

THE FALL SEASON 1987

1 AUGUST - 30 NOVEMBER

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All in all, it appears to have been an outstanding fall migration season. A total of 289 species were reported (plus an additional 5 undocumented species). The list of rare and out-of-season sightings was long; more than 60 documentation forms were received.

Geographical coverage was the most comprehensive yet since the recent revival of The Ohio Cardinal. Close to 25 reports were received from the membership from throughout the state.

A very brief synopsis of the weather shows that August was generally hot until the last week of the month when north winds brought some cooler temperatures and the first significant push of migrants. September was wetter than normal with above-average temperatures. Winds, in general, seemed to be out of the west and southwest. Migration during the month was for the most part unspectacular but still managed to provide a number of interesting observations. The highlight of October was a series of strong cold fronts which brought with them an excellent migration of waterbirds along the Lake Erie shoreline.

The following summarizes some of the more interesting observations throughout the Fall season.

Loons through Herons

Common loons appeared somewhat earlier than normal and in good numbers with a peak of 300 in Erie County on October 31. Several Red-throated Loons were seen. Many reports of Eared Grebes were received, but most were not appropriately documented. A Northern Gannet was at Huron on November 21. Double-crested Cormorants continued their recent surge-2000 were estimated in Sandusky Bay on November 16 and an impressive inland count of 95 came from C.J. Brown Reservoir on October 11. Herons appeared to be in about normal numbers with the usual scattered reports of Snowy Egrets and Little Blue Herons. No Tricolored Heron sightings were submitted.

Swans through Ruddy Duck

Thirty-three species of waterfowl were seen during the period. Most large concentrations of Tundra Swans occurred in mid-November with a peak of 500 at both Oberlin on November 10 and Austintown November 19. Puddle ducks appeared to be in normal numbers as did most diving ducks. Oldsquaws and all three scoters were reported. A spectacular concentration of Red-breasted Mergansers estimated at 40,000 was seen in Erie County on November 9. Unusual waterfowl species reported during the period included several Harlequin Ducks at Huron in late October and early November.

Vultures through Falcons

Migration for this group was generally unspectacular. No unusually large concentrations of Broad-winged Hawks were noted. The peak of the Broad-winged flight occurred September 20-22 when five locations, all in western Ohio, had 400 or more pass by. Merlins were sighted on two occasions and Peregrines two in addition to the pair that remains in downtown Toledo. It appears that Rough-legged Hawks will be in low numbers this winter as only two were reported during the fall period.

Pheasants through Cranes

Northern Bobwhites were reported from scattered locations but numbers continue to be quite low. Unusual at any time of year, two reports of Yellow Rails were particularly noteworthy and certainly a surprise was the dead Black Rail found at Magee Marsh on September 13.

Shorebirds

Good shorebird habitat was, in general, hard to find this fall. Notable exceptions were Gordon Park in Cleveland during August, Turtle Hole at the Winous Point shooting Club and a large mudflat on the Little Portage river in Ottawa County in August and September. Metzger Marsh in October and early November, and the Maumee River Rapids throughout the period. Very few shorebirds went unreported as 35 varieties were sighted. Unusual species included a Curlew sandpiper at Winous Point August 21-24, numerous Buff-breasted Sandpipers and Red Phalaropes and a couple of extremely late Wilson's Phalaropes at Metzger Marsh on November 20.

Jaegers through Terns

One of the outstanding events of the season was the unprecedented flight of Sabine's Gulls along the Lake Erie shoreline. Six separate sightings occurred, all from early to mid-October. During the same time period, numerous jaegers were also observed. Four out of the half dozen October and early November birds went unidentified with the other two tagged as Parasitics. There were the usual scattered observations of Laughing, Franklin's, and Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Only one Glaucous Gull had been seen by the end of the fall period. Likewise, Thayer's and Little Gull observations were limited to one or two sightings and Black-headed Gulls went unreported. The only large concentration of Bonaparte's Gulls reported was on November 5 when approximately 5000 were seen along Lake Erie in Erie and Ottawa Counties. 800 Common and 200 Forster's Terns were estimated in Erie County on October 7. One Least Tern was observed at CJ Brown Reservoir in mid-September.

Doves through Swallows

A report of nesting Barn Owls from Tuscarawas County is certainly encouraging. Snowy Owls appeared to be staging another invasion by the end of the period with 9 separate observations including one at Xenia, Ohio. Rufous Hummingbirds made news again with second and third state records. (See separate article in this issue.) A Western Kingbird was at Mentor Headlands on September 20 and a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was found in Wayne County on August 16. A spectacular concentration of Purple Martins on South Bass Island on August 31 was estimated at 20,000 birds. Other noteworthy swallow concentrations include 8000 Tree Swallows in Ottawa County on October 2, 3000 Bank Swallows at Winous Point on August 24, and 2000 Barn Swallows on South Bass Island August 18.

Jays through Warblers

Two Northern Shrikes had been observed by the end of the period, and two undocumented Loggerhead Shrike reports were also received. Highly unexpected was an extremely late Golden-winged Warbler at Bend View Park along the Maumee River on November 21. Most warblers appeared to pass through in fairly normal numbers - 36 species were reported. An observer along Lake Erie commented that this fall brought one of the heaviest movements ever of Cape May and Blackpoll Warblers. An amazing 500 Blackpolls were estimated along the lakeshore September 13.

Tanagers through House Sparrows

Several Sharp-tailed Sparrows were seen along the Lake Erie shoreline. An impressive 300 White-crowned Sparrows were at Spring Valley October 24 and 25. Several decent-sized flocks of Snow Buntings were reported by the end of the fall season, but Lapland Longspurs appeared to be quite scarce. Early indications did not point toward an impressive flight of winter finches. Pine Siskins were scattered and in fairly low numbers. Purple Finches once again seemed to be relatively scarce. Three Red Crossbills were seen in Lorain on November 11. House Finches continue their amazing explosion in numbers and distribution.

As always we welcome feedback from subscribers of The Ohio Cardinal. Let us know what you think about recent issues. In the following species summary, underlined species are considered unusual and species marked 'D' should be documented. An asterisk means documentation was received for the sighting.

Red-throated Loon (D)

10/28 Beaver Creek Res. (TB)*, 11/3 Fairport Harbor (LR, TL, photo), 11/15 Killdeer Plains (2) (DO)*, 11/21 Wellington Res. (KA)*

Common Loon

8/11 Hancock Co. (BH), 10/27 Erie Co. (200) (KA, RH), 10/31 Erie Co. (300) (KA), 10/31 Cowan Lake (18) (BH), 11/13 East Fork Lake (100+) (MK, WR), 11/21 Huron (120) (KA), 11/27 CJ Brown Res. (15) (JSh, CC), 11/29 Seneca Lake (25-30) (TL); excellent numbers.

Pied-billed Grebe

8/2 ONWR (15) (ECP), 8/9 CPNWR (14) (JK), 9/19 Buck Creek SP (15) (DO), 10/2 CUNRA (4) (DAC), 10/19 Wilmington Res. (9) (LG), 10/20 Hancock Co. (18) (BH), 11/22 CJ Brown Res. (DO)

Horned Grebe

9/12 CPNWR (RH), 9/13 GLSM (CM), 10/19 Mosquito Res. (BG), 10/27 Erie Co. (100) (KA), 11/1 Navarre Marsh (20) (MS), 11/8 CPNWR (19) (JK), 11/14 Buck Creek SP (15) (DO), 11/20 Metzger Marsh (ET)

Red-necked Grebe (D)

11/1 Sheldon's Marsh (KA*, RC)

Eared Grebe (D)

11/22 Fairport Harbor (LR, photo)



Winter plumaged Eared Grebe photographed November 28, 1987, at Headlands State Beach Park (Lake Co.) by Larry Rosche.

Northern Gannet (D)

11/21 Huron (JP, LH, KA*)

Double-crested Cormorant

Increasing dramatically; 8/12 Washington Co. (LB), 8/31 S. Bass Is. (148) (KA), 9/5 Ottawa Co. (300) (KA), 10/10 Ottawa Co. (1300!!) (RC, KA), 10/11 CJ Brown Res. (95) (LG, CM, CBB), 10/12 Sheldon's Marsh (300) (ETH), 11/16 Sandusky Bay (2000!!) (MS)

American Bittern

9/25 Buck Creek Sp (2) (BA), 10/11 CPNWR (JK)

Least Bittern

8/16 Spring Valley (several; reported breeding) (BT), 9/7 Spring Valley (CM), Late: 10/25 Springville Marsh (TB)

Great Blue Heron

Widely reported; 80 on 8/21 at Englewood Res. (NG).

Great Egret

8/9 CPNWR (20) (JK), 8/17 Washington Co. (LB), 9/22 Hancock Co. (BH), 10/4 ONWR (77) (ECP), 10/11 Hueston Woods (LG), 10/13 Mosquito Res. (NB), 11/1 Magee Marsh (MS), 11/7 Buck Creek SP (DO)

Snowy Egret (D: inland only)

8/23 Cedar Pt. NWR (5) (KA), 8/23 Maumee River Rapids (TK, MA, ED), 9/5 CPNWR (4) (KA), Late: 11/12 Magee Marsh (MS)

Little Blue Heron

8/9 CPNWR (2) (JK), 9/5 Medusa Marsh (6) (KA), 9/18 Magee Marsh (MS), 10/11 Medusa Marsh (2) (RC, KA)

Cattle Egret

8/10 GLSM (CC, LC), 8/24 CPNWR (KA), 8/27 Erie Co. (24) (ET), 9/5 Medusa Marsh (2) (KA), 9/20 Magee Marsh (MS), Late: 11/4 Bayshore (6) (LC), 11/8 CPNWR (JK)

Green-backed Heron

9/7 GLSM (CC, LC), 9/22 Hancock Co. (BH), 10/14 Maumee River Rapids (ET), 10/24 Magee Marsh (MS), Late: 11/9 Lake Isaac (RH)

Black-crowned Night-Heron

8/9 CPNWR (36) (JK), 9/5 Middletown (TLi), 9/13 Maumee River Rapids (ET), 10/12 Winton Woods (JS), 10/19 Buck Creek SP (3) (DO), 11/1 ONWR (32) (ECP), 11/29 Toledo (30+) (TK, ED, PM)

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

8/2-9 Lake Cowan (LG, m.ob.), in Dayton until Sept. 7 (JS).

Tundra Swan

Early: 9/30 Mentor (JM), 10/1 CVNRA (30) (JM), 10/29 Ferguson Res. (50) (RC), 11/5 Cleveland (65) (TL), 11/5 Hancock Co. (31) (KK), 11/10 Oberlin (500) (TL, ETH), 11/16 Magee marsh (250) (MS), 11/18 Lucas Co. (50) (TK), 11/19 Austintown (480-500) (CB), 11/20 Mentor (150+) (JM), 11/21 Trumbull Co. (160) (CB)

Mute Swan

9/10-11 Medusa Marsh (KA), 10/4 Navarre Marsh (2) (MS), 10/15-31 Tiffin (3) (TB), 11/8 CPNWR (2) (JK)

Greater White-fronted Goose (D)

11/1 ONWR (ECP)*

Snow Goose

10/19 Magee Marsh (125) (MS), 10/22 Whitehouse (15) (TK), 10/24 Cowan Lake SP (33) (HC, KA), 10/26-11/4 Wilmington Res. (27) (LG), 11/11 ONWR (30) (TK), 11/16 Killdeer Plains (100) (MS, DO), 11/18 Tiffin (100+) (TB)

Brant (D)

11/5 Sherrod Pk. (KA*)

Canada Goose

10/11 CPNWR (632) (JK), 11/15 Killdeer Plains (1500) (MS), High: 11/16 Lake Erie Marshes (20,830) (MS), 11/16 Mosquito Creek (13,420) (MS), 11/16 Mercer Co. WA (6410) (MS), 11/25 Berea (900) (RH)

Wood Duck

8/15 Dayton (15) (CBB), 8/29 Spring Valley (25) (LG), September at Winton Woods (80-100) (AW), 9/23 L. Isaac (53) (RH), 10/5 Killbuck WA (180) (MS), 10/4 ONWR (220) (ECP), 10/11 CPNWR (407) (JK), 11/2 Oak Openings (81) (TK), 11/15 Killdeer Plains (DO)

Green-winged Teal

8/8 GLSM (2) (CC, LC), 10/11 CPNWR (191) (JK), 10/31 CUNRA (DAC), 11/1 ONWR (215) (ECP), High: 10/15 Lake Erie Marshes (8245) (MS)

American Black Duck

8/19 Ferguson Res. (RCu), 11/1 ONWR (400) (ECP), 11/5 L. Isaac (90) (RH), High: 11/16 Lake Erie Marshes (46,450) (MS), 11/16 Killdeer Plains (3000) (MS), 11/26 Wilmington Res. (75) (LG)

Mallard

10/11 CPNWR (1299) (JK), 10/25 CJ Brown Res. (100) (LG), 11/1 ONWR (4100) (ECP), 11/17 L. Isaac (500) (RH), High: 11/16 Lake Erie Marshes (50,430) (MS), 11/16 Killdeer Plains (3100) (MS)

Northern Pintail

10/6 Hancock Co. (BH), 11/7 ONWR (300) (KA), High: 11/1 Lake Erie Marshes (13,350) (MS), 11/25 Killdeer Plains (4) (DO)

Blue-winged Teal

8/12 Hancock Co. (BH), High: 9/1 Lake Erie Marshes (1550) (MS), 9/6 ONWR (175) (ECP), 9/13 Englewood Res. (25) (DO), 9/13 CPNWR (89) (JK), 10/2 Buck Creek SP (45) (DO), 10/4 GLSM (JSh)

Northern Shoveler

9/7-13 GLSM (5) (LG), 10/11 GLSM (7) (DO), 11/1 Medusa Marsh (40) (KA), 11/1 ONWR (74) (ECP), 11/16 CPNWR (250) (MS), 11/24 Pine Lake (6) (NB)

Gadwall

10/4 ONWR (38) (ECP), 10/13 Hancock Co. (7) (BH), High: 11/1 Lake Erie Marshes (3900) (MS), 11/8 CPNWR (133) (JK), 11/24 Pine Lake (7) (NB)

American Wigeon

10/4 ONWR (514) (ECP), 10/10 Northfield (DAC), 10/11 CPNWR (1396) (JK), 10/13 Hancock Co. (8) (BH), 10/15 L. Rockwell (310) (LR), High: 10/15 Lake Erie Marshes (10,375) (MS)

Canvasback

10/27 Hancock Co. (56) (BH), 11/4 Wilmington Res. (4) (LG), 11/9 Magee Marsh (MS), 11/29 Mogadore (8) (LR)

Redhead

10/13 Mosquito Res. (NB), 10/18 Wilmington Res. (LG), 10/27 Hancock Co. (34) (BH), 11/16 Maumee Bay (40) (MS), 11/22 Bresler Res. (RC)

Ring-necked Duck

10/18 Wilmington Res. (LG), 10/31 Northfield (9) (DAC), High: 11/1 L. Rockwell (350+) (LR), 11/1 Navarre Marsh (250) (MS)

Greater Scaup

11/1 CJ Brown Res. (JSh), 11/8 CPNWR (4) (JK), 11/9 Sherrod Pk. (30) (KA)

Lesser Scaup

10/7 Ferguson Res. (RC), High: 10/27 Hancock Co. (1300+) (BH), 11/8 Buck Creek SP (20) (DO), 11/16 Lake Erie Marshes (250) (MS), 11/21 GLSM (2) (CC, LC)

Harlequin Duck (D)

10/25 Huron (JP, RC, KA*), 10/31-11/5 Huron (3) (JP, RC, KA)

Oldsquaw

10/31 Huron (4) (KA), 11/5 Sherrod Pk. (2) (KA), 11/22 Headlands SBP (LR), 11/27 Buck Creek SP (DO)

Black Scoter

High: 10/25 Erie Co. (80) (JP, RC, KA), 10/27 Sherrod Pk. (150) (KA), 11/8 Fairport Harbor (LR), 11/10 Vermilion (10) (RH)

Surf Scoter

10/2 Crane Creek (2) (JP, KA), 10/17 Headlands SBP (LR), 10/25 Sheldon's Marsh (6) (RC, KA), 10/27 Huron (RH), 11/5 Sherrod Pk. (KA), 11/21 Huron (JP, LH, KA)

White-winged Scoter

11/5 Cleveland (2) (TL), 11/5 Erie Co. (24) (JP, KA), 11/9 Sherrod Pk. (30) (JP, KA), 11/10 Vermilion (10) (RH)

Common Goldeneye

11/3 Magee Marsh (MS), 11/8 CPNWR (9) (JK), 11/22 Buck Creek SP (4) (DO)

Bufflehead

11/1 Ohio Power WA (60) (MS), 11/8-29 Buck Creek SP (10) (DO), 11/15 Bresler Res. (RC), 11/28 Headlands SBP (BG)

Hooded Merganser

11/7 ONWR (340) (RC, KA), 11/10 Sandusky Bay (400) (MS), 11/11 ONWR (125) (TK), 11/15 L. Rockwell (107) (LR), 11/24 Pine Lake (NB)

Common Merganser

9/12 ONWR (8) (DAC), 11/1 ONWR (EDP), 11/22 Buck Creek SP (8) (DO), 11/23 Magee Marsh (MS)

Red-breasted Merganser

9/12 Crane Creek (DAC), 11/16 Lake Erie Marshes (6050) (MS), 11/20 Bayshore (1000) (ET), 11/22 Bayshore (2500) (TK), High: 11/1 and 11/9 Erie Co. (40,000) (KA)

Ruddy Duck

9/27 GLSM (8) (JSh), 10/12 Sheldon's Marsh (400) (ETH), High: 10/30 Mogadore (850+) (LR), 11/16 Lake Erie Marshes (550) (MS), 11/14 Wilmington Res. (25) (LG), 11/24 Pine Lake (12) (NB)

Black Vulture (D: central and northern Ohio)

10/11 Hueston Woods (4) (CC, LC)

Turkey Vulture

8/11 Hancock Co. (9) (BH), 9/4 Hinckley (50) (RH), 10/9 Lucas Co. (38) (ET), 10/11 GLSM (60) (DO), High: 10/14 Toledo (181) (MA), 10/22 Hancock Co. (81) (BH), 11/22 Washington Co. (LB)

Osprey

Fifty-four reports statewide; Late: 10/25 Mahoning Co. (NB).

Bald Eagle

Seven reports away from traditional L. Erie areas.

Northern Harrier

Widely reported throughout the state; 6 on 11/15 at Killdeer Plains (DO).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Widely reported through the period; numbers were up in SW Ohio (AW).

Cooper's Hawk

Widely reported through the period.

Red-shouldered Hawk

8/17-9/15 Niles (CB), 9/12 Mill Creek Pk. (NB), 10/5 Toledo (ET), 10/31 Washington Co. (LB), 11/1 Oak Openings (20) (TK), 11/26 Allen Co. (RC)

Broad-winged Hawk

9/20 Oak Openings (446) (MA), 9/20 Oak Openings (118) (TK), 9/20 Findlay (1000+) (BH), 9/20 Logan Co. (60) (DO), 9/22 Cincinnati (1000) (JE), 9/23 Cincinnati (1500+) (KF)

Red-tailed Hawk

Widely reported.

Rough-legged Hawk

10/2 ONWR (KA), 10/31 Kent (LR)

American Kestrel

Widely reported through the period.

Merlin (D)

9/13 CPNWR (KA, RC, JK*) 11/17-30 Mosquito Creek (CB)*

Peregrine Falcon (D)

8/10 Crane Creek (KA)*, 10/4 ONWR (ECP)*, 10/11 Sherrod Pk. (KA)*, pair continues in downtown Toledo (MA, ED).

Ring-necked Pheasant

Widely reported throughout the state; scarce in Trumbull Co. (CB).

Ruffed Grouse

10/4 Holmes Co. (2) (BG), 10/11 CUNRA (RH)

Northern Bobwhite

Reported from Clark, Lucas and Wayne Cos. and Spring Valley WA.

Yellow Rail (D)

9/23 Dayton (CQ)*, 10/6 ONWR (MS)*

Black Rail (D)

One found dead at Magee Marsh on 9/13 (JP).

King Rail

8/11 Little Portage WA (KA), 8/18 Ottawa Co. (KA), 8/23 CPNWR (KA), 8/24 Metzger Marsh (KA), 9/13 Maumee Bay SP (KA), 10/2 Little Portage WA (2) (KA)

Virginia Rail

8/1 Magee Marsh (MS), 9/7 Spring Valley (m.ob.), 9/24 Magee Marsh (MS), Late: 11/1 ONWR (ECP)

Sora

9/1-15 (peak) Magee Marsh (MS), 9/13 Grand Lake St. Mary's (LG), 10/2 Ottawa Co. (40) (KA), 10/3 Spring Valley (LG)

Common Moorhen

8/2 Spring Valley (3 young) (LG, GHK), 10/4 Columbiana Co. (NB), 10/10 CYNRA (DAC), 10/11 Magee Marsh (MS)

American Coot

10/6 Hancock Co. (11) (BH), 10/10 Buck Creek SP (150) (DO), High: 10/15 Magee Marsh (1200) (MS), 11/16 Lake Erie Marshes (2650) (MS), 11/17 Hidden Valley Lake (100) (MM), 11/19 Hancock Co. (121) (BH), 11/26 Wilmington Res. (100+) (LG)

Sandhill Crane

10/11-17 Mosquito WR (NB), 10/24 Ottawa Co. (KA, RC), 11/6 Buck Creek SP (3) (JS), 11/23 Hancock Co. (6) (BH), 11/24 ONWR (MS)

Black-bellied Plover

9/2 Washington Co. (LB), 9/13 CPNWR (40) (KA), 9/22 Hancock Co. (79) (BH), 10/13 Hancock Co. (98) (BH), 10/14 Metzger Marsh (15) (ET), 10/20 Hancock Co. (34) (BH), 11/7 Buck Creek SP (DO)

Lesser Golden-Plover

8/23 Maumee River Rapids (TK), 9/5 Middletown (TLi), 9/14 Ottawa Co. (40) (KA, RC), 10/11 Maumee River Rapids (35) (TK), High: 10/20 Hancock Co. (500+) (BH), 10/31 Burke Airport (4) (RH)

Semipalmated Plover

8/4 Maumee River Rapids (TK), 8/6 Magee Marsh (MS), 8/15 GLSM (30) (CC, LC), 8/15 Middletown (30) (TLi), 9/13 Grand Lake St. Mary's (10) (LG), 10/4 ONWR (10) (ECP), Late: 10/25 Spring Valley (45) (JS)

Killdeer

Widely reported; Highs: 10/24-25 Spring Valley (200) (JSh), 10/11-12 Maumee River Rapids (192) (TK, ET), Late: 11/22 Maumee River Rapids (3) (ET).

American Avocet

9/15-25 Columbus (KA, m.ob.), 10/24 Oxbow (SM) =S. McIntire

Greater Yellowlegs

3/8 Maumee River Rapids (17) (TK), 9/10 Ferguson Res. (RCu), 10/4 ONWR (45) (ECP), 10/18 Spring Valley (5) (LG), 10/19 Buck Creek SP (7) (DO), 11/1 ONWR (23) (ECP), 11/1 Maumee River Rapids (TK)

Lesser Yellowlegs

8/4 Maumee River Rapids (150) (TK), 8/18 Winous Pt. (200) (KA), 9/13 Englewood Pres. (3) (DO), 10/25 Magee Marsh (MS), 11/1 ONWR (ECP)

Solitary Sandpiper

8/2 ONWR (5) (ECP), 8/4 Maumee River Rapids (TK), 8/18 Spring Valley (LG), 10/3 Magee Marsh (MS), Late: 10/12 L. Rockwell (LR)

Willet

8/2 ONWR (3) (ECP), 8/9-22 Gordon Park (RH), 9/14 Ottawa Co. (2) (KA, RC)

Spotted Sandpiper

8/1 Buck Creek SP (DO), 8/2 ONWR (27) (ECP), 8/8 Maumee River Rapids (25) (TK), 8/15 GLSM (26) (CC, LC), 9/12 Spring Valley (LG), 9/27 GLSM (JSh), 10/4 Magee Marsh (MS)

Upland Sandpiper

8/2 ONWR (2) (ECP), 8/22 Dayton Airport (CBB), 8/23 Ottawa Co. (12) (KA); dramatic decrease in SW (JSh).

Whimbrel

8/29-30 Gordon Pk. (ECP, RH), 9/6 Gordon Pk. (RH), 9/10 Cleveland (TL)

Hudsonian Godwit

9/28 Huron (KA), 10/2 Metzger Marsh (4) (KA), 10/7 Cedar Point (2) (KA), 10/24 Sheldon's Marsh (3) (KA, RC), 11/3 Sandusky Bay (2) (MS), 11/7 ONWR (KA, RC)

Marbled Godwit

8/21 Magee Marsh (4) (MS), 8/29 Gordon Pk. (RH), 10/27 Sandusky Bay (3) (MS)

Ruddy Turnstone

8/23 Ottawa Co. (KA), 8/30 Buck Creek SP (DO), 9/5 Ottawa Co. (4) (KA), 9/12 Spring Valley (LG), 9/14-21 Huron (KA), 10/10 Port Clinton (3) (KA), 11/14 Huron (ECP)

Red Knot

8/14 Lorain (ETH), 8/24 Winous Pt. (KA), 8/29 CJ Brown Res. (3) (DO), 8/29 Gordon Pk. (5) (RH), 9/16 Lorain (TL), 9/19 Cleveland (TL), 9/28 Huron (4) (KA), 10/2 Metzger Marsh (KA)

Sanderling

8/4 Maumee River Rapids (TK), 9/6 ONWR (18) (ECP), 9/1 Headlands SBP (19) (TL), 9/13 Magee Marsh (MS), 9/19 Buck Creek SP (8) (DO), 10/19 Headlands SBP (8) (BG), 11/11 Wilmington Res. (LG), 11/29 Mentor (RHa)

Semipalmated Sandpiper

8/4 Maumee River Rapids (131) (TK), 8/10 Winous Pt. (300) (KA), 8/15 GLSM (25) (CC, LC), 8/24 Winous Pt. (400) (KA), 9/6 Clark Co. (19) (DO), 10/4 Magee Marsh (MS), 10/11 GLSM ((JSh)

Western Sandpiper

8/2 Gordon Pk. (2) (RH), 8/10 Winous Pt. (KA), 8/13 Maumee River Rapids (TK), 8/24 Winous Pt. (6) (KA), 8/30 Clark Co. (4) (DO), 8/31 Ottawa Co. (4) (KA), 9/13 Gordon Pk. (2) (RHa, RH), 9/21 Huron (KA), 10/4 ONWR (ECP)

Least Sandpiper

8/2 ONWR (6) (ECP), 8/4 Maumee River Rapids (24) (TK), High: 8/9 Navarre Marsh (500) (MS), 8/10 GLSM (52) (CC, LC), 9/5 Spring Valley (5) (LG), 9/16 Ferguson Res. (RCu)

White-rumped Sandpiper

8/18 Winous Pt. (KA), 9/23 Gordon Pk. (RH), 9/28 Huron (2) (KA), 10/2 Metzger Marsh (KA), 10/3 Maumee River Rapids (TK), 10/17 Headlands SBP (LR), 10/18 Grand Lake St. Mary's (CM)



Purple Sandpiper photographed November 28, 1987, at Headlands State Beach Park (Lake Co.) by Larry Rosche.

Baird's Sandpiper

8/22 Gordon Pk. (RH), 8/29 Gordon Pk. (5) (RH), 9/5 Ottawa Co. (4) (KA), 9/13 Maumee River Rapids (TK), 9/14-21 Huron (2) (KA), 10/2 Ottawa Co. (KA), 10/6 W. Branch SP (LR), 10/11 CJ Brown Res. (DO), Late: 11/28-29 Buck Creek SP (DO)*

Pectoral Sandpiper

8/4 Maumee River Rapids (157) (TK), 8/24 Winous Pt. (140) (KA), 8/29 Spring Valley (25) (LG), 10/9 Buck Creek SP (21) (DO), 10/18 Spring Valley (30) (JHK), 11/20 Metzger Marsh (ET)

Purple Sandpiper (D: inland only)

11/5 Sherrod Pk. (KA)*, 11/28-29 Headlands SBP (2) (LR, RH, BG, RH)

Dunlin

8/11 Magee Marsh (MS), 10/18 Spring Valley (25) (LG), 10/23 Maumee River Rapids (170), 10/24 Metzger Marsh (500) (KA), 10/28 Cleveland (23) (TL), 11/7 Buck Creek SP (30) (DO), 11/20 Metzger Marsh (300) (ET), 11/29 CJ Brown Res. (3) (DO, JSh, CC)

Curlew Sandpiper

8/21-24 Winous Pt. (JP, KA*)

Stilt Sandpiper

8/4 Maumee River Rapids (TK), 8/10 Winous Pt. (90) (KA), 8/18 Winous Pt. (40) (KA), 8/20 Barborton (3) (LR), 8/28 Maumee River Rapids (10) (ET), 9/13 GLSM (5) (LG), 9/19 Cleveland (11) (TL), 10/11 Maumee River Rapids (8) (TK)

Buff-breasted Sandpiper (D: spring only)

8/23 Ottawa Co. (2) (KA), 8/31 S. Bass Is. (9) (KA), 9/4-7 Gordon Pk. (4) (RH), 9/6 ONWR (ECP), 9/9 Ottawa Co. (2) (KA), 9/13 Ottawa Co. (15) (KA, RC), 9/17 Cleveland (2) (TL, RH)

Short-billed Dowitcher

8/2 ONWR (26) (ECP), 8/9 CPNWR (126) (JK), 8/18 Winous Pt. (400) (KA), 8/24 Winous Pt. (300) (KA), 9/1 Cleveland (24) (TL), 9/13 GLSM (6) (LG), Late: 10/21 Metzger Marsh (4) (KA)

Long-billed Dowitcher (D: spring only)

8/18 Winous Pt. (4) (KA, JP), 9/27 Cleveland (TL, RHa), 10/2 Buck Creek SP (DO), 10/14 Metzger Marsh (60) (ET), High: 10/21-24 Metzger Marsh (200) (KA, JP, RC, RH), 11/1 ONWR (45) (ECP)

Common Snipe

8/10 Magee Marsh (MS), 9/29 ONWR (500+) (MS) (amazing!-Ed.), 10/4 ONWR (150) (ECP), 10/15 L. Rockwell (29) (LR), 11/1 Spring Valley (10) (LG), 11/7 CUNRA (2) (DAC), 11/21 GLSM (9) (CC, LC)

American Woodcock

10/1 Washington Co. (LB), 10/1 Magee Marsh (10) (MS), 10/17 Holmes Co. (BG), 10/23 Spring Valley (3) (LG), 10/31 Ottawa Co. (KA), 11/12 Kent (LR)

Wilson's Phalarope

8/2 Gordon Pk. (RH), 8/11 Ottawa Co. (2) (KA), 8/18 Winous Pt. (2) (KA), 8/24 Winous Pt. (5) (KA), 9/13 Ottawa Co. (2) (KA), 10/4 Ferguson Res. (RCu), 10/4 ONWR (TB, ECP), Late: 11/20 Metzger Marsh (2) (ET)*

Red-necked Phalarope

8/18 Winous Pt. (KA), 9/9 Winous Pt. (5) (JP), 9/13 Ottawa Co. (KA, RC), 10/4 ONWR (ECP)

Red Phalarope (D)

10/6-9 Cleveland (2) (TL*, RH), 11/28 Headlands SBP (BG, LR, photo)

Parasitic Jaeger (D)

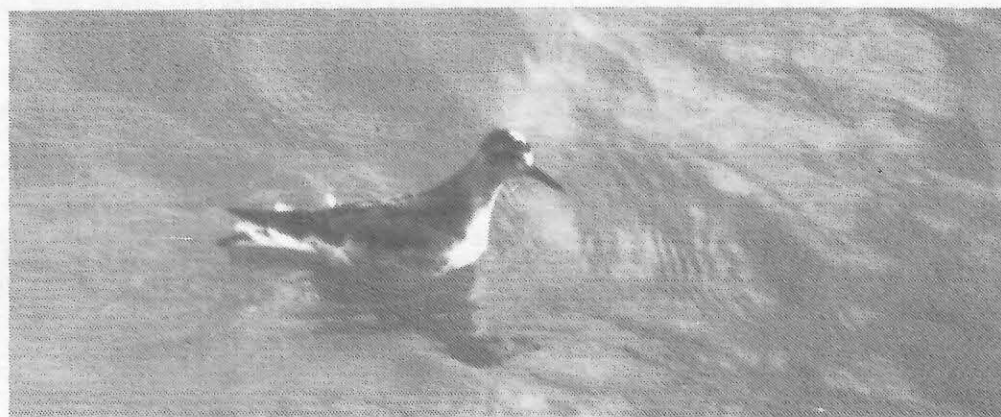
10/7 Huron (KA*), 10/11 Crane Creek (RC, KA*),

jaeger, sp.

10/2 Crane Creek (KA*, JP), 10/24 Huron (RC, KA*), 10/25 Sherrod Pk. (KA*, RC, JP),

Laughing Gull (D: inland only)

8/8-30 CJ Brown Res. (2) (DO*, KA, m.ob), 9/5 Crane Creek (KA, JP)



Juvenile Red Phalarope photographed November 22, 1987, at Headlands State Beach Park (Lake Co.) by Larry Rosche.

Franklin's Gull

Early: 8/9 Gordon Pk. (RH), 9/6 Maumee River Rapids (TK, ET), 9/13 ONWR (KA, RC), 9/25-30 Beavercreek Res. (4) (TB), 10/7 Lorain (KA), 10/9 Whitehouse (TK), 10/13 Deer Creek SP (2) (KA), 10/19 Huron (TL), 10/19 Maumee River Rapids (TK), 10/24 Huron (2) (KA, RC)

Little Gull (D: inland only)

10/7 Lorain (KA), 11/5 Port Clinton (JP)

Bonaparte's Gull

8/4 Maumee River Rapids (TK), 10/17 Mosquito Res. (100+) (NB), 11/5 Ottawa/Erie Cos. (5000) (KA), 11/19 Hancock Co. (176) (BH), 11/14 Buck Creek SP (250) (DO), 11/27 CJ Brown Res. (300-500) (JSh, CC), 11/29 Toledo (200) (TK, PM, ED), "not as many this fall"-ET.

Ring-billed Gull

Widely reported; 20,000 in Seneca Co. in Sept. (TB).

Herring Gull

Numbers down in NW Ohio (ET). Widely reported throughout the state; 1200 in Hancock Co. on 11/30 (BH).

Thayer's Gull (D: inland only)

11/9 Huron (KA, JP)

Lesser Black-backed Gull (D: away from L. Erie)

8/10-24 ONWR (KA), 9/21 Headlands SBP (LR), 10/21 Vermilion (KA), 10/31 Lorain (3) (KA, JP, RC), 11/1 Sheldon's Marsh (KA, RC), 11/5 Huron/Lorain (KA, JP), 11/8 Eastlake (2) (LR, RH), 11/9 Huron/Lorain (3) (KA, JP), 11/15 Lorain (LR), 11/22 Bayshore (TK); continues to increase.

Glaucous Gull (D: away from L. Erie)

11/22 Bayshore (TK)

Great Black-backed Gull

8/2 Gordon Pk. (RH), 8/31 Magee Marsh (MS), 10/19 Headlands SBP (BG), 11/7 Ottawa Co. (100) (KA), 11/8 Bresler Res. (RCu)*, 11/29 Bayshore (4) (TK, PM, ED)

Sabine's Gull (D)

Unprecedented flight along the Lake Erie shore: 10/3-10 Headlands SBP (RHa*, LR, photo), 10/3 Cleveland (TL)*, 10/7 Huron/Lorain (KA*, JP), 10/11 Crane Creek (RC, KA*), 10/21 Sherrod Pk. (RC, KA*).

Caspian Tern

8/9 CPNWR (21) (JK), 8/15 GLSM (7) (CC, LC), 8/23 Maumee River Rapids (3) (TK), 8/29 Buck Creek SP (2) (DO), 9/6 ONWR (23) (ECP), 10/18 Magee Marsh (MS)

Common Tern

9/6 ONWR (600) (ECP), 9/8 Lorain (58) (TL), 9/12 Buck Creek SP (4) (DO), High: 10/7 Erie Co. (800) (KA), 11/8 CPNWR (3) (JK)

Forster's Tern

9/6 ONWR (400) (ECP), 9/8 Lorain (67) (TL), Aug.-Sept. (20) on Maumee River Rapids (ET), 9/13 GLSM (7) (CM), High: 10/7 Erie Co. (200) (KA), 10/19 Buck Creek SP (DO), 11/8 Magee Marsh (MS)

Least Tern (D)

9/18 CJ Brown Res. (KA)*

Black Tern

8/14 Lorain (ETH), 8/15 GLSM (2) (CC, LC), 8/16 Magee Marsh (MS), 8/24 CPNWR (KA), 8/22-29 CJ Brown Res. (4) (KA, DO), 9/18 Euclid (40) (LR), Late: 10/20 Hancock Co. (BH)