

The Reports
Spring Migration
1 March - 31 May 1981
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Our thanks to John Herman for his obvious effort in compiling the Spring reports into the readable form below. This task increases with each issue. Seventy-seven people statewide contributed Spring reports. Two hundred seventy-six species were reported.

This is the first issue where every submitted documentation has been reviewed by the Ohio Records Committee (see article in this issue). The symbol (D) after the species name designates those birds the Ohio Records Committee suggests be documented. Those reports noted with an asterisk have a written documentation or photo on file which has been accepted by the Ohio Records Committee. Those reports which were not accepted by a majority (three) of the Committee are reviewed in their report, also in this issue. Three documentations were misplaced and submitted to the Committee too late for review for this issue. These three documentations are included in this report but noted as subject to the Committee's decision.

In the following reports the terms early, late and high are used to designate the extremes of the information we have received. These terms do not necessarily mean that the species has arrived or departed early or late nor that the migration has peaked at a particular time. The number of each species sighted is included unless only one bird was seen and then no number is designated. The location of the sighting is given with as much preciseness as possible to enable the reader to know where certain birds can be found. The county containing the location is identified for each location only at the first instance the location is mentioned. However, a cross-reference chart showing each location mentioned and its county appears at the end of the report.

"The migration reflected the weather conditions. Warm temperatures in late March and early April encouraged a number of early arrivals. Cool temperatures in late April inhibited migration, causing the last half of the month to be rather dull except for a flight on April 28th-29th. Strong frontal systems in May were not conducive for the creation of major "flights." The only strong movement was on May 9th-11th while smaller movements were noted on May 4th and May 15th-16th. Hence, the general pattern was a fairly uniform "trickle" of migrants, broken by a few stronger movements. After May 20th, only small numbers of migrants were noted." (BP)

Reporting from Cincinnati, Hamilton County and surrounding areas, Art Wiseman summarized as follows:

"Most observers agreed this was a poor and rather strange migration. Few individuals were seen, and some species were reported only as occasional observations. The season started early for both ducks and warblers but failed to build and did not stretch out as it had in past years. Ducks left abruptly in Mid-March and warblers and finches left earlier (by 10 days to two weeks) than usual about 20 May. The May Count, which can be conducted on any day from 5 to 18 May, was not spectacular. The highest count reported for a single day was 116 species on the 16th (up from 86 species by the same crew on the 9th). However, all groups commented that they struggled to reach their totals which were far from high counts. By the 23rd of May, very few, if any, birds could be located for counting."

A report on Spring migration in the north (Crane Creek State Park) by Mark Shieldcastle, is included in this issue.

Common Loon

Early: 3/4 Magee Marsh State WA (Ottawa Co) (MS), 3/21 Hueston Woods SP (Preble Co) (DS), 3/23 Deer Creek Lake (Pickaway-Fayette-Madison Cos) (JF); High: 4/12 Clearfork reservoir (Richland-Morrow Cos) (28) (JHr), 4/13 Long Lake (Summit Co) (11) (CT), 4/12 Cleveland (Cuyahoga Co) (10) (WNK); Late: 5/25 Newton gravel pits (Hamilton Co) (DS), 5/23 Lake Rockwell (Portage Co) (breeding plumaged and calling) (LR), 5/17 Findlay reservoir (Hancock Co) (BS).

Red-throated Loon, Red-necked Grebe (D)

No reports.

Horned Grebe

Early: 3/1 Pleasant Hill reservoir (Richland-Ashland Cos) (JHr), 3/1 Rocky Fork SP (Highland Co) (VF), 3/8 Sandusky Bay (Erie-Ottawa Cos) (AT); High: 4/13 Cleveland (88) (WNK), 3/23 Findlay reservoir (30) (BP); Late: 5/13 ONWR (Ottawa-Lucas Cos) (VF), 5/1 Cleveland (WNK), 4/30 Wayne Co (VDK).

Eared Grebe (D)

5/19-20 Blacklick Woods Metro Park (Franklin Co) (*JF, m. ob.). See cover photo of this issue.

Pied-billed Grebe

Early: 3/1 Cleveland (WNK), 3/2 Magee (MS), 3/6 Clearfork reservoir (JHr); High: 3/28 Crane Creek SP (Ottawa Co) (27) (BS).

Double-crested Cormorant

Excellent migration; Early: 4/6 Knox Lake (Knox Co) (BP), 4/8 Spring Valley State WA (Greene Co) (CM, AVR), 4/12 Clearfork reservoir (12) (JHr); High: 5/16 Winous Point (Ottawa Co) (31) (JP), 4/18 Hamilton Co. (MM); Late: 5/31 Crane Creek (JP), 5/29 Erie Co (AT), 5/23 Pickerington Ponds (Franklin Co) (BS). About 85+ individuals reported this spring.

Green Heron

Early: 4/10 West Chester (Butler Co) (FR), 4/11 Toussaint State WA (Ottawa Co) (VF), 4/11 Clark Lake (Clark Co) (DO).

Little Blue Heron

4/14-18 Spring Valley WA (adult) (JHn, m.ob.) 4/17-5/2 Funk (Wayne Co.) (*JHr, BJB, m.bo.) (adult), 4/28-29 Crane Creek (imm.) (JP, TL), 5/16 Navarre Marsh (Ottawa Co) (adult (JP), 5/30-31 ONWR (2 adults) (BP); 5/7 Columbus (CEP).

Louisiana Heron (D)

4/28-29 Pickerington Ponds (1) (*JF, *JC)

Great Egret

Early: 3/25 Crane Creek (JP), 4/4 Wayne Co. (JHr), 4/6 Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve (Lake Co.) (TL); Late inland: 5/28 Gilmore (Tuscarawas Co.) (FR), 5/13 Pickerington Ponds (MT, JF).

Cattle Egret

5 inland reports: 4/2 Clark Lake (VF), 4/4-6 Hamilton Co. (KM), 4/29 Englewood Reserve Dayton-Montgomery Co. Park District (Montgomery Co.) (DCh), 5/11-12 Fayette Co. (MI), 5/29 Spring Valley WA (3) (JSh). 4/12-5/26 Magee-ONWR (max. 32) (JP, TK, m.ob.).

Snowy Egret (D: inland only)

5/2-31 ONWR (2) (JP, m.ob.), 5/9 Medusa Marsh (1) (Erie Co.), (BP).

Black-crowned Night Heron

Early: 3/4 Turtle Creek (Ottawa Co) SP (wintered?) (JP), 3/22 Crane Creek (JP), 4/18 Spring Valley WA (TH, CM, AVR); Late inland: 5/25 Franklin Co (MT).

Yellow-crowned Night Heron

4/9-5/25 Rocky River Valley (Cuyahoga Co) (1) (WNK), 4/25 Columbus (Franklin Co) (3) (JC), 4/26-5/2 Englewood Reserve (1) (DCh, BB, CB, RM), 5/5 Wayne Co. (JB), 5/7 Glen Helen State Nature Preserve (Greene Co.) (1 adult) (VF), 5/9 Crane Creek (JP, BP), 5/15 Columbus (female on nest) (JC).

Least Bittern

4/26 Toussaint WA (EE), 4/29-5/16 Magee (JP, BS, m.ob.), 5/1-5 Pickerington Ponds (DJH, SNP, JF), 5/2 Medusa Marsh (JP), 5/9 Mentor Marsh (DJH), 5/24 Cedar Point NWR (Lucas Co) (3) (JF), 5/29 Gilmore (FR), 5/30 Maumee Bay SP (Lucas Co) (3) (BP).

American Bittern

There were 19 reports: 4 Dayton-Springfield area, 6 Toledo area, 2 Columbus area, 2 Mansfield, 2 Wooster, 1 each from Elyria, Huron and Lima. Early: 4/9 Richland Co. (JHr), 4/11 Clark Lake (DO), 4/11 Elyria (Lorain Co) (LR).

Plegadis spp. (D)

4/16-5/15 Magee (1) (*JP), 4/19 Walden Waterfowl Refuge (Franklin Co.) (1) (*JF).

Mute Swan

3/20, 4/20 ONWR (2) (JP), 4/23 Clearfork reservoir (1) (JHr).

Whistling Swan

Early: 2/20 Crane Creek (MS, JP), 2/27 Wayne Co. (JB), 2/28 Huron (Erie Co) (LR); High: 3/27 Lake Rockwell (1,000) (LR), 3/22 Wellington reservoir (Lorain Co) (159)(AT), 3/23 Magee (85) (VF); Late: 4/10 ONWR (JP).

Canada Goose

3/15 Navarre Marsh (1,200+) (MS), 3/28 Grand Lake St. Marys (Mercer Co) (460) (RC), 3/2 Wayne Co. (150) (JB).

White-fronted Goose (D)

4/5 Mentor (Lake Co.) (3) (*TL).

Snow Goose

3/1-5/3 Crane Creek (1 "snow," 4 "blue"), 3/9 Lorain (Lorain Co) (1 "blue") (TL), 4/1 Wooster (Wayne Co.) (4 "snow") (JP), 4/1-6 Clearfork res. (1 "snow," 1 "blue") (fide JHr), 4/30-5/2 Cleveland (1 "snow") (TL, RH).

NOTE: All species of ducks, if only a few birds, except greater scaup, goldeneye, bufflehead, oldsquaw, scoters, and mergansers were present at western Lake Erie marshes in late May.

Mallard

High: 3/11 Funk (5,500) (JHr), 4/4 ONWR (3,000) (VF), 3/7 Walden WR (401) (JF).

Black Duck

High: 3/7 Walden WR (574) (JF), 3/15 Navarre Marsh (315+) (MS); Late inland: 5/21 Wayne Co. (DK), 5/19 Walden WR (JF).

Gadwall

Early: 2/21 Wayne Co. (JHr), 2/27 Magee (MS); High: 4/19 Navarre Marsh (200+) (MS); Late inland: 5/9 Wayne Co. (VDK), 5/4 Pickerington Ponds (JF).

Pintail

Early: 2/16 Delaware Co. (RN), 2/19 Wayne Co. (JB), 2/23 Magee (MS); High: 3/11 Funk (5,500) (JHr), 3/21 Crane Creek (350) (BS); Late: 5/21 Wayne Co. (VDK).

Green-winged teal

Early: 2/24 Ottawa Co. (JP), 2/28 Cleveland (WNK), 3/2 Funk (JB); High: 3/23 ONWR (40) (VF); Late: 5/28 Wayne Co. (JB) 5/2 Clark Lake (DC).

Blue-winged Teal

Early: 2/24 Darby Marsh (Ottawa Co) (JP), 3/1 Pleasant Hill res. (JHr); High: 4/19 Navarre Marsh (800+) (MS), 4/22 Wayne Co. (66) (JB); 5/31 Washington Co. (LB).

American Wigeon

Early: 2/16 Navarre Marsh (MS), 2/19 West Chester (FR); High: 3/21 Crane Creek (400) (BS), 3/25 Funk (200) (JB); Late: 5/16 Castalia Pond (Erie Co.) (JC), 5/12 Wayne Co. (JB), 5/2 Fairfield Co. (MT).

European Wigeon (D)

2/28 - 4/20 ONWR (*JP, m.ob.), 3/23-29 Killbuck Marsh WA (Wayne Co.) (*BJB, JB, m.ob.).

Northern Shoveler

Early: 2/22 Crane Creek (MS), 3/1 Pleasant Hill res. (JHr); High: 4/4 Navarre Marsh (160+) (MS), 3/22 Killbuck WA (40) (JHr); Late: 5/3 West Chester

(FR), 5/2 Clark Lake (DO).

Wood Duck

Early: 3/6 Pickerington Ponds (JC), 3/7 Gilmore (FR).

Redhead

Early inland: 2/25 Columbus (JF), 2/25 Clearfork res. (JHr), 2/25 Funk (JB); High: 3/10 Maumee Bay (Lucas Co) (6,000) (JP), 3/15 Clearfork res. (2,000) (JHr), 3/15 Findlay res. (1,100) (BP); flocks of 500+ common this spring; Late: 4/29 Walden WR (JF), 4/21 Wayne Co. (JB).

Ring-necked duck

Early: 2/25 Clearfork res. (JHr), 2/27 Grand Lk. St. Marys (RN); High: 3/23 Wayne Co. (2,000) (JB), 3/21 Wellington res. (900+) (AT), 3/15 Navarre Marsh (700) (MS); Late: 5/12 Walden WR (JF), 5/6 Fairfield Co. (MT).

Canvasback

Early: 2/20 Franklin Co. (MT), 2/25 Funk (JB); High: 3/2 Funk (125) (JB), 3/15 Clearford res. (125) (JHr); Late: 5/17 Findlay res. (BS), 5/16 Wayne Co. (JB).

Greater Scaup

3/1 Pickerington Ponds (JC), 3/10 Lake Rockwell (1) (LR), 3/12 Delaware res. (Delaware Co) (RN), 3/22 Walden WR (3) (JF), 3/31 Lake Rockwell (4) (LR); High: 3/22 Cleveland (121) (WNK); Late: 4/14 Lorain (JP).

Lesser Scaup

Early: 2/21 Pickerington Ponds (MT), 2/27 Funk (JB); High: 3/22 Cleveland (1,207) (WNK), 4/1 Clearford res. (800) (JHr), 4/4 Navarre Marsh (305+) (MS); Late: 5/17 Findlay res. (BS), 5/17 Castalia (AT).

Common Goldeneye

Early: 2/20 Franklin Co. (MT), 2/27 Clearfork res. (JHr); High: 3/1 Magee (300) (MS); Late: 4/21 Wayne Co. (JB), 4/17 Cleveland (WNK), 4/13 Walden WR (JF).

Bufflehead

High: 4/14 Wellington res. (70) (JP); Late: 5/16 Castalia (JC), 5/12 Magee (JF), 5/10 Lake Rockwell (LR).

Harlequin Duck (D)

3/12 Lorain (1) (*JP), 3/13 Cleveland (pair) (*WNK).

Eiders (D)

No reports.

Oldsquaw

3/21-4/8 Cleveland (2) (WNK, DJH), 3/23 Toussaint WA (pair in breeding plumage) (VF), 3/24 Wellington res. (AT), 3/25 Lorain (JP), 4/14 Oberlin res. (Lorain Co) (JP), 4/27 Cleveland (WNK).

Red-shouldered Hawk

Migrants: 3/15 Crane Creek (233)(JP), 3/15 Maumee Bay SP (48) (TK).

Broad-winged Hawk

Early: 4/11 Fairfield Co. (MT), 4/11 Lorain Co. (AT); High: 4/26-27 ONWR (350-150+) (LR, EE), 4/22 Cleveland (105) (WNK), 4/29 Cleveland (46) (WNK), 5/23 Columbus (25) (BS).

Rough-legged Hawk

5/5 Crane Creek (JP), 5/5 Killdeer Plains WA (Marion Co) (MS), 4/20 Fairfield Co. (MT).

Bald Eagle

Migrants: 3/6 Clearford res. (Imm.) (JHr), 3/8 Knox Lake (imm.) (BP), 4/28 Cleveland (2) (WNK); 9 young in nests along w. Lake Erie at end of May (MS).

Golden Eagle (D)

3/14 ONWR (adult) (*TB) (subject to review by Ohio Records Committee), 3/18 Lake Rockwell (adult) (*LR), 4/10 ONWR (imm.) (see photo in this issue) (*JP), 4/18 Navarre Marsh (imm.) (JP), 5/21 Magee (imm.) (JP, MS).



Golden Eagle (imm., 3rd year?) at ONWR on 4/10. Photographed by John Pogacnik.

White-winged scoter

3/18 Cleveland (1) (TL), 3/23 Delaware res. (Delaware Co) (RN), 3/24-25 Lorain (3) (JP), 3/30 Maumee Bay (2) (JP), 4/12 Metzger Marsh (Lucas Co) (7) (JP), 4/25 Huron (male) (LR).

Surf scoter, Black scoter (D: inland only)

No reports.

Ruddy Duck

Early: 2/16 Dayton (Montgomery Co) (TH, DCh), 2/28 Crane Creek (JP); High: 4/14 Lorain (425) (JP), 4/16 Cleveland (136) (WNK), 4/11 Lake Rockwell (120) (LR); Late: 5/13 Pickerington Ponds (MT), 5/10 Cleveland (WNK).

Hooded Merganser

High: 4/17 ONWR (35) (MS); Late: 5/25 Groveport (Franklin Co) (MT); 5/10 Lake Rockwell (LR); 4/8 Spring Valley WA (male in eclipse plumage) (CM, AVR); 4/30 Killbuck WA (hen incubating 10 eggs) (JS), 5/5 Killbuck WA (a second hen with 12 young) (JS), 5/8 Crane Creek (hen with 13 young) (JP) (See article in this issue).

Common Merganser

Early: 2/21 Wayne Co. (JB), 2/27 Pickerington Ponds (MT); High: 3/15 Navarre Marsh (630+) (MS), 3/14 Deer Creek Dam (Pickaway Co) (66) (JC); Late: 5/1 Huron (JP).

Red-breasted Merganser

High: 3/27 Cleveland (2500) (TL), 3/26 Geneva SP (Ashtabula Co) (1800) (VF), 3/13 Lorain (730) (AT); Late: 5/16 Huron (JC), 5/16 Buck Creek SP (Clark Co) (DO).

Turkey Vulture

Early: 2/28 Pickaway Co. (MT), 3/1 Chardon (Geauga Co) (EF); High: 3/1 Clearcreek (Fairfield Co.) (200) (JC), 5/16 Hancock Co. (45) (WM), 3/29 ONWR (40) (DJH).

Black Vulture (D: Central and Northern Ohio)

4/5 Spring Valley WA (1) (JH, NC), 5/25 Fort Ancient State Memorial (Warren Co) (1) (FR); also reported from the Hocking and Fairfield Cos.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Migrants: 4/26 ONWR (60) (DJH), 4/8 Cleveland (22) (WNK), 3/29 ONWR (12) (DJH), 3/29 Cleveland (6) (DC); Late: 5/24 Maumee SP (JC), 5/15 Cleveland (WNK).

Goshawk (D)

3/1 Crane Creek (JP), 4/28 Kent (*LR). The Crane Creek bird stayed over from the winter period. See Vol. 3, No. 4.

Red-tailed Hawk

Migrants: 3/15 Maumee Bay SP (86) (TK), 4/26 ONWR (30) (LR), 3/29 ONWR (15) (DJH), 3/26 Wayne Co (12) (JB).

Osprey

Over 61 sightings statewide. Late: 5/21 Erie Co. (AT), 5/15 Springfield (Clark Co.) (JC), 5/7 Lake Rockwell (LR).

Peregrine Falcon (D)

4/19-20 Crane Creek (adult) (JP), 5/3 Euclid (*RH).

Merlin (D)

3/8 Port Columbus Airport (Franklin Co.) (*JC).

Turkey

3/28 Tar Hollow SP (Ross Co) (JC), 4/3 Tar Hollow SP (15) (DC,TL), 4/16 Holmes Co. (EM), 5/4 Vinton Co. (JC), 5/5 Clearcreek (JC).

Sandhill Crane

3/12 Killdeer Plains WA (fide, Robert Sturgeon, KPWA Manager), 3/29 Crane Creek (1) (JP), 4/10 ONWR (3) (JP), 4/28 Aurora (Portage Co.) (1) (EE*), 5/2 Hamilton Co. (1) (KM), 5/8-9 ONWR (2) (JP), 5/10 ONWR (*BS).

Yellow Rail (D)

4/28-5/3 Irwin Prairie State Nature Preserve (Lucas County) (1-2 birds) (TK,JP).

King Rail

4/5, 4/18 Spring Valley WA (1) (JH, CM, AVR), 4/19-5/16 ONWR (1-3 birds) (JP, m.ob.), 5/3 Irwin Prairie SNP (TK, JP).

Virginia Rail

Early: 4/5 ONWR (JP), 4/7 Spring Valley WA (CM, PH, NC).

Sora

Early: 4/4 Crane Creek (JP), 4/5 Clark Lake (DO), 4/9 Richland Co. (JHr).

Black Rail (D)

No reports

Common Gallinule

Early: 3/28 Crane Creek (JP), 4/18 Richland Co. (JHr).

American Coot

Early: 3/6 Pickerington Ponds (JC,MT), 3/7 Pleasant Hill res.(JHr), High: 4/4 Magee (3,500) (VF), 4/3 Wellington res. (400) (AT), 4/6 Clearfork res.(400) (JHr).

Semipalmated Plover

Early: 4/27 Medusa Marsh (AT), 5/3 Huron (JC), 5/4 Cleveland (WNK); High: 5/21 Funk (200) (JB), 5/29 Winous Point (140) (JP); Late: 5/31 Funk (JB), 5/25 Fairfield Co. (MT).

Piping Plover

4/9 Huron (breeding plumage) (TL).

American Golden Plover

Numbers and sightings increased over 1980. Early: 3/27 Crane Creek (JP), 3/28 Fairfield Co. (JC), 4/2 Funk (VDK); High: 4/13 Marion Co. (250) (JF), ONWR (200) (JP), 4/17 Celeryville sod farms (Huron Co.) (125) (JHr); Late: 5/14 Ottawa Co. (JP).

Black-bellied Plover

Early: 4/29 Cleveland (WNK), 4/30 Funk (VDK), 5/2 Huron (JP); High: 5/31 Maumee Bay (150+) (MS), 5/21 Funk (25) (VDK).

Ruddy Turnstone

Early: 5/9 Huron (JF), 5/10 Cleveland (WNK); High: 5/31 Maumee Bay (100+) (MS), 5/20 Crane Creek (70+) (JP); 5/16-21 Funk (1-6) (VDK), 5/31 Findlay res. (rare for Hancock Co.) (TB).

American Woodcock

Early: 2/25 Chardon (EF), 2/27 Columbus (BP); 5/9 Gorman Nature Center (Richland Co.) hen with four young (fide JHr).

Common Snipe

High: 3/28 Killbuck WA (100+) (JHr); Late: 5/29 Winous Point (JP), 5/16 Irwin Prairie SNP (winnowing) (JC).

Whimbrel

5/20 Huron (1) (TL), 5/30 Findlay res.(12) (fide TB), 5/31 Crane Creek (1) (JP).

Upland Sandpiper

Early: 4/11 Clark Co. (DO), 4/13 Killdeer Plains WA (JF); Over 24 reports statewide.

Spotted Sandpiper

Early: 4/7 Cuyahoga Co. (EF), 4/11 ONWR (VF).

Solitary Sandpiper

Early: 3/29 Magee (BP), 4/6 Franklin Co. (JF), 4/9 Funk (VDK); Late: 5/21 Funk (JB, VDK), 5/20 Crane Creek (JP).

Willet

4/27 Huron (BP), 5/4 Crane Creek (JP), 5/9-10 Hamilton Co. (DS,DD), 5/10 Huron (JF).

Greater Yellowlegs

Early: 3/25 ONWR (MS, JP), 3/28 Deer Creek SP (Pickaway Co) (JC), 3/30 Stage's Pond State Nature Preserve (Pickaway Co.) (JF); High: 4/18-19 Funk (20),

(JHr, LR); Late: 5/30 ONWR (BP), 5/30 Funk (JB), 5/28 Gilmore (FR).

Lesser Yellowlegs

Early: 3/12 Franklin Co. (MT), 3/14 Dayton (JSh), 3/25 Deer Creek SP (JC); High: 5/2 Navarre Marsh (60+) (MS), 4/15 Franklin Co. (30)(MT); Late: 5/24 Lake Rockwell (LR), 5/22 Fairfield Co. (MT).

Red Knot

5/28 ONWR (3) (JP), 5/28 Funk (9) (JB), 5/29 Winous Point (4) (JP), 5/31 Bayshore Power Plant (Lucas Co.) (3) (MS).

Pectoral Sandpiper

Early: 2/28 Crane Creek (JP), 3/18 Franklin Co. (MT), 3/22 Funk (JHr); High: 4/18 Killdeer Plains WA (2,000+) (JC), 4/18 Funk (1,700) (JB), 4/8 Medusa Marsh (1,200) (AT); Late: 5/29 Winous Point (JP), 5/7 Franklin Co. (MT).

White-rumped Sandpiper

5/16 Willow Point (Lucas Co.) (JP), 5/19 Bayshore Power Plant (JP), 5/21 Oregon (Lucas Co.) (JF, LVC), 5/24 Medusa Marsh (JC), 5/24 Bayshore Power Plant (7) (TK), 5/30 Stark Co. (6) (LR).

Baird's Sandpiper, Ruff

No reports.

Least Sandpiper

Early: 4/27 Medusa Marsh (AT), 5/2 Vinton Co. (JC), 5/3 Cleveland (WNK); Late: 5/31 Huron (LR), 5/24 Medusa Marsh (JC).

Dunlin

Early: 3/26 ONWR (MS), 4/12 Alum Creek res. (Delaware Co.) (BP), 4/25 Cleveland (WNK); High: 5/17 Navarre Marsh (750+) (MS), 5/21 Funk (200) (JB); Late: 5/29 Medusa Marsh (AT), 5/29 Funk (JB).

Dowitcher sp.

Early: 4/9 Metzger Marsh (JP), 4/11 Huron (LR); High: 5/10 Medusa Marsh (70) (JP), 5/12 Funk (40) (JB); Late: 5/31 Huron (LR), 5/27 Medusa Marsh (JP).

Short-billed Dowitcher

4/9 Metzger Marsh (JP), 5/13 ONWR (40) (VF), 5/21 Funk (4) (DK).

Long-billed Dowitcher

No reports.

Stilt Sandpiper

2 reports: 5/16-28 ONWR (BP, CM, AVR, m. ob.), 5/28 Hancock Co. (BH).

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Early: 4/22 Funk (JB), 4/27 Medusa Marsh (AT); High: 5/29 Funk (380) (JB);
Late: 5/31 Funk (JB), 5/31 Huron (40) (LR).

Western, Buff-breasted Sandpiper

No reports.

Marbled Godwit

5/14-24 ONWR (2-1) (JP, m.ob.).

Hudsonian Godwit

No reports.

Sanderling

3 reports: 5/10 Cleveland (6) (DJH), 5/20 Crane Creek (11) (JP), 5/22
Huron (3) (TL).

Red-Phalarope

No reports.

Wilson's Phalarope

5/9 Medusa Marsh (JP), 5/12-31 ONWR (3) (JC, JF, m.ob.), 5/15 Columbus
(fem.) (JC), 5/21 Funk (2) (JB, VDK), 5/28 Hancock Co. (BHa), 5/30 Funk (2) (JB).

Northern Phalarope

5/19-24 Bayshore power plant (1) (JP, TK), 5/21 Funk (1) (2nd Wayne Co.
record) (JB, VDK), 5/28-29 Funk (1-2) (JB), 5/29 Winous Point (1) (JP).

American Avocet, Jaegers

No reports.

Glaucous Gull (D: inland only)

3/7 E. Harbor SP (1) (2nd yr.) (CEP), 3/16 Magee (MS), 4/5 Crane Creek (JP),
4/6-10 Beaver Creek res. (Seneca Co.) (2nd yr. plumage) (*TB) (subject to review by
Ohio Records Committee).

Iceland Gull (D: inland only)

3/3 Lorain (DC), 3/3-16 East Harbor SP (Erie Co) (Kumlien's race) (JP,
CEP, TK), 4/18 Navarre Marsh (MS).

Great Black-backed gull (D: inland only)

High: 3/17 Cleveland (180) (WNK), 3/3 Nielson's Marsh (Erie Co.) (37)
(AT); present in low numbers at w. Lake Erie at end of May.

Lesser Black-backed gull (D)

No reports.

Herring Gull

Early inland: 2/27 Clearfork res. (JHr), 3/1 Fairfield Co. (MT); High: 3/16 Navarre Marsh (450+) (MS), 3/17 Cleveland (180) (WNK); Late inland: 5/10 L. Rockwell (possibly nesting in goose nest box) (LR), 5/2 Buck Creek SP (DO).

Ring-billed Gull

Early inland: 2/28 Clearfork res. (JHr); High: 3/1 Cleveland (3,500) (WNK), 3/16 Navarre Marsh (350+) (MS), 3/23 HWSP (720) (JI); Late inland: 5/18 Funk (DK).

Franklin's Gull

4/10 Metzger Marsh (adult) (JP).

Bonaparte's Gull

Early: 3/3 Lorain (DC), 3/15 Magee (MS), 3/22 HWSP (JI); High: 4/6 Cleveland (1,525) (WNK), 4/10-11 L. Rockwell (110) (LR); Late: 5/17 Crane Creek (JP), 5/10 Cleveland (WNK), 5/9 Funk (DK).

Heermann's Gull (D)

3/12 Huron (JP).

Little Gull (D: inland only)

3/30 Cleveland (1) (TL).

Black-Legged Kittiwake (D)

3/21-25 Lorain (immature) (*TB, JP, MS) (Subject to review by Ohio Records Comm.)

Common Tern

Early: 4/12 Cleveland (DJH), 4/12 Seneca Co. (TB), 4/16 Clark Lake (DO); High: 5/31 Bayshore power plant (200) (MS), 5/3 Cleveland (160) (WNK); Late inland: 5/22 Pickerington Ponds (MT).

Forster's Tern

4/9-5/16 Huron (1-6) (TL, m.o.b.), 4/10-12 L. Rockwell (2-1) (*LR, EE), 4/12 Cleveland (1) (DJH), 4/16 Clark Lake (2) (VF), 4/24-5/8 Pickerington Ponds (2-1) (JC, MT), 4/25 Cleveland (1) (DJH), 5/2 Navarre Marsh (MS), 5/3 ONWR (LVC), 5/6 HWSP (JI), 5/6 Wyandot Co., Pitt. Twp. (2) (BP), 5/6 Englewood Reserve (1) (CM, AVR).

Caspian Tern

Early: 3/28 Sandusky Bay (AT), 4/2 Cleveland (DJH, WNK), 4/9 Huron (TL); High: 4/15 Huron (55) (TL), 4/16 Cleveland (41) (WNK); Late: 5/31 Bayshore power plant (MS).

Black Tern

Early: 4/30 Pickerington Ponds (JF), 5/3 Huron (JC); High: 5/7 Magee (35) (MS),

Black Tern (continued)

5/12 Spring Valley Lake (Warren Co.) (19) (BP), 5/10 Findlay res. (13) (BS); Late: 5/28 Pickerington Ponds (MT), 5/24 ONWR (LVC).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Early: 5/2 Vinton Co. (BP), 5/2 Lancaster (Fairfield Co.) (HK), 5/5 Columbus (JF), 5/9 Crane Creek (JP).

Black-billed Cuckoo

Early: 4/28 Crane Creek (LVC), 4/29 Pickerington Ponds (JC, JF), 4/30 Brown Co. (BP).

Barn Owl

3/21-4/12 Crane Creek (JP); 4 pair nesting in Wayne Co. (JS).

Snowy Owl

3/1-4/6 Crane Creek (2) (JP), 3/1-10 Maumee Bay SP (JP), 3/1-4/12 Cleveland (2-1) (WNK, DJH, TL), 4/27 Crane Creek (JP).

Burrowing Owl (D)

4/5-6 Ottawa Co. Carroll Twp. (2nd Ohio Record) (See article in this issue). (*Sandra Zenser).

Long-eared Owl

3/10, 4/4-9 Crane Creek (JP), 5/18 Maumee Bay (JP).

Short-eared Owl

3/1-4/30 Crane Creek (max. 7) (JP, m.o.b.), 3/25-4/18 Burke Airport (Cuyahoga Co.) (2-1) (TL, DJH), 3/21 Oregon (2) (TK), 5/14 ONWR (JP).

Saw-whet Owl

3/1 Crane Creek (JP, LVC, EE), 3/15 Columbus (JC, JF), 3/21, 29, 30-4/5 Crane Creek (max. 5) (JP, m.o.b.), 5/11 Crane Creek (JP).

Chuck-wills-widow (D: central and northern)

5/5 Shawnee State Forest (Adams-Scioto Cos.) (HK), 5/5-24 Adams Co. (3-4) (JC, TB).

Whip-poor-will

Early: 4/9 Cleveland (WNK), 4/11 Crane Creek (m.o.b.), 4/13 Marietta (Washington Co.) (LB), 4/14 Columbus (JF).

Common Nighthawk

Early: 4/27 Lancaster (JC), 4/28 Oxford (Butler Co.) (JI), 5/2 Huron (JP).

Chimney Swift

Early: 4/7 Springfield (VF), 4/9 Licking Co. (BP), 4/9 Crane Creek (JP),
4/11 Holmes Co. (VDK).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Early: 4/20 Butler Co. (JI), 4/22 Lancaster (HK), 5/1 Cedar Point NWR (AT).

Common Flicker

4/17-18 Crane Creek (red-shafted race; bird seen and feather found) (JP);
Migrants: 4/15 Cleveland (45) (WNK), 4/4 Navarre Marsh (25+) (MS), 4/4 Mentor
Headlands (Lake Co.) (20) (DJH).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Late: 5/13 Cleveland (WNK), 5/9 Mentor Headlands (DJH), 5/5 Crane Creek (JP).

Eastern Kingbird

Early: 4/18 Hamilton Co. (LH, JFr), 4/25 Adams Co. (BP), 4/26 Richland Co.
(JHr), 4/28 Crane Creek (JP).

Great Crested Flycatcher

Early: 4/15 Lancaster (HK), 4/23 Hamilton Co. (JRe, HC), 4/25 Adams Co. (BP),
4/27 Kent (LR).

Eastern Phoebe

Early: 3/15 Spring Valley WA (NC), 3/15 Clearcreek (JC), 3/23 Findley SP
(Lorain Co.) (JP), 4/1 Cleveland (WNK).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Twelve (+) reports statewide. Early: 5/14 Columbus (JC), 5/16 Rocky River
Valley (WNK), 5/16 Sheldon's Marsh (Erie Co.) (AT); High: 5/23 Navarre Marsh
(7+) (MS); Late: 5/31 Crane Creek (JP).

Acadian Flycatcher

Early: 4/18 L. Katherine (HK), 4/29 Hueston Woods SP (JI), 5/2 Wooster (BJB).

Willow Flycatcher

Early: 5/7 Cleveland (WNK), 5/11 Pickerington Ponds (MT), 5/11 Holmes Co.
(VDK), 5/12 Crane Creek (JP).

Alder Flycatcher

5/23-31 Crane Creek (max. 3) (JP, JC), 5/24 Irwin Prairie SNP (3) (TK).

Least Flycatcher

Early: 4/26 Hamilton Co. (JRe, HC), 4/27 Columbus (JF), 4/28 Clark Co. (VF),
4/28 Crane Creek (JP), 4/28 Euclid (Cuyahoga Co.) (DC); Late: 5/31 Findlay Res. (TB).