

REPORT OF THE OHIO CARDINAL RECORDS COMMITTEE [OCRC]

This report covers documented species for the 1987 Spring and Summer seasons. The following species reports were accepted by a majority vote of the Records Committee.

Red-necked Grebe 3/8 Summit Co.  
Red-necked Grebe 4/9 Beaver Creek Res.  
Snowy Egret 4/23 Wayne Co.  
Tricolored Heron 5/5 Barberton  
Mississippi Kite 6/3 Shelby Co.  
Swainson's Hawk 5/13 Hueston Woods  
Peregrine Falcon 3/1-7/31 Toledo  
Peregrine Falcon 5/9 ONWR  
Yellow Rail 4/21-5/2 Irwin Prairie  
Long-billed Dowitcher 3/8 Springville Marsh  
California Gull 4/29 Cleveland  
Least Tern 7/11 Cleveland  
Bell's Vireo 5/25 Sandusky Co.  
Kirtland's Warbler 5/9 Crane Creek  
Swainson's Warbler 5/18-19 Jackson Co.  
Blue Grosbeak 5/29-6/20 Hamilton Co.  
Lark Sparrow 5/30 Hamilton Co.  
Brambling 4/5-10 Bath.  
Hoary Redpoll 3/6 Ottawa Co.

The following species reports were not accepted by the OCRC.

Red-necked Grebe 4/12 Lima. Comment: Description of size ["size of a Ruddy duck"] was inaccurate. Ruddy ducks are perhaps 5" shorter than Red-necked grebes. An incomplete description of the plumage was provided.

White-fronted Goose 3/1-8 Mosquito Lake. Comment: There was certainly no question that this bird was a White-fronted goose. The description was excellent. However, in the judgement of the committee, this bird was a likely escape. The length of stay [throughout the winter] and the reported tameness of this individual [it allowed very close approach] lead the committee to this decision.

Mississippi Kite 5/20 Delaware Co. Comment: The committee felt that the sighting was too brief to provide positive identification.

Northern Goshawk 4/5 Monclova [Lucas Co.]. Comment: Details submitted were insufficient to identify this species. Possible confusion with immature female Cooper's hawk was cited.

Yellow Rail 5/27 Big Island WA. Comment: There was considerable confusion about Yellow rails and Cricket frogs at Big Island this past spring. Other competent observers reported hearing Cricket frogs but did not see Yellow rails. This report is therefore not accepted unless a corroborating report is submitted.

Mountain Plover 5/22 ONWR. Comment: Committee members felt that the description was not complete enough to justify inclusion on the state list. The possibility of confusion with aberrant Black-bellied plovers or Killdeers exists.