

Fourteen Years of Raptor Records for Ohio

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Among papers of Lawrence E. Hicks (1905-1957) preserved at Ohio State University's Museum of Biological Diversity is a single sheet presenting in tabular form the results

Year	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Total # of trips	47	49	51	68	64	81
Total # hrs observations	618	722	641	680	719	740
Total mileage on foot	276	281	308	421	406	492
Total mileage by auto	1120	2600	2910	3480	2840	3810
Turkey Vulture	461	896	691	1284	920	1230
Black Vulture	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goshawk	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sharp-shinned Hawk	8	7	3	4	9	11
Cooper Hawk	12	8	16	21	18	31
Red-tailed Hawk	18	12	21	16	28	36
Red-shouldered Hawk	9	11	14	11	10	18
Broad-winged Hawk	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rough-legged Hawk	2	0	1	0	3	1
Golden Eagle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bald Eagle	1	0	1	0	1	0
Osprey	1	0	0	1	0	0
Duck Hawk	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pigeon Hawk	0	0	0	4	0	0
Sparrow Hawk	86	121	81	196	184	163
Barn Owl	8	12	6	17	18	21
Screech Owl	31	24	38	52	38	26
Great Horned Owl	18	19	28	36	21	43
Snowy Owl	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barred Owl	8	6	4	2	1	4
Long-eared Owl	1	0	0	1	0	1
Saw-whet Owl	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short-eared Owl	1	0	0	2	0	1
Marsh Hawk	31	26	18	34	21	61
TOTALS	697	1142	923	1679	1273	1648

of his yearly field observations of raptors as a youth from 1918 through 1931. The sheet is dated 26 March 1932. He says of the data it records that the "Field work has been done in each of the 88 counties during each of the last five years, in all, every township has been visited. Records before 1925 were limited to 20 to 40 counties each year." Fourteen years, over a hundred thousand miles traveled, every township in Ohio visited---it is a feat unlikely to be duplicated, and worth study even if only to compare what we know, or think we know, today. -Ed. ♠

1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	Totals
76	86	115	157	201	176	211	203	1575
920	864	525	1334	1095	1024	1690	1122	12694
460	511	454	866	1176	1370	1200	850	8071
4110	3740	1623	3525	10278	11670	26000	19000	96706
690	1821	826	1223	1211	1918	1426	1148	15745
0	0	24	21	3	38	6	19	111
1	0	6	1	1	3	0	1	15
8	6	7	13	12	12	12	15	127
89	46	22	34	45	30	27	43	442
49	47	19	36	176	31	57	92	538
38	16	20	23	43	12	9	29	263
1	0	1	1	3	0	2	2	11
1	1	4	2	1	1	3	5	26
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	2	4	6	9	37
1	2	1	20	2	1	4	2	35
0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	5
3	0	1	2	2	3	0	18	33
214	171	101	203	470	965	415	472	3841
31	22	4	14	5	69	32	42	301
86	47	19	62	72	49	46	41	651
31	14	5	9	3	7	1	1	236
0	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	8
8	9	4	3	3	8	4	6	70
3	1	2	4	0	0	0	1	14
2	0	0	2	8	0	0	1	14
1	6	48	2	2	0	5	1	69
124	34	22	26	139	283	209	256	1284
1352	2237	1315	1698	2244	3434	2266	2207	23876