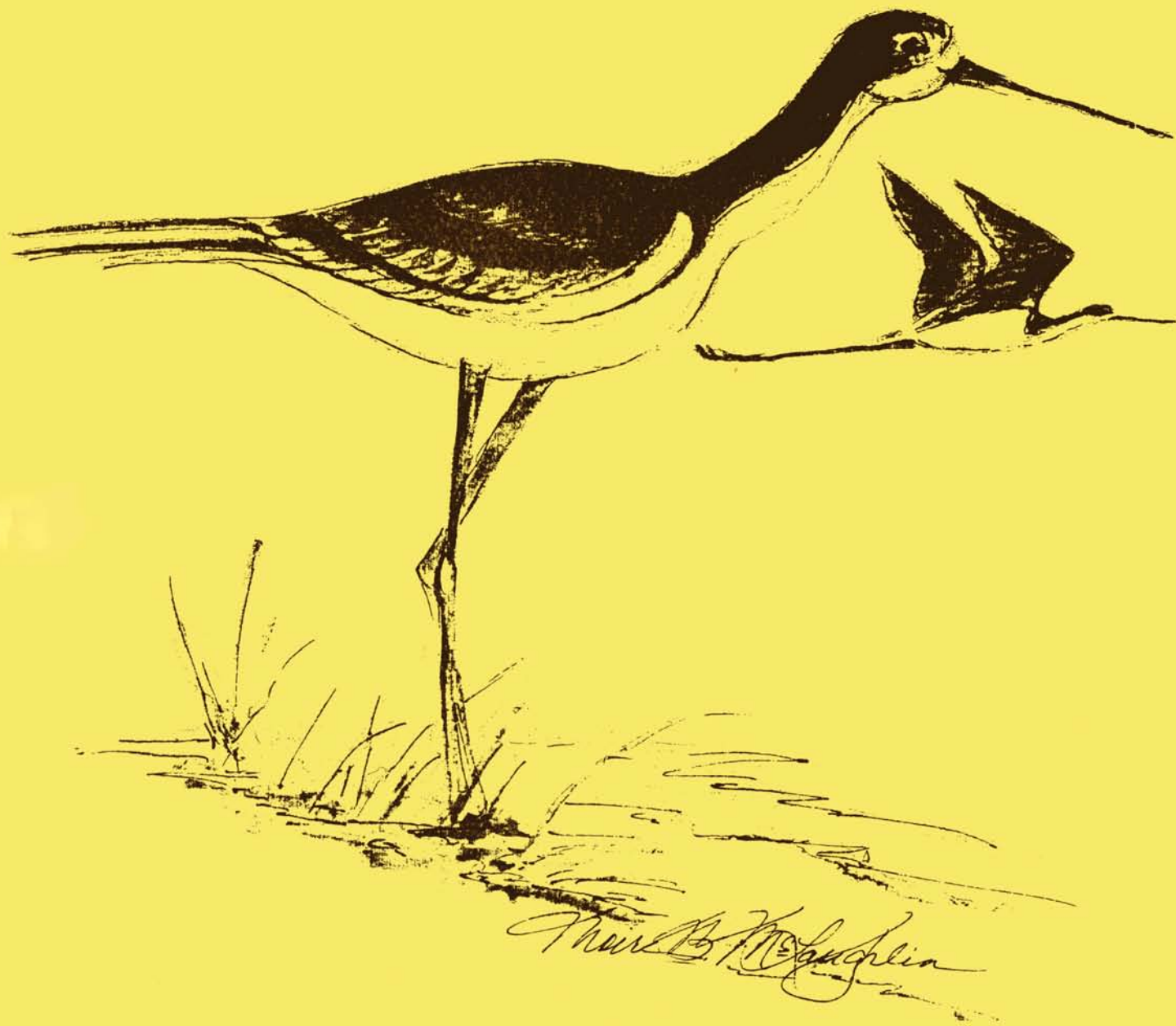


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### ANNOTATED LIST

The *Annotated List of the Birds of Pennsylvania* is now available (see ad elsewhere in this issue). Published by the Ornithological Technical Committee of the Pennsylvania Biological Survey, it was funded by the Wild Resource Conservation Fund.

This is the first statewide list since Merrill Wood's *Birds of Pennsylvania*, published in 1979. It includes bar graphs, so it is easy to determine the expected occurrence of each species, and is current to May, 1992. It is a must have publication for anyone interested in Pennsylvania's ornithology. Order yours today!

### NEW FORMAT

Beginning with the next issue, we will be using a new format for the County Reports section. Instead of the narrative (space consuming) format currently used, we will be using a table format. Each species will be listed in the first column and each county will be shown

alphabetically in subsequent columns across the page. Early and late dates (where appropriate) will be listed, as well as location and observer for the more unusual sightings. Rarities will be listed separately in a narrative section at the end of the tables.

The Summary of the Season will be expanded. Behavioral notes, significant trends, and special attention notes will be included in a **Notes from the Field** section.

This change will accomplish several things:

1. All species reported for a county will now be included. We had to edit out many of the "common" species in many of the reports in order to save space.
2. It will be much easier to compare sightings across the state and to find records for an individual species.
3. It will save space, and therefore allow for more articles.
4. It will make reporting easier for the county compilers, as they will not have to translate sightings into a flowing narrative.

We hope that these changes will be met with approval by our readers, as we strive to improve *PENNSYLVANIA BIRDS*.

### ARTICLES WANTED

We want to have more articles. If you have something to submit, please do so. We are interested in site guides, personality profiles, studies (long term or short term), behavioral observations, humor, status of a species (see Bald Eagles, Ibises, Red-Bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher articles in past issues), etc., etc.....

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You don't have to be a Charles Dickens or Ernest Hemingway to write an article for *PENNSYLVANIA BIRDS*. We will edit it for you. We will correct any grammatical *faux pas*.

We prefer any submissions to be on an IBM compatible floppy disk, but typewritten copy is also acceptable. If you submit it on a floppy disk, please indicate what word processing program you use. We use Word Perfect 5.1™ to do all of the word processing and layout for *PENNSYLVANIA BIRDS*. We can also accept most graphics formats. We can create graphs and tables using Quattro Pro™ spreadsheets and other graphics using Draw Perfect™.

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# Banding Records from Pennsylvania

by Franklin C. Haas

## Introduction

This is the first in a series of articles that will appear in *Pennsylvania Birds* concerning the distribution of recoveries of birds either (1) banded in Pennsylvania and recovered elsewhere or (2) banded elsewhere and recovered in Pennsylvania.

The data used were supplied by the Bird Banding Laboratory of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Laurel Maryland, and is current to July 1991. When reading the maps, keep in mind the following:

1. Less than 5 percent of banded raptors are recovered.

2. There are more recoveries from populated areas than from non-populated areas.

3. Birds that were **both banded and recovered in Pennsylvania** are not shown on the maps, although they may be referred to in some of the comments.

4. ■ represents the location that a bird banded in Pennsylvania was recovered (ie. **where it went**).

5. ▲ represents the location that a bird recovered in Pennsylvania was banded (ie. **where it came from**).

6. In some cases, one symbol represents more than one bird banded/recovered (Cape May, N.J., for instance).

Since fall hawk migration is always a banner event in Pennsylvania, this series starts with the raptors.

## Hawk Banding in Pennsylvania

Hawks hold a special place in Pennsylvania banding as there are a number of banders, specializing in hawks, that man several banding stations on Blue Mountain every fall (see Figure 1). This results in a large number of certain species of hawks being banded at those sites, as well as a greater number of recaptures of birds banded elsewhere. Unlike most banding recoveries (birds found dead), hawks recaptured at banding stations are released unharmed to possibly be recorded again.

Hawks in Pennsylvania are generally banded in one of two ways; the banding stations mentioned above (mostly in the fall), or as nestlings at nest sites (usually during the months of May, June, and July). The predominant method used varies from species to species, Sharp-shinned Hawks are mostly banded in migration, while American Kestrels are mostly banded in the nest (this is a result of the many nesting boxes erected for this species - see *Pennsylvania Birds* Vol. 3, No. 4 for an article on one such project).

### Species Not Shown on the Maps

**Black Vulture:** There are no recoveries in Pennsylvania and no birds banded in Pennsylvania have been recovered elsewhere.

**Turkey Vulture:** There are three records, all recovered in Pennsylvania. Two were banded in Virginia and one was banded in North Carolina.

**Merlin:** One recovery for this state, banded in New Jersey.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** There are only three recoveries. All were banded and recovered in Pennsylvania. And, in each case, the recovery was near the banding site.

## Total Numbers

The total number of **recovered** birds for each species either banded and/or recovered in Pennsylvania (including those both banded and recovered in the state) are as follows.

Species	Number
Turkey Vulture	3
Osprey	23
Bald Eagle	26
Northern Harrier	13
Sharp-shinned Hawk	117
Cooper's Hawk	80
Northern Goshawk	68
Red-shouldered Hawk	29
Broad-winged Hawk	13
Red-tailed Hawk	614
Rough-legged Hawk	3
Golden Eagle	9
American Kestrel	166
Merlin	1
Peregrine Falcon	30

The records of greatest distance or time span are cited individually.

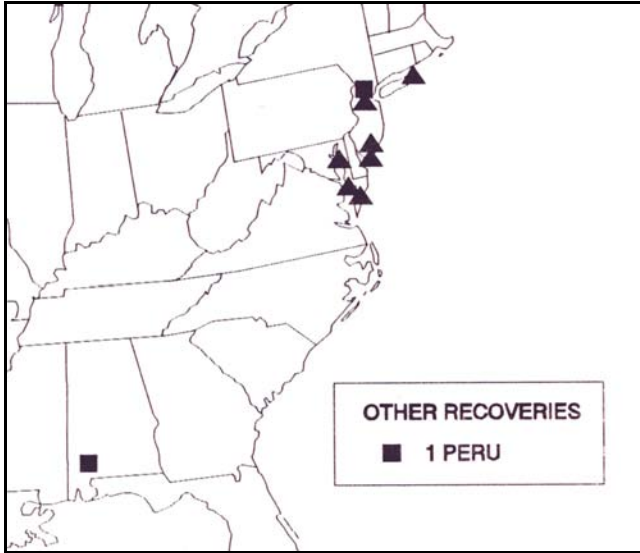
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I would like to thank Danny Bystrak of the Bird Banding Laboratory for his assistance in sending me the data and answering questions concerning same. I also thank Dr. Larry Rymon, Eugene McCaffrey, Gerald K. Lahr, John B. Holt Jr., David Goodnow, and J. Peter Deahl for their permission to cite individual records.

**NOTE:** For the interest of computer buffs — the maps were produced using Draw Perfect™.

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## OSPREY



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### ▲ Recoveries in Pennsylvania

4 from Maryland; 6 from New Jersey; 6 from New York; 1 from Virginia.

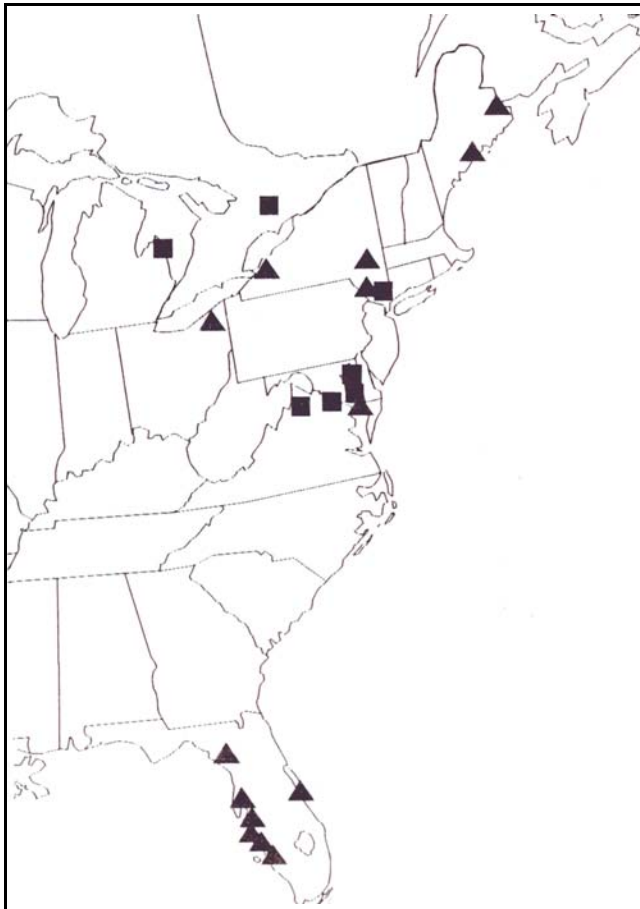
### ■ Birds recovered elsewhere

1 in Alabama; 1 in New Jersey; 1 in Peru.

The bird recovered in Alabama was banded 30 June 1983 and recovered 7 May 1988.

The bird recovered in Peru was banded 30 June 1983 and recovered 10 October 1983. Both of these records were hacked birds.

## BALD EAGLE



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### ▲ Recoveries in Pennsylvania

10 from Florida; 2 from Maine; 1 from Maryland; 3 from New York; 1 from Ohio.

A bird banded 15 January 1983 in New York was recovered in Pennsylvania 30 July 1989.

### ■ Birds recovered elsewhere

2 in Maryland; 1 in Michigan; 1 in New York; 1 in Ontario; 2 in Virginia.

Note that birds banded in Florida (southern race) have been recovered in Pennsylvania, but birds banded in Pennsylvania (northern race) have been recovered no farther south than Virginia (and northern Virginia at that!).

All of the birds banded in Pennsylvania, except one, were either nestlings or hacked birds.

## NORTHERN HARRIER



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### ▲ Recoveries in Pennsylvania

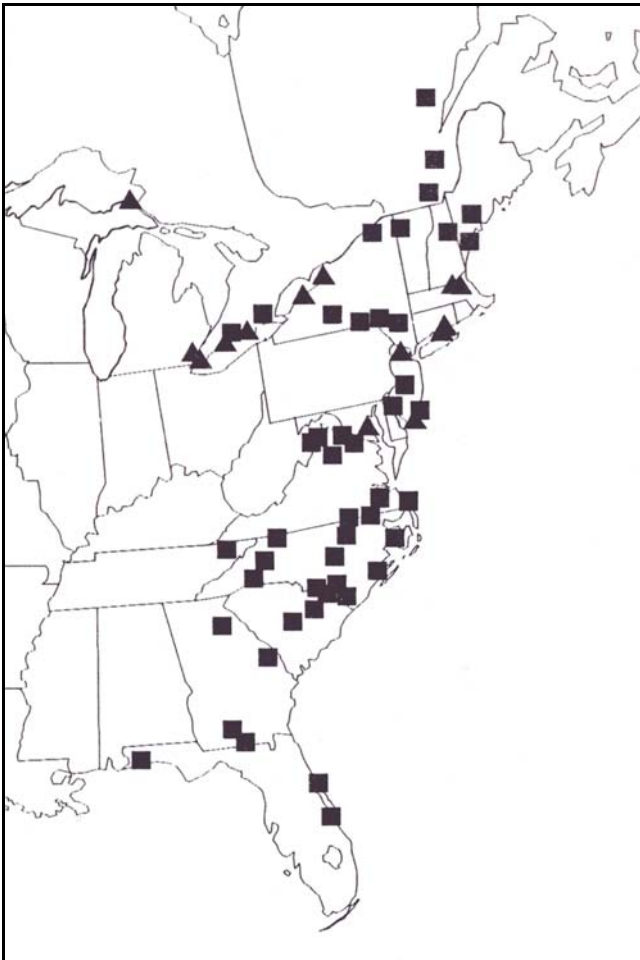
3 from New York; 1 from Michigan; 2 from Ohio; 1 from Quebec.

### ■ Birds recovered elsewhere

3 in South Carolina.

One bird banded in Pennsylvania on 23 June 1950 was recovered in South Carolina on 5 January 1954.

## SHARP-SHINNED HAWK



## SHARP-SHINNED HAWK

### ▲ Recoveries in Pennsylvania

2 from Connecticut; 1 from Maryland; 2 from Massachusetts; 1 from Michigan; 29 from New Jersey; 2 from New York; 5 from Ontario; 2 from Virginia.

### ■ Birds recovered elsewhere

1 in Connecticut; 1 in Delaware; 3 in Florida; 4 in Georgia; 3 in Maine; 7 in Maryland; 1 in New Hampshire; 2 in New Jersey; 6 in New York; 12 in North Carolina; 2 in Ontario; 3 in Quebec; 4 in South Carolina; 1 in Tennessee; 1 in Vermont; 7 in Virginia; 3 in West Virginia.

All of the birds recovered outside of Pennsylvania were banded in the months of September, October, and November. All but one were banded at banding stations on Blue Mountain.

One bird banded in Pennsylvania on 9 October 1980 was recovered in North Carolina on 24 January 1989.

## COOPER'S HAWK



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### ▲ Recoveries in Pennsylvania

8 from New Jersey; 6 from New York; 3 from Ontario; 2 from Virginia.

A bird banded in Pennsylvania on 9 November 1974 was recovered in Pennsylvania on 2 December 1983.

### ■ Birds recovered elsewhere

1 in Georgia; 1 in Maine; 1 in New Hampshire; 3 in New Jersey; 10 in New York; 2 in North Carolina; 1 in Ohio; 3 in Ontario; 1 in South Carolina; 1 in Vermont; 3 in Virginia; 1 in West Virginia.

Of these 61 birds, 27 were banded on Blue Mountain.

## NORTHERN GOSHAWK



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### ▲ Recoveries in Pennsylvania

11 from New Jersey; 1 from Ontario; 2 from Wisconsin.

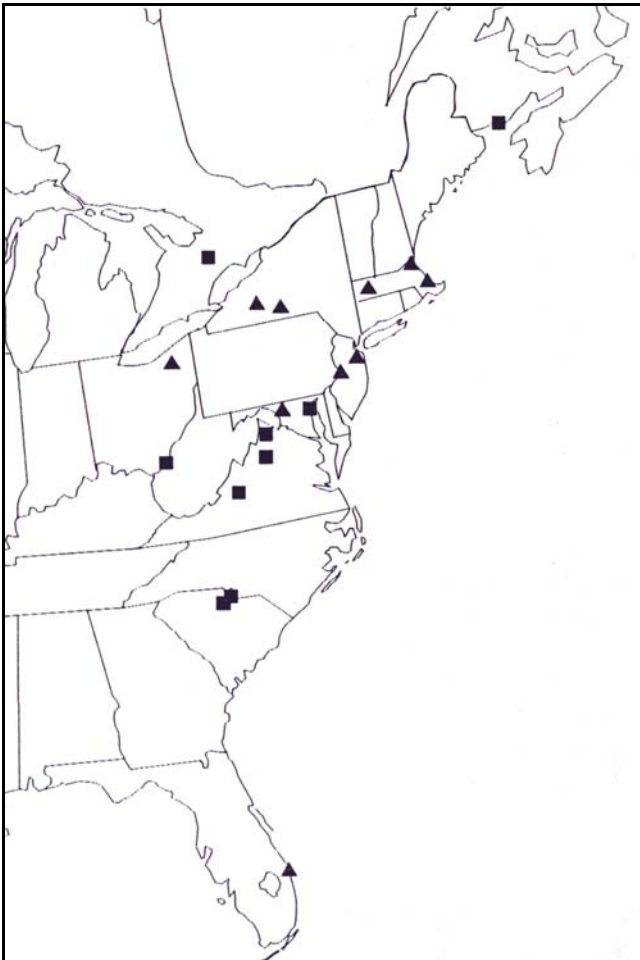
### ■ Birds recovered elsewhere

1 in Illinois; 2 in Maine; 1 in Maryland; 3 in New Jersey; 6 in New York; 2 in Ohio; 2 in Ontario; 2 in Quebec; 3 in Virginia; 5 in West Virginia.

All but 6 of these birds were banded on Blue Mountain.

A bird banded in Pennsylvania on 2 November 1968 was recovered in New York on 6 April 1980.

## RED-SHOULDERED HAWK



### RED-SHOULDERED HAWK

#### ▲ Recoveries in Pennsylvania

1 from Florida; 1 from Maryland; 4 from Massachusetts; 2 from New Jersey; 2 from New York; 1 from Ohio.

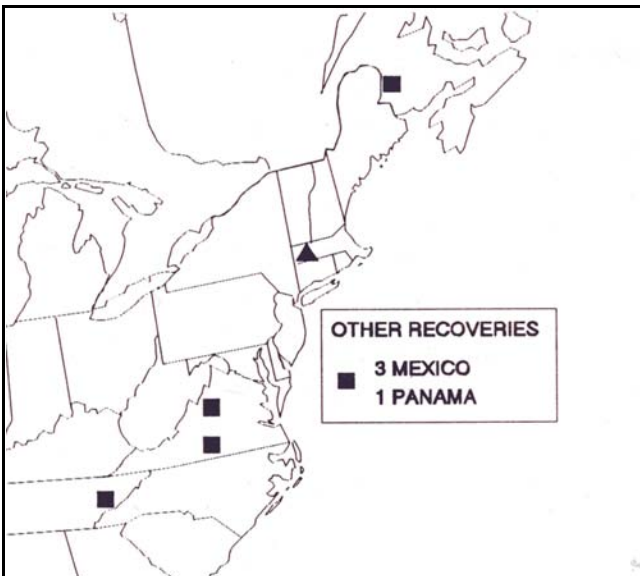
The Florida bird was banded 19 October 1970 and recovered in January 1973 (day unknown).

#### ■ Birds recovered elsewhere

1 in Maryland; 1 in New Brunswick; 1 in Ontario; 2 in South Carolina; 3 in Virginia; 1 in West Virginia.

A bird banded in Pennsylvania on 2 November 1965 was recovered in South Carolina on 25 January 1975.

## BROAD-WINGED HAWK



### BROAD-WINGED HAWK

#### ▲ Recoveries in Pennsylvania

1 from Massachusetts.

#### ■ Birds recovered elsewhere

3 in Mexico; 1 in New Brunswick; 1 in Panama; 1 in Tennessee; 2 in Virginia.

The 3 Mexico recoveries were as follows:

Banded	Recovered
19 September 1963	December 1965
23 September 1973	11 May 1974
20 September 1979	20 May 1980

The Panama recovery was banded 4 September 1965 and recovered 27 November 1965.

**RED-TAILED HAWK  
(RECOVERED IN PENNSYLVANIA)**



**RED-TAILED HAWK**

This species is one of the easier hawks to attract to banders' traps during migration. First-year Red-tailed Hawks are also notorious for their recklessness. This results in a large number of recoveries.

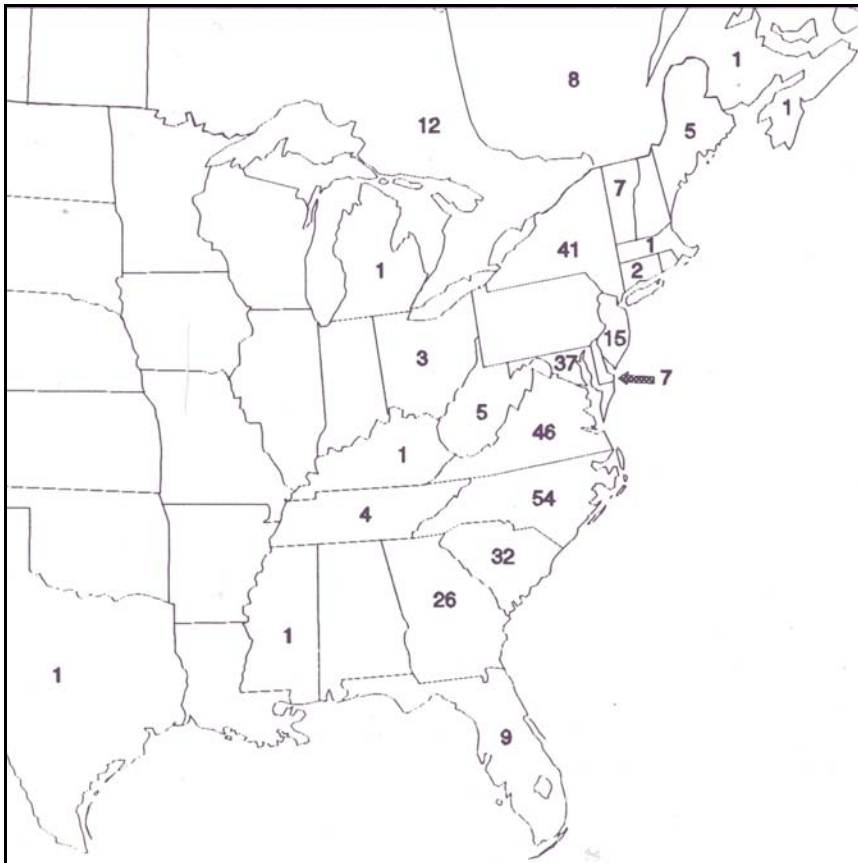
Because of the large numbers, total numbers of birds banded/recovered are shown on the maps rather than individual locations.

83 percent of the birds shown on the bottom map were banded on Blue Mountain. 91 percent were banded in the months of September, October, November, and December.

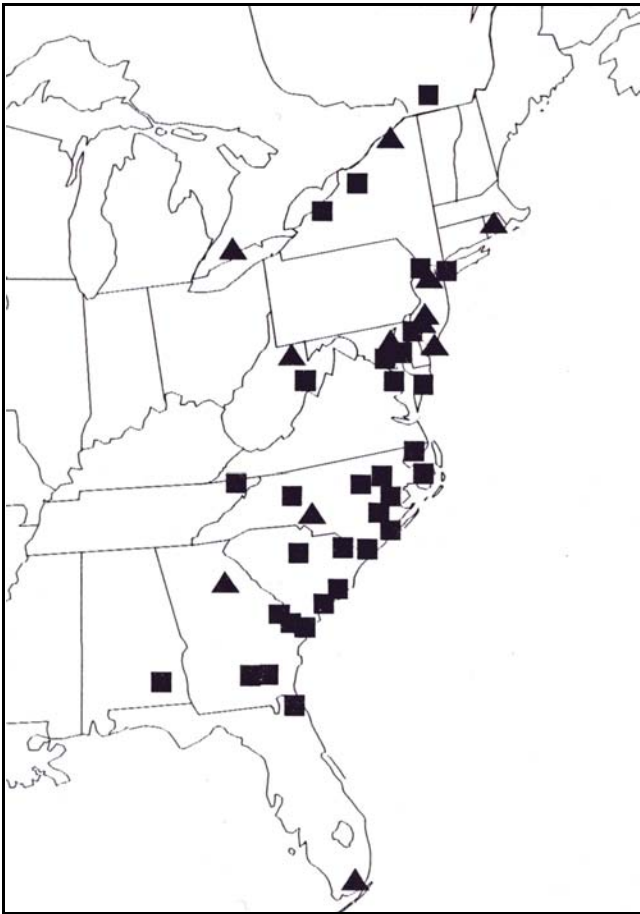
A bird banded in Pennsylvania on 5 November 1969 was recovered in Maryland on 5 May 1990.

The Texas bird was banded on 9 October 1988 and recovered 16 February 1989.

**RED-TAILED HAWK  
(BANDED IN PENNSYLVANIA)**



## AMERICAN KESTREL



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### ▲ Recoveries in Pennsylvania

2 from Florida; 1 from Georgia; 2 from Maryland; 5 from New Jersey; 1 from New York; 1 from North Carolina; 1 from Ontario; 1 from Rhode Island; 1 from West Virginia.

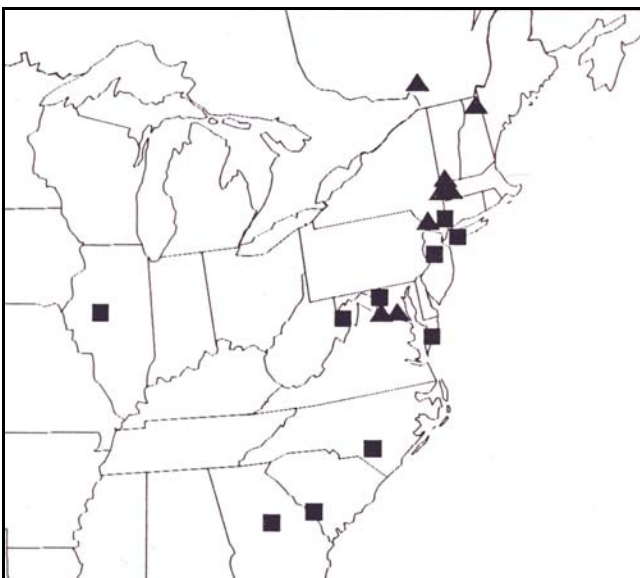
A bird banded in New Jersey on 16 October 1981 was recovered in Pennsylvania on 9 January 1987.

### ■ Birds recovered elsewhere

1 in Alabama; 2 in Delaware; 1 in Florida; 5 in Georgia; 2 in Maryland; 8 in New Jersey; 3 in New York; 12 in North Carolina; 1 in Quebec; 5 in South Carolina; 1 in Tennessee; 4 in Virginia; 1 in West Virginia.

Of 151 recovered birds banded in Pennsylvania, 105 were recovered in Pennsylvania, 142 were banded in the southeastern quarter of the state, and 78 were banded between May and July.

## PEREGRINE FALCON



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### ▲ Recoveries in Pennsylvania

1 from District of Columbia; 1 from Maryland; 9 from Massachusetts; 1 from New Hampshire; 1 from New York; 1 from Quebec.

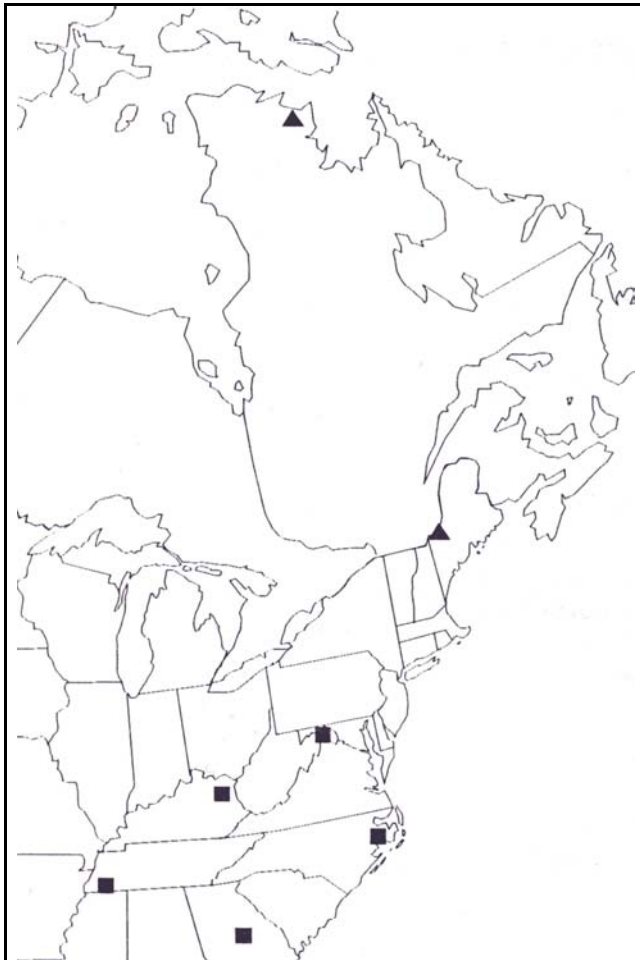
### ■ Birds recovered elsewhere

1 in Georgia; 1 in Illinois; 1 in Maryland; 1 in New Jersey; 4 in New York; 1 in North Carolina; 1 in South Carolina; 2 in Virginia; 1 in West Virginia.

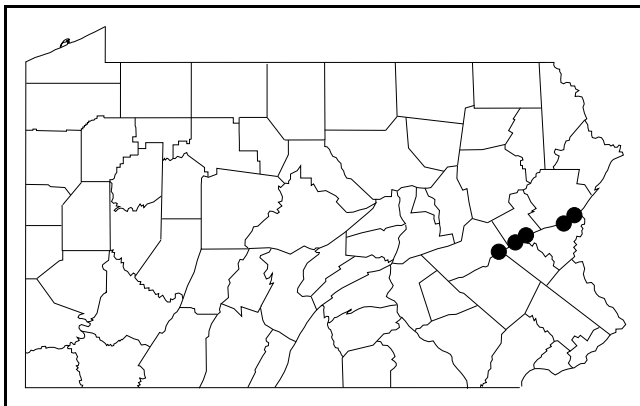
Of the 16 recovered birds banded in Pennsylvania, 13 were banded between May and July, and only 3 were banded since 1950.

A bird banded in Pennsylvania on 30 May 1946 was recovered in New York on 23 November 1958.

## GOLDEN EAGLE



**Figure 1. Approximate locations of banding stations on Blue Mountain.**



## GOLDEN EAGLE

### ▲ Recoveries in Pennsylvania

1 from Maine; 1 from Quebec.

The Quebec bird was banded on 26 July 1967 and recovered in Pennsylvania on 23 October 1967.

### ■ Birds recovered elsewhere

1 in Georgia; 1 in Kentucky; 1 in North Carolina; 1 in Tennessee; 1 in West Virginia.

The Kentucky bird was banded in Pennsylvania on 6 November 1971 and recovered in March 1986 (day unknown).

## VOLUNTEER WANTED

Want a project to occupy several (many?) nights this fall or winter?

We need someone who has access to all volumes of *PENNSYLVANIA BIRDS* to tally the number of species reported in each issue per year. We will provide the checklists. It would be ideal to have the data on disk (which we would provide).

Please contact Frank or Barb Haas at **215-445-9609** for details if you are willing.

# Some Variability in the Extent of Bill Color in Female Common Goldeneye, *Bucephala clangula*: A Cautionary Note

by Vic Fazio

(Reprinted with permission from *The Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 12 No. 3, August 1989)

In early February 1989, while counting waterfowl along the Lorain County lakeshore, I inadvertently became aware of certain female Common Goldeneye exhibiting a greater prominence of bill color than the others. Over the course of the next few weeks, during my weekly census of the lakeshore, I progressively became systematic in my search for varying amounts of bill color in these birds, especially as this practice may lead me to an observation of a Barrow's Goldeneye, *Bucephala islandica*, or so I thought.

This non-scientific review, begun out of curiosity, has led me to suggest or reiterate the observance of a healthy amount of skepticism when it comes to using bill color in *Bucephala* identification. While Tobish (1986) informs us of many of the possibilities in variation in both goldeneyes due to age, season, and race, including this note...

"A few female Commons have been observed with almost entirely yellow-orange bills..."

I think I should mention the observation of some variations noted along the Lorain lakeshore from 1 March 1989.

On this date, I examined, with a 40X77 Kowa TSN2 scope, within 100 meters, approximately 90 female goldeneye (35 at Lorain harbor, and 55 at Avon Lake). There were no less than five distinct degrees of color on these birds' bills, including one individual with an entirely yellow (or yellow-orange, if you prefer) bill which most closely matched the yellow on a box of Kodachrome film. Wind and wave conditions were such that additional

critical detail required for conclusive identification was not obtainable and I could not locate the bird on subsequent days. An additional breakdown of the observed color patterns is provided with the generic female Common Goldeneye illustrations.

Illustrations C and D are intended to depict coloration which I do not find described in the literature I have reviewed although they may represent gradations of that which is described. In any event, I was intrigued by both the frequency of these patterns and that the color most closely matched the "Kodachrome" bird and not the purer yellow which illustrations A and B tended toward, but not exclusively held. A pinkish wash to bill parts was noted in some birds.

The presence of this varying coloration should give pause to the wary observer. I should note here that Bruce Peterjohn has informed me that "Two female goldeneyes with entirely yellow bills (were) at Lorain 12 February 1989.", and one was identified, by wing coverts, as an adult female Common. Further care should be taken when reviewing the literature, especially as to detect contradictory remarks and illustrations.

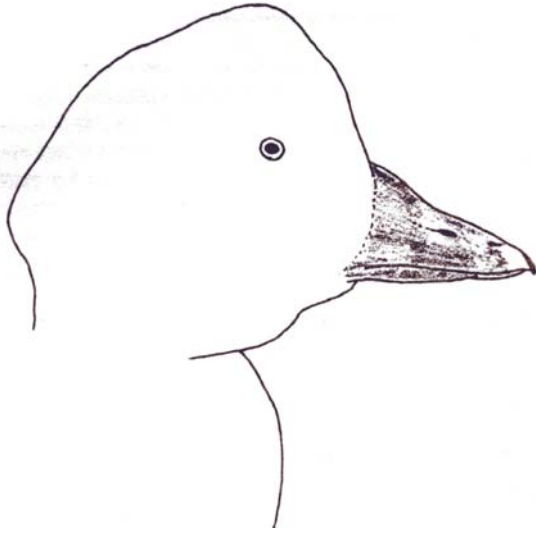
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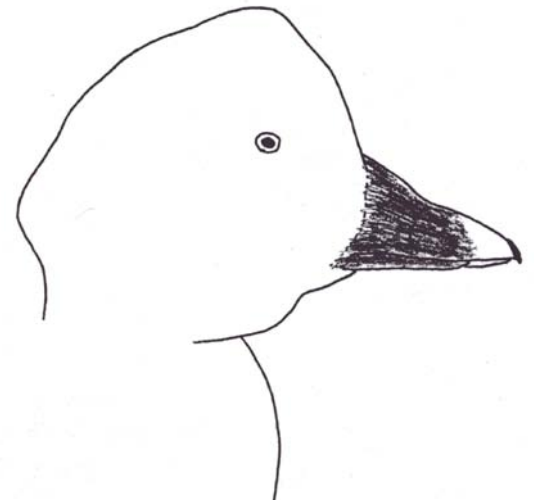
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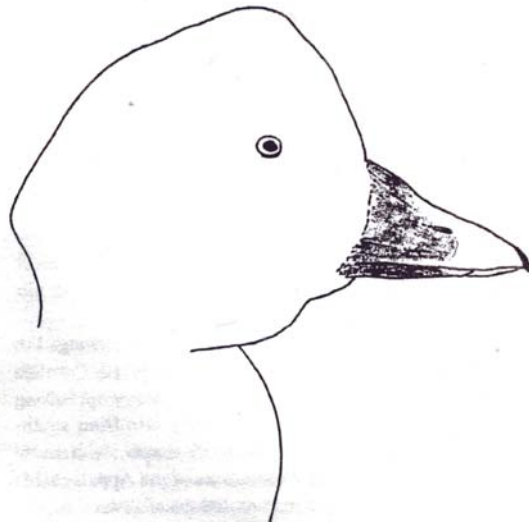
In each of the illustrations below, the unshaded area represents yellow, yellow-orange or pinkish. The nail is black and the rest of the bill is dark.



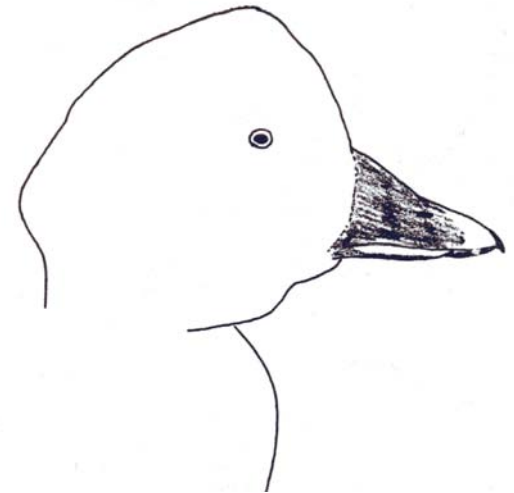
**Figure A.** Typically associated with 1st spring birds; color barely enveloping the nail was seen in 42 individuals, including pink in 11 birds. In every case the color was not strongly defined, melding with the dark bill. May also represent a winter adult coming into spring color.



**Figure B.** The typical adult pattern (in spring); only seen as yellow (no pink) in 37 birds. Rarely involved the lower mandible.



**Figure C.** An atypical pattern observed in 7 individuals. The color was always a bright yellow-orange, always involved the lower mandible, and involved the nostril to a varying degree. From a head-on view the entire bill would appear to exhibit the bright color.



**Figure D.** Atypical pattern seen in 3 birds, the color of each being a bright yellow-orange. Note the similarity between this and the pattern portrayed on a 1st spring Barrow's Goldeneye in the NGS guide.

# Report on the First Pennsylvania Migration Count — May 9, 1992

by Marshall Iliff

*"To give each and every Birdwatcher the opportunity to enjoy a day's birding during Spring Migration with the knowledge that the result of their findings, together with the birds counted by others, would fit together like the pieces of a puzzle and reveal the status of bird migration on a specified date."*

(Paraphrased from Chandler S. Robbins, 1952.)

## INTRODUCTION

On May 9, 1992, 141 observers from 10 Pennsylvania counties participated in the first annual North American Migration Count (NAMC). Many of you may or may not be familiar with the "May Counts" that have been taking place in Maryland, Illinois, Indiana, Delaware and scattered counties around the United States for many years. The Maryland May Count began in 1948 under the guidance of Chandler Robbins. As a researcher at Patuxent Wildlife Refuge he was looking for a method to examine the distribution and abundance of species during spring migration over a large geographic area (he later was instrumental in creating the US Fish & Wildlife Service Breeding Bird Survey). Vernon Kleen, State May Count Coordinator in Maryland from 1961 to 1965, began the Illinois Spring Bird Count in 1972; Edward Hopkins copied the effort in Indiana, starting 1976 and Delaware began about the same time. It was only late last year that Jim Stasz of North Beach, Maryland (Maryland May Count compiler since 1980), was inspired to organize this as a national project. Starting in January, he sent letters to past Christmas Bird Count compilers to gain participation across the Country. To date, more than 200 counties in 38 states and one Canadian province have sent reports.

A count for the NAMC is organized much like a Christmas Bird Count (CBC) with several important distinctions. First, the counting area is an entire county [Parish in Louisiana, "Game Management Unit" in Alaska, etc.] not a circle with a 15 mile diameter. Second, the count will

always be held on the second Saturday in May across the country, with all counts on the same day. Hopefully, this will provide a "snapshot" of spring migration activity from year to year. Observers count from midnight to midnight, record miles and hours (on foot, in car, and otherwise). Like the CBCs, hours are recorded separately for "feeder watching", "owling" and "regular" birding. However, the NAMC also keeps separate hours for "stationary" birding (for example seawatches, hawkwatches and banding stations). Keeping separate hours and miles for each of these is essential to meaningful

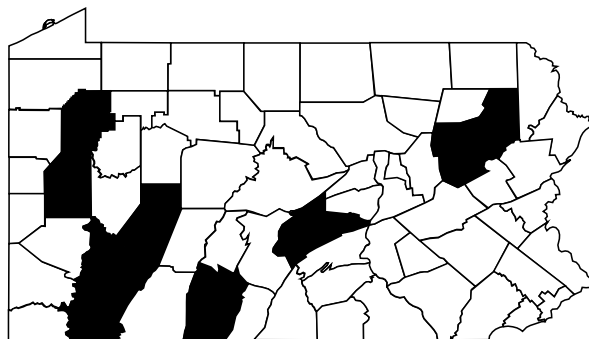
observation and an accurate written description, or a sketch (or both) of the species will be more than sufficient for most, while truly accidental species may require confirmation or a photograph. Otherwise, the only other requirement is to find birds and have fun. I've done this count in Maryland since 1988, and believe me, it's a blast.

Analysis of the mounds of data collected through the years is still in its preliminary stages, but certain conclusions have been formed. Long-term trends in resident species are highly correlated with results obtained from CBCs and the Breeding Bird Survey; the trends complement and supplement these efforts. Long-term trends in locally breeding neotropical migrants can be measured and supplement the BBS. Totally unique is the ability to take a "snapshot" of migration which shows not only geographic distribution, but also relative density. *"if little is known of the contingencies facing migrants on their wintering grounds, even less is known about the challenges they face on migratory lanes"* (Morse, D.H. 1980). To have the most value for all of the effort, the NAMC must be held on a single day: just one day difference can blur the picture.

## RESULTS

On Friday, May 8, a strong low pressure system in western North Carolina created a nor'easter with heavy surf along the Atlantic Coast, heavy rain from southern New England to Alabama, with snow in the higher elevations of the Appalachians resulting in accumulations of several feet in the mountains of North Carolina and Georgia. By the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> the core drifted north to West Virginia, with heavy rain most of the day in a narrow belt from central Maine to northern Kentucky. The rest of the Midatlantic and southern New England had unseasonably cool overcast

1992 NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT  
(Participating counties)



analysis of the data. Temperature, Wind, Cloud Cover, and Precipitation are recorded, since all of these factors obviously effect bird activity on a given count. Coverage should be spread out across a county as completely as possible to ensure that no "hotspot" or habitat type is left uncovered, and to eliminate the likelihood of "double-counting."

Documentation must be submitted for any species deemed as rare or unusual by the State or County Coordinator. If documentation is not sufficient, the compiler has no choice but to delete the record from the cumulative list. The documentation of the accepted rarities is then passed on to the State Compiler, who has the final word in the acceptance or rejection of a particular species. The National Coordinator will trust that the County and State compilers have edited out any dubious reports. Careful

skies. Despite bad weather across much of the state, the 72 parties put in more than 718 hours of birding and managed to find 34,497 individuals of 182 species (as well as 1 hybrid) [Table 1.]. The counties have been organized from roughly west-to-east to allow an easier search for geographic differences. These are excellent results, especially considering the weather, the early date of the count, the small number of participants and the relative disorganization of this "fledgling" count as a whole.

The ten most abundant birds were:

1. American Robin	2,600
2. Red-winged Blackbird	2,575
3. European Starling	2,116
4. Brown-headed Cowbird	1,914
5. Tree Swallow	1,316
6. American Crow	1,153
7. Chipping Sparrow	1,099
8. American Goldfinch	1,091
9. House Finch	1,059
10. Song Sparrow	939

Documentation was good for most species, with the following species reported and documented:

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** in Indiana Co. by Georgette Syster. Excellent details.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** in Indiana Co. by Georgette Syster. Good Details.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** in Luzerne Co. by Ed Johnson. Excellent details.

**Prothonotary Warbler** in Westmoreland County by Dick Byers. Great details for a species which probably deserved details from Westmoreland, even though the list did not request them.

**Connecticut Warbler** in Westmoreland Co. A very rare migrant in the Northeast in the Spring.

**Henslow's Sparrow** in Indiana Co. by Margaret A. Higbee and 1 by Marcy Cunkelman and Dorothy Pless. Good details for a species that is obviously a common nester in appropriate habitat in Indiana County. They commented that the rain prevented them from getting the 30+ birds that nest there.

**Rusty Blackbird** in Indiana Co. by Paula Fleming and in Luzerne

Co. by Jim Hoyson, Mark Blauer and Jim Shoemaker. Good Details.

**Common Redpoll** by Bill Betts in Indiana County. The most complete documentation submitted, was also for the rarest species. This bird has been reported only once from the Maryland May Counts, and the early date of this count may have been significant.

Unfortunately, no details were submitted for the 12 Orange-crowned Warblers in Butler and the American Tree Sparrows in Mifflin (6) and Juniata (1). All of these species are rare enough at this date that they simply can not be added to the list without some sort of written description.

Given the early stages of this count in Pennsylvania, it is nearly impossible to show actual population trends with the data from this year alone. However, when the birds numbers are analyzed geographically, some fascinating patterns are revealed. Some of the more interesting findings are described below.

The most obvious geographic patterns are those where a species is found only in one portion of the state. The Fish Crow, for example, was entirely absent from the 8 Western counties, while 44 were found in the two easternmost counties. Similar analysis of other species (Yellow-throated Warbler for example) will almost certainly be possible in the years to come, especially with increased county participation. Hints of these birds' ranges in Pennsylvania are already apparent.

Looking only at the raw numbers, Indiana and Butler were the only counties to turn in significant numbers of meadowlarks, Horned Larks, and grassland sparrows (Savannah, Grasshopper, and Henslow's). The data reveals much higher counts per 10 party hours of these grassland species in Butler county than in Indiana county [Figure 1.]. Possible explanations are that: (a) the habitat is more common in

Butler, and thus the species' populations are greater, (b) that the species in consideration are more common in Butler's fields than in Indiana's fields, or (c) that a higher percentage of time was spent in the grasslands by the observers in Butler county. [This example shows just a few of the ways that one set of numbers can be analyzed, and the varying explanations that can result].

Looking at numbers of certain warbler species reveals some fascinating geographic patterns, especially when graphed showing birds per party hour on the y axis, and counties (running west to east) on the x axis. Blue-winged, Blackburnian, and American Redstart were predictably much more abundant in the western portion of the state. Hooded Warblers, Worm-eating Warblers, and Black & White Warblers have peaks that corresponded very well to the areas of highest density shown on the preliminary maps of the Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas [Figure 2]: Hooded Warblers were the most common of the three in Indiana county, Black & whites were the most common in Mifflin, Venango, and Luzerne, while Worm-eatings peaked in Mifflin, Butler, and Indiana counties respectively.

These are just a couple examples of the interesting patterns that this count's data can provide. Just think of what will be in store for us if this count continues to grow and gather data over the years to come! I am sure we can all look forward to the success of this count in the future. I extend my sincerest thanks to all those who partic-

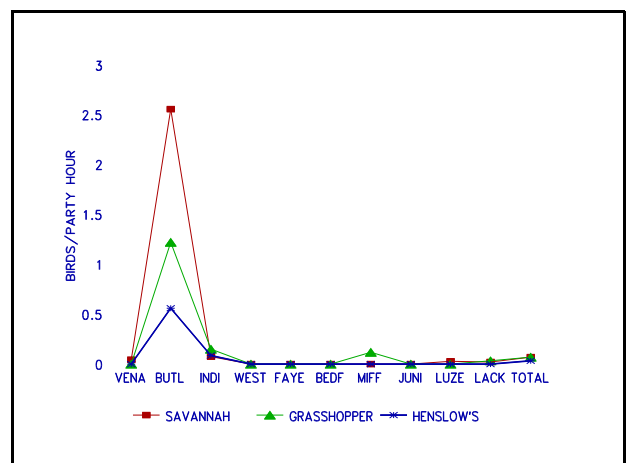


Figure 1. Grassland Sparrows

ipated in and compiled this count. I hope everyone had fun and will be willing to participate next year, and in the years to follow.

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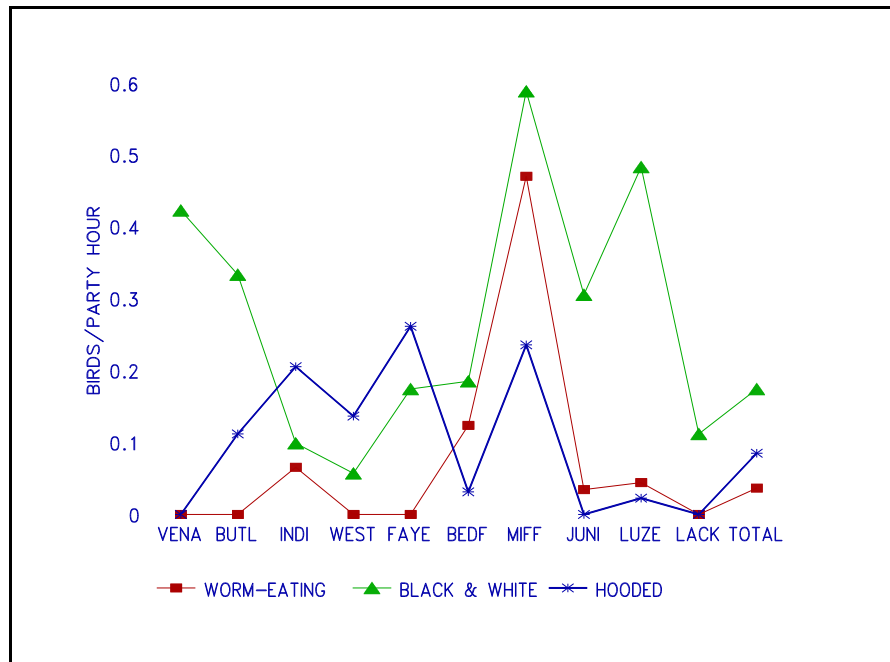


Figure 2. Warblers

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Table 1. Statewide May Count, May 9, 1992

	VENA	BUTL	INDI	WEST	FAYE	BEDF	MIFF	JUNI	LUZE	LACK	TOTAL	Co's
Common Loon	1	-	2	1	-	1	-	1	8	1	15	7
Pied-billed Grebe	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	3
Dble-crested Cormorant	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	8	3
American Bittern	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2
Great-blue Heron	9	6	3	3	1	1	-	12	17	24	76	9
Great Egret	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Green-backed Heron	2	-	6	6	1	1	-	-	1	6	23	7
Blk-crowned Night-Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Tundra Swan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
Mute Swan	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Canada Goose	87	125	64	79	7	6	13	41	18	85	525	10
Wood Duck	16	19	24	12	1	8	2	25	9	15	131	10
American Black Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1
Mallard	22	38	74	124	26	29	45	47	66	47	518	10
Blue-winged Teal	2	6	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	12	5
American Wigeon	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Ring-necked Duck	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Lesser Scaup	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Bufflehead	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	3
Hooded Merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	5	2
Common Merganser	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	11	2
Red-breasted Merganser	-	17	8	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	28	4
Black Vulture	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	2
Turkey Vulture	-	2	22	18	5	31	30	20	5	32	165	9
Osprey	2	-	3	2	-	1	-	1	2	6	17	7
Bald Eagle (ad)	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	2
Bald Eagle (imm)	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
Northern Harrier	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	1	1	2	8	6
Cooper's Hawk	1	-	-	2	1	3	-	3	2	-	12	6
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	5	5
Broad-winged Hawk	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	7	8	22	5
Red-tailed Hawk	1	4	12	14	-	7	1	3	5	3	50	9
American Kestrel	2	4	10	7	-	5	5	11	1	9	54	9
Ring-necked Pheasant	-	2	10	8	1	2	3	1	1	5	33	9
Ruffed Grouse	2	-	24	1	-	6	-	6	1	4	44	7
Wild Turkey	1	-	15	16	-	5	2	4	-	6	49	7
Virginia Rail	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	8	3
Sora	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	10	3
Common Moorhen	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
American Coot	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
Killdeer	8	12	53	38	2	27	26	9	8	14	197	10
Greater Yellowlegs	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2
Solitary Sandpiper	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	4	4	12	5
Spotted Sandpiper	2	6	3	4	-	1	1	6	7	2	32	9
Least Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	1
American Woodcock	3	-	8	-	-	-	2	2	-	4	19	5
Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	7	3
Ring-billed Gull	1	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	9	8	24	5
Herring Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1
Rock Dove	8	100	28	29	4	24	113	82	95	108	591	10
Mourning Dove	19	33	354	165	13	75	41	64	99	108	971	10
Black-billed Cuckoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Common Barn Owl	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Eastern Screech Owl	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	8	5
Great Horned Owl	1	-	1	2	-	4	1	2	6	-	17	7
Barred Owl	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	6	5
Common Nighthawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	6	3
Whip-poor-will	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	4	3
Chimney Swift	123	22	146	114	-	20	68	43	53	9	598	9
Ruby-thrted Hummingbird	-	4	29	17	6	25	8	8	1	1	99	9
Belted Kingfisher	1	2	10	5	1	3	2	5	10	6	45	10

	VENA	BUTL	INDI	WEST	FAYE	BEDF	MIFF	JUNI	LUZE	LACK	TOTAL	Co's
Red-headed Woodpecker	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	8	14	25	1	15	21	9	3	-	97	9
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Downy Woodpecker	3	11	75	43	1	35	22	20	13	27	250	10
Hairy Woodpecker	-	4	19	14	2	7	15	1	2	14	78	9
Northern Flicker	11	14	57	26	5	6	4	18	8	41	190	10
Pileated Woodpecker	3	1	22	7	1	9	9	7	3	4	66	10
Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2
Eastern Wood-Pewee	-	-	-	2	-	5	6	-	-	2	15	4
Acadian Flycatcher	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	4	3
Willow Flycatcher	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Least Flycatcher	-	5	11	3	1	-	-	-	8	33	61	6
Eastern Phoebe	22	11	56	23	2	15	24	23	14	35	225	10
Great-crested Flycatcher	1	2	2	2	-	1	23	5	6	3	45	9
Eastern Kingbird	-	-	6	1	-	2	1	2	1	7	20	7
Horned Lark	2	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	3
Purple Martin	-	40	1	1	-	10	5	60	-	7	124	7
Tree Swallow	131	60	192	72	21	14	527	26	27	246	1,316	10
No. Rough-winged Swallow	11	6	29	19	6	-	7	9	60	19	166	9
Bank Swallow	2	6	2	2	1	7	-	5	4	-	29	8
Cliff Swallow	7	8	1	-	7	-	3	6	20	6	58	8
Barn Swallow	7	48	176	128	40	61	89	75	37	88	749	10
Blue Jay	22	56	312	103	2	91	40	29	46	100	801	10
American Crow	44	18	385	152	3	68	144	78	98	163	1,153	10
Fish Crow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	5	44	2
Common Raven	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	2
Black-capped Chickadee	26	41	256	64	4	44	27	6	49	127	644	10
Carolina Chickadee	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
Chickadee sp.	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	1
Tufted Titmouse	12	29	132	71	4	38	70	47	54	37	494	10
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	13	17	51	29	1	22	14	8	5	27	187	10
Brown Creeper	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	2	8	5
Carolina Wren	2	9	9	17	1	8	20	11	15	6	98	10
House Wren	2	14	70	29	2	12	38	19	37	37	260	10
Winter Wren	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	9	3
Marsh Wren	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	3
Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	5	3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4	3	23	12	1	2	-	2	21	11	79	9
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	18	7	-	72	1	20	21	8	26	1	174	9
Eastern Bluebird	3	21	95	50	16	35	19	55	6	13	313	10
Veery	3	2	1	9	-	-	-	3	19	9	46	7
Swainson's Thrush	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	2
Hermit Thrush	4	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	3	11	5
Wood Thrush	22	12	195	90	8	24	44	53	21	18	487	10
American Robin	125	100	844	479	42	90	144	146	206	424	2,600	10
Gray Catbird	25	29	110	38	2	24	12	21	46	27	334	10
Northern Mockingbird	-	-	3	7	-	7	8	8	5	25	63	7
Brown Thrasher	-	4	26	7	1	3	1	4	1	4	51	9
Water Pipit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	14	1
Cedar Waxwing	-	200	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	215	3
European Starling	72	300	469	389	31	53	140	127	271	264	2,116	10
White-eyed Vireo	-	7	4	10	1	1	1	-	1	-	25	7
Solitary Vireo	2	9	23	-	1	1	-	-	4	4	44	7
Yellow-throated Vireo	2	5	5	6	-	1	-	3	-	2	24	7
Warbling Vireo	1	-	-	5	-	-	1	-	5	2	14	5
Red-eyed Vireo	5	28	7	32	2	-	15	16	2	9	116	9
Vireo sp.	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Blue-winged Warbler	27	5	20	12	1	2	-	2	3	14	86	9
Goldn-winged Warbler	-	1	4	2	4	3	2	5	1	2	24	9
"Lawrence's Warbler"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	1
Tennessee Warbler	-	12	1	4	-	-	-	-	1	5	24	6
Nashville Warbler	-	6	9	5	1	1	-	1	29	5	57	8
Northern Parula	3	1	4	4	3	1	3	-	1	-	20	8
Yellow Warbler	27	21	140	60	4	8	11	26	61	91	449	10
Chestnut-sided Warbler	13	6	12	5	1	1	2	-	18	14	72	9

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Magnolia Warbler	5	-	9	1	2	-	-	1	10	-	28	6
Cape May Warbler	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	6	3
Black-thrt'd Blue Warbler	-	-	4	2	1	-	2	1	18	1	29	7
"Myrtle" Warbler	4	15	25	9	1	2	4	43	77	80	260	10
Blk-thrt'd Green Warbler	5	7	86	12	2	1	-	12	57	24	206	9
Blackburnian Warbler	6	10	5	10	2	2	-	3	1	-	39	8
Yellow-throated Warbler	-	1	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3
Pine Warbler	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2
Prairie Warbler	-	-	28	9	2	-	7	4	11	24	85	7
Bay-breasted Warbler	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cerulean Warbler	1	1	7	29	2	-	2	7	2	1	52	9
Black & White Warbler	11	3	12	5	2	6	5	9	22	18	93	10
American Redstart	7	5	31	37	2	14	4	4	16	10	130	10
Prothonotary Warbler	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2
Worm-eating Warbler	-	-	8	-	-	4	4	1	2	-	19	5
Ovenbird	9	1	125	19	2	-	29	12	36	60	293	9
Northern Waterthrush	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	9	4
Louisiana Waterthrush	6	6	7	6	2	-	1	3	2	1	34	9
Kentucky Warbler	1	-	15	8	-	3	-	-	-	-	27	4
Connecticut Warbler	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Mourning Warbler	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
Common Yellowthroat	12	7	116	34	5	5	19	38	17	40	293	10
Hooded Warbler	-	1	25	12	3	1	2	-	1	-	45	7
Wilson's Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Canada Warbler	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	3	9	4
Yellow-breasted Chat	-	-	-	6	6	-	8	8	-	-	28	4
Scarlet Tanager	2	9	6	25	2	11	10	6	1	6	78	10
Northern Cardinal	27	31	239	196	9	68	86	75	58	64	853	10
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	9	48	29	2	10	30	4	19	32	184	10
Indigo Bunting	2	-	31	13	1	5	3	11	-	2	68	8
Rufous-sided Towhee	44	10	319	104	8	26	45	32	9	44	641	10
Chipping Sparrow	42	25	484	113	7	73	59	70	51	175	1,099	10
Field Sparrow	4	18	153	66	1	15	15	10	12	57	351	10
Vesper Sparrow	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	12	3
Savannah Sparrow	1	23	9	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	37	5
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	11	18	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	35	4
Henslow's Sparrow	-	5	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	2
Song Sparrow	61	39	326	95	2	29	92	61	82	152	939	10
Swamp Sparrow	2	4	7	4	1	2	-	-	14	38	72	8
White-throated Sparrow	-	6	11	19	1	8	24	17	12	13	111	9
White-crowned Sparrow	-	6	10	2	1	7	3	7	5	3	44	9
Dark-eyed Junco	16	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	26	2	47	5
Bobolink	11	18	26	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	104	5
Red-winged Blackbird	158	100	1,197	280	7	82	120	135	130	366	2,575	10
Eastern Meadowlark	5	29	47	11	-	3	5	9	14	17	140	9
Rusty Blackbird	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	23	27	4
Common Grackle	162	100	398	400	6	53	274	187	188	146	1,914	10
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	21	178	109	2	65	83	48	72	100	679	10
Blackbird sp.	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	1
Orchard Oriole	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2
"Baltimore" Oriole	6	9	31	53	4	14	17	23	11	28	196	10
Purple Finch	-	4	98	9	3	5	-	-	3	57	179	7
House Finch	11	100	322	155	6	102	134	73	48	108	1,059	10
Common Redpoll	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pine Siskin	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	2
American Goldfinch	75	60	318	95	16	134	109	65	61	158	1,091	10
House Sparrow	23	10	216	74	8	27	226	129	49	129	891	10
Total Species	98	107	135	126	84	95	99	105	137	*110	*182	
Total Individuals	1,727	2,332	9,855	4,941	417	1,818	3,338	2,486	2,949	4,563	34,426	
# Observers	5	4	26	25	3	23	6	11	11	27	141	
# Parties	3	1	19	13	3	16	1	?	7	9	72+	

\* plus 1 hybrid

Table 1. Statewide May Count, May 9, 1992 (con't)

	VENA	BUTL	INDI	WEST	FAYE	BEDF	MIFF	JUNI	LUZE	LACK	TOTAL
Time Start	0600	0530	0500	0530	0800	0900	0530	0530	0200	0600	
Time Stop	2100	1500	2145	2000	2000	2000	2100	2130	2100	1800	
<u>Owling</u>											
Hours Owling	2	0	3.5	1	0	0	0.5	1	8	0	16
Miles Owling	15	0	33	0.5	0	0	4	?	40	0	92.5
<u>Regular</u>											
Hours Foot	12	7	63.25	54.25	6.75	18	2.5	?	20.75	41	225.75
Hours Car	14	2	58.75	33.75	3.25	3	6	?	24.8	120	265.25
Hours Boat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	0	0	0
Hours other	0	0	0	0	0	11.5	0	?	0	0	11.5
Total Hours	26	9	122	88	10	32.5	8.5	29.5	45.55	161	562
Miles Foot	6.5	5	48.75	36.5	8	15	3	?	19	52	202
Miles Car	245	51	589.6	276	141	22	238	?	328	261	2,294
Miles Boat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	0	0	0
Miles other	0	0	0	0	0	?	0	?	0	0	?
Total Miles	251.5	56	638.35	312.5	149	37	241	?	347	313	2,494
<u>Stationary</u>											
Hours Stationary	0	0	11	9	0	2	0	0	0	0	22
<u>Feeder Watching</u>											
Hours Feeder Watching	0	0	40.5	45.75	1.5	32	5.5	5.5	0	53	184
<u>Temperature</u>											
Pre-dawn	?	?	41	45	50s	40	58	50	50	48	
Dawn	45	43	41	47	50s	42	58	50	51	48	
AM	50	45	47	?	50s	45	62	?	59	52	
Noon	54	47	53	50	50s	48	68	?	67	60	
PM	50	49	57	53	50s	50	68	?	65	62	
Sunset	50	?	50	60	50s	47	65	?	60	50	
Night	?	?	48	?	?	45	65	50	59	?	
<u>Wind</u>											
Pre-dawn	?	?	0	Calm	?	0	breeze	0-5	0	0	
Dawn	0	E 10	0	W 5-10	?	SE 1	breeze	0-5	SW 10	0	
AM	SE 5	E 10	SW 10	?	?	SE 1-3	breeze	0-5	SW 15	NE 5	
Noon	SE 5	SE 10	SW 10	?	?	0	breeze	0-5	SW 15	SW 5	
PM	E 5	SE 10	SW 10	W 10	?	0	breeze	0-5	SW 15	SW 5	
Sunset	0	?	SW 10	?	?	0	breeze	0-5	SW 5	SW 5	
Night	?	?	0	?	?	0	breeze	0-5	0	?	
<u>Cloud Cover (%)</u>											
Pre-dawn	?	?	95	?	?	100	50	?	100	100	
Dawn	10	25	100	100	?	100	40	?	100	100	
AM	20	50	100	100	?	100	30	?	95	75	
Noon	100	100	100	100	?	100	10	?	30	50	
PM	100	100	100	50	?	100	10	?	60	50	
Sunset	100	?	25	50	?	100	20	?	60	100	
Night	?	?	50	?	?	100	20	?	60	?	
<u>Precipitation</u>											
Pre-dawn	?	?	0	0	?	Rain	0	?	0.01	0	
Dawn	Fog	0	0	Rain	Rain	Rain	0	?	0.01	0	
AM	0	0	Rain	Rain	Rain	Rain	0	?	0	0	
Noon	Lt.	Rain	Rain	Rain	Rain	0	0	?	0	0	
PM	Lt.	Heavy	0	0	Rain	Rain	sprkls	?	0.03	0	
Sunset	0	?	0	0	Rain	Rain	0	?	0	0	
Night	?	?	0	0	Rain	Rain	0	?	0	0	

# First Confirmed Loggerhead Shrike Nesting in Pennsylvania Since 1934

## Adams County

by Art Kennell

For the past seven years the South Mountain Audubon Christmas Bird Count has included the Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*). In 1990 two shrikes were seen. Dan Brauning, then coordinator of the Pa. Breeding Bird Atlas, was called and we arranged to look for the possible nest site. Two days of searching failed to find any nest or signs of nesting.

On 15 March 1992 my wife, Eleanor, and I went birding to look for migratory waterfowl. As we were returning home we decided to look for the shrike where it had been seen. Suddenly, a shrike flew directly in front of the car. It was carrying some type of mammal. It proceeded to a hawthorn tree,



Loggerhead Shrike, Adams Co., 1992.  
Photo by Art Kennell

impaled its victim, and started to feed it to another shrike. After we returned home I immediately called Dan, now a non-game biologist with the Pa. Game Commission.

In a few days Dan arrived and we saw both shrikes. He informed Dr. Shonah Hunter, a professor at Lock Haven University, who has studied the Loggerhead Shrike intensively. Dr. Hunter called me and said she would send one of her students, Rob Chambers, down to

help look for the nest. Rob and I looked for it or any signs of nest building to no avail. However, Rob returned and finally found the nest.

The nest was in a hawthorne tree with Multi-flora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*) and Japanese Honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) and contained five eggs on 3 May. Most of the time the nest was monitored only when the adults were away from it. On 9 May the first pictures were taken of the young, possibly one or two days old.

Dr. Hunter came down 19 May and found that only four of the eggs had hatched. She and Rob made a thorough habitat study of the area during her visits here. The birds fledged 23 May. I was fortunate to check the nest that day and found all four young hiding in the honeysuckle in the nest tree.

There were many interesting observations made and photographs taken of their eating, feeding, and learning to fly. About 25 feet from the nest tree was another hawthorne tree which was used as a food storage tree. At one time this tree contained a 17-inch garter snake, a 14-inch garter snake, 2 field mice, a vole and the remains of either a mouse or vole. I saw an adult with the 17-inch snake fly into the tree and impale it while the snake was still squirming. After about a minute's time the snake hung motionless, impaled on a thorn about two-inches long.

As the birds grew older, the adults would impale their food directly in front of the young and would teach them to tear the mammal apart. On 31 May all four birds were flying twenty to thirty yards at a time. The next day only three young could be seen with the two adults.



Meadow Vole impaled on hawthorne tree. Photo by Art Kennell.

As of this writing, the Turner Broadcasting Company (TBC) is filming a Civil War movie on the site. The movie, "Killer Angels," a story of the Battle of Gettysburg, will be aired next January. The land owner has leased the land to TBC to shoot a lot of the scenes which the Gettysburg National Park will not allow them to do. Dan Brauning and I have asked or requested them to stay away as far as possible from the nest site. We hope they do not make too much noise with their cannons and muskets that they drive them away.

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**NOTE:** The last published confirmed nesting of Loggerhead Shrike in Pennsylvania was near Holidaysburg, Blair County, 31 May 1934 (Todd, 1940). There is a small population of Loggerhead Shrikes in Maryland just south of the area in this article. The current nesting may be the northernmost extension of that population. —Eds.

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# Almost Stilted Over a Reclusive Stilt

by Moire McLaughlin

It was Easter Sunday and I awoke early in my childhood bed lingering in the warmth of the covers, smelling the sweet air, and listening to the soft bleating of the sheep in the distant meadow. I realized why I was so desperately homesick just a few days ago.

The sound of the feathered chorus singing to the new day outside my window reminded me that I wanted to go bird watching this day. I had recently become serious about recording my life list using a wonderful book called *The Birder's Journal* given to me by a dear birder friend and the author. The journal allows you to color the bird and provides a space to record the date, location, and a brief note about each new sighting. I was excited to start and grabbed a cup of coffee, the journal, some colored pencils and was off.

My first stop was the pond in front of the house where I knew there was quite a variety of birds including swallows, phoebes, and bluebirds. It was a glorious day and Burnhead Farm was literally a flutter of activity. I sat near the edge of the shimmering pond penciling in the bright green of a Tree Swallow skimming the air for insects when suddenly I heard a strange call. It was a sharp *kek kek kek*. I turned to see landing in the marshy shallows of the pond an unknown bird. I immediately realized that I was an amateur birder — I had forgotten to bring my binoculars! The distance to the new visitor was only about 50 feet or so but it was slightly silhouetted in the bright sunlight. I didn't want to move. My heart raced. "How can I get back to the house without disturbing the bird and making it fly away never to be seen again," I despaired. So I studied it from afar making mental notes. Long red legs. Stands about 14" high. A petite body that appeared to be grey or brown from head to tail, with a distinct white underbelly. The underside of its very long neck was also white. A long straight beak, possibly black. Sure enough it saw me and took off with a loud *kek kek kek*. I then noticed the white shoulder in contrast to the darker wing area and the outstretched red legs.

"Wow! This is going to be great!" I thought as I raced into the house. My mother was in the kitchen as I grabbed my father's field guide and the binoculars. "Moire, would you like some breakfast?" my mom asked. "No, Mom, I'm on a quest. I saw the most exceptional bird outside. I don't know what it is and I'm trying to identify it." She looked at me kind of strangely as if I were possessed. Little does she know I have been possessed — by the bird watching demon.

I studied the field guide and narrowed it down to what just had to be the Black-necked Stilt. But I was a bit confused. The bird wasn't black and white, literally, as it was depicted in the illustration. It was a grayish brown without the sharp contrast as pictured in the book. I had to see it again to confirm my observations. So, off I went. This time with binoculars, the field guide, a camera, and another cup of coffee.

The bird had flown down the valley in the direction of the barn and the lower pond. So off I went to the lower pond and to visit my Dad who was down at the barn helping the sheep with lambing. I walked into the barn looking like an ecotourist and said, "Hi, Dad!" Being my birding partner he didn't look at me as strangely as my mother had but he knew I wasn't there to help feed lambs.

The lower pond fills a small hollow at the southern end of Burnhead farm. As I scanned the pond through the binoculars I glassed over a Great Blue Heron with hardly a pause. How quickly we get spoiled. I had already seen lots of great blues!

"Ah ha!" I cried out, "There it is!" Oh, what luck. Another chance. I climbed over the corral and into the field. This was not going to be easy considering that the pond is about 100' from the barn across a meadow without so much as a limb or leaf to provide cover. With some anguish I began to wonder how I would ever get close enough. The binoculars left a lot to be desired. (Sorry, Dad. Now I know what to get you for Christmas!) But there was a flock of ewes and lambs in the meadow between me and the

wary, unconfirmed stilt. The ewes grazed peacefully as the lambs, in small herds of their own, stampeded sporadically around the field in sudden bursts of energy. Off I went again, dodging my way through the flock using the sheep to cover my approach to the pond.

A family out for a Sunday drive had stopped along the road to watch the lambs and were probably wondering about this woman crawling through a flock of ewes and lambs on her elbows and knees like a Border Collie herding sheep. They probably thought, "Gosh, he's trained his daughter to herd sheep, too!"

So there I was, playing peek-a-boo with a stilt. It took me about 15 minutes and the elbows out of my old sweater to get close enough to confirm my sighting. The first confirmed sighting of a Black-necked Stilt on Burnhead Farm! The tall heron saw me first and alarmed the stilt with his rake-on-sidewalk call. The stilt went *kek kek* away over the pond and the meadows into the distance. Yes, it was definitely grayish brown.

Recharged by my stay at Burnhead I returned to Annapolis and to work the next day. I was excited to tell my birder friend, Mel Baughman, about my sighting. I knew that he could help to explain the discrepancy in the actual color of the bird and the illustration in the field guide. First, I was surprised at his reaction. He had never seen a stilt away from a tidal shore! We consulted the National Geographic Society's Field Guide and it confirmed that it was either a juvenile or a female and that individuals do occasionally migrate inland. So now I can make the entry in my journal with a clear conscience knowing that it was truly an exceptional experience.

So, if you ever witness the strange behavior of a person cradling binoculars and crawling through a flock of sheep you'll be able to identify the species. Possessed Birdwatcher; Family, McLaughlin.

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## Summary of the Season - April to June 1992

When starting to write this summary of the season, it was immediately noted it would be a challenge to find a particular thread weaving through the reports. Then it dawned that there were really a lot of different birds seen. A quick count revealed that **283** species had been found! Fingerhood relates that in *Philadelphia* alone 176 species plus two hybrids and a cuckoo sp. had been identified.

The weather, especially in the eastern half, played a significant role. Two storms in April produced record numbers of water-related birds in *Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Cumberland, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Northampton, and York*. It would take some of the fun of away from "discovery reading" to list them all here... both expected loons, grebes (**Eared** only in *Lebanon*), sea ducks, etc. Each account reveals the excitement birders felt while braving the elements.

But did these storms have any effect on the three sightings of **Am. White Pelican** in *Crawford, Erie, and Indiana*? If the *Crawford* bird were the same one that showed up in *Erie* the next day, was it that individual which wandered to *Indiana* the next week or was it a result of events to the west of us? As you will read in the next issue of *Pa Birds*, not all white pelicans are Am. White Pelicans.

Any year now, **Double-crested Cormorant** should be found breeding here. Huge numbers continue to be recorded across the state. Good news: **Great Blue Herons** were confirmed nesting in *Bucks* for the first time in 30+ years. Bad news: the wanton, despicable destruction of a heronry in *Bradford*. **Cattle Egrets**, although found, no longer are breeding in Pa. Best showing of **Glossy Ibis** was 43 birds in *Delaware*. **Hooded Mergansers** nested successfully in a Wood Duck box in *Delaware*.

**Black Vulture** continues its expansion as a breeder, confirmed in *Montgomery*, courting and mating observed in *Juniata*, and the 1st and 2nd records in *Union* and *Clinton* respectively. A **Mississippi Kite** flew by a *Northampton* hawk watch. "The (20 April) storm produced a count of ±1000 **Broad-winged Hawks** in 5 minutes..." in *Lehigh*, relates Morris. This number is more expected in fall migration. Power lines were lethal to an **Osprey** (*Berks*) and a **Pileated Woodpecker** (*Lawrence*). There were **38 Bald Eagles** reported in *Crawford*, and 8 active nests hatched 10 eaglets.

A report was received that the two **King Rails** (*Cambria*) may have been harassed by over-zealous birders using a tape. Our vanishing wetlands provide precious little foothold for these and other species, so give them

the respect for their "homes" that you would desire. In our experience King Rails have been quite vocal on their own during the day. We hope to have a report in the next issue on the *Bedford* wetlands creation project. Birders not willing to exercise caution will not be welcome. **Sandhill Cranes** were reported more than usual (*Berks, Bucks, Erie*), with more to come next issue.

Shorebirds, represented by 29 species, had their best showing in years. Two eastern storms in May were apparently responsible. Quite remarkable was the territorial male **Piping Plover** on Presque Isle. It captivated all observers fortunate enough to witness the displays. McWilliams sobers us with the thought that "With every Piping Plover seen on PI, local birders believe that that individual will be the last of its race ever to be seen here again." The Great Lakes race is down to only a dozen or so breeding pairs. **Upland Sandpipers**, also a declining breeder, were a probable 1st record for *Tioga*. **Black-necked Stilt** (*Berks, Indiana, Lancaster, Philadelphia*), **Am. Avocet, Willet, Whimbrel, Red Knot**, and **Wilson's and Red-necked** (*Centre*) phalaropes round out the list.

Gull aficionados were in their glory again with 12 species observed. The only species not recorded in *Erie* and/or *Lancaster* was a **Black-legged Kittiwake** in *Somerset*. **Franklin's Gull** was found in 5 counties (*Erie, Lancaster, Luzerne, Somerset, and York*). **C. Black-headed Gull** in both *Erie* and *Lancaster*! **Black Terns** seemed to have had their best state-wide showing in a while (including a 1st *Bradford*), and a **Least Tern** went by in *Bucks*.

**Cuckoo** numbers were generally down. Nine species of owls were noted in April. The history-making **Great Gray** (*Warren*) left 4/7 and the **Snowy** (*Lehigh*) 4/6. Godspeed them both home. **Short-eared** still favor the *Clarion* reclaimed strip mines. The report of two **Barred** owlets (*Montgomery*) with deformed feet was disconcerting. The rehabilitation director reports an "alarming and increasing problem in owlets," writes Freed. Are pesticides causing easy prey and therefore deformities? Possibly.

In that vein, whether it be the lack of large moths caused by spraying or something else, goatsuckers are still in bad shape from across the state. A **Chuck-will's-widow** did make it to *Erie* again.

Hummingbirds had mixed reviews. But getting feeders out no later than 1 May should help to sustain those who arrive only to be met with cold snaps. See the *Elk* report for Sorg's comments regarding "global

warming." The **Rufous Hummingbird** in *Westmoreland* "was successfully 'wintered over' by wildlife rehabilitator Cindy Cook...last seen...4/22," report Leberman and Mulvihill.

Corvid reports include the continued residence of **Jackdaws** (*Union*), and confirmed nesting of **C. Raven** (*Fayette, Somerset*).

**Sedge Wrens** were noted in *Bedford, Crawford, Luzerne*.

Skipping quickly to **Loggerhead Shrike** (*Adams*), they successfully bred, but their nest site may be lost to a new housing development.

Thirty-seven species of warblers were found, tempered by the fact that several of our historic breeders numbers seem reduced, such as **Yellow-breasted Chat**. This situation is a continual reminder to us to stay vigilant to their habitat demands.

**Summer Tanager** (*Cumberland, Indiana, Lancaster, Philadelphia*) and **Blue Grosbeak** (*Indiana, Northampton*) both wandered far and wide. **Dickcissels**, which probably nest somewhere in Pa. every year, were suspected breeding in *Cumberland*.

Sparrow reports were intriguing. Somewhat lingering **Am. Tree**, somewhat late arriving **Chipping**, and returning **Clay-colored**. The **LeConte's Sparrow** (*Chester*) was only the 2nd state record and stayed around for about two weeks, giving many the opportunity to observe its mouse-like behavior. It appears quite likely that this individual may have "wintered over," although this is pure speculation based only on the fact that it hung around so long.

There was not much mention of Grassland Bird Surveys. Perhaps enough will be run to generate a separate report (similar to the hawk watches) in the future.

Single **Yellow-headed Blackbirds** were found at opposite corners of the state (*Erie, Philadelphia*). **Orchard Oriole** had a record breeding success on Bell's farm (*Greene*), one visited *Butler*, and one was banded on a record early date in *Westmoreland*. Sixteen **N. Orioles** visited a *Bedford* feeding station. Lone report of **C. Redpoll** was from *Erie*.

You were warned at the outset that this was a complex quarter to summarize. By no means does this report do justice to the wealth of information contained in the following pages. The new format next quarter may facilitate your finding those species of your special interest. Time will tell. In the meantime, enjoy the fruits of your compilers' labors.

# COUNTY REPORTS - April through June 1992

**Abbreviations Frequently Used:** **ad.:**adult, **Am.:**American, **BBS:** Breeding Bird Survey, **c.:**central, **CBC:**Christmas Bird Count, **Cr.:**creek, **Co.:**county, **Cos.:**counties, *et al.:*and others, **e.:**eastern, **Eur.:**European, **Eurasian, F.:**Fahrenheit, **fide:**reported by, **Ft.:**Fort, **imm.:**immature, **indiv.:**individual(s), **I.:**Island, **Is.:**Islands, **Jct.:**Junction, **juv.:**juvenile, **L.:**Lake, **max.:**maximum, **min.:**minimum, **m.ob.:**many observers, **Mt.:**Mountain, **Mts.:**Mountains, **NF.:**National Forest, **NWR:**National Wildlife Refuge, **Res.:**Reservoir, **R.:**River, **S.F.:**State Forest, **SGL:**State Game Lands, **S.P.:**State Park, **sp.:**species, **spp.:**species plural, **ssp.:**subspecies, **Twp.:**Township, **w.:**western, **WMA:**Wildlife Management Area, **v.o.:**various observers, **N,S,E,W.:**direction of motion, **n.,s.,e.,w.:**direction of location, **>:**more than, **<:**fewer than, **±:**approximately, or estimated number, **♂:**male, **♀:**female, **♁:**imm. or female, **\***:specimen, **ph.:**photographed, **ft.:**feet, **mi.:**miles, **m.:**meters, **km.:**kilometers, **date with a + (e.g., May 4+):**recorded beyond that date.

## ADAMS COUNTY

### Art and Eleanor Kennell

*Abbreviations: Long Pine Run Dam (LPD), Pumping Station Rd (PSR), Red Rock Rd (RR), Warbler Woods (WW).* Sightings by compilers unless otherwise noted.

We failed to do a report last quarter because of traveling and not having much to report. We had some exciting sightings in March, but decided to let things develop so we could report them this quarter.

**C. Loon** were at LPD & Birch Run Dam 4/7-22, with a high of 59 at LPD 4/22, as well as 6 **Double-crested Cormorant** that day (CG). 3 **Cattle Egret** on PSR 6/5, where 2 **White-fronted Goose** were found 4/2. Best ducks were 2 **Oldsquaw** on LPD.

**Osprey** found 4/1 at LPD 4/1 (CG) and elsewhere (AEK). **Gr.** and **Ls.** yellowlegs were on RR 4/22 (AEK,CG). 11 **Upland Sandpiper** were seen 4/8 and 3 imm. found with ad. 6/4. **Barn Owl** were seen leaving a chimney on PSR in June. **Great-horned** and **Barred** owls were in WW and **Short-eared** nr RR 4/2. **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** heard most of June in WW. 5 spp. of woodpeckers used our suet feeder. **Horned Lark** and **Am. Pipit** were on PSR 4/4.

The most exciting news was the pair, 1 feeding the other, of **Loggerhead Shrike** found 3/15. The nest was found 4/3 (see article).

21 spp. of warblers migrated through WW. A **Blackpoll** was noted 5/19 in the shrike nest tree. **Blue Grosbeak** and an unusually high number of **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** went through WW. **Purple Finch** migrated in high numbers also.

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## ALLEGHENY COUNTY

### Ted Floyd

*Abbreviations: Allegheny R. (AR), Forest Hills Park (FH), Frick Park (FP), Harrison Hills Park (HH), Hartwood Acres (HW), Kilbuck Twp (KT), Natrona Heights (NH), North Park (NP), Plum Borough (PB), Sewickley Twp Park (SE), Shaler Twp (SH), South Park (SP), Walker Park (WP), Whitehall Borough (WB).*

Highlights were early first dates for many neotropical land bird migrants. As usual, very few reports of migrant or breeding water birds.

Last of several **Pied-billed Grebe** reports (v.o.) came from NP 4/16 (JH). Only **Double-crested Cormorant** was at AR 5/2 (RG,SG). 1 **Red-breasted Merganser** on the AR 4/2-4 (PB). A **Red-shouldered** pr was present at NH all quarter (PH). First **Broad-winged Hawk** at SP 4/13 (WH), and the species was rated

as uncommon during migration (MF). At least 6 **Peregrine Falcon** were in Pittsburgh during the quarter (m.ob.).

Only *Charadriiformes* were: **Solitary Sandpiper** at NP 5/7 (JH); **Spotted Sandpiper** at Monroeville 5/11 (PB) and Beechwood Farms 5/2 (RSG,GR *et al.*). 4 **Ring-billed Gull** at NH 4/24 (PH).

First **Yellow-billed** at SP 5/11 (WH), and numbers very low thereafter (v.o.). First **C. Nighthawk** was 5/14 at Braddock (MF), and the species was scarce thereafter (PH). A **Whip-poor-will** at KT 5/6 (PB) was unusual. A **Chimney Swift** at NH 4/14 (PH) was early. **Red-bellied Woodpecker** at SP all quarter (WH) and KT 6/6 (PB); **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** at FH 4/12 (MF). **E. Wood-Pewee** was at FP on the early date of 4/29 (JH). **Empidonax** first dates: **Yellow-bellied** at Fox Chapel 5/13 (JH); **Acadian** at NH (PH) and FP (MF,RP,JS,SS) 5/12; **Willow** at NP 5/14 (JH); **Least** at FP 4/26 (MF) with good numbers thereafter (v.o.). **Great Crested Flycatcher** was slightly early at FP 4/26 (MF).

First **N. Rough-winged Swallow** were 8 at Ross Twp 4/22 (PB), and **Barn** were slightly early at NP of 4/9 (JH). ±35 **Am. Crow** staged at Bethel Park 5/23 (WH). **Black-capped Chickadee** in WB 4/3-6/8 was s. of its range, and **Carolina Chickadee** was breeding n. of its range in KT 4/4 (PB). Only **Brown Creeper** was at FH 4/12 (MF), and only **Red-breasted Nuthatch** was at KT 5/3 (PB). **House Wren** at SH 4/20 (JH), and first and only **Winter Wren** was at NP 4/8 (JH). The **Golden-crowned Kinglet** flight was very poor (v.o.), but the **Ruby-crowned** flight was fair (v.o.). First **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** was at FH 4/12 (MF).

*Turdinae* were rated as less common than usual by most observers. Only report of **E. Bluebird** was of 3 at Round Hill Park 4/16 (PB). **Veery** at SP on the very early date of 4/11, and other early reports were from WP 4/23 (JH) and FP 4/26 (MF). Single **Gray-cheeked Thrush** were at FP 5/12 (MF,RP,JS,SS) and HH 5/17 (PH). Only **Swainson's** at SP 5/7 (WH), HH 5/10 (PH), and FP 5/12 (MF,RP,JS,SS), and only **Hermit** at FH 4/12 (MF), SP 4/13 (WH), and FP 4/30 (MF). **Wood Thrush** was slightly early at WP 4/23 (JH), and the sp. was widespread but uncommon thereafter (v.o.). **N. Mockingbird** listed at 4 locations (v.o.). Only **Cedar Waxwing** were 16 at WB 4/11 (WH) and 8 at SP 5/13 (WH).

*Vireonidae:* **White-eyed** at NH 4/26 (PH); first **Solitary** at HH 4/19 (PH) and last was at FP 5/9 (MF); **Yellow-throated Vireo** at NH 4/26 was slightly early (PH), as was first **Warbling** at WP 4/23 (JH). **Philadelphia** at HH 5/2 was an uncommon spring migrant in this co.

*Parulinae* reports of interest an uncommon **Golden-winged** at SP 5/11 (WH); slightly early **Tennessee** at SP 5/2 (WH) and many reports 5/11-23 (v.o.); a rare spring migrant **Orange-crowned** at NP 4/29 (JH); **Nashville** at HW 4/28 (JH); slightly early **Yellow** at AR (PB) and Indiana Twp (PB) 4/20; **Chestnut-sided** at SP 5/5 (WH); only **Cape May** at SP 5/5 (WH); **Yellow-rumped** from 4/23-5/12 at SP (WH), FP (MF,RP,JS, SS) and SP (WH); very early **Black-throated Green** at SH 4/8 (JH); **Blackburnian** at FP 4/29 (JH); **Yellow-throated** at WP 4/23 (JH); **Prairie** at SE 4/23 (JH); **Palm** at FP 4/30 (MF); slightly early **Bay-breasted** at HW 5/1 (JH); **Cerulean** at SE 5/1 (JH); early **Am. Redstart** at WP 4/23 (JH); **Worm-eating** at WP 5/1 and subsequent breeding suspected at this site (WS); **Louisiana Waterthrush** at NP 4/8 (JH); early **Kentucky** at KT 4/25 (PB); only **Mourning** at HH 5/10 (PH); **Hooded** at FP 4/30 (MF); **Wilson's** at SP 5/6 (WH); and **Yellow-breasted Chat** at SP 5/7 (WH).

Last **Fox Sparrow** was at SH 4/8 (JH). Single **Swamp Sparrow** listed at SH 4/22 (JH) and FP 4/26 (MF). The **White-throated** flight was rated as average (v.o.), and last record at HH 5/12 (PH). Only **White-crowned** were 1 at Ohio Twp 5/6 (PB) and 6 at Schenley Park 5/10 (MF). Last **Dark-eyed Junco** was at PB 5/7 (RG,SG). Only **Rusty Blackbird** at HH 4/19 (PH). ±100 **C. Grackle** were at SP 6/30 (WH). First **N. Oriole** at SH 4/29 (JH). **Purple Finch** recorded at 8 locations 4/6-5/11 (v.o.), and breeding suspected at N. Hills (MF). Only **Pine Siskin** were 2 at KT 4/5 (PB).

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## ARMSTRONG COUNTY

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Abbreviations: *Craigsville (CV)*, *Crooked Creek (CC)*, *Elders Ridge strips (ER)*, *Elderton (ED)*, *Kelly Station (KS)*, *Keystone Res. (KR)*, *Manorville (MV)*, *Rosston (RT)*.

All waterfowl reports are by ES at RT unless otherwise indicated. 1-2 **Pied-billed Grebe** were noted 4/1-12. **Horned Grebe** tally peaked at 27 4/12. Top **Double-crested Cormorant** tally was 19 at KR 4/18 (MH, RH), but a singleton was noted at MV 4/28 (DL). **Great Egret** was spotted at MV 4/26 (DL) and 5/1 (DL). Last **Tundra Swan** report was 4/12. **Green-winged Teal** included 11 4/12. Three **Am. Black Duck** were counted 4/3, 13. Four **Blue-winged Teal** noted 4/3, 12. **Am. Wigeon** max. were 12 at RT 4/3 (ES) and 5 at KR 4/18 (MH, RH). Two **Canvasback** were found 4/1. **Ring-necked Duck** tallies included 10 at RT 4/3 and 1 nr ED 4/18 (MH, RH). Two **Gr. Scaup** were seen 4/3; 3 **Ls. Scaup** 4/12. A flock of 24 **Oldsquaw** and 2 **White-winged Scoter** was a nice find 4/12. Best **Bufflehead** counts were 19 at RT 4/15 and 4 at KR 4/18 (MH, RH). Merganser max. included 4 **Hooded** 4/1 at KR (MH), 1 **Common** at RT 4/3 (the only report), and 26 **Red-breasted** 4/1 at KR (MH), where 6 lingered until 5/12 (MH, GL, GS). Single **Ruddy Duck** were observed at RT 4/12 (ES) and at KR 5/12 (MH, GL, GS).

**Osprey** reports included singletons at CC 4/5 (JV, MJV) and at KS 5/22 (MH, NK, LW). **Red-shouldered Hawk** was nesting 5/3 at an undisclosed location (ES). First **Broad-winged Hawk** was listed at KR 4/18 (MH, RH). Last **Am. Coot** were 3 at RT 4/15 (ES). **Gr. Yellowlegs** were listed 4/18, both nr ED and at KR (MH, RH). Single **Solitary Sandpiper** at CV 4/26 (ES), at Nicola 5/2 (ES), and at ER 5/12 (MH, GL, GS). First **Spotted Sandpiper** noted at KR 4/18 (MH, RH). Gull max. included 17 **Bonaparte's** at RT (ES) and 24 **Ring-billed** at MV 4/2 (JV). A **Forster's Tern** at KR was found 5/12 on a Big Day count (MH, GL, GS). Two **Black-billed Cuckoo** were seen nr Pine Furnace 5/21 (ES), the only report for the Co. The **Purple Martin** colony near ED harbored at least 6 ad. 5/12 (MH, GL, GS). Two **C. Raven** were listed at ER 5/12 (MH, GL, GS). **Red-breasted Nuthatch** continued at a KTN feeder (NK) through May. **Veery** was first noted at KTN 5/6 (CD); by 6/18, it had built a nest 2' off the ground in a holly shrub 8' from the back door. One of the three eggs hatched; the nestling subsequently died (CD). **Swainson's Thrush** was found at KTN 5/19 (CD) and nr KTN 5/22 (MH, NK, LW).

Warblers of note included **Golden-winged** at KTN 5/6 (MH, NK, MS, LW) and at KS 5/22 (MH, NK, LW); **Magnolia** at KS 5/22 (MH, NK, LW); **Black-throated Green** at KR 4/18 (MH, RH); **Blackburnian** at CV 5/5 (ES); **Yellow-throated** and **Worm-eating** nr KS 5/22 (MH, NK, LW); **Kentucky** at KTN 4/22 (NK); and **Canada** at KTN 5/6 (MH, NK, MS, LW) and at KS 5/22 (MH, NK, LW). **Pine Siskin** were regular at a KTN feeder through mid-May (NK), the only report for the Co.

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## BEDFORD COUNTY

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Abbreviations: *Bedford (BED)*, *Beldon (BL)*, *Buffalo Mills (BM)*, *Bedford Valley (BV)*, *Cumberland Dam (CD)*, *Dunnings Cr. wetlands (DC)*, *Shawnee SP (SSP)*, *Yellow Cr. (YC)*. All banding by JES at BV.

The most exciting news concerns the restored wetlands on a 170-acre parcel nr DC. This is a special Audubon project under the direction of the Allegheny Plateau Audubon Society and Dr. Tom Dick of Johnstown. Mention will be made here of some spp. seen

there in Apr., according to the *Chickadee Chatter* Spring Newsletter, 1992.

**Double-crested Cormorant** at CD 5/11 (EW) and at SSP 6/20 (JH). Latest **Great Blue Heron** at BL 4/29 (CM). **Blue-winged Teal** present at SSP 6/20 (JH). **Black Vulture** reported nr deer pits all quarter in BV (TF). ±30 **Turkey Vulture** traveling N along Rt. 96 in BM 4/7 (DH). **Osprey** at YC 4/14 (JES), and 1 in BL 6/6 (CM). A **Bald Eagle** was in BL 4/28 (CM). **N. Harrier** in BM 4/6-6/28 (DH). **Sharp-shinned Hawk** found 4/6, 7 (CM, DH). **N. Goshawk** in BL 4/22. 2 **Red-tailed Hawk** were feeding on a dead opossum nr Schellsburg 4/13 (JES). **Ruffed Grouse** on nest 5/6 and a **Wild Turkey** on nest with 8 eggs in BL 6/5 (CM). 2 **N. Bobwhite** were along Rt. 26 n. of Everett 4/30 (JES).

3 **Virginia Rail** responded to a tape in a marshy area at SSP 6/20 (JH, RM). JH thought the area might be "ideal for **Sora** and **King Rail**, maybe even **Least Bittern**." **Am. Coot** seen at CD 4/11 (EW).

The following is an impressive list of shorebirds reported during Apr. at DC: **Black-bellied** and **Semipalmated** plovers; **both yellowlegs**, **Solitary Sandpiper** (also seen at CD 5/11 (EW)); **Spotted Sandpiper**; **Ruddy Turnstone**; **Semipalmated**, **Least**, **White-rumped**, and **Pectoral** sandpipers, **Dunlin**, **Short-billed Dowitcher**, and **C. Snipe**. 6 C. Snipe were also in BV 4/6 (JES). **Am. Woodcock** in BM 4/15 (DH).

**Black-billed Cuckoo** at BL, BM, & BV, but **Yellow-billed** only BL 6/3 (CM). **Whip-poor-will** 6/29 BM (DH). **Chimney Swift** 4/13 CD (EW). Early **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** date was at BM 4/25 (DH). Reports of **Red-headed Woodpecker** at BL (on feeder) 6/28 (CM) and 6/20 nr Cessna (JH). **E. Wood-Pewee** commonly banded. **Acadian Flycatcher** in Rainsburg Gap 6/14 and **Willow banded** 6/13 (JES). **Least Flycatcher** at SSP 6/20 (JH). **E. Kingbird** more commonly reported this year by all observers. A pr of **Sedge Wren** found at DC 6/13 (BS).



Sedge Wren, Dunnings Creek Wetlands, 6/13/92. Photo by Robert Schutsky.

A **Wood Thrush** was found d.o.r. in BV 4/24 (JES). Best warbler was a **Yellow-throated** 4/17 (Easter present!) in BV (JES). An **Am. Tree Sparrow** lingered until 4/19 in BM (DH). **Fox Sparrow** were delayed on migration by late winter storms until 4/9 in BL (CM). A **White-crowned Sparrow** was in BV 5/1 (JES). **N. Oriole** first seen BL 4/20 (CM). On 5/11, DH had a call from a lady in Gravel Pit to say she had 16 "Baltimore" Orioles at her feeders. **Purple Finch** 4/18 and **Pine Siskin** 4/30 in BV (JES).

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## BERKS COUNTY

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Abbreviations: *Blue Marsh L (BML)*, *Hawk Mt. Sanctuary (HMS)*, *Hamburg (HB)*, *Hay Cr. near Birdsboro (HC)*, *Kaercher Cr. Park, Hamburg (KCP)*, *L. Ontelaunee (LO)*, *Peters Cr. near LO (PC)*.

The most amazing record this spring was a **Black-necked Stilt** (1st Co. record) standing in a mud puddle at the Ames Dept. Store in HB 5/6 (WF)! Keep cruising those strip malls. Also remarkable were the 5 **Sandhill Crane** seen flying high overhead

nr Bally by Eunice & Howard Huenecke, a retired wildlife biologist who has seen thousands of these birds in N.D. & S.D. A **Ls. Black-backed Gull** at BML 4/2 (HJS) and an **Iceland Gull** at Shartlesville 4/18 (RK,HJS) were left over from the swarm of winter gulls.

Single **Red-throated Loon** were at BML 4/30 (HJS) and LO 5/9 (MS). Rain brought **C. Loon** high counts of 19 at LO & 14 at HB 4/12, and 14 at KCP 4/22 (KC,KG,MS). The same was true of **Horned Grebe**, with 12 at LO 4/12 (KC,BS,MS) and **Double-crested Cormorant**, with 17 at LO and 14 at KCP 4/22 (KG,BS,MS). **Am. Bittern** were at Red Bridge 4/11 (MS) and nr Shartlesville 4/18 (RK,HJS). The **Great Blue Heron** rookery nr Oley contained 25 feathered young 6/14 (RK). Early **Great Egret** were at PC 4/6 (MS) and LO 4/27 (KC).

A pair of **Mute Swan** was at LO 5/2 through June (BS,MS); another pr near Graterford (HH). There were 20 **Snow Goose** at LO 4/12 (KC), and a bird is summering there. A late migrant was nr Bechtelsville 5/22 (RK). A "**Hutchins**" **Canada Goose** stayed at LO 4/4-5/24 (RK,BS,MS), a little aloof from the bigger geese. Interesting duck sightings, many thanks to rain, included: 5 **N. Shoveler** LO 4/12 (KC), 2 **Gr. Scaup** BML 4/18 (RK,HJS), 32 **Ls. Scaup** LO 4/12 (KC), an **Oldsquaw** at HB 4/11 (KG) and 5 LO 4/12 (BS,MS), 3 **Black** 4/22 and 2 **White-winged** scoter 4/11 KCP (KG), 5 LO 4/22 & 7 LO 5/17 (BS,MS), and 40 **Bufflehead** LO plus 29 KCP 4/12 (KC,KG), and 55 more at LO 4/22 (BS,MS). Very good counts of **Red-breasted Merganser** were 40 HB 4/11 (KG) and 15 LO 4/19 (RK,MS).

**Black Vulture** seen county-wide included a pair that nested at a site on the Blue Mt. they have used for 5 years (JE). Many **Osprey** were reported: 20 at HB 4/12 (KG) and 14 in w. *Berks* 4/18 (RK,HJS). One bird electrocuted itself when it landed on a powerline carrying a fish (KDG)! Imm. **Bald Eagle** at LO 5/11 (MS) and HB 6/7 (MW). Nesting season **Cooper's Hawk** were seen at 5 places. **N. Goshawk** were seen nr HMS in early Apr. (CV) and HB 4/12 (KG). Mid-Apr. rain grounded many **Broad-winged Hawk** across the county. A **Peregrine** flew low but not slowly through fog in Pike Twp 5/18 (RK).

A **Virginia Rail** was taped in at PC 4/22, and 2 responded 4/26 (BS,MS). Unusual spring shorebirds were a **Semipalmated Plover** at LO 5/7 plus 5 others 5/24, and a **Dunlin** 4/22 and 2 5/17 (BS,MS). It was a good year for **Bonaparte's Gull**, with 19 at KCP (KG) and 40 at LO (KC) 4/12, and 16 at LO 4/19 (RK,MS). There were 3 **Great Black-backed** at BML 4/5 and 1 at Shartlesville 4/18 (RK,HJS). Terns, all at LO: a **Caspian** 4/12 and 2 on 4/27,29 (KC,MS); a by-no-means **Common** 4/19 (MS), and the only **Black** reported was there 5/11 (MS,MW).

A **N. Saw-whet Owl** was heard nr HMS 5/15 (JG,AG,NP), and a **Barred** called there 5/11-20 (CV). Several local birders think **C. Nighthawk** is declining as a breeder. A **Whip-poor-will** was calling in Pike Twp 5/17 (CR). An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** found on an HMS foray 5/29 (CV). At least 5 **Acadian Flycatcher** were singing at HC 6/8 (MS), but **Least**, which used to nest there, seen only as a migrant 5/2 (KL).

**Purple Martin** arrived in HB 4/8 (KG) and **N. Rough-winged Swallow** was early there 4/1 (MW). BS and MS counted 175 active **Cliff** nests at the LO dam breast 5/30. 100+ **Fish Crow** were passing through w. *Berks* 4/18 (RK,HJS). A **chickadee** singing the songs of both spp. plus an intermediate version was heard at HC 5/3 (MS). **Red-breasted Nuthatch** were in Pike Twp 5/4 (RK) and Plowville 5/18-25 (KL). A **Winter Wren** pair was on territory through June at HC (KL,MS), well s. of the known breeding area on the Kittatinny Ridge. A **Veery** 4/26 (KL) and a **Wood Thrush** 4/21 (RK) were early.

April rains grounded more **Pine** and **Palm** warblers than we usually see. Other early or uncommon vireos and warblers included: **Yellow-throated Vireo** 4/24 (CE); **Golden-winged** 5/5 (KL); **Yellow** 4/19 (BP); **Cape May** 4/28 (KL); **Black-throated Green** 4/12 (CE); **Cerulean** 5/16-19 (KG,RK,MS); **Prothonotary** 5/10 (MS); **Ovenbird** 4/24 (RK); **N. Waterthrush** 5/9,16,17 (KG,RK,MS); **La. Waterthrush** 4/11 (RK); **Mourning** 5/17 (MW); and **Hooded** 4/28 (KL). HC, a productive warbler breeding area, had 3 territorial Yellow-throated Vireo, 2 **N. Parula** and 3 **Cerulean** in June (KL,MS).

An early **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** was at HMS 4/25 (CV). Sparrows: **Fox** Plowville 4/7 (KL); 100+ **Song** HB Res. 4/12 (KG); and 2 **White-crowned** HB 4/25 (MW). An early flock of 10 **Bobolink** was nr Womelsdorf 4/26 (HJS). **Purple Finch** was

more common than last winter, e.g., 30+ **Bern Twp** in late April (HJS). A **Plowville** feeder had 14 **Pine Siskin** till 4/13, decreasing to 2 on 5/3 (KL), and 2 were at HMS 5/15 (JG,AG,NP).

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## BLAIR COUNTY

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*Abbreviations: Brush Mt. (BM), Canoe Creek SP (CC), Grassland Bird Survey (GBS), Special Areas Project (SAP).*

Cooler than normal temperatures seemed to delay some migrants. The SAP at CC continues to be the focal point for many local birders. 13 **C. Loon** at Mill Run Res. 4/19 along with 26 **Double-crested Cormorant** (BK). Cormorants were present in larger numbers than in previous years and also found in many new areas. 18 **Pied-billed** and 13 **Horned** grebes were at CC 4/12; only 1 **Pied-billed** remained 5/12 (DK). An **Am. Bittern** was at Easterly Sewage Treatment Plant 5/30 (GK). 12 **Wood Duck** were found on a Juniata Valley Audubon Soc. field trip nr the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata R. (SK). 4 **Green-winged** and 7 **Blue-winged** teal rested at CC 4/12 (DK). 3 **Ring-necked Duck** spent all quarter at CC (DK). BK & DK saw 34 **Oldsquaw**, 3 **White-winged** and 1 **Black** scoter at CC 4/12.

26 **Turkey Vulture** were seen going to roost nr L. Altoona 4/3 (BK), up from ±18 in 1991. 2 **Osprey** at CC 4/12 and 1 5/10 (DK,BK). A **Sharp-shinned Hawk** was at CC 4/12 and 1 repeatedly dived at a Broad-winged on BM 5/12 (MB). A **Red-shoulder** called from a steep hemlock-covered slope at CC 5/10 (SK). First **Broad-winged** was over Loop Mt. 4/17 (BK). An ad. **Golden Eagle** flew over Yellow Springs 4/20 (SK), and 1 was soaring 100 yards over the base of BM nr Ft. Roberdeau County Park 6/25 (EW). **Ruffed Grouse** and **Wild Turkey** noted at CC often and a nest of the latter sp. found 5/10 (DS,TW). Turkey were also routinely seen in Elberta all quarter (ASK).

Only 1 **Am. Coot** at CC all quarter (DK). 3 **Am. Woodcock** at CC 4/12 and 5/10 (DK,SK). A woodcock performed at BM for the first time since the early 1970s (MB). 25 **Bonaparte's** and 21 **Ring-billed** gulls and 4 **Caspian Tern** were at CC 4/12 (BK,DK).

**Black-billed Cuckoo** returned to BM 5/12 and **Yellow-billed** 5/20 (MB). 5 **Black-billed** and 4 **Yellow-billed** were found at CC 6/13. First **Chimney Swift** were over Altoona 4/16 (BK). ASK watched a **Red-headed Woodpecker** at Elberta 4/10. 2 **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** on BM 4/11 (MB) and 3 at CC 6/13 (SK).

**Great Crested Flycatcher** returned to BM 5/2 (MB), 1 at CC 5/10 (SK). **E. Wood-Pewee** on BM 5/12 (MB). An **Acadian Flycatcher** was in Plummer's Hollow 6/8 (MB) and 1 at CC 6/13 (SK). 3 **Least** and 1 **Willow** flycatchers at CC 6/14. A **C. Raven** flew over nr Mt. for the 4/4 field trip (DK) and 1 at CC 4/12 (BK). 45 **Tree Swallow** at CC 5/10 and 21 on 6/13(BK). BK watched 2 **N. Rough-winged Swallow** over CC 4/12,5/10. a **Hermit Thrush** on BM 4/11 (MB). **Wood Thrush** returned to BM 5/2 and 20 at CC 5/10 (MF,DK,SK). 9 **Brown Thrasher** at CC 5/10 (SK,BK). 6 **Solitary Vireo** at CC 4/12 and returned to BM 4/13 (MB).

A **White-eyed Vireo** was at CC 5/10 (DK). 6 **Yellow-throated**, 1 **Warbling**, and 3 **Philadelphia** vireos at Tipton Wetlands the last week of May (GK). The SAP warblers at CC 5/10: 10 **Golden-winged**, 1 **Blue-winged**, 7 **Tennessee**, 1 **Orange-crowned**, 3 **Nashville**, 53 **Yellow**, 1 **Chestnut-sided**, 15 **Yellow-rumped**, 4 **Pine**, 1 **Palm**, 3 **Am. Redstart**, 1 **Worm-eating**, and 1 **Canada**. SK observed 2 **Blackburnian**, 1 **Canada**, 3 **redstarts**, 5 **Yellow-rumped**, and 4 **Bay-breasted** simultaneously in a Red Oak tree in his Elberta yard 5/17. MB had a **Black-and-white Warbler** on BM 4/19. First **Black-throated Blue** returned to BM 4/28, **Ovenbird** 4/29, and **Cerulean** 5/4.

Our birdathon 5/9 yielded a **Hooded Warbler** for MB on BM. 2-3 **Lawrence's Warbler** were at CC all quarter (SK,DK). MB remarked on the noticeable lack of **Black-throated Green Warblers**. These usually have been the most abundant of the migrants on BM.

2 **Scarlet Tanager** and 3 **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** found 5/10. By 5/10 numbers of **Rufous-sided Towhee** had risen to 36 at CC (SK). 54 **Field** and 2 **White-throated** sparrows counted at CC 5/10 (SK,DK). A GBS in Sinking Valley revealed 5 **Vesper**, 2 **Savannah**, and 1 **Grasshopper** sparrow 6/21 (SK). 38 Dark-eyed Junco at CC 4/12 (SK). 10 **Orchard Oriole** at CC 5/10 and 4 on 6/13. **N. Oriole** returned to BM 5/20 (MB). 1-3 **Purple Finch** at MB's feeder 4/1-13.

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## BRADFORD COUNTY

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Abbreviations: Spring Hill (SH), Standing Stone (SS), Troy (TR), Wyalusing Twp (WY).

### 1st Quarter 1992

Wintering **Great Blue Heron** were found nr TR (RY) and Athens (WR); they recorded their earliest arrivals at nesting colonies at TR 3/4 (RY) and SH 3/13 (MB). The 9 spp. of ducks seen along the Susquehanna R. from Towanda to Ulster 3/25 (RY) include: 40 **Wood Duck**, 6 **Green-winged Teal**, 16 **Ring-necked Duck**, 7 **Am. Wigeon**, and 20 **Hooded** and 1 **Red-breasted** merganser. 6 **N. Pintail** were at SS 3/23 (WR).

Hawks: 1 **N. Harrier** at SS 3/23 (WR); a leucistic **Red-tailed** at Mt. Pisgah Co. Park 3/15 (RY); and a **Rough-legged** at TR 3/2 (RY). 2 **Killdeer** at Canton 2/29 was RY's earliest record. **Am. Woodcock** were noted in flight at TR 3/4 (RY). 500 **Ring-billed Gull** were along the river 3/25 (RY) and a **Herring** at SS 2/7 (WR).

A **Snowy Owl** at Wyalusing 1/7,8 (LB *et al.*) was found dead about a week later. It apparently flew into wires during high winds. "Many" **C. Raven** were at Armenia Mt (RY). A **Fox Sparrow** was at TR 3/11-18 (RY) and 2 noted at SH 3/23 (WR). A **Rusty Blackbird** was at TR 3/30 (RY). **One C. Redpoll** was with a flock of **Pine Siskin** at TR 3/11 (RY).

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### 2nd Quarter 1992

All observations by Ron Young unless otherwise noted.

A **C. Loon** and 4 **Horned Grebe** at Ulster 4/11.

Despite willful destruction of territory, 25 pr of **Great Blue Heron** nested at the Barrett Hill heronry nr TR. "They [Great Blue Herons] moved their colony uphill about a quarter of a mile from last year when, driven by a motive that could only have been malice, someone selectively cut their nesting trees in this otherwise undisturbed wooded hillside." Ron Young

A **N. Shoveler** was at Rummerfield 4/26 (WR). 36 **Wood Duck** were at Taylor Marsh 4/18; and 5 **Oldsquaw** at L. Ondawa 4/11. **N. Harrier** were seen nr TR 4/188,22; and a **Red-shouldered Hawk** at W. Burlington 4/6. There were 2 **Merlin** reports, both of birds harassing Bank Swallows; 1 at TR 5/10 (RY), and the other at WY 5/22 (TG). 3 **Black Tern** at Browning's Pond, SH, 6/3 constitute the *1st Co. record* of which the compiler is aware (WR). The birds did not remain.

**E. Kingbird** 4/24 and **Great Crested Flycatcher** 4/25 at TR were both early arrivals. **Purple Martin** were at their traditional nesting site in Towanda the 1st week of Apr. **Carolina Wren** continue to increase in the TR area. Of 100 **E. Bluebird** boxes erected by RY, 95 were occupied, and 31 launched young bluebirds. **Tree Swallow** and **House Wren** occupied the others.

A **Golden-crowned Kinglet** was singing at Wilmot Twp 6/3 (WR). Warbler reports include: **Pine** 4/26 TR; **Wilson's** 5/9 at Alba Marsh; and **Yellow-breasted Chat** 6/3 WY (WR). A **Grasshopper Sparrow** was at TR 5/10 and a **Vesper** there 6/23. A flock of **Fox Sparrow** at Armenia Mt. 4/22 was late. 3 **Rusty Blackbird** were at TR 4/28; and an Orchard Oriole at WY 6/3 (WR). **Pine Siskin** were still at TR at the end of June.

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## BUCKS COUNTY

Ron French

Abbreviations: Delaware R. (DR), New Hope (NH), Nockamixon (NSP), Peace Valley Park (PVP), Pine Run (PR), Revere (RV), Tyler SP (TSP), Upper Black Eddy (UBE), Warwick Twp (WT). The Bucks Co. Aud. Soc. held its Birdathon (BRD) 5/9. Six teams were in the field and that date reflects findings in this report.

Two storms, 4/11 and 4/21, provided a variety of water birds. **Red-throated Loon** at PVP 4/11 (AM), NH 4/17 (BH), at NSP 4/22 (SF), and 5/12. High **C. Loon** counts 80 at NSP 4/21 (SF) and 38 at PVP 4/11 were notable. 3 **Pied-billed Grebe** at NH 4/4-12 (BH). A **Great Cormorant** on 4/9 was PVP's *1st record* (RF), and 5/9 on the BRD. High count for **Double-crested** was 250 at Morrisville (BH). Nesting was confirmed for **Great Blue Heron** for the first time in at least 30 years! 2 BRD teams found the **Little Blue Heron** in a Chalfont quarry. Only **Cattle Egret** were at NH (BH,SF,DF) 5/4. An ad. **Black-crowned Night-Heron** was at NH 6/20, an imm. 6/21 (BH).

150 **Snow Goose** went over PVP 4/7 (CJ). Highlights of the multiple waterfowl sightings were: 1 **Green-winged "Common" Teal** still at PR 4/18 (AM); **Gadwall** until 5/12 (AM); a late **Canvasback** 5/9; 3 **Gr. Scaup** at NH 4/11 (BH); 11 **Oldsquaw** at PVP 4/8 and 6 at NSP (SF) and 1 at PVP (AM) 4/11. A ♀ **C. Merganser** with 4 young at NH 5/30 (BH).

**Turkey Vulture** nested at WT (SC). Latest report for **Osprey** was 6/25 at PR (RF *et al.*). An ad. **Bald Eagle** at NH 4/2 (BH), an imm. at PVP 4/22 (SF,TE), and an ad. in Buckingham Twp 6/9 (BMc). A scolding **Cooper's Hawk** in RV 5/15 suggested possible nesting (SF). **Red-shouldered Hawk** were reported through 6/7 (v.o.). A **Merlin** sat for the PVP 4/11 birdwalk (RF *et al.*). SF found a **Ruffed Grouse** nest at RV, all 9 eggs hatched. **Wild Turkey** were in PVP 5/10 (only 2nd record).

10 **Am. Coot** at NSP 4/3 (SF) and 1 at PVP 4/11 (TE). A **Sandhill Crane** was seen flying by 4/23 (CD, *no details.-eds*). 3 **Semipalmated Plover** 5/14 and 6 **Semipalmated and Western** sandpipers 5/9 at UBE (SF). SF had **Pectoral Sandpiper** at UBE 5/2. A **Short-billed Dowitcher** 5/9 pleased HR's BRD team. 11 **C. Snipe** at TSP 4/8 (JH).

Best sighting of **Laughing Gull** was an imm. at PVP 4/22 (SF). Good BRD finds were **Bonaparte's** on DR (RF *et al.*) and **Ls. and Great Black-backed** gulls (at the landfill). A **Caspian Tern** at PVP 4/22 (SF,AM) and 1 for BRD 5/9 (RF *et al.*). 2 **C. Tern** at NH 4/22 (BH) and 1 at PVP 5/3 (AM). A **Least Tern** surprised RF at PR 6/30.

**Cuckoos** seemed somewhat scarce this year. A **Barn Owl** at UBE 5/2. High count of **C. Nighthawk** was 51 at NH 5/20, and SC suspects a nesting pair in WT since they were frequently seen in June. A **Red-headed Woodpecker** was found 5/9 (GD *et al.*). An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** was in SGL at Richland Twp 5/17 (AM) and 1 at RV 5/14 (SF). **Alder** was at Quakertown swamp 6/14 (BNM), and **Least** at PVP 6/6 (AM) is believed to be the *1st nesting* in many years. **Horned Lark** found 5/9.

A new nesting colony of **Purple Martin** was started nr NH, with 2 pairs fledging young (BMc). The **Bank Swallow** colony in Tinicum Twp continues to flourish; **Cliff** noted in UBE 5/4 with 12 indiv. present (SF) and a small colony at PVP. A **Winter Wren** was still at RV 5/1 (SF) and a **Marsh Wren** at PVP 4/26 (DF,SF). **Veery** (v.o.), with 3 pr nesting along the DR n. of NH (BH). **Am. Pipit** at NSP 5/2 (SF).

Most observers reported a good warbler flight, but it was not unanimous. Noteworthy were: **Golden-winged** at RV 5/9 (SF,DF); **Tennessee** 5/9, and at RV 5/16 (SF,DF); **Nashville** 5/9, and 1 at

RV 5/10 (SF,DF); **Cape May** by 3 teams; **Yellow-throated** by 2 teams, only the 2nd PVP record 5/23 (RF *et al.*) and 6/20 (AM); **Pine** by 2 teams; **Prairie** at NSP (SF) and TSP (JH) 4/26; a somewhat late **Palm** 5/9; 10 **Bay-breasted** at RV 5/18 (SF); **Cerulean** at Bowmans Hill; a **Prothonotary** at NH 4/25 (BH); **Worm-eating** 5/3 and 1 at PVP 5/21 (DA); both **waterthrushes** singing at WT (SC); only **Wilson's** was at PVP 5/12 (CG).

Sparrows: High count for **Savannah** was 12 nr NH 4/25, earliest 4/11 (DMc). **Grasshopper** were nr NH 5/14 (BH). A **White-crowned** was at E. Rockhill Twp 4/18 (JC), 2 teams recorded it, and another at PVP 5/17 (SS). Several observers reported **Bobolink**, but HR reported a little-known colony in Hilltown Twp, and SC reported them nesting at WT. A ♀ **Purple Finch** was at TSP 4/23 (JH); 2 ♀ at PVP 4/25 (GKC), and although none on the BRD, SF had 4 at RV 5/9. 2 **Pine Siskin** came to a thistle feeder nr TSP 5/8, 1 remained until 5/13 (JH).

EXOTIC. A **Ringed Turtle-Dove** appeared at PVP 6/27 (RF *et al.*).

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## BUTLER COUNTY

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Abbreviations: *Glades SGL (GSG), L. Arthur (LA), L. Oneida (LO), Moraine SP (MSP), Slippery Rock Twp (SRT).*

Highlights were 3 young **Bald Eagle** again, unusual counts of **cormorant** and **Forster's Tern**, plus several warbler waves good in variety if not in number. Though the last measurable snow (4") came to SRT 4/3, many spp. extended the season's distinct late-arrival trend through Apr. and early May.

Max. were 15 **C. Loon**, 6 **Pied-billed Grebe**, and 50 **Horned Grebe** at LA in Apr (CL). **Double-crested Cormorant** pop. boom was evident 4/18 in high migrant peaks of 60+ at GSG (GSB,RC) and 41 at LA (CL). 2 **Great Egret** were at LA 4/15 (MG) and 1 at LO 4/25 (PH).

Waterfowl numbers and variety, unfortunately, were not impressive, although 2 **Redhead**, 1 **Gr. Scaup**, and 12 **Oldsquaw** at GSG (NR,GSB,RC) and 150 **Ls. Scaup**, 2 **C. Goldeneye**, and 89 **Bufflehead** found at LA (CL,MG) were good.

For GSG **Bald Eagle** pair's 2nd banner year, the 3 young hatched 4/14+ and were near fledging by quarter's end (NW). A **Red-shouldered Hawk** was at MSP 4/27 (MG), and nesting failed inexplicably for a pr at SRT (GSB,RC). **Merlin** was a rare find at GSG 4/25 (DB *et al.*).

**Am. Coot** max. was 56 at LA 4/11 (CL). Shorebirds: 2 **Gr. Yellowlegs** at GSG 4/12 (GSB,RC) and 3 at LA 4/17 (CL); 6 early **Ls. Yellowlegs** 4/12 at GSG (GSB,RC); **Solitary Sandpiper** 4/18 and 5/5 at LA (CL,MG); 2 **Spotted Sandpiper** at LA 4/15 (MG) and GSG 5/9 (GSB,RC); 3 **C. Snipe** at GSG 4/12 (GSB,RC). LA gull max. in Apr were 15 **Bonaparte's** and 76 **Ring-billed** (CL). A **C. Tern** appeared at LA 5/5 (MG), where 7 rather early **Forster's** were a fine count 4/11 and 1-2 were present 4/17,18 (CL).

Contrasting 1991's abundance, the only **cuckoo** was a **Black-billed** at SRT 6/12 (GSB,RC). **E. Screech-Owl** were in at least 20 Wood Duck boxes at GSG area (NW). Up to 5 pr of **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** visited an SRT feeder after 5/11 but numbers fell sharply after a June cold spell (RC). 5 **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** 4/12-15 (GW) and 1 on 4/17-19 (GSB,RC) at SRT. First **E. Wood Pewee** 5/18, **Willow Flycatcher** 5/12, and **Least Flycatcher** 5/3 (GSB,RC). 4 **Horned Lark** were nr Jennings Nature Reserve 5/3 (MG). First **Purple Martin** were 2 at SRT 4/19 (GW), and 15 in at Worth Twp colony 5/9 (GSB,RC). 1000+ **Tree Swallow** at LA 4/15 (MG) indicated a major flight (GSB,RC). LA's 3-year-old **Cliff Swallow** colony thrived again with 45+ active nests (PH). Very few **kinglets** listed. A **Swainson's Thrush** at MSP 5/5 (MG) was the only *Catharus* report. Arrivals weren't until 5/5 for **Wood Thrush** at MSP (MG)

and 5/3 for **Gray Catbird** at SRT (GSB,RC). A **Brown Thrasher** at MSP 4/15 (MG) was first, and they were quite scarce (NR). 30 **Cedar Waxwing** at SRT 4/6 (GW).

2 **Philadelphia Vireo** went through SRT 5/25 (GSB,RC) and only **Warbling** was at MSP 5/22 (MG). A dozen warbler spp. arrived 4/25-27 (v.o.) including 25 **Magnolia** and 4 **Palm** at GSG 4/25 (DB *et al.*). Nice waves at Wolf Creek Narrows 5/10-12 & 5/15,16 had 30 spp. (GW), missing **Pine**, **Prothonotary**, and **Connecticut** but boasting **Orange-crowned** and **Yellow-throated** 5/10 (GW,GSB,RC). Among nesters, good numbers reported only for **Blue-winged**, **Yellow**, **Ovenbird**, **C. Yellowthroat** and **Hooded**.

**Scarlet Tanager** counts were rather low. 3 **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** 4/27 were first and 10 a good count at MSP 5/11 (MG). 6 **Am. Tree Sparrow** at MSP 4/15 (MG) and last **Fox** at GSG 4/25 (DB *et al.*), and **Dark-eyed Junco** at MSP 4/27 (MG). An **Orchard Oriole**, notable in the co., was at SRT 5/15-20 and 6/1-5 (GW). 15 **Purple Finch** were at MSP 4/27 (MG), a dozen others tallied in Apr. (v.o.), then nesting-season reports were 1 at GSG 6/13 (NR) and a ♂ with several young at SRT 6/27 (GSB,RC). Last of a poor **Pine Siskin** showing were singles 4/19 (GSB,RC) and 5/10 (GW) at two SRT locales.

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## CAMBRIA COUNTY

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Abbreviations: *Dean SGL (DSGL), Patton area (PA), Prince Gallitzin SP (PG), St. Boniface grassland (SBG), St. Joseph grassland (SJG), St. Lawrence grassland (SLG), SGL 108, Willmore Dam (WD).*

### 1st Quarter 1992

The first quarter report follows, albeit a bit late. All waterfowl reports from PG and reported by DG unless otherwise noted. **Horned Grebe** seen 3/23,25. **Tundra Swan** arrived 3/3 with top count 100 3/24. 25 **Wood Duck** 3/25. **N. Pintail** peaked at 12 3/3. Top count of **Am. Wigeon** 31 3/25. 7 **Redhead** were a welcome sight 3/3. First report of **Ring-necked Duck** was 15 3/23 peaking to 78 3/24. **Hooded Merganser** high was 33 3/30. ±50 **Red-breasted Merganser** moved through 3/23.

One ♂ **N. Harrier** was noted 2/10 (DG,GL,GS). A **Sharp-shinned Hawk** in PA 1/4 (DG) and another at Carrolltown 2/10 (GL,GS) plus single **Cooper's** at PA 1/1 and Eckenrode Mills 1/22 (DG). **Red-shouldered** at PG 3/4,24 (DG) and a **Rough-legged** at PA 3/15 (DG). First **Am. Woodcock** at PA 3/19 (DG). Up to 3 indiv. **Short-eared Owl** in PA 1/1-2/12 (DG). **Horned Lark** remained numerous all quarter in PA with a high count 300+ 2/10 (DG,GL,GS). A flock of 17 1/31 included a **Lapland Longspur**.

3 **Tree Swallow** arrived 3/29 PG and increased to 19 3/30 (DG). **Hermit Thrush** was seen at SGL 108 2/1 (DG) with 2 2/10 (DG,GL,GS) and 1 at PA 3/14 (DG). 2 **N. Shrike** at PG 2/10 (DG,GL,GS) and at least 1 remained all quarter (DG). Best count of **Am. Tree Sparrow** was 35 2/10 (DG,GL,GS). **Fox Sparrow** seen at PA 3/15 and 2 3/16 (DG). 12 **White-throated** noted at PA 1/19 (DG) and up to 4 at SGL 108 2/10 (DG,GL,GS). 2 **Swamp** seen 1/22 at Eckenrode Mills (DG). A surprising 6 **E. Meadowlark** were observed at PA 1/22 (DG). Best numbers for **Purple Finch** at SGL 108 were 24 2/1 and 8 1/22,31 (DG).

### 2nd Quarter 1992

The marsh area at PG provides excellent habitat for appropriate birds and an excellent vantage point for observers. Highlight of the quarter at the marsh was the appearance of 2 **King Rail**.

Waterfowl reports from PG unless otherwise noted. **C. Loon** last seen 6/24 (DG). **Horned Grebe** peaked at 5 4/6 (JS). High count for **Double-crested Cormorant** was 24 4/20 (JS). 1-2 **Am. Bittern** seen 4/20-29 (JS). Single **Great Egret** 4/13 (JS). Last report of **Green-winged Teal** was 2 in PA 4/14 (DG) and **Blue-**

winged Teal were 10 4/5 (DG), 19 4/15 (JS). 2 Gadwall found 4/6 (JS). High tally of 11 Am. Wigeon 4/5 (DG). Ring-necked Duck peaked at 82 4/5 (DG). High for Ls. Scaup was 22 4/11 (JS). Only sighting of Oldsquaw was 5 4/11 (JS). Bufflehead were again numerous with a high of 86 4/15 (JS). Merganser max. include 14 Hooded 4/5 (DG); 63 Common 4/6; and 23 Red-breasted 4/13. 5 Ruddy Duck were observed 4/6 (JS).

♀♀ N. Harrier were seen all quarter and a pr. present as late as 6/28 hunting over reclaimed strip mines at SBG (DG). DG reports a N. Goshawk in migration at PA 4/29 and 1 Red-shouldered Hawk at PG 4/3. A ♀ Wild Turkey with 9 chicks found in Ebensburg area 6/20 (JS).

On 5/26 JS reported 2 King Rail at PG marsh where he observed them feeding for almost an hour. The rails were then heard calling from 2 different locations in the marsh on 5/26, 27 (JB, GC, DG, MH, GL, JS, GS, LW). JS also saw 1 on 6/1.

Again this year, Sora were observed mating and nest building, as well as up to 5 Virginia Rail. Am. Coot reported at Duman L. 4/20 (DG) with up to 18 at PG 4/13 (JS). PG shorebird reports were scarce: 2 Ls. Yellowlegs 4/27 (JS); 1-2 Solitary Sandpiper 4/23-29 (JS); 1-5 Spotted 4/22-6/6 (DG, GL *et al.*); at 5 Semipalmated 5/16 (DG) with 6 5/27 (MH, GL, JS, GS, LW). Ring-billed Gull peaked at 70 5/4, 5 (DG, JS). Single C. Tern were seen 5/4, 16 (DG) and Forster's 4/11 (JS) and 2 5/27 (GL *et al.*).

Up to 4 Black-billed Cuckoo at PG 5/25 (DG) and 6/3 (DK, JS) & 1 Yellow-billed 6/2 (GC, GL). Barred Owl reported from PG and WD (DG, JS). First report of Chimney Swift was 3 in Ebensburg 4/18 (GL) Up to 2 Red-bellied Woodpecker were reported in May and up to 3 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker in Apr (GC *et al.*). Flycatcher data include: 4 Acadian 6/16 SLG, 1 at PG 6/29 (DG); 4 Willow at PG 6/26; up to 3 Least at DSGL 6/15 (DG); and up to 3 Great Crested at PG 6/13 (DK, JS).

Thanks to the cooperation of the park staff at PG, Cliff Swallow have once again successfully nested at the main marina; also 10 were found 4/26 at WD (JS). A nice count of 10 Veery from DSGL 6/15 (DG).

Notable warbler sightings: single Blue-winged at PA 5/6 (DG) and WD 5/9 (JS); Nashville PG 5/5 (JS); N. Parula WD 5/9 (JS); 5 Chestnut-sided PG 5/26 (JS); Magnolia PG 5/16 (JS); 19 Yellow-rumped PG 5/5 (JS); 5 Black-throated Green SGL 108 6/16 (DG); 2 Blackburnian PA 5/14 (DG); Blackpoll PG 5/21 (JS); Black-and-white SGL 108 5/5 (DG); ±12 Ovenbird SGL 108 5/5 (DG); and Canada DSGL 6/15 (DG).

A nice variety of sparrows: 4 Vesper SLG 6/4 (DG); 4 Savannah SJG 6/7 (DG); 10 Grasshopper SLG 6/4; 1 Henslow's PA 6/8 (JS) and 3 at SLG 6/26 (DG); 25 White-throated PA 4/25 (DG) and 13 PG 4/27 (JS). Earliest report of Bobolink was 5/14 PA (DG). It was reassuring to have a tally of 32 Purple Finch in PA 4/13 (DG).

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## CAMERON COUNTY

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We were able to find 93 spp. on our Big Day this year. The most unusual find was 20+ Double-crested Cormorant in the Driftwood area.

Also seen through June, with a good possibility of nesting, were: a pair of Yellow-breasted Chat (BH, MH), a White-throated Sparrow on territory (BH, MH), a Red-breasted Nuthatch (BH, MH), and an Acadian Flycatcher (RF).

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## CARBON COUNTY

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Abbreviations: Beltzville SP (BSP), Hickory Run SP (HR), Penn Forest Res. (PF).

A Great Egret at BSP 5/9 was unusual there (m.ob.). On 4/19, the day before a major storm, 33 C. Loon were at PF (RZ); the day after the storm, 4/21, there were 470, plus 6 Red-throated Loon (BS). Also of note were 37 C. Loon at PF 5/17 (SB). 10 Horned Grebe, 75 Bufflehead, 14 Oldsquaw, 2 White-winged Scoter, 12 Red-breasted Merganser, and a Caspian Tern were at BSP 4/22 (RW). 11 Brant at PF 5/17 (SB).

Two different May storms brought in some unusual birds to the BSP beach. On 5/9 these included: a Ruddy Turnstone (2nd Co.) and a Laughing Gull (RW, BS, m.ob.). On 5/31 4 Sanderling; 1 White-rumped (1st Co. record) and 1 Semipalmated sandpiper; 1 Caspian, 3 Common, and 1 Black tern were seen (JH, PE, BLM).

3 imm. Bald Eagle were seen at close range at PF 6/28 (KDG). A Merlin was at PF 4/19 (RZ). A Red-headed Woodpecker was nr Wild Cr. 4/22 (RW), another nr BL 5/9 (m.ob.), and at least 3 sightings of Pileated nr PF in May. 6 Whip-poor-will were actually seen, not just heard, n. of BL 6/14 (GKC).

A calling Alder Flycatcher at BL 5/30, 31 (m.ob.). 2 Horned Lark were at the Pa. Turnpike Hickory Run rest area 6/14 (BLM, PE). 18 Am. Pipit at Bear Creek L. were extremely late 5/15 (RW, SB, BS). A singing Winter Wren was at PF 5/16 (JH). 14 Golden-crowned Kinglet tallied 4/15 at HR (PE, BLM). A Red-breasted Nuthatch was nr BL 6/28 (GKC). A Hermit Thrush nest with eggs was found on the LVAS trip to PF 5/30 (m.ob.). At least 5 Hermit Thrush, 10 Black-throated Green Warbler, and 15 Am. Redstart at HR 6/14 (PE, BLM). Black-throated Green and Nashville were nr Wild Creek 6/28 (GKC). A Golden-winged Warbler was nr PF 5/15 (JH). A singing Dark-eyed Junco was at Hell Cr. 6/8 (SB). Purple Finch were at BL 5/30 (PE, BLM) and 6/28 (GKC).

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## CENTRE COUNTY

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Abbreviations: Bald Eagle SP (BESP), Colyer L. (CL), Penn State Univ. Retention Pond (RP), Scotia Barrens (SB).

One Red-throated Loon was at BESP 4/12 (m.ob.), and 2 4/18 (RH). Max. counts of C. Loon included 43 4/18 (RH) at BESP. A flock of 63 Double-crested Cormorant was at BESP 4/18 (RH), representing the largest group of cormorants ever reported in Centre! Reports of Am. Bittern included indiv. at CL 4/18, 25 (BT). A Great Egret was at BESP 4/12 (m.o.b.). 13 White-winged Scoter at BESP 4/12 (m.ob.), and 6 at CL 4/26 (KJ, JJ).

There was an unusual concentration of Osprey at CL 4/27 when 7 were there (RH). One imm. Bald Eagle was at CL 4/27 (RH). A N. Goshawk was at Black Moshannon SP 5/2 (TF, RH), and another at Toftrees 5/10 (HH). A Merlin was seen at the RP 5/1 (TF), and another (same indiv.?) near CL 5/1 (KJ, JJ).

A single C. Moorhen was at CL 5/13 (RH). Shorebird reports included 1 Black-bellied Plover at BESP 4/18 (RH, MB, CP). Reports of Semipalmated Plovers at the RP included 1 5/22, 3 5/31, and 1 6/3 (DB, BB). There were 8 Gr. Yellowlegs 4/23, and 1 4/30 at the RP (RH, TF). One Ls. Yellowlegs was seen 4/30 at the RP (TF). Solitary Sandpipers were there as well from 4/23 to at least 5/10, peaking at 23 5/6 (TF). Also at the RP, 2 Least Sandpipers present 4/27 (TF), 6 5/6 (TF), and 2 5/9 (JP, BP). One Dunlin was at BESP 4/25 (RH). The best shorebird was Red-necked Phalarope when single ad. ♀♀

were seen 5/10 at Gatesburg Pond (AF,TF,BT,MWi) and at the RP 5/31-6/1 (DB,BB). The **Great Black-backed Gull** flying over the SB 4/25 was the only 1 reported (TF, MWi). Four **Caspian Tern** were at BEBP 4/12 (m.ob). Single **Forster's Tern** were at BEBP 4/12 (DB) and 4/19 (MW,DB).

Nighttime owling yielded 3 **N. Saw-whet Owl** 4/13, 1 4/19, 1 5/9, all in the SB (JP). One **Olive-sided Flycatcher** was at Black Moshannon SP 5/16 (HH), and 1 at BEBP 5/18 (EZ). **E. Wood-Pewee** returned to the State College area 5/13 (JP). Curious were several reports of "**Trail's**" **Flycatcher** seen as early as 4/25 (RH) at BEBP and 5/2 at Black Moshannon SP (TF). These would be at least 7-10 days early and cannot be explained based upon the arrival dates of other species in the area this spring that appeared to follow the expected dates. The first **Great Crested Flycatcher** reported in the county was 4/26 (JP). One **Marsh Wren** was at BEBP 4/25, and 2 at Millbrook Marsh 5/1 (RH).

The **Orange-crowned Warbler** seen 4/25 in SB provided a rare spring record (TF,MWi). **Black-throated Green Warbler** arrived on the early side with indiv. seen 4/19 (earliest arrival date is 4/17) at Stormstown (MB). A **Palm Warbler** was at Walnut Springs Park 5/1 (TF) and 1 **Mourning Warbler** was in Gamelands 176 on 5/14 (RH).

A ♂ **Blue Grosbeak** was at a State College feeder 4/29 (MW). **Am. Tree Sparrow** lingered until at least 4/19, while **Chipping Sparrow** were fairly late in arriving 4/9 (JP). The only report of **Evening Grosbeak** was 1 ♀ at a feeder near Stormstown 4/17 (MB).

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## CHESTER COUNTY

A **LeConte's Sparrow** was found at Struble L. on 4/16 by Larry Lewis. This is only the second confirmed record for Pennsylvania (see PB 5:4 p.157 for the first). The bird was present at least through 4/26 and was seen and photographed by many observers.



LeConte's Sparrow, Struble L., 4/26/92. Photo by Rick Wiltraut.

## CLARION COUNTY

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*Abbreviations: Cook Forest SP (CF), Curllsville (CV), Dunlap Rd. (DR), Kahle L. (KL), Leeper (LP), Perryville (PV), Shippenville (SV), Wentlings Corners (WC).* Assume the compiler if no initials for observer.

Seneca Rocks Aud. Soc. held its fund-raising Birdathon 5/9. The high point was finding 100+ **C. Loon** on KL. Starting about 3 p.m. the loons came down through a windy drizzle and fog in 2's and 3's (JW) until late in the afternoon more than 100 had gathered (JH,MB). On the n. side of the lake we watched the loons cruising along very close to shore, fishing or preening as they went. All but 2 were in full nuptial plumage. They were pretty silent for loons—only occasionally did we hear a soft yelp or two. JW commented that right there were more loons than he had ever seen in his whole life. (To be honest, we shared this sighting with *Venango*, since the Co. line runs through the middle of the lake and the loons were all over.)

This spring waterfowl were unusually abundant or else we were just more observant. **Horned Grebe** were on the Allegheny R. at Emlenton and KL 4/12 (WAF). 2 **Double-crested Cormorant** were at KL 4/12. Between 4/6-12 the following were at KL: many **Ring-necked Duck**, **scap sp.**, **Bufflehead**, all 3 **mergansers**, and a few **Ruddy Duck**. **Oldsquaw** increased from 100 4/8 at KL (CRR) to 200+ 4/12 (WF,CR). A couple of **Black Scoter** and up to 5 **White-winged** were at KL 4/12 (WF). A **C. Merganser** with chicks was on Tom's Run at CF 5/29 (LCh).

3 **Osprey** were fishing at KL 4/12 (WF,CR). The **Red-shouldered Hawk** were nesting 4/14 (LC). A **Merlin** at LP 4/8 (LC). 2 **Upland Sandpiper** were at Mt. Zion 6/7 and heard again 6/13, but those were the only reports (WAF,CRR). 2 **Black Tern** circled endlessly over KL 5/31 (CR,WF). A **Long-eared Owl** was at DR 4/12 (WF). A **N. Saw-whet Owl** was identified by voice at SV 4/1,3 (DH).

It seems likely that **Short-eared Owl** nested successfully at 2 sites: CV and a new site, DR, although the documentation is rather sketchy. At CV they were seen regularly all quarter exhibiting courtship behavior and barking at intruders 6/21 (WF). At DR 1 owl was observed by the GBS team 6/13 at 8 AM carrying food. This was a new site so we began watching at least 2 owls regularly. On 6/29 CR flushed an owl that was probably a juv. It could fly but only with a slow labored flight and it had a "fuzzy look." Also it didn't flush until CR was within about 6' of it. One can seldom approach an ad. that closely. More next quarter?

A **Red-bellied Woodpecker** stayed at WC all quarter (RR), and another reported at SV 5/5 (VP). First **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** was at SV 4/24. A spectacular flight of **Tree Swallow** was observed 4/12 along the river from about a mile above Parker down to Parker (WAF). Thousands of Tree and some **Barn** swallows swarmed and swirled "like a whirlwind" as the Fyees drove along the river and watched for about an hour. At the same time at KL a huge flock of Tree Swallow appeared and then disappeared without leaving a single one. About 80 **Bank Swallow** holes with the inhabitants going in and out were noted at PV 6/7. **Cliff Swallow** returned to the Cooksburg bridge site by 5/15, although not there 5/9.

A **Red-breasted Nuthatch** appeared at WC 4/22 (CRR). A **Winter Wren** was foraging on GL#63 4/5. 3 **Swainson's Thrush** were at CF 5/15. The following warblers were found on the Birdathon: **Blue-winged**, **Yellow**, **Chestnut-sided**, **Magnolia**, **Black-throated Blue**, **Black-throated Green**, **Blackburnian**, **Black-and-white**, **Am. Redstart**, **Ovenbird**, **C. Yellowthroat**, and **Hooded**. A **Cerulean** was seen by an ornithology class at CF 5/16 (CM) and a **Canada** was at MC 5/22.

A **Lincoln's Sparrow** was banded 5/17 and an **Orchard Oriole** 5/10, both at WC (WF). On 5/5 a few **Pine Siskin** lingered at SV, and 4 **Evening Grosbeak** hung on at LP until 5/10 (LC).

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## CLEARFIELD COUNTY

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Abbreviations: Brockway (BW), DuBois (DB), Kyle L. (KL), Sandy Valley (SV), Treasure L. (TL), Troutville (TV).

C. Loon in early May at DB (DH). A Red-necked Grebe was on KL in early May. Double-crested Cormorant were on the DB Res. in mid-Apr. Tundra Swan were at SV in early-Apr. Unusual sighting the 1st week of Apr. was the pr of White-fronted Goose nr BW which allowed approach with 20' (BJS). TC and JH recorded the following at KL in Apr: Pied-billed and Horned grebes, Wood Duck, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Am. Wigeon, Canvasback, Ring-necked Duck, scaup sp., Oldsquaw, Bufflehead, and all 3 mergansers. A canoe trip nr the confluence of W. Branch and Big Moshannon Cr. 4/11 produced 4 Greater and 8 Lesser scaup, 2 Oldsquaw, 4 C. Goldeneye, and 7 Bufflehead.

2 Osprey at KL 4/13 (JH). A Cooper's Hawk was oft seen in DB. First Broad-winged Hawk was 4/26 (MA) and last Rough-legged in Lanes Mills (DK) and DB (HS) in early-Apr. Ring-necked Pheasant were in BW and in DB area with young in June. Solitary Sandpiper 4/29 and Spotted 5/15 in DB (MA). Am. Woodcock with young at Lanes Mills in June. Black-billed Cuckoo were found in DB and TV. A Barn Owl seen between Luthersburg and TV in mid-May (MA).

E. Phoebe returned to SV and Beechwoods 4/1. A large flock of Tree Swallow at KL 4/13. 20 nesting pairs of Cliff Swallow were noted on the UPS bldg. in DB (MA). 2 Brown Creeper in Karthaus 4/11 (DH). Golden-crowned Kinglet seemed relatively abundant in early Apr and 10 Ruby-crowned were nr Karthaus 4/11 (DH).

Warblers seemed rather scarce, perhaps due to cold weather? DH found Lawrence's Warbler and 7 Yellow-rumped Warbler in Karthaus 4/11. Apr sightings by MA in DB were Solitary Vireo, Prairie Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Henslow's Sparrow. The Wapiti Aud. Soc. wildflower walkers saw Blackpoll, Ovenbird, Yellow-rumped, and Black-throated Green warblers 5/3. N. Waterthrush was nr TV in late-May (JS). Bobolink were in DB and TV in May. Several observations of Fox Sparrow in DB, TV, and TL in Apr. and early May.

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## CLINTON COUNTY

Paul and Glenna Schwalbe

Abbreviations: Black Stump Siding (BSS), S. Avis (SA), Young Women's Cr (YWC).

### 1st Quarter 1992

The first movement of Tundra Swan detected was ±300 birds 3/2 at SA (GPS). A flock of ±1000 Canada Goose, the largest ever for this area, passed through 2/25 (GPS). About 1 mi e. of Beech Cr 2/23, the 2nd Black Vulture ever recorded for the Co. was observed (GPS). So rarely seen anymore makes the Hairy Woodpecker at SA 2/4 (GPS) mentionable. A group of 11 N. Flicker at SA 2/17 indicated an early movement for this species (GPS).

### 2nd Quarter 1992

A ♀ Pileated Woodpecker was observed 1/1 (GPS) eating Poison Ivy (*Rhus radicans*) berries. She was quite a sight, out on the end of a 7' stem about 15–20' above the ground, stretching out to pick the berries off adjacent twigs. The stem she was suspended from was about 2–3" in diameter where it connected to the main trunk of the ivy vine which was attached to a large tree. We watched her for several minutes before she took flight.

A late Pied-billed Grebe was at SA 5/1 (GPS). We have never knowingly heard the Horned Grebe vocalize in this area, but while on the Susquehanna R. nr BSS, DH had 2 birds out of a flock of 8 calling within 25' of his canoe 4/12.

Our 2 known Great Blue heronries were censused this spring. The Lebo Run heronry, just off YWC, had at most only about 9 active nests (DB, CH, LP, RH). This is down from the known high count of 44 nests in 1982, which was up from 42 in 1981. The new heronry at Rosecrans had 5 nests 4/14 (SH), up from the 3 active nests found in 1990.

A N. Shoveler, always good for this area, was near Spruce 4/12 (DH). Many Bufflehead were seen 4/12, with the largest group totaling 48 nr Keating, and at BSS 14 Hooded Merganser rounded out the day (DH). The only flight of Am. Pipit detected this season was ±40 birds in SA 5/7 (GPS). A Red-headed Woodpecker 5/1, also in SA, was unexpected (GPS). A Winter Wren along with a flight of Golden-crowned Kinglet was noticed 4/22 (DB) along YWC.

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## CRAWFORD COUNTY

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Abbreviations: Conneaut Marsh (CM), Erie NWR (ENWR), Hartstown Marsh (HM), Pymatuning SP (PSP), Woodcock L. (WL). Sightings by compiler unless otherwise noted.

Top count of C. Loon was 3 at Sugar L. 4–6 Pied-billed Grebe at CM 4/18–22 (DB) was high count and for Horned Grebe was 60 at CM 4/12 (RFL). An Am. White Pelican was at PSP off Ford I. 4/20 (CG, BD, SM, PGC employees). High Double-crested Cormorant count was 22 at PSP 5/3. An Am. Bittern was at CM 5/18 (DB) and a Least Bittern there 5/18–22 (DB). 1 Great Egret nr CM 4/8 (DS) and 1 Little Blue Heron in alternate plumage there 5/20 (DB). Single Black-crowned Night-Heron at PSP 5/15 (RFL) and CM 5/19 (DB). Tundra Swan were noted through 6/28 and a Mute at PSP 5/15 (RFL).

The 50 Canvasback at PSP 4/12 were a good local count and 152 Redhead there same day. High for Ring-necked Duck was 300 at both HM & CM 4/4, 8 (RFL, DS). 100 Gr. Scaup v 1000 Ls. Scaup at CM 4/12, as well as 600 Oldsquaw, 6 Black Scoter, and 850 Ruddy Duck!

Brenda Peebles of the PGC reported 38 Bald Eagle in the Co. There were 8 active nests with 10 eaglets hatched. A N. Harrier nest with 2 young and 4 eggs was found in n.w. Crawford by Janis Thomas (fide Jim, Jean, & Sam Stull). A Merlin was at ENWR 4/3.

14 Virginia Rail and 8 Sora were at CM 5/18 (DB). 12 C. Moorhen at HM 4/25 (RFL) and 4 at CM 4/19 (BD, SM). Shorebirds: 4 Semipalmated Plover at CM 5/18 (DB); 39–50 Gr. Yellowlegs at PSP 4/12 (RFL, BD, SM, DS); 14 Ls. Yellowlegs at CM 5/18 (CM) was best count (DS); 12–15 White-rumped Sandpiper were mixed in with 6 Dunlin at PSP 4/12 (about 1 week early, RFL); 1–5 Least Sandpiper at PSP & CM 5/18, 19 (DB, SM, BD); 1–4 C. Snipe at PSP 4/20–25 (RFL, SM, BD); and 1 Am. Woodcock at HM 4/4. A Caspian Tern was at PSP 5/15 (RFL) and latest Common at CM 6/14. A Black Tern was at PSP 5/15 (RFL), 2 at HM 5/19 (DB) and 1 at the Fish Hatchery 6/20, 22, 23 (RFL, RCL). A Black-billed Cuckoo at ENWR 6/27 and 1 nr Tamarack L. 6/28 (RFL, RCL).

After an explosion of the **Cliff Swallow** here last year, numbers were down 70% this nesting season and the only area they were found in decent numbers was the Fish Hatchery Visitor Center Bldg (RFL).

2 **Sedge Wren** were at ENWR along Rt 173 (RCL,RFL). A **Philadelphia Vireo** was n. of Linesville 4/29 (DS). **Blue-winged, Chestnut-sided, Mourning, and Hooded** warblers were in good numbers (RFL,RCL,BD,SM). A **Golden-winged Warbler** was at Ford I. 5/3 (GF,JB). A family group of **Magnolia Warbler** was noted on SGL 69 6/24 (RCL). **Pine** at CM 4/19,21 (BD,SM,DS) and **Cerulean** there 5/3 (GF,JB). **Prothonotary** were at HM and CM (v.o.) and family groups of **Louisiana Waterthrush** at SGL 69 6/24 (RCL).

**Grasshopper Sparrow** were found at CM 5/15 (RFL), 3 at ENWR 6/6, 1 nr Gridly Rd in the n.w. corner 6/8 (SS), and 1 at PSP 6/28 (RCL,RFL). A **Henslow's Sparrow** was at ENWR 6/6. An **Orchard Oriole** was n. of Linesville 4/29 (DS).

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## CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Deuane Hoffman

Abbreviations: *Big Spring (BS), Green Springs area (GSA), Huntsdale Fish Hatchery (HDL), Kuhn L. (KL), Kings Gap SP (KG), Mud Level Rd. (ML), W. Fairview Boat Launch (WF)*.

A nice waterfowl fallout in Apr. and an exceptional warbler migration marked the quarter. Ramsay Koury stated "This is one of the best warbler migrations I remember." Rare and unusual sightings were: **Cattle Egret** (twice), **Glossy Ibis, Brant, Prothonotary Warbler, Summer Tanager** (twice), and possible nesting **Dickcissel**.

A 4-day period of wet weather triggered a most unusual **C. Loon** fallout. 27 were at WF 4/19 building to ±135 4/22. At Opossum L. 52 indiv. were seen 4/21. A high of 18 **Horned Grebe** noted at WF 4/21, same day heralded a major **Double-crested Cormorant** movement with 87 birds at KL and 150+ flew past WF.

Single **Am. Bittern** were at HDL 4/14 and KL 4/16. Two separate **Cattle Egret** sightings: 1 at BS 4/18,19 and 1 at HDL 5/9. First sighting of **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** was of 1 at WF 4/5. According to PGC workers only 4 pairs now remain at a rookery whereas 4 years ago it contained nearly 20 pairs. Human disturbance is the culprit! A rare **Glossy Ibis** was at Dykeman Springs nr Shippensburg 4/8. A free-flying **Mute Swan** took up residence at KL all quarter. Good waterfowl, as hinted earlier, had many unusually high counts: At WF unless otherwise noted 27 **Brant** 4/22 and 1 4/23; 1000+ **scaup sp.** 4/11 and 500+ 4/21; 500+ **Bufflehead** 4/21 and 300+ 4/11; 65 **Oldsquaw** 4/11, 27 4/21 (WF), and 2 4/29 at (BS); 9 **White-winged Scoter** 4/12; 10 **Ruddy Duck** 4/22; 34 **Hooded Merganser** 4/18 (KL); 1500+ **Red-breasted Merganser** 4/21.

Only 5 **Osprey** were at HDL 4/25; numbers usually into double digits. A **N. Bobwhite** was in GSA 6/28. Numerous **Virginia Rail** and **Sora** were heard during migration at the 2 usual locales KL and HDL. Shorebird migration was average with the best bird a **Dunlin** at BS 4/13,15. A high of 28 **C. Snipe** at BS 4/21. The **Upland Sandpiper** at ML seemed scarce, with only a max. of 4 seen 6/21.

A **C. Tern** was at WF 4/21 along with 4 **Forster's**. 4 **Black Tern** were at WF 4/10 and a 1st summer bird at HDL 6/25. While inspecting Milesburn Rd for nesting **Hermit Thrush**, 3 **Whip-poor-will** were found. At least these denizens of the night can still be found. Possible breeding **Golden-crowned Kinglet** were found 5/9 and later seen 6/13 in Michaux SF. A previously unknown locale for breeding **Hermit Thrush** was revealed to DHe, where he

found at least 3 singing ♂♂ 6/27. 30 **Am. Pipit** at ML 4/1.

Warblers: Pine Hill yielded 17 spp. 5/14 and 25 spp. were found 5/16,17 throughout the Co. Best was a **Prothonotary Warbler** at SGL 169. It was first seen and photographed 6/28 and last seen 6/30.

Two incredible sightings of **Summer Tanager**: 1 at Messiah College 4/27 and the other at KG 5/2. The most exciting sighting was of the **Dickcissel** along ML. A singing ♂ was first noted 6/8 (DHe). Two ♂ were then seen together 6/16. Finally a ♂ and ♀ were found 6/21,23. It is not known if the birds were successful in nesting. Don talked to a Kansas birder who told him that after initial courtship the birds quiet down and retire usually to a alfalfa or similar field to nest. With all the appropriate habitat in the ML area, finding them is a monumental task.



Dickcissel, Mud Level Rd., 7/2/92. Photo by Don Henise.

2 **Fox Sparrow** were at KG 4/14. At minimum 15 singing **Swamp Sparrow** were at HDL 4/13. A flock of 13 **Bobolink** was found at KL 5/9. An impressive 60 **Rusty Blackbird** gathered at BS 4/1. **Purple Finch** migrants were well noted with 4 at GSA 4/9 and 7 at a feeder in Mt. Holly Springs 4/12.

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## DAUPHIN COUNTY

Steve Rannels

Abbreviations: *Harrisburg (HB), Hershey (HS), Hershey Medical Center (HMC), Susquehanna R. (SR), Wildwood L. (WL)*.

An exciting report was a single nest of **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** along Swatara Cr. nr Union Deposit (DW). Both adults were first seen 5/10, with only 1 bird incubating until 6/9. No young apparently hatched, but there is hope they will try again next year.

Early reports were mostly of migrants on SR. **Bonaparte's Gull** were noted 4/8+ (EC), but the following week produced good numbers of water birds including 40 **Oldsquaw**, 9 **White-winged Scoter**, and 2 **Caspian Tern** along W. Fairview (DH,RK). In the same area 4/14, DW noted 100+ **Great Egret** flying into roost sites nr Enola. 50 **Double-crested Cormorant** were along the SR 4/18 (DW) with another group of 20 the next week (EC). 40 **Wood Duck** 4/4 (EC) was a good start for what turned out to be a good nesting year for them (m.ob.). Other birds at WL were 8 **Great Egret**, **Blue-winged** and **Green-winged teal**, **Black-crowned Night-Heron**, **Red-shouldered Hawk**, 4 **C. Snipe**, and a possible **Marsh Wren** (EC).

A kettle of 16 **Broad-winged Hawk** was seen over the Best store parking lot 4/17 (DH,RH,RK). On 4/21-23, **Broad-winged, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Am. Kestrel, Chimney Swift**, and numerous flocks of **C. Loon** flew over HMC (SR) and heavy storms ground birds during that time.

One incident of note was a loon apparently trapped in a

steep-sided HS quarry, first discovered by FW 5/1. This bird remained for 2 weeks and fears that its escape was improbable were relieved when JR noted the bird flying back into the quarry! Must have been the best fishing around.



Yellow-crowned Night Herons, Swatara Cr., 5/10/92. Photo by Dick Williams.

Purple Martin arrived in HB 4/19 (JW) followed by Am. Bittern 4/22, with an additional report of bittern at WL the same week. Other HS Apr. birds included Palm and Pine warblers and Hermit Thrush 4/19 and a Red-breasted Nuthatch 4/22 (DW). Solitary Sandpiper moved into the wetlands behind the HS Hotel and were regular with Greater and Lesser yellowlegs through 5/15 (DW,SR). Swainson's Thrush was not reported until 5/18 (JW). JW followed a pr of Wood Thrush nesting in residential HB which fledged 2 young 6/13. She also noted a general lack of Brown-headed Cowbird success, as many of her nesters actually raised their own young.

Warbler reports were generally good. JW had 14 spp. including 3 Cerulean on Blue Mt. 5/2-5. The ridge behind HMC held 10 spp. including our 1st Golden-winged 5/12 (SW,EW). The next day 14 spp. were found including an overnight influx of Canada and Tennessee. Another flight was 5/16 (EC). A ♂ Golden-winged and a Blue-winged pair were found in a Stony Cr. power cut 5/31 (SR,JKL), but could not be relocated in late June. This spot is noted for hybrids, particularly reports of Lawrence's, and is worth a check each year. A Hooded, which sang for several days nr the hotel (5/21, SR) did not stay, but the same area yielded Golden-winged Warbler and a Red-headed Woodpecker (ShR,SR) and good warbler counts 5/17,28 (DW). An unusual bird was an Am. Woodcock in the woods and a ♂ Blue Grosbeak feeding in the treetops (ShR,SR).

SB had the only report of Olive-sided Flycatcher on Stony Mt. 5/18 and JW reported a Lincoln's Sparrow in HB 4/13. Savannah Sparrow and Horned Lark nested in the fields e. of HS along with numerous Grasshopper Sparrow (SR). The latter sp. was also successful in the fields around HMC.

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#### DELAWARE COUNTY

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Locations: Boothwyn (BW), Delaware R. (DR), John Heinz Refuge at Tinicum (TN), Marcus Hook (MH), Ridley Creek SP (RC), Springton Res. (SR), Tyler Arboretum (TA).

On 4/19 there were 18 C. Loon (NP) at SR; a late indiv. (AG, J&LW) was observed flying up the DR 5/30. During a 3-hour watch along the DR in MH there were 75 Double-crested Cormorant (AG,NP) 4/25. A Little Blue Heron (BS) flew into MH from across the river 6/18. An unusual occurrence was 1 Cattle Egret (DM) recorded flying nr the Phila Airport 4/24. At the UPS building along the DR 4/29 43 Glossy Ibis (AG) were observed flying up stream; another (DM) was at TN 4/30; and finally 2 more were flying over BW (EK). 3 Red-breasted Merganser (NP) made a visit at SR 4/19 and 1 on the DR (AG) was found 4/2. On the Crum Cr. 5 Hooded Merganser (AG,HM) were recorded 4/5.

At TN 2 Osprey (JCM) hung around for May & June. No mention was made of any nesting attempts. A pair of Cooper's Hawk (FH) were found in RC 4/18 and after several repeated trips the nest was discovered 5/9. By 6/27 3 young were seen and the next day all birds were off the nest. One Red-shouldered Hawk (NP) was at TA 4/29 and a Peregrine Falcon (NP) was in Swarthmore 5/11. N. Bobwhite have been very rare in Delco for the past 5+ years but two reports were received this quarter; 1 was heard in BW 5/10 (EK) and 1 called at TA 6/20 (HM).

At TN 2 Semipalmated Plover (JG,AG,NP) were found. C. Snipe (JCM) were prevalent at TN when as many as 70+ birds were there 4/2 and apparently ±20 stayed from early-Apr through mid-May (DM). At TN 4/19 (JS) 1 Bonaparte's Gull was observed; then 9 were ferreted out from the other gulls along the DR 5/15 (JG,AG,NP). Along the DR 6/25 a Caspian Tern (AG) was observed and 2 Common and 2 Forster's terns were found 5/15. Only report of Yellow-billed Cuckoo (FH) was 6/27 at RC and the only Black-billed (NP) reported was from Swarthmore 5/6. From TN come reports of 2 Barn Owl (JCM) during May/June. C. Nighthawk were almost non-existent this spring with only a few reports received. Always a nice bird to see was a Red-headed Woodpecker (JCM) in Prospect Park during May/June. A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (HM) was still in Swarthmore 4/5. In Swarthmore a Least Flycatcher (NP) was located 5/2 and 2 more were at TA on the same day (AG,TR). A good find was a Cliff Swallow (EK) flying over BW 4/29. Winter Wren (NP) appeared in good numbers with 4 being reported 4/19 at RC and another 4/11 at TA (TR). An increasingly difficult sp. to find is a Gray-cheeked Thrush, but 1 was at RC 5/25. Ruby-crowned Kinglet were also in good numbers this migration.

Yellow-throated Vireo (NP) returned to RC 5/12. Also there was a Golden-winged Warbler (SS) 5/3. Then in the East Woods of TA 5/9- 10 a Golden-winged Warbler (AG,MR) was observed each day. Many sp. of warblers were reported in good numbers including Black-and-white, Blue-winged, Yellow, Chestnut-sided, Blackpoll, Am. Redstart, Palm, and Ovenbird. An unusual find at TA was a Cerulean Warbler (TR) 5/2. At Swarthmore College 2 Prothonotary Warbler (HM,NP) were viewed at close range 5/2 and stayed a few days. Unfortunately they couldn't be located later, even though the habitat looked ideal for nesting. The biggest disappointment of the season was the lack of any Yellow-breasted Chat. Although searched for in many of its old haunts from past years the Chats were nowhere to be found. A Hooded Warbler (SS) was found in, of all places, a very small backyard in Collingdale which totally shocked the observer since her backyard is not suitable habitat for this species. The best sparrow of the season was a Lincoln's Sparrow (AG) at TA 4/26. Savannah Sparrow (DM) were at TN 5/11 and another was at MH (AG,NP) 4/25. An E. Meadowlark (FH) 4/18 and 2 4/26-5/9 were found at RC and 2 more were in BW (EK) 4/19. However, none stayed around to nest. Finally, 50+ Rusty Blackbird (JCM) were at TN in early May.

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#### ELK COUNTY

Linda Christenson

Abbreviations: Benzinger Twp (BT), Cole Run Duck Pond (CR), E.

Branch Dam (EBD), Owl's Nest (ON), Ridgway (RW), St. Marys Res (SMR).

Dave Sorg asks, "Where is global warming?" On Memorial Day there was extreme cold, with ice on the bird baths. When Sorg checked his 3 **E. Bluebird** houses 5/27, one contained 4 dead nestlings, another nest at least 1 dead and 1 still alive with the mother bird refusing to leave even with his presence. Third box, OK. On 6/6, the box with the 1 live nestling was checked and apparently it fledged. When Dave cleaned out the box, he found 3 dead nestlings (from cold?) and found that the nest was built over the bodies of 3 ad. bluebirds which presumably died from the return of winter March 11. "In spite of all these disasters, bluebird numbers appear normal."

Another cold snap centered around Father's Day and probably caused the death of the **Tree Swallow** nestlings in AH's yard and also the death of the **House Wren** found sitting on 5 eggs in LC's yard.

A very late imm. **C. Loon** was at Twin Lakes, ANF, 6/18 (DW) and had been hanging around for a couple of weeks. 3 **Horned Grebe** appeared 4/5 at CR (DW), while 13 were at SMR 4/8 (LC). JW noted a **Double-crested Cormorant** and a **Black-crowned Night-Heron** 4/25 at the Ridgway Res. The **Canada Goose** with the gray neckband returned to ON for the 4th consecutive year (DW). **Oldsquaw** were abundant with at least 12 at EBD and ±65 at SMR 4/8 (LC). Near Hallton 6/28 DW watched as 2 ♀ **C. Merganser** herded a group of 20 young. An ad. **Bald Eagle** sat in a tree by the Clarion R. for 15 min. (on the outskirts of RW), then landed in another tree and sat for 5 more min., giving SB an excellent view 6/26. No **N. Goshawk** report. Also, DW expressed concern for **Red-shouldered Hawk**, as he noted no activity in areas they normally occupy, but did see them at CR 4/5, 5/17, and 6/19.

On 4/16 DS heard his first **Am. Woodcock** since 3/10 and the heavy snows. He feels they are down this year, but doesn't know if it is due to the snows or more neighborhood dogs. 5 **Bonaparte's Gull** at EBD and 7 gulls at SMR 4/8 (LC). More **Black-billed Cuckoo** noted than Yellow-billed. **Chimney Swift** returned to RW 5/1, while **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** appeared 5/8 (DW). The **E. Bluebird** pr at AH yard are nesting in the **Purple Martin** house for the second year! LC thinks the **Veery**, **Hermit** and **Wood thrushes** are in good supply this season.

No unusual warblers noted. First **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** and **Scarlet Tanager** 5/10 Upper Mill Cr. (DW). First **Indigo Bunting** was early, 4/22 (DW). Last **White-throated Sparrow** were 4 at Glen Hazel 5/12 (LC). On 5/20 LC found a nest of 4 well-feathered **Dark-eyed Junco**. Up to 20 **Purple Finch** at BT feeder with some birds staying to nest. The last **Pine Siskin** to visit DW's feeder was 6/5! Four **Evening Grosbeak** stayed until 4/25 at BT feeder.

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## ERIE COUNTY

Jerry McWilliams

It seemed spring never really arrived until mid-May, since most of the reporting period was cold. Northerly winds persisted all quarter with few major storm systems. North winds over L. Erie prevent raptors from flying close to the shoreline and therefore are scattered over a larger migratory front. Southerly winds tend to push raptors to the south shore of L. Erie and congregate them into a narrow migratory front. With north winds prevailing through prime hawk flight periods, many of the raptors trickled through undetected as some of the daily totals seem to indicate. However, despite the negative conditions, we still managed to tally some impressive **Broad-winged Hawk** numbers.

Aside from some exceptional rarities and the expected rarities, some events are worth noting here. As I have mentioned in the past few years, **Double-crested Cormorant** have become so common that they no longer warrant special attention until this year when large numbers began arriving in mid-Apr beginning with no less than 100 birds and climbed to daily highs averaging 300 birds and peaking at 500 indiv. around 4/19. Every day until about 5/5, hundreds of cormorants (mostly adults) would gather at

Gull Point on Presque Isle SP (PI) in one or two dense packs. Fifteen years ago an observer might see a dozen cormorants in a year on PI, if (s)he were lucky! **Caspian Tern** have also increased in numbers with daily highs almost matching those of cormorants. This year's single day concentration was of 300 birds on Gull Point 4/16,17.

For the second time in Pa., **Ring-billed Gull** attempted to nest at Gull Point (the first in 1983) with at least 7 nests containing eggs and 100+ scrapes (JGS,DD). The eggs suddenly disappeared, all subsequently destroyed by unknown predators. The nesting colony was abandoned soon afterwards.

By far the most exciting discovery was of a territorial ♂ **Piping Plover** at Gull Point. It was found by RS, JM, and EK and photographed 5/13 and remained until 6/5. It was frequently seen driving off **Semipalmated Plovers** in an area approximately 100' long and 30' wide. In this area it was also observed nest scraping. Many times it would fly off not returning for hours at a time, but always returned to this same area. It called often when driving away intruders and on the wing, especially when it was flight displaying. Although a mate was never found, nesting behavior has not been reported here since this sp. last successfully nested in the mid-1950s. With every Piping Plover seen on PI, local birders believe that that indiv. will be the last of its race ever to be seen here again.

The following compilation is of the most noteworthy sightings of the spring. All sightings from PI unless otherwise noted.

A **C. Loon** 6/22 (JM) was the latest spring record by about 20 days. An **Am. White Pelican** 4/21,22 (JGS,JHS,ph.GR) was the 3rd modern record in the Co.



Am. White Pelican, Presque Isle SP, 4/22/92. Photo by Geoff Robinson.

A total of at least 20 **Am. Bittern** 4/4+ (EK,JM). Up to 4 **Least Bittern** early May to 6/18 (BGr,BS,EK,JM). A pr of **Great Blue Heron** constructed a nest on PI which later was abandoned. Despite excellent habitat, this sp. has never been reported to have attempted to nest here (*fide* JHS). Possibly as many as 30 **Great Egret** 4/8-5/17 (m.ob.). An ad. **Little Blue Heron** 4/30 (JM). 1 **Black-crowned Night-Heron** 6/11 (LM). Up to 2 ♂♂ **Eurasian Wigeon** 3/29-4/18 (†EK,ph.JM,JGS) for 12th record. Up to 8 **Ls. Scaup** to at least 6/30 (JM). Scoters: 1 **Black** 4/1,5 (JHS); up to 3 **Surf** to 5/7 (JM,DS,JHS); 8 **White-winged** 4/4 (EK) and 5 4/5 at L. Pleasant (CK). A **Bufflehead** 6/11 was the latest spring record by 6 days. 1 **Red-breasted Merganser** at Edinboro L. 6/9 (*fide* DS) and 1 6/22,23 (JM,JGS).

Away from the hawk watches, **Bald Eagle** were reported from PI and Northeast, and up to 8 different **Merlin** were seen on PI from 4/11-5/16 (JM,EK,JHS). Single **Peregrine Falcon** 4/11 (DS) and 4/20 at Roderick WR (RWR) (JHS,JGS). 3 **Sandhill Crane** at Fairview (ph.JM), 1 5/18 (BM) and 1 in Millcreek Twp 5/21 (JP).

Shorebirds: 1 **Ls. Golden-Plover** 4/30 (JM) and 1 5/23 (BS) were 2nd & 3rd spring records. The **Semipalmated Plover** 4/24 (JM) was earliest by 11 days. An **Am. Avocet** 4/22 (†JM) was the 3rd spring record. Single **Willet** 6/23 (JGS) and 6/24,25 (JGS,JM). 1 or 2 **Whimbrel** 5/25,28 (EK,GR) and 23 5/30 (BS). 35 **Red Knot**

5/30 (EK). Total of 9 **White-rumped Sandpiper** 5/23–6/11 (JM,EK,LM). Single ♂ **Wilson's Phalarope** were seen 5/16 (JM,EK), 5/23,25 (†BS,JM), and 5/30 (BS).

Gulls & terns: 2 ad. **Laughing** 5/6–11 and 1 ad. 5/18 (JM). Total of 5 **Franklin's** 4/1–6/14 (JGS,JHS,JM,LM,GR) and 1 6/9, 10 at Edinboro L. (DS) was the 1st away from L. Erie. A total of 12 **Little**, including 3 in alternate 1 plumage, 3/27–5/25 (JM,EK,JHS,DS), with 9 present 4/12 (JM). An ad. **C. Black-headed Gull** 4/12 was the 5th Co. record (†JM). A total of 7 **Iceland** to 5/18 (JM,EK,JHS). Total of 4 **Ls. Black-backed** to 5/2 (EK,JM,JHS). Total of 10 **Glaucous** to 5/6 (JH,JM,EK). Only 3 **Black Tern** reported (EK) and 1 at Edinboro L. 6/9 (*vide* DS).

Up to 4 **Long-eared Owl** to 4/19 (DD). At least 4 **N. Saw-whet Owl** to 4/14 (DD). A **Chuck-will's-widow** was seen and heard 5/18 in McKean Twp (SS,DSt) for 4th record. 2 or 3 **Whip-poor-will** 5/11 (EK,JM) and 1 5/11 at Millcreek Twp (BW). A **Chimney Swift** 4/10 at RWR (JHS) was record early by 12 days. An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** 5/17 (JHS). **E. Wood-Pewee** 4/17 (EK) was record early by 11 days. **N. Rough-winged Swallow** 4/9 (JM) was record early by 3 days. **Bank Swallow** 4/11 (JM) record early by 6 days and a **Barn** 3/31 was early by 10 days. 2 **Marsh Wren** 4/24 were record early by 3 days.

A **N. Shrike** at Union City Dam 4/1 (JHS,JGS) and 1 4/3 (JM). A **Loggerhead Shrike** 4/3 (JHS,JGS). Up to 3 **Golden-winged Warbler** 5/9–16 (JHS,EK,JH). Up to 3 **"Brewster's" Warbler** 5/12,16 (EK,RL, FH). Up to 9 **Orange-crowned Warbler** 5/2–21 (m.ob.). A ♀ **Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler** 4/24 (†JM) was a 2nd record. A **Nashville Warbler** 4/24 (JM) was record early by 2 days. A **Yellow-throated Warbler** 4/24,25 (JM,JHS,DS) was a 5th record. Up to 4 **Prairie Warbler** 5/9–16 (EK,BG,BH). Only 1 ♂ and 1 ♀ **Prothonotary Warbler** reported (m.ob.). Nesting has not been recorded from PI since 1990. They have apparently withdrawn as a breeding bird in this area since the peak years of the late 1980s when 5 or more pairs nested in the park. A **Worm-eating Warbler** 5/12 (EK) and another banded on the same day (JHS, JGS). 1 **Kentucky Warbler** 5/12 (EK) and 5/14 (BS). 1 **Connecticut Warbler** 5/9 (DB) and 5/23 (BS).

A ♀ **Rufous-sided X Spotted Towhee** 4/17 (JHS,JGS). 1 **Clay-colored Sparrow** reported from the winter season remained to 4/9 in Erie (DB) and 1 5/7 (JHS,JGS) were the 13th & 14th records. A **White-crowned Sparrow** 6/4 (JHS,JGS) was the latest spring record by 4 days. A ♂ **Yellow-headed Blackbird** 4/30 (OD,JHS,JGS) was 11th record. An ad. ♂ **Orchard Oriole** 4/23 in Fairview (JM) was record early by 16 days. A **C. Redpoll** 4/17 (EK).

Other uncommon to rare regular-occurring spp. were: **Forster's Tern**; **Short-eared Owl**; both **cuckoos**; **Gray-cheeked Thrush**; **N. Mockingbird**; **White-eyed, Yellow-throated**, and **Philadelphia vireos**; **N. Parula**, **Pine Warbler**, **Yellow-breasted Chat**, **Grasshopper Sparrow**, and **Pine Siskin**. It is interesting to note that I received many reports of larger numbers of **Wood Thrush** and **Veery** on PI this spring!

Jim and Jean Stull banded a total of 661 birds in 594 net hours in May. Their best days were May 12,13,16 and 17, with 186 birds of 34 spp. banded in 82 net hours on the 17th.

CORRIGENDUM. The Clay-colored Sparrow reported in the winter 1991–92 season was at a feeder in Erie not Waterford.

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## FAYETTE COUNTY

Abbreviations: Bear Run Nature Reserve (BNR), Deer L. (DL), Friendship Hill NHS (FH), Mill Run (MR), Trotter (TR), Ohiopyle SP (OSP), Smithfield (SM), Virgin Run L. (VR). All reports by DM except for 5/9.

6 **Mallard**, ±20 **Hooded Merganser**, and 12 **Tree Swallow** at DL early Apr. 7 **Cliff Swallow** at the Rt. 381 bridge over the Youghiogheny R. at OSP 4/10. First **Barn Swallow** in same area 4/17. By 4/24 the following warblers had returned: **N. Parula**, **Black-throated Blue**, **Black-throated Green**, **Blackburnian**, **Black-and-white**, **N. Waterthrush**, and **Hooded**.

The hummingbird feeder was put out at the OSP Visitor Center at 10 a.m. 5/2 and the **Ruby-throated** was there before noon, followed by another the next day. A fledgling **Gray Catbird** had to be netted and removed from the Visitor Center 6/13.

While on a wildflower walk along Great Gorge Trail at OSP 5/3, 2 teenage boys said there was a crow ahead of us which they thought had been shot. They said it was alive, but hopping around and unable to fly. A large black bird was located in a rhododendron thicket at the top of the steep drop to the river. Approaching from below the bird was caught and taken up to the trail. It turned out not to be a wounded crow, but a fledgling **C. Raven**. The bird was uninjured and released. Because of poor flying ability and sighting of other ravens in this area, the nest site must have been fairly close. This is the 1st confirmation of ravens breeding in the park (DM). On 5/9 we found another fledgling directly across river from where this bird was seen (DK,DM).

On 5/9, 2 volunteers (DK,TS) and I braved rain and 50°F temperatures to participate in the **North American Migration Count**. Despite conditions, 417 indiv. representing 83 spp. were recorded, including both kinglets, 3 spp. of vireo and 20 spp. of warblers, and single **White-throated** and **White-crowned** sparrows. Since this is near the time that the **Swainson's Warbler** arrives at BRR it was searched for, but not found. A total of 149 mi were logged. Areas covered were BRR, DL, MR, OSP, TR, and VRL. The Swainson's Warbler was located back at the Bear Run area again (RMS,SS *et al.*).

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## FOREST COUNTY

April D. Walters

Abbreviation: Buzzard Swamp (BS).

On 6/16 a group of birders spent part of the day counting how many spp. could be found at the height of the breeding season in BS. The information was tallied and sent to the U.S. Forest Service, Marienville District, to be used as a guide before work is done in the area. Those who helped for this project are noted below. 75 spp. were found. Notably missing were raptors, of which only 1 imm. **Red-tailed Hawk** was seen. Part of the swamp is in *Elk*. All reports from BS unless otherwise noted.

A **Double-crested Cormorant** 6/16 (TG,MN,AW,MB). 50 **Tundra Swan** 4/13 (GW) along with 7 **Snow Goose**. A pair of **Am. Black Duck** 6/16 (AW) and 12 **N. Pintail** noted 4/13 (GW). 12 **Bonaparte's Gull** were on the river at W. Hickory 4/15 (AW).

**Black-billed** and **Yellow-billed** cuckoos tallied 6/16 (LC,TG, MN,MB,GW,JN). **Alder**, **Willow**, **Least**, and **Great Crested** flycatchers found (MB,TG,MN). **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**, and **Blue-winged** and **Mourning** warblers were also found (LC,GW,JN,MB).

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## FRANKLIN COUNTY

Don Henise

*Abbreviations: Mt. Parnell Fish Hatchery (MP), Renfrew Park (RP).*

Waterfowl seen by CG at Fannettsburg L. 4/21 included 10 **C. Loon**, 7 **Double-crested Cormorant** and 38 **Bufflehead**. A **Bald Eagle** was at MP 5/17 (CG).

A ♀ **Ruffed Grouse** was sitting on 12 eggs in a flower garden next to a house nr Shippensburg 6/1 (DRH). The eggs had not hatched by the end of June and the hen abandoned the nest around 7/10.

2 **Upland Sandpiper** were along Pine Rd. 4/21 (CG). Shorebirds at MP were a **Western Sandpiper** 5/17, 5 **Dunlin** and 5 **Short-billed Dowitcher** 5/16 (CG). CG also had a **C. Tern** at MP 5/16.

On two trips to Milesburn Rd. in June, DRH found the following woodland birds on territory: **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** 6/12, **Pileated Woodpecker** 6/20, **Hermit Thrush** 6/12, 20, **Solitary Vireo** 6/20, **Black-throated Green Warbler** 6/20. A **Cerulean Warbler** was at RP 4/29 (CG) and **Lincoln Sparrow** were at McCleary Woods 5/2 and at RP 5/6 (CG).

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## GREENE COUNTY

Ralph Bell

There were several very warm days in mid-Apr and some spring migrants came back a little early. But things cooled down later and we had a very heavy frost on the morning of 5/7, then back to the 80s on 5/20-23.

After getting the farm owner's permission, our local heronry was visited (DB, RB) 4/18 and 36 nests were counted. This included old and new nests and those under construction. 44 ad. were counted. One large spreading Sycamore tree held 19 nests, a nearby smaller Sycamore held 5 nests and the rest were in nearby trees. We have a large raccoon population and I would think the slick bark of the Sycamore would offer protection. It would indeed be a brave raccoon that would risk the wicked beak of a **Great Blue Heron** while trying to maneuver on those slippery limbs. Two smaller former colonies were not active this year—they were both on hill tops with no Sycamore trees, but human activity cannot be ruled out. The land owner of the present colony tries to protect the birds.

A **Red-headed Woodpecker** noted here on the farm 6/27. This sp. is not recorded every year, but was rather common in the 1930s before the Eur. Starling became common.

7 **Blue Jay** noted migrating NE 4/20. This is a bit earlier than usual as most migrants of this sp. go through the first 2 weeks in May and in 1975 many migrant Blue Jays were seen 5/26. All migrating jays fly over in a NE direction usually between 7-9 a.m. and usually in flocks of 2-10 birds.

There were 29 **Wood Thrush** recorded on our Jefferson BBS—the best ever. The previous high was 22 in 1966 (the first year the route was "run." A record 3 **Orchard Oriole** nest were found on our farm this spring and the young all left their nests around 6/20. On 6/15 in the nest in our yard, the young Orchard Orioles were noted being fed 6 times in 5 minutes.

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## HUNTINGDON COUNTY

Greg Grove

*Abbreviations: Aitch Access (AA), Alexandria (AL), Huntingdon (HU), Stone Valley Rec Area (SVL), Tell Top (TT), Water Street (WS).*

A **Red-throated Loon** was at SVL 5/? (JM) and 4 **Double-crested Cormorant** at AA 4/28 (DK). An **Am. Bittern** spent several days in mid-Apr nr AL (ML) and another at SVL during the 2nd week of May. 2 **Great Egret** at AA 4/10 (DK). **Green-backed Heron** were present 4/11+ at SVL. Waterfowl at SVL included 25 **Oldsquaw** 4/12, 4 **White-winged Scoter** 4/11, and 7 **Ruddy Duck** 4/20.

An **Osprey** stayed at SVL 4/1 through early June (JM). Throughout the quarter, 2 pr of **N. Harrier** were present and perhaps breeding in TT (RT). A **Gr. Yellowlegs** was at Whipple Dam SP 4/26; many groups of **Solitary Sandpiper** were found in wet fields. 1 **Least Sandpiper** was nr AL 4/26. 10+ **C. Snipe** were reliably found nr AL until mid-May (ML). **Am. Woodcock** were present all quarter at SVL (JM). 6 **Bonaparte's Gull** were at SVL 4/1. DK reported 1 **Caspian Tern** at AA 4/8 and 1 stopped at SVL 4/17 during rain.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** greatly outnumbered **Black-billed**. A pr of **Barn Owl** apparently fledged 2 young nr Cottage (ML). **C. Nighthawk** returned to HU 5/12 (DK). First **Whip-poor-will** was at SVL 4/25. **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** may have been breeding in TT (RT). A presumed migrant **Alder Flycatcher** sang at WS 5/17. A **Willow Flycatcher** sang on territory at SVL as usual 5/12+. 1 colony at TT (RT) and 1 migrant at SVL were the only **Purple Martin** reports. A **Fish Crow** was heard at HU 6/26 (DK).

A **Red-breasted Nuthatch** and 3 **Brown Creeper** established territories at SVL. A **Marsh Wren** was in TT 5/12 (RT). **Veery** were found at several mountain locations; single migrant **Swainson's** (5/12) and **Gray-cheeked** thrushes (5/18) were seen nr SVL. **Yellow-throated Vireo** returned to WS 4/26 (DK, ML). The Lower Trail at WS is an excellent location for migrating warblers, etc. with as many as 18 warbler spp. found in a morning. Several each **Golden-winged** and **Blue-winged** warblers shared territories in an overgrown field on a SVL hillside. **Yellow-throated Warbler** were present and presumed breeding at WS 4/25+, and possibly also at nearby Little Juniata Nat Area. A **Palm** stopped at SVL 4/25. **Kentucky** were present again on Short Mt. 4 surveys over a 2-mile trail at Detweiler's Run (5/24, 5/28, 6/4, 6/9) yielded the following average numbers of singing males:

Acadian Flycatcher 13, Winter Wren 2, Veery 4, Red-eyed Vireo 23, Black-throated Blue Warbler 4, Black-throated Green Warbler 7, Blackburnian Warbler 9, Black-and-white Warbler 1, Am. Redstart 3, Worm-eating Warbler 1, Ovenbird 22, Louisiana Waterthrush 1, Hooded Warbler 7, Canada Warbler 15, Brown-headed Cowbird 1.

Earliest **Scarlet Tanager** was 4/26 at Little Juniata. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** were at WS 4/25+. DK had a **Lincoln's Sparrow** at his feeder 5/4-9. **Dark-eyed Junco** were found at Alan Seeger and Detweiler's Run Nat Areas in June. A **Bobolink** (uncommon in the Co.) was at AL 5/9 (DK). An **Orchard Oriole** was nr HU 6/25(DK). 20+ ♂ and 6+ ♀ **Purple Finch** frequented our feeders nr McAlevy's Fort during April.

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## INDIANA COUNTY

Margaret and Roger Higbee

*Abbreviations: Brush Valley (BV), Clarksburg (CB), Indiana (IND), Shelocta (SHL), Yellow Creek SP (YC).*

Highlights included **Red-throated Loon**, **Red-necked Grebe**, **Am. White Pelican**, **Am. Bittern**, **Eurasian Wigeon**, and **Summer Tanager** at YC. Also, a **Black-necked Stilt** was reported at a farm pond nr IND. Very few shorebirds reported. All reports from YC unless otherwise noted.

**Red-throated Loon** appeared 5/25 (GC, BF, GL, GS). Top **C. Loon** count was 21 4/30 (MH, GL, CLa *et al.*), but 2 were still present 5/26 (MH, LW). Top counts of **Pied-billed** and **Horned** grebes were 9 and 29 respectively, 4/14 (MH, GL, JS, MS, GS) and 4/5 (M&RH). Two **Red-necked Grebe** were a nice find 4/4 (LH); the TBC outing earlier that day had yielded 1.

Reports of an **Am. White Pelican** 4/28 (TN, MG *et al.*) did not reach the birding community until several weeks later; the bird, an adult, was seen within 50 m of the observatory by TN's IUP biology class and was observed for well over an hour.

**Double-crested Cormorant** peaked at 49 4/25 (GC, BF, GL, GS). An **Am. Bittern** surprised the observers 4/28 (HE, *et al.*) as it sprang from the marsh. **Great Egret** was listed only 4/14 (MH, *et al.*). **Green-backed Heron** arrived 4/21 (m.ob.). **Tundra Swan** lingered til 5/5 (MH, GL, LW). Duck max. included

49 **Wood Duck** 4/9 (MH), 15 **Green-winged Teal** 4/4 (TBC), 10 **Am. Black Duck** 3/18 (TBC), 22 **Blue-winged Teal** 4/9 (MH), 2 **N. Shoveler** 4/10 (MH,LW), and 5 **Gadwall** 4/10 (MH,LW). The **Eurasian Wigeon** of last quarter was last seen 4/8 (JS). Up to 30 **Am. Wigeon** were counted 4/4 (TBC). Single **Canvasback** noted 4/4-7 (v.o.). **Redhead** 4/14 (m.ob.). Other duck max. included 79 **Ring-necked Duck** 4/7, 102 **Ls. Scaup** 4/5, **Black Scoter** 4/4-15 (v.o.), 7 **C. Goldeneye** 4/8 (GL), 52 **Bufflehead** 4/5 (M&RH), 10 **Hooded Merganser** 4/7 (m.ob.), 350 **Red-breasted Merganser** 4/7 (m.ob.), and 54 **Ruddy Duck** 4/5 (M&RH).

1-2 **Osprey** noted between 4/4-5/12 (v.o.), but the report of 1 6/21 (DS,ES) was most unusual. **N. Harrier** was at YC 4/25 (GC,BF,GL,GS). **Sharp-shinned Hawk** was at 4 locations and **Cooper's** at 5. A **Red-shouldered Hawk** was at YC 4/9 (MH). High count of **Am. Coot** was 65 4/9 (MH). First **Gr. Yellowlegs** arrived 4/9 (MH) with last report 5/19 (MH et.al.). 2 **Solitary Sandpiper** found 5/12 (MH,GL,GS). **Spotted Sandpiper** appeared 4/21 (MH et.al.). One **Least Sandpiper** was listed 5/23 (TBC) and 1 **Dunlin** 4/14 (m.ob.), the lone reports. **C. Snipe** were last listed 5/5 nr YC (MH,GL,LW). 3 juv. **Am. Woodcock** and their mother were rescued from the road 4/29 by the observer nr CB (MC). **Bonaparte's Gull** continued to move through the area with best count of 79 4/9 (MH). **Caspian Tern** was 4/17 (MH,LW), but 20 was a nice count 5/6 (GL). Both **cuckoo** spp. appeared to be low in numbers with only one June report of each.

**Whip-poor-will** noted only at CB 5/6, 11 (MC). Two **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** at YC 4/14 (m.ob.) was the lone report. **Alder Flycatcher** was at YC 5/26 and 6/9 (MH,LW); another was nr Thomas Bridge 6/4 (MH,NK,LW). First **Least Flycatcher** was at YC 4/24 (MH,CLa,GL). Two **Horned Lark** were observed nr Home 5/6 (MH,RH). Two **Purple Martin** at YC 5/23 (TBC) was the lone report. **Tree Swallow** peaked at 200+ birds 4/25 (GC,BF,GL,GS). 1-2 **Bank Swallow** were at YC 4/21 to 5/26 (v.o.). Last report of **Cliff Swallow** was a flock of 9 5/26 (MH,LW). **C. Raven** reports included 1 at YC 4/25 (GC,BF,GL,GS) and 3 at CB 5/8 (MC). **Red-breasted Nuthatch** were found nr SHL through 5/3 (M&RH), at Nolo 5/3-10 (C&GL), and at YC 4/30 (MH,GL,CLa,LW et al.). **Winter Wren** 4/14 (m.ob.) and **Marsh Wren** 5/5 (MH,GL,LW) were the lone reports. **Hermit Thrush** reports: 1 at YC 4/9 (MH) and 3 along Little Mahoning Cr. 5/15 (SC,MH); unusual was the singleton at YC 6/30, in an area where they normally do not nest (MH,GL). **N. Mockingbird** was at YC on 3 dates (GL et al.). First **Brown Thrasher** recorded 4/13 (MH,GL).

**Philadelphia Vireo** at YC 5/23. Warbler arrival dates: **Blue-winged** 4/24, **Golden-winged** 5/12, and **Tennessee** and **Nashville** 4/25. **N. Parula** was along Laurel Run at YC 5/14 and 6/16. Other dates of arrival include **Yellow** 4/19, **Chestnut-sided** 5/8, **Magnolia** 5/4, **Black-throated Blue** 4/30, **Black-throated Green**, 4/18, and **Blackburnian** 4/25. Noteworthy were **Yellow-throated Warbler** at YC 5/4 (GL) and nr BV 6/11 on the Parkwood BBS (M&RH). **Pine Warbler**, which normally summers at YC, was last reported 5/5 (MH,GL,LW); but 2 nr SHL continued through the end of quarter (MH,RH). Top count of **Palm Warbler** was 6 at YC 4/30 (m.ob.). Other first dates include **Blackpoll** 5/18, **Cerulean** 4/30, **Black-and-white** 4/24, **Am. Redstart** 4/25, **Worm-eating** 5/3, **Ovenbird** 4/27, and **La. Waterthrush** 4/9. **Kentucky** were feeding young 6/16 at YC (MH,GL). A **Wilson's** at YC was the lone report 5/14 (CLa). **Canada** was noted on 3 trips 5/4-14 at YC (GL,MH et al.).

A ♀ **Summer Tanager** was an unexpected find at YC 4/24 (MH, CLa). **Indigo Bunting** arrived early at CB 4/20 (MC). **Fox Sparrow** continued until 4/6 at Nolo (CL,GL) and SHL (MH); nr CB 1 lingered till 4/16 (MC). **Lincoln's Sparrow** was listed at YC 5/12 (MH,GL,GS) and 5/14 (MH,GL,CLa,LW). Best count was 17 **Swamp Sparrow** at YC 4/24 (MH,CLa,GL). **White-crowned Sparrow** were at YC and SHL 5/3-14 (v.o.). **Bobolink** were found in fields near BV 5/4 (GL) on #8 Hill 5/12 (MH,GL,GS). Top count of **Rusty Blackbird** was 19 at YC 4/25 (GC, BF,GL,GS). **Orchard Oriole** appeared at CB 5/3 (MC) and at YC 6/16 (MH,GL). **Pine Siskin** reports included 1-2 at CB 4/16, 23 and 5/6 (MC), 1-2 at SHL 4/14-5/1 (M&RH), and 1-2 at Nolo 4/18-20 (GL); unusual was 1 at Robinson (GC) on 6/29.

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## JUNIATA COUNTY

Linda Whitesel

Abbreviations: Clearview Res. (CR), Greenwood L. (GL), Juniata R. (JR).

1 **Horned Grebe** was on a pond nr Cocolamus 4/13 (DW). 2 **Double-crested Cormorant** landed on JR nr Port Royal 5/9. A lone **Tundra Swan** stayed at CR at least until 5/10. 2 **Green-winged Teal** and 4 **White-winged Scoter** were at CR 4/11. A late **Red-breasted Merganser** was on JR at Thompsontown 5/9.

Courting and mating behavior of **Black Vulture** was observed nr Thompsontown 4/12. An ad. **Bald Eagle** was seen over a 2-week period in June nr Evandale (DW). 1 **Broad-winged Hawk** at CR 4/12. A **Gr. Yellowlegs** was at Moses Renno's farm 5/6. 23 **Bonaparte's Gull** made a brief stop at CR 4/12.

From 4/11-19, 58 **Golden-crowned** and up to 14 **Ruby-crowned** kinglets inhabited my woodlot in Hammer Hollow. A **Tennessee Warbler** was at GL 5/6 (DW). **N. Parula** were at GL, a new location, 5/8 (DW); then they showed up for BBS 72 at a 2 nearby locations 6/14. A **Cape May Warbler** was nr Oakland Mills 5/9 (AT). A **Fox Sparrow** was nr Oakland Mills 4/17 (AT) and another at GL 4/18 (DW). 1 **Swamp Sparrow** was at Cedar Grove Swamp 4/20. **Bobolink** were at the Renno farm 5/6.

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## LACKAWANNA COUNTY

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Abbreviation: Lackawanna SP (LSP).

It was rainier and colder and observers agreed that spp. numbers were down and no great warbler wave noted. The county-wide survey conducted 5/29 provided most of the sightings below; others are dated.

1 **C. Loon** and several **Wood Duck** found. **N. Pintail**, **Gadwall**, and **Am. Wigeon** in Factoryville 4/4. 17 **Oldsquaw** on Griffin Pond 4/12.

A total of 6 **Osprey** and 1 **N. Harrier** were seen. A **Virginia Rail** was found at Coveys Swamp 5/16. **Solitary Sandpiper** were in the w.c. and s.c. sections 5/29. 4 **Am. Woodcock** were tabulated.

Both spp. of **cuckoo** in Dalton area 5/16. Excellent counts of **N. Flicker** and **Downy**, **Hairy**, and **Pileated** woodpeckers. **Red-breasted Nuthatch** reported only from Thornhurst 5/23. 19 spp. of warbler found plus 3 **Lawrence's Warbler** banded at LSP 5/29 (MC).

An **Orchard Oriole** was at LSP 5/16. A total of 57 **Purple Finch** found 5/29 with 19 in the n.w. section leading the way.

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## LANCASTER COUNTY

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Abbreviations: Conejohela Flats (CF), Conowingo Pond (CP), Holtwood Flyash Pond (HFP), Middle Creek WMA (MC), Muddy Run Fishermans Park (MRF) and Pumped Storage Area (MRP), Speedwell Forge L. (SFL), Pumping Station Rd in SGL 156 (PSR), Susquehanna R. (SR). CF and CP are both on the SR. (A new park

operated by the Nature Conservancy, called the "Darlington Tract" (DT) is just upstream from SFL.

Highlights include a major loon fallout, 1st spring records for Surf Scoter, Willet, Franklin's Gull, and more C. Black-headed Gulls; 3rd Co. record of Black-necked Stilt and Summer Tanager, and 1st Co. record for Clay-colored Sparrow.

2 C. Loon were seen and heard at MC 5/18 (FH,DH). Bad weather loon fallouts occurred 4/11,21. Sightings on the CF 4/11 include 4 Red-throated, 100 Common, 5 Pied-billed Grebe, 10 Horned Grebe, and 7 Red-necked Grebe and a lot other waterfowl (JB,TG) and 4/21 at MRP an incredible 3 Red-throated and 1090 Common loons (JH,HM). 4 Red-throated and 700 Common loons were still present the following day until the weather began to clear (RMS). Double-crested Cormorant continue to expand in number where a high count of 400 was made on CP 4/17 (RMS,LL). An Am. Bittern was at MC 4/16 (JH,HM) and a Least Bittern at HFP 5/26 was somewhat late (RMS,KL). Cattle Egret were again found not nesting in the Co., however, 81 were roosting below the Rt. 30 bridge at the SR 4/30 (RM,JH). Yellow-crowned Night-Heron were at the traditional Brownstown site 4/8 (FH). On 6/26, 3 nests totaled 10 near-fledgling young (J,P&EW). Single Glossy Ibis were reported from the Creswell Landfill 4/13,14 (JH *et al.*) and at MC 5/15 (NP,AG,JG).

Single imm. Snow Goose lingered at MC and SFL through at least mid-May (m.ob.). A N. Pintail was at MC 5/19 (EW). Highest counts of Oldsquaw include 26 at CF 4/11 (JB,TG) and 20 at SR nr Marietta 4/13 (TG,EW). 3 Black Scoter on the CP 4/20 (RMS,LL). A Surf Scoter at MRF 5/9, a 1st spring record (HM,RM,RMS). White-winged Scoter reports include 13 at CF 4/11 (JB,TG), 2 on CP 4/11 (RMS,LL), 5 on SR nr Marietta 4/12 (EW,TG) and 2 again 4/21 (JH,HM). A ♂ C. Merganser was at CF 5/14-19 (JH,PVM). Red-breasted Merganser were in good numbers on the SR 3/20-4/22 (JH). A high count of 100+ was made from CF 4/11 (JB,TG).



Black Vulture nestling, Peach Bottom, 4/21/92. Photo by Mike Harakal.

A Cooper's Hawk nest was found for the 2nd year in a row (JaH). A dark-phase Rough-legged Hawk went through Mt. Joy 4/1 (JH). A Peregrine Falcon at MRF 5/9 (HM,RM,RMS). A Virginia Rail pair spent May/June at MC and were presumed nesting (m.ob.). A Black-bellied Plover was at MC 4/19 (TK) and an all-time high count of 125 was made at HFP 5/26 (RMS,KL). Outstanding were the sightings of a Black-necked Stilt and a Willet on CF 5/22 (†JB,†JH). The stilt is the 3rd record this century and the Willet the 4th this century and a 1st for spring. Only reported Upland Sandpiper came from Mt. Joy 5/6 (JH). 2 Ruddy Turnstone and 26 Short-billed Dowitcher at CF 5/16 (JB,TG).

An ad. Laughing Gull was at CF 5/31 (K). The CP pelagic trips continued into April. An alternate definitive Franklin's Gull (1st spring record) and an alternate definitive C. Black-headed Gull were found 4/17,18 (ph.†RMS,LL *et al.*). 1-2 imm. C. Black-headed Gull were seen up until 4/14 (ph.RMS *et al.*). RMS suspects as many as 6 imm. might have been present since 3/22 because of different plumage variations. 18 Bonaparte's Gull were nr E. Petersburg 4/10 (BC); this area is not near any major body of water. A 1st-year Ls. Black-backed Gull was nr Rheems 4/15 (†JH) and an Ad. at Peach Bottom 4/21 (RW). Extreme dates for Caspian Tern at CP include 4/8 and 6/26 (RMS,LL); 4 Caspian were at SFL 4/11 (BC). 11 Forster's Tern were at Marietta 4/22 (JH) and 2 Black at MC 5/29 (*fide* JB).

A Least Flycatcher was at MC 4/25 (TK,NC). Many more Ruby-crowned Kinglet stayed into May, with the last at PSR 5/17 (EW). Several sightings of Gray-cheeked Thrush were made at Chickies Park in Mt. Joy with 2 5/16 and singles 5/18,21 and a late Swainson's there 5/27 (JH). 70 Am. Pipit were at Lime Rock Rd 4/19 (TK,NC) and another (?) group of 70 at DT 4/26 (BC). A shrike *sp.* was reported 4/16 in Rapho Twp (RM).

The warbler migration was reported to be very good, especially good numbers of N. Waterthrush and Canada. Some early dates: N. Parula 4/21 (JH); Cape May PSR 4/22 (RM); Black-throated Blue PSR 4/22 (RM); Blackburnian at Mt. Joy 4/30 (RM,JH). 20 spp. were at Susquehannock SP 5/4 including a Golden-winged and 25 Palm there 4/21 (JH,HM). Somewhat unusual in the n. portion of the Co. was a Cerulean at DT 5/9 (BC). Single Prothonotary were at PSR 4/25 (RMS,CH) and at Safe Harbor 5/15 (NP,AG,JG). 4 Mourning were in a thicket at Chickies Rock 5/4 (TK), and singles at MR 5/9 (HM,RM,RMS), and at the Triangle singing 5/19 (J,P&EW).

The 16th Annual SoLanCo Summer Bird Count was held 6/6. Twenty-six observers tallied 114 spp. and 15,348 indiv. (*fide* RMS). The following spp. showed significant increase compared to the past 10-year average: Great Blue Heron, Bald Eagle, Killdeer, Red-bellied and Pileated woodpeckers, E. Wood-Pewee, Great Crested Flycatcher, E. Kingbird, Purple Martin, N. Rough-winged, Cliff, and Barn swallows, Carolina and House wrens, Gray Catbird, N. Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, Eur. Starling, N. Cardinal, Indigo Bunting, Chipping Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, C. Grackle, and Orchard Oriole.

The following spp. showed significant decrease compared to the past 10-year average: Ring-necked Pheasant, N. Bobwhite, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, and Prairie Warbler.

Some unusual spp. observed include: Tundra Swan, Snow Goose, Hooded Merganser, and Blackburnian Warbler.

An excellent find was a ♀ Summer Tanager at Marietta 4/25-5/1 (JH *et al.*). Blue Grosbeak were again found in the Chickies Cr. area and Vinegar Ferry Rd nr Marietta in May/June (JH). A Clay-colored Sparrow (*1st Co.*) was found in a small evergreen plantation along Ashville Rd., e. of Tayloria, 4/23 (RMS,CH,†JB) but could not be relocated. White-throated Sparrow lingered in somewhat larger numbers in early May with the last report of 3 in Rapho Twp 5/21 (RM). 15 Rusty Blackbird were at the Lancaster Jct Trail 4/7 (JH) and 28 along Chickies Cr. 4/11, with 2 remaining until 4/23 and 10 Purple Finch at Chickies Cr. 4/23 (JH).

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## LAWRENCE COUNTY

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*Abbreviations: Amish area (AA), Bessemer area (BA), Mahoning R. (MR), Neshannock Cr. (NC), New Castle area (NCA), Volant strips (VS), Vosler Rd (VR).*

2 **Pied-billed Grebe** in NCA 4/2 and 1 in BA in May. The **Great Blue Heron** heronry in New Galilee was active, but no official count of breeding success. A new heronry in NCA contained 50 active nests with successful breeding (RB,BD). Only **Great Egret** was in NCA 4/20 (RB). 4 **Am. Wigeon** and 4 **Blue-winged Teal** in BA 4/7. 20 **Ring-necked Duck** were at BA 4/7.

2 **Osprey** reports are unusual: 1 at MR 4/18 and 1 over BA 4/24. Only **N. Harrier** were 1 in NCA 5/3 and 1 ad. ♀ at VS 6/12 (DA,BD). A **Sharp-shinned Hawk** carrying a foot-long branch in NCA could be possible 2nd breeding record. **Broad-winged Hawk** are suspected breeding in NCA woods. **Merlin** seen at Rt. 168 marsh 4/7 and 1 ad. nr MR 4/24. Reports of **Ring-necked Pheasant** and **Wild Turkey** received, but no **N. Bobwhite**. Both **Virginia Rail** and **Sora** were here by 4/24 at 5 locations. 2 **Am. Coot** at BA 4/7.

We had exceptional numbers of **Killdeer** in BA. 9 **Gr. Yellowlegs** at BA 4/7-24 and 6 **Gr.** and 1 **Lesser** at VA 4/15. **Upland Sandpiper** returned to 2 breeding locations: VR and AA 4/16. Counts of 3-7 were at VR (DA,BD,SM). **C. Snipe** reported e. NCA and Plain Grove in May. Rare was the **Caspian Tern** at Edinburg 4/24. Good numbers of **Black-billed Cuckoo** but not a single **Yellow-billed**.

3 **Barred Owl** noted along NC 5/6. 1 **Short-eared Owl** remained at VS 4-15 (NR,BD) and 1 in BA 4/5 (BT). Only 4 **C. Nighthawk** noted in NCA. First **Chimney Swift** was 4/13 in NCA. A few **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** arrived during a warm 4/14, but most very late on the cold 5/5. Population here is very high with 13+ indiv. and feeders going down faster than usual. An ad. ♂ **Pileated Woodpecker** working at the wires on a telephone pole electrocuted itself in June (RB).

**Purple Martin** arrived in AA and BA 4/16. A nice count of 73 **Tree Swallow** was at BA 4/7. **N. Rough-winged** were in very low numbers from 4/24-5/9 and dropped even lower after that. A new **Bank** colony was found at Pulaski. HB counted birds excavating 88 cavities 5/11. Large movement of **Brown Creeper** noted 4/18,19 (SM,BD). This is the 3rd year for spectacular numbers of **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** and most were here by mid-Apr. A **N. Mockingbird** was in AA 4/18-5/9. Numbers of **Yellow-throated Vireo** have increased the past 3 years. Only **Philadelphia** was seen 5/11 (HB,BD).

This was one of the best warbler migrations of the past 9 years. I was not in Pa. the last 10 days of May and still enjoyed 27 spp. A **Lawrence's Warbler** was found on Doughty Rd 5/9 (†BD). A **Black-throated Green** was in NCA 6/12 (DA,BD). 4+ pr of **Yellow-throated** returned to Mahoning breeding area by mid-Apr. **Two other** locations were along NC 5/4+ and 1 n. of NCA (DA). **C. Yellowthroat** and **Hooded** were in very high numbers (DA). **Scarlet Tanager** arrived late and in very low numbers. A few **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** had arrived by 4/26 and **Indigo Bunting** were here 4/24, but were silent and could easily be missed.

**Henslow's Sparrow** were found everywhere at W. Pittsburgh in the vast strip mine area. Birds were singing 4/24. Access to this area is very difficult and it's anyone's guess as to numbers. Perhaps 150-300 indiv.

5 **Orchard Oriole** were found along MR again. A **N. Oriole** arrived in NCA 4/18. **Purple Finch** numbers continue to drop, with only 4 indiv. reported at 2 locations (NR). 7 **Pine Siskin** remained at my feeder through 4/24. 4 were in SGL 151 5/7. 3 at e. NCA 5/7 and last 2 on VR 5/9.

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## LEBANON COUNTY

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*Abbreviations: Memorial L. (ML).*

This quarter was one of the best ever. Storms 4/11,12 and 4/22 brought down large numbers of waterbirds. On 4/22 there were about 1000 birds at ML; a more typical number on this date is 25-50! Many birds were moving through rapidly as counts of some species varied greatly as observers reached the lake at various times during the day. The total number of birds using the lake that day may have been closer to 1500. Landbird migration was less spectacular but good for warblers and most insect eating species, although numbers of flycatchers were only fair and thrush numbers were extremely low. The **Swainson's Thrush** has almost disappeared as a spring migrant. The bird of the quarter was the **Eared Grebe** which appeared briefly on a farm pond near Lebanon.

**C. Loon** was present most of Apr. at ML, with 29 there 4/22 (MC, JKL, CP, SSR). Grebes were also in excellent numbers with up to 15 **Pied-billed** and 12 **Horned** at ML 4/11 (SS). The number of **Pied-billed** reached 18 there 4/22. The real prize was an **Eared Grebe** with 3 **Horned**, all in definitive alternate plumage, which showed up on a very small farm pond n.e. of Lebanon (KL,JKL). Unfortunately, it was gone by the next morning. The rarely reported **Am. Bittern** was found once, 4/22, nr Lickdale (PM). On the same date, there were 7 **Black-crowned Night-Heron** at ML (MC,JKL,CP,SSR). Also unusual were the 6 **Cattle Egret** seen 5/3 in the *Lebanon* portion of Middle Creek WMA.

As already mentioned, waterfowl migration was truly spectacular. All waterfowl reports from ML. **Tundra Swan** remained until at least 4/22 (m.ob.). The max. number of **Wood Duck** was at least 12 (m.ob.). There were 8 of the usually rare **Gadwall** 4/22 (SS) and a **N. Shoveler** 4/12,22 (JKL,m.ob.). Also unusual were 4 **Canvasback** 4/11 (JKL,SS); up to 20 **Gr. Scaup** (only 3-5 **Ls.**) 4/22 (m.ob.); 100+ **Bufflehead** 4/11 (JKL,SS), and 300+ 4/22 (m.ob.). There were 2 **C. Goldeneye** 4/22 (SS), 12 **Oldsquaw** 4/11 (JKL) and 10 4/22 (m.ob.), and 3 **White-winged Scoter** 4/22 (MC,SS), and up to 100 **Red-breasted Merganser** 4/22 (m.ob.).

Nearby, there were about 200 **Broad-winged Hawk** at Lickdale 4/22 (PM). At the Second Mt hawk watch, there were 300+ 4/16 and 828 were counted 4/22 (MC)! A **Merlin** was also there that day (MC). Back at ML, mixed in with the hundreds of **Ring-billed Gull**, were 25 **Bonaparte's** 4/12 (JKL) and up to 50 4/22 (MC,JKL,CP,SSR). There were also up to 10 **Caspian Tern** 4/22 (m.ob.).

Landbird migration was less spectacular but there were some birds of interest. On one mid-Apr. day there were 12 **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** at Levitz Park (SSR). There was a slightly early **House Wren** and a very early **Black-throated Green Warbler** on the Appalachian Trail 4/11 (RM). Also in this area were **Barred Owl**, **N. Waterthrush** and 3 **Lincoln's Sparrow** 4/12 (RM). Finally, in late April, there was an early **Indigo Bunting** in Campbelltown (JL).

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## LEHIGH COUNTY

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*Abbreviations: Applewood (AW), Jordan Park (JP), Leaser L. (LL).*

The migration was fairly good in our area. A major storm 4/20 brought very impressive flights of loons, cormorants, and hawks throughout the entire area.

On 4/21, the day after a major storm, 114 **C. Loon** were at LL (WB). 2 **Red-throated Loon** were there 4/19 (KDG). An **Am.**

**Bittern** was at LL 5/1 (JB). A very early **Great Egret** was at AW 4/6 (PE) and an early **Green-backed Heron** at JP 4/11 (DG, JG). An ad. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** was flying over Allentown 5/7 (SB) for the 1st area record in several years.

A late **Snow Goose** was at LL 5/10 (BLM, PE). The 4/20 storm deposited 22 **Oldsquaw** and 4 **White-winged Scoter** at LL (WB, KAG). Another White-winged Scoter was at LL 5/2 (SS). A flock of 30 **Bufflehead** (KAG) and 30 **Hooded Merganser** were at LL 4/21 (WB).

The storm produced a count of ±1000 **Broad-winged Hawk** in 5 minutes in Emmaus at 1800 h. on 4/21 (JH); about 500 in 1 kettle. A **Merlin** was at AW 4/23 (PE). A **Virginia Rail** was heard calling and briefly seen at AW 5/26, 27 (PE, m.ob.). This is the 1st Co. record in 20+ years! 2 **Upland Sandpiper** at the ABE Airport 6/29 (MW).

Both spp. of **cuckoo** seemed to be low this year. The **Snowy Owl** that wintered nr Fogelsville stayed until the record late date 4/6 (PE). An early **Chimney Swift** was in Emmaus 4/17 (JH). An early **Willow Flycatcher** was at AW 5/12 (BLM, PE) and a calling **Alder** was nr Bake Oven Knob 5/21 (JH). An early **Great Crested Flycatcher** was at JP 4/27 (DG, JG), and a record early **E. Kingbird** was in Emmaus 4/20 (JH). A singing **Winter Wren** was at the Walter Tract 5/9 (PE, BLM). An early **White-eyed Vireo** was in Allentown 4/24 (NJB) and an early **Warbling Vireo** at JP 5/1 (JG, DG).

An **Orange-crowned Warbler** was in Emmaus 5/15 (JH). A record early **Cape May** was in Allentown 4/28 (NJB). Other early warblers include: **Nashville** 4/25 (NJB); **Chestnut-sided** 4/29 in Trexler Park (BLM); and **C. Yellowthroat** in Allentown 4/2 (ME). Notes on breeding warblers include ±10 **Cerulean** seen on the road up Bake Oven Knob 5/21 (JH). Unfortunately none of the Cerulean that normally breed above LL were found this year. This habitat is unchanged from previous years. Are the wintering grounds of these birds now cattle pastures? **Hooded** were found breeding at the Reinert Memorial Bird Haven on South Mt. Another **Hooded** was seen all of late-May in Fountain Hill (MW). **Yellow-breasted Chat** were nr Hosensack 5/15 (JH) and nr the Alburtis Res. in early May (DS). **Lincoln's Sparrow** were in Allentown 5/7 (NJB) and at AW 5/20 (PE). A rather early **Orchard Oriole** was at AW 4/30 (PE).

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*Abbreviations: Dallas (DA), Exeter (EX), Forty Fort (FF), Frances Slocum SP (FSP), Harveys L. (HL), Huntsville (HU), Kirby Park (KP), Nanticoke (NA), Nescopeck (NE), Nescopeck SP (NSP), Wyoming (WY).*

### 1st Quarter 1992

Earliest **C. Loon** report was from HL 3/27 (BR). 4 **Great Blue Heron** were at PP&L wetlands 1/11 (AMG). A **Tundra Swan** was at WY 3/16 (JSk). An imm. **Brant** was in a flock of **Canada Goose** at HL 1/1 (BR). Good numbers of ducks reported: 40 **Wood Duck** at WY 3/15 (JSh); 4 **Green-winged Teal** WY 2/28 (BR) and 2 EX 3/1 (JSh); 12 **N. Pintail** EX 3/1 (JSh); 1 **N. Shoveler** HL 1/1 (BR); 3 **Gadwall** WY 1/31 (BR) and 2 FF 2/9 (JH, JSh); 24 **Am. Wigeon** EX 3/1 (JSh); 2 **Canvasback** HL 3/19–27 (BR, JSk); 1 **Redhead** HL 1/1–13 (v.o.) and 1 WY 3/7 (TB); 50 **Ring-necked Duck** HL 3/27 (BR); 1 **Gr. Scaup** FF (BR); 82 **Ls. Scaup** HL 3/19 (JSk); 24 **C. Goldeneye** WY 3/1 (JSh); 26 **Hooded Merganser** HL 3/21 (BR); 1 **Red-breasted Merganser** FF 3/14 (TB).

2 imm. **Bald Eagle** at FF 2/9 (JH, JSh). A **N. Harrier** was in Butler Twp 1/19 and 2 at Sugar Loaf 2/5 (AMG). There continue to be reports of **Sharp-shinned** and **Cooper's** hawks visiting feeders (AG, JSh). Wintering **Am. Coot** at HL numbered ±65, up from last year, but not up to the numbers of 5–6 years ago. **Am. Woodcock** noted in flight at FSP 3/3 (JH) and 12 at NSP 3/7 (AG). **Ring-billed Gull** numbers have increased somewhat after some

dismal years in the late 1980s: 60 at HL 1/1–13 (v.o.), 50 at Conyngham and Hazleton in early Mar. (AG); and 200 at WY 3/13 (TB).

First **Fish Crow** report at Wilkes-Barre 2/21 and 75 at WY 2/28 (BR). A **C. Raven** was at NSP 2/19 (AG). 3 **Red-breasted Nuthatch** were at a Dallas feeder all quarter (EJ). 8 **Am. Pipit** at WY 3/13–16 (TB, JSh, JSk). **Fox Sparrow** at WY (JSh) and Harding (MT) 3/20. 4 **C. Redpoll** were with a flock of **Evening Grosbeak** (1 grosbeak an albino) at a Sweet Valley feeder 1/19 (EJ). The only **Pine Siskin** report was of 10 birds at a feeder in Dallas throughout the season (EJ).

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### 2nd Quarter 1992

A basic plumaged **Red-throated Loon** was at HL 4/20–29 (JSk, BR). Up to 22 **C. Loon** at HL 4/5–27 (BR, JSh, JSk), and 6 at Lily L 4/20 (EH). 6 **Horned Grebe** at HL 4/22 (BR); and a **Red-necked Grebe** there 5/4 (JSk). There were numerous **Double-crested Cormorant** reports with a high of 18 at HL 4/17 (JSk, BR). An **Am. Bittern** was at Berwick 4/19 (AMG) and another at Lee's Swamp 5/11 (GWVAS). Single **Oldsquaw** at HU 4/10 and HL 4/21 (BR). **Bufflehead** totals reached 200 at HL 4/22 (BR). 4 **Red-breasted Merganser** noted at L. Silkworth 4/5 (JSh) and 7 at HL 4/22 (BR). The only **Ruddy Duck** report was of 5 at HL 4/11 (BR).

A **Merlin** was at HU 4/18 (BR). 10 **Least Sandpiper** at Wyoming 5/11 (JH, JSh) represented the only peep report. There were a number of **Bonaparte's Gull** reports with a high of 75 at HL 4/20 (JSk). The highlight of the season was an ad. **Franklin's Gull** at HL 4/17, 18 (†JSk, EJ, BR). The only known location of **Whip-poor-will** is at NA (MB). A **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** was at KP 4/12 (JSh). 2 **Alder Flycatcher** arrived at FSP on the early date 5/25 (JSh), and they remained through June. A **C. Raven** was at Wanamie 5/26 (MB). 5 **Winter Wren** at Bear Hollow Rd 5/11 (JH, MB, JSh); and an extremely rare **Sedge Wren** was at PP&L Wetlands 5/6 (DG). **Hermit Thrush** arrived at DA 4/13 (EJ).

**White-eyed Vireo** is found regularly at NA (MB). **Solitary Vireo** arrived at NE 4/17 (AMG). **Golden-winged Warbler**, in serious decline for several years, was at FSP 5/25–6/17 (JSh, BR). Other warblers include: A territorial **Pine** was at HU 5/15 (BR); the rare **Prothonotary** at KP 5/11 (TB); **Mourning** at KP 5/11 (GWVAS) and 5/24 (JSh); **Hooded** and **Yellow-breasted Chat** were both regular at NA (MB). 9 **Fox Sparrow** were at NE 4/19 (AG). The only **White-crowned Sparrow** reported was at HU 5/6 (BR). Small numbers of **Rusty Blackbird** were at KP 4/12–5/11 (JSh, v.o.). **Pine Siskin** was at a DA feeder through the season (EJ).

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## LYCOMING COUNTY

Wesley Egli

*Abbreviations: Clinton Twp (CT), Little Pine SP (LP), Picture Rocks (PR), Proctor (PT), SGL 252 (SGL), Susquehanna SP (SSP), Tiadaghton SF (TSF), Upper Fairfield Twp (UFT).* Observations by compiler unless otherwise noted.

**C. Loon** were at SSP 4/25 & 5/9 during SAP surveys. An **Am. Bittern** was on the Courtright property in Nippenose Twp 4/5. 6 **Snowy Egret** were at SSP 5/30. A lone **Snow Goose** was in the company of a **Canada Goose** in Wolf Twp 4/21, 22. **Green-winged Teal** were still at SGL 4/23 (DB) and **Blue-winged Teal** on Rose Valley L. 5/2 (WE).

An **Osprey** flying over Muncy Cr. 5/7 was the lone report. A beautiful view of an ad. **Bald Eagle** at LP 5/13 4/5 was memorable. **Spotted Sandpiper** were in CT 4/22 and 7 at SSP 4/25. **Black-billed Cuckoo** were heard at LP 5/13 (m.ob.). First **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** in PT 5/2 (PB). 2 **Yellow-bellied**

**Sapsucker** 4/11 and **Barn Swallow** 4/20 in WT. **Fish Crow** in CT 4/10+. A **C. Raven** was in TSF 4/26.

Only report of **Red-breasted Nuthatch** was in Muncy 5/9. **Veery** was heard nr LP 6/13 (m.ob.). A **Hermit Thrush** in TSF 5/19+ and a **Solitary Vireo** there 4/26.

A **Golden-winged Warbler** sang at SGL 5/23 and **Tennessee** there 5/13 (DB) and in Muncy Creek Twp 5/18 (WE). **Yellow-throated** were first observed 4/22 at LP (DB), then 6/13 (m.ob.). A **Cerulean** was in Montoursville (SS). Several **Hooded** were at SGL 5/23 (m.ob.). ER had a **Wilson's** at his UFT home 5/11. **Fox Sparrow** visited my feeder station in PR 4/2–11. **Lincoln's Sparrow** in PT 5/2 (PB). 75+ **Brown-headed Cowbird** at my feeders 4/7 and >90% were ♂♂. **Purple Finch** at my feeders 4/12, 19, 22, 26 and 4 at my parents in Muncy 4/17. **Pine Siskin** were in PR 4/24, 26 (WE), and ER had 1 in UFT 6/14–28 and 2 6/29, possibly a nesting pair?

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## MERCER COUNTY

Marty McKay

Abbreviations: *Creek Rd (CR), Grove City (GC), Hermitage area (HA), Limber Rd (LR), Rattlesnake Swamp (RS), Shenango Res. (SR), Pennsy Swamp (PS)*. Observations by compiler unless otherwise noted.

1 **C. Loon** at SR 4/3. An **Am. Bittern** was at Jackson Center 4/29 (SM,RN). A lingering **Tundra Swan** at Wolf Cr. 4/9 (SM), and 1 at SR 4/10. Waterfowl reports from SR unless noted: 25 **Wood Duck**; 1 **Green-winged Teal** and 6 at PS 4/26 (SM); 1 **N. Pintail**; 30 **Blue-winged Teal**; 4 **N. Shoveler**; 2 **Am. Wigeon** on Wolf Cr. 4/9 (SM); 50 **Ring-necked Duck**; 2 **Ls. Scaup**; 18 **Hooded Merganser**; and 18 **Red-breasted Merganser**.

Single **Sharp-shinned Hawk** at Millburn Rd 5/14 (SM,LW), at RS 5/23, and at CR 5/25 (HB,SM,LW). **Cooper's** at CR 5/2 (HB,SM,LW) and at HA all quarter (chasing a Great Horned owl 5/24). **Red-shouldered** at CR 5/2 (HB,SM,LW) and at HA all quarter. Rarely seen in the Co. were **Broad-winged Hawk**: 2 at Jackson Center 4/22, 29 (SM,RN); 1 at CR 4/24 (HF,MG,SM); and 3 at CR 5/2 (HB,SM,LW). **Red-tailed** at several locations including a pr. with 2 young at HA. **Rough-legged** at CR 5/2 (HB,SM,LW) and at PS 5/10 (HB,MM).

Reports of **Wild Turkey** continue to increase. Absent for years, the report of **N. Bobwhite** at Millburn Rd. 5/14 (SM,LW) was the outstanding find this quarter. **Sora** at PS 5/6 (BD,SM) and 5/10 (HB,MM). **C. Moorhen** at CR 5/2 (HB,SM,LW) and at least 6 at PS 5/6 (BD,SM) and 5/10 (HB,MM). 10 **Am. Coot** at SR 4/3, and **Ls. Yellowlegs** and **Spotted Sandpiper** there 5/1.

1 **Black-billed Cuckoo** was at RS 5/23, and several heard at CR 5/25 (HB,SM,LW). Missing for a few years, the **Yellow-billed** can now be reported: 1 at CR 5/13 (BD,SM,RN). **Chimney Swift** reported from GC on the early date 4/16 (HB). **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** at HA 4/16 was on time. 1 **Red-headed Woodpecker** at CR 5/2, 25 (HB,SM,LW).

**Acadian Flycatcher** (down in numbers) and **Willow** were at RS 5/23 (HB,SM,LW), and **Least** at CR 5/13 (BD,SM,RN) and at SR 5/15. **Great Crested** returned to HA 5/14. **E. Kingbird** is still common at SR. **Purple Martin** seem present only in the s. part of the Co. **Tree Swallow** returned to SR 4/10. **N. Rough-winged** was at CR 5/2 and RS 5/23 (HB,SM,LW). The nesting colony of **Cliff Swallow** on the Headquarter's Bldg at the SR propagation ponds has more than doubled this year to 79 nests. They returned 5/1 and at once commenced their masonry.

A **Red-breasted Nuthatch** at HA 4/24. **Brown Creeper** was scarce. A **Winter Wren** at HA 4/4. **Golden-crowned Kinglet** moved through HA 4/7–19, and **Ruby-crowned**, first noted 4/16 at HA, seemed down in numbers. No noticeable decline of migrant **Veery**, **Swainson's**, or **Hermit thrush** compared to their numbers (a few of each) in the past 3–4 years at HA. **Wood Thrush** arrived at HA 10 days early, 4/20, and are also at normal levels of the past few years. All 6 vireo spp. were found including **White-eyed** at CR 5/3, 13 (m.ob.), many reports of **Yellow-throated** and **Warbling**, and **Philadelphia** seen at CR 5/13 (BD,SM,RN).

26 spp. of warblers reported. Highlight: **Worm-eating (HB)** and **Lawrence's** at CR 5/2 (HB,SM,LW); **N. Parula** and **Kentucky** at CR 5/25 (HB,SM,LW); and **Yellow-throated** at French Cr. in Carlton 4/15 (DS). First **Yellow-rumped** arrived at HA 4/15. Good numbers of **Tennessee** moved through HA 5/12, 13. **Pine, Prairie, Blackpoll, Wilson's**, and **Yellow-breasted Chat** went unreported.

**Scarlet Tanager** stable at HA. All indications are that the **Clay-colored Sparrow** at LR is the same single ♂ as reported last summer from that location. **Grasshopper** and **Henslow's** continue to be found at the reclaimed strip mine area of LR. 1 **Fox Sparrow** at a GC feeder 4/15 was unusual (HB). **Swamp** appeared at PS 5/6 (BD,SM) and at CR 5/25 (HB,SM,LW). **White-crowned** at CR 5/10 (HB,MM) and at Millburn Rd 5/14 (SM,LW). **Dark-eyed Junco** last seen 4/20, an early departure by 10 days. **Purple Finch** finally showed up at feeders in Apr: 1–4 at HA 4/11–27; 2 at GC 4/6 (SM); and 2 at another GC feeder 4/15 and 6/13 (HB). 1–6 **Pine Siskin** at a GC feeder 4/15–5/30 (HB).

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## MIFFLIN COUNTY

Margaret Kenepf

Abbreviations: *Belleville (BV), Blue Mt. (BM), Jacks Mt. (JM), Juniata R. (JR)*. The Juniata Valley Aud. Soc. birdathon was held 5/9 and provided many interesting records nestled in following report.

2 **Blue-winged Teal**, **Ring-necked Duck**, and **Bufflehead** were on a BV pond 4/5 (GB) and **Ring-necked Duck** on the JR 4/10 (BMK). All 4 expected **Galliformes** were found, with young noted except for **N. Bobwhite**.

On Sunday 4/5 Genevieve Aurand had a **Bald Eagle** sitting on a fence post in her meadow. She called Marilyn Miller, who called me. All of us had church obligations, but I skipped out while my husband helped count the collection and watched it tear off bits of something, perhaps a fish from the nearby stream. It returned several times over the next week to the delight of m.ob. On 5/9, another **Bald Eagle** was found nr Belleville (ERH,MK). That, as well as the **N. Harrier** found that day were special. **Killdeer** numbers were excellent (GG *et al.*) and **Am. Woodcock** 5/9 (MK). Both spp. of **cuckoo** were found, albeit in small numbers (GG, MK). The **C. Nighthawk** after dark over Lewistown 5/9 was a perfect day's ending. 4–5 **Whip-poor-will** were very vocal nr Partchey's Sawmill area in Ferguson Valley (LV). Our 5/9 outing had large numbers of **Chimney Swift** and **swallows** migrating through the area (v.o.). 5 **Purple Martin** were nr BV and usual large counts at Amish farms and garden houses 5/9 (MK). A **Red-breasted Nuthatch** was on JM 5/2 (GG) and a **Brown Creeper** on the BV mountain 5/9 (EH).

Our first **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** was 4/26, but numbers were low both here and elsewhere. I must have received 10 calls from others questioning the low count this year. One exception was Sara Smith who related that 1 day in early May she had ±24 buzzing about the feeders, many remaining the rest of the week and 6–8 the rest of the quarter. Single ad. **Red-headed Woodpecker** were on JM 5/2 and nr BV 6/21 (GG). 5 **Horned Lark** were nr BV 6/21, 28 (GG).

**E. Bluebird** nested in 3 local boxes, the 4th was occupied by a pr of **Tree Swallow** with 8 eggs 5/12. Three hours after I checked the nest and counted the eggs, I heard a **House Wren** singing from the swallow box area. It was sitting on the top and had thrown out all 8 eggs and had holes pecked in every egg. It sang all afternoon and the swallow left the area. They rebuilt in another bluebird box, however there was failure there also. I am not sure what happened. Bluebird counts were excellent and the air is filled with their cheery vocalizations.

15 **White-eyed** and 1 **Warbling vireo** were counted 5/9. 1 **Philadelphia** went through 5/2 (GG). **Golden-winged** and **Yellow-rumped** warblers were found on JM (GG) and BM (MK). **Cerulean** on JM (MK), **Chestnut-sided** on BM (GG) and **Prairie**

on BM plus 4 nr BV (MK). 39 **Ovenbird** were counted 5/9 from Ryde area to BV Mt. area (MK). Young **Louisiana Waterthrush** were begging for food by end-June. **Hooded** were found on BM and in the 7 Mts. area (GG). 8 **Yellow-breasted Chat** 5/9 in BM and BV areas (MK). 2 **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** nr Beacon Lodge nr Newton Hamilton.

The GBS found **E. Meadowlark**, **Vesper**, **Savannah**, and **Grasshopper** sparrows in decent numbers (GG). **Fox Sparrow** last noted 4/20. Last date for **White-throated** and **White-crowned** was 5/20. A **C. Grackle** with a pure white tail was seen nr McVeytown by Simon Varner.

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## MONROE COUNTY

Rick Wiltraut

A late **C. Snipe** was at Cherry Valley pastures 5/15 (SB,BS,RW). Two separate calling **N. Saw-whet Owl** were heard about a mile apart at Pocono L. in May and June (PS) and a **Pileated Woodpecker** was seen at the east end of Penn Forest 4/19, a rather rare but increasing bird in this area (RZ).

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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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*Abbreviations: Ft. Washington SP (FW), Green Lane Res. (GLR), Mont Clare Canal (MC), Unami Creek Valley (UCV), Upper Perkiomen Valley Park (UPVP), Valley Forge National Historical Park (VF).*

A **Red-throated Loon** in winter plumage was at GLR 4/23 (KC). **C. Loon** was easy to find mid-Apr at GLR with a max of 24 4/11 (GLF, JH); KC found a late 6/1 bird in winter plumage at GLR. **Horned Grebe** was at GLR the first half of Apr with a max of 3 4/12 (GAF). **Red-necked Grebe** was at GLR 4/5 (GAF, GLF, LR). **Double-crested Cormorant** also present most of Apr at GLR with a max of 30 4/19 (GAF), and 26 flew over FW 4/12 (B&NM). **Am. Bittern** at GLR 4/20 (KC). **Great Egret** was at GLR 4/25 and 6/20 (KC, GLF); the only GLR **Black-crowned Night-Heron** was 6/13 (GLF, LR). **Mute Swan** at GLR in Apr with a max of 3 4/23 (GAF). **Snow Goose** was at UPVP 4/12 (GLF, LR) and at GLR 4/22 (KC). **Green-winged Teal** were easy to find in Apr at GLR with 41 4/27 (KC), 12 N. **Pintail** there 4/1 (NT), and 3 **Blue-winged Teal** 4/20 (GLF, LR); a pair was at FW 4/12 (B&NM). Diving ducks continue to be scarce; highlights include 107 **Ring-necked Duck** nr UPVP 4/5 (RG), 11 **Gr. Scaup** at GLR 4/17 (G&KC, RG), 16 **Ls. Scaup** there 4/11 (GLF, JH), 2 **Oldsquaw** 4/6 (GAF), 25 **Bufflehead** 4/11 (GLF, JH) and 25 at VF 4/12 (NT), and a pair of **Red-breasted Merganser** at GLR 4/19-20 (m.ob.) and 3 there 5/2 (GLF, LR).

A **Black Vulture nest with 2 chicks** was found in UCV 5/3, and the chicks were still in the cave 6/14 (KC, GLF, LR). **Osprey** was numerous at GLR mid-Apr with 15+ 4/20 (RG); GAF counted 35 overhead in 1½ hours 4/17. **Bald Eagle** was seen by many birders and non-birders at GLR in Apr. 3 different birds were there Easter weekend: ad., 2nd-year, 4th year. The 4th year eagle (with some dark tail feathers, otherwise ad.-like) was seen occasionally through 6/2 (GAF, GLF, RG, JH, LR). During the aforementioned 4/17 hawk flight, GAF and LR counted 11 N. **Harrier** and 1076 **Broad-winged Hawk** in that short time. BF counted 109 broodies over MC 4/23. Migrating **Cooper's Hawk** was reported by m.ob. with 2 in MC 4/12 (BF) and a resident Cooper's at GLR 6/22 (GAF). RG's pair of Perkiomenville **Red-shouldered Hawk** are apparently doing well. **Merlin** was at GLR 4/11 (GLF, JH) and at MC 4/19 (NT).

**Ruffed Grouse** was strutting on the road in UCV 5/2

(GLF, LR), and not-so-wild **Wild Turkey** is everywhere in the GLR/UCV area. GLR had a **C. Moorhen** 4/17 (G&KC) and 2 **Am. Coot** 4/19 (GLF, LR). April shorebirds at GLR include: **Gr. Yellowlegs**, **Ls. Yellowlegs**, **Solitary Sandpiper** at UCV, **Least Sandpiper**, **Dunlin** (KC, GAF, GLF, JH); May birds included **Sempalmated Sandpiper** and **Short-billed Dowitcher** at GLR (KC, GAF, JH). On May 29, 1100+ shorebirds (*larger than peeps*) circled GLR in 3 flocks but did not put down (GAF, JH). **Bonaparte's Gull** was at GLR mid-Apr with a max of 3 4/18 (m.ob.). **Great Black-backed Gull** was there 4/20. It was a good term spring at GLR. A very early **Caspian Tern** 4/12 (GLF) and another 2 4/17 (G&KC, RG, JH), **C. Tern** 5/24-8 (GAF, JH), **Forster's** 5/25 (GAF, GLF, JH, LR.), **Black** 5/24-28 (GAF, JH).

**Black-billed Cuckoo** was in GLF's yard 5/12-21. Concern was expressed by some about **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**; while a few were seen and heard in May, none was found nesting in June.

A **Barred Owl** pair was seen regularly in UCV all quarter by m.ob., and KC reports the bad news of a nest tree falling over with two tiny Barred Owl nestlings and two very upset ad. at GLR 5/7. The owlets were taken to a rehab center, but will not be released because of deformed feet, which the rehab director reports as an alarming and increasing problem in owlets.

A **Short-eared Owl** was still at GLR 4/4 (GAF, GLF, LR); last quarter's report failed to mention this sp. with up to 3 owls present all 1st quarter. **C. Nighthawk** was reported in mid-May at FW and GLR (B&NM, GLF). GLR's **Red-headed Woodpecker** was still nr the nature center at the end of Apr (KC, GAF). At least 6 pr. of **Acadian Flycatcher** had territories in UCV (GAF). **Purple Martin** took to a new house at GLR in mass as soon as it was erected and then all but one pair abandoned it just as quickly (KC). At least 8 **Bank** 5/9 and 12 **Cliff** swallows 5/25 visited GLR (GLF, LR). At least 14 **Fish Crow** flew over GLF's 4/19 nr GLR.

A very late **Red-breasted Nuthatch** was in B&NM's Oreland yard 6/25. Several **Winter Wren** were reported in Apr at FW, UCV, VF. A few **Swainson's Thrush** were reported mid-May at FW and GLR (B&NM, KC). At least 52 **Hermit Thrush** were seen by B&NM at FW 4/12. There were scattered reports of **Solitary**, **Yellow-throated**, and **Warbling** vireos. **Golden-winged Warbler** was reported at UCV and Hatfield 5/10 (KC, G&KC). **Nashville Warbler** was at FW early May (B&NM). A **Blackburnian** was in Upper Providence 6/6 (RS). A territorial **Yellow-throated Warbler** was at UCV in May (G&KC, KC, GAF, GLF, LR). The weekend of 4/11-12 produced 52 (Sat.) and 75 (Sun.) **Palm** at FW (B&NM). Single **Cerulean** reports came from FW, UCV (where they used to be common), and Hatfield. A **Prothonotary** stopped by UCV 5/18-19 (KC, GAF). **Mourning Warbler** was a "tireless singer" at UCV 5/27 (NT). **Hooded** was reported from FW, UCV, and nr UPVP (B&NM, KC, RG). **Yellow-breasted Chat** was reported at 4 different locations. The warbler migration was good during the first half of May but seemed to be over by the third week. B&NM reported up to 400 warblers 5/3 and 16-18 warbler species 5/4, 5, 17 at FW.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** visited a Hatfield feeder 4/26 (G&KC). **Vesper Sparrow** (rare) was at GLR 4/8 (KC). **Grasshopper Sparrow** was found at GLR 6/27 (GLF, LR). **Lincoln's Sparrow** was at UCV 5/9 (GAF). A nice colony of **Bobolink** (at least 12 pr.) was found nr GLR (GLF, LR, G&KC). Five **Rusty Blackbird** were seen in the big fallout day 4/12 at FW (B&NM). **Orchard Oriole** was reported from only 4 loca- tions. **Purple Finch** stayed at RG's feeder nr UPVP until 5/1 with 30 4/19. UCV produced 2 **Pine Siskin** 5/3 (KC).

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## MONTOUR COUNTY

Allen Schweinsberg

2 **Great Egret** showed up a Montour Preserve (MP) 4/24; 1 was there through 5/9 (CS). **Black-crowned Night-Heron** returned to danville and were first seen 4/18. One was seen carrying a large stick 5/29 (CS).

A tally of waterfowl a MP 4/5 included at least 15 **Tundra Swan**, a **Snow Goose**, 56 **Ring-necked Duck**, and 17 **Bufflehead** (DU). CS found 15 **Oldsquaw** at the Flyash Basin 4/11. **C. Merganser** with young were in Roaring Cr. 6/6 and on the Susquehanna R. nr Danville 5/29-6/24 (CS). 3 **Black Tern** flew along the river nr the mouth of Mahoning Cr. 5/31 (CS).

±50 **Am. Pipit** were nr MP 4/5 (CS). **N. Parula** were heard by CS 6/4 in Cooper Twp nr the river and on 6/25 nr Roaring Cr. 5 **Rusty Blackbird** were at MP 4/5 (DU).

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## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

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Abbreviations: *E. Bangor Dam (EBD)*, *Monocacy Nature Center (MNC)*, *Minsi L. (ML)*, *Smith Gap (SG)*, *Williams Twp (WT)*.

A **Red-throated Loon** at ML 4/12 (SB) and a late **Pied-billed Grebe** there 5/15 (SB,BS,RW). A breeding-plumaged **Red-necked Grebe** was at EBD 4/27 (SL). **101 Double-crested Cormorant** were in WT 4/21 (AK) during a major waterbird flight in eastern/central Pa. (RW) and 6 went over MNC 4/25 (LF,JZ). Single **Am. Bittern** were seen on 3 occasions at EBD late-Apr/mid-May (DD,SS,BS). A late **Snow Goose** was at Green Pond 5/2 (DD) and a "blue" form at ML 4/12 (SB). A late **N. Pintail** was at ML 5/17 (SB). A late **Ring-necked Duck** and **Hooded Merganser** at ML 5/15 (SB,BS,RW) and 3 **Oldsquaw** there 4/25 (SL).

A **Mississippi Kite** was seen during a hawk flight in WT 4/21 (AK, AL), the 3rd record from this locale in 5 years! 1300 **Broad-winged Hawk** and a **Golden Eagle** were seen in 30 minutes there on the same day (AK). An ad. **Bald Eagle** was at Little Gap Bird Observatory 4/14 (RW) and an imm. at MC 6/14 (FB). 2 **Virginia Rail** were heard at EBD 5/15 (SB,BS,RW).

A **Bonaparte's Gull** was at ML 5/18 (SL) and a **Black Tern** present at EBD 5/14-16 (PZ). A colony of 150 **Bank Swallow** burrows was found nr Portland 5/15 (SB,BS,RW) and a singing **Winter Wren** was at SG in mid-May (RW *et al.*). An early **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** was at MNC 4/9 (DG,JG). Single **Gray-cheeked Thrush** at ML 5/17,19 and 10 **Swainson's** counted there 5/19 (SL).

A **Golden-winged Warbler** (a sp. which I feel is in trouble) was at MNC 5/7 (LF) and a "**Brewster's**" hybrid was at Jacobsburg SP 5/9 (TM). Boyce heard 3 singing **Yellow-throated Warbler** at MC 5/17 and observed 1 of them pulling nesting material from an old N. Oriole nest. Two singing Yellow-throateds were at Sandt's Eddy 5/15 (SB,BS,RW). A **Prothonotary Warbler** was at Hellertown 4/27 (*fide* BS). **N. Parula** were singing in June at SG and Riverton (RW). A singing ♂ **Blue Grosbeak** was at MC 6/14 for a 5th Co. record (FB). Both **Northern** and **Orchard** orioles were observed feeding on Flowering Quince blossoms in Nazareth during May (RW).

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## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

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Abbreviations: *Riverside (RS)*, *Roaring Creek Water Co. (RC)*, *Ralphy Twp. (RaT)*, *Rush Twp (RT)*, *N. Branch Susquehanna R. at Riverside (SR)*.

A **Great Egret** was at SR 4/21. Both **Green-backed Heron** and **Black-crowned Night-Heron** were common on the SR 5/1+.

**Canada Goose**, **Mallard**, and **C. Merganser** all successfully nested on the SR. **Wood Duck** were seen frequently on the SR until mid-May.

**Bald Eagle** were sighted several times in RC during Apr (BK) but unreported since May. **Cooper's Hawk** successfully nested in RT. Both **Ruffed Grouse** and **Wild Turkey** reported in high numbers in RC (BK).

**Killdeer** had a very successful nesting season in RS and were also common in the fields of RaT and RT. **Ring-billed Gull** were rare along the SR after 4/1. **Black Tern** were on the SR 6/1,2. Numbers of both **Barred Owl** and **Whip-poor-will** were reported to be good in RC (BK). Both **Bank** and **N. Rough-winged** swallows successfully nested in RS.

Due to the early emergence of the foliage, the warbler migration passed by mostly unobserved. No early date for any species reported. Of note was a **Prothonotary Warbler** heard singing along the SR 5/28. After the drought last summer and the scarcity of many of the neotropical migrants, it was gratifying to see many of them back in their previous areas in good numbers. **Acadian Flycatcher**, **E. Wood-Pewee**, **Wood Thrush**, **Red-eyed Vireo**, **Ovenbird** and **Scarlet Tanager** were all very common in woodland areas of RaT and RT. A singing **Willow Flycatcher** and a **Yellow-breasted Chat** were at Montandon Marsh 5/31. **Worm-eating Warbler** were present in several areas of RT where they were absent last year.

Both **Vesper** and **Grasshopper** sparrows were present in RT all quarter. **E. Meadowlark** were present in several areas of RaT and RT where they have not been seen for several years. **Purple Finch** were present in RT during Apr. in greater numbers than in several previous years, 25 were seen 4/24.

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## PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

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Abbreviations: *Andorra Nature Ctr. (AN)*, *Carpenter's Woods (CW)*, *Center City (CC)*, *Ft. Mifflin (FM)*, *Franklin Square (FS)*, *Mud I. (MI)*, *Navy Yard (NY)*, *Pennypack Park (PP)*, *Pennypack Ave. Res. (PR)*, *PHL Airport (PHAP)*, *PHL Sewage Ponds (PS)*, *Roosevelt Park (RP)*, *Roxborough (RX)*, *Schuylkill R. (SR)*, *Tinicum NWR (TN)*, *W. Fairmount Park (WF)*, *Wissahickon Cr. valley (WC)*.

We recorded 176 spp., 2 warbler hybrids, 1 cuckoo sp., 1 exotic waterfowl, 1 domesticated dove, and a parakeet! 31 warblers noted. An experimental county Big Day (BD) held 5/10 yielded 95 spp. The 3rd Pennypack Environ. Ctr. Nesting Bird Census (NBC) 6/13 had 56 spp. of which 7 were new to the count. We thank Peter Kurtz, Naturalist, for sharing his data. Complete reports of the Big Day and NBC are available from the compiler. Please enclose a SASE for copies of 1 or both report.

Latest **C. Loon** over CW 5/4 (SL,MD) and last **Pied-billed Grebe** at PR 4/9 (CL). A **Great Cormorant** at NY 5/15 (NP) and an imm. on MI through 6/24 (RS,LL). This sp. has now been reported from Nov. through June with some speculation it may be here year-round. Major flights of hundreds of **Double-crested Cormorant** were at TN 5/2 (JCM) and FM 5/10 (NP) plus 125+ at NY 6/18 (RS,LL). 4 flying over CW 5/11 were noteworthy inland (MD).

2 **Am. Bittern** at TN 5/10 (RS,LL). 12 pr of **Least Bittern** nested at TN. Best tally of **Great Egret** was 76 at MI 6/18 (RS,LL), reminiscent of older times; oddly, only 1 **Snowy**. A satisfactory count of 22 **Cattle Egret** over TN 4/24. JCM noted 65 pr of **Black-crowned Night-Heron** nested at TN. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**, uncommon in Pa., sightings were 1 ad. at TN 4/23 (*fide* Armas Hill) and 1 imm. at MI 6/18 (RS,LL), but breeding could not be confirmed. **Glossy Ibis** reports were 1 each 4/30 (DM) and 6/18 (RS), and 4 by the Ben Franklin Bridge 4/22 (PK).

A lingering **Snow Goose** hung out with **Canada Goose** at the PS 5/1 (EF) and MI 6/18 (RS). Earlier, a "blue" was seen in WF

4/3 (ph.CM). **Green-winged Teal** were found until 6/18 (RS,LL) and **Blue-winged** at PS 6/24. 4 **N. Pintail** in WF 4/22 (CM). A ♀ **Ring-necked Duck** was in WF 4/4 (EB,EF) and 2 pr in TN 4/25 (EF). A **Ls. Scaup** at PS 5/15 (NP) was a good find. A pair of **Hooded Merganser** nested successfully in a Wood Duck box at TN. JCM found 9 eggs 5/2. 2 ♂ **Ruddy Duck** were at LA 5/3 (EF).

An **Osprey** at Shawmont 4/18 was exciting (EF). But a spectacular flight of 11 over CW 4/12 over a 40-minute period, just prior to the arrival of a cold front was even better. 2 **Bald Eagle** at TN: 1 imm. 4/25 (NP) and 1 ad. 4/29 (JCM). An ad. **N. Harrier** at TN 6/24 raises hopes that they might still be nesting nearby (RS). 5 **Sharp-shinned Hawk** at WC 4/11 and 1 at CW 5/3 (SL). **Broad-winged** were seen 4 times from 4/23 at AN (MD) to 5/21 in the SR area (JH), and 2 in WF 4/25 (EF) suggest breeding.

**Peregrine Falcon update.** A pair on the Girard Point Bridge were double-clutched. The 1st clutch of 3 eggs was removed to Harrisburg where they were successfully hatched. The 2nd clutch of 2 eggs remained in PHL, but only 1 hatched 6/8. A pair on the Walt Whitman Bridge laid eggs but they failed to hatch. The pair on the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge inexplicably disappeared. A pair was located on the recently burnt-out Meridian Plaza in CC, but nothing is known of possible breeding. A pair in courtship flight 4/30 may be these birds (BW). A single bird has been seen repeatedly in the vicinity of 30th St. Chris Dooley, Dan Brauning.

8 **Ring-necked Duck** for BD. DM heard 1–2 **N. Bobwhite** at TN 6/13. 2 **King** and 3 **Virginia** rails, and 2 **Sora** were at PHAP 5/2 (JCM). A **King** 5/6 (RS,LL) and the **Virginia** and **Sora** 5/15 (NP *et al.*) at FM may have been of these. **C. Moorhen** arrived 4/4 at RP (EB,EF). The TN pop. is severely depleted due to deteriorating conditions within the impoundment. Only 2 were noted 6/21 (KS). Likewise, **Am. Coot** numbers are down. No more than 1 was noted anywhere.

12 shorebird spp. Highlight was the return of 2 **Black-necked Stilt** to PHAP 5/2 (JCM). Despite an ad. ♂ 6/18 and an ad. ♀ 6/24 in PS (RS,LL), nesting could not be confirmed. A breeding or lingering **Upland Sandpiper** at PHAP 6/24 was good (BS). A **Solitary Sandpiper** over CW 5/15 proved almost anything is possible there (DR). 20+ **C. Snipe** at TN 5/1 (JCM) and **Am. Woodcock** displaying there 5/27 (DM).



**Black-necked Stilt, Phila. Sewage Ponds, 6/18/92. Photo by Robert Schutsky.**

High count for **Laughing Gull** was 100+ at FM 5/10 (NP). A well-described 2nd-year **Ls. Black-backed Gull** in NE PHL 4/5 of the ssp. *graellsii* was found by an amazed Frank Windfelder on a Pathmark parking lot associating with a group of **Ring-billed Gull**. A report has been sent to P.O.R.C.

Are **cuckoos** becoming rare in our area? Only 2 reports. A **Long-eared Owl** continued at TN to 4/2 (JCM) and the RX **Short-eared** to 4/4 (CM). **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** were scarce; 1 report, RX 5/25 (CM). Last **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** was at FS 4/22 (JS). **Pileated Woodpecker** are becoming regular in CW (ST, BL); a ♂ in PP 5/4 (KS).

Flycatchers seemed late. Exceptional was a **Yellow-bellied** in CW 5/15 (SL, KR). Also there 5/7 were 70+ **E. Kingbird** 5/14, the "best count ever" (KR). Sole report of **Purple Martin** was 1 at WC 4/11 (MD). 3 **N. Rough-winged Swallow** in RP 4/4 were early (EB,EF). **Bank** are nesting at FM where 12–15 nest holes found 6/18 (RS). Only JS found **Red-breasted Nuthatch** lingering at Bartram Gardens 5/5 and **Brown Creeper** at FS 4/22. **Marsh Wren** arrived at FM 5/9 (EF). Hundreds of **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** passed through WC 4/12 (MD) and latest 5/10 (v.o.). 19 **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** were tallied for the NBC.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush** noted in CW 5/14 (SL), singing by 5/21 (EB), and last 5/22 (SL). **Swainson's** were generally late but a significant movement through many areas 5/14 (KR, EB, JS), but an early 1 in CW (KR), and latest in FS 5/28 (JS). **Wood Thrush** were well-represented in WF (CM) and KR remarked, "Territorial (birds) were more numerous than I've ever seen before. There could have been over 15 pairs in the (CW) woods by mid-May." Spring flocking and roosting **Am. Robin** in a RX spruce tree peaked 5/5 with 110 birds (FU) and gone 5/8.

First **Solitary Vireo** report came from CW 4/24 with 2 singing ♂♂ (EB). Subsequent migration there peaked 5/5, 6 with 12–15 birds daily. "were unprecedented numbers for this late in the season" (KR). Last report was 5/15 (KR, SL).

Early/late dates for warblers were as follows: **Blue-winged** 4/25, **Brewster's** 5/3, **Lawrence's** 5/5, **Tennessee** 5/6-5/19, **Nashville** 5/2-5/28, **Parula** 5/2, **Yellow** 4/25, **Chestnut-sided** 5/2, **Magnolia** 5/2-5/20, **Cape May** 5/2-5/15, **Black-throated Blue** 4/25-5/15, **Yellow-rumped** 4/4-5/12, **Black-throated Green** 4/25-5/28, **Blackburnian** 5/6-5/10, **Pine** 4/12, **Prairie** 4/30-5/2, **Palm** 4/11-5/9, **Bay-breasted** 5/14-5/19, **Blackpoll** 5/9-6/2, **Cerulean** 5/5, **Black-and-White** 4/22, **Am. Redstart** 4/25, **Prothonotary** 6/13, **Worm-eating** 4/25-5/11, **Ovenbird** 4/29, **No. Waterthrush** 4/30-5/20, **La. Waterthrush** 4/8, **Kentucky** 5/12, **Com. Yellowthroat** 4/26, **Hooded** 5/4, **Wilson's** 5/15-5/18, **Canada** 4/25-5/22, **Yellow-breasted Chat** 5/10.

A transitional ♂ **Summer Tanager** was found at TN 4/25 by SL and later that day by NP. It was relocated 4/29 (JCM). Best count of **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** was 8+ at CW 5/10 (KR) and last at FS 5/19 (JS). At least 5 pr of **Blue Grosbeak** nested in the FM/PS area (JCM, RS). Not often reported from TN, 2 ♂ **Indigo Bunting** were seen 5/2 (EF) and rarely seen at CW 1 was there 5/10 (MD).

New to the NBC, 9 **Field Sparrow** were censused. Best sparrow report was a **Savannah** at TN 5/11 (DM). **White-throated** lingered to 5/17 in PP (CL) and **Dark-eyed Junco** held on until 4/23 in FS (JS) and 4/26 in RX (CM). 4 **Bobolink** went through RX 5/4 (CM). An ad. ♂ **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was nr FM 5/5, 6 (RS, LL). A late **Rusty Blackbird** was in CW 4/28 (KR). A good **N. Oriole** year, widespread reports of numbers and nesting received (v.o.); the 15 for the NBC was a three-fold increase. 2 **Purple Finch** in WMA 4/25 (SL) and 1 in CW 4/29 (EB) were unexpected finds to close out a rather full quarter.

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**CORRIGENDA.** In the last issue, the Canvasback and Redhead were at PR, not PA. The low Ruddy Duck count was on the WBC, not the CBC.

## SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

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**Red-throated Loon** was off Rt. 443 w. of Freidensburg (JS). **Osprey** on the Little Schuylkill R. 5/3 (AMG). Also successfully nesting (location deleted. -eds.) was **Cooper's Hawk**. Only shorebirds reported were: **Gr. Yellowlegs** at Sweet Arrow L. 4/16–23 and **Least Sandpiper** at Old Schuylkill Haven dump 5/16 (BAM).

**Golden-winged, Nashville, and Canada** warblers were

territorial on Quarry Rd. 5/23 (JH *et al.*) and KG had **Cerulean** in W. Brunswick Twp 6/27. A "**Brewster's Warbler**" in New Ringgold 5/30 (DK). **Bobolink** were also there 5/30 (DK).

The SAP is up and running at SGL 80. Of special note was the successful nesting of **Winter Wren** (HJS,BRC,DK,RK,BAM,MSG).

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## SNYDER COUNTY

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At Walker L. 4/17 R&PW found 3 **C. Loon**, 16 **Double-crested Cormorant**, and 2 **Bonaparte's Gull**; 15 Bonaparte's were there the next day. On 4/17 22 **Ring-necked Pheasant** (2♂, 20♀) were near there. This bird is now rarely found in such numbers.

**Whip-poor-will** called nr Troxelville 6/14, 25. A 6/26 visit to Tall Timbers Natural Area produced **Acadian Flycatcher**, **Winter Wren**, **Solitary Vireo**, **Nashville Warbler**, and **Am. Redstart** (R&PW).

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## SOMERSET COUNTY

Abbreviations: Cranberry Glade L. (CG), High Point L. (HP), L. Somerset (LS), Markleton (MK), New Centerville (NC), Wilson's Cr. (WC). All reports by Tony Marich unless otherwise noted.

There was an eerie absence of waterfowl broods at LS this spring. The usual pair of Canada Geese had a nest with 6 eggs 4/18. Water levels were nearing the nest that day as the lake level was nearing normal pool following an extended drawdown which lasted from early fall 1991 until mid-winter 1992. Four goslings were seen initially (Tom Shervinski) but only 1 remained later in the quarter. Numerous **Wood Duck** boxes are placed around the lake. They had all been serviced during the winter. An incubating hen was found 4/18 (earlier than expected), but no broods seen during the quarter. No broods of Mallard either.

An explanation lies in understanding the food chain necessary to grow ducklings. It starts with submerged aquatic plants which are food for an abundance of aquatic insects which provide the high protein food needed by young ducks. The submerged aquatic plants were absent from LS this spring. Eliminated by the fall/winter drawdown which exposed the roots and tubers of the plants to the drying effects after the drought of 1991. The dehydration killed the plants which were the basic building block of the food chain which produces ducks. We are hoping that broods did hatch and were moved to better feeding habitat by the hens and that they will return to LS later in the season.

High count for **C. Loon** was 19 at LS 4/25; latest was 1 at MK 5/8 which enjoyed the Casselman R. where a truckload of fingerling trout were stocked in fall 1991. 4 **Pied-billed Grebe** at LS 4/14 and 6 **Horned** at CG 4/5 and 1 at LS 4/14. A good flight of **Double-crested Cormorant** at LS included 22 4/21 (RSM,RCL) and 10 4/25 (AM). A **Great Egret** at LS 4/11-21, and 1 at CG 4/25. A **Black-crowned Night-Heron** was at Hidden Valley along Laurel Ridge 4/27 (BMc).

3 imm. **Tundra Swan** at HP 4/5. The collared bird of last quarter (Y988) had been banded nr L. Landing, N.C., 2/13/90. At that time this ♀ was determined to have hatched in 1988 or earlier. First **Wood Duck** arrived at CG 4/4 (12 indiv.), later than

usual. 3 **Green-winged Teal** at CG 4/5. Broods of **Mallard** seemed scarce with bonded pairs seen together into June. No broods seen at LS (See note.)

First pr of **Blue-winged Teal** at CG 4/4, 3 at LS 4/14. A road-killed hen was found at Samii's Swamp 6/8. 5 **N. Shoveler** at CG and 11 at HP 4/5. 3 **Gadwall** at LS 4/14. 1 **Canvasback** and 34 **Ring-necked Duck** at HP 4/5. 71 **LS. Scaup** at CG and 128 at HP 4/5, last at LS 4/25. 26 **Oldsquaw** at CG, and HP, LS, & L. Pyle 4/5. A **C. Goldeneye** at LS 4/1 and 7 at CG 4/5. 2 **Bufflehead** at CG 4/5 and 16 at LS 4/14. 51 then 8 **Hooded Merganser** at LS 4/1-14. High **Red-breasted Merganser** count was 42 at LS 4/1, with 2 to 5/4. 15 **Ruddy Duck** at CG and 76 at HP 4/5, and a late 6 at LS 5/4.

The **Osprey** returned to CG while a skim of ice covered most of the lake. They were mating 4/4 and seen perching atop the snow-covered nest. The next day they were adding new sticks to the nest. They remain on the nest through the quarter. A ♀ **N. Harrier** was seen flying over a hayfield nr NC as it was being mowed 6/8. A **N. Goshawk** at LS 4/22 (BRM,TR). 2 **Am. Coot** at LS 4/14. 1 **Solitary Sandpiper** at a farm pond nr Casselman 5/12. A family of **Spotted Sandpiper** at a farm pond beside an active surface mine nr WC 6/10. A **C. Snipe** at WC and 2 nr NC 4/3, and 5 in shallow grass-filled pools on reclaimed mine lands nr WC 4/13.

A **Franklin's Gull** was seen at LS on 4/11. 44 **Bonaparte's** at LS 4/11-15. 250+ **Ring-billed** at LS 4/11 and 4 **Herring** there 4/24. A **Black-legged Kittiwake** was at L. Somerset 4/21-22 (BRM *et al.*). 3 **Caspian** and 1 **Forster's tern** on LS 4/21 (BRM); and 9 **Black** at LS 5/4 and 1 at CG 5/31 (TM). 56 **Horned Lark** were in Milford Twp 4/3; 2 nests were found there 4/20 and another nest found in Black Twp 6/11. The **C. Raven** nesting on a building at Rockwood fledged 5 young in late Apr.



C. Ravens in nest, Rockwood, 4/19/92. Photo by A.J. Marich Jr.

A **Red-breasted Nuthatch** was at MK 4/26. 4 **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** at Dumas 5/7. 2 **Am. Pipit** at S. Glade Cr. in Milford Twp 4/3. 6 **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** at Ft. Hill 5/4. **Bobolink** in Milford Twp 5/8+.

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## TIOGA COUNTY

### Bob Ross

Abbreviations: Crooked Cr. (CC), Colton Pt. SP (CPSP), Grand Canyon (GC), Hammond L. (HDL), Hills Cr. L. (HCL), Jobs Corners (JC), Lambs Cr. (LC), Mansfield (MF), Millerton area (MA), National Fishery Lab (NFL), Nessmuk L. (NL), Pine Cr. (PC), Rattler Mt. (RM), Roundtop (RT), Sabinsville area (SA), The Muck (TM), Wellsboro area (WA), Welsh Settlement (WS).

Pairs of **Pied-billed Grebe** were at SA and HDL 4/15 (HR,A&LB), and 1 **Horned Grebe** was at SA the same day, 2

weeks later than last year (HR). As many as 40 **Double-crested Cormorant** were at HDL, NL, and SA 4/15–25 and 6/20 (A&LB, BR, RMR, HR). **Am. Bittern** reported for the first time in over a year, at Arnot, TM, and CC 4/28–5/26 (MC, RMR, CM, PM, BR), with 4–6 indiv. vocalizing in a small area of TM 5/19 (RMR). Two small (<14 nests) but active **Great Blue Heron** colonies were found (BR, RMR). **Green-backed Heron** were not sighted until 4/30 at JC, some 3 weeks later than last year (A&LB).

A pair of **Tundra Swan** remained at HDL until 4/15 (A&LB) while 5 **Mute Swan** were last seen at CC 4/5, 6 (PM, CW). 7 **Snow Goose** were at MA 4/4 (A&LB). A dozen spp. of duck were reported, only 4 of which bred here. Breeding spp. include **Wood Duck**, **Mallard**, **Hooded** and **Common** mergansers (v.o.). Migrants at various lakes 4/5–5/1 included **Green-winged Teal**, **N. Pintail**, **Blue-winged Teal**, **Gadwall**, **Am. Wigeon**, **Ring-necked Duck** (>150 at HDL), **Gr. Scaup** (+50 at HDL), and **Bufflehead** (v.o.).

Single **Osprey** were sighted 4/11–5/4 at HDL, SA, NFL, TM, and CC (v.o.). ±12 young Osprey are being hacked at HDL in the 3rd year of a re-introduction program by the Army Corps of Engineers (E&TR). Our **Bald Eagle** pr produced 2 eaglets in their new nest in GC (CD). 1 **N. Harrier** at JC and TM 4/7 and 5/5 (A&LB, BR). Single **Sharp-shinned Hawk** were reported from SA, PC, HCL, and NL 4/13–5/9 (v.o.), while **Broad-winged** were at LC and GC 5/22, 6/28 (A&LB, BR, RMR).

Among wild fowl, **Ring-necked Pheasant** (JC, 4/7, A&LB) and **Ruffed Grouse** (HCL, 5/1, CW) were seen only once. A flock of 27 **Wild Turkey** was at GC 6/11 (BR). **Virginia Rail** returned to TM 4/23 to breed in good numbers (RMR); another was found at CC 5/16 (MC). **Sora** also returned to TM 4/23 and >1 pr remained to breed (RMR); another was at HDL 5/9 (A&LB). 3 **Solitary Sandpiper** were at TM 5/9, while 1 or 2 **Spotted Sandpiper** were there 4/23–5/9 (m.ob.). A pr of **Upland Sandpiper** (no known previous record) was observed at WS 4/19 (MC). **C. Snipe** returned to TM 4/21, 3 weeks later than last year. They were not heard or seen beyond 5/9 at JC (A&LB), suggesting no breeding this year. 1–5 **Am. Woodcock** continued at GC until 6/2 (BR, RMR).

Both species of **cuckoo** were reported in good numbers this year. **Black-billed** were heard or seen at JC, TM, and GC 5/14–6/13 (A&LB, BR, RMR), while **Yellow-billed** were heard at TM and GC 6/13 (BR, RMR). A **Barred Owl** was heard at GC 4/28 (BR). **Chimney Swift** returned to JC 5/2 (A&LB). **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** were first seen at GC, RT, TM, and JC 5/7–13, at bit late (v.o.). A **Red-headed Woodpecker** was at RT 5/17 (MC). 6 **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** were seen separately at JC and GC 4/12, 25 (A&LB, BR, RMR).

First reports of **E. Wood-Pewee** came from TM and JC on the same day, 6/2, a full 3 weeks later than last year (RMR, A&LB). Early dates for 4 spp. of *Empidonax* include **Acadian** 6/2 (late) at JC (A&LB), **Alder** 5/19 at TM (RMR), **Willow** 5/15 at JC (A&LB), and **Least** 5/3 at JC (A&LB). **Great-crested Flycatcher** first reported 5/18 at JC (A&LB), while **E. Kingbird** returned to NFL, TM, and LC 5/6–22 (RMR, A&LB). **Tree Swallow** returned last quarter, while **N. Rough-winged** were not seen until 4/15 at HDL (A&LB), 5 days ahead of last year. **Bank** (>17) were also at JC 4/15 (A&LB), 3 weeks ahead of last year. **Cliff** not seen at TM until 6/13 (a month later than last year), but ≥3 pair remained to nest on a barn 6/21+ (RMR, BR).

Only a single **Red-breasted Nuthatch** (JC, 4/28, LB) and **Brown Creeper** (TM, 4/21, RMR) were reported. **Carolina Wren** were widely reported (v.o.). A **Winter Wren** first sang in GC 4/25. Many pairs of **Marsh Wren** returned to breed at TM 5/18+ (RMR). **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** were reported over a 2-week window, 4/21–5/4, at TM, JC, GC, and CC (RMR, A&LB, BR, PM). **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** returned to GC and TM 4/25, 26 (BR, RMR). **Veery** returned to TM 5/18 (RMR). **Hermit Thrush** were heard much earlier, 4/23, at GC (BR). A **Gray Catbird** turned up at JC 4/27 (A&LB), 1 week early, while **N. Mockingbird** were at HDL and LC 5/9 (A&LB, CW). A flock of 40 **Cedar Waxwing** at GC 4/9 (BR).

Five spp. of **Vireo** were encountered, best a **Philadelphia** identified at LC 6/9 (A&LB). Among warblers, 23 spp. were first reported 4/21–6/26 as the following list shows:

Blue-winged 5/22, Tennessee 5/4, Nashville 5/3, Yellow 4/25, Chestnut-sided 5/3, Magnolia 5/8, Cape May 5/14, Black-throated

Blue 5/6, Yellow-rumped 4/21, Black-throated Green 5/3, Blackburnian 5/14, Prairie 6/26, Bay-breasted 5/14, Blackpoll 5/27, Black-and-White 4/23, Am. Redstart 5/3, Ovenbird 5/9, L. Waterthrush 4/25, Mourning 6/2, C. Yellow throat 5/6, Wilson's 5/4, Canada 5/25, Yellow-b. Chat 6/3

The average date of first observation for warblers (by sp.) this year was May 11 (standard deviation of 16 days), which compares to April 28 (SD=15 days) for 1991. This 2-week differential probably represents an accurate weather effect on the migration of this group of specialized insectivores.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** were back to JC 5/4 (A&LB). **Indigo Bunting** at the same location 5/13 (A&LB). **Rufous-sided Towhee** arrived at TM 4/24 (RMR). Sparrows: **Am. Tree** were last at TM 4/23 (RMR), staying 9 days longer than last year. **Field** returned to JC 4/13 (A&LB). **Vesper** were not reported until 6/13 at RM (BR, RMR). **Savannah** were at GC 4/22 (BR). **Grasshopper** were found abundantly 5/15+ (JC, A&LB *et al.*). **Fox** were last at TM 4/12 (RMR), giving this sp. a migratory window of >5 weeks this year. A **Lincoln's** (no recent record) was at JC 4/10 (A&LB). **Swamp** did not start singing at TM until 4/16 (RMR), very late. **White-throated** were last seen at JC 5/9 (A&LB), while **White-crowned** were last at CC 5/11 (CM, PM).

**Bobolink** returned to JC 4/28 (A&LB), a week ahead of last year, while **N. Oriole** arrived at the same location 5/2 (A&LB). At least 4 **Purple Finch** were at JC 4/8 (A&LB). **Pine Siskin** were reported 6/1, 2 at RT and JC (MC, A&LB), with a dozen throughout June at GC (BR). These observations suggest local breeding.

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## UNION COUNTY

Allen Schweinsberg

The 1st Co. record of **Black Vulture** was obtained 6/27 along US 15, 4 mi s. of Lewisburg (RS), who saw a 2nd bird the same day over the Federal Penitentiary. On 4/29 R&MH saw 4 ad. **Bald Eagle** overhead nr Mifflinburg. A **Peregrine Falcon** was well described by JP in the Westlawn section of Lewisburg 4/26.

**C. Nighthawk**, possibly absent from Lewisburg in 1991, was seen there 5/29 (MM). The **Com. Jackdaw** was not found by all visitors this season, but 2 were definitely present at the penitentiary 6/27 (RS, AS). A **Cerulean Warbler** put in a rare migratory appearance in a Kelly Twp backyard 5/20 (AS). **Orchard Oriole** fledglings were being fed in Kelly Twp 6/18 (AS).

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## VENANGO COUNTY

Gary Edwards and Russ States

Abbreviations: *Allegheny R.* (AR), *Barkeyville area* (BA), *Hovis Pond* (HP), *Kahle L.* (KL), *Oil City area* (OCA), *Oil Creek SP* (OCSP), *Two Mile Run Park* (TMRP).

The numbers in general seemed down this year. The number of spp. remained good, but indiv. of any one species were poor. Many warbler spp. sightings, e.g., were of only 1 or 2 indiv. rather than a small flock. The only real wave observed had 8 spp. but only about 20 indiv. birds.

All waterfowl at KL unless otherwise noted. **C. Loon** were not as common as last year but were seen much later, until 5/23. **Horned Grebe** until 4/15 & **Pied-billed** until 4/28. 20 **Double-crested Cormorant** were observed 4/23 on the AR and at least 11 remained until 6/6. **Am. Wigeon** 4/2. **Blue-winged Teal** 4/12–28. Small flocks of **Ring-necked Duck** were seen 4/2–8

TMRP & KL. And **LS. Scaup** 4/6 TMRP and 4/8 KL. No **Gr. Scaup** reported. 20 **Oldsquaw** at TMRP 4/8 & 35+ there 4/9. **White-winged Scoter** were seen 4/28–5/6. **Bufflehead** remained in the area until 5/9. Last **Hooded Merganser** was a pair seen the first week of June on Oil Cr. A search was made to check for possible nesting, but the pair could not be located after this. And the only **Ruddy Duck** this quarter was 5/2.

**Osprey** were at KL and AR from 4/12–5/10. No **N. Harrier** sightings. **Sharp-shinned Hawk** sightings were about average. **Red-shouldered** first showed 5/9. Our first **Broad-winged Hawk** was 4/14.

We added 2 spp. to the County list: **Virginia Rail** and **Sora** were both calling 5/23 in a swampy area near the w. edge of the Co. Shorebirds were not at all numerous, which is normal in our Co. Neither **Semipalmated Plover** nor **Gr. Yellowlegs** found. **LS. Yellowlegs** from 5/2–9 at TMRP. **Solitary Sandpiper** recorded 5/2 OCSP and 5/10 HP. **Spotted Sandpiper** were fairly numerous. An **Upland Sandpiper** was observed on the strip mined area in the s. part of the Co. 5/10 but was not located after that. A **Semipalmated Sandpiper** was seen 5/10. **C. Snipe** were only seen 5/2 in s. **Venango**. **Am. Woodcock** reported 4/2 into June.

100+ **Bonaparte's Gull** seen 4/14 on a pond near Cooperstown and **Ring-billed** until 5/9. No terns. Both **Yellow-billed** and **Black-billed** cuckoos were numerous throughout. **Barred Owl** were hard to find this year, the 1st heard 5/23 TMRP. **Whip-poor-will** were calling 5/9 OCSP. **C. Nighthawk** first seen 5/13 OCA almost a week later than last year. 2 **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** reports received 4/24 OCSP & 4/28 BA.

**E. Wood-Pewee** were again common, the earliest 5/23. An **Alder Flycatcher** 5/23, first **Willow** also 5/23 KL, and the first **Least** 5/5. **Great Crested Flycatcher** numbers were up. **E. Kingbird** fairly numerous, the 1st was seen 5/2. The **swallows** returned much later than last year, most not showing until May. **Winter Wren** were observed 5/9 OCSP and 5/1 near Utica. First **Veery** was 5/2. A **Swainson's Thrush** 5/19 at OCSP.

First **White-eyed Vireo** was 5/4. **Solitary** first observed 5/2 much later than usual. **Yellow-throated** first 5/3, and for the 1st time in several years there were **Warbling** reports, from 5/9–23. **Warbler** numbers were not good. 25 spp. reported with 9 first seen in Apr, but very few indiv. were seen. All warbler sightings in OCSP unless otherwise indicated, with some of the highlights: **Golden-winged** 5/18; **Tennessee** 5/18; **Nashville** 5/10; **N. Parula** first seen 4/23 and nest-building soon after; **Palm** 4/23, **Wilson's** 5/17, **Kentucky** 5/9,31. **No Cape May**, **Blackpoll**, or **Prairie**.

All our grassland sparrows returned to the reclaimed strip mine area in the s. part and were fairly numerous except **Vesper Sparrow** for which there was only one report. **White-throated** were seen until 5/3 OCSP, and the only **White-crowned** reported this spring was 5/2. A **Rusty Blackbird** was in OCSP 4/1 (NK).

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## WARREN COUNTY

Ted Grisez

Abbreviations: Akeley (AK), Seneca Pumped Storage Res. (SPR), Sheffield (SH), Starbrick (ST), Tidioute (TI), Warren (WA).

A **C. Loon** on the SPR 4/11 (TG) and 2 at TI 5/9 (JPK). A **Pied-billed Grebe** was at AK swamp 5/16 and heard later in May (TG). 56 **Horned Grebe** were on the Allegheny R. at WA and ST 4/1 (TG). **Double-crested Cormorant** were more numerous and frequent than ever with 2 at WA 4/17 (DW); 5 and 40 at TI 4/24,25 (JPK); 91 at ST 4/26 (JS), and 1 at WA 5/12 (MC). **Least Bittern** were probably breeding at AK swamp, since 1 was seen 5/16 and 6/16 (TG) and heard calling several times between these dates by others. A **Great Egret** appeared at Sheffield 4/12 (SR) and Chapman SP 4/13 (MB). 3 **Great Blue Heron** colonies yielded only 16 nests; an abandoned colony nr AK could not be relocated. A **Black-crowned Night-Heron**, rare here, stopped in WA 4/19 (BH).

**Mute Swan** nested along side River Rd in ST and produced 4 young. **Oldsquaw** sightings include 11 at ST 4/1 (TG), 4 there 4/8 (JS,DW), 2 at SPR 4/11 (TG), 53 at WA and ST 4/12 (DW). 2 **White-winged Scoter** were nr WA 4/9 (JS).

Male **C. Merganser** disappear after the start of the nesting period, while ♀♀ and their broods are common all summer. The last ♂ seen was 6/8 at WA (TG), later than usual. Where do they go?

17 **Red-breasted Merganser** and the 1st **Osprey** were at SPR 4/11 (TG) and an Osprey on the Allegheny Res. 6/25 (KC). Osprey nest just across the line in N.Y. 17 sightings of **Bald Eagle**, all but 2 were in May. At least 3 **N. Goshawk** nests in the Co. were active. A **Golden Eagle** was well seen at AK 5/2 (BS *et al.*). A nestling ♀ **Am. Kestrel** banded by DW nr Bear L. 6/21/91 was found dead at E. Aurora, N.Y. 4/5/92.

**Virginia Rail**, **Sora**, and **C. Moorhen** were in AK swamp in May and June. 12 **Bonaparte's Gull** stopped at ST 4/8 (JS,DW), 11 at SPR 4/11 (TG), and 40+ at AK 4/17 (DW). **Black-billed Cuckoo** calls far outnumbered **Yellow-billed's**.

3 young **E. Screech-Owl** in WA were report to DW in June. The **Great Gray Owl** was last reported 4/7 on Mohawk Ave. in WA.

2 large young **Pileated Woodpecker** at AK swamp could be seen at their nest hole being fed by a parent. 8 **Tree Swallow** were in WA 4/1 (TG), and ±500 were at TI 4/12 (JPK). 1–2 **Yellow-rumped Warbler** were at Buckaloons Recreation Area again this year, from 4/26 into June, and 1 gathering nesting material 5/16 (DW,TG). There was a **Worm-eating Warbler** s. of Irvine 5/8 (BA) and a **Yellow-breasted Chat** nr Tamarack Swamp 6/10 (TG).

A **Vesper Sparrow** was at AK 4/17 (DW), and 6–7 **Savannah** at WA 4/17 (BH). 17 **Savannah Sparrow** were found on the GBS 6/24 (DW). A **Lincoln's Sparrow** used a feeder regularly at WA 5/1–5, and another was caught for banding 5/18 (TG). 44 **Bobolink** and 18 **E. Meadowlark** were recorded on the GBS. 3 or 4 **Purple Finch** came to their feed in Saybrook through May, as well as 1 **Pine Siskin** and 4 on 1 day (CMN).

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## WAYNE COUNTY

Pat Walters

2 **C. Loon** on L. Ariel 4/25–5/2 (JB,AL) and 1 on L. Lacawac (PW,ST,KL).

The NE Pa. Audubon Birdathon was held 5/16. By far the best bird was a **Black Tern** at L. Ariel (KD,AES,AMK). A **Nashville Warbler** was at Lacawac Sanctuary 5/8 (PW).

The first week of May brought numerous reports of **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** at feeders in the area (AL,PW *et al.*). They have been coming to my feeders all June, in fact, still there in late July (PW).

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## WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Robert C. Leberman & Robert S. Mulvihill

Abbreviations: Donegal L. (DL), Keystone L. (KL), Linn Run SP (LR), Powdermill Nature Reserve (PNR), Westmoreland Co. Bird Club (WCBC). The May Migration Count (MMC) was held 5/9. All banding from PNR.

The migration presented the usual mixed picture; some spp. recorded in good numbers, others scarce or missing. Generally, the early part of the season was marked by warm, mild weather; the end cooler than usual. Winds were mostly unfavorable at the height of the warbler migration (*i.e.* out of the N) and it's our guess that birds that were held up to the s. of the Co. probably overflowed

us when the winds finally shifted around to the south.

Only **Am. Bittern** was reported on the MMC at Guffy Hollow nr Irwin (DB). There was a good scattering of **Great Egret** records from DL (2), Davey's L. and KL (v.o.). An adult-plumaged **Little Blue Heron** at KL 4/14, 15 (VC, SC, MS, EK), represents 1 of very few local records. A ♀ **Least Bittern** (late spring migrant?) was a surprise catch in a banding net 6/4. A "white phase" **Snow Goose**, first seen at DL in late-Mar., was still there 4/4 during a WCBC field trip. 100 **Ring-necked Duck** were at Beaver Run Res. 4/5 (DB). Two **N. Shoveler** were at Acme Dam 4/10 (MEW); and a **Gadwall** was there on the same date (MEW). An **Oldsquaw** was at DL 4/10 (MEW) and 4/11 (TR); a ♀ **Surf Scoter** was found there 4/4 (WCBC), and a **Black Scoter** 4/17 (VC).

A better than usual flight of **Osprey**; multiple counts were frequent, the best 6 over DL 4/10 (MEW). 2 **Broad-winged Hawk** had returned to PNR by 4/17 (RCL). First **Solitary Sandpiper** appeared nr Jones' Mills 4/11 (RCL). A **Bonaparte's Gull** was at DL 4/17 (MEW), and another seen the same date at Twin Lakes (VC). First **Forster's Tern** at DL 4/11 (TR, BR); 2 at Trout Run Res. 4/12 (RSM); 2 at DL 4/17 (RCL). The only **Black Tern** report was from DL 5/27 (RCL). MF reported an **E. Screech Owl** at Duff Park 4/7, and the pop. of these owls seemed better than average at PNR. For the 3rd consecutive year, a **N. Saw-whet Owl** was heard nr LR most evenings from early April+ (CN, RES); however, nesting has yet to be confirmed.

The **Rufous Hummingbird** reported captured at a Latrobe area feeder early last winter was successfully "wintered over" by wildlife rehabilitator Cindy Cook, and released 4/14—it was last seen at a feeder at Cindy's home 4/22.

5 **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** were banded between 5/5–21. A **Marsh Wren** was banded 4/20; another seen on MMC nr Irwin 5/9 (*vide* DB). LB reported the first **Solitary Vireo** 4/9 nr Stahlstown. A few **Nashville Warbler** were caught at PNR in breeding condition after mid-May. Among early returning warblers were **Black-throated Green** and **Black-and-white** nr Stahlstown 4/14 (LB); **Blackburnian** at LR 4/20 (CL). A **Prothonotary Warbler** was nr Stahlstown (DB) 5/9 for one of few Co. records. A **Swainson's Warbler** banded 5/18 was our 3rd record, and we suspect that the sp. will eventually be found nesting either in this Co. or adjacent *Fayette*. **Worm-eating** was very early returning to PNR (4/23), and was perhaps more common than usual this season. Three late migrant **Mourning** were banded: 1 6/6 and 2 6/11. Rare in spring, a **Connecticut Warbler** was seen 5/9 at Cedar Creek Park (DB) for a noteworthy addition to the MMC. We recorded just 1 **Yellow-breasted Chat** during April/May at PNR, but 6 on the MMC (DB); the sp. present in more nearly normal numbers at PNR after the first week in June.

A total of 15 **Lincoln's Sparrow** banded between 5/2–31; a rather good flight v. other recent springs. The "find" of the breeding season, was a ♂ **Blue Grosbeak** located by MRH (†MH) during a BBS run nr Blairsville 6/11; the bird was subsequently seen by m.ob. over the remainder of the month. A ♀ **Blue Grosbeak** at the same locality, first seen by RSM on the evening of 6/11, was also subsequently seen by several observers. Breeding by this pair was not confirmed. This is just the 3rd Co. record. An ad. ♂ **Orchard Oriole** was banded (RCL) on the record early arrival date 4/17; MF found the species breeding in the Delmont/Export area.

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## WYOMING COUNTY

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Abbreviations: Goeringer's Pond (GP), L. Carey (LC), Lemon Twp (LT), Meshoppen (ME), Phelps Swamp (PS), Sordoni's Farm (SF), S. Eaton (SE), Tunkhannock (TU).

## 1st Quarter 1992

A **Red-throated Loon** was at LC 3/31 (JSk). 3 **Snow Goose** (2 ad. blue & 1 imm. white) were at GP 3/16–18 (JSk, BR). Included in the 12 spp. of ducks at LC 3/18 were: 5 **Wood Duck**, 2 **N. Pintail**, 25 **Am. Wigeon**, 4 **Canvasback**, 1 **Redhead**, 94 **Ring-necked Duck**, and 13 **Hooded Merganser**. Others were a **Mallard X Black** (Black with Mallard wing stripes) in S. Eaton 2/17; 25 **N. Pintail** GP 3/25; 232 **Ring-necked Duck** LC 3/27 (BR); and 1 **Red-breasted Merganser** LC 3/23 (JSk).

There were 2 **Bald Eagle** reports from ME: an ad. 1/25 (RB, BN) and an imm. 3/17 (BR). A **N. Harrier** was at Eatonville 2/13 (BR). Two **Rough-legged Hawk** reports: Falls Twp 1/21 (BR) and SF 2/9–3/19 (JH, JSk, JSk). 2 **Short-eared Owl** were at SF (where there was a big flight at end of Dec. 1990), 3/19–23 (JSk, BR).

First **E. Phoebe** report was at LC 3/25 where 1 was feeding on insects (snow fleas?) which were on the ice in the middle of the lake (BR). Only **Horned Lark** reports were of 1 (Prairie) on its breeding territory in ME Twp 2/7 and 25 (Northern) in Lemon Twp 3/14 (BR). Found only at TU were: 1 **White-winged Crossbill** 2/26; **C. Redpoll** 1/22 and 2/2; 2 **Pine Siskin** 2/8; and 6 **Evening Grosbeak** 1/26 and 15 3/9–11 (BR).

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2nd Quarter 1992 - Observations by compiler unless otherwise noted.

10 **Horned Grebe** at LC 4/8. **Double-crested Cormorant** numbers continue to explode; 15 at LC 4/17 (JS); 1 at TU 4/18; and 1 at SE 5/29. The SE record was of a bird sitting in the middle of a flock of **Eur. Starling** on a high power line, high over the *Susquehanna R.* Two **Am. Bittern** records: 1 at Davis Crossing Sanctuary 4/21, 22 (JS) and 1 at LC 5/6 (JS). Only **Black-crowned Night-Heron** report was at TU 5/20.

2 **Tundra Swan** were at LC 4/10. 2 **Blue-winged Teal** were at both LC and PS 4/8. **N. Shoveler** was at PS 4/8. Only **Oldsquaw** report was from LC 4/7 (JS). A **N. Harrier** was seen 6/20, well into the breeding season, at LT. Marsh birds included: **Virginia Rail** 5/8+; **Sora** 5/9; and 2 **C. Moorhen** 5/8–15. With the exception of **Killdeer**, **Spotted** and **Solitary** sandpipers, and **Am. Woodcock**, no shorebirds reported. 3 **Bonaparte's Gull** were at LC 4/8–10 (BR, JS). Very unusual were 2 **Black Tern** records: 5/5 at SE (BR), and 5/6 at LC (JS).

Both **cuckoos**, though reported, were very low in numbers. An early record was that of a **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** in SE 5/13. Only nesting report of **Purple Martin** was at the traditional site at GP, n. of TU. A **C. Raven** at river-level at Osterhaut 5/13 was unusual for that low an altitude. A **Red-breasted Nuthatch** was at N. Eaton 5/9. **Winter Wren** were noted at 2 locations at SE 5/22, 27, but not found any later. 2 **Golden-crowned Kinglet** at Mehoopany Mt. 5/9 were late.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush** were at SE 5/13, 15; and a **Swainson's** was in full song at SE 5/15. 3 **Pine Warbler** were at their traditional nesting site at SE by 4/17 and remained all quarter. A **Cerulean Warbler** was at Vosburg 5/9. **Worm-eating** was at SE through late-May and June. 3 **Louisiana Waterthrush** were along Sugar Hollow Rd 4/14 and remained for a while. However, they did not appear to nest in this area where they were wiped out by heavy early-May rains a few years ago. A single **Wilson's Warbler** report was at SE 5/9.

Although search was made in a number of favorable locations, no **Vesper Sparrow** was reported. A **Grasshopper Sparrow** was at LT 6/20. The only **Henslow's Sparrow** was found at LT 5/15. **Orchard Oriole** was reported from 2 locations in SE 5/22, 27. **Pine Siskin** were scarce; 4 were at TU 4/27–5/4. The only **Evening Grosbeak** record was 2 at TU 4/8.

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## YORK COUNTY

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Abbreviations: Brunner's I. (BI), Codorus Furnace (CF), Codorus SP (CSP), E. Berlin (EB), Gifford Pinchot SP (GP), Gut Rd (GR),

L. Redman (LR), Long Arm Dam (LAD), Spring Valley CP (SV), Wrightsville (WR). The annual Century Run (CR) was held 5/9.

1 **Red-throated Loon** at CSP 4/17-19 (CG, KL) and 5 at GP 4/22 (AS). Total 77 **C. Loon** at LAD & CSP 4/19-24. 43 **Horned Grebe** at LAD 4/22 (RR) and a **Red-necked Grebe** at CSP 5/4 (KL, MR). An **Am. Bittern** at BI 4/16-21 (AS, JB) and at LAD 5/9 (RR). The CR produced its 1st spring **Snowy Egret** in 3 years. An imm. **Little Blue Heron** at BI 4/11 (JJP). 13 **Cattle Egret** were nr E. Prospect 4/26 and 1 nr WR 6/8 (JLD). A total of 30 **Black-crowned Night-Heron** were counted at the Loucks Mill Rd. heronry and a nearby quarry 4/4; by 4/21 10 pr were using last year's nests. First sighting of **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** was not until 5/9 on Conewago Cr. at BI (JLD).

A **Tundra Swan** found on the CR nr Glen Rock (RR *et al.*). Apr. numbers of **N. Shoveler** were above average, with a pr at BI 6/1-2 (AS). A ♀ **Oldsquaw** at Pahagaco L. 4/20-21 (AS, JB), 2 **White-winged Scoter** at LAD 4/22 (RR), a ♂ **C. Goldeneye** at LAD 4/2 (CG), a count of 285 **Bufflehead** at GP (AS) and 95 at LAD 4/22 (RR).

**Osprey** were found nesting on a power line tower of Clarks Ferry Rd away from the Susquehanna R. 5/13 (RC). An ad. and a sub-ad. (sometimes together) **Bald Eagle** were seen on or nr the BI ash pond 4/16-5/19 (AS, JB); an imm. was also at CF 6/27 (JJP). **N. Bobwhite** were heard at 2 new locations in central York in June. A single sighting of **Sora** at BI (DLH). A **C. Moorhen** briefly visited BI 5/18 (AS), and 1 **Am. Coot** at CSP 5/20 (KL *et al.*).

On 4/10 an emaciated **Virginia Rail** was brought to Bird Rescue of York and after their care, including the feeding of large amounts of mealy worms, it was very active by 4/19. It was then released.

In their care also was a large rail with very worn feathers that was somehow badly damaged near Red Lion on 4/19. It was identified as a **King Rail** on 4/24 by DH and AS. It died that same day.

Shorebird reports include **Spotted Sandpiper** at LR 4/9 (AS), a **Baird's** at BI 5/12-21 (JJP, AS), 1 **Pectoral** at BI 4/2 (JB), and 1 dowitcher *sp.* at BI 6/16 (JJP). A **Wilson's Phalarope** and a first spring **Franklin's Gull** were at BI ash pond 5/4. Tern reports: 4 **Caspian** at BI 4/4 (JJP); 3 **Forster's** at LAD 4/13-14; and 2 **Black** at CSP 5/3 (RR).

2 **Black-billed Cuckoo** at CSP 5/17 (KL *et al.*). A **Barn Owl** with 3 young in a silo on Gitts Run Rd. found on CR. This nest has produced 3 young each year, at least since 1988 (RR). **Red-headed Woodpecker** were found in 3 new locations in central York. An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** in CF 5/16 (JJP). The large colony of **Bank Swallow** again nested at BI. A **Brown Creeper** at CSP 5/20 (KL *et al.*). A **Gray-cheeked Thrush** was seen at CF (JJP) and SV (DK) 5/16. ±100 **Am. Pipit** were along Hoff Rd 4/13 (RR). A **Yellow-throated Vireo** first seen with nesting material in mid-May was seen until 6/27 (JB, RG, DD).

Warbler highlights: 1 **Golden-winged** at Kline's Run Park 6/9 (DLH, JB); 1 **Nashville** on GR 5/10 (JJP); 3 **Black-throated Blue** at Isaac Walton grounds and LR 4/25 (RR, AS); 7 **Pine** at CSP & SV 4/17-18 (RR, DK); 1 **Prothonotary** on GR 5/10 (JJP) and 2 on lower BI (DLH); 6 **Ovenbird** at SV 4/24 (DK); 14 **Canada** at CSP 5/17 (KL *et al.*).

A **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** visited a feeder n. of WR 4/25-28 (JLD). 3 pr **Blue Grosbeak** 5/1-23 and 1 **Vesper Sparrow** at BI 5/4 (AS). 3 **White-crowned Sparrow** at CSP 5/20 (KL *et al.*); a **Dark-eyed Junco** nr Hoff Rd 5/17 (RR).

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