray owl near the Cleveland region is of one shot at Huntsburg, Geauga County, about 1858. It is normally a bird of the evergreen forests of Canada, but in winter sometimes visits the northern limits of the United States and should be occasionally recorded from northern Ohio.

Flight Song of Acadian Flycatcher - "On May 27, 1950 Mary Oliver and I were listening to an Acadian flycatcher near the Nature Trail at North Chagrin. We kept hearing another song which we did not know, but finally discovered it was the Acadian singing as he flew from one side of the ravine to the other. Sometimes he continued with a few notes and fluttering wings after he had reached his perch. This song sounded a little like the whinneying note of the woodcock as he starts his sky dance. Chapman describes it as resembling 'the soft murmuring of whistling wings'" - Vera Carrothers

First Report of Nest of Least Flycatcher Discovered in the Cleveland Region - Although for some years past it has been apparent to students of birds in this region that the Least Flycatcher was a probable rare breeding species here, no actual finding of a nest has apparently ever been reported.

This spring, Dr. C. T. Downer, leading a group of Sunday Morning Bird Walkers from Gates Mills on May 21, discovered a small flycatcher on her nest in an apple tree. His identification of the bird as a Least Flycatcher was concurred in by Charles A. Toutasse, a member of the group.

Later, on May 30, Dr. Downer very kindly showed this nest to me. The location was on the H. Black farm near Chesterland, in Geauga County. The nest was in a medium-sized apple tree, in a small apple orchard, about 30 feet from the ground. It was built in a stout three-way crotch on one of the ascending side branches of the tree, and so situated as to make close inspection impossible.

It could be seen, however, that the nest was well snugged down in the crotch; composed of fluffy plant materials; and was in the form of a deep cup. It was plainly not the nest of the wood pewee, alder or Acadian flycatcher, with all of which I am familiar.

The bird was on her nest, and we found it difficult to get her to fly. Dr. Downer climbed to within 6 feet of the nest without getting her off. When she did fly in response to vigorous shaking of the limb, she seemed neither disturbed nor anxious. First, in the nest tree she busied herself preening her feathers, and later in a nearby small tree, she did a little flycatching near the ground. I got some good looks at her through my 7x35 binoculars, and have no doubt she was a least flycatcher, although during the entire time of our visit the bird was silent.

In view of the fact that this is our first reported nest of this species here, Dr. Downer expects to collect the nest after the young have left it - Arthur B. Williams.

Albino Robins - We have had 5 reports of partial albino robins this spring - all from sections east of Cleveland. This is in line with reports of similar conditions in recent years, seeming to indicate that an albinistic strain may have become established among the robin population in the eastern section of our region - Ed.