

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

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### Canada Goose

Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski found more than 600 at Old Highland Stone on 10 July. Ed Pierce's ONWR census crew counted 358 on 07 Jun (*fide* Douglas Vogus). (72 counties)

### Mute Swan

Observers noted six or seven at Schneider Park, **Stark**, throughout the period. (21 counties)

### Trumpeter Swan

Not surprisingly, ONWR censuses provided the two highest counts, 21 on 07 Jun and 20 on 05 Jul (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). James Shelton counted 18 offshore in Maumee Bay on 16 Jun. (13 counties)

### Wood Duck

The high count of 65 was shared. Chris Pierce found them in ONWR on 19 Jul along the auto tour route; Irina Shulgina tied him at Killdeer on 31 Jul. (63 counties)



This Wood Duck family portrait was obtained by photographer Allan Claybon on 14 Jun at Cowan Lake, **Clinton**.

### Gadwall

The reports are:

One at Mill Creek on 24 Jun (Jeff Harvey) and again on 11 and 15 Jul (John Petruzzi)

Four at Metzger on 26 Jun (Kenn Kaufman)

One at Fernald on 09 and 27 Jul (Brian Wulker).

Brian noted that "One bird summered at this same location last year."

Five at Conneaut on 31 Jul (Kim Pierce)

One at Burke Airport on 31 Jul (Jen Brumfield)

### American Wigeon

The reports are:

Three at Metzger on 14 Jun (Leslie Sours) and two on 22 Jun (Tom Kemp)

Two at ONWR on 18 Jul (Gary Cowell)

One at Lorain on 22 Jul (Patty McKelvey)

### American Black Duck

Victor Fazio III saw one at Pickerel Creek on 19 Jun for that month's only report. The high-

est number in the several Jul reports was Dana Mulder's four at Metzger on 31 Jul. **Lake, Lorain, Ottawa**, and **Trumbull** also produced sightings.

### Mallard

Elizabeth McQuaid found about 400 at ONWR on 21 Jun and Donna Kuhn counted 318 there on 05 Jul. The highest count away from Lake Erie was 84; Stephen Fettig and Terry Hodapp noted them in Winton Woods CP, **Hamilton**, on 05 Jul. (70 counties)

### [American Black Duck x Mallard]

The reports are:

Three at Buckeye Lake SP, **Fairfield**, on 01 Jun (Jeffrey Roth)

One at Lake Milton SP, **Mahoning**, on 12 Jun (Victor Fazio III)

One at Wake Robin on 12 Jul (Tom Frankel)

### Blue-winged Teal

Sightings were scattered throughout the period. Patrick Riley saw eight in **Hamilton** on 23 Jul. Ronnie Clark found six at Darby Creek on 24 Jun as did Louis Hoying at a **Shelby** farm on 14 Jul. (13 counties)

### Northern Shoveler

Helen and Ken Ostermiller saw four at Funk on 26 Jul. Other reports came from **Delaware, Erie, Franklin, Marion**, and **Ottawa**.

### Northern Pintail

Regina Schieltz found one in **Darke** on 24 Jun; Jeff Harvey and Bob Krajleski separately reported one at Conneaut on 26 Jul.

### Green-winged Teal

The reports are:

Six (a pair and four young) at Mennonite South, **Portage**, on 06 Jun (Terri Martincic)

Two pairs along Wilderness Road on 17 Jul (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison) and again on 21 Jul (Su Snyder), and then a single bird there on 22 Jul (Aden A. Yoder)

One at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 19 Jul (Scott Huge)

### Canvasback

Robert Batterson found one in Delaware WA on 08 and 10 Jun. Ed Wransky saw another at Lorain on 26 Jul.

### Redhead

The reports are:

One at The Slough, **Logan**, on 03 Jun (Troy Shively)

One at Lorain on 05 Jun (Victor Fazio III), two there on 03 Jul (Elizabeth McQuaid), and again one on 22, 25, and 28 Jul (m. obs.)  
 One in Delaware WA on 08 and 10 Jun (Robert Batterson)

### Ring-necked Duck

The only sighting was Robert Batterson's; the bird was hanging out with the above Canvasback and Redhead in Delaware WA on 08 and 10 Jun.

### Greater Scaup

Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison found one at Metzger on 03 Jul. Another, or possibly the same bird, was at ONWR on 05 Jul (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus).

### Lesser Scaup

The reports are:

One at Howe Pond, **Fairfield**, on 01 Jun and several Jul dates (m. obs.)  
 One at the GLSM hatchery on 08, 14, and 18 Jun (m. obs.)  
 One at Russell's Point, **Logan**, on 26 Jun (Troy Shively)  
 One at ONWR on 05 Jul (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus)  
 One at East Harbor on 09 Jul (Ryan Gniewiecki)

### Scaup sp.

Two at GLSM on 14 Jun were too distant for Ethan Rising to identify to species.

### Common Goldeneye

Jen Brumfield saw one at Edgewater on 01 Jun. Another spent much of Jun at the GLSM hatchery (m. obs.)

### Hooded Merganser

Pat Coy and Karin Tanquist counted 18 along the Wetmore Trails in CVNP on 07 Jun. Jeff Harvey saw 12 at Mill Creek on 05 Jul. (21 counties)

### Common Merganser

Chris Swan found a female with 11 youngsters at Indian Point Park, **Lake**, on 05 Jun. That's up the Grand River from Conneaut, where observers saw families (up to 23 birds total) on several dates from late Jun into Jul.



*Bob Lane photographed this Common Merganser family as it navigated the waters at Conneaut on 02 Jun.*

### Red-breasted Merganser

The reports are:

One off Kelleys Island on 02 Jun (Ben Warner and Anna Wittmer)  
 One on the Olentangy River in Columbus on 03 Jun (Emily Keeler)  
 One at Conneaut on 03 Jul (Lynne and Nic Shayko) and 09 Jul (Craig Holt)

### Ruddy Duck

The high count was Ed Wransky's six at Lorain on 21 Jul. Several birders saw three near the Findlay Reservoirs on 19 Jun. (13 counties)

### Northern Bobwhite

These were seen throughout the season, though reports were few in the second half of Jul. Dean Clifton found 24 in Twin Creek MP, **Montgomery**, on 18 Jun. The second-highest number was 11, shared by John Moore at the Great Miami WMB on 04 Jun and Josh Stapleton in Crown City WA, **Gallia**, on 06 Jun. As always, it's difficult to know how many sightings are of "natural" versus released birds. (18 counties)



*A visit to Springfield Bog, **Summit**, on 18 Jul earned Tom Fishburn this image of a pair of Northern Bobwhites.*

### Chukar

Margaret Bowman is sure that the two she saw in the Mingo Grasslands, **Jefferson**, on 04 Jun were from a nearby hunt club.

### Ring-necked Pheasant

The high count was three, found at three locations in **Franklin** and one in each of **Pickaway** and **Union**. The same unknowns about origins noted in the bobwhite account apply here (18 counties)

### Ruffed Grouse

The reports are:

Four immatures along Atkinson Ridge Road in Zaleski on 05 Jun (Bruce Simpson)  
 One at Novak Audubon Sanctuary, **Portage**, on 06 Jun (Dave Chase)  
 One in Shawnee on 13 Jun (Andrea Anderson)  
 One along Township Road 15, **Noble**, on 19 Jun (Margaret Bowman and Susan Nash)  
 One in the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, **Adams**, on 20 Jun (Marty Calabrese) and again on 12 Jul (Donna Kuhn and James Muller)

### Wild Turkey

Bill Stanley counted 20 poults with their mother at his home spread in **Clermont** on 13 Jun. Holly Lynn saw seven adults and 11 youngsters

at her home in Burton, **Geauga**, on 14 Jul. (55 counties)

### Common Loon

Apple Valley Lake, **Knox**, hosted two on 01 Jun (m. obs.) Sightings of solo birds elsewhere continued until 05 Jun and then paused until 27 Jun when they resumed and continued through the end of the season. **Ashtabula, Columbi-ana, Erie, Franklin, Hancock, Montgomery, Richland, Summit**, and **Union** contributed the other reports. A small number of loons summer in Ohio almost every year; were they absent or just unseen during that gap?

### Pied-billed Grebe

Dona Kuhn counted 52 at Big Island on 11 Jul, and birders saw up to 50 there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 12 at ONWR on 21 Jun (Elizabeth McQuaid). (22 counties)

### Horned Grebe

Ben Warner and Anna Wittmer contributed the only sighting, one off Kelleys Island on 01 Jun.

### Double-crested Cormorant

Chris Tonra estimated 500 were on and near Turning Point Island, **Erie**, on 05 Jun. Sheldon Marsh hosted about 300 on 02 Jun for Charles Crawford. James Muller provided the inland high count of 184, at a rookery in Campbell Memorial Park, **Franklin**, on 15 Jul. (53 counties from Lake Erie to the Ohio River)

### American White Pelican

Birders found up to 18 at or near Metzger between 11 and 17 Jun, and up to eight had been seen at East Harbor between 02 and 10 Jun — were they the same birds? Linda Osterhage found the only bird away from Lake Erie; it was all the way south at Lost Bridge on 30 Jun. **Erie**, other **Lucas** sites, and **Ottawa** provided the rest of the sightings.



Su Snyder found an American White Pelican posing coyly along the ONWR auto tour route on 18 Jul.

### American Bittern

Carl Winstead saw three and heard another at Darby Creek on 04 Jun; birders found up to three there into Jul. The most elsewhere were duos on 04 Jun at CPNWR (Tom Kemp) and at Big Island (John Games and Ron Sempier). **Hamilton** and **Lorain** also provided reports.

### Least Bittern

The high count was three, shared by two parties. Jeremy Dominguez and Sarah Lucas saw them at Mallard Club Marsh WA, **Lucas**, on 18 Jul. Mary Anne Romito *et al.* found theirs in the Ira Road marsh of CVNP on 27 Jul. Other reports came from **Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Lake, Lorain, Marion, Ottawa**, and **Wyandot**.



Leslie Sours sharply focused on this Least Bittern at Big Island on 16 Jul.

### Great Blue Heron

Carole Babyak counted 163 nests in the General Motors colony, **Trumbull**, on 26 Jun. John Games and Ron Sempier found about 100 birds at Big Island on both 02 and 04 Jun. ONWR hosted 78 birds on 07 Jun (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). (81 counties)

### Great Egret

The wetlands along Coonrod Road, **Sandusky**, hosted 386 on 19 Jun (Victor Fazio III). Tom Kemp counted 210 at Metzger on 22 Jun, and the inland high count was James Muller's 48 at Campbell Memorial Park, **Franklin**, on 15 Jul. (37 counties)

### Snowy Egret

Kenn Kaufman found 13 at Metzger on 26 Jun; up to 11 were seen there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Kim Warner's six at Mallard Club Marsh WA, **Lucas**, on 19 Jun. **Erie** and **Ottawa** also provided sightings.

### Little Blue Heron

Jen Brumfield saw one alight at Burke Airport on 25 Jul.

### Tricolored Heron

The OBRC has internet reports with no details from two **Lucas** sites.

**Cattle Egret**

The reports are:

One near Overton, **Wayne**, on 01 Jun (Willis Brubaker)

One at East Harbor on 08 Jun (R. Lee Reed)

One at Medusa on 03 Jul (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison)

One at the Cedar Point lighthouse, **Erie**, on 23 Jul (Eric Liebold)

One (probably the lighthouse bird) at the Breakers Express pier, **Erie**, on 26 Jul (Clair Cogar and Mark Rozmarynowycz)

Two at Magee on 26 Jul (Robert Menck)

**Green Heron**

The high count was nine, by Mary Anne Romito *et al.* at the CVNP Ira Road marsh on 20 Jul. (67 counties)

**Black-crowned Night-Heron**

Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 16 in ONWR during their 07 Jun census (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Counts to 15 were made at other coastal sites. The inland high count was the seven which James Muller found at Campbell Memorial Park, **Franklin**, on 05 Jun. (16 counties)

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**

Jerry Strosnider found one in Wolfe Park, **Franklin**, on 08 Jun; that site is near the former Preston Road colony.

**White-faced Ibis**

The OBRC has reports from **Wayne**.



*Su Snyder well documented this White-faced Ibis near Funk on 26 Jun.*

**Black Vulture**

Stefan Gleissberg noted 17 along the Hockhocking-Adena Bikeway, **Athens**, on 02 Jul. Three locations each hosted the second-highest count of 12. A single bird over Irwin Prairie SNP, **Lucas**, on 10 Jun (the Ostermillers) and two passing West Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 04 Jul (m. obs.) were well outside their core range. (34 counties)

**Turkey Vulture**

Paul Sherwood counted 78 perched on a powerline tower in **Erie** on 21 Jul. Every county except **Clinton**, **Meigs**, and **Van Wert** produced a sighting.

**Osprey**

The high count was eight. Charles Bombaci saw that many at Hoover NP's Area N on 01 Jul, as did Ed Wransky at Nimisila Reservoir, **Summit**, two days later. (49 counties)



*Allan Claybon captured this pair of nesting Ospreys in Morrow, Warren, on 02 Jun*

**Mississippi Kite**

The OBRC has a second-hand report with no details from **Ashland**.

**Swallow-tailed Kite**

A report from **Tuscarawas** has been forwarded to the OBRC.

**Bald Eagle**

The ONWR auto tour route produced 20 for Marjorie Weaver on 10 Jun. The second-highest count of 14 was achieved at Conneaut on 19 Jul (Jeff Harvey) and Pickerel Creek on 25 Jul (Greg Pasek). (50 counties)

**Northern Harrier**

The only multiple sighting was of two by Grace McCutchen at her **Gallia** farm on 27 Jun. Reports also came from **Greene**, **Highland**, **Jefferson**, **Lawrence**, **Ottawa**, **Paulding**, and **Shelby**.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk**

All of the reports were of single birds, and they were spread among 17 counties.

**Cooper's Hawk**

Matt Orebach saw a family of five at its nest in **Franklin** on 29 Jun, then again nearby on 08 Jul. Several observers reported groups of three elsewhere. (52 counties)

**Red-shouldered Hawk**

Evan Schwartz noted five (a family?) near his **Mahoning** home on 30 Jun. (46 counties)

**Broad-winged Hawk**

Christopher Collins provided the high count of three, at his home in **Greene** on 16 Jul, and there were many reports of two birds. (35 counties)

### Red-tailed Hawk

Douglas Vogus' CVNP Towpath Trail census on 11 Jul produced nine. Brendan Baptiste counted seven in CVNP near the Ohio Turnpike bridge on 15 Jul and Irina Shulgina tied him at Killdeer on 26 Jul. (79 counties)

### King Rail

Deb Tefft *et al.* saw one in CPNWR on 12 Jul.

### Virginia Rail

Tom Kemp's four in CPNWR on 04 Jun was the high count; there were several triples elsewhere. (15 counties)

### Sora

Tom Kemp also found three Soras in CPNWR on 04 Jun. (15 counties)

### Common Gallinule

Donna Kuhn counted 47 at Big Island on 11 Jul; others found up to 45 there on different dates. The most elsewhere were 12 at Delaware WA on 27 Jul (Robert Batterson). **Erie, Geauga, Lucas, Ottawa, Wayne, and Wyandot** also contributed sightings.

### American Coot

Ron Sempier counted five hatchlings, 23 older immature birds, and 22 adults at Big Island on 15 Jul. The most elsewhere were Donna Kuhn's six at ONWR on 07 Jun. (14 counties)

### Sandhill Crane

Funk and nearby areas hosted many; the Ostermiller's counted 74 there on 22 Jul. Denise Lesko and Cynthia Norris found the most for any other location, 19 which paused at Metzger on 15 Jun. Reports of young colts or other evidence of nesting came from **Fulton, Geauga, Logan, Marion, Wayne, Williams, and Wyandot**. (20 counties)

### Black-necked Stilt

The reports are:

Two at Killdeer on 12 Jun (Ron Sempier)

Three (and maybe more) at Winous Point on 25 Jun (John Simpson)

Two at Metzger on 28 Jun (*vide* Jen Brumfield) and one still there on 29 Jun (Kim Warner)



John Simpson shared this Black-necked Stilt image taken at Winous Point on 25 Jun.

### American Avocet

The only Jun report was of a single at Alum Creek on 29 Jun (Jordan Parrott). Four pleased birders at Funk on 15 Jul as did the same number at Euclid Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 19 Jul (both m. obs.). The other Jul sightings were in **Ashtabula, Delaware, Lorain, Lucas, Sandusky, Stark, and Trumbull**.



This lovely American Avocet was photographed by Leslie Sours on 13 Jul at Alum Creek.

### American Golden-Plover

Perry Hershberger saw the first of the southbound migrants at Dutch Valley, **Tuscarawas**, on 24 Jul; it was still there the next day for Ed Schlabach.

### Semipalmated Plover

The last of spring's northbound migrants were two at Headlands on 14 Jun (Dave Chase) and one at Conneaut on 20 Jun (Bob Krajewski). Bob also saw the first southbound bird, on 11 Jul also at Conneaut. The next were two at Conneaut (Donna Kuhn) and one near Meinke Marina, **Lucas** (Gary Cowell), all on 18 Jul. Conneaut also hosted the high count, 15 on 30 Jul (Donna K. Owen). **Cuyahoga, Geauga, Hamilton, Logan, Montgomery, Ottawa, Trumbull, and Wayne** also provided sightings.

### Killdeer

The trio of Jon Cefus, Kent Miller, and Ben Morrison (hereafter CMM) counted 385 along Wilderness Road on 31 Jul; on other dates up to 185 were seen there. The most elsewhere were Gary Cowell's 110 at Big Island on 19 Jul. (78 counties)

### Solitary Sandpiper

Mary Anne Romito saw one at the CVNP Ira Road marsh on 15 Jun, the only sighting that month. Was it the last spring migrant or the first of fall? Ronnie Clark noted one along Hall Road, **Franklin**, on 06 Jul. Scott Hugel provided the high count of 56, from Auburn Marsh WA, **Geauga**, on 31 Jul; up to 38 were seen there on other days. The most elsewhere were 14 at

Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, also on 31 Jul (Dick Hoopes). (21 counties)

### Spotted Sandpiper

Donna K. Owen saw 28 along the Cleveland harbor breakwall on 24 Jul. (47 counties)



*Leslie Sours found this Spotted Sandpiper on a sturdy perch for this shot at Darby Creek on 22 Jun.*

### Greater Yellowlegs

There were no Jun reports. Su Snyder found the first southbound bird, near Funk on 01 Jul, and the Ostermillers saw another at Funk on 08 Jul. At least four birders counted 19 along Wilderness Road on 31 Jul; Edward Ingold saw the second-highest number, eight, along Township Road 76, **Hancock**, on 19 Jul. (11 counties)

### Willet

The reports are:

One at Headlands on 12 Jun (*vide* Jerry Talkington)

One at Metzger on 21 Jun (Cynthia Norris, Su Snyder)

Three flocks totaling 20 birds at Conneaut on 09 Jul (Craig Holt) and singles there on 10 Jul (Bob Krajieski) and 30 Jul (Dave Chase and Donna K. Owen)

One at Euclid Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 19 Jul (m. obs.)

One in Westlake, **Cuyahoga**, on 24 Jul (Elizabeth McQuaid)

One at Lorain, also on 24 Jul (Patty McKelvey, Ed Wransky)

One at Mill Creek on 28 Jul (William L. Jones)

### Lesser Yellowlegs

Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison saw five at Funk on 28 Jun; they were probably the first "fall" migrants. Sightings were frequent from 01 Jul on. Funk also hosted the high count, 40 on 19 Jul (Benjamin Miller) and up to 25 on other dates. Leslie Sours found the most elsewhere, 17 in a sky pond in **Logan** on 31 Jul. (19 counties)

### Upland Sandpiper

Scott Pendleton counted 22 at the **Harrison** airport on 05 Jul; see also his note in "Comments on the Season". Margaret Bowman and Scott saw

up to 10 at other **Harrison** locations as well on other dates. Several birders found three at the OSU airport, **Franklin**, on 18 Jun. Eric Elvert tied that non-**Harrison** high on 19 Jul when he heard three at the Dayton airport from a vantage point on Dog Leg Road. Other reports came from **Clark**, **Cuyahoga**, **Lucas**, and **Ottawa**.

### Whimbrel

Kim Warner saw four at Mallard Club Marsh WA, **Lucas**, on 19 Jun. Andy Avram found two mid-morning at Conneaut on 22 Jul, Sally Isacco saw one there later that day, and Tom Frankel and Bob Krajieski each saw one there on 25 Jul. Bob noted that his stayed for less than two minutes.

### Ruddy Turnstone

The reports are:

One at Bay Point, **Ottawa**, on 06 Jun (Jeremy Dominguez)

One on the Cedar Point breakwall, **Erie**, seen from a boat on 29 Jul (Bill Ohlsen)

Three at Conneaut on 30 Jul (Dave Chase)

### Red Knot

Jeremy Dominguez saw one at Bay Point, **Ottawa**, on 06 Jun.

### Stilt Sandpiper

There were no Jun reports. Ronnie Clark's single along Hall Road, **Franklin**, on 12 Jul was the first bird. The next were Troy Shively's duo at The Slough, **Logan**, on 24 Jul. Two other sites also hosted two birds apiece. **Clark**, **Cuyahoga**, and **Wayne** also contributed sightings.

### Sanderling

Eddie Hicks made the last northbound sighting, at Cedar Point on 04 Jun. Daisy Asmus saw the first southbound birds, two at Conneaut on 14 Jul. Jen Brumfield's 12 at Euclid Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 16 Jul was the high count; the second highest was eight, by Dave Chase at Conneaut on 19 Jul. **Lake** also had one sighting.

### Dunlin

"Spring" migration lasted until 13 Jun. On that date, Rebecca Marshall saw four at Headlands and John Pogacnik one at Metzger. The Ostermillers counted 11 at Killdeer on 09 Jun, the high number. Troy Shively came in second with five at the GLSM hatchery on 08 Jun. Reports also came from **Erie** and **Ottawa**.

### Least Sandpiper

East Harbor hosted the last northbound bird, on 09 Jun (R. Lee Reed) and Conneaut the first southbound one, on 01 Jul (Craig Holt). Su Snyder saw the next, 20 at Wilderness Road on 03 Jul, and CMM (see Killdeer) counted 25 there

on 31 Jul. Jen Brumfield also saw 20, at Burke Airport on 25 Jul. (19 counties)

### White-rumped Sandpiper

The reports are:

Two at Conneaut on 07 Jun (John Pogacnik)

One at Killdeer on 09 Jun (Charles Bombaci and Leslie Sours) and on 11 Jun (Carl and Karen Winstead)

One at a sod farm near Darby Creek on 17 Jun (Ronnie Clark)

One at East Harbor on 20 Jul (R. Lee Reed)

### Pectoral Sandpiper

There were no Jun reports. The Ostermillers saw the first of the season, at Funk on 08 Jul. On 31 Jul Shreve Lake, *Wayne*, hosted 21 (CMM) and Wilderness Road another 28 (m. obs.). The most in another county were seven at a *Logan* sky pond on 31 Jul (Leslie Sours). (10 counties)

### Semipalmated Sandpiper

Kenn Kaufman saw 21 in an *Ottawa* field on 10 Jun, the last of the month but for three which John Pogacnik found at Metzger on 13 Jun. Scott Pendleton saw the first southbound bird, at the *Harrison* airport on 05 Jul. Troy Shively made the high count of 26, at the GLSM hatchery on 08 Jun. (19 counties)

### Short-billed Dowitcher

The first of the season were six at Funk on 08 Jul (the Ostermillers) and sightings were fairly frequent from then on. Burke Airport hosted the high count, 16 on 25 Jul (Jen Brumfield). Jeremy Dominguez and Sarah Lucas found nine near Meinke Marina, *Lucas*, on 18 Jul. *Ashtabula*, *Erie*, *Hancock*, *Logan*, *Ottawa*, *Trumbull*, and *Tuscarawas* also provided sightings.

### Long-billed Dowitcher

Jeremy Dominguez and Sarah Lucas well described the one they saw near Meinke Marina, *Lucas*, on 18 Jul.

### Wilson's Snipe

Carl Winstead saw one at Darby Creek on 04 Jun. More than two weeks passed before the next sighting, three by Kurt Grenig at the CVNP Coliseum site on 20 Jun, after which there were intermittent sightings through the end of the period. The high count was seven, by Dick Hoopes at Grand River WA, *Trumbull*, on 31 Jul. (12 counties)

### American Woodcock

Linda Houshower's five at Huss Farm, *Allen*, on 16 Jun were the most. (20 counties)

### Red-necked Phalarope

Two were reported to the Bobolink Area Rare Bird Alert at Seneca Lake, *Guernsey*, on 03

Jun, a little later than the typical last sighting of spring.

### Bonaparte's Gull

Tom Kemp estimated 600 were at Metzger on 22 Jun and Kenn Kaufmann noted 630 there on 26 Jun. Usually the large flocks are gone by then, and Tom said, "I am perplexed as to why so many of these birds are here in late June." Perhaps Kenn's note that "Essentially all of them were one-year-old immatures" was a factor. The inland high count was the four which the Ostermillers found at Funk on 15 Jul. *Ashtabula*, *Auglaize*, *Delaware*, *Erie*, *Lorain*, *Ottawa*, *Trumbull*, and *Warren* also had sightings; note that four of those counties are inland.

### Laughing Gull

Josh King and Ethan Rising saw one at the GLSM hatchery on 13 Jun. Craig Caldwell noted one hanging out with Ring-billed Gulls on Howard Road, *Lucas*, on 20 Jun. Kenn Kaufman saw what was probably the Howard Road bird at nearby Metzger on 26 Jun.

### Franklin's Gull

Allan Claybon found one at Lost Bridge on 01 Jun.

### Ring-billed Gull

Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 1449 on and around Kelleys Island on 20 Jul. Aidan Rominger provided the second-highest number, about 750 at Cleveland harbor on 29 Jul. The inland high count was Carl Winstead's 540 at Alum Creek on 16 Jul. (37 counties south to *Clermont* and *Hamilton*)

### Herring Gull

Turning Point Island, *Erie*, hosted about 900 on 05 Jun (Chris Tonra). Eddie Hicks had seen about 500 at nearby Cedar Point the day before. The most inland were 10 at the GLSM hatchery on 20 Jul (Jaden King) and 25 Jul (Ethan Rising). (25 counties, of which the southernmost is *Warren*)

### Lesser Black-backed Gull

Kenn Kaufman saw one at Metzger on 26 Jun.

### Great Black-backed Gull

Donna K. Owen saw the most, 15 on the Cleveland harbor breakwall on 16 Jun and eight there on 24 Jul. The most elsewhere were two at Cedar Point on 04 Jun (Eddie Hicks). Every county with Lake Erie shoreline except *Ottawa* provided sightings.

### Caspian Tern

Some were present all season, though Jul reports substantially outnumbered those from Jun. The high count, however, was on 26 Jun, Kenn

Kaufman's 45 at Metzger. The inland high number was Jordan Parrott's 29 at Alum Creek on 08 Jul. (29 counties)

### Black Tern

The reports are:

On or two at Metzger on 14 and 15 Jun (m. obs.) and three on 03 Jul (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison)

One at Maumee Bay on 16 Jun (James Shelton)

Two at ONWR on 05 Jul (Donna Kuhn)

### Common Tern

Tom Bartlett provided the high count, 750 at Middle Bass Island, *Ottawa*, on 16 Jul. The second-highest number was 200, by Carrie and Scott Myers at Metzger on 15 Jun. The inland high was Susie Short's 10 at Buck Creek on 17 Jul. (12 counties)

### Forster's Tern

Kenn Kaufman found 30 at Metzger on 26 Jun, and other coastal sites had up to the 14 which James Shelton saw at Maumee Bay on 16 Jun. Loren Hintz produced the inland high count, 10 at Funk on 09 Jul. (12 counties)

### Rock Pigeon

Amanda Lawson and R. Lee Reed counted 143 at the Great Miami WMB on 02 Jul; Amanda had seen 124 there on 21 Jun. The third highest count was of 79, at Darby Creek on 27 Jul (Loren Hintz). Though only 65 counties produced reports, surely these pests are statewide.

### Eurasian Collared-Dove

Waverly, *Pike*, hosted five on 12 Jul when Donna Kuhn and James Muller visited. Other sightings came from *Ashland*, *Auglaize*, *Clark*, *Hamilton*, *Mercer*, and *Wayne*.

### White-winged Dove

The OBRC has internet reports with some descriptive information and photos from *Stark* and *Wayne*.



This White-winged Dove was nicely captured by Su Snyder near Dalton, *Wayne*, on 19 Jun.

### Mourning Dove

Bill Stanley found about 150 at Old Highland Stone on 03 Jul; Robert Foppe and Jennifer

Smolenski counted 161 there on 10 Jul. Brian Wulker found 100 at Fernald on 27 Jul. Only *Clinton*, *Paulding*, and *Van Wert* did not produce reports.

### Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Cory and Howard Gratz found 13 along a 25-mile BBS route in *Lawrence* on 07 Jun. (70 counties)

### Black-billed Cuckoo

The high count of four was shared by the Gratzes along their BBS route in *Lawrence* on 07 Jun and Hope Orr in CVNP on 11 Jun. (41 counties)

### Barn Owl

Participants in the 05 and 06 Jun "Optics Fling" in *Holmes* saw up to nine. Irina Shulgina found one at Killdeer on 05 Jul and Alex Eberts two at Big Island on 16 Jul.



Alex Eberts snapped this image of a Barn Owl as it peeked from its lofty perch in *Marion* on 16 Jul.

### Eastern Screech-Owl

Duos were found in four locations among the 23 counties with sightings.

### Great Horned Owl

Nine sites each hosted two birds. (29 counties)

### Barred Owl

Greg Pasek found a family of four in Huntington Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 04 Jun. So did Kelly Kozlowski near her *Geauga* home on 28 Jun. (38 counties)

### Common Nighthawk

Victor Fazio III and William Hull each saw seven. Victor's were in Tiffin, *Seneca*, on 17 Jun and William's at his Cincinnati home on 12 Jul. (38 counties)



A well camouflaged Common Nighthawk with her eggs captured the attention of Shane Egleston on 06 Jun along Mound Road, *Montgomery*.



### Chuck-will's-widow

Observers found one or two at the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, *Adams*, on several dates.

### Eastern Whip-poor-will

Matt Anderson usually finds the summer's top count—this year he heard 11 during his travels in OOPMP on 07 Jun. The second-most were five which the Gratzes found along their *Lawrence* BBS route, also on 07 Jun. Other reports came from *Adams*, *Fulton*, *Montgomery*, *Ottawa*, *Scioto*, and *Vinton*.

### Chimney Swift

Ron Sempier estimated 450 were swirling over Big Island on 02 Jun. (80 counties)

### Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Allan Chartier hosted a public banding demonstration at Lake Hope SP, *Vinton*, on 11 Jul. He banded 14 birds and had one returnee from last year. Elsewhere in the Park and surrounding Zaleski he upped his day's total to 40. Ryan Stander counted 18 at the Villas at Little Turtle apartments, *Franklin*, on 18 Jul. (79 counties)

### Belted Kingfisher

Charles Bombaci counted seven along the northeast shore of Hoover Reservoir on 13 Jun. (65 counties)

### Red-headed Woodpecker

Killdeer hosted 19 for Irina Shulgina on 26 Jul. It's a reliable place every year for this handsome species, as is OOPMP, where counts peaked at 18 this season (Debbie Carr-Taylor, on 08 Jun). (62 counties)

### Red-bellied Woodpecker

The high count was 13. Ann and Dwight Chasar found that many along three miles of the *Summit* Bike and Hike Trail on 14 Jun, and Bill Stanley tied them at Indian Creek WA, *Brown*, on 03 Jul. (82 counties)

### Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

The reports are:

One at Center Cemetery and two in Tote Road Park, both *Ashland*, on 04 Jun (Victor Fazio III)

One at East Branch Reservoir, *Geauga*, on 07 Jun (Dana Bjorklund and Linda Coulter)

Two drumming in his *Portage* yard on 05 Jul (Scott Huge)

### Downy Woodpecker

Tom Bartlett *et al.* banded nine, recaptured two banded in earlier years, and saw another 19 at Springville Marsh on 13 Jun. The team had encountered 20 there on 06 Jun. Two other locations each hosted 14. (80 counties)

### Hairy Woodpecker

Gary Cowell found 11 in Cool Springs Conservation Park, *Ashland*, on 17 Jul. Ken Andrews provided the second-highest count, seven, from Big Creek Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 26 Jul. (62 counties)

### Northern Flicker

The high count was Hope Orr's 16 in Rising Valley Park, *Summit*, on 19 Jun. (78 counties)

### Pileated Woodpecker

Holden's limited-access Stebbins Gulch held seven for a trio of volunteer census-takers on 20 Jun. (63 counties)

### American Kestrel

Three sites each hosted six: Great Miami WMB on 01 Jul (Noah Haupt and Jacob Roalef), Killdeer on 26 Jul (Irina Shulgina), and Burke Airport on 31 Jul (Jen Brumfield). (60 counties)

### Merlin

Bill Whan passed on a report, which he considered reliable, of a nesting bird seen on 24 Jul in Columbus, and noted that the OBBA II recorded only three nesting records of the species during its five years of data collection. That same week, a moribund bird found in Zanesville, *Muskingum*, did not survive rehab (*vide* Manon Van Schroyck). Merlins are fairly common wintering birds here, especially in cemeteries, so it might pay to check their favorite locations during the summer as well.

### Peregrine Falcon

Elizabeth McQuaid, Gerry Wesley, *et al.* counted seven from Cleveland's Scranton Flats vantage point on 05 Jul. Burke Airport hosted the second-highest number, three, on 25 Jul (Jen Brumfield). *Franklin*, *Hamilton*, *Hancock*, *Lucas*, *Ottawa*, *Summit*, and *Wood* also produced sightings.

### Olive-sided Flycatcher

The reports, all of single birds, are from Darby Creek on 01 Jun (Ronnie Clark), OOPMP also on 01 Jun (Debbie Carr-Taylor), and CLNP on 20 Jun (Elizabeth McQuaid).

### Eastern Wood-Pewee

Andy Jones counted 25 while canoeing seven miles of the Cuyahoga River in *Geauga* on 18 Jul. Douglas Vogus *et al.* found 18 along the CVNP Towpath Trail on 06 Jun. (81 counties)

### Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

The reports are:

Two at Edison Woods, *Erie*, on 01 Jun (Paul Sherwood)

One at Blendon Woods on 01 Jun (Carl and Karen Winstead)

Two at Springville Marsh on 06 Jun (Tom Bartlett *et al.*)  
 One at the Sardis-Fielding Wetlands, **Jackson**, on 07 Jun (the Gratzes)  
 One in Grand Rapids, **Lucas**, on 07 Jun (Tom Kemp)

#### Acadian Flycatcher

Benjamin Miller found 30 along the Lyons Falls Trail in Mohican SP on 06 Jul. Pat Coy found the second-highest number, 17, in Hampton Hills MP, **Summit**, on 20 Jun. (66 counties)

#### Alder Flycatcher

Marsha Gilger found three along the Towpath Trail, **Summit**, on 04 Jun; Ben Warner and Anna Wittmer tied her count in the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, **Richland**, on 23 Jun. (20 counties)



Tom Fishburn found this Alder Flycatcher on 06 Jun at Letha House Park, **Medina**.

#### Willow Flycatcher

Elizabeth McQuaid found 24 in CLNP on 19 Jul. Ed Pierce's census team counted 18 in ONWR on 07 Jun (*vide* Douglas Vogus). (69 counties)

#### Alder/Willow "Traill's" Flycatcher

One or two were reported throughout the season at sites in 15 counties.

#### Least Flycatcher

Sightings were fairly steady until 15 Jun and then also from 05 Jul on, but absent between those dates. Three birders each found two: Joshua Eastlake in Ault Park, **Hamilton**, on 02 Jun, John Moore in Englewood MP, **Montgomery**, on 02 Jun, and Ryan Gniewiecki at Huston Brumbaugh NC, **Stark**, on 13 Jul. (17 counties)

#### Eastern Phoebe

Scott Huges found nine at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 17 Jul, and there were three reports of seven at other locations. (74 counties)

#### Great Crested Flycatcher

Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted eight of these showy birds in CVNP on 06 Jun. Regina Schieltz also found eight, at Hartmagles Farm, **Darke**, on 13 Jun. (69 counties)

#### Western Kingbird

The OBRC has an internet report from **Noble**.

#### Eastern Kingbird

The 05 Jul ONWR census netted 39 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 36 on Kelleys Island on 20 Jul. (78 counties)

#### White-eyed Vireo

The Gratzes counted 12 along their BBS route in **Lawrence** on 07 Jun. (60 counties)

#### Bell's Vireo

Three parties each found two: Melanie Shuter in Deer Creek SP on 03 Jun, multiple observers along the Heritage Trail, **Franklin**, on 21 and 22 Jun, and Carrie and Scott Myers along Needles Road, **Wood**, on 24 Jun. **Clark**, **Delaware**, **Hamilton**, and **Marion** also produced reports.

#### Yellow-throated Vireo

Andy Jones found 12 while canoeing seven miles of the Cuyahoga River in **Geauga** on 18 Jul. Scott Huges had found seven along 1½ miles of it on 05 Jul. Up to six were seen elsewhere. (55 counties)

#### Blue-headed Vireo

The high count was five; Aden A. Yoder found them during a long day in Mohican on 13 Jun. Haans Petruschke and Mike Watson found four at Holden on 07 Jun. Smaller numbers were present in their few other regular breeding sites, which include OOPMP, Clear Creek, and Mohican. Interesting finds at unexpected locations include two in Shawnee on 13 Jun (Chris Zacharias), one at the **Huron** Land Lab on 24 Jun (Paul Sherwood), and one at Augusta-Anne Olsen SNP, **Huron**, on 03 Jul (Victor Fazio III). **Columbiana**, **Geauga**, **Richland**, and **Summit** also had sightings.

#### Warbling Vireo

Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III counted 22 at Kelleys Island on 18 Jun. The most elsewhere were 18 in CVNP on 06 Jun (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (67 counties)



Jeff Stone added Great Crested Flycatcher to his **Warren** yard list on 25 Jul.

**Philadelphia Vireo**

Debbie Carr-Taylor found one at OOPMP on 01 Jun.

**Red-eyed Vireo**

Ten miles of travel at Clear Creek yielded 30 for Marcus England on 17 Jun. (78 counties)

**Blue Jay**

Mary Anne Romito counted 19 starting at Ira Road in CVNP on 27 Jul. **Clinton, Jackson, Paulding, Pike, Putnam,** and **Van Wert** did not provide reports.

**American Crow**

Howard Gratz counted 59 in **Knox** during a BBS on 14 Jun. Zachary Allen saw 38 in a newly-mown hayfield near Lucasville, **Scioto**, on 30 Jul. No sightings came from **Auglaize, Clinton, Fayette, Hardin, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam,** or **Van Wert**.



Bob Lane captured this interaction between a juvenile Bald Eagle and an American Crow at Conneaut on 02 Jul.

**Fish Crow**

The OBRC has one formal and one internet report from different **Cuyahoga** locations and an internet report from **Franklin**.

**Common Raven**

Dick Hoopes saw one at Industrial Park Drive, **Harrison**, on 26 Jun. Craig Caldwell saw another near Steubenville, **Jefferson**, on 29 Jun.

**Horned Lark**

The high count was 12. Margaret Bowman saw them along Old Springfield Road, **Montgomery**, on 23 Jul, and Charles Bombaci tied her at Killdeer on 31 Jul. (45 counties)

**Purple Martin**

Patty McKelvey saw about 400 at Lorain on 26 Jul. Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 174 at Kelleys Island on 20 Jul. (65 counties)

**Tree Swallow**

River Drive, **Pickaway**, hosted about 500 on 03 Jul for Gene Stauffer. Ron Sempier found almost 400 at Big Island on 02 Jun. (81 counties)

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow**

Brian Wulker saw about 200 at Fernald on 13 Jul and up to 100 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Chris Pierce's 50 at Pickerel Creek on 19 Jul. (73 counties)

**Bank Swallow**

Craig Holt counted 140 nest holes in a sand pile at Conneaut on 01 Jul, and Denise Lesko and Cynthia Norris saw about 500 birds there on 20 Jul. (45 counties)

**Cliff Swallow**

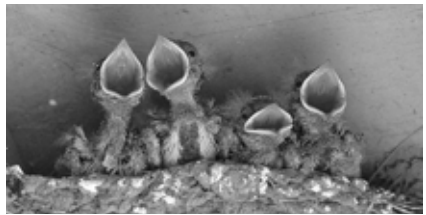
Victor Fazio III estimated 180 were around the Route 2 bridge over the Huron River, **Erie**, on 17 Jul. (41 counties)



Irina Shulgina found this engaging Cliff Swallow at Hoover Dam on 01 Jul.

**Barn Swallow**

Ned DeLamatre saw about 350 at Silver Creek MP, **Summit**, on 24 Jul. (80 counties)



These hungry Barn Swallow nestlings were recorded by Leslie Sours on 07 Jun at Glacier Ridge MP, **Union**.

**Swallow sp.**

Elizabeth McQuaid noted a mixed flock of about 500 at Lorain on 03 Jul.

**Carolina Chickadee**

Elizabeth Ames and Jay Wright found 16 in Hoover NP on 02 Jul. (59 counties)

**Black-capped Chickadee**

Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III counted 36 at Kelleys Island on 18 Jun and noted it was a new high number for the month there. (27 counties)

**Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee**

Thirteen "border" counties hosted indeterminate birds.

**Tufted Titmouse**

Deep Lock Quarry MP, **Summit**, hosted 40 on 10 Jul (John Wyman). The second-highest count was 16, found at two locations in **Cuyahoga** and another in **Summit**. (79 counties)

**Red-breasted Nuthatch**

The reports are:

At different sites within OOPMP, one on 02 Jun (Brandon Brywczyński), two on 07 Jul (Matt Anderson), and one on 14 Jul (also Matt Anderson)

One in Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 13 Jun (Mary Anne Romito *et al.*)

Two near Ira Road in CVNP on 13 Jun (Dave Chase)

One at Crown Point Ecological Center, **Summit**, on 14 Jun (Mary Anne Romito)

One on 16 and 22 Jun in Sagamore Hills, **Summit** (Susan Jones)

One at Mill Creek on 17 Jun (William L. Jones)

One on 26 Jun and 27 Jul at home in **Mahoning** (Leslie Warren)

Two in Woodbury WA, **Coshocton**, on 04 Jul (James E. Yoder)

**White-breasted Nuthatch**

Matt Kemp counted 14 in the Ten Mile Creek area, **Lucas**, on 17 Jun. (80 counties)

**Brown Creeper**

Scott Huger saw four while canoeing the upper Cuyahoga River in **Geauga** on 05 Jul. Additional sightings of up to three birds came from **Ashland**, **Butler**, **Cuyahoga**, **Harrison**, **Lucas**, **Portage**, **Summit**, and **Wayne**.

**House Wren**

Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III found 47 throughout Kelleys Island on 18 Jun. Victor wrote that it was a “new high count for June; remarkable as all but one was a bird in song” and that no family parties were included. The second-highest count was 21, shared by Matt Kemp along Ten Mile Creek, **Lucas**, on 17 Jun and Daniel DeLapp at Gilmore Pond Preserve MP, **Butler**, on 24 Jul. Every county except **Clinton**, **Jackson**, **Lawrence**, **Meigs**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** produced a sighting.

**Winter Wren**

The reports are:

One singing at the CVNP ledges on 09 Jun (Craig Caldwell) and one (the same bird?) there on 08 Jul (Karin Tanquist)

Three found during a breeding survey in Holden’s Stebbins Gulch on 20 Jun (Haans Petruschke *et al.*)

One near the Mohican SP covered bridge on 15 Jul (Stephen H. Vessey)

An adult and two immatures in the North Kings-

ville Sand Barrens, **Ashtabula**, on 25 Jul (Elizabeth McQuaid and Mary Birdsong)

One along the Mohican SP Hemlock Gorge Trail on 27 Jul (Angelika Nelson)

**Sedge Wren**

The high count was five; Chris Zacharias found them in the Great Miami WMB on 05 Jul. **Ashland**, **Fayette**, **Franklin**, **Hardin**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, **Pickaway**, and **Sandusky** also contributed reports.



*A cooperative Sedge Wren posed prettily for Leslie Sours on 22 Jun at Darby Creek.*

**Marsh Wren**

Elizabeth McQuaid estimated 50 were along the ONWR auto tour route on 21 Jun. Birders found up to 29 at ONWR on other dates. The most elsewhere were 15 at Metzger on 03 Jul (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison), and Jon also provided the inland high count of 12, at Killbuck on 03 Jun. (26 counties)

**Carolina Wren**

Two parties shared the high count of 10. Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker’s were throughout **Adams** on 27 Jun, and Charles Bombaci found his along the northeast shore of Hoover Reservoir on 04 Jul. Elliot Tramer wrote from **Lucas**, “Two successive tough winters...have knocked their numbers down.” (75 counties)

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**

Josh King counted 20 in Tawawa Park, **Shelby**, on 26 Jun (74 counties)

**Golden-crowned Kinglet**

The Chasars heard and saw one near Horseshoe Pond in CVNP, an occasional breeding location, on 20 Jun. Matt Anderson passed on a report of one seen on 11 Jul in Maumee SF, **Lucas**, and followed with his own sighting of a family of four there on the next day.

**Veery**

We had sightings all season, though few of them were after mid-Jul. Ben Warner and Anna Wittmer found 12 around the Mohican SP Gorge Overlook on 23 Jun. (25 counties)

**Gray-cheeked Thrush**

Victor Fazio III found a singing bird at Hidden Lake MP, **Lake**, on 04 Jun.

### Swainson's Thrush

The three stragglers are:

One at Sandy Ridge on 02 Jun (Rob Campbell and Michelle Pesho)

One at his *Auglaize* home on 04 and 05 Jun (Louis Hoying)

One at Holden on 07 Jun (Haans Petruschke and Mike Watson)

### Hermit Thrush

Doubles in Hocking Hills SP on 08 Jul (Rob Fowler) and 09 Jul (Diane Boswell) were the only multiple sightings. Elizabeth McQuaid found one at CLNP on 19 Jul; perhaps it was a failed breeder who left the northland early. Other sightings came from *Ashtabula, Fairfield, Lake, Lucas, Portage, and Summit*.

### Wood Thrush

The Gantzes' BBS route in Dean SE, *Lawrence*, yielded 37 on 07 Jun. Marcus England counted 20 at Clear Creek on 17 Jun. (77 counties)

### Eastern Bluebird

Jim McConnor's 20 in Orchard Hill Park, *Geauga*, on 26 Jul was the high count. (76 counties)



This Eastern Bluebird was caught by Allan Claybon as it brought food to its nest box at East Fork on 02 Jun.

### American Robin

Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III counted 155 at Kelleys Island on 18 Jun. Amanda Lawson tallied 143 in the Great Miami WMB on 14 Jun. Only *Clinton* and *Van Wert* did not provide a sighting.

### Gray Catbird

Nola Miller-Brasure and Nolan Miller found about 50 at Canalway Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 11 Jul. Tom Bartlett tied them at Springville Marsh on 18 and 26 Jul. *Clinton, Hardin, Jackson, Meigs, Pike, and Van Wert* did not have sightings.

### Brown Thrasher

Kent Miller and Ben Morrison counted 12 along Chapel Drive on 11 Jun. (72 counties)

### Northern Mockingbird

Two and a half miles of Fargo Road in *Carroll* produced 11 for Andrea Anderson on 16 Jul. (57 counties)

### European Starling

Lorain held about 400 on 21 Jul (Ed Wransky) and the *Harrison* airport came close with 350 on 05 Jul (Scott Pendleton). Every county but *Champagne, Clinton, Meigs, Morgan, and Van Wert* produced sightings.

### Cedar Waxwing

Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III counted 126 at Kelleys Island on 18 Jun. The second-highest number was Irina Shulgina's 100 in Kiwanis Riverway Park, *Franklin*, on 03 Jun. (74 counties)

### Ovenbird

The Gratzes' 25-mile BBS route in *Lawrence* produced 21 on 07 Jun, but Craig Caldwell edged them with 25 along 17 miles of Shawnee roads on 01 Jul. (37 counties)

### Worm-eating Warbler

Aden A. Yoder's eight in Mohican on 13 Jun was the high count. Bruce Simpson found four in Zaleski on 05 Jun as did Rob Thorn at Clear Creek on 16 Jun. Several parties found three. (14 counties)

### Louisiana Waterthrush

Kenn Kaufmann found seven in the vicinity of the Mohican SP covered bridge on 05 Jun. (30 counties)

### Northern Waterthrush

The reports are:

One near Shreve, *Wayne*, on 09 Jun (Isaac Troyer)

Two at Headlands on 14 Jun (Tom Frankel), one there on 15 Jun (Dave Chase), and one there on 17 Jun (Cory Chiappone)

One, a female with a brood patch, at Grand River Terraces, *Ashtabula*, on 02 Jul (Andy Jones)

### Golden-winged Warbler

Alex Eberts reported one in Zaleski on 02 Jun. Mark Hainen photographed one in OOPMP on 29 May and reported on 06 Jun that another birder had re-found the bird. Dennis McNeill saw probably the same one on 09 Jun. Matt Anderson found one in *Fulton* on 07 Jun and watched as it sang Blue-winged songs. Rob and Sandy Harlan saw and heard the staked-out *Ful-*



Tom Fishburn found this Brown Thrasher taking a dust bath on Thunder Road in *Carroll* on 04 Jul.

**ton** bird on 10 Jun; that day it was singing both Golden-winged and Blue-winged songs.

#### **Blue-winged Warbler**

The Gratzes' *Lawrence* BBS route yielded eight on 07 Jun, and there were at least three reports of six birds elsewhere. One of the six which Matt Anderson saw in OOPMP on 07 Jun is another cautionary tale; it was singing a Golden-winged's song. (37 counties)

#### **Black-and-white Warbler**

The Big Darby Wetlands of Wayne NE, *Athens*, produced five on 14 Jun (Janet Duerr and Nicole Freshour). (23 counties)

#### **Prothonotary Warbler**

Charles Bombaci monitors nest boxes in Hoover NP and found 30 birds there on 22 Jun. He also counted 20 along Old Sunbury Road, *Delaware*, on 04 Jun. The most in another county was Linda Coulter's 12 along the upper Cuyahoga River, *Geauga*, on 05 Jul; that's another site with a network of boxes. (31 counties)

#### **Tennessee Warbler**

Paul Sherwood saw two stragglers at Castalia Quarry, *Erie*, on 02 Jun. One was reported as heard singing at Conneaut on 12 Jun, but Haans Petruschke cautioned the reporter and the rest of us: Many of the Dark-eyed Juncos which breed in *Ashtabula*, *Geauga*, and *Lake* sing a song very like that of Tennessee and Nashville warblers. He provided a YouTube link to one of them at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0Fe9AR0ywE>.

#### **Mourning Warbler**

Lester Payton saw what was probably a north-bound straggler in Graytown, *Ottawa*, on 06 Jun. Scott Huges made a remarkable find of a female in Claridon Township, *Geauga*, on 21 Jun; its agitated behavior was a clue to a possible nearby nest. The next day, he and Matthew Valencic saw a male there carry a caterpillar into brush and emerge without it. Nesting in Ohio is rare but not unknown; the OBBA II map of data from 2006 to 2011 shows a probable nesting record in *Lucas* and one confirmed and several probable records in *Lake*.

#### **Kentucky Warbler**

Olivia DaRugna did a point-count survey in *Noble* on 10 Jun and found six; she also found six in Blue Rock SF, *Muskingum*, on 11 Jun. (28 counties)

#### **Common Yellowthroat**

Ed Pierce *et al.* tallied 37 in ONWR on 07 Jun (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Twelve miles of travel through Killdeer yielded 35 for Irina Shulgina

on 05 Jul. Only *Clinton*, *Jackson*, *Pike*, and *Van Wert* did not have sightings.

#### **Hooded Warbler**

The BBS in Dean SF, *Lawrence*, produced 22 on 07 Jun (the Gratzes). Clear Creek hosted 16 on 17 Jun (Marcus England). (52 counties)

#### **American Redstart**

Tom Frankel counted 11 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 07 Jun. (47 counties)

#### **Cerulean Warbler**

Shawnee Lookout provided the high count of eight, for Timothy Fennell on 02 Jun. Aden A. Yoder found six in Mohican on 13 Jun and three other locations each held five at various dates. (32 counties)

#### **Northern Parula**

Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker found eight at East Fork on 06 Jun. (41 counties)

#### **Magnolia Warbler**

Mary Anne Romito saw one in Rocky River Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 13 Jun, where "Second Saturday birders have one every summer." Bruce Simpson saw a young bird in Zaleski on several Jun and Jul dates. Mohican is another hot spot; observers found at least one in a minimum of five different sites in the SF and SP during the season.

#### **Blackburnian Warbler**

The reports are:

One along Lake Road, Cleveland, on 04 Jun (Jen Brumfield)

One at the Mohican SP Gorge Overlook on 06 Jun (Eli M. Miller)

Three in the Mohican SF Discovery Forest on 07 Jun (Eli M. Miller) and one there on 23 Jun (Ben Warner and Anna Wittmer)

Six throughout Mohican on 13 Jun (Aden A. Yoder)

#### **Yellow Warbler**

ONWR hosted 195 for Ed Pierce's census team on 07 Jun (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III counted 137 throughout Kelleys Island on 18 Jun. Mark Shieldcastle banded 40 of the 75 his team encountered at ONWR Navarre on 15 Jul. *Clinton*, *Defiance*, *Jackson*, *Morgan*, *Pike*, *Putnam*, *Van Wert*, and *Washington* did not produce reports.

#### **Chestnut-sided Warbler**

Pat Coy and Karin Tanquist found six along the CVNP Wetmore Trails on 03 Jul. (16 counties)

#### **Blackpoll Warbler**

Sightings were fairly steady to the last, which was of one bird at Jason Parrish's home in *Franklin* on 19 and 20 Jun. The high count was three, achieved by Jen Brumfield on Cleveland's Lake

Road on 04 Jun and Tom Frankel at Lake Erie Bluffs on 07 Jun. **Lorain** and **Lucas** also contributed reports.

#### **Black-throated Blue Warbler**

Laurie Mauro saw one in the **Holmes** section of Killbuck on 06 Jun. Peter Keefe and Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. separately saw one at Headlands on 23 Jun.

#### **Pine Warbler**

Kyle Brooks found 12 along three miles of trails in Wayne NE, **Athens**, on 14 Jun. The next-highest counts came on 13 Jun, when Atlee Coblentz found five in the Clendenning Lake area, **Harrison**, and Atlee A. Yoder noted four in Mohican. (23 counties)

#### **Yellow-rumped Warbler**

Matt Anderson saw a male in OOPMP on 07 Jun.

#### **Yellow-throated Warbler**

Craig Caldwell counted seven along the nine miles of Pond Lick Road in Shawnee on 01 Jul. (45 counties)

#### **Prairie Warbler**

The Anderson Meadows section of Wayne NE, **Lawrence**, held 15 on 06 Jun (m. obs.). Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker found 10 scattered around **Adams** on 27 Jun. (28 counties)



This well-timed image of a Prairie Warbler was taken by Allan Claybon on 06 Jun at East Fork.

#### **Black-throated Green Warbler**

Marcus England's hike in Clear Creek on 17 Jun produced eight. Sightings also came from **Ashland**, **Ashtabula**, **Geauga**, **Lake**, **Summit**, and **Vinton**.

#### **Canada Warbler**

Fred Dinkelbach *et al.* saw and heard one and heard another three in Conkles Hollow SNP, **Hocking**, on 05 Jun. Various Mohican sites held one or two throughout Jun.

#### **Yellow-breasted Chat**

Three parties shared the high count of 10. The Ostermillers saw them in Tri-Valley WA, **Muskingum**, on 03 Jun. Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker's were in **Adams** on 27 Jun. Zaleski hosted them for Bruce Simpson on 29 Jun. (55 counties)

#### **Eastern Towhee**

Nicole Freshour counted 33 along the Wildcat Hollow Trail in Wayne NE, **Morgan**, on 25 Jul. Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker found 25 at East Fork on 06 Jun. (78 counties)

#### **Chipping Sparrow**

Kelleys Island hosted 23 for Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III on 18 Jun. Every county but **Clinton**, **Jackson**, **Meigs**, and **Van Wert** produced sightings.

#### **Clay-colored Sparrow**

Sameer Apte discovered one in Beachwood City Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 01 Jun, and it was still there, "singing lustily", on 03 Jun (Victor Fazio III).

#### **Field Sparrow**

Irina Shulgina found about 30 in Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 13 Jun and again in Glacier Ridge MP, **Union**, the next day. (79 counties)

#### **Vesper Sparrow**

Martha Burrows found seven at Sandy Ridge on 22 Jul. Scott Pendleton found three at The Bowl on 13 Jun and six there on each of 06 Jun and 22 Jul. The other sightings, in 21 counties overall, were of one or two birds.

#### **Lark Sparrow**

Greg Pasek counted five in OOPMP on 06 Jun; so did Brandon Brywczynski on 19 Jun. The most elsewhere were a pair with two youngsters at Leighley Hill, **Tuscarawas**, on 04 Jul (Ed Schlabach). Other reports came from another **Lucas** site and **Clark**, **Fayette**, **Greene**, **Hamilton**, **Lorain**, and **Montgomery**.

#### **Savannah Sparrow**

Scott Pendleton and Sandie Myers counted 35 at The Bowl on 22 Jul. Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison found 27 along Chapel Drive on 11 Jul and noted that both adults and newly-fledged young were present. (46 counties)



This Savannah Sparrow perched nicely for Su Snyder near Dalton, **Wayne**, on 09 Jun.

#### **Grasshopper Sparrow**

The Bowl also hosted 85 Grasshoppers for Scott Pendleton and Sandie Myers on 22 Jul. Robert Royse found at least 50 on several dates in Deer Creek WA. (48 counties)

### Henslow's Sparrow

About 2½ miles of gravel road in the Mingo Grasslands, **Jefferson**, yielded 17 for Craig Caldwell on 29 Jun. The second-highest count was 12, which CMM found along Chapel Drive on 11 Jun, and which Richard Guthrie equaled along Fargo Road, **Carroll**, on 27 Jul. (32 counties)



Allan Claybon had a wonderful view of this Henslow's Sparrow on 09 Jun at OOPMP.

### Song Sparrow

Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 49 along the CVNP Towpath Trail on 11 Jul. Reports came from every county except **Clinton**, **Jackson**, **Meigs**, **Morgan**, and **Van Wert**.

### Swamp Sparrow

Tom Bartlett's crews found 25 at Springville Marsh on both 06 Jun and 18 Jul. (37 counties)

### White-throated Sparrow

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At Lake La Su An WA, **Williams**, on 04 Jun (m. obs.)

In the Pearl King Savanna, **Madison**, on 21 Jun (Irina Shulgina)

One near Tiverton, **Coshocton**, on 26 Jun (LeRoy E. Yoder)

At Headlands on 10 Jul (Tom Frankel)

### White-crowned Sparrow

The reports are:

Two along Whetstone Creek, **Morrow**, on 02 Jun (C.K. Walls)

One by Bodi Road, **Ottawa**, on 03 Jun (Mark Shieldcastle)



This Grasshopper Sparrow posed beautifully for Allan Claybon on 09 Jun at OOPMP.

One at her **Delaware** home on 10 Jul (Maria Losey)

One at Headlands on 13 Jul (Theodore Garver)

### Dark-eyed Junco

All but one of the sightings were in the known nesting counties of **Ashtabula**, **Cuyahoga**, **Geauga**, **Lake**, and **Summit**. The outlier was a single bird which made a brief appearance at the BSBO office feeders, **Ottawa**, on 30 Jun (BSBO staff). The high count was eight. Haans Petruschke and Mike Watson saw that many both in Holden's Stebbins Gulch on 21 Jun and at Holden's Little Mountain, **Lake**, on 11 Jul. As noted in the Tennessee Warbler account, many of the juncos which Haans and Mike encountered were singing an unusual song.

### Summer Tanager

Bruce Simpson saw four in Zaleski on 05 Jun; Margaret Bowman tied him in Horn Hills Park, **Licking**, on 03 Jul. However, Matt Anderson had already edged them for the high count prize with five in OOPMP on 07 Jun. (22 counties, of which only **Lucas** and **Tuscarawas** are north of **Delaware**)

### Scarlet Tanager

The high count of 10 was shared. The Gratzes counted them along their **Lawrence** BBS route on 07 Jun, and Carole Winslow found hers in Buzzards Roost NP, **Ross**, on 05 Jul. (70 counties)

### Northern Cardinal

Howard Gratz counted 45 along his **Knox** BBS route on 14 Jun. Douglas Vogus *et al.* found 37 in CVNP on 06 Jun. Sigh—**Clinton**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** came up cardinal-less.

### Rose-breasted Grosbeak

The CVNP Towpath Trail produced 10 for Douglas Vogus *et al.* on 06 Jun. (50 counties)

### Blue Grosbeak

Bob Holmes counted six at Fernald on 19 Jun and Brian Wulker found five there on both 22 and 27 Jul. Three other locations each hosted four. Of the 25 counties with sightings, only **Lucas** is north of U.S. 30, and most are south of I-70 or are cut by it.

### Indigo Bunting

Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III counted 52 across Kelleys Island on 18 Jun, and Victor found 36 there on 20 Jul. The most elsewhere were 35 along the Gratzes' **Lawrence** BBS route on 07 Jun. **Clinton**, **Jackson**, **Meigs**, **Morgan**, and **Van Wert** did not have sightings.

### Dickcissel

Orris Yoder counted 18 near Maysville, **Wayne**,



on 23 Jun. Fernald hosted 16 on 09 Jun (J.W. Rettig) as did Pickerel Creek on 19 Jun (Victor Fazio III). (29 counties)

### Bobolink

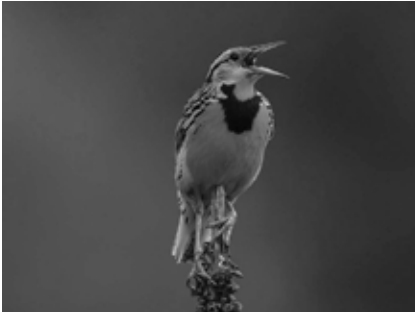
Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison found about 200 in the grasslands of Chapel Drive on 11 Jul. Scott Pendleton and Margaret Bowman each saw about 80 at The Bowl, on 06 Jun and 13 Jun respectively. (43 counties)

### Red-winged Blackbird

Steve Mulhall noted at least 800 leaving the Killbuck marshes at dawn on 28 Jun. James Muller found about 600 at Darby Creek on 21 Jul. Only **Clinton** and **Van Wert** did not produce reports.

### Eastern Meadowlark

Chapel Drive again provided a high count, 250 meadowlarks on 11 Jul (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison). The CMM trio had found 75 there on 19 Jun, while the most elsewhere were 57 at the **Harrison** airport on 05 Jul (Scott Pendleton). (69 counties)



Allan Clayton captured this Eastern Meadowlark mid-song at OOPMP on 09 Jun.

### Yellow-headed Blackbird

Ericia Howard reported twice seeing one near Blendon Woods on 05 Jul.

### Common Grackle

James Muller estimated 4500 were throughout Darby Creek on 21 Jul. Tom Bartlett *et al.* noted 2100 at Springville Marsh on 18 Jul and 3400 there on 26 Jul. The next highest count was also by Tom Bartlett, 286 at Kelleys Island on 20 Jul. (81 counties)

### Brown-headed Cowbird

Kurt Grenig counted 26 in West Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 17 Jul. (80 counties)

### Orchard Oriole

Scott Pendleton provided the high count of 14, from The Bowl on 06 Jun. Four locations each hosted eight. (58 counties)

### Baltimore Oriole

Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III found 90 at Kelleys Island on 18 Jun. Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 43 in ONWR on 07 Jun (*vide* Douglas Vogus). (75 counties)

### House Finch

Paige Nugent's **Hamilton** feeders hosted 37 on 10 Jul. The next highest count, 25, came from Dal Taylor's home in **Union** on 05 Jul and also from CNC's Rowe Woods on 18 Jul (Bill and René McGill). (76 counties)

### Purple Finch

Ben Morrison's yard in **Stark** hosted a pair all season, and they fledged two young. Jeff Harvey and Matthew Valencic each found three, Jeff at his **Mahoning** home on 14 Jun and Matthew in South Russell Village Park, **Geauga**, on 27 Jun. Reports also came from **Ashtabula**, **Cuyahoga**, **Jefferson**, **Lake**, **Lorain**, **Stark**, **Summit**, and **Trumbull**.

### Pine Siskin

The reports, all from feeders unless noted otherwise, are:

One on 07 and 08 Jun in **Wayne** (Gabe Hostetler)  
One between 07 and 13 Jun at East Harbor, an injured bird which did not survive (Sheryl Young)

One in **Geauga** on 14 Jun (Barbara Partington)  
One in **Lucas** on 25 Jun (Karen Leow)  
One in **Henry** on 03 Jul (Linda Kurth)  
One flyby at Wiregrass Lake MP, **Lucas**, on 05 Jul (Rob and Sandy Harlan)

Two immatures near Oak Harbor, **Ottawa**, on 12 Jul (Kenn Kaufman)

One south of Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, on 16 Jul (Robert Hershberger)

### American Goldfinch

Elizabeth McQuaid found 50 at NASA's Plum Brook Station, **Erie**, on 26 Jul. The Great Miami WMB hosted 40 on 26 Jun for Daniel DeLapp. Reports came from every county except **Clinton**, **Jackson**, and **Pike**.



Ron Sempier focused on this well posed Orchard Oriole at Rayl Cemetery in **Marion** on 27 Jun.

**European Goldfinch**

The three fugitives which came to Debra Payne's *Cuyahoga* feeder twice during Apr also made a visit on 21 Jun.

**House Sparrow**

Eddie Hicks saw about 150 at Cedar Point on 04 Jun. So did Robert Guth at his home in *Franklin* on 06 Jun. The Ostermillers estimated that 100 were along Wilderness Road on 15 Jul. *Clinton, Gallia, Hocking, Lawrence, Meigs,* and *Morgan* did not produce reports.

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