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On the Cover: **Hermit Thrush** with young - Clear Creek Metro Park, Hocking Co., 23 June 2001. Photo by John Watts.

Summer 2001 Overview

by Bill Whan

The summer's weather, if not mild, was not exceptional. The bird sightings were, if not bland, then pretty much routine. The most important weather news was probably drought in the state's northeastern quarter, and in bird news there were, on average, fewer departures from normal than is normal. Only one review species was reported in Ohio, a Bewick's wren—but a significant one, as many ornithologists regard our eastern race as near extinction. We did have some fairly interesting nesting records, at least in the aggregate, but nothing to crow about, and there were few notable late departures or early arrivals, or numbers of birds either alarmingly small or stunningly large.

If the above summary sounds wishy-washy, blame it on the summer of 2001. Having declared it an uneventful, even dull, summer from the overview's high-altitude perspective, it's worth taking a closer look. The numbers and diversity of wading birds seemed down somewhat. Their odd persistence at Pipe Creek WA in Sandusky gave us an unusually large total of duck species for the season, though numbers elsewhere seemed pretty much within normal limits. There were some raptor reports of interest, but overall they seemed as expected in numbers and distribution.

Migrant shorebirds return early, so birders look forward to them in July. Inland reservoirs lacked the requisite water levels, and diked wetlands were just as inhospitable, though a few places open to natural Lake Erie levels—such as Conneaut Harbor, the Crane Creek estuary at Ottawa NWR, the upper Huron river, and the Cedar Point Chaussee side of Sheldon Marsh—naturally attracted birds. As usual, there were several places this year—Paulding County's sewage lagoons, Medusa Marsh, and Pipe Creek WA—where construction or maintenance activities provided temporary accidental habitat for these birds.

A number of nesting passerines showed up beyond—but not outrageously so, given their distribution in recent years—their published range maps, exploiting islands of habitat in remoter areas. It's always worth comparing today's nesting records with the Breeding Bird Atlas maps of fifteen or more years ago; fifteen years is a blink of an eye in the natural history of birds, but can be quite significant in the history of human observations. One sad part of that history is that we so seldom bother to verify nesting status; we had at least 16 summering harriers for example, but aren't sure if any nested this year. Some erratic species—dickcissels for example—were less evident this summer, while others—sedge wrens, and Bell's vireos—seemed more easily found than usual. Loggerhead shrikes continued their sad decline.

Some possible trends, admittedly only dimly discernible now, seem to involve Ohio's western Lake Erie shore, especially the marshes that dominate the landscape there. Are we seeing fewer of the scarcer waders there—little blue herons, cattle egrets, snowy egrets—than we used to? Are certain tern species, such as blacks and Caspians, being seen more often farther inland? Shouldn't we have been surprised to find three of four of this summer's laughing gulls and six of eight of this spring's far from the Lake, as well as seven of 10 of this and last year's spring Franklin's gulls? Years of efforts by the BSBO resulted recently in designation of the marshes as part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network, but now that Metzger and

Lorain seem out of the picture, and Sheldon Marsh has, and the Crane Creek estuary may, come under siege, where will migrant shorebirds go? Some such discrepancies call for sorting out issues of changing observer numbers and compiler biases from genuine bird abundances and distributions before we draw any conclusions about the state of habitats along Lake Erie, and others call for reform of governmental agencies' policies and practices.

This issue features hard-to-find writings of Jared P. Kirtland, a contemporary of Audubon's, on Ohio's birdlife; we hope readers will find them enlightening. Many thanks are due to Rob Harlan and Joe Hammond for assistance with thorny problems in these old texts, though any errors herein remain entirely the editor's. While we will never shortchange readers on recent news, we intend to make available from time to time scarce but fundamental texts describing Ohio's birds in times gone by, confident they will enrich our understanding of the present.

The Reports follow the taxonomic order of the 42nd Supplement (July 2000) to the 7th edition of the *AOU Check-list of North American Birds* (1998). Underlined names of species indicate those on the OBRC Review List; acceptable documentation is needed to add reports of such species to official state records. When supplied, county names appear *italicized*. Unless numbers are specified, sightings refer to single birds. Abbreviations, conventions, and symbols used in the Reports should be readily understood, with the possible exceptions of the following: BCSP=Buck Creek SP in *Clark*; BIWA=Big Island WA in *Marion*; BSBO=Black Swamp Bird Observatory; CVNP=Cuyahoga Valley National Park in *Cuyahoga* and *Summit*; EFSP=East Fork SP in *Clermont*; *fide*= "in trust of," said of data conveyed on behalf of another person; GAAS=Greater Akron Audubon Summit County Summer Bird Count of 15-24 June, reported herein by **A. Chasar**; GMAS=Greater Mohican Audubon Society Summer Bird Count, *Ashland*, of 7-21 Jun, reported herein by **T. Leslie**; GPI=Gordon Pk Impoundment (Dike 14) in *Cleveland*; GRWA=Grand River WA in *Trumbull*; HBSP=Headlands Beach SP in *Lake*; Killbuck=Killbuck WA in *Wayne*; Killdeer=Killdeer Plains WA in *Wyandot*; CPNWR=Cedar Point NWR in *Lucas*; Magee=Magee Marsh WA in *Ottawa* and *Lucas*; MBSP=Maumee Bay SP in *Lucas*; Metzger=Metzger Marsh WA in *Lucas*; MP=Metropark or Metro Park; m obs=many observers; MWW=Miami-Whitewater Wetlands in *Hamilton*; NWR=National Wildlife Refuge; OBRC=Ohio Bird Records Committee; ONWRC=monthly Ottawa NWR census, reported herein by **E. Pierce**; Ottawa=Ottawa NWR in *Lucas* and *Ottawa*; RTLS=Ravenna Training & Logistics Site in *Portage*; Res=reservoir; Res'n=reservation; SF=State Forest; SNP=State Nature Preserve; SP=State Park; SVWA=Spring Valley WA in *Greene* and *Warren*; WA=Wildlife Area; ~≈approximately.

Corrigenda: Readers are asked to correct in copies of the Spring issue the following errors. The Sandusky Bay common loon was seen 26 May, the glossy ibis at Killdeer was reported 8 Apr, the 48 hooded warblers at Shawnee SF were reported 22 Apr, and the Le Conte's sparrow at Killdeer was found 10 Apr. The last date on which the harlequin duck was found in the Maumee River was 6 Mar, and the black tern of 5 May was seen at BIWA. Finally, sightings of red-throated and common loons at Shreve Lake should be identified as coming from Wayne Co., as should the first sighting of western meadowlark. We apologize for these errors. We ask readers to notify us when errors are found, and promise they will be corrected.

The Reports

Common Loon: Loons were scarce even in late May, and the only summer reports came from *Hancock* reservoirs, with three on 5 Jun near Findlay and two on 26 Jun near Fostoria (both **B. Hardesty**).

Pied-billed Grebe: Expected in the Lake Erie marshes, 15 were on the 3 Jun ONWRC, and 11 on that of 1 Jul; **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner** came across five at Mallard Club Marsh on 4 Jun. Inland reports included a probable pair at Woodbury WA on 9 Jun (**J. Brumfield**), a pair with young during the season in *Delaware* (**J. Hammond**), an adult with four young from 28 May (**A. Haslage**) through at least 25 Jun (**Hammond**) in *Pickaway*, four family groups, with nine adults and 10 young, at GRWA on 7 Jul (**D. Hochadel**), a family of five at BIWA on 11 Jul (**D. Sanders**), three adults and nine young at Sandy Ridge MP in *Lorain* on 29 Jul (**P. Lozano**), and one on the Scioto River in *Ross* on 31 Jul (**B&D Lane**).

Double-crested Cormorant: An imm was at the Shaker Lks on 2 Jun (**R. Rickard**). A hundred were at the Turning Pt Isl nesting colonies in Sandusky on 4 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**). Away from Lk Erie, 12 were on Fostoria Res on 5 Jun, then smaller numbers through the period (**B. Hardesty**), nine at Killdeer on 18 Jun (**Harlan, Wagner**), three on the GAAS, 19 on the GMAS, 26 in *Lawrence* on 4 Jul (**H. Slack**), one at BCSP on 14 and 22 Jul (**D. Overacker**), and three at Walborn Res on 15 Jul (**B&D Lane**). A juv was in Walnut Ck, *Holmes*, on 5 Jul (**J. Miller**). The first report at Hoover Res was from 24 Jul (**R. Thorn**), with one at Paulding Res on the 28th (**M&D Dunakin**) and one at Shreve Lk in *Wayne* on the 29th (**S. Snyder**).

American Bittern: Mallard Club Marsh had a bird on 4 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**), and Magee another on 17 Jun (**H&S Hiris**). The GAAS recorded one. Intriguing was an apparent juvenile bird on 10 Jul at SVWA (**K. Beal**).

Least Bittern: One persisted at Sandy Ridge MP, *Lorain*, from at least 2 (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**) to 18 Jun (**J. McConnor**), and another season-long at Herrick Fen in *Portage* (**L. Rosche**). The ONWRC had one on both 3 Jun and 1 Jul, **Harlan** and **Wagner** one at Mallard Club Marsh on 4 Jun, **E. Tramer** one at CPNWR on 9 Jun, and **H&S Hiris** one at Magee on 17 Jun. **B&D Lane** found two at Walborn Res on 15 Jul, where the species has summered before.

Great Blue Heron: The ONWRC tallied 212 on 3 Jun. **C. Babyak** counted 374 nests in 81 trees at the Lordstown colony in *Trumbull* on 18 Jun. The Johnstown colony in *Licking* had 40+ nests during Jun (**R. Thorn**), and BIWA 52 on 11 Jul (**D. Sanders**).

Great Egret: Numerous at its Lk Erie strongholds, with 140 on 3 Jun and 120 on 1 Jul for the ONWRC. **M. Warren** estimated 100+ at Medusa Marsh, *Erie*, on 30 Jul. Singleton non-breeders in the southwest were at MWW on 3 Jul (**F. Frick**) and at Gilmore Ponds on 7 Jul (**M. Busam**). Elsewhere, eight were at BIWA on 11 Jul (**D. Sanders**) and eight at Walborn Res on 29 Jul (**B. Morrison**).



The new Slate Run Metro Park wetland in Pickaway Co. played host to this adult little blue heron from 5-20 June 2001. Photo by Andrea Haslage on 14 June 2001.

Snowy Egret: The high count of 12 at Magee on 15 Jul (**H&S Hiris**) may have comprised most of the adults.

Little Blue Heron: All reports were of single adult birds, and came from inland sites. One was at Slate Run MP, *Pickaway*, from 5 Jun (**C. Toops**) through 20 Jun (**A. Haslage**), another at Sandy Ridge MP, *Lorain*, on 18 Jun (**J. McConnor**), and a third at Cowan Lk SP on 6-7 Jul (**L. Gara**).

Cattle Egret: Probable non-breeders were one in *Wayne* on 3 Jun (**L. Stoller** *vide* **S. Snyder**) and another on the GMAS count in *Ashland*. Near the Turning Pt Isl colony, birds demonstrated their affinity for bovines, with small numbers reliable near Bogart Rd livestock farms in *Erie* during late Jul (**S. Young**), and for grassy margins of freeways, with six along Rte 2 there on 29 Jul (**J. Pogacnik**).

Green Heron: Seven showed up for the 3 Jun ONWRC. **J. Miller** saw seven in *Tuscarawas* on 24 Jun, and six were seen at Slate Run MP, *Pickaway*, on 25 Jun (**J. Hammond**). **R. Kolde** reported six more from *Brown* on 14 Jul. **L. Rosche** regarded their numbers as much improved in the northeast.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: The largest numbers came from along the Lake, with ONWRC counts of 11 on 3 Jun and 44 on 1 Jul, and at Magee of 47 on 17 Jun and 25 on 15 Jul (**H&S Hiris**). Nine along Mill Creek in Cincinnati on 9 Jun were likely from the local colony, as was an imm there on 10 Jul (**T. Uhlman**). One was at the Shaker Lks on 7 Jul (**R. Rickard**), two at BIWA on 11 Jul, and a juvenile at Pickerel Ck WA on 13 Jul (both **D. Sanders**).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: The Columbus colony produced a sighting of three imm and two adults at one nest, and two adults at a nearby empty nest on 8 Jun (**A. Paschall**); by 24 Jun the former nest was discovered to contain 5 imm (**D. Sanders**), the maximum normal number of nestlings for the species.

Black Vulture: Interesting were two at the Lk Buckhorn roost in *Holmes* on 16 Jun (**E. Schlabach**).

Turkey Vulture: Large roosts included 30 at Cowan Lk SP on 12 Jun (**L. Gara**), 110 in *Holmes* on 17 Jun (**J. Miller**), and 38 in *Ashtabula* on 27 Jul (**C. Holt**).

Canada Goose: In *Cuyahoga*, **K. Metcalf** observed the molt of primaries on 4 Jun, with first flight on 15 Jul; most remained flightless till 20-25 Jul.

Mute Swan: High count was 10 birds at S. Bass Isl on 27 Jun (**S. Wulkowicz**).

Wood Duck: On the ONWRC, 67 were found on 3 Jun, and 68 on 1 Jul. Later flocks of 87 birds were at BIWA on 11 Jul (**D. Sanders**) and at Walborn on 29 Jul (**B. Morrison**).

Gadwall: Three males and one female remained at Pipe Ck WA on 1 Jun (**C. Holt**), and a drake remained on 11 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**). Six appeared on the 3 Jun ONWRC. **J. Pogacnik** found a pair in Mentor on 30 Jul.

American Black Duck: Sixty were found on the 3 Jun ONWRC. Four were on a *Hancock* pond on 8-9 Jul (**B&S Bowman** *vide* **B. Hardesty**).

Blue-winged Teal: A bird was at Pipe Ck WA on 1 Jun (**C. Holt**), 20 on the 3 Jun ONWRC, one at Gilmore Ponds on 9 Jun (**M. Busam**), and one on a Fostoria Res on 12 Jun (**B. Hardesty**). They nested at Slate Run MP in *Pickaway* (**J. Watts**). Six were at BIWA on 18 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**), and a female at GRWA on 24 Jun (**D. Hochadel**). Magee numbers of 29 on 15 Jul probably included migrants (**H&S Hiris**).

Northern Shoveler: Four remained at Pipe Ck WA on 1 Jun (**C. Holt**). One was on Fostoria Res on 12 Jun (**B. Hardesty**), and two drakes were at BIWA on 18 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**).

Northern Pintail: Interesting were eclipse males seen on 28 Jul at Medusa Marsh and at Pipe Ck WA (**K. Johnson** et al.).

Green-winged Teal: Five on the 3 Jun ONWRC grew to 27 on 1 Jul. Two drakes and a hen were at BIWA on 18 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**). Six were at Magee on 15 Jul (**H&S Hiris**). A family group of five was at Medusa Marsh on 25 Jul (**J. Hammond** et al.).

Redhead: The 3 Jun ONWRC found a male and a female.

Ring-necked Duck: A drake at Sandy Ridge MP remained from 2 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**) through at least 18 Jun (**J. McConnor**).

Greater Scaup: Highly unusual were one at Paulding Res on 1 Jun (**D&M Dunakin**) and a very carefully observed female at Pipe Ck WA on 11 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**).

Lesser Scaup: A drake near Wooster from 16 May through the end of the summer season may have been injured (**S. Snyder**). Another drake spent the period at the Shaker Lks (**L. Deininger**, m obs). A first Jul record for *Paulding* was present 7-10 Jul (**M&D Dunakin**).

Hooded Merganser: Nested widely. Two females were at Sandy Ridge MP on 2 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**); the same observers found 8 young at Medusa Marsh on 4 Jun. A female with 12 young was at Chestnut Ridge MP, *Fairfield*, in early Jun (park staff *vide* **J. Watts**). A female was at Slate Run MP in *Pickaway* on 12 Jun (**P. Rodewald**). An adult with three young was counted for the GAAS in *Summit*. Three families were at GRWA on 24 Jun (**D. Hochadel**). One was tallied on the 1 Jul ONWRC. A female and young were at Mosquito WA on 7 Jul (**Hochadel**). Three young birds were at Killbuck on 11 Jul (**S. Snyder**), seven young birds at Pickerel Ck WA on 13 Jul (**D. Sanders**), and a family group of six at Medusa Marsh on 22 Jul (**C. Holt**). Nesting was also noted at the Lake MPs (**J. Pogacnik**) and at new sites at Mogadore Res and Lk Rockwell, *Portage* (**L. Rosche**).

Ruddy Duck: Four pairs were at Sandy Ridge MP on 2 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**), and at least one there on 18 Jun (**J. McConnor**). A male was at Killdeer on 18 Jun (**Harlan, Wagner**), at *Lorain* on 4-9 Jul (**C. Holt**), and in *Paulding* on 28-29 Jul (**D&M Dunakin**).

Osprey: The Division of Wildlife reported 14 nests, up from 10 last year. A population explosion at Berlin Res led to a total of 11 birds from two successful nests, with three and four juveniles by 20 Jul (**B&D Lane**). A first nest for *Trumbull* fledged two at Mosquito WA (**D. Hochadel**). Birds fairly distant from known sites were one at Clear Ck MP, *Hocking*, on 16 Jun (**J. Watts**), one at Sheldon Marsh SNP on 22 Jul (**J. Hammond**), and another near Celeryville in *Crawford* on 29 Jul (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**).

Bald Eagle: High counts: the 3 Jun ONWRC counted 2 adults and 14 imm; **C. Holt** had nine at Pickerel Ck WA on 20 Jul. Interesting sightings to the south included an adult over Cowan Lk on 1 Jun (**D. Unger**) and an imm in *Adams* on 3 Jun (**P. Rodewald**).

Northern Harrier: A male and two females were over Ottawa on 3 Jun (ONWRC). An adult male at Woodbury WA on 9 Jun (**J. Brumfield**) shared the area with a female or imm on 30 Jun (**G. Hostetler**). A pair was at the *Ashtabula* Airport on 10 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**). Two were seen for the GAAS in *Summit*. A female was counted for the 1 Jul ONWRC. One was at Lake La Su An WA on 10 Jul (**E. Tramer**). In *Columbiana*, **B&D Lane** found a female at one location on 13 Jul, and a male and a female at another on 22 Jul, where a female was also seen on 29 Jul. **C. Holt** had one a Mosquito WA on 27 Jul, and **P. Gottschling** one at Killdeer on 28 Jul.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: Interesting was one in Olmsted Falls, *Cuyahoga*, on 11 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**).

Cooper's Hawk: Exemplifying this species' adaptability were reports of nesting in sixteen public parks in the Columbus area (**R. Thorn**).

Red-shouldered Hawk: Also adapting to urban settings, it was reported thrice from Columbus: a pair nested once again in Clintonville (**B. Whan**), one was at Green Lawn Cemetery on 24 Jun (**J. McCormac**), and another in the northeast on 27 Jun (**R. Thorn**). **B&D Lane** saw one in Cambridge, *Guernsey*, for an out-of-the-way record on 9 Jul.

Broad-winged Hawk: Reports from unusual locations: **E. Tramer** found one on 7 Jun in the Oak Openings, then two adults at Stranahan Arboretum in Toledo on 11, 25, and 29 Jun. **J. Yochum** noted one in *Defiance* on 15 Jul, and **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner** one in *Medina* on the 16th. Nesting was confirmed near Granville, *Licking*, during the period (**T. Schultz** *vide* **R. Thorn**), and **D&A Chasar** found a nest with two branching young in Brecksville Res'n on 3 Jul. **B. Finkelstein** et al. saw one over Sandy Ridge MP, *Lorain*, on 29 Jul. A pair was calling in *Delaware* on 31 Jul (**Thorn**).

American Kestrel: A total of 18 birds at Funk WA on 29 Jul was impressive (**S. Snyder**).

Merlin: A bird at Conneaut on 29 Jul (**K. Metcalf**) was a great find and a great mystery.

Peregrine Falcon: One in *Pickaway* on 25 Jun (**B. Whan**) was intriguing till it became clear it was only 15 falcon's miles from the Columbus nest. Jun and Jul birds here are almost certainly introduced, their ancestry deriving from hacked birds among seven subspecies (including those native to South America, Eurasia, the Mediterranean, and Australia, as well as two North American subspecies not native to our region). There is no evidence peregrines were ever native to Ohio.

Ruffed Grouse: High count was a hen with 10 young at Pike Lk SP on 9 Jun (**R. Kolde**).

Wild Turkey: Becoming common enough that only the occasional odd occurrence or behavior is of general interest, such as one that flushed from the margin of busy Interstate 90 in urban *Cuyahoga* at 6:45 pm on 22 Jun (**P. Lozano**).

Northern Bobwhite: **B. Morrison** had ~20 calling in n. *Stark* during Jun. **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner** found a bird on 22 and 30 Jul in *Huron* grasslands, and four near *Medina* on 26 Jul.

King Rail: Remarkable was one at Killdeer on 8 Jun (**T. Shively** et al.), refound on 16 Jun by **S. Landes** et al.

Virginia Rail: In the expected places. One was at Sandy Ridge MP on 2 Jun, and another at Mallard Club Marsh on the 4th (both **R. Harlan**, **S. Wagner**). Two were on the 3 Jun ONWRC, and **S. Snyder** had another at Killbuck on 16 Jun. The GAAS reported two for *Summit*. **J. Pogacnik** had one at GRWA on 14 Jul, and **M&T Romito** observed 1-2 through the period in the CVNP.

Sora: One was at Sandy Ridge MP on 2 Jun (**R. Harlan**, **S. Wagner**), and three on the ONWRC of the following day. The GAAS tallied one, and another circled the **Lanes'** canoe on Walborn Res on 15 Jul.

Common Moorhen: Found on 2 Jun at Sandy Ridge by **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner**, who had three at Mallard Club Marsh on 4 Jun. The high count was 11 at Ottawa on 3 Jun (ONWRC), with six next door at Magee on 17 Jun (**H&S Hiris**), while at least seven were on the other side at CPNWR on 9 Jun (**E. Tramer**). One was found at Slate Run MP, *Pickaway*, on 8 Jun (**J. Watts**). A pair with young inhabited Hidden Valley in *Lake* (**J. Pogacnik**). Three paddled wetlands at BIWA on 11 Jul (**D. Sanders**), one at GRWA on 14 Jul (**Pogacnik**), one at Walborn Res on 15 Jul (**D&B Lane**), and another at Killbuck on 21 Jul (**S. Snyder**).

American Coot: Two remained at Pipe Ck WA on 1 Jun (**C. Holt**). An adult at Sandy Ridge MP on 2 Jun (**R. Harlan**, **S. Wagner**) may have been related to a juv **P. Lozano** found there on 30 Jul. The ONWRC tallied 10 on 3 Jun, then 25—including five downy young—on the 1 Jul count. One was at Slate Run MP on 8 Jun (**J. Watts**). **Holt** found one in the *Cuyahoga* River in Kent on 18 Jul.

Sandhill Crane: A pair was in a *Tuscarawas* marsh on 2 Jun (**E. Schlabach**) and 15 Jul (**J. Miller**), and a family group of two adults and two juveniles was in *Williams* on 30 Jun (**J. Grabmeier**) through at least 10 Jul (**E. Tramer**). **S. Snyder** found four at Killbuck on 7 Jul; she relayed that ODOW staff reported one chick hatched at Funk and two at Killbuck this season.

Black-bellied Plover: The tardiest northbound bird was reported from near Ottawa on 4 Jun (**R. Harlan**, **S. Wagner**), and the first headed the other way appeared at Conneaut for **C. Holt** on 1 Jul, a personal—and close to a state—early date.

American Golden-Plover: Very loath to depart was a bird in basic plumage carefully observed by **C. Holt** at Pipe Ck WA on 1 Jun. Still more oddly, this was the season's only report of this species.

Semipalmated Plover: Two lingered for the 3 Jun ONWRC. On the rebound they didn't hurry either, with one arriving at GRWA on 14 Jul (**J. Pogacnik**), and four the following day at Walborn Res (**B&D Lane**), and their numbers continued stingy, with a tie for a high count of only seven—at Walnut Beach on 27 Jul (**C. Holt**), and at Berlin Res on the 29th (**B. Morrison**).

American Avocet: One showed up at Lorain on 5 Jul (**D. Le Gallee**). One at Medusa Marsh on 19 Jul (**M. Warren**) became five by 30 Jul (**G. Miller**). Three graced *Paulding* 24-31 Jul for the **Dunakins'** second county record. Two touched down at Walnut Beach on 24 Jul for **J. McConnor**.

Greater Yellowlegs: Early to return were three seen in Huron on 24 Jun (**J. Pogacnik**). By 22 Jul, the high count of 45 was made by **J. Hammond** at Medusa Marsh.

Lesser Yellowlegs: Twenty-plus joined the above at Huron on 24 Jun for **J. Pogacnik**. By 1 Jul, 120 were at Ottawa for the monthly census. The high count of 175 was made on 22 Jul at Medusa Marsh (**J. Hammond**). The first juveniles appeared on 27 Jul at several sites (**C. Holt**).

Solitary Sandpiper: Lest we take this species for granted: the Canadian Wildlife Service estimates its global population at only 25,000; this compares with 63,000 avocets, 57,000 whimbrels, and 2.5 million red-necked phalaropes for North America. One tarried in Parma as late as 4 Jun (**R. Harlan**, **S. Wagner**), and the first to come back was reported on 2 Jul in *Ross* (**D&B Lane**). The high count was a decidedly unsolitary 32 at Berlin Res on 31 Jul (**B. Morrison**).

Willet: Two adults appeared on 4 Jul in *Allen* (**D. Dister**), two at Conneaut on 22 Jul (**J. Pogacnik**), one at Walnut Beach on 24 Jul (**L. Rosche**), and another at Sheldon Marsh SNP on 28 Jul (**B. Conlon**).



This whimbrel probed the temporary mudflats at Medusa Marsh, Erie Co., from 22-30 July 2001. Photo by Bill Whan on 22 July 2001.

Spotted Sandpiper: Fourteen were at Conneaut early on 2 Jun before human hordes appeared (C. Holt), and 11 were found by the ONWRC of the following day. The high count of 21 at Berlin Res on 29 Jul (B. Morrison) was probably augmented by migrants. Are the females of this polyandrous species the first adults to head south?

Upland Sandpiper: R. Harlan and S. Wagner found one in *Ashtabula* on 10 Jun. An adult and at least four young were seen at BIWA on 11 Jul (D. Sanders).

Whimbrel: One was discovered at Medusa Marsh on 22 Jul (J. Hammond), and last reported on 30 Jul (R. Harlan, S. Wagner). Two showed up briefly in Conneaut on 24 Jul (J. McConnor).

Ruddy Turnstone: Eight were seen on the 3 Jun ONWRC; a remarkable four found there by the census team on 1 Jul must have been non-breeders. Only three others were reported, singles at Medusa on 25 Jul (D. Linzell), and Walnut Beach on 27 Jul and Pipe Ck WA on 30 Jul (both C. Holt).

Sanderling: C. Holt had one at Walnut Beach on 2 Jun, and the ONWRC another the following day. On 15 Jul, two were at Conneaut (Holt) and one at Magee (H&S Hiris). Inland, six were found: a third *Paulding* record on 24 Jul (M&D Dunakin), a molting adult in s. Wayne 26-30 Jul (P. Yoder et al.), two at East Fork SP, *Clermont*, on 29 Jul (D. Brinkman), one at Caesar Ck SP on 30 Jul (L. Gara), and one at Walborn Res 29-31 Jul (B. Morrison).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: Good numbers were still passing through on 1 Jun, with 11 at BCSP (D. Overacker), and 115 at Pipe Ck WA and 65 at Sheldon Marsh SNP (both C. Holt). J. Pogacnik found two returned to Huron on 24 Jun, but their numbers remained unspectacular overall, with V. Fazio's 210 at Sheldon Marsh SNP on 30 Jul the only triple-figure count.

Western Sandpiper: Two reported, one at Medusa on 20 Jul (C. Holt) and another at GRWA on the 29th (D. Hochadel).

Least Sandpiper: R. Harlan and S. Wagner found stragglers at Conneaut as late as 10 Jun, and five birds at Pipe Ck WA on the 11th. By 24 Jun three showed up at Huron (J. Pogacnik), and on 1 Jul seven at the *Van Wert* sewage ponds (Harlan, Wagner). That latter day, 155 were tallied by the ONWRC, also the high count. Juveniles were widespread by 27 Jul (C. Holt).

White-rumped Sandpiper: Always a late spring migrant, one was at Conneaut on 10 Jun (R. Harlan, S. Wagner), and another in *Williams* on 17 Jun (J. Grabmeier). The season's only returnee report came from *Paulding* 28-29 Jul (J. Yochum et al.).

Baird's Sandpiper: An adult at Mosquito WA on the 27th was a first Jul inland record for C. Holt, and likely the same bird found there by D. Hochadel on the 29th.

Pectoral Sandpiper: Few this season, with a high count of only 40, at Berlin Res on 27 Jul (C. Holt). Holt also found the first arrivals, three at Huron and one at Sheldon Marsh SNP on 15 Jul.



This juvenile least sandpiper, and its reflection, were photographed on 28 July 2001 at Pipe Creek Wildlife Area, Erie Co., by Bill Whan.

Dunlin: The latest reported were a hefty 131 at Ottawa on 3 Jun (ONWRC).

Stilt Sandpiper: Arrived 15 Jul at Sheldon Marsh SNP (C. Holt). Pretty numerous in the second half of Jul, with a high count of 35 molting adults at Pipe Ck WA on 28 Jul (B. Whan). One inland report: two at Mosquito WA on 29 Jul (D. Hochadel).

Short-billed Dowitcher: Six were among the Huron arrivals on 24 Jun for J. Pogacnik. High counts came on 22 Jul, with 193 at Pickerel Ck WA and 339 at Sheldon Marsh SNP (B. Whan). A few appeared inland: one at MWW on 3 Jul (F. Frick), one at Berlin and one at Mosquito WA on 27 Jul (C. Holt), three at Walborn Res on 29 Jul (B. Morrison), and two at Cowan Lk 30-31 Jul (L. Gara, E. Roush).

Long-billed Dowitcher: One report, an adult at Conneaut on 22 Jul (J. Pogacnik).

Common Snipe: Earliest were 22 on 14 Jul at GRWA (J. Pogacnik).

American Woodcock: Seven were still doing their thing at Irwin Prairie SNP on 3 Jun (R. Harlan, S. Wagner).

Wilson's Phalarope: At Medusa Marsh, D. Sanders found one on 23 Jul, B. Whan two basic adults on 28 Jul, and J. Pogacnik one on the 29th. Two adults were at Pickerel Ck WA on 27 Jul (P. Gottschling *vide* P. Lozano).

Laughing Gull: Three of four found were at reservoirs, equaling the total Peterjohn (*The Birds of Ohio*) accepts for all inland Ohio summer records. From 3-5 Jun an adult was at Caesar Ck SP (L. Gara et al., ph). A second-summer bird was at Conneaut on 1 Jul (C. Holt). An adult visited BCSP, *Clark*, on 6 Jul (D. Overacker), and another Hoover Res on the 14th (R. Thorn).

Bonaparte's Gull: An alternate-plumaged bird was at BCSP on 14 Jul (D. Overacker), 21 at Conneaut the following day (P. Lozano), 250+ at S. Bass Isl on the 17th (S. Wulkowicz), and one in basic plumage at Sheldon Marsh SNP on 22 Jul (J. Hammond).

Ring-billed Gull: The first juvenile reported came from Conneaut on 1 Jul (C. Holt); 60 birds were at BCSP on 6 Jul (D. Overacker), and 200+ at Berlin Res on 20 Jul (B&D Lane).

Herring Gull: The first report of a juvenile came from Conneaut on 15 Jul (C. Holt).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: At Conneaut on 27 Jul, C. Holt closely observed a bird molting from first-summer to second-winter feathers.

Great Black-backed Gull: Ten were still—or already—at Conneaut on 10 Jun (R. Harlan, S. Wagner). An adult was at Sheldon Marsh SNP on 25 Jul (J. Hammond).



Laughing gulls made the news this season with three found at inland reservoirs. This one was photographed at Caesar Creek State Park, Warren Co., on 5 June 2001. Photo by Troy Shively.

Caspian Tern: A bird at Conneaut was unusual on 10 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**), but still odder was an intermittent presence throughout the period at Caesar Ck SP in *Warren*: two on 5 Jun (**T. Shively**, ph), one on 7 Jun (**L. Gara**), and two on 10 Jul (**Gara**). Three were at Ottawa on 1 Jul (ONWRC). Later, more expected groups of migrants arrived, such as 29 at Medusa Marsh on 25 Jul (**D. Linzell**) and 15 on the 29th at Walborn Res (**B. Morrison**).

Common Tern: Forty-eight on the 3 Jun ONWRC, and 55 on that for 1 Jul, likely came from the supported colony there; 16 at Pipe Ck WA on 11 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**) were undoubtedly nesting locally. **P. Rodewald's** lone bird in *Pickaway* on 17 Jun could have been an odd non-breeder, but what to make of the flock of 15 **S. Tackett** witnessed at Grand Lk St Marys the following day? Migrants began staging by 22 Jul, with eight at S. Bass Isl (**S. Wulkowicz**).

Forster's Tern: A straggler was at Conneaut on 2 Jun (**C. Holt**), where the same observer found a likely non-breeder in basic plumage on 1 Jul. Five were seen at Ottawa on the latter date (ONWRC). By 22 Jul seasonal migrants were staging, with 80 at Medusa Marsh (**J. Hammond**).

Black Tern: Jun sightings included six at BCSP on the 2nd (**D. Overacker**), one at Ottawa on the 3rd (ONWRC), and one at CPNWR on the 9th (**E. Tramer**). What was an immature bird doing at Grand Lk St Marys on 18 Jun (**S. Tackett**)? The beginning of the fall movement was most widely noted during Medusa Marsh's brief period of activity, with an immature bird on 16 Jul (**D. Sanders**), an adult on the 29th (**P. Gottschling**), and a bird on the 30th (**G. Miller**). For years, 400-500 have reportedly roosted by day on a sandbar off Kingsville, Ontario, close to Pt Pelee, from mid-Jul to early Aug (**C. Weseloh**); Canadian Wildlife officials are offering a cash award to anyone who can locate their night roost. A deeper mystery is what 66 black terns were doing 50+ miles off the Georgia coast on 28 May of this year, far from their breeding grounds, in the company of bridled and sooty terns (**G. Beaton**).

Black-billed Cuckoo: Observers from the northeast agreed both cuckoos were harder to find in areas where gypsy moth larvae had been reduced in numbers. The effect of an enormous outbreak of tent caterpillars in the south cannot be discounted either, where this species was detected (15 Jul by **G. Rankin** et al.) at Crown City WA, about as far south as you can go in Ohio.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Always more numerous than the preceding, similar temporary changes in its distribution were noticed this season.

Barn Owl: *Fide S. Snyder*, ODOW researchers banded young at six nests in *Holmes* and three in *Wayne*, including two at Killbuck WA.

Chuck-will's-widow: The northernmost bird, in *Hocking* for the fourth consecutive year, was last heard calling on 17 Jun (**J. Fry**).

Short-eared Owl: **J. Yochum** repeatedly saw at least one in a field in *Defiance* 7-29 Jul. Nested again in *NE Seneca*, where on 5 Jun an adult and two fledglings were noted (**T. Bartlett**).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: High count in a natural setting was seven feeding on milkweed in *Scioto* on 7 Jul (**D. Overacker**). An increased dependence on feeders was noted in drought-stricken NE Ohio in Jul.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: During Jun, **P. Lozano** et al. surveyed eight nest sites located this spring in *Lake* and *Geauga*, finding 25+ birds, including 17+ nestlings. On 15 Jul they discovered a male and a juvenile in *Ashtabula*. On 6 Jul, **B. Finkelstein** found a female at another *Ashtabula* locale. **L. Rosche** found a nest at Grand River Terraces.

Pileated Woodpecker: One up in *Williams* on 10 Jul was of interest (**E. Tramer**).

Olive-sided Flycatcher: A couple of birds were in southern Ohio on 3 Jun: one at MWW (**N. Cade**) and another in *Adams* (**P. Rodewald**). A very early migrant, and perhaps less than successful nester, was carefully observed at Hoover Res, *Delaware*, by **J. McCormac** and **D. Linzell** on 18 Jul.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Jun reports included one on the 2nd in Columbus (**J. McCormac**), one on the 4th at Magee (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**), one on the 8th at Killdeer (**T. Shively**), and one on the 16th in *Williams* (**G. Links**).

Acadian Flycatcher: Scarcest in the NW, where the following were reported: *Williams* 30 Jun (**E. Durbin**) and 10 Jul (**E. Tramer**); two in *Van Wert* 2 Jul (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**); summer resident in Marie De Larme Woods in *Paulding* (**D&M Dunakin**).

Alder Flycatcher: Late migrants included singing birds at BCSP on 1 Jun (**D. Overacker**), and one at MWW on 3 Jun (**N. Cade**). Three were at Magee on 4 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**), and one in *Lake* on 7 Jun, where three pairs were later confirmed as nesters in the MP system (**J. Pogacnik**). The ONWRC found two on 3 Jun and one on 1 Jul at Ottawa. **E. Tramer** had two at Irwin Prairie SNP on 11 Jun, and **G. Links** discovered one in *Williams* on 22 Jun.

Willow Flycatcher: Well-reported statewide. In the south, 12 were at BCSP on 3 Jun (**D. Overacker**) and 10 at MWW on 10 Jun (**M. Busam**). The ONWRC found 35 on 3 Jun, but oddly only three on 1 Jul.

Least Flycatcher: Likely breeders included birds in *Coshocton* on 9 Jun (**J. Brumfield, E. Schlabach**), one there on 30 Jun (**G. Leidy**), and one in Van Buren SP in *Hancock* on 5 Jun and 10 and 24 Jul (**B. Hardesty**). A bird in *Williams* on 16 Jun (**G. Links**) apparently remained on 30 Jun (**E. Durbin**). **D. Hochadel** reported it as "more common than usual" in n. *Trumbull*, with six territorial males through mid-Jul.

Eastern Phoebe: The high count was eight, in *Adams* on 30 Jun (**D. Overacker**). **R. Royce** was surprised to find many in the dry open grasslands at Crown City WA, *Lawrence/Gallia*, on 2-3 Jul.

Great Crested Flycatcher: In general, good numbers in migration persisted. A pair lasted into Jun in Parma for the first time in 20 years for **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner**. Eight were calling on 2 Jun at small Antrim Pk woodlands in Columbus (**B. Whan**).

Eastern Kingbird: Twenty-five were counted on the 1 Jul ONWRC. **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner** added the species to their Jacobs Field list on 6 Jul.

Loggerhead Shrike: A report of an apparent nesting pair in *Adams* on 28 Jun could not subsequently be confirmed (**P. Whan**).

White-eyed Vireo: Scarcer in the north, a pair was confirmed nesting in *Lake* (**J. Pogacnik**), and a male sang at Irwin Prairie SNP in *Lucas* on 27 Jun (**E. Tramer**).



Numerous yellow-bellied sapsucker nests were noted this season in the northeastern corner of the state. This one was photographed in *Geauga* Co. on 9 June 2001 by Paula Lozano.

Bell's Vireo: Ten birds made a remarkable year for this rarity. The singing male from the spring continued at Gilmore Ponds through 9 Jun (**M. Busam**), and the other spring bird, at the traditional BCSP spot, was last reported on 1 Jun, with no female seen (**D. Overacker**). **N. Cade** found a pair at MWW on 3 Jun, then a fledgling on 13 Jul, last reporting the family on 20 Jul. **T. Bartlett** heard one on Plum Brook NASA property in *Erie* on 7 Jun. **S. Tackett** discovered a pair s. of Brookville in *Montgomery* on 16 Jun, and observed them through the 30th; they were not noted in Jul. On 18 Jun **D. Helm** found a singing male near Lunken Airport in *Hamilton*, where **F. Renfrow** observed a pair on the 27th.

Yellow-throated Vireo: High count was 15+ at Lake Hope SP on 16 Jun (**G. Leidy**). Eight territories were found in the GRWA 4-24 Jun (**Hochadel**). Scarcest in the NW, but **E. Durbin** reported one from *Williams* on 30 Jun, and **D&M Dunakin** their seasonal presence in the Marie De Larme Woods in *Paulding*.

Blue-headed Vireo: Scattered pairs were noted in their usual haunts. In the *Hocking* hills, **F. Renfrow** found two on 6 Jun, **C. Rieker** and **M. Gallaway** one on 17 Jun, and **G. Leidy** another on 21 Jun. At Mohican SF, **L. Yoder** found two on 16 Jun and **Leidy** one on the 30th. **H. Petruschke** located a bird in Stebbins Gulch on 21 Jun. **E. Tramer** had a singing male in the Oak Openings on 11 Jun. **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner** found three in the CVNP on 9 Jun. A seasonal survey of hemlock ravines in the *Lake* MPs yielded 30 probable or confirmed nest sites (**J. Pogacnik**).

Tree Swallow: Post-breeding flocks gathered by 8 Jul, with ~100 at Funk WA and 125 two days later at Killbuck (**S. Snyder**). **H. Slack** confirmed second broods among numerous nesters in s. *Lawrence* during the period.

Bank Swallow: **D. Chasar** reported the species harder to find in the CVNP than in recent years. **C. Holt** reported the first big flock, 500 at Conneaut on 7 Jul, where ~2000 could be found by the 15th (**P. Lozano**).

Cliff Swallow: The Farnsworth Pk colony in *Lucas* started with 32 birds on 3 Jun, but dwindled to 20 by the 8th, then to four—in two active nests—by 13 Jun (**E. Tramer**). A pair nested again at BCSP by 3 Jun (**D. Overacker**). Hoover Res birds had 135 nests at three spots (**R. Thorn**). New were nests in downtown Piqua, *Miami* (fide **R. Schieltz**). Dwarfing these occurrences was the final count of nests at **P. Yoder's** farm in *Holmes*: 579, for another fine year. **C. Holt** reported the first migrant, on 7 Jul at Conneaut.

Barn Swallow: By 29 Jul, flocks as large as 75 had developed, as at Wooster (**S. Snyder**). **B. Morrison** noted an albino on the same day at Walborn Res—pure white except for a yellow underbody.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: Four young fledged on 4 Jun from a nest in *Hocking* watched by **F. Renfrow**. Two fledged in a nest observed by **C. Babyak** in *Trumbull* on 28 Jun. At least one bird was repeatedly seen in Poland, *Mahoning*, after 24 Jun (**L. Warren**). An early migrant apparently, one was at a feeder in Findlay on 31 Jul (**J. Gillen** fide **B. Hardesty**), at about the time many early birds were being noted in Minnesota, an event said there to presage a major incursion.

Brown Creeper: On 16 Jun, **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner** found one in Brecksville Res'n—where **A&D Chasar** regarded the species as doing well, as well as in the CVNP—and **L. Yoder** one in the Mohican SF. **L. Warren** observed one in Poland, *Mahoning*, on 14 Jul. Three were reported for the GAAS count

Winter Wren: One was in N. Chagrin MP in *Cuyahoga* on 10 Jun (**K. Metcalf**), one in the CVNP on 16 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**), and another on 19 and 21 Jun in Stebbins Gulch (**H. Petruschke**).

Sedge Wren: Two were heard and seen on the 3 Jun ONWRC. **T. Bartlett** had three on the Plum Brook NASA property in *Erie* on 6 Jun. **P. Yoder** found a singing bird in his hayfield in *Holmes* on 13 Jun, then a second bird and a cock-nest the following day. **G. Links** reported several in *Williams* on 22 Jun, and **E. Tramer** at least two singing near Lake La Sun An WA there on 10 Jul. In *Franklin*, **J. Watts** noted a singing bird in Battelle-Darby Ck MP on 10 Jul, and **T. Taylor** three there on 21 Jul, with five in the next period. First noted on 25 Jul on the VOA property in *Butler* by **M. Busam**, numbers of the species grew to five by 30 Jul, and eight early in the fall period.

Marsh Wren: Reported from *Trumbull, Lorain, Lucas, Wayne, Summit, Stark, Columbiana*, and *Pickaway*. Four in one marsh, apparently territorial on 8 Jul, in the CVNP was a good find for **D&A Chasar**. The high count was 25+ at Walborn Res on 15 Jul (**B&D Lane**). The ONWRC found only five at Ottawa on 3 Jun, but by 1 Jul they tallied 16.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: Hinckley MP in *Medina* again furnished a record, with three birds seen on 9 Jun by **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner**. Possible nesting was reported at Chapin Forest MP in *Lake* (**J. Pogacnik**).

Veery: One at BCSP on 7 Jun (**D. Overacker**) was likely headed north, where expected numbers occurred. **L. Yoder** found nine at Mohican 15-16 Jun, and the GAAS reported 45 in *Summit*. **J. Watts** found eight in Clear Ck MP in *Hocking* during the period.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Lagging behind was one at Magee on 4 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**).

Swainson's Thrush: **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner** found stragglers at Magee on 4 Jun and at the CVNP on 9 Jun.

Hermit Thrush: Present in good numbers at traditional spots. **L. Yoder** found seven at Mohican SP on 16 Jun. **F. Renfrow** found a few in *Hocking*: eight along a road near Old Man's Cave on 3 Jun, two on Clear Ck Rd on 6 Jun, and three at Conkles Hollow on 7 Jun. **J. Watts** counted six, including one confirmed nesting, at Clear Ck MP. One was tallied by the GAAS in *Summit*, and **T&M Romito** found one in the CVNP on 9 Jun. Later at the CVNP, **A&D Chasar** reported two fledglings on 15 Jun at Happy Days, then another three on 26 Jul (probably a second brood) of the foregoing; Dwight found seven at once at one point. Seven pairs were probable or confirmed nesters in the *Lake* MPs (**J. Pogacnik**).

Northern Mockingbird: The usual list follows of selected reports from outside the old BB Atlas map's range of the eighties: birds with young in *Defiance* 19 Jun (**J. Yochum**), one in *Van Wert* on 1 Jul (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**), and one in *Williams* on 10 Jul (**E. Tramer**). **M&D Dunakin** report nests in four locations in *Paulding*, and **J. Pogacnik** two nests in Chagrin River Pk in *Lake*.

Blue-winged Warbler: **J. Yochum** monitored a nesting pair of this species beyond its traditional haunts in *Defiance* 8 May-15 Jul. **L. Rosche** found them abundant at the RTLS.

Blue-winged X Golden-winged hybrids: **G. Links** reported one Brewster's on 16 Jun, then two on 22 Jun, in *Williams*. These sightings may or may not have included one found there on 20 Jun by **D. Sanders**, who reported it sported white wing-bars, an unusual plumage.

Tennessee Warbler: One was seen on the 3 Jun ONWRC.

Northern Parula: Nine were counted in Clear Ck MP on 13 Jun (**J. Watts**). Six in *Franklin* were less routine on 21-22 Jun (**M. Albin** fide **Watts**), as were at least two singing season-long in *Delaware* (**J. Hammond**). Still further north, one sang in *Coshocton* from May through at least 9 Jun (**E. Schlabach**), and one was in *Summit* for the GAAS. **E. Tramer** found one in song at the Oak Openings on 11 Jun, **H. Petruschke** one in Stebbins Gulch on 19 Jun, and **J. McCormac** one the same day in *Lake*.

Yellow Warbler: Ninety-two showed up for the 3 Jun ONWRC, and 65 for that of 1 Jul. Early migrants were found in *Holmes* on 10 Jul (E. Schlabach) and 15 Jul at Walnut Beach (C. Holt).

Chestnut-sided Warbler: One singing in Columbus on 2 Jun (J. McCormac), one at Magee on 4 Jun (R. Harlan, S. Wagner), and two on the 3 Jun ONWRC were probably tardy migrants. Five at Mohican 16 Jun (L. Yoder) were there for the long haul, as were seven in *Summit* for the GAAS and one at Irwin Prairie SNP on 28 Jun (R. Nirschl). D. Le Gallee reported a singer in Shaker Hts. on 3 Jul. Two on 22 Jul in *Ashtabula* were quite possibly nesters as well (P. Lozano). L. Rosche called them a common nester on the RTLS in *Portage*.

Magnolia Warbler: Two on the 3 Jun ONWRC and one at Magee the following day (R. Harlan, S. Wagner) were late heading north. In *Hocking*, F. Renfrow had one at Old Man's Cave on 4 Jun, G. Leidy one in Clear Ck MP on 21 Jun, and J. Watts et al. three there on the 28th. One at Hinckley MP on 9 Jun was in a known nesting area (Harlan, Wagner). The *Lake* MPs survey yielded 15 probable or confirmed nests (J. Pogacnik).

Black-throated Blue Warbler: One was found on the 3 Jun ONWRC.

Black-throated Green Warbler: A late migrant was in Cleveland on 9 Jun (G. Leidy). In *Hocking*, J. Watts et al. found five at Clear Ck MP during the period, and M. England called them "abundant" at Conkles Hollow on 15 Jun. L. Yoder counted 23 in Mohican 15-16 Jun, and L. Deininger had three singing males through the period in NW *Coshocton*. Hinckley MP hosted five+ on 9 Jun for R. Harlan and S. Wagner. On 21 Jun H. Petruschke found four at Stebbins Gulch.

Blackburnian Warbler: A nest was located at Old Man's Cave in *Hocking* on 5 Jun by F. Renfrow, who also found a male nearby at Conkles Hollow the following day, later relocated on 15 Jun by M. England. At Mohican, L. Yoder had two on 16 Jun, and G. Leidy one on 30 Jun. A territorial male in N. Chagrin MP greeted R. Harlan and S. Wagner on 6 Jun. One was at Stebbins Gulch on 21 Jun, and two on 30 Jun (H. Petruschke).

Yellow-throated Warbler: Two outposts at least seemed established in the northern tier of counties. As in last summer, one was found in *Williams*, this time on 10 Jul (E. Tramer), and five pairs were probable or confirmed as nesters in the *Lake* MPs (J. Pogacnik).

Pine Warbler: Occupied traditional northerly outposts such as *Hocking*, where M. England found at least six at Conkles Hollow on 15 Jun, Mohican, where L. Yoder had five on 16 Jun, and the Oak Openings, where it was present on 3 Jun (G. Links). Three singing males and a juvenile (the adults apparently present since Mar) were in a *Hamilton* park (F. Renfrow) on 16 Jun. A territorial male at Hinckley MP was present 9 Jun (R. Harlan, S. Wagner). T&M Romito had one in the CVNP the same day, where D. Chasar regards the species as slowly increasing. A territorial male was a Meander Res. *Trumbull*, on 13, 19, and 24 Jun (C. Babyak). L. Rosche noted summering birds at new sites, Kendall Lk and Mogadore Res. *Portage*. A territorial male persisted through the season at N. Chagrin MP (K. Metcalf). Finally, a nest was confirmed at one site and nesting considered possible at two other sites in the *Lake* MPs (J. Pogacnik).

Blackpoll Warbler: Laggards were at Conneaut on 2 Jun (C. Holt) and in *Huron* on 3 Jun (R. Harlan, S. Wagner).

Cerulean Warbler: More northerly records included one in *Williams* on 22 Jun (G. Links), two singing at GRWA on 24 Jun (D. Hochadel), and 18 on the GAAS in *Summit*. Twenty-four nests were probable or confirmed in the *Lake* MPs (J. Pogacnik). On 20 Jul, D&A Chasar observed a female feeding a young bird in the CVNP.

Black-and-white Warbler: Three were found in Mohican on 16 Jun (L. Yoder). One was singing in Dublin, *Franklin*, on 22 Jun (J. Hammond). Four nests were probable or confirmed in the *Lake* MPs (J. Pogacnik). Single birds in *Lucas* on 29 Jul (T. Kemp) and in *Holmes* on 30 Jul (L. Yoder) were likely migrants.

American Redstart: The high count was 15 birds in *Lake* on 10 Jun (R. Harlan, S. Wagner). Seven were found in Clear Ck MP on 13 Jun (J. Watts et al.), and four in Mohican on the 15th (L. Yoder).

Prothonotary Warbler: Unusual was a nesting pair at Lake La Su An WA in *Williams* on 16 Jun (G. Links). A territorial male sang at Berlin Res on 25 Jun (R. Harlan, S. Wagner), and two at Meander Res in *Trumbull* through the period (C. Babyak). At the Hoover Res colony in *Delaware*, 37 pairs were present (C. Bombaci fide J. Fry).

Worm-eating Warbler: L. Yoder found three in the Mohican SF on 16 Jun.

Ovenbird: Common in dense woods, as evidenced by a count of 28 at Mohican on 16 Jun (L. Yoder), and through the period at the Marie De Larme Woods in *Paulding* (M&D Dunakin).

Northern Waterthrush: J. Pogacnik reported two probable nestings in *Lake*, at Hell Hollow and Hidden Valley MPs. One summered at Lk George (L. Rosche).

Louisiana Waterthrush: Three reports fell outside its generally-understood breeding range: five adults with young were in G.R. Clark Pk in *Clark* on 9 Jun (D. Overacker); breeding was reported at Lake La Su An WA, *Williams*, on 16 Jun (G. Links); and one was heard in the Wildwood Preserve in Toledo on 18 Jun (E. Tramer).

Kentucky Warbler: Six were in Mohican SF on 16 Jun (L. Yoder). At the fringes of its range, three were in a Columbus park on 6 Jun (J. Hammond), and one sang in Hell Hollow Pk, *Lake*, during the period (J. Pogacnik).

Connecticut Warbler: T. Bartlett witnessed one in the act of straggling in *Erie* on 6 Jun.

Mourning Warbler: Late birds were in Columbus 2 Jun (J. McCormac), Ottawa on 3 Jun (ONWRC), and CPNWR on 9 Jun (E. Tramer). J. Pogacnik noted two late migrants in *Lake* on 7 Jun, and later reported two probable nests in the *Lake* MPs during the season.

Common Yellowthroat: The Ottawa census of 3 Jun found 45, and that of 1 Jul 28.

Hooded Warbler: Mohican held 22 for L. Yoder on 16 Jun. The GAAS recorded 96, the third most numerous of 16 warbler spp after yellow warbler and common yellowthroat. R. Harlan and S. Wagner found a pair in Nathan Hale Pk in Parma on 25 Jun.

Wilson's Warbler: Late migrants straggled through Blendon Wds, *Franklin*, on 3 Jun (R. Thorn), and Magee the following day (R. Harlan, S. Wagner).

Canada Warbler: Found nesting in *Cuyahoga*, *Geauga*, *Lake*, *Hocking*, and *Ashland*, as usual. High counts were eight at Mohican 15-16 Jun (L. Yoder), six (including one feeding young) at Clear Ck MP in *Hocking* during Jun (J. Watts), and six probable or confirmed nestings in the *Lake* MPs (J. Pogacnik).

Yellow-breasted Chat: Highest count in the north was four in the Irwin Prairie SNP (R. Harlan, S. Wagner). A fairly common nester on the RTLS, *Portage* (L. Rosche).

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Summer Tanager: Outside its generally-understood breeding range were the following: in *Lucas*, a bird from the previous season continued through 17 Jun (**E. Durbin**), with two males and a female reported there on 12 Jul (**R. Nirschl**), and another was at Kitty Todd Preserve on 27 Jun (**E. Tramer**); one was in *Williams* on 17 (**J. Grabmeier**) and 22 Jun (**G. Links**); in *Franklin*, Columbus parks harbored five to seven birds (**R. Thorn**); in *Delaware*, the Highbanks MP pair persisted through the season (**J. Hammond**); a singing male in *Darke* on 23 Jun (**P. McCarthy**) was only part of a pair there on 28 Jun (**R. Schieltz et al.**).

Clay-colored Sparrow: In two apparent cases of unrequited love, the *Holmes* male from the spring persisted through 8 Jun (**M. Weaver**), and the singer at the Oak Openings was last reported from 11 Jun (**E. Tramer**).

Savannah Sparrow: Young birds reported 1 Jun at the VOA site in *Butler* would be an early record (**L. Brumbaugh**), where birds numbered 26 on 13 Jun (**M. Busam**). The GAAS total of 37 benefited from new habitat at the old Coliseum site.

Grasshopper Sparrow: **R. Royse** estimated 50 singing males at Woodbury WA on 25 Jun and 100+ at Crown City WA, *Lawrence/Gallia*, on 2-3 Jul. **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner** found five in grasslands in *Huron* during the period. The 97 counted by the GAAS came largely from the old Coliseum site. **R. Thorn** commented from urban *Franklin* that "ominously, they seem to prefer the weedy states that fallow fields reach just before they are bulldozed for development."

Henslow's Sparrow: **R. Royse** estimated 100 singing males at Woodbury WA on 25 Jun, and ~50 at Crown City WA on 2-3 Jul. Eighteen were in *Pickaway* at Slate Run MP on 8 Jun (**J. Watts**). Several were near Lake La Su An WA in *Williams* on 16 Jun (**G. Links**), through at least 10 Jul (**E. Tramer**). **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner** found their first for Killdeer on 18 Jun. One was found on the 1 Jul census of Ottawa.

Swamp Sparrow: Seven on the 3 Jun ONWRC dwindled to one on that of 1 Jul. More encouragingly, **B&D Lane** estimated 20+ at Walborn Res on 15 Jul, and **D. Hochadel** called them "downright abundant" at Mosquito and Grand River WAs this season.

White-throated Sparrow: A late migrant was in Rocky River on 10 Jun (**G. Leidy**), but only status as a wandering minstrel can explain one singing in *Holmes* on 1 Jul (**J. Miller** *vide* **P. Yoder**), and one in Mentor on 30 Jul (**J. Pogacnik**).

Dark-eyed Junco: At N. Chagrin MP in *Cuyahoga*, **R. Harlan** and **S. Wagner** found eight males on 6 Jun, and **K. Metcalf** at least 12-14 territorial birds during the whole of the month. One was reported for the GAAS, and **H. Petruschke** another in Stebbins Gulch on 19 Jun. In the species' *Lake* stronghold, a MP survey found 83 locations, with 51 probable or confirmed nestings (**J. Pogacnik**).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: One on 1 Jun in *Athens* (**J. McCormac**) was likely a late migrant, but there are mid-summer records for nearby *Hocking*. Two were found in Battelle-Darby Ck MP, *Franklin*, on 21 Jun (**M. Albin** *vide* **J. Watts**).

Blue Grosbeak: Reported from nine counties, including the by now usual nesting pair in *Holmes* (9 Jun, **E. Schlabach**), a bird continuing from spring at the Oak Openings through 3 Jun (**G. Links**), and another in *Williams* (20 Jun, **D. Sanders**). Found as always in *Adams*, the species' highest concentration came again from Crown City WA, *Lawrence/Gallia*, with a minimum of seven territories (26 Jun, **J. McCormac**). Grosbeaks were noted at BCSP on 3, 7, and 22 Jul (**D. Overacker**), and **J. Fry** found a pair with young in *Meigs* on 21 Jul.

Dickcissel: Reported from only 10 counties this summer, the first bird was seen on 2 Jun in *Adams* (**P. Rodewald**), the easternmost in *Sandusky* on 23 Jun (**D. Overacker**). The high count came from western *Franklin*, where **J. Watts** found 11 males and two females on 27 Jun.

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Bobolink: The high counts were of 60+ near Elkton in *Columbiana* on 22 Jul (**B&D Lane**) and 59 in *Butler* on the 4th of Jul at the VOA site (**M. Busam**). Mortality from early haying is a serious threat to this species in Ohio.

Eastern Meadowlark: The high count was a nice 53, including at least one fledgling, on 13 Jun at the VOA site in *Butler* (**M. Busam**).

Western Meadowlark: **J. Grabmeier** found a singing bird in *Williams* on 17 Jun, relocated by m obs, including **G. Links** on 22 Jun.

Yellow-headed Blackbird: At least 10 were in cattails in the CPNWR on 9 Jun (**E. Tramer**).

Orchard Oriole: Nineteen were on the 3 Jun ONWRC, and five on that for 1 Jul. A nest was found in *Darke* on 23 Jun (**R. Schieltz**), and a pair was at Shenango WA in *Trumbull* on 25 Jun (**D. Hochadel**). Likely migrants were two in *Tuscarawas* on 28 Jul (**E. Schlabach**).

Purple Finch: One was in *Lorain* on 3 Jun (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**). Three nests were probable or confirmed in the *Lake* MP system during the season (**J. Pogacnik**).

Pine Siskin: Two birds were reported on 17 Jun, one at a feeder in Sandusky (**S. Young**), and another in the city of Medina (**R. Harlan, S. Wagner**).

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