

# Summer 2003 Reports

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**Snow Goose:** One hung out with domestic geese at Hoover Res 28 Jul (**D. Sanders**).

**Canada Goose:** **K. Metcalf** reported that *Cuyahoga* birds began heavy molt of wings 4 Jun, with 10 of 22 having dropped primaries by 6 Jun. Most were flightless by 15 Jun, and some had completed primary molt and could fly by 13 Jul.

**Mute Swan:** The GAASSBC tallied 29 there 13-22 Jun, representing nearly 10% of the state population according to US Fish & Wildlife Service figures.

**Wood Duck:** Gathered in traditional spots late in the period, with 56 (including 20 young) on the 6 Jul ONWRC, 271 at Magee 20 Jul (**H&S Hiris**), and 31 at Killbuck 28 Jul (**S. Snyder**).

**American Black Duck:** The 6 Jul ONWRC found three.

**Blue-winged Teal:** Rather scantily reported. On 1 Jun, one was in *Holmes* (**L.E. Yoder**) and 22 at ONWR (ONWRC). On 12 Jul one was seen at Gilmore Ponds (**M. Busam**).

**Green-winged Teal:** A lone drake spent the period in a *Williams* wetland (**J. Yochum**). More successful was a pair at Sandy Ridge in *Lorain*, seen with young 12 Jul (**T. Fairweather**).

**Redhead:** **B. Hardesty** reported two drakes and a hen on a *Fostoria* res 10 Jun. **H&S Hiris** found three at Magee on 15 Jun. A female with five young was seen at Pickerel Ck WA on 8 Jul (**S. Zadar**).

**Ring-necked Duck:** One lingered 1 Jun at MWW (**D. Brinkman**) and perhaps was the same drake found 15 Jun (**L. Brumbaugh**). A pair was in a Mentor park 4 and 6 Jun (**J. Pogacnik**), and a female at Sandy Ridge in *Lorain* 4 Jun (**T. Fairweather**).

**Lesser Scaup:** Interesting was a pair found at CPNWR 26 Jun (**R. Gardner** *vide* **J. McCormac**).

**Hooded Merganser:** Successful nesting was reported from *Cuyahoga*, *Erie*, *Hamilton*, *Hocking*, *Holmes*, *Lucas*, *Trumbull*, and *Wayne*.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** Tardy were 17 off *Lake* on 6 Jun (**J. Pogacnik**) and one in *Paulding* Res 13 Jun (**M&D Dunakin**).

**Ruddy Duck:** While breeding was not confirmed as last summer, nonetheless more evident than usual. Beginning with six alt birds there in early Jun, 1-2 pairs were present all summer near Antwerp in *Paulding* (**D&M Dunakin**). Five on 1 Jun at an Upper Sandusky res grew to 15 by 15 Jun (**R. Counts**). Two in a *Williams* wetland on 5 Jun (**J. Grabmeier**) and one at Sandy Ridge MP in *Lorain* 6 Jun (**T. Fairweather**) were detected. **H&S Hiris** found two at Magee 15 Jun, and one floated in Sandusky Bay 26 Jul (**S. Houpert**).

**Common Loon:** More than expected. An imm was at Camp Dennison 7 Jun (**B. Laeker**), and an alt ad at Hoover Res 8 Jun (**D. Linzell**) remained through mid-month (**C. Bombaci**). An imm spent most of the period in *Shalersville* Twp, *Portage* (**L. Rosche**). A basic-plumaged bird in *Holmes* 19 Jun was found dead 25 Jun (**P. Soehnen**). The GAASSBC found three 13-22 Jun. **E. Snively** reported an alt and one with plumage "emerging from winter" together on a *Morrow* res 19 Jun. A basic-plumaged bird was at HWSP 24 Jun (**D. Russell**). **D. Sanders** found a "mostly basic" bird at Hoover Res 31 Jul. An observer reported having watched with binoculars chicks, one on the back of an alt adult loon, and one or more others in the water nearby at Alum Ck Res in *Delaware* in early Jun. Though familiar with loon families, he was not aware such a sighting might be unusual

in Ohio, and did not report it till late Jul. Since that time m obs have repeatedly found two alt-plumaged loons and one basic- or juvenal-plumaged individual at Alum Ck. Documentations and especially photos are being collected for the OBRC in case the original report can be substantiated.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** Successful breeding reported in *Lorain*, *Lucas*, *Marion*, *Ottawa*, *Portage*, and *Trumbull*. High count 44 at Magee 20 Jul (**H&S Hiris**).

**American White Pelican:** Last spring's bird lingered at BIWA through 1 Jun (**R. Sempier**).

**Double-crested Cormorant:** A count of 2613 pairs at West Sister Isl (ONWR) was down a bit from last year. Inland, non-breeding birds showed up for lengthy stays at many reservoirs and wetlands, the highest numbers 22 in *Ashland* for the local summer census (*vide* **T. Leslie**), and 35+ at Buckeye Lake through the period (**G. Buckley**).

**American Bittern:** Breeding unconfirmed but strongly suspected for birds seen at Pickerel Ck WA 7 Jun (**J. Lehman**, **T. Shively**), Sandy Ridge MP in *Lorain* 6 Jun (**T. Fairweather**), Magee 15 Jun (**H&S Hiris**), and ONWR 6 Jul (ONWRC).

**Least Bittern:** Status identical to the above at all locations cited, plus present at SVWA 1 Jun (**N. Cade**), Chippewa Lk in *Medina* 17 and 21 Jun (**R&S Harlan**), and CPNWR 12 Jul (**E. Tramer**).

**Great Blue Heron:** Numbers at the West Sister Isl colony at ONWR were down slightly to 987 pairs; the 12-year average there is 1372 pairs. At the Lordstown colony in *Trumbull*, **C. Babyak** tallied 392 nests in 87 trees.

**Great Egret:** Numbers at the West Sister Isl colony were down slightly to 700 pairs. The ONWRC of 6 Jul counted 291 birds, 154 in a single field. Inland spots hosted small numbers through the period, the largest ~45 at BIWA on 14 Jul, where 20+ had been present 28 Jun and a single bird 1 Jun (all **R. Sempier**).

**Snowy Egret:** Fourteen pairs tallied at the West Sister Isl nesting colony tied the previous high count there. All other reports came from the Lk Erie marshes, the highest of them seven at Magee 15 Jun (**H&S Hiris**).

**Little Blue Heron:** An ad remained at SVWA through 2 Jun (**L. Gara**). An ad was at Magee 7 Jun (**C. Cousino**). One visited *Hancock* 10 Jun (**B. Hardesty**). **S. Zadar** saw one in "calico" plumage at Pickerel Ck WA 1 Jul and a juv at Willow Pt WA 23 Jul.

**Tricolored Heron:** Likely the same bird, one skulked Pipe Ck WA 8 (**S. Zadar**)-9 Jul (**D. Sanders**), and one was in full view at a dock in Catawba Island 24 Jul (**N. Bixler**).

**Green Heron:** Widely reported. **L. Rosche** remarked he'd seen more in ne Ohio than in any of the past 20 years.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** The West Sister Isl colony was up to an estimated 460 from last year's 393. The largest mainland numbers came from the nw marshes, with 11 at Magee 15 Jun (**H&S Hiris**) and 21 at Pickerel Ck WA 1 Jul (**S. Zadar**).

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:** The Columbus nest site had produced three early young, one in awkward flight, plus a runt, by 26 Jun (**A. Paschall**). Last seen were four adults and four young birds 11 Jun (**Paschall**). No other confirmed reports in the state.

**Black Vulture:** Seems to be continuing a slow expansion of range. During the period birds were probably nesting in *Holmes* and *Coshocton* (*vide* **B. Glick**), and **D. Graham** discovered a nest in *Ross*. High count ~15 at Shawnee Lookout in *Hamilton* 21 Jun (**J. Van Coney**).

**Osprey:** Nested in *Butler, Delaware, Erie, Fayette, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Mahoning, Pickaway, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Warren, and Williams* (ODOW). Missing from apparently suitable habitat in the Lk Erie marshes, allegedly because of competition from the following species, but do they not co-exist more peacefully elsewhere? Also widely reported as non-breeders across the state, and doing well. A success story, accelerated by a fruitful ODOW re-introduction project.

**Bald Eagle:** Like the above, widely reported away from nesting sites, an interesting example an adult on the Ohio side of the River in exotic *Monroe* 1 Jun (**R&S Harlan**).

**Northern Harrier:** **H&S Hiris** saw one in *Magee* 15 Jun, **D. Morse** one in *nw Adams* 22 Jun, and **C. Babyak** a pair hunting Mosquito WA 29 Jun; nesting was confirmed at the latter location, with four young being fed at a nest 6 Jul (**S. DeHaven** *vide* **Babyak**).

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** **J. Pogacnik** regarded nesting as at least possible in six *Lake* MPs during the period. **K. Metcalf** had one through Jun at *South Chagrin* MP, *Cuyahoga*.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** Widely reported as doing very well. **J. Pogacnik** regarded nesting as at least possible in 18 *Lake* MPs.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** Also doing quite well. **E. Tramer** reported a nest in an oak near *Whitehouse, Lucas* with incubation 5 Jun, single chick visible 28 Jun, and fledging by 18 Jul. **K. Metcalf** reported an unusual 10+ in *Geauga* during the period, and **L. Rosche** saw birds in the northeast in *Ashabula, Portage, Lake, Cuyahoga, and Summit* as well.

**Common Moorhen:** A pair spent the summer at *GRWA* (**C. Babyak, D. Hochadel**), and a nest was suspected at *Hidden Valley* MP in *Lake* (**J. Pogacnik**). Three were at *Mallard Club Marsh* 7 Jun (**J. Lehman**), two at *CPNWR* 12 Jun (**E. Tramer**), three at *Magee* 15 Jun (**H&S Hiris**), two at *Killbuck* 16 Jun (**S. Snyder**), the high count of 11 ad and 11 young at *BIWA* 6 Jul (**G. Stauffer**), two on the 6 Jul ONWRC, two at *Sandy Ridge* MP 9 Jul (**P. Lozano**), and 12 at *Magee* 20 Jul (**Hirises**).

**American Coot:** In their customary strongholds the high count was 105, with 10 young, on the 1 Jun ONWRC. Inland, **R. Counts** had six on 16 Jun in *Wyandot*, and **S. Snyder** a pair with two young on 23 Jul at *BIWA*.

**Sandhill Crane:** The high count at *Funk* WA in *Wayne* was seven on 30 Jul (**D. Plant**); no reports received of potential breeders elsewhere.

**Black-bellied Plover:** All adults, these birds were scarce, with one early on 1 Jul at *Pickereel Ck* WA (**S. Zadar**), one in *Wyandot* the 21<sup>st</sup> (**R. Counts**), and three at *Conneaut* the 31<sup>st</sup> (**G. Leidy**).

**Semipalmated Plover:** The ONWRC had 31 on 1 Jun, and **J. Sedransk** six at *Conneaut* 2 Jun, and the latest northbound was one in *Williams* 5 Jun (**J. Grabmeier**). Returnees weren't reported till 26 Jul, with two at *BIWA* (**D. Sanders**) and 31 at *Conneaut* 31 Jul (**G. Leidy**).

**Killdeer:** By 27 Jul, 320+ could be found at *BIWA* (**K. Metcalf**).

**American Avocet:** Adults appeared at *Pipe Ck* WA 7 (**T. Shively**)-11 Jul (**W. Sarno**), at the *CCE* on 14 Jul (**D. Sanders**), and in *Wyandot* on 28 Jul (**R. Counts**).

**Greater Yellowlegs:** Last departing on 7 Jun from *Paulding* (**D&M Dunakin**), the first to return were two on 8 Jul at *Pickereel Ck* WA (**S. Zadar**). High count 31+ at *Conneaut* 31 Jul (**G. Leidy**).

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** One 12 Jun in *Williams* must have missed out on the breeding season (**D. Sanders**). **S. Zadar** saw six returnees near *Sandusky Bay* on 1 Jul. Big counts came at the end of the month, with 115 in *Wyandot* (**R. Counts**) and 96 at *Funk* (**S. Snyder**).

**Solitary Sandpiper:** Two returned for the 6 Jul ONWRC, and the high count came near the end of the period, with 10 in *Williams* 27 Jul (**J. Yochum**).

**Willet:** So numerous in spring, only one: 15 Jul in *Williams* (**J. Yochum**).

**Spotted Sandpiper:** The high count was 22, at a *Findlay* res 15 Jul (**B. Hardesty**).

**Upland Sandpiper:** One of the *Krause Rd* pair was seen 7 Jun (**J. Lehman**), but no others were reported.

**Ruddy Turnstone:** Jun birds included three in *Wyandot* (**R. Counts**) and 15 for the ONWRC, both on the 1<sup>st</sup>. The first southbound bird was at *Conneaut* 30 Jul (**E. Elder**).

**Red Knot:** Two lingered at *Conneaut* 5 Jun (**B. Winger**), where the first to return was an ad found by **E. Elder** on 30 Jul, seen the following day there by **G. Leidy**.

**Sanderling:** Spring birds remained at *Conneaut* 2 Jun (**J. Sedransk**), with a very early returning bird 6 Jul for the ONWRC. High count was 10 ad at *HBSP* 22 Jul (**K. Metcalf**).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** Fifty-plus lingered in *Paulding* through 7 Jun (**M&D Dunakin**). The high count was 92 at *Conneaut* 31 Jul (**G. Leidy**).

**Western Sandpiper:** A good find were two juv at *Cowan Lk* SP 30 Jul (**B. Powell**).

**Least Sandpiper:** Adults returned 30 Jun, with three in *Williams* (**J. Yochum**). By 9 Jul, ~100 were at *Pipe Ck* WA (**D. Sanders**). The first juv were two in *Wyandot* 26 Jul (**B. Whan**).

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** Jun migrants numbering 22 were reported in *Ashabula, Butler, Paulding, Wyandot*, with a final sighting in *Williams* as late as the 12<sup>th</sup> (**D. Sanders**). The first two returning were adults at *Conneaut* 31 Jul (**G. Leidy**).

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** One lingered at *Conneaut* 2 Jun (**J. Sedransk**), and one going the other way was at *Pipe Ck* WA 1 Jul (**S. Zadar**). High counts ~200 at *BIWA* 27 Jul (**K. Metcalf**) and 123 at *Funk* the following day (**S. Snyder**).

**Dunlin:** High count 308 on 1 Jun for the ONWRC, with two in *Paulding* 7 Jun (**D&M Dunakin**). One in alt plumage, probably a failed breeder, haunted ONWR through 6 Jul through the period (ONWRC, m obs).

**Stilt Sandpiper:** First appearing 9 Jul at *Pipe Ck* WA (**D. Sanders**), their numbers peaked at 17 in *Conneaut* 31 Jul (**G. Leidy**).

**Ruff:** A reeve in *Wyandot* 18 Jul was written up for the OBRC.

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** Adults showed up first on 1 Jul at *Pipe Ck* WA (**S. Zadar**), peaking at 86 at the *CCE* 16 Jul (**D. Sanders**). *Conneaut* had 18 ad 31 Jul (**G. Leidy**).

**Wilson's Phalarope:** Probably late migrants were females in *Union* 6 Jun (**S. Richards**) and *Williams* 11 Jun (**J. Yochum**). **S. Zadar** had one 8 Jul at *Pipe Ck* WA, and **G. Leidy** two juv at *Conneaut* 31 Jul. Probable nesting took place at *BIWA* in the same area as in late Jun 2000 and 2002: a pair circled observer **M. Bolton** for 45 min, calling and hovering in a wetland there 16 Jul; coincidentally or not, on 26 Jul a pair of juv was found at a mudflat at *BIWA* (**B. Whan** et al.).

**Red-necked Phalarope:** Late was one in *Union* 6 Jun (**G. Miller** et al.).

**Franklin's Gull:** An immature bird was discovered at *Caesar Ck* SP on 12 Jul (**B. Hull**).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** Unexpected inland were singletons at *Paulding Res* 12 Jun (**M&D Dunakin**), *Williams* 15 Jun (**J. Yochum**), and *BCSP* 5-27 Jul (**D. Overacker**). Eleven were at a res in *Findlay* 29 Jul (**B. Hardesty**).

- Caspian Tern:** Early were five at Pipe Ck WA on 7 Jul (E. Snively) and one at Caesar Ck SP (L. Gara). L. Rosche reported that  $\leq 10$  to all intents and purposes summered at La Due Res in Geauga.
- Common Tern:** Two at Hoover Res 7 Jun were unexpected (C. Bombaci), as was one at Caesar Ck SP 18 Jul (L. Gara). The high count was  $\sim 275$  at the CCE 16 Jul (D. Sanders). At the assisted colonies, on 8 Jul the ONWR's eight platforms supported 15 nests, 25 eggs, 31 chicks, and 65 fledged young, with more than 60 adults observed; on 9 Jul the Pipe Ck WA's four platforms had eight nests, 17 eggs, 11 chicks, and 43 fledged birds, with 40 adults observed (fide R. Huffman).
- Forster's Tern:** Seldom seen, with one at Pt. Clinton 7 Jul (E. Snively).
- Black Tern:** Not a bad showing for recent years, 63 birds were reported from 20 occasions in *Butler*, *Fulton*, *Hancock*, *Lorain*, *Lucas*, *Marion*, *Ottawa*, *Paulding*, *Williams*, and *Wyandot*. High count was 14 birds in *Paulding* 7 Jun (M&D Dunakin). Twelve sightings occurred in the first three weeks of Jun, then after a hiatus eight during the second through fourth weeks of Jul. P. Rodewald was led to speculate about possible nesting by sightings of 3+ on 2 Jun and 5+ on 19 Jun in a remote area of ONWR. No reports from CPNWR.
- Black-billed Cuckoo:** Normal numbers. The GAASSBC tallied eight 13-22 Jun.
- Barn Owl:** At least six pairs were known to be in *Wayne* and *Holmes* (fide B. Glick). L. Rosche was surprised by one at the RTLS in *Portage* 3 Jun.
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** By late Jul as many as 80 frequented feeders at a *Scioto* residence (J. McCormac). On 31 Jul, 62 were banded at a single site in *Lawrence* (A. Chartier). Interesting side note: north of Elkins, WV during the period three researchers banded 416 at a single residence over four consecutive days (fide Chartier).
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** Quite unusual for *Trumbull* was a nest discovered by S. DeHaven 6 Jul at Mosquito WA (fide C. Babyak, ph). J. Pogacnik reported possible or probable nesting at five locations in the *Lake* MPs during the season.
- Pileated Woodpecker:** Still unusual in the NW, one was seen in Oak Openings MP in Toledo 7-18 Jun (E. Tramer), and another spent the period in Marie De Larme Wds in *Paulding* (M&D Dunakin).
- Olive-sided Flycatcher:** Lingered 2 Jun in *Lake* (J. Pogacnik), 4 Jun at the Shaker Lks (L. Deininger), and 5 Jun in the Oak Openings (E. Durbin).
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** Ten Jun reports, including birds as late as the 6<sup>th</sup> in *Lake* (J. Pogacnik) and in *Cuyahoga* (K. Metcalf).
- Acadian Flycatcher:** A northbound bird was part of the 1 Jun ONWRC. High count 10 at Johnson's Wds SNP in *Wayne* 10 Jun (R&S Harlan).
- Alder Flycatcher:** An apparent migrant remained at Magee 6 Jun (R. Nirschl). In traditional nesting range were two in the CVNP 29 Jun (S&R Harlan) and six pairs in the *Lake* MPs during the period (J. Pogacnik). L. Rosche reported "outstanding numbers" at the RTLS in *Portage*. Out of range were a singing male in a *Logan* peatland in suitable nesting habitat 12 Jun (J. McCormac), and another at Cedar Bog in *Champaign* 23 Jun (T. Shively et al.).
- Willow Flycatcher:** The 1 Jun ONWRC counted 73, where 11 remained 6 Jul. Eleven found along a BBS route in *Lorain/Huron/Ashland* 8 Jun may have been in part migrants (R&S Harlan), ditto for 12 on 4 Jun at Pickerington Ponds, *Franklin* (J. Watts).
- Least Flycatcher:** In nw *Coshocton*, L.E. Yoder had one on 1 and 21 Jun and 5 Jul. S&R Harlan had one in *Overton*, *Wayne* 14 Jun. J. Pogacnik reported nine possible or probable breeding pairs in the *Lake* MPs during the period. A. Vitz banded adults, probably early southbound migrants, on 17 Jul in *Gallia*, on 22 Jul in *Jackson*, and on 29 Jul in *Vinton*.

- Great Crested Flycatcher:** A migrant lingered at Magee 6 Jun (R. Nirschl).
- Loggerhead Shrike:** The nesting pair in *Adams* remained 2 Jun (B. Sparks).
- Bell's Vireo:** Reported there as early as 3 May (H. Armstrong), three were observed at MWW 6 Jun (N. Cade), with a pair building a nest (L. Brumbaugh). On 21 Jun, this nest had two vireo eggs and a cowbird's egg, and another pair's nest was under construction (Brumbaugh); on 3 Jul the second nest had been deserted, with three vireo eggs plus a cowbird egg (Brumbaugh). A pair was last seen 13 Jul, but no nest was noted at the time. T. Shively reported another Bell's in *Logan* 18 Jun.
- Blue-headed Vireo:** One in *Paulding* 3 Jun was a local first (M&D Dunakin). One was in Stebbin's Gulch, *Lake* 7 Jun (H. Petruschke). In other traditional nesting locales, J. Pogacnik reported 27 pairs in the *Lake* MPs for the period, R&S Harlan five in *Mohican* SP 22 Jun, and J. Lehman two in *Clear Ck* MP in *Hocking* 30 Jun. A pair building a nest in *Oak Openings* MP in *Lucas* 23 Jul was a third local record (T. Kemp).
- Bank Swallow:** A large aggregation at *Conneaut*, which lasted well into the following period, was estimated at 2500 on 18 Jul by G. Meszaros.
- Cliff Swallow:** Continued to colonize new bridges etc. statewide. Ten-plus at a dam near the Ohio River in *Monroe* 1 Jun (S&R Harlan) may or may not have been truly new, but were new to us. In *Holmes*, P. Yoder's colony numbered 394 nests in a rebuilding year, and neighbor A.A. Troyer had 545 nests, the same number he hosted in 2001.
- American Crow:** B. Hardesty compared *Hancock* survey numbers of 2003 and [2002]: on 3 Jun 26 and [52], on 22 Jul 22 and [68], and on 29 Jul 15 and [60].
- Carolina Chickadee:** R&S Harlan had one just south of *Overton* in *Wayne* 14 Jun.
- Black-capped Chickadee:** R&S Harlan had one just north of *Overton* in *Wayne* 14 Jun.
- Red-breasted Nuthatch:** R&S Harlan reported one in *Cuyahoga* 4 Jun, four at *Mohican* SP 22 Jun, singletons in the CVNP, *Summit* 24 and 29 Jun, and on 1 Jul one at *Hinckley* MP in *Medina* with another adult and 1-2 young elsewhere in the park—in total "more than I've ever had here in the summer in one year, and maybe more than all previous summers combined." S. Snyder had one at *Mohican* SF 12 Jun, B. Whan one in *Columbus* 17 Jun, and T. Kemp three, probably a family group, at a *Lucas* golf course 28 Jun.
- Brown Creeper:** J. Pogacnik reported three in the *Lake* MPs during the period. R&S Harlan had different birds in the CVNP 24 and 29 Jun.
- Winter Wren:** H. Petruschke reported one in Stebbin's Gulch 7 Jun, and B. Roberts a singing male in S. Chagrin MP 26 Jun. J. Pogacnik found 17 pairs in the *Lake* MPs during the period.
- Sedge Wren:** First discovered at MWW on 1 Jun by D. Brinkman, then at KPWA 21 Jun by C. Dusthimer. F. Dinkelbach reported one at the old Coliseum site in the CVNP 6 Jul. At the VOA property in *Butler*, the maximum number was 10 during Jul (M. Busam, F. Renfrow).
- Marsh Wren:** High count 25 on the 6 Jul ONWRC. At *Sandy Ridge* MP in *Lorain*, four were present 9 Jul (P. Lozano), and three were at *Killbuck* 12 Jul (S. Snyder).
- Golden-crowned Kinglet:** A male was in song near *Clendening Lk*, *Harrison* 5 Jul (J. Beechy fide B. Glick). J. Pogacnik regarded nesting as possible in *Chapin Forest*, *Lake* once again.
- Veery:** A late migrant appeared for the 1 Jun ONWRC. Among its scattered breeding sites, birds were found in *Clear Ck* MP in *Hocking* (four, 18 Jun J. Watts), *Wayne* 12 (J. McCormac) and 14 Jun (R&S Harlan), *Ashland* 21 Jun (G. Cowell fide T. Leslie), *Mohican* SF 22 Jun (seven, Harlans), and in the CVNP (three, Harlans) 29 Jun. K. Metcalf noted a few pairs in the *Chagrin Valley* during the period. No reports from other known areas. Most interesting was an ad female with a wrinkled brood patch banded in *Vinton* 26 Jul (A. Vitz).

- Gray-cheeked Thrush:** One brought up the rear in *Lake* 6 Jun (**J. Pogacnik**).
- Swainson's Thrush:** **J. Watts** found one in Clear Ck MP in *Hocking* 1 Jun. **R. Harlan** overheard five in Norton 3 Jun and two 4 Jun.
- Hermit Thrush:** Singing males were reported in good numbers in appropriate habitat in the *Hocking* hills parks, Mohican SP and SF, the CVNP, and *Lake* MPs.
- Northern Mockingbird:** In 1878, Langdon described it as a "rare summer resident" in Cincinnati, with only "[o]ne specimen taken in winter." Now **E. Tramer** reports mockers are "seemingly more numerous than the Brown Thrasher" sw of Toledo.
- Cedar Waxwing:** High count 90 on the 1 Jun ONWRC.
- Blue-winged Warbler:** Late was one 6 Jun at Magee (**R. Nirschl**).
- Golden-winged Warbler:** One was seen in the CVNP 1 Jun, but not relocated later (**B. Roberts**).
- Northern Parula:** Three were in *Monroe* 1 Jun and one in Mohican SF 22 Jun (**S&R Harlan**). Four singing males were in Cedar Bog, *Champaign* 19 Jun (**T. Shively** et al.).
- Yellow Warbler:** **E. Schlabach** reported probable migrants in *Holmes* 12 Jul, **K. Metcalf** 10 in *Geauga* the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and by 31 Jul **G. Leidy** was to report ~75 at Conneaut. The GAASSBC tallied a record 534. Last report of song 16 Jul ONWR (**B. Whan**).
- Chestnut-sided Warbler:** Five were in nw *Coshocton* 1 Jun (**L.E. Yoder**), and one at Magee 6 Jun (**R. Nirschl**). The GAASSBC reported five. One was in Mohican SF 22 Jun (**S&R Harlan**), and one at S. Chagrin MP 26 Jun (**B. Roberts**). In *Vinton*, **A. Vitz** banded different individuals of this species as follows: three 19 Jun, two 3 Jul, one 6 Jul, one 11 Jul, two 16 Jul, and two 6 Aug, well outside its accustomed nesting range; he had previously banded six individuals there in 2002.
- Magnolia Warbler:** A number of Jun migrants, as late as the 7<sup>th</sup> at N. Chagrin MP (**K. Metcalf**), with as many as seven on the 1 Jun ONWRC. One was found 16 Jun in Clear Ck MP in *Hocking* (**J. Watts**), and another in Mohican SF 22 Jun (**R&S Harlan**). **J. Pogacnik** tallied 18 in the *Lake* MPs during the period.
- Cape May Warbler:** One straggler was found by the 1 Jun ONWRC.
- Black-throated Blue Warbler:** **H. Petruschke** reported three in Stebbin's Gulch 7 Jun. **J. Pogacnik** noted a singing male in two visits to a previous nesting area in Hidden Valley MP, also in *Lake*, during the period.
- Yellow-rumped Warbler:** A female was banded 2 Jun at ONWR's Darby unit (**P. Rodewald**).
- Black-throated Green Warbler:** Doing well in its haunts, with one in Stebbin's Gulch 7 Jun (**H. Petruschke**), four at Clear Ck MP in *Hocking* 12 Jun (**B. Whan**), one in sw *Medina* 17 Jun (**R&S Harlan**), five in Mohican SF 22 Jun (**Harlans**), one in S. Chagrin MP 26 Jun (**B. Roberts**), four along Scobie Rd in the CVNP 29 Jun and five-plus at Hinckley MP in *Medina* 12 Jul (**Harlans**); **L.E. Yoder** noted five at three different nw *Coshocton* spots during the period. **A. Vitz** banded a hatch-year bird in Zaleski SF in *Vinton* on 7 Jul.
- Blackburnian Warbler:** Late migrants were at MWW (**D. Brinkman**) and in *Greene* (**D. Overacker**) on 1 Jun, as well as in Parma Hts 5 Jun (**S&R Harlan**). Oddly, a male was in Cincinnati 29 Jul (**S. Corbo**).
- Yellow-throated Warbler:** **E. Roush** noted a male singing almost continuously near his home in *Clinton* from 14 Jun through 18 Jul, then silent until resuming singing 30 Jul and 1 Aug. In fringing areas of its range, **R&S Harlan** had five in Mohican SF 22 Jun, and **J. Pogacnik** three in the *Lake* MPs during the period.

- Pine Warbler:** From outside the core range came reports through the period of three singing males in the Oak Openings (**E. Tramer**) and probable nesting in Chapin Forest MP, *Lake* (**J. Pogacnik**). Five were in Mohican 22 Jun and two in the CVNP 29 Jun (**R&S Harlan**).
- Prairie Warbler:** A migrant visited Magee 6 Jun (**R. Nirschl**). On the same day, a nest with three 1-2 day old young was found in a pitch pine in Clear Ck MP in *Hocking* (**J. Watts**).
- Blackpoll Warbler:** Late were birds at Conneaut 5 Jun (**B. Winger**), at Magee 6 Jun (**R. Nirschl**), and at Pickerel Ck WA 7 Jun (**J. Lehman**).
- Cerulean Warbler:** **J. McCormac** reported that this canopy-loving species flourished at Shawnee SF despite severe localized ice-storm damage from spring. Good numbers to the north included three territorial males at Mosquito WA on 29 Jun and 8 Jul (**C. Babyak**), four in Stebbin's Gulch 7 Jun (**H. Petruschke**), and seven in nw *Coshocton* 14 Jun (**L.E. Yoder**).
- American Redstart:** A laggard passed through Magee 6 Jun (**R. Nirschl**). **L.E. Yoder** counted a remarkable 38, nearly all males, in nw *Coshocton* 14 Jun, reckoning redstarts the most common warbler present there at the time.
- Prothonotary Warbler:** One was around for the 6 Jul ONWRC. **C. Bombaci** tallied 19 singing males 21 Jun in the Hoover Res area he monitors.
- Worm-eating Warbler:** Out of the expected range, breeding or at least yearning to, was one seen in May and still in song 24 Jul in Marie de Larme Woods in *Paulding* (**M. Dunakin**). A nest with four 5-7 day old young was found at Clear Ck MP, *Hocking* 5 Jun (**J. Watts**).
- Ovenbird:** Doubtless migrants were one from the 1 Jun ONWRC and another at Magee 6 Jun (**R. Nirschl**).
- Northern Waterthrush:** A late migrant was in *Monroe* 1 Jun (**S&R Harlan**). During the period **J. Pogacnik** noted possible nesting at three *Lake* MPs.
- Louisiana Waterthrush:** In the north, seen at Stebbin's Gulch 7 Jun (**H. Petruschke**), and 7 Jul in Parma for a local record (**G. Leidy**). One was still in song 28 Jul in *Ashtabula* (**K. Metcalf**). Nest found with four young in Clear Ck MP 5 Jun (**J. Watts**).
- Mourning Warbler:** Half a dozen stragglers reported in early Jun, the latest 7 Jun in *Portage* (**E. Elder**). **L. Rosche** noted a territorial male in Munson Twp, *Geauga* 28 Jun into Jul for a remarkable record.
- Wilson's Warbler:** A male was tardy in Cincinnati 7 Jun (**A. Oliver**).
- Canada Warbler:** Seven apparent migrants were reported the first wk of Jun. Found at Old Man's Cave 12 Jun (**T. Shively**), another at Conkle's Hollow 24 Jun (**B. Powell**), and two in Mohican SF 22 Jun (**R&S Harlan**). Six birds including three fledglings were at Clear Ck MP 11 Jul (**B. Whan**). Through the period, **J. Pogacnik** counted seven possible or probable nestings in the *Lake* MPs.
- Yellow-breasted Chat:** One near Antwerp in *Paulding* through the period was of local interest (**D&M Dunakin**).
- Summer Tanager:** Three males were on territory in the Oak Openings through the period (**E. Tramer**), and on 7 Jul **R. Nirschl** was able to find a remarkable six in the Toledo area. **R&S Harlan** found one on 1 Jun for the *Monroe* list.
- Clay-colored Sparrow:** One was seen on 1 Jun near Sugarcreek, *Tuscarawas* (**J. Miller**).
- Savannah Sparrow:** ~Thirty were to be found at the old Coliseum site in the CVNP 15 Jun (**F. Dinkelbach**), and 15 at the VOA site in *Butler* 6 Jul (**M. Busam**).

- Grasshopper Sparrow:** In outlying areas of its range, **J. Lehman** reported one from Krause Rd in *Ottawa* 7 Jun, and **E. Tramer** had five in the Oak Openings 6 Jul. On 13 Jun, 14 were in a *Union* MP, where a nest with four eggs was found 22 Jul (**J. Watts**).
- Henslow's Sparrow:** The population at the VOA grassland in *Butler* peaked at 19, including a hatch-year bird, on 23 Jul (**M. Busam**). One was in Oak Openings MP 5 Jun (**E. Durbin**). Unusual at KPWA, two were found 14 Jul (**B. Royse**).
- Swamp Sparrow:** High count was 10 at Chippewa Lk in *Medina* 21 Jun (**R&S Harlan**).
- White-throated Sparrow:** Odd enough was a singing male 21 Jun at Gilmore Ponds (**M. Busam**).
- Dark-eyed Junco:** Several reports of this species came, as always, from Mohican; the high count was three 22 Jun (**R&S Harlan**). **K. Metcalf** reported 10+ territorial males at N. Chagrin MP in *Cuyahoga*. **J. Pogacnik**, noting that cool springs and summers mean good junco numbers, reported 84 territorial sites in 19 *Lake* MPs during the period.
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** Confirmed for *Monroe* 1 Jun (**R&S Harlan**), a pair was copulating in *Clinton* by 7 Jun (**L. Gara**), and three pairs came to a single *Logan* feeder 8 Jun (**T. Shively**). The GAASSBC counted a local record 193. **A. Vitz** banded a hatch-year bird in *Zaleski* SF way down in *Vinton* on 20 Jul.
- Blue Grosbeak:** A pair near the *Pickaway* airport produced three young, seen 12 Jun (**T. Shively**). The only *Adams* report was of one near the Nature Conservancy office 22 Jun (**D. Morse**). Two were reported at Crown City WA (*Lawrence/Gallia*) 25 Jun (**J. Fry**). A flurry of reports from the Oak Openings, involving as many as two adults and two first-year birds, began on 28 Jun (**R. Nirschl**) and ended 16 Jul (**E. Tramer**). A nesting attempt by a pair at a now-traditional *Holmes* site was unsuccessful (*vide* **B. Glick**).
- Dickcissel:** Staged an invasion of sorts, reported in 26 counties: *Butler, Champaign, Clinton, Darke, Defiance, Franklin, Gallia, Hancock, Hardin, Lawrence, Logan, Lucas, Madison, Marion, Miami, Montgomery, Ottawa, Paulding, Pickaway, Portage* (first summering record *vide* **L. Rosche**), *Ross, Wood, Tuscarawas, Union, Williams, and Wyandot*. **R. Counts** surveyed *Wyandot* with care, finding as many as 41 singing males 28 Jun. The ONWRC of 6 Jul found 20, and 15-20 were in very small quarters in *Pickaway* 12 Jun (**T. Shively**).
- Bobolink:** A few reported during spring along Krause Rd in *Ottawa* had dwindled to one by 7 Jun (**J. Lehman**), and on the same date 14 w of the Toledo Airport were unusual, and didn't stay (**E. Tramer**). At strongholds in the frequently visited grassland islands, the old Coliseum site in the CVNP had 60+ 15 Jun (**F. Dinkelbach**) and on 9 Jul (**M&T Romito**), and the VOA site in *Butler* boasted 50 on 6 Jul (**M. Busam**).
- Eastern Meadowlark:** All too sparse in agricultural country, but the VOA had 50 on 6 Jul and 42 on 16 Jul (both **M. Busam**).
- Western Meadowlark:** An excellent year for this seldom-detected species. Spring's male in Whitehouse, *Lucas* flirted with observers through 18 Jul (**M. Anderson**). A male remained in ONWR 7 Jun (**J. Lehman**), detected in the general area for over a month afterwards (m obs). **E. Durbin** discovered another in *Fulton* 24 Jun. These followed the usual pattern of a lonely male singing himself hoarse, but one at the Toledo airport 1 Jul was accompanied by a female; both adults were carrying food, and nesting all but certain (**J. Watts**). **C. Anderson** found another in nw *Wood* 5 Jul, seen at least through 8 Jul (**M. Anderson**). Another singer was in *Wyandot* 13 Jul (**R. Counts**). Birders in the western counties who learn the loud and distinctive song of this species may increase our knowledge of its abundance in Ohio.
- Yellow-headed Blackbird:** As in spring, not a single solitary report of this species.

- Brewer's Blackbird:** **R&S Harlan** offered full details of a male seen 15 Jun in the Flats in Cleveland. Second documented Jun record.
- Orchard Oriole:** Big numbers of orchards came from *Monroe* (30+, **R&S Harlan**) on 1 Jun, 33 from the GAASSBC, and 13 on the 6 Jul OWNRC.
- Purple Finch:** Skimpily seen as usual. **K. Metcalf** reported a female at a N. Chagrin MP feeder 7 Jun, **R&S Harlan** singles at Mohican 22 Jun and in the CVNP 29 Jun, and **J. Pogacnik** reckoned that seven were possible/probable nesters in the *Lake* MPs during the period.
- Pine Siskin:** Nary a word was heard of siskins.

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