

YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

- 10 years ago**, the Winter 2005–06 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 29 No. 2 (Bill Whan, Editor) contained these items:
The season had a very cold Dec, a mild Jan, and an average Feb.
An article by Mike Busam told the tale of our first Anna's Hummingbird, which spent 11 to 24 Dec at a West Chester, **Butler**, home.
Two Mew Gulls and three California Gulls were confirmed.
Observers saw one or two Common Ravens in **Jefferson**.
- 25 years ago**, the Winter 1990–01 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 14 No. 2 (Ed Pierce and Tom Kemp, Co-Editors) contained these items:
This was Ed and Tom's last issue as Editors.
The whole winter was described as mild.
One Northern Goshawk was well described and another reported without details.
A Common Gallinule spent 18 Dec to 21 Jan at Gilmore Ponds, **Butler**.
Killdeer hosted 25 Short-eared Owls.
Five species of warblers were seen, including a Yellow-throated which spent from 10 Nov to 20 Jan in **Holmes**.
- 35 years ago**, the Winter 1980–81 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 3, No. 4 (Ed Pierce, Editor) included these items:
Ed received 55 reports (all on paper, of course) with 164 species.
A single Double-crested Cormorant was reported; it was in **Erie** from 22 to 27 Feb.
The Navarre unit of ONWR hosted a Cattle Egret on 14 Dec.
Three Northern Goshawks were documented.
A well-documented Gyrfalcon spent 22 Jan to 15 Feb at ONWR.
A Heerman's Gull spent from 20 Dec to 23 Feb wandering between Lorain (city), Vermilion, and a site in Michigan.
- 50 years ago**, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* of Winter 1965–66 (Donald Newman, Editor) included these items:
The "Noteworthy Records" section boasted of one flyby Double-crested Cormorant at the Cleveland waterfront on 04 Dec.
The gull flock at Lorain harbor on 26 Dec was estimated at 83,000 birds, about 2/3 of which were Ring-billed.
A Cape May Warbler was seen several times in Jan at a feeder in Waite Hill, **Lake**.
A flock of at least 40 Pine Grosbeaks spent several days at Holden Arboretum.
A weedy field near Bath, **Summit**, hosted about 200 Common Redpolls on 26 and 27 Jan.
The largest of several flocks of Evening Grosbeaks contained at least 30 birds; it spent most of Jan and Feb roaming the Painesville, **Lake**, area.
- 100 years ago**, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* did not publish a Winter 1915–16 issue; the Spring 2016 issue included a few Mar notes, but none of them piqued my interest.