

SPECIES ACCOUNTS — SPRING 2011

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Greater White-fronted Goose:

The last of these winter visitors were recorded on 27 Mar. Mill Creek Sanctuary, **Mahoning** (William Jones), Big Island (Christopher Dyer), and Prairie Lane, **Wayne** (Laura Dorman) each hosted small numbers on that date. Sue Tackett found the high count of 40 near the Killdeer Plains Sportsmen's Center on 18 Mar. Reports came from nine other counties as well.

Snow Goose:

Nineteen counties provided sightings. The largest concentration was the 150 at the **Delaware** end of Hoover Reservoir on 01 Mar (Gene Stauffer). The last seen was a single bird in CVNP's Ira Road beaver marsh on 20 May (m. obs.).

[Snow x Ross's Goose]:

Dave Slager is sure the bird he saw in **Franklin** on 20 Apr was a hybrid though some reports call it a Ross's Goose.

Ross's Goose:

Delaware SP had three birds on 02 Mar (Vicky Benko). Richard Helms and Hannah Brewster found the season's last one in Spring Valley WA, **Greenel Warren**, on 30 Apr. Reports of this species have increased greatly since its removal from the Review Species list. In addition to the above sightings, single birds visited **Auglaize, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Franklin, Harrison, Marion, Montgomery, Pickaway, Preble, Wood, and Wyandot**.



Ross's Goose, 26 Mar at Old Reid Park, **Clark**, by Laura Keene

Cackling Goose:

The five at Killdeer Plains on 07 Mar was the largest group (Karl Overman); there were several reports

of two or three birds elsewhere. Paul Hurtado reported the season's last sighting from Big Island on 27 Mar. **Franklin, Hamilton, Holmes, Lorain, Lucas, Richland, and Warren** also hosted the species.

Canada Goose:

Gene Stauffer reported the largest number, 5500, at Killdeer Plains on 08 Mar. Two other reports exceeded 1000 birds. Reports came from 80 counties and birds began nesting in at least 50 of them during the season.

Mute Swan:

Kirk Huffstater found 12 in Maumee Bay, on 21 May; that count and three counts of 10 were the highest. **Erie** had the only nesting activity reported in the 24 counties with sightings.

Trumpeter Swan:

Todd Deal found the highest number, 37, near Trail, **Holmes**, on 16 Mar. Many of the other 16 counties with sightings also showed double-digit counts. Observers found cygnets in **Ottawa and Wayne**.

Tundra Swan:

Rob and Sandy Harlan saw a straggler in York Township, **Sandusky** (near Bellevue) on 23 May. The two highest counts were nearby but much earlier: Karl Overman found 290 at Metzger on 04 Mar and the ONWR census of 06 Mar counted 714 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). The species was seen in 14 other counties as well.

Wood Duck:

The 03 Apr ONWR census produced 96 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Sixty-nine counties yielded sightings and breeding activity was noted in 17 of them.

Gadwall:

Though this species was present all season, sightings were scarce in May. The ONWR census on 03 Apr counted 1032 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Reports came from 34 counties in all.

Eurasian Wigeon:

A few of these visitors are found almost every spring, but the nine reported this year is an unusually high number. One stayed at a pond in Orrville, **Wayne**, from 14 Mar to 03 Apr (*vide* Bobolink Area RBA); the others were seen for much shorter periods. Andy Jones reported the latest from Winous Point on 19 May, quite a late date. The other counties with sightings were **Holmes, Lucas, Mahoning, Marion, Sandusky, and Wyandot**.

American Wigeon:

Most of the large flocks were reported from Killdeer Plains. Charles Bombaci estimated 600 were there on 27 Mar. Reports came from 40 counties.

American Black Duck:

Sylvia Townsend tallied the two highest counts at Blendon Woods. Her reports were of 100 birds on 03 Mar and 110 on 03 Apr. More than 30 other counties also had sightings.

[American Black Duck x Mallard]:

Reports of one to three came from each of *Delaware*, *Franklin*, *Lucas*, *Ottawa*, and *Summit*.

Mallard:

Sightings came from 76 counties and observers noted breeding activity in 12 of them. The highest number reported was the 1200 at Pickerington Ponds MP, *Fairfield*, on 03 Mar (Brad Sparks). The second highest count was 400. It was shared by Delaware WA on 01 Mar (Charles Bombaci) and Killdeer Plains on 07 Mar (Karl Overman).

Blue-winged Teal:

Sean Williams found four in Delaware SP on 02 March. They were the first of the season but not quite the first of the year – that honor goes to a 25 Feb sighting. William Jones recorded 400 at Mill Creek Sanctuary, *Mahoning*, on 03 Apr. Fifty counties total provided sightings.

Northern Shoveler:

Though the last spring report was on 26 May this species was present into summer. Charles Bombaci made the high count of 200 on 17 Mar in Delaware WA. Reports also came from 39 other counties.

Northern Pintail:

The last sighting of the season was of two birds at Winous Point on 22 May (Patrick Johnson) but there were two Jun sightings as well. Charles Bombaci found 1000 at Big Island on 17 Mar. The second highest counts, 300, were shared by sites in *Delaware*, *Hamilton*, and *Mahoning*. Pintails were seen in 24 other counties as well.

Garganey:

John and Evan Leon found this champion bird of the season on 29 Apr at Fernald. Jay Stenger posted the find for them and several dozen chasers were able to see it before its last day in the area, 13 May. This is the second accepted record for the state; the first was from the Mallard Club Marsh WA, *Lucas*, between 19 and 25 May, 2002.

Green-winged Teal:

Ken Ostermiller found the last of the season at Killdeer Plains on 14 May but there were several Jun reports. Winous Point held the highest count of 300 on 17 Apr (Patrick Johnson). Reports came from 35 counties.

Canvasback:

The high count of 100 was at Maumee Bay, on 04 Mar (Karl Overman). Numbers of sightings and birds steadily declined through the rest of the season. Thirty-one counties had this species.

Redhead:

These were reported in over half of our counties, making them among the more widespread duck species. Chris Marshall reported 1060 from Delaware WA on 03 Mar and there were many triple-digit counts. Rob and Sandy Harlan found the season's last near Bellevue, *Sandusky*, on 23 May.

Ring-necked Duck:

This species was also widespread; 56 counties had sightings. Delaware WA had the two highest counts, 1200 on 03 Mar (Chris Marshall) and 1600 on 19 Mar (Sean Williams).

Greater Scaup:

Craig Holt wrote, "Close inspection of diving duck flocks in inland [northeast] Ohio turned up more of this species than I expected." He found up to three birds at each of eight sites. There were several reports of 10 to 20 birds among the 23 counties with sightings.

Lesser Scaup:

These were reported in over 50 counties statewide. As is usual, the largest numbers were found near Lake Erie. The 03 Apr ONWR census counted over 5000 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus).

Surf Scoter:

Ten of the counties which produced reports range from Lake Erie south to *Marion*; the others were *Franklin* and *Hamilton*. The high count of four was shared by Walter C. Best Preserve, *Geauga*, on 18 Mar and Wright Marsh, *Wayne*, on 01 and 03 Apr (Kim Savides, Joe Hazelbaker, and Adam Wood, respectively). Findlay Reservoir Number 1, *Hancock*, provided the last sighting, for Robert Sams on 30 Apr.

White-winged Scoter:

Fifteen individuals were reported from nine counties. Tycoon Lake, *Gallia*, had three on 02 Apr (Todd Deal) and two were off Perry Township Park, *Lake*, on 19 Mar (Sue Tackett). The other reports were of single birds. The latest were found on 09 Apr at Killdeer Plains (Andy Sewell and Ken Ostermiller) and off North Perry, *Lake* (John Pogacnik).

Black Scoter:

One stayed near Funk Bottoms WA, *Wayne*, from 26 Mar to 06 Apr (m. obs.). Sims Park, *Cuyahoga*, hosted one between 27 Mar and 02 Apr (m. obs.). John Pogacnik saw the latest during his 16 Apr survey from North Perry, *Lake*. Two other single sightings came from *Lake* and *Wayne*.

Long-tailed Duck:

On 12 Mar Carole Babyak found 11 on Mosquito Creek Lake, *Trumbull*; eight were still there for Craig Holt on 20 Mar. Robert Sams found the last of the season on 30 Apr at Findlay Reservoir Number 1, *Hancock*. Eleven other counties also produced sightings.

Bufflehead:

Over 50 counties had these showy little ducks. The 21 Mar Kelleys Island census counted 1262 (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). The next highest number was the 200 which Andy Sewell found on Hoover Reservoir, **Delaware**, on 20 Mar. The last sighting was on 15 May at Headlands (Alexa Mater).

Common Goldeneye:

Most of the 24 counties with sightings are near Lake Erie but several central and southwestern ones are also represented. Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 2180 around Kelleys Island during the 21 Mar census. Nancy Anderson found up to 80 off Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on several Mar dates. The highest inland count was 12 on 13 Mar at Paulding Reservoir, **Paulding** (Doug and Micki Dunakin). Andy Jones saw the last two of the season on 01 May off South Bass Island, **Ottawa**.

Hooded Merganser:

Gary Cowell found the highest number, 90, on 20 Mar at Pleasant Hill Lake, **Ashland/Richland**. Seven counties of the more than 50 with sightings reported recently-hatched families.

Common Merganser:

These were present into summer though there were only about five reports in May. The 03 Apr ONWR census found 197 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vagus). Bob Lane found a female with two youngsters on Little Beaver Creek near West Point, **Columbiana**, on 29 Apr; this was the only confirmed breeding. The species was found in 34 other counties as well.

Red-breasted Merganser:

There many reports of about 500 birds but Laura Dornan doubled that number at Evans Lake, **Mahoning**, on 01 Apr. About half of our counties produced sightings.

Ruddy Duck:

Laura Dornan again had the high count of 1000 at Evans Lake, **Mahoning**, on 01 Apr and Greg Perez tied that number on 23 Apr at Magee. Almost 50 counties produced reports.

Northern Bobwhite:

These were surprisingly widespread given the extent and amount of snow during the winter – reports came from 24 counties. **Richland** and **Wayne** were the only ones representing the northeast quarter of the state. John Bigham found the first of the season on 18 Mar in **Preble**. Irene Krise, Dan Gesualdo, and Lynn Gesualdo found the high count of six on 28 May at the corner of Duff-Washa and Benton-Carroll Roads in **Ottawa**. These were probably released or escaped birds.

Chukar:

Lynn Bergmeyer spotted one at Lemon and Zenser Roads, **Ottawa**, on 09 May. They are fun to find

in Ohio even though (or perhaps because) they are escapees from hunt clubs.

Ring-necked Pheasant:

This species, like Northern Bobwhite, is bred and released for hunting. However, the 30 which Brad Sparks found near Charlie's Pond, **Pickaway**, on 20 Mar surely included some wild birds. Reports came from 28 other counties as well.

Ruffed Grouse:

The eleven counties with sightings are on or east of a line from **Scioto** to **Wayne** to **Ashtabula**. Many observers reported up to six drumming birds in Shawnee SF throughout Apr. Scott Pendleton heard three birds during a one and a half mile hike in **Harrison** on 05 Apr, and on 04 May he discovered a nest with five eggs there.

Wild Turkey:

About three quarters of our counties generated reports and breeding was confirmed in six of them. David L. Erb had the high count of 85 east of Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 03 Mar.

Red-throated Loon:

Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, provided reports of one or two on multiple dates between 10 Mar and 02 Apr (m. obs.). These could have included as many as four different individuals. The one at Evans Lake, **Mahoning**, on 09 to 12 Apr might have been a Pine Lake bird who wanted a change of scenery (m. obs.). The last sightings were single birds on 16 Apr offshore from **Lake** (John Pogacnik) and on Seneca Lake, **Guernsey/Noble** (*fide* The Bobolink). Reports also came from **Lorain**, **Summit**, and **Wyandot**.

Common Loon:

About half of our counties generated reports. Inga Schmidt counted 85 on LaDue Reservoir, **Geauga**, on 26 Mar for the highest number.

Pied-billed Grebe:

These were widespread throughout the period – almost 60 counties were represented. Charles Bombaci found the largest concentration, 21 at Delaware WA on 17 Mar.

Horned Grebe:

About half of the counties had sightings. Mark Rozmarynowycz and Clair Cogar made the high count of 75 at the Avon Lake, **Lorain**, power plant on 13 Mar. The last sighting of the season was a single bird at ONWR on 15 May (Greg Cornett), though a 01 Jun report made it the second last migrant.

Red-necked Grebe:

Nine were reported. Six were single sightings in **Clermont**, **Cuyahoga**, **Delaware**, **Harrison**, **Richland**, and **Wyandot**. One stayed in the Deer Creek SP, **Pickaway**, wetlands between 29 Mar and 05 Apr, another graced Evans Lake, **Mahon-**

ing, 09 through 12 Apr, and a third was at Caesar Creek 16 and 17 Apr (all m. obs.). The **Harrison** bird, at Tappan Lake on 20 Apr, was the last of the season (Scott Pendleton).

Eared Grebe:

These sightings almost tied those of Red-necked Grebe; at least seven and possibly eight were reported. Leslie Houser found two at Caesar Creek on 06 Mar; one of them or another was seen there 16 and 17 Apr (m. obs.). Chris Pierce also saw two at Conneaut on 29 Mar. Many birders saw the singles which stayed at Cleveland's lakefront from 27 Mar to 08 Apr and at C.J. Brown Lake, **Clark**, from 24 Mar to 09 Apr. The latter bird was the latest of the season. Reports also came from **Geauga, Medina**, and **Wyandot**.

Western Grebe:

One was reported at Evans Lake, **Mahoning**, on 09 and 10 Apr but none of the observers sent a report to the OBRC.

Double-crested Cormorant:

Over 50 counties had sightings. Though some large numbers were recorded on Lake Erie, the two highest counts were well inland. Pleasant Hill Lake, **Ashland/Richland**, held 2000 on 24 Mar (*vide The Bobolink*) and 650 were at Lost Bridge on 10 Apr (Allen Claybon).

American White Pelican:

Cowan Lake, **Clinton**, hosted the first three pelicans of the season from 14 to 19 Mar (m. obs.). A brief visit by one in Jan prevented them from also being the first of the year. Observers counted up to 21 at Pickerel Creek WA, **Sandusky**, between 30 Mar and 05 May; the high was on 01 May. Eleven other counties (**Athens, Butler, Clark, Delaware, Hamilton, Lake, Lucas, Mahoning, Ottawa, Preble**, and **Wyandot**) produced sightings through the end of the season.



American White Pelican, 17 Mar at Cowan Lake, Clinton, by Allen Claybon

American Bittern:

Laura Dornan sighted the first of the season on 01 Apr at Guilford Lake, **Columbiana**. Mentor Marsh, **Lake**, held the amazing high count of eight on 20 Apr (*fide Terri Martincic*). Seventeen other counties also produced reports.

Least Bittern:

The 03 Apr ONWR census turned up one (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide Douglas Vogus*); this is an extraordinarily early date. Two were sighted on two May dates in **Greene** and one May date in **Hamilton**. Timothy Hutson and friends experienced the most uncommon sight of one walking slowly across Kinnear Road, **Franklin**, on 06 May while they were studying the Kirtland's Warbler there. Ten other counties produced sightings as well.

Great Blue Heron:

More than 70 counties had sightings. Thomas Kistler made the high count of 135 along a section of the CVNP Towpath Trail just south of Peninsula, **Summit**, on 20 May. Dwight Chasar reported that the long-standing rookery north of Station Road in CVNP, **Cuyahoga**, was abandoned this year, apparently because of a Bald Eagle pair's nesting attempt. The herons relocated to the east, **Summit**, side of the river.

Great Egret:

Most of the 41 counties with sightings were on or near Lake Erie, though this species was seen to the Ohio River. Indeed, Chris Zacharias found the season's first in Dayton on 12 Mar. The 01 May ONWR census counted 94 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide Douglas Vogus*). The second-highest count, 50, was shared by Patrick Johnson *et al.* on 16 Apr at the Toussaint Shooting Club, **Ottawa**, and Sandra Byrd on 14 May along the ONWR auto tour route.

Snowy Egret:

Sightings were scattered from Lake Erie to the Ohio River but were in only nine counties. The first sighting was of one at Englewood Reserve, Montgomery, on 11 Apr (John Moore). Linda Househower found the high count of 18 in ONWR on 14 May.

Little Blue Heron:

The first arrived on 18 Apr at the Orweiler Road marsh, Clear Fork SP, **Richland**, and stayed until 04 May (Gary Cowell and John Herman, m. obs.). Three birds at Darby Creek on 30 May were the most in one location (Lawrence DeAtley). **Erie, Hamilton, Lake, Lucas**, and **Ottawa** also provided sightings.

Tricolored Heron:

One spent three weeks at Metzger, from 24 Apr to 14 May. Sherrie Duris found the bird and documented it for the OBRC. More than 60 other observers reported it to Ohio-birds and eBird but did not document their sightings.

Cattle Egret:

The earliest sightings were on 12 Apr. On that date the Wayne Lakes area of **Darke** (Regina Schieltz) and Pleasant Hill Lake, **Ashland/Richland** (Gary Cowell), each had one bird. The highest count was five, found during the 01 May ONWR, **Lucas/Ottawa**, census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). The sightings seemed to be more widespread than usual. In addition to the counties already named, **Auglaize, Butler, Delaware, Greene, Hamilton, Lorain, Putnam**, and **Warren** also hosted birds.



Cattle Egret, 26 Apr at Caesar Creek SP, Warren, by Allen Claybon

Green Heron:

Members of a BRAS field trip recorded the earliest bird, at Sandy Ridge Reservation, **Lorain**, on 02 Apr. The 01 May ONWR census again provided the largest number of sightings, 13. Over 50 counties generated reports. Birders watched nest building in **Franklin** and **Hamilton**.

Black-crowned Night-Heron:

Patrick Johnson made the season's first report on 07 Mar of two birds on the Olentangy River, **Franklin**. The Merwin Street site in Cleveland has been quiet for a couple of years but Paula Lozano found 50 birds there on 17 Apr. Allen Claybon witnessed copulation on 15 Apr in Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, for the only breeding activity seen in the 13 counties which generated reports.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:

The Preston Road site in eastern Columbus provided the first report of the season with two birds present on 06 Apr (Bill Whan), and three were seen there by summer. Perry D. Hershberger and Michael Hershberger saw one along County Road 201 North of Berlin, **Holmes**, on 07 and 08 May and the same bird might have moved to the Millersburg, **Holmes**, Rail Trail for Randall Rowe and Jacob Beechy on 20 May.

Glossy Ibis:

One flyby was reported at Metzger on 13 May.

White-faced Ibis:

One provided the third **Bobolink** area record when Levi Hostetter and his sons found it along State Route 95 in **Ashland** on 09 Apr.

Black Vulture:

Most of the 36 counties with reports were in the southern half of the state. However, Su Snyder found one on 25 Apr at The Wilderness Center, **Stark**, which is somewhat north of their usual haunts. The one which Kenn Kaufman saw in Oak Harbor, **Ottawa**, on 27 Apr was even further away from where they are common but could have arrived on that day's strong southwest winds. **Holmes** has a relatively small population of them but provided the high count of 32 near Walnut Creek on 20 Mar (Alvin E. Miller and Wayne E. Miller).

Turkey Vulture:

Reports came from almost every county. Jen Brumfield did a hawk watch at Edgewater on 10 Apr and counted 1250 of that species in her 6½ hours there. Kenn Kaufman's 01 Mar hawk watch at Maumee Bay yielded the second highest count, 220. Nesting activity was recorded in **Cuyahoga, Hardin, Harrison**, and **Jefferson**.

Osprey:

Brad Sparks reported the first at Pickerington Ponds MP, **Franklin**, on 10 Mar. The high count of six was shared. Leon Miller and James F. Yoder saw them during a 23 Apr hawk watch near Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, and Lenore Wilbert recorded six passing the Hogback Ridge Preserve, **Delaware**, on 26 Apr. Half of our counties provided reports and nest building or occupancy was noted in 10 of them.

Swallow-tailed Kite:

One was reported over the OSU campus on 25 Apr.

Mississippi Kite:

Three were reported in May, though none of them were documented for the OBRG. The reports came from **Ashtabula, Darke**, and **Lake**.

Bald Eagle:

Most of the sighting reports came from **Lucas** and **Ottawa** but they came from about 50 other counties as well. Dwight Chasar reported that the Station Road, CVNP, pair's first nest fell and that their second attempt was apparently too late for successful breeding. Nesting activity was also recorded in **Clermont, Geauga, Hocking, Ottawa, Richland, Ross, Warren**, and **Wood**. The high count of 17 was made during the 01 May ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus) and there were several other double-digit counts from there and other northwestern sites.

Northern Harrier:

Though harriers were present all season, their numbers dwindled steadily as summer approached. The high count was the nine present in the *Hardin* wetlands on 09 Apr (Richard Counts). They were seen in almost half of the counties. Tom Kemp recorded the only breeding-related activity when saw an adult carrying prey, apparently to a nest, on 27 May in *Fulton*.

Sharp-shinned Hawk:

Jen Brumfield's 10 Apr Edgewater sojourn produced a phenomenal 685 migrants. The second highest count, 150, was at the Mallard Club Marsh WA, *Lucas*, on 23 Apr (Irene Krise *et al.*). *Geauga* and *Lucas* provided sightings of adults carrying prey and there were reports from 40 other counties as well.

Cooper's Hawk:

Only a few counts exceeded 10 with the largest being 24 during the 10 Apr hawk watch at Edgewater (Jen Brumfield). Observers recorded breeding activity in 10 of the 57 counties with reports.

Northern Goshawk:

There were five sightings of this (usually) rare winter visitor. One chose Lenore Wilbert's yard in *Delaware* on 15 Mar. Gabe Leidy, Emil Bacik, and Jerry Talkington recorded one during their 10 Apr hawk watch at Conneaut. Another, or possibly the same bird, was seen in *Lake* (John Pogacnik) and *Cuyahoga* (Jen Brumfield) the next day. Patrick Johnson and Robert Riggs saw one at Winous Point on 28 Apr.

Red-shouldered Hawk:

Almost 60 counties yielded sightings and breeding evidence was noted in 12 of them. Kenn Kaufmann recorded nine passing the Magee Migratory Bird Center tower on 17 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk:

April 10 produce three first-of-season reports. Ned Keller saw one on the west side of Cincinnati. Curiously, the other two were on the Lake Erie shore, where Dan and Lynn Gesualdo saw two at ONWR and Jen Brumfield had a solo bird at Edgewater. Dwight Chasar found one on its nest in the Bedford Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 31 May; it was the only breeding activity seen. Reports also came from 31 other counties.

Swainson's Hawk:

One was reported at Conneaut on 10 Apr. Another was listed on *The Bobolink* area telephone RBA of 19 Apr.

Red-tailed Hawk:

Nesting was underway in 40 counties by the end of May; 77 counties in all provided reports. The high count of 38, though, was almost surely composed mostly of migrants; Jen Brumfield saw them during her 10 Apr hawk watch at Edgewater.

Rough-legged Hawk:

Chris Decker reported one "after the feeder birds" on 23 Apr in *Medina*, atypical behavior for this open-country rodent hunter. Irene Krise saw one the same day at the Mallard Club Marsh WA, *Lucas*. These were the last of the season. Several observers reported three birds in Mar and early Apr. *Highland* and *Vinton* were the southernmost counties of the 18 with sightings.

Golden Eagle:

Robert Hershberger commented in *The Bobolink*, "A record year for this giant raptor, with probably 7-8 different birds reported". Those sightings were in *Coshocton*, *Holmes*, *Tuscarawas*, and *Wayne* between 06 and 25 Apr. Other individuals were seen in *Allen*, *Cuyahoga*, *Mahoning*, and *Marion*.

American Kestrel:

Over 60 counties produced reports, and seven of those counties had breeding activity. Jen Brumfield's Edgewater hawk watch on 10 Apr again paid huge dividends; she counted 428 kestrels, almost all of which were surely migrants. The second highest count, a relatively paltry nine, was from Killdeer Plains on 02 Apr (Charles Bombaci). That number was probably a mix of residents, winter visitors, and travelers.

Merlin:

Single birds were sighted in 22 counties. Larry Therrien placed the last report of the season from the Magee causeway on 17 May.

Peregrine Falcon:

Thirty-two counties provided reports. The Peregrine Project documented 30 mated pairs spread over 15 of them; *Cuyahoga* alone had 10 pairs (*vide* Jennifer Norris). The highest count, three birds, was on the 14 May CVNP census (Dwight Chasar *et al.*).

King Rail:

Randy Kreager found one in the ONWR Benton-Carroll Road wetland, *Ottawa*, on 14 May and Bill Stanley another on Hamer Road, *Brown*, on 21 May. Neither bird was seen again, to the disappointment of many chasers.

Virginia Rail:

David Jacobs reported the first of the season, at Magee on 08 Apr. Adam Wood provided the high count of five from Frohring Meadows, *Geauga*, on 25 Apr. Alex Champagne watched an adult carrying food in *Franklin* on 09 May; this was the only breeding activity noted in the 21 counties with sightings.

Sora:

The first bird was seen 03 Apr at Litzburg Memorial Woods, *Hancock* (Robert Sams). The Darby Creek wetlands produced nine on 05 May (Aaron Boone and Dave Slager). Reports came from 25 other counties as well.

Purple Gallinule:

Dave Slager provided the season's only sighting on 08 May from the Darby Creek wetlands.

Common Moorhen:

Sixteen counties produced reports. Though breeding was noted in several locations during summer, no such activity was noted during spring. Magee and the ONWR auto tour route share the first sightings on 16 Apr (Irene Krise and Richard Quick, respectively). Robert Sams found 10 along the ONWR visitor's center boardwalk on 13 May.

American Coot:

Richard Counts reported 1140 in the *Hardin* wetlands and Laura Gooch found 1000 at Big Island, both on 09 Apr. Though more than 60 counties produced sightings, the only breeding evidence was young birds at Lorain on 20 May (Craig Caldwell).

Sandhill Crane:

Autumn Young counted 46 at Twin Bridges, *Darke*, on 16 Mar. Bob Lane watched adults building a nest in *Columbiana* on 16 Apr and Tami Gingrich found a *Geauga* nest with young on 26 Apr. Joe Kappa photographed a colt at Slate Run MP, *Fairfield*, on 14 May and other colts were seen in *Ashland* and *Muskingum*. Twenty-five other counties produced sightings of adults.

Black-bellied Plover:

Sean Williams sighted the first on 25 Apr in *Delaware*. Brian Welker sighted the most, 26, on 20 May at Lost Bridge. Eleven other counties generated reports.

American Golden-Plover:

The first report was on 28 Mar and there were no others until mid-Apr. William Hull found that pioneer at the Turpin Sod Farm in *Hamilton*. The high count of 80 must have been quite a sight at Metzger on 26 Apr (Karl Overman). *Ottawa*, *Pickaway*, *Portage*, and *Union* also produced sightings.

Semipalmated Plover:

Sixteen counties had sightings. Ken Ostermiller saw the three earliest birds along Moore's Lane, *Scioto*, on 23 Apr. Paul Krusling estimated 100 at Ellis Lake on 11 May.

Piping Plover:

One was reported at Conneaut on 14 May.

Killdeer:

Peterson's "common noisy breeding Plover" was reported from 75 counties. Breeding activity was noted in 29. Charles Bombaci found 45 to 50 at each of Big Island and the aptly-named Killdeer Plains on 02 Apr.

Black-necked Stilt:

Barbara Padgett found and photographed the first at the ONWR Benton-Carroll wetlands, *Ottawa*, on

14 May; it remained two more days. Brad Purcell found two on Hamilton Road, *Warren*, on 24 May. What were probably two different birds showed up for Brad Sparks and Dave Slager at the Darby Creek wetlands on 26 May. Single birds were also reported at Killdeer Plains on 14 to 16 May and at Pickerel Creek WA, *Sandusky*, on 18 May.

American Avocet:

Patrick Johnson's research team counted 57 at Winous Point on 17 Apr for both the first and largest sightings. ONWR had 25 on 21 Apr according to an eTT report. The last sighting but one was Sue Tackett's, a single bird along the Ottawa-Lucas Road on 30 Apr. Doug Overacker recorded the only May sighting with his single at Buck Creek SP, *Clark*, on 12 May.

Spotted Sandpiper:

Armleder Park, *Hamilton*, provided William Hull with the first sighting on 26 Mar; this is about two weeks earlier than normal. Charlie Saunders counted 22 at Ellis Lake on 05 May. No breeding activity was noted – that came later – but reports came from 45 counties.

Solitary Sandpiper:

Perry D. Hershberger found the earliest on 10 Apr near Farmerstown, *Holmes*. Reuben S. Erb's count of 31 along a rail-to-trail corridor, also in *Holmes*, on 08 May barely took the high count prize. Wes Hatch, Jay Lehman, and friends had found 30 at Fernald on 01 May. Over 35 counties had sightings.

Greater Yellowlegs:

Su Snyder and David Weaver found one at the Orville Tile ponds, *Wayne*, on 15 Mar. Dave Slager counted 45 at the Darby Creek wetlands on 09 Apr. Reports came from over 30 counties.

Willet:

Bob Lane found the first of these flashy fellows on 25 Apr on Bandy Road, *Columbiana*. Gabe Leidy reported the last of the season on 08 May off Sheffield Lake, *Lorain*. There were, however, reports in Jun. Not long before Gabe's sighting, many observers reported 15 at Ellis Lake on 01 May. Other reports came from *Clark*, *Clermont*, *Cuyahoga*, *Hamilton*, *Hancock*, *Lake*, *Lucas*, *Ottawa*, *Trumbull*, and *Warren*.

Lesser Yellowlegs:

The first of the season were five birds at Funk Bottoms WA, *Wayne*, on 19 March (Mark C. Yoder) and the last was in *Franklin* on 27 May (Ben Warner). Mike Busam found over 100 at Ellis Lake on 29 Apr and Rob and Sandy Harlan counted 120 at ponds in Thompson Township, *Seneca*, on 02 May. Thirty-two total counties had sightings.

Upland Sandpiper:

This much-desired species was found in at least eight sites in six counties. The earliest were three

at Bolton Field, **Franklin**, on 25 Apr; at least one was seen frequently until 26 May (m. obs.) and occasionally in Jun. Jen Brumfield found four on Stange Road, **Ottawa**, on 13 May. **Champaign**, **Lucas**, **Richland**, and **Wayne** also produced sightings.

Whimbrel:

Four were reported. One flew over Kenn Kaufman as he traversed the Magee causeway on 01 May, which is about two weeks before their normal first appearance. Another was at Winous Point on 22 May (Patrick Johnson). Mark Vass found one at Conneaut and Emil Bacik did the same at Lorain, both on 27 May.

Hudsonian Godwit:

Members of a BRAS field trip found one at Lorain on 29 May and John Pogacnik saw it there the next day. This species is very uncommon during our spring.

Marbled Godwit:

Andy Bess found the first, a group of four on 11 Apr at Lost Bridge. On 22 May John Pogacnik wrote, "Shorebirds on the move today? A little after 7:30 I had a flock of 40+ Marbled Godwits pass by my house [in **Lake**] heading west." This flock is extraordinarily large for Ohio; even as many as five is unusual. Other reports came from **Lucas** and **Ottawa** on that day, the last date with sightings. **Clark** and **Hancock** also contributed reports.

Ruddy Turnstone:

All of the reports came from **Ashtabula**, **Franklin**, **Lucas**, and **Ottawa**. The earliest was at Magee on 07 May (Karl Overman, Mike Smith). Jeri Langham found the high count of 30 on 19 May, also at Magee.

Sanderling:

Mike Hatfield reported the season's first at Buck Creek SP, **Clark**, on 25 Apr. Magee produced one on several dates between 30 Apr and 21 May and a high of three on 05 May (Carl Ball). The last was at Conneaut on 27 May (Mark Vass).



Willet, 26 Apr at Caesar Creek SP, **Warren** by Allen Claybon

Semipalmated Sandpiper:

Sandy Ridge Reservation, **Lorain**, had the first bird on 27 Apr (Mike Sandy). Brad Sparks counted 99 at Darby Creek on 26 May – do you suppose he missed one? Sightings came from 11 other counties as well.

Least Sandpiper:

Robert Sams found the earliest, two at Findley Reservoir Number 1, **Hancock**, on 19 Apr. No more were seen until 29 Apr when reports came from several sites. The Ellis Lake wetlands produced the only two triple-digit counts, about 100 on 16 May (Jay Lehman) and 150 on 18 May (Evan Leon).

White-rumped Sandpiper:

Before Ellis Lake got full of Least Sandpipers, it produced the earliest White-rumped on 11 May (Paul Krusling). The high count of at least 25 came from near Lost Bridge on 29 May (Jay and Paula Stenger). Five other counties also had sightings.

Baird's Sandpiper:

Jen Brumfield found the only one of this spring rarity at Lorain on 27 May.

Pectoral Sandpiper:

Ken Ostermiller reported the season's first, a single bird along Wilderness Road, **Wayne**, on 17 Mar. The largest of several triple-digit counts was the 410 at Darby Creek on 09 Apr (Dave Slager). Reports came from 20 additional counties as well.

Dunlin:

Two of these at Big Island on 09 Apr were the earliest reported (Ken Ostermiller). ONWR provided counts between 1000 and 1500 on 19 and 20 May (m. obs.). Twenty other counties also had sightings.

Stilt Sandpiper:

The Garganey-viewing crowd at Fernald on 30 Apr also found the season's first Stilt Sandpiper, who was a couple of weeks early. The high count of five was also the latest; it came from Darby Creek on 22 May (Dave Slager). The other reports were of singles at Ellis Lake on 03 May (Jason Cade *et al.*); Pearson MP, **Lucas**, on 06 May (Sue Tackett); and ONWR on 13 May (Greg Cornett).

Short-billed Dowitcher:

William Jones found the first on 23 Apr at Mill Creek Sanctuary, **Mahoning**. Chris Zacharias reported the highest count, 35, at Caesar Creek on 19 May. **Butler**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, **Warren**, **Wayne**, and **Wyandot** also produced sightings.

Long-billed Dowitcher:

Jay Lehman sighted one at Ellis Lake on 01 May and by 04 May up to four were reported there (Leslie Houser, Joe Kappa). Several Biggest Week in American Birding field trips also reported one variously at ONWR, Ottawa-Lucas Road, and Metzger on 13 May, rather late for the species.

Wilson's Snipe:

These were present all winter but the 13 at Fernald on 06 Mar was a large number for that early in the season (m. obs.). Ed Pierce and the rest of the 03 Apr ONWR census team counted the high of 76. Dave and Judy Hochadel found a nest in **Trumbull** on 04 May; it was in a pasture and was later trampled by the cattle.

American Woodcock:

More than 60 counties produced sightings. Breeding evidence came from 10 of them. The high count from a single site was 50 during a BRAS field trip to Charlemont Reservation, **Lorain**, on 08 Mar. Dwight and Ann Chasar found more than 50 in nine OBBA II blocks in **Cuyahoga** and **Summit**.

Wilson's Phalarope:

Irene Krise, Dan Gesualdo, and Lynn Gesualdo found the first at ONWR on 27 Mar, an extremely early date. The most were Dave Slager's two at Pickerington Ponds MP, **Fairfield**, on 02 Apr and the last was at Magee on 13 May (Robert Frescura). Other reports came from **Butler**, **Hamilton**, and **Sandusky**.

Red-necked Phalarope:

Many observers found two along Ottawa-Lucas Road on 22 and 24 May. Several observers reported one from the nearby Howard Road swale, **Lucas**, also on 22 May, so one of the two may have roamed a bit.

Black-legged Kittiwake:

John Pogacnik made the only report; an immature bird flew past his watch site in **Lake** on 10 Apr.

Bonaparte's Gull:

Winter sightings had slowed to a trickle in Feb and began spring the same way with a single birds at two sites on 06 Mar. James F. Yoder found one at Barrs Mills, **Tuscarawas**, and Leslie Houser the other at Caesar Creek. The big flocks came later; the 21 Apr Kelleys Island census counted 2525 (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). About 40 counties provided reports.

Little Gull:

Frank Frick discovered one at Lost Bridge on 24 Mar; it stayed for three more days. John Pogacnik saw one at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 01 Apr.

Laughing Gull:

Doreene Linzell reported one at Caesar Creek on 16 Apr. Several others saw it that day and the next. It might have relocated 50 miles northeast to Buck Creek SP, **Clark**, where Rick Asamoto found one on 21 Apr which stayed two more days. Andy Jones sighted the only other one of the season on 01 May at South Bass Island, **Ottawa**.

Franklin's Gull:

Rick Asamoto and Gene Stauffer found the only one of the season at Buck Creek SP, **Clark**, on 03 May.

Ring-billed Gull:

High counts of about 2000 started the season. Charles Bombaci saw that many at Delaware WA on 01 Mar and Karl Overman did the same at Maumee Bay on 04 Mar. Over 50 counties produced sightings.

Herring Gull:

These were seen in fewer than 30 counties, though still statewide. Andy Jones and Michelle Leighty had the high count of 1000 on Lake Erie at Cleveland's East 72nd Street.

Thayer's Gull:

John Pogacnik had two pass his Erie-watch site in **Lake**, one each on 03 and 27 Mar. Paul Hurtado found the season's only other example at Gordon Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 06 Apr.

Iceland Gull:

Icelanders beat Thayer's by one. John Pogacnik's was a **Lake** flyby on 20 Mar. Andy Jones and Michelle Leighty found one at East 72nd Street, Cleveland, on 03 Apr; what might have been the same bird was almost next door at Gordon Park on 06 Apr for Paul Hurtado. The last was "a very late first cycle" bird at Conneaut on 17 May (Craig Holt).



First cycle Bonaparte's Gull, 23 Apr at Caesar Creek SP, **Warren**, by Allen Claybon



Little Gull (left) with Bonaparte's Gull, 25 Mar at Lost Bridge, **Hamilton**, by Allen Claybon

Lesser Black-backed Gull:

The sightings were thinly scattered through the season. Every North Coast county except *Erie* had at least one, and *Summit* and *Warren* contributed inland records. East 72nd Street, Cleveland, provided the high count of eight on 03 Apr (Andy Jones and Michelle Leighty).

Glaucous Gull:

John Pogacnik opened the season with a count of nine during his 03 Mar Erie-watch in *Lake*. Five singles were seen along the *Cuyahoga* and *Lake* shores between 27 Mar and 17 Apr. Paul Hurta-do described his, seen 06 Apr at Gordon Park, *Cuyahoga*, as “mostly glaucous” with a trace of dark wingtips which hinted at “some Herring (or GBBG?) ancestry”.

Great Black-backed Gull:

As is expected, every county touching Lake Erie produced sightings. Several Mar reports from Delaware SP and WA were the only inland records. Tom Bartlett’s crew counted 11 during the 21 Apr Kelleys Island census.

Least Tern:

William Hull thoroughly studied and described the one he found at Lost Bridge on 22 May; unfortunately it left before word could get to potential chasers.

Caspian Tern:

These showed up in almost 30 counties. The first sightings were on 27 Mar at Rocky River Park, *Cuyahoga*, and the Avon Lake, *Lorain*, power plant (Jen Brumfield *et al.*). A BRAS field trip to Lorain Harbor counted the high of 130 on 18 Apr. Sightings tapered off during May.

Black Tern:

The first of these much-sought beauties was at Buck Creek SP, *Clark*, on 03 May for Rick Asamoto. JoAnn Raine reported 10 at a small marshy area on Lemon Road near Route 2 in *Ottawa* on 12 May. Other reports came from *Hamilton*, *Lorain*, *Marion*, *Richland*, and *Wayne*.



Caspian Tern, 19 May at Caesar Creek SP, Warren by Allen Clayton

Common Tern:

Sightings came from a dozen scattered counties. The first report was on 10 Apr from near Apple Creek, *Wayne*; the bird was flying with Bonaparte’s Gulls (Aaron Miller, Andy Troyer, and Marty Troyer). Brian Wulker made the high count of 35 at Lost Bridge on 24 May.

Arctic Tern:

One was reported by several observers at Killdeer Plains on 15 and 16 May, but not to the OBRC at all.

Forster’s Tern:

Lawrence DeAtley reported the first sighting, from Grand Lake St. Marys, *Auglaize/Mercer*, on 08 Apr. The high count of 56 came on 21 Apr at Maumee Bay (Karl Overman). Fourteen other counties contributed sightings as well.

Royal Tern:

On 03 Mar Ken Davis found what he and several other observers thought was an exceptionally early Caspian Tern on Hoover Reservoir near the dam in *Franklin*. Victor Fazio III, Ohio’s eBird reviewer, proposed from the early photos that it was Ohio’s second Royal Tern and that identification was quickly confirmed. The bird was last seen on 07 Mar. It was the earliest tern of any species in the state.

Rock Pigeon:

Most observers, including this writer, seldom record counts of this bird except as part of a formal survey. Chase Maxwell did; he noted 261 on 06 Mar from one vantage point in Columbus. Nesting activity was noted in *Cuyahoga*, *Fayette*, and *Franklin* among the 75 counties producing reports.

Eurasian Collared-Dove:

Undocumented reports came from South Charleston, *Clark*; Walnut Creek, *Holmes*; North Perry, *Lake*; and Celina, *Mercer*. Until this species is removed from the Review list, I will continue to beseech observers to document their sightings for the OBRC.

White-winged Dove:

One was reported 28 and 29 Apr in a *Cuyahoga* yard.

Mourning Dove:

Observers provided sightings from 80 counties; nesting was noted in 14 of them. Jen Brumfield counted 240 during her Edgewater hawk watch on 10 Apr. The rest of the counts provided were of fewer than 75 birds.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo:

Wyatt Westercamp recorded the earliest on Danny Drive, *Clermont*, on 16 Apr; the next was not reported until 27 Apr, in Miami Whitewater Forest, *Hamilton* (Claudia Kotchka). Jen Brumfield

made the first Far North sighting in CVNP 29 Apr. Dwight Chasar et al. counted seven during the CVNP 14 May Spring Census. **Franklin, Jackson,** and **Summit** provided nesting activity reports before the end of the season. Fifty counties overall had sightings.

Black-billed Cuckoo:

The earliest of these lagged a week behind its Yellow-billed cousin: Stefan Gleissberg found it in **Athens** on 24 Apr. The high count was four. Carl Ball found that many in the Hunters Ridge development, **Richland**, on 04 May, as did Dwight Chasar's census teams in CVNP on 14 May. Reports came from 30 counties.

Barn Owl:

Michael Minium heard two conversing in Eaton, **Preble**, on 18 Apr. One provided a treat for Magee boardwalk visitors – it was reported 05, 06, 07, and 14 May (m. obs.). Researcher Thomas Henry banded youngsters in **Coshocton** (one nest), **Holmes** (five nests), **Stark** (four nests), and **Wayne** (five nests). Additional sight records came from **Franklin, Highland, Ottawa,** and **Ross**.

Eastern Screech-Owl:

Sightings came from over 50 counties and breeding activity was noted in 13 of them. Liz Calhoun found three at the Olentangy Commons, **Franklin**, on 09 May and the 14 May CVNP census recorded the same number (Dwight Chasar et al.).

Great Horned Owl:

The county count of sightings of this species (48) trailed that of Eastern Screech-Owl but young in nests or other breeding activity was recorded in almost half of them.

Barred Owl:

Though Barred Owls have somewhat narrower habitat preferences than Great Horned Owls, they were reported in 10 more counties. They are later, and perhaps less obvious, nesters as well and evidence was noted in only seven counties. There were several reports of up to four adults.

Long-eared Owl:

Reports came from two locations in **Holmes** and one in each of **Coshocton, Greene, Lake, Lucas, Ottawa, Summit,** and **Tuscarawas**. Sherrie Duris found six at Maumee Bay, on 07 Apr. Five near Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 13 Apr dwindled to two on 22 Apr and were the latest reported (m. obs.).

Short-eared Owl:

This winter visitor was reported in 15 counties with the last sighting being on 23 Apr at Headlands (Lukas Padegimas). Scott Pendleton counted up to seven on several Mar and Apr dates near New Athens, **Harrison**. Though this bird is usually seen at dusk over fields, marshes, and pastures, or in small wood-

lots on the Lake Erie shore, Jen Brumfield wrote, "One of the single most bizarre sightings I've ever had, a single Short-ear pumping hard into strong wind/rain directly over I-77 as I was heading north into [Cleveland]...this one was the icing on the cake. Particularly the location - immediately north of the Fleet Ave exit, which is urban 'burbs'."

Northern Saw-whet Owl:

Tom Bartlett banded six females on Kelleys Island during the evening of 21 Mar. Single birds were seen or heard in **Adams** (on two widely separated dates), **Coshocton, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Lake, Lucas** (also on two widely separated dates), and **Medina**. One of the **Adams** birds was the latest record; it was seen by Brad McLeod on 20 May, quite late for a migrant.

Common Nighthawk:

Phillip North and Tamala Vaughn saw the earliest arrivals on 29 Apr at Andover Estates, **Franklin**. The high count was an impressive 47, noted by Ivan and Mary Ester Yoder near Stone Creek, **Tuscarawas**, on 13 May. Twenty other counties also yielded sightings.

Chuck-will's-widow:

Andy Sewell and Brad Sparks shared the date of the first sightings, 29 Apr. Andy's bird was at the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, **Adams**, and Brad found two in other parts of the same county. Allen Hershberger heard one calling near Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, on 24 May; this is unusually far north for the species. About 10 other May reports came from the Edge and locations in **Clermont, Gallia, Jackson, Scioto,** and **Vinton**. Brad McLeod found a nest near Ohio Brush Creek, **Adams**, on 18 May.

Eastern Whip-poor-will:

Wyatt Westercamp's **Clermont** yard hosted the first on 16 Apr and Andy Sewell found five in **Adams** on 29 Apr. One pleased the multitudes by roosting along the Magee boardwalk for the first half of May. Brad McLeod found one of their nests in **Adams** on 31 May. Twenty counties overall produced sightings.

Chimney Swift:

Scott Pendleton wrote on 22 Mar, "Checking the mail in front of my clinic at Cadiz [**Harrison**], I heard the unmistakable chatter of a Chimney Swift. This optimistic individual is very early for the [species] but the flight pattern and body shape confirm the ID. This is 3 weeks earlier than we normally see them around here." The next were not seen until 04 Apr (also an early date), by Patrick Johnson in **Franklin**. Jen Brumfield estimated 350 passed her Edgewater hawk watch site on 01 May and there were two other triple-digit counts.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird:

The first sightings were on 19 Apr in **Clermont** (Ginny Fantetti) and **Hamilton** (Elizabeth Bren-

nan). They reached Sandy Ridge Reservation, **Lorain**, by 26 Apr for a BRAS field trip to find. Dwight Chasar's CVNP census crew counted 29 on 14 May and Kenn Kaufman found 20 on the Magee beach on 20 May. Females were already on nests in nine counties by the end of the season; about 60 counties produced sightings.

Belted Kingfisher:

Jen Brumfield counted 12 during her Edgewater hawk watch on 10 Apr and the 14 May CVNP census found 16 (Dwight Chasar et al.). Adults were seen carrying food, presumably to youngsters in their burrows, in **Butler** and **Muskingum**. About $\frac{3}{4}$ of our counties had sightings.

Red-headed Woodpecker:

The Lake Waynoka community, **Brown**, produced 12 for Joshua Eastlake on 10 Apr. Three counts of 10 or 11 came from Oak Openings on different dates (m. obs.). Almost 60 counties had sightings and nesting activity was reported in **Brown**, **Clermont**, **Logan**, and **Stark**.

Red-bellied Woodpecker:

Ed Pierce's census crew counted 22 in ONWR on 03 Apr. There were many other double-digit counts as well. Eighty-two counties produced reports and 11 of them had breeding activity.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:

The moderate number of Mar reports grew to a peak in Apr and dropped to a very low number by the end of May. Charles Bombaci had the high count of 13 in Blacklick Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 07 Apr. About half of the counties had sightings but no nesting activity was reported.

Downy Woodpecker:

Kelleys Island produced the high count of 36 during the 21 Mar census (Tom Bartlett et al.). The 03 Apr ONWR census did nearly as well with 33 (Ed Pierce et al., *vide* Douglas Vogus). Breeding was confirmed in 10 of the 78 reporting counties. BSBO banded a record 10 during the season at their Navarre station.

Hairy Woodpecker:

Chase Maxwell found 15 in the Plain City, **Madison**, area on 25 Mar. Ten of the 68 counties with sightings had breeding activity.

Northern Flicker:

These were reported in 76 counties and breeding activity was noted in **Hamilton**, **Lorain**, and **Ottawa**. The two highest counts were on 10 Apr: Jen Brumfield saw 425 pass Edgewater, and Jim McCormor and Becky Donaldson found 30 at Headlands.

Pileated Woodpecker:

Douglas Vogus et al. counted eight during the 04 Mar CVNP census. Breeding was noted in seven of the 65 counties which generated reports.

Olive-sided Flycatcher:

Two appeared on the rather early date of 05 May. Clifford Cathers saw one in Germantown MP, **Montgomery**, and Heather Raymond found another in Worthington, **Franklin**. A trickle of sightings soon after that grew through the end of the month. The only report of two birds came from Magee on 22 May (Irene Krise).

Eastern Wood-Pewee:

Sameer Apte and Joseph Ford found the first two at Shaker Lakes, **Cuyahoga**, on 23 Apr. The high count was 18, at the Magee East Beach on 22 May (Kenn Kaufman). No breeding activity was noted in any of the 63 counties with sightings.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:

Andy Sewell reported the first on 06 May at Greenlawn Cemetery, **Franklin**. Tom Bartlett's crew banded 12 at Springville Marsh on 29 May, and the second highest count was a relatively small five at Wendy Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 May (Jen Brumfield). Sightings came from 18 counties.

Acadian Flycatcher:

The first report came from Su Snyder, who found one at Salt Fork SP, **Guernsey**, on 25 Apr. Charles Bombaci found 13 of them at Blackhand Gorge SNP, **Licking**, on 28 May. Over 50 counties produced reports; only **Allen** had breeding activity.

Alder Flycatcher:

Sameer Apte's eyes and ears found one at Magee on 07 May for the first report. The high count was 10, on 28 May at Tom Bartlett's Springville Marsh banding station. Reports came from 16 counties.

Willow Flycatcher:

Fifty-six counties produced sightings. The first report came from Blendon Woods on 02 May (Charles Bombaci). Tom Bartlett et al. banded 25 at Springville Marsh on 28 May. There were several non-hands-on counts in the 10 to 12 range.

Least Flycatcher:

Sean Williams's 23 April post from the Ohio Wesleyan campus, **Delaware**, included the earliest "Least Flycatcher...cheBEKking away". Tom Bartlett banded one at Springville Marsh the same day. Four one-day counts of 10 birds came from **Lucas** (2), **Summit**, and **Wayne** between 10 and 22 May. The 50 of them which BSBO banded at Navarre during the season was a notable number because it is less than half of their long-term average capture. Only 32 counties had sightings.

Eastern Phoebe:

Though at least one seems to have overwintered in Ohio (see the Winter 2010-11 *Ohio Cardinal*), Janet Duerr reported the first migrant on 01 Mar in **Athens**. They were well north within a week, producing reports in **Coshocton** and **Holmes** on 07 Mar (m. obs.). Gene Stauffer found 14 in Prairie Oaks

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MP, **Madison**, on 26 Apr. Before the end of May these hardy birds were seen nesting in 31 of the 72 counties which produced reports.

Great Crested Flycatcher:

The OSU Waterman Farm, **Franklin**, hosted the earliest on 18 Apr for Dave Slager. Charles Bombaci paddled the northeast shore of Hoover Reservoir, **Delaware**, on 21 May and counted 17. About 60 counties had sightings but only an **Athens** report included breeding evidence.

Eastern Kingbird:

Kirk Westendorf made the earliest report, from French Park, **Hamilton**, on 13 Apr. The Magee boardwalk was often a popular spot for them; Sue Tackett counted 40 on 06 May. Sixty-six counties produced reports and breeding activity was noted in eight of them.

Loggerhead Shrike:

Paul Hurtado found and photographed one in East Fork SP, **Union**, on 09 Apr; unfortunately it was a one-day wonder. Another observer reported two at East Fork, **Clermont**, on 27 May.

Northern Shrike:

Birds first found during winter at Bath NP, **Summit**, and at Killdeer Plains remained into this season. The latest sighting was at Margaret Peak Preserve, **Lorain**, on 09 Apr (BRAS). Reports also came from **Delaware**, **Geauga**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, **Wayne**, and **Wood**.

White-eyed Vireo:

Lavonne Yoder saw the earliest near Bakersville, **Coshocton**, on 11 Apr. Blackhand Gorge SNP, **Licking**, provided the high count of 15 for Charles Bombaci in 09 May. **Coshocton** also had the only record of breeding when Margaret Bowman saw a bird carrying nesting material on 22 May. Fifty-six other counties also provided reports.

Bell's Vireo:

They are rare at Magee but the season's earliest sang along the boardwalk on 11 and 12 May (Jen Brumfield, Paul Drescher). Birds returned to their "traditional" sites along the Simon Kenton Trace, **Clark**, and the Heritage Trail, **Franklin** and were seen there well into summer. One of the **Franklin** birds was carrying nesting material on 13 May (John Watts). Other reports came from **Butler** (two sites), **Hamilton**, and **Hardin**.

Yellow-throated Vireo:

The first two were reported on 12 Apr at opposite ends of the state. David Brinkman found one on that date Miami Whitewater Forest, **Hamilton**, and Patrick Johnson found the other behind the Magee Bird Center. Sue Tackett found the most, six in Shawnee SF on 11 May. Breeding activity was noted in **Coshocton** and **Sandusky** among the 56 additional counties with sightings.

Blue-headed Vireo:

Rob Thorn saw the first on 05 Apr at Three Creeks MP, **Franklin**. The 01 May ONWR census provided the high count of eight (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Over 35 other counties also provided reports.

Warbling Vireo:

Caesar Creek hosted the season's first one on 09 Apr (Bob Powell). The Magee boardwalk was loaded on 13 May; Jen Brumfield counted 40. About half of the many double-digit reports were from that site. Over 50 counties had sightings and breeding activity was noted in **Hancock**, **Richland**, and **Wood**.

Philadelphia Vireo:

Dan and Lynn Gesualdo reported the first, at Magee on 27 Apr. The high count of six was shared by Magee on 15 May (Loren Hintz) and Springville Marsh on 28 May (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Twenty-one counties produced reports.

Red-eyed Vireo:

The first showed up at Wyatt Westercamp's **Clermont** home on 14 Apr. It took almost two more weeks for the first report from the northernmost counties – Joseph Ford found one at Wendy Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 27 Apr. Shawnee SF was hopping on 11 May when Sue Tackett counted 40 there. About two thirds of our counties produced sightings but the only nesting evidence was a bird carrying material in **Hocking** on 26 May (*vide* U.S. Forest Service).

Blue Jay:

The only four-digit count was the approximately 2650 which Larry Therrien saw from Magee's East Beach on 13 May. Jen Brumfield noted about 800 over the Magee boardwalk that same day. Reports came from 80 counties and nesting activity was confirmed in 26 of them.

American Crow:

Jen Brumfield counted 750 over Edgewater on 10 Apr and there were three more triple-digit counts during Apr and early May. Twenty of the 83 counties with reports had breeding activity.

Fish Crow:

They're here! One was reported as a heard-only flyby at Magee on 21 May. Ken Beers, Rob Harlan, Tim Hochstetler, Shari Jackson, and Rick Nirschl documented it for the OBRC. Frank Buck, Tom Frankel, and Haans Petrushke photographed another and thoroughly described the encounter at Headlands, also on 21 May. Laura Gooch audio recorded and described one in Cleveland Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 23 May. A fourth bird was reported but not documented, again as heard and not seen, on 21 May in Beaver Creek SP, **Columbiana**. The Magee, Headlands and Cleveland Heights birds are the first documented records of the species in Ohio, though there have been previous anecdotal reports.

The nearest populations of any size are in the Finger Lakes region of New York and the Susquehanna River valley in central Pennsylvania; both are about 250 miles away. Yes, as the crow flies...

Common Raven:

The *Knox* raven which *The Bobolink* RBA first publicized on 31 Jan remained until at least 17 Apr (see the Winter 2010-11 *Cardinal*). Jay Lehman saw it carrying a stick on 13 Apr. Don and Judy Koch saw and heard two on their property in southern *Columbiana* on 19 Mar.

Horned Lark:

Over 60 counties provided sightings and nesting activity was seen in five of them. Jen Brumfield's 230 at Edgewater on 10 Apr was the only triple-digit count, but there were many reports of up to 60 birds.

Purple Martin:

Aden Coblentz reported the first two near Mt. Hope, *Holmes*, on 17 Mar. The high count was 51; Charles Bombaci found them on Miller-Paul Road, *Delaware*, on 24 Apr. Birds were already nesting in 21 of the 58 reporting counties by the end of May.

Tree Swallow:

Our earliest arriving swallow first appeared in late Feb. That trickle grew to a flood by the time Jen Brumfield estimated 1600 passed Edgewater on 10 Apr. They had settled down to nest in 21 counties by the end of the season. Nearly 80 counties had sightings.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow:

John Marvin found a very early one at Lost Bridge on 13 Mar for the first of the season. It took another three weeks for them to get to the north coast: Mike Smith saw 15 at Rowland NP, *Lorain*, on 07 Apr. Eight of the 66 counties with sightings had breeding activity.

Bank Swallow:

The season's first appeared all the way up in *Wayne*, where Atlee A. Yoder saw them near Mt. Eaton on 10 Apr. Larry Therrien estimated 120 were at Metzger on 17 May. Almost 40 counties produced reports; of them *Madison*, *Ross*, and *Washington* had nesting activity.

Cliff Swallow:

The first two sightings were the same day, 10 Apr, but far apart. Mark Gilsdorf found eight at Lost Bridge and Alvin E. Miller found a single bird near Walnut Creek, *Holmes*. Thirty-one counties produced sightings and six had breeding evidence. Perry Yoder's *Wayne* farm had 376 nests by the end of May.

Barn Swallow:

Fernald provided the first sighting, for Beth Fonville on 20 Mar. The small number of additional late

Mar reports grew quickly after 02 Apr. Gary Cowell estimated 2000 birds at Charles Mill Lake, *Richland*, on 17 May; the other large counts were in the low hundreds. About 75 counties had sightings with nesting confirmed in 19 of them.

Carolina Chickadee:

Almost 60 counties produced sightings and 16 had nesting activity. Chase Maxwell had the high count of 38 on 25 Mar in Plain City, *Madison*.

Black-capped Chickadee:

Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 53 during the 21 Apr Kelleys Island census. Nine of the 32 counties with sightings had breeding activity. Sean Altman found an early nest with young on 31 May in *Ashland*.

[Carolina x Black-capped Chickadee]:

Tom Bartlett's Springville Marsh banding crew found up to four of these hybrids on most of their banding days.

Tufted Titmouse:

Charles Bombaci found 33 during his 09 May walk through Blackhand Gorge SNP, *Licking*. Fifteen counties had breeding activity; 77 overall generated reports.

Red-breasted Nuthatch:

JoAnn Raine found four in a small wooded patch along Lemon Road, *Ottawa*, on 12 May. This was the highest count though there were several of three. The only breeding activity noted was by a bird cleaning out a prospective nest hole at CVNP's Horseshoe Pond on 23 Apr (Craig Caldwell). Thirty-four counties all told had sightings.

White-breasted Nuthatch:

Andy Sewell counted 22 in Blendon Woods on 20 Mar. Nine of the 76 counties with sightings had breeding activity.

Brown Creeper:

Sightings were fairly steady until a steep decline during the second half of May. Robert Sams found 17 in Clifton Gorge SNP, *Greene*, on 09 Apr. Two reports of 12 at Springville Marsh, on 11 Apr (Robert Sams) and 17 Apr (Tom Bartlett *et al.*), were the only other double-digit counts. Fifty counties provided sightings. Breeding was confirmed in *Ashland*, *Ashtabula*, *Summit*, and *Wayne*.

Carolina Wren:

Despite the very snowy winter these were widespread – they were reported in 67 counties. Nine of them had breeding activity. William Hull counted the season's high of 22 in Armleder Park, *Hamilton*, on 26 Mar.

House Wren:

Fernald hosted an early arrival on 03 Apr (Paul Krusling). Several observers counted 24 at Magee on 09, 13, and 19 May. Nesting was confirmed in seven of the 69 counties which produced reports.

Winter Wren:

Tom Frankel reported the last of the season on 21 May from Holden Arboretum, **Lake**, a breeding location. In addition, a few were seen in their several northeastern breeding areas during summer. The only double-digit count was of 11 birds at the Hemlock Creek picnic area of the Bedford Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 10 Apr (Fred Losi). Thirty-one counties produced sightings.

Sedge Wren:

There were about a dozen reports, all from **Clermont**, **Hamilton**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, **Medina**, and **Ottawa**. Bill Stanley made the earliest, of two birds in East Fork SP's Stanley Wetland, **Clermont**, on 21 Apr. A BRAS field trip on 25 May found five (two apparent pairs and a solo).

Marsh Wren:

Sue Tackett found one at Spring Valley WA, **Green/ Warren**, on 13 Mar. By May ONWR was bursting with them – Larry Therrien counted 35 during his auto tour on 14 May. Nineteen counties produced reports, though the only nesting confirmation was in **Wayne**.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:

Kirk Westendorf reported the earliest arrival from California Woods, **Hamilton**, on 02 Apr. They reached Lake Erie by 10 Apr when sightings came from Magee, ONWR, and Maumee Bay (m. obs.). Rob Thorn found a parent feeding young on 28 May in **Franklin** and 10 other counties had confirmed breeding by the end of the season. Almost 70 counties overall produced sightings.

Golden-crowned Kinglet:

Reports decreased until 10 May when several locations fielded the second-last sightings. Robert Hershberger found the last of the season almost two weeks later, 23 May, south of Mt. Hope, **Holmes**. (They do, of course, breed in small numbers at a few northeastern locations.) Mark Rozmarynowycz estimated 50 inhabited Wintergarden/St. Johns NP, **Wood**, on 04 Apr. About 50 counties produced sightings.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet:

There were sightings in Feb but none in Mar. The first sightings of spring, on 02 Apr, spanned the state. Kirk Westendorf found one at Magrish Preserve, **Hamilton**, and members of a BRAS field trip found another in the Indian Hollow Reservation, **Lorain**. Mike Smith found 25 in ONWR on 07 May. Reports came from about 50 counties overall.

Eastern Bluebird:

By the end of May these early birds were breeding in 39 of the 77 counties which had sightings. Craig Moore had the high count of 60 in O'Shaughnessy NP, **Delaware**, on 02 Apr.

Veery:

Two were entered into the ONWR eTT on 17 Apr. Karen Morgan was the earliest named observer; she found one in Claridon Township, **Geauga**, on 22 Apr. The Magee boardwalk produced 10 on 01 May (Clark Gaston) as did Springville Marsh on 07 May (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Thirty counties had sightings and breeding activity was noted in Alliance, **Stark**.

Gray-cheeked Thrush:

Desiree Narango found two in Galena, **Delaware**, on 27 Apr. Tom Bartlett and crew banded six at Springville Marsh on 15 May; there were a few reports with five birds. Eighteen counties provided sightings.

Swainson's Thrush:

Bill Whan reported the first, from Jeffrey Park, Bexley, **Franklin**, on 04 Apr. The next sighting was not until 15 Apr when Amy Eugene found one near the Shaker Lakes Nature Center, **Cuyahoga**. Dave Slager made by far the highest count, 35, on 20 May at Lou Berliner Park, **Franklin**. Reports came from 38 counties total.

Hermit Thrush:

The Springville Marsh banders caught 36 on 23 Apr (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Over 40 other counties also provided records.

Wood Thrush:

Melinda Weiner wrote, "Surprised by early Wood Thrush, but heard and saw it" at Embshoff Woods, **Hamilton**, on 25 Mar. The next reports were of two birds at each of Springville Marsh (Patti Smith) and in **Miami** (Robert Reed) on 09 Apr. Brad Sparks counted the high of 20 in Shawnee SF on 29 Apr. Almost 70 counties provided sightings and breeding was confirmed in **Athens**, **Crawford**, **Hamilton**, **Muskingum**, and **Sandusky**.

American Robin:

Jen Brumfield's estimated that a phenomenal 3600 passed during her 10 Apr Edgewater sojourn; not surprisingly it was the only four digit number. Fifty-two counties had confirmed breeding. Only **Morgan** lacked a sighting; this has to be due to a dearth of birding there rather than of birds.

Varied Thrush:

The same Andy R. Troyer who discovered and hosted this winter's Harris's Sparrow at his home near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, also found a Varied Thrush there. Unfortunately for chasers it was seen only on 20 and 21 Apr. Ironically, the sparrow was also last seen on those dates.

Gray Catbird:

Nancy Anderson saw the first two of the season at Villa Angela, **Cuyahoga**, but curiously the sightings were of single birds on each of 05 and 19 Mar. The first was a month early compared to histori-

cal records. The third and fourth reports did not come until the “normal” 08 Apr, from *Medina* and *Richland*. Numbers built to the 57 which Robert Sams saw at Camp Berry, *Hancock*, on 14 May. Eight of the 71 reporting counties provided breeding confirmation.

Northern Mockingbird:

Fernald provided the two highest counts. William Hull found 11 there on 22 Mar and Neill Cade saw six on 07 May. Breeding was confirmed in *Adams*, *Franklin*, *Hamilton*, *Muskingum*, and *Summit*. Fifty-seven other counties also had sightings.

Brown Thrasher:

Winton Woods CP, *Hamilton*, hosted the earliest on 13 Mar (John Marvin). It took less than a week for one to get to ONWR for a 19 Mar eTT posting. William Hull again found the highest count, 12, at Fernald on 22 Mar. Almost 70 counties posted sightings and 15 of them had breeding activity.

European Starling:

I feel sorry for Gary Cowell, who estimated 1100 of these were at his *Richland* home on 16 Mar. The next highest count was the 700 which Jen Brumfield recorded during her 10 Apr Edgewater hawk watch. Eighty-three counties had sightings and 49 of them provided breeding confirmation.

American Pipit:

Sightings were thin at both ends of the season. The high count, however, was near the beginning; Michael Hershberger found 130 north of Berlin, *Holmes*, on 24 Mar. Reports came from 32 counties.

Cedar Waxwing:

Jeri Langham estimated 125 at Magee and ONWR on 22 May; four days later Molly Pollock recorded 95 along the Magee boardwalk. *Allen*, *Hardin*, *Lorain*, and *Meigs* provided breeding confirmation and more than 50 counties all told had sightings.

Lapland Longspur:

Jen Brumfield performed a quest for Smith's Longspurs in *Mercer* on 03 Apr. She found none but did relish the sight of about 4400 Laplands in a single field along Manley Road. This flock had dwindled to 50 when Joe Hazelbaker saw it on 11 Apr. None were reported between that date and 14 May when Mark Vass found one at Conneaut and Wes Hatch another along Krause Road, *Ottawa*. Eleven counties overall yielded sightings.

Snow Bunting:

One report originated in each of *Darke*, *Hamilton*, *Hancock*, *Holmes*, *Lorain*, *Lucas*, *Ottawa*, and *Paulding*. The high count of six came on 06 Mar from the *Paulding* sewage lagoons (Doug and Micki Dunakin). The latest report was of two birds at the Margaret Peak Preserve, *Lorain*, on 07 Apr, a bit past their usual departure (BRAS).

Blue-winged Warbler:

Kathi Hutton found the first near Wolfpen Lake in Shawnee SF on 10 Apr, slightly earlier than usual. Shawnee Forest and the unrelated Shawnee Look-out provided several sightings of 10 birds during the last week of Apr. Tom Kemp found adults carrying food late in May in both *Gallia* and *Scioto*. More than 50 counties all told had sightings.

[Blue-winged x Golden-winged (“Brewster’s”) Warbler]:

Seven examples of this cross were reported between 30 Apr and 23 May. One stayed in Highbanks MP, *Delaware*, from 05 to 07 May. The others were in *Franklin* (two dates and locations), *Hamilton* (two dates and locations), *Lorain*, and *Ottawa*.

[Blue-winged x Golden-winged (“Lawrence’s”) Warbler]:

This cross is much rarer than “Brewster’s”. Mark Gilsdorf found one in Withrow NP, *Hamilton*, on 30 Apr. Aaron Miller, Andy Troyer, and Marty Troyer saw another near Apple Creek, *Wayne*, on 07 May.

Golden-winged Warbler:

Field trips on 27 Apr produced the first of these in Ault Park, *Hamilton* (Claudia Kotchka and Sally Wood) and Blendon Woods (Doreene Linzell). The latest reports came on 17 May from French Creek Reservation, *Lorain* (BRAS) and ONWR (eTT). Mike Walsh found three along an ONWR trail on 11 May. Seventeen counties provided sightings.

Tennessee Warbler:

An OSU Ornithology class field trip to the Olen-tangy Wetlands, *Franklin*, found the first, an early bird, on 11 Apr. Jen Brumfield recorded the largest of many double-digit reports with 35 along the Magee boardwalk on 13 May. The BSBO Navarre station banded 207 during the season, which is double their average count. Reports came from 39 counties.

Orange-crowned Warbler:

This species passed through in the one month between 21 Apr and 21 May. John Bigham found the first at Everhart's Pond, *Preble*, and Kirk Huffstater the last at Magee. In between, Chuck McClougherty counted the high of four, at Magee on 05 May. Twenty-one counties provided sightings.

Nashville Warbler:

The OSU Ornithology class found the season's first at Scioto Audubon MP, *Franklin*, on 18 Apr. One made it to Navarre the next day so BSBO could band it. Robert Sams counted 31 at Magee on 09 May. The last two migrants seen, on 28 May, were about a far apart as possible in the state: at Shoemaker SNP, *Adams* (Mark Ruane) and Schedel Gardens, *Ottawa* (Kenn Kaufman). Half of our counties generated reports.

Northern Parula:

Sightings began with one bird in O'Shaughnessy NP, *Delaware*, on 02 Apr (Craig Moore) and continued into summer. Kenn Kaufman found 20 at Magee on 06 May. Sightings came from 54 counties but none included breeding activity.

Yellow Warbler:

The OSU Olentangy Wetlands, *Franklin*, hosted the first on 03 Apr, over a week earlier than expected (Peter Aldag). The first far north sighting was not until 17 Apr when many observers reported the species at Headlands. Sameer Apte estimated 200 occupied the Cleveland Lakefront NP, better known as Dike 14, on 21 May. Fourteen of 76 reporting counties showed breeding activity.

Chestnut-sided Warbler:

The Olentangy Wetlands, *Franklin*, garnered another first-of-season on 15 Apr, another early date (Alex Hughes). Magee provided two counts of 25, by Jen Brumfield on 13 May and Kenn Kaufman on 19 May. Almost 40 counties had sightings.

Magnolia Warbler:

Franklin scored the earliest again when Thomas Slemmer found one of these at Griggs Reservoir on 14 Apr. This date is quite early for central Ohio; it was another 10 days before more were recorded. Many counts approached 50 but the only triple-digit one was the 150 which Kenn Kaufman tallied along the Magee boardwalk on 19 May. Forty-six counties provided reports.

Cape May Warbler:

Three scattered sites each yielded one sighting on 26 Apr. W. Travis Young found his in Spring Grove Cemetery, *Hamilton*; Greg Cornett's was at his home in *Delaware*; and Terri Martincic found the third in the Erie Street Cemetery, *Cuyahoga*. All of the double-digit counts were at Magee; the largest was 20 on 19 May (Kenn Kaufman). Magee also provided the last sighting on 24 May (Stephen Fetting). Twenty-seven counties provided reports.

Black-throated Blue Warbler:

Keith A. Kraut and Sylvia Townsend separately reported the earliest sightings on 24 Apr at Blendon Woods, about when they'd be expected to be just entering the state. Molly Pollock counted 24 at Magee on 18 May. Sightings came from 35 counties overall.

Yellow-rumped Warbler:

Some of these hardy creatures spent the winter here. They were seen from then almost to the end of spring; Irina Shulgina found one on 29 May in Kiwanis Riverside Park, *Franklin*. (There was one June sighting as well.) Most of the triple-digit counts, of up to 500, were from Magee in May. However, the highest tally was the 560 which Adam H. Yoder, James E. Yoder, and Jacob M. Hochstetler found on a 30 Apr bike ride from New Bedford to Killbuck Marsh WA; the ride traversed parts of *Co-*

shocton, *Holmes*, and *Wayne*. Almost 60 counties had sightings.

Black-throated Green Warbler:

Lily Secret found the first in Alms Park, *Hamilton*, on 07 Apr. By 10 Apr they had reached Glacier Ridge MP, *Union* (Ruth Richards) and Maumee Bay (Mark Rozmarynowycz). Kenn Kaufman found 45 in the little Metzger woodlot on 01 May. About 45 other counties also provided sightings.

Blackburnian Warbler:

Thomas Slemmer's 14 Apr trip to Griggs Reservoir, *Franklin*, gave him the first of the season. This pioneer was 10 days ahead of the next central Ohio sightings. Twelve of these crowd-pleasers graced Magee on 10 May (Kathy Calvert). Reports came from 36 counties all told.

Yellow-throated Warbler:

These appeared in three southerly locations on 04 Apr. Karla Korzatt had one in her New Vienna, *Clinton*, yard; Kathi Hutton found one in Felicity, *Clermont*; and Charlotte Mathena found one in Eastwood Park, *Montgomery*. Brad Sparks counted 20 in Shawnee SF on 09 Apr but it took until 13 Apr for the wave to reach CVNP where Jen Brumfield and Dan Gesualdo saw two. Ann Oliver watched one carrying nesting material at Fernald on 30 Apr for the only breeding record in the 47 counties which provided reports.

Pine Warbler:

A few late Feb reports preceded that of Becky Wright, who had the first of the season on her deck in Marietta, *Washington*, on 02 Mar. One was already singing in *Adams* on 05 Mar (Ned Keller and Kathy McDonald) and breeding was later confirmed in that county, *Hocking*, and *Scioto*. Magee held a dozen for Dan and Lynn Gesualdo on 26 Apr. Thirty-eight counties had sightings.

Kirtland's Warbler:

Paul Hurtado discovered one on Kinnear Road, *Franklin*, on 04 May; it remained for three more days for multiple observers. Craig Caldwell documented one at Wendy Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 23 May, which did not linger. Others were reported but not documented from Magee on 10 and 17 May and from Cleveland on 29 May.

Prairie Warbler:

Members of a BRAS field trip found the first on 10 Apr in Carlisle Reservation, *Lorain*, quite early for northern Ohio. Shawnee SF hosted 20 for John Shrader on 30 Apr; the next highest counts were of 11 from each of two other locations. Cindy Stephan saw one building a nest in *Adams* for the only breeding confirmation in the 30 reporting counties.

Palm Warbler:

More than half of our counties provided reports. BRAS again found the first northbound bird, this time at Margaret Peak Preserve, *Lorain*, on 09 Apr.

Charles Bombaci found the last, a cluster of 11 on 28 Apr in Blackhand Gorge SP, **Licking**. The highest of several triple-digit counts was Jen Brumfield's astonishing 220 at Edgewater on 01 May. Andy and Marty Troyer found one "Eastern" or "Yellow" morph bird on 22 Apr near Apple Creek, **Wayne**. This hypochrysea subspecies is very uncommon west of the Appalachians in spring.

Bay-breasted Warbler:

This species' migration spanned six weeks. Darrin Petko saw the (rather early) first two on 14 Apr along the South Towpath Trail, **Stark**, and Joycelyn Stevens closed the season on 29 May with one on the Magee East Beach. At the peak Kenn Kaufmann estimated 70 were along the Magee boardwalk on 19 May. Thirty-one counties yielded reports.

Blackpoll Warbler:

Dan Gesualdo found the first at Magee on 24 Apr. Doug Daniels counted 25 on the Magee boardwalk and East Beach on 13 May and Kenn Kaufman found the same number on the boardwalk alone on 19 May. Sightings came from 34 counties.

Cerulean Warbler:

Aaron Miller saw the first of OOS's logo species in **Wayne** on 12 Apr, and early date for that far north. Brad Sparks reported he found 30 in Shawnee SF on 29 Apr and Dwight Chasar wrote, "[It was a] good year for this bird all over CVNP". Bob Placier watched an early nester carrying food on 25 May in **Athens**. Forty counties produced reports.

Black-and-white Warbler:

Two sightings on 07 Apr tied for first. David Russell found his in Hueston Woods SP, **Butler/Preble**, and the OSU Ornithology class saw theirs in Greenlawn Cemetery, **Franklin**. Two counts at Magee shared the high of 20, those by Clark Gaston on 01 May and by Joanne Hubinger on 06 May. Over 50 counties had sightings.



Kirtland's Warbler, 04 May in Columbus by Ben Warner

American Redstart:

This bird was Thomas Slemmer's third "first of season" at Griggs Reservoir, **Franklin**, on 14 Apr.

Peder Svingen and friends, from Minnesota, found an impressive 60 at Magee on 14 May. Breeding was confirmed in **Ashtabula**, **Muskingum**, and **Wayne**; sightings also came from 52 other counties.

Prothonotary Warbler:

Al La Sala made the earliest report on 08 Apr from Kiwanis Riverside Park, **Franklin**, at least a week earlier than expected in the middle of the state. One reached **Ottawa** by 16 Apr, also a bit early, for Patrick Johnson to find. On 21 May, Charles Bombaci paddled the northeast shoreline of Hoover Reservoir, **Delaware**, and was rewarded with 30 sightings. BSBO banded 15, about double their average number; at Navarre. Dan Best found active nests in four boxes along the upper Cuyahoga River in **Geauga**; breeding was also noted in **Holmes** and **Wayne**. Thirty-four counties overall had records.

Worm-eating Warbler:

Robert Royse saw the first on 18 Apr in Shawnee SF. Shawnee was also the site of every report of three or more birds, culminating in Brad Sparks' finding 10 there on 29 Apr. Leroy E. Yoder found two apparently settling into territories in northwestern **Coshocton** on 07 May. Twenty-four counties had sightings of this much-desired bird.

Ovenbird:

Joe Hazelbaker found the earliest in Desonier SNP, **Athens**, on 08 Apr. They reached the north coast by 16 Apr when BSBO banded one at Navarre. Ken Ostermiller counted 30 along the Wilderness Trail in the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, **Adams**, on 25 Apr. They were numerous elsewhere as well: BSBO banded seven at Shaker Lakes, **Cuyahoga**, compared to their long-term average of one per season. Breeding was confirmed in **Adams** and **Summit** and reports came from 66 counties overall.

Northern Waterthrush:

Four locations shared the first sightings on 23 Apr. Kirk Westendorf found his in the Magrish Riverlands Preserve, **Hamilton**, and Chase Maxwell saw another in Plain City, **Madison**. Dave Slager had a singing male in Ohio State's Don Scott Woodlot, **Franklin**, and Sean Williams saw the fourth on the Ohio Wesleyan campus, **Delaware**. The BSBO Navarre station banded the first in the far north on 20 Apr. Tom Bartlett *et al.* found 12 to 15 at Springville Marsh between 30 Apr and 15 May. Though there were two Jun breeding reports, the last migrant of the season was seen 28 May at Shoemaker SNP, **Adams** (Mark Ruane). Thirty-one counties produced reports.

Louisiana Waterthrush:

Ben Crow was pleased to hear one singing in **Vinton** of 24 Mar. The next report came a week later from Miami Whitewater Forest, **Hamilton** (William Hull) and the first report from the far north on 10 Apr from Holden Arboretum, **Lake** (Tom Frankel). Brad Sparks made the high count of 18

in Shawnee SF on 09 Apr and the second highest, 10, in Clear Creek MP, **Hocking**, with Dave Slager on 14 Apr. Rob Harlan contributed "an extremely late migrant at Magee 5/22. I don't think I'd have believed it if I hadn't seen it." Forty-seven counties provided sightings and breeding was confirmed in **Geauga, Hamilton, and Washington**.

Kentucky Warbler:

Wyatt Westercamp found the earliest on 16 Apr along Little Dry Run, **Hamilton**. Dan and Lynn Gesualdo found one at Magee on 26 Apr. The only double-digit count was 12, by Brad Sparks in Shawnee SF on 29 Apr. Janet Duerr saw one getting an early start on nest building in **Scioto** on 30 Apr. That was the only breeding confirmation among the 44 reporting counties.

Connecticut Warbler:

Fran and Peter Aldag reported the first on 07 May in Whetstone Ravine, **Franklin**, quite an early date for this species. The Magee East Beach (Jocelyn Stevens), Navarre (BSBO), and Mt. Eaton, **Wayne** (Atlee A. Yoder) each had one on 12 May. The three counts of two birds came from Magee on 13 May (m. obs.), Magee on 19 May (David Palmer), and Lake Mosier, **Hancock**, on 21 May (Robert Sams). Kenny Frish reported the last migrant, from Magee on 30 May. Fourteen counties overall provided sightings.

Mourning Warbler:

Kenn Kaufman reported "a surprisingly early female" at Navarre on 01 May. He also provided the high count of six, from Magee on 19 May. Rufus Troyer saw one at his **Holmes** farm on seven dates between 07 and 21 May. On 30 May Levi and Michelle McVey and Molly Pollock saw the last birds at ONWR and Magee, respectively. Sightings came from 17 counties.

Common Yellowthroat:

Bob Powell found the earliest at Spring Valley WA, **Greene/Warren**, on 14 Apr and one reached the BSBO Navarre banding station three days later. Larry Therrien counted 49 along the ONWR auto tour route on 14 May. Seventy counties yielded reports and breeding was confirmed in **Adams and Coshocton**.

Hooded Warbler:

The first to be seen skipped over southern Ohio to Blacklick MP, **Fairfield/Franklin**, on 14 Apr (Bob and Elaine McNulty). Nevertheless it took another two weeks for one to show up in the Erie Street Cemetery, **Cuyahoga** for Terri Martincic on 26 Apr. Charles Bombaci found an impressive 37 of them in Clear Creek MP, **Hocking**, on 05 May. Brad McLeod found newly-fledged young on 31 May in **Adams**. Fifty-four counties overall provided sightings.

Wilson's Warbler:

Rob Thorn saw one along the Sycamore Plains Trail in Prairie Oaks MP, **Franklin**, on 30 Apr. Sightings at Magee (Sue Tackett) and northwestern **Coshocton** (Leroy E. Yoder) followed on the next day. The largest of the several double-digit counts was Kenn Kaufman's 20 at Magee on 19 May. The season's last sightings were on 30 May, though there were two Jun reports as well. On the 30th Jen Brumfield found six at Wendy Park, **Cuyahoga**, while Kenny Frish and Molly Pollock saw three at Magee. Reports came from 28 counties.

Canada Warbler:

Stephanie Beilke and Keith A. Kraut separately reported the (presumably) same bird at Blendon Woods on 01 May. Dwight Charas noted the "best [Canada Warbler] migration in memory in CVNP". Richard Norton would probably second that opinion; he counted 25 of them at Magee on 22 May. Twenty-nine counties produced sightings.

Yellow-breasted Chat:

Mark Gilsdorf and friends found the first two on 23 Apr at Shawnee Lookout. Brad Sparks and John Shrader each counted five in Shawnee SF, on 29 and 30 Apr respectively. Several observers reported one or two at Magee on 01 May for the "first far north" sightings. Ron Antonucci saw one carrying nesting material in **Athens** on 25 May. Reports came from 42 counties.

Eastern Towhee:

Albert Scruggs and Julie Morris found "zillions" in Shawnee Lookout on 09 Apr. Did that number exceed the 50 which Sue Tackett counted in Scioto Trail SE, **Ross**, on 23 Apr? Five southern counties had breeding activity and 74 overall produced sightings.

American Tree Sparrow:

Ed Pierce and crew counted 212 during the 03 Apr ONWR census; the next highest number was 118 during the 21 Mar Kelleys Island census (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). A few lingered past Apr with one staying all the way to 21 May at Headlands for Tom Franke. Just over half of our counties had sightings.

Chipping Sparrow:

The trickle of early Mar sightings swelled to a high count of 65 on 09 Apr. Michael Hershberger recorded them on a bike ride from Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, to Killbuck Marsh WA, **Wayne**. Tom Bartlett *et al.* found 64 during their 21 Apr Kelleys Island census. Seventy-nine counties produced sightings and breeding was confirmed in 16 of them.

Clay-colored Sparrow:

The first appeared 24 Apr near Apple Creek, **Wayne** (Leroy Yoder). Magee had the last of the season on 14 May (m. obs.) though there were two Jun reports. At least 11 different birds were reported from **Athens, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Holmes, Lake, Lucas, Ottawa, Stark, and Wayne**.

Field Sparrow:

Andy Jones found 30 in Oak Openings on 07 May. Breeding was noted in 10 of the 76 counties which yielded sightings.

Vesper Sparrow:

Thirty-four counties provided reports. Doug and Micki Dunakin made the first on 17 Mar from *Paulding*. The high count was five. Robert Royse found that many on 14 Apr in Crown City WA, *Gallia/Lawrence*; Aaron Boone and Dave Slager did the same on 05 May at Darby Creek.

Lark Sparrow:

Irene Krise and Dan and Lynn Gesualdo found the first on 17 Apr; an early arrival at Oak Openings. Craig Moore provided the only double-digit count, 12, there on 12 May. One on the Cuyahoga Community College West Campus on 21 May was far from their usual haunts (Aaron Milenski). Sally Deems-Mogyordy watched a pair copulate in late May along the Bridgeview Trail bike path, *Lorain* (*vide* Jen Brumfield). Reports of up to five birds also came from *Delaware, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Holmes*, and *Tuscarawas*.

Savannah Sparrow:

Kirk Westendorf reported 30 in Armleder Park, *Hamilton*, on 10 Apr. *Coshocton* and *Wayne* had breeding activity by the end of the season, and other sightings came from them and 54 additional counties.

Grasshopper Sparrow:

Robert Royse found the earliest on 14 Apr at Crown City WA, *Gallia/Lawrence*. Almost two weeks passed before Dave Slager reported the next, from Bolton Field, *Franklin*, on 25 Apr. Robert Sams made the high count of 20 at the Landfill Conservation Area, *Hancock*, on 14 May. About 40 counties provided reports.

Henslow's Sparrow:

Two of these appeared a week or more early at Fernald on 02 Apr for Leslie Houser and John Marvin. There were several counts of three birds during the season but the high was 10 which Patsy Decker found in Tri-Valley WA, *Knox*, on 08 May. Sixteen counties had sightings.

Fox Sparrow:

Sightings were fairly regular through the end of April and tailed off to the last, on 14 May at Sandy Ridge Reservation, *Lorain* (BRAS). Many counts were in double digits and the 03 Apr ONWR census found 63 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Almost half of the counties produced reports.

Song Sparrow:

Eighty counties had sightings and breeding was underway in 17 by season's end. Not surprisingly, censuses produced the high counts. Kelleys Island had 135 on 21 Mar (Tom Bartlett *et al.*) and ONWR had 128 on 03 Apr (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus).

Lincoln's Sparrow:

Aden A. Yoder found the first on 07 Apr at The Wilderness Center, *Stark*. This is very early for anywhere in Ohio, let alone that far north. Four of them in Clifton Gorge SNP, Greene, on 09 Apr were also early even for that more southerly location (Robert Sams). The few counts in the 10 to 12 range were trumped by the 25 which Jen Brumfield found at Wendy Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 22 May. The last reports, on 29 May, were only a week later: Nancy Anderson found two at Villa Angela, *Cuyahoga*, and Gregory Bennett also found two in Elmwood Cemetery, *Lorain*. Twenty-three counties produced sightings.

Swamp Sparrow:

Tom Bartlett *et al.* banded 40 at Springville Marsh on 30 Apr. Almost 50 counties provided reports. Only *Carroll* had breeding activity; David Kramer saw an adult carrying food on 27 May.

White-throated Sparrow:

Most reports were of 75 birds or fewer, but there were several which exceeded 100. The highest number was 250, reported 01 May on the ONWR eTT. Andy Jones estimated 125 at Magee on 07 May for the second highest. Sightings continued into Jun. Fifty-six counties had sightings.

Harris's Sparrow:

The individual which Andy R. Troyer discovered at his Apple Creek, *Wayne*, home on 22 Dec remained until 22 Apr. He said that by the time it left it was "almost in full breeding plumage". The *Bobolink* area RBA had a report of another (or the same?) bird a few miles from the Troyer home on 12 May.

White-crowned Sparrow:

Magee provided the high count of 60 for Jen Brumfield on 13 May. The last sightings of the season were on 26 May, at ONWR (Jeremy Ross, Mark Rozmarynowycz) and Magee (Mary Warren), though there was a single 02 Jun report as well. John Pogacnik's feeders in Lake hosted at least seven of the *gambeli* subspecies on 10 May. "Gambell's" White-crowns breed from western Manitoba to Alaska and migrate essentially north-south, so they are uncommon here. Reports came from 50 counties.

Dark-eyed Junco:

Andy Sewell wrote on 07 Apr, "I estimate I saw at LEAST 250 juncos in Greenlawn [Cemetery, *Franklin*]. Nearly everywhere you looked there were juncos, and many were singing". Breeding had already begun in *Cuyahoga* and *Geauga* by the end of the season. Sixty-four counties generated reports.

Summer Tanager:

Three first reports came on 23 Apr. William Hull found a bird in Cincinnati's Clifton neighborhood; members of a Cincinnati Bird Club field trip saw up

to four in Shawnee Lookout; and Sue Tackett found one in Scioto Trail SF, **Ross**. Blackhand Gorge SNP, **Licking**, gave Karl Overman the high count of seven on 09 May. Brian Wulker saw one carrying food in Sharon Woods CP, **Hamilton**, on 29 May. Sightings came from 31 counties in addition to those already named.

Scarlet Tanager:

Bruce Simpson found the earliest in Zaleski SF, **Vinton**, on 08 Apr. The next sightings were on 18 Apr in Burnett Woods, **Hamilton** (Joshua Eastlake and William Hull) and Shawnee SF (Laura Keene). A BRAS field trip to French Creek Reserve, **Lorain**, counted 18. Breeding was noted in **Athens**, **Franklin**, and **Hardin**. Seventy-one counties provided sightings.

Northern Cardinal:

All but 10 counties produced sightings, and as is the case with many species, the birds but not the birders were surely in the others. At least one birder was in **Licking**; Charles Bombaci counted 45 cardinals in Blackhand Gorge SNP on 28 May.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak:

Sandra Gaunt saw an early pair near Dublin, **Franklin**, on 07 Apr. John Pogacnik estimated 30 to 40 were at his feeders in **Lake** on 10 May. Andy Jones found 25 on 10 May around the South Bass Island, **Ottawa**, lighthouse for the second highest number. On 29 Apr Bill Zimmerman wrote about Burnett Woods, **Hamilton**, "Five [grosbeaks] in same tree across from my office window... This after watching Cowbirds, House Sparrows, and House Finches for the last few weeks". **Richland** and **Trumbull** had nesting activity; 59 counties overall provided reports.

Blue Grosbeak:

Dave Slager spotted one in a stubble field outside Grove City, **Franklin**, on 23 Apr. Counts of four came from Fernald on 01 May (Wes Hatch) and 22 May (Brian Wulker), and there were many reports of two or three birds. Sightings came from 19 counties. Most are in the southern half of the state but **Lorain**, **Lucas**, and **Ottawa** are outliers.

Indigo Bunting:

Bill and René McGill found the first in the Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods, **Clermont**, on 08 Apr. The second sighting was also the "first far north"; Barry McEwen found the bird on 20 Apr in Side Cut MP, **Lucas**. Tom Bartlett's census crew counted 56 on 20 May on Kelleys Island. Seventy-four counties produced reports; breeding was noted in **Preble**, **Richland**, and **Ross**.

Dickcissel:

A banner year for this species began 05 May when Evan Leon found the first near Cincinnati. From 06 May they were regularly seen at Fernald with that location's seasonal high count of 10 on 14 May

(Beth Fonville). Molly Pollock beat that number by one along Lickert-Harder Road, **Ottawa**, on 30 May, the last day of many sightings at that site. Reports came from 15 well-distributed counties.

Bobolink:

Doug and Micki Dunakin found the first, in **Paulding** on 23 Apr. Ken Ostermiller twice counted 25 near the Krabill Shelter, Chippewa Lake, **Medina**, during May. Leo Deininger watched three pairs gathering dandelion fluff at Shaker Lakes, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 May. This was the only breeding activity in the 40 counties which produced sightings.

Red-winged Blackbird:

Jen Brumfield estimated 8500 passed Edgewater on 10 Apr. The other four-digit reports were of about 2000 birds in **Cuyahoga**, **Ottawa**, and **Seneca** on widely separated dates. By season's end breeding was underway in 28 of the 84 counties which had sightings.

Eastern Meadowlark:

The high count of 50 came from Fernald on 03 Apr (Paul Krusling). Seventy-one counties produced records and breeding was confirmed in 10 of them.

Western Meadowlark:

One spent from early Apr to mid-May near Holmesville, **Holmes** (m. obs.). Robert Sams found one or two at the Findlay Reservoirs, **Hancock**, on several dates between 19 Apr and 05 May. Single birds were present for one or two days in **Coshocton**, **Lucas**, **Paulding**, and **Richland**.

Yellow-headed Blackbird:

Scott Jennex found one in ONWR on 24 Apr. Up to three were reported there, at Metzger, and along Ottawa-Lucas Road between 07 and 22 May. **Wayne** provided sightings on 03 and 12 Apr (*vide The Bobolink*).

Rusty Blackbird:

The scatter of single-digit sightings in Feb grew to include four triple-digit reports in Mar and Apr. Jen Brumfield made the highest count, 210, on 02 Apr in Schultz Meadows, **Medina**. Gene Stauffer reported the latest sighting, from Stange Road, **Ottawa**, on 10 May.

Brewer's Blackbird:

John Pogacnik found three on Lemon Road near Route 2, **Ottawa**, on 24 Apr.

Common Grackle:

Jen Brumfield's 10 Apr Edgewater sojourn gave her multiple flocks totaling about 9000 birds. The next highest number was about 850 which Gregory Bennett saw at Long Lake, **Summit**, on 01 Mar. Almost every county provided sightings and breeding activity had begun in about half of them by the end of May.

Brown-headed Cowbird:

Edgewater again provided the high count on 10 Apr; Jen Brumfield saw 2000 there. Brian Wulker found 400 at Spring Valley WA, *GreenelWarren*, on 22 Mar for the second highest count. Seven of 76 reporting counties had confirmed breeding.

Orchard Oriole:

Bob Powell found the first, a very early bird at Congress Farm, *Clinton*, on 08 Apr. Two reached *Lake* by 15 Apr (Kathleen Williams). Joshua Eastlake counted eight in the Valley View Preserve, *Clermont*, on 07 May for the high. Sixty-two counties provided sightings and breeding was confirmed in five of them.

Bullock's Oriole:

Robert Heins, Jr., photographed one at his feeder in Woodsville, *Monroe*, on 12 Apr. The bird, the fourth state record, stayed until 16 Apr for many visitors to see.

Baltimore Oriole:

Clair Cogar found the first in *Wood* on 06 Apr – how did it get past the rest of the state before being seen? The next reported was also well north, in the Mill Creek Sanctuary, *Mahoning*, on 10 Apr (William Jones). These dates are early for the species. John Pogacnik counted 200 in one hour heading east over his *Lake* house on 10 May. Breeding was underway in 11 counties by season's end. Seventy-three counties overall had sightings.

Purple Finch:

Bob Schlake saw "about 20" at his Okeana, *Butler*, feeder on 05 Mar. Jim Fry had similar numbers at home in *Hocking* on 13 and 23 Apr. Reports came from more than 40 counties.

House Finch:

These are everywhere, but only 72 counties produced reports. Eight counties' sightings included breeding evidence. Kelleys Island provided the high count of 72 during the 21 Apr census (Tom Bartlett *et al.*).

White-winged Crossbill:

Tiffany Hayes spotted one at her feeder in Oak Harbor, *Ottawa*, on 06 Mar. Kenn Kaufman reported it from various locations in the town until 03 Apr.

Common Redpoll:

About 20 locations in 11 counties provided sightings. On 19 Mar John Pogacnik wrote from *Lake*, "...the redpolls put on a great show this morning. Around 9:00 I had a flock estimated at over 300 feeding in the alders along the cliff." Nancy Anderson found 40 in Mentor's Garfield Park, *Lake*, on 06 Mar for the second highest count. Sightings were fairly frequent up to 10 Apr, when Marilyn Rohr had one at her Chardon, *Geauga*, feeder. The last straggler visited John Pogacnik's feeder on 01 May.

Hoary Redpoll:

One was reported on multiple Mar dates at a feeder in Lake; the documentation review is pending at the OBRC. Another, undocumented, report came from *Marion*.

Pine Siskin:

Jim Fry counted 54 at his *Hocking* home on 10 Mar. He also recorded the last of the season there on 28 May, though there were a few summer sightings in other counties. There were at least five other reports in double digits. Thirty-four counties yielded sightings.

American Goldfinch:

Jen Brumfield counted 240 at Edgewater on 01 May and John Pogacnik had a similar number at his house in *Lake* on 10 May. Breeding was confirmed in six counties among the 76 which provided reports.

Evening Grosbeak:

Sue Tackett found four on 06 May in Pearson MP, *Lucas*. John Pogacnik beat that number with six at his *Lake* feeders on 10 May.

House Sparrow:

These were seen nesting in about half of our counties by the end of the season and were probably just sneakier in the others.

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