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Appalachian Region

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It was quite a winter! Both the weather and the birding were of history-making proportions. Despite the horrendous weather, or maybe because of it, the birding was good, with many notable records—including three state firsts, and numerous local first or second records.

December was mild but wetter than normal, with some snow in the north. At Pittsburgh January was 151 degree days below normal. Sub-zero temperatures were reported throughout the Region, with an unofficial low of -38° F in Elk County, Pennsylvania. There were two major snowstorms with accumulations of 12 inches in the lowlands and much more in the mountains, as well as several lighter snowfalls. February was slightly colder than normal, with several light to moderate snowfalls. Total snow accumulation amounted to as much as 91 inches, and in the north the ground was snow-covered from just before Christmas to the end of the period. Some areas were hit with ice storms which caused much tree damage, and which was probably harder on the birds than the low temperatures and heavy snows. At the end of February there was still no sign of moderating weather.

The "northern finch" flight anticipated in November did indeed take place, and several other northern species had appeared in numbers by late December. The invasion was highlighted by an unprecedented flight of Common Redpolls. With the advent of the cold weather and the deep freeze in the north, higher-than-normal numbers of waterfowl began to appear in what open water did exist. In February Red-necked Grebes arrived in record-making numbers.

Populations of many resident birds were good, and many migrants remained in the Region dur-

ing the mild December so that most Christmas Bird Counts reported record numbers of many species. Robins, several sparrows, and other open-country species were especially common. As the season progressed and the weather deteriorated, the numbers of some species declined. This was particularly evident for the vulnerable Carolina Wren, and also possibly the Golden-crowned Kinglet. Although there were a few reports of proven mortality, it appears that survival was good. Indeed a number of spring migrants arrived to the snow-covered habitats in the last week of February, even though winter weather still held sway.

Abbreviations: B.E.S.P. (*Bald Eagle State Park, Centre Co., PA*); Ch.N.F. (*Chattahoochee Natl. Forest, GA*); G.B.W.M.A. (*Green Bottom W.M.A., Cabell Co., WV, formerly known as Glenwood Swamp*); M.C.F.H. (*Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, Rowan County, KY*); P.I.S.P. (*Presque Isle State Park, Erie Co., PA*); P.N.R. (*Powdermill Nature Reserve, Westmoreland Co., PA*); R.C.B.L. (*Robert C. Byrd Locks, Ohio River, Mason County, WV, formerly known as Gallopis Locks*).

Loons to Waterfowl

Single Red-throated Loons were reported from P.I.S.P., Dec. 4 (JM), L. Arthur, PA Dec. 18 (GW), and Mapleton, PA Feb. 12-19 (m.obs.). An amazing 1077 Com. Loons in 80 minutes were seen flying W along the L. Erie shore at P.I.S.P., Dec. 11.



Some loose flocks numbered ≤ 120 birds (JM). Otherwise only a few single loons were reported from 4 locations. Horned Grebes were more widely reported than usual with an unusually high count of 127 at Cherokee, L., TN Feb. 4 (RK). A lone Red-necked Grebe was at Boone L., TN Jan. 23 and Feb. 6 (RK), but an unprecedented influx of this species began about Feb. 10 and lasted to the end of the period. Red-necked Grebes were reported in small numbers from almost every location with open water as far south as Fairview, NC (RY) and Elizabethton, TN (WC, LMc). At Erie, PA at least five emaciated birds were taken to rehabilitators (RSw), and similar fallouts occurred elsewhere.

Early winter records of Double-crested Cormorants came from Belmont, WV Dec. 1 (EA), Pymatuning L., PA Dec. 4 (RFL), and Allegheny, PA Jan. 1 (PH); six–twelve wintered near Kingsport, TN (WC).

A few Great Blue Herons were reported on CBCs in late December. About 15 wintered at M.C.F.H. (FB), and ≤ 25 wintered at Newville, PA (DHe). Great Blues started nest building on an Ohio R. island in *Pleasants*, WV in late February (JE), but none had arrived at the still icebound colonies in *Mercer*, PA by the end of the period (EB). A Green Heron at M.C.F.H. Dec. 20 was the latest date on record (FB). From two–five Black-crowned Night-Herons wintered at Kingsport, TN (WC).

The waterfowl picture was brighter than in recent years, possibly an artifact of the extensive freezeup to the north and the concentrating effect of the limited open water in the Region. An exceptional total of 19 species were listed at L. Arthur, PA Dec. 18 (PH). Diving ducks were unusually common; there were many reports of Redheads and Canvasbacks. Of the dabbling ducks, N. Pintails and N. Shovelers were in above-normal numbers. Mallard CBC counts of 2680 at Pittsburgh (PH) and 5000 at Linesville, PA (RFL) were good. At L. Erie the open water was too deep for dabblers to feed and they were reduced to stealing from divers and gulls (JM).

Late migrant Tundra Swans were reported from several places in December and early January, topped by 91 at State College, PA Dec. 5 (HH) and 44 at High Point L., PA Dec. 12 (AM). There were no reports of northbound swans by the end of the period. Mute Swans were reported from Linesville, PA (RFL), P.I.S.P. (JM), Williamstown, WV (LW), near Prickett's Fort S.P., WV (MSt), and the Ohio R. in *Cabell* and *Pleasants*, WV (WA). A Greater White-fronted Goose was at R.C.B.L., Jan. 22 (WA, MG). Snow Geese were found at Pymatuning L., PA Dec. 19 (RFL) and Feb. 20 (AM);

G.B.W.M.A., Feb. 15 (WA); Lakin, WV Feb. 19 (WA); *Washington*, TN Dec. 18 (RK), and *Murray*, GA Dec. 31 (HD). At Pymatuning L., Canada Goose numbers peaked at 16,360 on the CBC Dec. 19, but dropped to about 6000 when the weather turned bad (RFL).

The rarely reported Greater Scaup was found on the Allegheny R. at Harmarville, PA Feb. 5 (JV), on the Ohio R. at Belmont, WV Feb. 13 & 19 (EA, JE), 2 locations in *Augusta*, VA Feb. 17 & 21 (YL) and near Hinton, WV in January and February (JP). The only Black Scoter reports were from P.I.S.P.: one each Dec. 5–11 (JM) and Jan. 13 (DS). White-winged Scoters, usually the most common in the Region, were found only at P.I.S.P., Dec. 12–Jan. 1 (JM); G.B.W.M.A., Feb. 18–Mar. 3 (WA); Kyger Creek Power plant, OH Feb. 26 (WA); and Cherokee L., TN Feb. 4 (RK). There were more than usual reports of Surf Scoters: Rocky Gap S.P., MD Dec. 5 (MT); Parkersburg, WV Dec. 18 (JE); Gauley Bridge, WV Feb. 20 (WA); and 4 sites in e. Tennessee: Tellico L., Dec. 12 (RD); Wilbur L., Dec. 17–19 (RK); Cherokee L., Feb. 4; and Chickamauga L., Jan. 1–15 (JPa). Hooded Mergansers continued to be in unusually high numbers

Raptors to Gulls

A Turkey Vulture at Boaz, WV Jan. 8 (KC) was unusual; spring arrival of vultures was generally in the 3rd week of February. Bald Eagles were in above-average numbers in e. Tennessee (RK) and there were numerous sightings in *Warren*, PA (WH) and at M.C.F.H. (FB). Other reports came from Pymatuning L., PA (RFL); Mosquito L., OH (DH); *Pleasants* and *Wood*, WV (JE); *Cabell* and *Mason*, WV (WA); and *Highland*, VA (RS). Northern Harriers wintered in *Rockingham*, VA (MGS, YL) and in *Wise*, VA (RP). One was also sighted in *Warren*, PA Jan 6–7 (RL). Sharp-shinned Hawks were reported more commonly than in most winters, topped by a "most ever" 13 on the Pittsburgh CBC (PH). Northern Goshawks were sighted at 6 locations in w. Pennsylvania and one notably s. to Stuart's Draft, VA Feb. 4 (JH) and Ch.N.F., Dec. 19 (JPa). Red-shouldered Hawks seldom winter in the Region, so records from *Elk*, PA Jan 19 (*vide* LC), *Warren*, PA Feb. 19 (DW), *Wood*, WV Jan 10 and Feb. 27 (JE), and Front Royal, VA Jan. 20 (RA) were noteworthy. A record-setting 56 Red-tailed Hawks were found on the Jefferson, PA CBC (RB), and a dark-morph Red-tailed was seen near Tofrees, PA Jan. 11 & 12 (WL). Rough-legged Hawks were found as far south as Roanoke, VA Dec. 31 (MD, HW) and *Augusta*, VA Feb. 16 (YL). They



An immature gray-morph Gyrfalcon at the edge of Presque Isle Bay, Erie County, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1994. Photograph/Jerry McWilliams.

were unusually numerous in the north, with a report of 11 on one recovered-surface mine, and 24 in one day in *Clarion*, PA (WF). Golden Eagles were reported from the usual wintering area in *Highland*, VA (RS, MGS) and, more noteworthy, at Dan's Rock, MD Feb. 5 (RKi) and Ch.N.F., Dec. 19 (JPa *et al.*).

Single Merlins were reported from P.I.S.P., Dec. 5 (JHo) and *Washington*, TN Dec. 30 (BC). The only Peregrine sightings came from n.e. Tennessee: Johnson City, Jan. 1 (JN) and *Carter* Jan 7 (GWA). A Gyrfalcon was seen at P.I.S.P., Jan. 1 (†, J&LM) and a different bird was recorded in Erie Bay front Jan. 2 (JM).

The Wild Turkey continues to increase, but winter mortality was reported in the Ligonier, PA area (*vide* RCL) and at Front Royal, VA (RA). There were December records in 3 cattail marshes in *Sullivan*, TN (RK, WC) and one was seen in *Hawkins*, TN Jan. 27 (RK). The only Sandhill Cranes were reported from the Dalton, GA area, where the southbound birds were seen as late as Dec. 28 and northbound flocks were present from Feb. 12+ (HD).

Despite the snow cover, the first Killdeer arrived about Feb. 19—even in the north at Pymatuning L., PA (RFL) and *Trumbull*, OH (DH). Winter records for Com. Snipe were reported from *Builer*, PA (GR), *Westmoreland*, PA (DK), Markleton, PA (AM), Cumberland, MD (MT), and Fishersville, VA. (RS). American Woodcock were present all winter in *Shenandoah*, VA (DDv) and early migrants were at P.N.R., Feb. 19 (RLu) and Fairview, NC Feb. 27 (RY).

A jaeger (sp.) was seen at P.I.S.P., Dec. 11 (JM). The observer felt the circumstances precluded any more specific identification than one of the 2 larger species. The freeze in the north was undoubtedly responsible for the unusual concentrations of gulls in the south: 2700 Ring-billed Gulls and an above-average 50 Herring Gulls at Cherokee L., TN, 2300 Ring-bills at Douglas L., TN (RK), and 200 Ringbills at M.C.F.H. (FB). The customary rare gull report from P.I.S.P. included: Little Gull, Dec. 5 (JM), Thayer's

Gull, Dec. 26–Jan. 1 & Feb. 18 (JM), Iceland Gull, Dec. 31 (JM), Jan. 29 (EK), Feb. 18–28 (JM, WS), Lesser Black-backed Gull, Dec. 12 (JM) and Feb. 28 (WS), and a total of 12 Glaucous Gulls Dec. 26–Feb. 26 (JM). More unusual were the rare gull reports elsewhere. Tennessee's first **Little Gull** was seen at Chickamauga L., Jan. 20–Feb. 12 (m.obs.) and a Great Black-backed Gull was present at the same place Jan. 3–Feb. 13 (JPa). Great Black-backed were also reported from Douglas L., TN Feb. 8 (RK) and the Allegheny R. at Harmarville, PA Jan. 28, a 3rd county record (JV, PB). A probable Lesser Black-backed Gull was seen on the Mosquito, OH CBC Dec. 19 (*fide* CB). A probable Herring X Glaucous hybrid was at P.I.S.P., Jan. 1 (JM).

Doves to Wrens

Mourning Doves suffered some mortality during the coldest weather. In *Marion*, WV a high January count of 55 had been reduced by 75% at the end of the period (AW). Only two Barn Owls were reported: Newville, PA CBC (DHe) and Bristol, TN (WC). **Snowy Owls** were reported from Erie, PA early December (Erie TV News); P.I.S.P., Jan. 2 (JM);



Fittingly, in this icy winter, several Snowy Owls reached western Pennsylvania. This one was in Cumberland County February 16, 1994. Photograph/Don Henise.

Crawford, PA Dec. 9–12 (AT); and *Cumberland*, PA Feb. 16 (DHe). Long-eared Owls were unusually common, with reports from P.I.S.P., Jan. 13 (DS) and Feb. 26 (DD); *Crawford*, PA Feb. 10 (RFL); Moraine S.P., PA Dec. 5 (DD); 3 locations in *Cumberland*, PA Jan. 2 (DHe); and Morgantown, WV Jan. 6 (BB). At least six Short-eared Owls returned to the *Clarion*, PA surface mines (WF). Other reports came from Butler, PA Dec. 18 (GW), *Cumberland*, PA all season (DHe), and *Rockingham*, VA (YL, MGS). Reports of N. Saw-whet Owl came from Colyer L., PA (CY), B.E.S.P. (JPe), Knox, PA (WF), Moraine S.P., PA (DD), and P.I.S.P. (DD).

A Ruby-throated Hummingbird came to a Caldwell, OH feeder until Dec. 25 (*fide* JE). The **Rufous Hummingbird** in *Murray*, GA in the fall remained until Dec. 19 and was banded during this period. Two exotic

hummingbirds appeared in Chattanooga, TN in late October. One identified as a **Rufous Hummingbird** was last seen Jan. 18. The other was caught, banded, and identified as an **Allen's Hummingbird** Dec. 27 (first Tennessee record). It remained until Jan. 4 and was later caught in Cartersville, GA, providing a 2nd state record (JPa).

A Red-headed Woodpecker on the Wise, VA CBC was the first local winter record (RP). Other reports came from *Wood*, WV (KC, GSh), 2 locations in *Allegheny*, MD (MT, RKi), and 2 sites in *Augusta*, VA (SR, RS). Good numbers of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers started to winter at P.N.R. but suffered heavy losses from the cold weather (RCL). Eastern Phoebe wintered in good numbers in e. Tennessee (RK) and four were found on an *Augusta*, VA CBC (RS). Spring migrants had arrived at several places in late February. Several large concentrations of Horned Larks (flocks of ≤ 1000) were reported from Virginia's Shenandoah Valley (RS, MGS). A Barn Swallow near Cumberland, MD Dec. 17 was notably late (MT).

The Com. Raven continues to do well; there were numerous reports at low elevations at P.N.R. (RCL), *Monongalia*, WV (SS), and *Marion*, WV (AW). After the heavy fall movement, Red-breasted Nut-hatches continued numerous and widespread, and several locales made record CBC counts.

The final word on the effect of the cold, snowy weather on Carolina Wren populations in the north was not yet known. Many Carolinas obviously perished, since reports of the disappearance of the species through the winter came from several areas. There were also reports of survival. However, much of the n. part of the Region was visited by an ice/snow storm in early March and this may have caused additional mortality. There were single House Wrens in *Sullivan* and *Washington*, TN in December (RK), and a Sedge Wren in *Washington* Dec. 7 was the first local winter record (RK)

Kinglets to Icterids

Ruby-crowned Kinglets were present all winter in *Shenandoah*, VA (DDv). At Pittsburgh Golden-crowned Kinglets disappeared after extremely low January temperatures. A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was a noteworthy addition to the Pipestem, WV CBC list (JP). Eastern Bluebirds were present through the winter at several places. The thrush of the season was a **Townsend's Solitaire** at Moraine S.P., PA Dec. 18 (†, GW), the 4th Pennsylvania record. Hermit Thrushes were found in *Marion*, WV Dec. 11 (AW); *Trumbull*, OH Dec. 12 & 24 (CB); P.I.S.P., Jan. 1 (BW), and a remarkable 20 on the Waynesboro, VA CBC (RS). American Robins were in unusually high

numbers at most places, and were present throughout the season even in the north. Northbound migrants showed up in the last week of February.

There were only 2 reports of Gray Catbird: P.I.S.P., Dec. 31–Jan. 1 (BW) and *Centre*, PA Dec. 19 (GM). One Brown Thrasher report was from Morehead, KY Dec. 25–Feb. 16 (FB). Northern Mockingbirds were as far n. as *Erie*, PA at least to Jan. 20 (SD), and were present to the end of the period at other w. Pennsylvania locations. As usual, Cedar Waxwings were absent at some places and present in unusually high numbers at others, e.g. >300 at P.N.R. (RCL). With the Cedars were single Bohemian Waxwings at *Erie*, PA Jan. 5 & 6 (MN) and *Pymatuning L.*, PA (JB, GF). Northern Shrikes were found at P.I.S.P., Jan. 15 (JM); *Erie N.W.R.*, PA Jan. 29 (JB, GF); *Akeley*, PA Dec. 6; *Lander*, PA, Dec. 12 (DW); B.E.S.P., Dec. 31 (DB *et al.*); and P.N.R., Feb. 9–28 (RCL *et al.*). The 9 reports of Loggerhead Shrikes in n.e. Tennessee were fewer than last year.

A White-eyed Vireo in *Carter*, TN Dec. 17 (JN) was the 2nd winter record there. A Magnolia Warbler was seen at *Moraine S.P.*, PA Dec. 5 (DD), a Palm Warbler was seen in *Sullivan*, TN Dec. 12 (LMc), and Com. Yellowthroats were found at 2 locations in *Centre*, PA Dec. 18 (DKy) & 19 (TF), and *Washington*, TN Dec. 3 (RK). Pine Warblers gave territorial songs in North Carolina and the Shenandoah Valley, VA in the last few days of February.

It was an unusually good year for most sparrow species. White-crowned, Fox, and especially Am. Tree sparrows were more numerous and widespread than in recent years. Above-average numbers of Savannah Sparrows wintered in n.e. Tennessee (RK) and reports from *Linesville*, PA (RFL) and *Cumberland*, PA (DHe) were noteworthy. More unusual were the 2 December records of Chipping Sparrows in n.e. Tennessee (RK), a Vesper Sparrow at *Jersey Shore*, PA feeder Jan. 30 and Feb. 8 (G&PS), a Swamp Sparrow at a *Marion*, WV feeder Dec. 29 (AW), and a Lincoln's Sparrow at *Roanoke*, VA Dec. 18 (BK, MS, DC). There was some decline in numbers as the season progressed, but most of these birds survived the hard weather. Snow Buntings were reported in good numbers in 7 locations in Pennsylvania and were found as far south as R.C.B.L., Jan. 24 & 25 (MG, WA); *Stuart's Draft*, VA, Feb. 4 & 12 (MH, JH); and *Hump Mt.*, TN Dec. 1 (ES). The buntings were accompanied by Lapland Longspurs at *Stuart's Draft*, *Cumberland*, PA (DHe), *Chambersburg*, PA, (KG), and *Rockwood*, PA (*fide* RCL).

Red-winged Blackbirds remained in *Crawford*, PA as late as Dec. 28 (RSt) and at

Morehead, KY until Dec. 24 (FB). The first northbound migrants appeared Feb. 20–22. Thirty-five E. Meadowlarks were found in *Rockingham*, VA Jan. 31 (MGS). A Yellow-headed Blackbird was listed on the Nickajack L. CBC (JPa). Rusty Blackbirds were at B.E.S.P., Jan 31 (JPe) and in *Marion*, WV Jan. 7 (AW). Brown-headed Cowbirds at Warren, PA Jan. 6 and *Marion*, WV Jan 7 (AW) were unusual (TG), as was a Com. Grackle at Morgantown Jan. 23 (GAH).

Finches

Purple Finches were in low numbers again this winter. It was not a crossbill winter. Five Red Crossbills were seen in Ch.N.F., Dec. 19 (JPa *et al.*); two were at Lineville, PA Dec. 19 (RCL, RFL), and one was seen at Black Moshannon S.P., PA Dec. 24 (HH). A single White-winged Crossbill was at Washington, PA Jan. 18–23 (SG), three were seen near State College, PA Dec. 19 (TF) and a flock of 50 was at Black Moshannon S.P., PA Dec. 24 (HH).

In the fall season the influx of Com. Redpolls had been called “the best in many years.” I now amend that to read “probably the best of which we have record—certainly the best in the lifetime of *American Birds*.” They arrived in mid-November and by the end of January had reached all parts of the Region as far south as Erwin, TN (GSw) and Toccoa, GA (RBU). Flock sizes varied from singles and pairs to 50–60. Along with the Com. Redpolls there were 4 reports of **Hoary Redpolls**. One at Ashton, WV Dec. 21 (ph., WA, SSm), providing a first state record; one at Middletown, VA Jan. 23 & 31 (RSi) and one at Monterey, VA Feb. 27 († EBr), providing first Virginia records, and two at Dan’s Rock, Md Feb. 5–28 (m.ob., *fide* MT). There were 2 unconfirmed reports from *Erie*, PA (JM).

Pine Siskins were in small numbers at scattered locations and were absent from many places. It was the best Evening Grosbeak flight in the past several years, but it was much smaller than the massive flights of a decade or 2 ago. Small flocks were noted at scattered locations as far south as Blairsville, GA (DF).

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Western Great Lakes Region

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This season broke the string of mild winters the Region has enjoyed the past several years. It began rather quietly but became stormy by the commencement of the Christmas Bird Counts. In mid-January temperatures as cold as -40° F were recorded, and all three states received significant snowfall. There was a brief thaw in mid-February, but overall the winter was very cold and the snowfall well above the average of the past three years.

As might be expected under such harsh conditions, birders in all three states reported the season as being rather dull. Nevertheless, Wisconsin was able to add two new state records, a very unexpected Townsend’s Warbler and a less surprising Brambling. Neither Michigan nor Minnesota could match such luck and had to settle for good numbers of lingering species. All three states had few northern owls. Michigan had its best movement of redpolls in 10 years, as well as good numbers of Pine Grosbeaks and Bohemian Waxwings. As in past years, a few early migrants returned in late February. For

