

A technicolor SY male **Painted Bunting** at feeders in a Normandale campground 5–9 Aug (LWh, m.ob.) delighted many. Single Dickcissels were at Port Hope 2 Sep (BW), Point Pelee 11 Sep (MTH, JCW) and 7 Oct (DJW), Cabot Head 6 & 29 Oct (B.P.B.O.), and on the Hamilton lakefront 26 Oct (JL). Blenheim landfill had a Western Meadowlark 4 Aug (KJB). Single Yellow-headed Blackbirds were near Nakina, **Thunder Bay** 8 Sep (AH, BRa), at Port Hope 29 Sep (BW), in the Point Pelee Onion Fields 4 Nov (KAM), and over Burlington 7 Nov (BRH, EWH). There was a Brewer's Blackbird on Wolfe I. 17 Oct (JHE, RDW).

Most winter finches did not appear in large numbers in the s. of the province. There were only two sightings of Red Crossbills in Algonquin P.P. during the period, with only 2 birds on each occasion (*vide* RGT). White-winged Crossbills were regular in small numbers in Algonquin from late Oct (RGT); a single bird at Point Pelee 8 Aug (GTH) was rather an anomaly. A heavy flight of Pine Siskins passed through Kingston in mid-Sep (K.FN.) but did not linger; another wave in early Nov brought at least 250 to feeders in Walsingham, *Norfolk* 2–4 Nov (DSa).

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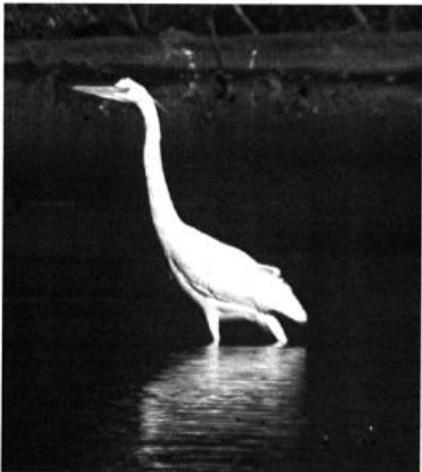
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It was a very wet season Regionwide, as three tropical storms—*Frances*, *Ivan*, and *Jeanne*—were felt in September in all three states. Apart from grounding shorebirds inland in Pennsylvania, however, few storm waifs were found. To birders afield, it was another average migration, with no large fallouts or groundings. Yet at Powdermill, record numbers for 10 species were netted. The latter third of the season saw unseasonably warm temperatures driven ahead of five consecutive systems coming from northern Texas. While mild conditions allow some species to linger, a number of dramatically late records may owe more to this “spring” weather pattern and its southwest-



Godwits are nearly annual in Pennsylvania, but it is rare for a photographer to capture both species on film in a season. A Hudsonian Godwit (upper) in worn breeding plumage, probably a female, was photographed at Presque Isle State Park, Erie County 29 August 2004, and a juvenile Marbled Godwit (lower) at Moraine State Park, Butler County, was photographed 15 September. Photographs by Geoff Malosh.



Providing a fourth or fifth record for the state, this Great White Heron (here 13 November 2004) delighted birders at Pymatuning Lake, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, the site of the state's first record. Photograph by Geoff Malosh.

erly winds than to warm temperatures per se. The season closed with a major oil spill on the Delaware R. near Philadelphia.

Abbreviations: B.S.B.O. (Black Swamp B.O., Ottawa, OH); B.C.S.P. (Buck Creek S.P., Clark, OH); H.M.S. (Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Berks, PA); H.B.S.P. (Headlands Beach S.P., Lake, OH); Hoover (Hoover Res., Delaware/Franklin, OH); K.P.W.A. (Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot, OH); L.O. (L. Ontelaunee, Berks, PA); O.D.N.R. (Ohio Department of Natural Resources); O.N.W.R. (Ot-

tawa N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas, OH); P.V.P. (Peace Valley Park, Bucks, PA); P.N.R. (Powdermill Nature Reserve, Westmoreland, PA); P.I.S.P. (Presque Isle S.P., Erie, PA); S.R.C.F. (Susquehanna R. at the Conejohela Flats, Lancaster, PA); S.G.L. (State Game Lands [PA]); Y.C.S.P. (Yellow Creek S.P., Indiana, PA).

LOONS THROUGH VULTURES

The 195 Common Loons passing H.M.S. 8 Nov (GG) in the e. highlands were dwarfed by an unprecedented flight of 400 birds along the Ohio R. in Cabell, WV 12 Nov (W. Argabrite, HS). Nine Red-throated Loons in Ohio stood in sharp contrast to the heavy passage recorded farther e. at P.I.S.P. (JM). In the e. highlands, 18 passed H.M.S. 1 Oct (GG). Two reached West Virginia: on Cheat L., Monongalia 13 Nov (A. Weaks) and at Shenandale Springs W.M.A., Jefferson 21–26 Nov (MO, m.ob.). A Western Grebe was observed at close range at Blue Marsh L., Berks, PA 11 Nov (JS). One remained at Caesar Creek S.P., Warren, OH 8–25 Nov (FF, B. Lacker, m.ob.). Red-necked Grebes were found across Pennsylvania 1–30 Nov, and 3 were reported in Ohio 6–29 Nov, including one w. to Findlay Res., Hancock (RC). An American White Pelican at Medusa Marsh, Erie, OH 26 Sep–17 Oct (LB, SS, m.ob.) may have summered nearby; the species was elsewhere reported in Logan, OH 21 Oct (T. Shively) and Clermont, OH 7 Nov (S. Pawlowski). An aerial survey by O.D.N.R. estimated 22,000 Double-crested Cormorants in Sandusky Bay 21 Oct. Peak w. flyway numbers from the Ohio interior included 2600 over Seneca 10 Oct (TB) and 1200 in Wyandot 8 Sep (RC). In the e. flyway, the 400 birds seen over The Wilds, Muskingum 21 Nov (NS) were representative, while 2000 birds over Morrow, through cen. Ohio, 1 Nov (A. Troyer) were less expected there. A Great White Heron was present at Pymatuning L., Crawford, PA 7–30 Nov (S. Kinzey, ph. GM, m.ob.), the state's 2nd record in three years. A Snowy Egret wandered w. to P.I.S.P. 4–12 Sep (BCo, JM), while another lingered through 29 Oct in Lorain, OH (T. Fairweather). Up to 4 Little Blue Herons were present at Turtle Creek W.A., Ottawa, OH 19–22 Aug (P. Sherwood), with singles reported from Lake, OH 18 Aug (JP), Preble, OH 13 Aug–2 Oct (D. Russell, T. Uhman), Wayne, OH 21–28 Oct (SS, E. Snively), and Y.C.S.P. 12 Nov (MH et al.), the latter 2 rather late. Reports of Cattle Egrets were led by 8 s. to Chillicothe, Ross, OH 8 Sep (D. Hess). Late Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were unexpected at Big Island W.A., Marion, OH 5 Oct (J. McCormac) and in Cuyahoga, OH 23 Nov (S. Wagner). Single Glossy Ibis were found in Bucks, Clinton, and Lancaster, PA 1 Aug–1 Nov (DF, WL, EW), while Ohio wrestled with the identification of 7 Plegadis from 20 Aug in Ottawa (fide BW

through 20 Nov elsewhere in Ottawa (JP). Other Ohio sightings came from Erie 24–28 Oct (CR, S. Brown), Lorain 13–22 Nov (B. Oberjohn, C. Caldwell, m.ob.), Lucas 7 Nov (R. Johnson), and 2 s. to Licking 20 Oct (D. St. John). Growth of Black Vulture roosts in n.-cen. Ohio continues, with 38 birds in Knox 24 Nov (J. Larson). A 19 Sep flight of 365 Turkey Vultures over Holmes, OH (J. Miller) and 289 in Cabell, WV 25 Oct (HS) would be significant in most years. However, records were shattered in Ohio, with 521 in Athens 13 Oct (BW) and 800 over Lucas 12 Oct (SM), the latter a new state fall record.

WATERFOWL THROUGH CRANES

The peak arrival of Tundra Swans into the Western Basin of L. Erie 9 Nov brought 850+ to the marshes there (O.D.N.R.), but a pronounced movement 23 Nov saw 521 at Putnam Marsh, Erie, OH (VF) and 508 at Two Licks Res., Indiana, PA (L. Carnahan). Farther s., a flight of 450 over Holmes, OH 21 Nov (ES) was part of an unprecedented incursion to the interior highlands. Initially, a remarkable 225 appeared on Cheat L., Monongalia, WV 13 Nov (J. Boback). However, the 371 birds on the Shenandoah R. 24 Nov (MO) was an order of magnitude greater than average high counts for the state. One of these swans was traced back to its original banding in winter 2000–2001 at Alligator River N.W.R., NC. Mute Swans staged in the Sandusky Bay area, where 106 were counted 23 Nov (VF). Snow Geese in the Western Basin 29 Nov numbered 200+ at O.N.W.R. (NB) after an early arrival in Williams, OH 29 Sep (JY). In e. Pennsylvania, 675 at L.O. 13 Nov (RK) made a Regional high count. Three appeared in the vicinity of Winfield Locks, Putnam, WV 20 Nov (K. Kazmierskii). The sole Ross's Goose of the season came 10 Oct in Portage, OH (LR). A good passage of Brant saw 80+ at P.I.S.P. 16 Oct (JM) and 65 passing H.M.S. 31 Oct (DB). The L. Erie flight spilled over into Ohio, with 16 in the Central Basin of L. Erie 23 Oct (PL, LR, m.ob.). Five Greater White-fronted Geese were at Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas, OH 7–29 Nov (TK et al., NB). Inland, 4 appeared 27 Nov at Pickerington Ponds, Franklin, OH (G. Stauffer). The 15 Cackling Geese in Ohio included 4 at Castalia, Erie 21–23 Nov (ph. JP, ph. VF); the species was also noted 19 Oct–14 Nov in Stark, Cuyahoga, Williams, and Clark. In Pennsylvania, 13 at P.V.P. in late Nov (DF) provided a record count for the state. One was s. to Alpine L., Preston, WV 30 Nov (P. E. Lehman). Aerial surveys found 107,000 dabbling ducks using Sandusky Bay, OH in mid-Nov (O.D.N.R.), including 13,500 Green-winged Teal 9 Nov and 6650 Northern Pintails 16 Nov; 70,000 scaup were counted in Maumee Bay the same day. A minor fallout of scoters occurred at P.V.P. 27

SA On the evening of 26 Nov, the Greek oil tanker *Athos* struck an underwater object in the Delaware R., causing a large tear in the single hull that resulted in a spill of approximately 30,000–50,000 gallons of heavy crude oil. The slick eventually covered about 130 km of the river from Philadelphia to below Wilmington, Delaware. This area of the Delaware R. is a prime wintering ground for waterfowl and gulls and is one of the feeding areas for Pennsylvania's only wintering population of Great Cormorants. It is believed that because of the thickness of the crude oil, many birds perished before rescue attempts were organized. Most of the birds affected were Canada Geese and various duck, cormorant, and gull species. These were captured for cleaning by volunteers from local bird clubs and treated at Tri-State Bird Rescue in Newark, Delaware. Tri-State Bird Rescue also reported handling oiled Great Blue Herons, Belted Kingfishers, and a Northern Gannet. As of mid-Jan, approximately 300 birds have been treated, and 37 have been cleaned and returned to the wild at Blackwater N.W.R., MD.

Oct, when 13 Surf and 24 Black were counted (KR). A good L. Erie flight saw up to 11 Surf Scoters w. to Crane Creek S.P., Lucas, OH 14 Nov (SZ, GL), and 12 scattered across the w. interior, led by 7 in Warren, OH 23–24 Nov (LG, FF). In addition to two- to three-dozen L. Erie birds, 4 Black Scoters in Warren, OH 9 Nov (R. Foppe) were notable. Four Ohio White-winged Scoters were reported 6–26 Nov (DO, JP et al.). A King Eider in Lake, OH 13 Nov (JP), where casual, preceded by a day an unidentified female-type eider seen flying past P.I.S.P. (BCo, C. Kern). A female Harlequin Duck was noted at P.I.S.P. 21–29 Nov (ph. BCo, JM et al.). An early Long-tailed Duck was found at P.I.S.P. 6 Aug (A. Troyer). Ten Ohio birds 4–28 Nov were led by a flock of 6 at Deer Creek Res., Pickaway, OH 13 Nov (BW). A high count of 250 Bufflehead was tallied at L. Somerset, Somerset, PA 22 Nov (A. Marich), while the L. Erie Islands hosted 800 in late Nov (TB, L. K-Brohl). Mergansers staged large flights at Pymatuning L., Crawford, PA: top tallies were 2533 Hooded 30 Nov; 733 Common 7 Nov; and 2145 Red-breasted 30 Nov (Ronald F. Leberman). Resting numbers of the latter off Cuyahoga, OH peaked at a modest 40,000 on 27 Nov (LR). Ruddy Ducks numbered 800 at L. Arthur, Butler, PA 14 Nov (J. Solomon) and 1000+ at Wellington Res., Lorain, OH 14 Nov (CR).

A Mississippi Kite passed H.M.S. 29 Sep (†AK, GG). The peak count of Osprey at H.M.S. was 187 on 18 Sep (GG). Late birds were observed in Indiana, PA 28 Nov (D. Darney), Lake, OH 26 Nov (JP), Warren, OH

20 Nov (D. Graham), and Wood, WV 16 Nov (K. Carlsen). Four Ohio Northern Goshawks from 6 Nov+ had one s. to Montgomery, OH 19 Nov (ph. D. Brown). The 8500 Broad-winged Hawks over Irwin Prairie, Lucas, OH 20 Sep (SM) provided a new state fall record. Swainson's Hawks were found at H.M.S. 7 Sep (†AK, SSc) and at Stone Mt. Hawkwatch, Huntington/Mifflin, PA 23 Oct (D. Bryant). A dark-morph Red-tailed Hawk was seen passing H.M.S. 3 Oct (AK, RK et al.). Allegheny Front Hawkwatch, Bedford, PA had a peak count of 24 Golden Eagles 26 Oct (D. Grove); the seasonal total of 5 in Ohio was above average. Very early falcons included a female Merlin in Franklin, OH 17 Aug–13 Sep (AB, ph. DS, m.ob.) and a Peregrine at Big Island W.A., Marion, OH 5 Aug (R. Richards). Remarkably, the Prairie Falcon returned to its wintering grounds at The Wilds, Muskingum, OH 13 Nov+ (H. Nester, A. Parker, m.ob.).

Common Moorhens numbered 26 at New Beaver Marsh, Lawrence, PA Aug–Sep (M. Vass). Extraordinary for recent times, 88 were counted at Killbuck Marsh W.A., Holmes/Wayne, OH 4 Sep (A. Yoder), and a late bird was present at Y.C.S.P. 23–26 Oct (MH, m.ob.). A 2nd Ohio brood of King Rails (a pair with 5 young) was discovered at K.P.W.A. 21 Aug (BW). Away from local nest sites in Lawrence, 11 Sandhill Cranes were scattered across Pennsylvania Aug–Nov. A delayed crane flight along the w. corridor in Ohio saw only 500 by the end of the period, with half that number passing 26–27 Nov (N. Keller et al.).

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH TERNS

American Golden Plovers peaked at 22 at P.I.S.P. 31 Oct (BCo, JM), while 20+ were grounded by Tropical Storm Frances in Centre, PA 9 Sep (R. Stone). Twenty Black-bellied Plovers at Y.C.S.P. 17 Sep were notable inland (MH). Black-necked Stilts appeared in mid-Oct at separate Ohio locations: 11–16 Oct at Pickerington Ponds, Franklin (S. Gamill, RTh, et al.) and 17 Oct at O.N.W.R. (B.S.B.O., m.ob.). American Avocets numbered 14 in Pennsylvania 1 Aug–3 Oct, while 18 in Ohio were led by 10 at Conneaut, Ashtabula 11 Aug (BW). Ohio and Pennsylvania hosted 14 Willets each 11 Aug–17 Sep, with 8 at P.I.S.P. 26 Aug (JM) the maximum. Whimbrels at three Pennsylvania locations included 13 at P.I.S.P. 15 Aug–9 Sep (BCo, JM), 7 at S.R.C.F. 1 Sep (DH), and one inland at South Avis, Clinton 29 Sep (WL). Six were reported in three Ohio counties 11 Aug–18 Sep (BW, GMz, m.ob.). A flock of 68 Hudsonian Godwits at Martin's Creek P.P.L., Northampton 8 Sep (†R. Wiltraut) set a new high count for Pennsylvania. Single birds were found at P.I.S.P. 29 Aug (ph., †BCo, GM) and S.R.C.F. 19 Sep (JH, D. Heathcote). Ohio recorded 9 birds along the shore of L. Erie 21 Aug–7 Nov (BW, TK), with one inland to Berlin Res., Portage 12 Oct (BM). Single Marbled Godwits in Pennsylvania were found at S.R.C.F. 1 Aug (†EW), P.I.S.P. 17 Aug (ph., †BCo), and L. Arthur, Butler (D. Darney, ph. GM). Of 13 Marbled Godwits within the Western Basin of L. Erie 21 Aug–7 Nov, the largest group was of 6 at O.N.W.R. 21 Aug (BW). The Greater Yellowlegs peak came 9 Oct, with 74 birds at O.N.W.R. (B.S.B.O.), while 1110 Lesser Yellowlegs were recorded 31 Jul at O.N.W.R. (B.S.B.O.).

Tropical Storm Frances grounded 7 Ruddy Turnstones inland at Washingtonville, Montour, PA 9 Sep (WL). The 12 Red Knots in Ohio 22 Aug–18 Sep reflect the depleted fortune of the species. Sanderlings showed well in the Central Basin of L. Erie. with 60 at H.B.S.P. (RHn) and 95 at Conneaut, Ashtabula, OH (RR). A healthy concentra-



Once a rare scene, groups such as these (85!) Lesser Black-backed Gulls are now commonplace in ball fields and large lawns in southern Bucks County, Pennsylvania (here at Richboro on 22 October 2004). Photograph by Adrian Binns.



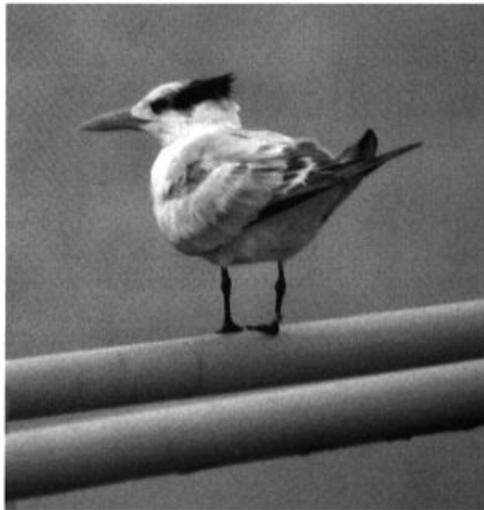
The masses of gulls at a landfill in southern Bucks County, Pennsylvania often attract less-common gulls. Franklin's Gulls, such as this adult at Falls Township Park, west of the landfill 18 October 2004, are possibly present annually among large groups of Laughing Gulls in late October through mid-November. Photograph by Devich Farbotnik.

tion of 1665 Semipalmated Sandpipers was found at O.N.W.R. 12 Aug (B.S.B.O.), while 120 Least Sandpipers there 18 Sep was a high for the date (B.S.B.O.). Nearly 40 Western Sandpipers were well distributed across Ohio 14 Aug–23 Nov (RR, VF), led by 14 at Hoover 27 Oct (C. Bombaci). Tropical Storm *Ivan* grounded 65+ White-rumped Sandpipers at Donegal L., *Westmoreland*, PA 17 Sep (RCL); the seasonal tally of 60 birds in Ohio included a peak of 18 at Berlin Res., *Portage* 21 Oct (BM). Baird's Sandpipers numbered 16 at P.I.S.P. 22 Aug (JM) coincident with 9–11 birds at nearby Conneaut, *Ashtabula*, OH 22–23 Aug (RR). The Ohio flight of 55+ was especially widespread, with records inland to *Franklin*, *Logan*, *Delaware*, and *Warren*. Pectoral Sandpipers peaked at 550+ on 9 Oct at O.N.W.R. (B.S.B.O.). A strong flight of Stilt Sandpipers in the w. was topped by 140 at O.N.W.R. 28 Aug (B.S.B.O.). Tropical Storm *Ivan* grounded 10 Stilt Sandpipers inland at Bald Eagle S.P., *Centre*, PA 17 Sep (J. Mulhmann, J. Yerger). Four Purple Sandpipers put in their annual appearance at H.B.S.P. 28 Nov (GMz). A good flight of Buff-breasted Sandpipers was led by 20 birds at Findlay Res., *Hancock*, OH 24 Sep (RC). Buff-breasted Sandpipers were found at three Pennsylvania locations: 4 at P.I.S.P. 30 Aug (BCo), 2 at S.R.C.F. 1 Sep (DH), and 2 in *Northampton* 16 Sep (B. Weber). Dunlin concentrations included 3000, dwindling to 1200 at O.N.W.R. 9 Oct–11 Nov (B.S.B.O., BW), and 400 at Lock Haven, *Clinton*, PA 19 Oct (WL). The fall Short-billed Dowitcher peak came 31 Jul, with 1270 at O.N.W.R. (B.S.B.O.). The 12 Ohio Wilson's Phalaropes included singles at rare locations such as *Franklin* (JW) and *Morrow* 28 Aug (A. Troyer). Ten Red-necked Phalaropes each visited Pennsylvania 21 Aug–18 Sep and Ohio 29 Aug–10 Oct. A Red Phalarope was at P.I.S.P.

4 Oct (JM), and 6+ were seen in Ohio 26 Oct–6 Nov, all along the L. Erie shoreline w. to *Lucas* (JP).

At P.I.S.P., single Parasitic Jaegers were noted three times 10–31 Oct (BCo, JM), while one was recorded w. to *Lake*, OH 17 Oct (JP). Identifiable Pomarine Jaegers were restricted to *Lorain*, OH 13 Nov (J. Brumfield) and *Lake*, OH 28 Nov (JP). A Long-tailed Jaeger was offshore in *Lake*, OH 9 Sep (RHn). An average flight of Franklin's Gull through w. Ohio 22 Oct–7 Nov saw one

bird e. to Pleasant Hill L., *Ashland* 24–29 Oct (L. Hochstetter et al.). In Pennsylvania, one was at Falls Twp. Park, *Bucks* 16–17 Sep (DF). Single Little Gulls were found at P.I.S.P. 1 & 7 Nov (BCo, JM), at *Cleveland* 6 Nov (GL), and passing *Lake*, OH 26 & 28 Nov (JP). Six reports of Laughing Gull in Ohio may involve some duplication. In the sw., a juv. at B.C.S.P. 4 Sep (DO) may have been the same as the "juv. molting to first basic" nearby at Caesar Creek S.P., *Warren* 21–28 Sep (LG)—and the latter was almost certainly the same bird that frequented East



Royal Tern is a casual wanderer inland from the coast. This banded juvenile was a surprise 29 September 2004 along the shore of Lake Galena at Peace Valley Park, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. It was likely a waif from Hurricane *Jeanne*, whose remnants swept through the area 28 September, though some inland records of the species show no connection to tropical storms. Photograph by Thomas Ford-Hutchinson.

Fork S.P., *Clermont* 30 Sep–17 Oct (D. Morse, LB). An ad. at Berlin Res. was a first for *Portage*, OH 12–26 Oct (BM). A Black-headed Gull was present at Tullytown, *Bucks*, PA 27–30 Nov (C. Rutt, ph. BE, m.ob.). The roughly 23,000 Bonaparte's Gulls in *Lorain* 27–28 Nov (LR, BW) was in line with L. Erie expectations. Substantial

concentrations through the interior are infrequent; flocks of 1100 at Hoover 13 Nov (AB), 500 at Caesar Creek S.P. 6 Oct (FF), and 400 at B.C.S.P. 14 Nov (NS) led the reports. A California Gull was present at P.I.S.P. 21–29 Nov (ph., †BCo, GM). Thayer's Gulls were in *Ottawa*, OH 20 Nov (VF) and *Lorain*, OH the next day (L. Richardson). The stronghold for Lesser Black-backed Gulls in *Bucks*, PA held 230 on 19 Oct (A. Binns). The 11–13 birds in Ohio from 17 Oct+ matched expectations. Great Black-backed Gulls were inland, with imms. at Findlay Res., *Hancock*, OH 26 Sep (TB, RC) and Berlin L., *Portage*, OH 12 Oct (BM). A Sabine's Gull 26 Nov passing *Lake*, OH (JP) was late, while a juv. at Maumee Bay S.P., *Lucas* 3 Oct (DO, J. Karlsen) was a rarity in the west. The only Black-legged Kittiwake passed *Lake* 6 Nov (JP). The 36 Caspian Terns at Akron Lakes, *Summit*, OH 21 Aug (GB) matched the state high count for the interior. Tropical Storm *Jeanne* deposited an imm. Royal Tern at P.V.P. 29 Sep (†AM, ph. BE, m.ob.). The tern was originally banded as a hatchling near Kure Beach, NC 25 Jun 2004. A presumed post-breeding wanderer from downriver, a Least Tern was in *Hamilton*, OH 25 Aug (FF). An imm. Black Skimmer appeared briefly on the Delaware R. s. of Philadelphia 24 Nov (ph. A. Guarente).

DOVES THROUGH FINCHES

A pair of Eurasian Collared-Doves present through 20 Aug (ph. JH, m.ob.) in *Lebanon*, PA attempted the state's 2nd nesting, only to have the nest destroyed during a storm. A well-described White-winged Dove in Rootstown, *Portage*, OH 16–19 Aug (S. Frank) would be a 2nd state record. A Barn Owl occupied a roost at K.P.W.A. from 19 Nov+ (AB, M. Packer, m.ob.). Single Snowy Owls appeared in mid-Nov across the Region: one moribund bird in Toledo, *Lucas*, OH 12 Nov (*fide* JY); on South Bass I., *Ottawa*, OH 15–17 Nov (L. K-Brohl); in *Hazleton*, *Luzerne*, PA 16 Nov (ph. J. Cartwright); and at P.I.S.P. 20–30 Nov (J. Brinker, ph. BCo et al.). A flight of 418 Common Nighthawks over Columbus, *Franklin*, OH 23 Aug (BW) was an encouraging number. A census of Chimney Swift fall roost sites in cen. and sw. Ohio provided for long-term population monitoring. The preferred occupation of old boiler plants, especially of public schools, leads one to ponder the consequences of future upgrades in infrastructure.

Five Rufous Hummingbirds were banded in Pennsylvania 5 Oct–30 Nov (ML, NP, S. Weidensaul), an ad. male was banded in Ohio 2 Oct+ in *Knox* (D. Daniels, A. Charter, m.ob.), and one was banded in *Raleigh*, WV 30 Oct (R. Canterbury). Single Rufous/Allen's Hummingbirds were in Water-

ford Twp., Erie, PA 1–4 Sep (C. Terill), Kutztown, Berks, PA 12 Oct (SSc), Marysville, Union, OH 25–26 Sep (DSn), and Hedgesville, Berkeley, WV 8–15 Nov (fide D. Cummins). A late Ruby-throated Hummingbird visited a Hamilton, OH feeder 18–20 Oct (J. Hays). Ohio hosted 2 Say's Phoebes for its 3rd and 4th records: at Dike 14 in Cleveland 23–24 Oct (ph. SZ, m.ob.) and in Holmes 14 Oct–20 Nov (J. J. Miller, m.ob.). An imm. Loggerhead Shrike was discovered at Blue Marsh L., Berks, PA (RK, JS), but no confirmed report was had from Ohio. Berkely, WV supported up to 3 in Aug (B. Dean), with another in Jefferson, WV 6 Oct (MO). A weak Northern Shrike flight into the Lake Plain still brought an ad. bird s. to The Wilds, Muskingum, OH 21–27 Nov (NS, BW et al.).

Red-eyed and Blue-headed Vireos were banded in record numbers at P.N.R. (RCL). Unusual away from the mountains, 3 Common Ravens were noted at Union City, Erie, PA 12 Oct (D. Peters). Single Cave Swallows were found in Pennsylvania at Chambers L., Chester 24–25 Oct (L. Lewis, vt. J. Horn, †NP et al.) and P.I.S.P. 3 Nov (†BCo, D. Wilton) for the 3rd and 4th state reports. A recent and welcome discovery was that of a major fall staging area for Cliff Swallows in Pickaway, OH occupied by 1500 birds 13 Sep (JW). A Northern Wheatear in Tincum Twp., Bucks, PA 12 Oct (vt. DF, vt. AM et al.) furnished only the 3rd state record. Peak nocturnal thrush totals over District Twp., Berks, PA included 350 Veeries 16 Aug, 600 Swainson's Thrushes 19 Sep, and 400 Wood Thrushes 15 Sep (RK). Two Varied Thrushes appeared in Ohio, providing the 2nd and 3rd reports in fall: 1 Oct in Williams (ph., fide JY) and a feeder visitor in Medina 26 Nov–1 Dec (D. Rifle). Still retaining a brood patch, a female Tennessee warbler was s. to the Ohio R. in Athens, OH, where banded 26 Jul (M. Boyd). New banding highs were established for several warbler species at P.N.R., including Chestnut-sided, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, and Hooded (RCL). Yellow Palm Warblers wandered w. along the L. Erie shore, with one at P.I.S.P. 23 Oct (BCo). A Kirtland's Warbler in Kirtland, Lake, OH 25 Sep (†H. Petruschke) afforded one of few fall records of the species. A host of late dates for Neotropical migrant passerines (Table 2) across the Region may indicate "reverse(d) migrants" rather than lingering birds from earlier in the season; the pronounced, frequent period of southwester-

Table 1. The top 10 Chimney Swift roost counts in central and southwestern Ohio.

Estimate(s)	Location	Date(s)	Observer(s)
3100	Sawyer Smokestack, Miami University, Preble	5 Sep	D. Bowles
1900–1700	Killbourne Middle School, Franklin	9–18 Sep	B. Conlon, RTh
1600–1000	Sells Middle School, Franklin	29 Aug–12 Sep	DS, D. Linzell
1000–1300	Emerson Elementary, Franklin	27 Aug–4 Sep	RTh
1000	Ohio National Guard Armory, Delaware	27 Aug	D. Tuttle
900+	Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary, Franklin	27 Aug	DSn
820	Grandview High School, Franklin	23 Aug	RTh
600+	Etna Road Elementary, Franklin	25 Aug	RTh
550+	L.N. Cross Company, Kent, Portage	27 Aug	GB
400+	Hamilton Township High School, Franklin	25 Aug	P. Raver

ly winds over several periods in the late fall coincided with this phenomenon.

Five Clay-colored Sparrows 1–22 Oct included rare records for Clark, OH 22 Oct (J. Kuenzli) and Ross, OH, where one was banded 11 Oct (ph. K. Sieg). The only Le Conte's Sparrow was detected at Arcola Creek, Lake, OH 6 Oct (JP). The w. Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow flight included 2 in Pennsylvania and 8 in Ohio led by a count of 3 in Tuscarawas, OH 5 Oct (B. Jackson, m.ob.). Early arrival of a Lapland Longspur

in Holmes, OH 4–9 Sep (J. Kline) is unknown, but such a number has not been reported in the state in modern times. Several large Ohio blackbird flocks were recorded in Nov, including 100,000+ in Summit 6 Nov (K. Mock), 100,000+ in Pickaway 6 Nov (RR), and 280,000 at Medusa Marsh, Erie 20 Nov (VF). The latter was almost entirely composed of Red-winged Blackbirds. A minor flight of White-winged Crossbills included 12 at H.M.S. 10 Nov (DB), with one reaching Urbana, Champaign, OH 15 Nov (ph. S. Emerson). Up to 15 Common Redpolls were noted at Fairview, Erie, PA 8 Nov (JM), with one w. to East Harbor S.P., Ottawa 21 Nov (JP). The sudden appearance of 50 Pine Siskins in Paulding, OH 14 Oct (D. & M. Dunakin) and 40 s. to Pipestem S.P., Summers, WV 28 Oct (J. & J. Phillips) brightened hopes for an active feeder season, but most finch numbers fizzled by season's end. Arrival of 8 Evening Grosbeaks in Williamsport, Lycoming, PA 10 Sep (E. Anderson) was not echoed in Ohio, where 7 flying over Lake 11 Nov were the only ones reported (JP).

Table 2. Regional records of late passerines, fall season 2004.

Species	Location	Date(s)	Observer(s)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	P.N.R.	1 Nov	ML, RCL
Eastern Kingbird	Lucas, OH	8 Nov	GLi
Warbling Vireo	Seneca, OH	22 Nov	ph., fide TB
White-eyed Vireo	Lucas, OH	26 Nov	P. Chad
Blue-winged Warbler	Holmes, OH	18 Oct	ES
Tennessee Warbler	Franklin, OH	16 Nov	RTh
Northern Parula	Wood, WV	28 Oct	J. Esker et al.
Yellow Warbler	Crawford, PA	1 Nov	S. Solomon
Yellow Warbler	Lucas, OH	7 Nov	TK
Black-throated Green Warbler	P.N.R.	20 Nov	ML
Black-throated Blue Warbler	P.N.R.	5 Nov	b. RCL
Worm-eating Warbler	Hoover	14 Oct	RTh
Worm-eating Warbler	Marion, WV	22 Oct	J. Herron
Northern Waterthrush	Lucas, OH	1 Nov	GLi
Wilson's Warbler	Franklin, OH	20 Nov	RTh
Wilson's Warbler	Raleigh, WV	1 Nov	R. Canterbury
Hooded Warbler	Holmes, OH	18–22 Oct	M. Weaver

in w.-cen. Ohio 23 Sep (RC) presaged a good flight, with 200 in n. Wyandot by 12 Nov (RC). Similarly, a 19 Oct Snow Bunting in Summit, OH (B. Roberts) signaled a strong showing of that species s. to Deer Creek S.P., Pickaway, OH by 8 Nov (RR). Up to 65 were noted in Cleveland 20 Nov (PL). A female Black-headed Grosbeak was banded at P.N.R. 24 Sep (RCL, ML, ph. A. Leppold). The planting of sorghum fields for migrant birds near Blue Marsh L., Berks, PA attracted 100+ Indigo Buntings 2 Oct (JS).

Just what drew 1600 Bobolinks to a field

(DB), Ben Coulter (BCo), Bill Etter (BE), Devich Farbotnik (DF), Chuck Gehringer (CG), Greg George (GG), Jonathan Heller (JH), Paul Hess (PH), Margaret Higbee (MH), Deuane Hoffman (DH), Rudy Keller (RK), Arlene Koch (AK), Mike Lanzone (ML), Wayne Laubscher (WL), Robert C. Leberman (RCL), Geoff Malosh (GM), Jerry McWilliams (JM), August Mirabella (AM), Nick Pulcinella (NP), Ken Reiker (KR), Joan Silagy (JS), S. Schmoyer (SSc), Eric Witmer (EW). West Virginia: Matt Orsie (MO), Harry Slack (HS). ☺