

## YEARS AGO

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**10 Years Ago** (from *The Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 25, No. 2 (Winter 2001-02), Bill Whan, Editor) The following birds were reported. Compare and contrast with this winter!

At least 1200 Snow Geese

Five (reliably reported) Northern Goshawks

More than 30 Thayer's Gulls

Ohio's first Eurasian Collared-Doves, two shot by a hunter in *Crawford*

13 Long-eared Owls at one site in Killdeer Plains

More than 20 Northern Shrikes

One *Selasphorus* hummingbird, thought to be a Rufous

A Vermilion Flycatcher which stayed at ONWR to 12 Dec

Ohio's first, and to date only, Brown-headed Nuthatch in *Geauga*

A Summer Tanager at a *Lorain* feeder 04-25 Jan

Large numbers of White-winged Crossbills, Common Redpolls, and Pine Siskins

Three reports of Le Conte's Sparrows, which were then a review species

**20 Years Ago** (from *The Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (Winter 1991-92), Rob Harlan, Editor) (I had wanted to go back 25 years, but no Winter 1986-87 issue was published.) The weather was similar to the current issue's, with above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation.

A Western Grebe spent 10-20 Dec at the mouth of the Rocky River, *Cuyahoga*.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife Bald Eagle Survey counted a record 54 birds.

Six shorebird species, 11 gull species, and four warbler species were reported.

At least 15 Snowy Owls were reported in 10 counties.

Twelve Northern and three Loggerhead Shrikes were reported.

**100 Years Ago** (from the Cleveland area *Bird Calendar*, Vol. 8 No. 1 (February 29, 1912), Francis H. Herrick, editor)

"The following winter resident or visitant species have been reported; American Crow; Sparrow Hawk; a larger hawk, probably the Red Tail; Cardinal Grosbeak; Downy Woodpecker; Chickadee; Brown Creeper; ...; Screech Owl.

"Robins, ordinarily migratory, and summer resident only have been reported as follows: Feb'y. 9, one in woods; Feb'y. 17, one in Gordon's Park, Professor Hulme; Feb'y. 29, one in Lake View Cemetary, Mr. Hagedom."

[The spelling is unchanged from the original – remember, this was prepared on a manual typewriter and mimeographed. Some of us actually remember using these technologies!]