

DATA FROM THE BOBOLINK AREA, FALL 2013

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The Fall 2013 *Bobolink* was not available when the fall *Cardinal* went to press. Here are additions and changes to that issue's Species Accounts which *The Bobolink* has now provided. The named individuals should also be added to the Contributors list. A table of updated county counts follows the text items.

Cackling Goose: Add *Coshocton* to the list of counties with sightings.

Red-throated Loon: Add *Tuscarawas* to the list of counties with sightings.

Common Loon: The two highest counts were on 23 Nov by skywatchers Perry D. Hershberger and Reuben S. Erb. They saw, respectively, 268 near Farmerstown and 255 near Walnut Creek. Both locations are in *Holmes*.

Brown Pelican: To the original report, add this directly from *The Bobolink*, *vide* Gary Cowell, "An unknown fisherman snapped a distant photo of one at [Charles Mill Lake, *Ashland/Richland*] on 9/11 at a time when the famous Cleveland bird was missing."

Least Bittern: Add a seventh report, of one on 10 Aug along Ohio 95 at Funk (James E. Yoder and David H. Yoder).

Great Blue Heron: The high count was by James F. Yoder, of at least 125 at Funk on 24 Aug.

Great Egret: The highest inland count was of at least 50 at Funk on 05 Oct (James F. Yoder).

Green Heron: The last was a "tardy individual" in Killbuck on 18 and 19 Nov (David H. Yoder).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: James F. Yoder also saw seven, at Funk on 24 Aug, tying the high count away from *Erie*.

White Ibis: One was reported to *The Bobolink* Rare Bird Alert; the OBRC is seeking details.

Golden Eagle: Add *Holmes* to the list of counties with sightings.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: Ed Schlabach tied the high count of three, near Sugarcreek, *Tuscarawas*, on 27 Oct.

Red-shouldered Hawk: The high count was five, which Reuben S. Erb saw passing Walnut Creek, *Holmes*, on 03 Nov.

Red-tailed Hawk: Reuben S. Erb also contributed this species' high count, 27 migrants near Walnut Creek, *Holmes*, on 03 Nov.

Sora: The latest sighting was by Aaron E. Miller, one at Funk on 02 Nov, which is somewhat later than their usual departure.

Greater Yellowlegs: Su Snyder's 42 at Funk on 01 Sep was the high count.

Upland Sandpiper: Jamin Shrock saw two in a grassy ex-strip mine near Bunker Hill, *Holmes*, on 17 to 19 Aug for the only multiple find.

Stilt Sandpiper: The most not at East Harbor were Aaron E. Miller's 28 at Funk on 07 Aug.

Baird's Sandpiper: The second to last sighting was along Wilderness Road on 27 Sep (Su Snyder).

White-rumped Sandpiper: Ed Schlabach contributed the high count of six, at Funk on 17 Sep.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: The high count was four, at Funk on 18 Sep (Dave Brumfield).

Pectoral Sandpiper: The second-highest count was 210, by James F. Yoder at Funk on 22 Aug.

Short-billed Dowitcher: Aaron E. Miller and David Weaver made the inland high count of 22 at Funk on 22 Aug.

Wilson's Snipe: Ed Schlabach found 30 near Sugarcreek, *Tuscarawas*, on 19 Oct; that is the highest count away from the northwestern marshes.

Snowy Owl: Leroy A. Schlabach and James F. Yoder saw one near Walnut Creek, *Holmes*, on 27 Nov.

Short-eared Owl: Add *Coshocton* and *Holmes* to the list of counties with sightings.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Add the following observation from *The Bobolink*. "Interesting was the story Hallie Mason shared of a nest at her neighbors, Dan & Lucretia Sherer's place [in *Tuscarawas*]. When one of the youngsters fell out of the nest into a pond, they rescued it, warmed and dried it, and put it back into the nest. It fledged with its sibling on 9/22 or 23, and according to Peterjohn, would be the latest a hummingbird ever fledged in the state."

Seelasphorus sp. Hummingbird: One visited a feeder near Rittman, **Wayne** from 26 Jul to 10 Aug; it was identified to genus from photographs but not banded (*vide* Victor Fazio III).

Peregrine Falcon: The high count of three was again tied, by Reuben S. Erb near Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 12 Oct.

Acadian Flycatcher: The second to last sighting was by Andy R. Troyer near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 05 Oct.

Least Flycatcher: Jonathan Erb saw the last of the season near Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 09 Oct.

Eastern Kingbird: The high count was of about 100 birds roosting along Wilderness Road on both 19 and 20 Aug (Aaron E. Miller).

Blue-headed Vireo: Ed Schlabach provided the high count of eight, near Ragersville, **Tuscarawas**, on 28 Sep.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: From *The Bobolink*, "Extremely late was one that landed briefly on a small tree beside [Jonathan Erb's] home [near Walnut Creek, **Holmes**] on 11/17. It hopefully did not make a lot of rest stops on its southward journey."

Tree Swallow: Ben Morrison's bird at Berlin Reservoir on 21 Nov tied for "last of season".

Swainson's Thrush: James E. Yoder counted 150 passing over in 20 minutes of the predawn on 04 Sep near New Bedford, **Coshocton**, for the high count. Ed Schlabach came close with 120 near Sugarcreek, **Tuscarawas**, on 14 Sep, also before sunrise.

Golden-winged Warbler: Add **Ashland** to the list of counties with sightings.

Connecticut Warbler: Add **Holmes** and **Stark** to the list of counties with sightings.

Kentucky Warbler: Add to the list of sightings one near Sugarcreek, **Tuscarawas**, on 18 Aug (Ed Schlabach).

Hooded Warbler: The last was near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 09 Oct (*vide* *The Bobolink*).

Palm Warbler: DKL noted the last, near Fredericksburg, **Wayne**, on 21 Nov.

Prairie Warbler: Add to the list of sightings one south of Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, on 10 Oct (Michael Hershberger).

Black-throated Green Warbler: Ed Schlabach's 17 near Ragersville, **Tuscarawas**, on 28 Sep was the high count.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Add **Wayne** to the list of counties with sightings.

Clay-colored Sparrow: Add **Wayne** to the list of counties with one sighting location.

Lark Sparrow: The long-staying **Tuscarawas** bird reported by Kent Miller was at Leroy A. Schlabach's feeder.

Nelson's Sparrow: Funk hosted 10 on 12 Oct (m. obs.).

Fox Sparrow: Mose Barkman saw the high number of seven near New Bedford, **Coshocton**, on 16 Nov.

Blue Grosbeak: Add **Holmes** and **Wayne** to the list of counties with sightings.

Eastern Meadowlark: The second-highest count was 28, by Emery A. Yoder near Bunker Hill, **Holmes**, on 07 Sep.

Orchard Oriole: The last was seen near Sugarcreek, **Tuscarawas**, on 06 Sep (Robert Schlabach).

Revised Counts of Counties with Sightings

Species	Count	Species	Count
Tundra Swan	29	Blue-headed Vireo	32
Wood Duck	62	Warbling Vireo	44
Lesser Scaup	33	Purple Martin	45
Surf Scoter	17	Bank Swallow	33
Hooded Merganser	46	Barn Swallow	62
Ring-necked Pheasant	18	Cliff Swallow	23
Common Loon	37	Black-capped Chickadee	33
Black Vulture	25	Brown Creeper	49
Osprey	51	House Wren	63
Northern Harrier	40	Winter Wren	41
Sharp-shinned Hawk	42	Cliff Gnatcatcher	43
Cooper's Hawk	62	Golden-crowned Kinglet	56
Red-shouldered Hawk	49	Veery	19
Sora	23	Gray-checked Thrush	27
Sandhill Crane	33	Swainson's Thrush	41
Semipalmated Plover	38	Hermit Thrush	34
Spotted Sandpiper	54	Wood Thrush	32
Greater Yellowlegs	42	Brown Thrasher	47
Dunlin	31	Lapland Longspur	21
Wilson's Snipe	35	Snow Bunting	22
American Woodcock	17	Ovenbird	35
Bonaparte's Gull	48	Northern Waterthrush	16
Ring-billed Gull	62	Blue-winged Warbler	20
Herring Gull	49	Black-and-white Warbler	42
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	38	Orange-crowned Warbler	22
Black-billed Cuckoo	23	Nashville Warbler	44
Eastern Screech-Owl	28	Mourning Warbler	16
Barred Owl	34	Common Yellowthroat	57
Common Nighthawk	43	Hooded Warbler	26
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	56	American Redstart	49
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	44	Cape May Warbler	45
Merlin	33	Fox Sparrow	31
Olive-sided Flycatcher	20	Lincoln's Sparrow	34
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	22	Swamp Sparrow	47
Willow Flycatcher	33	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	42
Least Flycatcher	30	Bobolink	27
Great Crested Flycatcher	31	Rusty Blackbird	38
Eastern Kingbird	54	Orchard Oriole	22
Yellow-throated Vireo	32	Purple Finch	24