

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

Two in *Holmes*, which later moved to *Tuscarawas*, were documented by Ed Schlabach and Dennis Troyer. Internet reports from *Trumbull* included details and photographs which might enable OBRC review. Reports from *Lucas* did not. In addition, ONWR's Rebecca Hinkle told me that hunters took two near the Darby Unit on 18 Oct.

Greater White-fronted Goose

Margaret Bowman *et al.* saw the first, at the Hebron hatchery, *Licking*, on 15 Oct. Dan Gesualdo counted 49 in the wetlands near the intersection of Ohio Routes 2 and 269, *Erie*, on 24 Nov. *Geauga*, *Montgomery*, *Richland*, *Sandusky*, and *Wyandot* also contributed sightings.

Snow Goose

The first showed up on 06 Oct, in the Wildwood unit of Euclid Creek Reservation, *Cuyahoga* (Gustino Lanese). The next reports were almost two weeks later, on 19 Oct. On that date Melissa and Wade Rowley saw one at Lakeshore Park, *Ashtabula*, and Scott Myers found three by Township Highway 71 in *Paulding*. The high count was 46, at the Findlay Reservoirs on 17 Nov (Edward Ingold); smaller numbers were there other dates. The most elsewhere were 12 at Killdeer on 26 Nov (Joe Baldwin). Reports came from 20 counties.



Kathi Hutton found this juvenile blue-morph Snow Goose on 02 Nov at East Fork.

Ross's Goose

The six sightings are:

One at Mentor Lumber, *Lake*, between 16 and 18 Sep (Andy Avram, m. obs.)

One along Akron-Peninsula Road in CVNP from 24 to 27 Sep; it apparently moved to the Ira Road marsh on 28 Sep (m. obs.)

One at Horseshoe Pond, *Wayne*, from 01 to at least 05 Nov (Rich Pendlebury)

Six at Killdeer on 26 Nov (Joe Baldwin)

Three at Mercer WA on 23 Nov (Sam Fitton)

Four at Deer Creek WA on 26 Nov (Robert Royle).



Margaret Bowman found three Greater White-fronted Geese at the Hebron Fish Hatchery, Licking, which were photographed by Sonny Ponn on 15 Oct.

[Snow x Ross's Goose]

Gary Cowell identified one at Knox Lake, *Knox*, on 16 Oct.

Brant

On 01 Nov observers reported up to nine passing sites along the Lake Erie shore between Sherod Park in *Erie* and Painesville Township Park in *Lake*. Three were off Huntington Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 09 Nov (Elizabeth McQuaid). On 12 Nov Dan Gesualdo saw three from Sherod Park and Sally Isacco nine off Sunset Park, *Lake*.

Cackling Goose

Atlee A. Yoder saw the first, at the Shreve Fish Pond, *Wayne*, on 29 Sep. The next appeared on 19 Oct, singles at CLNP for Steven Bouyack and at Wellington Reservoir for the members of a BRAS field trip. Mike Smith's 11 at Wellington on 22 Oct was the high count. Fourteen counties provided sightings.

Canada Goose

The high count was about 3000, at Wellington Reservoir on 23 Nov (BRAS). All but seven counties produced reports.

[Snow x Canada Goose]

Mary Warren well described this bird which she found at the NASA Plum Brook Station, *Erie*, on 19 Sep.

Mute Swan

The highest of seven double-digit counts was the

20 which Krystle Malbouf and Josh Stapleton found at East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 15 Nov. Reports came from 32 counties.

Trumpeter Swan

Ed Pierce's ONWR census crew counted 54 on 02 Nov (*fide* Douglas Vogus) and there were many other large counts there on other dates. Irina Shulgina found the highest number elsewhere, 15 at Killdeer on 22 Aug. Seventeen counties had sightings.

Tundra Swan

Michael Hershberger provided the first report, four birds on 02 Oct near Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, about two weeks earlier than their usual arrival. His 64 at the same location on 15 Oct were right on time. The waters off the Cedar Point Chausee held about 600 on 22 Nov (Dan Gesualdo and Jacob Roalef). Doug Overacker's 110 at Killdeer on 15 Nov was the highest inland count. Twenty-seven counties produced sightings.

Wood Duck

The 07 Sep ONWR census team found 149 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). The second-highest count was inland, 130 at the Home Road Marsh, **Richland** (Gary Cowell). Reports came from 73 counties.



This sharp Cackling Goose image was shot by Darlene Friedman on 09 Nov at Maumee Bay.

Gadwall

One had hung around Fernald most of the summer; Brian Wulker saw what he presumes was that same one on 10 and 20 Aug. Ethan Gylenhaal found the first arrivals from the north at Pipe Creek on 30 Aug. Jen Brumfield estimated 3200 were off the Cedar Point Chausee on 14 Nov, and other western basin sites also had four-digit numbers. The highest inland count was 225, at the Columbus Upground Reservoir, **Delaware**, on 13 Nov (Alex Champagne). Forty-eight counties produced reports.

Eurasian Wigeon

One spent from 14 to 18 Oct at the north end of Mosquito Lake (m. obs.).

American Wigeon

These started arriving in Jul, but the first of the season weren't found until Kent Miller noted two in a pond on Marlboro Road, **Stark**, on 07 Aug, and there were only two other Aug reports. Robert Swan contributed the high count of "300+" during the ONWR auto tour on 19 Oct. Don Keffer and Bev Walborn separately noted about 100 at Mosquito Lake on 17 Oct for the highest inland count. Thirty-eight counties had sightings.

American Black Duck

The pond at Blendon Woods usually produces the high count, and the 253 there on 20 Nov was no exception (Bruce Simpson). Observers there noted from 50 to more than 200 throughout the month. Jamie Cunningham's 40 at the Grand Lake St. Marys hatchery, **Auglaize**, on 17 Oct were the most at any other location. Reports came from 46 counties.

Mallard

Ponds along College Drive, **Montgomery**, hosted about 700 on 25 Nov (m. obs.). An even 80 counties produced reports.

[Gadwall x Mallard]

Tom Bartlett noted one of this seldom-seen hybrid at Kelleys Island on 23 Nov. Rob Harlan pointed out that Audubon called this "species" the Bemaclated Duck.

[American Black Duck x Mallard]

These common, and probably under-reported, hybrids were seen in 13 counties.

Blue-winged Teal

Jon Cefus found one at Sippo Lake, **Stark**, on 16 Nov; it was the last sighting of the season, though there were a few Dec reports. Ron Semper found two flocks totaling about 500 birds at Big Island on 23 Sep, and Victor Fazio III counted 315 at East Harbor on 05 Sep. Fifty counties provided reports.

Northern Shoveler

The first southbounders showed up on 12 Aug; they were singles at Conneaut (m. obs.) and Pipe Creek (Christopher Collins). The high count was 70, by Junior Barnes at Rocky Fork on 27 Nov. Forty-seven counties produced sightings.

Northern Pintail

Pipe Creek hosted the first bird, on 22 Aug (m. obs.). Four birders individually reported between 100 and 135 at Sherod Park on 01 Nov. Jeff Harvey's 65 at Mosquito Lake on 13 Nov was the inland high count. Reports came from 34 counties.

Green-winged Teal

These were present in summer, through fall, and

into winter. Jeff Harvey found 300 at Mill Creek on 18 Oct and Carl Winstead saw 100 at Darby Creek on 14 Nov. Forty-five counties contributed reports.

Canvasback

The first was quite early; Debbie Parker found it at Lorain on 20 Sep. Both Patricia McKelvey and Paul Sherwood saw what was probably the same bird there on 05 Oct. Jen Brumfield noted about 75 off the Cedar Point Chausee on 14 Nov. The inland high count was Edward Ingold's 36 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 17 Nov. Twenty-three counties produced sightings.

Redhead

A trickle of Jul reports preceded this season's first, which came from Lorain on 10 Aug (Elizabeth McQuaid) and the bird was seen there later in the month as well (m. obs.). Up to four had been there most of the summer. The first seen elsewhere were three in *Erie* on 20 Sep (Barb Knapp). Lake Erie off Edgewater hosted about 850 on 21 Nov (Jen Brumfield). John Herman's careful count of 276 at the *Richland* end of Clear Fork on 28 Nov was the second-highest number. Reports came from 33 counties.

Ring-necked Duck

A few were seen during Jul. Gary Cowell found this season's first at Wellington Reservoir on 08 Aug; he said it was a "Very rough looking individual, most likely has been there all summer and possibly flightless." One or two spent 10 Aug to at least 21 Sep at Lorain (m. obs.). The next didn't show up until 26 Sep, at Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve, *Ottawa* (Brian Sutherland). Jen Brumfield's 330 at the Cedar Point Chausee on 14 Nov was the high count. Helen and Ken Ostermiller's 150 at Hubbard Valley Park, *Medina*, on 08 Nov was the inland high. Forty counties had sightings.

Greater Scaup

The first showed up at the Marysville Reservoir, *Union*, on 20 Sep (Blake Mathys and James Muller). The next one spent 23 to 28 Sep at the Findlay Reservoirs (Ben Warner and Anna Wittmer, m. obs.). The high number was a very unusual 900; Tom Bartlett *et al.* saw this "conservative estimate" off Kelleys Island on 23 Nov. That number eclipsed the second-highest, Dan Gesualdo's 30 off Sherod Park on 28 Nov. Geoffrey Williamson noted the largest inland flock, nine at Acton Lake, *Preble*, on 01 Nov. Eighteen counties provided sightings.

Lesser Scaup

Rick Asamoto and John Habig saw an exceptionally early one at the Grand Lake St. Marys

hatchery, *Auglaize*, on 16 Aug; it was there until at least 11 Sep. The next sightings came on 13 Sep, singles at a pond in *Delaware* (Brad and Eric Elvert) and at CPNWR (Matt and Tom Kemp). The high count was again by Tom Bartlett's monthly survey team at Kelleys Island, 578 on 23 Nov. The most away from the Lake Erie counties was 140 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 01 Nov (m. obs.). Forty counties produced reports.

Scaup sp.

On 30 Oct Matt Kemp noted a "Massive raft offshore in Maumee Bay [*Lucas*]. Likely a conservative estimate. Known concentration point for scaup". He estimated 18,000 scaup were in the bay.

King Eider

One was reported from *Lake* with no details.

Harlequin Duck

These singles were reported:

One off Mentor, *Lake*, on the early date of 18 Oct (*vide* Jen Brumfield)

A flyby at Sunset Park, *Lake*, also early on 27 Oct (Cory Chiappone)

Off Painesville Park, *Ashtabula*, on 01 Nov (Jerry Talkington)

Off North Perry, *Lake*, on both 01 and 14 Nov (John Pogacnik)

A flyby at Edgewater on 02 Nov (Jen Brumfield)
One on the lake at Independence Dam SP, *Defiance*, from 05 to 09 Nov (m. obs.)



Independence Dam SP, *Defiance*, featured a Harlequin Duck beautifully photographed by Leslie Sours on 08 Nov.

Surf Scoter

Rick Asamoto and Patricia McKelvey shared 12 Oct as the first sighting date; Rick's was at Williams Reservoir, *Allen*, and Patricia's at Avon Power. John Pogacnik counted 68 off North Perry, *Lake*, on 01 Nov. Erik Bruder and Jen Brumfield separately noted 25 to 30 off Huntington Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 09 Nov. One got as far south as East Fork on 16 Nov and drew a crowd. Other sightings came from *Delaware*, *Erie*, *Richland*, and *Trumbull*.

White-winged Scoter

The first sighting, and highest inland count as

well, was of five at the Findlay Reservoirs on 12 Oct (Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams). The overall high count was 30, from three small flocks which passed Sunset Park, **Lake**, on 07 Nov (Ian Lynch). The second highest count of nine was shared by Dan Gesualdo at Sherod Park on 22 Oct and Paul Hurtado at Sunset Park on 02 Nov. Reports came from 14 counties as far south as **Clermont**.

Black Scoter

Three sites hosted birds on the first sighting date of 19 Oct. John Pogacnik saw one off North Perry, **Lake**; Jerry Talkington counted 10 off Painesville Township Park, **Lake**; and Rick Asamoto *et al.* discovered two at Caesar Creek. The high count was 35, by Erik Bruder and Jen Brumfield off Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 09 Nov. Steve Landes' six at Alum Creek on 26 Oct was the inland high count. **Clermont**, **Erie**, **Hancock**, **Lucas**, **Preble**, **Stark**, and **Trumbull** also contributed reports.

Scoter sp.

Up to 10 indeterminate birds were seen along the shores of **Ashtabula**, **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, and **Lake**.

Long-tailed Duck

The first sightings were on 18 Oct. John Herman and Albert and Sarah Troyer saw two at the **Richland** end of Clear Fork. John says that's the county's earliest fall record. Sam Fitton found the most, 12 at Indian Lake, **Logan**, on the same day. The second-highest count was eight, off Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 02 Nov (Elizabeth McQuaid and Geryll Wesley). Three locations each held three birds. Reports came from 14 counties.

Bufflehead

This species' first sightings were also on 18 Oct. John Pogacnik saw one off North Perry, **Lake**, and Josh Stapleton another at Lorain. Tom Bartlett's census crew found at least 900 off Kelleys Island on 23 Nov. Matthew Valencic's 250 at LaDue on 07 Nov was the second-highest count. Forty-five counties produced reports.

Common Goldeneye

Lorain hosted the first, a very early bird on 07 Sep (Steven Bouyack); it was seen there until 21 Sep. The next date was 22 Oct, actually a bit later than the usual arrival time; that day Dan Gesualdo saw one at Kelleys Island and a BRAS field trip found two at Wellington Reservoir. Jen Brumfield and Dan Gesualdo saw at least 200 from Sherod Park on 28 Nov. Twenty-one counties contributed sightings.

Hooded Merganser

The high number was the 360 or more which Matthew Valencic noted at LaDue on 22 Nov. Reports came from 52 counties.

Common Merganser

The first migrants usually show up in late October, but Victor Fazio III saw two at Sandy Ridge on 06 Aug. Jonathan Oliveras' three at the Geneva landfill, **Ashtabula**, on 08 Aug, were the next. The annual family at Conneaut, with up to seven birds seen, was reported from 12 Aug to 07 Sep. Jeff Harvey saw about 165 at Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, on 20 Nov. Thirty counties provided reports.

Red-breasted Merganser

Scattered singles were reported all during Aug in **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, and **Lorain**. The waters off Kelleys Island hosted more than 19,500 on 23 Nov (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Participants on a BSBO cruise noted about 10,000 in and near Cleveland harbor on 23 Nov. The most inland were 275 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 01 Nov (m. obs.). Thirty-seven counties had sightings.

Common/Red-breasted Merganser

Elizabeth McQuaid reported a mixed flock of about 20,000 at Cleveland harbor on 22 Nov; most were almost surely Red-breasted.

Ruddy Duck

Sites in **Hancock**, **Lorain**, and **Erie** held one to three on scattered Aug dates. The Ostermillers and Paul Sherwood separately reported 1000 to 1200 at Wellington Reservoir on 24 Oct. Dan Gesualdo also saw about 1000 at East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 30 Oct. Reports came from 51 counties.

Northern Bobwhite

The latest report came on 19 Oct; Tracy Cambron heard one at East Fork that day. The only other report that month was Amelia Walker Reid's duo at Amesville, **Athens**, on 17 Oct. Kim Warner found a dozen near a known release site in **Lucas** on 01 Aug; Brandon Brywczyński saw the same number (origin unknown) in Secor MP, **Lucas**, on 07 Aug. The seven which Ted Ossege saw at East Fork on 07 Sep were probably wild. Seventeen counties produced reports.

Ring-necked Pheasant

Doug Overacker found 12 along Smith Road, **Champaign**, on 20 Sep. Irina Shulgina saw a cluster of 11 at Glacier Ridge MP, **Union**, on 13 Sep, while Dick Hoopes saw the same number scattered throughout Swine Creek Reservation, **Geauga**, on 12 Nov. Dick said they were "likely game birds from [a] hunting preserve", which

might well apply to many other sightings as well. Twenty-one counties hosted them.

Ruffed Grouse

The four reports, all of single birds, are:

At Tar Hollow SP, **Ross**, on 19 Aug (Mark Maier)

At Shawnee on 25 Oct (Chris Zacharias)

At the Swiss Hills Career Center, **Montgomery**, on both 17 and 24 Nov (Sandie Myers)

Along the Buckeye Trail near Clendingen Lake, **Harrison**, on 19 Nov (Scott Pendleton)

Wild Turkey

Matthew Valencic and Anna Wittmer shared “most seen” honors; each noted 32. Matthew’s were in his own **Geauga** yard on 24 Nov and Anna’s at the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, **Richland**, on 10 Aug. Bruce Simpson came in with the closest possible second place; he saw 31 at Blendon Woods on 16 Nov. Fifty-four counties contributed sightings.

Red-throated Loon

Randy Rowe saw the first, off Lake Erie Bluffs MP, **Lake**, on 16 Oct. Another showed up off Mentor, **Lake**, two days later (*vide* Jen Brumfield). One location in each of **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, and **Lake** hosted two. Other reports came from **Clark**, **Clinton**, **Crawford**, **Delaware**, **Geauga**, **Montgomery**, and **Warren**.

Arctic Loon

A bird identified by viewers as this species spent two Oct days at Dillon SP, **Muskingum**. The OBRC received formal reports and has also gleaned photographs and descriptions from internet sources.



The extraordinary discovery of this possible Arctic Loon at Dillon SP, **Muskingum**, prompted Brad Perkins to obtain these excellent diagnostic photographs on 23 Oct.

Pacific Loon

One formal report was filed with the OBRC

from **Clermont**, and other viewers contributed through internet venues. Some internet reports from **Clark**, **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Lake**, and **Logan** have descriptions and photos.

Common Loon

A couple of Jul sightings preceded this season’s first report. It came from the Findlay Reservoirs on 18 Sep (Shane Myers). The high count was 311, off Sherod Park on 06 Nov (Dan Gesualdo). David Hochadel passed on a report of 167, the second-highest count, from Mosquito Lake on 10 Nov. Reports came from 45 counties.

Pied-billed Grebe

Ron Sempier counted 264 at Big Island on 06 Oct. Up to 242 were seen there on other dates from Aug to Oct. The most elsewhere was the 71 which Dan Gesualdo found at East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 16 Oct. Seventy-four counties produced sightings.

Horned Grebe

Observers found the first southbound birds on 22 Sep. One was at Alum Creek (Steve Landes), five at LaDue (Scott Hugel), and five at Clear Fork (Anna Wittmer). The high count was 957 off Kelleys Island on 23 Nov (Tom Bartlett *et al.*) The inland high was 109, at Lake Logan, **Hocking**, on 14 Nov (Jennifer Allen). Forty-six counties provided reports.

Red-necked Grebe

These began returning early following the historically high spring invasion. Gabriel Amrhein saw two at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 07 Oct. One spent from 09 to 13 Oct at LaDue (m. obs.). Bev Weigl saw five at Tinker’s Creek SP, **Portage**, on 11 Nov and there were two reports of doubles in addition to Gabriel’s. Fifteen counties hosted them.

Eared Grebe

Fifteen single reports came in from 11 sites in **Allen**, **Ashtabula**, **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, and **Montgomery**. The first was at Sherod Park on 20 Oct (Dan Gesualdo) and sightings continued into Dec.

Double-crested Cormorant

The high number of 3719 was the result of careful counting by Tom Bartlett’s 22 Oct Kelleys Island census team. Alvin E. Miller achieved the inland high of 465 during a big sit west of Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 11 Oct. Reports came from 75 counties.

American White Pelican

Scott Hugel saw the first of the season, 19 at East Harbor on 07 Sep. The high count set a state record of 76 on 19 Sep, also at East Harbor (Victor

Fazio III). There were several other Sep sightings and a few in Oct. One spent 23 Nov into Dec wandering among several **Montgomery** locations. Reports also came from **Clermont**, **Lucas**, and **Warren**.



Photographer Christopher Collins captured a handsome portrait of an American White Pelican on 23 Nov at Eastwood Lake, **Montgomery**.

American Bittern

The season's last were singles on 25 Oct at Darby Creek (Eric Elvert) and Killdeer (Steve Jones). Two doubles were reported. Cynthia Norris saw them at Conneaut on 08 Sep and Darby Creek hosted its duo on 17 and 19 Oct (Carl Winstead, Irina Shulgina). Fourteen counties provided sightings.

Least Bittern

Steve Jones saw the last at Indian Lake SP, **Logan**, on 27 Sep. The only other report that month was from **Hancock**, where Shane Myers saw one on 10 Sep. Steve Jones also saw the high count of three, at a pond on Old Hoch Road, **Marion**, on 03 Aug. Thirteen counties had sightings.

Great Blue Heron

Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 180 in ONWR on 03 Aug (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Ron Sempier found the second-highest concentration, 136 at Big Island near a rookery on 15 Aug. All but nine counties produced reports.

Great Egret

Jeff Harvey found about 300 at ONWR on 10 Aug, and observers noted up to 250 there on other dates. Ann Dreyer counted 98 at Side Cut MP, **Lucas**, on 17 Aug, and the high count away from Lake Erie was Andrew Cannizzaro's 54 at Gilmore Ponds, **Butler**, on 15 Aug. Reports came from 61 counties.

Snowy Egret

Mary Warren reported the season's last from Willow Point WA, **Erie**, on 10 Oct. ONWR hosted

the high count of 33 on 05 Aug (Kim Warner), and the most elsewhere were 10 at Pipe Creek on 08 Aug (Daniel Hazard). The only bird well inland was a solo at the "Reddish Egret Pond" (see below) on 03 Sep (m. obs.). **Ashtabula**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, and **Sandusky** also contributed reports.

Little Blue Heron

Tim Thompson saw one at ONWR on both 12 and 13 Aug. The **Preble** end of Acton Lake in Hueston Woods SP hosted one on 01 Sep (Andrew Cannizzaro) and 02 Sep (Allan Clayton, Christopher Collins).

Reddish Egret

A white morph individual was discovered 03 Sep in an artificial pond in northwestern **Delaware** and it spent until 18 Sep there and just west across the county line in **Union**. Dozens of birders saw this second state record during its stay. Kathi Hutton, Steve Jones, Mandy Roberts, Andy Sewell, and Su Snyder provided formal reports which were accepted by the OBRC.

The U.S. population of this species is estimated at 2000 pairs, of which about ¾ are in Texas and most of the rest in south Florida. Only about 5% of the Texas birds are the white morph, though that percentage increases greatly in Mexico. Most of the reported vagrants (including Ohio's first record bird, which briefly visited Conneaut in 2008) are of the dark namesake morph. (Lowther, Peter E. and Richard T. Paul. 2002. Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*), The Birds of North America Online (A. Poole, Ed.). Ithaca: Cornell Lab of Ornithology; Retrieved from the Birds of North America Online: <http://bna.birds.cornell.edu/bna/species/633>)

Cattle Egret

Karen and Rich Kassouf saw one fly past Edgewater on 15 Nov; it was the season's last. It might have been the individual which spent from 07 to 12 Nov at Lorain (m. obs.). The high count was six, by Ron Sempier at Big Island on 28 Oct. The only other multiple was a duo at Burke Lakefront Airport, Cleveland, (hereafter Burke) on 05 and 06 Nov (m. obs.). **Clermont**, **Delaware**, **Franklin**, **Hancock**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, **Sandusky**, and **Tuscarawas** also provided reports.

Green Heron

The last hung around long after they're usually gone; Alexander Clark saw it at Darby Creek on 10 Nov. The second-last sighting date was 17 Oct, when Tim Haney noted one in Woodlawn Cemetery, **Lucas**. Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, hosted 18 on 15 Aug (Scott Huger). Greg Miller contributed this gem in *The Bobolink*: "1

bird reported by David L. Erb on 10/11 south of Millersburg in Holmes Co. On a big sit. Heard only. After dark. Another fascinating report.” Sightings were in 59 counties.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Nicole Freshour saw 40 in ONWR on 06 Sep. Ten was both the second-highest count overall and also the highest inland count. Jen Moore and Jason Parrish found that many at Pipe Creek on 27 Aug, while Gary Cowell and Atlee A. Yoder saw theirs along Wilderness Road on 12 Sep. Twenty-four counties contributed sightings.

White-faced Ibis

Kim Warner's report with photographs of one at ONWR on 06 Aug was accepted by the OBRC. Many other observers posted photos to various venues.

Black Vulture

Su Snyder noted about 60 in *Ashland* near Mohican SF on 02 Oct. Two wanderers which flew over Donna and Jason Parrish near Wellington Reservation, *Lorain*, on 29 Nov prompted this note: “Flying over Jones Rd when I got there. Very surprising to see them this far north, especially in November.” Thirty-nine counties produced reports.

Turkey Vulture

A quartet of birders saw more than 400 in Woodlawn Cemetery, *Lucas*, on 10 Oct. Only *Coshocton* and *Meigs* did not yield a sighting.

Osprey

The last of the year flew over the Findlay Reservoirs on 12 Nov (Edward Ingold). The high count of 10 came from East Fork on 13 Sep (m. obs.). Six passed Headlands on 10 Sep for the second-highest count (Daniel Hazard). Reports came from 61 counties.

Swallow-tailed Kite

The OBRC has accepted the formal reports of this visitor provided by Allan Claybon, David Edwards, Kathi Hutton, Thomas Patt, Andy Sewell, and Justin Valentine. This very photogenic bird spent 15 to 27 Aug in *Highland* and drew crowds for much of that period.

Golden Eagle

Steve Jones saw one at LaRue, *Marion*, on 18 Nov. Paul Tallie reported another from ONWR on 26 Nov. Reports also came from *Clinton*, *Erie*, *Hancock*, *Harrison*, *Lake*, *Logan*, and *Wood*.

Mississippi Kite

One was reported in *Lake* with no details.

Northern Harrier

Sightings increased throughout the season from

the trickle of them during summer. The high count was 10; Donna Kuhn and Lisa Phelps saw them at Lawrence Woods SNP, *Hardin*, on 01 Nov. Scott Pendleton found nine in *Harrison* on 15 Oct and three other locations each hosted seven. Fifty-one counties provided reports.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Reports were thin in Aug but picked up in Sep as migrants came through. Tom Bartlett noted six at South Bass Island's Scheeff East Point Preserve, *Ottawa*, on 23 Sep. Reports came from 47 counties.

Cooper's Hawk

This species also had a high count of six, by Kent Miller on Ridgeview Drive, *Stark*, on 23 Oct. Sixty-nine counties had sightings.

Bald Eagle

William L. Jones saw the highest of many large counts at Conneaut, 23 birds on 03 Sep. The most elsewhere were Mary Anne Romito's 19 in ONWR on 16 Nov, and the most away from Lake Erie were 11 which Doug Overacker found at Killdeer on 15 Nov. Seventy-five counties produced sightings.

Red-shouldered Hawk

One location in each of *Geauga*, *Holmes*, and *Lucas* plus two in *Montgomery* each hosted four, and there were many triples sighted. Reports came from 62 counties.

Broad-winged Hawk

Ken Andrews well described a straggler at CLNP on 23 Oct. A single at Twin Creek – Camp Hook, *Warren*, on 11 Oct was the second to last (John Habig). Tim Haney counted 100 over Woodlawn Cemetery, *Lucas*, on 18 Sep, but Tom Kemp had already beaten him with 105 over his Grand Rapids yard, *Lucas*, two days earlier. Thirty-five counties provided reports.



Ron Sempier obtained this stately image of a Broad-winged Hawk on 06 Aug at Killdeer.

Red-tailed Hawk

Kent Miller's 3½ hours of sky watching at his home in *Stark* produced 19 on 23 Oct. Dou-

ble-digit numbers continued to the end of the month. Only *Coshocton*, *Lawrence*, *Meigs*, and *Scioto* did not have sightings.

“Harlan’s” Red-tailed Hawk

Eli Miller reported seeing one west of Walnut Creek, *Holmes*, on 30 Oct (*vide* Greg Miller in *The Bobolink*). This subspecies (*Buteo jamaicensis harlani*) breeds in Alaska and northwestern Canada and winters from the Great Plains to the Pacific coast. Sightings east of the Mississippi are extremely rare.

Rough-legged Hawk

Michael Hershberger and Cristy J. Miller each saw one in different *Holmes* locations on 02 Oct. Scott Pendleton saw the next, in *Harrison* on 10 Oct, and the third showed up at Wellington Reservoir for Ed Wransky on 27 Oct. Inga Schmidt found five along Hayes Road, *Geauga*, on 30 Nov. Twenty-three counties produced reports.

Yellow Rail

A *Holmes* farm provided a flurry of excitement when a Yellow Rail was several times reported there, but photos showed the bird to be a King Quail (also called Button Quail) which had escaped from a nearby breeding facility.

King Rail

Tom Bartlett found the season’s only bird in Winous Horseshoe on 01 Aug. He wrote that “One individual [was] calling from cattails; several have been banded in area and some with radio transmitters”.

Virginia Rail

The shared high count was three, at Darby Creek on 07 Sep (Irina Shulgina), along Wake Robin on 27 Sep and 05 Oct (Tom Frankel), and again at Darby Creek on 23 Oct (Rob Lowry). The few Nov sightings continued into Dec. Ten other counties also produced reports.

Sora

Sightings were fairly steady up to the last, which was at Sandy Ridge on 29 Oct (BRAS). Tom Kemp counted 22 during a census of CPNWR on 26 Sep. The next highest number was five, by Elizabeth Ames and Jay Wright at Spring Valley WA, *Greene*, on 01 Oct. Reports came from 24 counties.

Common Gallinule

One hung around the Ninth Street Pier in Cleveland for most of Nov; Jen Brumfield saw it last on 27 Nov. The last otherwise were singles on 07 Nov at Independence Dam SP, *Defiance* (Kim Warner) and at the Wilbeth Road trailhead of the Ohio and Erie Canal, *Summit* (Dennis

Mersky). Victor Fazio III found 12 broods totaling 62 birds at Big Island on 18 Aug and many more double-digit counts also came from there. The most elsewhere were 17 along the ONWR auto tour route on 20 Sep (also Victor Fazio III). Thirteen counties provided sightings.

American Coot

Jen Brumfield saw about 2800 from the Cedar Point Chausee on 14 Nov. Ron Sempier estimated about 2700 were in five groups within Big Island on 10 Nov. Fifty-seven counties produced reports.

Sandhill Crane

Linda Hollinger saw several flocks totaling about 200 birds in Fairborn, *Greene*, on 28 Nov. The second-highest count was Su Snyder’s 97 along Wilderness Road on 02 Nov. Killdeer produced several Oct reports of a pair of adults with a young colt, hinting at the possibility of a nest there, though the earlier sightings at Killdeer were solely of adults. Reports came from 31 counties.

American Avocet

One spent from 30 Oct to 07 Nov by Wilderness Road (m. obs.). The second-last was at Berlin Lake on 30 Oct and 01 Nov (m. obs.). Lots of folks saw six at Conneaut on 12 Aug. Twenty counties provided sightings.

Black-bellied Plover

A single 30 Jul report preceded this season, and sightings were fairly steady to the last, which was by Kim Warner at Metzger on 21 Nov. The shared high count was 20. Bob Krajewski saw them fly by Conneaut a few at a time on 31 Aug, while Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams saw theirs at the Findlay Reservoirs on 05 Oct. These two sites hosted smaller numbers on other dates. The most elsewhere were six at Burke on 05 Oct (Jen Brumfield). Twenty-eight counties produced sightings.

American Golden-Plover

The first of these also showed up on 30 Jul, but fall’s first wasn’t seen until 04 Aug, at the Findlay Reservoirs (Amy Downing). Chris Pierce saw the next, at Pipe Creek on 17 Aug. Leslie Sours found the last, at Killdeer on 05 Nov. The second-last was at the Hebron Hatchery, *Licking*, on 27 Oct for Margaret Bowman. Scott Myers wrote about a flock by Township Highway 71, *Paulding*, on 03 Sep, “Possibly more - counted 51 standing idle in the freshly tilled field behind the pond.” Two viewers each saw 28, Su Snyder near Sugarcreek, *Tuscarawas*, on 03 Sep and Victor Fazio III at Huron, *Erie*, on 22 Oct. Reports came from 25 counties.

Semipalmated Plover

Wilderness Road had the last, on 05 Nov (Krystle Malbouf and Josh Stapleton). The high number was about 50, at Killdeer on 04 Sep (Andy Sewell). Burke hosted 35 on 01 Aug (Jen Brumfield). Thirty-seven counties produced reports.

Piping Plover

Bob Lane posted the following: "It came to my attention this past Sunday [03 Aug], that an unreported Piping Plover was at 'The Conneaut Sandspit' all day Thursday, July 31st. Excellent photos were taken by at least two photographers. I forwarded one of the photos to Alice Van Zoeren of The Great Lakes Piping Plover Banding Program (plover@umn.edu)... the very pale colored juvenile was hatched this summer at Wasaga Beach, Ontario...on the extreme eastern end of Lake Huron. To reach Conneaut, our little friend traveled basically due south, 150 miles over the Ontario land mass, then another 50 miles across Lake Erie to Conneaut..." The OBRC has Bob's photos. Another internet report, from *Sandusky*, has scant details.

Killdeer

Victor Fazio III counted 540 at Killdeer on 04 Sep. Jeff Harvey and Kent Miller separately estimated 375 to 400 were at the Berlin Lake mudflats on 18 Sep. Seventy-nine counties produced sightings.

Spotted Sandpiper

Gary Cowell noted the last, at Charles Mill Lake, *Ashland*, on 29 Oct. Seventeen were around Cleveland harbor on 02 Aug (Patricia McKelvey and Donna K. Owen) and 33 were there on 15 Aug (m. obs.). The most elsewhere were 15 at the Findlay Reservoirs on both 03 Aug and 07 Sep (m. obs.). Sixty-one counties contributed sightings.

Solitary Sandpiper

Craig Moore and Rob Thorn saw one at Pickerington Ponds on 19 Oct. Gary Cowell shared that last-sighting date with two at Clear Fork. The high count was 35, by Tom Bartlett *et al.* at Decoy Marsh, *Sandusky*, on 02 Oct. The Berlin Lake mudflats hosted up to 15 (by Kent Miller on 07 Sep) on several dates. Reports came from 44 counties.

Greater Yellowlegs

One hung around LaDue for several days before it was last seen on 28 Nov (Wes Hatch, Matthew Valencic). Stefan Gleissberg saw the second-last, at Lake Snowden, *Athens*, on 25 Nov. ONWR held the season's high of 70 on 03 Sep (Matt Kemp). Killdeer hosted 50 on 30 Aug and 15

Sep (m. obs.). Forty-seven counties provided reports

Willert

David L. Erb and companions saw two along Wilderness Road on 24 Sep, the latest date. Conneaut and Indian Lake SP, *Logan*, each held nine on 11 Aug for Chris Swan and Steve Jones, respectively. The second most were four at Conneaut on 20 and 31 Aug (m. obs.). Eighteen counties produced reports.

Lesser Yellowlegs

Irina Shulgina found the last, at Killdeer on 11 Nov. Killdeer also held the most, with several triple-digit counts topping out with Victor Fazio III's 229 on 04 Sep. The most elsewhere were 154 at East Harbor on 03 Aug (also by Victor). Forty-nine counties provided sightings.

Yellowlegs sp.

Donna Kuhn saw one at Alum Creek on 17 Nov, later than the last sure Lesser.

Upland Sandpiper

The nine sightings, all but two of singles, are:

A flyby at Resthaven WA, *Erie*, on 03 Aug (Victor Fazio III)

At the Ashtabula River overlook in that city and county on 16 Aug (Chris Swan)

A vocal flyby at Big Island on 18 Aug (Victor Fazio III)

A flyby over his Grand Rapids, *Lucas*, home on 22 Aug, heading for *Wood* (Tom Kemp)

By Industrial Park Drive, *Harrison*, on 23 Aug (Scott Pendleton)

One on 11 Sep and two on 13 Sep, all in the evening, at Columbia Woods Park, *Summit* (Rob Harlan)

Another calling flyby, at Schekelhoff Park, Seneca, on 18 Sep (Victor Fazio III). And five (!) flying low over Township Road 205, *Hancock*, on 20 Sep (Shane Myers).

About his reports, Rob Harlan added, "All giving their bubbly and distinctive flight call, which can be traced across the sky as the bird passes...Is this the best way to find this species in Ohio away from their few nesting sites?"

Whimbrel

Six locations hosted them:

Burke, two on 01 Aug (m. obs.)

Sherod Park, one also on 01 Aug (Dan Gesualdo)

Edgewater, one flyby on 28 Aug (Jen Brumfield)

Conneaut, one on 01, 02, and 06 Sep (m. obs.)

Headlands, one on 09 Sep (Scott Jennex and Mary Trombley)

Lorain, one between 09 and 14 Sep (m. obs.)

Hudsonian Godwit

The first were sixteen which Rick Asamoto and John Habig found at Big Island on 30 Aug. Andrew Cannizzaro and George Novosel saw 18 there on 01 Sep and some of them remained until 06 Sep. Ryan Jacob and Matt Kemp saw the last at Maumee Bay on 10 Oct. Clara Conroy's at the CCE Trail on 13 Sep was the second-last. **Lake, Lorain, Ottawa,** and **Pickaway** also had sightings.



Most of the flock of Hudsonian Godwits had left Big Island when Victor Fazio III arrived to photograph this individual on 03 Sep.

Marbled Godwit

Two in mid-Jul preceded this season's first, which Daniel Hazard found at Pipe Creek on 08 Aug and which hung around to 26 Aug. The last sighting was Irina Shulgina's at Killdeer on 29 Oct; the bird had been there since at least 25 Oct. Five locations each held two on a total of eight dates. **Ashtabula, Hancock, Lucas, Ottawa, Preble,** and **Wayne** also contributed reports.

Ruddy Turnstone

Mary Warren saw the last, on the **Erie** shore on 10 Oct. That's earlier than the usual end of their passage, but the second last was earlier still. Daniel DeLapp saw it by the Great Miami River in **Butler** on 28 Sep. Conneaut hosted the high count of 20 on 12 Aug (Alyssa Karmann and Shannon Thompson). The next most were five which Atlee A. Yoder saw by Wilderness Road on 03 Aug. Reports came from 14 counties.



Chris Swan inspired the curiosity of this engaging Whimbrel at Conneaut on 02 Sep.

Red Knot

One was seen at Conneaut almost daily between 18 Aug and 09 Sep; there's no telling how many different individuals these sightings represent. Four there on each of 10 Sep (Victor Fazio III) and 11 Sep (Patience Fisher) were the high counts. Kurt Wray saw the last, on 23 and 24 Sep at Bay Point, **Ottawa**. Two other **Ottawa** locations and three in **Erie** completed the sightings.

Stilt Sandpiper

These started arriving in Jul. Ron Sempier found the last, a somewhat late duo at Big Island on 10 Nov. The second-last were Irina Shulgina's five at Killdeer on 18 Oct. Celotex Marsh held 23 when Victor Fazio III visited on 17 Aug. Twenty-two counties produced reports.

Sanderling

There were four Nov reports: two birds at Euclid Beach Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 02 Nov (Nancy Anderson), one by Wilderness Road on 02 Nov (Su Snyder) and 03 Nov (Gabe Hostetler), and the last at Headlands on 15 Nov (Tom Frankel). The high count was 30, also at Headlands, on 14 Sep (Judith Frumkin). Reports came from 25 counties.

Dunlin

Rita Schneider saw the first, two at Celotex Marsh on 30 Aug. Donna Kuhn saw three at Big Island the next day and Chris Zacharias one at East Harbor the day after that. Curiously, the next sighting wasn't until Scott Myers' at Indian Lake SP, **Logan**, on 29 Sep, and reports then continued through the end of the period. Steve Jones found the high count of 117 at Killdeer on 01 Nov. Twenty-nine counties provided sightings.

Purple Sandpiper

One flew past Headlands on 01 Nov (*vide* Jerry Talkington).

Baird's Sandpiper

Richard Counts wrote that on 16 Nov, the bird he saw at the Hardin Wetlands was "Feeding on frozen mudflat with Dunlin". The second-last report was by Kent Miller; he kept tabs on one Baird's at Berlin Lake from 08 to 15 Oct. Celotex Marsh hosted 12 for George Novosel on 30 Aug and East Harbor held seven on 19 Sep for Victor Fazio III. Twenty-three counties contributed sightings.

Least Sandpiper

Eric Elvert saw two by the Great Miami River in **Montgomery** on 18 Nov. They would have been the last of the year but for the single which Lisa Hug found at the Norwalk Memorial Reservoir, **Huron**, on 29 Nov. Tom Bartlett *et al.* not-

ed about 300 at McClure's Marsh, **Sandusky**, on 20 Aug; 80 remained on 23 Aug. The most elsewhere were Victor Fazio III's 77 at Celotex Marsh on 14 Aug. Forty-four counties produced reports.

White-rumped Sandpiper

Two Jul sightings preceded that of four birds at Headlands on 05 Aug (Cole DiFabio). The last were singles on 18 Oct at Killdeer (Irina Shulgina) and the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne** (Aaron Miller and Andy R. Troyer). The high count was five at Lorain on 22 Aug (Kurt Grenig). Nineteen counties provided reports.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Ben Warner and Anna Wittmer reported the first, from Prairie Lane, **Wayne**, on 20 Aug. Several birders saw the last, a straggler which flew over them at Darby Creek on 20 Oct. The second last were a considerably earlier duo; Jeff Loughman saw them at the Findlay Reservoirs on 08 Oct. The reservoirs held seven on 06 Sep and three to six on other dates (m. obs.). The most elsewhere were triples on 29 and 30 Aug at Bay Point, **Ottawa** (Kurt Wray) and along Township Highway 71, **Paulding**, on 03 Sep (Scott Myers). **Ashtabula**, **Hancock**, **Lake**, **Lucas**, **Pickaway**, and **Stark** also had sightings.



Darlene Friedman captured this engaging image of a Buff-breasted Sandpiper on 04 Sept at Maumee Bay.

Pectoral Sandpiper

Many July sightings led into this season's. Two birds at the Hardin Wetlands on 16 Nov (Richard Counts) and one at Sheldon Marsh SNP, **Erie**, on 29 Nov (David Lumpkin, Ron Sempier) finished the season, though there was also one Dec report. Victor Fazio III counted 158 at Killdeer on 02 Aug; that was the highest of many large counts there. The most elsewhere were Matt Kemp's 90 at ONWR on 03 Sep. Reports came from an even 40 counties.

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Reports were steady until the second-last, which

was Steve Jones' single bird at Killdeer on 19 Oct. Aaron Miller saw the last two about a week later, at Prairie Lane, **Wayne**, on 27 Oct. Tom Bartlett and his crew noted 450 at McClure's Marsh, **Sandusky**, on 26 Aug. The highest count away from Lake Erie was 95 by Victor Fazio III at Killdeer on 18 Sep. Thirty-seven counties had sightings.

Western Sandpiper

Don Keffer noted the first, at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 07 Aug. The last three sightings were of singles at Big Island on 04 Oct (Ron Sempier) and at the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**, on both 27 Oct (Steven L. Hochstetler) and 11 Nov (Su Snyder). The Ostermillers saw four at Pipe Creek on 16 Aug and two were seen on five dates at three locations. Reports came from 13 counties.

Short-billed Dowitcher

Paul Sherwood's two at Norwalk Memorial Reservoir, **Huron**, on 02 Oct were the last. McClure's Marsh, **Sandusky**, held 150 on 26 Aug (Tom Bartlett *et al.*) and Willow Point WA, **Erie**, a mere 48 on 05 Sep (Victor Fazio III). Twenty-two counties provided sightings.

Long-billed Dowitcher

The season's first sightings were on 09 Aug. Deb Tefft saw one at Conneaut and Dan Gesualdo a group of five at Pipe Creek that day. (There were previously two Jul reports at other sites.) Ron Sempier found the last, at Killdeer on 07 Nov. The only double-digit counts were Ron's 12 at Killdeer on 25 Oct and Ian Lynch's 15 at Oak Harbor, **Ottawa**, on 27 Oct. A dozen counties provided reports.

Dowitcher sp.

Reports of indeterminate birds spanned from Jul to 15 Oct. Ed Wransky's 20 at Lorain on 24 Aug was the high count. Eleven counties produced sightings.

Wilson's Snipe

Don Keffer provided the two highest counts, 15 at Mosquito WA on 29 Sep and 22 at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 02 Oct. Reports came from 37 counties.

American Woodcock

There were two Nov sightings. Howard Gratz saw one at the Hopewell Complex, **Knox**, on 02 Nov, and Kent Miller another along Howell-Egypt Road, **Columbiana**, on 11 Nov. Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery hosted three on 23 Oct for Aaron Milenski and three other locations each held two. Twenty-four counties produced reports.

Wilson's Phalarope

The first of the season were two at each of Medusa and Celotex Marshes on 14 Aug (both Victor Fazio III). There had, however, been sightings at two other locations in Jul. The first bird well away from Lake Erie was in a skypond near Paris, **Stark**, on 27 Aug (Kent Miller). The high count was 24, at Decoy Marsh, **Sandusky**, on 02 Oct (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Willow Point WA, **Erie**, held the second-highest number, five, between 20 and 24 Aug (m. obs.). The last were three solos on 13 Sep, at Big Island (Brad and Eric Elvert), Lorain (Gabe Leidy), and Wilderness Road (m. obs.). **Butler**, **Hancock**, and **Wyandot** also produced sightings.



Su Snyder photographed this lovely Wilson's Phalarope on 08 Sep along Wilderness Road.

Red-necked Phalarope

Mark and Sherry Plessner saw the first in a Toledo, **Lucas**, retention pond on 05 Aug. The Ostermillers found the first far inland bird at Wilderness Road on 07 Sep. Dylan and Kim Leedom saw two at Lorain on 13 Sep; John Herman classified the two phalaropes he saw at Clear Fork on 12 Sep as probably Red-necked. Alex Champagne found the second to last at Big Island on 18 Sep. A month later on 18 Oct, Rick Asamoto and John Habig noted a straggler at the Ferguson Reservoir, **Allen**. Other reports came from **Ashtabula**, **Erie**, **Hamilton**, **Ottawa**, and **Wayne**.

Red Phalarope

The four single individuals were:

At Berlin Lake on 25 to 30 Sep (m. obs.)

At Buckeye Lake, **Licking**, between 13 and 16 Oct (m. obs.)

At Huron harbor, **Erie**, from 03 to 16 Nov (m. obs.)

At Headlands on 27 Nov (Tom Frankel)



Buckeye Lake, **Licking**, hosted a Red Phalarope, beautifully photographed by Christopher Collins on 14 Oct.

Phalarope sp.

Ron Sempier found two at Killdeer on 09 Oct and wrote, "My gut feeling is that they were Wilson's but this would be a late date". Robert Sams saw one from 400 yards away at the Findlay Reservoirs on 26 Oct.

Pomarine Jaeger

The reports are:

One off the **Erie** shore on 21 Sep (m. obs.)

One off Lorain on 27 Sep (m. obs.)

One at Huron, **Erie**, on 18 Oct (Dan Gesualdo)

Two, probably the same two, at multiple **Lake** sites on 01 Nov (m. obs.)

One at Sherod Park on 03 and 08 Nov (m. obs.)

One at Avon Power on 07 Nov (Erik Bruder)

Parasitic Jaeger

Some of the internet reports, from **Ashtabula**, **Erie**, **Lake**, and **Lorain**, may have enough information for OBRC evaluation.



Victor Fazio III caught this Parasitic Jaeger in action harassing a Ring-billed Gull during a 27 Sep pelagic off the shore of Vermilion, **Erie**.

Long-tailed Jaeger

Similarly, the internet reports from **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Lake**, and **Lorain** varied in their amount of detail.

Black-legged Kittiwake

One spent from 26 to 30 Nov unusually far from Lake Erie at Deer Creek Lake, mostly at the **Fayette** end but occasionally being seen in **Pickaway** (m. obs.). Robert Royse saw one at Conneaut on 29 Nov.



Photographer Leslie Sours obtained this image of a juvenile Black-legged Kittiwake on 29 Nov as the accidental visitor foraged in the shallow waters of Deer Creek WA.

Sabine's Gull

This was a banner year for Sabine-sighters. One bird was mostly on the Pennsylvania side of Pyramtuning Lake between 05 and 19 Sep but was

also seen on the **Ashtabula** side to make it our first of the season. The first seen further inland was along Wilderness Road from 11 to 13 Sep (m. obs.); Su Snyder noted that it was the first record for **Wayne**. Pelagic trip participants saw four fairly near the **Erie** shore and another three further out in the big lake (m. obs.). Scott Myers and Doug and Micki Dunakin saw the last, another inland bird at Paulding Reservoir on 22 Oct. **Hancock, Logan, Lorain, Ottawa,** and **Wayne** also provided sightings.



Ron Sempier photographed this Sabine's Gull by Wilderness Road on 13 Sep.

Bonaparte's Gull

Cory Chiappone estimated 6000 at the Eastlake power plant, **Lake**, on 24 Nov. Victor Fazio III saw about 3500 at Lakeview Park, **Lorain**, on 07 Sep. Ben Morrison's 1500 at Berlin Lake on 31 Oct was the inland high count. Second was Bob Powell, who said that a "semi-careful count" at Deer Creek SP on 08 Nov yielded 700. Fifty-two counties produced reports.

Black-headed Gull

Some thorough internet reports came from Conneaut.



Chris Swan found and photographed this rare Black-headed Gull on 14 Aug at Conneaut.

Little Gull

One brief Jul sighting preceded this season's first, which was unusually far south and early at Buck Creek SP, **Clark**, from 11 to 15 Aug (m. obs.). The next spent 19 to 28 Aug at Alum Creek, **Delaware**, and may have been the bird seen later at Delaware Lake SP (m. obs.). Duos

were seen at seven locations. Reports came from **Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Hancock, Lake, Logan, Lorain, Pickaway, Richland, Trumbull,** and **Wayne** in addition to the counties already named.

Laughing Gull

There were summer sightings, but the first of this season was at Deer Creek SP on 08 Aug (Alex Champagne). The last was at Wendy Park on 10 Nov (m. obs.). One spent from 14 Aug to 06 Oct at Mosquito Lake, whence David Hochadel wrote, "Interesting to watch it molt to 1st winter plumage from fresh juvenile." Other reports, also all of single birds, came from **Delaware, Erie, Logan, Lorain, Richland,** and **Wayne**.

Franklin's Gull

Cole DiFabio found three at Sunset Park, **Lake**, on 07 Sep; they were the first. A host of birders saw between 15 and 21 at Alum Creek 28 Oct. Rick Asamoto found nine at Caesar Creek on 21 Sep. The last was a solo which Melanie Shuter saw at Deer Creek SP on 14 Nov. Reports came from 18 counties.

Ring-billed Gull

Victor Fazio III estimated 15,500 were at Huron, **Erie**, on 06 Nov and 27,000 there the next day. The inland high numbers were 3000 at Dueber, **Stark**, on 07 Nov (Kent Miller) and 3000 to 5000 north of Sugarcreek, **Tuscarawas**, on 30 Nov (*vide* Jeffrey A. Miller). Sixty-nine counties had sightings.

Herring Gull

Victor Fazio III saw about 1400 at the Camp Perry, **Ottawa**, beach on 18 Aug. Jen Brumfield *et al.* found about the same number off the **Lorain** shore on 07 Sep. The inland high count was about half that size, 850 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 01 Nov (Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams). Fifty-five counties produced sightings.



This fearless Little Gull landed near Jenny Bowman for a close-up at the Alum Creek beach on 25 Aug.

Thayer's Gull

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At Mosquito Lake on 01 and 04 Oct (David Hochadel)
 At the Findlay Reservoirs on 29 Oct (Jeff Loughman) and again on 16 Nov (m. obs.)
 At Edgewater on both 31 Oct and 27 Nov (Jen Brumfield)
 At Geneva SP, *Ashtabula*, on 10 Nov (Jonathan Oliveras)
 At the Eastlake, *Lake*, power plant on 22 Nov (m. obs.)
 At the Lakeside Yacht Club, *Cuyahoga*, on 23 Nov (the Kassoufs)

Iceland Gull

Tom Kemp saw what he thinks is the earliest record for *Lucas* on 21 Nov at Farnsworth MP. Irene Krise *et al.* saw one at the Eastlake power plant, *Lake*, on 22 Nov.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

A couple of Jul sightings preceded this season's first, which was by Steve Jones at Indian Lake SP, *Logan*, on 11 Aug. Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams saw up to 15 at the Findlay Reservoirs; that high came on 02 Nov. Three other locations each hosted 10. Reports came from 15 counties as far south as *Montgomery*.

Glaucous Gull

The reports are of one at the Findlay Reservoirs on 02 Nov (Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams) and one at Conneaut on 10 Nov (John Pogacnik)

Great Black-backed Gull

The smattering of summer reports of one or two birds continued through Aug; numbers of sightings and of birds both increased through the end of the season. The high count was Paul Sherwood's 12 at Vermilion's Main Street Beach, *Erie*, on 08 Nov. The only sightings not on or near the Lake Erie shore were of one at the Oberlin Reservoir, *Lorain*, on 22 Oct (Ed Wran-sky) and two at the Findlay Reservoirs on 02 Nov (Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams). *Ashtabula*, *Cuyahoga*, *Lake*, *Lucas*, and *Lorain* also contributed reports.

Gull sp.

Edward Ingold noted a mixed flock of about 10,000 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 05 Nov.

Caspian Tern

Dan Gesualdo saw one by the Cedar Point Chausee on 31 Oct, but Jon Cefus and Sean Ricker separately saw the last, at Fairport Harbor, *Lake*, on 12 Nov. Tim Lenz found about 200 settled in for the night in the Cedar Point amusement park lot, *Erie*, on 15 Aug. The most elsewhere were 90 at Pickerel Creek on 30 Aug (Ethan Gyllenhaal). The inland high of 48 came from Clear Fork on 01 Sep; Anna Wittmer wrote,

"most were perched on the dam, so it was easy [to] count them individually." Forty counties provided sightings.

Black Tern

One hung around the Cleveland lakefront from 16 Oct; Tyler Ficker last saw it on 03 Nov at Wendy Park. Tom Kemp's two at CPNWR on 08 Oct were the second to last. Jen Brumfield and Gabe Leidy saw a magnificent 140 from the *Lorain* shore on 07 Sep. Kathi Hutton wrote from East Fork on 01 Sep that a "flock of approx 63 (counted 38; estimated 25 more) flew east to west across the lake and over the tree line near the dam; around 5+ were present before and after the flock flew over, fishing the lake". Twenty-three counties produced reports.



Ron Sempier captured this image of a migrating Black Tern which stopped to feed at Big Island on 31 Aug.

Common Tern

Ron Sempier found the last, at Huron, *Erie*, on 29 Nov. East Harbor hosted more than 1300 on 03 Aug (Victor Fazio III). The second most were 950 at Huntington Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 07 Oct (Jen Brumfield) and the inland high was 20 at LaDue on 22 Sep (Matthew Valencic). Thirty counties provided reports.

Forster's Tern

Matt Kemp saw two on 07 Nov and four on 12 Nov at Walbridge Park, *Lucas*, for the last. Dan Gesualdo's 545 at Sherod Park on 20 Oct was the high count. The next highest number was 160, shared by ONWR on 05 Oct (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus) and East Harbor on 09 Oct (Kenn Kaufman). Gene Stauffer noted the inland high of 11, at the Findlay Reservoirs on 02 Sep. Reports came from 29 counties as far south as the Ohio River.

Rock Pigeon

Victor Fazio III counted 430 at the Huron, *Erie*, pier on 06 Nov. Scott Myers saw about 300 along Township Highway 71, *Paulding*, on several Aug dates.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Some internet reports from *Ashland*, *Clark*, *Clinton*, *Mercer*, and *Warren* have details. One from *Pike* does not.

Mourning Dove

Two flocks of about 500 were noted. Gary Cowell saw them in **Warren** along Old State Route 133 on 21 Aug, and Shane Myers found his at the intersection of County Roads 205 and 234 in **Hancock** on 16 Sep. Only **Coshocton**, **Meigs**, and **Scioto** lacked reports.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

The last were two singles on 23 Oct. A BRAS field trip saw theirs at Black River Reservation, **Lorain**. Ron Sempier's was by the Little Sandusky River, **Wyandot**. Brian McCaskey saw four in Lake Su An WA, **Williams**, on 24 Aug, and there were several triples seen elsewhere. Forty-seven counties produced reports.

Black-billed Cuckoo

Bob and Elaine McNulty saw the last, at Blendon Woods on 16 Oct. Reports, all of single birds, came from 17 counties.

Barn Owl

The reports are:

One heard near Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, for much of the fall (Robert Hershberger)

One in LaRue, **Marion**, on 04 Aug (Steve Jones)

One along Township Road 414 in Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 11 Oct (Hallie Mason and the Ohio Young Birders)

Up to three at or near the Pickerington Ponds nest box between 19 Oct and 30 Nov (m. obs.)

One in his Hill and Woods birding area, **Highland**, on 29 Oct (Junior Barnes)

Two near Urbana, **Champaign**, on 16 Nov (Dillon Nott)

Eastern Screech-Owl

The high count was six; Blake Mathys and James Muller saw them at the Mathys home in **Union** on 15 Nov. Tom Bartlett *et al.* found four at Springville Marsh on 28 Sep. Thirty-eight counties had sightings.

Great Horned Owl

Nicole Freshour and Alexander Clark had triples, at ONWR on 06 Sep and in **Clermont** on 16 Nov, respectively. Forty counties provided sightings.

Snowy Owl

One showed up in **Williams** on 17 Nov (*vide* Paul Hurtado). Jen Brumfield saw one in suburban Shaker Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Nov. Another spent from 23 Nov into Dec at Headlands (m. obs.).

Barred Owl

Corinna Honscheid found three in the Emily Traphagen Preserve, **Delaware**, on 15 Aug. Kelly Kozlowski equaled that count in Novelty, **Geauga**, on 27 Sep. Thirty-eight counties produced reports.

Long-eared Owl

Rueben S. Erb saw one at the Norma Johnson Center, **Tuscarawas**, on 16 Nov. Tom Bartlett saw the only other one of the season at Kelleys Island on 23 Nov.

Short-eared Owl

Someone brought a very young injured bird to **Harrison** veterinarian Scott Pendleton on 03 Oct; unfortunately it did not survive. Scott suspects it was born in the grasslands near Moorefield. The next flew into Sherod Park from across Lake Erie on 28 Oct (Dan Gesualdo). Darby Creek hosted two on both 07 Nov (Donna Kuhn) and 25 Nov (James Muller), as did Rehoboth Road, **Perry**, on 09 Nov (Joe Faulkner). Reports also came from **Hamilton**, **Hancock**, **Jefferson**, **Lorain**, **Mahoning**, **Wayne**, and **Wyandot**.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Matthew Bell saw the first, in Hocking Hills SP on 05 Oct. Tom Bartlett banded 51 of the 53 he encountered on Kelleys Island during Oct and Nov. Bob Placier banded a female at Hocking College on 02 Nov and a male at Lowe-Volk Park, **Crawford**, on 15 Nov. Dave Russell banded three in Hueston Woods SP, **Butler/Preble**, on 07 Nov and two in Germantown MP, **Montgomery**, on 14 Oct. Rebecca Palmer's Caesar Creek station banded a hatch year bird on 30 Oct and four birds on 14 Nov. **Cuyahoga**, **Geauga**, **Greene**, **Hamilton**, and **Lake** also had sightings.



Photographer Alexander Clark took this Great Horned Owl image on 23 Nov at Symmes Township Park, **Hamilton**.

Common Nighthawk

The last of the few Oct sightings was by Gabriel Amrhein on the Antioch College campus, **Greene**, on 24 Oct. The last of the season, however, was a straggler over Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 03 Nov (Chris Swan). Chris wrote about that extraordinarily late bird, "White wing bands plainly seen along with white throat. Awesome close-up views. This bird flushed from the ballast along the NS railroad tracks. It flew about

20 feet or so and landed again. I took a few steps closer then it flew onto a tree limb and I let it be.” Two concentrations of about 100 were noted on 02 Sep, in Cincinnati (Harris Abramson) and near Toledo (Elliot Tramer). Robert Hershberger counted 105 passing overhead near Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, in one hour on 04 Sep. Forty-five counties produced reports.

Eastern Whip-poor-will

The reports follow; only the Magee bird was seen. One in Zaleski SE, **Vinton**, on 16 Aug (Mike Smith)

One at home in **Warren** on 29 Aug (Leslie Sours)
Three at OOPMP in the pre-dawn of 01 Sep
(Tom Kemp)

One at Magee on 18 Sep (Josh Haughawout)
One at Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**, on 19 Sep
(Jeremy Dominguez)

Chimney Swift

Mary Ann Wagner saw the last, along Mansion Boulevard, Mentor, **Lake**, on 31 Oct. Kent Miller had found three near Waynesburg, **Stark**, on 23 Oct. John Whitney estimated 1000 were entering a chimney at Harrison Street Elementary School, Sunbury, **Delaware**, on 25 Sep. Seventy-two counties contributed reports.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Paul Hurtado wrote about a sighting at Adena Brook, **Franklin**, on 05 Nov, “** LATE. Immature female with some swelling behind (and to a lesser extent, around) the right eye. She’s been visiting a feeder behind a residence south of the ravine for about three days now.” Even later was one which Blake Mathys found dead after a window strike on the Ohio Dominican University campus, **Franklin**, on 14 Nov; Allen Chartier positively identified it. Kaley Bartosik and Jason Sullivan saw 22 while tromping about two miles through Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**, on 07 Sep. Reports came from 68 counties.

Rufous Hummingbird

The data in the following table are provided by Allen Chartier, who bands and monitors our visiting hummers when allowed by the bird’s host. He wrote in Nov, “Since I began this work in 2001, a pattern has emerged with 2-3 “up” years followed by 5-6 “down” years. 2014 was going to be either the last “up” year, or the first “down” year.” [It turned out to be the latter – Ed.]

Location and County	Age	Sex	First Observed	Banded	Last Observed
Malaga, Monroe	Ad	M	05 Oct	12 Nov	16 Nov
Kinsman, Trumbull	AHY	F	~16 Oct	12 Nov	18 Nov

Ad = Adult, HY = Hatch Year, AHY = After Hatch Year

A tilde (~) preceding the date means the exact date is unknown.

In addition to the above, Jay Lehman reported one south of Barnesville, Belmont, on 14 Oct which had apparently been present for some time.

Selasphorus sp. Hummingbird

One spent from approximately 13 Oct to 18 Nov at a residence in **Ashland** but the homeowner’s illness prevented Allen Chartier from being able to schedule banding before the bird departed. Another was in Findlay, **Hancock**, for at least three days ending 17 Nov but the homeowner declined public announcement and banding.

Belted Kingfisher

Eric Elvert found 14 along the Great Miami River in **Montgomery** on 18 Nov. Seventy-seven counties provided reports.

Red-headed Woodpecker

The largest of many double-digit counts at OOPMP was 30 on 26 Nov (Brandon Brywczyński). The most elsewhere were four adults and 11 juveniles at Killdeer’s Pond 33 on 09 Oct. Ron Sempier wrote, “The adults were in the west trees harassing Blue Jays. The juvenile[s] were in the east trees frolicking with Northern Flicker[s].” Sixty counties provided sightings.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 18 along the CVNP Towpath Trail on 04 Oct and 29 there on 02 Nov. The highest number elsewhere was 15. Craig Moore saw that many in Blacklick Woods MP, **Fairfield**, on 19 Oct, as did Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble in Blendon Woods on 10 Nov. Every county but **Meigs** and **Mercer** provided reports.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Scott Huge saw two at his **Portage** home on 08 Aug and one on several Sep dates. He wrote that they were a “continuing family in area”. The first migrant appeared during the 07 Sep ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Another showed up at William Hull’s home in **Hamilton** on 17 Sep. Elizabeth McQuaid counted eight in CLNP on 28 Sep. Fifty-one counties produced reports.



This Rufous Hummingbird found a welcoming residence with a filled nectar feeder in Malaga, **Monroe**, and was photographed by Christopher Collins on 07 Oct.

Downy Woodpecker

Tom Bartlett's Kelleys Island census crews found double digit numbers every month of the season, with the highest being 33 on 23 Nov. The most elsewhere were 21 at Camp Berry, **Hancock**, on 14 Sep (Shane Myers and Robert Sams). **Meigs** and **Mercer** again were report-less.

Hairy Woodpecker

The 01 Nov CVNP census produced 14 for Douglas Vogus *et al.*; they had found eight on 04 Oct. Another count of eight came along two miles of trails at Sippo Lake, **Stark**, on 24 Oct (Cynthia Norris). Reports came from 77 counties.

Northern Flicker

Kelleys Island provided another high count, 49 on 23 Nov (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Jacob Roalef found 35 in CLNP on 09 Oct. Eighty-two counties produced sightings.

Pileated Woodpecker

Phillip North found eight at Lake Su An, **Williams**, on 10 Oct, and there were several counts of five and six elsewhere. Seventy-four counties produced reports.

American Kestrel

Charles Bombaci saw eight at Killdeer on 24 Aug and up to six there on other dates. The most elsewhere, though only a few miles away, were Paul Sherwood's five along Township Road 108, **Wyandot**. There were many sightings of four. Reports came from 78 counties.

Merlin

The first of the season showed up at Conneaut on 01 Aug (Chris Swan), but a 31 Jul arrival had been the first returnee. On 13 Aug Irina Shulgina saw the next, at Killdeer. Most of the season's birds were singles, but there were six reports of two. Thirty-seven counties had sightings.

Peregrine Falcon

Three triples were reported. Tom Kemp saw them in CPNWR on 08 Oct, Ed Wransky's were at Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery on 10 Oct, and a crowd of boating birders enjoyed that many along the **Cuyahoga** shoreline on 22 Oct. Sightings came from 32 counties.

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Two Jul arrivals pre-dated fall's first, which Seth Caldwell saw along Mansfield-Lucas Road, **Richland**, on 10 Aug. Joseph Ford and Taben Roye saw the last, at the Kent State University wetlands, **Portage**, on 23 Sep. Five reports of two shared the high count. Twenty-three counties provided reports.

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Jonathan Erb found 20 near Sugarcreek, **Tuscarawas**, on 07 Sep. The next highest number was the 12 which Douglas Vogus' team found in CVNP on 08 Aug. Singles on 18 Oct in Woodman Fen, **Montgomery** (Jeremy Dominguez) and Killdeer (Irina Shulgina) were the latest. Seventy-six counties produced reports.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Four were seen on 25 Aug. Tom Kemp's single was in CPNWR, Blake Mathys' was on his **Union** property, and Marsha Gilger saw two along the Clinton Towpath, **Summit**. Chris Pierce found the last, at Wendy Park on 05 Oct. Tom Kemp saw four in CPNWR on 13 Sep. Twenty-four counties produced sightings.

Acadian Flycatcher

The last was a bit late for the latitude; Andy R. Troyer saw and heard it near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 09 Oct. **Butler**, **Holmes**, and **Summit** each hosted one on the second-latest date of 28 Sep. Victor Fazio III counted 12 in Collier SNP, **Seneca**, on 04 Aug. Reports came from 42 counties.

Alder Flycatcher

Christine Stoughton Root saw and heard the last in Youngstown's 9/11 Memorial Park, **Mahoning**, on 02 Sep. The high count was three, by Victor Fazio III at Resthaven WA, **Erie**, on 03 Aug. **Ashtabula**, **Hancock**, **Lorain**, **Ottawa**, **Summit**, and **Wyandot** also provided sightings.

Willow Flycatcher

Cole DiFabio took a group to Headlands on 20 Sep, and they saw the season's last there. Cole, with Cory Chiappone, also contributed the high count of 12, at CLNP on 02 Aug. Some of them were juveniles being fed by their parents. Thirty-nine counties provided reports.

Alder/Willow ("Traill's") Flycatcher

Alex Eberts saw, but didn't hear, one at Darby Creek on 29 Sep; it and others at three sites after 20 Sep post-date the last sure Willow. Four birds at Winous Horseshoe on 20 Aug (Tom Bartlett) exceed the Alder high count. Twenty-three counties hosted indeterminate birds.

Least Flycatcher

Jonathan Oliveras well described a late bird at Lake Erie Bluffs MP, **Lake**, on 20 Oct. Irina Shulgina found the second-last, at the OSU Mirror Lake on 14 Oct; it too was a straggler. Victor Fazio III and Gary Neuman counted four at Shaker Lakes on 29 Aug. Reports came from 31 counties.

***Empidonax* sp. Flycatcher**

One at Darby Creek on 18 Oct was later than some of known species (B.J. Homan). Counts of eight at Headlands on 30 Aug (Matthew Valencic) and 31 Aug (Cole DiFabio) and at Magee on 25 Sep (Kim Leedom) exceeded some species-specific numbers.

Eastern Phoebe

Tom Kemp saw nine in CPNWR on 26 Sep. Seventy-four counties had sightings.

Great Crested Flycatcher

Melanie Shuter found the last, in A.W. Marion SP, *Pickaway*, on 02 Oct. Cole DiFabio and the Kassoufs each saw five, Cole at Headlands on 05 Aug and Karen and Rich at CLNP two days later. Forty-two counties provided sightings.

Eastern Kingbird

Eric Elvert saw one at his home in *Montgomery* on 29 Sep; it was the last. ONWR hosted 60 on 03 Aug (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Tom Bartlett *et al.* came up one short of that number at Kelleys Island on 15 Aug. Cynthia Norris said there were "Lots of bugs to eat for these several families that nested on one of the islands" at Nimsila Reservoir, *Summit*, on 19 Aug. Sixty-one counties provided reports.

Loggerhead Shrike

One internet report from *Gallia* had no details.

Northern Shrike

All of the reports, which came from 13 counties south to *Muskingum*, were of single birds. The first was seen at Headlands on 23 Oct (m. obs.).

White-eyed Vireo

Ron Sempier's bird near Upper Sandusky, *Wyandot*, on 23 Oct, would have been a typical last of the season but for a seriously straggling bird which Nancy Anderson documented at Villa Angela, *Cuyahoga*, on 29 Nov. Ted Ossege found 10 at East Fork on 07 Sep. Thirty-nine counties produced sightings.

Bell's Vireo

The reports are:

One seen and heard from Jul to 02 Aug in *Wood* (Mark and Sherry Plessner)

One or two at Darby Creek between 04 and 07 Aug (m. obs.)

Two at Deer Creek WA on 04 Aug (Robert Roysel)

Yellow-throated Vireo

Bill Stanley saw the last, at East Fork on 11 Oct. Most of the sightings were of single birds but there were also quite a few doubles. Forty-two counties produced reports.

Blue-headed Vireo

The one which Sandra Griffiths saw near Ira Road in CVNP on 06 Aug might have nested nearby. The only other report that month was another probable nester at OOPMP on 10 Aug (Josh Haughawout). Josh also saw one in Wintergarden Woods, *Wood*, on 03 Sep; it was part of a mixed flock of migrants. Gary Cowell provided this information about the bird he found in Pleasant Hill Lake Park, *Richland*, on 12 Nov: "LATE DATE: First detected by ear making subdued call several times and subdued song three times. Seen briefly...in small south sloped facing woodlot with lots of thick shrubby understorey with lots of seed and fruit present." The next to last was Elizabeth Medina-Gray's in *Lorain* on 02 Nov. Woodman Fen, *Montgomery*, hosted four on 11 Oct for Jeremy Dominguez. Reports came from 40 counties.

Warbling Vireo

A trickle of sightings led to the last, in Massillon, *Stark*, on 20 Oct (Diane Boswell). Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 32 in ONWR on 07 Sep (*vide* Douglas Vogus). The next highest number was 14 at Magee on 14 Aug (Josh Haughawout). Fifty-one counties provided reports.

Philadelphia Vireo

A crew of CLNP survey volunteers saw the first, on 19 Aug. A Kent State Bird Club field trip found the next, at Mogadore Reservoir, *Portage*, on 29 Aug. The high count was four; Mike Wielgopolski noted that many at Ottawa Park, *Lucas*, on 14 Sep and also at ONWR on 23 Sep. A naturalist-led group saw the last, at Sandy Ridge on 15 Oct, a bit late for that far north. Thirty-six counties had sightings.

Red-eyed Vireo

Jim McConnor found a straggler at CLNP on 27 Oct. The second-last, in Crooked Run NP, *Clermont*, on 19 Oct was about on time for the typical latest date at that latitude (m. obs.). Tom Bartlett's survey crew counted 23 at Kelleys Island on 16 Sep; three locations each held the second-highest number of 12. Reports came from 68 counties.

Blue Jay

Tom Kemp counted 91 passing over his Grand Rapids, *Lucas*, yard on 09 Oct. Only *Meigs* and *Mercer* had no sightings.

American Crow

Birders estimated 500 at locations in *Clark*, *Hamilton*, and *Richland*. Reports came from every county but *Auglaize*, *Meigs*, *Mercer*, *Putnam*, and *Van Wert*.

Common Raven

Scott Pendleton well documented a sighting in *Harrison*. Reports from *Pickaway* and *Jefferson* do not have enough information for OBRC evaluation.

Horned Lark

Edward Ingold saw about 200 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 17 Nov. Gary Cowell matched him in fields by a borrow pit in *Ashland* on 20 Nov. Fifty-nine counties produced sightings.

Purple Martin

Marsha Gilger saw the last, along the Clinton Towpath, *Summit*, on 01 Oct. Robert Hershberger noted one near Mt. Hope, *Holmes*, on 28 Sep; both of these are late for their latitudes. A trio of birders estimated 20,000 were staging at Nimisila Reservoir, *Summit*, on 19 Aug; they saw about the same number on 30 Aug as well. The most elsewhere were about 800 at East Harbor on 05 Sep (Victor Fazio III). Forty-nine counties had sightings.

Tree Swallow

The last of the season were three at Cullen Park, *Lucas*, on 21 Nov (Tom Kemp), but there were Dec sightings as well. Doug Overacker found about 2000 at ONWR on 12 Sep. His number was eclipsed by Victor Fazio III, who found 12,000 and 29,000 at Pickerel Creek on 05 and 14 Aug, respectively. Reports came from 68 counties.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

John Habig saw two seriously late birds on 14 Nov by the Great Miami River at Twin Creek, *Butler*. Brian Wulker *et al.* saw up to four at nearby Fernald between 23 Oct and 05 Nov. Charlie Saunders was able to count 62, mostly perched on wires, at the Riverside Natural Area, *Butler*, on 14 Sep. Jeffrey A. Miller saw an albino individual near Sugar creek, *Tuscarawas*, on 13 Aug. Fifty-four counties provided sightings.

Bank Swallow

The last was hanging around Pickerington Ponds on 09 and 10 Oct (Hank George). The only other report that month was from Spring Valley WA, *Greene*, where Gabriel Amrhein saw one on 05 Oct. Pickerel Creek, so attractive to Tree Swallows, also hosted huge numbers of Banks: 71,000 staged there on 05 Aug. The most elsewhere were about 6700 at Celotex Marsh on 14 Aug (both Victor Fazio III). Thirty-nine counties produced reports.

Cliff Swallow

Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams saw one at the Findlay Reservoirs on 05 Oct. That same day, Matthew Bell saw another at Conkle's Hollow

SNP, *Hocking*. That date is quite a bit later than the second-last, 19 Sep, when Loughman and Sams found three at Findlay, *Hancock*, and Harris Abramson one at Magee. Bob Powell posted the high count of 37 from Wilderness Road on 15 Sep. Thirty-eight counties produced sightings.

Barn Swallow

Kent Miller wrote from Berlin Lake on 06 Nov, "Watched [a Barn Swallow] for over an hour as it gleaned from the water surface just a few feet from the sandspit with all the gulls I was watching." Brian Wulker saw the second-last, at Fernald on 29 Oct. The highest of many large counts at the Findlay Reservoirs was Victor Fazio III's 1150 on 04 Sep. The most elsewhere were the 458 counted during the 15 Aug Kelleys Island census (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). All but 10 counties had sightings.

Carolina Chickadee

Locations in *Delaware*, *Franklin*, and *Hamilton* shared the high count of 30. Sixty-two counties provided reports.

Black-capped Chickadee

Kelleys Island hosted 133 residents and migrants on 23 Nov (Tom Bartlett *et al.*) and double digit counts on other dates. The most elsewhere were 38 at CVNP on 04 Oct (Douglas Vogus) and 35 during an 11 mile jog in OOPMP on 23 Aug (Tom Kemp). Reports came from 30 counties.

[Carolina x Black-capped Chickadee]

Tom Bartlett noted two on 30 Aug and one on 13 Sep at Springville Marsh, in the heart of the two species' overlap zone. No doubt others go unremarked.

Tufted Titmouse

Lauren Boerger found 30 at Armleder Park on 29 Nov. Only *Crawford*, *Meigs*, *Mercer*, and *Van Wert* did not have a sighting.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Early Aug reports came from *Geauga* and *Summit*, where these sprites nest. Tim Haney found the first probable migrant, in Woodlawn Cemetery, *Lucas*, on 29 Aug. The high count was six; Michael Motsch saw them in Mt. Airy Forest, *Hamilton*, on 11 Oct. Thirty-three counties produced reports.

White-breasted Nuthatch

Shane Myers counted 22 both in the Riverbend Recreation Area, *Hancock*, on 18 Sep and (with Heidi Trudell) in OOPMP on 02 Nov. *Meigs*, *Mercer*, and *Ross* did not have sightings.

Brown Creeper

The first migrants were noted on 30 Aug. Elizabeth McQuaid saw one in CLNP while Donna

Kuhn and Lisa Phelps did the same in Hoover NP. Thomas Olson saw 25 in CLNP on 17 Oct and commented, "Very conservative estimate... Huge fallout of many species." Reports came from 57 counties.

House Wren

The OSU West Campus woodlot, **Franklin**, hosted the last on 28 Nov, rather late even for mid-state (Mikey Lutmerding). The second-last were much earlier, two birds at Sandy Ridge on 02 Nov (BRAS). Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 18 in ONWR on 03 Aug (*vide* Douglas Vogus). The dozen birds at Holden Arboretum, **Lake**, on 03 Aug included eight juveniles (Cole DiFabio). Sixty-eight counties provided reports.

Winter Wren

Nola Miller-Brasure's 02 Aug sighting in Mohican SP was almost surely a nester. Victor Fazio III saw the first migrant, at Headlands on 11 Sep. Christopher Collins and Jacob Roalef found 10 in CLNP on 18 Oct. Forty counties produced sightings.

Sedge Wren

The Ostermillers saw the last, at Letha House Park, **Medina**, on 13 Nov. Like the last House Wren, it too was a straggler; the second last was (or were) in CLNP where several observers found one between 23 and 25 Oct. Chris Byers and Steve Jones each found four, at Darby Creek on 04 Aug and Big Island on 07 Aug, respectively. Seventeen counties had sightings.

Marsh Wren

Pickrel Creek held eight on 05 Aug (Victor Fazio III) as did Darby Creek on 20 Sep (Irina Shulgina). Sightings at Darby Creek were more or less continuous into Dec. Thirty-two counties produced reports.

Carolina Wren

Many observers reported 10 to 13; J.W. Rettig topped them all with 15 in French Park, **Hamilton**, on 08 Sep. All but 10 counties provided sightings.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Lots of folks saw the last, at Headlands on 25 and 26 Oct. On 19 Oct Lauren Boerger found one at Armler Park, and John Conner found two at Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**; that was the second-latest date. Ronnie Clark discovered 25 at Darby Creek on 07 Sep and 10 remained for her on both 10 and 13 Sep. Two parties found eight elsewhere. Reports came from 54 counties.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Matt Kemp found two in OOPMP on 23 Aug; those were the earliest sightings but they might have nested there. The earliest at a location

which isn't a known breeding area was one in Whipple, **Washington**, on 28 Sep (Nathan Martineau). CLNP was hopping on 17 Oct when the Ostermillers estimated 500 were there. The most away from the Lake Erie shore (though not far away) were 75 in Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery that same day (Gustino Lanese). Sixty-two counties produced sightings.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Irina Shulgina saw the first, in Blendon Woods on 26 Aug. The Ostermillers, CLNP, and 17 Oct again combined to produce the high count, 350. The most away from Lake Erie were 48 in Riverbend Recreation Area, **Hancock**, on 19 Oct (m. obs.). Sixty-five counties had sightings.

Northern Wheatear

The OBRC has accepted Su Snyder's documentation of the wheatear which spent 09 to 16 Sep at Headlands.

Eastern Bluebird

Fields along Fairfield Pike, **Clark**, held about 50 on 07 Oct (Jason Sullivan and Chris Zacharias). An even 80 counties produced reports.



This Eastern Bluebird found berries on a snowy branch at Caesar Creek and was captured by Alexander Clark on 20 Nov.

Townsend's Solitaire

One was well reported on Kelleys Island in late Oct; the OBRC will publicize those whose documentation is accepted.



Tom Bartlett splendidly documented this Townsend's Solitaire on Kelleys Island on 22 Nov.

Veery

There were two Oct reports, both of them past the species' typical last date. They were of singles at Darby Creek on 10 Oct (Ronnie Clark), and in Calhoun, *Delaware*, on 11 Oct (Thomas Slemmer). Eric Liebold produced the high count of five, in Walsh Park, *Sandusky*, on 17 Sep. Twenty counties provided reports.

Gray-cheeked Thrush

The first made it all the way to Phillips Park, *Greene*, before Christopher Collins saw it on 05 Sep. Reports were steady until Dick Hoopes found the second-last in Sunnybrook Preserve, *Geauga*, on 18 Oct. Almost a week passed before Mary Warren *et al.* saw the last, ironically far north at Kelleys Island on 23 Oct. Tom Bartlett's 12 Sep banding session on South Bass Island, *Ottawa*, tallied 25. Reports came from 20 counties.

Swainson's Thrush

Tom Kemp saw the first, in his Grand Rapids, *Lucas*, yard on 27 Aug. The last, and the only sightings in that month, were singles on 07 Nov in Woodlawn Cemetery, *Lucas* (m. obs.), and on 10 Nov at Shaker Lakes (Laura Gooch). Rob Harlan counted 160 passing overhead in 15 minutes around midnight of 11 to 12 Sep near his *Summit* home. Tom Bartlett noted about 125 "arriving at dawn" of 12 Sep at Scheeff East Point Preserve on South Bass Island, *Ottawa*. Forty-eight counties provided reports.

Hermit Thrush

The first migrants were seen on 07 Sep at Headlands (Cole DiFabio), ONWR (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus), and North Chagrin Reservation, *Lake* (Gustino Lanese). Jen Brumfield found 75 in Wendy Park on 16 Oct. The Cleveland Cultural Gardens on 16 Oct (Jen Brumfield) and Magee on 19 Oct (Robert Spahn) each hosted 25. The highest count well away from Lake Erie was eight at Springville Marsh on 15 Oct (Victor Fazio III). Forty-two counties had sightings.

Wood Thrush

Sightings were steady to the last, which was by Larry Hickey at Wendy Park on 19 Oct. William Hull saw 15 at his home in *Hamilton* on 17 Sep. Forty-seven counties provided sightings.

American Robin

Matt Kemp estimated 1200 in a "Large flock streaming overhead" at OOPMP on 01 Sep. Inga Schmidt wrote that about 630 were "coming from several directions, landing in the trees and shrubs to roost. (in about 40 acres.)" along Chagrin River Road, *Geauga*, on 16 Aug. Only *Lawrence*, *Meigs*, and *Mercer* did not provide a report.

Gray Catbird

Jacob Roalef and Greg Sagasser found the last of the season, in Eastwood MP, *Montgomery*, on 26 Nov, though there were also two Dec sightings. Locations in *Erie* and *Franklin* provided the other Nov sightings. Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 101 at Springville Marsh on 17 Aug; the second-most were 61 during the 07 Sep ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Reports came from 76 counties.

Brown Thrasher

Two southwestern locations had Dec sightings, but the last of fall was Ryan Domigan's in Lima, *Allen*, on 18 Nov. Scott Pendleton found 10 both at The Bowl on 13 Sep and Barkcamp SP, *Belmont*, on 16 Sep. Forty-six counties produced reports.

Northern Mockingbird

The high count was 13, by Eric Elvert and Chris Zacharias at the Great Miami Wetlands Mitigation Bank on 10 Aug. Sixty-one counties provided reports.

European Starling

Scott Myers estimated 5000 in a flock by Township Highway 71, *Paulding*, on 17 Sep. Daniel DeLapp found a similar number at the West Carrollton Dam, *Montgomery*, on 21 Nov. Every county but *Meigs* produced a sighting.

American Pipit

Celotex Marsh hosted the first, for Nancy Anderson on 31 Aug. A week passed before a crowd of birders saw the second, at Conneaut on 07 Sep. Kent Miller found about 200 northwest of Walborn, *Stark*, on 30 Oct. Gary Cowell's 85 were "Feeding in [a] manured harvested soy bean field" along Alpha Road, *Huron*, on 31 Oct. Reports came from 48 counties.



This American Pipit posed nicely for Tom Fishburn at Headlands on 13 Sep.

Cedar Waxwing

Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 367 during the 06 Sep Towpath Trail census in CVNP and 204 there on 04 Oct as well. The most elsewhere

were 156 on Kelleys Island on 23 Nov (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). None were seen in *Coshocton*, *Gallia*, *Lawrence*, *Meigs*, *Pike*, or *Preble*.

Lapland Longspur

Steven L. Hochstetler and Atlee A. Yoder reported the first, at Funk on 11 Oct. Cristy J. Miller saw the next, five near Mt. Hope, *Holmes*, on 18 Oct. Ryan Jacob estimated 70 were along Howard Road, *Lucas*, on 12 Nov. Twenty-seven counties provided sightings.

Snow Bunting

Jeff Harvey and Bob Krajjeski saw the first two, at Conneaut on 19 Oct, and sightings were nearly continuous from then into winter. Ryan Jacob found about 100 along Howard Road, *Lucas*, on 12 Nov. Twenty-three counties provided reports.

Ovenbird

The last was a straggler which Tim Colborn discovered in Cleveland's Public Square on 03 Nov. It or another had also been there on 29 Oct (Patricia McKelvey). Dick Hoopes and Kelly Kozlowski saw the third to last, at Sunnybrook Preserve, *Geauga*, on 23 Oct, and Dick wrote, "Unexpected...Found skulking in low area on [the] ground". Tom Bartlett's banding team found six at Springville Marsh on 28 Sep; two sites each had four. Thirty-two counties produced reports.

Worm-eating Warbler

The reports are:

One or two at Huston Brumbaugh NC, *Stark*, between 05 and 12 Aug (m. obs.)

Three in Burr Oak SP, *Morgan*, on 05 Aug (Anna Rose)

One at Darby Creek on 25 Aug (Ronnie Clark)

One unusually far north at Meadowbrook Marsh, *Ottawa*, on 17 Sep (Paul Sherwood)

Louisiana Waterthrush

The reports, all but the last of which are of single birds, are:

In Strouds Run SP, *Athens*, on 01 Aug (Stefan Gleissberg)

At Bill Stanley's *Clermont* home on 03 Aug

In Lake Hope SP, *Vinton*, also on 03 Aug (Michael Crouse)

During the 09 Aug CVNP census (Douglas Voigus *et al.*)

At Spring Valley WA, *Greene*, on 13 Aug (Stefan Minnig)

In Englewood East MP, *Montgomery*, on 24 Aug (Ed Neubauer *et al.*)

At Woodman Fen, *Montgomery*, two birds on 09 Sep (Amanda Lawson)

Northern Waterthrush

Jackie Augustine saw the first of the season on 08 Aug in Lima, *Allen*; it followed a single 31 Jul bird. Three sites each hosted two birds. Charles Bombaci's were at Hoover NP on 29 Aug; Tom Bartlett *et al.* saw them on 12 Sep at Scheeff East Point Preserve, *Ottawa*; and James Muller and Leslie Sours found them at Kiwanis Riverway Park, *Franklin*, on 16 and 17 Oct, respectively. Leslie's were also the last of the season. Sixteen counties provided reports.

Golden-winged Warbler

The first report was from Headlands, on 29 Aug (Cole DiFabio *et al.*), and the last was from Magee on 26 Sep (Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski). Between those dates other single birds were seen in *Clermont* (two sites), *Delaware*, *Franklin*, *Hamilton* (three sites), *Montgomery* (two sites), and *Warren*.

Blue-winged Warbler

Jacob Roalef found the last, in CLNP on 09 Oct. The second-last was well south of there; Amelia Walker Reid saw it on the Hocking College campus, *Athens*, on 21 Sep. Two locations in *Portage* and one in each of *Richland* and *Summit* hosted two. Reports came from 19 counties.

[Golden-winged x Blue-winged ("Brewster's") Warbler]

Blake Mathys saw one at his *Union* home on 04 Sep.

[Golden-winged x Blue-winged ("Lawrence's") Warbler]

Scott Huge found one of this less common hybrid in Swine Creek Reservation, *Geauga*, on 01 Sep.

Black-and-white Warbler

Two locations in *Cuyahoga* and one in each of *Hamilton*, *Stark*, and *Franklin* hosted single birds on the last date of 11 Oct. Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 11 while banding on Kelleys Island on 16 Sep. Fifty-one counties produced sightings.

Prothonotary Warbler

Kent Miller saw the last, at the north end of Berlin Lake on 20 Sep. That was more than a week after John Hull saw the second-last, at Woodsdale Regional Park, *Butler*, on 14 Sep. The six which Charles Bombaci found in Hoover NP on 29 Aug were a family with four youngsters; the adults had renested after a flood. *Ashtabula*, *Cuyahoga*, *Hamilton*, *Lucas*, *Montgomery*, *Ottawa*, *Paulding*, and *Trumbull* also provided reports.

Tennessee Warbler

Laura Gooch and Gary Neuman discovered the first, at Shaker Lakes on 25 Aug. Mikey

Lutmerding documented the last, a bird in an OSU woodlot, **Franklin**, on 28 Nov. That date is almost six weeks later than the species' typical last sighting. The second-last, still a straggler, was John Gribble's at Kiwanis Riverway Park, **Franklin**, on 23 Oct. Matt Kemp counted 20 in CPNWR on 13 Sep and there were several smaller double-digit counts elsewhere. Reports came from 53 counties.

Orange-crowned Warbler

Tom Forwood, Jr. saw the first, by Wayland Road, **Portage**, on 12 Sep. Carl Winstead saw the season's last, at Kiwanis Riverway Park, **Franklin**, on 29 Nov, though there was also a Dec report. Sites in **Clark**, **Cuyahoga**, and **Lucas** hosted three each. Twenty-six counties had sightings.



Christopher Collins photographed this Orange-crowned Warbler on 18 Oct at CLNP.

Nashville Warbler

Two showed up at Chagrin River Park, **Lake**, on 27 Aug (Cory Chiappone). The last were two, at Blendon Woods on 21 Nov (Alex Eberts, Ron Sempier). The high count was 80 at CPNWR on 13 Sep (Matt Kemp); the next highest were 12 and 10 at Wendy Park on 05 and 10 Oct, respectively (Jen Brumfield). Forty-nine counties provided reports.

Connecticut Warbler

Two sites shared the first date of 07 Sep. Ronnie Clark found a bird at Darby Creek that day as did Blake Mathys at his property in **Union**. Two sites also shared the latest sightings on 11 Oct. Younger's Wetlands, **Hancock**, hosted one for Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams. Bruce Simpson saw the other at Blendon Woods, where it or a succession of others had been reported sporadically beginning 21 Sep. Eighteen locations in 14 counties produced sightings, all of single birds.

Mourning Warbler

Bob and Elaine McNulty recorded the first, in Blacklick Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 23 Aug. Barry McEwen's in Side Cut MP, **Lucas**, on 30 Sep would have been the last, but Paul Hurtado saw one at Darby Creek on 19 Oct. The only doubles were at Shaker Lakes on 25 Aug (Laura Gooch and Gary Neuman), and at Woodman Fen,

Montgomery, on 28 Aug (Jason Sullivan and Chris Zacharias). Thirty-five sites in 16 counties hosted the species.

Kentucky Warbler

J.W. Rettig found two at Armleder Park on 23 Sep; they were both the last and the most. Solos were seen in **Clermont**, **Delaware**, **Franklin**, **Highland**, **Holmes**, **Jefferson**, **Perry**, and **Warren**.

Common Yellowthroat

Several Dec sightings followed this season's last, which were on 28 Nov in ONWR (Paul Tallie) and the Hardin Wetlands (Richard Counts). The second-last sighting was Eric Liebold's in Walsh Park, **Sandusky**, on 05 Nov. ONWR hosted 38 on 03 Aug (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Reports came from 66 counties.

Hooded Warbler

Gary Cowell saw five scattered at different sites in Mohican SF and SP on 07, 08, and 09 Oct. Gary also found the high count of eight, at the Mohican SP Gorge Overlook on 03 Aug. The last was seen at Mentor Lagoons NP, **Lake**, on 13 Oct (*vide* Jerry Talkington). Twenty-eight counties provided sightings.

American Redstart

Eric Liebold saw the last, in Walsh Park, **Sandusky**, on 22 Oct. Charles Bombaci counted the high of 21 in Sharon Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 12 Sep; the most elsewhere were B.J. Homan's 13 at Darby Creek on 19 Sep. Fifty-four counties provided reports.

Cape May Warbler

The first, and in a tie for most, were 10 at Shaker Lakes on 25 Aug (m. obs.). Nathan Martineau also saw 10, in Whipple, **Washington**, on 28 Sep. Rob Thorn saw the last, at Darby Creek on 18 Oct. Thirty-eight counties produced reports.

Cerulean Warbler

Three locations in **Franklin** and one in each of **Butler**, **Hancock**, **Harrison**, **Highland**, **Lake**, **Licking**, and **Summit** each hosted one bird. The last sighting was at Darby Creek on 19 Sep by Ronnie Clark.

Northern Parula

Darin Miller photographed an exceedingly late bird in Sidecut MP, **Lucas**, on 15 Nov. Even later was a male in Emery A. Yoder's yard near Bunker Hill, **Holmes**, on 29 Nov. The third to last was in Crooked Run NP, **Clermont**, on 19 Oct (m. obs.). The high count was five, at Kelleys Island on 16 Sep (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Reports came from 31 counties.

Magnolia Warbler

The first were singles on 21 Aug in *Cuyahoga*, *Jefferson*, and *Mahoning*. The last was also a single; Carlton Schooley found it in the Kroger Wetlands, *Washington*, on 17 Oct. CPNWR hosted 35 for Matt Kemp on 13 Sep and Tom Frankel counted 20 at Headlands on 14 Sep. The most inland were nine at Blendon Woods on 28 Sep (Andrew Lodge). Sixty counties produced sightings.

Bay-breasted Warbler

Jackie Anderson banded one in Lima, *Allen*, on 24 Aug, and Bruce Simpson saw another at Blendon Woods on the same date. The last were a duo which the Kassoufs found at Lake Isaac, *Cuyahoga*, on 20 Oct. Sixteen at Kelleys Island on 16 Sep (Tom Bartlett *et al.*) and 10 in CLNP on 14 Sep (Nancy Anderson) were the high counts. Fifty counties produced reports.

Blackburnian Warbler

Josh Haughawout saw the first, in OOPMP on 10 Aug. Sightings were steady from then until the last, which was by Ron Sempier by the Little Sandusky River, *Wyandot*, on 17 Oct. Tom Bartlett's crew found eight at Kelleys Island on 16 Sep. Forty-two counties provided reports.

Yellow Warbler

Janice Farral found the last, in Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery on 06 Oct. Tom Bartlett counted 61 in Winous Horseshoe on 01 Aug; they were almost surely a mix of local nesters and migrants. Headlands hosted about 50, probably a mix of nesters and migrants, on 05 Aug (Sally Isacco). Reports came from 47 counties.

Chestnut-sided Warbler

One *Clermont*, one *Cuyahoga*, and two *Franklin* sites each had a bird on 11 Oct, but Judith Espedal saw the last a day later in Kettering, *Montgomery*. Brian and Gale Wulker found six in Burnett Woods, *Hamilton*, on 01 Sep. Thirty-five counties provided sightings.

Blackpoll Warbler

Patricia McKelvey saw one on 27 Aug in Cleveland's Public Square, as did Cory Chiappone in Chagrin River Park, *Lake*. Ronnie Clark saw the last, in Prairie Oaks MP, *Madison*, on 26 Oct, a little later than usual. Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 76 at Kelleys Island on 16 Sep. BSBO reported that during Sep their team at ONWR Navarre, *Ottawa*, recaptured two Blackpolls which they had banded in Sep 2011 and Sep 2013. As of 05 Oct they had captured 1320 of them, a record. Fifty-four counties produced sightings.

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Geauga, *Hancock*, and *Lake* each hosted one

on 30 Aug. Killdeer held the last one, on 18 Oct (Irina Shulgina). The high count of four was shared by Magee on 14 Sep (Josh Haughawout) and Headlands on 04 Oct (the Kassoufs). Thirty-two counties produced reports.

Palm Warbler

Shane Myers and Robert Sams saw the first, at Camp Berry, *Hancock* on 30 Aug. The latest of three Nov stragglers was Gabe Hostetler's bird at Killbuck on 14 Nov. Elizabeth Ames and Jay Wright found about 80 at Headlands on 08 Oct; the second-highest count was 25 at Wendy Park on 16 Oct (Jen Brumfield). Forty-eight counties had sightings.

Pine Warbler

Margaret Bowman found the first migrant from out of state at Harrison Lake, *Fulton*, on 02 Sep. Bruce Simpson's Blendon Woods bird on 29 Aug could have been a local or from anywhere to the north. The last two sightings, and the only ones that month, were by Tom Frankel on 02 Nov in Mentor Lagoons NP, *Lake*, and by Leslie Warren at home in *Mahoning* on 08 Nov. Ronnie Clark's six at Darby Creek on 07 Sep was the high count. Reports came from 21 counties.

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Gary Bush saw one a tad earlier than expected, in Wintersville, *Jefferson*, on 24 Aug. CLNP hosted about 150 on 11 Oct (David Allen and Jaclyn Janis) as did Blacklick Woods MP, *Fairfield*, on 19 Oct (Jennifer Kuehn and Kristi Rowland). Seventy-two counties yielded sightings.

Yellow-throated Warbler

Melanie Shuter found a straggler at Stages Pond SNP, *Pickaway*, on 09 Oct. Brandt Schurenberg saw three in Bicentennial Park, *Hamilton*, on 08 Sep; so did Ronnie Clark at Darby Creek on 12 Sep. Twenty-six counties provided reports.

Prairie Warbler

David L. Erb saw the last, near Blissfield, *Co-shocton*, on 28 Sep. The only count greater than one was Chris Zacharias' three at Kamelands Trace, *Highland*, on 17 Aug. *Ashland*, *Clermont*, *Franklin*, *Hamilton*, *Hancock*, *Montgomery*, and *Union* also contributed sightings.

Black-throated Green Warbler

Danie Seger and Dan White found the first migrant, at Charleston Falls Park, *Miami*, on 15 Aug. The next were three at Shaker Lakes on 25 Aug (Victor Fazio III and Gary Neuman). Sally Isacco saw the last, at CLNP on 23 Oct. Carlton Schooley's 12 at Headlands on 02 Oct was the high count. Reports came from 57 counties.

Canada Warbler

The first, seen by James Fletcher in Swine Creek Reservation, **Geauga**, on 02 Aug, probably nested there or nearby. The next, which Paul Hurtado found in Deer Creek WA on 23 Aug, almost surely traveled a distance to get there. Mark Mairer saw the last only a month later, in Clarksburg, **Ross**, on 23 Sep. Tom Bartlett *et al.* saw four at Springville Marsh on 13 Sep and duos appeared in **Cuyahoga**, **Franklin**, **Lake**, **Lucas**, **Seneca**, and **Stark**. Twenty-two counties produced reports.

Wilson's Warbler

Survey volunteers found one in CLNP on 24 Aug, as did Becky Poitras at Mentor Lagoons NP, **Lake**, on the same day. Cristy J. Miller discovered and photographed a seriously straggling individual in Millersburg, **Holmes**, on 13 Nov and saw it again the next morning. The latest but for that bird was at Blendon Woods on 19 Oct, a typical last date (Carl and Karen Winstead). Matt Kemp found 20 in CPNWR on 13 Sep. Thirty-eight counties produced sightings.

Yellow-breasted Chat

One in Black River Reservation, **Lorain**, on 05 Sep (BRAS), one at Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**, on 16 Sep (Stefan Minnig), and one at Walsh Park, **Sandusky**, on 17 Sep (Eric Liebold) were the only sightings that month, and finished the season. Kirk Westendorf found two at Armleder Park on both 01 and 11 Aug; the rest of the reports were of single birds. In addition to the four counties above, **Clermont**, **Greene**, **Hancock**, **Licking**, **Madison**, and **Seneca** also had sightings.

Eastern Towhee

Bill Stanley counted 15 at East Fork on 12 Oct and there were several reports of 10 to 14 there and elsewhere. Seventy-four counties yielded sightings.

American Tree Sparrow

One 01 Oct, Josh Stapleton found one at Gorman NC, **Richland**, and Ed Wransky saw two more in the Crook Street wetlands, **Lorain**. Richard Counts found 76 in the Hardin Wetlands on 28 Nov and two locations each had 50 that month. Reports came from 48 counties.

Chipping Sparrow

The high count was 200, at Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 21 Oct (William Hull and Brian Wulker). Kent Miller found 125 in North Lawn Cemetery, **Stark**, on 07 Oct. Seventy-seven counties provided reports.

Clay-colored Sparrow

Inga Schmidt well described the first, an early bird along Chagrin River Road, **Geauga**, on 22 Aug. Scioto Audubon MP, **Franklin** (Steve Landes), and Headlands (Tom Frankel) shared the last sightings on 12 Oct. Between those dates, two locations in each of **Cuyahoga**, **Hancock**, and **Lucas**; another **Franklin** site, and single locations in **Ottawa** and **Paulding** also hosted singles.

Field Sparrow

Paul Hurtado noted about 40 at Darby Creek on 19 Oct. Sixty-five counties produced sightings.

Vesper Sparrow

Ronnie Clark found the last, at Darby Creek on 30 Nov. Ed Wransky's bird at Lorain on 19 Nov was the second-last. Scott Pendleton counted 12 at The Bowl on 02 Aug as they wound up their nesting there. The most elsewhere were triples at five locations spread among four counties. Twenty counties produced reports.

Savannah Sparrow

The Hardin Wetlands hosted 112 on 01 Oct (Richard Counts). Scott Pendleton's 80 in the Second Reclaim District, **Harrison**, on 14 Sep were the second most. Forty-six counties produced sightings.

Grasshopper Sparrow

The last were one at OSU's Mirror Lake on 23 Oct (Irina Shulgina) and two at The Bowl on 26 Oct (Scott Pendleton). Scott counted 35 at the latter site on 10 Aug and up to 22 at other **Harrison** locations. Chris Byers found five at Darby Creek on 04 Aug; that was the highest count not in **Harrison**. Reports came from 18 counties.

Henslow's Sparrow

Margaret Bowman found two in the Rehobeth Reclamation Lands, **Perry**, on 30 Oct. That's about two weeks later than expected. The second-last sighting was right on schedule; Melanie Shuter saw one at Deer Creek WA on 17 Oct. The New Reclaim District, **Harrison**, hosted 13 on 17 Aug (Scott Pendleton); the most in another county were five at Navarre, **Stark**, on 15 Aug (Jon Cefus). Fifteen counties had sightings.

Le Conte's Sparrow

Geauga Park naturalists kept track of one from 23 Sep to 02 Oct at Frohring Meadows. On 31 Oct, Ian Lynch's was the last of many sightings along Wake Robin. Two at Darby Creek on 20 Oct (m. obs.) were the only multiple sighting. **Erie**, **Hancock**, **Holmes**, **Lucas**, and **Wayne** also hosted singles.

Nelson's Sparrow

Up to four graced Wake Robin between 27 Sep and 07 Oct (m. obs.), and five were there on 16 Oct (Jerry Talkington). A site along Cleveland Road, **Sandusky**, also had five on 16 Oct (Dan Gesualdo). The last was in Delaware WA on 26 Oct (Steve Landes). Fourteen counties hosted them.



A skulking Nelson's Sparrow gave Tom Frankel the opportunity for this image on 27 Sep along Wake Robin.

Fox Sparrow

Josh Stapleton saw the first, along the Ontario Campus bike path, **Richland**, on 02 Oct. ONWR held 21 on 02 Nov (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). The second-highest count was 15, shared by Gary Stevens in Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 21 Nov, and the Kasoufs in West Park Cemetery, **Cuyahoga**, that same day. Forty-nine counties produced reports.

Song Sparrow

David A. Brinkman found about 75 at Funk and Cole DiFabio made the same estimate along Wake Robin, both on 16 Oct. Only **Fulton**, **Jackson**, **Meigs**, **Mercer**, **Morgan**, and **Pike** did not have sightings.

Lincoln's Sparrow

Ronnie Clark saw the first, two at Darby Creek on 29 Aug. She also saw the next one, in a dif-



Photographer Leslie Sours seized the moment when this Le Conte's Sparrow landed on an open branch at Darby Creek on 20 Oct.

ferent section of Darby Creek on 07 Sep. Tim Colborn found one on 14 Nov in downtown Cleveland and wrote, "very odd to see this diminutive sparrow flitting uncomfortably on top of four inches of snow". It wasn't the latest, though: One spent from 10 to 25 Nov near Jennings Hall on the OSU campus (Leslie Sours, m. obs.), and Robert Royse saw one at Deer Creek WA on 26 Nov. Forty-five counties provided sightings.

Swamp Sparrow

Wake Robin held about 100 when Cole DiFabio was there on 16 Oct. David A. Brinkman counted 66 at Funk on 16 Oct and noted that they were "Popping up everywhere. Very vocal." Reports came from 57 counties.

White-throated Sparrow

The first two showed up in Gorge MP, **Summit**, on 07 Sep (Joseph Ford). Tom Bartlett *et al.* found 150 at Springville Marsh on 11 Oct and Jen Brumfield reported 480 at Wendy Park on 16 Oct. Seventy-three counties produced reports.

Harris's Sparrow

A host of birders posted photos or descriptions from **Huron** between 14 and 30 Nov; the OBRC will be able to evaluate some reports.



This outstanding photograph of a Harris's Sparrow was taken by Christopher Collins on 22 Nov at the Huron pier, Erie.

White-crowned Sparrow

Anna Rose saw one in Brookside Forest, **Franklin**, on 14 Sep and steady reports started a week later. CLNP hosted about 200 on 11 Oct (David Allen and Jaclyn Janis), and the Ostermillers found 75 at Lorain on 22 Oct. Fifty-seven counties had sightings.

Dark-eyed Junco

These nest in several northeast locations, but Cleveland Heights isn't one of them. Camden Bruner's bird there on 17 Aug was the first migrant, though it might have come from the east rather than Canada. Tom Bartlett's surveyors counted 257 at Kelleys Island on 22 Oct. Dan Gesualdo found 100 there on 23 Oct; Brian

Wulker equaled that number in Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 21 Nov. Seventy-eight counties provided reports.

Summer Tanager

Bill Stanley saw one at his **Clermont** home on 05 Oct, a little later than usual for the last. However, Valerie Giovannucci found another straggler, presumably from the small disjunct northwestern population, in Swan Creek Preserve MP, **Lucas**, on 14 Nov. Chris Zacharias saw three in Twin Creek MP, **Warren**, on 23 Aug. Nineteen counties provided sightings.

Scarlet Tanager

The last of these, like its cousin, was also a straggler; Tom Kemp and Elliot Tramer found it in CPNWR on 25 Oct. Kathi Hutton saw the second-last, at Indigo Hill, **Washington**, on 12 Oct. Marsha Gilger made the high count of six along the Clinton Towpath, **Summit**, on 29 Aug. Reports came from 45 counties.

Northern Cardinal

Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 64 at Kelleys Island on 23 Nov. Shane Myers and Robert Sams found 53 at Camp Berry, **Hancock**, on 14 Sep. Only **Meigs** and **Mercer** didn't have sightings.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Jeff Bartosik and Eric Elvert saw the last, in Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**, on 20 and 21 Oct respectively. This date is about three weeks earlier than usual for the last encounter. Matt Kemp and Nancy Anderson shared the high count of seven. Matt's were in OOPMP on 08 Sep and Nancy's at Villa Angela, **Cuyahoga**, on 12 Sep. Forty-eight counties provided reports.

Blue Grosbeak

The last were two at Fernald on 29 Sep (Brian Wulker) and one there on 12 Oct (James Wheat). Usually they're gone by mid-Sep. Brian also made the high count, six, at Fernald on 08 Sep. The most elsewhere were families of four at Darby Creek on 04 Aug (Ronnie Clark) and Fostoria Reservoir #4, **Seneca**, on 10 Aug (Robert Sams). Sixteen counties had sightings.

Indigo Bunting

Kathi Hutton found the last, in Crooked Run NP, **Clermont**, on 26 Oct, which is about the expected time. ONWR hosted 30 on 03 Aug for Ed Pierce's census team (*fide* Douglas Vogus), and Dave Novitski saw 25 at Armleder Park on 10 Aug. Sixty-seven counties produced sightings.

Painted Bunting

The OBRC has a report with a photo from **Lucas**.

Dickcissel

Jerry Talkington discovered the last, along Wake Robin on 16 Oct. More than a month had passed since the second-last, which Craig Caldwell and Sandie Myers saw and heard fly over them while they admired the Reddish Egret in **Delaware** on 07 Sep. Observers found up to nine at Fernald; Brian Wulker noted that high on 14 Aug. The most elsewhere were five at ONWR on 13 Aug (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Seventeen counties produced reports.

Bobolink

The Bowl hosted them all summer, right up to the latest fall date of 26 Oct (Scott Pendleton). Darby Creek held about 200 on 20 Sep (Irina Shulgina). Reports came from 35 counties.

Red-winged Blackbird

Robert Sams noted about 16,500 at Springville Marsh on 11 Oct, which number he "Based upon a very conservative estimate of 25,000 blackbirds." Victor Fazio III saw about 12,000 at Pickerel Creek on 14 Aug. All but eight counties provided sightings.

Eastern Meadowlark

Scott Pendleton counted 60 at The Bowl on 10 Aug. Fifty-eight counties yielded sightings.

Yellow-headed Blackbird

The reports are:

One at Lorain on 09 Sep (Paul Hurtado, Patricia McKelvey)

One at East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 01 Nov (Krystle Malbouf and Josh Stapleton)

One along State Route 534 in **Mahoning** on 03 Nov (Bob Lane)



Darlene Friedman photographed this stunning Blue Grosbeak on 02 Aug in Fostoria, **Hancock**.

Rusty Blackbird

The first showed up on 16 Sep, when Shane Myers saw one in Jackson, **Hancock**, and Tom Bartlett found four at Kelleys Island. Kent Miller noted about 100 near Walborn, **Stark**, on 20 Oct. Forty-one counties provided reports.

Brewer's Blackbird

The reports are of two near Walborn, **Stark**, on 30 Oct (Kent Miller), and one at Mill Creek Sanctuary, **Mahoning**, on 20 and 21 Nov (Jeff Harvey)

Common Grackle

Jeff Loughman estimated 50,000 massed at Jackson, **Hancock**, on 14 Sep. Tom Bartlett's 20,600 at Springville Marsh on 28 Sep was the second-highest number. Seventy-two counties provided sightings.

Brown-headed Cowbird

That same 14 Sep mixed flock at Jackson, **Hancock**, had about 6000 cowbirds (Jeff Loughman). Victor Fazio III estimated at least 1800 were at Camp Perry, **Ottawa**, on 20 Sep. Reports came from 55 counties.

Orchard Oriole

Bill Stanley saw the last, at his **Clermont** home on 17 Sep; it had been there for about two weeks. The 18 which Scott Pendleton counted at The Bowl on 02 Aug were "...two larger groups of nine and seven plus two solos". Twenty-four counties produced sightings.

Baltimore Oriole

Louis Hoying saw one on both 26 and 29 Sep at Lake Loramic SP, **Shelby**; it or they were the last. Kelleys Island hosted 36 on 15 Aug and Springville Marsh held 15 on 17 Aug (both Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Fifty-six counties provided reports.

Blackbird sp.

Christopher Collins and Jacob Roalef reported 50,000 at Big Island on 31 Aug, and wrote, "Two large flocks flew over for 20 minutes. Incredible numbers. Very low estimate".

Pine Grosbeak

Greg Miller wrote in *The Bobolink* about "...an extraordinary report...of 1 individual both seen and heard singing at Perrysville in Ashland Co. on the early date of 10/25..." The OBRC has details.

House Finch

Inga Schmidt tallied about 90 at her Chagrin River Road, **Geauga**, property on 06 Oct. Seventy-two counties produced reports.

Purple Finch

Louis Hoying counted 14 at Lake Loramic SP, **Shelby**, on 01 Nov. Two other locations had eight. Fifty counties had sightings.

Red Crossbill

The only report was Gary Cowell's of a single calling bird which flew over Clear Fork on 19 Oct.

White-winged Crossbill

Becky and Jeff Cullen saw a flock of 20 to 30 in OOPMP on 22 Oct. One visited a Findlay feeder, **Hancock**, between 21 and 27 Nov (m. obs.).

Common Redpoll

Jen Brumfield saw the first, a flock of 16 over Wendy Park on 16 Oct. John Pogacnik edged her by one for the high count with his 17 at North Perry, **Lake**, on 29 Nov. **Ashtabula**, **Erie**, **Hancock**, **Lorain**, **Paulding**, **Portage**, **Summit**, and **Tuscarawas** also had sightings.

Pine Siskin

Tom Bartlett saw the first two, at Scheeff East Point Preserve, **Ottawa**, on 22 Sep. Cory Chiappone counted 153 at Sunset Park, **Lake**, on 04 Nov and Tom Bartlett's crew found 126 at Kelleys Island on 23 Nov. Sixty counties provided sightings.



Photographer Ron Sempier snapped this image of a Pine Siskin perched in his back yard in **Marion** on 21 Nov.

American Goldfinch

Eric Elvert tallied the high number of 500, at Carriage Hill MP, **Montgomery**, on 20 Oct. Jason Sullivan and Chris Zacharias found about 300 at Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**, three days later. Only **Coshocton**, **Meigs**, and **Mercer** did not have sightings.

Evening Grosbeak

John Herman saw two on 30 Oct and one on 30 Nov at the same feeders at the edge of Mohican SF, **Ashland**, which had hosted a big flock during the winter of 2012-13.

House Sparrow

Scott Huge estimated 300 were at East Harbor on 05 Sep and Victor Fazio III noted 325 around the grain silos in Celina, **Mercer**, on 18 Sep. Reports came from 81 counties, though there's no doubt this pest resides in all 88 of them!

ADDENDA

Snowy Owl

One, unpublicized at the time, spent most of 24 July on the roof of a nursing home in Fremont, **Sandusky**; the bird left about 7:00 pm and wasn't seen again. Barb Myers photographed it not long before its departure. The bird was rumored to have been released by a rehabilitator, but no responsible one (and all of those I'm familiar with are responsible ones) would have done so in summer.

I found no other summer records of this species in Ohio and such records are very scarce elsewhere in the lower 48 states. However, there are good eBird records this year from Chatham-Kent County, Ontario (on Lake Erie's north shore) on 06 Jun; near Holland, MI, on 24 Jun; and north of Syracuse, NY, during the second half of Jul. The only summer eBird record further south came from Dennis, MA, on Cape Cod, on 06 Jun 2009.

Indigo Bunting

The following was published in the Black Swamp Bird Observatory's newsletter of 19 Dec 2014 and is reprinted with permission. (BSBO waited to announce this 2013 record until the peer-reviewed paper reported it.)

"All Indigo Buntings are special, but this one takes the cake!"

"On May 28, 2001, at BSBO's Navarre Marsh banding station, our research team banded an Indigo Bunting, aged and sexed as a second-year male. On September 28, 2013, that same Indigo Bunting was recaptured at BSBO's Creek Bend banding station, approximately 15 miles southwest of the Navarre station!"

"This represents a longevity record of 13 years and 3 months, eclipsing the previous record of 9 years and 2 months as reported by the Bird Banding Laboratory (USGS Bird Banding Laboratory 2014).

"With editorial assistance from the BSBO Research Committee, Research Director Mark Shieldcastle wrote a paper on this remarkable bird and submitted it to North American Bird Bander, a peer-reviewed, quarterly publication of the Western, Inland, and Eastern Bird Banding Associations. The paper was published in the Volume 39, #3, July-September 2014 edition."

Burrowing Owl

The spring 2014 issue of the *Cardinal* had a delightful article about a burrowing owl which spent part of May 2007 in **Clark**. I neglected to include any of the photos provided by the bird's discoverer, Harold Shelley. So here's the little guy (or gal), caught on 26 May 2007 by Harold.



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