

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

### **Greater White-fronted Goose**

Micki Dunakin saw the last one, at the Paulding Sewage Lagoons on 01 May. The second-last were rather earlier, solos on 12 Apr at Indian Lake (Margaret Bowman) and Hubbard Valley Park, *Medina* (Helen and Ken Ostermiller). Marcia Kinnard and Su Snyder found 85 along Wilderness Road on 16 Mar. The second-highest count was Robert Roysse's 68 at Deer Creek WA on 08 Mar. (16 counties)

### **Snow Goose**

The last to leave spent from 17 Apr to 16 May in the Crook Street wetlands, *Lorain* (Ed Wransky). It stayed one day longer than the blue morph bird at Leesville Lake, *Carroll*, seen by Jon Cefus, Kent Miller, and Ben Morrison (hereafter CMM). The high count was 28 (16 blue and 12 white) which Ed Pierce's census crew found in ONWR on 06 Mar (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Ryan Jacob had seen 25 at Metzger on 03 Mar. (14 counties)

### **Ross's Goose**

Deer Creek WA hosted the high count of three on 08 Mar (Robert Roysse) and all other sightings were of single birds. Heather Luedecke saw the last on 08 May, at a *Franklin* apartment complex where it had been for several days. The second-last was at Clouse Lake, *Perry*, on 04 Apr (m. obs.). *Scioto* and *Shelby* also produced reports.

### **Cackling Goose**

The reports are:

One at ONWR on 02 Mar (Rhonda Berry)

Two at Metzger on 04 Mar (Ryan Jacob)

One in North Bloomfield, *Trumbull*, on 12 Mar (Chris Pierce)

One at a pond on the Procter & Gamble property, *Warren*, on 20 Mar (Jason Cade)

### **Canada Goose**

The 06 Mar ONWR census produced 957 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). The second-most were Ron Sempier's 850 at Killdeer's Pond 27 on 01 Mar. Only *Pike* lacked a sighting.

### **[Snow x Canada Goose]**

One was seen on and off at several *Erie* sites during Apr (m. obs.)

### **Mute Swan**

The high count of seven was shared. Megan Blackwell saw that many at Lakeshore Park, *Ashtabula*, on 24 Mar, as did Jeffrey Roth at Kessler Swamp SNP, *Hocking*, on 18 May. (42 counties)

### **Trumpeter Swan**

Ryan Jacob found about 60 at Metzger on 03 Mar; that site and the other northwestern marshes held numbers approaching that on other dates. The high count elsewhere was the 24 which John Games and Ron Sempier noted at Killdeer on 27 Apr. (27 counties)

### **Tundra Swan**

Dan Roth saw the last, at the Ira Road marsh in CVNP on 23 Apr. Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 914 at ONWR on 06 Mar (*fide* Douglas Vogus). The most elsewhere were Ron Sempier's 530 at Killdeer's Pond 27 on 01 Mar. (18 counties)

### **Wood Duck**

Sandy Ridge hosted about 80 for Mike Sustin on 20 Mar. (83 counties)

### **Gadwall**

Reports were steady to the last of the season on 24 May. That day Gustino Lanese saw one bird at Conneaut and Cory Chiappone two at Mallard Club. (There was a single mid-Jun sighting as well). Paul Sherwood counted 432 at Medusa on 25 Mar, while the most away from Lake Erie were the 158 which Cam Lee found at Killdeer on 03 Apr. (61 counties)

### **Eurasian Wigeon**

One spent from 09 to 29 Mar in Delaware WA (m. obs.). Sandy Ridge hosted another between 03 Mar and 03 Apr (m. obs.). The last was another crowd pleaser by St. Peter's Church Road, *Stark*, from 13 to 20 Apr. Other singles stayed up to 10 days at sites in *Erie*, *Greene*, *Holmes*, *Sandusky*, *Trumbull*, *Wayne*, and *Wyandot*.

### **American Wigeon**

Cory Chiappone saw the last, three birds at Mallard Club on 24 May. Dan Gesualdo provided the high count of 450, at Willow Point on 13 Mar. The most elsewhere were 316 at Killdeer on 08 Mar (Cam Lee). (63 counties)

### **[Eurasian x American Wigeon]**

Dan Gesualdo found one among the American Wigeon at Willow Point on 06 Mar and lots of folks enjoyed another in the wetlands along Wilderness Road between 05 and 14 Mar.

### **American Black Duck**

Killdeer's Pond 27 hosted 120 on 17 Mar (Steve Mulhall); the second-most were 75 at Blendon Woods on 08 Mar (Sarah Lawrence). (50 counties)

### **Mallard**

The Ostermillers found about 1200 at Funk on

03 Mar. Irina Shulgina saw about 500 at Killdeer on 06 Mar as did John Games and Ron Sempier three days later. Only *Coshocton*, *Lawrence*, and *Pike* did not produce reports.

#### [American Black Duck x Mallard]

Tania Perry recognized five in Delaware WA on 05 Apr. (15 counties)

#### Blue-winged Teal

Bryan Sharp's 250 at Delaware WA on 02 Apr was the high count. (74 counties)

#### Northern Shoveler

Ed Pierce *et al.*'s ONWR census on 04 Apr counted 303 (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Daniel DeLapp had found 196 there on 29 Mar. The third-highest number, 175, was provided by Matthew Bockey from his property in *Allen*. (65 counties)

#### Northern Pintail

The last but for a surprise late Jun appearance was one near the BSBO office at the Magee entrance on 19 May (Kraig Cawley). Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski saw about 3100 at Funk on 04 Mar; there and other *Wayne* sites hosted smaller four-digit numbers on other dates. The most in another county were 200, a number shared by Karen Bonnell along Howard Road, *Lucas*, on 08 Mar and Cam Lee at Killdeer on 09 Apr. (48 counties)

#### Green-winged Teal

Three mid-Jun reports followed this season's last, a single bird which John Games and Ron Sempier found at Killdeer on 26 May. Robert Roys counted 265 in the *Pickaway* section of Deer Creek Reservoir on 12 Mar and the Ostermillers saw 210 along County Road 1950, *Ashland*, on 17 Apr. (54 counties)

#### Canvasback

Several observers saw the last, one bird at Maumee Bay on 13 and 14 May. Nancy Anderson's 60 at East Harbor on 06 Mar was the high count. The second-highest was 45, at Delaware WA on 10 Mar (James Gore). (27 counties)

#### Redhead

Cam Lee saw the season's last, at Killdeer on 29 May; it lingered into Jun as well. Nancy Anderson estimated 3600 were off East Harbor on 06 Mar; ONWR hosted about 1500 that same day (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). (67 counties)

#### Ring-necked Duck

The last of the season were singles at Prairie Lane, *Wayne*, on 22 May (Tom Fishburn) and ONWR on 24 May (Kim McKenzie), though one popped up in *Hamilton* in mid-Jun. Randy Rowe found at least 1000 scattered among sever-

al sections of Killbuck on 21 Mar. Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder had seen about 750 along Killbuck's Cemetery Road on 11 Mar. (78 counties)

#### Greater Scaup

Elizabeth McQuaid *et al.* saw two at Medusa on 24 May; they were the last. The most were 50 at the Bayshore fishing access, *Lucas*, on 13 Apr (Scott Myers and Kim Warner) and the inland high was 25, at Killdeer on 14 Mar (Irina Shulgina). (41 counties)

#### Lesser Scaup

The last of the season was at Lorain on 22 May (Gregory Bennett) though there were also several Jun sightings. Ed Pierce's census crew counted 4026 at ONWR on 06 Mar and 2328 there on 03 Apr for the two highest numbers (*vide* Douglas Vogus). The most away from Lake Erie were Chris Pierce's 350 at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, *Lorain*, on 24 Mar. (71 counties)

#### Scaup sp.

Elliot Tramer saw a mixed flock of about 4300 at CPNWR on 13 Apr.

#### Surf Scoter

Bob Lane saw the last, two birds in the *Portage* section of Berlin Lake on 24 Apr. They and two in the Pleasant Valley Quarry, *Pickaway*, on 15 and 16 Mar were the only multiples (m. obs.). Singles were also spotted in *Allen*, *Delaware*, *Erie*, *Lake*, *Lorain*, *Seneca*, and *Wyandot*.

#### White-winged Scoter

The reports are:

- Three on 01 Mar and one on 03 Mar on the Great Miami River, *Montgomery* (Eric Elvert)
- One at Defiance Reservoir on 02 Apr (Scott Myers)
- One at LaDue on 06 Apr (m. obs.)
- One at the Paulding Reservoir from 13 to 23 Apr (Micki Dunakin, Scott Myers)

#### Black Scoter

Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski saw one off Edgewater on 03 Mar.

#### Long-tailed Duck

Three graced the Findlay Reservoirs on 08 Mar (Edward Ingold). One was in the Lorain (city) harbor area from 25 to 30 Mar (m. obs.).

#### Bufflehead

Su Snyder's straggler at Wilderness Road on 31 May was the last but for an injured bird in *Knox* which was seen into Jun. Tom Bartlett counted 419 at Kelleys Island on 20 Mar; the next highest number was Doug Marcum's 185 at Berlin Lake on 30 Mar. (68 counties)

### Common Goldeneye

Kathy Jakischa saw the last, at Lorain on 03 May. It was a later departure than usual, but the second-last, two which Jim O'Connor saw at Headlands on 18 Apr, were on schedule. Robert Poppe and Jennifer Smolenski found about 400 off Edgewater on 03 Mar. Mosquito Lake hosted the inland high count of 54 on 08 Mar (m. obs.). (36 counties)

### Hooded Merganser

The high count was 70, at ONWR on 06 Mar (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Robert Batters' 57 at the Columbus Upground Reservoir, *Delaware*, on 11 Apr was the next highest number. (68 counties)

### Common Merganser

The one which Ken Andrews saw in CVNP on 30 May was probably the last migrant, as the few Jun sightings were at or near the state's few known repeat nesting locations. One pair did nest further up the Cuyahoga River than CVNP last year, though. The ONWR census of 06 Mar tallied 536 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus) and other Lake Erie counts neared that number. The most away from the lake were Doug Marcum's 167 at Lake Rockwell, *Portage*, on 01 Mar. (51 counties)

### Red-breasted Merganser

A few Jun sightings followed this season's last, which was Tim Krynak's solo bird at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, *Lorain*, on 29 May. About 5000 were off Wendy Park on 25 Mar (Mary Margaret Ferraro and Nathan Goldberg) and up to 3100 were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 1425 which Tom Bartlett counted at Kelleys Island on 20 Mar. The inland high number of 250 was shared by Amy Downing and Jeff Loughman at the Findlay Reservoirs on 20 Mar and Mark Shaver at LaDue on 12 Apr. (63 counties)

### Ruddy Duck

Quite a few stayed into Jun. Gustino Lanese found about 900 off Lorain on 31 Mar; Patty McKelvey equaled him there on 11 Apr as did George Novosel at Pipe Creek on 14 Apr. Rick Asamoto contributed the inland high count of 640, at Williams Reservoir, *Allen*, on 16 Apr. (68 counties)

### Northern Bobwhite

It's often hard to know if the adults we see or hear are wild. The season's first was at a private *Lucas* property near a known release site on 10 Mar (Kim Warner). Springfield Bog, *Summit*, is also a release site, so the high count of seven which Karen and Rich Kassouf found there

on 31 May were also probably not wild. (26 counties)

### Chukar

Peter Pawelkiewicz happened to see one along New London Road, *Ashtabula*, on 26 Mar; no telling where or when it was released.

### Ring-necked Pheasant

Irina Shulgina and Tom Bain shared the high count of seven, at Darby Creek on 19 Apr and near Charlie's Pond, *Pickaway*, on 01 May respectively. (32 counties)

### Ruffed Grouse

Reports were thinly distributed throughout the period. Alex Eberts saw a female with four youngsters in Vinton Furnace Experimental Forest, *Vinton*, on 31 May. Janet Shields saw two along Pond Lick Road in Shawnee on 02 May; Eli M. Miller saw one and heard another in Woodbury WA, *Coshocton*, on 07 May. Other *Scioto* and *Vinton* sites plus *Lake, Perry*, and *Ross* produced singles.

### Wild Turkey

Marcia Kinnard provided the high count of 97, at Four Ponds, *Holmes*, on 21 Mar. Cory Gratz came in second with 67 in Kokosing Lake WA, *Knox*, on 05 Mar. (77 counties)

### Red-throated Loon

The two at Berlin Lake on 24 Apr moved around; Ben Morrison saw them in the *Portage* end and Bob Lane the *Mahoning*. Others saw one bird at that lake on later dates. Singles at Barkcamp SP, *Belmont*, on 06 Apr (Janice Emrick and Sandie Myers), at LaDue on 12 Apr (m. obs.), and at Headlands on 30 Apr (Douglas Flagge) complete the reports.

### Common Loon

The four which Gary Cowell saw at Clear Fork on 30 May were the last of the season, and they hung around into Jun. Brad Goodner saw about 200 at LaDue on 22 Apr and observers counted up to 119 there on other days. The most elsewhere were Benjamin H. Yoder's 54 south of New Bedford, *Coshocton*, on 06 Apr. (67 counties)

### Pied-billed Grebe

Elliot Tramer counted 32 at CPNWR on 13 Apr. (78 counties)

### Horned Grebe

Singles on 22 May at ONWR (m. obs.) and Lorain (Gregory Bennett) were the last of the season, though there were also a few early Jun reports. Heather Perusini's 60 at Eastwood MP, *Montgomery*, on 15 Mar was the high count. The second-highest was Jen Brumfield's 32 off

Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 17 Apr. (60 counties)

### Red-necked Grebe

The reports are:

Three at Berlin Lake on 13 Apr (Ben Morrison) and two there on 14 Apr (Atlee A. Yoder)

One at Sippo Lake, Stark, on 14 Apr (Scott Watkins)

One at a pond near Middleburg, **Logan**, from 01 to 29 May, an unusually long stay and a late departure date (m. obs.)

### Eared Grebe

Vince Capozziello found the season's first at Metzger on 18 Mar; others saw it there until 08 Apr. Two on 13 Apr at CPNWR (Tom Kemp and Elliot Tramer) were the last. Other reports of solo birds came from **Ashland**, **Delaware**, **Lorain**, **Mahoning**, and **Summit**.

### Double-crested Cormorant

John Pogacnik counted 1744 passing Lake Erie Bluffs in "a steady flow" on 15 Apr. Rob and Sandy Harlan estimated 1200 were off Wendy Park on 16 Apr. The inland high was similar, Brad Imhoff's 1150 at Kokosing Lake WA, **Knox**, on 09 Apr. (77 counties)

### Great Cormorant

Ohio's first spent from 04 Mar to 16 Apr at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland. Craig Caldwell provided the only formal report, which was accepted by the OBRC. (See the separate article describing OBRC decisions later in this issue.) The Committee also had 145 eBird entries and a great number of Ohio-birds and Facebook posts to sort through. Kenn Kaufman noted that over the years this primarily coastal species has been extending its vagrancy up the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario almost to Niagara Falls, and proposes (in my words), that this one was somewhat more adventuresome than most.

### American White Pelican

These were being seen well into Jun. Irina Shulgina counted 43 flying over OSU's Waterman Farm on 11 Apr and a half hour later saw them again from Riverside Drive, also in **Franklin**. Margaret Bowman's 34 at Lake Loramie SP, **Shelby**, on 12 Apr was the second-highest count. Eleven other counties also produced sightings.

### American Bittern

The first were at Darby Creek on 17 Mar. James Muller and Leslie Sours were there several hours apart but both heard two birds calling, and James Gore saw one flying. Leslie, with Alex Eberts, saw eight and heard another three at Darby Creek on 03 May. The most elsewhere were

the eight which Max Nootbaar heard at Mallard Club on 13 May. (32 counties)

### Least Bittern

Margaret Tomko saw the first, near Swanton, **Lucas**, on 16 Apr. The high count was three; many birders saw or heard that many at Darby Creek during May as did Tom Kemp and Elliot Tramer in CPNWR on 17 May. Other **Lucas** sites plus **Carroll**, **Coshocton**, **Erie**, **Lucas**, **Marion**, **Ottawa**, **Pickaway**, **Sandusky**, **Stark**, and **Wayne** also contributed sightings.



*Not willing to settle for seeing only the rare Curlew Sandpiper at Raab Road, Lucas, Justin Cale also captured this perfect shot of a Least Bittern there on 12 May.*

### Great Blue Heron

Ron Sempier counted 115 at Big Island on 11 May and there were many reports of about 100 birds there and elsewhere. Only **Pike** did not have a sighting.

### Great Egret

A single Feb bird, seen several times, preceded this season's first, which Kim Warner saw at a private property in **Lucas** on 11 Mar. The ONWR census of 01 May turned up 145 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus), and 122 were in the ONWR Entrance Pool on 15 May (Richard Griebe and Terry Hurst). The inland high count was Steve Jones' 30 at Big Island on 05 May. (65 counties)

### Snowy Egret

The first sightings were on 13 Apr, in CPNWR (Tom Kemp and Elliot Tramer). Michael O'Brien counted 15 at ONWR on 26 May and other **Lucas** and **Ottawa** counts ranged up to 12. Three **Erie** sites held one or two on several dates. The sightings in other counties were of one at Lake Logan SP, **Hocking**, on 04 May (Jennifer Allen) and 07 May (Joe Hammond), one at New Russia Township NP, **Lorain**, on 06 May (Kristen Stillwell) and 07 May (Ed Wransky), and one at Pickerel Creek on 12 May (m. obs.)

### **Little Blue Heron**

One spent from 25 Apr to 14 May at Gilmore MP, **Butler** (m. obs.). Joette and Rosalie Borzik saw another at CPNWR on 07 May.

### **Cattle Egret**

The first was appropriately with a herd of cattle on West Case Road, **Franklin**, on 23 Apr (*vide* Leslie Sours). Dave Smith provided the high count of eight, from Boyart Road, **Erie**, on 23 May. Other **Erie** locations, **Hamilton**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, and **Wayne** also had sightings.

### **Green Heron**

The earliest date was 12 Apr. Luke Costilow saw two in the Coffee Road Marsh, **Ashtabula**, and Josh Stapleton one at a **Gallia** farm on that day. The only counts over seven were 11 at Magee on 12 May (Rhiannon Thunell) and 13 in Hoover NP on 29 May (Charles Bombaci). (66 counties)

### **Black-crowned Night-Heron**

The usually-reliable Cuyahoga River bank at Cleveland's Merwin Avenue hosted 29 on 11 Apr for Paula Lozano. Paul Sherwood saw 21 in Bayview, **Erie**, on 14 Apr as did Dan Gesualdo at Medusa on 19 Apr. (20 counties)

### **Glossy Ibis**

The OBRC has a formal report from **Marion**.

### **Plegadis sp. Ibis**

The OBRC has a formal report from **Highland** and informal ones from **Lucas** and **Ottawa**.

### **Black Vulture**

Sara Queen counted 66 in two flocks overhead in **Highland** on 08 Mar. Brian Menker's 30 at Caesar Creek on 04 May was the second-highest number. (55 counties including five along the Lake Erie shore)

### **Turkey Vulture**

Bruce Glick counted 355 in a half hour as they passed westbound over ONWR on 14 Mar. Every county produced at least one report.

### **Osprey**

The first showed up at Blendon Woods on 11 Mar (m. obs.). David Weaver *et al.* counted 10 passing Conneaut on 25 Apr. (71 counties)

### **Mississippi Kite**

The OBRC has formal reports from **Cuyahoga** and **Hamilton** and an informal one from **Lucas**.

### **Bald Eagle**

Dan Gesualdo counted 37 in Huron, **Erie**, on 14 Mar. (78 counties)

### **Northern Harrier**

Scott Watkins saw the most, 13 circling at dusk over Wilderness Road on 06 Mar. (55 counties)

### **Sharp-shinned Hawk**

Forty-seven passed Jen Brumfield and Michelle Pesho in 3½ hours at Edgewater on 24 Apr. Dan Gesualdo counted 23 in four hours by East Sandusky Bay, **Erie**, on 22 Mar. (55 counties)

### **Cooper's Hawk**

The high count was 19, made twice by Dan Gesualdo. He saw them during two hours on 14 Mar as they passed Huron, **Erie**, heading west, and in 90 minutes crossing over Edison Woods MP, **Erie**, on 22 Apr. (79 counties)

### **Northern Goshawk**

An eBird report from **Erie** probably has enough information for OBRC review. Posts from **Madison** and **Vinton** have few details.

### **Red-tailed Hawk**

Kenn Kaufman tallied 68 passing Maumee Bay in two hours on 08 Mar. Elias A. Raber saw one which was all white except for its diagnostic tail near Loudonville, **Ashland**, on 06 Apr. Only **Pike** and **Putnam** didn't produce sightings.



*This Red-tailed Hawk's stare did not deter Patty McKelvey from capturing this shot on 19 Apr at Sandy Ridge.*



*On 31 May, Linda Stroud located this amazing Mississippi Kite in Independence, Cuyahoga.*

**Red-shouldered Hawk**

Jen Brumfield and Dan Gesualdo counted 66 during a three-hour hawk watch at East Sandusky Bay, **Erie**, on 16 Mar. (70 counties)

**Broad-winged Hawk**

Thomas Czubek saw the first, over Batavia, **Clermont**, on 10 Apr. One made it all the way to the North Chagrin Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, the next day (Natalie Schroder). David Weaver *et al.* counted a phenomenal 2449 passing Conneaut on 25 Apr; most of them in a two-hour period. Dan Gesualdo's 90 minutes at Edison Woods MP, **Erie**, on 22 Apr netted the second-highest count of 727. (63 counties)

**Rough-legged Hawk**

Greg Miller's group saw one over Magee on 04 May, right at the end of the species' typical time here. Tim Jasinski watched five at Cleveland's Hopkins Airport on 12 Mar; he was standing in the parking lot of the 100<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group restaurant. Several duos were seen there and elsewhere. (23 counties)

**Golden Eagle**

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At Maumee Bay on 09 Mar (Paul Sherwood) and 15 Mar (Kim Warner)

Southeast of Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, on 14 Mar (Allen and Daniel Stutzman)

At Berlin Heights, **Erie**, on 16 Mar (Jen Brumfield and Dan Gesualdo)

South of New Bedford, **Coshocton**, on 17 Mar (David H. and Benjamin H. Yoder)

At Shawnee on 16 Apr (Jen Moore and Jason Parrish)

Over the Brecksville Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Apr (Ann and Dwight Chasar)

South of Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, on 24 Apr (Robert Hershberger)

**King Rail**

The reports are:

One notably early bird at ONWR from 26 to 30 Mar (m. obs.)

One in the Deer Creek wetlands, **Pickaway**, on 02 May (Robert Royle)

One in Port Clinton, **Ottawa**, on 03 May (Andy Jones)

One in Mallard Club on 10 to 12 May (m. obs.)

One "Captured by biologists, banded, and satellite transmitter attached" at Winous Horse-shoe on 10 May (BSBO)

One near Charlie's Pond, **Pickaway**, from 13 May into Jun (m. obs.)

**Virginia Rail**

Kim Warner noted the season's first, at Mallard Club on 08 Mar. Observers found eight in

Darby Creek on several dates in early May. (28 counties)



*A Virginia Rail stopped to pose for Justin Cale at Maumee Bay on 10 May.*

**Sora**

Conan Crocker found the first, at Spring Valley on 26 Mar, and William Hutchison counted 12 there on 30 Apr. The high count, however, was 21 during the 01 May ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). (41 counties)

**Common Gallinule**

Metzger hosted the first, on 08 Apr (Kim Warner). The next was one at Big Island on 12 Apr (David Lehner). The two highest counts also came from Big Island, 11 on 11 May (Ron Sempier) and 24 on 30 May (Steve Jones). The most elsewhere were seven seen in ONWR from Veler Road, **Lucas**, on 08 May (Ryan Lesniewicz). (22 counties)

**American Coot**

Several birders estimated that 2000 were at Metzger on 02 Apr; Kim Warner saw about half that many on 08 Apr. The inland high count was also about 1000, at Deer Creek on a couple of late Mar dates (Robert Royle). (75 counties)

**Sandhill Crane**

Peggy Blair found 24 at ONWR on 09 Mar. (44 counties)

**Whooping Crane**

An eBird post from **Lucas** has enough detail for OBRC evaluation.

**Black-necked Stilt**

The first showed up on 14 Apr, at Wilderness Road (*fide* Jen Brumfield); it was seen there until 01 May. Su Snyder and Jeff Harvey saw four at nearby Funk on 01 and 02 May respectively. Two other **Wayne** locations and one in each of **Ashland**, **Butler**, **Darke**, **Hamilton**, and **Wyandot** also produced reports.

### American Avocet

Dan Gesualdo and Paul Sherwood separately saw three at Medusa on 14 Apr and Doreene Linzell found one at Mercer WA the same day. The beach at Lakeview Park, **Lorain**, briefly hosted 15 on 21 Apr (m. obs.). Luke Costlow's nine at Winous Point on 10 May was the second-highest count. The inland high was three, at Buck Creek on 09 May (Mike Hatfield). **Delaware, Hancock, Lake, and Lucas** also had sightings.



An American Avocet was checking out the beach at Alum Creek on 03 May when Scott Zimmermann captured this photo.

### Black-bellied Plover

Fifteen at the Miami Whitewater CP wetlands, **Hamilton** (Jack Stenger) and two at Wilderness Road (m. obs.) on 16 Apr were the first. The last of the season (there were Jun sightings) were also shared on 24 May, one at Conneaut (Sally Isacco, Gustavo Lanese) and 15 at Mallard Club (Cory Chiappone). Metzger hosted 115 on 06 May (Geoff Carpentier). The second-most were 53 at ONWR on 19 May (Brian O'Connor) and the inland high count was 21, at Funk on 12 May (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller). (14 counties)

### American Golden-Plover

The first was a little early for the latitude; Kim Warner saw it on private land in **Lucas** on 14 Mar. The second (or the same bird) was at CPNWR on 23 Mar for Sarah Wofford. Dan Gesualdo contributed the high count of 415, at Medusa on 27 Apr, and Dave Chase wasn't far behind with 400 by the road to Metzger on 29 Apr. The inland high count was Christy J. Miller's 270 at Wilderness Road on 18 Apr. Levi Murphy saw the last northbound bird, on 15 May in a field at the corner of Angola and Raab Roads, **Lucas** (the Curlew Sandpiper site, hereafter A/R Corner). (17 counties)

### Snowy Plover

An eBird report from **Lucas** was thin on details.

### Semipalmated Plover

Donna Kuhn and Lisa Phelps saw the first two, a bit early at Funk on 16 Apr. Funk also held the highest number, 200 on 23 May for Cynthia Norris. The most elsewhere were 69 at Pipe Creek on 21 May (Jen Brumfield and Dan Gesualdo). Sightings continued into Jun. (32 counties)

### Killdeer

A group of birders counted 434 passing over Maumee Bay in two hours on 08 Mar. Richard Ernst found 60 at Pickerel Creek on 09 Apr, the second-highest count. Michael Hershberger saw one "on nest completely buried in snow, at times the head was visible" on 09 Apr (yes, Apr), near his Millersburg, **Holmes**, home. (all 88 counties)

### Willet

Lots of folks saw the first arrival, at Wilderness Road on 21 Apr. The last, on 15 May, were at three sites: one at Ellis Lake, **Butler** (Chris Zacharias), one at ONWR (Debra Hill) and two by Route 2 at Route 19, **Ottawa** (m. obs.). The high count was 76, at Metzger on 25 Apr (m. obs.). (13 counties)



This Willet was photographed in flight by Darlene Friedman on 01 May at Maumee Bay.

### Spotted Sandpiper

Matt Orebaugh saw the first, a slightly early bird at Scioto Audubon, **Franklin**, on 05 Apr. Cory Chiappone counted 45 at Headlands, most of them on the breakwater near the lighthouse, on 10 May. On 16 May Robert Royse saw 44 on the Deer Creek SP beach and more along Deer Creek itself in **Fayette**. (74 counties)

### Solitary Sandpiper

Charlie Saunders' bird at the Ellis Lake wetlands, **Butler**, on 01 Apr was right on schedule. The first in the far north was Kim Warner's in **Lucas**

on 11 Apr. Vicki Sandage saw the last, on 26 May by the **Lucas** section of the Magee causeway. Melvin Troyer said the 41 which he and Allen Weaver saw near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 03 May were “unlike his name!” The CMM trio counted 31 by Arbor Road, **Carroll**, that same day. (65 counties)

### Greater Yellowlegs

Eric Elvert saw the first, one by U.S. 42 in **Greene** on 09 Mar. Kim Warner saw the first of the far north in **Lucas** on 14 Mar. The last of the season were singles on 25 May at Medusa (Paul Sherwood) and Sandy Ridge (BRAS), though there were also a couple of early Jun sightings. Daniel DeLapp found 72 at Funk on 02 May. The next-highest number was Su Snyder’s 36 along County Road 1950, **Ashland**, on 14 Apr. (57 counties)

### Lesser Yellowlegs

Kim Warner registered another first sighting, two birds a week or two early at Maumee Bay on 07 Mar. The last sightings were of singles on 25 May at Sandy Ridge (Stephen Kale and Gustavo Lanese), ONWR Boss (Patrick Coy), and Hoover Park, **Stark** (Matt Courtman). Dave Chase found the most, 120 along the ONWR Wildlife Drive route on 16 Apr. (57 counties)

### Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs

Andy Sewell found about 450 at Delaware WA on 23 Apr and wrote, “Astonishing numbers here, my impression was that they were mainly lesser...”

### Whimbrel

The reports are:

Six flying north over Delaware Reservoir on 12 May (Cam Lee)

One at Funk on 14 May (m. obs.) and five there on 22 May (Su Snyder, James F. Yoder)

One at Indian Lake on 20 May (m. obs.)

One at Killdeer, also on 20 May (Irina Shulgina)

A remarkable 73 at Wilderness Road on 25 May (Jason Simonis et al.)



Stefan Minnig photographed this Whimbrel at Indian Lake on 20 May, just hours after it was first discovered by Troy Shively.

### Upland Sandpiper

Oliver Penderghast saw the first, at Lake Rupert, **Vinton**, on 13 Apr. Jen Brumfield and Dan Gesualdo saw the next, at Medusa on 16 Apr. The high count was Scott Pendleton’s five at The Bowl on 23 Apr, where they were no doubt setting up housekeeping. Sightings also came from **Ashtabula**, **Clark**, **Franklin**, **Hancock**, **Montgomery**, **Ottawa**, **Richland**, and **Stark**.

### Marbled Godwit

Ryan Jacob saw the first, two at Maumee Bay on 21 Apr. The last was a single in ONWR near the corner of Krause and Stange Roads, **Ottawa**, on 26 May (m. obs.). The most, and the only count exceeding two, were 23 at Lost Bridge on 26 Apr; Linda Osterhage hypothesized that a storm front she could see to the west encouraged them to land. One of them (or another) remained four days later (Tyler Ficker). All sightings but these last two were in **Lucas** and **Ottawa**.

### Ruddy Turnstone

Judy Hochadel’s two by the Western Reserve Greenway, **Trumbull**, on 22 Apr, were about two weeks earlier than expected. Kim Warner’s single at Metzger on 30 Apr was also early for the latitude. The third was on schedule at Maumee Bay on 06 May; William Hutchison and Rick Asamoto separately reported it. The last but for an early Jun sighting was seen at Killdeer on 26 May (m. obs.). CPNWR hosted 35 on 15 May (m. obs.) and next-door Mallard Club held 22 on 24 May (Cory Chiappone). (13 counties)



Scott Zimmermann spotted this Ruddy Turnstone patrolling the Maumee Bay beach on 29 May.

### Red Knot

John Pogacnik found three in ONWR on 21 May. Holly Latteman saw another at Old Woman Creek on 26 May.

### Stilt Sandpiper

The reports, all of single birds, are: In the Woods Road wetlands, **Darke**, on 19 May



(Regina Schieltz)

At Medusa on 27 Apr (Bill Ohlsen)

At A/R Corner on 13 May (Ed Wransky)

At ONWR on 08 May (Ryan Lesniewicz) and 11 May (Michael O'Brien and Louise Zemaitis)

### **Curlew Sandpiper**

I have no doubt that the OBRC will confirm reports of the bird which spent five days in May near the corner of Angola and Raab Roads, **Lucas**. The Committee has a formal submission, more than 350 eBird entries, and a host of posts to work with.

### **Sanderling**

The first dropped in two weeks early at Indian Lake on 28 Apr (*vide* Doreene Linzell). It or another got to Maumee Bay on 30 Apr (Kim Warner). The high count was 12, at Indian Lake on 21 May, which was also the last day with sightings (Steve Jones). ONWR shared that last date; three birds were there (m. obs.). Erie, **Hancock**, and **Stark** also provided reports.

### **Dunlin**

Nine near the corner of Route 2 and 19, **Ottawa**, on 26 Mar were a week ahead of schedule (Jeff Buecking and Karl Overman). The last of the season were singles at three locations on 26 May and 13 at ONWR on 30 May (David Myles) though a few sightings trickled into Jun. Members of a BSBO field trip reveled in seeing 850 at Winous Point on 13 May. The high number away from the Lake Erie counties was a careful count of 165 by Marcia Kinnard and Su Snyder at Wilderness Road on 18 May. (32 counties)



*A Dunlin took a break from feeding long enough for Vincent Capozziello to capture this shot at ONWR on 22 May.*

### **Least Sandpiper**

Ron Sempiar saw the first, one bird at the Sandusky Plains Environmental Education Center, **Marion**, on 14 Apr; a little early for the latitude. Nevertheless, Dave Smith saw one at ONWR two days later. Helen Wright-North found the

last of the season, surprisingly far south at Lost Bridge on 28 May, but there was at least one early Jun report as well. Joe Hammond and Dominic Mitchell separately estimated 75 were at A/R Corner on 13 May. Shreve WA, **Wayne**, hosted the second-highest number, 51, on 16 May for Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder. (42 counties)

### **White-rumped Sandpiper**

The first, Brian Wulker's find at Lost Bridge on 27 Apr, was a bit ahead of schedule. Daniel DeLapp saw the first in the far north, at A/R Corner on 09 May. Sightings continued into Jun. The A/R Corner also provided the high count of 10, for Linda Mott on 17 May. (15 counties)

### **Pectoral Sandpiper**

Brian Wulker's seven at Fernald on 09 Mar were the first. The next were 10 by Elam Road, **Greene**, on 13 Mar (Jacob Roalef and Greg Saggasser), and the first near Lake Erie were six in **Lucas** on 14 Mar (Kim Warner). The Thomas wetlands, **Paulding**, on 09 Apr (Micki Dunakin) and Delaware WA on 23 Apr (Andy Sewell) shared the high count of 400. A single mid-Jun report followed the last of this season, which was of seven birds at Lost Bridge on 28 May (Helen Wright-North). (46 counties)

### **Semipalmated Sandpiper**

The first, three at Armleder Park on 23 Apr (Dustin Barnhorst), were early. As usual, their northbound migration continued well into Jun. Jack Stenger provided the high count of 127, at Lost Bridge on 25 May. Sara Burch and Jacob McCartney counted 68 at Pipe Creek on 19 May for the second-highest number. (36 counties)

### **Short-billed Dowitcher**

A bird at Mercer WA (Matthew Bockey) on 16 Apr was a bit early. Cam Lee saw the last of the season, one at Killdeer on 29 May, but it was followed by an early Jun sighting. Laurel Parshall and Shep Thorp found about 100 along Howard Road, **Lucas**, on 14 May. Also on 14 May, Nathaniel Abrahams and Sam Simon noted about 45 at A/R Corner; similar numbers were there in the days before and after that date. The most well away from Lake Erie were Brad Imhoff's 32 in wetlands by Arrington Road, **Knox**, on 11 May.

Many birders noted that two of the A/R Corner flock were considerably paler and somewhat differently marked than the rest; they were apparently of the "Atlantic" *griseus* subspecies, which is quite rare west of the Appalachians. (We usually see the western, *hendersoni*, subspecies.)

### **Long-billed Dowitcher**

Margaret Bowman saw the first, in Deer Creek

SP on 24 Mar; it was there until 27 Mar. The first near Lake Erie was in *Lucas* on 01 Apr (Kim Warner). The last, and most, were six at A/R Corner on 14 May (Matt Anderson, Gustavo Lanese). Reports also came from *Coshoc-ton*, *Fayette*, *Mercer*, *Ottawa*, and *Wyandot*.

#### Wilson's Snipe

Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder counted 117 by Route 175 near Funk, *Ashland*, on 12 Apr. There were two more triple-digit reports as well. (49 counties)

#### American Woodcock

Paula Lozano and Patty McKelvey separately reported 21 from Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery on 16 Mar. Miranda DeBoard's 14 in Woodman Fen, *Montgomery*, on 08 Mar was the second-highest number. (63 counties)



*This American Woodcock provided Amy Hodson with her first opportunity to photograph one on 15 May at Magee.*

#### Wilson's Phalarope

On 03 May a sky pool near Hartville, *Stark*, hosted the first two (m. obs.). The last of the season were one which Susan Mallozzi saw at ONWR on 21 May and another which Su Snyder found at Wilderness Road on 31 May. The latter bird remained into Jun. The high count was five; many birders enjoyed them at A/R Corner on 14 May. *Hamilton*, *Hancock*, and *Sandusky* also contributed sightings.

#### Red-necked Phalarope

The first was at A/R Corner on 07 May and the most (two) were there on 09 and 10 May (all m. obs.) The last were at Wilderness Road on 23 May (also m. obs.). The other sighting was Regina Schieltz's in the Woods Road wetland, *Darke* on 19 May.

#### Phalarope sp.

Barbara Griffith and Kathy Saunders saw an indeterminate bird in the ONWR entrance pool on 14 May.

#### Bonaparte's Gull

John Pogacnik counted 864 passing Lake Erie

Bluffs on 15 Apr. The inland high count was 400, on 01 Apr at both Findlay Airport (Jeff Loughman) and the Findlay Reservoirs (Shane Myers). (56 counties)

#### Black-headed Gull

The OBRC has an eBird report from *Ashtabula* with some detail.

#### Little Gull

The reports are:

One at Conneaut on 20 Mar (John Pogacnik)

One along North Toussaint-Portage Road, *Ottawa*, on 30 Mar (Kenn Kaufman)

One passing Lake Erie Bluffs on 15 Apr (John Pogacnik)

#### Laughing Gull

One was at the mouth of the Black River in *Lorain* on 21 and 22 Apr (m. obs.)



*Ed Wransky captured this stunning photo of a Laughing Gull, an uncommon visitor to Ohio, at Lorain on 21 Apr.*

#### Franklin's Gull

The reports are:

Two at Deer Creek Lake on 18 Apr (Melanie Shuter) and five there the next day (fide Doreene Linzell)

One along Wahl Road, *Erie*, on 26 Apr (Dan Gesualdo, Dave Smith)

One at Buck Creek on 15 May (Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker)

#### Ring-billed Gull

Andy Sewell noted about 5000 off Wendy Park on 13 Mar. The second-highest number was John Pogacnik's 2333 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 17 Mar and the inland high was 1900 by Shane Myers at the Findlay Reservoirs on 29 Mar. (74 counties)

#### Herring Gull

Springfield Lake held about 2000 on 05 Mar (Ben Morrison) and John Pogacnik counted 1187 passing Lake Erie Bluffs on 17 Mar. (51 counties)

#### Thayer's Gull

John Pogacnik saw one at Conneaut on 20 Mar.

#### Iceland Gull

Ben Morrison and Dana and Sean Ricker saw

one at Springfield Lake on 05 Mar. John Pogacnik saw it or another at Lake Erie Bluffs on 07 Mar.

#### **Thayer's/Iceland Gull**

An indeterminate bird was at the Findlay Reservoirs on 12 Mar (Robert Sams) and 14 Mar (Edward Ingold).

#### **Lesser Black-backed Gull**

The last reports, and the only ones in that month, were on 10 May at Maumee Bay (Kraig Cowley) and in Alum Creek on 10 May (Carl Winstead) and 12 and 13 May (Robert Batterson). The most were 29 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 29 Mar (Shane Myers). Robert Hust found the second-most, 20 in Sandusky Bay, *Ottawa*, on 10 Apr. (16 counties of which *Montgomery* is the southernmost)

#### **Glaucous Gull**

Jane Riker found one at the Findlay Reservoirs on 10 Mar; Robert Sams saw it on 12 Mar and Jeff Loughman on 14 Mar. John Pogacnik saw different-aged birds at Lake Erie Bluffs on 17 and 23 Mar and 03 Apr.

#### **Great Black-backed Gull**

Though the last of the season was at the Camp Perry beach, *Ottawa*, on 25 May (m. obs.), others were seen in Jun. Joseph Boros saw about 50 at Wendy Park on 03 Mar and the inland high count of nine came from Ashley Casey and Cory Gregory at Springfield Lake on 07 Mar. (11 counties as far south as *Logan*)

#### **[Herring x Great Black-backed Gull]**

Jon Cefus noted one at Wendy Park on 11 Mar.

#### **Kelp Gull**

Kent Miller's and Ben Morrison's reports were accepted by the OBRC. One last eBird report, with a description, came from Springfield Lake in early Mar.

#### **Caspian Tern**

Debbie Parker saw the first, a bit early at Lorain on 23 Mar. Dan Gesualdo counted 153 on Vermilion's Main Street Beach, *Erie*, on 26 Apr. Robert Batterson contributed the inland high number of 11 from the Columbus Upground Reservoir, *Delaware*, on 11 Apr. (45 counties)

#### **Black Tern**

Paul Sherwood discovered the first three weeks earlier than expected, at Medusa on 14 Apr. The next, Cam Lee's at Killdeer on 30 Apr, was still a bit early for the latitude. Tom Kemp and Elliot Tramer found an encouraging eight at CPNWR on 17 May and Mike Smith noted five at Pipe Creek on 15 May. Reports also came from *Ashland*, *Carroll*, *Clermont*, *Hamilton*, *Hock-*

*ing*, *Knox*, *Logan*, *Lorain*, *Medina*, *Ottawa*, *Paulding*, and *Wayne*.

#### **Common Tern**

The first were seen in Cleveland on 06 Apr, one at CLNP (m. obs.) and two at Wendy Park (Sally Isacco). The high count of 70 was also shared, by Michael O'Brien and Louise Zemaitis at Magee on 09 May and m. obs. at Metzger on 10 May. They could easily have been the same roving flock. The inland high count of eight was shared as well. Gary Cowell saw his at Clear Fork on 10 May and Steve Jones the others at Indian Lake on 21 May. (29 counties)

#### **Forster's Tern**

Brad Goodner saw the first, at LaDue on 27 Mar, and Kim Warner the second, at Maumee Bay on 31 Mar. The last of the season were a single at Pipe Creek on 22 May (Dan Gesualdo) and three at Alum Creek on 31 May (David and Dorothy Bukovac). A few lingered into Jun as well. Bill Buckingham found about 60 at the west end of the CCE Trail on 08 May. Ben Morrison saw about 30 fly over his home in *Stark* on 13 Apr for the inland high count. (34 counties)

#### **Rock Pigeon**

Margaret Bowman counted 155 at Muskingum River SP, *Morgan*, on 12 Mar. Jeffrey Roth found 96 at the Racine Hydro picnic area, *Meigs*, on 21 Mar. (82 counties)

#### **Eurasian Collared-Dove**

"Wild Acres Ranch", a petting zoo near Castalia, *Erie*, hosted three on 07 and 13 Mar (Dan Gesualdo, Jacob Roalef). So did Waverly Plaza, *Pike*, on 09 Apr (James Muller). Doubles and singles were in *Ashland*, *Auglaize*, *Champaign*, *Clermont*, *Mercer*, *Tuscarawas*, *Union*, *Warren*, and *Wayne*.

#### **White-winged Dove**

The OBRC has formal reports from *Clinton* and *Delaware*.

#### **Mourning Dove**

John Pogacnik's 84 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 23 Mar was the high count; next was Bill Stanley's 35 at Old Highland Stone on 19 Mar. (all 88 counties)

#### **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**

The first, found by Mark Maier along Deer Creek in *Ross* on 19 Apr, was a week or so early. It took until 10 May for one to get to Lake Erie, when Steve Pavey saw it at Magee. Zachary Allen noted 12 in the Five Forks area of Wayne NF, *Lawrence*, on 31 May. (68 counties)

#### **Black-billed Cuckoo**

Leslie Sours saw the first, at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus on 26 Apr. Lots of folks saw

one at Magee on 07 May, the first on the north coast. Cory Gratz counted eight along his BBS route in **Lawrence** on 29 May, and three sites each held four. (43 counties)

### Barn Owl

The reports are:

One at each of various locations in the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, **Adams**, on 08 Apr (m. obs.), 23 Apr (John Hull), and 26 Apr (Kim Warner, Ryan Lesniewicz).

One flushed and mobbed by crows in the Home Road Marsh, **Richland**, on 13 May (Gary Cowell)

One heard at Mallard Club on 14 May (Matthew Webb and David Yeanny II)

One near Millersburg, **Holmes**, on 17 May (Leslie Sours)

One heard near Jamestown, **Greene**, on 21 May (Jeremy Dominguez and Sarah Lucas)

### Eastern Screech-Owl

Observers found five at Willow Point on 11 May (Dan Gesualdo), near the Nature Center at Maumee Bay on 11 May (Cathy Murphy) and 14 May (Mike Smith), and in the Brokaw Road Public Hunting Area, **Richland**, on 29 May (Gary Cowell). (34 counties)

### Great Horned Owl

Laurel Thomas and Bill Zimmerman saw a family of five in Rapid Run Park, **Hamilton**, on 17 Apr. (44 counties)



*Always fun to see, these Great-horned Owlets were enjoyed by Mark Hsu at Green Lawn Cemetery, **Franklin**, on 01 Apr.*



*This Yellow-billed Cuckoo checks out Vincent Capozziello as he fires off a shot at Magee on 25 May.*

### Snowy Owl

The reports are:

Five at Cleveland Hopkins Airport on 02 Mar (Tim Jasinski) and up to three seen there between 03 and 14 Mar (m. obs.)

One near Bowling Green, **Wood**, on 20 Mar (Clair Cogar and Mark Rozmarynowycz)

One by Route 109, **Fulton**, on 12 Apr (Phillip and Tamala North) and 13 Apr (Larry Marsh)

One in **Holmes** northwest of Sugarcreek on 27 Mar (*vide* James F. Yoder)

### Barred Owl

The high count was Cory Gratz's six in the Irish Ridge Turkey Hunting area, **Perry**, on 25 Apr. (54 counties)

### Long-eared Owl

John Pogacnik saw one being chased by Blue Jays at Lake Erie Bluffs on 16 May, at least three weeks later than they usually stay. The second-last was one in the **Ottawa** section of Magee on 19 Apr (Damaris and Sam Stoddard). Dan Gesualdo saw four in the Osborn Recreation Area, **Erie**, on 19 Mar. **Franklin**, **Licking**, **Lucas**, and **Seneca** also contributed reports.

### Short-eared Owl

Gary Cowell saw the last bird, at Lexington Community Park, **Richland**, on 24 Apr. Armleder Park on 02 Mar (Kirk Westendorf) and ONWR's Adam Grimm Prairie, **Ottawa**, on 10 Apr (Kenn Kaufman) each hosted five. (15 counties)

### Northern Saw-whet Owl

John Ritzenthaler saw one at Wrenwood, **Clark**, on 27 Mar, and many birders saw one in CLNP on 23 Apr.

### Common Nighthawk

Josh Stapleton's single bird in Tycoon Lake WA, **Gallia**, on 25 Apr opened the season. Tom Bain saw the first for the north coast at Magee on 04 May. Corey Husic provided the high count of 60, from Indigo Hill, **Washington**, on 24 May, and Alex Eberts the second-highest, 21, at Lake Alma SP, **Vinton**, on 18 May. (49 counties)



*This Common Nighthawk, photographed by Gregory Pruden, found its roost along the Magee boardwalk during the Biggest Week in American Birding on 14 May.*

### Chuck-will's-widow

The reports are:

In the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, **Adams**, on 06 May, and again on 21, 22, 26, and 31 May (m. obs.)

At his **Gallia** farm on 11 May (Josh Stapleton)  
Heard pre-dawn in Minford, **Scioto**, on 23 and 24 May (Jessica Waddell)

### Eastern Whip-poor-will

One seen roosting in Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, on 11 Apr was the first (m. obs.). Cory Gratz counted 13 along his **Lawrence** BBS route beginning at 5:30 am on 29 May. A trio of birders found seven in Tranquility WA, **Adams**, between 12:30 and 1:00 am on 07 May. (24 counties)



Alex Eberts photographed this sleepy Eastern Whip-poor-will, originally located by Ben Warner and Anna Wittmer, at Green Lawn Cemetery, **Franklin**, on 11 Apr.

### Chimney Swift

Dan Enders saw one in nearby Springfield, **Clark**, on 02 Apr. Margaret Bowman counted 382 above Newark, **Delaware**, on 17 May. Every county except **Brown**, **Fayette**, **Meigs**, **Pike**, and **Putnam** had sightings.

### Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Oliver Penderghast provided the first report, from Lake Rupert, **Vinton**, on 13 Apr. Kim Warner saw one at home in **Lucas** on 19 Apr. Karla Furrer counted 16 at her Hidden Hollow Farm feeders, **Wayne**, on 14 May, and Janice Hall 12 at hers in **Washington** on 05 May. (80 counties)

### Belted Kingfisher

The high count was nine; Benjamin Miller found them while canoeing 14 miles of the Kokosing River in **Knox** on 23 Apr. (80 counties)

### Red-headed Woodpecker

Nathan Martineau counted 27 while walking two miles of trails in OOPMP on 07 May. The second-highest number, 17 was shared by OOPMP on 26 May (Debbie Carr-Taylor and Kathy

Telfer) and Hoover NP on 29 May (Charles Bombaci). (77 counties)

### Red-bellied Woodpecker

Mary Jane Russell's 21 in Pearson MP on 09 May was the high count. Only **Putnam** didn't have a sighting.

### Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

John Pogacnik saw one at Lake Erie Bluffs on 25 May. It was probably the last migrant sighted though reports continued into summer in the species' several nesting areas. The high count of 18 was from Toledo's Woodlawn Cemetery on 08 Apr (m. obs.) and Brian O'Connor found 12 in Blacklick Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 14 Apr. (62 counties)

### Downy Woodpecker

Tom Bartlett counted 21 scattered around Kelleys Island on 20 Mar. (all 88 counties)

### Hairy Woodpecker

Dave Chase's eight at Lake Erie Bluffs on 19 Apr was the high count. (82 counties)

### Northern Flicker

Lake Erie Bluffs provided another high count, 126 by John Pogacnik on 15 Apr. Observers at Mentor Marsh SNP, **Lake**, saw 75 on 17 Apr. Every county except **Pike** produced reports.

### Pileated Woodpecker

The high count of six was shared three ways. Jacob Roalef's were in Sugarcreek MP, **Greene**, on 14 Apr; several viewers saw them at Holden on 17 Apr, and Alisa Gerbec found hers in the Station Road area of CVNP on 21 May. (76 counties)

### American Kestrel

A little over two hours at Edgewater produced 24 migrants for Jen Brumfield on 24 Mar. The second-highest count was David Lehner's six at Killdeer on 07 Mar. (77 counties)

### Merlin

John Pogacnik saw the last, at Lake Erie Bluffs on 25 May. On 16 May he had seen what might have been a mated pair, but I find no Jun reports there or elsewhere in the state. Tim Haney found three in Toledo's Woodlawn Cemetery on 04 Mar as did the Ostermillers at Wendy Park on 05 Apr. (28 counties)

### Peregrine Falcon

Three birds were seen at each of three Cleveland area locations and one in **Lake**. (31 counties)

### Monk Parakeet

One was reported in **Ottawa** in May. Though it could have been an escaped cage bird, it could also have wandered from the nearest established

populations, which are in Chicago and Rochester. The OBRC has a post with no details.

#### Olive-sided Flycatcher

J.W. Rettig saw the first, right on time in Shawnee Lookout on 02 May. Several birders saw one in Brecksville Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 08 May for the first of the far north. Lynne and Nic Shayko saw two at Magee on 28 May and all other reports were of single birds. Sightings continued into Jun. (23 counties)

#### Eastern Wood-Pewee

Marilyn Shade heard the first one, in Medway, *Clark*, on 24 Apr. Almost a week passed before Greg Pasek saw the first near Lake Erie, at Penros, *Lorain*, on 30 Apr. Cory Gratz's 25-mile BBS route in *Lawrence* produced 15 on 29 May, while Kenn Kaufman found 12 in Magee's eight acres on 24 May. (79 counties)

#### Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Tania Perry in *Delaware* and Eric Braun at Magee each saw one on 07 May. Bethany Gray noted the last of the season in Yellow Springs, *Greene*, on 31 May, though there were two early Jun reports. The Harlans discovered five at Magee on 24 May and there were doubles reported from locations in *Lake, Lucas* (3), *Ottawa*, and *Wayne*. (25 counties)

#### Acadian Flycatcher

Zachary Allen's *Scioto* farm produced the first sighting, on 25 Apr. Ken Vincierra saw the north coast's first at Squire Valley Farm, *Cuyahoga*, on 07 May. Sites in *Gallia, Greene*, and *Lawrence* each hosted 13, and at least 10 locations held three. (71 counties)

#### Alder Flycatcher

One location in *Butler* and three in *Lucas* each had one on the first date, 11 May. Kenn Kaufman heard seven, and saw three of them, at Magee on 24 May; the Harlans separately recorded (the same?) seven there that day. Four sites each produced triples. (37 counties)

#### Willow Flycatcher

The first date was 01 May. Jenny Bowman and Steve Landes saw two at Indian Village Camp, *Franklin*, that day as did Daniel DeLapp at the Miami Whitewater CP wetlands, *Hamilton*. Lots of folks saw one at Magee on 04 May. Gautam and Sameer Apte counted 35 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 28 May. (65 counties)

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

Shirley Reynolds and Edana Salisbury saw, but didn't hear, one at Blendon Woods on 01 May. Sameer Apte and Ryan Jacob each saw four at Maumee Bay on 15 May.

#### Least Flycatcher

Taben Roye heard the first characteristic cheh-BEK in Firestone MP, *Summit*, on 19 Apr. Kelly Kozlowski and Matthew Valencic counted 10 while canoeing two miles of the upper Cuyahoga River in *Geauga* on 18 May. Five other locations each held six. (54 counties)

#### Empidonax sp. Flycatcher

Thomas Patterson found an early bird in Cincinnati's Burnet Woods on 17 Apr.

#### Eastern Phoebe

Sharon Newell found 14 at Magee on 26 Mar. She edged out Benjamin Miller, who found 11 along the Mohican Valley Trail, *Knox*, on 27 Mar. *Crawford, Henry, Pike*, and *Putnam* did not have sightings.

#### Great Crested Flycatcher

Judy Hochadel heard one calling from the Western Reserve Greenway, *Trumbull*, on 13 Apr. That's a little early for that far north, but Philip Steiner saw one at Beulah Beach, *Erie*, on 15 Apr. Charles Bombaci counted 12 in Hoover NP on 29 May. (77 counties)



*A Great Crested Flycatcher posed for Dan Enders at Darby Creek on 06 May.*

#### Eastern Kingbird

Dora Hacker well described one she saw in the CNC's Rowe Woods on 18 Mar, a month before they "should" be here. Amanda Lawson's in West Carrolton, *Montgomery*, on 05 Apr as early as well. On time, 17 Apr, were solos in Woodland Mound CP, *Hamilton* (David M. Bell and Ross Wood) and in Green Lawn Cemetery, *Franklin* (James Muller). Ann Waters saw the first near

Lake Erie in Maumee, **Lucas**, on 20 Apr. John Pogacnik counted 28 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 12 May. Every county except **Ashland**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** produced reports.

#### **Loggerhead Shrike**

A sketchy description accompanied an eBird report from **Brown**. Several reports from **Lake** had better details.

#### **Northern Shrike**

The CMM trio saw the last, along Bellflower Road, **Carroll**, on 18 Mar. (10 counties)

#### **Shrike sp.**

Elliot Tramer wrote about one in OOPMP on 14 May, “Perched in sapling in field on Girdham Rd.; flew off to the sw before I could get my ‘scope on it to determine species. Date strongly suggests Loggerhead Shrike.” Steve Jones saw another indeterminate one at Big Island on 11 Mar; that date suggests it was a Northern.

#### **White-eyed Vireo**

Scott Pendleton saw the first, at Jockey Hollow WA, **Harrison**, on 10 Apr. One made it to **Erie** on 13 Apr; Paul Sherwood saw it in Edison Woods MP. The high count of 11 was shared by Charles Bombaci in Blackhand Gorge SNP, **Licking**, on 13 May and Zachary Allen in Wayne NF, **Lawrence**, on 27 May. (73 counties)



*This White-eyed Vireo was declaring its territory in Shawnee SP on 07 May as Mark Hsu snapped a photo.*

#### **Bell's Vireo**

James Muller heard one's characteristic squeaky song in Plain Township, **Wayne**, on 01 May. The next two were along the Heritage Trail, **Franklin**, on 15 May (Carl Winstead). Robert Royse found three in Deer Creek WA on 16 May. **Butler**, **Clark**, **Hamilton**, **Union**, and **Pickaway** also produced sightings.

#### **Yellow-throated Vireo**

Mary Ann Richelieu well described one in her **Butler** yard on 14 Apr. Mark Ruane saw one in Grant Park, **Montgomery**, on 16 Apr, and Beth Whitely the first of the far north in the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Apr. The James H. Barrow Field Station, **Portage**, hosted seven on 22 May (m. obs.). (72 counties)

#### **Blue-headed Vireo**

Robert Royse found 10 singing males in Shawnee on 29 Mar, just about the earliest to expect them. Singles on 01 Apr were shared by Jennifer Allison in Twinsburg's Liberty Park, **Summit**, and Helen Miller on her property in **Vinton**. Robert's high count of 10 was also shared, by Dan Alon in Bay View Park, **Lucas**, on 06 May. (66 counties)

#### **Warbling Vireo**

The first of these were actually a little later than usual. Judy Hochadel saw one along the Western Reserve Greenway, **Trumbull**, on 15 Apr. Susan Jones and Clyde Witt saw another at Magee the next day. The high count was 40; participants on a BSBO field trip noted them at Pipe Creek on 07 May and m. obs. found that many at Magee on 09 May. (79 counties)

#### **Philadelphia Vireo**

Tyler Ficker saw one in Avoca Park and Joshua Eastlake another in Magrish Riverlands Preserve on 29 Apr; both sites are in **Hamilton**. Diana Fruguglietti saw the far north's first, at Magee on 06 May. Marilyn Glace's seven at Magee on 18 May was the high count. A single 01 Jun sighting followed spring's last, which was by Dick Lee in Bur Oak Reservation, **Lorain**, on 30 May. (32 counties)

#### **Red-eyed Vireo**

Al Marietta saw the first, in Lauren Township, **Hocking**, on 17 Apr. Multiple observers saw one or two at Magee on 25 Apr, the first north coast date. Kent Miller counted 30 along seven miles of **Carroll** back roads on 17 May; Kenn Kaufmann found the same number at Magee on 24 May. (78 counties)

#### **Blue Jay**

Migration along the Lake Erie shore peaked on 12 May; that day observers estimated up to 5000 passed over Magee and other nearby sites. The most elsewhere were the 1884 which John Pogacnik carefully counted streaming by Lake Erie Bluffs on that same 12 May. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

#### **American Crow**

The trio of CMM found about 200 at Moonwind Hill, **Carroll**, on both 12 and 18 Mar. (all 88 counties)

### Fish Crow

Posted reports, but no formal ones, came from *Cuyahoga*, *Erie*, *Jefferson*, *Lake*, and *Lorain*. Some of them have photos or descriptions which will enable OBRC review.



Lori Brumbaugh snapped a photo of this Fish Crow in Garfield Heights, *Cuyahoga*, on 21 Mar.

### Common Raven

Duos were sighted in three locations in *Harrison* and one in *Jefferson*. Reports of singles came from *Mahoning*, *Monroe*, and *Tuscarawas*.

### Horned Lark

Dan Gesualdo provided the high count of 110, from near Bellevue, *Erie*, on 04 Mar. (69 counties)

### Purple Martin

Josh Stapleton saw two quite early birds in Tycoon Lake WA, *Gallia*, on 09 Mar. William Hutchison and Brian Wulker saw the next, one at Fernald on 12 Mar, and Kathi Hutton the third at her *Clermont* home on 17 Mar. Sightings came almost daily thereafter, and one reached Sandy Ridge by 26 Mar (Jeff Buecking and Karl Overman). Nancy Brooks noted about 100 at Magee on 08 May. (70 counties)



Mike Timmons of Indiana nailed this Purple Martin flight shot during his 22 May visit to ONWR.

### Tree Swallow

Two Feb pioneers preceded this season's first. On 01 Mar, Michael Shade saw nine in Waynesville, *Warren*, and Nate Koszycki four at ONWR. Gary Cowell estimated by 25s to tally 975 at Clear Fork on 03 Apr. Dennis Mersky found about 650 at Mogadore Reservoir, *Portage*, on 11 Apr "lined up on a fence during a rainstorm...Also above on power lines." Only *Pike* did not provide a report.

### Northern Rough-winged Swallow

The first were duos on 25 Mar, at both Burnet Woods, *Hamilton* (Steve Pelikan) and Lake Logan SP, *Hocking* (Dave Smith). Dan Gesualdo noted the first of the far north, at Sheldon Marsh on 29 Mar. Joseph Boros saw about 150 at Medusa on 21 Apr as did Diana Steele at Old Woman Creek on 27 Apr. Every county except *Holmes* and *Pike* had sightings.

### Bank Swallow

Two were a bit early at Griggs Reservoir, *Franklin*, on 06 Apr, but several birders saw them. The far north's first were singles on 13 Apr at Edison Woods MP, *Erie* (Dan Gesualdo) and CPNWR (Tom Kemp and Elliot Tramer). John Pogacnik estimated 320 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 12 May and smaller triple-digit numbers there on other days. The most elsewhere were Peter Keefe's 100 at Headlands on 15 May. (63 counties)

### Cliff Swallow

Jeff Harvey saw the first, two at Mill Creek on 26 Mar, a bit early for the latitude. The next sighting was of one at Lake Hope SP, *Vinton*, on 03 Apr (Alex Eberts and Leslie Sours). Dan Gesualdo's three at Medusa on 14 Apr were the first on the Lake Erie shore. The high count of 100 was shared by Tom Bain at A/R Corner on 14 May and Crystal Ginn at O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, *Delaware*, on 28 May. (57 counties)

### Cave Swallow

One was reported in *Montgomery*; the photo might not be definitive.

### Barn Swallow

Tycoon Lake WA, *Gallia*, hosted the first two, on 25 Mar (Josh Stapleton). The far north's first were at Pearson MP on 30 Mar (Kim Warner). About 400 were around Atwood Lake, *Carroll*, on 27 Apr (Kent Miller) and 30 Apr (CMM). (all 88 counties)

### Swallow sp.

Gregory Bennett noted a mixed flock of about 650 at Nimisila Reservoir, *Summit*, on 02 May.

### Carolina Chickadee

The high count of 30 was shared by Neill Cade



at Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 15 Apr and Charles Bombaci at both Old Sunbury Road, **Delaware**, on 17 Apr and Sharon Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 07 May. (67 counties)

### Black-capped Chickadee

Tom Bartlett counted 68 at Kelleys Island on 20 Mar. Dana and Sean Ricker provide the second-highest number, 32, from Quail Hollow SP, **Stark**, on 13 Apr. (33 counties including one wanderer in **Greene**)

### Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee

Observers in 17 counties were reluctant to assign sightings to a species.

### Tufted Titmouse

Tim Drawyor and Scott Myers found 30 in Wildwood Preserve MP, **Lucas**, on 20 Apr; and there were three reports of 25 elsewhere. Every county but **Pike**, **Putnam**, and **Van Wert** had sightings.

### Red-breasted Nuthatch

Several lingered into Jun before heading north, but the last of this season was Steve Semanchuk's sighting at Maumee Bay on 22 May. Mike Sustin saw five in CLNP on 26 Mar as did Matthew Valencic at West Geauga Commons on 19 May. (30 counties)

### White-breasted Nuthatch

Matt Kemp counted 18 at OOPMP on 07 Mar and again at Wildwood Preserve MP, **Lucas**, on 15 Apr. Only **Putnam** produced no report.

### Brown Creeper

Philip Steiner's 33 at Beulah Beach, **Erie**, was the high count. Ben Warner and Anna Wittmer found the second-highest number, 16 at Magee on 28 Mar. Charles Bombaci found a nest at Hoover NP on 29 May. This general area is one of the few outside the northeast with nesting records during the OBBA II data collection period. (69 counties)

### House Wren

Elizabeth McQuaid heard one in the Rocky River valley, **Cuyahoga**, on 17 Mar; at least a month earlier than their historical arrival date. Amanda Lawson saw the next, in Sidney, **Shelby**, on 27 Mar; and reports were regular after that. Three locations each hosted 20. (82 counties)

### Winter Wren

Some candidates for the last migrants are singles at Maumee Bay on 16 May (Gordon Robinson) and at a **Summit** home on 17 May (Taben Roye). Nicole Freshour and Kim Warner each found 10 at Magee, on 16 and 17 Apr respectively. (47 counties)

### Sedge Wren

Lake Erie Bluffs provided the first sighting, an

early bird on 28 Apr (Jonathan Oliveras), and frequent sightings elsewhere began on 01 May. Irina Shulgina wandered Killdeer on 25 May and discovered five there. (13 counties)

### Marsh Wren

Gabriel Amrhein saw one at Spring Valley on 03 Mar. It probably wintered there, as there were Dec and Jan sightings at that location. Frequent sightings began at Darby Creek on 09 Mar (Ronnie Clark), another probable winter refuge. Mary Anne Romito counted 35 along the ONWR Wildlife Drive on 13 May; other observers found up to 25 there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Chris Brown's 20 at Pearson MP on 06 May. (32 counties)



John Petruzzi nailed this shot of a feisty Marsh Wren at ONWR on 07 May.

### Carolina Wren

Brian Menker found 20 at Buck Creek on 01 May. (83 counties)

### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Rich Pendleberry saw the first, at Wahkeena NP, **Fairfield**, on 27 Mar, a bit early for mid-state. Jennifer Caley saw one at her **Portage** home on 06 Apr and Dale Beaudry found a duo in **Lucas** on 14 Apr. Robert Royse scoured the southern half of Shawnee on 18 Apr and counted 94. The most elsewhere were 37 at the Narrows Reserve, **Greene**, on 05 May (Ashley Meagher). Every county but **Columbiana**, **Defiance**, **Pike**, and **Putnam** had sightings.

### Golden-crowned Kinglet

Eric and Liz Shlapack saw the last, at Blendon Woods on 22 May. The second-last were at CPNWR (Tom Kemp and Elliot Tramer) and Magee (John Carson) on 17 May. Ryan Lesniewicz counted 153 at Magee on 27 Mar and Tim Thompson found 65 there the next day. (72 counties)

### Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Gabriel Amrhein found one at Spring Valley on 03 Mar; probably the same individual seen there

in late Feb. Holden researchers Frank Buck, Haans Petruschke, and Mike Watson saw the last, in the Arboretum's East Branch unit, *Geauga*, on 28 May. Magee hosted about 75 on 16 Apr (Michael Linkster), and several birders counted 37 at Camp Berry, *Hancock*, on 17 Apr. (77 counties)

### **Eastern Bluebird**

Lori Brumbaugh counted 50 at Sandy Ridge on 04 Mar; they nest there but this number must have included some which were just passing through. A BSBO field trip found 20 in OOPMP on 06 May. (81 counties)

### **Mountain Bluebird**

The OBRC has a second-hand report from *Erie* with a photo, and another second-hand report with a description from *Holmes*.

### **Veery**

Several birders found one in Jackson Bog SNP, *Stark*, on 23 Apr. Michelle Pesho counted 13 along the trails near the Rocky River NC, *Cuyahoga*, on 29 May. (52 counties)



*Vincent Capozziello found this adorable Veery at Magee on 05 May.*

### **Gray-cheeked Thrush**

The first were singles in *Delaware*, *Franklin*, *Lucas*, and *Ottawa* on 27 Apr. The last was one at Magee on 29 May (m. obs.). Magee also hosted the most, seven on 16 May (Katie Anderson). (32 counties)

### **Swainson's Thrush**

George Novosel saw the first, all the way up on the north coast at Sheldon Marsh on 14 Apr. Daily sightings continued until 31 May but were followed by two about a week later. Annie Cray was part of a banding team at ONWR Navarre on 24 May; they captured or saw 40. Kenn Kaufman saw 30 at Magee that same day. (63 counties)

### **Hermit Thrush**

Though a few of these were in Ohio all winter, this season's first wasn't seen until 04 Mar, at Darby Creek (Ronnie Clark). What appear to be the last migrants were seen 28 May, at Mentor Lagoons NP, *Lake* (Dave Chase), and Lake Phippen, *Portage* (Javier Ojeda). Scott Myers found 60 at Magee on 25 Apr; the most elsewhere were Jen Brumfield's 21 at Lake View Cemetery, *Cuyahoga*, on 02 May. (63 counties)



*This Hermit Thrush was photographed by Vincent Capozziello at Magee on 21 April.*

### **Wood Thrush**

One overwintered in Toni Stahl's yard in Dublin, *Franklin*; she last saw it on 18 Mar. The first date after that was 12 Apr, which produced one at Coffee Creek Marsh, *Ashtabula* (Luke Costilow), one on the OSU campus (Joshua Fox), and two along Devonshire Avenue in the city of Lorain (Quinn Logsdon). Cory Gratz counted 21 along his *Lawrence* BBS route on 29 May. Brian O'Connor found 24 in Blacklick Woods MP, *Fairfield*, on 16 May, as did Kent Miller at the "O Roads", *Carroll*, on 17 May. (83 counties)

### **American Robin**

Mark Shieldcastle noted about 1800 passing the Magee west beach in only half an hour on 14 Mar. That same day, Dan Gesualdo saw about 450 moving through Volunteer Bay, *Erie*. (all 88 counties)

### **Gray Catbird**

A scattering of sightings all winter preceded this season's first, which Nate Koszycki provided from *Lucas* on 08 Mar. Josh Stapleton found the second, at Raccoon Creek CP, *Gallia*, on 16 Mar. John Pogacnik counted 94 at Lake Erie Bluffs on both 12 and 16 May; Robert Sams found 76 at Camp Berry, *Hancock*, on 12 May. Only *Pike* had no sightings.

### **Brown Thrasher**

Bill Stanley saw the first since 19 Jan, at East Fork

on 04 Mar. It took until 21 Mar for one to reach the far north; Michelle Pesho saw it in Big Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**. Tyler McClain found 20 at Killdeer on 22 May. Robert Roysse noted 16 singing males, some with mates, in the Deer Creek area on 27 Mar. **Defiance**, **Pike**, and **Putnam** didn't produce reports.

#### Northern Mockingbird

Heather Luedecke found a dozen in Green Lawn Cemetery, **Franklin**, on 01 May. (74 counties)

#### European Starling

Jen Brumfield staked out Edgewater and saw 680 passing there on 08 Mar and 620 the next day. Jon Cefus saw the third-most, 500 along Bellflower Road, **Carroll**, on 06 Mar. (all 88 counties)

#### American Pipit

Quite a few winter sightings segued into spring's. Edward Ingold saw the last, at Aeroland Park, **Hancock**, on 29 May. Corey Chiappone and Jerry Talkington counted 1257 passing west-bound in small groups over Wake Robin on 04 May; that number has to be a record. Kent Miller saw the second-highest number, a single flock of about 125 at Moonwind Hill, **Carroll**, on 23 Mar. (47 counties)

#### Cedar Waxwing

John Pogacnik counted 2860 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 26 May and up to 1640 there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Dave Chase's 150 at Mentor Lagoons NP, **Lake**, on 28 May. (70 counties)

#### Lapland Longspur

John Schaut saw the last one, at Magee on 11 May. The second-last was along Howard Road, **Lucas**, on 25 Apr (Ryan Jacob). The high counts were by Ryan Jacob, 100 along the Metzger entrance road on 03 Mar, and Irina Shulgina, 200 at Killdeer on 16 Apr. (21 counties)

#### Snow Bunting

Kim Warner provided the last reports, two birds at Metzger on 22 Mar and five at Maumee Bay on 31 Mar. Dan Gesualdo found about 75 near Bellevue, **Erie**, on 04 Mar. Sightings also came in **Ashtabula**, **Geauga**, **Hancock**, **Marion**, **Paulding**, **Sandusky**, and **Seneca**.

#### Ovenbird

Oliver Penderghast saw the first, at Lake Rupert, **Vinton**, on 13 Apr. Jill Knoll saw the first for the north coast at ONWR Navarre on 22 Apr. Six miles of backpacking along the Archer's Fork Trail in **Washington** on 01 May yielded 31 for Fred Losi. Dave Barnett in Tar Hollow SF and Regina Schieltz in Tar Hollow SP (both **Ross**) weren't together, yet both counted 20 on 24 Apr. (73 counties)

#### Worm-eating Warbler

The first were singles on 14 Apr at Lake Hope SP, **Vinton** (Margaret Bowman), and King's Domain, **Warren** (Tyler Ficker). The next were singles in **Delaware**, **Highland**, and **Scioto** on 21 Apr. Erin and Joshua Vardous saw the first near Lake Erie, at Amherst Beaver Creek Reservation, **Lorain**, on 22 Apr. Kim Warner's 10 in Shawnee on 26 Apr was the high count. (31 counties)

#### Louisiana Waterthrush

Richard Bradley saw the first, in Scioto Trail SP, **Ross**, on 17 Mar. The second sighting was nearly a week later, at CNC's Rowe Woods on 23 Mar (Kurt Gaertner), and the first of the far north was Doug Marcum's in CVNP on 31 Mar. Robert Roysse's day in southern Shawnee, 18 Apr, produced 20, and another part of Shawnee plus sites in **Lake** and **Hocking** each hosted 15. (66 counties)

#### Northern Waterthrush

Anita Romine saw the first, at CNC's Long Branch Farm on 15 Apr. Ken Vinciguerra found the second, all the way north in CVNP on 18 Apr. Ed Pierce *et al.* counted nine during the 01 May ONWR census (*vide* Douglas Vogus); two parties found eight and many six elsewhere on other dates. (51 counties)

#### Golden-winged Warbler

Shawnee Prairie Preserve, **Darke** (Robb Clifford) and Shawnee SF (Kim Warner) each hosted one on 26 Apr. It took a while for one to get north, but it pleased many observers at Firestone MP, **Summit**, on 06 May. One Jun straggler followed the last of the season, which Stefan Gleissberg found in Zaleski on 30 May. (33 counties)

#### Blue-winged Warbler

Steve Pelikan's find, which was singing in Glen Haven Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 02 Apr, was a week or so early. Linda Houshower saw the next, in Findlay's Oakwoods Park, **Hancock**, on 14 Apr. Lisa Cellura contributed the high count of



On 04 May Rachel Shamy discovered this Ovenbird near the Davis-Besse power plant, **Ottawa**.

11 from the Virginia Kendall area of CVNP on 31 May. (68 counties)

**[Golden-winged x Blue-winged  
"Brewster's" Warbler]**

Brian Menker found one in Hills and Dales MP, *Montgomery*, on 27 Apr and many birders saw it that day and the next. *Clark*, *Cuyahoga*, *Geauga*, *Hancock*, and *Holmes* also produced sightings.

**[Golden-winged x Blue-winged  
"Lawrence's" Warbler]**

This hybrid is rarer than Brewster's. Birds fitting its pattern were found near Saltillo, *Holmes*, on 29 Apr (Elias A. Raber), in Glenwood Gardens, *Hamilton*, on 03 May (Brian Herriot), and in TNC's Stillfork Swamp Preserve, *Carroll*, on 06 May (CMM).

**[Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler,  
indeterminate]**

Some hybrids of these close relatives don't fit either of the conventional labels. Birds seen in Sharon Woods MP, *Franklin* on 01 and 03 May (Leslie Sours, Erica Szezyler) and Metzger on 07 May (m. obs.) might have been back-crosses of first-generation Brewster's with Blue-wingeds because they had white, rather than yellow, breasts but were otherwise Brewster's-like. Some observers called the first bird a Lawrence's, unless of course they saw a different bird!

A timely article in the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's magazine *Living Bird* (35:3, pp 16-17) discusses recent research which showed that Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers differ in only 0.03% of their genome. And the differences appear to relate only to feather coloration – the authors make the analogy of the differences being like those of humans with and without freckles.

**Black-and-white Warbler**

Bruce Simpson saw one singing in Zaleski on 10 Mar, almost three weeks earlier than expected. The next sightings were on 13 Apr: one by Sunfish Creek, *Monroe* (Janice Emrick), two at Hills and Dales MP, *Montgomery* (Brian Menker), and one at Lake Rupert, *Vinton* (Oliver Penderghast). Robert Roysce counted 42 throughout the southern half of Shawnee on 18 Apr; Dan Alon found 20 in Bay View Park, *Lucas*, on 06 May. (77 counties)

**Prothonotary Warbler**

The first date was 15 Apr; that day m. obs. saw one or two at Armleder Park and Peter Bartlett photographed one in Spring Valley. Debbie Carr-Taylor and Kenn Kaufman separately saw the north coast's first, at Magee on 22 Apr.

Charles Bombaci counted 39 along the nest box trail in Hoover NP on 29 May and up to 30 there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 18 along a two-mile stretch of the upper Cuyahoga River in *Geauga* on 18 May (Kelly Kozlowski and Matthew Valencic). (50 counties)

**Swainson's Warbler**

Though the OBRC has no formal reports, a posting from *Hamilton* and a note from *Holmes* have descriptions. A posting from *Trumbull* has neither.

**Tennessee Warbler**

Kirk Westendorf's in Avoca Park, *Hamilton*, on 24 Apr was the first; it was actually a bit later than usual. One showed up at Magee the next day (m. obs.). The last was also at Magee, on 30 May (Vicki Sandage). Magee on 14 May (Stan Plante) and Sandy Ridge on 17 May (Bea Kennedy and Annette Talbot) shared the high count of 20. (58 counties)

**Orange-crowned Warbler**

These came quickly through Ohio. The first were seen on 21 Apr by David A. Brinkman in Glenwood Gardens, *Hamilton* and by Bill Deininger at Magee. The last was Henry Trimpe's along the CVNP Wetmore Trail on 21 May. Maumee Bay on 30 Apr (Bill Buckingham) and Magee on several May dates (m. obs.) each hosted three. (24 counties)

**Nashville Warbler**

Stefan Minnig saw the first a little later than usual, in Spring Valley on 19 Apr. Clair Cogar and Mark Rozmarynowycz saw one at Grand Rapids, *Wood*, on the next day. The last were seen on 28 May at Magee (Nathan Michael) and the mouth of the Rocky River, *Cuyahoga* (Mary Ann Henderson). Sites in *Lucas* and *Ottawa* provided estimates of up to 80 on 07 May. The most elsewhere were Andy R. Troyer's 22 near Apple Creek, *Wayne*, also on 07 May, and Tom Bain's 21 in the Kathryn Sheedy Sanctuary, *Morrow*, on 02 May. (64 counties)

**Connecticut Warbler**

Kyle Brooks and Alayna Tokas well described the first, in Wayne NE, *Athens*, on 28 Apr; it arrived a good two weeks earlier than usual, but others were seen soon after. The last was Mike Wielgopolski's at Magee on 29 May. All of the sightings, in 14 counties, were single birds.

**Mourning Warbler**

Carl Janak saw one and Alicia Mallott saw two in Glen Echo Park, *Franklin*, on 10 May; Molly McDermott saw another along Walhalla Road in Columbus that same day. There were numerous reports of one or two along the Lake Erie shore

in **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Lucas**, and **Ottawa** on 11 May. John Pogacnik counted seven at Lake Erie Bluffs on 25 May and five the next day. The last but for two Jun sightings were at opposite ends of the state on 31 May, at Mentor Lagoons NP, **Lake** (Cory Chiappone), and in Wayne NF, **Lawrence** (Zachary Allen). (25 counties)

#### **Kentucky Warbler**

Oliver Penderghast saw the first, at Lake Rupert, **Vinton**, on 13 Apr. Bill and René McGill found the next, at CNC's Rowe Woods on 21 Apr. Tyler Ficker saw Magee's first on 11 May. Kent Miller's 12 at the O Roads, **Carroll**, on 17 May was the high count; second-highest was Mike Buccieri's nine along Pond Lick Road in Shawnee on 07 May. (42 counties)

#### **Common Yellowthroat**

Charlie Saunders gave a good description of one which was a month early at Gilmore MP, **Butler**, on 13 Mar. Oliver Penderghast saw the next, two birds at Lake Rupert, **Vinton**, on 13 Apr, about when they usually cross the Ohio River. Lake Erie Bluffs hosted 54 on 12 May (John Pogacnik). (83 counties)

#### **Hooded Warbler**

Stefan Gleissberg saw the first, along the Hocking Adena Bikeway, **Athens**, on 16 Apr. Paul Jacyk's at Magee on 26 Apr was the first for the north coast. Fred Losi counted 35 while backpacking six miles of the Archer's Fork Trail, **Washington**, on 01 May. Andy Sewell needed to drive 15 miles through Shawnee on 30 Apr to tally 28. (62 counties)

#### **American Redstart**

Susie Short's solo at the Hope Schoolhouse in Zaleski on 17 Apr was the first. One got to Magee on 22 Apr (David Amamoto), and that site hosted about 50 on 25 May (Joanne Howl). The most elsewhere were John Pogacnik's 35 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 26 May. (76 counties)

#### **Kirtland's Warbler**

OBRC has one formal report and dozens of posts from **Lucas**, posts with thorough descriptions and some photos from **Montgomery** and **Ottawa**, and a rather thin post from **Hamilton**.

#### **Cape May Warbler**

Irina Shulgina found one at OSU's Chadwick Lake on 21 Apr, about two weeks early for the latitude. However, two made it to Magee for Richard Ernst by 26 Apr. The last sightings, on 23 May, were of a single by Tracy Hammer at Glacier Ridge MP, **Union**, and three at Magee by David Kuceyeski and Joyce Stevens. Magee also provided the high count, 27 on 08 May for David Nicosia. (46 counties)

#### **Cerulean Warbler**

Robert Royse saw the first two, at Shawnee on 18 Apr. Dale Lautenschlegler saw the first of the far north, at CVNP's Station Road on 24 Apr. The nine miles of Pond Lick Road in Shawnee produced 19 for Craig Caldwell on 01 May. (55 counties)

#### **Northern Parula**

Steve Pelikan saw and heard one in Glen Haven Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 02 Apr. Tyler Ficker noted the second, at CNC's Rowe Woods on 05 Apr. Two sites in each of **Erie** and **Lucas** provided the north coast's first sightings on 24 Apr. Magee hosted about 30 on 11 May (Jim Krakowski) and up to 24 on other dates. The most elsewhere were Robert Royse's 24 in Shawnee on 18 Apr. (70 counties)

#### **Magnolia Warbler**

The first was Stefan Minning's in Spring Valley on 20 Apr. David Myles saw Magee's first on 25 Apr. Annie Crary saw or banded 45 in ONWR Navarre on 24 May and Steve Shultz saw 25 at Magee on 14 May. Cory Chiappone's at Headlands on 31 May was the last migrant, though a few remained in their scattered nesting areas into Jun. (62 counties)



*A Magnolia Warbler was photographed by Shari McCollough on 15 May at Magee while it was demonstrating why people think warblers are so cute.*



*This Cape May Warbler provided Amy Hodson with excellent looks at Magee on 15 May.*

### Bay-breasted Warbler

Molly McDermott saw one in Columbus on 30 Apr, and several birders found two in Shawnee that same day. Elizabeth McQuaid found the first of the far north in the Rocky River valley, **Cuyahoga**, on 03 May. Magee held one or two on 27 May, the last date (m. obs.). Magee also hosted the high count, 21 on 16 May (Charles Thomas), and John Pogacnik's eight at Lake Erie Bluffs on 25 May were the most elsewhere. (44 counties)



Tom Fishburn got a close-up view of this Bay-breasted Warbler on 15 May at Magee.

### Yellow Warbler

Paul Sherwood *et al.* saw the first, in the Madison Property, **Ottawa**, on 14 Apr. That's about when they usually get to the middle of the state. Elliot Tramer counted 159 in 12 miles during a point count survey of CPNWR on 17 May but noted that it's not a record number for the location. John Pogacnik almost tied him with 148 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 12 May. Killdeer provided the inland high count of 45 on 01 May for Irina Shulgina. (83 counties)



A singing Yellow Warbler provided Vincent Capozziello a chance for a photo on 26 May at Magee.

### Blackburnian Warbler

Singles in Rising Park, Lancaster, **Fairfield**, on

15 Apr (Angel Seurkamp) and in Hoover NP on 17 Apr (Gayle McKay) were a week or so early for their latitude. Toby Briskin found one at Shaker Lakes, **Cuyahoga**, on 25 Apr for the first near Lake Erie. The last migrants were seen on 30 May, two in Englewood MP, **Montgomery** (Gabriel Amrhein) and one in the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, **Richland** (James Muller). Magee provided Steve Shultz with the high count of 15 on 14 May. (63 counties)

### Chestnut-sided Warbler

Bruce Simson saw the first, in Zaleski on 15 Apr, and Molly McDermott's in Columbus on 23 Apr was the second. Ryan Jacob found one and Tom Hurley two at Maumee Bay on 28 Apr. Martha Burrows saw 25 at Magee on 15 May; the high count elsewhere was Jack Leow's 20 in Wintergarden Woods, **Wood**, on 17 May. (64 counties)

### Blackpoll Warbler

Firestone MP, **Summit**, hosted the first, for Taben Roye on 23 Apr, a little early for so far north. Nevertheless, one got to Magee two days later (m. obs.). Michelle Pesho saw one at Wendy Park on 31 May; it would have been the last northbound bird but for two seen on 01 Jun. The high count of 17 was shared by Dave Sherman at Duranceau Park, **Franklin**, on 15 May and Ian Lynch at Headlands on 24 May. (50 counties)



This charming Blackpoll Warbler was putting on a show along the Magee boardwalk while being photographed by Amy Hodson on 15 May.

### Palm Warbler

Rodney Crice found an early arrival in the Miami Whitewater CP wetlands, **Hamilton**, on 02 Apr. The next was quite a bit further north when Scott Watkins saw it at Sippo Lake, **Stark**, on 09 Apr. Another week went by before far north sightings in **Cuyahoga** and **Erie** on 16 Apr. Lake Erie Bluffs hosted 67 on 12 May (John Pogacnik) and Willow Point 45 on 26 Apr (Dan Gesualdo). Curiously, the last was well south, in Englewood MP, **Montgomery**, on 30 May (Gabriel Amrhein). (75 counties)

**(Yellow) Palm Warbler**

Participants on a BSBO field trip to the Coonrod Road wetlands, **Sandusky**, on 11 May saw one of this morph, which are common on the east coast but very rare west of the Appalachians.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler**

Sightings on the first date of 27 Apr were shared by sites in **Geauga**, **Lucas**, and **Scioto** (2). Vicki Becks and Andrew Slater saw the last, one bird at CLNP on 28 May. Not surprisingly, Magee provided the high count, 22 on 11 May (Jeff Bouton). The most elsewhere were 12 at Maumee Bay, also on 11 May (m. obs.), and the most outside **Lucas** were seven at Pipe Creek on 15 May (m. obs.). (48 counties)



Vincent Capozziello captured this eye level Black-throated Blue Warbler singing at Magee on 15 May.

**Pine Warbler**

Bill Stanley saw the first, at his **Clermont** home on 09 Mar. Jim McConnor's at Mentor on the Lake, **Lake**, on 11 Mar, was the second. Kim Warner found nine in different parts of Shawnee on each of 26 and 27 Apr and there were many reports of six. (60 counties)

**Yellow-throated Warbler**

Thomas Czubek saw the first, in his Batavia, **Clermont**, back yard on 31 Mar. The Chasars saw the first for the far north in the Brecksville Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 10 Apr. Far and away the highest counts were Robert Roysse's 58 in the northern half of Shawnee on 17 Apr and 73 in the southern half the next day. The most elsewhere were Neill Cade's 12 in Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 15 Apr. (68 counties)

**Prairie Warbler**

Steve Pelikan's find in Glen Haven Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 02 Apr was early. One at Lake Rupert, **Vinton**, on 13 Apr (Oliver Penderghast) was on schedule, but one the same day in Findley SP, **Lorain** (Willard Moore) was early for that far north. Ryan Jacob found the first near Lake Erie at Magee on 28 Apr. Robert Roysse counted 29 in

Shawnee on 18 Apr; Andy Sewell found 17 there on 30 Apr. The most elsewhere were 12 at each of several **Adams** and **Vinton** sites. (44 counties)

**Yellow-rumped Warbler**

The last sightings of the season were on 28 May, though one early Jun report followed them. Mary Ann Henderson saw one at the mouth of the Rocky River, **Cuyahoga**, and Kelly Warner found two in Kokosing Lake WA, **Knox**. Troy Shively estimated that about 200 were in Grand Lake SP on 30 Apr; Kent Miller found about 150 in Leesville Lake WA, **Carroll**, on 27 Apr. **Jackson**, **Noble**, **Pike**, and **Putnam** did not have sightings.



A pensive-looking Yellow-rumped Warbler was photographed by Bruce Satta on 04 Apr at Green Lawn Cemetery, **Franklin**.

**Black-throated Green Warbler**

Heather Luedecke's sighting in Duranceau Park, **Franklin**, on 08 Apr was the first. Kim Warner's find in Pearson MP on 18 Apr was the far north's first. Magee hosted 28 on 16 May for Dennis Mersky, while the most elsewhere were 19 in Blendon Woods on 03 May (Stephanie Malinich and Jordan Sattler). (74 counties)



This curious Black-throated Green Warbler was photographed by Ed Neu on 11 May at Magee.

### Wilson's Warbler

Steven Nelson saw the first, in Woodsdale Regional Park, **Butler**, on 01 May. One got to Lake Erie on 05 May, when Annie Crary saw it in ONWR Navarre. The last northbound birds were seen on 30 May in widely separated **Belmont**, **Hamilton**, and **Lucas**. The high count was 31 at Magee on 14 May (m. obs.), the next-highest 20 there on 24 May (the Harlans), and the most not in **Lucas** were five in Blendon Woods on 16 May (Charles Bombaci). (36 counties)



15 May was a popular day along the Magee boardwalk. Warblers, like this Wilson's photographed by Stefan Minnig, were staying low and in view.

### Yellow-breasted Chat

Dean Clifton saw the first, in Oregonia, **Warren**, on 21 Apr. Nicole Garner found two on the Ursuline College campus, **Cuyahoga**, on 26 Apr for the first near Lake Erie. A six-mile section of Zachary Allen's BBS route in **Lawrence** produced 11; the most elsewhere were eights in **Hamilton** and **Vinton** on four occasions. (59 counties)



An elusive Yellow-breasted Chat paused long enough for Mark Hsu to capture this clever pose on 29 May at Armleder Park.

### Canada Warbler

John Finn and Matt Orebaugh separately discov-

ered the first, in Glen Echo Park, **Franklin**, on 02 May. Bill Deiningner *et al.* saw the first of the north in Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 08 May. Charles Bombaci found six in Blendon Woods on 16 May as did Kenn Kaufman at Magee on 24 May. (34 counties)

### Bananaquit

One visited David Miller's feeder in Moraine, **Montgomery**, in early May. No doubt it escaped or was released from captivity – as far as I can tell, there's never been a wild one seen north of central Florida.

### Eastern Towhee

Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder wandered 19 miles in the Salt Fork area on 20 Apr and counted 47 along the way. Cory Gratz found 31 along his BBS route in **Lawrence** on 29 May. Every county except **Mercer**, **Pike**, **Putnam**, and **Van Wert** had sightings.

### American Tree Sparrow

Paul Sherwood saw the last, a laggard in Resthaven WA, **Erie**, on 11 May. The second-last were singles at three **Lucas** sites on 06 May. The 06 Mar ONWR census tallied 244 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Ryan Lesniewicz almost tied them with 241 at Magee on 09 Mar. (65 counties)

### Chipping Sparrow

Aaron Milenski saw about 100 in CLNP on 24 Apr and Stan Plante 50 at Holden on 08 May. Only **Pike** did not have a sighting.

### Clay-colored Sparrow

The first was early for the latitude; Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr., photographed it in Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery on 26 Apr. It or another was seen there on and off until 11 May, the last sighting date for the season. **Coshocton**, **Fulton**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, and **Richland** also provided reports.

### Field Sparrow

A trip to the James H. Barrow Field Station, **Portage**, on 24 Apr yielded 100 for several observers. Nathan Martineau counted 55 in OOPMP on 07 May. **Putnam** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

### Vesper Sparrow

The first were singles on 18 Mar seen by Shane Myers near the Findlay Reservoirs and by Leslie Sours near Charlie's Pond, **Pickaway**. Pearson MP hosted six for Ryan Lesniewicz on 30 Apr. (44 counties)

### Lark Sparrow

The earliest were one in Oakes Quarry Park, **Greene** (Daniel DeLapp), and three in OOPMP (Chris Byers) on 22 Apr. As usual, the high count



came from OOPMP; Elliot Tramer saw eight there on 29 Apr as did Ryan Lesniewicz on 07 May. OOPMP and five other locations had duos on various dates. In addition to **Greene** and **Lucas** above, **Franklin**, **Hamilton**, **Montgomery**, **Summit**, **Tuscarawas**, and **Warren** also provided reports.

The **Summit** sighting, on 07 May so far from the bird's usual haunts, produced this report by Douglas Vogus: "[It] was a beautiful adult bird, first seen in the gravel driveway of the Everett Ranger Station, from the Towpath Trail. It flew up into a small tree, then flew east across the trail at Johnnycake Lock, into another tree. It then flew down into Szalay's unplowed corn field. It landed in a small patch of bare soil and I was able to obtain a distant photo of the bird since John Henry had brought along his Canon camera. This was at 1:25pm Saturday. I texted several other local birders of the find and Gene Kovach re-found the bird in the same area as of 3:10pm Saturday. A totally unexpected find for me, as I've never had this species in the Cuyahoga Valley, let alone Summit County."

#### Savannah Sparrow

Dan Gesualdo saw about 25 along Ranson Road, **Erie**, on 03 May. Adam Mitchell and Scott Pendleton found 20 at The Bowl on 09 Apr as did Sameer Apte along Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 28 May. (65 counties)



*Su Snyder spent some time appreciating this Savannah Sparrow near Dalton, **Wayne**, on 03 May.*

#### Grasshopper Sparrow

Phil Swan's was the first; he saw it in the Reho-both Reclaim Area, **Perry**, on 16 Apr. Andy Avram saw one at Lake Erie Bluffs the next day. Scott Pendleton found 15 in The Bowl on 23 Apr and he and Janice Emrick tied that number there on 21 May. The most elsewhere were 12 along Fargo Road, **Carroll**, on 16 May (Kent Miller) and 22 May (Lori Brumbaugh). (47 counties)

#### Henslow's Sparrow

The first date was 13 Apr. On that day Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker saw one in Egypt Valley WA, **Belmont**, and Phil Swan another at his **Perry** home. The earliest far north sighting date, 17 Apr, was also shared. Linda Rozman saw one at Frohring Meadows, **Geauga**, and Chris Pierce found three in ONWR's Adam Grimm Prairie, **Ottawa**. Irina Shulgina counted 14 at Darby Creek on 22 Apr and wrote, "3 seen, heard many more all over the field". (35 counties)



*Jeff Bartosik found his life Henslow's Sparrow at Twin Creek MP, **Montgomery**, on 29 May.*

#### Nelson's Sparrow

These are rare here in spring, but Jim McConnor saw one at the Wake Robin on 11 May. Allen and Daniel Stutzman found another southeast of Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, on both 15 and 16 May.

#### Fox Sparrow

One at Headlands on 17 May was the last (Cory Chiappone, Jim McConnor). Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 74 during the 03 Apr ONWR census (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Tom Bartlett's 30 at Springville Marsh on 26 Mar was the second-highest number. (58 counties)

#### Song Sparrow

The James H. Barrow Field Station, **Portage**, hosted about 100 on 24 Apr (m. obs.). John Pogacnik counted 84 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 15 Apr. (all 88 counties)

#### Lincoln's Sparrow

Zachary Allen gave a good description one in Cleveland's Ralph J. Perk Plaza on 12 Mar, about six weeks before they usually arrive in northern Ohio. The second was still early for the latitude; Ron Sempier saw it at Big Island on 12 Apr. Erik Bruder saw the last, along the ONWR Wildlife Drive on 30 May. Jen Brumfield's 13 at Wendy Park on 14 May was the high count and two other locations each held 12. (36 counties)

#### Swamp Sparrow

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller surveyed TNC's Still-

fork Swamp Preserve, **Carroll**, on 01 Apr and found 25. (66 counties)

#### White-throated Sparrow

But for one anomalous sighting in late Jun, the last was at the Bass Lake Preserve, **Geauga**, on 31 May (Jonathan Engdahl). Magee provided the two highest numbers, 125 on 25 Apr (Steve Jones) and 155 the next day (Aaron Bartley). Third most were Dan Gesualdo's 95 at Sheldon Marsh on 22 Apr. (82 counties)

#### White-crowned Sparrow

Two Jun sightings followed the last of this season, which was by Joan Scharf at Lake Erie Bluffs on 29 May. Scott Myers found about 125 at Magee on 25 Apr; John Pogachnik's 74 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 12 May was the second-highest count. (75 counties)

Kenn Kauffman well described an individual of the *gambelii* subspecies along North Tossaint-Portage Road, **Lucas**, on 28 Apr; as did Nathan Martineau for one at Magee on 11 May.

#### Golden-crowned Sparrow

One was well-photographed and described at a **Cuyahoga** feeder, but no one wrote a formal report. A posting from **Erie** had a description but no photo.



Leslie Sours captured this beautiful Golden-crowned Sparrow that was visiting a **Cuyahoga** feeder on 03 May.



Justin Cale located this Lincoln's Sparrow along the boardwalk at Magee on 09 May.

#### Dark-eyed Junco

The last migrants were an apparently injured

bird by the O Roads in **Carroll** on 25 May (Kent Miller) and one in ONWR on 23 May (Kim McKenzie). Sightings at or near known nesting areas in **Cuyahoga**, **Lake**, **Geauga**, and **Summit** continued into Jun. Woodlawn Cemetery, **Lucas**, hosted about 80 on 17 and 18 Mar (m. obs.) and Tom Bartlett counted 66 at Kelleys Island on 20 Mar. (82 counties)

Birds of the *cismontanus* subspecies were reported in **Coshocton** and **Geauga** and a possible "Oregon" or "Pink-sided" was reported in **Lake**.

#### Summer Tanager

Bernie Master saw an early arrival (for central Ohio) at his **Franklin** home on 16 Apr. It took until 01 May for one to arrive at Magee (Chris Bartal). Diana Steele biked through OOPMP and saw four on 13 May. (38 counties)

#### Scarlet Tanager

Bill Stanley saw the first, at East Fork on 19 Apr. In contrast to so many other species' arrivals, this is about a week later than usual. Ryan Jacob and Kim Smith saw the first of the north coast, at Magee on 22 Apr. Cory Gratz's BBS route in Wayne NF and Dean SE, **Lawrence**, tallied 28 on 29 May. (78 counties)

#### Western Tanager

A report from **Lucas** had no details. A bird in **Wyandot** generated at least one formal report and many posts with descriptions and photos.

#### Northern Cardinal

Douglas Vogus *et al.* found 55 in CVNP on 04 Mar as did Matt Kemp in OOPMP on 07 Mar. (all 88 counties)

#### Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Shannon Thompson saw the first, near her home in **Montgomery** on 16 Apr. Linda Hnath saw the first of the far north at her **Cuyahoga** home on 22 Apr. The high count of 20 was shared by Magee on 07 May (Rick Thomas), Fremont's Walsh Park, **Sandusky**, on 12 May (Eric Liebold), and the Bedford Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 May (m. obs.). (77 counties)

#### Blue Grosbeak

The Roxanna-New Burlington gravel pits, **Greene**, hosted the first, for Jeremy Dominguez and Sara Lucas on 23 Apr. Julie Heitz noted one in her **Lucas** yard on 02 May, for the fourth year in a row. The Edge of Appalachia Preserve, **Adams**, yielded four on 30 Apr (Jeff Bilsly and Bill Stanley) and again on 21 May (m. obs.). Brian Wulker also saw four, at Fernald on 02 May. (23 counties)

#### Indigo Bunting

The first were singles on 15 Apr at Shawnee Prai-

rie Preserve, **Darke** (Robb Clifford) and Jackson Lake, **Jackson** (Josh Stapleton). Ken Andrews saw the far north's first in CVNP on 19 Apr. Cory Gratz counted 32 along his **Lawrence** BBS route on 29 May. Only **Auglaize**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** did not produce reports.

### **Painted Bunting**

The OBRC received a belated report of one intermittently visiting a **Portage** feeder from mid-Jan into Apr.

### **Dickcissel**

Dave Smith heard and saw one at Wilderness Road on 22 Apr and another spent from 22 to 25 Apr visiting Barb Sponseller's feeders in Canton, **Stark**. Their arrival was about two weeks earlier than expected for the latitude. It took until 07 May for one to show up by Cedar Point Road, **Lucas** (Jeff Bouton). Tom Frankel counted five along Fargo Road, **Carroll**, on 29 May as did Kent Miller two days later. (18 counties)

### **Bobolink**

The first were seen on 17 Apr, in Novak Audubon Sanctuary, **Portage** (m. obs.), a little early for that far north. Nevertheless, two showed up at Lake Erie Bluffs on 20 Apr (John Pogacnik). Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison found about 150 along Chapel Drive on 28 May and The Bowl hosted 80 on 21 May for Janice Emrick and Scott Pendleton. (55 counties)

### **Red-winged Blackbird**

Two hours atop the sledding hill at Maumee Bay on the morning of 08 Mar produced flights totaling about 13,000 birds (m. obs.). Philip Steiner estimated 10,000 passed Beulah Beach, **Erie**, that same day. (all 88 counties)

### **Eastern Meadowlark**

Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison found about 150 in 12 miles along Chapel Drive and other nearby roads on 28 May. The second-highest count, 50, was by Adam Mitchell and Scott Pendleton in the Second Reclaim District, **Harrison**, on 09 Apr. (82 counties)

### **Western Meadowlark**

Kent Miller and Ben Morrison heard one by Fargo Road, **Carroll**, on 25 Apr, and Ryan Lesniewicz and Kim Warner heard it two days later.

### **Yellow-headed Blackbird**

The more-than-usual-number of reports are: One passing the Maumee Bay sledding hill on 08 Mar (Karen Bonnell and Julie Heitz)  
One at Edgewater on 09 Mar (Jen Brumfield)  
One at Volunteer Bay, **Erie**, on 14 Mar (Dan Gesualdo)  
One at Metzger on 08 Apr (Kim Warner) and it

or another there on 28 May (Thomas Czubek)  
One by Hoover Road, **Stark**, on 26 Apr (Ben Morrison and Kent Miller)  
One along the CCE Trail on 06 May (Edana Salisbury)  
Two by the Maumee River at I-280, **Lucas**, on 17 May (Rachel LeBlanc and Vivian Schneggenburger)

### **Rusty Blackbird**

The last was Ken Beene's duo near the Boston Store in CVNP on 20 May. Lester Payton found about 500 near Graytown, **Ottawa**, on 31 Mar. Mark Shieldcastle noted 360 at Magee's west beach on 14 Mar. (58 counties)

### **Brewer's Blackbird**

The reports, all of single birds, are:  
At Springville Marsh on 14 Mar (Shane Myers and Robert Sams) and 15 Mar (Dave Smith)  
Along the **Marion** Tallgrass Trail on 23 Mar (John Games and Ron Sempier)  
Along the **Holmes** Rail-to-Trail on 08 Apr (Atlee A. Yoder)

### **Common Grackle**

The high count was 8300; they passed Jen Brumfield at Edgewater in 80 minutes on 08 Mar. Gary Cowell's 4000 along Mansfield's Logan Road, **Richland**, on 03 Mar was the second-highest number. (all 88 counties)

### **Great-tailed Grackle**

An eBird entry from **Lucas** has a rather thin description.

### **Brown-headed Cowbird**

Dan Gesualdo saw about 650 at Volunteer Bay, **Erie**, on 14 Mar; Jacob Roalef had seen 320 there on 08 Mar. The most elsewhere were 300 at the Magee west beach on 04 Mar (Mark Shieldcastle). Only **Pike** and **Putnam** didn't have sightings.

### **Blackbird sp.**

Joe Higgins and Terri Martincic saw a mixed flock of about 3500 at Big Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 24 Mar.

### **Orchard Oriole**

Brian Wulker saw the first, at Fernald on 19 Apr. One or two showed up at **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Lake**, and **Lucas** sites on 26 Apr. Members of a BBO field trip counted 31 at Pickerel Creek on 07 May; John Pogacnik found 22 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 06 May. (71 counties)

### **Baltimore Oriole**

The first got all the way to South Chagrin Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, before being seen on the appropriate date of 17 Apr (m. obs.) Joe Woyma found about 50 in CLNP on 09 May. (83 counties)

**Brambling**

The *Medina* winter visitor remained until 12 Mar. The OBRC will acknowledge everyone who filed a formal report.

**House Finch**

Julie West *et al.* saw about 50 at the Shaker Lakes NC, *Cuyahoga*, on 10 Apr. (82 counties)

**Purple Finch**

Tom Bartlett provided the high count, 17, from Kelleys Island on 20 Mar. He only found nine there the next day, a second-highest number shared by Katrina Schultes at her Logan, *Hocking*, home on 09 Apr. (52 counties)

**Common Redpoll**

The reports are:

Up to 17 at Willow Point on several dates ending 13 Mar (m. obs.)

One at her *Geauga* home on 24 Mar (Linda Gilbert)

Two at his *Union* home on 14 Apr (Dean Rushmore)

**Pine Siskin**

Sightings continued well into Jun, with most May and Jun sightings at feeders. Woodlawn Cemetery, *Lucas*, hosted about 60 on 08 Apr (m. obs.)



A very vocal Orchard Oriole provided a photo opportunity at Armleder Park for Mark Hsu on 29 May.



Adam Brandemühl captured this Baltimore Oriole stopping for a bite in Powell, *Delaware*, on 08 May.

and up to 54 were seen elsewhere. One or two seen in Woodlawn late in the season prompted speculation of nesting. (55 counties)

**European Goldfinch**

Casey Carty had one visit his Avon, *Lorain*, yard on 03 Apr. Somebody lost a pet...

**American Goldfinch**

John Pogacnik provided the two highest counts, 124 on 16 May at Lake Erie Bluffs and 134 there on 06 May. The most elsewhere were 80 at Magee on 04 May and along the CCE Trail on 06 May (both Kenn Kaufman). *Pike* alone didn't have a sighting.

**House Sparrow**

Tom Bartlett counted 125 at Kelleys Island on 21 Mar and several locations each hosted about 100. Every county but *Van Wert* provided a report.

**Addendum**

After the winter 2015-16 issue of the *Cardinal* had gone to press, the OBRC received a report with photos of a January sighting of a Eurasian Tree Sparrow in *Summit* which it accepted.

**Erratum**

The Rufous Hummingbird seen in *Clermont* this past winter was in Stonelick, not Slickrock, Township. (Thank you, Kathi Hutton)

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