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**Front Cover.** Saw-whet Owl, Mentor Headlands, 11/17/07, photographed by Jerry Talkington.

**Back Cover.** Bald Eagles, Cuyahoga River valley in Independence, 11/4/07, photographed by Phyllis Schnell.

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## Overview of the Season

*Fred Dinkelbach*

September was average enough, and a very mild October was followed by a November that was the stormiest month of the season. In 2007 there were more thunderstorms in November than in September and October combined. Weather no doubt had a hand in some out-of-the ordinary sightings. An early Bufflehead, for example, was found at Headlands the same day as a September 14<sup>th</sup> storm.

Larry Rosche, Judy Semroc, and Linda Gilbert visited Frohring Meadows in Bainbridge on September 4<sup>th</sup> and had a nice treat of inland shorebirds, including Baird's Sandpipers, Lesser Yellowlegs, and Semipalmated Plovers. Fred Losi had a 50-species day at Terra Vista on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rob and Sandy Harlan had a productive day at Wendy Park on September 29<sup>th</sup> with 15 Pipits, 30 Horned Larks and a Grasshopper Sparrow, and then on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Sandy Ridge with its large numbers and variety of waterfowl. Ray Hannikman had a remarkable day at Headlands on October 11<sup>th</sup>, with Bitterns (one of each), Saw-whet Owl, forty Northern Creepers, 150 Winter Wrens, plenty of Kinglets (with 250 Golden-crowned and 150 Ruby-crowned), sixty Hermit Thrushes, four Pipits, and a Clay-colored Sparrow, along with 300 Song, 80 Swamp and 1000 White-throated Sparrows. At November's end, hinting at the winter's sightings to come, irruptive northern songbirds like Redpolls, Evening Grosbeaks and Siskins appeared. Linda Gilbert had plenty of the latter two at her feeder in South Russell. Kendall Lake in the CVNP was drained during the fall for maintenance; Dwight and Ann Chasar noted the increased waterfowl and shorebirds that took advantage of the shallow habitat and exposed bottom.

These uncommon, but welcome, observations make it easy to forgive an expected Long-billed Dowitcher, Black-billed Cuckoo, Great Horned Owl, Olive-sided Flycatcher or Bobolink for not making an appearance for our contributors this season - none were reported.

When I worked in Shaker Heights, I would occasionally spend my lunch hours watching Julie West band birds at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. In this issue she remarks on the data she collected, noting the trends and making comparisons to other years. Also in this issue are the results of the 2007 CVNP fall census with comments by Dwight Chasar, coordinator of each year's census.

## Corrections to the Summer 2007 Issue

- Sandy Brown's King Rail photographs (on the cover and on page 37) were taken June 18, not July 18. The sightings entry for the King Rail included the correct date of June 18.
- The Yellow-bellied Flycatcher adult and juvenile at Holden Arboretum on 6/28 should have been Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. The sighting was by Rebecca Thompson, a coordinator at Holden, who should have had her initials in the key as RT, not BT.

## Weather Report, Fall 2007

*Dwight W. Chasar*

**September:** Temperatures averaged 66.7°, 3.4° above normal. The high was 90° on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the low 45° on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Lake Erie was 75° on the 1<sup>st</sup> and eased down to 70° by the 30<sup>th</sup>. Rain occurred over 13 days and totaled 2.12 inches, 1.65 inches below normal. The greatest 24-hour rainfall was 0.98 inches on the 25-26<sup>th</sup>.

**October:** Temperatures averaged 60.2°, 8.0° above normal. The highest was 88° on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the lowest 31° on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Rain occurred over 19 days and totaled 2.65 inches, a departure of only 0.08 inches below normal. The greatest 24-hour rainfall was 1.73 inches on the 22-23<sup>rd</sup>. Lake Erie water cooled to 59° by the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**November:** Temperatures averaged 41.3°, 0.5° below normal. The highest was 66° on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the lowest 21° on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Occurring over 28 days, precipitation totaled 4.07 inches, 0.69 inches above normal. The greatest 24-hour rainfall was 1.26 inches on the 12-13<sup>th</sup>. There was 1.1 inches of snow. Lake Erie temperature dropped to 46° by the end of the month.

## Sightings Location Key

**Bradstreet's Landing.** Lakefront park in Rocky River (Cuyahoga Co.).

**Boston.** CVNP Towpath near Boston Mills Road and Boston Store, 1/10 of a mile east of Riverview Road (Summit Co.).

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

**Dike 14.** Private property on Cleveland's lakefront at Gordon Park, open to birding only on special occasions (Cuyahoga Co.).

**Firestone Metro Park.** 258 acre park south of Akron (Summit Co.).

**Frohning Meadows.** Geauga Park District, Bainbridge. Planted with prairie plants; a wet meadow habitat with low areas holding water; good for shorebirds (Gauga Co.).

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

**Ira Road.** North of Riverview and Ira Roads in the CVNP; a large beaver marsh bisected by the towpath boardwalk (Summit Co.).

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

**Red Lock.** CVNP Towpath trailhead on Highland Road in Sagamore Hills (Summit Co.).

**Sandy Ridge.** A large artificial wetland in North Ridgeville. Known for easily seen waterfowl, rails, moorhens and cranes (Lorain 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.).

**Seiberling Naturealm.** Smith Road between Fairlawn and the Cuyahoga Valley (Summit Co.).

**Station Road.** CVNP towpath trailhead area south of Rt. 82 at Riverview Road, including the Pinery Narrows heron rookery (Brecksville, Cuyahoga Co.).

**Terra Vista.** Near the Canal Visitors Center in CVNP (Cuyahoga Co.).

**Villa Angela.** Cleveland Lakefront State Park, between Euclid Beach and Neff Road (Cuyahoga Co.).

**WBSP.** West Branch State Park (Portage Co.).

**Wendy Park.** Cleveland Lakefront State Park at Whiskey Island, just east of the mouth of the Cuyahoga (Cuyahoga Co.).

**West Woods.** Geauga County Park District, overlapping Russell and Newbury Townships on Rt. 87 (Gauga Co.).

**Wilbeth Road.** An urban migrant trap south of Akron where the Ohio Canal runs along the un-restored towpath. Wetlands to the east and a landfill to the west (Summit Co.).

**Wildwood Park.** Cleveland Lakefront State Park at Neff Road (Cuyahoga Co.).

## Sightings Highlights

*Noteworthy species, numbers, or dates are underlined>.*

**Snow Goose.** In late November at Headlands, 25 birds were counted flying over the west beach (RH, JT) and 40 over Mentor Lagoons (RH, SW), all on 11/21. The next day, over the HBSP break-wall, six more were seen (RH, EB).

**Brant.** At Lakeshore Reservation, a flock of 29 were flying east on 11/7 (JP). One was photographed on 11/24 at Wildwood Park Marina (NA).

**Cackling Goose.** Four were mixed in with a flock of Canada Geese on 11/13 in Leroy Township (Lake Co.) (JP).

**Canada Goose.** At Sims Park in Euclid 360 were counted on 11/20 (NA). HBSP had its highest counts in November with 350 on 11/12 and 300 on 11/27 (RH). Inland, 183 were noted for the CVNP fall census at Hale Farm/Ira Road on 9/22 (TMR).

**Mute Swan.** Seen throughout the season at Headlands, usually counts of five to eight, with 12 on 9/1 (RH).

**Tundra Swan.** Two hundred-eight in several flocks passed over Cleveland Heights on 11/13 (PC). Headlands had sightings on five days in November, the highest being 100 on 11/27 (RH).

**Wood Duck.** Twenty-five were seen at Sandy Ridge on 9/22 (EBr). The Station Road vicinity had 40 on 10/8 (DAC). HBSP had 45 on 9/27 and 40 on 11/3 (RH).

**Gadwall.** Twenty-five were seen at Sandy Ridge on 10/28 (RSH). Wellington Upground Reservoir had 10 on 11/10 (CC).

**American Wigeon.** Sandy Ridge had two on 10/5 (EBr). Eight were at HBSP on 10/24 (RH).

**American Black Duck.** Seen at Headlands mid-October through mid-November, with the highest count of



**Brant, Wildwood Park, 11/24/2007**

*Nancy Anderson*

20 on 10/24 (RH). Ira Road had three on 10/19 (TMR). Five were seen at Sandy Ridge on 10/28 (RSH). Twelve were at Station Road on 11/1 (DAC). Seen at Ira Road throughout November with six on 11/12 (TMR). Seven were at CVNP's Kendall Lake on 11/11 (DAC).

**Mallard.** Sandy Ridge had 400 on 10/28 (RSH). Kendall Lake in the CVNP had 75 on 11/11 (DAC). HBSP had 60 on 11/22 (RH).

**Blue-winged Teal.** HBSP had 10 on 9/2 (RH). Two were at Sandy Ridge on 10/5 (EBr).

**Northern Shoveler.** Nesmith Lake had seven on 9/20 (GBe). Twenty-five were seen at Sandy Ridge on 10/28 (RSH). Four were at Headlands on 11/29 (RH).

**Northern Pintail.** Sandy Ridge had 10 on 10/28 (RSH). HBSP had single sightings October to November and six on 11/6 (RH).

**Green-winged Teal.** HBSP had several on many dates; 20 were seen there on 10/25 (RH). Fifteen were seen at Sandy Ridge on 10/28 (RSH). Kendall Lake in the CVNP was

drained for repairs this season, and the teals made use of the shallow water. On 11/11 there were 17 found there (DAC).

**Canvasback.** Headlands had one on 11/14 (RH).

**Redhead.** One was at HBSP on 10/28 (RH). Wellington Upground Reservoir had five on 11/10 (EBr).

**Ring-necked Duck.** Thirty appeared at Headlands on 10/28 (RH). Wellington Upground Reservoir had four on 11/10 (EBr). Crystal Lake (Stow) hosted two on 11/11 (DAC).

**Greater Scaup.** On 11/15 one made an appearance at HBSP (RH).

**Lesser Scaup.** Eight were seen at Wellington Upground Reservoir on 11/10 (EBr). Headlands had 25 on 11/14 (RH).

**Surf Scoter.** Ten were spotted from Rocky River Park on 11/17 (CC); four were there on 11/4 (BF, PL) and eight on 11/20 (JE). Inland, a first-year male was at Springfield Lake on 11/8 (GBe).

**White-winged Scoter.** One was located at Sims Park 10/14 (LC). One

was found at Huntington Beach on 11/4 (EBr). Bradstreet's Landing had one bird on 11/20 (JE).

**Black Scoter.** One hundred were counted at Headlands on 10/24 (RH). Two were seen from Sims Park on 11/11 (NA). Rocky River Park had 45 on 11/20 (JE).

**Long-tailed Duck.** Four single sightings at Headlands, from 10/30 to 11/21 (RH).

**Bufflehead.** A very early female was seen along the Headlands Coast Guard beach on 9/14 (JT, SB). Fifty were seen at Springfield Lake on 11/13 (GBe). At Bass Lake in Munson Township, 24 were counted on 11/23 (LG).

**Common Goldeneye.** On 10/14 one was seen at Sims Park (LC). Most reports were in November. At Sims Park 35 to 40 were seen on 11/24 (NA).

**Hooded Merganser.** Shaker Lakes had good numbers: one on 9/22, then 15 on 11/17 and finally 65 on 11/18 (LD). Headlands had 50 on 11/17 (RH).

**Common Merganser.** A very early female was seen flying westward at the HBSP public beach on 9/25 (RH, JT, SW). Three were seen from Rocky River Park on 10/9 (TGi). HBSP had six on 11/16 (RH).

**Red-breasted Merganser.** Typical November sightings of nearly uncountable flocks. At Sims park, 3000 were estimated on 11/17 (CC). Numbers in the thousands were seen from East Lake Power Plant on 11/18 (LC). Headlands' numbers started with six on 9/20 and peaked at 1200 on 11/23 (RH).

**Ruddy Duck.** Lake Medina had approx. 150 on 11/4 (GBe). An estimated 2000 were counted at Wellington Upground Reservoir on 11/10 (CC). Oberlin Reservoir had 300 the same day (CC). At Bass Lake in Munson Township, 19 were counted



on 11/23 (LG). Along the lake, Headlands had numbers in the teens and twenties from 10/25 on (RH).

**Ring-necked Pheasant.** North Chagrin Metroparks had one on 10/28 (LD).

**Wild Turkey.** A flock of 16 were seen in Concord Township (Lake Co.) on 10/2 (SI).

**Red-throated Loon.** Three were seen along the lakefront at North Perry on 11/17 (JP).

**Common Loon.** Earliest report was one bird in non-breeding (basic) plumage on 9/5 at Wellington Reservoir (RSH). Sims Park had one on 10/14 (LC). HBSP had sightings from 10/10 onwards; highest counts were 20 on 10/24 and 40 on 11/15 (RH). There were 12 at Bradstreet's Landing on 11/20 (JE). Eleven were at WBSP on 11/24 (GBe).

**Pied-billed Grebe.** Summit Lake had 11 on 10/24 (GBe). Nimisila Reservoir had 19 on 11/29 (GBe) and 15 on 11/9 (RSH).

**Horned Grebe.** A respectable 130 were counted at Sims Park on 11/11 (NA). Rocky River Park had 40 on 11/20 (JE).

**Northern Gannet.** A juvenile passed by North Perry along the lakefront on 11/17; another was sighted there again on 11/23 (JP).

**Double-crested Cormorant.** Firestone Metro Park had 110 on 9/10 (RSH). At Wendy Park 775 passed by on 9/29 (RSH). HBSP had 500 on 10/25 (RH). Increasing number of inland sightings.

**American Bittern.** One was flushed at the Headlands State Nature Preserve on 10/11 (SW, RH, JT).

**Least Bittern.** At the Headlands public beach one was observed flying west on 10/11 (RH).

**Great Blue Heron.** Seventeen were reported from Headlands on 11/30



**Horned Grebes, Wildwood Park, 11/24/2007**

*Nancy Anderson*

(RH). Most complete reports had one or two birds per day.

**Great Egret.** Five were seen at Sandy Ridge on 9/22 (EBr) and again on 10/28 (RSH). Hinckley Lake had two on 10/21 (BK). Lake Isaac had one on 10/22 (RSH).

**Cattle Egret.** One was seen flying east to west at Rocky River Park on 11/11 (PL, BF).

**Green Heron.** Most reports were of single birds in September. Three were seen at Ira Road on 9/3 (TMR).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron.** Merwin Street (downtown Cleveland) had 33 on 11/11 and 63 by 11/24 (PL). Elsewhere, Headlands had one each on 9/1, 9/2 and 10/6 (RH). One was seen on a dock at 11 PM at a private Whiskey Island marina on 9/15 (FCD).

**Turkey Vulture.** One hundred-twenty were seen from HBSP on 9/12; latest sighting there was 40 on 10/28 (RH). Rob and Sandy Harlan's report: "49 loafing around the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's African Plains exhibit (Cuyahoga Co.) 9/13. Seven of these were juveniles. As it's usually difficult to gauge nesting success of vultures, this might provide some evidence of local nesting success."

(RSH). At least Fifty were seen at Sims Park on 10/14 (LC).

**Osprey.** Headlands had many single sightings in September and October (RH). One was observed in flight to the north of the Canal Visitors Center in CVNP during the CVNP fall census on 9/22 (FL). One was seen at Shaker Lakes the same day (LD).

**Bald Eagle.** Two were seen at Sims Park on 10/14 (LC). A 4<sup>th</sup>-year bird was seen in Peninsula on 11/3 (DAC). An adult was seen from downtown Cuyahoga Falls from 11/19 to season's end (GBe). Counts of one to three were at HBSP throughout the season (RH) and of singles in the CVNP (many obs.).

**Northern Harrier.** One was seen at Rocky River Nature Center on 9/16 (EBr). Bradstreet's Landing had three flying east to west over Lake Erie on 11/4 (BF, PL). Headlands had four sightings in October (RH). Wellington Reservation had one on 11/10 (CC).

**Sharp-shinned Hawk.** HBSP had three sightings in September (RH). One was seen at Sandy Ridge on 9/22 (EBr). There were single sightings in the CVNP on 10/6 and 10/8 (DAC). Downtown Akron had one on 10/25 (GBe).



**Double-crested Cormorant, Twinsburg, 9/12/2007**  
Holly Norton

**Cooper's Hawk.** Headlands had a dozen sightings throughout the season of one to three birds (RH). Two were observed at Shaker Lakes on 9/22 (LD). Two were seen at Terra Vista on 9/22 (FL). Most reports were of single birds throughout the season.

**Red-shouldered Hawk.** One bird on 9/29 was Headlands' single sighting (RH). Two were seen at Ira Road on 10/19 (TMR).

**Broad-winged Hawk.** One was perched along Cable Line Road at WBSP on 9/3 (GC).

**Red-tailed Hawk.** Singles and Pairs were reported from everyone throughout the season. Headlands had five on 10/21 (RH).

**Rough-legged Hawk.** Headlands had one on 11/24 (RH). A light-morph individual was spotted at Burke Lakefront airport the same day (BF, PL).

**American Kestrel.** Total reported:  
1 on 9/1 at HBSP (RH)  
3 on 9/4 at Wendy Park (TMR)  
1 on 9/27 at HBSP (RH)  
4 on 9/27 at Boston (HO)  
1 on 9/22 at Terra Vista (FL)  
1 on 10/1 at Ira Road (TMR)  
1 on 10/8 at Jaite (FL)  
1 on 10/11 at HBSP (RH)

1 on 10/18 at HBSP (RH)  
1 on 10/21 at HBSP (RH)  
1 on 11/10 in Lorain Co. along Peck-Wadsworth Road (CC)  
1 on 11/29 at HBSP (RH).

**Merlin.** One bird was reliably seen at Mentor Lagoons at the beginning of the season, followed by only one November sighting (RH). An individual was found at the North Chagrin Nature Center pond on 9/16 and 9/17 (TK). One was found in Hudson on 11/21 on Ravenna Road just west of Stow Road (LR). On 11/11 Wildwood Park hosted one (NA). Merlins returned to their annual Calvary Cemetery haunts in Garfield Heights with one on 11/7 and three on 11/23 (LGa). Two were seen at Calvary Cemetery on 11/25 (EBr).

**Peregrine Falcon.** Six sightings came from HBSP the first half of the season with two seen on 10/10 (RH). At Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, one was seen on 11/25 (EBr).

**Yellow Rail.** One was reported from Dike 14 on 10/6 (GL).

**Virginia Rail.** On 9/22 one was heard at Station Road's south marsh (HT).

**Sora.** One was observed at Sandy Ridge on 10/5 (EBr). Headlands had one on 10/20 (RH).

**American Coot.** At Sandy Ridge 200 were seen on 10/28 (RSH). At Nimisila Reservoir 210 were counted on 11/9 (RSH). Wellington Upground Reservoir had 150 on 11/10 (EBr). Springfield Lake had 192 on 11/13 (GBe).

**Sandhill Crane.** A calling individual flew over Mentor Lagoons on 10/18 (JT, RH, SW).

**Black-bellied Plover.** Three were found at Headlands on 9/9; the latest sighting was one on 10/14 (RH).

**American Golden-Plover.** One bird graced Headlands on 9/9 (RH).

**Semipalmated Plover.** Three were seen at Frohring Meadows in Bainbridge on 9/4 (LR, JS, LG). Nine were seen at HBSP on 9/9 (RH).

**Killdeer.** As expected everywhere. A Mayfield Village wetland had 15 on 9/12 (FL). Nine were seen for the CVNP fall census at Hale Farm/Ira Road on 9/22 (TMR).

**Spotted Sandpiper.** There were few reports from our region. HBSP had two sightings, on 9/3 and on 9/15 (RH).

**Solitary Sandpiper.** Frohring Meadows in Bainbridge had at least 10 on 9/4 (LR, JS, LG). The CVNP's Kendall Lake had two on 9/17 (DAC). One was found at Ira Road on 10/1 (TMR). HBSP had one on 10/3 (RH).

**Greater Yellowlegs.** Headlands had one on 9/5 and one on 9/13 (RH).

**Lesser Yellowlegs.** One was seen at Frohring Meadows in Bainbridge on 9/4 (LR, JS, LG). Sandy Ridge hosted two on 10/5 (EBr).

**Whimbrel.** According to Ray Hannikman, Whimbrel are rarely recorded after early August in the HBSP area, but a single bird was seen heading west off the nature preserve beach on 9/28 (JT, RH, SB).



## Comments on the Season – Headlands Beach State Park / Mentor Lagoons, Fall 2007

Ray Hannikman

The Fall of the Northern Saw-whet Owl and a fallout of Blackpoll Warblers will remain etched in my memory whenever I recall Autumn 2007 in the Headlands Beach State Park area. It just wasn't that I observed four of the tiny Saw-whets in October and November (and I know of at least two others) – but to see a little Saw-whet flying out over Lake Erie and in to the State Nature Preserve on October 11 only to have Emil Bacik witness the same phenomenon on November 18 makes me wonder what other “takes” on bird migration await me. And talk about Blackpoll Warblers. September 8, Jerry Talkington, Suzanne Wagner and I encountered frantic feeding floods of this species as they exploded all over the eastern portion of Headlands (Coast Guard Road, picnic area, parking lot) about mid-morning, gathered up insect fuel to continue their journeys south, reassembled in their hyperactive little groups, and departed, sometimes in strings of four to twenty birds as if shot out of a canon. Another attention-getter was the LeConte's Sparrow with at least four of these secretive little grass-dwellers found in marshy areas along the boardwalk at Wake Robin Trail in October. This was the first fall when Wake Robin Trail received almost daily coverage, twice a day on occasion. During peak sparrow migration from mid-September through late October and prolonged periods with LeConte's Sparrows as well as Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, this area has become a must-visit site. To close out the season two species of warblers, Yellow-throated and Northern Parula, showed up near the Fisherman's Path. In Autumn's fading gloom the spritely tiny female Northern Parula glowed brightly as she gleaned unseen insect prey from low shrubbery and ground-level leaves. It was another good fall of birding with my Headlands birding friends.

**Ruddy Turnstone.** At Headlands, three were seen on 9/1 and one on 9/10 (RH).

**Red Knot.** One was heard and seen over Shipman Pond (HBSP) on 9/17 (JT, RH, SW).

**Sanderling.** Seen throughout September at Headlands with up to 12 seen on 9/8, plus a single sighting 10/30 (RH).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper.** At Frohring Meadows in Bainbridge, approximately eight were seen on 9/4 (LR, JS, LG). Five were seen at Headlands on 9/9 (RH).

**Least Sandpiper.** Eight were seen at Frohring Meadows in Bainbridge on 9/4 (LR, JS, LG). Kendall Lake in the CVNP had one on 9/17 (DAC).

**Baird's Sandpiper.** At Frohring Meadows in Bainbridge at least four were found on 9/4 (LR, JS, LG). Two flew by the Headlands west beach on 9/11 (RH).

**Pectoral Sandpiper.** One was seen at CVNP's Kendall Lake on 9/17 (DAC). Sandy Ridge had one on 10/5 (EBr).

**Dunlin.** Headlands had 60 on 10/28 and 50 on 11/6 (RH).

**Short-billed Dowitcher.** One was found at WBSP on 9/3 (GC).

**American Woodcock.** Two were at Jaite on 9/30 (FL). One was found in the CVNP on 10/21 (DAC).

**Wilson's Snipe.** The Richfield Coliseum site had several reports in October and late November, with the highest of at least four on 10/30 (DAC). Single birds were found at HBSP in September and October (RH).

**Red Phalarope.** The only HBSP area fall sighting was one off the Nature Preserve beach on 10/28 (RH, EB).

**Black-legged Kittiwake.** A first-winter bird briefly joined a feeding flock of gulls just off of Headlands' State Nature Preserve beach on 11/30 (RH).

**Sabine's Gull.** One juvenile was found as it flew west to east on 9/20 with a massive movement of Common Terns at Headlands (RH).

**Bonaparte's Gull.** In November the Headlands numbers peaked in the thousands, hitting 5000 on 11/16 and again on 11/23 (RH).

**Little Gull.** Records from Headlands: two, one adult and one juvenile, on 9/20; two adults on 9/24; one adult each on 10/30, 11/24 and 11/28 (RH). On 10/24 a first-winter bird was seen at Bradstreet's Landing (TGi).

**Franklin's Gull.** One first-year was seen at Lakeshore Reservation in North Perry on 11/22 (JP).

**Ring-billed Gull.** HBSP had a peak of 2400 on 9/20 (RH). Oberlin Reservoir had 250 on 11/10 (CC).

**Herring Gull.** On 9/20 Headlands had the highest count of 200 (RH).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull.** Two were seen at Headlands on 9/11, none in October or November (RH).

**Glaucous Gull.** An early 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year individual was at the lakefront in North Perry on 11/17 (JP).

**Great Black-backed Gull.** Wendy Park had one adult on 9/29 (RSH). Lorain Harbor had four on 10/28 (RSH).

**Caspian Tern.** Six were at HBSP on 9/9; all sightings there were in September (RH).

**Black Tern.** Last Headlands sighting was three on 9/20 (RH).

**Common Tern.** Over 1900 were estimated to have passed west to east, as seen from Mentor Headlands dunes area, on the morning of 9/20. This was the largest movement ever noted for this species at that site (RH). Over 150 were seen at Rocky River Park on 11/5 (TGi).

**Forster's Tern.** Three were counted at HBSP on 9/11 (RH).

**Pomarine Jaeger.** A distant individual was spied out over the lake by Jerry Talkington at HBSP on 10/20 (JT fide RH).

**Rock Pigeon.** Terra Vista had a count of 35 on 9/22 (FL).

**Mourning Dove.** Headlands had 100 on 9/10 (RH). On 10/14, 120 were counted in Sagamore Hills (DAC).

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo.** Sightings of single birds were common at HBSP in September (RH). Two were noted for the CVNP fall census at Hale Farm/Ira Road on 9/22 (TMR) and two more were found that day near the Canal Visitors Center (FL). On 10/3 Rocky River Reservation had one observation (RSH).

**Eastern Screech-Owl.** There were sightings of a single individual throughout September at Headlands (RH). One was observed in Westlake on 10/4 (CC). At Red Lock in the CVNP one was found on 10/18 (DAC).

**Snowy Owl.** Jeff Riebe, Naturalist at the North Chagrin Nature Center, rescued one on 11/13 at East 117th and I-90. After rehabilitation was eventually unsuccessful, the owl was to be used for education purposes (TK).



**Snowy Owl, North Chagrin Nature Center, 11/24/2007**

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**Barred Owl.** Leo Deininger had the only reports: two at Shaker Lakes on 9/29 and one at South Chagrin Metropark on 10/17 (LD).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl.** At HBSP on 10/11 one bird was seen flying over the lake and heading into the break-wall bushes, where Jerry Talkington soon found its roost (RH, JT, SW). Also at Headlands two were found on 10/14: one along the Coast Guard road (JT fide RH) and one along Zimmerman Trail about three feet off the ground (RH). A single bird, again at Headlands, was seen flying over the lake and heading for the break-wall bushes on 11/18 (EB fide RH), and was also found roosting afterwards by

Jerry Talkington (fide RH). Another was found at Headlands on 11/19 (LR). Reports from other locations were one at Elmwood Park in Rocky River on 11/7 (TGi) and one from Rocky River Reservation Nature Center on 11/3 (EBr).

**Common Nighthawk.** Five or six flew overhead in Maple Heights on 9/6 (DR). At Jackson Field in South Chagrin MP, 150 were counted on 9/8 (LRg fide LR). Three were seen in Cuyahoga Falls on 9/18 (GBe). Five were seen over Merriman Valley (Akron) on 9/21 (GBe).

**Whip-poor-will.** This species is rarely known for roosting high in a tree, but that is where one was located along the Lakefront Trail at Mentor Lagoons on 9/29 (JT fide RH).

**Chimney Swift.** A chimney at Cedar and Fairmount in Cleveland Heights hosted 150 birds seen entering at dusk on 9/1; on 9/5 the number was 168 (DJH). HBSP had 150 on 9/11; the latest sighting there

was one on 10/9 (RH). On 9/22 at Terra Vista, 144 were observed (FL). The latest report was eight in Fairview Park on 10/18 (TK).

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird.** Nine were seen at Headlands on 9/5 (RH).

**Belted Kingfisher.** Three were seen at Ira Road on 9/10 (TMR). Jaite also had three on 10/8 (FL).

**Red-headed Woodpecker.** Station Road had eight on 9/20 (DAC). Seven were counted at Sandy Ridge on 9/22 (EBr). Three were seen at Bath Nature Preserve on 10/11 (HO).

**Red-bellied Woodpecker.** Ten were counted at Terra Vista on 9/22 (FL). Twelve were found at Ira Road on 10/8 and eight on 11/12 (TMR).

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.** At Headlands, 12 were tallied on 10/11 (RH). Huntington Reservation had two on 10/13 (EBr). One dead hatch-year bird was discovered at E. 9<sup>th</sup> and St. Clair in Cleveland on 10/17 (DAC). One was at Shaker Lakes on 10/22 (CJ). On 11/3 one was found in Perry Twp. (Lake Co.) (CC).

**Downy Woodpecker.** Ten were counted on 9/15 at HBSP (RH). Terra Vista had 10 on 9/22 (FL). Ira Road had 12 on 11/12 (TMR).

**Hairy Woodpecker.** Headlands had six on 9/15 (RH). Three were observed at Ira Road on 11/12 (TMR). Rocky River Nature Center had three on 11/17 (EBr).

**Northern Flicker.** On 9/19, 10 were seen at Wendy Park (RSH). Twenty were seen at HBSP on 9/20 (RH). Nine were counted at Wildwood Park on 9/23 (RSH).

**Pileated Woodpecker.** Three were seen in the CVNP at Boston on 9/27 (HO). Four were found at Ira Road on 11/5 (TMR).

**Eastern Wood-Pewee.** At Headlands nine were seen on 9/18 (RH). One was seen from the Clinton Towpath Trail (Summit Co.) on 9/30 (RSH).

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.** Seen almost daily at HBSP in September; three were seen there on 9/16 (RH). Bath Nature Preserve had one on 10/11 (HO).

**Acadian Flycatcher.** Rob and Sandy Harlan had reported the latest sightings of the season: individual birds at Seiberling Naturealm on 9/12 and at Rocky River Reservation on 9/19 (RSH).

**Least Flycatcher.** September sightings of more than one bird were occurring almost daily at Headlands with a high

of seven on 9/17 (RH). One was seen at Sandy Ridge on 9/22 (EBr).

**Eastern Phoebe.** HBSP had eight on 10/11 (RH). One was seen at Wildwood Park on 10/28 (NA).

**Great Crested Flycatcher.** A single bird was Headlands' latest sighting on 9/18 (RH).

**Eastern Kingbird.** One was observed in the CVNP at Boston on 9/27 (HO).

**Northern Shrike.** One was found at HBSP's Wake Robin Trail on 10/16 (JT fide RH) and 10/25 (JM fide RH). Bradstreet's Landing hosted one on 10/28 (TGi). Pond Brook in Twinsburg had a sighting on 11/27 (SS fide LR).

**White-eyed Vireo.** A very vocal bird was at Jaite on 9/19 (DAC). Ira Road had one on 9/22 (TMR).

**Yellow-throated Vireo.** In the CVNP one was found at Boston on 9/13 (HO) and another at Station Road on 9/14 (DAC). Ira Road had three on 9/22 (TMR).

**Blue-headed Vireo.** The count peaked at four at Headlands on 10/13 where they were seen through the end of October (RH).

**Warbling Vireo.** Six were found at HBSP on 9/13 (RH). Ira Road had four on 9/10 and three on 9/22 (TMR).

**Philadelphia Vireo.** Seen almost daily at Headlands in September with a high of seven on 9/13 (RH). At Villa Angela one was found on 9/18 (BF). One was seen at Wildwood Park on 9/23 (NA).

**Red-eyed Vireo.** Twenty were counted at HBSP on 9/13 (RH). One was singing on 10/3 in Orange (Cuyahoga Co.) (RSH).

**Blue Jay.** On 9/22 at Terra Vista, 38 were reported (FL). Ira Road had 28 on 9/22 (TMR). Headlands had 40 on 9/24 (RH). Fourteen were heading west over Erie St. Cemetery on 9/29 (RSH).

**American Crow.** The highest count reported was 160 for the CVNP fall census at Hale Farm/Ira Road on 9/22 (TMR). At Ira Road 49 were counted on 10/1 and 70 on 11/5 (TMR).

**Horned Lark.** Thirty were counted at Wendy Park on 9/29 (RSH). One was at Headlands on 10/13 (RH).

**Purple Martin.** At HBSP three were counted on 9/11 (RH). One was seen in the CVNP at Boston on 9/27 (HO).

**Tree Swallow.** Headlands had 70 on 9/17 (RH). Ira Road had six on 9/22 (TMR).

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow.** Carlisle Reservation (Lorain Co.) had two on 9/29 (EBr). The last HBSP sighting was two on 10/8 (RH).

**Cave Swallow.** One was identified on 11/25 at Fairport Harbor (JP).

**Barn Swallow.** Thirty staged at HBSP on 9/17 (RH). One was seen at Sandy Ridge on 9/22 (EBr).

**Black-capped Chickadee.** HBSP had 20 on 9/15 (RH). Twenty-four were seen on the CVNP fall census at Hale Farm/Ira Road on 9/22 (TMR). Terra Vista had 22, also on 9/22 (FL).

**Tufted Titmouse.** Highest Headlands count was 12 on 9/15 (RH). Terra Vista had 11 on 9/22 (FL). Eight were seen at Ira Road on 10/1 (TMR).

**Red-breasted Nuthatch.** Headlands had 18 on 9/16 (RH). Twelve were counted at Wildwood Park on 9/12 (NA); seven were there on 9/23 (RSH). Throughout the entire fall period, feeder visitors included two in Sagamore Hills (DAC), three in Westlake (CC) and up to three in Macedonia (FL).

**White-breasted Nuthatch.** Nine were seen in the CVNP at Boston on 9/6 (HO). The CVNP fall census had 11 at Hale Farm/Ira Road on 9/22 (TMR). Rocky River Nature Center had 10 on 11/17 (EBr).





**Golden-crowned Kinglet, Brecksville, 10/17/07**

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**Brown Creeper.** At Headlands on 10/11, 40 were seen (RH). Three were seen at a Macedonia residence on 10/12 (FL).

**Carolina Wren.** Nine were tallied in the CVNP at Boston on 10/4 (HO). Up to eight were observed at Ira Road on many dates throughout the season (TMR).

**House Wren.** The last appearance at Headlands was one on 10/25 (RH).

**Winter Wren.** October 11 brought Headlands' highest count ever of 150 for this species, found throughout the area from the Nature Preserve, along Zimmerman and Wake Robin Trails, to Mentor Lagoons (RH, JT, SW). Jaite had one bird on 9/19 (DAC). Two were seen at Huntington Reservation on 10/13 (EBr).

**Sedge Wren.** The CVNP Tree Farm Trail south of Peninsula featured this bird on the fall census on 9/22 (DV).

**Marsh Wren.** One was seen at Ira Road on 10/15 (TMR). HBSP had reliable sightings, finishing the year with two on 10/24 and one on 11/2 (RH).

**Golden-crowned Kinglet.** At Headlands 250 were counted on 10/11 (RH). Twenty were counted at Sims Park on 10/14 (LC). Inland, 12 were seen at Huntington Reservation on 10/13 (EBr) and six were seen at Akron Fire Station #4 on 10/24 (GBE).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet.** Headlands had 150 on 10/11 (RH). At Huntington Reservation 30 were tallied on 10/13 (EBr). Ten were seen at Sims Park on

10/14 (LC). Sanitation Pond had three on 10/22 (DAC).

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.** The last sighting at HBSP was one on 10/5 (RH). A late migrant was seen at Lakewood Park on 11/23 (DC, CJ).

**Eastern Bluebird.** Twelve were at Station Road on 9/20 (FL). Ira Road had eight on 10/19 (TMR). In the CVNP at Boston a high of 24 were counted on 10/4 (HO), with 14 on 11/12 (TMR).

**Veery.** Three were spotted at Headlands on 9/4 (RH).

**Gray-cheeked Thrush.** Just as in the previous year, a pokeberry bush in Dick & Jean Hoffman's yard in Cleveland Heights provided several sightings. Seen there this year were

single birds on 9/16, 9/17, 9/19 and 9/22 (see also Swainson's and Hermit) (DJH). HBSP had eight on 9/16 (RH). One was at Jaite on 10/5 (DAC).

**Swainson's Thrush.** Twenty-five were counted at Headlands on 9/17 (RH). A Cleveland Heights pokeberry bush fed a single bird on six separate occasions from 9/4 through 9/22 (DJH). Two were at Erie St. Cemetery on 9/21 (BF). Wildwood Park had three on 9/30 (NA).

**Hermit Thrush.** Sixty were found at Headlands on 10/11, with numbers as high as 30 on 10/15 (RH). Sims Park had six on 10/14 and one on 10/21 (LC). One was seen in a Cleveland Heights yard on 10/24 and again on 11/12 (DJH).

**Wood Thrush.** The last Headlands sighting was one on 10/14 (RH).

**American Robin.** Late juvenile reports consisted of one on 9/20 in Norton (RSH) and one on 10/25 in Maple Heights (DR). Highest total count was 59 in the CVNP at Boston on 10/18 (HO).

**Gray Catbird.** At Ira Road 24 were counted on 9/3 (TMR). At HBSP the season high was 25 on 9/16 (RH). Firestone Metro Park matched that number on 9/18 (RSH). The latest report was one seen on the Clinton towpath trail on 11/9 (RSH).

**Northern Mockingbird.** The CVNP at Boston had one on 10/18 (HO) and another south of Jaite on 10/29 (FL). A third was found in the Ira Road area on 11/12 (TMR). Lake View Cemetery had one eating berries on 11/14 (DJH).

**Brown Thrasher.** Fifteen were counted at Headlands on 9/13; the last sighting there was one on 10/24 (RH). One was at Jaite on 9/19 (DAC). Erie Street Cemetery had one on 9/21 (BF). One lingered at Carlisle Reservation, seen on 10/6 (EBr).

**European Starling.** All reported high counts were the same number, all in the CVNP: Jaite had 150 on 9/30 (FL);

nearby Red Lock had 150 on 10/18 (DAC); Boston had 150 on 11/8 (HO).

**American Pipit.** At Frohring Meadows in Bainbridge one was seen on 9/18 (LG). On 9/29 there were 15 at Wendy Park (RSH). HBSP had two reports: one on 9/29 and four on 10/11 (RH).

**Bohemian Waxwing.** Ted Gilliland and Gabe Leidy reported two at Elmwood Park in Rocky River on 11/18 (TGi, fide BF); many observers saw at least one at this site.

**Cedar Waxwing.** Ira Road had more than all other reports combined: 110 on 9/10 and 150 on 10/1; these numbers grew to 1200 on 11/5 and then 465 on 11/12 (TMR). On 9/22 at Terra Vista, 154 were seen (FL). Firestone Metro Park had 100 on 9/23 (RSH). Red Lock in the CVNP had 125 on 10/18 (DAC). One hundred were also counted at Station Road on 11/12 (DAC).

**Blue-winged Warbler.** Seiberling Naturealm (Summit Co.) had a late bird on 9/12 (RSH).

**Golden-winged Warbler.** One was seen 9/8 at HBSP near Fisherman's Path (JT fide RH).

**Northern Parula.** A female was discovered at HBSP on the trail leading to Fisherman's Path on 11/26 (RH, JT, SW), a new record late date for this species supplanting the 1976 date of 11/20. Three were found at the same site on 9/16 (RH). One was observed at Villa Angela on 9/18 (BF).

**Tennessee Warbler.** Fifteen were tallied at Headlands on 9/17; the counts dwindled to one on 10/4 (RH).

**Orange-crowned Warbler.** Six were counted at HBSP on 10/4; they were seen there through 10/30 (RH). Two were observed at Villa Angela on 10/5 (BF). One was seen in Sagamore Hills on 10/14 (DAC). Cleveland's Wildwood Park had one on 10/28 (NA).

**Nashville Warbler.** Forty were seen on 9/16 and on 9/17 at Headlands where they lingered until 10/17 (RH). Four were counted at Villa Angela on 9/18 (BF). Station Road had one on 10/8 (DAC). One was seen on 10/28 at Wildwood Park (NA).

**Yellow Warbler.** Rob and Sandy Harlan had some later migrants with two at Wildwood Park on 9/23 and one at Wendy Park on 9/29 (RSH). Birds were found at HBSP through 9/27 (RH).

**Chestnut-sided Warbler.** Headlands had 17 on 9/16 (RH). On 9/22 one was seen at Sandy Ridge (EBr) and another was found at Terra Vista (FL).

**Magnolia Warbler.** Seen until mid-October at HBSP with a high of 50 on 9/17 (RH). At the Villa Angela section of Cleveland Lakefront State Park six were seen on 9/18 (BF). Four were found at Erie Street Cemetery on 9/21 (BF). Latest report was an adult male at Cleveland Lakefront SP headquarters on 10/20 (BF).

**Cape May Warbler.** Headlands also had nine on 9/5 and five on 9/29 (RH). Five were seen at Wendy Park on 9/29 (RSH). Latest sighting was one on 11/2 at Headlands (PC).

**Black-throated Blue Warbler.** HBSP had up to eight on 9/10 and finished the year with two on 10/11 (RH). One was seen in a Cleveland Heights yard on 9/19 (DJH). Claire Johnson had a late bird at her bird bath in Cleveland Heights on 10/27 (CJ).

**Yellow-rumped Warbler.** At Ira Road 41 were observed on 10/1 (TMR). Fifty were counted in the CVNP on 10/6 (DAC). Fifty was also the high at Headlands on 10/17 (RH). Thirty were counted in the CVNP at Boston on 10/18 (HO).

**Black-throated Green Warbler.** Ten were counted at HBSP on 9/16 (RH). One was singing at Mogadore on 9/22 (GBe). Station Road had two birds on 10/8 (DAC).



**Blackburnian Warbler.** One was spotted at Terra Vista on 9/13 (DAC). Headlands had six on 9/18 (RH). Sandy Ridge had a sighting on 9/22 (EBr).

**Yellow-throated Warbler.** The latest report was an individual seen on 11/25 at HBSP, breaking the latest record of 9/22 for the region (CJ, EB fide RH). Station Road had two individuals on 9/14 (DAC).

**Pine Warbler.** Kent Bog State Nature Preserve (Portage Co.) had one on 9/22 (GBe). Wildwood Park had one on 9/23 and Rocky River Reservation had one 10/3 (RSH). Latest observation was one found at Bradstreet's Landing on 11/11 (BF, m. obs.).

**Palm Warbler.** HBSP's highest daily tally was five on 9/16 (RH). Four were seen in the CVNP at Boston on 9/27 (HO). Carlisle Reservation had one on 10/6 (EBr). Latest report was one at Sanitation Pond on 10/22 (DAC).

**Bay-breasted Warbler.** Ten were counted at Headlands on 9/18 (RH). At Villa Angela one was seen on 9/18 (BF). Rocky River Nature Center had one on 9/29 (EBr).

**Blackpoll Warbler.** Ray Hannikman reported waves of Blackpolls at the Headlands State Nature Preserve area, seen from the canopy down to the understory, on 9/8 (RH, JT, SW). He wrote, "Frantic floods dropped in for a few moments and then disappeared eastward and southward. My estimate was 225-plus birds but I think my count was rather conservative" (RH). Later sightings included one in Richfield on 10/4 (DAC) and one at HBSP on 10/15 (RH).

**Black-and-white Warbler.** Daily counts ranged from one to seven at Headlands in September (RH). Two were seen in the CVNP at Boston on 9/6 (HO). One was found at Terra Vista on 9/22 (FL).

**American Redstart.** HBSP had 12 on both 9/16 and 9/18, with a last report of one on 10/18 (RH). Two were

counted at Villa Angela on 9/18 (BF). One was at Sandy Ridge on 9/22 (EBr).

**Ovenbird.** Daily counts of one or two at Headlands ended with two birds on 9/23 (RH). Two were seen at Erie Street Cemetery on 9/21 (BF). On 9/30 one was found at Wildwood Park (NA).

**Northern Waterthrush.** HBSP had several September sightings, the last being one on 9/17 (RH).

**Connecticut Warbler.** Five were seen at Rocky River Nature Center on 9/16 and one at Sandy Ridge on 10/5 (EBr). One was found at Whiskey Island on 10/1 (CC).

**Mourning Warbler.** One was seen in a Cleveland Heights yard on 9/19 (DJH). A very late immature female was at the Headlands maintenance dump behind Shipman Pond on 10/1 (JT, SW fide RH).

**Common Yellowthroat.** Five were seen in the CVNP at Boston on 9/6 (HO). Erie St. Cemetery had three on 9/21 (BF). One was heard on 10/6 in Mogadore (GBe).

**Hooded Warbler.** Seiberling Naturealm had one on 9/12 (RSH). The CVNP at Boston had one on 9/27 (HO). Firestone Metro Park had a male on both 9/11 and 9/22 (RSH). Latest was one at Sandy Ridge on 10/5 (EBr).

**Wilson's Warbler.** Headlands hosted 20 on 9/17; its latest sighting was one on 10/17 (RH). Two were seen at Villa Angela on 9/18 (BF). Wildwood Park hosted one on 9/29 (NA).

**Canada Warbler.** There were four sightings at HBSP; the last was one on 9/14 (RH).

**Scarlet Tanager.** Three were seen in the CVNP at Boston on 9/13, followed by two on 9/20 (HO). Four single sightings at Headlands, the last on 9/21 (RH).

**Eastern Towhee.** CVNP reports included one at Jaite on 10/15 and another at Oakhill in the CVNP on 10/28 (DAC). Single birds only were seen at HBSP, mostly in September (RH).

**American Tree Sparrow.** Boston had 15 on 11/16 (HO). At Rocky River Nature Center 30 were seen on 11/17 (EBr). Fifteen were at Bedford Reservation's Button Road field on 11/17 (FL).

**Chipping Sparrow.** At Headlands 25 were counted on 10/11 (RH). One was heard in downtown Akron on 10/9 (GBe). Sanitation Pond had five on 10/22 (DAC). Latest report was one seen from 11/24 to 12/1 at a Richmond Heights residence (NA).

**Clay-colored Sparrow.** Wake Robin Trail had Headlands' only occurrence on 10/11 (JT). One was also seen that day at Dike 14 (GL).

**Field Sparrow.** At HBSP 14 were seen on 10/11 (RH). Sanitation Pond had 10 on 10/22 (DAC). One was at Wellington Reservation on 11/10 (EBr).

**Vesper Sparrow.** One was seen at Sandy Ridge on 10/5 (EBr).

**Lark Sparrow.** A great find at Dike 14 on 10/2 was a young bird almost fully into its winter plumage (PC).

**Savannah Sparrow.** Six were seen at Richfield on 10/4, with another seen there on 10/30 (DAC). The latest HBSP sighting was one on 10/31 (RH).

**Grasshopper Sparrow.** One was observed on 10/7 at Wendy Park (RSH). Headlands had two on 10/12 (RH).

**Henslow's Sparrow.** On 10/5, one was found at Sandy Ridge (EBr).

**Le Conte's Sparrow.** Good numbers of LeConte's were found at various locations throughout Ohio during October 2007 (RH). Two were found along Wake Robin Trail in HBSP on

10/12 (JT). This site also produced single birds from 10/9 through 10/23, thought to involve at least four individuals in these sightings (JT). One was teased out at HBSP's Wake Robin Trail by Jerry Talkington on 10/21 (CJ). Elsewhere, on 9/26 Bradstreet's Landing had a sighting (TGi) and one was noted at Wellington Reservation on 11/10 (EBr).

**Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow.**

Single birds were located on six separate dates, involving at least four individual birds, at Wake Robin Trail at HBSP from 10/5 to 10/29 (RH, JT, SW).

**Fox Sparrow.** Eight were found at Jaite on 10/29 (FL) and six to ten were seen there on both 11/4 and 11/12 (DAC). Twelve were observed at Ira Road on 11/12 (TMR).

**Song Sparrow.** Highest report was from HBSP where 300 were counted on 10/11 (RH). Jaite had a count of 22 on 10/8 (FL). At Sanitation Pond 25 were seen on 10/22 (DAC).

**Lincoln's Sparrow.** Two were counted at Sandy Ridge on 10/5 (EBr). Two were also found in the CVNP on 10/6 (DAC). Three were found at Jaite on 10/8 (FL). On 10/11, 18 were counted at HBSP, their highest for the season (RH).

**Swamp Sparrow.** At Headlands 80 were tallied on 10/11 (RH). Fifteen were counted at Sanitation Pond on 10/22 (DAC). Jaite had 13 on 10/8 (FL). Ten were counted at Mentor Marsh on 10/23 (LC).

**White-throated Sparrow.** By far the highest report was 1000 at Headlands on 10/11 (RH). Forty were observed at Sandy Ridge on 10/5 (EBr) and also at Ira Road on 10/15 (TMR). Twenty were counted at Sanitation Pond on 10/22 (DAC).

**White-crowned Sparrow.** Fifty were observed at HBSP on 10/11 (RH). Forty were counted at Station Road on 10/13 (DAC). Ira Road had 18 on 10/22 (TMR).



**Fox Sparrow, South Russell, 11/6/2007**

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**Dark-eyed Junco.** Three showed up at Sims Park on 9/18 (LC). Five were at Erie Street Cemetery on 9/29 (RSH). The CVNP at Boston had 22 on 11/8 (HO).

**Lapland Longspur.** One was found at Lorain Harbor on 10/28 (RSH). A large flock, estimated at 50 birds, flew over the Headlands State Nature Preserve dunes on 11/12 (JT).

**Snow Bunting.** Many double-digit counts this season for this species at Headlands, but the highest count was 150 on 10/30 (RH). Perry Park had 20 on 11/3 (CC).

**Northern Cardinal.** Headlands had 26 on 9/15 (RH). Eleven were at Ira Road on 9/17, with 23 there on 11/12 (TMR). Twenty were counted at Terra Vista on 9/22 (FL).

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak.** Staging for their fall migration, 12 birds were counted on 9/22 at Shaker Lakes (LD). Nine were seen on the CVNP fall census at Hale Farm/Ira Road on 9/22 (TMR). A late bird was seen there on 10/22 (CJ).

**Indigo Bunting.** A late bird was observed at Erie Street Cemetery on 10/12 (RSH).

**Red-winged Blackbird.** At Ira Road 91 were observed on 9/17 (TMR). Terra Vista had 129 on 9/22 (FL). Jaite had 200 on 10/5 (DAC). From the CVNP's Boston trailhead 170 were counted on 11/8 (HO).

**Eastern Meadowlark.** Only report was one at Headlands on 10/12 (RH).

**Rusty Blackbird.** Total reported:  
 1 on 9/19 at Summit Lake (GBe)  
 1 on 9/22 at Terra Vista (FL)  
 3 on 9/30 in Leroy Twp. (SI)  
 50 on 9/30 at Jaite (FL)  
 14 on 10/15 at Jaite (DAC)  
 16 on 10/15 at Ira Rd. (TMR)  
 8 on 10/19 at Ira Rd. (TMR)  
 7 on 10/20 at Red Lock (DAC)  
 11 on 10/22 at Ira Rd. (TMR)  
 1 on 10/29 at Jaite (FL)  
 400 on 10/29 at HBSP (RH)  
 500 on 10/30 at HBSP (RH)  
 400 on 10/31 at HBSP (RH)  
 25 on 11/4 at Jaite (DAC)  
 2 on 11/5 at Ira Rd. (TMR)  
 23 on 11/11 at Firestone MP (FL)  
 1 on 11/12 at Ira Rd. (TMR).

**Common Grackle.** On 9/15 Fred Losi witnessed 103 on a walk at Bedford Reservation Hemlock Grove (FL). The CVNP at Boston had 200 on 9/20 (HO). Five-hundred were counted in Sagamore Hills on 9/25 (DAC).

**Brown-headed Cowbird.** Twenty were counted in Westlake on 9/2 (CC).

**Baltimore Oriole.** Two were seen at Ira Road on 9/10 (TMR). Headlands' last sighting was one on 10/6 (RH).

**Purple Finch.** Red Lock had eight on 10/18 and four on 10/20 (DAC). Also in the CVNP, twelve were reported from the CVNP at Boston on 10/25 (HO). Seven visited the feeders at The West Woods in Geauga County on 11/6 (LR).

**House Finch.** Forty was HBSP's highest count, recorded on 9/16 (RH). Seven were seen at Ira Road on 10/19 (TMR).

**White-winged Crossbill.** One appeared at a feeder in North Perry the morning of 11/22 (JP).

**Common Redpoll.** Indicative of a soon-to-be irruptive winter, three were found at HBSP on 11/21 (RH).

**Hoary Redpoll.** Several people got good looks at one at Headlands on 11/24 (EK).

**Pine Siskin.** Headlands had two on 10/8, seven on 10/31 and one on 11/17 (RH). On 10/22 three visited a South Russell feeder (LG). At least three were at the feeders at West Woods in

Gauga County on 11/6 (LR). In southern Summit Co., one was in Norton on 10/19 and two were seen from the Clinton Towpath Trail on 11/9 (RSH).

**American Goldfinch.** On 9/3 at Ira Road 35 were seen (TMR). Terra Vista had 57 on 9/22 (FL). Fifty were counted at HBSP on 10/17 through 10/26 (RH).

**Evening Grosbeak.** A small flock of 23 or more invaded backyard feeders in South Russell on 11/3 and stayed until 11/10 (LG).

**House Sparrow.** Highest report count was 80 at Sims Park on 9/1 (LC).



**Evening Grosbeaks, South Russell, 11/6/2007**

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## Fall 2007 Banding Highlights – The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

Julie West

This was the seventh year of banding at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes as part of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory's passerine migration monitoring program. Banding was conducted Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, weather permitting, from August 20<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> and additionally on October 24<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The season started out very slowly with a total of only 8 birds banded the first two days; this compares to a low of 17 in 2003. By the end of the season, however, 736 birds had been banded over 24 days, second only to 2005 when 893 birds were banded over 26 days and above the site average of 641.

This was a season of new highs, and new lows. One species was added to the list of birds banded at the Nature Center: Purple Finch (2). It was a banner year for American Goldfinch with 208 banded; the previous fall high was 128 in 2005. Ovenbird made the top 15 (number of birds banded) fall list for the first time with 11 birds banded (previous high was 7 in 2006). Also of note were 8 Blackpoll Warblers banded (previous high was 3 in each of 2001, 2003, and 2004). Of possible interest is the fact that all the species with new highs this year, with the exception of the Fox Sparrow and American Goldfinch, had previous highs in 2001 and/or 2006. Species captured in record numbers during fall 2007 are shown in Table 1.

On the other hand, new lows were 14 Gray Catbirds banded (previous low was 24 in 2006) and 21 Magnolia Warblers banded (previous low was 30 in 2005). Though not a new low, no Eastern Phoebes were banded this fall; a species that has been banded every other fall, except 2004. This may be attributable to the April snowstorm, before which there were 4 singing males around the Nature Center boardwalk and after which none were recorded.

Species	Total 2007	Total 2006	Total 2005	Total 2004	Total 2003	Total 2002	Total 2001	Average '01-'07
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	5	2	4	1	1	3	1	2.43
Philadelphia Vireo	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	1.14
Swainson's Thrush	32	29	16	25	17	19	30	24
Hermit Thrush	18	17	6	5	7	10	5	9.71
Blackpoll Warbler	8	1	2	3	3	2	3	3.14
Ovenbird	11	7	2	5	5	4	4	5.43
Fox Sparrow	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	.71
Lincoln's Sparrow	8	3	1	2	1	1	3	2.71
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	19	2	2	4	11	1	17	8
American Goldfinch	208	47	128	80	71	39	20	84.71

Table 1. Species captured in record numbers, Fall 2007 at Shaker Lakes Nature Center.

# Results of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Fall Bird Census September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007

Dwight Chasar, coordinator

Again, we had beautiful weather to bird. There were 14 teams with 48 participants, who found 109 species, for the second highest species count ever. There are a couple things to keep in mind. We have only kept quantitative data for individual numbers of each species for 10 years. As well, the date for the census has varied from September 10<sup>th</sup> to as late as the 23<sup>rd</sup>, so that some of the variation in species or numbers present will reflect those differences. But here is what I glean from the data.

For the fall census, we had: firsts for Sedge Wren and Connecticut Warbler; first American Black Duck since 1996 and first Sora since 1998; highest count for Brown-headed Cowbird and Blue Jay (the latter may be migrating); crow population is back to historic numbers and the Red-bellied Woodpecker population continues to grow; Carolina Wren population down, Common Grackles were well down, and the European Starling was the lowest in 10 years.

Canada Goose	412	Eastern Phoebe	36	Yellow-rumped Warbler	27
Wood Duck	76	Eastern Kingbird	1	Black-thr. Green Warbler	10
American Black Duck	1	White-eyed Vireo	4	Blackburnian Warbler	7
Mallard	112	Yellow-throated Vireo	8	Palm Warbler	20
Pied-billed Grebe	2	Blue-headed Vireo	4	Bay-breasted Warbler	3
Double-crested Cormorant	7	Warbling Vireo	4	Blackpoll Warbler	5
Great Blue Heron	27	Philadelphia Vireo	2	Black-and-white Warbler	3
Green Heron	8	Red-eyed Vireo	10	American Redstart	8
Turkey Vulture	33	Blue Jay	532	Connecticut Warbler	1
Osprey	1	American Crow	326	Mourning Warbler	4
Bald Eagle	1	Barn Swallow	1	Common Yellowthroat	27
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	Black-capped Chickadee	335	Hooded Warbler	14
Cooper's Hawk	8	Tufted Titmouse	63	Canada Warbler	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	12	Red-breasted Nuthatch	10	Scarlet Tanager	7
Red-tailed Hawk	10	White-breasted Nuthatch	141	Eastern Towhee	21
American Kestrel	3	Brown Creeper	8	Chipping Sparrow	47
Peregrine Falcon	1	Carolina Wren	27	Field Sparrow	4
Virginia Rail	1	House Wren	13	Savannah Sparrow	21
Sora	1	Sedge Wren	1	Song Sparrow	103
Killdeer	33	Marsh Wren	1	Lincoln's Sparrow	3
Solitary Sandpiper	6	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	Swamp Sparrow	8
American Woodcock	1	Eastern Bluebird	83	White-throated Sparrow	12
Ring-billed Gull	2	Veery	1	Northern Cardinal	153
Rock Pigeon	50	Swainson's Thrush	11	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	24
Mourning Dove	138	Hermit Thrush	1	Indigo Bunting	14
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4	Wood Thrush	5	Red-winged Blackbird	287
Eastern Screech-Owl	2	American Robin	282	Eastern Meadowlark	2
Chimney Swift	476	Gray Catbird	90	Rusty Blackbird	5
Belted Kingfisher	5	European Starling	234	Common Grackle	108
Red-headed Woodpecker	7	Cedar Waxwing	792	Brown-headed Cowbird	45
Red-bellied Woodpecker	109	Tennessee Warbler	2	Baltimore Oriole	1
Downy Woodpecker	97	Nashville Warbler	6	Purple Finch	4
Hairy Woodpecker	20	Yellow Warbler	1	House Finch	43
Northern Flicker	95	Chestnut-sided Warbler	2	American Goldfinch	238
Pileated Woodpecker	20	Magnolia Warbler	20	House Sparrow	53
Eastern Wood-Pewee	13	Cape May Warbler	1		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	Black-throated Blue Warbler	4		



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