

WINTER REPORT 12/1/84 - 2/28/85

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The resumption of publication prompts a few words to the regular and future contributors. The seasonal editor is concerned that his report reflect the distribution and movement of birds through the state during a set time period. The initials of the observer will not necessarily follow each sighting noted. Documented birds will be indicated by an asterisk beside the contributor's monogram. Each documented bird in this issue is presently under consideration by the Ohio Records Committee (ORC). These reports will be published in the next issue. The seasonal editor feels that multiple observers provide the most credible reports. Since nearly every sighting is for all intents and purposes unverified, it is hoped that all are aware that many readers will put much faith in the printed word. Please be as accurate as possible in reporting a bird. Please also document every bird that is presently required to be documented by ORC.

Due to confusing plumage characteristics of the gull family, no report of adult black-legged kittiwake, immature black-headed, or any year plumage of Ross' or ivory gull will be accepted without the approval of the ORC. The editor and the season editor feel that merlins and Brewer's blackbirds are very difficult identifications. For example, have you been to Cape May in the fall to study merlins in migration? Also, Brewer's blackbirds are so difficult to describe that to be acceptable, observations must be prolonged and under optimum lighting conditions. The fact that a bird is all black is not sufficient. This viewpoint is only a reflection of the ORC's reluctance in the past to accept these birds even though documented.

In this issue, due to the lapse in publication, certain birds requiring documentation (D) have been published even though they were not documented. For the above reasons observers cannot expect the editors to report these sightings in the future without documentation for the ORC.

The state experienced a wide range of weather patterns during the period. Starting with a very mild December and then heavy snow cover from mid-January to late February. The period ended with the first significant thaw and arrival of early migrants. The warm temperatures of December caused Lake Erie to remain open for nearly the entire period. Indeed only the western basin maintained any significant ice amounts at the end of February.

Gulls and waterfowl were drawn to the various hot water outlets in good numbers. As usual these concentrations provided the rarities that so many seek. Several observers felt that it was a kittiwake invasion year along Lake Erie. White-winged gulls were noted to be particularly conspicuous in the early part of winter. The spectacular show of Bonaparte's gulls at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River was noteworthy if not for the sheer numbers then for the more attractive species that accompanied them. These included immature black-legged kittiwake, Franklin's, black-headed and little gulls. Waterfowl watchers were blessed with above average numbers of white-winged scoters and two king eiders. Inland there was a cooperative greater white-fronted goose of the Greenland race in Ross County and a roost of long-eared owls in Wyandot County. The rarest bird was a varied thrush in Ottawa County which was not made available.

Common Loon

Singles were observed sporadically throughout December with a maximum of 4 at Alum Creek Reservoir (Delaware Co.) on 12/16 (RCo). An injured bird was found 1/17 in Morrow County.

Pied-billed Grebe

Birds wintered at various open water areas in very small numbers. Peak number was 9 on the Cincinnati CBC, while 19 at Summit Lake (Summit Co.) 2/17 indicated a northward movement (BO).

Horned Grebe

Lepage reported 8 sightings along Lake Erie in the period. this is considered about normal.

Red-necked Grebe

An out of season bird was documented by Pogacnik 2/16-17 at Avon Lake (Lorain Co.).

Double-crested Cormorant

Two wintered at Bayshore Power Plant (Lucas Co.) (m.obs.) 12/9 Hoover Reservoir (Delaware Co.) (BP), 12/30 Cincinnati CBC (5), 1/4 Lorain (Lorain Co.) (TL), 1/24 Eastlake (m.obs.).

Great Blue Heron

Up to 75 were reported at Bayshore (m.obs.). 12/16 Grand Lake St. Mary's (Mercer Co.) (hereafter GLSM) (17) (RC), many other reports of singles throughout state.

Green-backed Heron

12/1-2 one bird along the Great Miami River (Montgomery Co.) (CM,FR).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Only one report. 12/16 Toledo (Lucas Co.) (ET).

Tundra Swan

A large flock of migrants was encountered 12/2 at Magee Marsh State WA (Ottawa Co.) (1200) (JP), stragglers remained through December at various locales statewide. A flock of 9 in Lorain 1/26 was unusual; early migrants were noted 2/18 Franklin Co., 2/28 Killbuck State WA (Wayne Co.) 2/28 Lake Rockwell (Portage Co.).

Mute Swan

12/16 Mosquito Creek (Trumbull Co.) (CB), 1/27-2/9 Bayshore (18+) (m.obs.), 2/10 Avon Lake (TL), 2/24 Summit Lake (BO), 2/26 E. Fork Lake SP (Clermont Co.) fide (AW).

Greater White-fronted Goose (D)

12/30-1/6 Ross. Co. An immature bird of the Greenland race was observed. (\*BP et al), 1/7 Ottawa NWR (\*JP).

Snow Goose

Scattered reports starting with 12/15 Lorain CBC (9), 12/16 Mosquito Creek (2) (CB), 12/16 GLSM (56) (RC), 12/20 Ohio River (Hamilton Co.) (9) (AW). Wintering birds were reported from the Ottawa NWR area with 86 the high count.

Brant (D)

12/6 Lorain (\*JP).

Canada Goose

Abundant in most areas. A maximum of 15,000 was reported from Ottawa NWR area and 13,000+ from Mosquito Creek area.

Wood Duck

Only five reports and three of these were of early migrants in late February.

Green-winged Teal

12/3 Ottawa Co. (AT), 12/19 Lake Isaac (Cuyahoga Co.) (TL), 2/24 Pickaway Co. (6) (KA).

American Black Duck

Wintered commonly along open streams and power plants. Highs were 12/9 Cedar Point NWR (Lucas Co.) (182) (JKO), 12/16 GLSM (550) (RC), 1/28 Castalia (Erie Co.) (350) (AT).

Mallard

Reports indicate that literally thousands winter in the state.

Northern Pintail

12/30 Cincinnati CBC, 1/8 Gordon Park Landfill (Cuyahoga co.) (DJH), 1/12-2/24 Franklin Co. (KA), 1/28 Castalia (AT), 2/23 Lorain (TL), 2/24 Pickaway Co. (30 migrants) (KA).

Blue-winged Teal

Three birds were reported by many observers on 12/30 at Ottawa NWR (\*EP).

Northern Shoveler

12/30 Ottawa NWR CBC (10), 1/3 Castalia (KA), 2/24 Castalia (AT).

Gadwall

Normal. Reported from 8 counties with high 1/3 C.J. Brown Reservoir (Clark Co.) (28) (KA).

American Wigeon

A few lingered until early winter. The only reports before a small late February influx were from Castalia and Cuyahoga Falls (Summit Co.).

Canvasback

12/16 Mosquito Creek (CB), 1/4 Lorain (50) (AT), 1/6 Mogadore Reservoir (Summit Co.) (10) (MF), 2/9 Ashtabula (Ashtabula Co.) (10) (EP), 2/10 Cedar Point NWR (200) (JK), 2/10 Bayshore (7000+) (LC et al).

Redhead

Normal numbers along Lake Erie. The only inland report was of 5 wintering at Summit Lake.

Ring-necked Duck

Reported in small numbers from 8 counties with highs of 12 at Castalia (AT) and 10 in Franklin Co. (RCo).

Greater Scaup

No inland reports. 1/12 Cleveland (Cuyahoga Co.) (2000) (KA), 1/14 Lorain (200) (AT), 2/9 Ashtabula (750+) (EP, LR).

Lesser Scaup

Common along Lake Erie and widely reported in small numbers at open waters inland.

King Eider (D)

12/9 Avon Lake an immature male was observed and documented by Lepage and the Hoffmans. 1/15 Bayshore (\*JP).

Oldsquaw

Singles were noted at 6 Lake Erie locations with 1 or 2 birds wintering at Avon Lake. Three birds 12/27 at O'Shaunessy Reservoir (Delaware Co.) were exceptional (KA).

Black Scoter (D) Inland

12/11 Beaver Creek Reservoir (Seneca Co.) (TB) 12/23 C.J. Frown Reservoir (CM), 1/3 C.J. Brown Reservoir (undocumented), (\*KA) probably the same bird, 1/13 Cleveland (TL), 1/13 Lorain (AT, JP).

Surf Scoter (D) Inland

12/11 Beaver Creek Reservoir (Seneca Co.) (TB), 12/23 C. J. Brown Reservoir (CM), (\*KA), 1/13 Cleveland (TL), 1/13 Lorain (AT, JP).

White-winged Scoter

Fairly common along Lake Erie with 15+ reports of flocks up to 12. Five reports inland are noteworthy 12/3 (2), 12/30 (6), 1/3 C.J. Brown Reservoir (CM et al.), 2/16-17 Franklin Co. (KA, RCo), 2/18 Akron (4) (m.obs.).

Common Goldeneye

Abundant along the open water of Lake Erie.

Bufflehead

All reports were from Lake Erie. Highs: 1/27 Avon Lake (70) (KA), 2/19 Ashtabula (60) (LR).

### Hooded Merganser

Reported from 10 counties with highs in December as expected. 12/6 Lake Rockwell (.75), 12/16 GLSM (15), 12/27 Hoover Reservoir (50). A few wintered along open water and the first migrants began to show up at the end of the period.

### Common Merganser

Unusually scarce along Lake Erie, an exception was 262 at Little Cedar Point NWR 12/9 (JKO). East of the western basin the only report came from Ashtabula 2/9 (5) (EP, LR).

### Red-breasted Merganser

Late migrants were in good numbers through early December, followed by a noticeable absence until late February. 12/5 Cleveland (5000) (TL).

### Ruddy Duck

12/16 GLSM (2) (RC), 12/22 Wellington Reservoir (Lorain Co.) (40) (AT), 1/6 Mogadore Reservoir (20+) (MF), 2/23 Maumee (20) (ET).

### Black Vulture (D) North and Central

12/28 Highland Co. Karl Maslowski fide (AW).

### Turkey Vulture

12/16 Wooster CBC (Wayne Co.) Bartlett noted an early migrant (Seneca Co.) 2/24.

### Bald Eagle

Up to 8 were seen near Ottawa NWR in the period. Mosquito Creek reported up to 2 adults (CB), and single immatures were reported from the Scioto River (Franklin Co.) (RCO, KA) on 2/16 and E. Fork SP fide (AW) on 2/24.

### Northern Harrier

Widespread reports. Few large concentrations noted, but present at many of the usual wintering locations. Ross-Pickaway county line, Ottawa NWR, Maumee Bay SP (Lucas Co.), West Branch Sp (Portage Co.), highs: 12/16 GLSM (8). Lou Campbell reported 25 at Maumee Bay SP.

### Sharp-shinned Hawk

Noted to be very uncommon throughout the period in the northeast. Scattered reports from central and southwestern sectors. 12/30 Cincinnati CBC (7), 2/2 Knox Co. (EM), 2/27 Mosquito Creek (CB).

### Cooper's Hawk

Reports from central and northeast indicate fairly common this winter.

### Northern Goshawk (D)

12/1, 1/18, 1/26, 2/5 Lorain (JP) (undocumented), 1/13 Maumee Bay SP (\*KA).

Red-tailed Hawk

Status reported to be normal except in the northeast where it was thought to be below normal.

Red-shouldered Hawk

Reported from 11 counties with a late February influx noted. 12/1-2/28 Findley SP (Lorain Co.), 12/15 Clearfork Reservoir (Richland Co.), 12/16 Trumbull Co. (4) (CB).

Rough-legged Hawk

Reports of at least 23 different birds mostly from the central sector. 12/1 Richland Co. (JVH), 12/5 Erie Co. (AT), 12/27 Knox Co. (EM), 12/30 Cincinnati CBC (3), 1/30 Killdeer Plains (Wyandot Co.) (3) (KA). Peterjohn stated a noticeable increase in February.

American Kestrel

Normal distribution.

Merlin (D)

2/24 Springville Marsh (Seneca Co.) (TB) (undocumented), 2/24 Magee Marsh WA (JP) (undocumented), 2/26 Ottawa NWR (\*JKO).

Gyr Falcon (D)

1/23-3- Magee Marsh WA (\*JP).

Ring-necked Pheasant

Observers felt that populations were down throughout the state.

Ruffed Grouse

12/30 Cincinnati CBC, 2/25 Seiberling Nature Center (Summit Co.) (WS).

Wild Turkey

Only one report. 1/10 Richland Co. (JVH).

Northern Bobwhite

Indication of this species doing well came from Cincinnati CBC where 137 were reported. The northern sector cannot say the same.

Virginia Rail

Three reports: 12/3 Ottawa NWR (EP), Mansfield CBC (Richland Co.), 2/12-28 Akron (EP et al).

American Coot

Wintered in small numbers at many locations with the first migrants noted in late February (KA).

Sandhill Crane

12/18 Wyandot Co. (4) (BP), 1/27-2/3 Ottawa Co. (m.obs.), 1/30-2/9 Adams Co. Roy Cable fide (AW). 12/17 Indian Lake CBC (6).

Killdeer

Wintered in normal numbers in central and southern sectors, the only report from the north was at Lake Rockwell (m.obs.). A definite return was noted by several by February 23.

Lesser Yellowlegs

12/1 a straggler at Metzger Marsh (Lucas Co.) (JP).

Least Sandpiper

1/6 C.J.Brown (BP, JM).

Purple Sandpiper

12/1 Headlands BSP (LR, BP), 1/1-5 Gordon Park Landfill (m.obs.), 1/3 Avon Lake (JP), 1/13 Eastlake (KA, RCo).

Dunlin

12/9 Lorain (3) (Dave Corbin), 12/30 Ottawa NWR CBC, 1/1 Hoover Res.(KA).

Common Snipe

12/30 Ottawa NWR CBC, 1/4 Charlie's Pond (Pickaway Co.) (KA).

Long-billed Dowitcher

12/1 Turtle Creek (Ottawa Co.) (JP).

American Woodcock

Late February migrants were noted but the bird found by MacCormac on 2/13 in Franklin Co. was exceptional.

Parasitic Jaeger (D)

The only report was of a first year dark phase bird studied by \*Peterjohn and \*Rosche as it flew by Perry Park (Lake Co.) 12/1.

Franklin's Gull

One report. 12/2 Edgewater Park (2nd winter plumage) (BP, LR).

Little Gull

At least 6 individuals were noted at various Lake Erie locations (m.obs.). No reports west of Lorain.

Common Black-headed Gull (D)

12/4 Edgewater (\*TL), 12/14 Lorain (JP) (undocumented), 1/12 Edgewater (\*KA, RCo), 2/9-10 Ashtabula (\*LR, EP, WS).

Bonaparte's Gull

Many 1,000's were present along Lake Erie until mid-January when it became scarce.



Ring-billed Gull

Large numbers present through the period.

Herring Gull

Numbers seem to depend upon wind direction. A high count of 42,000 in Lorain 12/15 (AT) was impressive.

Thayer's Gull (D)

At least 8 individuals reported. All ages were described in reports from Eastlake (m.obs.). 1/7 Bayshore (JP) (undocumented) was the only western report.

Iceland Gull (D) Inland

12/8 Magee Marsh WA (JP), 12/26 Eastlake (1st winter) (LR), 1/12 Lorain (TB), 1/12 Eastlake (2nd year) (KA), 1/13, 1/27 Bayshore (AT,JP).

Lesser Black-backed Gull (D) Inland

At least 6 were noted along Lake Erie (m.obs.). 12/15 Eastlake (2), 12/30 Ottawa NWR CBC, 1/12 Lorain, 1/12 Eastlake (2), 1/7 Bayshore.

Glaucous Gull (D) Inland

Fair numbers encountered by many observers along Lake Erie from late December to mid-February. No inland reports. Lepage totaled 19 in the period. Eight at Sherrod Park (Erie Co.) 2/6 (AT) was noteworthy.

Great Black-backed Gull

Numerous reports. Highs: 12/30 Ottawa NWR CBC (137), 1/5 Cleveland to Lorain (155) (KA), 1/13 Eastlake (30) (DJH), 2/6 Sherrod Park (40) (AT) 2/9 Ashtabula (67) (EP,LR).

Black-legged Kittiwake (D)

Reported from five locations including Bayshore, Cleveland, Eastlake, Kelley's Island and Lorain. It was noted that up to 10 individuals were in the area. All birds were immatures and up to 2 at a location.

Rock Dove

Abundant.

Mourning Dove

Abundant.

Common Barn Owl

12/16 Hoover Reservoir CBC.

Eastern Screech-Owl

Commonly reported on CBC's with late reports from Richland Co. 2/3-17 (JVH), and 2/13 Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area (hereafter CVNRA) (WS).



Great Horned Owl

Status normal.

Snowy Owl

12/-1/8 Burke Airport (Cuyahoga Co.) (2) (m.obs.), 12/9 Magee Marsh WA.

Barred Owl

12/15 Mansfield CBC, 12/16 Ottawa Hills (Lucas Co.) (ET), 12/26 Findley SP (AT), 12/30 Cincinnati CBC (5), 1/2 Seiberling NC (WS), 1/30 Hinckley (Medina Co.).

Long-eared Owl

1/27 Killdeer Plains up to 10 (m.obs.), 2/10 Sycamore SP (Montgomery Co.).

Short-eared Owl

Reported from 6 counties including Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lucas, Pickaway and Wyandot. Up to 16 were present at Maumee Bay SP (LC et al).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Wiseman reports that Ron Austing found only three in the traditional haunts of Southwestern Ohio. 12/26 Findley SP (AT).

Belted Kingfisher

A few wintered along the open water throughout the state. A canoe trip on the Scioto River from Columbus to Circleville yielded a total of 25 on 2/18.

Red-headed Woodpecker

Numbers indicate that this was not a wintering year. No reports after the first week of January.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

The seasonal editor feels that this species is increasing in the state. The numerous reports received and the CBC totals led by Cincinnati's 323 seem to support this assumption.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Reports from the central and southern sectors were about normal. Birds at Lakeview Cemetery (Cuyahoga Co.) (DJH) and Ottawa Hills (ET) were out of the ordinary.

Downy Woodpecker

Normal.

Hairy Woodpecker

Numbers were reported to be good in the east but down in the west.

Northern Flicker

The normal small numbers were reported from all sectors.

Pileated Woodpecker

12/20 Knox Co. (EM), 1/4 CVNRA (MF), 2/26 Hocking Co. (RCo).

Horned Lark

Normal in most areas but felt to be down in Hamilton Co. (AW). Highs: 1/9 Montgomery Co. (1000+) (CM), 1/10 Lorain Co. (100's) (AT), 1/15-21 Maumee (800) (ET), up to 20,000 in Seneca and Sandusky counties (TB).

Tree Swallow

12/30 Ottawa NWR CBC (m.obs.).

Barn Swallow

12/16 Lucas Co. (ET,JKo). This was remarkable.

Blue Jay

Normal.

American Crow

Reporters felt that this species is increasing. A roost of 5000+ on the Mansfield CBC was noteworthy.

Black-capped Chickadee

Numbers normal and no southerly movement indicated.

Carolina Chickadee

Normal.

Tufted Titmouse

Normal to above normal in the north.

Brown Creeper

Reported to be scarce in the Toledo area (ET) and in Lorain Co. (AT). Normal in the eastern sectors as most reports were from Northeast Ohio. 12/12 GLSM (17) (RC), 2/23 Virginia Kendall Ledges (Summit Co.) (10) (MF) were the high counts.

Carolina Wren

Reports were widespread and 486 on the Cincinnati CBC seemed incredible to this northern reporter. Concern was expressed by several as to whether populations were able to withstand the heavy snow cover of midwinter.

Winter Wren

12/16 Kent (Portage Co.) (EP), 12/16 GLSM (2) (RC), 12/29 Mohican SF (Ashland Co.) (JVH), 1/29 Ottawa Hills (ET), 1/16 Cuyahoga Co. (Dave Corbin).

Marsh Wren

12/30 Ottawa NWR CBC (5).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Normal numbers were encountered before the snow, scarce afterward. 2/23 Greenlawn Cemetery (Franklin Co.) (KA).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Four reports. 12/5-28 Greenlawn Cemetery (KA), 12/16 Alum Creek (BP), 12/16 GLSM (2) (RC), Ottawa Hills (ET).

Eastern Bluebird

Widely reported before the snow. The Mansfield CBC had 89 while the 100+ seen in Killbuck WA had to be startling.

Hermit Thrush

Several birds lingered in the north for CBC's. Others were noted in Portage, Lorain, Franklin and Ross counties in January. The latest report was 2/3-4 Seiberling NC (WS).

Robin

Nearly all reporters indicated abundant this winter. Several large roosts were located. 12/15 Lorain (6000) (m.obs.), 12/29 Mohican SE (5000) (SM)..

Varied Thrush (D)

One wintered secretly in Ottawa Co. fide (TB) (photograph).

Northern Mockingbird

Reported to be normal in the central sector until the snow. 12/1 Ottawa Co. (AT), 12/30 Ottawa NWR CBC, 12/30 Cincinnati CBC (372)!

Brown Thrasher

12/15 Lorain CBC, 12/30 Ottawa NWR CBC.

Water Pipit

12/15 Seneca Co. (27) (TB), 12/26 Richland Co. (4) (JVH), 1/10 Hancock Co. (10+) fide (TB), 2/23 Alum Creek (BP), 2/23 Columbus (RCO).

Cedar Waxwing

Abundant in most of the state with 1600 at Stranathan Arboretum (Lucas Co.) 1/6 being exceptional (ET).

Northern Shrike (D) Central and Southern

12/1-3 CVNRA fide (LR), 12/15 Lorain CBC, 12/16 Mosquito Creek CBC (2), 12/28-1/6 West Branch SP (LR et al ), 1/5 Resthaven (Erie Co.) (AT), 2/17 Ottawa NWR (immature) (JKo).

Loggerhead Shrike (D) North

12/30 Ottawa NWR CBC (TB). This is extraordinary and should have details.

European Starling

Abundant.

Orange-crowned Warbler

12/2 Magee Marsh WA.

Yellow-rumped Warbler

All reporters noted a few. High: 12/30 Cincinnati CBC (64).

Common Yellowthroat

12/3 Ottawa NWR (EP), 12/16 Alum Creek (BP), 12/30 Ottawa NWR CBC.

Northern Cardinal

Status indicated to be normal.

Rufous-sided Towhee

12/16 GLSM (2) (RC), 12/30 Cincinnati CBC (118), Stage's Pond (Pickaway Co.) (2) (KA), 1/18-2/28 Hinckley (6) (WS).

American Tree Sparrow

Mixed reports, but mostly normal.

Field Sparrow

Widespread reports before the snows of January. High: 12/16 Summit Co. (20) (WS), 12/30 Cincinnati CBC (192).

Vesper Sparrow

The only report comes from the Gordon Park Landfill 12/2 (TL).

Savannah Sparrow

Three reports of several stragglers in Lucas, Pickaway and Summit counties.

Fox Sparrow

12/16 Caesar's Creek SP (Warren Co.) (3) (FR), 12/23 W. Hamilton Co. CBC, 12/30 Ottawa CBC, 12/30 Cincinnati CBC, 1/13 Germantown (Montgomery Co.) (CM).

Song Sparrow

Reports indicate good numbers, particularly away from the influence of Lake Erie.

Swamp Sparrow

Wintered in small numbers throughout the state. A distinct drop in populations was noted in the northeast sector after mid-January.

White-throated Sparrow

Wintered more commonly than usual in the northern sectors. The 2030 on the Cincinnati CBC was astounding.

White-crowned Sparrow

Scattered reports of lingerers in the north (to the delight of CBC compilers) and normal numbers in the south. A high count of 150+ in Killbuck WA was noteworthy (WS).

Dark-eyed Junco

Reporters indicated below normal distributions throughout the state. Perhaps with the abundance of wild food juncos decided to avoid feeding stations.

Lapland Longspur

Many reports of small flocks as far south as Montgomery Co. The only large flock of note was 1/15-20 in Maumee, Ohio (ET).

Snow Bunting

Reported from 10 counties, mostly in the northwestern sector. Highs: 1/15-20 Maumee (200) (ET), 1/27-2/14 Portage Co. (200+) (LR,BO,WS).

Red-winged Blackbird

Normally distributed about the state with large numbers by the end of the period.

Eastern Meadowlark

Only one report from the north 12/13-2/28 Lorain Co. (AT), but the GLSM CBC total of 546 was impressive. Early migrants were noted by late February throughout the state.

Yellow-headed Blackbird (D) Away from Lake Erie

1/5 Lorain (JP), 1/13 Tiffin (Seneca Co.) (3) (TB), 2/26 Ottawa NWR (JP).

Rusty Blackbird

Scattered reports in winter with an influx the last third of February.

Brewer's Blackbird

2/10 Ottawa NWR (\*KA).

Common Grackle

Normal.

Brown-headed Cowbird

Abundant through December and then only scattered reports.

Purple Finch

A few reports from 10 counties but the largest flock was only 14 in Hamilton Co. Fewer than normal at Kelley's Is. in December (DC).

House Finch

Contrary to the purple finch this species is ubiquitous throughout much of the state.

Red Crossbill

Only reports were a few in December coinciding with the large flocks in Southern Canada at the same time. These birds disappeared quickly and with them any hope of a finch invasion.

Common Redpoll

1/11-16 Magee Marsh WA (JP).

Pine Siskin

A few reports from the central and southwestern sectors but almost absent from the northern tier. 1/19-26 Germantown (CM), 2/13 Richland Co. (JVH).

American Goldfinch

Normal numbers were encountered in the field but few at feeders.

Evening Grosbeak

Rare this winter. The only reports are from Lorain, Hamilton and Hocking counties.

House Sparrow

Abundant.

CROSS-REFERENCE

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Akron	Summit	Kent	Portage
Alum Creek Reservoir	Deleware	Killbuck State WA	Wayne
Ashtabula	Ashtabula	Killdeer Plains	Wyandot
Avon Lake	Lorain	Magee Marsh State WA	Ottawa
Bayshore Power Plant	Lucas	Mansfield	Richland
Burke Airport	Cuyahoga	Maumee	Lucas
C.J. Brown Reservoir	Clark	Maumee Bay SP	Lucas
Caesar's Creek SP	Warren	Metzger Marsh	Lucas
Castalia	Erie	Mogadore Reservoir	Portage
Cedar Point NWR	Lucas	Mosquito Creek	Trumbull
Charlies Pond	Pickaway	Ohio River	Hamilton
Cincinnati	Hamilton	O'Shaunessy Reservoir	Delaware
Clearfork Reservoir	Richland	Ottawa NWR	Ottawa-Lucas
Cleveland	Cuyahoga	Ottawa Hills	Lucas
Cuyahoga Falls	Summit	Perry Park	Lake
Cuyahoga Valley NRA	Summit	Rest Haven	Erie
East Fork State Park	Clermont	Scioto River	Franklin
Eastlake	Lake	Seiberling Nature Center	Summit
Edgewater Park	Cuyahoga	Sherrod Park	Erie
Findley State Park	Lorain	Stage's Pond	Pickaway
Germantown	Montgomery	Stranathan Arboretum	Lucas
Gordon Park	Cuyahoga	Summit Lake	Summit
Grand Lake St. Mary's	Mercer	Toledo	Lucas
Great Miami River	Montgomery	Turtle Creek	Ottawa
Greenlawn Cemetery	Franklin	Wellington Reservoir	Lorain
Headlands Beach SP	Lake	West Branch SP	Portage
Hinckley	Medina	Wooster	Wayne
Hoover Reservoir	Delaware		
Kelley's Island	Erie		
Kendall Ledges	Summit		

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