

**Great Horned Owl:** A “rare permanent resident,” of which there was “a total of eighteen records from all sources for this area from 1929 to the present time.”

**Barred Owl:** With only two definite nesting records for the county, “this permanent resident has been so reduced in numbers by hunters that it must now be classed as rare,” and “within the next few years its weird hooting may become only a memory.”

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** Campbell saw only one of this species in Lucas County, and says it was “not known to breed in most of the northwestern quarter” of Ohio. In his 1968 *Birds of the Toledo Area*, he says that after only 12 records in the region between 1926 and 1960, the ravages of Dutch elm disease in the Toledo area attracted these birds in numbers.

**Golden-winged Warbler:** A rare migrant and summer resident known to breed in fifteen counties, the “greatest number of these birds seen in one day was fifteen, June 14, 1933, in Spencer Township.” Loss of habitat loomed as a serious problem.

**Le Conte’s Sparrow:** From 30 August to 1 November 1936, a “great wave” of Le Conte’s sparrows passed through Ohio, with highest concentrations in Lucas County, where in Jerusalem Township meadows on 25 October “fifty-three birds were actually seen and four hundred and ninety-five were estimated by means of a cross section of a field.” Searchers found eight birds the following year locally, and none in 1938 or 1939.

**Henslow’s Sparrow:** “Common summer residents in the fields and wet prairies of the Oak Openings,” in the mid-30s the species colonized grassy borders in the Cedar Point and Erie marshes, where “at least fifty were found at the former location, August 1, 1936.” 🐦



This young red-tailed hawk disemboweled a gray squirrel in front of students at Wilmington College in Clinton County on 5 October 2001. Photo by Aaron DeNu.



This immature male vermilion flycatcher, Ohio’s third, was discovered at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in Ottawa and Lucas Counties on 4 November 2001 by Sharon Cummings and Brian Zwiebel. Dozens of birders were allowed to visit the off-limits area to see the bird during the next few days, and it remained into December. This superb photo was taken by Sharon Cummings on 8 November 2001.

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