

Autumn 1992 Overview By Robert Harlan

Autumn is usually thought of as the season of plenty, and with birds, this impression usually holds true. Numerically, more birds should be present during the fall migration than at any other time of year, given the presence of both adults and young. Even so, this common-sense scenario simply did not seem to be the case during Autumn 1992.

A glance through "The Reports" section will quickly illustrate just how all-encompassing this image was, with below average returns on such widely disparate groups as grebes, ducks, shorebirds, gulls, swallows, warblers, and sparrows. Of course, not all members of these groups fell below expected levels, and some seemed to be in better than average numbers. For the most part, however, the majority of observers seemed to be disappointed by the season.

This is not to say that no rarities were discovered. Many good birds were located, including up to 75 Cattle Egrets along Ohio Route 2 in Erie County, a very large movement of Surf Scoters, a Ruff at Gordon Park August 25, extremely early Palm and Wilson's Warblers, and notably late Red-eyed Vireo, Tennessee, Yellow, and Chestnut-sided Warblers, to name just a few.

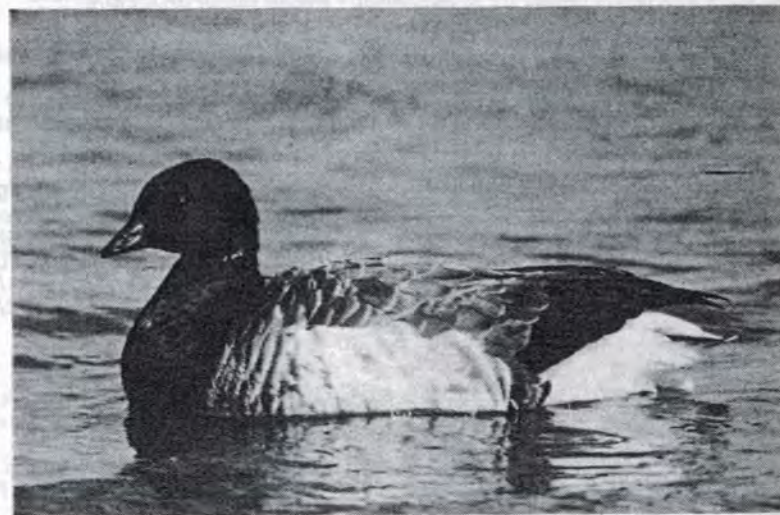
The Oak Openings hawk watch continued to provide valuable new information regarding fall hawk flights through Ohio. Be sure to read the article elsewhere in this issue for a complete report.

You may notice that extreme rarities (those requiring documentation) are conspicuously absent from this issue. In the past, we (the Editor and the eleven member Ohio Bird Records Committee) have always tried our best to include extreme rarities in the appropriate seasonal reports. Over time, however, we have found that this has produced the undesirable effect of slowing down publication of the magazine. So, in an attempt to speed up production, we are foregoing the publication of extreme rarities in this issue to allow the OBRC more time to do their job— which is to examine each documentation fully on a timely basis. This is a task which should be independent from publication schedules. Of course, it would be preferable to include all OBRC decisions as part of the appropriate seasonal reports, but rest assured that all such decisions will be published as quickly as possible. Realistically, this method should allow for more timely publication of the vast majority of records, while OBRC decisions will be published in a slightly delayed, yet (hopefully) still timely manner. Look for the Autumn 1992 OBRC report in the next issue. For a complete

list of documentations currently under review by the OBRC, see page 29 of this issue.

"The Reports" section is intended to be read in phylogenetic order. The specific county location of most sites is listed in the accounts the first time each site is mentioned. Most sites are also listed in the gazetteer included as part of Volume 15, No. 4.

County names are often represented by using their first four letters-- "Rich" representing Richland County, for example. Other commonly used place name abbreviations in this issue are: BuCr (Buck Creek SP/C.J. Brown Res., Clark Co.); CPNWRC (Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge Count, Lucas Co., as compiled by Joe Komorowski); CVNRA (Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, Cuyahoga/Summit Cos.); FRES (Findlay Reservoirs, Hancock Co.); GLSM FH (Grand Lake-St. Mary's Fish Hatchery, Auglaize Co.); GoPa (Gordon Park, Cuyahoga Co.); HBSP (Headlands Beach SP, Lake Co.); Lksh (Lakeshore MP, Lake Co.); Magee (Magee Marsh WA, Ottawa/Lucas Cos.); OkOp (Oak Openings, mostly Lucas Co.); ONWR (Ottawa NWR, Ottawa/Lucas Cos.); ONWRC (Ottawa NWR Count, Ottawa/Lucas Cos., as compiled by Ed Pierce); and SWVA (Spring Valley WA, Greene/Warren Cos.).



Brant. Conneaut Harbor (Ashtabula Co.), Oct. 25, 1992.
Photo by Gary Meszaros.

THE REPORTS--AUTUMN 1992

Red-throated Loon-- Another good showing, with 7 singles as follows: Hueston Woods SP (Butl/Preb) 10/31-11/1 (CM, m. obs.); Sherrod Pk. (Erie) 11/6 (KA); juv. Caesar Creek Lk. (Warr) 11/7-8 (JD, SU, CM et al.); Lakeshore MP [hereafter Lksh] (Lake) 11/8 (JPO); Delaware WA (Dela/Mari) 11/10 (WS); flyby Headlands Beach SP [hereafter HBSP] (Lake) 11/28 (LR, EB, RHn); & Newtown Gravel Pits (Hami) 11/29 (D. & S. Hadine).

Common Loon-- Largest flights consisted of 378 over Huntington MP (Cuya) between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. 11/15 (LR, JV) & 252 over Sherrod Pk. 11/14, as part of 293 along the Erie Co. shoreline for the day (RHr, J. Emery, J. Heflich). Inland highs: 95 Findlay Res. [hereafter FRes] (Hanc) 11/27 (DD, H. Armstrong); 81 Springfield Lk. (Summ) 11/28 (B. Lane, LR, JV); 55 Caesar Creek Lk. 11/24 (LG); 50 Maho/Colu 11/21 (NB); 50 Pleasant Hill Res. (Rich/Ashl) 11/28 (JH); & 40+ Salt Fork SP (Guer) 11/28 (MAR). Early (or summering) singles were at Buck Creek SP [a.k.a. C.J. Brown Res., hereafter BuCr] (Clar) 8/23 (DO); Pymatuning Lk. (Asht) 9/3 (JPO); & L. Snowden (Athe) 10/4 (AB).

Pied-billed Grebe-- Lakefront max 29 Cedar Point Nat. Wildlife Refuge Count [hereafter CPNWRC] (Luca) 11/8; inland max 28 Rocky Fork Lk. (High) 10/29 (W. Randle).

Horned Grebe-- Extremely low numbers along L. Erie, where the reported high was 3 at Rocky River Pk. (Cuya) 11/20 (PE), but actual highs of only 10-20 were believed to have occurred. 34 BuCr 11/10 (KA) & 30 Caesar Creek Lk. 11/6 (YM) were the inland highs. Early birds include 1 Paulding Res. (Paul) 9/27 (DMD); 1 Metzger Res. (Alle) 10/4 (DD); & 6 L. Rockwell (Port) 10/6 (LR).

Red-necked Grebe-- Only report: 1 Lksh 11/27 (JPO).

Eared Grebe-- BuCr continues to be the most trustworthy inland site for this species, with 1 present 11/7-10 (JD, SU, CM, KA). 1 was at Geneva SP (Asht) 11/14 (JPO), and another was at Mentor Lagoons (Lake) 11/8 (AJF).

Am. White Pelican-- Claugus found one at Killdeer Plains WA (Wyan) 9/28.

Double-crested Cormorant-- Becoming more common everywhere. Highs include 1400 Otta 9/14 (KA); 936 Erie 11/14 (RHr, J. Emery, J. Heflich); & 750 heading south over Huron (Erie) 10/17 (LEY). Inland, maxima were 250 BuCr 10/17 (DO) & 170 Caesar Creek Lk. 11/6 (YM).

Am. Bittern-- 5 singles: Ottawa Nat. Wildlife Refuge [hereafter ONWR] (Otta/Luca) 8/2 (JPO); Clinton Twp. (Sene) 9/1 (TB); Funk (Wayn) 10/3 (BG); Newtown Gravel 10/7 (B. Stanley); & Mentor Lagoons 11/14 (AJF).

Least Bittern-- 1 report: 1 Walnut Beach (Asht) 9/15 (JPO).

Great Blue Heron-- Max 60 Ottawa Nat. Wildlife Refuge Count [hereafter ONWR] (Otta/Luca) 9/6. 30 at Englewood Reserve (Mont) 9/13 was the inland high (DO).

Great Egret-- Max 67 ONWR 9/6. An individual that had been dyed pink was at Sheldon's Marsh SNP (Erie) 9/12 (KMo, ETH) & 10/3 (BS). Singles at Evans Lk. (Maho) 11/21 (NB) & Medusa Marsh (Erie) 11/27 (JPO) were latest.

Snowy Egret-- Up to 4 were at ONWR 8/18-9/27, with the peak 8/29 (m. obs.). Elsewhere, 3 were inland at Delaware WA in early August (KA), while another was along Sandusky Bay at Willow Pt. WA (Erie) 10/3 (KA).

Little Blue Heron-- An imm. was found at Mentor Veterans Pk. (Lake) 10/6 (JPO). 1 was at ONWR 8/2 (JPO) & 9/6 (ONWR).

Tricolored Heron-- Only report: 1 ONWR 8/18 (BAT).

Cattle Egret-- A very cooperative, very large flock lingered along Ohio Rt. 2 in Erie Co. 8/25-9/26. Many observers reported 40-50 birds, but Dunn & Utterback carefully counted 75 9/6. Up to 10 were at ONWR, with the max being seen 9/4 (JD, SU). 3-4 birds (including 1 with an all dark bill) remained in the area until 10/25-26 (JD, SU, KA), but 2 at Sandusky (Erie) 11/3 were even later (JPO). Elsewhere: 1 Rocky Fork Lk. 8/2 (SW); 1 Edgewater Pk. (Cuya) 10/16 (TLP); 1 Grand Lake-St. Mary's Fish Hatchery [hereafter GLSM FH] (Augl) 10/17 (SU); & 1 n. Dayton 11/3 (C. Berry).

Green-backed Heron-- Max 12 ONWR 9/6.

Black-crowned Night Heron-- Max 55 ONWR 8/2. 15 lingered at Lorain (Lora) 11/21 (JD, SU), as did 13 at the Bayshore Power Plant (Luca) 11/5 (ETr). 1 at Cleveland's Donald Gray Gardens (Cuya) 9/30 was out of place (TLe, P. Lozano).

Yellow-crowned Night Heron-- An adult was at Kirtland Hills (Lake) 8/24 (JPO), where 1 was found earlier in June.

Tundra Swan-- Much better than 1991, with lakefront highs of 430 Lksh 11/7 (JPO); 222 Lake 11/28 (RHn, LR, JV); & 200 Geneva SP 11/27 (RHr); plus inland flights of 280 over Leroy Twp. (Lake) 11/6 (JPO) & 100 over Parma Hts. (Cuya) 11/29 (RHr). Highs from inland lakes include 156 LaDue Res. (Geau) 11/7 (EE); about 70 FRes 10/26 (fide BH); & 29 Salt Fork SP 11/29 (MAR). 24 over Holmes Co. 10/12 were fairly early (RHr), while 1 at ONWR 9/6 had summered (ONWR).

Mute Swan-- 2 remained at Medusa Marsh through the period (m. obs.). 4 were at ONWR 11/1 (EP). LePage noted 7 at Seneca Lk. (Nobl) 11/28.

Snow Goose-- 1 at Fostoria Res. (Hanc) 10/6 was earliest (BH). Only sizable flocks were 40 Antwerp (Paul) 10/28 (DMD) & 28 blue-phase and 1 white-phase at Millersburg (Holm) 10/18 (PY). A blue-phase bird returned to Summit Lk. (Summ) for the 6th consecutive year (EP, JW).

Brant-- 1 Conneaut (Asht) 10/25 (CH, G. Meszaros, ph.); 4 Erie 11/6 (KA); 1 Huron 11/30 (KA).

Canada Goose-- Max 1050 ONWR 10/4. Inland, the highest reported single site max was 600 at Shaker Lakes (Cuya) 11/25 (RHr). We are undercounting this species.

Wood Duck-- Max 113 ONWR 10/4. 82 at a Hanc site 11/10 (BH) was the inland high.

Green-winged Teal-- Max 228 Erie 11/9 (KA).

Am. Black Duck-- Seemed low. 115 at L. Isaac (Cuya) 11/26 (RHr) was the single site max. 6 birds 8/2 (ONWR) were probably locals.

Mallard-- A female was still escorting 3 young at Sims Pk. (Cuya) on the very late date of 9/20 (RHr). Max 2500 ONWR 9/6 (RHr).

N. Pintail-- Max 66 ONWR 11/1. 20 were at BuCr 11/8 (DO).

Blue-winged Teal-- 6 November reports were amazing, with the latest being an imm. male at Lorain 11/15 (LR, JV). Max 122 ONWR 9/6. Inland high was 25 Delaware WA 9/2 (WS).

N. Shoveler-- Very poor maxima of 18 ONWR 10/4 & 6 Mosquito Lk. (Trum) 10/3 (CB).

Gadwall-- Max 261 CPNWRC 11/8. 200 at Caesar Creek Lk. 10/27 (fide NK) was quite good for southern Ohio.

Am. Wigeon-- 568 CPNWRC 10/11 and 300 Medusa Marsh 9/6 (RHr).

EP) were the high counts. Returned to Paulding Co. by 8/29 (DMD). Seemed low inland.

Canvasback-- 40 at FRes 10/19 (KA) were quite early for the large number. Max 80 CPNWRC 11/8.

Redhead-- Even worse than 1991, max 12 BuCr 11/8 (DO). Medusa Marsh held 3 early birds 9/6 (ETH) and 7 9/26 (RHR, EP). 1 in Aurora (Port) 9/23 was interesting (EE).

Ring-necked Duck-- Portage Co., a favorite haunt of this species, attracted 1500 birds at L. Rockwell 11/1 (LR). 1 at L. Kelso (Geau) 9/19 (D. Hendrickson, fide DB) and 20 at L. Pippin (Port) 10/5 (CH) were early.

Lesser Scaup-- Inland highs were 382 FRes 10/13 (BH) & 300 E. Fork Lk. (Cler) 11/15 (NK, BGH). Along L. Erie, the high was only 120 at Huntington MP 11/15 (LR). Singles at ONWR 8/2 & Wildwood Pk. (Cuya) 9/5 (TLP) were early.

Harlequin Duck-- Pogacnik found the only 2 birds, both imm. or females, at Lksh 11/1 and a flyby at Geneva SP 11/14.

Oldsquaw-- 7 lakefront reports, totaling 14 birds, featuring an extremely early female at Conneaut 9/15 (JPo). 6 males at Salt Fork SP 11/28 (MAR) were very good for s.e. Ohio, and proved to be the max for the season. 2 adult males were at BuCr 11/7 (JD, SU, CM), while another male was at Oberlin Res. (Lora) 11/8 (JES).

Black Scoter-- Max 85 Erie 11/6 (KA) & 58 Lksh 11/15 (JPo).

Surf Scoter-- Ohio's largest ever invasion was kicked off by 7 at Lksh 10/17, where other counts include 237 10/31, 65 11/1, etc. (JPo). 60 at Bay Village (Cuya) 11/21 were broken down thusly: 1 adult male w/o the white forehead, several imm. males, and the remainder being females, most of which were imm. (JD, SU).

White-winged Scoter-- Max 10 Caesar Creek Lk. 11/29-30 (TLI, m. obs.). The tally of 5 at Bay Village 11/21 was the lakefront max (JD, SU). 4 other inland reports 10/19-11/28, totaling 8 birds.

Scoter species-- 140 "dark-winged" scoters were along L. Erie between Rocky River Pk. and Huntington MP (all within Cuya) 10/31 (TLP). 100 more "dark-wings" were in Erie Co. 11/6 (KA).

Common Goldeneye-- Max 60 HBSP 11/7 (LR). 5 were at Best Lk. (Geau) on 10 November dates (D. Hendrickson, fide DB).

Bufflehead-- 120 in Erie Co. 11/9 was a good count (KA). Inland, a count of 160 at LaDue Res. 11/7 was outstanding (EE). A very early female was at Conneaut 8/28 (JPo).

Hooded Merganser-- 400 at Rocky Fork Lk. 11/29 was a huge number for s. Ohio, and seems to be the largest published inland (non-CBC) count ever for the state (SW). 217 were at L. Rockwell 11/24 (LR). Along L. Erie, 197 were tallied 11/8 (CPNWRC). 18 on the ONWRC 8/2 were probably locals, while 1 at Conneaut 8/28 was a migrant (JPo).

Common Merganser-- An extremely early female was at Conneaut 10/4-11 (CH). Counts of 34 CPNWRC 11/8; 30 Lorain 11/15 (LR); 22 LaDue Res. 11/7 (EE); & 13 FRes 11/3 (BH) all presaged an excellent winter population.

Red-breasted Merganser-- On 11/14, a spectacular concentration formed along the Sandusky waterfront, with a conservative estimate made of 200,000+ birds present. On one occasion, this great flock took to the air due to gunfire. The resultant aerial show was amazing, not only by being a horizontal phenomenon, as is normally encountered, but a vertical phenomenon as well. The sky was darkened by these birds.

For the day, 237,000 were estimated for Erie Co. alone (RHR, J. Emery, J. Heflich). Inland: 375 Summ/Port 11/28 (LR); 300 LaDue Res. 11/27 (fide LR); & 150 Rocky Fork Lk. 11/29 (SW). 1-2 lingered at Conneaut 8/2-9/19 (CH).

Ruddy Duck-- Max 640 Metzger Res. 10/31 (DD). 350 were at Oberlin Res. 11/8 (JES). 300+ at Lksh 11/15 was a good count for the n.e. lakefront (JPo). 1-4 remained at Medusa Marsh 8/25-9/6 (EP, ETH).

Black Vulture-- The Rocky Fork Lk. area concentration developed again this year, with 10 & 100 seen 8/2 and 11/29, respectively (SW). 10 were in Adams Co. 11/21 (BL). From 2-4 birds were northerly in Holm 8/6-9/14 (DK, N. Troyer). Other reports include: 1 E. Fork Lk. 8/2 (fide NK); 2 Shawnee Lookout Pk. (Hami) 9/12 (JST); 1 Wash 10/3 (JPe); 3 Hueston Woods SP 11/8 (NK); & 1 Gree 11/14 (BMA).

Turkey Vulture-- 400 was an excellent total at Hueston Woods SP 9/13 (T. Ellis). Other high counts include 150 in the Overton valley (Wayn) 9/25 (JES) & 100 Rocky Fork Lk. 11/29 (SW). The Oak Openings [hereafter OkOp] hawk watch (Luca) produced 4 100+ days, topped by 205 birds 10/4 (TK, MAN). Late Oct.-Nov. reports were numerous, including 83 Hanc 10/31 (BH et al.) & 2 Berlin (Holm) 11/27 (RHe).

Osprey-- At least 44 birds, with reports from at least 22 counties. Max 4 E. Fork Lk. 8/21 (BGH). 1 at L. Medina (Medi) 11/22 was quite late (C. Witt).

Bald Eagle-- At least 28 birds in 19 counties, not including an awesome 20 ONWRC 8/2 or 6 CPNWRC 11/8.

N. Harrier-- Max 5 ONWRC 10/4 & 5 Rocky Fork Lk. 11/29 (SW).

Sharp-shinned Hawk-- The OkOp

survey tallied 60 Sharpies 10/4 (TK, MAN). Other migrants include 5-8 Tusc 9/23 (ES, RS) & 5 High 9/20 (DO).

Cooper's Hawk-- Max 4 OkOp 9/27 (TK, MAN).

N. Goshawk-- Single adults were observed at Lksh on the extremely early date of 10/10 (JPo) and at Springville Marsh SNP (Sene) 11/8 (TB et al.).

Red-shouldered Hawk-- 2 significant movements were recorded: 33 OkOp 10/31 (TK, MAN) & 18 Girard (Trum) 10/19 (DJH).

Broad-winged Hawk-- The OkOp survey produced the two highest counts, 1590 9/12 and 476 9/13 (TK, MAN). 200 were in Hanc 9/13 (S. Walford, fide BH). 39 took to the air from trees in or near Utterback's Beavercreek yard (Gree) around 10:00 a.m. 9/20. 30 in Williams Co. 9/14 (ETR) were from a seldom-birded area.

Red-tailed Hawk-- Max 74 OkOp 10/31 (TK, MAN). A dark-morph bird was in Seneca Twp (Sene) 11/29 (TB).

Rough-legged Hawk-- Below average movement, with reports from 12 counties. In spite of this, an extremely early bird was in the L. Snowden area 10/5 (AB).

Am. Kestrel-- Wagner tallied 31 at Rocky Fork Lk. 11/29. 14 migrants passed over Tusc 9/23 (ES, RS).

Merlin-- Continues to increase, with at least 13 reported, mostly along L. Erie. Inland: 1 Wash 10/8 (JPe); 1 GLSM FH 11/2 (KA); & 4 OkOp singles 9/6, 9/20, 9/27, & 10/4 (TK, MAN).

Peregrine Falcon-- At least 11 birds in 9 counties, not including local birds. Interesting inland birds include 1 Wash 9/17 (JPe) & 1 Tusc 9/23 (ES, RS).

Ruffed Grouse-- Max 7 Hogback Ridge MP (Lake) 11/4 (JPO).

Wild Turkey-- 10 at Fort Ancient SM (Warr) 9/20 (TLi) were thought to be an artifact of recent releases.

N. Bobwhite-- Good counts include 23 Sharonville (Hami) 9/21 (BS) & 15 BuCr 10/25 (DO).

King Rail-- Bartlett found 1 at Springville Marsh SNP 8/20.

Sora-- Max 20 Magee Marsh WA (Otta/Luca) [hereafter Magee] 9/10 (KA).

Common Moorhen-- An adult at Walnut Beach 11/22 was extremely late (CH). Max 3 Spring Valley WA (Gree/Warr) [hereafter SVWA] 9/28 (HC).

Sandhill Crane-- Continues to increase. Several reports were received from BuCr and n. Clark Co., undoubtedly involving some duplication. Of these reports, Alexander's 250-300 there 11/24 was highest. 8 other s.w. Ohio reports from other than Clark Co. (Brow, Butl, Cler, Hami, & Mont) totaled about 230 birds. Elsewhere: 5 Painesville (Lake) 10/26 (JPO); 3 Hanc 11/14 (ETr); 100 Antwerp 11/15 (DMD); & 6 Alle 11/17 (RC). Although none were reported to us during the summer, Glick reported that the (presumably nesting) Wayne Co. birds were present through early fall.

Black-bellied Plover-- Low numbers. The max of 12 Luca 11/8 (JSz) was attained on a late date.

Lesser Golden-Plover-- Only sizable flocks were in Hanc, with 41 birds 9/8 and 86 9/15 (BH).

Semipalmated Plover-- Max 30 each at ONWR 8/25 (RHr, EP) & E. Branch Res. (Geau) 10/11 (AJF). A late juv. lingered at GLSM FH 10/24-31 (JD, SU, DD).

Am. Avocet-- 4 adults were at BuCr

8/20 (DO), while a basic-plumaged male was on the beach at Ceasar Creek SP on the very late date of 11/3 (TLi, LG ph., m. obs.).

Greater Yellowlegs-- Max 21 ONWRC 10/4. 1 remained until 11/11 at Conneaut (JPO).

Lesser Yellowlegs-- 105 Lessers at Funk 8/17 was the max (LEY). Laggards include singles at Kyger Creek Power Plant (Gall) 10/31 (MG) and Metzger Marsh WA (Luca) 11/27 (JPO).

Solitary Sandpiper-- Low, with highs of 5 each at Cowan Lk. (Clin) 8/7-15 (LG) & Luca 8/8 (TK).

Willet-- 1 flew by Lksh 8/11 (JPO); 1-2 Walnut Beach 8/23-30 (m. obs.); 1 GLSM FH 9/4-9 (m. obs., KA).

Spotted Sandpiper-- Max 16 ONWRC 8/2. 1 in Paulding Co. 11/7 was quite late (DMD).

Upland Sandpiper-- Doug & Micki Dunakin were the only observers to report more than 1 individual: 7 8/2, 6 8/15, & 1 8/23, at different Paulding Co. sites. Only other reports were 1 ONWRC 8/2 & 1 Geneva SP 9/3 (JPO).

Whimbrel-- 6 birds, all from along L. Erie: 1 Geneva SP 8/28 (JPO); 1 Conneaut 8/30-9/1 (RHr, MJ); 1 ONWR 9/4 (JD, SU, CM); 1 CPNWRC 9/13; and 2 late birds at Painesville Twp. Pk. (Lake) 10/19 (JPO).

Hudsonian Godwit-- A somewhat early bird was at Conneaut 9/1 (MJ, JPO). A juv. was there 10/4 (CH). Elsewhere along L. Erie, 1 was at Huron 10/17-24 (EP, JB) & 2 were at ONWR 10/25 (JSz). At least 2 juv. were at GLSM FH, the first present 10/22-24 (JD, SU, DD), while a crippled bird was there 11/8-14 (TLi, CM, DD, et al.). Alexander's bird 11/2 could have been either individual, or conceivably a third bird.

Marbled Godwit-- 1 Conneaut 10/4 (JPO); 1 ONWR 10/12 (KA).

Ruddy Turnstone-- Max 7 Walnut Beach 8/5 (TLP) & 7 Sheldon's Marsh SNP 8/8 (LEY). Inland: 1 Cowan Lk. 8/7 (LG) & 2 Alle 10/4 (DD).

Red Knot-- 2 juv. were widely viewed at Conneaut 8/23-9/8 (m. obs.), with 3 present 9/1 (JPO). 2 there 9/23 may have been different birds, given the gap in reporting (MJ). 1 juv. was at ONWR 9/4 (JD, SU), while 1-2 more juvs. were at GLSM FH 9/4-10 (JD, SU, KA, LG, m. obs.).

Sanderling-- Highs include 50 HBSP 10/19 (EB, RHn, LR) & 30 Conneaut 9/23 (MJ). Inland reports from Alum Creek Res. (Dela), BuCr, Cowan Lk., E. Fork Lk., & FRes, plus 1 at Kyger Creek Power Plant 9/5 (MG).

Semipalmated Sandpiper-- Max 50 Metzger Marsh WA 8/8 (RHr, EP). Kyger Creek Power Plant attracted 10 9/5 (MG). Several notably late birds were found well past the expected early October departure dates. Among these were: 1 injured bird at Conneaut 10/18-11/1 (CH); 1 fully juv. plumaged bird at GLSM FH 10/24 (JD, SU); & 1 BuCr 11/3 (KA).

Western Sandpiper-- This species is the more expected dark-legged peep in late Oct.-ea. Nov. This was evidenced by singles at HBSP 11/1 (EB, RHn, LR); Painesville Twp. Pk. 11/2 (JPO); a mostly basic-plumaged bird at BuCr 11/7-10 (JD, SU, KA); & 2 at Silvercreek MP (Summ) 11/8 (B. Lane).

Least Sandpiper-- Very low. Max 12 ONWRC 9/6.

White-rumped Sandpiper-- The only lakefront reports came from Conneaut, with 1 9/1 (JPO) & 1 juv. 10/4 (CH, TLP). Inland: 2 Morr 9/4 (AC); 1 BuCr 10/17 (DO); 1-3 juv. GLSM FH 10/17-27 (JD, SU, et

al.); & 2 Fostoria Res. 10/27 (AC).

Baird's Sandpiper-- Max 12 Fostoria Res. 10/5 (AC). A juv. at GLSM FH 10/24 was fairly late (JD, SU, et al.). 1 in a Holmes Co. pasture 8/29 (LEY) was unusual.

Pectoral Sandpiper-- Very poor, max 15 each at 3 sites.

Purple Sandpiper-- 2 flew past Huntington MP 11/15 (LR, JV), while another was at Ashtabula (Asht) 11/22 (JP).

Dunlin-- Max 241 Metzger Marsh WA 10/17 (EP).

Stilt Sandpiper-- Several notably late reports: 2-4 juv. GLSM FH 10/24-11/2 (JD, SU, DD, KA); 2 BuCr 10/24 (DD et al.), with 1 remaining 11/7-10 (JD, SU, KA); & 4 Newtown Gravel 10/30 (YM). 1 at Cowan Lk. 9/10 (LG) was new for the site. Lakefront max only 2.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper-- 3 Painesville Twp. Pk. 8/13 (JPO); 2 Geneva SP 8/28 (JPO); 1 juv. Conneaut 9/5-6 (LR, RHn, CH); & 1 Alum Creek Res. 9/24 (KA, LS).

Ruff-- A molting adult male at GoPa 8/25 provided the second record ever for the Cleveland area (TLP, m. obs.).

Short-billed Dowitcher-- Max 110 ONWRC 8/2 & 100 Metzger Marsh WA 8/8 (RHr, EP). 3 were good for s.e. Ohio at Kyger Creek Power Plant 8/29 & 9/5 (MG).

Long-billed Dowitcher-- Large numbers were again found at select locations as early as late August, including the following Metzger Marsh WA sightings: 130 8/21 (KA); 110 (all adults) 8/25 (RHr, EP); 250 8/29 (EP); 300 10/24 (JD, SU); & 2 11/27 (JPO). From ONWR came 75 8/25 (RHr, EP); 200 10/4 (ONWRC); & 100 10/12 (KA). Elsewhere: 4 Conneaut 8/25 (MJ); 1 BuCr 9/26 (DO); 1 E. Branch Res. 10/11 (AJF); & 1 juv. GLSM FH 10/24

(JD, SU).

Common Snipe-- Very low max of 4 ONWRC 10/4.

Am. Woodcock-- 2 remained at HBSP 11/8 (CH), while another was still at Donald Gray Gardens 11/14 (WNK).

Wilson's Phalarope-- 1 at Cowan Lk. 9/8-10 was the first for that area (LG, B. Thobaben). Another was at Metzger Marsh WA 8/21 (KA).

Red-necked Phalarope-- 1 Painesville Twp. Pk. 9/22 (JPO); 1 GLSM FH 9/27 (C. & L. Cathers).

Red Phalarope-- 1 Fairport Beach MP (Lake) 10/27-28 (JPO).

Pomarine Jaeger-- An imm. straddled the OH/PA line near Conneaut 11/26 (Deuane Hoffman).

Parasitic Jaeger-- Single imm. were seen off Lksh 10/10 & 25 (JPO).

Franklin's Gull-- 11 singles, including the following inland reports: Alum Creek Res. 9/21-26 (KA, BMA); GLSM FH 9/26-10/20 (K. & J. Shrader, LG, KA); imm. Caesar Creek Lk. 11/3 (JD, SU); Cowan Lk. 11/13 (LG, HC); & ad. Hoover Res. (Fran) 11/15 (BMA).

Little Gull-- At least 3 birds were in the Fairport Harbor/HBSP (Lake) area during the period (m. obs.). Other singles: Conneaut 8/16 (JPO); Lorain 10/17 (JPO); imm. Eastlake (Lake) 10/26 (KMe); Huron 11/3 (JPO); ad. Eastlake 11/7-8 (AJF); ad. Lorain 11/7-14 (m. obs.); & imm. Lorain 11/15 (LR, JV).

Common Black-headed Gull-- 1 ad. Lorain 11/26-27 (JPO).

Bonaparte's Gull-- 3000 had settled in at HBSP by 8/22 (LR). Tramer noted 100's moving 20+ miles up the Maumee River to feed in agricultural fields 11/5. 1000 at Caesar Creek Lk. 11/29 seems to

be southern Ohio's largest flock ever (NK, BGH). A juv. in very poor shape was at Metzger Marsh WA 8/8 (RHr, EP). Max 15000 at Lorain on several Nov. dates (m. obs.).

Ring-billed Gull-- Glick observed that during the last week of November, very few Ring-billeds were to be found at Huron & Lorain. At this same time, however, flocks of 40-500 were commonplace in Wayne & n. Holmes counties. Large numbers would ultimately winter far inland.

Thayer's Gull-- An adult was at Lorain 11/15-30 (JD, SU, JPO, KA). Another bird flew past Lksh 11/15 (JPO).

Lesser Black-backed Gull-- All singles: Conneaut 9/1 & 10/17 (JPO); adult Huron 11/7-23 (ES, KA); Eastlake 11/14 (AJF); & adult Lorain 11/20-26 (JPO, JD, SU).

Glaucous Gull-- 3 singles: Lksh 11/15 (JPO); 1st-yr Lorain 11/29 (BM, WNK); 1st-yr Huron 11/30 (KA).

Great Black-backed Gull-- Seemed up. 108 were at the Cedar Pt. Amusement Pk. (Erie) 11/14 (RHr). At Conneaut, 26 remained from the summer on 8/23 (CH).

Black-legged Kittiwake-- An imm. was in the CPNWR area 11/8 (JK, JSz, et al.), while another imm. spent 11/15-17 at Lorain (LR, JV, TLP).

Caspian Tern-- Max 26 ONWRC 9/6. 13 at FRes 8/11 was a very good inland count (BH).

Common Tern-- Max 225 ONWRC 9/26 (RHr, EP). Lorain often attracts late birds, including 150 10/24 (JB), 35 11/3 (TLP), 3 imm. 11/15 (LR, JV, JD, SU), & 1 juv. still present 11/21 (JD, SU). An adult remained at Huron 11/15 (JD, SU). The same observers found a very late inland bird at Caesar Creek Lk. 11/7.

Forster's Tern-- Max 175 ONWRC 9/6. 6 lingered at Lorain 11/6 (ETH), while 3 were still at Metzger Marsh WA 11/14 (EP).

Black Tern-- These are the only reports: 7 E. Fork Lk. 8/24 (BGH); 2 Clar 9/5 (DO); plus singles at Conneaut (a juv.) 8/30-9/12 (m. obs.); juv. GLSM FH 9/6 (JD, SU); Lksh 9/7 (JPO); & HBSP 9/11 (KMe). Inconceivably, the lakefront max between 8/14-11/30 was 1 bird. Contributors are urged to report all observations of this species.

Black-billed Cuckoo-- Generally scarce except for the HolmWayn area. 2 at Euclid Beach SP (Cuya) 9/13 was a good migratory count for the Cleveland area (TLP).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo-- Found on virtually every seasonally appropriate field trip in Holmes Co. by Leroy E. Yoder. Leroy R. Yoder discovered a very late bird in adjacent Wayne Co. 10/31. Max 6 ONWRC 8/2.

Short-eared Owl-- 1 returned to the favored Jeff site 10/10, & 3 were there 10/31 (MAR). Single migrants were at Lorain 10/26 (TLP); BuCr 10/31 (DD); & Lksh 10/31-11/1 (JPO).

Snowy Owl-- A modest movement, with the only inland sighting being 1 at Shreve (Wayn) in mid-Nov. (fide BG). 6 were found at various n.e. lakefront sites in Asht, Lake, & Cuya 11/7 + (m. obs.), while 2 were in Luca 11/28 (TB).

N. Saw-whet Owl-- Just 2 birds: 1 Best Lk. 11/8 (fide DB); & 1 Lksh 11/25 (JPO).

Common Nighthawk-- Unquestionably a good year in most areas, with highs of 2500 s. Columbus 9/3 (KA); 1350 Maumee (Luca) 9/3 (MAN); 1050 in 1 3/4 hours in Holm 9/4 (ES); 300-400 Akron (Summ) 8/23 (JW); 375 between Columbus and Dayton 9/8 (JD, SU); etc. 5 remained in

Akron 10/17 (EP), and 1 very late bird was in the same area as late as 10/28 (KMo).

Whip-poor-will-- 1 was heard at Chapin Forest MP (Lake) 8/24 (JPO). Presumed migrants include 1 flushed at Lksh 8/29 (JPO); 1 Hanc 9/6 (R. Phillips, fide BH); & 1 at the Cuyahoga Valley Nat. Rec. Area (Cuya/Summ) [hereafter CVNRA] ledges (Summ portion of CVNRA) 10/3 (JW).

Chimney Swift-- Max 2000 Winton Woods (Hami) 9/9 (JSt).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird-- Well below Autumn 1991 totals.

Red-headed Woodpecker-- Seemed up. High counts include 5 family groups (totaling 14 birds) in Lee Twp. (Athe) (AB); 8+ Culberson SNP (Clin) 8/26 (LG); & a peak of 8 in Cleveland during the period (WNK).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker-- Max 4 Holm 9/26 (LEY). Early singles were at Lksh 9/3 (JPO) and far south at Shawnee Lookout Pk. 9/19 (YM).

N. Flicker-- Single site max 15 CVNRA 9/19 (RHr).

Olive-sided Flycatcher-- 18 birds reported, ranging from 1 Lksh 8/6 (JPO) to 1 Berlin 9/19 (RHe). Max 3 ONWRC 9/6.

E. Wood-Pewee-- Max 16 OkOp 9/5 (MAN). A late bird was in Holm 10/17 (PY).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher-- Pogacnik found both the earliest and latest birds, 1 at Magee 8/2, and 1 at Lksh 10/3, the latter being banded. 1 was as far south as French Pk. (Hami) by 8/21 (HC).

Acadian Flycatcher-- A singing bird remained at Hell Hollow MP (Lake) as late as 10/1 (JPO).

Willow Flycatcher-- Max 8 ONWRC 8/2. 1 was fairly late at Cleveland

9/23 (WNK).

Least Flycatcher-- Max 5 each at Sims Pk. & Euclid Beach SP 9/13 (RHr).

E. Phoebe-- Pierce's 25 in the CVNRA 9/19 was a very good count. Late singles were at HBSP 11/15 (CH) & Riverview Pk. (Lake) 11/19 (JPo).

Great Crested Flycatcher-- Max 3 HBSP 9/13 (AJF).

E. Kingbird-- Max 82 ONWRC 8/2. Of several Sept. reports, the latest was at Lksh 9/16 (JPo).

Horned Lark-- Max 117 Hanc 9/28 (BH).

Purple Martin-- Only 800 were at the S. Bass Island (Otta) roost 8/24 (KA). Max 1100 ONWRC 9/6. A late bird was at GLSM 10/11 (DO).

Tree Swallow-- High was only 200 ONWR 8/29 (EP). Alexander noted a laggard at Wellington Res. (Lora) 11/9.

Bank Swallow-- 300 at Miami-Whitewater Pk. (Hami) 8/1 was impressive for the area (C. Saunders). Tramer's bird along the Maumee River 9/22 was thought to be the latest ever for the Toledo area.

Cliff Swallow-- A nest was still active at Geneva SP 8/30 (CH). Max 6 FRes 8/5 (K. Noblet, fide BH), where 1 remained 9/22 (BH).

Barn Swallow-- 3 late singles: GLSM 11/2 (KA); Painesville Twp. Pk. 11/5 (JPo); & Wilmington Res. (Clin) 11/21 (LG).

Am. Crow-- Max 2600 Luca 11/8 (TK).

Red-breasted Nuthatch-- Only a sprinkling. Early singles were at Lksh 8/11 (JPo) & Hinckley MP (Medi) 8/15 (RHr).

Brown Creeper-- Max only 6

ONWRC 10/4. 1 at Paine Falls MP (Lake) 8/11 (JPo) and a singing bird at Sheldon's Marsh SNP 8/29 (RHr) were likely residents. 1 at Camp Berry (Hanc) 9/1 could have been an extremely early migrant, but more likely was a resident (m. obs., fide BH).

House Wren-- Max 40+ Lksh 9/23, where a late migrant was banded 11/7 (JPo).

Winter Wren-- Good numbers, including 25 ONWRC 10/4, 18 HBSP 10/3 (LR), & 9 Howland (Trum) 10/4 (CB). One reached French Pk. by 9/24 (HC).

Sedge Wren-- Very few migrants, but numerous reports 8/1-9/20 from nesting sites in Sene, Dela, Warr, Sand, Hami, & Tusc. Max 5 Sand 8/15 (TB).

Marsh Wren-- 1 lingered on the CPNWRC 11/8.

Golden-crowned Kinglet-- 100 were tallied at Sheldon's Marsh SNP 10/25 (JD, SU). 1 of the summering birds was found again at Hinckley MP 8/15 (RHr).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet-- Max 147 ONWRC 10/4. At least 13 remained into November in the n. counties, with 1 being seen as late as 11/27 at Findlay (Hanc) (BH). 20 in Paulding Co. 10/9 was a very good inland count (DMD).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher-- Latest bird was at the Findlay Clay Pits (Hanc) 10/6 (BH).

E. Bluebird-- 60+ at E. Fork SP 9/24 (BS) was a good total.

Veery-- 1 was late at Lksh 10/3 (JPo).

Gray-cheeked Thrush-- 1 was banded at Lksh 10/21 (JPo).

Swainson's Thrush-- Highest daytime counts were 36 Cleveland 9/11 (WNK); 25 French Pk. 9/18 (HC); & 20 Euclid Beach SP 9/13

(RHr). Lingering singles were at Worthington (Fran) 10/23 (BM); Camp Berry 10/27 (S. Ross, fide BH); & 1 banded at Lksh 11/1 (JPo).

Hermit Thrush-- Max 9 HBSP 10/21 (KMe). 1 at Paine Falls MP 8/8 apparently summered (JPo).

Wood Thrush-- 1 was late at Euclid Beach SP 10/15 (TLP).

Gray Catbird-- Max 25 CVNRA 9/19 (RHr). Singles tarried at the CVNRA 10/24 (DAC); Paulding Ponds WA (Paul) 11/7 (DMD); & Geneva SP 11/11 (JPo).

Brown Thrasher-- 5 stopped at Euclid Beach SP 9/24 (TLP).

Am. Pipit-- Highs include 75 Holm 10/27 (LEY); 70 Medi 11/14 (JH); & 30-35 Tusc 10/15-20 (RS).

Cedar Waxwing-- Maximum numbers were attained in November, with 300+ L. Snowden 11/1 (AB) & 300 Greenlawn Cem. (Fran) 11/18 (KA).

N. Shrike-- An adult was somewhat early on the Magee bird trail 10/25 (JD, SU). Other singles were at Painesville Twp. Pk. 11/19 & ONWR 11/27 (both JPo).

Loggerhead Shrike-- 2 were in Adams Co. 8/31 (BL).

White-eyed Vireo-- Max 8 High 9/20 (DO) & 7 SVWA 9/11 (HC).

Solitary Vireo-- An early migrant was singing at Shaker Lakes 8/19 (RHr). Latest singles were at Magee 10/25 (JD, SU); French Pk. 10/27 (HC); & Lksh 11/7 (JPo).

Yellow-throated Vireo-- 3 OkOp 9/19 was a good total (MAN).

Warbling Vireo-- Max 10 Magee 9/6 (RHr). 1 at Mill Creek Pk. (Maho) 10/7 was on the late side (NB).

Philadelphia Vireo-- 1 was at L. Snowden by 9/2 (AB).

Red-eyed Vireo-- Anderson counted 30 birds 9/12 and 20 9/5 in the OkOp. 15 were at Magee 9/6 (RHr). 1 continued to sing in the CVNRA 10/11 (LK). 1 found freshly dead at HBSP 11/1 was incredibly late (LR et al.).

Blue-winged Warbler-- 1 at Indian Pt. MP (Lake) 10/1 was late (JPo).

Golden-winged Warbler-- Max 4 French Pk. 9/18 (HC). 8 other reports, totaling 9 birds from 6 counties, with Lksh attracting the earliest (8/5) and latest (9/29) birds (JPo).

Tennessee Warbler-- OkOp seems to be a favored site for this species, with 40 birds 9/6 (MAN). Kemp found an extremely late bird there 11/9.

Orange-crowned Warbler-- At least 18 birds from 9 counties, with singles as early as 9/8 at L. Snowden (AB) and as late as 11/1 at Lksh (JPo). Max 3 HBSP 10/21 (KMe).

Nashville Warbler-- Max 10 HBSP 9/20 (RHr). 1 delayed at Sheldon's Marsh SNP 10/25 (JD, SU).

N. Parula-- 1 was very early at Lksh 8/6 (JPo).

Yellow Warbler-- An extremely late male was in a marshy area at Bacon Woods MP (Lora) 11/13 & 20 (JBI).

Chestnut-sided Warbler-- An imm. male banded at Lksh 11/7 was Ohio's latest ever by over two weeks (JPo). Max 5 each at French Pk. 9/5 (HC) & OkOp 9/12 (MAN).

Magnolia Warbler-- Max 25 Holm 9/5 (LEY) & 20 HBSP 9/20 (RHr).

Cape May Warbler-- Max 8 OkOp 9/5 (MAN).

Black-throated Blue Warbler-- Max 6 HBSP 10/3 (LR, JV, RHn). 1 at Hell Hollow MP 8/8 was likely an

early migrant (JPO).

Yellow-rumped Warbler-- A wave continuously moved south past L. Isaac 10/12, where 115 were tallied as they moved from tree to tree (RHr). 60 were at HBSP 10/4 (PE). 1 was quite early for the south at French Pk. 9/5 (J. Rettig).

Black-throated Green Warbler-- Max 15 OkOp 9/20 (MAN). 1 at French Pk. 8/24 was very early for the south (HC).

Blackburnian Warbler-- An amazing 28 were reported from French Pk. 9/5 (J. Rettig).

Yellow-throated Warbler-- 1 at the CVNRA heronry (Cuya portion of CVNRA) 9/19 was the latest ever for the Cleveland area (DAC, EP). 1 summered at this location.

Pine Warbler-- Hardesty's 4 at Camp Berry 9/15 was a huge number for this scarce migrant. A male was at Worthington as late as 11/8 (BMA).

Prairie Warbler-- A migrant was at Lksh 9/29 (JPO).

Palm Warbler-- 1 at Lksh 8/19 was exceedingly early (JPO).

Bay-breasted Warbler-- Max 15 Cleveland 9/7 (TLP).

Blackpoll Warbler-- Seemed low, with highs of 15 each at Sims Pk. & Euclid Beach SP 9/13 (RHr).

Cerulean Warbler-- 1 was still singing at a Howland nesting site 9/7 (CB). 1 Indian Pt. MP 9/19 was interesting (JPO).

Black-and-white Warbler-- Max 8 OkOp 9/5 (MAN).

Am. Redstart-- Max 25 French Pk. 9/5 (J. Rettig).

Prothonotary Warbler-- 1 Magee 8/25 (RHr, EP); 1 CPNWRC 9/13; 1 Geneva SP 9/15 (JPO).

Ovenbird-- Max 9 Howland 9/8 (CB).

N. Waterthrush-- Max 2 CVRNA 9/19 (RHr).

Louisiana Waterthrush-- 1 at Hell Hollow MP 10/1 was very late (JPO).

Connecticut Warbler-- Of the 9 birds found at Lksh 9/12-10/4, 7 were banded (JPO). Few elsewhere.

Mourning Warbler-- 8 were banded at Lksh this fall (JPO), with 3 being present 9/19.

Common Yellowthroat-- Max 16 ONWRC 8/2. Latest bird was at Lksh 11/16 (JPO).

Hooded Warbler-- 1 was late at Paine Falls MP 10/1 (JPO).

Wilson's Warbler-- Barber found an astonishingly early bird at L. Snowden 8/3. Another early arrival was at French Pk. 8/12 (HC). Max 5 HBSP 9/5 (KMe).

Canada Warbler-- Max 4 Howland 8/16 (CB).

Yellow-breasted Chat-- Fall lakefront migrants are scarce, but singles were at Lksh 9/5 & 9/23 (JPO).

Scarlet Tanager-- Max 5 Shawnee Lookout Pk. 9/12 (JST).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak-- Poor movement, with highs of 4 each at 2 Cuya sites 9/14 (RR, WNK).

Blue Grosbeak-- 2 were heard and 1 young was seen in Scio 8/17 (BL).

Indigo Bunting-- Max 32 ONWRC 8/2.

Dickcissel-- Adults and young were still at Killdeer Plains WA into September (AC). Very rare migrants in the n.e., an imm. male was banded and photographed at

Lksh 10/17 (JPO).

Am. Tree Sparrow-- Very early singles were at Madison Twp. (Lake) 10/5 (JPO) & CPNWRC 10/11. Max 25 Trum 11/23 (DJH).

Chipping Sparrow-- 100+ were at the favored Gordon Pk. (Cuya) site [hereafter GoPa] 10/18 (RHn). Many would linger into the winter season.

Field Sparrow-- Max 20 E. Fork SP 9/24 (BS).

Vesper Sparrow-- 6 were along Cleveland's lakefront 9/30 (WNK).

Savannah Sparrow-- Max 30 Hanc 8/25 (BH et al.).

Grasshopper Sparrow-- Lakefront migrants are rather scarce, however 1 was at GoPa 10/17 (RHr, RHn).

Henslow's Sparrow-- Found in Adam, Geau, Lake, & Sand, with up to 4 birds in the latter county 8/8-15 (TB, RHr, EP).

Song Sparrow-- 50 was a disappointing max at GoPa 10/15 (TLP).

Lincoln's Sparrow-- Connor found 1 at SVWA on the early date of 9/11. 6 was a good count for the CVNRA 10/2 (BAT).

Swamp Sparrow-- 24 in Paulding Co. 10/14 was in impressive count for the area (DMD).

White-throated Sparrow-- Max 65 French Pk. 10/29 (HC).

White-crowned Sparrow-- The peak of 75 at GoPa 10/18 (TLP) seemed low for the site.

Dark-eyed Junco-- High counts were only 40 at GoPa 10/13 (RHr) & 10/18 (TLP).

Lapland Longspur-- Max 3 Tusc 11/3 (RS).

Snow Bunting-- 250 were along the Cleveland lakefront 11/26 (WNK). 1 at FRes 10/17 was fairly early (JB). Another at Hueston Woods SP 11/8 was far south (NK, m. obs.).

Bobolink-- Highs were 60 Holm 8/20 (ES) & 43 OkOp 9/7 (MAN).

Red-winged Blackbird-- Max 10000 ONWRC 10/4. 3000 were at Big Island WA (Mari) 10/17 (WS).

Yellow-headed Blackbird-- 1 fem./imm. s. Lora 8/11 (N. Kraps, H. Ketcham); 1 ad. male ONWR 8/22 (ES); 1 male Medusa Marsh 9/27 (JPO); & 1 fem. nr ONWR 11/3 (JPO).

Brewer's Blackbird-- 2 males and 4 female-plumaged birds were identified nr Sugar creek (Tusc) 10/29 (RS).

Orchard Oriole-- As expected from this early departing species, last reports from the north were 1 fem. at GoPa 8/21-24 (LR, TLP) & 1 in Madison Twp. 9/1 (JPO).

N. Oriole-- Max 7 Firestone MP (Summ) 8/9 (EP).

Purple Finch-- Very low, max only 3 Howland 9/18 (CB).

Red Crossbill-- 1 flew west past Shaker Lakes on the early date of 9/30 (RHr).

White-winged Crossbill-- 1 stopped briefly at Pogacnik's feeder at Lksh 10/27.

Pine Siskin-- 24 in Erie Co. 11/16 (KA) was the only double-digit count. 1 at Erie Shores Golf Course (Lake) 8/14 (JPO) was probably a local, as were 6 at Best Lk. 8/9 (AJF).

Evening Grosbeak-- Only reports were singles at Lksh 11/7 & 22 (JPO), plus Alexander's Erie Co. sightings of 10 birds 11/16 and 24 11/23.

ADDENDUM

Barn Owl-- The Ohio Division of Wildlife reports that 24 nestings were discovered in 1991, but that only 16 sites were active in 1992.

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When submitting your reports, please try to include the following information for each sighting: species, date, location, & number. Also include any other comments that you think might be useful, such as sex, age, morph, etc., when known. It is very important to include (as closely as possible) the number of individuals per sighting. If you noted 1 bird, then mark down a "1" in your report for that date. If you did not make a specific count, then try to include a good estimate. However, if you do not wish to make an estimate, then include a check-mark to indicate that the species was present, but not estimated. Also acceptable, but of course less useful, are comments such as "common", "scarce", or "better than last year". Omission of any data regarding the number of individuals seen leaves considerable room for error. Any information, whether a specific count, an estimate, a check-mark, or a verbal comment, is much better than no information at all.

The Grapevine

Raptor Confrontation at Killdeer Plains WA

At about 5:20 p.m. on August 15 1992, as we were traveling west along Road C-75 at Killdeer Plains WA with John Stritmatter and Keith Archibold, we noticed at the side of the road what appeared to be a dead adult Red-tailed Hawk lying on its back with its wings spread. As we pulled up for a closer look, we were surprised to see a mature Great Horned Owl perched on the hawk's torso. The owl immediately saw us and we watched each other for approximately one minute. Initially we thought that the owl was feeding on the hawk carcass, but although we were only 20 feet away, we did not see either bird's talons.

Then, to our surprise, the supposedly dead hawk lifted its head to stare at us as well. At this point the owl flew to the west-southwest and perched in a tree at the edge of a woods from where it continued to observe us closely. To our greater surprise, the hawk then rose from the roadside and flew in a northwesterly direction to a hedgerow where it perched, apparently unharmed, as if nothing had happened.

There were four observers with a combined birding experience of over 100 years in the car and none of us could ever remember seeing or reading about this type of confrontational behavior between these two species. It would have been interesting to have observed the events that preceded our arrival on the scene, but such was not the case. By Bernie Master, 340 Tucker Drive, Worthington, OH 43085 and Louis A. Schultz, 337 Barrington Drive, Westerville, OH 43081.

Trumbull County Red-shouldered Hawk Migration

On October 10 1992, at approximately 3:00 p.m., we were working on our property in Girard, Ohio, when we heard a Red-shouldered Hawk call. Looking up, we saw that there were several buteos in the air 200 to 300 yards high, circling and drifting slowly southeast. We counted at least 18, and since they were very close we were able to positively identify most as Red-shouldered Hawks. A few went unidentified, but by size and shape we felt they were all Red-shouldered's. As we were watching, another Red-shouldered Hawk rose from some nearby trees and joined the flock, continuing southeast with the rest.

This was the first wintry day of the autumn, with intermittent squalls and heavy flurries out of the northwest, following the passage of a cold front the previous night.

Red-shouldered Hawks are the most common nesting hawk in this part of Trumbull County but we have never heard of or seen a flock of this size apparently migrating through the county. By Dave & Judy Hochadel, 2150 Tibbets-Wick Rd., Girard, OH 44420-1227.