

the creek where one might pull off the road for a better view of the pond, but permission should be obtained from the owner, who lives in the first house north of this pond.

These ponds and their adjacent habitat may not merit many visits from birders privileged to live near the Lake Erie marshes, but for those of us whose lands have largely lost their attraction to the marshland species, they offer new credibility to the saying, "If you build it, they will come."

Information about the Wetlands Reserve Program can be had from The Natural Resources Conservation Service at the USDA or at <<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/>>. -Ed. 🐦



This gathering of divers was photographed at E. 72nd Street in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, by Gary Meszaros on 9 February 2003.

The 2002-03 Christmas Bird Counts

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Sixty Christmas Count circles reported their results this year, the same number as last year. There was only one change: Mt. Gilead was back after a year's absence, but we did not hear from Athens. All but three of the circles also reported their results to National Audubon, which was the source of most of the data presented here. Clark County, Gypsum, and Hancock County (which counts the entire county, not the standard 15-mile circle) are reported only here. Data from the rest of the country and beyond, and from past counts, are available online at Audubon's web site, <<http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/>>.

In the past, we have designated sightings reports that included documentation. Because we no longer receive reports directly from most count circles, and because the documentation submitted to Audubon is not available online (at least, I couldn't find it!), that feature has been dropped. The data are reproduced here as received, with two exceptions: I have corrected what seemed like obvious errors (such as multiple Oregon juncos, with zero other dark-eyed), and I have undoubtedly introduced new errors while transcribing the data.

We saw a total of 148 species this year, plus an additional 4 during count weeks. This is back to a more ordinary number than last year's 152 species. Eighteen species were recorded from only a single count on count day: a great egret at Ohio River, 11 trumpeter swans at Ottawa NWR, a common eider at Mentor, a harlequin duck at Grand Rapids-Waterville, 3 white-winged scoters in Lakewood, an osprey in Hancock County, a broad-winged hawk at Portsmouth, 3 Virginia rails at Millersburg, a common moorhen in Columbus, 2 purple sandpipers at Lake Erie Islands, an American woodcock at Beaver Valley, 2 little gulls in Mentor, a Thayer's gull in Cleveland, a northern saw-whet owl at Killdeer Plains (with another count-week individual at Dayton), a rufous hummingbird at Wooster (with another count-week bird in Cincinnati!), a Swainson's thrush at Lakewood, a common yellowthroat at Millersburg, and a white-winged crossbill at Wellington. Obviously, sightings such as these are the ones for which documentation is most desirable. Inevitably, common species were missed occasionally: where were the American kestrels in Lakewood, the American crows at Grand Lake St. Marys, and the American robins at Oxbow Lake?

Cincinnati led the pack with the highest number of species reported, with 87. Not far behind were Millersburg with 85, Lake Erie Islands with 84, and Cuyahoga Falls and Toledo with 82. Cuyahoga Falls had the best turnout of field observers with 92 (plus an additional 45 feeder watchers), followed by Preble County with 84 and Cincinnati with 81. Mansfield and Parkersburg also turned out impressive numbers of feeder watchers, with 24 and 23, respectively.

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Common Loon	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	27	2	--	1	3
Pied-billed Grebe	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
Horned Grebe	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	1
Double-crested Cormorant	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
American Bittern	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Great Blue Heron	7	17	--	2	19	1	1	2	4	39	5	12	84	34
Great Egret	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--
Black-crowned Night-Heron	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Black Vulture	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	--	--	--	--
Turkey Vulture	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	78	--	--	--	--
Snow Goose	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Canada Goose	487	354	585	76	802	611	3317	185	212	1321	1250	1247	2643	4839
Mute Swan	--	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	2	27
Trumpeter Swan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tundra Swan	--	--	7	--	--	--	21	--	--	--	--	8	--	1
swan sp.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wood Duck	6	--	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	3	7
Gadwall	1	--	6	--	--	--	1	--	--	100	12	5	24	2
American Wigeon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	68	--	--	4	--
American Black Duck	67	1	70	16	5	--	3	9	2	19	250	42	728	42
Mallard	566	41	78	35	210	--	508	52	27	506	3700	284	2190	2220
Am. Black Duck x Mallard	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Northern Shoveler	--	--	--	22	--	--	--	--	--	8	12	--	7	6
Northern Pintail	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	6	--	--	--
Green-winged Teal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	2	--	3	--
dabbling duck sp.	--	--	150	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Canvasback	3	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Redhead	--	--	4	ow	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	2	--	1
Ring-necked Duck	49	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	7	558	4	--	59	129
Greater Scaup	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--
Lesser Scaup	7	--	14	--	--	--	--	40	11	15	1	12	--	3
scaup sp.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Common Eider	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Harlequin Duck	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Surf Scoter	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White-winged Scoter	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Black Scoter	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	--	--
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Long-tailed Duck	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Bufflehead	4	--	77	--	1	--	8	--	21	1	20	3	1	--
Common Goldeneye	1	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	6	6	--	2	2	--
Hooded Merganser	30	--	2	--	--	--	7	--	59	23	3	79	18	--
Common Merganser	14	--	224	--	--	--	2	22	9	5	2	--	--	--
Red-breasted Merganser	--	--	116	--	--	--	5	15	--	5714	--	--	--	--
Ruddy Duck	--	--	--	5	--	--	6	--	12	--	4	1	9	--
duck sp.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--
Osprey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Bald Eagle	1	--	--	1	--	--	7	2	1	--	1	ow	7	--
Northern Harrier	8	1	1	15	3	2	1	1	7	2	1	ow	2	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	3	3	5	1	--	1	1	10	1	--	3	4	--
Cooper's Hawk	4	3	1	11	6	1	3	--	13	2	2	14	18	--
Northern Goshawk	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Accipiter sp.	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--
Red-shouldered Hawk	--	--	1	6	--	1	14	--	8	--	3	--	7	--
Broad-winged Hawk	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Red-tailed Hawk	22	14	11	31	13	16	20	13	16	75	16	14	29	94
Rough-legged Hawk	--	1	--	3	--	--	--	3	12	--	--	--	--	--
Buteo sp.	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
American Kestrel	79	14	3	40	20	10	1	11	15	17	17	1	18	7
Merlin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2

Dayton (60) Dec 29, 2002	Delaware Reservoir (52) Dec 15, 2002	East Fork Lake S.P. (67) Dec 14, 2002	Elyria-Lorain (20) Dec 21, 2002	Firelands (9) Dec 14, 2002	Fremont (8) Dec 22, 2002	Grand Lake-St. Marys (41) Dec 14, 2002	Grand Rapids-Waterville (2) Dec 29, 2002	Greenville (43) Dec 22, 2002	Gypsum (6) Jan 1, 2003	Hamilton-Fairfield (62) Dec 14, 2002	Hancock County (10)	Hoover Reservoir (53) Dec 14, 2002	Inleton Lake (42) Dec 21, 2002	Killdeer Plains WA (50) Dec 29, 2002	Kingston (56) Jan 05, 2003	Lake Erie Islands (5) Dec 16, 2002	Lakewood (21) Dec 28, 2002
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Golden-crowned Kinglet	14	17	4	52	1	2	16	2	20	80	20	1	17	64
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	7
Eastern Bluebird	106	51	8	49	44	32	67	7	19	225	28	21	47	95
Swainson's Thrush	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hermits Thrush	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	11	4	—	4	1
American Robin	38	114	7	11	62	2	242	4	1	1746	1250	392	1963	281
Gray Catbird	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2
Northern Mockingbird	37	—	—	24	5	1	—	1	4	143	9	9	46	—
Brown Thrasher	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
European Starling	1076	1231	1475	3737	1126	2616	1048	483	253	2656	2780	732	8384	5665
American Pipit	—	—	—	—	—	—	47	—	—	—	—	—	19	—
Cedar Waxwing	17	—	—	—	—	—	137	—	—	25	—	80	31	269
Yellow-rumped Warbler	20	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	22	—	1	18	4
Yellow-throated Warbler	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pine Warbler	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common Yellowthroat	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eastern Towhee	4	5	—	21	2	1	—	—	5	61	4	1	2	6
American Tree Sparrow	18	42	30	17	—	7	213	34	38	168	15	82	96	446
Chipping Sparrow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Field Sparrow	49	—	—	32	—	—	4	—	2	42	—	—	1	3
Savannah Sparrow	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Fox Sparrow	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	2
Song Sparrow	87	53	2	174	7	8	36	16	19	818	30	28	153	167
Lincoln's Sparrow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Swamp Sparrow	1	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	37	1	2	7	23
White-throated Sparrow	25	4	—	59	4	—	11	—	6	720	109	51	589	115
White-crowned Sparrow	31	24	—	99	2	7	—	—	—	167	—	8	12	17
sparrow sp.	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dark-eyed Junco	383	134	91	476	54	117	363	69	65	318	113	287	459	791
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lapland Longspur	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Snow Bunting	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—
Northern Cardinal	198	162	62	313	38	91	271	48	116	1435	123	130	690	581
Red-winged Blackbird	—	—	—	37	1	—	—	—	—	373	—	3	1	1
Eastern Meadowlark	40	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	—	—	—
Rusty Blackbird	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Brewer's Blackbird	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
blackbird sp.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common Grackle	—	1	—	139	80	3	—	—	—	—	12	—	104	7
Brown-headed Cowbird	—	42	—	3	—	5	—	3	—	54	3	1	8	19
Baltimore Oriole	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Purple Finch	14	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
House Finch	33	90	70	53	27	35	119	13	9	336	76	98	671	645
White-winged Crossbill	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pine Siskin	1	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
American Goldfinch	190	165	34	138	10	56	311	10	54	489	92	123	507	1045
Evening Grosbeak	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
House Sparrow	234	273	93	36	224	80	472	30	18	542	294	463	1416	3023
total species	69	49	57	60	51	45	58	48	49	87	64	72	75	82
total individuals	5781	3763	9986	8137	3587	5290	9204	1841	1417	21389	24106	31132	27497	27635
observers	23	13	31	32	13	3	24	7	9	81	14	35	34	92
+ at feeders	0	3	2	1	0	10	3	3	0	3	2	0	1	45
party hours	70.75	40.75	31.50	63.00	22.25	16.50	56.20	11.50	20.00	165.00	39.50	70.50	109.00	249.00

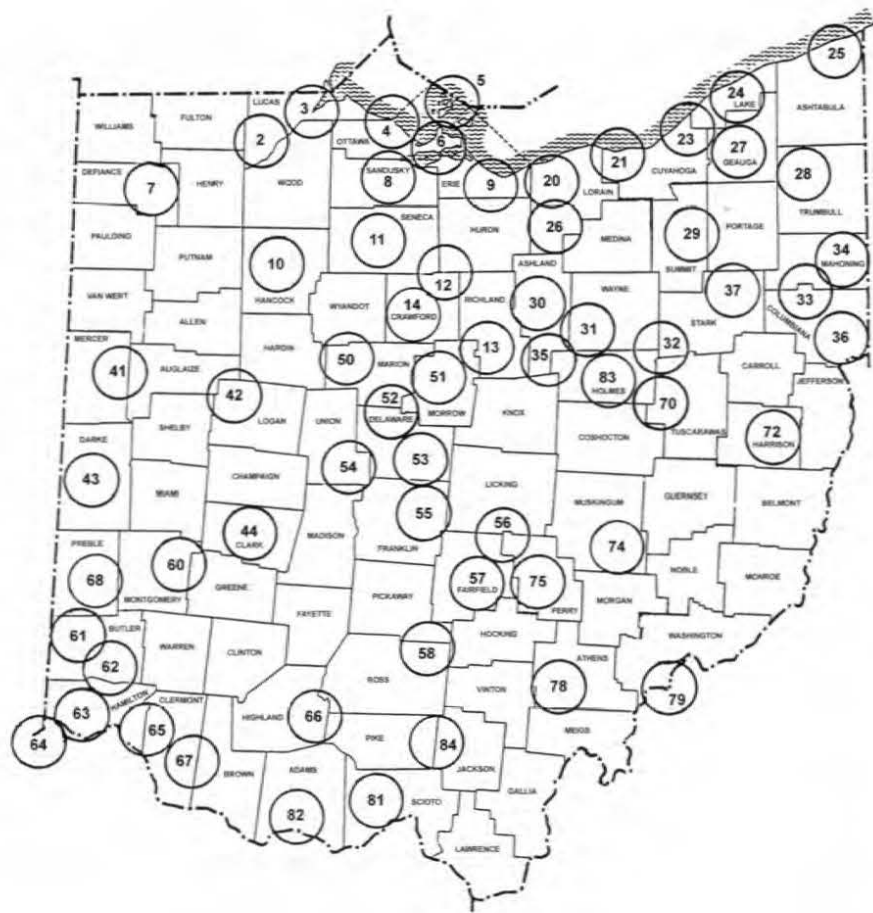
Dayton (80) Dec 29, 2002	Delaware Reservoir (82) Dec 15, 2002	East Fork Lake S.P. (87) Dec 14, 2002	Elyria-Lorain (20) Dec 21, 2002	Firelands (9) Dec 14, 2002	Fremont (8) Dec 22, 2002	Grand Lake-St. Marys (41) Dec 14, 2002	Grand Rapids-Walerville (2) Dec 29, 2002	Greenville (43) Dec 25, 2002	Gypsum (6) Jan 1, 2003	Hamilton-Fairfield (62) Dec 14, 2002	Hancock County (10)	Hoover Reservoir (83) Dec 14, 2002	Indian Lake (42) Dec 21, 2002	Killdeer Plains WA (80) Dec 28, 2002	Kingston (68) Jan 05, 2003	Lake Erie Islands (5) Dec 16, 2002	Lakewood (21) Dec 28, 2002
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1539	7340	1419	2460	895	1233	1733	1136	4014	3152	4984	1159	3166	2617	637	4646	2166	527
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171	152	43	99	226	52	56	278	32	314	169	34	69	21	226	283	132	24
8	—	29	—	—	—	—	9	6	1	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
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1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
154	90	118	24	21	26	55	178	70	17	243	6	51	10	87	238	109	31
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4	2	26	1	1	6	—	10	2	4	42	—	8	—	2	21	60	1
183	35	209	8	17	8	1	20	8	110	417	10	34	9	12	72	28	17
4	13	5	—	2	1	—	20	5	40	29	—	2	—	26	105	—	—
173	283	180	309	132	42	92	773	89	56	157	58	157	44	127	427	105	172
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—	—	—	—	—	6	—	325	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	65	—
358	428	299	121	124	42	102	325	143	216	163	124	195	126	176	576	251	111
7	—	20	27	—	12	1	2	22	278	14	—	—	—	—	69	29	1
8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	4	3	—	—
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7	—	10	3	—	15	—	—	219	268	3	—	—	—	—	64	17	3
—	1	—	6	2	15	—	47	55	126	152	—	—	—	5	35	4	—
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120	653	53	341	245	40	60	254	147	23	118	162	99	5	31	120	156	121
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119	244	209	165	90	191	5	246	82	99	228	101	143	10	27	60	21	93
414	2391	74	403	368	193	1017	742	684	889	124	351	412	691	362	1107	629	393
71	52	63	62	64	56	46	76	52	71	79	52	56	43	52	59	84	61
9481	17227	7651	20914	32972	10101	6867	14983	7362	32990	15861	4798	12855	4998	3690	18892	17289	24270
58	27	11	20	25	9	9	25	18	10	25	32	14	10	14	32	21	26
4	4	0	0	3	0	0	5	3	1	0	—	0	0	1	2	1	1
88.75	66.25	32.50	68.75	33.50	15.75	35.25	72.25	51.00	27.00	53.00	—	38.25	31.25	39.00	68.40	52.00	25.50

	Lancaster (57) Dec 28, 2002	Mansfield (13) Dec 14, 2002	Mentor (24) Dec 21, 2002	Millersburg (63) Dec 14, 2002	Mohican State Forest (35) Dec 28, 2002	Mount Giload (81) Dec 21, 2002	New Lexington (75) Dec 22, 2002	Ohio River IN-OH-KY (64) Dec 20, 2002	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (54) Dec 14, 2002	Ottawa N.W.R. (4) Jan 05, 2003	Oxbow Lake (7) Dec 28, 2002	Oxford (61) Dec 14, 2002	Paint Creek Area (60) Dec 15, 2002	Parkersburg WV-OH (79) Jan 04, 2003
Peregrine Falcon	1			1				2						1
hawk sp.														
Ring-necked Pheasant		2		8	9						19			
Ruffed Grouse				5										
Wild Turkey	cw	246	3	65	243	68	34				34		8	51
Northern Bobwhite				13										
Virginia Rail				3										
Common Moorhen														
American Coot	1	1	4	5				50		7			9	1
Killdeer				2	6								5	
Purple Sandpiper														
Wilson's Snipe				8	4									
American Woodcock														
Little Gull			2											
Bonaparte's Gull			1482						71				3	
Ring-billed Gull	1	61	6501	9	3			108	69	1063	7		430	154
Herring Gull		1	570	3					5	1832	41	200	1	
Thayer's Gull														
Iceland Gull											1			
Lesser Black-backed Gull														
Glaucous Gull														
Great Black-backed Gull			52							2				
black-backed gull sp.														
gull sp.				1										
Rock Dove	62	199	64	815	231	30	75	229	71	62	26	53	78	1663
Mourning Dove	294	396	109	1567	843	20	67	220	427	819	56	298	284	742
Barn Owl				7										
Eastern Screech-Owl		12		1	14					6	1	1		4
Great Horned Owl	2	1		4	3	1	1			11		3		1
Snowy Owl														
Barred Owl		2		6	2							2	1	1
Long-eared Owl										cw				
Short-eared Owl	cw										1			
Northern Saw-whet Owl														
Rufous Hummingbird														
Belted Kingfisher	8	8	4	18	4	1	2	5	2		1	6	10	18
Red-headed Woodpecker		1		65	5					1			4	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	42	96	20	342	85	4	22	24	22	10	14	53	20	103
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1			2	6							2		cw
Dowry Woodpecker	46	117	29	302	115	21	13	27	32	103	10	40	22	184
Hairy Woodpecker	17	21	8	88	16	3	4	2	2	1	2	11	2	19
Northern Flicker	7	16	6	148	18	4	30	13	6	7	6	8	20	32
Pileated Woodpecker	12	10	6	58	7	3	6	5				9	2	16
woodpecker sp.														
Eastern Phoebe				1										
Northern Shrike														
Blue Jay	199	264	137	817	303	10	71	1	134	108	22	65	49	346
American Crow	330	7000	116	1448	330	18	195	332	35	1	7	73	349	189
Horned Lark	2			353	654	74		4	57	286	119	1	24	
Carolina Chickadee	110	4		376	24		29	134	74			137	44	358
Black-capped Chickadee		4	187	10	6	13	23			11	7			
chickadee sp.		250		7	126	15								93
Tufted Titmouse	80	238	53	305	119	12	29	29	13	7	4	63	43	276
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5	3										1		1
White-breasted Nuthatch	42	135	30	270	111	21	25	16	17	7	9	37	21	165
Brown Creeper	5	6	1	31	13		2	2	14	3	14	2	10	
Carolina Wren	36	40	4	306	57	7	23	64	13	24	3	47	40	204
House Wren														
Winter Wren	1			6						5				1
Marsh Wren														

	Plymouth (12) Dec 29, 2002	Portsmouth (81) Dec 18, 2002	Pringle County (68) Dec 20, 2002	Quail Hollow-Hartsville (37) Dec 15, 2002	Rogersville (70) Dec 26, 2002	Salem (33) Jan 04, 2003	Tiffin (11) Dec 21, 2002	Toledo (3) Dec 15, 2002	Triumbull County (28) Dec 15, 2002	Wellington (20) Jan 04, 2003	Western Hamilton County (63) Dec 22, 2002	Wilmet (32) Dec 14, 2002	Wooster (31) Dec 21, 2002	Youngstown (34) Dec 14, 2002	Total Individuals	Number of Counts
Peregrine Falcon								1		1	cw				8	8
hawk sp.				1								6			9	4
Ring-necked Pheasant								1	3	3			2	1	96	18
Ruffed Grouse		4			8										23	6
Wild Turkey	3	125	1		93	32	3		58	49	8	4	96	cw	1757	35
Northern Bobwhite															49	5
Virginia Rail															3	1
Common Moorhen															1	1
American Coot								8		50	3			9	777	24
Killdeer		4	1		5				1		33	3			89	19
Purple Sandpiper															2	1
Wilson's Snipe					4							5			28	6
American Woodcock															1	1
Little Gull															2	1
Bonaparte's Gull								788	1						10730	18
Ring-billed Gull	1	35		118	1200	38	1	29269	237		2455	14	3	157	130000	50
Herring Gull		1		28	5		2	21705	9		9			8	44460	33
Thayer's Gull															1	1
Iceland Gull															7	3
Lesser Black-backed Gull									5						20	7
Glaucous Gull									1						8	5
Great Black-backed Gull									44						743	12
black-backed gull sp.															1	1
gull sp.				3								77			81	3
Rock Dove	48	533	24	215	1325	472	135	442	76	117	829	1056	306	383	18805	60
Mourning Dove	616	562	130	430	1252	1008	209	775	382	1239	248	1920	749	109	30759	60
Barn Owl					8										15	2
Eastern Screech-Owl	4			4		11	35		1	2	2	2	1		199	36
Great Horned Owl	1	1		12		1	7	2			2	1	2		148	34
Snowy Owl															0	1
Barred Owl		2			5	2			5		2	3		2	66	28
Long-eared Owl								1							3	5
Short-eared Owl													2		5	5
Northern Saw-whet Owl															1	2
Rufous Hummingbird													1		1	2
Belted Kingfisher		16	5		6	4	1	2	2		14	14	4	4	448	54
Red-headed Woodpecker		3	1	4	18		13		17	4		56	4	4	293	33
Red-bellied Woodpecker	13	42	15	34	297	40	30	22	44	40	111	200	82	24	3311	60
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		4			8					1	6	1			63	17
Dowry Woodpecker	9	56	18	60	239	54	58	84	57	32	122	218	88	27	4349	60
Hairy Woodpecker	1	11	1	4	89	10	4	9	3	4	19	53	12	6	749	56
Northern Flicker		13	9	17	64		19	20	22	6	38	53	46	9	1280	58
Pileated Woodpecker		13			44	5	2		3		9	17	7	6	424	43
woodpecker sp.												1			5	3
Eastern Phoebe		1			2			2							14	11
Northern Shrike											1				3	3
Blue Jay	26	122	26	189	626	139	156	37	319	88	87	611	198	95	9694	60
American Crow	6	192	61	170	1509	517	1820	16	105	30	2154	149	157	1603	37978	59
Horned Lark	424	22	3	81	879	842	1267	96	35	806	8	389	603	25	14028	48
Carolina Chickadee		137	24		301						451	52	27		5384	25
Black-capped Chickadee	9			171	9	90	72	34	110	81		38	2	113	3189	34
chickadee sp.					10		4					108	45		875	15
Tufted Titmouse	2	127	27	71	244	50	45	12	46	26	115	127	86	42	4513	60
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2	1	1	1	1			1			2		3	59	29
White-breasted Nuthatch	6	82	19	40	213	40	40	27	43	36	41	145	68	35	3336	60
Brown Creeper	1	5	3	2	29	3	2	7	1		24	21	13	1	518	56
Carolina Wren	1	58	16	6	201	22	24	33	2	3	268	113	44	8	3293	58
House Wren															8	3
Winter Wren	1	1	1		1			11					1		70	25
Marsh Wren								2							3	2

	Lancaster (57) Dec 28, 2002	Mansfield (13) Dec 14, 2002	Mentor (24) Dec 21, 2002	Millersburg (83) Dec 14, 2002	Mohican State Forest (35) Dec 28, 2002	Mount Gilead (51) Dec 21, 2002	New Lexington (75) Dec 22, 2002	Ohio River IN-OH-KY (64) Dec 20, 2002	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (54) Dec 14, 2002	Ottawa N.W.R. (4) Jan 05, 2003	Oxbow Lake (7) Dec 28, 2002	Oxford (81) Dec 14, 2002	Paint Creek Area (66) Dec 15, 2002	Parkersburg WV-OH (79) Jan 04, 2003
Golden-crowned Kinglet	7	24	---	222	26	4	20	23	2	5	5	7	20	10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Eastern Bluebird	57	131	24	334	186	20	38	73	44	---	1	67	26	112
Swainson's Thrush	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hermit Thrush	---	5	---	2	5	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---
American Robin	78	188	446	405	51	6	9	269	230	11	---	768	15	190
Gray Catbird	---	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Northern Mockingbird	19	3	---	95	9	1	7	21	14	cw	---	20	14	91
Brown Thrasher	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
European Starling	761	1308	2900	1964	719	394	403	307	3688	2772	631	1060	4950	1456
American Pipit	---	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	---	---
Cedar Waxwing	5	16	cw 30	28	19	---	---	3	---	---	---	149	6	50
Yellow-rumped Warbler	---	3	1	57	9	---	2	---	1	---	3	---	7	4
Yellow-throated Warbler	---	---	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pine Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Yellowthroat	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Eastern Towhee	4	1	---	255	9	cw	1	10	---	---	---	2	3	10
American Tree Sparrow	101	258	40	1367	347	15	19	54	129	845	54	7	8	63
Chipping Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Field Sparrow	2	1	---	59	3	---	---	17	---	---	---	---	---	8
Savannah Sparrow	---	---	---	1	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Fox Sparrow	1	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Song Sparrow	82	79	5	881	94	24	17	272	93	358	4	19	40	222
Lincoln's Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Swamp Sparrow	1	1	---	52	1	---	1	43	---	63	---	---	4	8
White-throated Sparrow	15	10	3	320	42	---	10	153	16	1	---	34	27	81
White-crowned Sparrow	7	2	---	636	43	1	---	12	27	22	---	4	13	20
sparrow sp.	21	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dark-eyed Junco	108	537	158	1009	399	77	103	73	163	112	37	126	68	434
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lapland Longspur	---	---	---	cw	5	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
Snow Bunting	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	36	32	---	---	---
Northern Cardinal	325	428	163	1708	291	39	142	186	201	367	32	128	131	777
Red-winged Blackbird	5	---	1	176	28	---	---	160	---	---	1	---	4	---
Eastern Meadowlark	---	---	---	6	cw	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	10	1
Rusty Blackbird	---	---	---	23	7	---	---	31	---	---	---	---	---	---
Brewer's Blackbird	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---
blackbird sp.	8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Grackle	60	---	---	1	3	cw	---	140	---	1	---	1	243	3
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	2	122	49	68	10	---	---	1	273	---	---	2	1
Baltimore Oriole	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Purple Finch	2	8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
House Finch	86	348	135	363	164	65	10	83	60	279	60	73	22	219
White-winged Crossbill	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pine Siskin	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
American Goldfinch	45	298	105	765	290	62	33	92	164	188	50	71	77	205
Evening Grosbeak	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
House Sparrow	303	821	363	1399	391	14	85	101	981	4694	264	361	35	289
total species	61	64	60	85	66	38	43	58	46	61	44	58	66	64
total individuals	4873	15458	15726	22234	7541	1261	1752	4076	8914	24904	3490	5181	7747	10386
observers	23	25	19	62	22	3	7	6	10	25	5	23	14	40
+ at feeders	7	24	7	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	23
party hours	37.50	93.00	51.60	256.00	50.50	15.00	19.50	24.50	29.50	35.50	12.00	9.00	32.25	60.25

	Plymouth (12) Dec 29, 2002	Portsmouth (81) Dec 18, 2002	Preble County (68) Dec 20, 2002	Quail Hollow-Harrville (37) Dec 15, 2002	Ragersville (70) Dec 28, 2002	Salem (33) Jan 04, 2003	Tiffin (11) Dec 21, 2002	Toledo (3) Dec 15, 2002	Trumbull County (28) Dec 15, 2002	Wellington (26) Jan 04, 2003	Western Hamilton County (83) Dec 22, 2002	Wilmet (32) Dec 14, 2002	Wooster (31) Dec 21, 2002	Youngstown (34) Dec 14, 2002	Total Individuals	Number of Counts
4	4	---	---	17	135	4	1	7	9	6	62	32	20	7	1404	56
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18	72	16	52	298	50	68	---	63	29	72	211	119	39	3781	57	
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7	116	70	43	118	54	29	698	49	6	2157	23	210	105	19124	59	
---	3	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	2	---	---	20	10	---
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348	1594	763	1663	1622	1537	2882	4584	617	4640	35066	5184	1737	1704	165259	60	
---	49	---	---	---	---	50	1	---	---	---	8	---	---	239	11	---
---	3	2	165	10	2	54	268	25	---	58	7	129	16	2261	43	---
---	4	---	2	18	---	1	1	12	---	81	24	7	3	539	41	---
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---	7	38	102	1561	293	148	380	165	277	112	439	337	51	10804	58	---
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6	79	28	24	1215	93	9	95	31	23	327	338	106	24	7714	60	---
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1	---	---	---	3	---	3	36	3	---	45	21	18	---	588	40	---
2	53	44	11	185	1	3	61	28	4	338	59	35	22	4449	55	---
5	52	7	2	624	20	1	8	---	18	30	506	55	5	2739	45	---
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84	168	47	139	1504	275	187	234	175	229	210	465	373	113	14703	60	---
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83	---	---	---	5	---	32	44	---	---	---	---	---	54	---	208	13
37	318	92	158	1828	294	285	189	281	145	622	787	257	100	18449	60	---
---	4	---	---	73	cw	1	1115	---	1	112	574	61	9	3223	35	---
---	9	12	---	24	2	1	---	---	---	---	7	cw	---	152	20	---
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---	4	12	---	92	30	25	543	---	10	21	13	180	---	2337	37	---
3	5	3	9	105	2	36	934	---	---	20	1063	45	---	3340	41	---
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35	50	19	74	503	82	127	220	56	65	141	784	69	56	9271	60	---
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64	150	11	75	427	180	158	243	234	264	208	508	85	50	10459	60	---
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55	224	33	876	1807	896	998	811	361	706	546	2123	551	259	38789	60	---
44	66	48	58	75	51	56	82	56	55	72	75	65	57	148	---	---
2525	6048	2064	11629	22590	9199	10010	72424	6279	12919	49061	21119	10457	9284	823109	---	---
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The 2002-03 Christmas Bird Count areas. Numbers within circles correspond to count numbers in the preceding article. 🐦

Attention, Ohio Observers

W. Leon Dawson

A hundred winters ago, William Leon Dawson was completing work on The Birds of Ohio (1903). He issued the following appeal to Ohio birders in the January-February issue of the Wilson Bulletin (15[1]:32). Present-day readers may be interested in seeing a list of birds whose Ohio status was problematic a century ago, as considered by one of the most prominent ornithologists of the day. —Ed.

Information is especially desired concerning the status or occurrence in this State of the following species. Some of them are merely under suspicion as probabilities; some are just coming to recognition as newly elaborated sub-species; others, once reckoned common by our ornithological fathers, have unaccountably passed from our ken; others still, while well known residents of our State, occupy variable areas, or occur within limits not satisfactorily determined. In preparing a book on the Birds of Ohio the writer is both discovering the weak places in his own armor, and waking up to the fact that many likely species are being allowed to pass unnoticed by the majority of observers. Any information received will be gratefully acknowledged in these columns or in the pages of the book:

- Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*).
- Red-legged Black Duck (*Anas obscura rubripes*).
- Cory's Least Bittern (*Ardetta neoxena*).
- Yellow Rail (*Porzana noveboracensis*).
- Black Rail (*P. jamaicensis*).
- American Goshawk (*Accipiter atricapillus*).
- Saw-whet Owl (*Nyctala acadica*).
- Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus borealis*).
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*).
- Hoyt's Horned Lark (*Otocoris apestris* [*sic*] hoyti Bishop); recently elaborated. Probably abundant in winter.
- Prairie Horned Lark (*O. a. praticola*) in winter.
- Thick-billed Redwing (*Agelaius phoeniceus fortis* Ridgw.) in early winter and early spring.
- Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*). What is its range?
- Philadelphia Vireo (*Vireo philadelphicus*).
- Northern Parula Warbler (*Compothlypis amicana usneæ*).
- Sycamore Warbler (*Seiurus noveboracensis notabilis*).
- Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*).

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