

YEARS AGO

10 years ago, *The Ohio Cardinal*, Winter 2002–03, Vol. 26 No. 2 (Bill Whan, Editor), contained these items:

Bill called the season “. . .harsh, abnormally snowy and cold.” Lake Erie was almost entirely frozen. Five Northern Gannets were reported, though not all passed later OBRC muster.

A Common Eider spent 03 Nov to 13 Jan in Fairport Harbor.

Eight Rufous Hummingbirds (then a review species) were documented.

A Loggerhead Shrike (then not a review species) was at Killdeer Plains on 05 Jan.

Doug Dunakin provided an article about the then new Thomas Wetlands in **Paulding**; the site remains a productive birding venue.

Bill included a survey asking Cardinal readers their opinions on forming a state ornithological society. You know the result. . .

25 years ago, *The Ohio Cardinal*, Winter 1987–88, Vol. 11 No. 2 (Ed Pierce and Tom Kemp, Co-Editors), contained these items:

Mark Shieldcastle discovered Ohio’s first Northern Wheatear on 04 Jan in **Ottawa**; it remained until 21 Jan. (There have been only two since then, in **Marion** in Nov 1998 and **Holmes** in Sep 2009.)

Tom Bartlett found a Barrow’s Goldeneye in **Lorain** on 20 Feb.

Four Christmas Bird Counts (in **Adams**, **Butler**, **Fairfield**, and **Hamilton**) tallied a total of 26 Black Vultures. There were 59 CBCs statewide.

Evening Grosbeaks showed up at seven locations; two of them each had counts of 85.

50 years ago, the *Cleveland Bird Calendar*, “Winter Season”, Vol. 59 No. 1 (Donald L. Newman, editor) Cleveland Hopkins Airport recorded 56 inches of snow during the winter. Kirtland Hills, **Lake**, recorded 174 inches of snow (14 ½ feet!) during the season with 41 inches on the ground in late Dec.

The temperature at Hopkins at daybreak on 24 Jan was minus 19°, the lowest to that date on record. (Most sources do not list a lower minimum at Hopkins since. One shows minus 20° on 19 Jan 1978.)

A Glaucous Gull at East 72nd Street on 16 Feb received special notice.

A Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker visited a **Lake** feeder on 03 and 23 Jan. (Now we omit “Three-toed” from the bird’s name.)

The three winter Northern Mockingbirds reported were “most unusual” in Cleveland.

100 years ago, the *Bird Calendar* Bulletin No. 1, March 1913 (W.H. Hulme, Editor), included this item. (*Bird Bulletins* were then morphing into the *Cleveland Bird Calendar*, which is still published today by the Kirtland Bird Club).

“Cardinals were present in unusually large numbers (for Cleveland), as many as six or eight having been observed in Rockefeller and Wade Parks, and Lake View Cemetery.” [typos in original corrected – ed.]