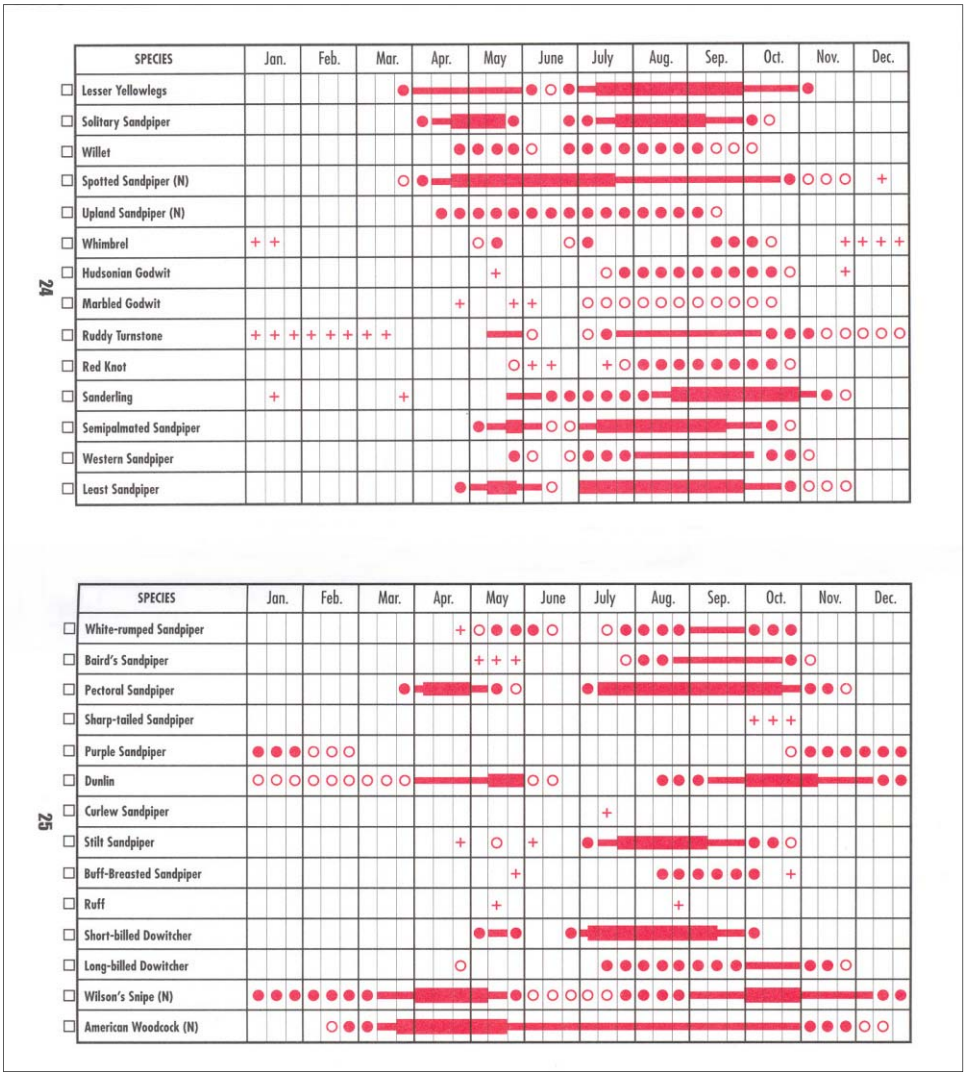
A Field Book of the Birds of the Cleveland Region

A Field Book of Birds of the Cleveland Region is a handy, pocket-sized guide and checklist designed for use by everyone interested in the distribution of birds. This edition is an update of books with the same title (1969, 1988). The editor's purpose is to trace the occurrence patterns of migrating and breeding bird species in the Cleveland region. These patterns are also applicable to all of Northeast Ohio and Northwestern Pennsylvania. Other features of the book include locations of habitats and refuges for birds, Web sites for information on parks in the area, and monthly summaries of The Cleveland Bird Calendar's records of birds in the area.

The Cleveland region comprises these northern Ohio counties: Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit. It encompasses 2,938 square miles and is traversed by the Black, Chagrin, Cuyahoga, Grand, Rocky, Tuscarawas and Vermilion rivers. Geologically, this sector of northern Ohio consists of three distinct land formations: the lake plain, which is fairly broad west of the Cuyahoga River but quite narrow east of the river; the glaciated plateau with rolling hills, ravines and river valleys to the east and south; and the till plain or central lowland to the southwest. Although much of the this sector of northern Ohio is heavily urbanized, there remains a wide range of biotic communities, from cultivated fields to extensive tracts of woodlands and riparian corridors.

Lake Erie, with over 100 miles of shoreline, is by far the most significant physiographic feature in the region. The lake serves as a barrier to northward movement in spring, and provides an essential landfall for southbound migrants in fall. Also, the discharge of warm water by electric generating plants maintains ice-free section along the shoreline of the lake in winter that attract waterfowl and thousands of gulls….

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