

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

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Greater White-fronted Goose

The first two showed up in Painesville, **Lake**, on 03 Oct and remained until 17 Oct (m. obs.). The last of the season were 13 in Brookville, **Montgomery**, on 21 Nov (Marge and Ron Bicknell). Irina Shulgina contributed the high count of 92, which flew over her at Killdeer on 01 Nov. The second-highest count was John Petruzzi's 19 over Mill Creek on 25 Oct. **Ashtabula** and **Ottawa** also had sightings.



*Jerry Talkington captured a crisp image of this Greater White-fronted Goose on 04 Oct in Painesville, **Lake**.*

Snow Goose

Kathy Mock noted the first, a blue morph individual in Sandusky, **Erie**, on 06 Oct. The only double-digit counts were of 16 which flew over Eli M. Miller near Charm, **Holmes**, on 08 Nov, and 17 which Robert Edelen watched pass him at East Fork on 25 Nov. (24 counties)

Ross's Goose

The sightings, all of single birds, were:
On a private pond in **Stark** on 05 and 06 Nov (m. obs.)
At Mohawk High School, **Wyandot**, from 13 to 17 Nov (m. obs.)
At LaDue on 20 Nov (m. obs.)
On the Great Miami River in Dayton from 23 Nov into Dec (m. obs.)
At Old Highland Stone on 24 Nov (Rick Asamoto)

Brant

The reports are:

Thirty-two passing Conneaut on 08 Nov (Bob and Denise Lane)
Three off Sherod Park, **Erie**, on 14 Nov (Dan Gesualdo)
Twenty-seven at Lakefront Park, **Lake**, on 14 Nov (Bill Boeringer)

Flocks of nine and 12 passing Painesville Township Park, **Lake**, on 14 Nov (Tom Frankel)
Twelve off Lake Erie Bluffs on 23 Nov (John Pogacnik)

Cackling Goose

Susie Short found the first two, at Buck Creek on 14 Sep. The high count was four, shared by Rick Asamoto at the GLSM hatchery on 14 Nov and Andy Avram near Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 19 Nov. **Erie**, **Franklin**, **Montgomery**, **Ottawa**, **Summit**, and **Wyandot** also provided sightings.

Canada Goose

Victor Fazio III counted 1980 off Port Clinton, **Ottawa**, on 03 Nov. He also found 1440 at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 06 Nov. The highest count well inland was Irina Shulgina's 1000 at Killdeer on 26 Nov. Every county except **Gallia**, **Guernsey**, and **Pike** produced reports.

Cackling/Canada Goose

Matthew Bell noted an indeterminate bird at Pickerington Ponds, **Franklin**, on 16 Oct.

Mute Swan

Jeffrey Roth found groups of eight at Lake Logan SP, **Hocking**, on 02 Sep and again at Kessler Swamp SNP, also **Hocking**, on 08 Oct. (27 counties)

Trumpeter Swan

Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 40 during their 06 Sep ONWR census (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Dave Chase found 30 there on 18 Oct and John Besser tied this count in **Sandusky** on 28 Nov. (19 counties)

Tundra Swan

The first was a single bird in the Crook Street wetlands, **Lorain**, on 19 Oct (Ed Wransky). More than a week passed before Paul Sherwood found the next ones, 18 in East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 28 Oct. Robert Hershberger saw about 300 pass overhead in **Holmes** starting at 3:00 pm on 22 Nov. ONWR hosted 660 on 25 Nov (Mike Wielgopolski).

Wood Duck

Ron Sempier provided the high count of 170, at Killdeer on 18 Aug. (79 counties)

Gadwall

The first of the season showed up at Lorain on 02 Aug (Josh Stapleton), though there had been several late Jul sightings. The high number was 1500, found by Ed Pierce *et al.* at ONWR on 01 Nov (*fide* Douglas Vogus). The second-highest

count was 540, by Victor Fazio III at Great Egret Marsh, **Ottawa**, on 03 Nov. The inland high was Craig Holt's 350 at Mosquito Lake on 04 Nov. (43 counties)

American Wigeon

Two Jul sightings preceded Josh Stapleton's find of two at Lorain on 02 Aug. ONWR provided the only triple-digit counts, 352 on 04 Oct (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus), 250 on 18 Oct (Dave Chase), and 200 on 06 Nov (Jay Wright). The most elsewhere were the 75 which Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison found at Mosquito Lake on 18 Oct. (30 counties)

American Black Duck

Rick Asamoto saw about 200 at Old Highland Stone on 24 Nov. Blendon Woods hosted the second-highest count, 91 by Sarah Lawrence on 19 Nov. (43 counties)

Mallard

The 01 Nov ONWR census produced 1800 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Victor Fazio III "reviewed a dozen images of the flock" to count 1830 in the flooded fields along Howard Road, **Lucas**, on 09 Sep. The highest count south of the lakeside counties was Richard Counts' 566 in the Hardin Wetlands on 28 Nov. (82 counties)

[American Black Duck x Mallard]

Victor Fazio III picked out three in the large Howard Road, **Lucas**, Mallard flock on 09 Sep. Margaret Bowman saw three at Blendon Woods on 26 Oct. (12 counties)

Blue-winged Teal

Pickler Creek hosted 590 on 22 Aug (Victor Fazio III); 200 were still there two days later (Ari Rice). The highest inland count was of 150 at Big Island on 12 Oct (Alex Eberts and Leslie Sours). (48 counties)

Cinnamon Teal

The OBRC has reports from the **Delaware/Union** Line.

Northern Shoveler

A few Jul sightings preceded this season's. Carlton Schooley provided the high count of 210, at Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, on 29 Oct. (39 counties)

Northern Pintail

Though one bird showed up at Conneaut in late Jul, the first of this season were three at ONWR on 06 Sep (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Jen Brumfield counted 130 off Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 18 Oct. The second-highest count was 49, at Wendy Park on 25 Oct (m. obs.). The inland high was Irina Shulgina's 30 at Pickerington Ponds, **Franklin**, on 26 Oct. (37 counties)

Green-winged Teal

Josh Stapleton found the season's first, two at Lorain on 02 Aug, though they followed a few Jul sightings. Dave Chase saw about 300 at ONWR on 18 Oct, and Irina Shulgina noted 250 at Killdeer on 16 Nov for the inland high count. (46 counties)

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Kent Miller saw the first, two at Berlin Lake on 14 Oct. Dan Gesualdo's 45 in East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 13 Nov was the high count; the second highest was 20 by Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker at Buck Creek on 29 Nov. (17 counties)

Redhead

Donna Kuhn saw the first, six at ONWR on 02 Aug. The earliest well south of Lake Erie was Rick Asamoto's single bird at the GLSM hatchery on 29 Aug. Deer Creek Reservoir hosted 350 on 29 Nov (Robert Royse). The second-highest count was 100 at Caesar Creek on 22 Nov (Richard Amable).

Ring-necked Duck

A BRAS field trip to Sandy Ridge produced the first, two on 30 Sep. Robert Royse counted 377 at Deer Creek Reservoir and the nearby wastewater treatment ponds on 29 Nov. Gregory Bennett found 199 at Summit Lake, **Summit**, on 23 Nov. (42 counties)

Greater Scaup

One at Lorain on 06 Aug (Tim Cornish) and two there on 08 Aug (Victor Fazio III) "should be taken as [exceptionally] early fall dispersal and not lingering birds" according to Victor. The next was a single bird at Bresler Reservoir, **Allen**, on 17 Oct (Rick Asamoto). The high count of 10 was by Jen Brumfield off Cahoon Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 13 Nov. (15 counties)

Lesser Scaup

The first made it all the way to Indian Lake SP,



Kevin McKelvey photographed this transitional plumaged Northern Pintail on 24 Oct; it was a welcome visitor to his backyard lake in Sheffield Village, **Lorain**.

Logan, before Stefan Minnig saw it on 22 Aug. Eli Miller found the next, another single bird, at Sunset Park, **Ashtabula**, on 12 Sep. The high count was 310, at the Findlay Reservoirs on 14 Nov (m. obs.), but Robert Royse came close with about 300 at Deer Creek on 29 Nov. (39 counties)

Scaup sp.

Elliott Tramer estimated that about 85% of the 2700 scaup he saw off CPNWR were Lessers. Matt Kemp saw a mixed flock of about 1400 off Toledo on 23 Nov.

Surf Scoter

Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, hosted the first seen, on 04 Oct (m. obs.). Lots of folks also saw the next, one which spent 12 to 18 Oct at the GLSM hatchery. Dan Gesualdo found 17 off Sherod Park, **Erie**, on 17 Nov. The second-highest count of six was shared by Jen Brumfield off Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 30 Oct and a crowd of birders at Rocky Fork on 07 Nov. (15 counties all the way south to **Scioto**)

White-winged Scoter

Gary Cowell and John Herman found the first, two at Clear Fork on 16 Oct. Ed Powers saw six fly past Metzger on 17 Oct. **Wyandot** is the furthest south of the nine counties with sightings.

Black Scoter

Cory Chiappone saw the first, one at Headlands on 30 Sep. Six off Erie on 09 Oct were the next (m. obs.) followed by three at Bresler Reservoir, **Allen**, on 17 Oct (Rick Asamoto). "Flocks" of four, two, and two passing Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 18 Oct gave Jen Brumfield the high count. **Delaware** was the southernmost county of the nine with sightings.

Scoter sp.

Jeremy Dominguez counted 27 on 14 Nov too far off Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, to identify to species. Other indeterminate reports came from **Allen**, **Cuyahoga**, and **Lorain**.

Long-tailed Duck

The reports are:

Two at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 04 Nov (Helen and Ken Ostermiller). One on 08 Nov and two on 28 Nov off North Perry, **Lake** (John Pogacnik)

One at Buck Creek on 14 and 15 Nov (m. obs.)
Two to three at the Findlay Reservoirs from 21 to 29 Nov (m. obs.)

One flying over Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 23 Nov (Robert Hershberger)

Two at Cowan Lake, **Clinton**, on 30 Nov (Rick Asamoto)

Bufflehead

Victor Fazio III's visit to Howard Road, **Lucas**, on 09 Sep produced the first, "a surprising early occurrence" among the many Mallards there. The next were four which Louis Hoying found at Lake Loramie on 15 Oct. Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 654 around Kelleys Island on 20 Nov; the second-highest number was 320 in two rafts at LaDue on 22 Nov (Irina Shulgina). (48 counties)

Common Goldeneye

Jen Brumfield saw the first one, at Edgewater on 30 Oct. Doug Marcum and Bradley Schultz found about 70 at Mosquito WA on 29 Nov. Bill Grant's 20 at Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, that same day was the next highest number. (18 counties)

Hooded Merganser

The season's first sightings of these uncommon nesters were not until 06 Aug, when birders found them at four locations. The high count was 286; Doug Marcum saw those at Lake Rockwell, **Portage**, on 29 Nov. (51 counties)

Common Merganser

Sightings of families continued at Conneaut from summer into Aug. Andrea Anderson also saw a family of 13, along Township Road 166, **Jefferson**, on 13 Aug. The first reported migrant was off Bass Island's East Point Preserve, **Ottawa**, on 01 Oct (Tom Bartlett). Lake Rockwell, **Portage**, hosted about 400 on 29 Nov (Doug Marcum). Paul Sherwood provided the second-highest count, 204, from Lake Erie at Sawmill Creek, **Erie**, on 25 Nov. (19 counties)

Red-breasted Merganser

Jen Moore and Jason Parrish found a single male on the Olentangy River, **Franklin**, on 04 Aug, and widespread sightings continued almost daily from then into winter though numbers did not enter triple digits until late Oct. Late Nov produced estimates of up to 100,000 off Huron harbor, **Erie** (m. obs.). The most elsewhere were about 8000 to 8500 between Cleveland's East 55th Street and Gordon Park on 28 Nov (m. obs.) Robert Royse contributed the highest inland count, 220 at Deer Creek on 29 Nov. (30 counties)

Ruddy Duck

Sightings continued from summer through fall into winter, though they were few during the first half of Aug. Victor Fazio III found about 2200 at Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs, **Allen**, on 06 Nov. (55 counties)

Northern Bobwhite

Reports gradually decreased through the season until the last two, one bird on 05 Nov by Amy

Muller at her **Wood** home and 20 at Springfield Bog, **Summit**, on 14 Nov by Paul Moser. (The latter location is a release site.) Bill Stanley's nine at East Fork was the second-highest count. (11 counties)

Ring-necked Pheasant

Irina Shulgina saw 10 at Darby Creek on 17 Oct; the next highest count was five, at three locations. (24 counties)

Ruffed Grouse

The only multiple sighting was by Stefan Gleisberg; he saw two in Strouds Run SP, **Athens**, on 17 Nov. Other reports came from **Belmont**, **Harrison**, **Jefferson**, **Meigs**, **Noble**, and **Ross**.

Wild Turkey

Gary Cowell saw 46 along State Route 95, **Richland**, on 24 Nov, and Tim Kleman saw 34 in Providence MP, **Lucas**, on 24 Oct. Elliot Tramer wrote, "A flock of 11-13 birds visits my backyard [in Whitehouse, **Lucas**] most afternoons, eating seed I throw down for sparrows and juncos. What ecological effects will they have? Will they become a nuisance? Suspect the juncos already think so." (53 counties)

Red-throated Loon

The first were two at Sunset Park, **Lake**, on 27 Oct (Sally Isacco and Jerry Talkington). One or two visited various sites along the Lake Erie shore in **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, and other parts of **Lake**. Daniel DeLapp discovered the southernmost, at Caesar Creek on 16 Nov. Other inland sightings were in **Clark** and **Holmes**.

Pacific Loon

Reports to eBird which provided enough information to evaluate the birds' identities are:

Two off Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 13 Nov (Jen Brumfield) and one there on 24 Nov (Elizabeth McQuaid)

One at Cowan Lake, **Clinton**, on 20 Nov (Rick Asamoto)

One (possibly the second Lakewood Park bird) off Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 25 and 26 Nov (m. obs.)

One at Huron harbor, **Erie**, on 29 and 30 Nov (Irina Shulgina and Paul Sherwood respectively)

Additional reports without details came from some of those sites and others in **Erie** and **Lake**.

Common Loon

Roger L. Horn saw the first probable arrival from the north, at CLNP on 14 Aug; of course a few summered in the state. Alvin E. Miller counted 596 southbound near Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, during the morning of 21 Nov. The next day,

Leon N. Miller tallied 346 passing overhead near Millersburg, **Holmes**. (42 counties)

Pied-billed Grebe

Ron Sempier found 75 at Big Island on 07 Oct. (68 counties)

Horned Grebe

Tim Krynak noted the first, at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, **Lorain**, on both 12 and 13 Sep. John Pogacnik counted 210 off Lake Erie Bluffs on 09 Nov, and the most inland were Ben Morrison's 57 at Berlin Lake on 30 Nov. (41 counties)

Red-necked Grebe

Robert Hershberger saw the first, one off Sunset Park, **Ashtabula**, on 10 Nov. The only sightings of two were in a gravel pit at Twin Creek, **Montgomery**, on 22 Nov (John Habig) and at Caesar Creek on 30 Nov (Rick Asamoto). Reports also came from **Cuyahoga**, **Geauga**, **Hamilton**, **Lake**, and **Montgomery**.

Eared Grebe

The reports are:

One to two at Lorain between 17 Sep and 05 Oct and again on 25 Oct (m. obs.)

One at Bradstreet's Landing, **Cuyahoga**, on 04 Nov (Jen Brumfield)

One off North Perry, **Lake**, on 13 Nov (John Pogacnik)

One off Sherod Park, **Erie**, on 17 Nov (Dan Gesualdo)

One at Deer Creek on 29 Nov (Robert Royse)

Western Grebe

A tantalizing late Nov report came from Tappan Lake, **Harrison**, but the viewers are only comfortable with calling it a distant, wave-hampered "good candidate".



Irina Shulgina discovered this Pacific Loon in the choppy waters of Huron, **Erie**, on 29 Nov, and successfully documented the diagnostic chin strap.

Double-crested Cormorant

Tom Bartlett provided a "conservative count over 1.5 hour period starting shortly after 7:00 AM" at the Jones Preserve on 01 Nov; he tallied 42,975 passing by. The most elsewhere were about 12,000 off Magee on 06 Nov (Mark Shieldcastle). Eli M. Miller counted 1072 in many large and small flocks passing near Charm, **Holmes**, on 22 Nov. (74 counties)

Anhinga

Another tantalizing, but second-hand, report came of one near Wadsworth, **Medina**, in late Aug. The OBRC has the little information available.

American White Pelican

The first of the season were eight at East Harbor (Elizabeth McQuaid) and one at ONWR (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus), all on 02 Aug. The group of eight was also the second-highest count, but was eclipsed by the 37 which flew by Maumee Bay on 12 Sep (Drew Pickert). All of the sightings were in **Erie**, **Lucas**, and **Ottawa**.



Su Snyder recorded this American White Pelican with Great Egrets during her auto tour of ONWR on 27 Sep.

American Bittern

Zachary Allen accidentally flushed what turned out to be the season's last of these Ohio nesters at Darby Creek on 06 Nov. The second-last sighting, of one at Beaver Creek WA, **Greene**, was on 29 Oct (Amanda Wolski). Eight other counties also provided single sightings.

Least Bittern

These leave much earlier than their larger cousins; Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker saw the last in Mallard Club Marsh WA, **Lucas**, on 15 Sep. Cory Gratz saw the second-last to depart, at Ackerman NP, **Knox**, on 06 Sep. The rest of the reports were also of solo birds (11 counties)

Great Blue Heron

Ed Pierce's census team found 128 at ONWR on 04 Oct (*fide* Douglas Vogus) and Big Island hosted 100 for Ron Sempiet on 08 Aug. (82 counties)

Great Egret

Josh Haughawout and Tyler McClain state that they made an actual count of 900 leaving a roost near Fremont, **Sandusky**, on 22 Aug. The second-highest number, also an actual count, was 231 during the 06 Sep ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). (56 counties)

Snowy Egret

David Gesicki and Mark Rozmarynowycz found one straggler at ONWR on 29 Oct. Perhaps it was the same one which Mike Wielgopolski saw there on 14 Oct, a more typical date for a last

sighting. ONWR also provided the high count, 23 on 10 Sep for Dan Gesualdo. The most elsewhere were eight seen well offshore of **Lucas** during a 28 Sep pelagic trip (m. obs.). **Erie**, **Lucas**, and **Ottawa** provided all of the reports.

Little Blue Heron

One spent from 02 Aug to 25 Oct at ONWR (m. obs.). Singles at Englewood MP, **Montgomery** on 04 Aug (Afton Kern) and at Sandy Ridge on 15 Sep (m. obs.) complete the list.



An immature Little Blue Heron stayed in Ottawa NWR for this shot by Su Snyder on 22 Aug

Cattle Egret

The reports are:

One at Metzger on 07 Aug (Kim Warner)

One in the Sulphur Brook estuary, **Erie**, on 28 Aug (Victor Fazio III) and on 06 Sep (Robert Batterson)

Six at the Shelby Street, Sandusky, **Erie**, boat ramp, on 09 Sep (Paul Sherwood)

Two at ONWR on 10 Sep (Amy and Kevin O'Neil) and again on 18 Oct (Dave Chase, Mark Willis)

Up to 22 apparently moving among several sites along the Great Miami River, **Montgomery**, on 21 Oct (m. obs.)

Green Heron

An injured bird was often seen in the Ira Road marsh of CVNP from 30 Oct well into Dec (m. obs.). Another, apparently healthy bird, stayed into Dec at the Deer Creek WA wetlands (Robert Royle). The second-last healthy bird was John Habig's at the Great Miami WMB on 17 Oct, a typical departure date. Jeff Harvey provided the high count of 32, at Mill Creek on 15 Aug. Charles Bombaci found half that many at the north end of Hoover Reservoir on 09 Aug. (68 counties)

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Edward Tiede found 31 at ONWR on 19 Sep. The next most were 12 which Josh Haughawout and Tyler McClain saw along County Road 259, **Sandusky**, on 22 Aug. (25 counties)

White Ibis

The OBRC has a report of two flying over an observer in **Holmes** in mid-Aug.

Plegadis sp. Ibis

The reports are:

Two which flew past Magee on 02 Sep (Edward Pullen)

One in a Lucas field on 18 Sep (Kim Warner)

Five at Maumee Bay on 29 Sep (Matt Kemp)

One at Mosquito Lake from 15 to 22 Oct (m. obs.)

Black Vulture

David Kurz saw 50 at The Ridges, **Athens**, on 26 Nov but Daniel DeLapp had already beaten his count with 80 at Caesar Creek on 09 Nov. (41 counties as far north as **Medina**)

Turkey Vulture

John Habig counted 475 in photos he took at Caesar Creek on 16 Oct. Robert Royse noted at least 400 at a roost at Deer Creek on the night of 01 to 02 Nov. (All 88 counties)

Osprey

Kelly Kozlowski saw the last one, in the Burton Wetlands, **Geauga**, on 16 Nov. The high count was 18; Charles Bombaci saw families totaling 10 adults and eight immatures at Hoover Reservoir's north end on 09 Aug. The second-most were Ken Fuller's seven at Alum Creek, another nesting area, on 16 Aug. (65 counties)

Bald Eagle

Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III counted 25 at Kelleys Island on 20 Sep. Jeff Harvey saw 23 at always-reliable Conneaut on 02 Aug. The most seen inland were 10 at Charles Mill Lake, **Richland**, on 11 Oct (Gary Cowell). (70 counties)

Northern Harrier

A moderate number of Aug sightings opened the season. The high count was 11, near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 10 Oct, when Scott Pendleton saw two adult males, two adult females, and seven immatures. (53 counties)

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Tom Bartlett noted four migrants at Springville Marsh on both 04 and 10 Oct. Singles, doubles, and triples make up the rest of the sightings. (53 counties)

Cooper's Hawk

Cynthia Norris and Elizabeth Snedecker saw the most, five birds along the Hoover Park Connector Trail, **Stark**, on 30 Sep. Other observers found up to four. (70 counties)

Red-shouldered Hawk

Gary Cowell counted nine from his yard in **Lu-**

cas, Richland, in 90 minutes of watching on 13 Oct. The second-highest count was four, which five sites produced. (65 counties)

Broad-winged Hawk

The last big push was on 21 Sep, when Louis Hoying counted 43 passing Lake Loramie. Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker had seen 30 at Buck Creek the day before. After those dates, all of the sightings were of one or two birds, with the last being a bit late to pass CVNP on 23 Oct (Ken Andrews)

Swainson's Hawk

One spent from 17 to 21 Sep catching grasshoppers and rodents near Millersburg, **Holmes**. The OBRC will acknowledge all who provided formal reports.

Red-tailed Hawk

Gary Cowell's yard watch in **Richland** on 13 Oct produced 16. Eli Miller's 12 near Charm, **Holmes**, on 10 Oct was the second-highest count. Albert and Sarah Troyer saw a dark morph bird in **Richland** and noted that this was the seventh year in a row that this possible "Harlan's" had arrived. Corinna Honscheid saw another very dark individual in **Delaware** on 14 Nov. Only **Putnam** did not have a sighting.

Rough-legged Hawk

Eli M. Miller saw the first one, on 10 Oct near Charm, **Holmes**, and a couple more were seen elsewhere later that month. Scott Pendleton provided the high count of eight, from the Second Reclaim Unit, **Harrison**, on 26 Nov. The second-highest number was three; Wes Hatch saw them along Hayes Road, **Geauga**, on 09 Nov. (16 counties)

Golden Eagle

The sightings of these now-annual winter visitors are:

One at Kiser Lake SP, **Champaign**, on 08 Nov (Eric Elvert and Skylar Frary)

One south of Becks Mills, **Holmes**, on 14 Nov (Aaron Nisley)

One south of Charm, **Holmes**, on 22 Nov (Eli M. Miller)

Two near Coshocton in that county on 30 Nov (Eli Hershberger)

King Rail

Members of a BSBO field trip heard one calling from Decoy Marsh, **Sandusky**, on 16 Aug, and Paul Sherwood heard it again on 21 Aug.

Virginia Rail

Sean Williams found the last of the season, in Delaware SP on 01 Nov. Ronnie Clark saw the second-last, two at Darby Creek on 21 Oct. The

high count was Roger L. Horn's four at Killbuck on 14 Aug and there were several duos reported. (14 counties)

Sora

Eric Elvert saw the last; it was swimming in one of the Barrett Paving gravel pits, **Clermont**, on 09 Nov. This date is two to three weeks later than expected, but Doug Marcum had heard another straggler calling from the CVNP Coliseum Grasslands on 05 Nov. Elliot Tramer provided the high count; on 26 Aug he wrote that "at least 58 answered rocks thrown into CPNWR marshes August 26. How many were really out there? A thousand? Who knows?". The second most were 15 at Metzger on 29 Sep (Peter Keefe) and the most away from Lake Erie were eight in Delaware WA on 26 Aug (Steve Landes). (33 counties)

Common Gallinule

Victor Fazio III found an extremely late juvenile bird at East Harbor on 18 Nov. Donna Kuhn saw one at Big Island on 18 Oct, about their expected last date. The high count was 40, which Ron Sempier achieved at Big Island on both 08 and 27 Aug. (14 counties)

American Coot

Old Highland Stone held about 4000 on 24 Nov (Rick Asamoto). Estimates of 1500 came from Rocky Fork on 15 Nov (Rick Asamoto), Mosquito Lake on 16 Nov (Dennis Mersky), and Medusa on 18 Nov (Victor Fazio III). (47 counties)

Sandhill Crane

Dan Enders counted 161 at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 20 Nov. Micki Dunakin saw about 140 fly over her **Paulding** home that same day. (32 counties)

American Avocet

The first of this season were seen on 08 Aug. Daniel DeLapp and Maria Losey separately noted one at Alum Creek and Paul Hurtado another near the Hoover dam. Chris Pierce saw the last two; they were actually floating in Lake Erie near Lorain on 01 Nov. The second-last date was 23 Sep, shared by Marcia Bremer with four birds at Deer Creek and Jen Brumfield with two at Edgewater. The high count was five, at the Findlay Reservoirs on 24 Aug (m. obs.) (16 counties)

Black-bellied Plover

There were no Jul reports, so Kim Warner's two birds at Maumee Bay on 08 Aug were the first. Erik Bruder saw the next, at ONWR on 16 Aug. Karen Bonnell and Scott Myers saw 13 on the Maumee Bay beach on 22 Sep for the high count. Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble saw the last, two at the Columbus Upground Reservoir,

Delaware, on 30 Oct; the second-last was Phil Swan's solo bird at Buckeye Lake, **Perry**, on 23 Oct. (22 counties)

American Golden-Plover

Brandon Gabler saw the first of the season, in ONWR on 09 Aug, though there had been Jul reports. Regina Schieltz found 36 in the Woods Road wetlands, **Hancock**, on 11 Oct for the high count. Douglas Bohanan saw 26 there on the next day and they were the last reported. (21 counties)

Semipalmated Plover

These, too, started arriving in Jul. The last seen was a single bird at the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**, on 01 Nov (m. obs.). Victor Fazio III contributed the high count of 36, from Wilderness Road on 23 Aug. The second-highest number was the 20 which Kelly Kozlowski and Matthew Valencic found in Headwaters Park, **Geauga**, on 22 Aug. (38 counties)

Piping Plover

One spent from 12 to 25 Aug at Conneaut; the OBRC will acknowledge all who provided formal reports.



Alex Eberts found this engaging Piping Plover a noteworthy subject at Conneaut on 15 Aug.

Killdeer

Robert Royse spent considerable time making a careful count at Deer Creek on 05 Nov; he came up with 483. The Berlin Lake mudflats hosted up to 400; Kent Miller provided that number on 08 Sep. Only **Coshocton**, **Gallia**, and **Lawrence** did not produce reports.

Spotted Sandpiper

Ben Warner and Anna Wittmer counted the high of 27, at Wilderness Road on 10 Aug. The last, rather late, date was 11 Nov. On that day Matthew Valencic saw an apparently injured bird at LaDue and Jerry Strosnider an apparently healthy one at Marysville Reservoir, **Union**. (59 counties)

Solitary Sandpiper

Jul sightings preceded the many of 01 Aug. Scott

Huge made the two highest counts, in Auburn Marsh WA, **Geauga**. He found 61 there on 02 Aug and 30 three days later. The most elsewhere were 27 at Mill Creek on 15 Aug (Jeff Harvey). The second-last was a little late; Ed Wransky saw it in the Crook Street wetlands, **Lorain**, on 12 Oct. Gary Cowell saw the last, at Carpenter NP, **Richland**, on the very late date of 25 Oct. (54 counties)

Greater Yellowlegs

The last was a single bird which spent from 15 to 29 Nov at LaDue (m. obs.), though there was a single late Dec sighting elsewhere. The high count of 35 was shared four ways: at ONWR on 22 Aug (Jen Brumfield), along Wilderness Road on 12 Sep (Cynthia Norris) and 19 Sep (Donna Kuhn), and at Killdeer's Pond 27 on 14 Sep (Ben Warner and Anna Wittmer). (45 counties)

Willet

The 02 August ONWR census team found the season's first (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). ONWR also hosted the last, which Peter Keefe saw on 29 Sep. Marty Calabrese found two at Sheldon Marsh on 09 Aug, as did Vern Troyer along Wilderness Road the same day. **Ashtabula** and **Geauga** also produced sightings.

Lesser Yellowlegs

Paul Sherwood saw the last, at Mohawk High School, **Wyandot**, on 17 Nov. The Hardin wetlands held 89 for Richard Counts on 11 Oct. (48 counties)

Upland Sandpiper

The reports are:

Four at The Bowl on 09 Aug and one there on 15 Aug (Scott Pendleton)

One calling as it flew over Clinton NP, **Seneca**, also on 09 Aug (Victor Fazio III)

Another caller over a **Hancock** grassland on 23 Aug (Shane Myers and Robert Sams)

One at Hoover Dam Park, **Franklin**, on 06 Sep (Shane Coulter)

One at Burke Airport on 13 Sep (Marty Calabrese)

Whimbrel

Jul sightings segued into Aug's. The last was Ed Wransky's single bird at ONWR on 17 Sep. The only multiple sighting was of a duo which flew over Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, on 11 Sep (Chris Swan). Other sightings came from **Cuyahoga**, **Lorain**, **Sandusky**, and **Wayne**.

Hudsonian Godwit

ONWR hosted the first on 21 Aug (John Pogacnik) and it was still there on 23 Aug (Dave Chase). The second sighting, and highest count, was a remarkable flock of 110 which flew over

Victor Fazio III as he drove in **Ottawa** on 04 Sep; Victor was able to stop and see their underwing pattern. The second-highest count was three, discovered by a BRAS field trip to Lorain on 03 Oct, and the rest of the sightings were of solos. The last was one which spent the first six days of Nov in the Crane Creek Estuary, **Lucas** (m. obs.). All of the reports came from **Lorain**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, and **Wayne**.

Marbled Godwit

The reports are:

One near Meinke Marina, **Lucas**, from 06 to 08 Sep (m. obs.)

One at ONWR from 11 to 22 Sep (m. obs.)

One, a flyover, at Metzger on 19 Sep (Andy Jones). It's likely that these first three locations hosted the same bird.

Three at **Lorain** on 03 Oct (Donna Kuhn)



*This Marbled Godwit struck a pose for Darlene Friedman on 07 Sep near Meinke Marina, **Lucas**.*

Godwit sp.

Shane Myers saw one fly over the Findlay Reservoirs on 15 Sep.

Ruddy Turnstone

A few Jul reports preceded this season's first, which was from Wilderness Road on 03 Aug (Gabe Hostetler and Paul Sherwood, separately). Edward Tiede saw the last, at Maumee Bay on 04 Oct. The high count was the eight which a crowd saw fly past Conneaut on 28 Aug. (15 counties)

Ruff

One spent from 25 Sep to 02 Oct at the north end of Hoover Reservoir. The OBRC will credit those who provided reports.

Stilt Sandpiper

The season's first spent from 31 Jul to 08 Aug at Wilderness Road (m. obs.). Wilderness Road also hosted the most, 32, which Su Snyder saw there on 05 Sep. Locations in **Hamilton**, **Marion**, and **Wayne** each held one on 12 Oct (m. obs.), but the last was a straggler at Walborn Reservoir, **Portage**, on 22 Oct (Kent Miller). (18 counties)

Sanderling

Paul Sherwood saw the season's first, three at Wilderness Road on 03 Aug. The high count was 21; Edward Tiede saw them at Maumee Bay on 04 Oct. Conneaut hosted the second-highest count, 12, on 27 Aug for Dave Chase and on 12 Sep for Eli M. Miller. Ben Hawes saw the last, also at Conneaut, on 05 Nov. (20 counties)

Red Knot

The reports, all by multiple observers, are:

Two at Conneaut on 15 Aug

One at and near Wendy Park from 20 to 22 Aug

One at Conneaut between 23 and 30 Aug and (presumably) another from 07 to 13 Sep

One by Meinke Marina, **Lucas**, on 07 and 08 Sep

One at Killdeer from 12 to 15 Sep



Photographer Darlene Friedman perfectly timed this Red Knot image on 07 Sep by Meinke Marina, **Lucas**

Dunlin

Anthony Popiel saw the first, a single bird at Sandy Ridge on 10 Aug. The next were two which Elizabeth McQuaid found at Wendy Park on 22 Aug, and regular sightings did not start until mid-Sep. The trio of Jon Cefus, Kent Miller, and Ben Morrison (hereafter CMM) saw about 400 from the CCE Trail on 06 Nov. The second-highest number was the ONWR census team's 246 on 01 Nov (Ed Pierce, *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Sightings continued into Dec. (41 counties)



This immature Ruff, a rare ABA Code 3 bird, was the star attraction at Hoover Reservoir where Ron Sempier obtained this image on 26 Sep.

Purple Sandpiper

Participants in a BSBO pelagic trip on 21 Nov saw one on the Cleveland harbor breakwall. John Pogacnik saw another at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, on 25 Nov.

Baird's Sandpiper

Gabe Hostetler and Paul Sherwood separately reported two birds at Wilderness Road on 03 Aug. Others saw one or two there into Sep. Jack Stenger's seven in the Martin-Marietta gravel pits, **Hamilton**, on 03 Sep was the high count. The three which Richard Counts saw in the Hardin Wetlands on 11 Oct were followed only by a single bird along the CCE Trail on 06 Nov (Ira Sanders). (24 counties)



This Baird's Sandpiper paused for this quality shot by Darlene Friedman at Maumee Bay on 05 Sep.

Least Sandpiper

Many Jul sightings led into this season, and sightings continued at one location into Dec as well. Margaret Bowman and Leroy E. Yoder saw 150 at Wilderness Road on 12 Aug. The second-highest count was 120, by John Petruzzini at Mill Creek on 21 Aug. (47 counties)

White-rumped Sandpiper

One Jul report preceded this season's first of a single bird at Wilderness Road on 06 Aug (Ben Morrison). Anna Wittmer reported 150 at the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**, on 06 Oct and Jeremy Dominguez counted 68 at the GLSM hatchery on 10 Oct. One at the Shreve Fish Pond on 01 Nov was about on time to be the last (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison), but Martha Burrows saw a straggler at Funk on 10 Nov. (30 counties)

Pectoral Sandpiper

Scott Huge saw the last, two at Headwaters Park, **Geauga**, on 07 Nov; often they're seen for another couple of weeks. Su Snyder counted 56 at the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**, on 04 Oct; Leslie Sours had the same number there two days later. The most elsewhere were 38 at Wilderness Road on 04 Sep (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison). (40 counties)

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Brian and Gale Walker saw one at Lost Bridge on 07 Aug. Leslie Feree found the second, at Linwood Park, **Erie**, on 26 Aug. Sightings continued intermittently at Lost Bridge from late Aug until the season's last, which was by Daniel DeLapp on 12 Oct. The high count of 25 was shared by Cristy J. Miller on 31 Aug and Aaron Miller on 01 Sep, both at Wilderness Road. The most elsewhere were 10 which flew past Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 30 Aug (Jen Brumfield). (13 counties)



Kevin McKelvey snapped this image of a Buff-breasted Sandpiper on 07 Sep at Wilderness Road.

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Karen Bonnell and Julie Heitz saw the last, a duo at Maumee Bay on 20 Oct, a little later than usual. BSBO staffers found 80 at Pickerel Creek on 16 Aug. (44 counties)

Western Sandpiper

Ben Morrison saw the first southbound bird, at Wilderness Road on 06 Aug. Ronnie Clark saw the next one, in the Hall Road flats, **Franklin**, on 18 Aug. Robert Hershberger contributed the high count of 12, from the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**, on 13 Nov. The next highest number was three, at ONWR on 04 Oct (Lee Adams) and at the GLSM hatchery on 09 Oct (Ethán Rising). (12 counties)

Short-billed Dowitcher

Like most of "our" shorebird migrants, the first of these arrived in Jul. The last were three which Bill Grant saw at ONWR on 30 Sep, a week or so before the typical last sighting. Paul Sherwood found 17 at Pickerel Creek on 23 Sep. The inland high count was 10; Jeremy Dominguez and Sara Lucas saw them at Wilderness Road on 26 Aug. (22 counties)

Long-billed Dowitcher

These arrive later, and stay later, than their Short-billed cousins. There was only one Jul sighting and the first of fall wasn't noted until 29 Aug, when m. obs. saw it at ONWR. It or another there on 05 Sep (Donna Kuhn) and one at Wilderness Road the same day (Sandie Myers) were the next. Ira Sanders found 70 at the end

of the CCE Trail on 06 Nov. The most inland were Aaron Miller's 14 at Funk on 10 Oct. Helen and Ken Ostermiller saw the season's latest one on 27 Nov, at Wellington Reservation, **Lorain**, but that bird remained almost until Christmas. (17 counties)

Wilson's Snipe

Su Snyder found 32 at the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**, on 17 Oct, and there were two counts of 30. (42 counties)

American Woodcock

Birders found these throughout the season, but sightings were thin in Nov. Dan Donaldson saw the most, 17 in Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery on 24 Oct. The trio of CMM (see Dunlin) flushed 10 along Chapel Drive around dawn of 31 Oct. (26 counties).

Wilson's Phalarope

Regina Schieltz saw the earliest, one in Hillgrove, **Darke**, on 13 Aug, though they have occasionally nested in Ohio. The next was a single bird at Wilderness Road on 22 Aug (Patty McKelvey), and sightings continued there until 10 Sep. The high count of five (the only count exceeding one) was there on 26 Aug (Carlton Schooley). Sightings were fairly regular to the last, which was at Big Island on 04 Oct (m. obs.), so several individuals were still in the state after their usual departure date of about 23 Sep. **Lucas**, **Medina**, and **Ottawa** also contributed sightings.

Red-necked Phalarope

Lots of folks saw two at Lost Bridge on 21 and 22 Aug. Rick Asamoto found the last, at Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs, **Allen**, on the slightly late date of 10 Oct. The high count was five, by the ONWR census crew in a closed section of the refuge on 06 Sep (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vagus). **Geauga**, **Lorain**, and **Wayne** also hosted single birds.



This Red-necked Phalarope was photographed on 26 Sep by Darlene Friedman at Maumee Bay.

Red Phalarope

The reports are:

One at East Harbor on 06 Oct (m. obs.)

One at Sherod Park, **Erie**, on 12 Nov (Dan Gesualdo)

One at Fairport Beach, **Lake**, also on 12 Nov (John Pogacnik)
 One, a flyby, at Huron, **Erie**, on 22 Nov (Robert Hershberger)

Phalarope sp.

Hancock, **Lucas**, and **Marion** hosted birds which couldn't be identified to species.

Pomarine Jaeger

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At the Jones Preserve on 25 Oct (Matt Kappler)
 At Huron, **Erie**, on 14 Nov (John Pogacnik) and on 20 and 22 Nov (m. obs.)

At Nickel Plate Beach, **Erie**, on 19 Nov (Victor Fazio III)

Parasitic Jaeger

Multiple internet reports came from **Ashtabula**, **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, and **Lake**. The OBRC will evaluate those which have descriptions or photos.

Long-tailed Jaeger

One internet report came from **Lake** with enough detail for OBRC evaluation.

Jaeger sp.

Cuyahoga, **Erie**, and **Lucas** generated reports of unspiciated jaegers.

Black-legged Kittiwake

John Pogacnik saw two off North Perry, **Lake**, on 13 Nov and Jerry Talkington saw one of them or another at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on the same day.

Ring-billed Gull

Victor Fazio III estimated 25,500 were at Huron, **Erie**, on 19 Nov; he and others saw about 10,000 there on other dates. The most elsewhere were about 7400 at Wolf Creek Park, **Sandusky**, on 18 Nov (Victor Fazio III), and the inland high was also tallied by Victor, 3400 by Chapman Road, **Seneca**, on 19 Nov. (70 counties) **Sabine's Gull** Participants on a pelagic trip with Jen Brumfield saw one 17 miles off the city of Lorain on 23 Sep. John Pogacnik saw one at Lake Erie Bluffs on 07 Oct and another off North Perry, **Lake**, on 08 Nov.



Su Snyder captured this lovely image of a Bonaparte's Gull with a fish at Avon Lake, **Lorain**, on 31 Oct.

Black-headed Gull

One was reportedly photographed in **Lucas** in Sep, an unusually early though not unprecedented date. The OBRC will evaluate the report.

Little Gull

There were about 15 reports, rather more than usual. The first came from John Pogacnik at North Perry, **Lake**, on 11 Oct; he also saw one there on 03 Nov and two on 10 Nov. Those two and two at Conneaut on 09 Nov (Victor Fazio III) were the only multiples. Most of the other sightings came from **Cuyahoga** and might have been of the same bird roaming the shore. **Ashtabula** and **Lorain** also contributed reports.



Alex Eberts sharply focused his lens on this Little Gull in flight at Conneaut on 14 Nov.

Laughing Gull

The first was Kim Warner's find at Metzger on 25 Aug, and the next spent from 11 Sep to 22 Nov along the Cleveland lakefront (m. obs.). Other single birds were seen at two sites in **Erie** and at one location in each of **Ashtabula**, **Lake**, and **Hancock**.



This Laughing Gull posed for Alex Eberts at Cleveland's East 55th Street Marina on 04 Oct.

Bonaparte's Gull

Dan Gesualdo and Jacob Roalef estimated 3700 were at Conneaut on 11 Nov. The inland high number was Ned Keller's 1200 at Clear Fork on 07 Nov. (57 counties)

Franklin's Gull

Gary Cowell saw the first, at Pleasant Hill Lake, **Portage**, on 02 Sep. The Findlay Reservoirs hosted 54 on 15 Nov (m. obs.). John Herman contributed the second-highest count, 31 at Clear Fork on 12 Nov. (32 counties)



Ohio sighting reports were brimming with Franklin's Gull observations this fall as a result of strong storm systems. This excellent image was obtained on 27 Sep by Darlene Friedman at Maumee Bay.

[Black-headed x Ring-billed Gull]

Jen Brumfield and Dan Gesualdo described an "apparent" product of this coupling at Huron, **Erie**, on 26 Nov.

Herring Gull

Daniel DeLapp found about 2000 along the lower Huron River, **Erie**, on 21 Nov. The second-most were Shane Myers' 1800 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 26 Nov. (48 counties)

Thayer's Gull

John Pogacnik saw one off North Perry, **Lake**, on 18 Oct. Shane Myers found one at the Findlay Reservoirs on 14 Nov; it stayed until 27 Nov for lots of viewers.

Iceland Gull

The Findlay Reservoirs hosted one on 26 and 27 Nov. Shane Myers saw it the first day and Amy Downing and Jeff Loughman the second.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

One spent 09 and 10 Aug at East Fork (m. obs.). The Findlay Reservoirs held 23 on 26 Nov (Shane Myers); the most elsewhere were 15 along the Ottawa River Interpretive Trail, **Lucas**, on 23 Nov (Matt Kemp). (17 counties)

Glaucous Gull

The reports are:

One at the Findlay Reservoirs from 14 to 29 Nov (Amy Downing and Jeff Loughman; m. obs.)

Two in Lakewood, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 Nov (Catherine Schiellein)

One at Lake Erie Bluffs on 23 Nov (John Pogacnik)

Great Black-backed Gull

Wendy Park and Pipe Creek each hosted one on 09 Aug (Elizabeth McQuaid and Ed Vigezzi respectively). A BSBO pelagic garnered 15 in Cleveland harbor on 21 Nov. The next highest number was the two which Shane Myers found at the Findlay Reservoirs on 26 Nov. Every county on Lake Erie, the afore-referenced **Hancock**, and **Seneca** had sightings.

Caspian Tern

Paul Sherwood saw one at East Harbor on 27 Oct; it was the last. The Maumee Bay beach produced the largest count, 188 by Ada and John Habig on 15 Aug. Alex Eberts found the second-highest number, 47 at Alum Creek on 17 Aug. (38 counties)

Black Tern

Eric Elvert saw the last, at Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, on 04 Oct. The Findlay Reservoirs held one on 03 Oct (Robert Sams), but the last except for these were two off **Lorain** on 23 Sep (Jen Brumfield *et al.*). The high count was 20, made by Alex Eberts and Leslie Sours at Kildeer on 20 Aug. (15 counties to the Ohio River)

Common Tern

Greg Pasek saw the last two of the season, at Edgewater on 27 Nov, but a single early Dec sighting followed. Matt Kemp estimated 1300 were at Maumee Bay on 29 Sep and 150 to 630 were seen there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 140 off **Lorain** on 16 Sep (Jen Brumfield *et al.*). The high count away from Lake Erie was a shared nine. Jeremy Dominguez and Sara Lucas saw that many at the Findlay Reservoirs on 24 Aug, as did Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker at Buck Creek on 10 Sep. (26 counties)

Forster's Tern

Hallie Mason and Scott Pendleton saw one at Edgewater on 28 Nov; it was the last. Matt Kemp's 300 mixed with Common Terns at Maumee Bay on 29 Sep was the high count. Tom Kemp saw the highest number away from Lake Erie, 17 on the Maumee River in **Henry** on 19 Oct. (24 counties)

Rock Pigeon

John Habig found 650 in Dayton's Veterans Park on 23 Oct. (80 counties)

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Christopher Collins counted five along the South Charleston Bike Trail, **Clark**, on 15 Aug. Other sightings came from **Ashland**, **Mercer**, and **Wayne**.

Mourning Dove

Bill Stanley estimated that 200 were at Old Highland Stone on 15 Aug. (All 88 counties)

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

John Pogacnik saw the last, at Lake Erie Bluffs on 27 Oct. The second-last date was 11 Oct, when singles were seen in **Cuyahoga**, **Hamilton**, and **Medina**. The high count of four was also shared. Kent Miller and Ben Morrison saw that many along Chapel Drive on 04 Aug, Brian and Gale Wulker tied them at Shawnee Lookout on 04 Sep, and Tim Johnson saw his in Beaver Creek SP, **Columbiana**, on 07 Sep. (61 counties)



Photographer Mark Hsu found this Yellow-billed Cuckoo a cooperative subject on 02 Aug at East Fork.

Black-billed Cuckoo

The last, and only sightings that month, were singles on 04 Oct near Mt. Hope, **Holmes** (Michael Hershberger), on 08 Oct in Marion Township, **Hancock** (Jeff Loughman), and on 09 Oct at Creek Bend Farm, **Sandusky** (Josh Haughawout). Nolan Miller saw three at Letha House Park, **Medina**, on 15 Aug, as did Thomas Slemmer in Calhoun, **Delaware**, on 29 Aug. (33 counties)

Barn Owl

The reports are:

One on a **Wayne** farm on 08 Aug (Dave Chase)
One at Big Island on 22 Aug (Christopher Collins and Stefan Minnig) and one there on 27 Aug and 01 Oct (Ron Sempier).

One near Brandon, **Knox**, on 17 Sep (Benjamin Miller)

Two in Kidron, **Wayne**, on 05 Nov (Kent Miller)
A pair with immatures at a previously unknown nest site in **Wayne** in mid-Nov (Andy R. Troyer)

Eastern Screech-Owl

The high count was Tom Bartlett's six on Kelleys Island on 21 Aug. (42 counties)

Great Horned Owl

Jessica McQuigg noted a probable family group

of five on a **Butler** property on 02 Nov. (47 counties)

Snowy Owl

The reports are:

One near Whitehouse, **Lucas**, between 25 and 28 Nov (m. obs.)

One at Ashtabula (city) harbor on 25 Nov (John Pogacnik)

One at Wendy Park on 29 Nov and one (the same bird?) at Edgewater on 29 and 30 Nov (both m. obs.)

Barred Owl

Triples were reported from **Clermont**, **Hardin**, **Knox**, **Summit**, and **Warren**. (49 counties)

Long-eared Owl

Dan Gesualdo found one at East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 13 Nov, and one visited Micki Dunakin's property in **Paulding** on 25 Nov.

Short-eared Owl

Many birders saw the first, at Darby Creek on 17 Oct, and it was seen intermittently through the end of the season. Lots of folks also saw the high count of eight, at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, between 22 and 24 Nov; fewer were seen there after that date. Reports also came from **Cuyahoga**, **Hamilton**, **Hardin**, **Harrison**, **Marion**, **Wood**, and **Wyandot**.



Allan Claybon beautifully captured this Short-eared Owl in flight on 29 Nov at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**.



Jerry Talkington recorded this image of an alert young Eastern Screech-Owl perched on his garage in **Lake** on 21 Aug.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Matt Kappler saw the first, at the Jones Preserve on 24 Oct. Other single sightings came from **Hamilton**, **Lake**, **Portage**, and **Stark**. Banding stations in **Butler** (David Russell), **Crawford** (Robert Placier), and **Vinton** (also Robert Placier) came up empty. Kelly Williams caught one female bird at Old Woman's Creek, **Erie**, on 08 Nov. Rebecca Palmer banded five at Caesar Creek, each on a different night, and recaptured one of them two days after banding. Tom Bartlett's station on Kelleys Island was much more successful. In Oct he banded 12 and caught another which had been banded elsewhere, and in Nov banded another 16. Nevertheless, his count of owls per net-hour was only about 2/3 of his historical average.

Common Nighthawk

Bill Whan saw two very late stragglers at Columbus on 05 Nov and commented that they were "both late and lucky" because temperatures were still in the 50s. The only Oct reports were of singles in Miami River CP, **Butler**, on 04 Oct (Daniel DeLapp) and in Sharon Woods CP, **Hamilton**, on 07 Oct (Harris Abramson). Henry Trimpe saw about 150 over Lane Avenue, Columbus, on 30 Aug. (55 counties)

Eastern Whip-poor-will

The reports are:

One at East Fork on 13 Aug (Bill Stanley)

Two heard near Mount Peace Cemetery, **Summit**, on 17, 18, and 19 Aug (Ned De Lamatre *et al.*)

One heard in his **Athens** yard on both 25 and 29 Aug (Sam Romeo)

One seen and another heard in Lake Hope/Zaleski on 27 Aug (Bruce Simpson)

One at Hoover Dam Park on 06 Sep (Shane Coulter)

One heard on his **Scioto** farm, also on 06 Sep (Zachary Allen)

Chimney Swift

An Ohio Young Birders field trip found two at Wendy Park on 07 Nov, the latest date. Ann and Dwight Chasar saw about 2000 entering a Bedford Heights, **Cuyahoga**, chimney on 09 Sep. The second-highest number was 1100, at Dublin's John Sells Middle School, **Franklin**, tallied by Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble. (77 counties)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

A feeder in **Hancock** hosted one from 11 to 25 Nov, almost a month later than any usually stay (Robert Sams). Harris Abramson saw the last before that one in Wyoming, **Hamilton**, on

23 Oct. Tom Bartlett *et al.* banded five of the 50 they encountered at Springville Marsh on 06 Sep. Miranda DeBoard found 31 at Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**, on 10 Sep and wrote, "Orange jewelweed is in full bloom and the hummingbirds were all over it." (77 counties)

Rufous Hummingbird

I here paraphrase Allen Chartier's detailed reports:

One hatch-year female banded on 05 Dec south of Shreve, **Holmes**. First observed by the homeowner on 28 Nov and last observed on 11 Dec. This individual was confirmed to be the same individual present in Mansfield, **Richland**, from 14 to 27 Nov (not banded there) based on an identical gorget and molt patterns.

One after-hatch year female banded on 15 Nov in Slickrock Township, **Clermont**. First observed by the homeowner on about 08 Nov and last observed on 09 Jan 2016.



The first Rufous Hummingbird of the fall appeared at Michael Zook's feeder in **Richland**; this image was provided by Alex Eberts on 23 Nov.

Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird

Marlin Miller saw one at home in **Holmes** on 28 Nov.

Belted Kingfisher

Charles Bombaci found 11 at Hoover on 09 Aug and Ed Pierce *et al.* (*vide* Douglas Vogus) counted nine at ONWR on 06 Sep. (76 counties)

Red-headed Woodpecker

Charles Bombaci provided another high count from the north end of Hoover; he saw 30 Red-headeds there on 09 Aug. The second-highest count was Irina Shulgina's 17 at Killdeer on 07 Aug. (64 counties)

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Englewood MP, **Montgomery**, hosted 21 on 25 Oct (Amanda Lawson). Only **Gallia** didn't yield a sighting.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

The only Aug sightings were of migrants. They were of one bird at Springville Marsh on 01 Aug (Tom Bartlett) and two seen and heard

well at Madison Lake SP, **Madison**, on 18 Aug (Bill Christman). The high count was the eight at Woodlawn Cemetery, **Lucas**, on 30 Oct (m. obs.). (59 counties)

Downy Woodpecker

The 06 Sep ONWR census crew found 28 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III saw 26 at Kelleys Island on 20 Sep and up to 19 there on other dates. **Gallia** and **Jackson** alone had no sightings.

Hairy Woodpecker

The high count of seven was shared by Douglas Vogus *et al.* in CVNP on 07 Nov and Josh King in Deer Haven Preserve, **Delaware**, on 29 Nov. Reports came from every county but **Fayette**, **Gallia**, **Guernsey**, and **Jackson**.

Northern Flicker

Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery must have been a noisy place on 30 Sep when Gustino Lanese found 60 flickers there. Jack Stenger almost tied him with 55 in Burnet Woods, **Hamilton**, on the same day. **Fayette**, **Gallia**, **Jackson**, and **Ross** did not have sightings.



Photographer Mark Hsu found this Northern Flicker well posed for a crisp shot at Fernald on 15 Nov.

Pileated Woodpecker

Tom Hissong saw five at Aullwood Audubon Farm and Center, **Montgomery**, on 22 Oct and there were many reports of four elsewhere. (62 counties)

American Kestrel

Joseph Ford counted eight at Killdeer on 09 Aug. (78 counties)

Merlin

The first of the season was in Union Cemetery, **Franklin**, on 03 Aug, a little earlier than mi-

grants usually arrive (Jason Parrish). Lori Brumbaugh and Lou Gardella saw four in Cleveland's Calvary Cemetery on 16 Nov and there were five reports of doubles elsewhere. (41 counties)

Peregrine Falcon

The most were Peter Keefe's three at Headlands on 10 Sep, and as was the case for Merlins, there were many duos reported. (33 counties)

Prairie Falcon

One late Nov report came from **Franklin**; because it was only a quick from-the-car sighting, the viewer reported it as "probable because of the nature of the observation, which leaves much to be desired."

Olive-sided Flycatcher

The first were singles on 12 Aug at Bur Oak Reservation, **Lorain** (BRAS) and at Meadowbrook Marsh, **Ottawa** (R. Lee Reed). Ed Pierce *et al.* found the last, at ONWR on 04 Oct (*fide* Douglas Vogus). The high count was Carl Winstead's three at Darby Creek on 22 Aug. (22 counties)

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Miranda DeBoard saw one in Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**, on 25 Oct, a week or so after they usually are gone. Roger L. Horn found 12 at Darby Creek on 12 Aug as did Robert Royse in the Deer Creek area on 15 Sep. (77 counties)

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Tom Bartlett *et al.* banded the first southbound bird, at Springville Marsh on 01 Aug. The next weren't seen until 18 Aug, when Wes Hatch found one at LaDue and Ron Sempier another at Killdeer. The last date, 04 Oct, was also shared, by Sarah Fowler and Alex Hughes at Blendon Woods and Andy R. Troyer in **Wayne**. Magee hosted the most, four on 09 Sep for Victor Fazio III. (26 counties)



Calvary Cemetery, **Cuyahoga**, hosted four Merlins on 16 Nov, treating Lori Brumbaugh to aerial combat along with this perched image.

Acadian Flycatcher

Rob Thorn found a calling juvenile in Portman Park, **Franklin**, on 24 Oct, which he said was "about as late as I've ever seen one". The second-last were two at Lake Loramie on 27 Sep (Louis Hoying) and there were four reports on 26 Sep. Ron Bicknell noted five at Twin Creek MP, **Montgomery**, on 02 Aug. Adam Zorn also tallied five, at Huston Brumbaugh NC, **Stark**, on 06 Aug, and noted that all were calling to confirm their identities. (44 counties)

Alder Flycatcher

Mary Anne Romito *et al.* found the last, on a tow-path walk starting at Ira Road in CVNP on 10 Aug. Matt Kemp heard two countersinging in **Lucas** on 04 Aug. **Lake** and **Stark** also contributed reports.

Willow Flycatcher

Magee hosted the last, on 24 Sep (Dennis Mersky). Andy Jones and Caleb Putnam counted 15 in CLNP on 23 Aug; the second-most were 10 at Springville Marsh on 01 Aug (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). (39 counties)

Alder/Willow ("Traill's") Flycatcher

The last indeterminate bird was at Darby Creek on 28 Sep (Ronnie Clark). Nolan Miller and Nola Miller-Brasure found 10 at the Wolf Creek Environmental Center, **Medina**, on 01 Aug. Christine McAnlis equaled them in Letha House Park, **Medina**, on 07 Sep. (21 counties)

Least Flycatcher

Dick Hoffman *et al.* saw the last, in CLNP on 07 Oct, about right for their departure from the state but late for the north coast. Louis Hoying's five at Lake Loramie were the most. (35 counties)

Eastern Phoebe

The latest date for a sighting this season was 25 Nov, though several phoebes were still here in Dec. Joe Brehm saw that last autumn bird at Fox Lake WA, **Athens**. Scott Huge counted 14 along the upper Cuyahoga River in **Geauga** on 05 Oct. (78 counties)

Great Crested Flycatcher

David Wisecup found three along McClellan Road, **Greene**, on 10 Oct; they were the last. Charles Bombaci saw the most, six at the north end of Hoover on 09 Aug. (42 counties)

Eastern Kingbird

Jeff Harvey's single bird at Mill Creek on 11 Oct was the last. Tom Bartlett saw and heard the second-last, at Springville Marsh on 04 Oct. The ONWR census team counted 40 on 02 Aug (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Irina Shulgina found 20 in one section of Killdeer and another

five scattered around the rest of the WA for the second-highest number. (70 counties)

Northern Shrike

The first were two which John Pogacnik saw at Lake Erie Bluffs on 27 Oct. Another duo at Conneaut on 29 Oct was the only other multiple sighting (Bob and Denise Lane). **Cuyahoga**, **Hancock**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, **Paulding**, **Wayne**, and **Wyandot** also contributed reports.

White-eyed Vireo

The last was Anthony Fry's bird at Bog Loop, **Muskingum**, on 13 Oct. Phil Swan counted 12 along 10 miles of Dutch Ridge Road in Wayne NE, **Perry**, on both 17 and 20 Sep. (49 counties)

Yellow-throated Vireo

The last date of 07 Oct was shared by three birders. Joe Brehm saw one at Trimble High School, **Athens**, J.W. Rettig another at Armleder Park, and Katie Sellers found two at her grandmother's house in **Preble**. Wes Hatch saw the high count of four at Eldon Russell Park, **Geauga**, on 01 Sep. (50 counties)

Blue-headed Vireo

The first migrant showed up on 02 Aug, at ONWR (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Eric Liebold found the second more than a month later, in Fremont's Walsh Park, **Sandusky**, on 04 Sep. Dick and Jean Hoffman found the last, at Villa Angela on 15 Nov. Brian Wulker saw five in Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 02 Oct, and Andy R. Troyer tied him near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 04 Oct. (45 counties)

Warbling Vireo

Matt Orebaugh's find by Maize Road, **Franklin**, on 15 Oct was the last. The high count was 55, achieved by Ed Pierce's ONWR census crew on 06 Sep (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Magee hosted the second-highest number, 18, on 04 Sep (Sue Riffe). (57 counties)

Philadelphia Vireo

Matt Anderson saw the first, at OOPMP on 22 Aug. Michael Crouse found the last, one at Clear Creek and two at Lake Hope SP, **Vinton**, all on 09 Oct. The most were four at locations in each of **Franklin**, **Lake**, **Montgomery**, **Stark**, and **Wayne** in mid-Sep. (38 counties)

Red-eyed Vireo

Nancy Anderson scoured Villa Angela on 16 Oct and saw the last there. Scott Albaugh contributed the high count of 16, from the Brown Family Environmental Center, **Knox**, on 28 Aug. (66 counties)

Blue Jay

Jen Brumfield saw 80 in and over CLNP on 10 Oct. Only **Jackson** did not produce a sighting.

American Crow

Margaret Bowman estimated that a roost near the Dillon Reservoir dam, **Muskingum**, held about 2000 on 13 Nov. Rhonda Berry saw about 1000 near the Mansfield Board of Education building, **Richland**, on 19 Nov. **Paulding** alone did not have a sighting.

Fish Crow

Multiple reports from **Cuyahoga** added up to about 18 birds. Other reports came from **Meigs** and **Summit**. The OBRC will sift through the evidence.



Lori Brumbaugh photographed this Fish Crow, one of three she found perched on a wire in Garfield Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 08 Sep.

Common Raven

The reports are:

One in Strouds Run SP, **Athens**, on 07 Sep.

One along Busby Road, **Harrison**, on 28 Sep (m. obs.)

Two along Dawson Road, **Jefferson**, on 11 Oct (Andrew Anderson)

One in Jockey Hollow WA, **Harrison**, on 21 Oct (Scott Pendleton)

One heard on 16 and 17 Nov and two seen on 19 Nov near New Athens, **Harrison** (Dan Kramer)

Horned Lark

Gary Cowell saw a single flock of 44 in **Ashland** on 30 Aug. (63 counties)



Mark Hsu obtained a stellar view of these "horns", the little tufts of feathers on a Horned Lark's head, at VOA Park, **Butler**, on 27 Nov.

Purple Martin

The last were two in a martin house along the Hockhocking-Adena Bikeway, **Athens**, on 22 Sep (Sam Romeo). The most were about 5000, at Nimisila Reservoir, **Summit**, on 03 Aug (Francie Flower) and also at Lost Bridge on 12 Aug (Brian Wulker). Up to 2000 were at both locations on other dates. The most elsewhere were 550 at Kelleys Island on 21 Aug (Tom Bartlett). (57 counties)

Tree Swallow

Dan Gesualdo and Jacob Roalef saw the last one, at Conneaut on 11 Nov. Jaden and Josh King noted about 1000 at the GLSM hatchery on 10 Oct as did Robert Royse at Deer Creek on 19 Oct. (65 counties)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

The last were 12 at Sandy Ridge, which Martha Burrows found on 22 Oct. Brian Wulker's 300 at Fernald on 17 Sep were the most, and up to 250 were seen there on other dates. Kyle Jones saw the most elsewhere, about 180 along Canal Road, **Pickaway**, on 22 Aug. (51 counties)

Bank Swallow

Margaret Bowman saw the latest, one at Sandy Ridge on 26 Sep. Victor Fazio III provided the two highest counts, 470 at Meadowbrook Marsh, **Ottawa**, on 16 Aug and 700 at Pickerel Creek on 08 Aug. (43 counties)

Cliff Swallow

The last date was 04 Oct. Patty McKelvey saw one at **Lorain** on that date, as did Jeff Bouton at Scioto Audubon MP, **Franklin**. Ron Sempier counted 45 along Hoke Road, **Marion**, on 01 Aug. (35 counties)

Cave Swallow

There were eBird entries from **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Geauga**, and **Richland** and reports to other venues from **Lake**. The OBRC will evaluate those which included enough information.



A perfect combination of weather systems provided a rare flood of Cave Swallows into northern Ohio in Nov. Alex Eberts aced this flight shot on 20 Nov in **Erie**.

Barn Swallow

The Troyers (Albert and Sarah) and Gary Cowell separately noted the last, at Clear Fork on 31

Oct. The second-last were three on 21 Oct at each of Big Island (Carl Winstead) and Mercer WA (Josh King). Tom Bartlett counted 351 at Kelleys Island on 21 Aug. (79 counties)

Carolina Chickadee

Englewood MP, **Montgomery**, held 36 when Marge and Ron Bicknell visited on 01 Nov. (63 counties)

Black-capped Chickadee

Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 84 at Kelleys Island on 20 Nov and up to 72 there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 33 on 19 Sep along the CVNP Towpath Trail starting at Ira Road (m. obs.). (28 counties)

Chickadee sp.

Observers were unwilling or unable to put a species name to sightings in 21 counties in the overlap zone.

Tufted Titmouse

Alan Green found 25 in Blacklick Woods MP, **Fairfield**, on 30 Nov. **Gallia**, **Jackson**, and **Van Wert** did not have sightings.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

A few were seen during Aug in the areas where they nest, but the first definite migrant appeared on 29 Aug, at ONWR (Tyler McClain). Alex Eberts provided the high count of eight, at Strouds Run SP, **Athens**, on 27 Nov. (27 counties)

White-breasted Nuthatch

Shane Myers found 22 in the Riverbend Recreation Area, **Hancock**, on 14 Sep. Every county except **Fayette**, **Gallia**, and **Jackson** produced sightings.

Brown Creeper

The first of the season was Gayle McKay's at Darby Creek on 03 Aug. The next were two at Pat Love's feeder in **Trumbull** on 18 Aug. Wendy Park hosted 11 on 04 Oct (Edward Enold). (63 counties)

House Wren

Paul Dornbusch saw the last of the season, in his **Ottawa** yard on 05 Nov, though a straggler was reported in early Dec. Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 25 at Springville Marsh on 15 Aug and Inga Schmidt found 12 along Chagrin River Road, **Geauga**, on 01 Aug. (64 counties)

Winter Wren

The first was one at Headlands on 11 Sep (Peter Keefe). Jen Brumfield counted 11 at Wendy Park on 01 Oct and there were two reports of eight. (49 counties)

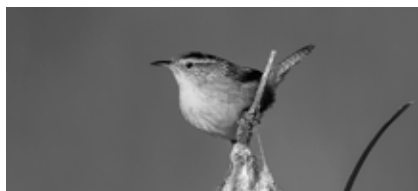
Sedge Wren

The last was Zachary Allen's, which he saw and

heard at Darby Creek on 06 Nov, about two weeks later than usual. Andrew Cannizzaro saw the second to last, at the Ellis Lake wetlands, **Butler**, on the typical date of 25 Oct. Robert Royse heard about 12 singing in the Deer Creek WA wetlands on 16 Aug and saw a female with dependent young there on 05 Oct. The second most were seven at the Great Miami WMB on 16 Aug (m. obs.). (21 counties)

Marsh Wren

The last were two which Ethan Ellis saw at Pickerington Ponds, **Franklin**, on 27 Nov. ONWR hosted 13 on 02 Aug (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus) and two locations each held nine. (32 counties)



Photographer Mark Hsu captured this lovely image of a Marsh Wren at Fernald on 03 Nov.

Carolina Wren

Aaron Gabbe produced the high count of 14, at Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**, on 11 Sep. (81 counties)



This Carolina Wren paused long enough for Mark Hsu to capture this shot on 08 Nov at East Fork.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Nancy Anderson saw the last, at Villa Angela on 17 Oct. Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker found 12 at Buck Creek on 27 Aug. (58 counties)

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Several birders saw the first migrant, at CLNP on 14 Sep. The most were Jen Brumfield's 55, also at CLNP, on 10 Oct. (69 counties)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Amanda DeBoard and Amanda Lawson noted the earliest, two birds at Woodman Fen, **Mont-**

gomery, on 31 Aug. The ONWR census team counted 111 on 04 Oct (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). The second-highest number was Tim Haney's 48 in Woodlawn Cemetery, **Lucas**, on 05 Oct. (76 counties)

Eastern Bluebird

Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 56 during their 07 Nov Towpath Trail census in CVNP. Matthew Valencic saw about 50 in Frohring Meadows, **Geauga**, on 23 Oct, as did Stan Plante at Holden Arboretum on 15 Nov. **Clinton**, **Gallia**, **Pike**, **Putnam**, and **Van Wert** did not have sightings.

Townsend's Solitaire

In mid-Nov one was reported as arriving across Lake Erie to **Lake** only to be killed by a Herring Gull. No other details are available.

Veery

Dan Gesualdo saw the last, in his Volunteer Bay yard, **Erie**, on 11 Oct. Victor Fazio III found six at Magee on 09 Sep and five there plus eight at the bend of the causeway on 23 Sep. The most elsewhere were four which Cristy J. Miller heard over her **Holmes** home in the predawn of 10 Sep. (24 counties)

Gray-cheeked Thrush

The first showed up in Horn Hills Park, **Licking**, on 01 Sep (Margaret Bowman). The next sighting was almost a week later, at Hoover Dam Park on 06 Sep (Shane Coulter). The last two were also separated by several days, at OOPMP on 16 Oct (Carrie and Mark Ruane) and in the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Oct (Paul Sherwood). Andy R. Troyer counted 54 over his home near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, before dawn of 20 Sep. The second-most were 20 which Tom Bartlett *et al.* found at Springville Marsh on 27 Sep. (36 counties)

Swainson's Thrush

Victor Fazio III saw the first, at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, on 17 Aug. Amy and Kevin O'Neil saw the next, at Kiwanis Riverway Park, **Franklin**, on 23 Aug. The last two were Matt Orebough's in Thaddeus Kosciuszko Park, **Franklin**, on 26 Oct, and Sarah Lawrence's at Blendon Woods the next day. Cristy J. Miller stopped counting at 350 over her **Holmes** home after 35 predawn minutes on 20 Sep. The highest visual count was 50 at Bass Island's Scheeff Point NP, **Ottawa**, on 17 Sep (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). (53 counties)

Hermit Thrush

Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker well described an early migrant at Buck Creek on 01 Aug. The only other sighting that month was Daniel DeLapp's in Hocking Hills SP on 03 Aug;

it might have nested there. Tom Bartlett *et al.* banded 13 and saw another 37 in the Jones Preserve on 22 Oct and his crew's numbers were 10 banded and 25 seen at Springville Marsh on 10 Oct. The most elsewhere were counts of 10 at four locations. (45 counties)

Wood Thrush

The last sighting was Anthony Fry's, in his **Muskingum** yard on 09 Oct. Adam Zorn saw a mix of adults and immatures totaling 12 at Huston Brumbaugh NC, **Stark**, on 06 Aug. Sam Romeo saw four adults and two immatures at The Ridges, **Athens**, on 10 Sep. (54 counties)

American Robin

Inga Schmidt saw about 1700 going to a roost on Chagrin River Road, **Geauga**, on 21 Oct. She had seen about 1500 arriving there, mostly from the north, on 30 Aug. The trio of CMM also saw about 1500, at Chapel Drive on 31 Oct. Only **Guernsey**, **Jackson**, and **Lawrence** didn't produce a sighting.

Gray Cathbird

Sightings continued into Dec but were scarce after mid-Nov. Tom Bartlett *et al.* saw about 100 at Springville Marsh on 06 Sep; they banded 38 and recaptured three which they had banded in earlier years. ONWR hosted 61 on 06 Sep for Ed Pierce's census team (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Reports came from every county except **Gallia**, **Guernsey**, **Jackson**, **Lawrence**, and **Van Wert**.

Brown Thrasher

Emery A. Yoder saw the last of the season at his Dundee, **Tuscarawas**, home, on 30 Nov, though there were a few Dec sightings in the far southwest. Dick and Jean Hoffman's **Cuyahoga** yard hosted the second-last, on 05 Nov. A Cincinnati Bird Club outing tallied 20 in the Mt. Airy Forest Arboretum, **Hamilton**, on 05 Sep, and Scott Albaugh saw 14 at the Brown Family Environmental Center, **Knox**, on 01 Sep. (53 counties)

Northern Mockingbird

Kirk Westendorf saw the most, 10, at Armleder Park on 05 Aug. (55 counties)

European Starling

CMM were at Seneca Lake, **Noble**, on 25 Sep, and wrote about "groups coming in to roost from the north and east mostly. Best estimates from swirling masses that were never all countable at once." Their number was 50,000. The next highest was Irina Shulgina's 10,000 at Darby Creek on 08 Oct. Only **Pike** had no sightings.

American Pipit

Mill Creek hosted the first, four early birds on 13 Aug (Bob and Denise Lane, *vide* William L. Jones).

Dave Chase saw the next, along Wilderness Road on 28, 30, and 31 Aug. Another two weeks passed before Edward Ingold saw the third group, nine at the Findlay Reservoirs on 13 Sep. The high count was by Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker, who found about 100 in **Putnam** on 05 Nov. They also found about 80 along the South Charleston Bike Trail, **Clark**, on 16 Nov. (44 counties)

Cedar Waxwing

Andy Avram saw about 300 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 29 Nov. Every county except **Fayette**, **Gallia**, **Guernsey**, **Jackson**, **Lawrence**, and **Meigs** produced a report.

Lapland Longspur

The first was a single bird in **Wayne** on 10 Oct (Aaron Miller), and sightings were fairly steady thereafter. The most were 35 at Burke Airport on 19 Nov (Jen Brumfield), and Leipsic Upground Reservoir, **Putnam**, hosted 20 on 05 Nov (Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker). (18 counties)

Snow Bunting

Inga Schmidt's two at LaDue on 24 Oct were the first. Jen Brumfield saw about 130 at Burke Airport on 19 Nov, Victor Fazio III counted 128 at Conneaut on 09 Nov, and there were two other triple-digit reports. (22 counties)



Mark Hsu snapped this close-up of a Snow Bunting feeding along the beach at East Fork on 14 Nov.

Ovenbird

Nancy Anderson saw the last, at Villa Angela on 24 Oct. That's a typical last date, but it's late for the north coast. The second-last was also in **Cuyahoga**, at the Shaker Lakes NC on 12 Oct (Laura Gooch and Ken Vinciguerra). Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 12 at Springville Marsh on both 06 and 27 Sep and six there on 02 Sep. Cristy J. Miller also found six, at home in **Holmes** on 06 Sep. (46 counties)

Worm-eating Warbler

The reports are:
One in Trimble Township Community Forest, **Athens**, on 14 Aug (Joe Brehm)
One each at Lake Hope/Zaleski on 27 Aug and

at Blendon Woods on 01 Sep (Bruce Simpson)
One at Clear Creek on 05 Sep (Maria Losey)
One at Darby Creek on 11 Sep (Ronnie Clark)
Two along Dutch Ridge Road in Wayne NE, **Perry**, on 16 Sep and one there the next day (Phil Swan)
One in the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, **Adams**, on 26 Sep (Jeff Bilsky)

Louisiana Waterthrush

The last was in George Rogers Clark Park, **Clark**, on 26 Aug (Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker). The only multiple sighting was of two in Holden Arboretum's Stebbins Gulch on 01 Aug (Haans Petruschke and Mike Watson). **Ashland**, **Athens**, **Erie**, **Licking**, **Summit**, and **Vinton** also had sightings.

Northern Waterthrush

Matt Anderson saw the first arrival, in Whitehouse, **Lucas**, on 02 Aug. Luis Munoz heard another calling at Magee the next day. The season's third sighting had to wait until 18 Aug, when Bill Stanley's **Clermont** yard hosted one. The high count was six, by Tom Bartlett *et al.* at Springville Marsh on both 06 and 12 Sep. James Mueller saw the last, at Kiwanis Riverway Park, **Franklin**, on 09 Nov. (25 counties)

Golden-winged Warbler

Alexander Clark and Jane Shrike wrote that they were "completely stunned" to see one in Meade Park, **Hamilton**, on 23 Aug, the season's first. Jack Stenger saw the last, on 28 and again on 30 Sep in Burnet Woods, **Hamilton**. Robert Edelen also saw one on 28 Sep, in Crooked Run NP, **Clermont**. **Cuyahoga**, **Franklin**, other **Hamilton** sites, **Lucas**, **Union**, and **Wayne** also hosted singles.

Blue-winged Warbler

The last was a bit late for the latitude, one bird near Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, on 04 Oct (Michael Hershberger). The second to last was one at Lake Loramie on 27 and 28 Sep (Louis Hoying). Nola Miller-Brasure saw three at Sandy Ridge on 13 Sep and there were several reports of duos. (26 counties)

[Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler]

The quartet of Amy Downing, Jeff Loughman, Shane Myers, and Robert Sams saw one in Oakwoods NP, **Hancock**, on 13 Sep, and noted it was a "Brewster's -type hybrid, though not typical."

Black-and-white Warbler

Hope Orr saw the last, near the Boston Store in CVNP on 08 Oct, a bit late for so far north. Bruce Simpson counted 10 in Blendon Woods on 10 Sep. (53 counties)

Prothonotary Warbler

Lisa Phelps found one at Magee on 27 Sep, al-

most a month after they're usually gone from the state. Karen Bonnell and Scott Myers had seen what was probably the same bird there on 22 Sep. Also on 22 Sep, Louis Hoying saw two along the Blackberry Island Trail, **Shelby**. Charles Bombaci's six in the nesting area at the north end of Hoover on 09 Aug was the high count, and there were three triples. (14 counties)

Tennessee Warbler

Tom Bartlett banded an "adult female in heavy molt" at Springville Marsh on 01 Aug, a good two weeks before they're expected. The next seen were several on 21 Aug: two at Kelleys Island (Tom Bartlett), two in Gahanna, **Franklin** (Rob Thorn), and one in **Hamilton** (Brian Wulker). The last was also in **Hamilton**, on 27 Oct at Kathleen Niesen's home. The high count was 25, by Brian Wulker during a "fallout-like event" at Fernald on 30 Sep. Robert Royse saw 20 in the Deer Creek area on 20 Sep. (55 counties)

Orange-crowned Warbler

The first were singles on 14 Sep in Delaware SP (Bruce Simpson) and Riverbend Recreation Area, **Hancock** (Shane Myers). The highest number was Erik Bruder's six at Huntington Reservation, Cuyahoga, on 25 Sep. Robert Edelen saw three at his **Clermont** home on 02 Oct; Paul Jacyk and Matt Kemp each equaled him in Bay View Park, **Lucas**, on 18 and 23 Oct respectively. Ronnie Clark saw the last, at Darby Creek on 01 Nov, while Christopher Dyer and Cynthia Norris found one in CLNP on 31 Oct. (28 counties)



Lori Brumbaugh photographed this Orange-crowned Warbler feasting on dried goldenrod seed heads in her back yard in Garfield Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 16 Oct.

Nashville Warbler

Tom Bartlett's crew banded one at Springville Marsh on 15 Aug. Brian Wulker's fallout at Fernald on 30 Sep included 15 Nashvilles. Laura Gooch saw 10 at Shaker Lakes NC, **Cuyahoga**, on 21 Sep. Sally Isacco noted the second-last, at Headlands on 27 Oct, and Cory Chiappone saw a straggler in his **Lake** yard on 08 Nov. (49 counties)

Connecticut Warbler

Laura Gooch's bird in CLNP and Samuel Viera's in CVNP on 28 Aug shared first-sighting honors. The last was a straggler which Regina Schieltz *et al.* saw at her farm in **Darke** on 11 Oct. Ronnie Clark had seen another at Darby Creek on 06 Oct. Three duos were seen, at different locations in mid- to late Sep. (17 counties)

Mourning Warbler

Chris Swan saw the first, in Penitentiary Glen, **Lake**, on 20 Aug. Scott Albaugh found the last, at the Brown Family Environmental Center, **Knox**, on 04 Oct. Four locations each hosted two between late Aug and mid-Sep. (20 counties)

Kentucky Warbler

Terry Bronson's find at Magee on 22 Sep was late for the state, let alone for the Lake Erie shore. The second-last, at Blendon Woods on 11 Sep, was also a straggler (Amy and Kevin O'Neil). Other singles were seen in **Athens**, **Clermont**, **Harrison**, **Lawrence**, **Montgomery**, and **Wayne**.

Common Yellowthroat

Louis Hoying saw one at Lake Loramie on 11 Nov and two there on 16 Nov; these were the last two dates of the season though there were a few winter sightings as well. John Pogacnik also saw one on 11 Nov, at Lake Erie Bluffs. Jack Stenger found three large loose flocks totaling about 65 birds in Burnet Woods, **Hamilton**, on 30 Sep. The second-highest count was 30, by Brian Wulker in the Miami Whitewater Forest wetlands, **Hamilton**, on 25 Sep. (71 counties)

Hooded Warbler

Rob Thorn found a seriously late immature male calling in Wyman Woods Park, **Franklin**, on 13 Nov. The second-last was itself late, on 16 Oct in the Orweiler Road marsh, **Richland** (Gary Cowell). The third-last, Marcia Brehmer's find in Blendon Woods on 04 Oct, was on a more typical last date. Adam Zorn provided the high count of 10 from the Huston Brumbaugh NC, **Stark**, on 06 Aug. (32 counties)



Though they're typically shy, this Hooded Warbler struck a lovely pose for photographer Mike Horn in the **Franklin** section of Blacklick Woods MP on 03 Oct.

American Redstart

Irina Shulgina noted one at OSU's Mirror Lake on each of 22 and 28 Oct though they're usually gone by the middle of the month. Jordan Satler and Megan Smith saw the second-last, at Blendon Woods on 11 Oct. Oakwoods NP, **Hancock**, boasted the high count of 27 on 12 Sep (Shane Myers). The most elsewhere were 15 at each of Blendon Woods on 10 Sep (Bruce Simpson) and Deer Creek from 13 to 15 Sep (Robert Royse). (53 counties)

Cape May Warbler

One arrived a week or so early, on 11 Aug, at Micki Dunakin's **Paulding** home. The second was at Gary Cowell's home in **Richland** on 21 Aug. Robert Royse found about 15 in the Deer Creek area on 15 and 21 Sep. The last was a bit late for the state, and more so for the north, when Scott Hulse saw it in Eldon Russell Park, **Geauga**, on 18 Oct. More typical for a last date was 11 Oct, when Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker found one at Buck Creek. (42 counties)

Cerulean Warbler

The last two sightings were of single birds at Shawnee Lookout on 20 Sep (Helen Wright-North) and Taylorsville MP, **Montgomery**, on 27 Sep (Amanda Lawson). Two were singing almost daily at Isaac Troyer's **Holmes** property until 18 Aug, and Ben Waner saw two at Headlands on 19 Sep. Other single sightings came from **Cuyahoga**, **Franklin**, and **Summit**. On a personal note, as I write this in late Jan I'm just back from Colombia, where I saw several Ceruleans in shade coffee plantations below RNA Reinita Cielo Azul, a ProAves preserve named for them, but ironically none in the preserve itself.

Northern Parula

Michael Horn found the last, one bird in Scioto Audubon MP, **Franklin**, on 13 Oct. Three locations each held one on the second-last date of 07 Oct. The high count of six was shared by Bruce Simpson at Blendon Woods on 10 Sep and Alvaro Jaramillo at Scioto Audubon on 04 Oct. (38 counties)

Magnolia Warbler

The first date of 22 Aug was shared. Nancy Anderson saw one in the Euclid Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, and Jeanne Hrenko found two in Chagrin River Park, **Lake**, that day. The high number was an estimated 30 or more, by Aaron Miller in **Wayne** on 29 Sep. Robert Royse found 25 in and around Deer Creek SP on 20 Sep. Louis Hoying saw the last, at Lake Loramie on 16 Oct. (63 counties)

Bay-breasted Warbler

This first date, too, was shared. On 23 Aug, Gustavo Lanese saw one in **Geauga** and Micki Dunakin two at home in **Paulding**. Fifteen miles of travel along Chapel Drive yielded 14 for CMM on 25 Sep. The last free bird was at Buck Creek on 14 Oct (Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker). However, one spent from 29 Sep to 20 Nov catching flies in the Ohio Department of Transportation aircraft hangar in Columbus; Jason Estep saw it there almost daily. (53 counties)

Blackburnian Warbler

Sites in **Geauga**, **Lucas**, **Montgomery**, and **Tuscarawas** each hosted one on 16 Aug, a bit earlier than expected for the first migrants to arrive. Bruce Simpson's eight at Blendon Woods on 10 Sep was the high count. Peter Hellman saw the last, in CLNP on 15 Oct. (50 counties)

Yellow Warbler

One straggler spent from 07 to 11 Nov at Lake Erie Bluffs; John Pogacnik was the last person to report it. Matt Courtman saw the second-last, on the "normal" date of 06 Oct, along the Hoover Park Connector Trail, **Stark**. The ONWR census of 02 Aug yielded 50 for Ed Pierce *et al.* (*vide* Douglas Vogus). The second-most were Tom Frankel's 18 at Headlands on 01 Aug. (46 counties)

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Though these nest in a few scattered areas, the first of the season wasn't seen until 06 Aug, in **Carroll** (Bruce Dudek). The next was in Chagrin River Park, **Lake**, on 22 Aug (Jeanne Hrenko). Blendon Woods hosted 12 on 10 Sep (Bruce Simpson). The last date of 04 Oct was shared by single birds at two **Franklin** and three **Hamilton** locations. (47 counties)

Blackpoll Warbler

Patty McKelvey saw the first, in downtown Cleveland on 26 Aug. The last was a lingering bird in CVNP on 07 Nov; Douglas Vogus noted that it was the first Nov record for his long-running monthly censuses there. The second-last was a bird seen by many in Woodlawn Cemetery, **Lucas**, on 30 Oct. Victor Fazio III benefited from a "weather-related fallout" to count 48 at Magee on 09 Sep; presumably the birds benefited less. Victor and Tom Bartlett found 37 around Kelleys Island on 20 Sep. (52 counties)

Bay-breasted/Blackpoll Warbler

"Baypolls" were reported in **Athens**, **Butler**, **Cuyahoga**, **Franklin**, and **Hamilton**. The latest was in Blendon Woods on 31 Oct (Ed Folex), which is later than the last "free range" Bay-breasted was seen.

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Elliot Tramer saw the first, in CPNWR on 26 Aug. The last stayed a couple of weeks past the species' usual departure date; Mike Wielgopolski saw it in Westmoreland, **Lucas**, on 27 Oct. The second-last, in Garbry's Big Woods, **Miami**, on 22 Oct (Michael Brush) was also a laggard. Bruce Simpson found the most, eight in Blendon Woods on 10 Sep. (45 counties)

Palm Warbler

The first of these were seen later than usual, defying the pattern set by several of their cousins. On 03 Sep, Nancy Anderson saw one at Villa Angela and Peggy Blair another at Magee. As if to make up for the late arrival, the last was a straggler at Medusa on 14 Nov (John Pogacnik). Individuals were seen on a typical last date of 25 Oct in **Delaware**, **Hamilton**, and **Montgomery**. Gustavo Lanese reported from Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery on 30 Sep that "the ground was swarming" with 50 of them. (51 counties)

Pine Warbler

The first of the season could have nested where Sandie Myers saw it in **Belmont** on 04 Aug. The second sighting was of two migrants; Matthew Gallantine found them in **Stark** on 17 Aug. Doug Marcum saw and heard the last, which was straggling in CVNP's Horseshoe Lake area on 04 Nov. Triples were seen in six locations. (35 counties)

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Mark Shieldcastle saw the first, at Decoy Marsh, **Sandusky**, on 16 Aug. The next was Gary Smith's at Magee on 29 Aug. French Creek Reservation, **Lorain**, hosted about 150 during a BRAS field trip on 10 Oct. (80 counties)

Yellow-throated Warbler

John Pogacnik found the last, a straggler in Mason's Landing Park, **Lake**, on 04 Nov. The two sightings which preceded it were in Hoover NP on 16 Oct (Corinna Honscheid) and Burnet Woods on 07 Oct (Jack Stenger). Sarah Lucas counted four in Beaver Creek WA, **Greene**, on 09 Aug. (27 counties)

Prairie Warbler

There was a smattering of Aug sightings of this locally common nester. Cory Chiappone and Jerry Talkington saw one at Headlands on 17 Nov; they're usually gone from the state before Oct. Even the one which Maria Losey saw at her **Delaware** home on 04 Oct was late for the latitude. Three sites each held two. (11 counties)

Black-throated Green Warbler

Joe Brehm saw the season's first, on 15 Aug at Big Springs, **Hocking**, where it could have nest-

ed. The next was surely a migrant at Swan Creek Preserve MP, **Lucas**, on 19 Aug (m. obs.). Ken Vinciquerra saw the last, which was a bit tardy in CLNP on 27 Oct. The high count was 11; Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III saw that many at Kelleys Island on 20 Sep, and CMM tied them along Chapel Drive on 25 Sep. (57 counties)

Canada Warbler

Isaac Troyer found the first, at his **Holmes** farm on 16 Aug. Charles Bombaci saw the last, by Old Sunbury Road, **Delaware**, on 27 Sep. Jen Brumfield and Tim Jasinski each saw three in Wendy Park on 28 Aug and there were many duos reported. (31 counties)

Wilson's Warbler

The first and last were in CLNP, seen on 21 Aug by Laura Gooch and on 21 Oct by Dick Hoffman, respectively. The second-last were singles in Blendon Woods (m. obs.) and Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton** (Helen Wright-North) on 04 Oct. Gautam Apte found seven at the Shaker Lakes NC, **Cuyahoga**, on 23 Sep. (37 counties)

Yellow-breasted Chat

Scott Pendleton saw the last, at his **Harrison** home on 18 Oct. The second-last was Ronnie Clark's at Prairie Oaks MP, **Franklin**, on 18 Sep. Bill Stanley's three at East Fork on 07 Aug were the most. (17 counties)

Eastern Towhee

Scott Albaugh counted 17 at the Brown Family Environmental Center, **Knox**, on 04 Oct. (71 counties)

American Tree Sparrow

Jen Brumfield and Marcia Brehmer saw the first, singles at Wendy Park and Blendon Woods, respectively, on 04 Oct. Robert Royse noted "triple digit tallies" in the Deer Creek area from mid-Nov into Dec. Killdeer hosted about 80 on 29 Nov (m. obs.). (57 counties)

Chipping Sparrow

Brian Wulker found 60 in Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 16 Oct, but Albert and Sarah Troyer saw at least 120 in their **Richland** neighborhood, also in mid-Oct. (74 counties)

Clay-colored Sparrow

The reports, all of single birds, are:

In Carroll Township, **Ottawa**, on 23 Sep (Kenn Kaufman)

At Wendy Park on 25 and 30 Sep (Jen Brumfield *et al.*)

Near Sugar Creek, **Tuscarawas**, on 26 Sep (LeRoy Schlachab)

In Graytown, **Ottawa**, on 14 Oct (Lester Peyton)
In CVNP's Horseshoe Lake area on 03 Nov (Ken Andrews)

Field Sparrow

The high count of 45 was shared by Scott Pendleton at The Bowl on 15 Aug and Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison along Chapel Drive on 17 Oct. (69 counties)

Vesper Sparrow

Scott Pendleton saw the most (six on 13 Sep) and the last (one on 08 Nov) at The Bowl. (23 counties)

Lark Sparrow

Stefan Minnig saw three in Oakes Quarry Park, **Greene**, on 04 Aug and one there on both 25 Aug and 02 Sep. Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker saw another along the South Charleston Bike Trail, **Clark**, on 05 Aug.

Savannah Sparrow

The New Reclaim Unit, **Harrison**, held 50 on 04 Oct (Scott Pendleton). The next-highest count was 40, in the Ellis Lake wetlands, **Butler**, on 20 Oct (Jeremy Dominguez). (46 counties)

Grasshopper Sparrow

Ken Vinciguerra saw the last, in CLNP on 19 Oct. Singles at Fernald (m. obs.) and Cadiz, **Harrison** (Scott Pendleton) on 10 Oct preceded it. Scott also tallied the most, 25 in their nesting area at The Bowl on 09 Aug. He found only eight there on 15 Aug, which number Bruce Dudek tied for the second-highest count along Fargo Road, **Carroll**, on 06 Aug. (17 counties)



A cooperative Grasshopper Sparrow gave Jerry Talkington this excellent view by Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 31 Aug.

Henslow's Sparrow

The last were Irina Shulgina's four at Darby Creek on 22 Oct, which were probably reluctant to leave their nesting area. Irina also found the second-last, at Glacier Ridge MP, **Union**, on 18 Oct. Chambers North, **Harrison**, held 20 nesters on 11 Aug for Scott Pendleton. The second-most were a pair of eights, at ONWR on 02 Aug (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus) and at Darby Creek on 08 Aug (Paul Hurtado and Leslie Sours). (20 counties)

Le Conte's Sparrow

The first date was 16 Oct; on that day Carl Winstead saw one bird at Darby Creek and Kim Warner another at Metzger. Dave Chase found the last of several at Wake Robin, and second-last overall, on 04 Nov. The last was at Old Highland Stone on 07 Nov (m. obs.). **Butler**, **Hancock**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, and **Pickaway** also contributed sightings of solo birds.



A Le Conte's Sparrow was the highlight for Jerry Talkington by the Wake Robin boardwalk on 24 Oct.

Nelson's Sparrow

Wake Robin hosted the first, two individuals on 29 Sep (Dave Chase). It also held the most, six on 05 Oct (Jeremy Dominguez and Sarah Lucas) and 06 Oct (Leslie Sours). Single birds at Darby Creek on 05 and 09 Nov (Irina Shulgina and Carl Winstead, respectively) were the only sightings that month. (14 counties)



Jerry Talkington monitored Wake Robin for sparrow activity and was rewarded with this Nelson's Sparrow image on 01 Oct.

Fox Sparrow

Members of a BRAS field trip saw the first, in French Creek Reservation, **Lorain**, on 05 Oct. Maria Losey contributed the high count of 15 from her **Delaware** home on 04 Nov. (46 counties)

Song Sparrow

A field at the corner of Township Roads 207

and 244 in **Hancock** produced 82 on 26 Sep (m. obs.). Only **Fulton**, **Gallia**, and **Jackson** did not have sightings.

Lincoln's Sparrow

Cory Chiappone saw the first, at Wake Robin on 08 Sep. Wendy Park hosted 22 on 26 Sep for Jen Brumfield; the second-highest count was Kurt Grenig's 16 in CLNP on 25 Sep. Carl Winstead saw the last, a straggler at Hoover NP on 18 Nov. The second-last was Margaret Bowman's solo bird along the Licking Trail, **Licking**, on 08 Nov. (51 counties)

Swamp Sparrow

Jason Sullivan and Chris Zacharias teamed to discover 75 in the Great Miami WMB on 14 Oct. (54 counties)

White-throated Sparrow

A very unusual 10 Jul bird at Headlands perhaps hung around to be this season's first, which Tom Frankel saw there on both 01 and 09 Aug. The next were seen at the usual time, 13 Sep, two at Darby Creek (Ronnie Clark) and one at Maumee Bay (Joanne and Mark Hubinger). George Novosel found at least 250 in CLNP on 04 Oct. (79 counties)

Harris's Sparrow

One was photographed in **Ottawa** in Oct; the OBRC will credit the reporters.

White-crowned Sparrow

Jim McConnor saw the first, at Lake Erie Bluffs on 20 Sep. Jen Brumfield saw the most, 90 in CLNP on 24 Oct, and birders saw up to 45 there on other days. The most elsewhere were 40 at Sandy Ridge on 21 Oct (BRAS). (56 counties)

Dark-eyed Junco

The many Aug sightings in **Geauga** and **Lake** were in or near known nesting areas. The first sure migrant sighting was Nancy Anderson's, at Villa Angela on 20 Sep. The two highest counts were by Tim Haney in Woodlawn Cemetery, **Lucas**, 180 on 20 Nov and 220 on 16 Nov. The most elsewhere were 150 in the Jones Preserve on 23 Oct (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). (80 counties)



Ron Sempier focused his lens on this Fox Sparrow on 17 Nov along the Tallgrass Trail, **Marion**.

Jon Cefus noted that nine which he saw in Jockey Hollow WA, **Harrison**, on 07 Nov could have been of the Cassiar race of our familiar Dark-eyed Junco. He also photographed an "Oregon" Junco at Clendening Lake, **Harrison**, on the same day. One **Delaware** and two **Franklin** birds were tentatively identified as "Oregon" Juncos.

Summer Tanager

These are usually gone by the end of Sep, but Gale Wulker found a seriously late one in Walton Hills, **Cuyahoga**, on 21 Nov. Jack Schultz saw the latest but for it, at Burr Oak SP, **Morgan**, on 02 Oct. Carl Winstead found three at Darby Creek on 01 Sep. (22 counties)

Scarlet Tanager

These usually stay only a couple of weeks longer than Summers, but again the north coast held on to one past the expected date. Andy Avram saw it at Penitentiary Glen, **Lake**, on 19 Nov and again, with Tom Frankel, on 20 Nov; Jerry Talkington waved it goodbye on 21 Nov. Stefan Gleissberg saw one at his **Athens** home on both 13 and 24 Oct. The most were Brian Wulker's five at Shawnee Lookout on 13 Sep. (52 counties)

Northern Cardinal

Tom Bartlett and Victor Fazio III counted 47 at Kelleys Island on 20 Sep. Douglas Vogus *et al.* found 38 during their 08 Aug CVNP census, and Daniel DeLapp tied them at Caesar Creek on 10 Nov. (all 88 counties)

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

For a change, the last sighting was much earlier than usual, on 21 Oct at Huston Brumbaugh NC, **Stark** (Adam Zorn). The second-last was more than a week earlier, on 13 Oct at Gilmore MP, **Butler** (Richard Amable). The Hoover Park Connector Trail, **Stark**, yielded 10 on 25 Sep (Matt Courtman). (45 counties)

Blue Grosbeak

The last three sightings were more than a month later than usual. On 11 Oct Jack Stenger and Lindsey Walters saw two at Fernald, and Ron Bicknell and Chris Zacharias another at the Great Miami WMB. Daniel DeLapp's single at Miami River CP, **Butler**, on 14 Oct was the last. Robert Royse counted 11 pairs in Deer Creek WA, most of them in the **Fayette** section, on 08 Aug. The second-most were the nine individuals which Josh King found in Kenning-Dicke Natural Area, **Auglaize**, on 19 Aug. (23 counties)

Indigo Bunting

Kirk Westendorf saw the last, in Armleder Park on 24 Oct. Robert Hershberger noted two flocks totaling 52 birds near Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, on 27 Sep.

Brian Walker contributed the second-highest count, 25 at Shawnee Lookout on 26 Sep. (71 counties)

Dickcissel

The reports are:

Up to eight at Fernald throughout Aug (m. obs.)
One along Fargo Road, **Carroll**, on 06 Aug (Bruce Dudek)

One in the Rehoboth Reclaim Area, **Perry**, on 08 Aug (Phil Swan)

One in the Hardin Wetlands on 09 Aug (Richard Counts)

“Several” adults and juveniles in Deer Creek WA on 09 Aug (Robert Royse)

One seen on 05 Nov, 23 Nov, and 12 Dec at home in **Erie** (Janet Hughes)

One seen intermittently from 08 Nov into Dec near Mt. Hope, **Holmes** (Robert Hershberger)

Bobolink

Mike Busam and Charlie Saunders found the last, in the Ellis Lake wetlands, **Butler**, on 11 Oct. Richard Counts noted 625 “staging for migration” in the Hardin Wetlands on 07 Sep. Victor Fazio III reported 208 at Pickerel Creek on 22 Aug in a “careful count of flight overhead; typically in waves of 3-7 birds (max. of 22)”. (37 counties)

Red-winged Blackbird

Victor Fazio III estimated an astounding 42,000 were gathered at The Water Hole, **Sandusky**, on 18 Nov (but see Common Grackle below). The second-highest number was the 10,000 noted by Kyle Jones near Circleville, **Pickaway**, on 22 Aug. (81 counties)

Eastern Meadowlark

The Chapel Drive grasslands hosted 59 for CMM on 25 Sep. Scott Pendleton found 45 in Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 10 Oct. (57 counties)

Rusty Blackbird

Shane Myers saw the first, a duo in Oakwoods NP, **Hancock**, on 11 Sep. About 1000 were with the Red-wingeds at The Water Hole, **Sandusky**, on 18 Nov (Victor Fazio III) and half that many were in Mosquito WA on 18 Oct (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison). (50 counties)



Leslie Sours obtained this sharp image of a Rusty Blackbird at the Kwanis Riverway Park, **Franklin**, on 30 Sep.

Brewer's Blackbird

Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison saw one in Mosquito WA on 18 Oct and Robert Sams another at Camp Berry, **Hancock**, on 26 Nov.

Common Grackle

The huge Red-winged Blackbird flock at The Water Hole which Victor Fazio III discovered on 18 Nov was overshadowed by 73,000 grackles. Tom Bartlett found about 31,000 at Springville Marsh on 04 Oct. (71 counties)

Brown-headed Cowbird

The 18 Nov Watering Hole flock also included about 9000 cowbirds (Victor Fazio III). The next-highest number was a comparatively small 800 near Alliance, **Stark**, on 26 Oct (Adam Zorn). (57 counties)

Orchard Oriole

These often stay into Sep, but the last sighting was Andy Jones' and Caleb Putnam's trio at CLNP on 23 Aug. Scott Pendleton found eight at The Bowl on 15 Aug and Kathleen Horn counted four at Prairie Oaks MP, **Franklin**, the day before. (24 counties)

Baltimore Oriole

These are somewhat harder than Orchards, typically staying until mid-Sep. At least three lingered beyond that: one in the East Point Preserve on Bass Island, **Ottawa**, on 30 Sep (Tom Bartlett), one at a home in **Coshocton** on 24 Oct (*fide* Margaret Bowman), and one at an **Athens** home on 27 Oct (Stefan Gleissberg). Tom Bartlett noted “many family groups” among the 82 birds he counted at Kelleys Island on 21 Aug. He and his banding crew also contributed the second-highest number, 24 at Springville Marsh on 01 Aug. (59 counties)

House Finch

Victor Fazio III counted 68 in an “extensive weedy field” at Great Egret Marsh, **Ottawa**, on 18 Aug. (69 counties)

Purple Finch

The high count was a shared seven. Inga Schmidt saw hers at West Geauga Commons on 15 Oct and Bill Anastasia his at home in **Butler** on 01 Nov. (31 counties)



A female Purple Finch was photographed by Su Snyder at The Wilderness Center, **Stark**, on Oct 17.

Common Redpoll

Linda Gilbert's *Geauga* feeders hosted the first, one bird on 18 Oct. The second sighting, and second-highest count, was of two flocks totaling 15 birds at Edgewater on 31 Oct (Jen Brumfield). Dan Gesualdo managed to count 23 which briefly paused in a pine tree at Volunteer Bay, *Erie*, on 17 Nov. Other reports came from *Hancock*, *Lake*, and *Wyandot*.

Pine Siskin

Laura McLellan photographed one at her feeder in Leroy Township, *Lake*, on 03 Aug. That's a good two months before they typically arrive, so it might have nested nearby. The next showed up at the Shaker Lakes NC, *Cuyahoga*, on 14 Sep (Gautam Apte) and one got to Worthington, *Franklin*, on 18 Sep (Bernie Master). Brian Wulker saw about 150 in Spring Grove Cemetery, *Hamilton*, on 27 Nov and wrote, "Most [were] in one large flock feeding in a clump of hemlocks...". Matt Anderson counted 95 in Whitehouse Cemetery, *Lucas*, on 27 Nov. (42 counties)

American Goldfinch

Nate Swick noted about 350 in Scioto Audubon MP, *Franklin*, on both 01 and 02 Oct. A Cincinnati Bird Club outing found the most elsewhere, 150 in Miami Whitewater Forest, *Hamilton*, on 11 Oct. (all 88 counties)

House Sparrow

Gary Cowell took the trouble to count 130 along Logan Road, Mansfield, *Richland*, on 13 Aug. (81 counties)

Erratum

In the summer issue, the 18 Hooded Mergansers noted along the CVNP Wetmore Trails were Hooded Warblers.

Addendum – Harlequin Duck

Su Snyder came across a photograph taken by her brother-in-law, Jim Snyder, in Nov 2014 which included a Harlequin Duck among its many Buffleheads. The site was Cinnamon Lake, *Ashland*, for a rare inland sighting that might be the first for that county.

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