

found near KTN 4/4 (PF,MH) and near SB 6/21 (MH,TJ). The origin of a road-killed N. Bobwhite 5/2 (JV) was undetermined. A Virginia Rail called from a marsh near ER 5/27 (MH,RH). Two Spotted Sandpiper were listed at KR 5/5 (MH,NK) while 1 was noted near SS 5/8 (ES). A Ruddy Turnstone at CC 5/13 was a nice find (MF). Am. Woodcock nesting near PF performed a broken-wing distraction display 5/10 (ES); 2 ♂ were still courting near ER 5/27 (MH,RH).



White Pelican, Crooked Creek Park, 5/12/89, Photo by Bill Wilson

Gull reports were limited to 2 Bonaparte's and 4 Ring-billed at KR 5/5 (MH,NK). Two Common Tern were at KR 5/11 (MH,GL,GS), where 2 Forster's had been well observed 5/5 (MH,NK). An E. Screech-Owl was seen peering from a nest hole near ER 5/11 (MH,GL,GS). First Chimney Swift was listed at KTN 4/26 (GW). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker continued to visit a feeder sporadically near KTN during April (CD).

Up to 8 Purple Martin were observed perched on a nest box near ELD 5/6 (MH,RH). Two Cliff Swallow were seen at KR 5/17 (MH,MC). A Common Raven flying over the WL strips was croaking as it was being dive-bombed by a crow 5/11 (MH,GL,GS). A Veery visited a backyard near KTN 5/5 (GSS). Only 2 Swainson's Thrush were reported — 1 near SS 5/8 (ES) and 1 near KTN 5/24 (CD). A Hermit Thrush near KTN 4/30 (ES) was the lone report. First Brown Thrasher was listed near Rossion 4/14 (ES). Few Cedar Waxwing were mentioned, with top count a mere 14 at FC 5/2 (ES).

First vireo arrivals, all singletons, included Solitary at Adrian 4/21 (CD,MH,NK), White-eyed at KR 5/5 (MH,NK), Yellow-throated at ML 5/6 (MH,RH), and Warbling at FC 5/18 (ES). Up to 3 Golden-winged Warbler were counted at KR 5/11 (MH,GL,GS). Two N. Parula at TT 5/4 (ES) and 1 at ML 5/6 (MH,RH) were the only reports. A small flock of warblers moved through FC 5/17 when species listed included 2 Nashville, 1 Chestnut-sided, 5 Magnolia, 3 Yellow-rumped, 5 Black-throated Green, 3 Am. Redstart, and 2 Canada (ES). A Black-throated Blue was found at FC 5/18 (ES) and 1 Blackburnian at TT 5/7 (ES). Yellow-throated Warbler returned to the country club parking lot at KTN and was singing continually 4/21 (MH,NK). A Pine Warbler was found near KTN 4/21 (MH,NK). Three Blackpoll at FC 5/21 was the lone report (ES). One Wilson's Warbler was observed near FC 5/21,22 (ES).

Feeder watchers reported Rose-breasted Grosbeak more commonly this spring than usual (v.o.). A wet area near Adrian yielded 5 Fox Sparrow 4/21 (CD,MH,NK). A single Lincoln's Sparrow near FC 5/21 was relocated the next day in the same area (ES).

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From the sightings received, spring migration was obviously very late due, undoubtedly, to the pattern of cold weather and northerly winds which dominated the first half of May. Many first dates for

spring migrants were at least a week later than usual. All reports are from Raccoon Creek S.P.

A ♂ Ruffed Grouse was heard drumming in the Walling Reserve 5/21 (GM). A Solitary Sandpiper was seen 4/30 (CD). Interesting flycatcher sightings included 2 Olive-sided 5/17 (CT) and a Yellow-bellied 5/25 (CT). Of 21 species of parulids sighted during late April and May, the noteworthy were a N. Parula 5/21 (GM), Yellow-throated Warbler (including a singing ♂) 5/22 (CT), and up to 4 singing ♂ Cerulean Warbler from 4/30+ (GM,CT). Comments on the relative scarcity of Scarlet Tanager this year and late White-crowned Sparrow was present 5/21.

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Abbreviations: Allegheny Front near Helixville (AF), Bedford (BED), Bedford Valley (BV), Shawnee SP (SSP), Tussey Mt. (TM), Yount (YO).

April was relatively dry until the 30th when rain started and continued unabated for two weeks. May was to finish with the driest record of 18 rain days of 6.5" (3" above average); this was followed by an equally wet June with 10.29" (7" above average). Anticipation of warbler flight was outdone by disappointment when warblers passed relatively unnoticed. Due to heavy rain, mist and fog, canopy forest such as Cerulean and Blackburnian warblers, when found, were frequently seen feeding on the ground. It was not a quarter for unusual, however 170 species were reported making it well observed. Unless otherwise note, all observations by the compiler.

Unless indicated otherwise the water bird counts are at the Common Loon, seen all quarter, had a high of 8 on 5/7. Hairy Grebe peaked the first half of Apr. with 16 on 4/5 and 19 on 4/21. Towns Cr. (TF). Pled-billed Grebe high count was 23 on 4/9 (SSP). A single Double-crested Cormorant was first reported 4/5. Then count climbed to 75 on 5/7, down to 30 on 5/9; a few lingered through June. A Great Egret was first observed 5/7.

The only Gadwall report was 15 on 5/11. Am. Wigeon high was 20 on 4/5. Blue-winged Teal first arrived 4/5, with a high of 8 on 4/21. A group of 10 Wood Duck was observed 5/7. Ring-necked Duck report was 30 on 4/5, while on the same date a group of 80 Lesser Scaup was observed. The scaup sp. count increased to 250 by 4/21 (MH). Bufflehead high was 25 on 4/9 (MH). An Oldsquaw single was reported 4/5 (CV), 10 by 4/9 (MH) with last report 4/15 (JB). Broad-breasted Merganser high was 80 4/15 (CV). Ruddy Duck high was 50+ on 4/9 (MH).

Black Vulture sightings were: a kettle near Rt. 220 (JS); and near Hyndman 5/17 (RS). The TM spring hawk watch data covered 99.6 hours, mostly April, with 4.5 hours in May, are as follows: Osprey; 8 N. Harrier; 65 Sharp-shinned; 5 Cooper's; 4 Red-shouldered; 360 Broad-winged; 27 Red-tailed; 4 Golden Eagle; 5 Am. Hawk; 2 Merlin; 1 Peregrine Falcon. Two N. Goshawk were circling the 4/3 and 1 imm. Bald Eagle was at YO 6/30 (GH). Osprey was reported widely and the earliest Broadie was 4/4 at TM.

A flock of 30 Wild Turkey was reported from YO (GH). Although this is the only written report, it's evident the turkey population is thriving. A Sora was swimming at a SSP marsh 5/11 (CV). The Am. Coot migration peaked at 10-15 at SSP from 4/21 (MH). Greater Yellowlegs, never more than 2, were reported various times from SSP, the latest date 5/11. A Spotted Sandpiper was first reported 5/4 with the number increasing to 80 at SSP 5/11. The only dowitcher report was of 1 Short-billed at SSP 5/17 (SSP). A single Dunlin was at SSP 5/10 (CV).

A flock of 50 Ring-billed Gull was seen 5/11 and increased to 200 at SSP 5/14. Other reports, all from SSP, include 1 Bonaparte's Gull in breeding plumage 4/5 with last report of 6 on 5/11. Reports included 10 Common 5/11 (gone the next day); 5 Herring 5/7; 1 Caspian 5/5 (CV); and 2 Black 5/7.

Mourning Dove, ever on increase, had laid eggs by 4/11 at YO (GH). First arrival of cuckoos, both at YO, were a Yellow-billed 4/21 and a Black-billed 5/28 (GH).

First reports of Chimney Swift, 4/29, and Common Nighthawk 5/22 (late?) come from YO (GH). Ruby-throated Hummingbird can be seen as early as 4/29 doing their roller coaster nuptial flight at YO. Belted Kingfisher seem to be flourishing from mild winters and are increasingly reported from farm ponds. Pileated Woodpecker was

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Historic Record

Species: American White Pelican Pelecanus erythrorhynchos

Date of Sighting: 11 May 1989 to 13 May 1989

County : ARMSTRONG

Location : CROOKED CREEK PARK

Observer(s): Bill Wilson et al.

Date of Submission: 2007

Submitted by: Historic Record

Written Description: No

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
A. Guarente	x							
T. Johnson	x							
E. Witmer	x							
N. Pulcinella	x							
J. Heller	x							
G. Malosh	x							
TOTALS	6							
DECISION	x							

Comments: Reviewed at 2007 Annual Meeting. Voice Vote

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

2/22/08