

Northern Flicker

A major movement was noted 4/13 in Magee area (MS).

Red-headed Woodpecker

Scarce along Lake Erie, common in Stark and Wayne Co.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Down everywhere with a high of only 16 at Greenlawn 4/14.

Pileated Woodpecker

Numbers seem to be stable throughout the state.

Flycatcher - Swallow: Flycatcher movement was thought to be good in the western basin and generally poor elsewhere. Alder flycatchers seem to be advancing breeding ranges. Purple martin reports were low whereas other swallows were thought to be flourishing. In Holmes Co., concern was expressed for cliff swallow.

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Eleven reports of single birds. 5/5 Crane Creek SP. 5/10 Lorain Co., 5/21 Greenlawn, 5/28-29 Niles (Mahoning Co.).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

5/19-5/31 Magee area (MS), 5/22 Firestone MP (ECP), 5/25 Oak Openings (MA). "Major movement" 5/27 (MS) along Lake Erie.

Alder Flycatcher

Reports in late May from Jefferson, Lucas, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, and Summit Co. High: 5/20 Portage Co. (5).

Least Flycatcher

High: 5/17 Crane Creek SP (38) (RCo).

Eastern Phoebe

Early: 3/6 Franklin Co. (RCo).

Great-crested Flycatcher

Early: 4/25 Magee Marsh SWA. High: 5/11 Crane Creek SP (18).

Eastern Kingbird

Early: 4/24 Magee Marsh SWA. High: 5/19 Ottawa Co. (28).

Purple Martin

High: 4/4 Chillicothe (Ross Co.) (200) (KA).

Tree Swallow

Early: 3/10 Cedar Pt NWR.

Violet-green Tree Swallow (D)

4/28 Crane Creek SP (*C&S Crofts). To OCRC.

Bank Swallow

"Flourishing" at Bayshore colony (ET).

Cliff Swallow

5/4-31 Ottawa Co. (up to 20 pair at Sand Beach) (m.obs.), 5/10 Gordon Park (4) (TL). Late arriving: 5/9 Meldahl Dam (Hamilton Co.) (Worth Randle).

Blue Jay - Gnatcatcher: No noteworthy numbers were received on jay movement along Lake Erie. Chickadees and titmice are faring well as is the ubiquitous house wren. Brown creepers were low but nest building in Montgomery Co. was a local rarity. Red-breasted nuthatches were non-existent while Carolina wren seems to be increasing in the north. Winter wrens were fewer along Lake Erie but fair inland. Marsh wrens were fairly widespread and only one sedge wren was reported. Kinglets were felt to be widespread and numerous.

American Crow

3/9 South Bass Is.(120), 3/10 Cedar Pt. NWR (42) indicates movement.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

3/9 S.Bass Is.(KA), 4/11 Lorain (AT), 4/20 Mohican SF (JVH), 5/17 Crane Creek SP (RCo) are only reports of migrants.

Brown Creeper

4/25 Germantown Reserve (nest building) (CM). Migrants were few.

Carolina Wren

High: 4/28 Adams Co.(6). Improved in Holmes Co. (DK). Nesting at several locations in Portage and Summit Co. where they had been absent. However in very low numbers with few calling in Hamilton Co. (AW).

Winter Wren

4/7 ONWR (16) (ECP), 4/11 Niles (CB), 4/14 Firestone MP (12) (BO), 4/16 Greenlawn Cem. (14) (KA).

Sedge Wren

5/30 Magee Marsh SWA (MS).

Marsh Wren

Fairly widespread with reports from six northern counties. Early: 4/14 Cedar Pt NWR (JKo).

Bluebird - Vireo: Ohio has never been considered a major thrush migration center but this year was simply pathetic away from Lake Erie. Bluebirds were up in all areas while brown thrasher continues a downward trend. Robins and catbirds were doing well everywhere. Water pipits were in good numbers and lingered well into May. Cedar waxwings are simply abundant. Both loggerhead and northern shrikes put in appearances in the northern counties. Vireos received mixed reviews but a Bell's nesting in Franklin Co. was outstanding.

Eastern Bluebird

3/2 Lorain Co., 3/9 S. Bass Is. (9), 5/12 Cedar Pt NWR (9).

Veery

Early: 4/22 Magee Marsh SWA, 4/27 Mohican SF. High: 5/21 Greenlawn Cem. (25).

Gray-cheeked Thrush

Only inland reports were 5/8, 5/23 Firestone MP (ECP) and 4/28 Greenlawn Cem. (KA).

Swainson's Thrush

Movements: 5/11 Navarre Marsh (30+), 5/21 Greenlawn Cem. (60).

Hermit Thrush

Early: 3/19 Greenlawn Cem. High: 4/14 Cedar Pt NWR (22) (JKo).

Varied Thrush (D)

3/1-15 Ottawa Co. (first reported in winter 1984 issue). (MS).

Northern Mockingbird

Doing fairly well in south and central counties. Northern reports: 3/1 Erie Co. (AT), 5/7 Richland Co. (JVH), 5/12 Cleveland (TL).

Brown Thrasher

Numbers down expecially in the northwest and Hamilton Co. (AW). Reports from Medina and Wayne Co. are good.

Water Pipit

Widespread with numerous reports. 3/16,4/9 Funk, 3/16 Lorain Co.(300+), 3/24 Maumee Bay SP (50).

Northern Shrike (D: central and southern)

3/2-4 Carlisle MP (AT,JP).

Loggerhead Shrike (D: northern)

3/3,3/19,4/4 ONWR (TB,MS,AT), 5/29 Wood Co. (singing male) (TB).

White-eyed Vireo

Arrivals: 4/18 Stage's Pond, 4/20 Spring Valley SWA, 4/23 Magee.

Bell's Vireo (D)

4/23 Magee Marsh SWA (*JP), 5/9-31 Franklin Co. (Nest and 4 eggs) (*R.Counts), 5/13 Blendon Woods (Franklin Co.) (*J.Fry), 5/24 Resthaven (Erie Co.) (*JP).

Solitary Vireo

Early: 4/14 Firestone MP (2) (BO), 4/20 Mohican SF (JVH), 4/24 Sheldon's Marsh (AT). High: 5/5 Greenlawn Cem. (12) (KA).

Yellow-throated Vireo

Early: 4/19 Greenlawn Cem., 4/20 Spring Valley SWA. High: 4/28 Shawnee SF (Adams-Scioto Co.) (28). None found in Hamilton Co.

Warbling Vireo

Early: 4/23 Magee Marsh SWA, Greenlawn Cem.

Philadelphia Vireo

5/8 Erie Co. (AT), 5/11-31 Magee area (MS), 5/21 Greenlawn Cem. (3) (KA). High: 5/17 Crane Creek SP (8) (RCO).

Warblers: The Lake Erie "hot spots" reported no wave days and no peaks were noted. One observer lamented that one could only find 20-30 species of warbler on a single day at Crane Creek SP (He should have to live in Medina County). Golden-winged, Tennessee, magnolia, palm, bay-breasted, blackpoll, American redstart, prothonotary, Connecticut, mourning, hooded, Wilson's, and Canada warblers were on or above average levels. Cerulean and Cape May warblers were thought to be exceptionally low. Thirty-seven species and one hybrid were reported.

Blue-winged Warbler

Early: 4/21 Englewood Reserve (Montgomery Co.). High: 4/28 Shawnee SF (46).

"Brewster's" Warbler

4/21-5/15 Aullwood Center (Montgomery Co.) (CM), 5/6 Firestone MP (ECP), 5/31 Lorain Co.(JP).

Golden-winged Warbler

Reported from eight areas. Early: 4/23 Greenlawn Cem., Anderson Farm (Lucas Co.). 5/10 Scioto Trail SF (Ross Co.), 5/11 Shawnee SF, 5/12 Cedar Pt NWR, 5/13 Magee Marsh SWA, Holmes Co., Edgewater Park.

Orange-crowned Warbler

Only four reports. 4/20 Greenlawn Cem., 4/23, 5/10 Magee Marsh SWA, 5/23 Firestone MP.

Nashville Warbler

Early: 4/19 Anderson Farm, Greenlawn Cem. Inland high: 5/3 Niles (6) (CB).

Northern Parula

Early: 4/18 Scioto SF. High: 4/28 Clearcreek (20+). 4/30 Mohican SF, 5/7 Magee Marsh SWA (3).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

4/17 Magee Marsh SWA, 5/8 Niles (8), 5/16 Reno Beach (20).

Magnolia Warbler

Excellent throughout.

Cape May Warbler

High: 5/16 Magee Marsh SWA only 18.

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Fair numbers indicated with high of 14 at Reno Beach 5/16.

Black-throated Green Warbler

Early: 4/13 Greenlawn Cem., 4/14 Cedar Pt NWR, 4/20 Mohican SF.

Blackburnian Warbler

Reported to be up in the western basin only.

Yellow-throated Warbler

4/13 Tar Hollow (12), 4/16 Magee Marsh SWA, 4/20 Spring Valley SWA, Mohican SF, 4/27 Lorain Co.

Pine Warbler

Few reports. Early: 3/27 Magee Marsh SWA. North: pair on territory at Lake Rockwell (LR).

Prairie Warbler

4/28 Adams Co. (6), 5/11 Holmes Co., 5/12 Greenlawn Cem. A possible nesting at Oak Openings (MA).

Bay-breasted Warbler

Early: 4/25 Greenlawn Cem. Highs: 5/12 Lucas Co. (23), 5/21 Greenlawn Cem. (70) (KA).

Blackpoll Warbler

Numbers were good with a very early date of 4/24 at Greenlawn Cem.

Cerulean Warbler

Only report from Magee was 4/28 (MS). Common nester in habitat.

Black and White Warbler

Early: 4/8 The Woodlot (Ottawa Co.) (JP), 4/14 Cedar Pt NWR (JKo).

American Redstart

Highs: 4/28 Adams Co., (34), 5/13 Kelley's Is. (Erie Co.) (40).

Prothonotary Warbler

This species is doing well in ONWR area. 4/20 Spring Valley SWA (CM), 5/10 Mosquito Creek SWA (6) (CB).

Worm-eating Warbler

Few reported away from southern breeding areas. 4/15, 4/23 Magee Marsh SWA, 4/21 Dayton, 4/28 Sugarcreek Reserve (Greene Co.), 5/4 Mohican SF.

Swainson's Warbler (D)

4/27-28 Greenlawn Cem. (photographed and observed by many). To OCRC. See photo and article in this issue.

Ovenbird

Low numbers in the east but good elsewhere.

Northern Waterthrush

4/22-5/27 Magee Marsh SWA, 4/25 Greenlawn, 5/12 Cedar Pt NWR (4), 5/14 Niles.

Louisiana Waterthrush

Arrivals: 4/3 Mohican SF, 4/5 Akron, 4/8 The Woodlot, 4/13 Tar

Hollow, 4/21 Sugarcreek Res.

Kentucky Warbler

Average numbers in north with outstanding nesting populations in Pike and Adams Co.

Connecticut Warbler (D: fall only)

Good movement for this usually tough-to-find species. 5/15 (3), 5/27 (5) Magee Marsh SWA, 5/17 Dayton, 5/22 Franklin Co., 5/27 Portage Co., 5/28 Niles.

Mourning Warbler

Good numbers reported with a high of 15 at Crane Creek SP and 4 inland at Firestone MP.

Hooded Warbler

Early: 4/20 Spring Valley SWA.

Wilson's Warbler

Highs: 5/16 Reno Beach (28) (KA), 5/17 Magee Marsh SWA (30) (RCo).

Canada Warbler

Local highs: 5/17 Crane Creek SP (30), 5/21 Niles (8).

Yellow-breasted Chat

Widespread reports of individuals at their normal nesting locales. A high migrant total was at Navarre Marsh 5/11 when 8 were tallied.

Tanager - Snow Bunting: Pogacnik reported that summer tanagers were numerous in the Magee Marsh area while scarlets were barely reported! Grosbeaks were in fair numbers with an exceptionally early bird in Oxford. Indigo buntings moved in large numbers after the tenth of May while winter sparrows departed earlier than normal. Reports indicated that sparrow movement was of little consequence with only fox and vesper sparrows receiving good remarks. The only sharp-tailed sparrow report was from Big Island SWA while two reports of clay-colored sparrows were well documented.

Summer Tanager

4/28, 5/11 Adams Co.(up to 14) (RCo,KA), 5/5 Crane Creek SP(ECP). These were the only specific reports. Numerous and better than average in most areas in Hamilton Co. (Worth Randle).

Scarlet Tanager

Early: 4/23 Greenlawn Cem. High: Scioto Co. (32).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Exceptional: 3/17 Oxford (Butler Co.) (*male fide J.Ingold).

Arrival: 4/21 Englewood Res.(P.Flynn), 4/22 Magee Marsh SWA, 4/25 Mohican SF. Rare in most areas in Hamilton Co. (WR).

Blue Grosbeak (D: central and northern)

5/19 Magee Marsh SWA (*JP). To OCRC.

Dickcissel

Only report: 5/25-31 Maumee Bay SP (ET).

Rufous-sided Towhee

Widespread and in good numbers.

American Tree Sparrow

Late: 5/1 Magee Marsh SWA (JP).

Clay-colored Sparrow (D)

Dave Corbin found and Jerry Talkington banded an individual in Cleveland 5/10-11. 5/16 Ottawa Co. (*J.Pogacnik). To OCRC.

Vesper Sparrow

Excellent reports from central and northern sectors starting in early April and remaining as nesters.

Lark Sparrow

The only report is from the traditional Oak Openings area 5/19 (TK).

Grasshopper Sparrow

4/27 Holmes Co. (DK0), 5/6-25 Maumee Bay SP (10) (RCo,KA), 5/31 Summit Co. (ECP).

Henslow's Sparrow

Five reports away from southeastern nesting areas. 4/12 Maumee Bay SP, 4/19 Holmes Co., 5/10 Germantown Res., 5/17 Magee Marsh SWA, 5/19 Navarre Marsh.

Fox Sparrow

Highs: 4/6 Firestone MP (25), 4/7 ONWR (75), 4/12 Greenlawn (32).

Lincoln's Sparrow

Few were reported but does that mean that they are low?

Swamp Sparrow

No movement indicated.

White-throated Sparrow

High: 4/24 Greenlawn Cem. (400) (KA). Late: 5/26 Magee Marsh.

White-crowned Sparrow

Scarce in the east but a high of 350 in Ottawa Co. was reported (KA).

Dark-eyed Junco

Present at Magee through 5/2 with a high of (400) (KA) 4/6.

Lapland Longspur

3/4 ONWR (75) (MS), 3/24 Maumee Bay SP (75) (TK), 4/13 Magee (8).

Smith's Longspur (D)

3/24 Charlie's Pond (*KA). To OCRC.

Snow Bunting

3/4 ONWR (150) (MS). Present at Magee until 4/14 (JP,MS).

Bobolink - Evening Grosbeak: Bobolink reports were widespread and numerous. Eastern Meadowlarks evidenced an excellent passage. Western meadowlarks were found away from their usual northwestern locations. Blackbirds were average and only one undocumented Brewer's reached this desk. Orioles were thought to be good and a few winter finches were located in several areas.

Bobolink

Early: 4/30 Richland Co. Highs: 5/10 Mosquito Creek SWA (46), 5/12 Cedar Pt NWR (47).

Western Meadowlark

4/7 Killdeer Plains SWA, 5/13 Magee Marsh SWA. Up to 5 were reported from Maumee Bay SP where they are annual now.

Yellow-headed Blackbird (D: away from Lake Erie)

3/28 Ottawa Co. (2), 4/22-23 ONWR, 5/13-19 Sand Beach (female).

Rusty Blackbird

Excellent numbers were reported from ONWR area until the middle of May. 3/17 Spring Valley SWA (100+).

Great-tailed Grackle (D)

5/5,5/6,5/11,5/16 Ottawa Co. (*JK.Alexander, *J.Pogacnik, *T.Bartlett, *J.Fry). To OCRC. See photo in this issue.

Orchard Oriole

4/28 Scioto Co. (8), Adams Co. (10), 5/11 Magee Marsh SWA, 5/12 Cedar Pt. NWR, 5/20 Lorain, 5/26 Holden Arboretum (Geauga-Lake Co.).

Northern Oriole

High: 5/5 Greenlawn (65) (KA).

"Bullock's" Oriole (D)

5/21 Magee Marsh SWA (*J.Pogacnik). To OCRC.

Purple Finch

Low numbers were scattered about the state throughout the period.

Red Crossbill

4/21 Hinckley Lake (male) (ECP), 4/27 Anderson Farm (4) (MA).

White-winged Crossbill

4/16 ONWR (3) (JP).

Common Redpoll

4/5 Magee Marsh SWA (JP).

Pine Siskin

Scattered reports indicated some movement. 3/9 S.Bass Is.(2), 4/16 Magee Marsh SWA, 4/20 Mohican SF, 4/27 Greenlawn Cem., 5/5 Anderson Farm, 5/26 Richland Co. (late) (JVH). One pair nesting at Springgrove Cemetary (Hamilton Co.) (Irvin Rapien).

Evening Grosbeak

One report. 4/24 Greenlawn Cem. (KA).

Editor

Thanks to Larry Rosche for such a thorough and timely seasonal report. I'm sure you must realize the time burden of such a tedious and often frustrating job but Larry does it and with a dash of humor!

The compiling committee of Greater Akron Audubon Society members again functioned well, reducing the time lag between the season end and publication. Thanks.

Forty-two reports were received state-wide. Cleveland, Toledo,

Youngstown, Columbus and Wayne, Ross, Trumbull, Portage, Summit, Pickaway, Knox and Hocking counties are a tremendous help in presenting a state-wide migration picture. We still need coverage in the areas of Ashtabula, Conneaut, Steubenville, Martins Ferry, New Philadelphia, Cambridge, Portsmouth, Athens, Lima, Findlay, Marion, Defiance and Bryan, Ohio. Generally, the perimeters of Ohio.

Two hundred eighty-one species and two hybrids were reported to the magazine. Many were rare and unusual. We published the reports for two hundred and twenty-four of these species and the two hybrids, leaving out only the common species that had no notable activity to comply with our page requirements. Most were well documented but some were not documented. Documentation does add reliability to a record when the observer is unknown to the reader as we will all be eventually. This is important historically as you know if you researched past sight records. We provide the forms and note with the report an asterisk if we have a written documentation on file. On the documentation form we have included the species' names of those birds that The Ohio Cardinal Records Committee suggests be documented. In the report, we designate with the symbol (D), after the name of the species of these birds.

In the preceding 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 in which the location resides is identified for each location only at the first instance that the location is mentioned. A cross-reference chart showing each location mentioned and its county appears at the end of the reports.

The Ohio Records Committee has decided not to review all of the documentations submitted to the Ohio Cardinal as it did in the past. They wish our editorial staff to determine the sufficiency of all documentations except for first state records and "sightings of accidental birds that have not established patterns of vagrancy within the state."

However, I feel that our staff cannot devote the time to such reviews without delaying publication (there are 50 documentations in this issue alone) and it does not seem fair to the observer or the reviewer to place the decision to accept or reject a record in the hands of one or two people.

Thus, I again formed a new committee named The Ohio Cardinal Records Committee which will review all the documentations submitted to The Ohio Cardinal. I asked all four of the present members of the Ohio Records Committee to serve on this committee also, if they felt they had time. Dr. Elliot Tramer will be the only member that has agreed to serve on both committees. My thanks to Jean Hoffman, Ray Hannikman and Bruce Peterjohn for the many hours they have applied their expertise in aiding our magazine to publish accurate observations in the past. We will miss their efforts but continue to receive their support and bird report contributions and of course continue to benefit by their service on the Ohio Records Committee.

The new committee should be formed and in action soon. It's our

goal to have the documentations reviewed and reported in the same issue for which they were submitted.

Again thanks to the reporters who so unselfishly share with all of us their observations and thereby make this magazine possible. The names of those reporters with multiple observations appear at the end of this report while those with individual contributions appear in the body of the report.

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Location Cross-Reference

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Akron	Summit	East Harbor SP	Erie
Anderson Farm	Lucas	Edgewater Park	Cuyahoga
Aullwood Nature Center	Montgomery	Englewood Reserve	
Barberton (PPG settling pond)	Summit	(Dayton-Montgomery Park District)	Montgomery
Barneby Center	Hocking	Firestone Metro Park	Summit
Bayshore (power plant)	Lucas	Funk	Wayne
Beavercreek Reservoir	Seneca	Germantown Reserve	Montgomery
Big Island State SWA	Marion	Gordon Park	Cuyahoga
Blendon Woods MP	Franklin	Great Miami River	Hamilton
Brecksville	Cuyahoga	Greenlawn Cemetary	Franklin
C. J. Brown Reservoir	Clark	Hinckley Lake	Medina
Burke Airport	Cuyahoga	Holden Arboretum	Lake
Caesar's Creek	Montgomery	Irwin Prairie SNP	Lucas
Catawba Island	Ottawa	Jericho Farms	Knox
Cedar Point NWR	Lucas	Killdeer Plains	Wyandot
Charlie's Pond	Pickaway	Lake Rockwell	Portage
Chillicothe	Ross	Little Portage State WA	Ottawa
Clearcreek	Fairfield	Lorain	Lorain
Columbus	Franklin	Magee Marsh State WA	Ottawa
Crane Creek SP	Ottawa	Maumee Bay SP	Lucas
Cuyahoga Valley NRA	Summit-Cuyahoga	Meldahl Dam	Hamilton

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Mentor Marsh SNP	Lake	Scioto Trail SF	Ross
Metzger Marsh	Lucas	Shawnee SF	Adams-Scioto
Mohican SF	Ashland	Sheldon's Marsh	Erie
Mosquito Creek Reservoir	Trumbull	South Bass Island	Erie
Navarre Marsh	Ottawa	Spencer State WA	Medina
Niles	Mahoning	Spring Valley WA	Greene
Oak Openings MP		Stages Pond SNP	Pickaway
(Toledo MP)	Lucas	Sugarcreek Reserve	
Ottawa National Wildlife		(Dayton-Montgomery Co.	
Refuge (ONWR)	Ottawa-Lucas	Parks)	Greene
Oregon	Lucas	Tar Hollow SP	Ross
Oxbow area	Hamilton	Tipp City	Miami
Perkins Beach	Cuyahoga	Toussaint WA	Ottawa
Pippin Lake	Portage	Winton Woods County Park	Hamilton
Reno Beach	Lucas	The Woodlot	Ottawa
Sand Beach	Ottawa		



Mississippi kite near Cedar Point Road entrance to the Cedar Point division of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge on May 11, 1985 photographed by Larry Rosche.