

THE SPRING SEASON 1988

1 March - 31 May

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Spring 1988 brought Ohio birders what was probably a fairly typical migration overall. Although the waterfowl and shorebird migration was mediocre to poor, the songbird migration was quite good once the winds turned around out of the southwest. By the end of the period an extraordinary hot and dry weather pattern was beginning to establish itself. It will be interesting to try to quantify its effect on bird life.

Undoubtedly the outstanding event of the spring season was Ohio's first ever nesting of Peregrine falcons in downtown Toledo. This nesting of Peregrines became a media event in Toledo, complete with a name-the-falcon contest and monitoring of the nest by closed circuit TV to allow the public to watch as the young fledged. THE OHIO CARDINAL will cover this extraordinary nesting record in detail in the summer issue.

Despite a significantly greater number of reports representing increased coverage of the state, the number of species reported during the spring season declined from 277 species in 1987 to 266 (plus two undocumented) in 1988. Fluctuations will obviously always occur from year to year, but there is probably at least one reason for the decrease in 1988: accessible marsh habitat was marginal at best for most or all of the spring along much of Lake Erie, and a dry weather pattern did not help the situation much there or inland.

Among the most unusual species reported were Purple gallinule which visited a Columbus neighborhood for ten days in mid-May, a Reeve in Wayne County May 9-11, Least terns along the Ohio River May 20, Scissor-tailed flycatcher at Magee Marsh May 24, Bell's vireo in three locations, and Clay-colored sparrow at Spring Valley May 7.

A fairly cool, dry spring slowed the leafing out of most vegetation providing better-than-normal viewing conditions as songbirds passed through. The paucity of southerly and southwesterly winds throughout the state and particularly along Lake Erie made for mediocre at best songbird viewing through early May. A strong push of weather from the southwest on May 8 brought with it the first impressive collection of migrants to the Bird Trail. A series of weather systems from the south, broken up by winds out of the northeast, provided several good waves of warblers and other species through about May 20. Migration slowed significantly from that point as hot weather began to settle in. The following is a synopsis of the highlights of the spring season.

Loons through Herons

Common loons appeared quite scarce this spring throughout most of Ohio; the high count was 12 at Hoover Reservoir on March 29. Red-throated loon reports came from Pleasant Hill Lake and Hoover Reservoir. At least three Eared grebes and one Red-necked grebe made appearances at Beaver Creek Reservoir. Somewhat encouraging were reports of American bittern from eight separate locations. On the other hand, only four Least bittern sightings were submitted. Snowy egrets, cattle egrets, and Little Blue herons were all scarce this spring, and Tricolored herons were apparently absent. Cattle egret reports have been declining for a few years now. Yellow-crowned night-herons bred in their traditional Columbus locale and singles were noted at Knox Lake and John Bryan SP.

Swans through Ducks

Twenty-eight species of waterfowl were reported compared to 27 in 1987. The migration of swans, geese, and puddle ducks was fairly poor along western Lake Erie. Good habitat was hard to come by. Seven Greater White-fronted geese were at ONWR on March 5; Snow geese were scarce. Two Eurasian wigeon were reported, including one along the Ohio River near Cincinnati. Diving duck reports seemed normal; however, counts of 20,000 Lesser scaup and 10,000 Ruddy ducks on Maumee Bay on April 9 and 500 Ring-necked ducks at Lake Cowan on March 5 were very impressive. A Common goldeneye was still at Buck Creek SP on May 30. Of the three species of scoters, only White-winged was reported, and only one report of Oldsquaw was turned in.

Vultures through Falcons

As mentioned earlier, the highlight of the season was certainly the discovery that Peregrine falcons were nesting on the Commodore Perry Building in downtown Toledo. This represents the first ever record for Ohio and apparently only the second for anywhere between the Appalachians and the Mississippi River. Three eggs were laid and two young fledged in late June.

Hueston Woods SP has become another spot to keep an eye out for Black vultures. They have been seen there on numerous occasions in the past few years. Three were at the park on March 19. Few reports of the raptor migration along Lake Erie were received so its magnitude is difficult to assess. A Rough-legged hawk lingered at CPNWR until May 8. A Golden eagle was reported from Spring Valley and Merlins were present at ONWR on April 23 and Magee Marsh on May 21. Besides the Toledo peregrines, two others were acceptably documented this spring.

Pheasants through Shorebirds

Northern bobwhites appear to be making a comeback in northwest Ohio after being very scarce for years. Only three King rails were reported this spring. A Purple gallinule spent ten days in mid-May running from bush to bush in a Columbus neighborhood, a considerable distance from any body of water. Appropriate shorebird habitat was at a premium this spring, and as a result, only 24 varieties were recorded (compared to 30 in 1987). Many species were much scarcer than normal. For example, only two Sanderlings were reported! The only particularly noteworthy shorebird sightings were of 20 Willets at the Oxbow on April 23 and a Reeve in Wayne County May 9-11.

Gulls and Terns

Only six species of gulls were reported including a Laughing gull at Buck Creek SP on May 2 and a Lesser Black-backed at Huntington Reserve on March 25. Least terns were found on the Ohio River at Belpre on May 20. The traditional four species of terns were reported from widely scattered locations but in generally low numbers. A bit unusual were the 30 Black terns in Holmes County on May 9.

Doves through Swallows

Cuckoo numbers still seem low, but possibly a bit higher than the past few springs. A Snowy owl stayed until March 2 at Lorain. Northern Saw-whet owls were observed in six locations, but Long-eared owls were only seen at two sites. Woodpeckers, flycatchers, and swallows all appeared to be at normal levels. A Scissor-tailed flycatcher documented from Magee Marsh on May 24 was outstanding.

Blue Jay through Warblers

Only two Sedge wrens were reported all season. A Northern shrike was tallied on the March 6 ONWR count, and Loggerhead shrikes were reported from four locations including the Wood County site where they again nested. Bell's vireo, another western species which is becoming more regular in Ohio, was reported from three locations. Thirty-six species of warblers, representing all of Ohio's regularly occurring varieties, were recorded. The warbler migration was a good one despite the lack of rarities. Most species seemed to be well represented. A "Lawrence's warbler" was seen in Columbus on May 6.

Tanagers through House Sparrow

At least three male Summer tanagers were in the Oak Openings in late May. They are highly unusual in northwest Ohio. Blue grosbeaks were reported from three localities. Dickcissels moved into the state in late May at several localities. A Clay-colored sparrow was banded at Spring Valley on May 7. Lark sparrows returned to their traditional Oak Openings site and one was observed in Clermont County. Grasshopper sparrows were well represented: 18 singing males were counted at Toledo Express Airport on May 30. Henslow's sparrows were recorded from six sites. The only Yellow-headed blackbirds were at ONWR in May. Fourteen Red crossbills were at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo on March 23 and thirteen at Germantown Reserve on March 31. Pine siskins were present through the period in a few locations.

In the following species accounts, an attempt was made to present a picture of earliest arrival dates throughout the state. High numbers of individuals are also included and late dates for some species are added. Unusual species are underlined and an asterisk following a sighting indicates a documentation accepted (or being reviewed) by the records committee. A 'D' indicates species which should be documented. Common abbreviations used are ONWR (Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge), CPNWR (Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge), and CVNRA (Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area). Monthly counts at ONWR and CPNWR are compiled by Ed Pierce and Joe Komorowski, respectively.



Willet at Buck Creek SP, photographed by Doug Overacker on 20 May 1988.

Red-throated Loon (D)

4/8 Pleasant Hill Lk. (BG)*, 5/7 Hoover Res. (KM)*

Common Loon

3/5 Hoover Res. (BA), 3/6 Buck Creek SP (DO), 3/19 Hueston Woods SP (NK), 3/29 Hoover Res. (12) (KM), 4/9 Morgan Co. (RC), 5/2 Beaver Creek Res. (3) (ECP), 5/31 Findlay Res. (2) (BH), scarce in NW Ohio this spring (MA).

Pied-billed Grebe

3/4 Washington Co. (LB), 3/12 Hoover Res. (KM), 3/12 CVNRA (DAC), 3/16 Mill Creek Pk. (NB), 3/19 Buck Creek SP (DO), 4/3 ONWRC (14)

Horned Grebe

3/5 Hoover Res. (3) (KM, BA), 3/5 Summit Lk. (BG), 3/12 Buck Creek SP (DO), 3/15 Gordon Pk. (3) (TL), 3/22 Findlay Res. (5) (BH), 4/1 Mill Creek Pk. (NB), scarce in NW Ohio this spring (MA).

Red-necked Grebe (D)

3/16-17 Beaver Creek Res. (TB)* (being reviewed by OCRC)

Eared Grebe (D)

4/11 Beaver Creek Res. (TB)*, 4/13 Beaver Creek Res. (TB)* (records being reviewed by OCRC), 4/29-5-13 Beaver Creek Res. (TB*, ECP)*

Double-crested Cormorant

3/23 Franklin Co. (RC), 3/28 Summit Co. (ECP), 4/1 East Harbor (50 (KMo), 4/16 Killdeer Plains (60) (BA), 5/4 Ohio River (20-30) (LB), 5/7 Knox Lk. (20+) (SM), 5/14 ONWR (4) (Y), 5/21 Buck Creek SP (7) (DO)

American Bittern

4/10 CPNWR, 4/13 Spring Valley (CC, LC), 4/21 L. Isaac (RH), 4/23-5/1 Big Island WA (KM, RC), 5/1 Englewood Res. (m.ob.), 5/1 Little Portage WA (2) (RH), 5/4-9 CVNRA (RH, ECP), 5/12 Pickerington Marsh (BS)

Least Bittern

5/14 Big Island WA (BA), 5/18 Hancock Co. (BH), 5/23 Springville Marsh (TB), 5/28 Summit Co. (ECP) (only reports).

Great Blue Heron

4/3 ONWRC (120), 4/10 CPNWR (101), 4/30 Crane Creek (150) (KM), 5/14 Hancock Co. (76) (BH)

Great Egret

Early: 3/19 Sandusky (KMo), 4/10 CVNRA (DAC), 4/10 Magee Marsh (30) (BA), 4/15 Wayne/Holmes Co. (BG), 4/19 Spring Valley (CC, LC), 4/19 Hancock Co. (BH), 5/2 ONWRC (38)

Snowy Egret (D: Inland only)

Early: 3/30 Englewood Res. (CB)*, 5/8 CPNWR, 5/21-28 ONWR (ECP, KMo)

Little Blue Heron

5/8 CPNWR, 5/29 Summit Co. (ECP)

Cattle Egret

5/1 Magee Marsh (BA), 5/7 Maumee (MA), 5/29 Summit Co. (LR) [has become scarce in recent years-Ed.]

Green-backed Heron

4/16 Buck Creek SP (DO), 4/23 CVNRA (DAC), 4/23 E. Fork Lk. (PG), 4/23 Hancock Co. (BH), 4/24 Holmes Co. (BG, Y), 4/25 Columbiana Co. (NB)

Black-crowned Night-Heron

4/1 East Harbor (10) (KM), 4/10 CPNWRC (3), 4/16 Killdeer Plains (BA), 4/19 Englewood Res. (3) (CB), 4/30 Huron (BG), 5/2 ONWRC (12), 5/12 Hancock Co. (BH), 5/15 Darby Marsh (30) (KMo)

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

5/14 Knox Lk. (SM, m.ob.), 4/4-5/21 Columbus (breeding) (KM, BG), 5/23 John Bryan SP (DO)

Tundra Swan

3/10 Mosquito Res. (NB), 3/13 CPNWRC (30), 3/19 Big Island WA (8) (RC, BS), 3/19 E. Harbor (11) (KMo), 3/21 Mosquito Lake (35) (CB), 3/19-23 Killbuck Marsh (31) (Y, BG, ETH), 3/21 Hancock Co. (32) (BH)

Mute Swan

3/1 Wayne/Holmes Cos. (2-3) (BG, Y), 3/1 Hancock Co. (2) (BH), 3/13 CPNWRC (2), 4/6 Franklin Co. (RC)

Greater White-fronted Goose (D)

3/6 ONWRC (7)*

Snow Goose

3/6 ONWRC (4), 3/11 Pickerington Pond (5) (KM), 3/19 Big Island WA (7) (BS), 3/27 Mosquito Lake (CB)

Canada Goose

3/6 ONWRC (7000); widely reported.

Wood Duck

3/4 Mosquito Lake (4) (CB), 3/6 Maumee (MA), 3/8 Wayne Co. (BG), 3/12 CVNRA (DAC), 3/16 Mill Creek Pk. (NB), 4/3 ONWRC (81), 5/28 Clark Co. (40) (DO)

Green-winged Teal

3/5 Buck Creek SP (12) (DO), 3/8-4/2 Wayne Co. (BG), 3/13 Spring Valley (NK), 3/18 CVNRA (12) (DAC), 3/26 Big Island WA (47) (BS), 4/3 ONWRC (43), 4/10 CPNWRC (60)

American Black Duck

3/1 Findlay Res. (15) (BH), 3/2 L. Isaac (135) (RH), 3/5 Buck Creek SP (100) (DO), 3/6 ONWRC (275), 3/7 Mill creek Pk. (NB), 3/13 CPNWRC (133)

Mallard

3/5 Buck Creek SP (300) (DO), 3/6 ONWRC (1255), 3/13 CPNWRC (1436), 3/19 Big Island WA (600) (RC), 3/22 L. Isaac (460) (RH)

Northern Pintail

3/5 Buck Creek SP (50) (DO), 3/5 L. Cowan (20) (NK), 3/6 ONWRC (108), 3/12 Funk (100) (ECP), 3/13 CPNWRC (72), 3/13 Lucas Co. (100+) (TK), 3/19 Big Island WA (60) (RC), 5/14 Medusa Marsh (2) (MA)

Blue-winged Teal

3/8 Alum Creek Res. (KM), 3/13 Lucas Co. (TK), 3/19 Killbuck (5) (Y), 3/26 Big Island WA (33) (BS), 4/2 Mill Creek Pk. (NB), 4/2 CVNRA (12) (DAC), 4/3 ONWRC (180), 4/10 CPNWRC (260), High: 4/23 Big Island WA (580) (RC)

Northern Shoveler

3/5 Buck Creek SP (2) (DO), 3/10 Findlay Res. (BH), 3/26 Spring Valley (7) (LG), 3/27 Mosquito Lake (11) (CB), 4/4 Medusa Marsh (100) (ECP), 4/10 CPNWRC (20), 4/16 Gilmore Ponds (20) (NK), 5/14 Medusa Marsh (MA)

Gadwall

3/5 Gadwall (4) (DO), 3/19 Big Island WA (35) (RC), 3/19 Killbuck (Y), 3/27 Mosquito Lake (6) (CB), 4/4 Medusa Marsh (250) (ECP), 4/10 CPNWRC (50), 5/14 Medusa Marsh (4) (MA)

Eurasian Wigeon (D)

3/17 Ohio River (Hamilton Co.) (JS)* [bird may have been in Kentucky-Ed.], 3/19 Medusa Marsh (m.ob.)*

American Wigeon

3/5 Buck Creek SP (15) (DO), 3/5 L. Cowan (40) (NK), 3/13 Lucas Co. (100+) (TK), 3/13 CPNWRC (56), 3/19 Medusa Marsh (250) (ECP), 3/19 Big Island WA (100) (RC), 3/27 Mosquito Lake. (15) (CB), 5/14 Medusa Marsh (3) (MA)

Canvasback

3/5 Hoover Res. (BA), 3/6 ONWRC (270), 3/10 Mosquito Res. (NB), 3/12-13 Englewood Res. (40-50) (CB, CM), 3/13 Lucas/Ottawa Cos. (400) (TK), 3/13 CPNWRC (42), 3/19 Findlay Res. (125) (BS), 3/22 Findlay Res. (49) (BH)

Redhead

3/1 Findlay Res. (22) (BH), 3/5 Buck Creek SP (80) (DO), 3/6 ONWRC (290), 3/8 Alum Creek Res. (50) (KM), 3/10 Mosquito Res. (NB), 3/15 Findlay Res. (391) (BH), 3/19 Delaware WA (80) (RC)

Ring-necked Duck

3/4 E. Fork Lk. (PG), 3/4-4/2 Wayne Co. (BG), 3/5 Buck Creek SP (150) (DO), High: 3/5 L. Cowan (500) (NK) [exceptional-Ed.], 3/6 ONWRC (84), 3/15 Findlay Res. (257) (BH), 3/16 Pickerington Pond (100) (KM), 3/19 Delaware WA (25) (RC), 3/25 Beaver creek Res. (300) (TB), 4/1 Oberlin Res. (26) (ETH)

Greater Scaup

3/13 CPNWRC (11), 3/20 Buck Creek SP (DO), 4/21 Beaver creek Res. (2) (TB), 5/8 CPNWRC (2)

Lesser Scaup

3/5 Hoover Res. (BA), 3/13-28 Edgewater Pk. (200-400) (TL), 3/19 Delaware WA (250) (RC), 3/19-22 Findlay Res. (300) (BS, BH), 3/19 Hueston Woods SP (180) (NK), 3/29 Beaver creek Res. (1500) (TB), High: 4/9 Maumee Bay (20,000) (ECP)*, 4/10 CPNWRC (7500)

Oldsquaw

3/13-28 Edgewater Pk. (3) (TL)

White-winged Scoter

3/13 Lorain (2) (ETH), 4/9 Sandusky Bay (ECP, KMo)

Common Goldeneye

3/5 Hoover Res. (BA), 3/5 L. Cowan (50) (NK), 3/6 ONWRC (85), 3/10 Mosquito Res. (NB), 3/19 O'Shaughnessy Res. (75) (RC), 4/12 Findlay Res. (35) (BH), 5/4 Ohio River (LB), Late: 5/30 Buck Creek SP (DO)

Bufflehead

3/2 Wayne Co. (BG), 3/10 Mosquito Res. (NB), 3/19 Hueston Woods SP (30) (NK), 3/27 Bresler Res. (RCu), 3/29 Beaver creek Res. (50) (TB), 4/4 Medusa Marsh (25) (ECP), 4/11 Hoover Res. (85) (KM)

Hooded Merganser

3/5 Buck Creek SP (12) (DO), 3/5 Mosquito Creek (4) (CB), 3/6 ONWRC (55), 3/19 Wilmington Res. (LG), 5/21 CVNRA (female & young) (DAC)

Common Merganser

3/1 Findlay Res. (BH), 3/5 Buck Creek SP (DO), 3/6 ONWRC (550), 3/13 CPNWRC (69), 5/2 ONWRC (2)

Red-breasted Merganser

3/4 Wayne Co. (BG), 3/12 Buck Creek SP (70) (DO), 3/22 Findlay Res. (233) (BH), 4/3 Hoover Res. (600) (RC), 4/4-9 Sandusky Bay (max. 50) (ECP), 5/11 Huron (BG)

Ruddy Duck

3/5 Buck Creek SP (DO), 3/8 Wayne Co. (BG), 4/1 Oberlin Res. (75) (ETH), High: 4/9 Maumee Bay (10,000) (ECP)*, 4/10 CPNWRC (8500), 4/11 Hoover Res. (300) (KM), 4/11 Beaver Creek Res. (350) (TB), 4/12 Findlay Res. (80) (BH)

Black Vulture

3/19 Hueston Woods SP (3) (RF, NK), 3/20 Washington Co. (LB), 5/1 Clear Creek (KM), 5/5 Adams Co. (PW), 5/28 Adams Co. (2) (BG)

Turkey Vulture

3/1 Clermont Co. (PG), 3/26 Edgewater Pk. (100+) (TL), 3/26 ONWR (80) (MA), 3/29 Edgewater Pk. (230) (RH), 4/5 Huntington Res. (201) (RH), 4/28 Oak Openings (50+) (TK), 5/1 Big Island WA (110) (RC), 5/14 Hancock Co. (136) (BH)

Osprey

4/3 ONWRC, 4/4 L. Cowan (LG), 4/4-30 Spring Valley (m.ob.), 4/13 Columbus (KM), 4/17 Caesar's Creek (DO), 4/23 Cincinnati (BS), 4/23 Killdeer Plains (RC), 4/23 Darby Marsh (2) (ECP, KMo), 5/8 Holmes Co. (BG)

Bald Eagle

3/1 Clark Co. (J. Gallagher), 3/23 Mosquito Lake (2) (CB), 4/24 CVNRA (DAC), also reported from traditional L. Erie sites.

Northern Harrier

3/12 Buck Creek SP (DO), 3/18 Canfield (NB), 3/19 Killdeer Plains (10) (RC), 3/29 Funk (BG), 4/3 ONWRC (4), 4/23 Gordon Pk. (TL), 5/3 Hancock Co. (BH)

Sharp-shinned Hawk

3/18 Holmes Co. (BG), 3/26 Edgewater Pk. (25) (TL), 4/5 Huntington Res. (25) (RH), 4/23 ONWR (43) (ECP), 5/8 CPNWRC (12); widely reported.

Cooper's Hawk

4/23 ONWR (4) (ECP), 5/17 Hancock Co. (nesting) (BH); widely reported elsewhere.

Red-shouldered Hawk

3/3 Mahoning Co. (NB), 3/16 Northfield (DAC), 3/26 ONWR (4) (ECP), 3/26 Edgewater Pk. (12) (TL), 4/5 Huntington Res. (24) (RH), 2 pairs in Oak Openings (MA, TK), nested at Mosquito Creek (CB).

Broad-winged Hawk

Early: 4/1 Oak Openings (TK), 4/17 Tar Hollow SP (BA), 4/17 Spring Valley, 4/19 Holmes Co. (BG), 4/23 Ottawa Co. (100+) (KMo), 4/23 ONWR (23) (ECP), 4/24 Hancock Co. (10) (KN), 5/12 Huntington Res. (24) (RH)

Red-tailed Hawk

3/19 Killdeer Plains (19) (RC), 3/26 Edgewater Pk. (25) (TL) (only concentrations noted); widespread.

Rough-legged Hawk

3/6 ONWRC (7), 3/6 Wood Co. (BH), 3/27 Funk (BG), 4/1 ONWR (BS), Late: 5/8 CPNWRC

Golden Eagle (D)

3/12 Spring Valley (CB)*

American Kestrel

3/19 Killdeer Plains (21) (RC), widespread elsewhere.

Merlin (D)

4/23 ONWR (ECP)*, 5/21 Magee Marsh (TB)* (being reviewed by OCRC).

Peregrine Falcon (D)

5/10 Wayne Co. (DK)*, 5/14 ONWR (m.ob.)*, pair continues in downtown Toledo.

Ruffed Grouse

4/6 Holmes Co. (BG), 4/7 Laurelville (BS), 4/30 Clear Creek (TB), 5/6 CVNRA (RH), 5/7 Adams Co. (BL)

Wild Turkey

3/7 Adams Co. (BL), 5/1 Jefferson Co. (NB), 5/28 Adams Co. (BG), 5/29 Holmes Co. (BG), increasing in Columbiana Co. (NB).

King Rail

5/2 CPNWR (ECP), 5/12 Big Island WA (BA), 5/14 Little Portage WA (MA)

Virginia Rail

4/3 ONWRC, 4/13-30 Spring Valley (m.ob.), 4/23 Clark Lk. (DO), 4/30 Irwin Prairie (2) (KM), 5/1 Spencer WA (3) (ETH), High: 5/1 Big Island WA (19) (RC)

Sora

4/9 CPNWR (ECP), 4/13-30 Spring Valley (m.ob.), 4/23 Clark Lk. (DO), 4/23 Big Island WA (12) (RC), 4/23 Darby Marsh (KMo), 5/1 Spencer WA (7) (ETH), High: 5/1-12 Big Island WA (25-30) (RC, BA)

Purple Gallinule (D)

5/9-20 Columbus (m.ob.)*

Common Moorhen

4/23 Big Island WA (2) (RC), 4/23 Darby Marsh (3) (KMo), 4/28 Gordon Pk. (TL), 5/1 Spencer WA (2) (ETH), 5/2 CPNWR (4) (ECP), 5/6 Ohio River (LB), 5/11 Wayne Co. (BG)

American Coot

3/5 Wayne Co. (BG), 3/5 Hoover Res. (BA), 4/4-9 Medusa Marsh (350) (ECP), 4/10 CPNWRC (75), 4/21 Wilmington Res. (25) (LG), 4/23 Darby Marsh (150) (KMo), 4/26 Findlay Res. (159) (BH), 5/30 Buck Creek SP (DO)

Sandhill Crane

3/5 Germantown Res. (15) (BJS), 3/30 Beaver Creek (DN), 4/5 Funk (BG), 4/10 Mosquito Lake (CB)

Black-bellied Plover

5/1 Scioto Co. (BL), 5/1 Magee Marsh (BA), 5/7 ONWR (8) (ECP, KMo), 5/8 CPNWR (17), 5/14 Mosquito Lake (CB), 5/11-16 Wayne Co. (DK, BG), 5/21 Buck Creek SP (DO)

Lesser Golden-Plover

3/29-4/3 Funk (6-8) (BG), 4/3 ONWRC (3), 4/16 Franklin Co. (9) (RC), 4/25 Hancock Co. (250+) (BH), 4/29 Wyandot Co. (50) (TB), 5/9 Magee Marsh (10) (MA)

Semipalmated Plover

5/1 Big Island WA (2) (RC), 5/3 Clermont Co. (3) (PG), 5/7 Magee Marsh (20) (BA), 5/7-24 Wayne Co. (30) (DK, BG), 5/14 ONWR (14) (ECP), 5/19 Buck Creek SP (20) (DO), 5/21 Gordon Pk. (18) (TL)

Killdeer

3/6 Buck Creek SP (6) (DO), 3/6 Oak Openings (TK), 3/6 Cincinnati (BS), 3/31 Lima (RCu), 4/3 ONWRC (42), 4/10 CPNWRC (27)

Greater Yellowlegs

3/19 Big Island WA (RC), 3/19 Killbuck (Y), 3/25 Summit Co. (ECP), 3/30 Buck Creek SP (DO), 5/2 ONWRC (38), 5/8 CPNWRC (8)

Lesser Yellowlegs

Early: 3/13 Buck Creek SP (3) (DO), 3/29-5/11 Wayne Co. (BG), 3/31 Columbus (3) (KM), 3/31 Summit Co. (ECP), 5/2 ONWRC (45), 5/8 CPNWRC (33)

Solitary Sandpiper

4/23 Milan WA (ECP), 4/23 Big Island WA (3), 4/24 CVNRA (DAC), 4/26 Mill Creek Pk. (NB), 4/27 Washington Co. (LB), 5/8 CPNWRC (6), 5/24 Hancock Co. (BH)

Willet

4/23 Oxbow (20) (CBo), 5/20 Buck Creek SP (DO), 5/29 Huron (TL)

Spotted Sandpiper

Early: 4/12 CVNRA (DAC), 4/19 Hancock Co. (BH), 4/22 Clermont Co. (PG), 4/23 Clark Lk. (3) (DO), 4/25 Columbiana Co. (NB), 4/29 Wayne/Holmes Cos. (BG), 5/8 CPNWRC (17), 5/10 Findlay Res. (20) (BH)

Upland Sandpiper

4/23 Killdeer Plains (RC, KM), 4/24 Bolton Field (BA), 4/29 Holmes/Tuscarawas Cos. (BG), 4/30 Middletown (TL), 5/3-31 Hopkins Airport (2) (RH), 5/7 Clark Co. (DO), 5/14 ONWR (4) (m.ob.)

Whimbrel

5/13 Huron (M. Stasko), 5/22 ONWR (KMo)

Ruddy Turnstone

5/8 Huron (BG), 5/9 Wayne Co. (DK), 5/14 Mosquito Lake (4) (CB), 5/21 Washington Co. (LB), 5/22 ONWR (36) (KMo), 5/29 Huron (4) (TL), 5/30 Crane Creek (200+) (TB)

Sanderling

5/23 Buck Creek SP (2) (BA) (only report!)

Semipalmated Sandpiper

5/7 Magee Marsh (15) (BA), 5/8 Wayne Co. (BG), 5/12 Big Island WA (20) (BA), 5/19 Buck Creek SP (20) (DO), 5/29 Huron (30) (TL)

Western Sandpiper (D: spring only)

5/19 Buck Creek SP (DO)* (being reviewed by OCRC)

Least Sandpiper

5/1 Big Island WA (6) (RC), 5/3 Clermont Co. (12+) (PG), 5/7 Wayne Co. (25+) (BG), 5/7 Magee Marsh (50) (BA), 5/14 ONWR (60) (ECP)

White-rumped Sandpiper

5/9 Wayne Co. (3-5) (BG, DK), 5/14 Big Island WA (BA), 5/29 Huron (TL)

Pectoral Sandpiper

3/13 Buck Creek SP (10) (DO), 3/23 Lucas Co. (11) (TK), 3/25 Summit Co. (60) (ECP), 3/27 Buck Creek SP (100) (DO), High: 4/2 Funk (1200-1400) (BG), 4/3 ONWRC (216), 4/10 Lykens (160) (BA), 4/19 Hancock Co. (59) (BH), 4/20 Burke Airport (75) (TL), 4/23 Big Island WA (200) (RC)

Dunlin

4/10 CPNWRC (40), 4/18 Gordon Pk. (8) (TL), 4/30 Huron (KM), 5/1 Big Island WA (3) (RC), 5/3 Clermont Co. (PG), 5/7 Buck Creek SP (DO), 5/7 Shreve (2) (BG), 5/14 ONWR (25) (ECP)

Ruff (D)

5/9-11 Wayne Co. (Reeve) (DK*, BG)

Short-billed Dowitcher

Early: 4/23 Big Island WA (4) (RC, KM), 5/7 Magee Marsh (10) (BA), 5/8 Big Island WA (21), 5/13 Shreve (175) (BG), 5/19 Buck Creek SP (8) (DO)

Common Snipe

3/4 Ohio River (LB), 3/12 Gordon Pk. (3) (TL), 3/20 Buck Creek SP (DO), 4/3 ONWRC (89), 4/10 CPNWRC (12), 4/16 Gilmore Ponds (30) (NK), 4/23 Big Island WA (26) (RC, KM)

American Woodcock

3/3 Parma Hgts. (RH), 3/4 Oak Openings (TK), 3/5 Hoover Res. (BA), 3/5 Dayton (BK), 3/7 Cincinnati (BS), 3/8 Alum Creek (25) (KM), 3/8 Hancock Co. (BH), 3/9 Cuyahoga Co. (TL)

Wilson's Phalarope

5/9 Crane Creek (2) (RH), 5/12 Wayne Co. (DK), 5/14 ONWR (2) (Y)

Laughing Gull (D: inland only)

5/2 Buck Creek SP (DO)*

Bonaparte's Gull

3/27 Wilmington Res. (4) (LG), 3/29 Funk (8) (BG), 4/2 Mill Creek Pk. (NB), 4/2 Buck Creek SP (6) (DO), 4/3 Bresler Res. (RCu), 4/3 Hoover Res. (175) (RC), 5/8 Killdeer Plains (23) (BS), 5/14 Mosquito Lake (112) (CB)

Lesser Black-backed Gull (D: inland only)

3/25 Huntington Res. (RH)

Great Black-backed Gull

4/3 ONWRC (52) (few others reported along L. Erie shore).

Caspian Tern

4/3 ONWRC, 4/9 Alum Creek Res. (BA), 4/10 CPNWRC, 4/15 Pleasant Hill Lk. (3) (BG), 4/18-26 Greenlawn Dam (9) (KM, BA), 4/18 Dayton (CM), 4/23 Killdeer Plains (RC), High: 4/26 Huron (73) (TL)

Common Tern

4/18 Greenlawn Dam (KM), 5/1 Magee Marsh (BA), 5/2 Buck Creek SP (2) (DO), 5/4 Ohio River (LB), 5/6 Killbuck Marsh (BG), 5/17 Findlay Res. (BH)

Forster's Tern

4/12 Beaver Creek Res. (8) (TB), 4/18 Greenlawn Dam (KM), 4/23 Darby Marsh (ECP), 4/24 Metzger Marsh (20) (KMo), 5/2 ONWRC (28), 5/7 Clark Lk. (DO), 5/21 Ohio River (LB)

Least Tern (D)

5/20 Ohio River (Belpre) (2-3) (LB)* (being reviewed by OCRC)

Black Tern

5/4 Killbuck Marsh (3) (BG), 5/7 Pickerington Pond (BS), 5/7 Buck Creek SP (6) (DO), 5/9 Holmes Co. (30) (DK), 5/13 Lorain (3) (ETH), 5/15 Spring Valley (32) (TLi), 5/31 Findlay Res. (2) (BH)

Black-billed Cuckoo

5/6 Allen Co. (RCu), 5/7 Clark Co. (DO), 5/8-9 Crane Creek (BG, MA), 5/10 Richland Co. (SM), 5/15 Oak Openings (n.ob.), 5/17 Mahoning Co. (NB)

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

5/3 Adams Co. (BL), 5/9 Firestone MP (ECP), 5/9 Crane Creek (BG), 5/10 Columbus (KM); 5/21 Oak Openings (4) (MA-increasing), 5/24 Hancock Co. (7) (BH)

Snowy Owl

3/2 Lorain (TL)

Barred Owl

Two broods raised in Oak Openings (m.ob.); young in April in Holmes Co. (BG), in May in Hancock Co. (BH).

Long-eared Owl

3/6 ONWRC (3), 3/20 Englewood Res. (BM) (only reports).

Short-eared Owl

3/11 Gordon Pk. (TL), 3/13 Maumee Bay SP (6) (TK), still present at Lunken Airport in March (PG).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

3/10 Adams Co. (DKu), 3/19 Toledo (2) (MA), 3/21-4/5 Greenlawn Cem. (KM), 3/26 Killdeer Plains (BS), 3/27-29 Donald Gray Gardens (TL, RH), 3/29 Crane Creek (TL, ETh)

Common Nighthawk

5/2 Columbus (BA), 5/4 Marietta (LB), 5/6 Wilmington (LG), 5/7 Clark Co. (DO), 5/10 Holmes Co. (Y), 5/10 Lima (RCu), 5/11 Norwalk (BG), scarce in NW Ohio (MA).

Chuck-will's-widow (D: central and northern)

5/7 Adams Co. (BL)

Whip-poor-will

4/23 Adams Co. (BL), 4/27 Oak Openings (TK), 5/1 Oak Openings (MA), 5/8 Crane Creek (BG, KMo)

Chimney Swift

4/12 Holmes Co. (DK), 4/16 Buck Creek SP (DO), 4/19 Summit Co. (KMo), 4/21 Holmes Co. (Y), 4/23 ONWR (50) (ECP), 4/23 Cincinnati (100+) (BS), 4/23 Oak Openings (TK), 4/23 Wilmington (LG), 4/25 Canfield (NB)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

4/29 Union (GS), 5/6 Holmes Co. (BG), 5/7 Crane Creek (KMo), 5/8 Magee Marsh (BA), 5/9 Firestone MP (ECP), 5/14 Mill Creek Pk. (NB)

Red-headed Woodpecker

3/19 Killdeer Plains (10) (RC), 4/19 Lima (RCu), 4/23 Big Island WA (17) (RC), 5/2 ONWRC (3), 5/7 Clark Lk. (DO), 5/8 Maumee (MA) (continues scarce in NW Ohio), 5/14 Hancock Co. (33) (BH).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

3/1 Hancock Co. (BH), 4/1 Holmes Co. (Y), 4/7 Mill Creek Pk. (NB), 4/8 Greenlawn Cem. (12) (KM), 4/9 Buck Creek SP (DO), 4/12 Firestone MP (ECP), 5/8 Magee Marsh (KMo), 5/8 Greenlawn Cem. (KM), 5/12 Holmes Co. (DK),

Northern Flicker

4/3 ONWRC (50), 5/14 Hancock Co. (49) (BH)

Olive-sided Flycatcher

5/11 Crane Creek (BG), 5/13 Irwin Prairie (m.ob.), 5/13 Crane Creek (MA, TL), 5/21 Euclid (TL), 5/21 Mentor Headlands (KMo), 5/22 Franklin Co. (RC)