

## YEARS AGO

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**10 years ago**, the Fall 2014 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 28 No. 1 (Bill Whan, Editor) contained these items:

Oct was the warmest world-wide to date, but contrarian Ohio was colder than average.

Thirteen review species were reported, two of which (Ross's Goose and Rufous Hummingbird) are no longer on the list.

American White Pelican sightings were "about average" — four single birds.

Four Northern Goshawks, now but not then a review species, were reported.

*Gallia* hosted a Piping Plover.

A total of 75 Baird's Sandpipers were sighted.

What were apparently different Varied Thrushes visited *Medina* and *Williams*.

**25 years ago**, the Fall 1989 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 13 No. 1 (Ed Pierce and Tom Kemp, Co-Editors), contained these items:

Charlotte Mathena discovered Ohio's first Say's Phoebe near the Hueston Woods SP lodge, *Preble*, on 26 Nov.

Larry Rosche found the state's second known Ross's Goose at Lake Rockwell, *Portage*, on 21 Oct.

Flocks of Common Nighthawks totaled over 1000 birds.

**35 years ago**, the Fall 1979 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 2 No. 3 (John Herman, Editor), contained these items:

Temperatures were below average for the entire season. Rainfall was normal in Oct but a total of nine inches above average for the other three months.

ONWR and Huron, *Erie*, each hosted a Piping Plover.

Huron also hosted Ohio's only Spotted Redshank (Elinor Elder and Larry Rosche) and first California Gull (Bruce Peterjohn).

A Bewick's Wren briefly appeared in Lancaster, *Fairfield*.

Three Loggerhead Shrikes were reported.

**50 years ago**, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* of Summer 1964, Vol.60, No. 3 (Aug) and Fall 1964, Vol. 60, No. 4 (Sep – Nov), Donald Newman, Editor, included these items:

Record low temperatures were recorded at Cleveland Hopkins Airport during Aug.

Single Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were seen in *Cuyahoga* and *Lake*.

On 03 Sep observers saw a flock of about 1500 Common Nighthawks at the lakeshore.

Observers counted at least 75 Tennessee Warblers in five minutes in North Chagrin Reservation, *Lake*, on 10 Sep.

Ohio's first well-documented Green-tailed Towhee was photographed and banded in *Ashtabula* in Sep. (The first, for which no documentation remains, was reported the year before in Columbus, according to Peterjohn, 2001).

A *Lake* farm hosted 50,000 to 100,000 Red-winged Blackbirds in late Oct.

The *Cleveland Bird Calendar* did not publish an issue 100 years ago.