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Front Cover. Piping Plover at Headlands Beach State Park, 5/1/2007, photographed by Jerry Talkington.

Back Cover. Merlin at Headlands Beach State Park, 4/2/2007, photographed by Jerry Talkington.

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Overview of the Season

Fred Dinkelbach

In the Fall 2006 issue I gave thanks to those who came before me and more or less to those giants upon whose shoulders I stand on when preparing the Calendar. As I worked on putting together the sightings for my third issue it became apparent that there are people who deserve special mention who I have only lately come to appreciate.

There are field contributors that count everything, but in particular there's Ray Hannikman. It's tempting to change this publication's title to Ray's Bird Calendar, and have an addendum in the back with everyone else's sightings. He submits a detailed report with counts of every species seen on each day's visit to the Mentor Headlands area with a volume of data that tops everyone else. Fred Losi and Tom and Mary Anne Romito can come close with their reports. Ray, however, finds birds that are his alone to report and each season can find ten or so species that no one else has. And if I ever wonder what the trends, peaks and movement timings are for a season, a quick glance at his handwritten, charted counts complete the picture. Credit should also go to his compatriots Suzanne Wagner, Jerry Talkington and Larry Rosche, among others. Thank you all for providing this valuable information.

In this issue, sightings highlights include the well-viewed and well-photographed Piping Plover at Headlands. There were record early arrivals for Cliff and Rough-winged Swallows and Yellow-throated Warbler. March 24 and 25 had the largest raptor counts for the season, especially along the lakefront. Dwight and Ann Chasar reported the largest numbers of nest locations, particularly hawks, included with their sightings. Dwight has also focused his attention on yet another set of birds with his article on three less common warbler species in Summit County.

Fred Losi had a bonus warbler day during the weekly Audubon spring counts on May 20. In a fifty foot stretch of floodplain in Bedford Reservation, he first saw then heard a Connecticut Warbler, then saw a Yellow-breasted Chat, and finally heard a Mourning Warbler. Though most of us may prefer "two in a bush", Fred's story helped me choose which birds from Tami Gingrich's excellent bird-banding photographs of "a bird in the hand" to print. Many other beautiful photographs were submitted and I've tried to represent everyone equally, but this time I had a hard time picking only one or two of Jerry Talkington's great pictures. So I settled on five.

Finally, starting with this issue I will no longer have the help of Clyde Witt with editing and Susan Jones with layout design. I want to extend a special thank you to them. They put in a lot of work ensuring the Calendar was correct and formatted professionally. Their efforts are even more appreciated now that I'm taking on their duties.

Weather Report, Spring 2007

Dwight W. Chasar

MARCH: The temperature averaged 40.1°, 2.6° above normal. The highest temperature was 76° on the 26th and lowest 4° on the 8th. Lake Erie waters rose from 32 to 37° during the month. Snowfall totaled 7.3 inches with the greatest 24 hour amount being 2.7 inches. Liquid precipitation, which includes rain and water content of the snow, occurred over 14 days and totaled 3.71 inches, 0.77 inches above normal. The greatest 24 hour rainfall was 1.28 inches on the 14th.

APRIL: The temperature averaged 46.5°, 1.1° below normal. The highest temperature was 80° on the 3rd and the lowest 20° on the 7th. Snow totaled 13.4 inches for the month, with the greatest depth being 6 inches on the 8th. Liquid precipitation (see above) over 16 days totaled 3.52 inches, 0.15 inches above normal. The greatest fall for a 24 hour period was 1.03 inches on the 26-27th. Lake Erie water temperature moved up to 42° by the end of the month.

MAY: The temperature averaged 61.9°, 3.4° above normal. The highest temperature was 88° on the 23rd and 31st and the lowest 37° on the 18th. The lake temperature rose to 55° by the 31st. Over a span of 6 days, rain totaled just 0.66 inches, 2.84 inches below normal. The greatest fall for a 24 hour period was 0.37 inches on the 15-16th.

Sightings Location & Abbreviation Key

CVNP. Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Summit and Cuyahoga Co.).

HCPA. Hemlock Creek Picnic Area. It is located off Button Road in Bedford Reservation, just east of Dunham Road near the Overlook (Walton Hills, Cuyahoga Co.).

HBSP/Headlands. Unless otherwise stated, this is Headlands Beach State Park and the surrounding area, from Fairport Harbor and Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve in the East to Shipman Pond and Zimmerman Trail and the adjacent Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve to the West (Lake Co.).

Ira Road. In the CVNP north of Riverview and Ira Roads, this large beaver marsh is bisected by the towpath boardwalk.

Jaite. The wetlands and early-succession fields surrounding the intersection of Highland and Riverview Roads in the CVNP (Brecksville-Peninsula).

KBSNP. Kent Bog State Nature Preserve (Portage Co.).

Sanitation Pond. Wetland area near the northern end of the CVNP and east of Riverview Road & Greenhaven Parkway. Also known as Fawn Pond. (Brecksville, Cuyahoga Co.).

Station Road. CVNP towpath trailhead area south of Rt. 82 at Riverview Road (Brecksville, Cuyahoga Co.).

TCSNP. Tinkers Creek State Nature Preserve (Portage Co.).

Terra Vista. A naturally restored site of a former sand and gravel quarry in the CVNP at Tinkers Creek Road. Currently it is a field in early-succession with trails, utility right-of-ways and small wetland areas. (Valley View, Cuyahoga Co.).

Sightings Highlights

Canada Goose. At Headlands, 400 were counted on 5/31 (RH). The highest inland counts were in March; at Ira Road, 185 were seen on 3/12 and 143 on 3/19 (TMR).

Mute Swan. Five to eight were seen at Headlands throughout the season (RH). One occurred at E. 72nd Street on 3/9 (LD). On 5/26 four cygnets were seen near Wilbeth Road in Akron (GBe).

Trumpeter Swan. Wellington Upground Reservoir had two individuals on 3/3 (PL, BF). Two collared swans were found at Lower Shaker Lakes on 3/27 (NR). One had a yellow collar marked with D44 (the proper banding for a Trumpeter). The other was sleeping most of the time; it had a black bill but with an unmarked white collar (used for Mute Swans). See the accompanying article on swan collaring.

Tundra Swan. One was seen flying west by Euclid City Park on 3/14 (NA).

Wood Duck. Twenty were counted at Ira Road on 4/2 (TMR). Fourteen were seen at the CVNP Coonrad ranger station pond on 4/8 (DAC).

Gadwall. Sixteen was the highest count from HBSP on 4/14 (RH). Ten were seen on 4/26 from the CVNP towpath north of Boston Store (HO). Eight were at the HBSP Shipman Pond on 4/3 (GL).

American Wigeon. Headlands had 25 on 4/9 and 4/14 (RH). Two were reported from Sims Park on 3/10 (NA).

American Black Duck. Few reports, with small numbers. Ira Road had four on 3/12 and 3/19 (TMR). Four were seen at Wildwood Park on 3/9 (NA).

Mallard. Highest count reported was forty at HBSP on 3/26 (RH).

Blue-winged Teal. The marshes at Sandy Ridge had 35 on 4/18 (AB). Twenty were seen at HBSP on 4/4 (RH).

Northern Shoveler. Twenty-five were seen at Headlands on 4/4 (RH). Ten were at Nimisila Reservoir on 4/21 (GBe).

Northern Pintail. Forty-five were seen at HBSP on 3/13 (RH). Sandy Ridge had twelve on 3/13 (CP). Two were observed on 3/17 at TCSNP (FL).

Green-winged Teal. Sandy Ridge had 69 on 4/18 (AB).

Canvasback. Approximately 175 were counted at Lorain Harbor on 3/10 (GBe). Fifty were reported from HBSP on 3/15 (RH) and the same number

Swan Collar Codes and Colors

(Summarized from Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/homepage/swan.htm)

Since 1993 there has been a standard color protocol for swans banded with neck collars. Trumpeter Swans get green, red, or yellow collars marked with a 3-character code containing one letter: Lnn, nLn, or nnL (L = letter, n = number). There are Trumpeters with LLnn collars from the previous protocol, usually yellow or black. Tundra Swans are marked with black (on migration), blue (breeding grounds) or gray collars (wintering grounds) and either the same codes as Trumpeters or a 4-character Lnnn code. Mute swans, rarely marked, get white collars only with an LLnn code.

were at East 55th Street Marina on 3/17 (NA). A late adult male was on a small pond off Wake Robin Trail at Headlands on 4/24 and stayed until 5/2 (JMCC, JT, RH, SW).

Redhead. Twenty-five made an appearance at Headlands on 3/13 (RH). One was seen at TCSNP on 3/17 (FL). A drake was seen at Mogadore Reservoir on 5/26 (GBe).

Ring-necked Duck. Roughly 800 were seen at Mogadore Reservoir on 3/24 (GBe). Headlands hosted 500 on 3/15 (RH). One hundred twenty were at West Branch State Park on 3/25 (GBe).

Greater Scaup. Fifty were counted at HBSP on 3/15 and forty were seen there on 4/2 (RH). A late hen was seen at Summit Lake on 5/2 (GBe).

Lesser Scaup. Headlands had daily numbers in the hundreds during March, peaking at 700 on 3/20 (RH).

Surf Scoter. At Rocky River Park on 4/3 there were 13 birds (PL). Six, including four breeding-plumaged males, were also found at Rocky River Park on 4/21 (BF, PL). Four were seen at Sims Park in Euclid on 4/9 (NA).

White-winged Scoter. There were single birds at HBSP on 3/9 and 4/18 (RH).

Black Scoter. HBSP had two on 4/11 and one on 4/17 (RH).

Long-tailed Duck. A drake was at Springfield Lake in Summit County from 4/19 to 4/21 (GBe).

Bufflehead. Greg Bennett had a productive Bufflehead day on 4/21 with high counts all over Summit County and the surrounding area: 209 at Nimisila Reservoir, 193 at Mogadore, 108 at Turkeyfoot Lake, 101 at Long Lake, 105 at Springfield Lake, and double-digit counts at four other locations (GBe). Bradstreet Landing had 95 on 4/21 (BF, PL).



Wood Duck, North Chagrin, 3/13/2007

Jerry Talkington

HBSP had 90 on 4/21 (RH). Eight were at Shaker Lakes on 3/31 (LD).

Common Goldeneye. Four hundred were seen at HBSP on 3/10 (RH). At Sims Park, 277 were seen on 3/23 (NA). Long Lake in Summit County had 81 on 3/11 (GBe).

Hybrid Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser. The Black River Audubon field trip to Lorain Harbor was audience to this rarity on 3/17 (JP).

Hooded Merganser. Fifty were seen at HBSP on 3/24 (RH). At the Gordon Park Boat Basin over 26 were counted on 3/17 (NA).

Common Merganser. One thousand were seen on 3/10 at Headlands (RH). Oberlin Reservoir had at least 50 on 4/8 (CP). In the Cuyahoga River two were seen at Ira Road on 3/12 (TMR).

Red-breasted Merganser. Headlands had 2500 birds on 3/11, 3/15, and 4/11; lower counts, still in the thousands, were seen between those dates (RH).

Nimisila Reservoir had 190 on 4/8 (RSH).

Ruddy Duck. At Wellington Reservoir 500 were seen on 4/11 (CC). Around 300 were tallied at Mogadore Reservoir, over 250 at Nimisila and around 400 at Springfield Lake on 4/21 (GBe). Oberlin Reservoir had 200 on 4/8 (CP). The Sandy Ridge marshes had 77 on 4/18 (AB). Along the Lake Erie lakefront at HBSP 250 were counted on 3/17 at HBSP (RH).

Wild Turkey. Three were seen at Wellington Reservoir on 4/11 (CC), two at Deep Lock Quarry on 5/12 (TMR) and one at HBSP on 4/30 (RH). There were eight reports of single birds throughout the season.

Red-throated Loon. One was spotted at Lakeshore Reservation on 4/1 (JP).

Common Loon. There were 88 birds seen on 4/11, almost all moving west to east over Lake Erie (RH). One late individual was off Mentor Lagoons on 5/27 (LR, RH). A half dozen reports from inland lakes of one or two birds, all in April.

Pied-billed Grebe. Thirty-four were seen at the Sandy Ridge marshes on 4/18 (AB). Twenty-two were at

Comments on the Season – Headlands Beach State Park / Mentor Lagoons Spring 2007

Ray Hannikman

Patterns of constant change – whether it's a change in the weather, a different birding route or routine, or simply a new birding friend – define a birder's progress through migration. Trying to pin-point where a fallout of migrants will be challenges us with the promise of a bird-filled day in the field. I have been very fortunate to be afield for nearly each spring day the past three years yet I am constantly startled by new takes to my birding experiences. Three birds from Spring 2007 are etched in my memory – a silent male Connecticut Warbler's sudden appearance along Shipman Pond reminded me of its long and arduous journey from Amazonia; a late April Whip-poor-will in the dimly lit under story of a seldom-used trail so camouflaged and sprinkled with the hues of its verspertine world, grayish-toned off white, light blacks with some rufous flecks in the mix; and last, but not least, a Piping Plover patrolling the sandy beach and simply captivating those who were observing and photographing it. Somehow, it seemed, the Piping Plover knew it was the owner, if only temporarily, of this land. I can only hope more migration spectacles await me at Headlands Beach State Park.

Nimisila Reservoir on 4/19 (GBe).
Twenty-two were at Mogadore
Reservoir on 4/23 (GBe).

Horned Grebe. Thirty-three were at
Nimisila Reservoir, 30 at Springfield
Lake and 39 at Turkeyfoot Lake on
4/21 (GBe). Lorain Harbor had 30 on
3/24 (JP). On 3/17 there were 27 at
East 55th Street Marina (NA).

Red-necked Grebe. HBSP had a lone
bird among Red-breasted Mergansers
on 4/7 (JT, RH, LR). Another in
breeding plumage was off Fairport
Harbor on 4/28 (JP).

Eared Grebe. A Veteran's Park bird
was first seen by Suzanne Wagner on
4/13 and then viewed by many until
4/22 (JT, LR, RH, SW).

Double-crested Cormorant. Four
thousand were seen from Wendy Park
(Whiskey Island) on 4/2 (RSH). Over
800 were counted on 4/16 at Wildwood
Park (NA). At HBSP, 500 were
counted on both 4/2 and 4/11 (RH).
Two hundred thirty were seen at
Nimisila Reservoir on 4/8 (RSH).

American Bittern. One was observed
off Wake Robin Trail at HBSP and
another at Shipman Pond, both from
4/27 to 5/11 (JMCC, JT, RH, SW). On
5/14 an American Bittern was seen
flying out of the cattails surrounding
Killdeer Pond at Swine Creek
Reservation, Middlefield, Geauga
County (BMCC fide LG).

Least Bittern. One bird was seen,
5/28, and heard, from 5/29 to 5/31,
along the Wake Robin Trail (SW). One
was heard off Wake Robin Trail on
4/29 (JT fide RH).

Great Blue Heron. Twenty-six were
counted at Terra Vista on 5/12 (FL).

Great Egret. Earliest report was three
on 4/4 at Sandy Lake (SF fide LR).
Ten were seen at Sandy Ridge on 4/14
and 30 were there on 5/30 (CC).

Green Heron. Four were counted at
HBSP on 4/30 (RH). Three were seen
at Ira Road on 5/7 (TMR).

Black-crowned Night-heron. A total
of 76 could be seen on the Cuyahoga
River from Merwin Street on 3/10
(PL). Columbia Woods Park in Norton
had one on 5/10 and 5/24 (RSH).
HBSP had a sighting on four occasions
with two birds on 5/25 (RH).

Yellow-crowned Night-heron. One
was flushed from a Fairport Harbor
backyard on 5/8 (JP).

Black Vulture. One was spotted in
North Perry on 4/1 (JP).

Turkey Vulture. They took their
migration cue from the first day of
spring with high numbers reported
over the next few days. On 3/22 450
were counted at HBSP (RH). At
Perkins Beach 310 were seen on 3/26
(RSH). At Edgewater Park 138 were

seen moving west to east on 3/25 (BF,
PL).

Osprey. At Nimisila Reservoir, where
there are two nest platforms and a third
nest on a power line pole at the S.E.
end, there were two birds on 4/8 and
four on 4/23 (RSH). Two were at
TCSNP on 4/26 (FL). Headlands had
Osprey sightings on thirteen days with
three seen there on 4/19 (RH). A 3/24
sighting over Veteran's Park was the
first HBSP area record for March
(RH). Rob and Sandy Harlan saw one
at Perkins Beach on 3/26 and one at
Lake Dorothy in Summit County on
4/10 (RSH). A Bald Eagle flushed an
Osprey in Tinkers Creek gorge at
Bedford Overlook on 5/4 (FL).

Bald Eagle. One or two were seen the
entire season at Tinkers Creek State
Park, with three seen there on 3/13,
and an eaglet that was first seen on
4/14 was banded by ODNR on 5/30
(FL). The Station Road Pinery
Narrows nest had three on 3/3 and
sightings of one or two adults through
the end of April (FL, DAC). Not far
away at Jaite a pair was seen soaring
on 3/15 (FL). Single birds were seen at
HBSP seven times throughout the
season (RH). Two were seen from the
CVNP towpath north of Boston Store
on 4/19 (HO). Some single sightings
were over Richmond Heights at
Wilson Mills & Richmond on 3/5
(NA), at TCSNP on 5/4 (GB), and at
Ira Road on 3/25 (TMR).

Northern Harrier. Sighted at Headlands on twelve different days; seven were seen there on 4/26 and five the next day (RH). One was seen from the CVNP towpath north of Boston Store on 4/12 (HO). On 5/9 a single individual was seen flying over TCSNP (FL). One was at Long Lake on 4/11 (GBe). One was seen at TCSNP on 5/9 (FL).

Sharp-shinned Hawk. Perkins Beach had 21 on 3/26 (RSH). One or two were seen throughout the season at Headlands (RH). Two were building a nest in the Brecksville Reservation on 3/29 and one or two were seen around the nest site until the end of April (DAC).

Cooper's Hawk. Eight was the high count at HBSP on 4/3 (RH). Six were seen at Perkins Beach on 3/26 (RSH). One nested in Kent and was heard frequently and seen on 4/13 (GB, KL). There were six more area reports of single birds, all in March and April.

Northern Goshawk. One adult and one immature were found on 3/26 at Perkins Beach (RSH). One adult was seen near Fairport-Nursery Road (Rt. 535) on 3/28 (JT fide RH).

Red-shouldered Hawk. Seven were at Perkins Beach on 3/26 (RSH). HBSP had six on 4/3 (RH). Five were at Ira Road on 4/2 (TMR). A bird was seen on its nest on 5/24 at the CVNP towpath north of the Boston Store (HO). On 4/1, one was seen nest building in the Brecksville Reservation and another the same day on a nest in Sagamore Hills (DAC).

Broad-winged Hawk. Two were seen working at a nest on 4/18 in the Brecksville Reservation and by 5/7 a total of four nests were found there (DAC). Nine birds were seen at HBSP on 4/29 (RH). Four were seen at HCPA on 4/22 (FL).

Red-tailed Hawk. At Fairport Harbor on 4/1 there were 31 counted (JP). Seven were seen at Terra Vista on 5/12 (FL). Five were at HBSP on 4/3 (RH).

Rough-legged Hawk. Two were seen at Lorain County Airport on 3/3 (PL, BF).

American Kestrel. On 3/25, a day with a heavy raptor migration, 33 were counted at Lakeshore Reservation (JP). Four were seen at HBSP on 3/15 (RH). At Albrecht & Fowl Roads north of the Lorain County Airport, three were seen on 3/3 (BF, PL). One was seen in the CVNP north of Boston Store on 5/17 (HO). Two Bedford Reservation sightings: one on 4/15 and another on 4/22 (FL).

Merlin. HBSP had one on 4/2, two on 4/14, and one on 4/26 (RH). One was found at the Headlands parking lot on 4/3 (GL). The annual Calvary Cemetery (Cleveland/Garfield Heights) bird was seen on 3/30 (LGa). At the CVNP towpath trailhead in Peninsula on 4/28, one was found in the trees in the parking lot (BR).

Peregrine Falcon. Few reports even though there are many well-documented nesting pairs in the region and many more non-CBC readers observing them. One was watched killing a Ring-billed Gull at Lorain Harbor 3/17 (DAC). HBSP had six sightings between 4/2 and 5/21 (RH).

Virginia Rail. At the CVNP Sanitation Pond, four were counted on 5/12 and five on 5/21 (DAC). One to two were observed throughout the season from the CVNP towpath north of Boston Store (HO). Two were at HBSP on 5/5 (RH). Individual birds were heard at two different locations in TCSNP on both 5/30 and 5/31 (FL). At Ira Road individuals were heard throughout May (TMR).

Sora. Ira Road had one on 5/14 (TMR). HBSP hosted one on 4/20 (RH). At Sanitation Pond, one was found on 5/6, on 5/11 and on 5/21 (DAC).

Common Moorhen. One was found at Wilbeth Road on 5/26 (GBe). One was at Herrick Fen Nature Preserve (Portage County) on 5/1 (GB).

American Coot. Roughly 500 were seen at Wellington Reservoir on 4/11 (CC). Sandy Ridge had 415 on 4/18 (AB). Approximately 400 were at Mogadore Reservoir on 4/21 (GBe).

Sandhill Crane. Eight were seen at Veterans Park on 3/25 (NA). At Sandy Ridge either one or two birds were seen between 3/21 and 5/30 (CC, CP). Two were seen feeding in a Perry Twp. (Lake Co.) field on 3/10 and 3/11 (BMB fide KM). A pair was at Rapids Road in (Geauga Co.) on 4/22 (BFi fide LR).

Black-bellied Plover. Seen six different days in May at Headlands; four were there on 5/16 (RH).

Semipalmated Plover. Seven were seen at Crook Street wetlands (Lorain County Metro Parks) on 5/19 (GL). HBSP hosted two on 5/16 (RH).



Piping Plover, HBSP, 5/1/2007
Jerry Talkington

Piping Plover. Jim McConnor found this bird just west of the beach of the Mentor Headlands State Nature Preserve on 5/1 where it remained until 5/2 (fide RH) and was seen by many (JT, LR, RH, others). A photograph of this bird was forwarded to Erin Roche, a Piping Plover researcher at the University of Minnesota, who e-mailed this to Andy Jones of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History: "I am reading the band combination as metal band over light green (on the right leg). This is a bird that hatched at the Platte River, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (Michigan) in either 2005 or 2006 (I can't be sure without reading the USFWS number)." (AJ).

Killdeer. Twenty five were counted at HBSP on 3/22 (RH).

Spotted Sandpiper. Fifty were seen at HBSP on 5/20; thirty were seen there on the next day (RH). Single individuals reported throughout the area in May.

Greater Yellowlegs. Few reports. Six seen at Sandy Ridge on 4/14 (CC).

Willet. On 5/2 at one of the back ponds at Columbia Reservation (Lorain County) ten individuals were found (RSH fide LR).

Lesser Yellowlegs. Sandy Ridge had four on 4/20 (CP). Two were at Ira Road on 5/14 (TMR).

Solitary Sandpiper. The non-solitary counts were from Station Road with four on 5/6 (DAC) and Headlands with two on 4/28 (RH).

Ruddy Turnstone. The single report was one at Headlands on 5/14 and 5/22 (RH).

Sanderling. Eight were found at HBSP on 5/26 (RH).

Semipalmated Sandpiper. On 5/26 twenty were found at Sandy Ridge; by 5/30 forty were seen there (CC).

Least Sandpiper. Thirteen were seen at Headlands on 5/20 (RH). One was found at West Creek Reservation on 5/6 (GL).

Pectoral Sandpiper. Sandy Ridge hosted at least six on 4/20 (CP).

Dunlin. Headlands had 34 on 5/16 (RH). Twelve were seen at Lorain Harbor on 5/12 (GBe).

Short-billed Dowitcher. Lorain Harbor had one on 5/12 (GBe).

Wilson's Snipe. Bishop Road & Golfview Lane in Highland Heights once again hosted high numbers with 30 on 3/15 (DC, PL). Twenty-four were found at Sandy Ridge on 4/18 (AB). Eight were found at Sandy

Ridge on 3/31 (CC). Eight were seen on 4/12 and 4/19 from the CVNP towpath north of Boston Store (HO). Three were at Chagrin River Park on 3/22 (RB).

American Woodcock. Fifteen were at Erie Street Cemetery on 3/10 (PL, BF, DAC) and eight on 3/26 (RSH). Ten calling birds were counted at Silver Creek Metropark on 3/27 (RSH). As many as six were counted at Jaite on 3/10 (DAC). One individual treated a Cleveland Heights family to a day-long

Ring-billed Gull. Along the lake, 700 were at HBSP on 3/18 and 350 on 3/30 (RH). Inland, 158 were counted at Ira Road on 4/9 (TMR).

Herring Gull. Three-hundred were counted at HBSP on 4/9 (RH).

Hybrid Herring x Great Black-backed Gull. Two birds, a second-year and an adult, were seen at Lorain Harbor on 3/17 (JP).



Forster's Terns, Mentor Lagoons, 4/9/2007

Greg Cudworth

visit in their backyard on 3/11 (TM). Multiple woodcocks displayed in Shaker Heights along the Rapid tracks at Shaker and S. Belvoir Blvds. on 3/14 (JH, PK).

Laughing Gull. An adult was seen at Springfield Lake on 5/21 (GBe).

Little Gull. An immature was seen at Lakeshore Reservation on 3/31 (JP).

Bonaparte's Gull. Largest count was 4000 seen on 4/6 in the Fairport Harbor/Grand River mouth area (RH). Inland, around 200 were seen at West Branch State Park on 3/25 (GBe). Over 140 were at Mogadore Reservoir on 4/8 (GBe). Forty were seen at Nimisila Reservoir on 4/8 (RSH).

Iceland Gull. Gordon Park had a single adult on 3/18 (GL). A first-year bird was seen at Lakeshore Reservation on 3/25 and an adult on 4/6 (JP).

Lesser Black-backed Gull. Nine were at East 72nd Street on 4/9 (GC). Five were seen on 3/17 at Lorain Harbor (JP). Lakeshore Reservation had two on 4/6 – one adult and one second-year (JP). One was seen at Lorain Harbor on 5/12 (GBe) that was a possible third-year bird. HBSP had one on 4/15 (RH).

Glaucous Gull. Three were seen at Lorain Harbor on 3/17 (JP). Five records of one or two individuals came from HBSP between 3/19 and 4/13 (RH). Two first-years were at

Lakeshore Reservation on 4/6 and a late first-year was there on 5/5 (JP).

Great Black-backed Gull. Headlands had a count of 30 on 4/9 (RH).

Caspian Tern. There were 45 on 4/20 at HBSP (RH). On 5/2, 35 were seen at Lorain Harbor (PL) and on 5/12 there were 26 there (GBe). Inland, four were at East Reservoir on 4/15 (GBe) and on 4/24 three were at Firestone Metropark (RSH).

Common Tern. Headlands had 37 on 5/16 (RH). Nimisila Reservoir had 22 on 5/12 (GBe).

of Boston Store (HO). Jaite, a reliable place to find these birds in the summer, hosted two on 5/31 (DAC). At Tinkers Creek State Park two were observed on 5/17 and 5/24 with the number climbing to five on 5/30 (FL).

Black-billed Cuckoo. One was found at Deep Lock Quarry on 5/12 (TMR). HBSP had one each on 5/21 and on 5/31 (RH).

Eastern Screech-Owl. Two were found at HBSP on 4/21 (RH). One was seen in a nest cavity at Station Road on 3/29, 4/1, and 4/19 (DAC).



Whip-poor-will, HBSP, 4/27/07
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Forster's Tern. Fifteen were seen at HBSP on 4/28 and ten were at HBSP on 4/4 (RH). On 4/21 two were seen at Summit Lake and two at Wingfoot Lake (GBe). One was at Nimisila Reservoir on 4/19 (GBe).

Mourning Dove. Typically plentiful, the highest spring counts were along the lake with 80 counted at HBSP on 4/11 (RH).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Five were seen on 5/31 from the CVNP towpath north

Great Horned Owl. HBSP had one seen from 4/30 through 5/9 (RH). Elmwood Park in Rocky River had one on 4/21 (PL, BF). A nesting pair in South Russell observed throughout the season failed to fledge a chick (LG). West Creek Reservation had one on 4/27 (GL).

Barred Owl. One was heard calling at TCSNP on 5/9 and on 5/17 (FL). One was at HBSP on 4/28 (RH). Other single sightings were at the CVNP Horseshoe Pond on 3/3, Brecksville Reservation on 4/28, and the CVNP

Happy Days visitor center on 5/10 (DAC).

Northern Long-eared Owl. One was seen near the Headlands breakwall on 4/3 (GL). Jerry Talkington found one at the Headlands parking lot 4/23 where it remained in plain view most of the day (fide RH).

Common Nighthawk. Twenty-five late migrants were noted over Wake Robin Trail at HBSP on the evening of 5/28 (SW). Five were at Springfield Lake on 5/21 and five were seen at Lorain Harbor on 5/27 (GBe).

Whip-poor-will. At HBSP Suzanne Wagner flushed one from a trail on the property just east of the fisherman's path on 4/28. This bird remained in the area throughout the day (RH, SW). One was heard in the morning from Bradley Woods (North Olmsted) on 5/4 (SWr).

Chimney Swift. Earliest was one in Strongsville on 4/19 (GL) and another in Akron on 4/20 (GBe). Two thousand were counted entering the Wadsworth post office chimney on 5/7 between 8:50 and 9:12 PM (RSH).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird. An early report of a possible Ruby-throated on 3/27 was of a female (greenish, no gorget) that made a ten-second appearance in a Parma Heights garden for ten seconds (fide RSH). Ten were counted at HBSP on 5/15 (RH). One was seen on a nest at Station Road on 5/24 (DAC).

Belted Kingfisher. Five were at Ira Road on 4/23 (TMR). Five were also seen at HBSP on 4/30 (RH).

Red-headed Woodpecker. Headlands had seven on 5/11 (RH).

Red-bellied Woodpecker. Headlands' high count was 15 on 5/5 (RH). Terra Vista had ten on 5/12 (FL). Deep Lock Quarry also had ten on 5/12 (TMR).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Seventeen were counted on 4/22 at HBSP (RH). Four were at HCPA on 4/29 (FL); the same number were at Elmwood Park on 4/21 (BF, PL). Three were observed

on 4/19 from the CVNP towpath north of Boston Store (HO).

Downy Woodpecker. HBSP had twelve on 4/27 (RH). Eleven were seen at HCPA on 4/22 (FL). Seven were at Ira Road on 4/16 (TMR).

Hairy Woodpecker. Three were found at HCPA on 4/22 (FL). About twenty sightings of single birds were reported throughout season.

Northern Flicker. March 27th was the day for Flickers at HBSP with a count of 40 (RH). All detailed reports submitted had their Flicker peak counts in the last half of April.

Pileated Woodpecker. Singles and pairs were reported throughout the season with the majority in the CVNP. Three were at Ira Road on 5/28 (TMR).

Olive-sided Flycatcher. One was sighted on 5/14 at the Rookery in Munson Twp. (JK, LG).

Eastern Wood-Pewee. HBSP had seven on 5/20 (RH). Five were at Bedford Reservation on 5/26 (FL). Five were seen at Twinsburg Pond Brook Metropark on 5/30 (FL).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher. Headlands had sightings on six days during the latter third of May with five on 5/24 (RH). Firestone Metropark had one on 5/25 (RSH).

Acadian Flycatcher. The Headlands high count was three on 5/24 (RH).

Alder Flycatcher. Four singing males were at Mogadore Reservoir on 5/26 (GBe). Two were counted at HBSP on 5/24 (RH). One was at Jaite on 5/31 (DAC).

Willow Flycatcher. Highest count was six at Jaite on 5/31 (DAC). Most reports were from the CVNP.

Least Flycatcher. Ten were counted at HBSP on 5/8 and on 5/10 (RH).

Eastern Phoebe. Thirteen were tallied at HBSP on 3/27 (RH).

Great Crested Flycatcher. An early sighting was one at Nimisila Reservoir on 4/23 (RSH). Ten were counted at TCSNP on 5/30 (FL).

Eastern Kingbird. Twelve were found at HBSP on 5/16 (RH).

Northern Shrike. One was seen perched in the South Fields at Wolf Creek on 3/1 (DB fide LR).

White-eyed Vireo. Three were at Firestone Metropark on 5/8 (RSH).

Yellow-throated Vireo. Four were at Deep Lock on 5/12 (TMR). Station Road had three on 4/29 (DAC).

Blue-headed Vireo. Three were found at HBSP on 5/21 (RH). Two were at Lake Isaac on 5/13 (TMR). Brecksville Reservation had two on 4/28 (DAC).

Warbling Vireo. HBSP had 18 on 5/9 and on 5/20 (RH). Eleven were counted at Terra Vista on 5/12 (FL). An early report was one at Nimisila Reservoir on 4/23 (RSH).

Philadelphia Vireo. One or two were seen at HBSP throughout May with three seen there on 5/21 (RH). One bird was at Deep Lock Quarry on 5/12 (TMR). Another was seen at Lake Isaac on 5/13 (TMR).

Red-eyed Vireo. Highest count was 18 at Lake Erie Nature and Science Center on 5/27 (FL). Fourteen were counted at HBSP on 5/16 and on 5/24 (RH).

Blue Jay. At HBSP six hundred was the highest daily count on 5/9 (RH). Inland, 22 were counted on 5/12 at Terra Vista (FL).

American Crow. At HBSP 600 were counted on 3/17 (RH). One was observed on a nest in the Brecksville Reservation on 4/21 (DAC).

Horned Lark. Three were reported from HBSP on 3/13 and 3/29 (RH). One was seen flying low over Hinckley Lake on 5/15 (RSH). Two were at Lorain County Airport on 3/3 (BF, PL).

Purple Martin. Earliest was an individual at Lakeview Park in Lorain on 3/24 (JP). Headlands had 45 on 5/20 and 40 on 5/27 (RH). Nine flew together above HCPA on 5/6 (FL).

Tree Swallow. Earliest report was one at TCSNP on 3/13, missing the record for our area by one day (FL). Nimisila Reservoir had 110 on 4/8 (RSH). Seventy were seen on 5/1 at HBSP (RH).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow. A record early sighting for our area was on 3/23 in an industrial area north of Route 2, Lake County (JT fide RH). The previous earliest date was March 27, 1994. One hundred ten was the highest reported count from Headlands on 5/1 (RH).

Bank Swallow. Forty were counted at HBSP on 5/26 and 25 on 5/27 (RH). Lake Isaac had one on 5/13 (TMR).

Cliff Swallow. West Branch State Park had two flying around the dam on 3/27, earlier than the previous area record return date of 4/3/1880 (EK). One was seen at Rocky River Park flying East on 4/21 (PL).

Barn Swallow. One hundred forty was the count at HBSP on 5/1 (RH).

Black-capped Chickadee. Highest count was 22 at HCPA on 4/15 (FL).

Tufted Titmouse. Nine were counted at HCPA on both 3/3 and on 4/29 (FL).

Red-breasted Nuthatch. Many reports of single birds. One, seemingly on territory, was at Nimisila Reservoir on 4/8 and 4/23 (RSH).

White-breasted Nuthatch. Eight were found at HCPA on 3/3 (FL).

Brown Creeper. Fifteen Brown Creepers equaled the number of European Starlings seen on 4/18 at Sandy Ridge at the visitor center and woodland trail, not counting the marshes (AB). Thirteen were seen at HBSP on 4/2 (RH). Eight were at HCPA on 4/15 (FL). An active nest with adults seen bringing food was

found within 30 feet of a Bald Eagle nest tree in TCSNP (FL).

Carolina Wren. Three were counted on 5/17 from the CVNP towpath north of Boston Store (HO).

House Wren. Earliest report was four in Brecksville Reservation on 4/28 (DAC). Twelve were seen at HBSP on 5/9 and 5/16 (RH). Nine were observed on 5/17 from the CVNP towpath north of Boston Store (HO).

Winter Wren. Nine were observed at HBSP on 4/2 (RH). One singing bird was at Bacon Woods (Lorain Co.) on 3/24 (MJK, RCL). Brecksville Reservation had single observations on 4/11, 4/19, 4/20, 4/27 and 5/25 (DAC). Three were observed at Bacon Woods on 4/14 (CC).

Sedge Wren. Sally Isacco found one on the morning of 4/30 in the Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve (JT, RH, SI). Another was found there 5/4 (RH). One was seen at Wildwood Park on 5/20 (NA).

Marsh Wren. On both 5/26 and 5/30 an estimated five were counted at Sandy Ridge (CC). Two were heard calling in the wetland north of Mill Road in TCSNP on 5/30 (FL).

Golden-crowned Kinglet. Twenty-five were counted on 4/22 at HBSP (RH). Eight were seen at Sagamore Creek in northern Summit County on 4/11 (FL).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Philip Chaon had 65-70 at the Lower Shaker Lakes and boardwalk area on 4/23 (PCh). HBSP had 40 on 4/27 (RH). Twenty-five were counted at Firestone Metropark on 4/24 (RSH).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. Twenty-five were seen at HBSP on 4/28 and on 4/30 (RH). Nine were tallied on 5/12 at Terra Vista (FL).

Eastern Bluebird. HBSP had 14 on 3/29 (RH).

Veery. At HBSP 25 were counted on 5/8 (RH). Four were at Bedford



Blue-winged Warbler, Burton Wetlands Nature Preserve, 5/16/2007

Jerry Talkington

Overlook on 5/5 (FL). Three made an appearance at KBSNP on 4/18 (GB).

Gray-cheeked Thrush. Found on eleven dates in May at Headlands; highest count was seven on 5/23 (RH).

Swainson's Thrush. HBSP had fifteen on 5/9 and sixteen on 5/22 (RH). Six were counted from the CVNP's Buckeye Trail on 5/8 (DAC).

Hermit Thrush. Regarding 4/23, Larry Rosche wrote: "Headlands was teeming with migrants...most impressive of which was Hermit Thrush. ...I would have to say at least more than 100." (LR). Seventy were counted there on 4/22 (RH). Four were found at HCPA on 4/22 and on 4/29; four more at Bedford Overlook on 4/28 (FL).

Wood Thrush. Headlands had ten on 5/8 (RH). From the Buckeye Trail in the CVNP seven were counted on 5/8 (DAC).

American Robin. At Lakeshore Reservation on 3/25, 1070 was the highest count of the season (JP). HBSP had 110 on 3/21 (RH). Ninety were

counted at HCPA in Bedford Reservation on 4/15 (FL). At Longwood Park on 3/30, a robin was seen with white feathers on its entire head and part of one wing (FL).

Gray Catbird. Sixty birds made an appearance at HBSP on 5/4 (RH). Fourteen were at Terra Vista on 5/12 (FL). Ira Road had 11 on 5/21 (TMR). Earliest report was of two at KBSNP on 4/18 (GB).

Northern Mockingbird. On 3/1 one visited a Shaker Heights feeder (PP). One was seen at Lake View Cemetery on 3/9 (LD). In the CVNP, one was seen at the Pleasant Valley Road marsh on 4/8 and another at Jaite on 5/8 (DAC).

Brown Thrasher. The earliest report was one seen from the Hike and Bike trail in northern Summit County on 4/3 (SJ, CW). Headlands had fourteen on 4/27 (RH). Two were counted at HCPA on 4/29 (FL). On 5/11 two were found at CVNP's Sanitation Pond area (DAC).

European Starling. Approximately 100 were observed in Northfield on 4/8

Possible Sutton's Warbler

Fred Dinkelbach

On the May 7th 2007 CVNP Annual Spring Bird Census, six of us formed one of the 17 teams of birders that combed the 50-square-mile park. Our team covered the Station Road area, known for the Heron rookery and the always-reliable Yellow-throated Warblers. Here each spring a person can spend a couple of hours in this area and find 8-10 Yellow-throated territories.

On this morning we saw what at first we thought another Yellow-throated Warbler, and this one gave us a closer and more obliging look 20 feet overhead. Right away I knew something was odd. It was without the black flank markings, just a white belly and breast from wing to wing. The throat was yellow, and what black there was on the side of the head did not run past the neck. It was silent as it gleaned the leaves. We watched it the few minutes that it allowed and then we moved on.

Our field guides showed what looked very much like our bird: a Sutton's Warbler, hybrid of the Yellow-throated and a Northern Parula. Team member Henry Trimpe said, "We mostly saw the underside of the bird, which did not have any streaks. The bird did not sing. It looked more like a Yellow-throated Warbler than a Parula, but definitely was not either of the two. The throat on the bird was yellow. It was pretty active, flitting around in the middle of a leafed-out tree..." We met with the other teams for lunch and shared our sightings. A larger group of us headed back, some with cameras, but our bird did not show itself again.

Interesting to note is that in 2006 a Parula was repeatedly found singing in the area and later adults were seen feeding young. This is also one quarter mile from an active Parula nest found in Brecksville Reservation in 1994. Since that morning the Station Road area now seems like a good place to look for this rarity again.

(DAC). On 3/30, 82 were counted at Longwood Park in Macedonia (FL).

American Pipit. The only reports came from Headlands with appearances on six different days. Highest number was 40 on 3/26 (RH).

Cedar Waxwing. One hundred twenty were counted at HBSP on 5/22 (RH). At Station Road many were seen working on their nests (DAC).

Blue-winged Warbler. Nimisila Reservoir had an early sighting on 4/23 (RSH). Three were found at Carlisle Reservation on 5/28 (CC). Two were at Jaite in the CVNP on 5/19 (FL). Two were at Ira Road on 5/28 (TMR).

Golden-winged Warbler. One was sighted along the Buckeye Trail in the CVNP on 5/8 (DAC).

Tennessee Warbler. At Headlands 40 were counted on 5/20 (RH). Five were found at Ira Road on 5/14 (TMR) and five in the CVNP on 5/16 (DAC).

Orange-crowned Warbler. One was seen at Columbia Woods Apartments in Norton on 5/1 (RSH). There were four sightings of individual birds at

Headlands between 5/10 and 5/21 (RH).

Nashville Warbler. Firestone Metropark had ten on 5/8 (RSH). Eight were at HBSP on 5/11 (RH). Brecksville Reservation had seven on 5/2 (DAC).

Northern Parula. Eight on 5/20 was the high count at HBSP (RH). Veterans Park had one on 4/21 (NA). A male was found singing over the towpath at the Ira Road lock on 4/30 (DV). Station Road had one on 5/6 (DAC).

Yellow Warbler. Thirty were at HBSP on 5/21 (RH). Twenty-two were at Terra Vista on 5/12 (FL) and eighteen were at Jaite on 5/19 (FL).

Chestnut-sided Warbler. HBSP had twenty on 5/14 and on 5/16 (RH).

Magnolia Warbler. On 5/16 at HBSP 30 were counted and there were double-digit counts nearly every day there in May (RH). All other reports were of one to three birds.

Cape May Warbler. HBSP had single birds on five different days and two on 5/20 and 5/24 (RH).

Black-throated Blue Warbler.

Highest count was twenty at HBSP on 5/15 and 5/16 (RH). Three were observed at Deep Lock Quarry on 5/12 (TMR).

Yellow-rumped Warbler. Most high counts were in late April as usual. Eighty were seen at HBSP on 4/27 (RH). Fifty-five were counted at TCSNP on 4/26 (FL).

Black-throated Green Warbler.

Twelve were at HBSP on 5/16 (RH). At the CVNP Kendall Ledges, where they have commonly nested, eight were counted on 5/10 (DAC).

Blackburnian Warbler. Twelve were at HBSP on 5/20 (RH). Two were at HCPA on 5/20 (FL).

Yellow-throated Warbler. A new record early arrival was set by one seen at Station Road on 4/4, beating the 2001 record of 4/6 (DAC). Four were at Deep Lock Quarry Park on 5/2 (RSH) where that number climbed to eight on 5/12 (TMR).

Pine Warbler. Earliest report was from Mogadore Reservoir where one was singing on territory on 3/24 (GBe). Seven territorial males were at

Nimisila Reservoir on 4/23 (RSH). Five were at Headlands on 4/22 (RH). Two were found at Ira Road on 5/14 (TMR). On 4/22 and several times afterwards one was seen at Lower Shaker Lakes (PP). Brecksville Reservation's reliable Pine Warblers included two birds found on 4/19 (DAC).

Prairie Warbler. Two to three birds were in and around the State Nature Preserve dunes 4/27 to 4/29 (RH, JT, SW), including at least three males on 4/27 (GL).

Palm Warbler. Headlands had the high count of 28 on 5/8 (RH).

Bay-breasted Warbler. Eighteen were counted at Headlands on 5/21 (RH). Deep Lock Quarry had four on 5/12 (TMR). Four were at HCPA on 5/20 (FL).

Blackpoll Warbler. There were 40 at HBSP on 5/23 (RH). At Summit Lake on 5/20 four were seen (GBe). Three were at Jaite in the CVNP on 5/19 (FL).

Cerulean Warbler. Five were counted at Deep Lock Quarry on 5/12 (TMR). Station Road in the CVNP had five on 5/22 (DAC).

Black-and-white Warbler. Fifteen were seen at HBSP on 5/16 (RH). Four were counted at HCPA on 5/6 (FL).

American Redstart. HBSP had the season's high count of 35 on 5/16 (RH). Six were found at Deep Lock Quarry on 5/12 (TMR).

Prothonotary Warbler. Two were seen and heard on the CVNP spring bird count by Canal Visitor Center on 5/12 (FL). The Station Road area had one on 4/29 (DAC) and one on 5/16 (GB). One was at Terra Vista on 5/12 (FL), another at Rocky River Nature Center on 5/2 (TK).

Ovenbird. On 5/8, twelve were found along the Buckeye Trail in the CVNP (DAC). Twelve were counted at HBSP on 5/21 (RH).

Northern Waterthrush. Four were observed at HBSP on 5/8 (RH). Three were at Lake Isaac on 5/13 (TMR). Two were found at the CVNP Sanitation Pond on 5/11 (DAC). Two were at Wildwood Park on 5/7 (NA).

Louisiana Waterthrush. Ten reports from Fred Losi. Beginning with one at HCPA on 4/22, one or two birds were seen at Hemlock Creek, Bedford Overlook, and North Chagrin until 5/26 (FL). Four were observed in

Brecksville Reservation on 4/21 (DAC).

Kentucky Warbler. Two were observed at their annual territory at the CVNP Ledges shelter and a third at the nearby Octagon shelter on 5/23 (CC).

Connecticut Warbler. All reports except one were from the same day. A silent male was on HBSP's Zimmerman Trail on 5/20 (RH, JT, SW). The next day a singing bird was heard but not seen in the same area (JMcc, JT, RH, SW). Station Road had a sighting on 5/20 (DAC). One was heard then seen in Bedford Reservation on 5/20 (FL).

Mourning Warbler. Headlands had twelve on 5/22 as well as sightings of one to five birds on ten other days during the last half of May (RH). On 5/17 one was observed and then heard in the former beaver wetland off the Sunset Overlook at West Woods, Russell Twp., Geauga County (LG). In the CVNP, one was seen on 5/17 from the towpath north of Boston Store (HO) and another at Station Road on 5/21 (DAC). One was heard in Bedford Reservation on 5/20 (FL).

Common Yellowthroat. Twenty-three were tallied on 5/31 from the CVNP towpath north of Boston Store (HO).



Yellow-breasted Chat and Mourning Warbler, Mentor Lagoons, 5/17/07

Tami Gingrich

Nearby at Jaite 20 were counted on 5/11 (DAC). Sixteen were counted at Jaite on 5/19 (FL). Headlands also had 16 on 5/16 (RH).

Hooded Warbler. Six were tallied at Deep Lock Quarry on 5/12 (TMR). Three were at Headlands on 5/8 (RH).

Wilson's Warbler. Twelve were seen at HBSP on 5/20 and 5/21 (RH). Two were at HCPA on 5/20 (FL).

Canada Warbler. At HBSP, there were twelve on 5/16 and fifteen on 5/22 (RH) and many single-digit sightings there throughout May (RH, DAC). Two were found at HCPA on 5/20 (FL). One was at Lake Isaac on 5/13 (TMR). One was at Wilbeth Road in Akron on 5/17 (GBE).

Yellow-breasted Chat. Two were found at their nearly-annual haunts at Jaite in the CVNP on 5/31 (DAC). Headlands had a sighting of one on 5/10 (RH). Bedford Reservation had one on 5/20 (FL).

Scarlet Tanager. Highest report was ten on 5/12 at Deep Lock (TMR) and ten from the Buckeye Trail in the CVNP on 5/8 (DAC). Six were at HBSP on 5/16 and on 5/22 (RH).

Eastern Towhee. Twelve were seen at HBSP on 4/23 (RH). Ira Road had four on 4/16 (TMR). Four were found at KBSNP on 4/18 (GB). Four were at Terra Vista on 5/12 (FL).

American Tree Sparrow. Highest count was twelve at Ira Road on 3/19 (TMR).

Chipping Sparrow. Highest count was 30 at HBSP on 4/27 (RH).

Field Sparrow. Headlands had twenty on 4/27 (RH). Seven were seen at Jaite in the CVNP on 5/19 (FL). Station Road had five on 4/8 (DAC).

Vesper Sparrow. Three were observed at HCPA on 4/29 (FL). Three were at HBSP on 4/21 (RH).

Savannah Sparrow. Ten were counted at HBSP on 5/8 (RH). The

CVNP Station Road area had four on 4/8 (DAC).

Fox Sparrow. Erie Street Cemetery had 35 on 3/26 (RSH). HBSP had 14 on 4/2 (RH). Nine were counted at Sims Park on 3/27 (NA). Six were at HCPA on 4/15 (FL). Oak Hill in the CVNP had five on 3/23 (DAC). Four were counted at Ira Road on 4/9 (TMR).

Song Sparrow. Over 120 were counted at Dike 14 on 3/10 (NA). Seventy-five were found at Erie Street Cemetery on 3/26 (RSH). Seventy was the day's count at Headlands on 3/10 (RH). Thirty-three were counted at Jaite in the CVNP on 5/19 (FL). Twenty-eight were counted at HCPA on 3/10 in a 2 hour 40 minute period (FL). Twenty-five were counted on 3/22 and again on 5/31 from the CVNP towpath north of Boston Store (HO).

Lincoln's Sparrow. Headlands hosted fourteen on 5/9 and ten on 5/11 (RH). One singing bird was found in the same spot at Firestone Metropark on 5/8 and on 5/14 (RSH). Wildwood Park had one on 5/1 (NA).

Swamp Sparrow. HBSP had 14 on 5/11 (RH). Twelve were counted on 4/19 from the CVNP towpath north of Boston Store (HO). Six were at Ira Road on 4/23 (TMR).

White-throated Sparrow. At HBSP 140 were counted on 4/27 (RH). Thirty-seven were counted at HCPA on 4/29 (FL).

White-crowned Sparrow. Headlands had the most reports with a peak of 45 on 5/8 (RH).

Dark-eyed Junco. One hundred fifty were counted at Erie Street Cemetery on 3/26 (RSH). An adult male "Oregon" race was in the picnic area near Headlands parking lot 5/5 (RH, JT, SW). There were many late sightings, some in areas where they have been known to breed in our area. One bird was along the break-wall 5/24 (JT, RH). One pair plus a nearby male were at the base of Whipp's Ledges at Hinckley Metropark on 5/15 (RSH).

One singing bird was found in Orange in Cuyahoga County 5/16 (RSH). A straggler was at Lorain on 5/27 (GBE). Brecksville Reservation had birds observed at three to four territories until 5/24 (DAC).

Longspur sp. Rob and Sandy Harlan had 11 calling birds fly past Perkins Beach 3/26: "They were buffy underneath with dark streaking. Smith's is possible, but not nearly enough to be sure" (RSH).

Snow Bunting. At Albrecht & Fowl Roads, north of the Lorain County Airport, three were seen on 3/3 (PL, BF). One lingered at Headlands on 3/13 (RH).

Northern Cardinal. HBSP had 26 on 4/30 (RH). Eighteen were counted at Terra Vista on 5/12 (FL). Ira Road had a count of 16 on 3/12 and on 3/25 (TMR).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Earliest was one on 4/27 at HBSP (RH). Headlands had 30 on 5/8 (RH). Ira Road had ten on 5/21 (TMR).

Indigo Bunting. An early report was of an Indigo Bunting fatally hitting a residential window on 4/8 (fide LR). Ten were seen at Jaite in the CVNP on 5/19 (FL). Ten were reported from HBSP on 5/20 (RH).

Bobolink. The Richfield Coliseum grasslands were home to many - 25 were counted on 5/23 (CC). Three were at Headlands on 5/8 (RH) and three in Northfield on 5/17 (DAC). Two were at Carlisle Reservation on 5/28 (CC).

Red-winged Blackbird. HBSP had 2000 on 3/13 and counts in the hundreds throughout the spring (RH). TCSNP had 168 on 3/2 and 250 on 3/13 (FL).

Eastern Meadowlark. Seventy-five on 3/25 was the highest of the ten days this bird was seen at Headlands (RH). On 3/15 there were fifteen at Chagrin River Park (RB).

Rusty Blackbird. Roughly 150 were observed in Shalersville in Portage County on 4/7 (GBe). Eighty were counted at HBSP on 4/11 (RH). At Jaite 45 were seen on 3/15 (FL). Forty were counted on 3/13 at TCSNP (FL). Twenty-five were seen at Twinsburg Pond Brook Metropark on 4/20 (FL). West Woods in Geauga County had twelve on the cold snowy day of 4/6 (LG).

Brewer's Blackbird. John Pogacnik had the second-ever Brewer's at his feeder in North Perry on 4/15 (JP).

Common Grackle. HBSP had 600 birds on 3/13 with counts in the hundreds throughout the spring (RH). There were 50 at Ira Road on 3/25 (TMR).

Brown-headed Cowbird. On 4/20 at Twinsburg Pond Brook Metropark 45 were seen (FL).

Orchard Oriole. At least 11 visited a North Perry feeder on 5/13 (JP). Five were seen at Ira Road on 5/7 and on 5/14 (TMR). Six reports of one and two birds throughout the area in May.

Baltimore Oriole. Forty were counted on 5/8 at HBSP (RH). Twenty-six were seen on 5/12 at Terra Vista (FL). Ira Road had 23 on 5/14 (TMR).

Purple Finch. Six visited a feeder in Chardon on 4/6 (SI) and one in Cleveland Heights on 4/21 (SBC). One was singing in Orange (Cuyahoga County) on 5/2 and a pair were at

Hinckley Metropark on 5/15 (RSH). One was seen in Brecksville Reservation on 4/2 (DAC).

House Finch. HBSP had 14 on 4/22 and 5/1 (RH). Most records were from the expected urban areas.

Pine Siskin. One visited a North Perry feeder on 5/13 (JP).

American Goldfinch. Always numerous. One hundred thirty was the total on 5/3 at HBSP (RH).

House Sparrow. Nineteen were counted at Ira Road on 3/5 (TMR). Eleven were counted on 4/12 from the CVNP towpath north of Boston Store (HO). All other reports were of smaller numbers.

Too late for the Winter 2006/2007 issue:



Albino Red-tailed Hawk, PPG Industries property in Barberton, 2/26/07 and 2/27/07
Steve Hughes

Population Trends of Three Less Common Warblers in Summit County

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The Greater Akron Audubon Society has conducted a Summit Co summer bird count for the last 28 years. Where the numbers justify it, I try to look at trends in the populations of various species based on these data (Chasar 2004). In an earlier article, I discussed data related to the four most common nesting warblers in the county (Chasar 2005). This article covers three less common warblers that nest in Summit Co.: American Redstart (AMRE), Cerulean Warbler (CERW), and Ovenbird (OVEN). As usual, I plot the birds/party hour vs. year of the count using Excel and let the program determine a linear trend line. That graphic is shown below.

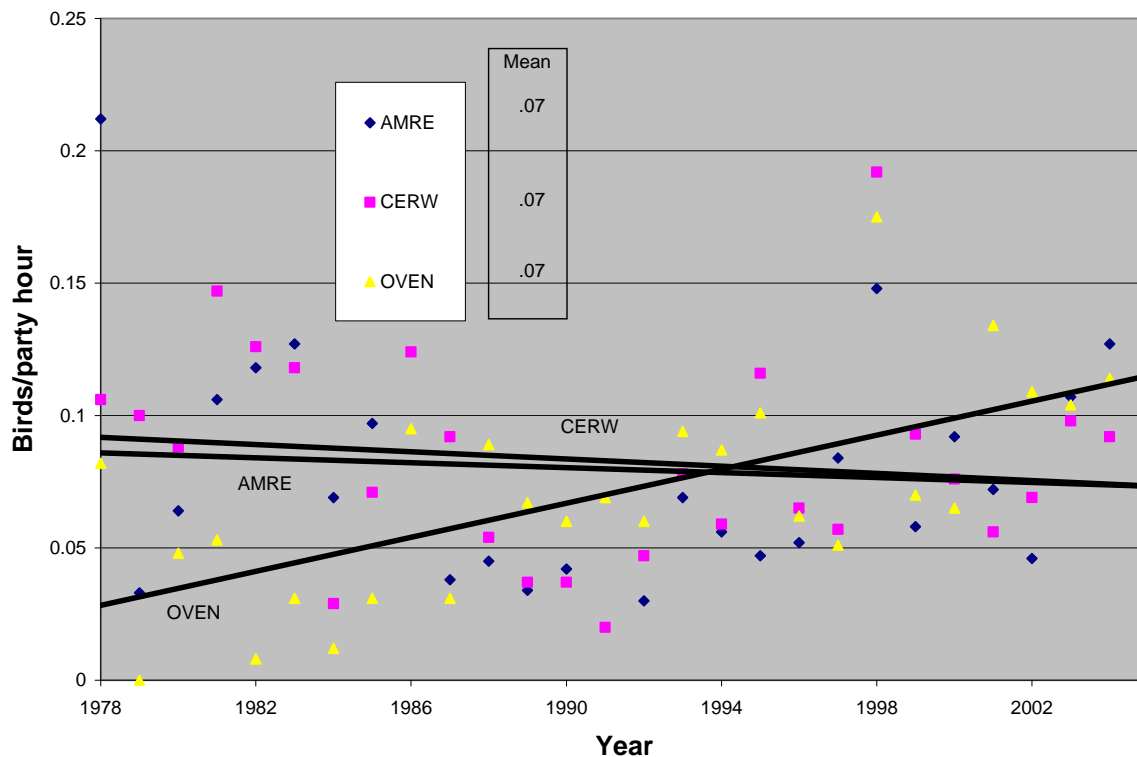
The plots show both relative densities and population trends for the three species over the 28 years. However, since the number of individuals counted is fairly low for each species, one needs to interpret these data with a grain of salt and not put too much blind confidence in them. This is demonstrated in the mean values. The mean of a series of numbers is the value above and below which there are an equal number of scatter points. All three species have a mean of 0.07, which says that each of these species is encountered about 7 times in 100 hours of fieldwork. It appears that each of these species is close to holding its own in population abundance although it appears that the Ovenbird population is increasing in the county. Remarkably, these population trends match very closely those from the Ohio breeding bird survey (Earnst 1996) for the same species.

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Comments on the May 12, 2007 CVNP Bird Census

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The spring record of 138 (2006) species was just missed, but matched the old 136 in 1999, the second highest tally. There were 28 warbler species. One day we will get 140 species, as a few more (GH Owl, Screech-owl, Hooded Merganser, Wilson Snipe, Chat, Sharp-shinned Hawk) would have done it. We had 48 participants out in 17 teams.

This was the first year since 1997 that we didn't get a Hooded Merganser, since we were not permitted to go north on the tracks at Station Road because of the nesting Bald Eagles. We had record highs for Pewee, Acadian Flycatcher, Swainson's Thrush, Redstart, and Prothonotary Warbler. We had the first Sapsucker since 1988 and first Kentucky Warbler since 1989. The numbers of individuals were in their normal ranges but Carolina Wren was well down from the past few years, probably a result of that last hard storm dropping about 16 inches of snow in the area in April.

189 Canada Goose	12 Kingfisher	2 Winter Wren	23 Redstart
43 Wood Duck	7 Red-head. Woodpecker	3 Golden-crowned Kinglet	13 Prothonotary Warbler
1 American Black Duck	89 Red-bellied Woodpecker	17 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	55 Ovenbird
66 Mallard	1 Sapsucker	59 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4 Northern Waterthrush
1 Blue-winged Teal	49 Downy Woodpecker	30 Bluebird	6 Louisiana Waterthrush
10 Turkey	10 Hairy Woodpecker	12 Veery	1 Kentucky Warbler
9 Double-cr. Cormorant	36 Flicker	1 Gray-cheeked Thrush	146 Common Yellowthroat
107 Great Blue Heron	22 Pileated Woodpecker	20 Swainson's Thrush	86 Hooded Warbler
1 Great Egret	33 Pewee	3 Hermit Thrush	2 Wilson's Warbler
3 Green Heron	13 Acadian Flycatcher	35 Wood Thrush	2 Canada Warbler
81 Turkey Vulture	3 Willow Flycatcher	204 Robin	69 Scarlet Tanager
1 Osprey	5 Least Flycatcher	145 Catbird	63 Eastern Towhee
3 Bald Eagle	25 Phoebe	3 Mockingbird	87 Chipping Sparrow
9 Cooper's Hawk	48 Great Crested Flycatcher	2 Brown Thrasher	55 Field Sparrow
12 Red-shouldered Hawk	30 Eastern Kingbird	150 Starling	4 Savannah Sparrow
6 Broad-winged Hawk	7 White-eyed Vireo	5 Cedar Waxwing	177 Song Sparrow
30 Red-tailed Hawk	14 Yellow-throated Vireo	55 Blue-winged Warbler	23 Swamp Sparrow
6 Virginia Rail	4 Blue-headed Vireo	17 Tennessee Warbler	12 White-throated Sparrow
1 Sora	74 Warbling Vireo	11 Nashville Warbler	15 White-crowned Sparrow
2 American Coot	2 Philadelphia Vireo	3 Northern Parula	2 Junco
22 Killdeer	84 Red-eyed Vireo	181 Yellow Warbler	242 Cardinal
1 Greater Yellowlegs	158 Blue Jay	10 Chestnut-sided Warbler	60 Rose-breasted Grosbeak
6 Solitary Sandpiper	135 Crow	19 Magnolia Warbler	97 Indigo Bunting
9 Spotted Sandpiper	106 Tree Swallow	8 Black-throated Blue W.	14 Bobolink
7 Least Sandpiper	60 Rough-winged Swallow	20 Yellow-rumped W.	433 Red-winged Blackbird
6 Woodcock	6 Bank Swallow	23 Black-throated Green W.	4 Eastern Meadowlark
9 Ring-billed Gull	105 Barn Swallow	7 Blackburnian Warbler	70 Grackle
17 Rock Pigeon	108 Chickadee	11 Yellow-throated Warbler	74 Cowbird
59 Mourning Dove	84 Tufted Titmouse	2 Pine Warbler	7 Orchard Oriole
1 Black-billed Cuckoo	3 Red-breasted Nuthatch	2 Palm Warbler	171 Baltimore Oriole
4 Yellow-billed Cuckoo	45 Wh.-breasted Nuthatch	10 Bay-breasted Warbler	1 Purple Finch
3 Barred Owl	4 Brown Creeper	3 Blackpoll Warbler	23 House Finch
183 Chimney Swift	8 Carolina Wren	20 Cerulean Warbler	285 Goldfinch
3 Ruby-throated H.	68 House Wren	19 Black-and-white Warbler	37 House Sparrow

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