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Memo to: Pennsylvania Birds

From: Margaret Buckwalter

RE: Clarion County, October-December 1990

Date: January 26, 1991

Abbreviations: Clarion area (CA), Curllsville (CV), Leeper (LP), Mt. Zion (MZ), Shippenville Area (SV), Wentlings Corners (WC).

One Great Blue Heron lingered at CV 12/30 (LP). A hitherto unreported pair of Black-crowned Night Herons probably nested at Limestone this past summer but this compiler was unable to verify their presence on 12/10. The observer (GM) gave a convincing description of the birds, their sounds and their behavior. The pair had been observed all summer (with a third bird appearing once - a young one?) through November but disappeared with the first snow storm. (Next year??) A large flock of Tundra Swans was heard going over SV on 11/8, and a smaller flock of 25 was seen on 12/6.

An Osprey was reported 10/1 on Mill Creek (JP) and at WC (WF), also on 10/3 on the Clarion River (DL), and 10/21 at WC (WF). 1 Ad. Bald Eagle was seen on the Allegheny R. near Parker 11/3/90 (GMc). Northern Harriers, 9, on 10/28 continued at MZ (C&RR); 8 were seen at CV on the CBC. A Rough-legged Hawk was first reported from LP on 12/3 (LC) and 2 were on the CBC.

~~The first~~ Short-eared Owls, 4, appeared at MZ on 10/28 (C&RR), and then 4 more on 10/29 at CV. They continued to be seen throughout the quarter but were evidently dispersing because the CBC could only find one at MZ (WF). A third location near Callensburg yielded one owl at the end of October (AE).

Red-bellied Woodpeckers seem to be much more common--4 are regularly visiting feeders in CA and WC. One Horned Lark was seen at MZ on 11/11 (WF). Carolina Wrens are not so scarce this year. Nearly every location has a pair or a single visiting feeders and even singing on warm days. A Golden-crowned Kinglet was banded on 10/21 at WC (WF). Eastern Bluebirds, 19, turned up on the CBC. One Hermit Thrush was banded 10/21 at WC (WF). A Northern Mockingbird showed up for the CBC in CA (PD & EA). The CBC count for Cedar Waxwings, 25, was low. A Solitary Vireo was singing on 10/8 at SV.

Tree Sparrow numbers seem to be down with very few at feeders and only 43 on the CBC. The first ^hWhite-throated Sparrow was observed in CA 10/21 (EM). The first White-crowned Sparrow was seen 10/21 at WC (WF). A flock of 10 Snow Buntings was reported at CV 11/17 (JW&EA). 15 Red-winged Blackbirds made the CBC, as well as 2 Rusty Blackbirds (GE et al). ~~A possible female Northern Oriole (Bullock's) was reported in Knox on 12/13 and 12/29 at two separate feeders (BE & RK).~~ The first

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Pine Siskins, 2, were seen at SV on 10/2 but this is not a "siskin year" apparently as only a few have been reported. Evening Grosbeaks, on the other hand, are really abundant. The first scouts showed up on 11/7 and 11/10 in small numbers which increased to 771 on the CBC.

Observers: Ernie Aharrah, Margaret Buckwalter, RD 2, Box 26, Shippenville, 16254, Lois Callahan, Peter Dalby, Gary Edwards, Beverly Engle, Annabelle & Walter Fye, Art Eshbaugh, Louise Gates, Janice Horn, Reba Klingler, Dan Lueck, Gen Miles, Gerry McCall, Eleanor Moore, Lynne Pollack, John Pokrifka, Carl & Ruth Rowe, John & Kathy Street, Gilbert Twiest,

This paragraph should be inserted after Abbreviations.

Seneca Rocks Audubon Society held its CBC 12/29, a very foggy, relatively warm day. Although CBC locations are not specified in this report, the area covered most of the locations usually reported. Unless otherwise noted, assume the observer is the compiler in SV.

Supporting evidence for the Northern Oriole (Bullock's?)

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First seen December 13, 1990, at Reba Klingler's feeder, Knox, Clarion County. It came back three or four times that day and the last time these pictures were taken from the window next to the feeder. Four people saw the bird: Reba Klingler, Louise Gates, Ruth Rowe and Carl Rowe. The first three from about 10 feet away and the fourth from the street with binoculars. Ruth Rowe took the picture. She said that the bird looked like an ^{female} oriole but "was too white underneath". Louise Gates thought it looked like a female oriole but wasn't sure which kind. She has watched the Baltimore Oriole build nests close by. In the pictures note the size in comparison with the house finch in one picture, sharp beak, white wing bars, yellow breast, white belly (?), grayish on top.

The second report came from another feeder in Knox on December 28, 29, 1990. The first day the bird was close to the house but not at the feeder. The second day it stayed at the feeder a long time. It was a bird with "a yellow breast, pointed bill, bigger than a goldfinch, and brownish otherwise". Beverly Engle looked at the pictures and confirmed the bird at their feeder was similar.

Both reports said the bird was definitely eating sunflower seeds. The feeders are about .7 mile apart and both are backed up by wooded areas. Was it the same bird or different individuals???

Credibility of observers: Ruth and Carl Rowe are experienced helpers at Walter Fye's banding station. The other three are both field and feeder observers of some experience.

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