

(RTy, DP), and Longlac, *Thunder Bay* 23 May (FJ). Single Dickcissels were at Pt. Pelee N.P. 15 (MJS, WW) & 27 May (RP, CS, JR), and an imm. male was banded and observed at Long Pt., *Norfolk* 26-29 May (TTH, SAM). A strong flight of Rusty Blackbirds at P. E. Pt. mid-Mar–late Apr peaked at 185 on 29 Apr (KFN).

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## Eastern Highlands & Upper Ohio River Valley



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March began with a quick thaw of the late-winter snows of February. This melting of an especially thick snow pack left widespread agricultural flooding throughout the western till plains into early April, providing a very hospitable environment for migrant waterfowl. Late March was marked, as it has been normally of late, with dramatic warmth from southern climes. This brought record arrival dates for a few species, but the effect was neither so pervasive nor so pronounced as in previous years. The warm

spell was replaced by a dramatic return to winter in early April. In the east, mid-April was marked by a severe coastal storm, and its attendant heavy precipitation had immediate impacts on birds and birding. In the west, the inclement weather held up migration for weeks, allowing for a tremendous release of migrants the 23-24 April that was marked by record concentrations and a few rarities. Wave migration, with strong and frequent fallouts, was the norm into May, even as the month grew drier than normal. This led to some remarkable tallies of Neotropical migrants for mist-netting operations. For all its ups and downs, this was a fairly typical spring migration, despite the pendulum swings of weather and migratory movements. A first state record for West Virginia came in the form of Red Knot. Apart from lingering rarities from the winter season, the outstanding find had to be the Yellow-billed Loon in Pennsylvania, a state first. And finally, acceptance of a Red-naped Sapsucker and White-throated Swift from spring 2006 added to the Ohio state list.

**Abbreviations:** B.E.S.P. (Bald Eagle S.P., Centre, PA); B.S.B.O. (Black Swamp B. O., OH); B.C.S.P. (Buck Creek S.P., Clark, OH); C.F. Conejohela Flats, Lancaster, PA); Conneaut (Conneaut Harbor, Ashtabula, OH); C.C.S.P. (Caesar Creek S.P., Warren/Greene, OH); C.FR. (Clear Fork Res., Richland/Morrow, OH); G.L.R. (Green Lane Res., Montgomery, PA); Green Bottom (Green Bottom W.M.A., Cabell/Mason, WV); Headlands (Headlands Beach S.P. & N.P., Lake, OH); Hoover (Hoover Res., Delaware/Franklin, OH); H.W.S.P. (Houston Woods S.P., Preble/Butler, OH); I.B.A. (Important Bird Area); Killbuck (Killbuck Marsh W.M.A., Wayne/Holmes, OH); Longbrakes (Longbrake Wetlands, Hardin, OH); L.N. (L. Nockamixon, Bucks, PA); L.O. (L. Ontelaunee, Berks, PA); M.C.W.M.A. (Middle Creek W.M.A., Lancaster/Lebanon, PA); Magee (Magee Marsh W.M.A., Lucas/Ottawa, OH); Metzger (Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas, OH); M.W.W. (Miami Whitewater Wetlands, Hamilton, OH); Ottawa (Ottawa N.W.R., Lucas/Ottawa, OH); P.M.C. (Pennsylvania Migration Count; 12 May); P.W.T. (Penn Warner



This Yellow-billed Loon at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 4-7 (here 6) May 2007 represented a first state record and was well documented by many. Photograph by Christopher Bohinski.

Tract, Bucks, PA); P.I.S.P. (Presque Isle S.P., Erie, PA); R.C.B. (Robert C. Byrd Lock & Dam, Mason, WV); Shawnee (Shawnee S.P. & S.F., Scioto, OH); S.L. (Struble L., Chester, PA); Spring Valley (Spring Valley W.M.A., Warren/Greene, OH); S.R. (Susquehanna R., Dauphin, PA); W.V.D.N.R. (West Virginia Department of Natural Resources); Y.C.S.P. (Yellow Creek S.P., Indiana, PA).

## WATERFOWL THROUGH IBIS

The high count of Greater White-fronted Geese was 3 at G.L.R. 1 Mar (KFC). Still noteworthy in spring in Ohio, a Cackling Goose was at Spring Valley 8 Mar (JHg); 2 appeared 17 Mar in Hardin, OH (RC) and 2 the next day in Auglaize, OH (RA). Snow Goose numbers at M.C.W.M.A. peaked at 180,000 over 8-11 Mar (m.ob.), and 3 Ross's Geese were there 25 Mar (RK, AMa). Another Ross's was in Berks, PA 26 Mar (KFC). One was studied in Holmes, OH 9-10 Apr (fide BG, AN). A Ross's Goose was at Green Bottom 4-12 Mar (J. Waggy, DP, MG, GR) and one at Cowan L., Clinton, OH 3-8 Mar (ph. RA, B. Powell). Up to 3000 Tundra Swans were present at M.C.W.M.A. 8-11 Mar (fide MM); other good counts included 429 at L.O. 10-11 Mar (RKe) and 500 over Howard, Centre, PA 25 Mar (B. Snyder). A Eurasian Wigeon was at Killbuck 22 Apr (RT), possibly the same bird as one earlier at nearby Funk Bottoms W.M.A., Wayne, OH 22-26 Mar (LY et al., JMc, m.ob.); other males were at Ottawa 8 Apr (JP) and at M.C.W.M.A. 4 Mar (B. Carl, D. Gochnauer). An excellent count of 2200 Northern Pintails was made at L.O. 17 Mar (RKe); a late pintail was at G.L. 29 May (GF). A Eurasian Teal was at John Heinz N.W.R., Philadelphia 8 Mar-5 Apr (T. Fellenbaum, m.ob.), and a Green-winged Teal × Eurasian Teal intergrade was at C.F. 19-21 Apr (BS).

Waterfowl concentrations in the Scioto R. valley were notable, e.g., 4000 Mallards, 400 Northern Pintails, 500 American Wigeons,

and 1200 Ring-necked Ducks at Deer Creek S.P., Pickaway, OH 6 Mar (RR). The 570 Ring-necked Ducks at Green Bottom 10 Mar (MG, DP) were noteworthy, as were up to 1580 at Big Island W.M.A., Marion, OH 1 Apr (VF), where accompanied by 480 Redheads and 715 Lesser Scaup. The 476 Redheads and 40 Greater Scaup at East Fork L., Clermont 7 Mar (RF) were outstanding counts for sw. Ohio. In and around East Harbor S.P., Ottawa, OH 2 Apr, the scaup concentration of 9800 included no fewer

than 500 Greaters (VF). The species was reported on L. Erie throughout the season, with one late bird noted at Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas, OH 26 May (JMc). *Aythya* ducks lingered in Ohio, with 2 Lesser Scaup at Longbrakes 29 May (RC), a Redhead in Portage 26 May (GB), and a Canvasback in Trumbull, OH 15 May (CB), where accompanied by a Surf Scoter. A Canvasback at Green Bottom 22 May (GR) was record late for West Virginia. The return sea duck flight was average in the w., with just 32 Surf Scoters in Ohio led by 8-10 at C.F.R. 16-17 Apr (RT, BW); in the e., sea duck reports abounded: throughout Pennsylvania, up to 30 Surf Scoters 5 Apr-2 May and more than 100+ White-winged Scoters 7 Mar-2 May were reported. Three White-winged Scoters across West Virginia included a county first for Jefferson 16 Apr (MO). Black Scoters numbered 2 in Beaver, PA 15 Mar (GM), one in Chester, PA 17 Apr (RCo), and one inland Ohio bird in Guernsey 24 Mar (ES). A fall-out of ducks at B.E.S.P. 15 Apr included 27 White-winged Scoters and 224 Long-tailed Ducks (AW). Elsewhere the same day, another 77 Long-tailed Ducks were on the S.R., Dauphin (DH, CR); one in Paulding, OH 6 May was unexpected (D. & M. Dunakin); and 2 were still at Canaan Valley N.W.R., Tucker, WV 16 Apr (K. Sturm). The 555 Buffleheads around Kelleys I., Erie, OH 23 Apr (TB) and 400 at Y.C.S.P. 2 May (LC) were indicative of the late season. Hooded Merganser × Common Goldeneye hybrids continue within the Region. One was at Lorain Harbor, Lorain 17 Mar (JP) and another 15 Mar at P.I.S.P. (K. Goodblood, J. Stanley). Lingering Common Goldeneyes included 2 at C.F. 15 May (BS) and 2 at Longbrakes 18 May (RC). Roughly 15,000-20,000 Red-breasted Mergansers were at P.I.S.P. in early Apr (JM). Potentially breeding, a pair of Ruddy Ducks was

present at Longbrakes 29 May (RC).

Four Red-throated Loons were reported across Ohio 31 Mar-15 Apr (JP, RTh et al.), while 12 were reported in Pennsylvania 2 Mar-15 May. An average Regional flight saw a maximum Common Loon concentration in Pennsylvania of 115 on Ambridge Res., Beaver 16 Apr (MV, GM). Vying for Regional highlight of the season was the remarkable ad. Yellow-billed Loon on the S.R. near Harrisburg, Cumberland/Dauphin, PA 4-7 May (ph. CR, ph. JH, vt. RW, m.ob.) for a first state record. The bird was observed feeding mainly on crayfish. Ohio Eared Grebes were in Highland, OH 10 Mar (JMn et al.), at Killbuck 18 Mar (C. Followay et al.), at Conneaut 14 Apr (CH), and in Huron, OH 22 Apr (TK), while up to 2 were in Lake, OH 15-17 Apr (JP, JT). Four Eared Grebes in Pennsylvania included singles in Dauphin 21-28 Mar (TJ, D. Yeany, m.ob.), York 15 Mar (MWe), Delaware 23 Mar (AG), and Luzerne 3 May (J. DeBalko). Few Red-necked Grebes were noted in Ohio, while 70+ Red-necked Grebes were reported throughout Pennsylvania 1 Mar-5 May, including a high count of 17 at L.O. 15 Apr (KL). That day also saw a fallout of 12 Red-neckeds and 188 Horned Grebes at B.E.S.P. (AW). Locally interesting were Red-necked Grebes in Jefferson, WV 16 Apr (MO), and Trumbull, OH 22 Apr (J. Lucas). A Horned Grebe at S.L. 28-29 May (RC, J. McNamara, AG) was late. Three American White Pelicans were at B.C.S.P. 21-25 Mar



Detected at West Fairview Boat Launch, Dauphin/Cumberland County, Pennsylvania 25 March 2007, this Sora was earlier than most Soras arriving in the state in spring. Photograph by Cameron Rutt.

(CT et al.), with one until 21 Apr (RA). Others were at Delaware W.M.A., Delaware, OH 30 Mar-1 Apr (J. Burt et al.) and Magee 4 May (E. Bruder). Two were at Pymatuning L., Crawford, PA 1-5 May (I. Frey, m.ob.), and another was on S.R., Dauphin, PA 28-29 May (fide DH).

A Least Bittern arrived at Spring Valley 3 Apr (JHg). American Bitterns were reported from Wayne, OH 25 Mar (m.ob.) and Berks,

PA 25 Mar (MW), with 2 following at Pickerington Ponds, *Fairfield*, OH 28 Mar (J. Faulkner). The 12 Snowy Egrets on P.M.C. in *Bucks*, PA 12 May made an excellent count (*fide* AM). Spring Little Blue Herons along the Ohio R. drainage are unexpected. This season saw singles at Indian Creek W.A., *Brown*, OH 30 Apr–5 May (RF, J. Stenger), in *Hamilton*, OH 25 Apr–7 May (J. Nicodemus, J. Williams), with one up the Little Miami R. tributary at Spring Valley 2–22 Apr (C. Schooley, JHb, LG) and adjacent C.C.S.P. 1–6 Apr (FF) and w. to H.W.S.P. 23 May (DR et al.). This was coincident with one at Shady Waters in *Cabell*, WV 3 Apr (WA) for that state's earliest spring record, and another appeared at Chestnut Ridge Regional Park, *Preston/Monongalia*, WV 12 May (L. Schwab et al.). Little Blue Herons in Pennsylvania included singles in *Centre*, PA 26–28 May (DG, GG), *Bucks* 4 May (M. DeBonis), L.O. 8 May (S. Schmoyer), and *York* 3 May (L. Carpenter, D. Cleary). Exceptional away from L. Erie, a Tricolored Heron was present at Acton L., *Preble*, OH 21 Apr (BSs et al.). More typical was one at Pipe Creek W.A., *Erie*, OH 24 May (G. Leidy). Single Cattle Egrets were in *Bucks*, PA 28 Apr (DF) and 16 May (R. Smith) and another in *Northampton*, PA 25–26 Apr (RW). A Yellow-crowned Night-Heron in a *Lake*, OH yard 8 May was unexpected (JP). The Columbus, OH breeding site was occupied from 25 Mar+ (*fide* BWh), and the species was an early arrival in *Bucks*, PA 31 Mar (S. Charkes).

Thirteen Glossy Ibis recorded among six Pennsylvania counties 7 Apr–20 May (m.ob.) were led by 6 in *Chester* 20 May (A. Leidig). Four Glossy Ibis at Metzger 26 Apr attained celebrity status, with their numbers growing to 7 by 12 May (VF, S. Durris, m.ob.). Singles were at Sandy Ridge, *Lorain*, OH 15 May (C. Pierce et al.), Spring Valley 18–20 May (FF, LG), and *Prairie Oaks*, *Franklin*, OH 14 May (L. & M. Dudzinsky). Three more were in *Wayne*, OH 11–12 May (LH, LY, S. Weaver, G. Hochstetler), with a White-faced Ibis joining them on the 11th. Another White-faced Ibis joined the lone remaining Magee Glossy Ibis 29 May (KK). West Virginia shared in the *Plegadis* bounty, with a Glossy appearing at Green Bottom 6–8 May (MG, WA, P. Thorn).

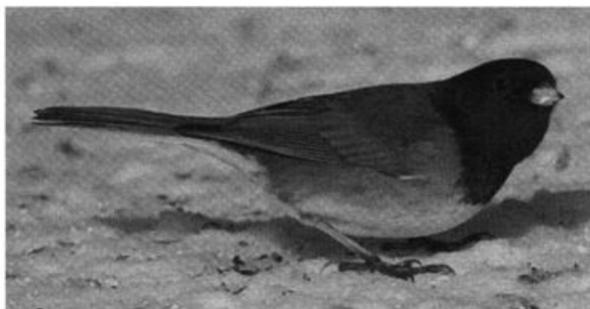
## VULTURES THROUGH TERNS

Black Vultures ventured n. to L. Erie 1 Apr in *Lake*, OH (JP) and 26 Mar in *Erie*, PA (2 birds;



Black-necked Stilt is a casual spring visitor to Pennsylvania. This one at Fogelsville, Lehigh County 13–21 (here 18) May 2007 marked a first county record. Photograph by Geoff Malosh.

JM); a flock of 100 was notable in *Montgomery*, PA 2 May (R. Grubb). Four Mississippi Kites in Pennsylvania appeared in *Berks* 29 Apr (K. Grim) and 12 May (RK, P. Saenger), *Lehigh* 15 May (*fide* DD), and *Lancaster* 28 May (M. Lombard, J. Yoder). Re-introduced breeding Ospreys were back by 21 Mar in *Wood*, WV (JE). A substantial flight of migrants through Ohio involved 20 over *Holmes*, OH 26 Apr (D. Kline), with flights at *Conneaut* of 31 on the 27th and 22 on the 23rd of Apr, respectively (BG et al., LH, ES et al.). The latter hawkwatch produced a remarkable flight of 578 Sharpshinned Hawks, 2323 Broad-winged Hawks, and an astonishing 2 Swainson's Hawks (ES et al.). The flight of the 27th also produced 56 Northern Harriers and 863 Broad-winged Hawks. Single Ohio Golden Eagles were in *Mahoning* 12 Apr (CH), in *Wayne* 21 Apr (TK), in *Wyandot* 16 Apr (JK), and passing through *Ross* 15 Apr (D. Hess). Two were still in the *Canaan Valley*, *Tucker*, WV 9 Apr (M. Crockette); breeding is likely in nearby *Highland*, VA, so observers should watch for signs of breeding



Oregon Junco, reported far more often than documented in Pennsylvania, was well photographed in East Allen Township, Northampton County on 18 March 2007. Photograph by Jim Figlar.

activity in West Virginia as well. The final tally of Golden Eagles at Tussey Mt. Hawkwatch, *Huntingdon/Centre*, PA was 152 (A. Haimon). Peregrine Falcons nested successfully in *Reading*, a first for *Berks*, PA (B. Uhrich).

A Yellow Rail was discovered in an over-

grown field near Messiah College, *Cumberland* 15 Mar (CR, A. Stuckert, J. Derr). Pending review, it would represent the earliest spring arrival for Pennsylvania. Single Black Rails were in *Bucks* 29 Apr–5 May (DF, m.ob.) and *Westmoreland* 12 May (J. Pemberton, T. Pegnato). King Rails garnered little mention with but one noted at Magee 5–16 May (AB, JK) and just 2 at Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve, *Seneca*, OH 5 May (TB). Early Soras reached *Cumberland*, PA 24–31 Mar (L. Usselman et al.) and Spring Valley 2 Apr (M. Boyd). Of local interest were 2 Sandhill Cranes over

*Preston*, WV 26 Mar (G. Felton) and 2 in *Seneca*, OH 5 May (TB). Notable were 9 in *Clinton*, PA 20 Apr (W. Laubscher) and 19 in *Lawrence*, PA 17 Mar (PH et al.). One was photographed from a plane at 2100 m in *Mifflin*, PA 29 Apr (K. Streidieck). The passage of 280 birds over sw. Ohio 1 Mar–1 Apr (N. Keller, m.ob.) was above average.

A powerful coastal sou'easter brought an American Oystercatcher to L.N. 19 Apr (R. Fergus, ph. JHo, vt. RW, m.ob.); it represents the 5th record for Pennsylvania. Ohio Piping Plovers included one at Metzger 28–29 Apr (ph. S. Durris et al., EK et al.), and up to 2 at *Headlands* 1–2 May (ph. JT, RH, J. McConnor, ph. J. Brumfield). A concentration of 435 Semipalmated Plovers at Metzger 10 May (PR) made the high spring record for Ohio. The flight of American Golden-Plovers through w. Ohio was protracted, as 1100 were within the Big Island–Killdeer Plains I.B.A., *Wyandot/Marion*, OH 27 Apr (TS), where 1000 had arrived by 1 Apr (VF). Elsewhere, 700 were in *Wyandot* 30 Mar (RC) and 400 in *Auglaize* 3 Apr (TS). A Black-necked Stilt at Fogelsville, PA 13–21 May was a first for *Lehigh* (DWe, ph. JH, vt. RW); another was at H.W.S.P. 18–21 Apr (B. Heck, m.ob.), while 2 appeared at M.W.W. 25 May (FF, N. Cade). Three American Avocets were at Y.C.S.P. 15 May (MH). Ohio avocet flocks were limited to a group of 4 at Metzger 29 Apr (EK et al.).

Willetts continue to show very well in Ohio, with flocks of 26 at Magee 26 Apr (D. Friedman), 15 at M.W.W. 16 May (FF), 10 at Columbia Station, *Lorain*, OH 2 May (R. Harlan), 10 at Metzger 29 Apr (EK et al.), and 9 at Delaware S.P., *Delaware*, OH 5 May (J. Stenger). This passage was also recorded in West Virginia—4 birds at R.C.B. 27 Apr (WA) and one in *Putnam* 29 Apr (K. Kazmierski). Always rare in spring, a Stilt Sandpiper in *Wood*, WV 16 May

(JE, J. Tharp II) was a county first. The only other reports came from Wayne, OH 12 May (ES) and Clinton, OH 21 May (LG). Whimbrels bypassed Ohio, with just one flock of 3 noted at Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas, OH 26 May (JMc). One at M.W.W. 23 May (PW) was exceptional for sw. Ohio. In Pennsylvania, singles were at Little Blue L., Beaver 27 May (MV), P.I.S.P. 21 May (E. Hall), Dauphin 29 May (TJ), while 9 were overhead in Washington 28 May (A. Berchin). A Spotted Sandpiper 1 Apr in Wyandot, OH (RC) was exceptionally early. The average arrival of *Tringa* saw a Lesser Yellowlegs in Preble, OH by 9 Mar (CT) and a Greater in Summers, WV 13 Mar (J&JP). *Calidris* migration was generally normal, but a Least Sandpiper at C.C.S.P. 30 Mar-1 Apr (RA, FF) was coincident with an early wave of Pectoral Sandpipers, including 450 in Hardin (RC), 390 in Marion (VF), and 123 in Ottawa (TB) on the 30th. The Least Sandpiper that wintered in Cumberland, PA continued through 9 Mar (CR, V. Gauthier, m.ob.). A concentration of 500 Least Sandpipers was tallied at P.W.T. 16 May (DF). The R.C.B. attracted 250 Least, 50 Semipalmated, and 10 White-rumped Sandpipers 16 May (WA). In the West Virginia panhandle, a 3rd record of White-rumped Sandpiper and 44 Least Sandpipers were notable 16 & 18 May in Jefferson (MO). A Western Sandpiper was at Orwell Marsh, Ashtabula, OH 31 May (CH). Dunlin topped out at 3050 at Metzger 10 May (PR). Harkening back to a bygone day, 18 Red Knots set down at Metzger 16 May (ES); 5 were there 28 May (KK). A Red Knot at R.C.B. 14-15 May (WA, ph. MO, DB, m.ob.) was a state first, after three near-misses previously on the Ohio side of the Ohio R. Single Red-necked Phalaropes were at Longbrakes 16-19 May (AB, RC), at R.C.B. 16 May (WA), and S.L. 26 May (L. Lewis, NP). By the end of the period, 3 Wilson's Phalaropes had returned to a recent breeding site in Hardin, OH (RC). A migrant was in Lebanon, PA 19 May (JH)

A Little Gull was a flyby in Lake, OH 31 Mar (JP). Outstanding were 9 along the S.R. in Dauphin 25 Mar (TJ, DH, S. Hayes) and 6 on the S.R. in Lancaster/York 31 Mar (JH). A Black-headed Gull along the S.R. in Dauphin, PA 30-31 Mar (CR) furnished a 3rd county record. An amazing movement of 75,000 Bonaparte's Gulls past P.I.S.P. 5 Apr (JM) may well establish a record count for L. Erie. Laughing Gulls were widespread in Ohio, arriving at Hoover 29 Apr (K. Davies), with 2 there 5 May (BWh). Two more were at B.C.S.P. the same day (D. Overacker). These birds were preceded by one at H.W.S.P. 27 Apr

(DR), and 2 appeared at C.C.S.P. 9 May (A. Oliver), with one there 24 May (LG). Near L. Erie, individuals were at Metzger 12-26 May (PG, A. Sewell, BSs), in Summit 21 May (GB), and in Hancock 27 May (RC). An ad. California Gull was closely studied at Green Pond, Northampton, PA 26 Mar, for a first county record (DD). Six Iceland Gulls and 5 Glaucous Gulls were at P.I.S.P. 6-8 Apr (JM), and 7 Icelands were at P.W.T. 14 Apr, with one lingering through 12 May (DF). Another remained at Conneaut 16 May (CH) in the company of 2 Lesser Black-backed Gulls. A late Glaucous was in Northampton, PA 29 Apr (DD). A total of 456 Lesser Black-backed



This Lazuli Bunting found by George Franchois on 4 (here 8) March 2007 at Red Hill, Montgomery County was the third record for Pennsylvania and seen by many through 10 April. Photograph by Howard B. Eskin.

Gulls between two sites in Bucks, PA 17 Mar had the majority at L.N. (B. Etter). At Lorain Harbor, Lorain, OH 17 Mar, there were 5 Lesser Black-backed Gulls, 3 Glaucous Gulls, and 2 apparent Great Black-backed Gull x Herring Gull hybrids (JP). The Central Basin in Cuyahoga and Lake, OH hosted up to 9 Lesser Black-backed Gulls in early Apr (G. Cudworth, m.ob.). The only inland Ohio reports came from C.F.R. 17 Apr (RT) and *Columbiana* 22 Mar (D. Koch). The 46 Forster's Terns at Y.C.S.P. 2 May (LC) and 32 at Mosquito L., Trumbull, OH 15 May were good spring counts (CB). Ohio Caspian Terns appeared at Hoover 28 Mar (G. Stauffer) and in Hamilton, OH 29 Mar (B. Hull).

## DOVES THROUGH FINCHES

Eurasian Collared-Doves continued at Coatesville, Chester, PA 28 Mar, although breeding has not yet been confirmed (LL), and another was at Campbeltown, Lebanon, PA 14 Apr (NP). A White-winged Dove was in Delaware, OH 28 Apr (JHg, D. Collopy, ph. TS). A Barn Owl was reported from Wetzel, WV 2 May (A. Sabatine), where the species' status is unclear. The total of 19 Barn Owls on P.M.C. in Lycoming, Juniata, and Cumberland

was encouraging (D. Ferry, C. Kauffman, CR). Whip-poor-wills arriving 2 Apr in Scioto (Z. Allen) and Meigs, OH (T. Morman) were preceded by one in Indiana, PA 27 Mar (K. Dudt, *fide* MH). A Chuck-will's-widow in Butler, OH 3 May (DR) was unexpected. Yellow-billed Cuckoos arrived 24 Apr in Clermont, OH (RF) and Wood, WV (J. Benedetti).

A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was at Huntington Reservation, Cuyahoga, OH 23 Apr (L. Richardson), part of a massive wave of migrants into the L. Erie region that day. A Bell's Vireo was back on the Ohio State University campus 10 May (A. Betuel). A pair of Blue-headed Vireos engaged in pre-copulatory display at Hanging Rock, Lawrence, OH 30 Mar (VF) were in suitable habitat for nesting. A Loggerhead Shrike was mist-netted 5 May at Navarre Marsh, Ottawa, OH (ph. B.S.B.O.); the species is rare and declining throughout the Region, and this is only the 4th record of the past 10 years within Ohio's L. Erie Basin. One reported from Adams, OH 19-27 Mar was at a potential breeding site (P. Whan). A West Virginia report came from Jefferson 14 Mar (MO); breeding within that state in 2006 was limited to Hardy (*fide* W.V.D.N.R.), while Grant and Greenbrier may be the only other source of the species in the Region. One found during the winter near Gettysburg, Adams, PA continued through 5 Mar (m.ob.). A Common Raven at P.I.S.P. 26 Mar added to a spate of recent records for the L. Erie shore (JM).

Purple Martins were widely noted across Ohio and West Virginia 25 Mar, with one n. to L. Erie (JP). Two Northern Rough-winged Swallows had arrived in Dauphin, PA by 19 Mar (TJ). Singles in Clermont, OH 22 Mar (D. Morse, Jr.) and in Guernsey, OH 24 Mar (ES) were exceptional. The latter was accompanied by a Barn Swallow; another early Barn Swallow was at M.W.W. the day before (S. Pelikan). Two Cliff Swallows 26-29 Mar in Portage, OH (GB, A. Bartley) predated all others by two weeks. A Black-capped Chickadee was well s. of normal range 7 Apr in Hamilton, OH (R. Canterbury). A singing male Golden-crowned Kinglet at Mohican S.F., Ashland, OH 12 May was in potential breeding habitat (ES). So many Ruby-crowned Kinglets wintered across Ohio that detecting early migrants is problematic. Difficult examples include singles in Hamilton 22 Mar (K. Westendorf) and in Licking 25 Mar (M. Bowman), although 6 in Seneca 31 Mar (TB) were new arrivals. A host of Gray Catbird reports from late Mar in Ohio were not accompanied by details, but one was present in Franklin 30

Mar (VF). The **Townsend's Solitaire** present in *Erie*, PA during the winter was seen through 25 Mar (M. Anderson, m.ob.).

Two **Lawrence's Warblers** were found in *Cumberland*, PA 11-16 May (RK, CR, AMa). The **Franklin**, OH wintering Orange-crowned Warbler made a last appearance 8 Mar (ph. N. Nye). Single Black-and-white Warblers were at *Shawnee* 2 Apr (RR) and in *Summers*, WV 24 Mar (J&JP). A record-early Prothonotary Warbler 29 Mar in *Montgomery*, OH (R. Williams) was coincident with the summer-like warmth of that week. Northern Parulas followed 2 Apr, both in *Cincinnati* (M. Bogosian) and *Columbus*, OH (S. Landes). Up to 13 Yellow-throated Warblers in *Lawrence* and one in *Gallia*, OH 30 Mar (VF) were well ahead of schedule, and one at *Prince Gallitzin S.P.*, *Cambria*, PA 14 Apr (R. Bower) provided a first county record. A Black-throated Green Warbler had reached the L. Erie shore in *Lake*, OH by 3 Apr (JP). An early Blackpoll Warbler was in *Cumberland*, PA 26 Apr (RK). One remained in *Columbus*, OH 2 Jun (RTh), while 2 lingered in *Wetzel*, WV 31 May (W. Jarrell). An early Palm Warbler was in *Erie*, PA 26 Mar (K. Anderson), and a Yellow Palm was in *Lorain*, OH 31 Mar (T. Colborn). A Pine Warbler wintering in *Warren*, OH remained through 12 Apr (ph. L. Greene). A well-studied Connecticut Warbler at *Green Bottom* 29 Apr (MG, WA) represented one of very few Apr records in the Region. A singing **Swainson's Warbler** was present in *North Fayette Twp.*, *Allegheny*, PA 12 May+ (F. & C. McCullough, MF, ph. GM, DW). Louisiana Waterthrushes were in *Summers* and *Jefferson*, WV 26 Mar (J&JP, MO), after appearing 24 Mar in *Clermont*, OH (L. Romine) and *Lawrence*, PA (J. Mason). Extralimital Summer Tanagers in Pennsylvania included singles in *Lancaster* 1 May (T. Amico), *Dauphin* 9-10 May (DH, A. Stuckert), and *Bucks* 14 May (B. Graham).

A male **Spotted Towhee** was rare in *Holland*, *Lucas*, OH 28 Feb-4 Apr (ph. J. Dixon, m.ob.). One or more Clay-colored Sparrows were reported from *Metzger/Magee/Ottawa* 1-12 May (KK, BW, PR, m.ob.), one was at *Conneaut* 20 May (CH), and 5 were recorded in *Pennsylvania* 5-15 May (m.ob.). The Lark Sparrow wintering in *Bucks*, PA last appeared 1 May (R. & V. Smith), and several returned to *Oakes Quarry Park*, *Greene*, OH 12-20 May (RA, D. Snuffer), where the species summered in 2006. A mid-Mar snowstorm in Pennsylvania drew many Fox Sparrows to feeders and roadsides, where 74 were reported in *Berks* 17 Mar (fide RKe) and 75 were counted by one observer without leaving his car in *Dauphin/Lebanon* that same day (fide AH). A Henslow's

Sparrow on territory at *The Wilds*, *Muskingum*, OH 26 Mar was extraordinarily early (J. Larson). A Harris's Sparrow was found in *Cincinnati* 28-29 Apr (PW, m.ob.). The wintering bird in *Holmes*, OH was present through early May (Eli D. Miller, m.ob.). A Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow was e. to P.I.S.P. 16 May (JM). A male Oregon Junco 7 May at *Headlands* established a new late date for Ohio (ph. JT, C. Takacs, m.ob.), while farther e. along L. Erie's shoreline, one at P.I.S.P. 18 May (JM, MW) was extraordinary. Another was at *Moraine S.P.*, *Butler*, PA 17 Mar (PH, MF, J. Valimont), while the wintering *Northampton*, PA bird was nicely documented 18 Mar (ph. J. Figlar). A Lincoln's Sparrow 8 Apr in *Randolph*, WV (CRr) was early.

A Rose-breasted Grosbeak at *Calamus Swamp*, *Pickaway*, OH 3 Mar (W. Grody) likely wintered locally, so too a female Indigo Bunting at a feeder near *Quarryville*, *Lancaster*, PA 18 Mar (DWe). A male **Lazuli Bunting** was present in *Red Hill*, *Montgomery*, PA 4 Mar-10 Apr (GF, ph. H. Eskin, vt. RW), representing a 3rd state record. A male Painting Bunting was in *Meshoppen*, *Wyoming*, PA 6 May (J. Skinner). Dickcissel reports in Pennsylvania included 2 in *Allegheny* 22 May (DW, MF), one in *Cumberland* 12 Mar (M. & D. Snell) and 12 May (Dave Grove), and one in *Berks* 1 Mar-1 May (D. Kendall). Yellow-headed Blackbirds were widespread in Ohio, with 2 at *Springville Marsh S.N.P.*, *Seneca* 14 Apr (TB), one in *Highland* 29 Apr (J. Moore), another in *Cuyahoga* 21 Apr (fide VF), while one had returned to *Magee* 30 Mar (TB). In Pennsylvania, individuals were in *Delaware* 23 Mar-8 Apr (AG, m.ob.) and *Northampton*, PA 26 Apr (K. Sieminski). A Brewer's Blackbird was in *Allegheny*, PA 26 Mar (P. & S. Lynch). Three were reported from *Indian Creek W.M.A.*, *Brown*, OH 18 Mar (B. Stanley). Four wintering Baltimore Orioles survived through early Apr in *Bucks* and *Chester*, PA (G. Carmichael, S. Meyers, R. Hickman, D. Krue), and the wintering **Scott's Oriole** in *Cumberland*, PA was last seen 8 Apr (K. Atwood et al.). A Western Meadowlark was found in *Wood*, OH 15 Apr (PG).

The best count of Pine Siskin was 20 in *Indiana*, PA 4 Mar (H. Pollock, fide MH). Evening Grosbeak reports included 8-10 near *Stahlstown*, *Westmoreland*, PA 25 Mar (L. Hess) and 6 in *Schuylkill Haven*, *Schuylkill*, PA (fide A. Koch). Single male Evening Grosbeaks were unexpected feeder visitors in *Holmes*, OH 21 May (fide BG) and *Wood*, WV 12 May (T. McPherson). Sporadic Common Redpolls appeared in *Randolph*, WV 19 Mar (CRr), *Beaver*, PA 10 Mar (B. Walbeck), and *Bucks*, PA 9 Mar (2 birds; J. Mertz). Away

from the Highlands, one was driven by wintry weather to a *Columbus*, OH feeder 12-16 Apr (ph. B. Master), exceptional for both date and location.

**Addenda:** A **Red-naped Sapsucker** was in *Holmes*, OH 4-10 Apr 2006 (ph. CT, m.ob.) for a first state record. A **White-throated Swift** was in *Lucas*, OH 2 Apr 2006 (E. Pierce, J. Johnson, R. Reyda, D. Vogus) for a first state record. A **Eurasian Collared-Dove** was in *Licking*, OH 15 Apr-24 May 2006 (N. Surrat)

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