

YEARS AGO

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10 years ago, the Winter 2014–15 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 28 No. 2 (Bill Whan, Editor) contained these items: Cleveland experienced its snowiest Dec to date. Statewide, Jan was much warmer than average and had so much rain that flooding resulted in several areas.

Four different hybrid ducks were reported.

Five Northern Goshawks (now a review species) were reported.

Two Prairie Falcons visited, the much-seen bird at The Wilds and another which was shot.

Two Varied Thrushes appeared.

A moribund Chuck-wills-widow was found in **Clermont** on 12 Dec; it was rehabbed locally and then released in Florida.

25 years ago, the Winter 1989–90 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 13 No. 2 (Ed Pierce and Tom Kemp, Co-Editors), contained these items:

Ohio's first Mountain Bluebird, which spent 14 Dec to 13 Jan in **Tuscarawas**, justly rated its own article.

One Black Vulture was reported, in **Harrison**.

One Red-throated Loon was reported.

A then-record number of Red-breasted Nuthatches visited.

The season's only warblers were Yellow-rumps.

There were 55 CBCs which together netted 137 species.

35 years ago, the Winter 1979–80 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 2, No. 4 (John Herman, Editor) included these items:

Two King Eiders and one Northern Goshawk were reported.

Four Bald Eagles at ONWR and one in **Seneca** were the full tally.

John Pogacnik documented a Gyrfalcon at ONWR.

John and others discovered Ohio's first Heermann's Gull, which spent 12 to 18 Feb at Lorain.

Four warbler species lingered.

Three Dickcissels also lingered.

50 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* of Winter 1964–65, Vol. 61, No. 1 (Donald Newman, Editor) included these items:

At least 30 Rough-legged Hawks were in the coverage area, a 30-mile radius from Public Square. Of course, what are now the outer ring suburbs were then mostly farmland...

The Elyria-Lorain CBC found 76,000 Ring-billed Gulls at the Lorain harbor on 27 Dec and a 24 Jan estimate placed 100,000 there.

At least seven Snowy Owls were in the area.

One Common Eider, one Red-throated Loon, and one Red-necked Grebe were reported.

One Bald Eagle and three Northern Mockingbirds rated special mention.

Two flocks totaling six Evening Grosbeaks visited.

100 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* did not publish an issue covering Dec 1914. Bulletin No. 1 of 2015 (Francis H. Herrick, Editor), which included Jan and Feb data, contained these items:

Two "White-headed Eagles" were seen at Vermilion.

Blue Jays were "seen and heard during winter but rarely".

A Miss Annin reported Canada Geese on 24 Feb; she "heard a flock fly over".

A male and two female "Cardinal Grosbeaks" visited Cleveland on 16 Jan and there were "a few other reports". Now we call them Northern Cardinals, and they're ubiquitous.