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On the Cover: Juvenal Sabine's gulls making their first trip south show up yearly in Ohio. This bird reliably haunted Huron Harbor 22-30 Nov. Brian Zwiebel's photo may show a touch of first-winter plumage in the head and lesser coverts markings. See Rosche & Hannikman, *Birding* 21(5):241-246.

A personal statement from the editor

It seems this issue will be my last as editor of *The Ohio Cardinal*. Ed Pierce, who as publisher for nearly thirty years has ably and selflessly ensured the *Cardinal* worked on behalf of Ohio's birding community, can no longer do so, and has acted on plans to turn the journal over to the Ohio Ornithological Society. The current leadership of the OOS has not equally valued the *Cardinal* in the past, and now, having control of it, no longer wants my services. I thank our readers who for so many years have believed in the *Cardinal* and sent reports and notes and articles that served to enlarge our knowledge of Ohio's birdlife. I hope that eventually circumstances will again permit a journal like this one to serve Ohio's birders. In the meantime I look forward to continuing my work with birds and my friendships in our community, and will try to help readers in any other way I can. Because the future of this journal remains uncertain, I would appreciate it if regular contributors of records, etc., would continue sending copies to me as usual until matters are resolved. --Bill Whan

Fall 2007 Overview and Reports

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No brief account of Ohio's weather serves to describe the fall season of 2007. Record droughts in the southeastern US, and record rains in south-central areas, may have influenced the occurrences of birds here. Overall warmer temperatures delayed the migrations of some more northerly breeders. The Cincinnati area, for example, experienced 25 days of 90°+ and five days of 100°+ temperatures during a record-hot August, which was additionally the fourth driest locally, and the lower 48's second warmest in recorded history (NOAA). Cleveland experienced its wettest recorded August, and Cleveland and Mansfield their third-warmest Octobers ever, Youngstown its second-warmest. Increasingly late average stays by regular Ohio species have followed recent warming trends. This season we set or tied a surprising five late Ohio record stays by migratory species.

Widespread failures of fruit/seed crops in Ontario compelled desperate boreal birds to arrive at our latitudes in unusual numbers. Red-breasted nuthatches appeared statewide quite early, and with time unusually widespread reports of siskins, common redpolls, and purple finches attracted attention. Later, species we haven't seen or even expected here in years---evening and pine grosbeaks and Bohemian waxwings---appeared in the northern tier of counties,

albeit in small numbers. Crop failures reduced populations of small rodents up north as well, leading to elevated numbers of northern saw-whet owls and perhaps northern shrikes, but nothing markedly unusual in apparent numbers of harriers, rough-legged hawks, short-eared owls, etc., as far as reports reveal.

Weather events produced notable migratory spikes among species that might otherwise have appeared in steadier progression. Note the remarkable numbers reported among sparrows, wrens, etc. in the day or two following a 12-degree drop in high temperatures on 10 October, for example, especially at Lakeshore migrant traps. The 16-degree drop on 15 November, too, brought winds that stirred many waterfowl to move south at last. Still, no measurable snow was recorded this fall in the central part of the state, where only on five late November days did the low temperatures even fall below freezing.

Paralleling our unusual irruption of "winter finches" was the delayed migration of other regular migrants from Canada, especially water birds. Lake Erie is the world's most important wintering area for red-breasted mergansers, but this year they seemed late to arrive, and reduced in numbers; these assessments are of course based pretty much exclusively on shoreline observations. Many diving ducks failed to appear in expected numbers during the period. Loons, and grebes too, seemed to lag behind normal schedules, with few appearances before November, and swan movements mostly crowded near the hinge of their migratory window, as did those of Bonaparte's gulls. A recent University of Wisconsin study found that lakes, rivers, and bays in the north now have 16 fewer days of ice cover than in 1975, a steady decline with fall freezes ten days later and spring thaws six days earlier.

Shorebirds found a few reservoirs with open mudflats on their upstream ends, like Hoover in Delaware and Mosquito in Trumbull counties. A few spots open to Lake Erie, such as Conneaut harbor, the Crane Creek estuary, and along the Cedar Point Chaussee, afforded shorebird habitat at least sporadically. The largely impounded western Lake Erie marshes afforded veteran shorebird census-takers Bolton & Szanto their worst numbers ever, especially after the Toledo area had 5+ inches more rain than normal in August. For example, only ten semipalmated plovers, 42 short-billed dowitchers, two solitary sandpipers, five red knots, 31 sanderlings, 60 semipalmated sandpipers, one western sandpiper, 186 least sandpipers, one white-rumped sandpiper, five Baird's sandpipers, and 17 stilt sandpipers were total counts over the entire four-month season via day-long surveys each weekend in Lakeside marshes in Ohio and Michigan. Numbers like those from a single day at Conneaut harbor would not raise an eyebrow. Still, disturbed as it is by dogs, surfers, off-road vehicles, bonfires, etc, Conneaut's records dwarfed all the shorebird numbers from huge areas in the care of State and Federal government wildlife agencies in NW Ohio.

Reports of the following review species (though not always accompanied by documentation) were received: Ross's goose (*Auglaize*, *Lucas*, *Paulding*), cackling goose (*Lucas*, *Lake*, *Stark*, *Auglaize*, *Cuyahoga*, *Mahoning*), northern gannet (*Lake*, *Erie*), white ibis (*Holmes*), glossy ibis (*Warren*, *Morgan*, *Erie*, *Lorain*), white-tailed kite (*Summit*), Mississippi kite

(*Hocking*, *Vinton*), prairie falcon (*Lucas*), yellow rail (*Richland*, *Wayne*, *Cuyahoga*), piping plover (*Ottawa*), ruff (*Ashtabula* [two], *Lucas*), least tern (*Preble*), Eurasian collared-dove (*Darke*, *Preble*), white-winged dove (*Lucas*, *Holmes*), rufous hummingbird (*Lake*, *Jefferson*, *Allen*, *Hamilton*, with *Selasphorus* spp in *Licking* and *Logan*), cave swallow (*Erie*, *Lake*, *Lucas*), Bohemian waxwing (*Cuyahoga*), Kirtland's warbler (*Wayne*), and pine grosbeak (*Lucas*). As many review species were reported than in any of the past ten autumns.

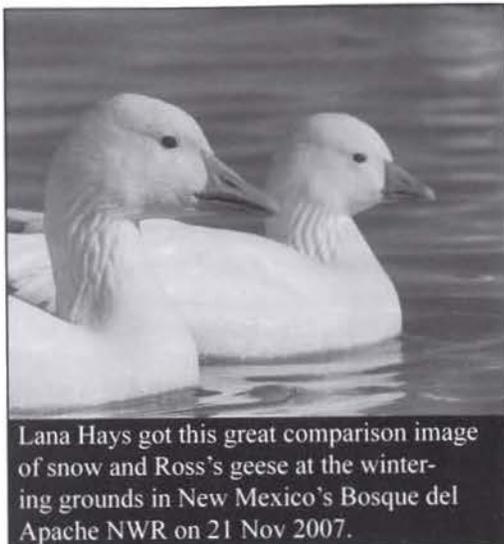
For the Record: Our last issue was not able to include reports of lark sparrows discovered near Dundee in *Tuscarawas*, where J. Yoder found a singing male 14 July 2007, and E. Schlabach adults feeding three juveniles three days later; on 29 July Yoder found an adult and two young at the same site. In 1935, Hicks reported this species breeding in 25 mostly southern Ohio counties; this may be a first record for *Tuscarawas*.

The Reports follow the nomenclature and taxonomic order of the 7th edition of the AOU Check-list of North American Birds (1998), including the 48th Supplement (July 2007), except for the capitalization of English names of birds, where we follow standard English usage. Underlined names of species indicate those on the OBRC Review List; documentation is needed to add reports of these species to official state records, or to attributions (i.e., reporters' names) in the Reports. Where supplied, county names appear *italicized*. Unless numbers are specified, sightings refer to single birds. Abbreviations, conventions, locations, and symbols used in the Reports should be readily understood, with the possible exceptions of the following: ad=adult; alt=alternate (breeding) plumage; BCSP=Buck Ck SP in *Clark*; BIWA=Big Isl WA in *Marion*; BSBO=Black Swamp Bird Observatory; CCE=Crane Ck estuary in ONWR; CPNWR=Cedar Point NWR in *Lucas*; CVNP=Cuyahoga Valley Natl Pk in *Cuyahoga* and *Summit*; Deer Ck WA is in *Pickaway/Fayette*; Dike 14=the Gordon Park impoundment in Cleveland; EFSP=East Fork SP in *Clermont*; cop=end of the period, in this case 31 July 2007; EHSP=East Hbr SP in *Ottawa*; fide="in trust of," said of data conveyed on behalf of another person; Funk WA is in *Wayne*; Gilmore Ponds is in *Butler*; GLSM=Grand Lk St Marys in *Mercer/Auglaize*; HBSB=Headlands Beach SP in *Lake*; HBSNP=Headlands Beach SNP in *Lake*; Hoover=Hoover Res in Franklin/Delaware; HWSP=Hueston Wds SP (*Butler/Preble*); imm=immature; Killbuck=Killbuck Marsh WA in *Wayne/Holmes*; KPWA=Killdeer Plains WA in *Wyandot*; LSR=Lakeshore Reservation (MP) in *Lake*; Magee=Magee Marsh WA in *Ottawa/Lucas*; MBSP=Maumee Bay SP in *Lucas*; MCWS=Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary in *Mahoning*; Metzger=Metzger Marsh WA in *Lucas*; MP=Metropark; m obs=many observers; MWW=Miami-Whitewater Wetlands in *Hamilton*; NWR=National Wildlife Refuge; OBBA=Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas, second edition; OBRC=Ohio Bird Records Committee; ODOV=Ohio Division of Wildlife; ONWR=Ottawa NWR in *Ottawa/Lucas*; ONWRC=monthly bird census at ONWR; PCWA=Pickerel Ck WA in *Sandusky*; ph=photograph, Res=Reservoir; Res'n=Reservation; SCBC=Greater Akron Audubon Society Summit County Bird Census of 15-24 June; SF=State Forest; SNP=State Nature Preserve; SP=State Park; Springville Marsh SNP is in *Seneca*; SVWA=Spring Valley WA in *Greene/Warren*; TPI=Turning Point Island in *Sandusky*; VOA=Voice of America Park in *Butler*; WA=Wildlife Area.

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Greater white-fronted goose: The only fall reports made public were of three in *Wyandot* 2 Nov (R. Counts) and one at *Springville Marsh SNP* 25 Nov (T. Bartlett).

Snow goose: One seen 28-30 Aug at *MBSP* (D. Friedman) was apparently not that at *ONWR* observed to have an injured leg on 27 Aug (G. Crippen); the latter may have been one fed by local residents for at least two years. One was seen 27 Oct in *Stark* (K. Miller) and six at *Deer Ck SP* 29 Oct (B. Royse), but most reports, though totaling just 203 birds, came from Nov, in *Lake, Erie, Paulding, Auglaize, Ottawa, Lucas, Preble, Holmes,* and *Hancock*. The high count was 65 at *HBSP* 21 Nov (R. Hannikman).



Lana Hays got this great comparison image of snow and Ross's geese at the wintering grounds in New Mexico's Bosque del Apache NWR on 21 Nov 2007.

Ross's goose: One frequented the *Thomas Wetlands* in *Paulding* 15-18 Nov (D&M Dunakin, S. Myers). Others were reported from *Auglaize* the following day, and another went undocumented from the *CCE* on the 24th.

Brant: A decent flight, with seven at *Conneaut* 12 (B. Lane) through 15 Oct (M. Vass), four at *HBSP* 28 Oct (E. Kistler), 29 passing *LSR* on 7 Nov (J. Pogacnik), one at Cleveland's *Wildwood Pk* 24 Nov (N. Anderson), and an imm that put in a rare inland showing at *Evans Lk* in *Mahoning* 28 Nov (C. Holt).

Cackling goose: Two were reported in *Stark* 27 Nov, another at *CPNWR* 11 Nov, one in *Auglaize* 12 Nov, four in *Lake* 13 Nov (J. Pogacnik), one at *MBSP* 18-24 Nov (J. Hammond), one in *Wood* 25 Nov (T. Kemp), and a flock of seven overhead in the *Oak Openings* 22 Nov. If you want to know why documentation is required for sightings of this species, see the photo of *B. c. parvipes* in this issue.

Tundra swan: First reported with seven 1 Nov in *Lucas* (E. Tramer), numbers rose in mid-Nov, with ~400 at *Clear Fk Res (Richland, G. Cowell)* and 326 in nine flocks over *Holmes* (E. Schlabach), both on 23 Nov, and 450 at *ONWR* on the 24th (P. Chaon). Nearly 1500 were reported from their relatively narrow pathway across northern Ohio, with reports of good numbers as far south as ~50 in *Harrison* 23 Nov (D. Smith) and 32 at *KPWA* 30 Nov (C. Caldwell).

Wood duck: B. Roach observed 73 in the *CVNP* 5 Nov, and the last report was of a female near *Wooster* on 28 Nov (S. Snyder).

Gadwall: First reported at *Conneaut* 21 Aug (J. Pogacnik), 200+ were present for the 7 Oct *ONWRC*, and 756 for that of 4 Nov. The *CPNWR* census team counted 819 on 11 Nov.

American wigeon: Three basked in *Conneaut* waters 21 Aug (C. Holt), and the *ONWR* census counted 3000+ on 7 Oct and 350 on 4 Nov. Six arrived at *Camp Dennison* by 18 Oct (B. Foppe), and on 23 Nov 60 plied *Caesar Ck Lake* (F. Frick).

American black duck: Numbers from their *Sandusky Bay* offshore haunts were not made public, but 130 were at *Ottawa NWR* 24 Nov (P. Chaon), and 150 at a *Findlay Res* 22 Nov (B. Hardesty).

Mallard: Less numerous than usual, with 3295 for the *Cedar Pt NWR* census of 14 Oct, and 1350 for that of *ONWR* on 4 Nov.

Blue-winged teal: R. Counts found 46 in *Hardin* 23 Aug, then 410 on 7 Oct. The 27th of Sept brought 80 to *Camp Dennison* for B. Foppe. One remained at *Funk Bottoms* in *Wayne* 2 Nov (D. Overacker).

Northern shoveler: On 21 Aug, single birds were at *Conneaut* (J. Pogacnik) and *Mosquito WA* (C. Holt). Later, numbers peaked at 163 for the 11 Nov *CPNWR* census.

Northern pintail: Two early arrivals were at the *Thomas Wetlands* in *Paulding* 18 Aug (D&M Dunakin). Later, numbers reached ~300 for the 4 Nov *ONWR* census, and 120 at *Mosquito WA* 17 Nov (C. Babyak).

Green-winged teal: An Ohio breeder, two were in *Hamilton* 17 Aug (Jay Stenger) and 30 in *Hardin* the 23rd (R. Counts). Migrant numbers peaked at *ONWR*, where the census had 2570+ on 7 Oct. The *CPNWR* census still had 477 on 11 Nov, and one lingered at *BCSP* 25 Nov (D. Overacker).

Canvasback: Two showed up for the *ONWR* census of 7 Oct, with another duo at *Camp Dennison* the 27th (B. Foppe). D. Overacker observed one in *Hancock* 24 Nov.

Redhead: Like the previous species, scarce, with high counts of two, in *Hardin* 12 Oct (R. Counts), at *Camp Dennison* 2 Nov (B. Foppe), and at *Clear Fork Res* 16 Nov (S. Snyder).

Ring-necked duck: Arrived as early as 6 Oct, with two at *Winton Wds* in *Hamilton* (Jay Stenger), but larger numbers came only in Nov, as with 956 for the *CPNWR* census of the 11th, the high count for the period.

Greater scaup: Oddly, a hen spent at least 9 Aug through at least 19 Oct (B. Lane) in **Conneaut Harbor**; C. Holt noted it was in heavy wing molt on 4 Sept. Otherwise, numbers were as low as those of other diving ducks during a warm fall, with a high count of only 12 at **HBSP** 10 Nov (P. Chaon).

Lesser scaup: First reported from **Paulding** 11 Oct (M&D Dunakin). Fifty-plus were at **Hoover Res** 25 Oct (R. Thorn), and 35 at **Clear Fork Res** 16 Nov (S. Snyder) for a rather poor showing overall.

Surf scoter: At certain times and places, scoters were oddly enough the only waterfowl in the game this fall. Thirty-eight reported, with the first at **LSR** 13 Oct (J. Pogacnik), and three down in **Lk Logan** in **Hocking** 27 Nov (J. Fry). Offshore from the scoter mother lode at **Rocky River** poor viewing conditions led observers to report 70-75 "surf/black scoters" on 19 Nov and 60-70 on 27 Nov.

White-winged scoter: Always the scarcest scoter these days. P. Lozano had one as early as 4 Oct in **Cuyahoga**, and J. Edwards another there on 20 Nov. P. Chaon reported an impressive 17 at **HBSP** 10 Nov, J. Pogacnik five at **LSR** 17 Nov, and E. Kistler two at **Geneva SP** 25 Nov.

Black scoter: Two were off **Rocky River** 4 Nov (P. Lozano), and 26 off **LSR** the 7th (J. Pogacnik). P. Chaon had five off **HBSP** 10 Nov, J. Herman two 10 Nov, one on 16 Nov, and three on 22 Nov at **Clear Fork Res**, and T. Bartlett 12 off **Kelleys Island** 17 Nov. The proportion of this species in mixed scoter flocks was to dominate in the next period.

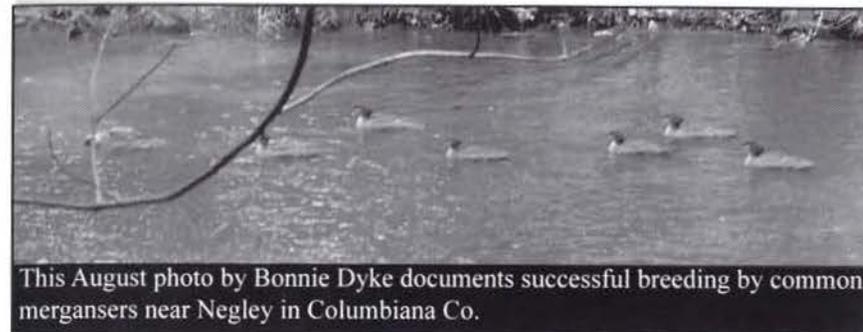
Long-tailed duck: The first to arrive were five females at **Clear Fork Res** (**Richland**) on 24 Oct, observer J. Herman's second Oct record in 34 years of birding there. One was seen 10 Nov at **HBSP** (P. Chaon), and another the next day at **Huron** (J. Pogacnik). The high count of seven was off **Perry Park** in **Lake** 18 Nov (J. Hammond). Pogacnik had another at **LSR** on 22 Nov.

Bufflehead: Quite early was one off **HBSP** 14 Sept (R. Hannikman). More on schedule was one at **South Bass Isl** 26 Oct (L. Brohl), and 461 had gathered by 17 Nov (T. Bartlett) at traditional haunts off **Kelleys Isl**. In the southern part of the state, B. Foppe had seven at **Camp Dennison** by 2 Nov.

Common goldeneye: All but absent, with a quite early report on 14 Oct from **Sims Pk** in **Euclid** (P. Lozano), two off **Kelleys Isl** 17 Nov (T. Bartlett) and one from **Evans Lk** in **Mahoning** 28 Nov (C. Holt).

Hooded merganser: Migrants mostly held off until Nov, with 100+ at **Hoover Res** on the 5th (B. Zimmerman), 65 at the **Shaker Lks** 18 Nov. (L. Deininger), and 120+ at **Conneaut** 29 Nov (B. Lane).

Common merganser: Many reports most likely represented local breeders from NE Ohio and NW Pennsylvania, with 30 on 9 Oct at **Conneaut** (C. Holt). One at **HBSP** on 25 Sept (R. Hannikman) was perhaps a quite early arrival. Three had arrived at **Kelleys Isl** by 17 Nov (T. Bartlett).



This August photo by Bonnie Dyke documents successful breeding by common mergansers near Negley in Columbiana Co.

Red-breasted merganser: Arrivals were evidently delayed, with the first reported six on 20 Sept at **HBSP** (R. Hannikman), and no other reports until one showed up in **Paulding** 11 Oct, another at **Camp Dennison** the 12th, and nine passed **LSR** on the 13th (J. Pogacnik). Numbers appeared only on 10 Nov, when P. Lozano reported 2-300 off **Rocky River** and P. Chaon ~900 during a daylong watch at **HBSP**. C. Caldwell was to report ~3000 in **Cuyahoga** on the 17th...an atypically low November high count for this species.

Ruddy duck: Two at **Paulding Res** 22 Sept (S. Myers) may have been the first arrivals, or locally summering birds; three at **Pleasant Hill Lk** on the 28th were fresh on the scene (S. Snyder). Showed up at the customary gathering points, with 369 at **Metzger Res** in **Lima** 28 Oct (L. Gara) and 525 there on 4 Nov (R. Asamoto). **Wellington Res** in **Lorain** harbored ~2000 on 10 Nov (C. Caldwell).

Red-throated loon: Modest as always in numbers. J. Pogacnik saw one pass by **LSR** fairly early on 13 Oct, then three on 17 Nov. Inland, D. Overacker had one at **BCSP** 25 Nov, and Jack Stenger (*vide* S. Williams) another at **Delaware WA** the 28th.

Common loon: D. English noted one in basic/imm plumage at **La Due Res** 25 Aug. Migrants first arrived on 14 Oct, with one at **BCSP** (D. Overacker) and one in **Cuyahoga** (P. Lozano), and by the 28th, 85 were observed off **LSR** (J. Pogacnik). Cold fronts in Nov brought more, with 45+ at **Alum Ck Res** (R. Thorn) and 125 at **Clear Fork Res** (J. Herman) 18 Nov, and 61 at **EFSP** in **Clermont** 20 Nov (B. Stanley). On 23 Nov, E. Schlabach tallied flocks of up to 70 passing over **Holmes**, arriving at a total of 520 headed south.

Pied-billed grebe: B. Powell photographed a breeding-plumaged bird in **Wilmington** on 13 Aug, which apparently did not stick around. As for migrants, R. Counts found 19 in a **Hardin** wetland on 12 Oct, and R&S Harlan 15 in **Nimisila Res** in **Summit** 9 Nov. B. Foppe's 55 at **Camp Dennison** in **Hamilton**, where wintering is always a possibility these days, was the high count on 16 Nov.

Horned grebe: First reported from **Paulding** on 11 Oct (D&M Dunakin), large numbers emerged in late Nov, with 60 at **Conneaut** 15 Nov (C. Holt) and 200+ there the 26th (B. Lane).

Red-necked grebe: Seen singly as usual, with one at **Wellington Res** 21 Oct (J. McCormac), one at **BCSP** 4 Nov (D. Overacker), and another in **Conneaut** 19-21 Nov (B. Lane, ph).

Eared grebe: Reported only on 8 Sept, with one at the **Cedar Pt Chaussee** (B. Sparks), and four at a former stronghold, **BCSP** (D. Overacker).

Northern gannet: A juvenile seen passing **LSR** on 17 Nov may or may not have been the one doing likewise on 23 Nov.

American white pelican: Continues to garner more reports in Ohio, this season with five passing overhead at **Magee WA** (M. Warren et al.) 15 Sept, one in **Butler** 16-23 Sept (M. Busam), another at the **CCE** 5 Oct (M. Bolton), one or perhaps two at **GLSM** 3 and 27 Oct (J. Bowers), and three in **Sandusky Bay** 14 Oct (T. Fishburn).

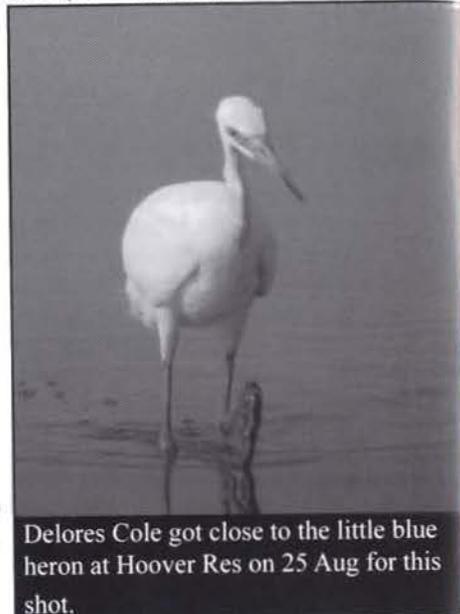
Double-crested cormorant: Many passed along the lakefront the first half of August. E. Schlabach counted 540 flybys over **Holmes** on 12 Oct, D. Brinkman ~600 at **MWW** in **Hamilton** 23 Oct, and T. Bartlett an impressive 12,625 for the 17 Nov **Kelleys Island** census. B. Lane reported a radio transmitter on one at **Conneaut** 26-28 Nov, learning later that it came from the **Abitibi** region of western **Quebec**.

American bittern: Never reported in great numbers in fall, one was found at **Camp Dennison** 3 Sept (D. Smoyer), one in **Hardin** 11 Oct, and another at **MCWS** on 30 Oct (B. Jones).

Least bittern: Ditto. J. Heflich had one at **GRWA** 11 Aug, and R. Hannikman another at **HBSP** 11 Oct.

Great egret: Successful nests in **Mahoning** numbered three (L. Warren), and in **Columbus** two or perhaps three (M. Brehmer). No doubt the latter reinforced numbers of egrets in town, with 22 in a single flock on 10 Aug (R. Thorn) and 15 on 21 Oct (R. Cressman). Thirty were locally striking at **Conneaut** on 3 Oct (C. Holt). The 4 Nov **ONWR** census tallied 52. Later, E. Roush had one at **Cowan Lk** 23 Nov, and G. Crippen observed two passing **Bradstreet Landing** on the Lake Erie shore the following day.

Snowy egret: G. Crippen reported one at the **Turning Pt Isl** colony in **Sandusky** 26 Aug. B. Master found seven at **ONWR** 9 Sept, and C. Caldwell an impressive 17 at **Pipe Ck WA** in **Sandusky** 3 Sept.



Delores Cole got close to the little blue heron at Hoover Res on 25 Aug for this shot.

Little blue heron: Not many. M. Erickson found an imm at **Hoover Res** on 7 Aug, which may have been that repeatedly seen there through 11 Sept (C. Bombaci). B. Glauser (*vide* L. Brohl) reported one on **Middle Bass Isl** 3 Sept. One the same day C. Caldwell found an imm at **ONWR**.

Cattle egret: At **ONWR**, one was around 26 Aug (G. Crippen), two on 3 Sept (C. Caldwell), and three on 29 Sept (D. Overacker). Four occupied **Wood** on 6 Nov (T. Kemp), and another four were near **Sandusky** 10 Nov (J. Pogacnik). P. Lozano reported a flyby at **Rocky River Pk** on 11 Nov. A. Yoder followed one in **Coshocton** 17-23 Nov.

Black-crowned night-heron: At **Lk Logan** in **Hocking**, an adult was seen 7 Aug (B. Crow), and an adult and imm 10 Sept (J. Watts). J. Bowers reported this species nesting at **Mercer WA** this summer and last. Five were seen in **Hamilton** 10 Aug (D. Brinkman), with one remaining at the **Spring Grove Cem** colony 2 Nov (L. Brumbaugh). M. Packer reported an adult with a young bird 17 Aug at **Pickerington Ponds** in **Franklin**. Two adults and four juv were at **Conneaut** 17 Sept, and some present through 18 Oct (C. Holt). Five were at the **Shaker Lks** on 30 Aug (L. Deininger). P. Lozano's visits to the Flats roost in **Cleveland** produced 33 on 11 Nov, 55 on 18 Nov, and 63 on 24 Nov; a gas leak at this location is to lead to at least temporary destruction of the site, it seems.

Yellow-crowned night-heron: Scarce in fall. T. Uhlman found an imm at **Caesar Ck SP** on 7 Sept.

White ibis: S. Snyder photographed an imm bird in **Holmes** on 2 Sept for the eighth state record.

Glossy ibis: One was photographed at **Burr Oak SP** in **Morgan** during a 1-8 Sept stay (L. Barnhart, N. Sudnick). Others were reported from **SVWA** on 14 Oct, and 20-21 Oct at **Sandy Ridge MP** in **Lorain**, but went undocumented.

Ibis sp: Two were reported by L. Brohl *vide* S. Young in **Erie** 30 Nov through the eop. E. Schlabach reported a flyby dark ibis at **Funk Bottoms** on 5 Oct.

Black vulture: One at **Alum Ck SP** 10 Oct (R. Thorn) was unusual. Birds at winter roosts in Nov included the following: 13 in **Ross** the 7th (T. Bain), 100+ in **Granville** the 14th (J. Nisely *vide* B. Glick), 30+ near **Cowan Lk** the 18th (L. Gara), 36 at **HWSP** the 21st (Jay Stenger), two in **Holmes** the 24th (J. Miller), and ~50 in **Coshocton** the 20th (A. Yoder)

Turkey vulture: B. Lane reported 90 on the beach at **Conneaut** on 16 Aug, and C. Holt 40 there 8 Sept. R&S Harlan found 49 (including seven juv perhaps indicating local nesting) at the **Cleveland Zoo's** African plains exhibit on 13 Sept. B. Glick counted 2603 migrating over **Toledo** on 24 Oct. Up to 1000 were roosting in **Granville** 14 Nov (J. Nisely *vide* Glick). E. Roush had 90 at the **Cowan Lk** roost 22 Nov and 200+ were in **Athens** 25 Nov (B. Whan).

Osprey: Most young in the state fledged in the first week of August, and R. Thorn noted four early migrants in the **Columbus** area 11 Aug. The **ONWR** census team noted seven on 4 Nov. F. Frick found the season's latest, on 23 Nov at **Caesar Ck SP**.

White-tailed kite: Documentation was not accepted by the OBRC for a sighting reporting this species on 13 Sept in **Summit** in the **CVNP**. The closest nests are in Florida, but the species is nomadic, with five accepted records in neighboring states (WV, IN, IL); there is also a report from **Hamilton Co.** in May of 1973 that has not undergone formal review. See OBRC Actions in this issue.

Mississippi kite: J. Watts confirmed the continuing presence of two birds at the **Hocking** site 30 Aug. A. Boone photographed an adult feeding a young bird the next day to confirm breeding. Birds were photographed as late as 3 Sept (A. Osborn). B. Crow reported an adult and an immature two dozen miles away in **Vinton** on 20 Sept, arguably **Hocking** birds. Other Mississippi kites have nested in recent years farther north than the latitude of **Cleveland**, such as in Iowa and Nebraska.

Northern harrier: Late August birds—such as five in **Hardin** on the 23rd (R. Counts) or one seen in the **CPNWR** the 26th (E. Tramer)—could be local nesters or early arrivals, though the locales suggest the former. Migrants arrived 3 Sept in **Wayne** (S. Snyder), 7 Sept in **Columbiana** (B. Lane) and at **MWW** (J. Mundy), and 19 Sept in **Vinton** (B. Crow). A count of 11 over **Toledo** on 24 Oct (E. Schlabach) demonstrates the rather leisurely pace of their passage south.

Northern goshawk: An underestimated ID problem, and P. Lozano commendably called “probable” the first report, one in **Lorain** 9 Oct. D. English reported an imm over **Solon** the following day. C. Mathena had another at **Caesar Ck SP** 18 Oct, refound by L. Gara the 20th. Migrants over **Toledo** were noted by M. Anderson on 17 Oct and E. Schlabach on 24 Oct. M&D Dunakin had a flyover in **Paulding** during the period.

Red-shouldered hawk: Outnumbered red-tails 10-12 on the 22 Sept **CVNP** census

Broad-winged hawk: Scarce in the **Dayton** area, one was around 11 Aug at Glen Helen in **Yellow Springs** (D. Dister). The peak of migration brought flights over the **Oak Openings** of 336 on 16 Sept (M. Anderson) and ~200 rising from roosts there early the following morning (R. Nirschl).

Red-tailed hawk: Less reliant on cold-blooded prey, red-tails moved later, with a count of 120 over **Toledo** on 24 Oct (E. Schlabach).

Rough-legged hawk: The first report came from **Killdeer Plains** on 14 Oct (R. Sempier). **The Wilds** hosted its first on 8 Nov (A. Parker), and R. Hannikman noticed one passing over **HBSP** 24 Nov. Overall numbers seemed fewer than usual.

Golden eagle: Quite early, a first-year bird was described over **Columbus** on 16 Sept (S. Gaunt). Two, ad and imm, passed over **Irwin Prairie** 30 Oct (R. Nirschl), and a juv was at **BCSP** the following day (B. Menker). B. Glick saw another over **Toledo** 1 Nov. The first report from **The Wilds** came as late as 30 Nov, with doubt remaining as to its wintering status (A. Parker).

Merlin: August merlins are exceedingly rare, and one well seen at **Hoover Res** on the 17th is an early Ohio record by a day (C. Bombaci, R. Williams). Might it signal breeding in the region? The species nests now in NW PA not far from the Ohio border. The high counts were three at **Conneaut** early enough on 8 Sept (G. Leidy) and four in **Holmes** on 12 Oct (E. Schlabach). Birds returning to established wintering spots included the first at **Calvary Cem** in **Garfield Hts** on 7 Nov, and another on 25 Nov (both L. Gardella), and one at **Green Lawn Cem** in **Columbus** 18 Nov (R. Cressman). Twenty-plus reports of migrants came during the period.

Prairie falcon: Well documented was a one-day wonder in **Lucas** near **ONWR** on 27 Nov (D. Sparks-Jackson, M. Yawney).

Yellow rail: Reportedly kicked up during sparrow walks were birds at **Dike 14** on 6 Oct and at **Funk WA** 14 Oct. One from **Richland** Oct 1 would be a first county record if acceptably documented. An injured bird found in **Columbus** 12 Oct went to the Ohio Wildlife Ctr (ph L. Fusco).

Sora: A number of Sept reports were led by 57 tallied for the **CPNWR** census of the 23rd. The latest was one spotted at **Conneaut** on 22 Oct (B. Lane).

Common moorhen: Not well reported, with a high count of only nine, at **Killbuck WA** 15 Aug (S. Snyder).

American coot: First reported from **SVWA** on 5 Sept (J. Habig), and in the latter half of the period became conspicuous for local abundance, with 1000+ on **Sandusky Bay** 6 Oct (N. Anderson), 800+ for the 7 Oct **ONWR** census, 1389 at **Camp Dennison** 27 Oct (R. Foppe), ~500 at **Killdeer Plains** 3 Nov (R. Sempier), 210 at **Nimisila Res** 9 Nov (R&S Harlan), 1500+ at **Wellington Res** 10 Nov (B. Whan),

Sandhill crane: Earlier records included one heard at **GRWA** 6 Oct (J. Heflich), three in **Wyandot** 28 Aug (R. Counts), and two at **Mosquito WA** 3 Sept (M. Vass). The DOW reported 16 known nests in the state, with 22 colts produced. Numbers gathering at **Funk WA** in Oct (e.g., 49 on the 13th) well exceeded those of local nesters, reaching 86 by 28 Nov (S. Snyder). Seven were at the traditional **La Due** spots on 29 Oct (M. Egar). Migrants passed through in force following the 15 Nov front and sustained high winds from the west, with over 2200 reported, some migrants as far east as **Licking** in the center of the state.

Black-bellied plover: Trickled in with an alt and a basic-plumaged bird at **Conneaut** 2 Aug (R. Gallardy). Three appeared inland at **EFSP** 9 Sept (D. Morse). Four days afield in the **NW marshes** produced 105 for M. Bolton and J. Szanto during Oct.



Matt Yawney was able to document the occurrence of a prairie falcon near ONWR on 27 Nov with this photo.

American golden-plover: The first was early, and a first local record, at **The Wilds** on 1 Aug (J. Larson). Few in number, with a high of 18 on 23 Aug in **Hardin** (R. Counts). Beyond a few counts of seven or fewer at **Conneaut**, other reports of interest included an ad and a molting juv at **Funk** 29 Aug (R. Troutman), three at **Hoover Res** 4 Sept (B. Heck), and the latest, five at **MCWS** on 7 Oct (B. Jones).

Semipalmated plover: A disappointingly low max number was 20+ at **Conneaut**, on 8 Sept (C. Holt). The **Caesar Creek** beach hosted but two, one on 4 Aug (L. Gara) and one on 13 Oct (B. Powell). **BCSP's** beach had three during the season (D. Overacker). Bolton and Szanto found a grand total of ten during the fall in the **NW marshes**, a disappointing result.

Piping plover: One report, a bird found at **Port Clinton** on 4 Aug by L. Rosche *vide* S. Duris (ph).

Killdeer: Strong numbers, especially in Aug, with ~500 at **Hoover Res** the 3rd (J. Kuenzli), and ~1750 in one **Hardin** location the 23rd (R. Counts).

American avocet: First seen 4 Aug at **Conneaut** (C. Holt), and last reported from **MCWS** 29 Oct (B. Jones), the high count was 22 at **Conneaut** on 25 Aug (M. Vass *vide* B. Coulter). Overall 43 reported.

Spotted sandpiper: High counts included ~45 at Hoover Res 3 Aug (J. Kuenzli) and ~60 there on 14 Aug (C. Bombaci).

Solitary sandpiper: Three reported from the **NW marshes**, including surveys each weekend by Bolton and Szanto. High count came at **Caesar Creek SP** 18 on 5 Aug (L. Gara). Last reported from **Brown** 23 Sept (B. Stanley).

Greater yellowlegs: The first juvenile was reported 4 Aug from **Conneaut** (C. Holt). R. Counts had 110 at a single **Hardin** locality 24 Aug. Two persisted as late as 12 Nov at **Deer Ck SP** (B. Royse).

Willet: Eight different reports (26 individuals) came from **Conneaut**, including the first juvenile on 8 Sept (C. Holt) and the high count of 12 on 16 Aug (B. Lane). Quite late was one at **Hoover Res** 13 Oct (J. Kuenzli). None found by shorebird surveys in the **NW marshes** this season. Seen for the period were 37.

Lesser yellowlegs: The first juvenile showed up 8 Aug at **Conneaut** (C. Holt). The high count was 485 in one **Hardin** spot 24 Aug (R. Counts). In **Holmes** 95 flyovers were seen 11 Oct (E. Schlabach). The surveys of **NW marshes** found 1042 for the season, fewer than usual.



This banded piping plover, apparently an adult in worn alternate plumage, was photographed by Dave Lewis in Port Clinton on 4 Aug.

Upland sandpiper: Lamentably few, as has become expected. A. Yoder had one in **Coshocton** 1 Aug, and J. Taber (*vide* B. Hardesty) another in **Hancock** 27 Aug.

Whimbrel: August brought one to **Mosquito WA** the 26th (E. Kistler) and 27th (J. Lehman), as well as another on the latter date at **Conneaut** (J. Pogacnik). **Conneaut** had a flyover on 3 Sept (L. Hays). J. Straub (*vide* A. Boone) reported one at **Deer Ck SP** in "mid-Sept." R. Hannikman saw one at **HBSP** on 28 Sept.

Hudsonian godwit: Eight graced the **Cedar Pt Chaussee** 8 Sept (B. Sparks) and nine the following day (B. Warner), with two remaining 19 Sept (K. Miller). D. Overacker spotted one at the **CCE** on 30 Sept, where three were present 5 Oct (M. Bolton), and J. Pogacnik saw three on **Port Clinton's** beach 10 Nov.

Marbled godwit: J. Haw found one at **Pipe Ck WA** 5 Aug (*vide* P. Lozano). At **Mosquito WA**, one on 6 Aug (J. Petruzzi) grew to three on 14 Aug (E. Kistler), then fell to two 21 Aug (C. Holt), with a final individual present 1 Sept (C. Babyak). Another spent 20 (W. Shaffer) through 23 Aug (B. Lane) at **Conneaut**. **EFSP** hosted one on 9 Sept (D. Morse). Bolton and Szanto found one this fall in the **NW marshes**.

Ruddy turnstone: None were found in the **NW marshes** by Bolton & Szanto this season. First reported was one at **Conneaut** 5 Aug (P. Chaon), where the first juvenile was present 1 Sept (C. Holt), and the high count of nine 21 Aug (B. Lane).

Red knot: Only about thirty-five reported, the first of fall an ad at **Conneaut** 16 Aug (B. Lane), then two at **Winous Pt** the 17th (T. Bartlett), a juv at **Mosquito WA** 18 Aug (B. Warner). High count only five, at **Conneaut** 4 Sept (B. Lane). A total of five were found in the **NW marshes** during the period (M. Bolton, J. Szanto). One was found at a **Findlay** res 3 Sept (R. Counts). An alternate-plumaged adult was at **Conneaut** as late as 10 Sept (M. Vass).

Sanderling: Larger counts included 50+ at **Conneaut** 21 Aug (C. Holt) and 84 for the 14 Oct **CPNWR** census (E. Tramer). First juvenile reported at **Conneaut** 21 Aug (Holt), with a late adult 1 Sept. R. Troutman found two at **Funk** 29 Aug. **Findlay** reservoirs had four 28 Aug (B. Hardesty), 11 on 16 Sept (R. Counts), and six 24 Sept (B. Whan). Six strolled the **Indian Lk** beach 20 Sept (T. Shively).

Semipalmated sandpiper: Often our most numerous migrant shorebird, counts of ~100 came from **Hoover Res** 14 Aug (A. Sewell), 27 & 29 Aug at **Winous Pt** (T. Bartlett), and **Conneaut** 10 Sept (M. Vass), with ~75 at the **Cedar Point Chaussee** 19 Sept (K. Miller). Astonishingly, Bolton and Szanto found only 60 in the **NW marshes** this fall. One was in **Montgomery** on 18 Nov (S. Egleston).

Western sandpiper: Reported in small numbers in many spots favored by peeps, with the last report of three from **CPNWR** on 11 Nov (E. Tramer).

Least sandpiper: Larger numbers came from **Hoover Res** (125+ on 14 Aug, C. Bombaci), **Winous Pt** (~100 on 27 & 29 Aug, T. Bartlett), and **Conneaut** (100+ on 10 Sept, M. Vass). Late reports on 18 Nov came from **BCSP** (two, D. Overacker) and **Montgomery** (four, S. Egleston *vide* R. Asamoto).

White-rumped sandpiper: Found as singletons at the usual Lakefront spots, except for two at **Winous Pt** 15 Aug (T. Bartlett), and two at the **Cedar Pt Chaussee** 19 Sept (K. Miller). Inland reports of single birds came from **Paulding** on 3 Aug (M&D Dunakin), **Caesar Ck SP** 6 Oct (R. Asamoto), and **KPWA** 14 Oct (R. Sempier). Only six found season-long in the **NW marshes**.

Baird's sandpiper: With no reports from summer, the first came from **Hoover** on 3 Aug (J. Kuenzli). High counts were only four at **Mosquito WA** 13 Aug (M. Vass) and three in a **Findlay** res 16 Sept (R. Counts). One was in **Hamilton** 17 Aug (Jay Stenger), and the latest at **GLSM** 19 Oct (C. Mathena). Only six reported during the period in the **NW marshes**.

Pectoral sandpiper: Fairly puny counts involved 50 on 3 Aug at **Hoover** (J. Kuenzli), 180 in **Hardin** 24 Aug (R. Counts), and 50 in **Erie** 19 Sept (K. Miller). The **Ottawa NWR** census found 24 on 4 Nov.

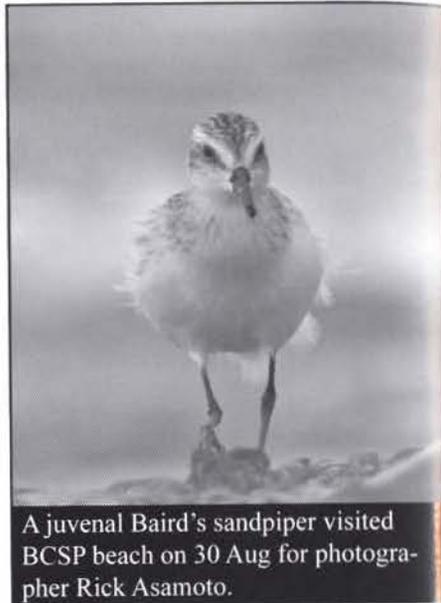
Purple sandpiper: Remarkably enough, a bird feeding on the beach and in shallows in **Conneaut Harbor** on 29 Oct was earlyish, in uncharacteristic habitat, and the only fall individual reported.

Dunlin: One at **Conneaut** 16 Aug was a surprise (B. Lane), and had probably sat out the breeding season. The first to appear on a more normal schedule was in **Erie** on 19 Sept (K. Miller), and the **ONWRC** was to count 475 on 7 Oct and ~1200 on 4 Nov. From the **NW marshes**, M. Bolton and J. Szanto reported two in Aug (the now-traditional non-breeders), none in September, 10,804 (over six occasions) in October, and 442 in Nov.

Stilt sandpiper: One was in basic plumage as early as 1 Aug at **Hoover Res**, perhaps a non-breeder (B. Master). The first juvenile was reported 10 Aug from **Conneaut** (C. Holt). High count was only 30, in **Erie** on 22 Sept (C. Holt). Only seventeen were found in the **NW marshes** (Bolton & Szanto).

Buff-breasted sandpiper: An excellent flight, with 97 reported. After a very early 28 July migrant, the first of fall appeared 22 Aug, at **Mosquito WA** (J. Petruzzi), with two late on 8 Oct near **Findlay** (B. Hardesty). Reports came from **Trumbull**, **Hancock**, **Franklin**, **Wayne**, **Delaware**, **Ashtabula**, **Clark**, **Warren**, and **Logan**. The high count at **Hoover** was difficult to determine, but at least 18 were present on 7 Sept (J. Brown).

Ruff: A juv touched down at **Conneaut** 1 Sept (C. Holt), and a molting adult was



A juvenal Baird's sandpiper visited BCSP beach on 30 Aug for photographer Rick Asamoto.

reported there on 8 Sept. Another was reported from the **CCE** 5 Oct.

Short-billed dowitcher: After some July movement, depressingly few were reported, except at **Winous Pt**, where T. Bartlett estimated 500 in 17 Aug and 300 on 27 Aug. The first of fall were 10 only on 6 Aug at **Winous Pt** (Bartlett). Other than at **Winous**, the high count was just 25, at **Conneaut** on 27 Aug (J. Pogacnik), and this fall M. Bolton and J. Szanto found on 42 in the **NW marshes**, in Aug and Sept.

Long-billed dowitcher: Four touched down at **Winous Pt** on 3 Aug (T. Bartlett), and a molting adult was at **ONWR** the next day (P. Gardner), where 35 were found 2 Sept (R&S Harlan). Single birds were reported Aug-Oct in **Lucas**, **Ashtabula**, **Trumbull**, **Wyandot**, **Franklin**, **Pickaway**, and **Lorain**. Evidence that the staging molting contingent persists at **ONWR** came from 200 reported on four occasions there during Oct (M. Bolton, J. Szanto).

Wilson's snipe: Most reports came from Oct and Nov, with high counts of 41 at **MCWS** on 7 Oct (B. Jones) and 40 the same day for the **ONWR** census.

American woodcock: Most evident in Nov, with reports of small numbers from **Ross**, **Franklin**, **Lucas**, **Montgomery**, and **Hancock**.

Wilson's phalarope: A molting juv was at **Conneaut** 5 Aug (P. Chaon), two at **Sandy Ridge MP** in **Lorain** 12 Aug (C. Pierce), one at **Mosquito WA** 13 Aug (M. Vass), another at **Hoover Res** 25 Aug (P. Gardner), one at **Conneaut** 26 Aug (G. Leidy), another at **Mosquito** 27 Aug (J. Lehman), and a family group of three at the **Hardin** breeding site on 23 Aug (R. Counts).

Red-necked phalarope: A decent showing, with one at **Conneaut** 18 Aug (E. Kistler), two at **ONWR** the same day (J. Roth), a juv at **Hoover** 19 Aug (J. Hammond) through 22 Aug (B. Warner), another juv at **Conneaut** 21 Aug (J. Pogacnik), two at **Hoover** 4 Sept (B. Heck), one at **Funk** 9 Sept (W. Brubaker *vide* S. Snyder), another at **Hoover** 10 Sept (C. Bombaci), two at the **Cedar Pt Chaussee** 16 Sept, growing to five by 19 Sept (K. Miller), with seven there on the 22nd (C. Holt). Twelve was the high count, on 21 Oct at **Mosquito WA** (J. Lucas *vide* C. Babyak). Eight were found in the **NW marshes** for the period (M. Bolton, J. Szanto).

Red phalarope: One report came from **Hoover** 1 Sept (B. Kinkead), another from **Lawrence** the following day (J. McCormac), then one at **BCSP** 29 Sept (L. Jeanblanc *vide* B. Menker) through 4 Oct (J. Lehman), one flying by **LSR** 28 Oct (J. Pogacnik), and another, or perhaps even the same bird, at **HBSP** the same day (R. Hannikman).

Laughing gull: Reports came from **Alum Res** 2 Sept (R. Thorn), the **CCE** 15 Sept (J. Pogacnik), **Conneaut** 17 Sept (B. Lane), and **Huron** latish on 11 Nov (Pogacnik).

Franklin's gull: One spent 2 Sept-5 Oct at **Indian Lk** in **Logan** (T. Shively).

One at **BCSP** on 3 Oct (F. Frick) led to a cohort of eight there 4-6 Oct (B. Menker). L. Gara had another at **Caesar Ck SP** 5 Oct, and A. Boone an adult the following day at **Deer CK SP**. J. Herman reported a first-winter bird 15-24 Oct at **Clear Fk Res** in **Richland**, another there 16 Nov, and a Franklin's 25 Oct-15 Nov (apparently a late fall record for the county). Still later, D. Horn came across two in a field in **Mercer** 25 Nov.



These red-necked phalaropes show the fine bill and strong back striping (buffy in life) of juveniles. Photo by Aaron Boone 4 Sept 2007 at Hoover Res.

Little gull: As many as 24 reported between **Conneaut** and **Sandusky** along the Lakefront. One was inland at **Mosquito WA** 19 (E. Kistler)-20 Aug (D. Hochadel). The high count was of five adults off **HBSP** 23 Nov (B. Wilkinson), and two ad and two imm were at **Kelleys Isl** 20 Aug (T. Bartlett). None reported in Oct, oddly enough.

Bonaparte's gull: A season-long presence along the Lakeshore in the central basin this fall. Certain spots, like **Eastlake**, **Avon Lk**, and **E. 72nd St**, were often without many, but thousands thronged **Huron** and **Lorain** and sometimes **HBSP/Fairport Harbor**. **Conneaut**, which doesn't often host huge numbers, had 1500 on 7 Nov (C. Holt) and 5000+ on 27 Nov (B. Lane). B. Wilkinson estimated 5000 off **HBSP** on 23 Nov, and C. Caldwell 10,000 at **Huron** the following day, and this was well after movements toward the east coast had begun, witness ~300 at **HWSP** 21 Nov (Jay Stenger) and 50 flyovers in **Holmes** on 23 Nov (E. Schlabach).



Note the much heavier bill and fresh patchy gray feathers in the mantle of this red phalarope, indicative of a molting adult. Photo by Aaron Boone at Hoover Res on 4 Sept.

Ring-billed gull: At spots with lots of Bonaparte's, this species, mostly adults by Nov, tended to segregate themselves: at **Huron** on 12/1, ~3000 Bonies occupied the harbor, while three groups of 2-3000 adult ring-billeds occupied the bar off the beach, the flats in the impoundment, and Nickel Plate Beach; fewer than fifty herring gulls were present.

Lesser black-backed gull: As often happens, appeared first at **Conneaut**, with a 2nd-year bird on 21 Aug (J. Pogacnik) and an adult on 23 Oct (B. Lane). All other reports came from Nov. Most interesting were inland reports from **Clear Fork Res** (J. Herman) of one adult, two second-winter birds, and one third-winter bird present 17 Nov through the eop.

Glaucous gull: The weather was too warm to attract many, and it's revealing that two of the following three reports are from inland locations. J. Pogacnik had a juv flyby at **LSR** on 17 Nov. J. Herman reported from **Clear Fork Res** in **Richland** a first-winter bird 22-28 Nov. T. Kemp reported a first-winter bird in **Bowling Green** 22 Nov.

Great black-backed gull: In the absence of truly frigid temperatures, few were seen during the period. C. Holt reported only single birds at **Conneaut** from 1 Sept on. T. Bartlett passed along only one sighting on **Kelleys Island** by mid-November. The fall high count was three birds, at **Eastlake** on 30 Nov (S. Isacco).

Sabine's gull: Three for fall was a ho-hum number, but two that stayed for comparatively lengthy periods were remarkable. R. Hannikman had a flyby juv at **HBSP** 20 Sept. M. Misplon reported an unusual gull at **GLSM** on 25 Sept, and a number of observers were able to see a juv Sabine's there through the 27th; it later turned out that a local birder, R. Kuhlman, had found this bird repeatedly at the site from 14 Sept on, but did not know whom to notify. Now he does. Later, M. Busam found another in **Huron** harbor 22 Nov, which was relatively easy to refind through the 30th for m obs.

Black-legged kittiwake: The lasting proliferation of Bonaparte's gulls was bound to attract other small larids, and J. Pogacnik found the first of this species 20 Oct at **LSR**, R. Sempier et al. another at **Huron** on 27 Nov, and R. Hannikman yet another at **HBSP** on 30 Nov. All were first-year birds, as expected.

Pomarine jaeger: R. Hannikman reported one off **HBSP** 20 Oct, and B. McCarty three adults off **Lakewood** on 15 Nov.

Jaeger, sp.: R. & S. Harlan reported a dark juvenal jaeger, probably a parasitic, off **Huron** on 15 Sept.

Least tern: One was seen well at **HWSP** on 19 Aug by an experienced observer; details are with the OBRC.

Caspian tern: Early appearances downstate included one at **Cowan Lk** 9 Aug (L. Gara) and 22 at **Hoover** the following day (R. Thorn).

Black tern: 181 reported, beginning with two at **Sandy Ridge MP** on 8 Aug (J. Edwards), with the latest three at **HBSP** 20 Sept (R. Hannikman), and 132 of the total on 24 and 25 Aug. The high count was 46 at **Hoover Res** on 25 Aug (R. Thorn).

Common tern: Some remarkable concentrations came at **HBSP** on 20 Sept, with 1900+ (R. Hannikman), and ~2000 at the **CCE** on 30 Sept (D. Overacker). One tarried at **EHSP** on 10 Nov (J. Pogacnik).

Forster's tern: The high count was ~400 at the **CCE** on 30 Sept (D. Overacker). Six were found at **EHSP** on 10 Nov (J. Pogacnik).

Sterna terns: On 23 Sept, the **CPNWR** census team estimated that in a mass of 9970 terns, Forster's outnumbered common terns by a factor of approximately 8 to 1 (E. Tramer). Five thousand-plus common/Forster's terns were witnessed by the **ONWR** census team on 7 Oct.

Eurasian collared-dove: No further reports of the summer's arrivals were heard this fall, save for J. Habig's discovery of an apparent juvenile bird with an adult in **West Manchester** on 27 Sept, providing documentation of the first successful breeding by this species in Ohio.

White-winged dove: According to the Division of Wildlife, a hunter shot one in **Ross** 1 Sept. One was reported 15 Sept at **ONWR**, very close to where another was documented on 17 Sept 2005. Another was documented for a 22-29 Aug stay in **Holmes**, where it was sporadically seen by m obs. Other murkier reports were not substantiated.

Yellow-billed cuckoo: The latest report came from **BCSP** on 20 Oct (D. Overacker).

Black-billed cuckoo: The latest report came 1 Oct from **Columbiana** (J. Dolan). E. Tramer reported five sightings during the period in the **Oak Openings** as cuckoos fed on an oakworm (*Anisota* sp) outbreak.

Snowy owl: An emaciated individual found at E. 117th St in **Cleveland** was recovering in a rehabilitation facility on 24 Nov (B. Hinkle).

Long-eared owl: One was found dead in downtown **Youngstown** 17 Nov (*vide* N. Brundage). K. Schieltz found two at **KPWA** on 21 Nov (*vide* R. Schieltz). At another familiar haunt, 2-3 were found at **MBSP** 23 Nov (P. Chad).

Short-eared owl: One was found dead in **Columbiana** 17 Nov (B. Lane). Numbers seemed down during the period, but it behooves us to await the arrival of winter before assessing their abundance.

Northern saw-whet owl: It quickly became clear a major movement of these owls was to take place, based, one surmises, on crashes in rodent populations caused by diminished seed crops in Ontario. R. Hannikman watched one arriving on the Ohio shore of Lake Erie at **HBSP** on the winds of 11 Oct. D. Russell's banding crew captured four in three hours on 3 Nov at **HWSP**. K. Williams-Sieg reported for the **Ross Co.** owl project captures of 122 owls during the period (versus 27 last year). T. Bartlett had banded 42 for the fall on **Kelleys Isl** by 16 Nov, all in six nights of work

Common nighthawk: A reassuring number of major sightings were reported. G. Links reported close to 1000 during a 20-min flight on 21 Aug in the **Toledo** area. A. Yoder watched the skies in **Coshocton** on 4 Sept from 3:30 to 7:30 pm, coming up with a total of 1802 nighthawks overhead. In **Cuyahoga**, 150 passed over on 8 Sept (L. Rainsong) and 252 the same day in **Hamilton** (P. Wharton), followed on the next day by 160+ in **Licking** (J. Estep) plus another 863 by Wharton, then ~500 over **Vinton** the 10th (B. Crow). October reports involved 10 on the 4th (R. Thorn) in **Franklin**, eight on 8 Oct in **Hamilton** (B. Zimmerman), and a single bird on the 18th (B. Whan) in **Columbus**.

Whip-poor-will: Always elusive in fall, one was discerned at **HBSP** on 29 Sept (R. Hannikman).

Chimney swift: Migrant roosts kicked off early, with 2000+ at a **Dublin** site on 16 Aug (D. Sillick). R. Thorn reported several roosts of 1000+ in early Sept, then an amazing 4400-4500 in a single building in the Columbus suburb of **Bexley** on the 18th; he also reported the latest, on 10 Oct in **Columbus**.

Ruby-throated hummingbird: The previous late record for a stay in Ohio by this species had been 30 Nov, when birds in two different cities lasted this long in 2002. A bird in **Toledo** stayed into the winter season this year, with a last appearance 5 Dec (*vide* S. Duris).

Rufous hummingbird: Found 13-14 Aug in **Lake** (J. Pogacnik, A. Chartier), 25 Oct-eop in **Allen** (L. Houshower, A. Chartier), and **Hamilton** (K. Dipuccio, T. Tolford) 10/30-eop.

Selasphorus hummingbird sp: Reported in **Jefferson** 26 Aug (G. Hostetler, ph), **Licking** 10/4-10/18 (M. Van Schoyck, H. Nagy, ph), and **Logan** 10/3-eop (J. Estep, ph).

Yellow-bellied sapsucker: A good showing during migration in Sept. Birds lingering in Nov included one at **Perry Pk** the 3rd, one in **Hocking** the 4th (J. Watts), and an imm near **Ashland** on 25 Nov (S. Snyder).

Pileated woodpecker: Evidence continues to grow of their slow recovery in the Toledo region.

Olive-sided flycatcher: Arrived 27 Aug in **Franklin** (B. Master) and in **Clermont** (D. Graham). High counts of two came on 9 Sept, at **ONWR** (E. Tramer) and in **Franklin** (R. McNulty). Last reported from **Holmes** 16-17 Sept (E. Schlabach).

Eastern wood-pewee: Last reported was one in **Clermont** 5 Oct (B. Stanley).

Yellow-bellied flycatcher: Banded was one in **Clinton** 31 Aug (B. Powell) and two at **Shaker Lks** 13 Sept (B. Fambrough). One in **Richland** 20 Oct (G. Cowell) surpassed by two days the previous late record date.

Acadian flycatcher: Late stays included one calling in **Franklin** 20 Sept (R. Thorn) and another in **Coshocton** 22 Sept (E. Schlabach).

Willow flycatcher: Tardy migrants were at **EFSP** 16 (D. Morse) and in **Mahoning** 17 Sept (C. Holt).

Least flycatcher: High count was three, at **HBSP** 9 Aug (R. Hannikman), and last reported in **Franklin** 20 Sept (R. Thorn).

Great crested flycatcher: Departure was delayed for one in **Hamilton** through at least 8 Oct (S. Pelikan).

Eastern kingbird: Six remained at **Killbuck WA** 3 Sept (S. Snyder), with a last hurrah reported at **EFSP** 9 Sept (B. Stanley).

Northern shrike: First noted at **HBSP** 16 Oct (R. Hannikman), the next was a first banding recovery for BSBO at **Navarre** 23 Oct. Presaging a good winter presence, others were reported from **Cuyahoga, Lake, Wyandot, Lucas** (2), **Darke, Wood, Geauga, Muskingum, and Ottawa** (2),

White-eyed vireo: Three continued to sing 14 Sept at **Alum Ck SP** (R. Thorn). A fairly hardy vireo, the season's latest were not too remarkable on 13 Oct, at **Shawnee Lookout** (Jay Stenger) and in **Holmes** (J. Yoder).

Yellow-throated vireo: Late was one in **Licking** 13 Oct (J. Estep), and near record-late another at **MWW** the 23rd (D. Brinkman).

Blue-headed vireo: A local continued to sing in the **Oak Openings** 10 Aug (E. Tramer). Two were the last to depart on 28 Oct, in **Brown** (B. Stanley).

Warbling vireo: High migrant count was five, at **Alum Ck SP** 2 Sept (R. Thorn)

Philadelphia vireo: First reported as a duo at **Sheldon Marsh** 3 Sept (P. Lozano), another migrant was still in song in **Hocking** 23 Sept (J. Watts). The **ONWR** census found one 7 Oct, and the last was in **Adams** 10 Oct (J. Habig).

Red-eyed vireo: Fifteen migrants were discovered in **Coshocton** 15 Sept (E. Schlabach), and quite late was another at **Gilmore Ponds** 21 Oct (M. Busam).

Blue jay: Some recovery in numbers may be signaled by 532 (vs. 328 and 380 the previous two years) for the fall census of the **CVNP**. Large movements along Great Lakes shorelines were reported mid-Sept.

Horned lark: Thirty on **Whiskey Isl** in **Cleveland** 29 Sept must have been southbound (R&S Harlan).

Purple martin: J. Brown found 1350 at **Camp Dennison** 5 Aug, and T. Bartlett 293 on **Kelleys Isl** 20 Aug. Last reported on 22 Sept, when seen at the **Cedar Pt Chaussee** (C. Holt) and in **Coshocton** (E. Schlabach).

Tree swallow: The latest gathering was of ~650 at **Alum Ck SP** (R. Thorn) on 14 Oct. A single bird was in **Trumbull** 18 Nov (L. Gardella).

Northern rough-winged swallow: R&S Harlan saw 75 at **Huron** on 15 Sept for the high count. J. Pogacnik found one at **EHSP** 10 Nov, and R. Thorn had one at **Hoover Dam** 7-26 Nov for the latest.

Bank swallow: C. Holt took note of five laggards at the **Cedar Pt Chaussee** on 22 Sept.

Cliff swallow: Sixty were still around in **Tuscarawas** on 18 Aug (E. Schlabach), and two in **Hamilton** on 9 Sept (Jay Stenger). On 16 Sept ~2000 abandoned nests could be seen on the south side of the Rte 2 bridge over the **Huron River** (B. Whan).

Cave swallow: As before these birds appeared after other swallows had vacated the state. On 24 Nov, one was reported at the **ONWR** parking lot, and B. Morrison et al. saw another on the **Huron** pier. T. Bartlett documented one at a **Fairport Harbor** marina on a rainy 26 Nov.

Barn swallow: B. Lane reported 200+ at **Conneaut** 9 Aug. S. Williams saw the last reported straggler, at **Delaware WA** on 27 Oct.

Chickadee, spp: Bander T. Bartlett reported the following during the period at **Springville Marsh** in **Seneca**: 35 Carolina chickadees, 68 black-capped chickadees, and 9 hybrids.

Red-breasted nuthatch: Reports of migrants began in mid-August with one at **LSR** the 11th (J. Pogacnik), **Hamilton** by 19 Aug (P. Wharton), mid-state by 1 Sep (three in **Columbus**, J. Grabmeier), and in the unglaciated Ohio River counties by the 3rd (two in **Lawrence**, T. Bain). By mid-Oct, hundreds had been reported from 20+ counties, including a phenomenal 58 at Gordon Pk in **Cleveland** 2 Oct (P. Chaon). High count for a single feeder was ten in **Coshocton** 25 Sept (L. Deininger).

Brown creeper: M&D Dunakin recorded the first arrival in **Paulding** on 28 Sept. The strong weather front of 11 Oct brought ~80 to **HBSP** (R. Hannikman), a remarkable event. Reported through the eop.

House wren: Last reported from **Hamilton** on 12 Oct (K. Westendorf).

Winter wren: Oct 11's weather brought 150 to **HBSP** (R. Hannikman), a record second only to ~200 in **Lucas** on 14 April 1972. Elsewhere, the high count was five, along the creek at **Cantwell Cliffs SP** on 4 Nov (J. Watts). Two still up in **Holden Arboretum** on 23 Nov were unusual (C. Parsons).

Sedge wren: New territories, and perhaps new birds, appeared in Aug as usual, reported this year in **Ross, Lucas, Warren, Hamilton, Fairfield, and Darke**. October migrants were reported from **Lake, Montgomery, Richland, Tuscarawas, Lorain, Cuyahoga, Summit, and Hamilton**, where the last was reported the 13th (W. Hull).

Marsh wren: Late passages came on 15 Oct at **Conneaut** (M. Vass), and 9 Nov in **Ross** (B. Lombardo).

Golden-crowned kinglet: D. Plotts banded an early migrant in **Tiffin** 25 Sept. The 4 Nov **ONWR** census tallied 18.

Ruby-crowned kinglet: The first was one banded, not especially early, at the **Shaker Lks** on 25 Sept (B. Fambrough); one in **Franklin** 17 Nov was fairly late, though (R. Thorn).

Veery: Six on 9 Sept at **CPNWR** was a good count for this inconspicuous fall migrant (E. Tramer).

Gray-cheeked thrush: The latest report came from **Hamilton** on 14 Oct (L. Brumbaugh).

Swainson's thrush: First detected 25 Aug in **Cleveland** (R&S Harlan), the latest was in **Hamilton** on 13 Oct (L. Brumbaugh).

Hermit thrush: Its high counts accompanied strong cold fronts passing, with 50+ at **HBSP** 11 Oct (R. Hannikman), and 11 on **Kelleys Isl** on 17 Nov (T. Bartlett).

Wood thrush: One was calling in **Hocking** 9 Oct (J. Watts), and another was in **Wooster** 12 Oct (S. Snyder).

American robin: A juvenile was late on 20 Sept in **Norton**, **Summit** (R&S Harlan). Overall its observed migratory numbers were greatly reduced from last fall's.

Gray catbird: Nov birds were at **HBSP** the 3rd (J. Brumfield), in **Summit** the 9th (R&S Harlan), and on **Kelleys Isl** the 17th (T. Bartlett).

Northern mockingbird: Numbers were reported reduced in the northern tier of counties. R. Sempier had six at **KPWA** on 10 Nov.

Brown thrasher: One in **Franklin** 2 Nov was of interest (R. Thorn).

American pipit: Five were the vanguard in **Hardin** 16 Sept (R. Counts); the high count was 80-100 in **Holmes** 13 Oct (J. Yoder), and birds were seen through the eop at points around the state.

Bohemian waxwing: One-two were said to have been in **Elmwood Pk** in **Cuyahoga** 18-19 Nov with cedar waxwings, for which documentation is sought.

Cedar waxwing: Especially numerous this fall. The 22 Sept **CVNP** fall census's most numerous species was this one, with 792 found; at Ira Rd there later, T& MA Romito had 1200 on 5 Nov and 465 on 12 Nov. E. Tramer reported 117 on 27 Aug, 200+ 6 Sept, and 135 on 25 Oct in the **Oak Openings**; just east of the park, 1000+ were present 21 Nov on the day pine grosbeaks were discovered there.

Blue-winged warbler: One in the **Oak Openings** 27 Aug may have been one of the scarce local breeders (E. Tramer). Migrants were reported from **EFSP** on 9 Sept (B. Stanley), 12 Sept in **Summit** (R&S Harlan), and two in **Coshocton** 15 Sept (E. Schlabach).

Golden-winged warbler: An about-average five reports: a female 8 Sept at **HBSP** (R. Hannikman), one at **Sheldon Marsh** 9 Sept (P. Lozano), one in **Knox** 12 Sept (B. Warner), one at **Hoover Res** 15 Sept (C. Bombaci), and one in **Franklin** 19 Sept (G. Stauffer).

Hybrid of the above: One report: J. Frederick described an interesting apparent hybrid warbler, likely a rare cross between "Lawrence's" and either blue-winged or golden-winged warbler, at **Blendon Woods MP** near **Columbus** on 31 Oct., thus: "We saw a hybrid Golden-winged Warbler...foraging near the ground, with a large group of chickadees...At first look it seemed to be a Lawrence's...The head was a wide band of yellow. Gerry called it a landing strip. Immediately adjacent to the yellow was a black band (auriculars) and then a white band, then a black throat. White wingbands with yellow edges on the secondaries. But the belly/breast was white not yellow. Did not get a look at the undertail."

Tennessee warbler: First reported from **Hamilton** on 18 Aug (P. Wharton), with a high count of 12 at **EFSP** 22 Sept (B. Stanley) and last reports from 22 Oct in **Pickaway** (R. Thorn) and **BCSP** (D. Overacker).

Orange-crowned warbler: Reports spanned the period 12-13 Sept in **Columbus** (B. Miller) through 21 Oct in **Hamilton** (L. Brumbaugh).

Nashville warbler: First appeared in **Greene**, on 1 Sept (G. Spahr). Eight were found in **Coshocton** 15 Sept, and a number of late October sightings culminated in one at **Funk WA** on 26 Oct (D. Overacker).

Northern parula: A tardy female at **HBSP** on 26 Nov (R. Hannikman) apparently set a new late date for the state before continuing on her way.

Yellow warbler: R. Gallardy reported "lots and lots of flyovers" of yellow warblers at **Conneaut** on 2 Aug, making two juveniles in **Licking** 26 Sept (R. Thorn) and a bird on 5 Oct at **Conneaut** significantly late (A. Yoder).

Chestnut-sided warbler: One in good habitat on 4 Aug in **Geauga** was suggestive of local nesting (J. Heflich). Certainly migrants were four in **Cuyahoga** 16 Sept (P. Lozano). L. Brumbaugh's bum knee kept her home long enough to find one as late as 15 Oct, in **Hamilton**.

Magnolia warbler: The first migrant report came from **Mentor** on 18 Aug (N. Anderson), the high count of 17 on 15 Sept from **Coshocton** (E. Schlabach), and one brought up the rear at **Pickerington Ponds**, **Franklin**, on 28 Oct (D. Overacker).

Cape May warbler: T. Spahr reported the first southbound bird in *Greene* 27 Aug. E. Schlabach found six in *Coshocton* on 15 Sept, and one at **HBSP** on 2 Nov was late (P. Chaon) but not as late as one in *Holmes* 30 Nov (*vide* S. Snyder, ph).

Black-throated blue warbler: Columbus had the first and last reported fall migrants, on 31 Aug (A. Peterson) and 14 Oct (M. Packer) respectively.

Yellow-rumped warbler: M&D Dunakin witnessed the first returning bird, in *Paulding* on 19 Sept. By 11 Oct, waves impelled by the cold front produced 75 fresh arrival in *Tuscarawas* for E. Schlabach.

Black-throated green warbler: The high count was of 25 on 20 Sept in *Hocking* (A. Boone), and one at **Shawnee Lookout** in *Cincinnati* 21 Oct (N. Cade) was pretty late.

Blackburnian warbler: Early was one banded at the **Shaker Lks** 22 Aug (L. Gooch). Five were tallied in *Coshocton* on 15 Sept (E. Schlabach). Late ones were seen on 13 Oct in *Holmes* (J. Yoder) and *Franklin* (N. Nye).

Yellow-throated warbler: A migrant passed through *Holmes* as early as 15 Aug (J. Yoder), and one wanderer was quite late at **HBSP** on 25 Nov (E. Bacik *vide* R. Hannikman).

Pine warbler: D&M Dunakin reported an arrival in *Paulding* 12 Sept. Later were others in *Franklin* 4 Nov (R. Thorn), and in **Rocky River** 11 Nov (P. Lozano); some winter birds are to be expected.

Kirtland's warbler: Rarely seen, though demonstrably more numerous than spring birds, documentation was written up for one in *Wayne* 3 Oct.

Prairie warbler: Lurkers on migration, one was found in **Columbus** 9 Sept (R. McNulty).

Palm warbler: No remarkable records except for a bird of the eastern race photographed at **Delaware WA** on 28 Oct (S. Williams).

Bay-breasted warbler: Not very numerous this fall, but one on 11 Aug at **LSR** was pretty early (J. Pogacnik), and one in *Hamilton* on 20 Oct just as late (E. Burkholder).

Blackpoll warbler: Some noteworthy movements occurred during Sept along the Lakeshore: 225+ at **HBSP** on the 8th (R. Hannikman), ~70 at **ONWR** the 9th (B. Master), and 79 for the **CPNWR** census of the 23rd (E. Tramer). One straggled through **BCSP** on 20 Oct (D. Overacker).

Cerulean warbler: D. Plotts banded an AHY female on 11 Aug in **Tiffin**. One in *Delaware* 1 Sept still seemed to be defending territory (A. Peterson). E. Schlabach observed a migrant in *Coshocton* 15 Sept.

Black-and-white warbler: A juvenile was at **HBSP** 9 Aug (R. Hannikman). B. Stanley had eight individuals in *Clermont* 28 Sept.

American redstart: Unremarkable, with a first at **Mentor** 18 Aug (N. Anderson) and another in **Wooster** as late as 3 Oct (S. Snyder).

Prothonotary warbler: C. Bombaci summed up the breeding season at **Hoover Res** on 29 Aug with 176 territories. Migrants along the Lakeshore were few of course, but included birds at **Magee** 18 Aug (S. Snyder), 21 Aug (M. Warren), and 22 Aug (D. Friedman), and two on **Kelleys Isl.** 21 Sept (T. Bartlett).

Ovenbird: Four birds found in the second half of Oct were led by one that by 20 Oct apparently had spent over a month in a single **Columbus** location (R. Royle).

Northern waterthrush: T. Bartlett discovered a migrant on **Kelleys Isl** 20 Aug. One on 4 Nov at **Magee** was certainly bringing up the rear (J. Sawvel).

Louisiana waterthrush: Interesting was one still singing at **Glen Helen Preserve** in *Greene* 18 Sept (N. Boutis)

Kentucky warbler: Unexpected was one at **Magee** on 24 Sept (S. Skinner).

Connecticut warbler: Found 3 Sept in **Cleveland** (N. Anderson), at **HBSP** 14 Sept (P. Chaon), and on 13 Oct at **Hoover Res** (C. Bombaci), the latter date among the latest for the state.

Mourning warbler: Arrived 2 Sept in **Cleveland** (S. Wright, ph), and was last seen in *Hamilton* on 13 Oct (L. Brumbaugh).

Hooded warbler: A migrant was noted in **Columbus** 20 Aug (A. Peterson), and one was banded at the **Shaker Lks** 8 Oct (B. Fambrough).

Wilson's warbler: Seen as early as 13 Aug, in **Hancock** (W. Seiler), the latest appeared in *Clermont* on 17 Oct (B. Stanley).

Canada warbler: Arrived on schedule 9 Aug at **HBSP** (R. Hannikman), but one 6 Oct in *Licking* (J. Estep) was running behind.

Yellow-breasted chat: Inconspicuous in fall, one was detected 23 Sept at **Gilmore Ponds** (L. Keene).

Summer tanager: M. Anderson observed a pair at the **Oak Openings** as late as 23 Sept. The latest report came from **Cincinnati**, with one on 8 Oct (S. Pelikan).

Scarlet tanager: A migrant showed up in **Rocky River** 26 Aug (P. Lozano), with one reported in *Adams* on 10 Oct (J. Habig). Tying the record late date for Ohio was one described by J. E. Yoder from *Holmes* on 6 Nov.

American tree sparrow: In no hurry, generally arrived across the northern counties during the first week of November, with the earliest at **CPNWR** on 14 Oct (E. Tramer).

Chipping sparrow: October throngs included 63 at **Gordon Park** in **Cleveland** 2 Oct (P. Chaon), and ~200 in each of two 25-acre plots in the **Oak Openings** on 9 and 22 Oct (E. Tramer). Late appearances included 28 in **Franklin** 13 Nov (A. Boone), and one at a feeder in **Holmes** 22 Nov (E. Schlabach).

Clay-colored sparrow: One amongst other sparrows at **Gordon Pk** on 2 Oct (P. Chaon) may have been one that persisted for m obs through the 14th (J. Habig). On the weather-day of 11 Oct one showed up at **LSR** for J. Pogacnik, and another at **HBSP** for R. Hannikman; these are late occurrences, but eclipsed by a new late record, one well described in eastern **Holmes** on 22 Nov (E. Schlabach).

Field sparrow: B. Stanley observed 25 at **EFSP** on 4 Nov.

Vesper sparrow: Late was one in **Lake** 21 Nov (J. Pogacnik).

Lark sparrow: P. Chaon reported one, a first-year bird at **Gordon Park** on local Sparrow Day, 2 Oct.

Savannah sparrow: E. Schlabach found 30 in **Tuscarawas** 11 Oct as the front passed, and R. Counts 280 at one **Hardin** spot the day following. K. Westendorf reported one from **Cincinnati** 11 Nov.

Grasshopper sparrow: The sparrow storm had brought one to **Mentor** on 12 Oct (B. Fambrough), and one to **Lorain** the following day (J. Pogacnik). Lagging was one 30 Oct in **Holmes** (J.E. Yoder).

Henslow's sparrow: Few reports, the latest from the **VOA** on 16 Sept (L. Gardella, ph).

Le Conte's sparrow: More often reported, and widely observed, in Ohio than in any autumn in recent memory. First reported 30 Sept at **MBSP** (T. Kemp), where one was photographed as late as 14 Oct (B. Zwiebel). It is possible the powerful front that passed through on 10 Oct grounded more birds than normally occur, but one must also factor in the persistence of observers acting on reports from others. Careful observation at **HBSP** & environs produced this species on 10/9, 10/11, 10/12 (2), 10/16, 10/19, 10/20, 10/21, 10/22, and 10/23 (R. Hannikman et al.). E. Schlabach reported a juv at **Funk WA** 5-6 Oct, which led to observations of 6-7 birds there on 13 Oct (B. Glick et al.), three on 14 Oct, one on 16 Oct, six on 21 Oct, three 22 Oct, and one on 28 Oct (R. Steiner). J. Habig came across one at **SVWA** on 23 Oct, and the latest reports came from **Armleder Pk** in **Cincinnati** 3-4 Nov (K. Westendorf et al.).

Nelson's sharp-tailed sparrow: Like its congener above, first discovered on 30 Sept (with two in **Rocky River**, by P. Lozano) and in **Richland** (through 2 Oct, J. Herman), and with numbers in October. E. Schlabach found one on 4 Oct and two on 5-6 Oct at **Funk**, with subsequent sightings of single birds through 28 Oct (R. Steiner). The **Lorain** harbor impoundment produced 3-5 on 7 Oct (B. Whan), with three on the 13th (J. Pogacnik) and another the following day (J. Habig). E. Kistler reported one from **Trumbull** on 7 Oct. The **HBSP** observers reported single birds on 10/5, 10/6, 10/12, 10/16, 10/17, and the season's latest on 10/29.

Fox sparrow: Reports of multiple birds included three in **Franklin** 13 Oct (N. Nye), eight near **Jaite** in the **CVNP** 29 Oct (F. Losi), and 30 in **Lake** 11 Nov (G. Leidy). Continued into the winter period in places.

Song sparrow: Swept in like other sparrows by the storm, on 11 Oct 300+ were at **HBSP** and nearby (R. Hannikman) and 90 down in **Tuscarawas** (E. Schlabach). D. Brinkman reported 84 at **MWW** 23 Oct.

Lincoln's sparrow: First reported were three at **HBSP** on 14 Sept (P. Chaon). The movements of 11 Oct brought 25 to **Tuscarawas** (E. Schlabach) and on 12 Oct 13 to a **Hardin** site (R. Counts). Last noted on 28 Oct at **MWW** (N. Cade).

Swamp sparrow: Oct 11 brought 75 to the **HBSP** area (R. Hannikman) and 58 to **Tuscarawas** (E. Schlabach), Oct 12 another 136 to **Hardin** (R. Counts), and 14 Oct 111 to **CPNWR** for the census (E. Tramer). Sixty were at **MWW** on 23 Oct (D. Brinkman), and 37 showed up for the 4 Nov **ONWRC**.

White-throated sparrow: First reported from **Holmes** 14-15 Sept (J. E. Yoder) and 16 Sept from **HBSP** (E. Kistler), ~1000 were estimated at the latter location during the movement of 11 Oct (R. Hannikman).

White-crowned sparrow: Lagged a bit behind its congener as usual, with 18 among the sparrow arrivals of 2 Oct at **Gordon Pk** (P. Chaon), four in **Summit** 4 Oct (D. Chasar), and one in the 7th (M&D Dunakin), but no substantial numbers reported.

Dark-eyed junco: First arrived pretty much on time 15 Sept, at **ONWR** (J. Pogacnik).

Lapland longspur: First reported from **Conneaut** were two on 4 Oct (B. Lane, ph). On 13 Oct ~50 were at **HBSP** (R. Hannikman) five at **Caesar Ck SP** (B. Powell), and two flyovers at **HWSP** (D. Russell). M. Anderson had 25 in **Maumee** 31 Oct, and R. Counts 600-700 in **Wyandot** by 11 Nov.

Snow bunting: B. Lane found three at **Conneaut** 25 Oct, and 350+ by the 31st. Penetrated as far south as the **Caesar Ck SP** beach on 2 Nov (R. Asamoto).

Rose-breasted grosbeak: The high count of migrants was 12 at the **Shaker Lks** 22 Sept (L. Deininger), and the latest were two in **Harrison** 22 Oct (D. Smith).

Blue grosbeak: Many Aug reports were led by the high count of five at **Camp Dennison** the 5th (J. Brown). The latest report came from the Fernald Plant near **Cincinnati**, with two on 3 Sept (Jay Stenger).

Indigo bunting: E. Schlabach reported a nest with young as late as 8 Sept in *Holmes*, and two birds in *Tuscarawas* 11 Oct. T. Bartlett reported one on *Kelleys Isl* as late as 22 Oct.

Bobolink: Reports of numbers included ~50 at *Mosquito WA* (G. Leidy) and 10-12 at *Pickerington Ponds* in *Franklin* 11 Sept (R. Thorn).

Eastern meadowlark: E. Schlabach had 22 on 10 Oct in *Holmes*. Elsewhere either absent or unreported.

Yellow-headed blackbird: One was seen at *Conneaut* 13 Aug (W. Shaffer, ph), and another spotted at *ONWR* 15 Sept (J. Pogacnik).

Rusty blackbird: Early was one in *Akron* 19 Sept (G. Bennett). F. Losi tallied ~50 at *Jaite* 20 Sept, T. Bartlett 150 at *Springville Marsh* 25 Oct, and L. Gardella 50+ in *Trumbull* 18 Nov.

Common grackle: E. Schlabach reported a flock of ~20,000 in *Holmes* 23 Nov.

Orchard oriole: One persisted though 4 Aug in *Tuscarawas* (E. Schlabach).

Baltimore oriole: R. Thorn recorded 45 migrants on 10 Aug near *Hoover Res.* A. Boone found one as late as 6 Oct in *Fairfield*.

Pine grosbeak: M. Anderson discovered one just east of *Oak Openings Park* in *Lucas* on 21 Nov; it and perhaps as many as two others (not reported simultaneously) were seen there by m obs through the eop.

Purple finch: First reported from *Clermont* (!) on 3 Sept (D. Morse), staged a strong movement through the state during the period, with records from at least 26 counties. High count was a flock of 35 on 20 Oct in *Coshocton* (A. E. Yoder).

Red crossbill: Both crossbills were predicted to play a minor role in the northern finch irruption this season. Nevertheless, C. Rieker found one at *Dike 14* on 2 Oct (ph), G. Links one in *Toledo* 7 Oct, and D. Barda one in the *Oak Openings* 18 Nov (*vide* P. Gardner, m obs).



George Sydlowski captured this image of a difficult subject, one of the pine grosbeaks adjacent to *Oak Openings MP*, on 23 Nov.



Craig Rieker photographed this juvenal male red crossbill at *Dike 14* in *Cleveland* on 2 Oct.

White-winged crossbill: J. Pogacnik reported one at his *Lake* feeder 22 Nov through the eop, and T. Bartlett an overflight of 15+ at *Kelleys Isl* 16 Nov.

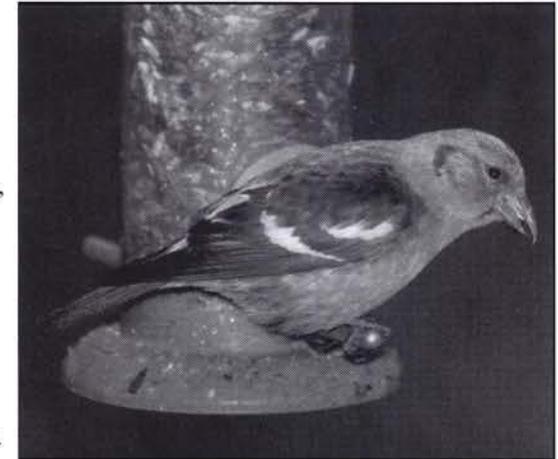


Pine siskins appeared in good numbers this fall. This one visited John Pogacnik's feeder on 26 Dec.

Common redpoll: After a report from *HBSP* 3 Nov (J. Brumfield), a major incursion occurred, with reports—often at feeders—from many counties in the northern part of the state, and as far south as *BCSP* in *Clark* during the period. Redpolls were reported in the Carolinas in October, reached New Mexico in Dec, and months to come could be seen anywhere in Ohio.

Pine siskin: An early bird was at *LSR* 2 Sept (J. Pogacnik). By 13 Oct, could be found not far from the Ohio River in *Clermont* (D. Morse). Less numerous but seen further south than redpolls this fall, but also mostly seen at feeders.

Evening grosbeak: Also participated in the “winter finch” incursion, with a first report of a female at *Wilmot* in *Stark* 31 Oct-1 Nov (P. Soehnlén). Subsequent reports came from *Cuyahoga*, *Geauga*, *Lake*, *Wood*, and *Ottawa* counties though the eop. The high count of 29 came 4 Nov in *Geauga* (E. Kistler).



This white-winged crossbill showed up at John Pogacnik's feeder from 22 Nov through the end of December. Photo by Pogacnik on 9 Dec.

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Redpolls staged some impressive movements during the period. John Pogacnik photographed this one at his Lake Co. feeder on 26 Dec.

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Further Afield

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For loyal readers of this column, the following tale should by now be a familiar one. I own a time machine. A real, nuts and bolts time machine. I will purchase it on eBay several decades from now. I keep it out in the garage.

Although many readers readily accept the factual existence of my time machine, especially those residing in the Columbia Woods Drive area of Norton, Ohio, I have been frustrated in my attempts to prove its authenticity to everyone. While I would like to offer every skeptic a personalized guided tour of my time machine quarters, my wife assures me that the garage is far too cluttered at the moment, so that's out. For those grouchy, ill-humored readers who still choose to deny its existence, instead preferring to believe that I compile these columns by gleaning the Ohio ornithological literature and other historical materials, I can only say, as I have said in the past, that the existence of my time machine is every bit as trustworthy as the annual spring arrival of the Hinckley buzzards on precisely March 15. A strong proof, indeed.

Whereas an unkempt garage prohibits me from allowing others to inspect my time machine in person, please instead allow me to take you on a vicarious trip through time. Imagine entering a stylish craft—sleek, dashing, bold—a virtual reflection of its proud owner. Imagine traveling through time to revisit the historical Ohio birding scene at ten-year intervals—an odd application for a time machine, I'll admit, but now its only function, given that (in a fit of technogeekish overconfidence) I jettisoned the owner's manual after programming its original settings. Imagine lurching backwards in time 150 years, from the Fall 2007 season to the Fall 1857 season, and then inching forward at ten-year intervals, all the way back to our day. Imagine what we might find in...

Fall 1857

The financial Panic of 1857 is touched off when the New York City branch of the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company fails on August 24. The controversial Mountain Meadows Massacre is committed in Utah Territory September 11; some 120 settlers are killed. The next day, a hurricane engulfs the SS Central America in the deep ocean off South Carolina, carrying at least 15 tons of federal "California Gold Rush" gold to the bottom of the Atlantic.

Calmly return to your seats as we make our final approach back to the Fall 1857 season. Our search function is set to locate and transport us to interesting Ohio bird sightings as they occur. Our first stop takes us to Rockport (now Lakewood), just west of Cleveland, where legendary naturalist Jared Potter Kirtland reports that a young parasitic jaeger has been shot October 25, accused of harassing local hens. Fowl play is suspected. Moving on....