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FALL 2013 SEASON

Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., and Lee McNeely

Weather conditions during fall 2013 were somewhat variable. Temperatures during August through October were relatively normal, but November was cooler than normal statewide, with most stations recording a mean temperature about 4°F lower than normal. Precipitation was much more variable during the season. During August, normal rainfall occurred across much of northern and western Kentucky, but across the south and east precipitation was well above average, with Jackson receiving more than 10 inches (2.5 times normal). In contrast, September trended drier than normal, especially in the eastern half of the state. October precipitation was quite variable across the state, with relatively dry conditions in the east but abundant rainfall across central and western Kentucky, where Louisville received a record amount (9.94 in), most of it (7 in) over the two-day period 5-6 October. Finally, November ended the four-month period with below-normal precipitation across most of the state.

Rarity highlights included Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Red-throated Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Roseate Spoonbill, Swallow-tailed Kite, Red Phalarope, Sabine's Gull, Snowy Owl, and Northern Shrike. Unlike the fall of 2012, irruptive winter finches were non-existent, with a few Red-breasted Nuthatches and Purple Finches comprising the only conifer seed eating birds to appear.

Publication of any unusual sightings in the seasonal report does not imply that these reports have been accepted for inclusion in the official checklist of Kentucky birds. Reports of out-of-season birds and rarities should be accompanied by written and/or photographic documentation. This documentation is reviewed by the Kentucky Bird Records Committee (KBRC). Decisions regarding the official Kentucky list are made by the KBRC and are reported periodically in *The Kentucky Warbler*.

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Pond [formerly KY 739 Pond] = transient pond along KY 739, Logan; Pope Lick Park, [formerly Floyds Fork Park], Jefferson; Sauerheber = Sauerheber Unit Sloughs WMA, Henderson; Sinclair = Sinclair Unit Peabody WMA, Muhlenberg; Sledd Creek = Sledd Creek embayment of Ky Lake, Marshall; Spindletop Farm = University of Kentucky Spindletop Research Farm, Fayette; SNP = State Nature Preserve; SP = State Park; SRP = State Resort Park; Surrey Hills Farm, ne. Jefferson; Upper Hickman Bottoms, n. of Hickman, Fulton; Waitsboro = Lake Cumberland at Waitsboro Recreation Area, Pulaski; West Ky WMA, McCracken; Wickliffe, Ballard; Wildcat Creek = Wildcat Creek embayment, Ky Lake, Calloway; WMA = Wildlife Management Area; Wolf Creek Dam, Russell.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck – there were two reports: 4 were present on some small transient ponds about 2 mi. nw. of Mosely Pond, Logan, 5 August (ph. FL et al.)–7 August (BFe); it was subsequently learned that the birds had been present for about three weeks (B&RW, *fide* FL); also reported were 2 at Frogue Lake, 3 mi. s. of Elkton, Todd, 21-25 May and again a couple of times during September (†JBc). KBRC review required.

Greater White-fronted Goose – an injured bird remained at Mitchell Lake, Ballard WMA, through the season (m. ob.); otherwise, 1 at Sauerheber 9 October (CC); 2 at Lake Peewee 23/30 October (BP); and ca. 120 over Schochoh, Logan, 26 October (ph. ST) were the earliest to be reported. At Sauerheber, 250 were there by 28 October (CC) with 1000 there by 16 November (CC); also of interest was 1 at Cave Run Lake, Rowan, 10 November (ph. BWu, BP, MWr).

Snow Goose – 1 was at Sauerheber 28 October (CC) with 2500 there by 16 November (CC); an imm. at Melco 27 November (BP) was a local first.

Ross's Goose – 1 was near Lake Barkley w. of Cadiz, Trigg, 20 November (ph. Pfo); at least 3 were at Long Point by 30 November (BP).

Tundra Swan – 3 at Sauerheber 7 November (CC) were the earliest to be reported; other reports of interest included 11 on the Ohio River at Carrollton, Carroll, 12 November (BP, ph. MY) and an imm. on Cave Run Lake 19-23 November (BP, ph. BWu).

Gadwall – 1 at Camp #11 on 17 September (BP) was the earliest to be reported; local peak counts included at least 650 on Hon-

ker Lake, LBL, 200 on Lake Barkley s. of the mouth of Honker Bay, Trigg, and 250+ on Lake Barkley n. of US 68, Trigg, all 30 October (BP); 250 at Camp #11 on 2 November (BP, EHu, ABA); 200+ on Barren River Lake 13 November (BP); 150 on Otter Pond, Caldwell, 16 November (BP, EHu); and 200+ on Cave Run Lake 19 November (BP, BWu).

American Wigeon – an injured female lingered at Camp #11 through the season (BP, EHu).

Mallard – 150-175 surely consisting of local family groups were on Halls Store Pond 10 August (BP, EHu, MSt).

Blue-winged Teal – 30-35 on Halls Store Pond and 3 on some small transient ponds about 2 mi nw. of Mosely Pond, Logan, both 10 August (BP, EHu, MSt) likely represented local breeders from earlier in the summer. Local peak counts included 51 at Camp #9 and 100+ at Camp #11, both 31 August (BP, EHu); at least 215 at Camp #11 on 13 September (BP); 210 at Blood River 12 September (HC); 620+ at Camp #11 on 2 October (BP); 115 at the Falls of the Ohio 3 October (DSt); and 156 at Jonathan Creek 6 October (HC). Fifteen at Waitsboro 7 November (RD) and 2 at the Falls of the Ohio 10 November (MA) were the latest to be reported.

Northern Shoveler – 2 at Camp #11 on 12 August (BP, EHu) with 3 there 15 August (BP, EHu, BWu), and 2 at Lexington 14 August (SM, RBr) were the earliest to be reported; 58 over Douglass Hills 23 October (MY) were relatively unusual for the location.

Northern Pintail – 1 at Minor Clark 12 September (BWu) was the earliest to be reported; at least 15 at Sauerheber 20

October (BP, BBC) and at least 12 at Camp #11 on 2 November (BP, EHu, ABa) represented very modest peak counts.

Green-winged Teal – 2 at Camp #11 on 15 August (BP, EHu, BWu) were the earliest to be reported; modest peak counts included at least 50 w. of Miller 24 October (BP) and 200+ at Camp #11 on 25 October (BP) with 250+ there 2 November (BP, EHu, ABa).

Canvasback – 2 at Camp #11 on 2 November (BP, EHu, ABa) were the earliest to be reported.

Redhead – 2 at Camp #11 on 25 October (BP) and 1 at Minor Clark 30 October (BWu) were the earliest to be reported; local peak counts included 10+15 on the Ohio River at Louisville 12 November (BP); 20 on Cave Run Lake 19 November (BP, BWu); ca. 80 on Green River Lake, *Adair* (RD), and ca. 50 on Freeman Lake (RH), both 23 November; and 32 on Barren River Lake 25 November (BP).

Greater Scaup – 2 on Lake Barkley above the dam 29 October (BP) were the earliest to be reported.

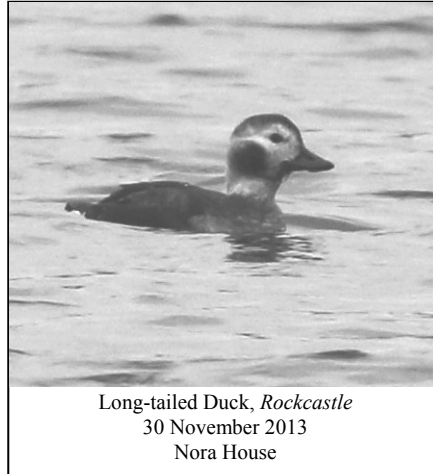
Lesser Scaup – 12+ on Lake Barkley above the dam 18 September (BP) were likely injured birds continuing from summer; local peak counts included 1000+ on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, by 29 October (BP) with 2000+ there 5 November (EHu, BP, ABa) and at least a few thousand there 15 November (BP, EHu); 100 at Waitsboro 7 November (RD); and at least 150 on the Ohio River at Louisville 12 November (BP).

White-winged Scoter – there were three reports: 1 on the Ohio River at Louisville 12 November (DSt, BP, et al.); 2 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 19 November (RD); and 1 on Lake Barkley s. of the mouth of the Crooked Creek embayment, *Trigg*, 20/21 November (ph. BP/HC, BL).

Black Scoter – there were five reports: 1 on Lake Barkley above the dam 5 November (EHu, BP, ABa); 1 on the Ohio River at Louisville 8 November into December (BP et al.) with 5 (2+3) there 12 Novem-

ber (DSt, BP, et al.); 4 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 23 November (RD); and 1 on Ky Lake off Sherwood Shores, *Marshall*, 29 November (BP).

Long-tailed Duck –there were two reports: a female on Lake Linville, *Rockcastle*, 18-30 November (ph. NH, RD, JSo) and a female above Meldahl Dam, *Bracken*, 20 November (JBr).



Long-tailed Duck, *Rockcastle*
30 November 2013
Nora House

Bufflehead – local peak counts all occurred 12 November and included impressive tallies of at least 168 on the Ohio River at Louisville (BP et al.), ca. 150 on the Lexington Reservoirs (JSw), 50 on the Ohio River at Catlettsburg, *Boyd* (CT), and 60 on Grayson Lake, *Carter* (DP).

Common Goldeneye – 300+ on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 29 November (BP) represented the season's peak count.

Common Merganser – 2 on the Ohio River at Louisville 12 November (DSt) and 10 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 23 November (RD) were relatively early.

Red-breasted Merganser – modest peak counts included 12 on the Ohio River at Louisville 12 November (BP et al.); and 14 on Cave Run Lake (BWu) and 20 on Lake Cumberland above Wolf Creek Dam (RD), both 23 November.

Ruddy Duck – 2 on Lake Barkley above the dam 8 October (BP, EHu) were the earliest to be reported; local peak counts included 120+ on Lake Barkley above the

dam by 23 October (BP), with 700+ there 29 October (BP), and possibly 1000 there 15 November (BP, EHu); and 111 on Barren River Lake 27 October (BP, EHu).

Red-throated Loon – there was one report: an ad. on Green River Lake, *Adair* 12/13 November (ph. RD/JSo).

Common Loon – likely summering individuals were above Ky Dam and on Lake Barkley near Kuttawa, *Lyon*, both 2 August (JSo, EHu) with the bird above Ky Dam continuing into September (BP, EHu, RC, et al.); other early reports included 1 on Cave Run Lake 17 August–1 September (BWu et al.); 1 ne. of Owensboro, *Daviess*, 28 August (†JKi); 2 on Lake Cumberland above Wolf Creek Dam 20 September (RD); and 1 on Ky Lake off Big Bear Creek 25 September (BP). Eight were on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, by 23 October (BP); with 10 on Barren River Lake, 30 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, and 8 on Green River Lake, *Taylor*, all 27 October (BP, EHu); and 15 on Lake Peewee 30 October (BP). Local peak counts included 44 on Green River Lake, *Adair* (RD), and at least 60 on Ky Lake, *Marshall* (EHu, BP, ABa, HC), both 5 November; 58 on Green River Lake, *Taylor*, 7 November (EHu); at least 70 on Barren River Lake 8 November (BP); 70-80 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 15 November (BP, EHu); 30 in Smith Bay and at least 40 in Pisgah Bay, LBL, *Lyon*, both 16 November (BP, EHu); and 70-75 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 29 November (BP).

Pied-billed Grebe – local peak counts included at least 50 on Freeman Lake 23 October (BP); 75+ on Barren River Lake 27 October (BP, EHu) with 125 there 8 November (BP); 80 on Cave Run Lake 27 October (BWu); at least 100 on Lake Peewee 30 October (BP); and 40 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 30 November (RD).

Horned Grebe – ca. 20 were on Green River Lake, *Adair*, by 27 October (BP, EHu); modest peak counts included 100-125 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 29 October (BP) with 200+ there 15 November (BP, EHu) and 400-500 there 29 November (BP).

Red-necked Grebe – there were two reports: 1 on the Ohio River at Louisville 12 November (ph. BP et al.) and 1 on Cave Run Lake 19-30 November (†BP, BWu, JSo, et al.).

Eared Grebe – there were two reports: 2 at Camp #11 on 9 October (ph. BP, EHu) and 1 at Ky Dam Village 15/23 November (BP, EHu/HC, ME).

Double-crested Cormorant – reports of interest included 425 on the Ohio River at Louisville 30 October (DSt); 415 overhead se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 3 November (JBy, MBy); and ca. 500 on the Ohio River at Uniontown, *Union*, 4 November (CC).

American White Pelican – reports of interest included singles at the Falls of the Ohio 1 August (DSt) and 4 November (BP, ABa); 19 in the vicinity of Lake No. 9 on 3 August (EHu, JSo); 10 at Honker Bay, LBL, *Lyon*, 24 August (JP); 33 over the Mississippi River, *Carlisle*, 2 September (MMo, EHu, BP); 2 on Lake Barkley above the dam (possibly injured) during September and October (BP et al.); 8 at the Falls of the Ohio 11 October (AGo, BP); 42 on the Ohio River near Mt. Vernon, IN, *Union*, 14 October (ph. CC); 200 over Long Point 24 October (BP); and 800-1000 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 29 October (BP).

American Bittern – there was only one report: 1 at Camp #11 on 2 October (BP).

Great Blue Heron (white morph) – 1 was at Freeman Lake 23 October (ph. BP).

Great Egret – local peak counts included ca. 100 at Barlow Bottoms WMA, *Bal-lard*, 2 August (BP, MMo); 15-16 on some small transient ponds ca. 2 mi. nw. of Mosely Pond, *Logan*, 5/10 August (FL et al./BP, EHu, MSt) with 18 there 6 September (FL); 35 at Melco 12 August (EHu, MA, BP) with an impressive peak tally of 45 there 28 August (EHu); at least 400 that came to the roost n. of Hickman 20 August (BP); 75+ at Eddy Creek 31 August (EHu, BP); 200+ on a slough adjacent to Island No. 1 on 1 September (BP, EHu); 82 at Camp #11 on 13 September

(BP); at least 80 at Doug Travis WMA, *Hickman*, 26 September (BP); and ca. 200 still adjacent to Obion WMA 27 September (BP, EHu). Tardy individuals included 21 still at Eddy Creek 4 November (EHu); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio to 7 November (BP); 2 at Melco 13 November (BP); 1 at Sinclair 16 November (RD, HC, ME); and 1 adjacent to Obion WMA 30 November (BP).

Snowy Egret – reports of interest included 4 at Calvert City, *Marshall*, 1/2 August (BP, MMo/EHu, JSo); 5 at Little River 31 August (BP, EHu); 1 at Honey Cypress Slough, *Henderson*, 3 September (CC); and 11 at Doug Travis WMA, *Hickman*, 11 September (BP, EHu). One at Eddy Creek 8 October (BP, EHu) was the latest to be reported.

Little Blue Heron – 50-75 came to roost at the heronry on Lake Barkley s. of US 68, *Trigg*, 1 August (BP, MMo, EHb, CPo) with 100-150 at the same locality 31 August (BP, EHu); other reports of interest included 23 at the Hickman harbor 3 August (EHu, JSo); 1-2 at some small transient ponds ca. 2 mi. nw. of Mosely Pond, *Logan*, 8-10 August (FL et al.) with 2 on an unnamed pond just nw. of Parsons Pond 26 August (JSo); 15 at Mitchell Lake, Ballard WMA, 21 August (BP); and 4-6 at Camp #11 from 25 August to 13 September (BP, EHu).

Cattle Egret – at least 500 came to roost at the heronry on Lake Barkley s. of US 68, *Trigg*, 1 August (BP, MMo, EHb, CPo) with 1000+ at the same locality 31 August (BP, EHu). There were three reports away from w. Kentucky: 3 at Melco 8 August (BP) that were a local first, with 1 still there 14 August (BP, MA, BWu); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 22 August (JG, CFa, EHu); and 1 along C. Cauley Road, sw. *Logan*, 6 September (FL).

Green Heron – at least 25 at Minor Clark 10 August (BWu) with 35 there 18 August (VS) represented the season's peak counts.

Black-crowned Night-Heron – reports of interest included 5 at Cedar Creek Lake, *Lincoln*, 14 August (TN) with 3 still there

16 August (TN); 3 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 17 August (RD); 2-4 on Guist Creek Lake 10-12 September (DL, RD, JSo); and 2 at Minor Clark 6 November (BWu).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – the only report was for an ad. at the Falls of the Ohio 8 August (PC) with perhaps the same bird nearby on a breakwater at the head of Shippingport Island 20 August (JSo).

Glossy/White-faced Ibis – 2 unidentified *Plegadis* ibis were at Blood River 10 October (ph. HC).

Roseate Spoonbill – a juv. was present at Guist Creek Lake 4-13 September (ToC, ph. TeC, *fide* KP, NA, et al.). KBRC review required.

Black Vulture – 320 counted at the Falls of the Ohio 11 October (BP) represented a local high count.

Turkey Vulture – 330 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 12 August (JBy, MBy) represented the season's peak count.

Osprey – singles at Barren River Lake 2 November (JBy, MBy, NG); over Douglass Hills 2 November (MY); and at the Falls of the Ohio 14 November (DSt, PHt) were the latest to be reported.

Swallow-tailed Kite – there were two reports: 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 12 August (†MBy, JBy, SBy, MkB, HBe) and 1 adjacent to the LBL Elk & Bison Prairie, *Trigg*, 14 August (†CS).

Mississippi Kite – 1 was at Sinclair 10 August (BP, EHu, MSt) with 3 there 15 August (BP, EHu, BWu); a juv. along Upper Bottom Road, e. of Island No. 1, *Carlisle*, 11 September (BP, EHu) and single juvs. over Wickliffe, *Ballard*, and near the Lake No. 9 pumping station, *Fulton*, both 14 September (BP) were the latest to be reported.

Broad-winged Hawk – the peak count for the season was 340 total over Douglass Hills 21 September (MMo).

Red-tailed Hawk – a dark morph Harlan's Hawk along Clear Creek, *Hopkins*, 4 November (ABa, BP) was certainly one of

two Harlan's that were first seen at that location during the winter of 2005-2006.

Rough-legged Hawk – there were three reports: 1 over Douglass Hills 30 October (ph. MY); 1 adjacent to Camp #11 on 2 November (ABa, EHu, BP); and 1 in n. *Shelby*, 15 November (HBr).

Golden Eagle – there were two reports: a juv. se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 19 November (MBy) and 1 at Bernheim Forest, *Bullitt*, 29 November (JBe, PB).

Virginia Rail – 5 were heard at Long Point 24 October (BP).

Sora – reports of interest included 1 n. of Lamer, *Rockcastle*, 24 August (RD); singles se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 26 August/19 September (MBy); 3 at Camp #11 on 24 September (BP); and 5 at Sauerheber 20 October (BP, BBC). One adjacent to Obion WMA 24 October (BP, BL) and 2 at Surrey Hills Farm 28 October (BP, MMo) were the latest to be reported.

Common Gallinule – the only report was for an extraordinarily tardy bird at Figgett Bend, *Hart*, 10 November (†JSo).

American Coot – 1 on Otter Pond, *Caldwell*, 19 August (BP) may have been summering; otherwise, 1 at Sauerheber 27 September (CC) was the earliest to be reported. Local peak counts of interest included 1700+ on Barren River Lake (BP, EHu) and 4500+ on Cave Run Lake (BWu), both 27 October (BWu, BP); ca. 2700 still on Cave Run Lake 19 November (BWu); 1000 on Ky Lake, *Calloway* 1 November (HC, ME); and 1400 at Waitsboro and 600 on Lake Cumberland above Wolf Creek Dam, both 7 November (RD).

Sandhill Crane – 1 was present along Airline Road, *Henderson*, 3 September (CG, *fide* AGE); otherwise, 10 over Louisville 13 October (SW) and ca. 60 over Otter Creek Park, *Meade*, 15 October (CL) were the earliest to be reported; there were more flocks than normal reported from the w. portion of the state (LBL and points west) during the season (HC, CS, BP, et al.).

Black-necked Stilt – there were reports from three locales: 1 in the Upper Hick-

man Bottoms 3/20 August (EHu, JSo/BP); 8 at Open Pond and 15 w. of Miller, both 20 August (BP); and 1 w. of Miller 11 September (BP, EHu) last seen there 14 September (BP).

American Avocet – there were four reports: 5 at the Falls of the Ohio 31 August (EHu, BP, et al.) with 1 there 9 September (PHt); 3 at Melco 12 September (ph. BP); and 1 on Ky Lake s. of Ky Dam Village 8 October (BP, EHu).



American Avocets, *Jefferson*
12 September 2013
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

Black-bellied Plover – there were reports from only five locales: 1-2 at Camp #11 on several dates 10 September (BP)–9 October (BP, EHu); 2 at Camp #9 on 17 September (BP) with 3 there 19 September/2 October (BP); 1 at Jonathan Creek 21 September (MMi); 1 at Blood River 24 September (HC); and 1 at Wildcat Creek 25 September/1 October (HC).

American Golden-Plover – reports of interest included 1 at Melco 21 August (MA, EHu) with 2-3 there 12-15 September (BP, EHu, et al.); singles on several dates at the Falls of the Ohio 20 August–7 September (JSo, DSt, TB, et al.); 4 at Parsons Pond 26 August/11 September (JSo/FL) with 1 there to 14 September (FL); 1-6 at Camp #9 on several dates 28 August–24 September (BP, EHu) with a peak count of 31 there 31 August (BP, EHu) and 1 last seen there 9 October (BP, EHu); 5 at Minor Clark 30 August (BWu) with singles present on numerous dates to 24 September (BWu et al.); 4 at Little River 31 August (BP, EHu); 11 from Island No. 1 to Campbell Dikes 3 September (BP,

EHu, MMo); 1-3 at Eddy Creek 31 August–13 September (BP, EHu); 52 adjacent to Obion WMA 11 September (BP, EHu) that established a new high fall count for the state; 1-2 at Blood River 27 August–12 September (HC); 1 at Fishing Creek 12 September (RD); 4 w. of Miller 14 September (BP); 1 at Jonathan Creek 16/18 September (MMi/BL); 1 at Sauerheber 29 September (BY, MY); and a tardy bird on Lake Barkley n. of US 68, *Trigg*, 16 November (EHu, BP).

Semipalmated Plover – modest peak counts included 15 at Island No. 1 on 3 September (BP, EHu, MMo) and 8 at Camp #11 on 13 September (BP).

Piping Plover – there was one report: a color-banded bird was present at the downstream end of Island No. 9 on the Mississippi River, *Fulton*, 11 September (ph. BP, EHu). The bird had been banded as a chick on the Missouri River near Yankton, South Dakota, during the summer 2013 (*vide* MF).

Killdeer – local peak counts included 220 at Camp #9 on 7 August (BP, EHu) with 200+ there 28 August (BP, EHu) and ca. 200 there 19 September (BP); ca. 200 at Melco 14-25 August (MA, EHu, BP); 130+ at the Falls of the Ohio 31 August (BP, EHu) with at least 125 there 12 September (BP); 107 at the J.C. Jones Road Sinkhole Ponds, *Hart*, 17 August (JSO); 300+ adjacent to Obion WMA 11 September (BP, EHu); and 140 at Jonathan Creek 13 November (HC).

Spotted Sandpiper – 18 at the Falls of the Ohio 21 August (BD) and 15 at Blood River 27 August (HC) represented the peak counts for the season; singles at Eddy Creek 30 October (BP) and at the Falls of the Ohio 13 November (BP) were the latest to be reported.

Greater Yellowlegs – 18 w. of Miller 24 October (BP) represented a modest peak count for the season; 1 at Cave Run Lake, *Bath*, 10 November (ph. BP); 1 sw. of Absher, *Adair*, 12 November (RD); 1 at Lake Barkley above the dam 15 November (BP, EHu); and 1 at the Casey Creek embayment of Green River Lake, *Adair*,

23 November (RD) were the latest to be reported.

Willet – a juv. was present at Camp #11 on 25-28 August (BP, EHu).



Willet, *Union*
25 August 2013
Eddie Huber

Lesser Yellowlegs – 48 at Open Pond 20 August (BP) represented a modest peak count for the season; 4 at Blood River 7 November (HC) and 9 at Open Pond 8 November (HC, ME) were the latest to be reported.

Upland Sandpiper – there were five reports: 1 at Open Pond 4 August (JSO, EHu) with singles heard overhead there 20 August/11 September (BP/BP, EHu); 1 heard over John U. Young Road 5 August (BP); and 1 seen in flight se. of Whaynes Corner, *Hickman*, 20 August (BP).

Ruddy Turnstone – an ad. male was at Camp #9 on 24 September (BP); a juv. was at Blood River 18 September (BP).

Stilt Sandpiper – reports of interest included 5 at Camp #9 on several dates 7 August–17 September (BP, EHu) with 7 there 19 September (BP); 1 at Hays Kennedy Park, *Jefferson*, 13-14 August (KB); 4 at Open Pond 20 August (BP); 8 at Melco 24-28 August (EHu/BP, et al.) with 6 there to 1 September (BP, MSt); 8 at Jonathan Creek 30 August (HC); 8 at Camp #11 on 31 August (BP, EHu) with 5 there to 17 September (BP) and 2 still there 2 October (BP); 1 at Eddy Creek 9 September (DMa); 5 at Minor Clark 17 October

(BWu); and 1 at Sauerheber 20 October (BP, BBC).

Sanderling – there were reports from only four locales: 2 at the Falls of the Ohio 5-8 August (EHu et al.) with 1 there on several dates to 21 August (BD, EHu) and a peak count of 7 there 26 August (EHu); 1 at Ky Dam Village 30 August (RC); 1 at Eddy Creek 9 September (DMA); 2 at the Falls of the Ohio 12 September (BP) with 1 there on several dates to 25 September (DSt); and 1 at Jonathan Creek 18-20 September (BP et al.).

Dunlin – reports of interest included 24 at Sauerheber 20 October (BP, BBC); 5 at Campbell Dikes and 32 at Camp #9, both 25 October (BP); 13 at Sledd Creek 29 October (BP); 28 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 30 October (BP); 32 at Minor Clark 30 October (BWu); 21 at the Dry Creek Unit 2 November (JBy, MBy); and 22 at Cave Run Lake 19 November (BP).

Baird's Sandpiper – reports of interest included 1-2 at Melco 12-28 August (MA, EHu, JSo, et al.) with 3 there 22 August (EHu); 1-3 at Camp #9 on several dates 15 August–10 September (BP, EHu, et al.); 3 at the Falls of the Ohio 24 August (BD) with 1-2 there through 7 September (BD); 1 at Little River 31 August (BP, EHu); 5 at Island No. 1 on 3 September (BP, EHu, MMo) with 2 there 11 September (BP, EHu); 1-3 at Minor Clark 3-20 September (BWu et al) with 4 there 10 September (BWu) and a peak count of 5 there 12 September (BWu); 2 at Fox Chase Pond, ne. of Frazer, *Wayne*, 21 September (RD) with 1 still there 22 September (RD); and a tardy bird at the Falls of the Ohio 22 October (BP).

Least Sandpiper – the season's first juvs. were seen on a slough along Horseshoe Road, w. *Henderson*, 7 August (BP, EHu). Local peak counts included 475+ in the Upper Hickman Bottoms and 100+ at Open Pond, both 20 August (BP); 70+ at Camp #11 on 21/31 August (BP/BP, EHu); 110+ at Campbell Dikes and at least 300 at Open Pond, both 11 September (BP, EHu); 120+ w. of Miller 14/27 September (BP); 75+ at Camp #9 on 19

September (BP) with 70+ still there 2 October (BP) and ca. 50 still there 25 October (BP); and at least 50 still at Jonathan Creek 5 November (HC, BP, ABa). One at the Falls of the Ohio 24 November (BP) and 3 at Open Pond, *Fulton*, 30 November (BP) were tardy.

White-rumped Sandpiper – there were reports from four locales: an ad. at Camp #11 on 7/15 August (BP, EHu/ph. BP, EHu, BWu) was likely the same bird that had been seen nearby at Camp #9 during July, with probably the same bird back at Camp #9 on 21 August (ph. BP); 1 on an unnamed pond nw. of Parsons Pond 26 August (JSo); 2 at Camp #9 and 1 at Camp #11, both 17 September (BP) with 1 lingering at Camp #9 to 19 September (BP); and 1 at Minor Clark 17-21 September (BWu, et al.).



White-rumped Sandpiper, *Rowan*
17 September 2013
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Buff-breasted Sandpiper – it was not a good season for the species with well below average numbers reported as follows: 1 at Obion WMA 3 August (JSo, EHu); 1 at Open Pond 4 August (EHu, JSo); 2 at Camp #11 on 25-31 August (BP, EHu) with 1 there on several dates to 13 September (BP, EHu); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 26 August (EHu) with 3 there 28 August (MA, TB) and 1-2 there to 12 September (DSt, TB, JG, et al.); 1 at Little River 31 August (BP, EHu); 1 at Camp #9 on a few dates 10-17 September (BP); 1 at Campbell Dikes 11 September (BP, EHu); and 1 at Jonathan Creek 18 September (BP).

- Pectoral Sandpiper** – local peak counts included 57 at John U. Young Road 5 August (BP, FL, et al.); ca. 60 at Melco 6 August (BP) with 85 there 14 August (MA); 100+ in the Upper Hickman Bottoms and 100+ at Open Pond, both 20 August (BP); 55+ at Camp #11 on 17 September (BP); and 38 at Jonathan Creek 18 September (BP). One at the Dry Creek Unit 2 November (JBy, MBy); a few at Jonathan Creek 5 November (HC, BP, ABa); 5 at Blood River 7 November (HC); and 17 at Minor Clark 6 November (BWu) with 4 there 10 November (BWu) were the latest to be reported.
- Semipalmated Sandpiper** – modest peak counts included ca. 50 at Open Pond 3 August (EHu, JSo) and 50-60 at Island No. 1 on 1 September (BP, EHu); 2 at Wildcat Creek 10 October (HC) were the latest to be reported.
- Western Sandpiper** – reports of interest included 1 at Open Pond 3 August (EHu, JSo); 1 at Melco 28 August (BP); 2 at Jonathan Creek 30 August (HC) with 3 there 20 September (ME); 1-3 at Camp #9 on several dates 4-24 September (BP, EHu); 10 at Campbell Dikes (BP) and 2 at Blood River (HC), both 11 September; and 1 at Minor Clark 19-24 September (BWu et al.).
- Short-billed Dowitcher** – reports of interest included 1-3 at Melco 13-28 August (BP, EHu, MA, et al.); 15 in the Upper Hickman Bottoms 20 August (BP); 3 at Blood River 22 August (HC); 3 at Wildcat Creek 23 August (HC); 1 at Minor Clark 24/28 August (BWu); 1 at Parsons Pond 26 August (JSo); and 3 on the Mississippi River, *Carlisle*, 2 September (BP, EHu, MMo).
- Long-billed Dowitcher** – there were five reports: 1 at Minor Clark 19-22 September (ph. BWu et al.); 1 at Fox Chase Pond 21 September (ph. RD); 5 at Sauerheber 23 October (AGa); 1 heard w. of Miller 24 October (BP); and 1 at Sauerheber 3 November (JM).
- Wilson's Snipe** – 100 at Sauerheber 24/29 October (CC) represented the season's peak count.
- Wilson's Phalarope** – there were two reports: 1 at Elizabethtown, *Hardin*, 22 August (ph. JSo); and 1 at Minor Clark 1 September (ph. BWu, VS).
- Red/Red-necked Phalarope** – there were two reports of unidentified phalaropes with obvious pale wing stripes: 1 seen in flight and sitting out in the middle of Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 7 October (†BP, EHu) and 1 seen in flight and sitting out in the middle of Green River Lake, *Adair*, 3 November (†RD).
- Red Phalarope** – 1 was at Campbell Dikes 25 October (ph. BP). KBRC review required.
- Sabine's Gull** – a juv. was on Ky Lake off Sherwood Shores, *Marshall* 18-19 September (ph. BP, ph. EHu). KBRC review required.
- Bonaparte's Gull** – a juv. was present at the Falls of the Ohio 13 August (BP); local peak counts of interest included at least 700 at Barren River Lake 13 November (BP) and 205 at Green River Lake, *Adair*, 23 November (RD).
- Laughing Gull** – all of the reports came from just two locales: 3 juvs. at Ky Dam 13 August (DSi); a second-year bird at Ky Dam 16-19 August (BP, EHu, ME); a second-year or ad. at Lick Creek 31 August (BP, EHu); and 3 (2 ads. and a juv.) at Ky Dam 1 September (BP, EHu, MMo) with the juv. still there 2 September (BP, EHu, MMo).
- Franklin's Gull** – there were reports from nearly a dozen locales as follows: single first-year birds in the vicinity of Ky Dam on a number of scattered dates 1 September (BP, EHu, MMo)–11 November (BL); single birds at Jonathan Creek 19 September/13 November (BP, EHu/HC); 1 on Lake Barkley above the dam 8/9 October (BP, EHu/JSo); 2 at Green River Lake, *Taylor*, 27 October (BP, EHu) with 1 at Green River Lake, *Adair*, 3-5 November (BP, EHu, ph. RD); 2 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 30 October (BP); 10 at Barren River Lake 1-2 November (JBy, MBy, NG) with 1 there 13 November (BP); 4 at Sledd Creek 5 November (EHu, BP, ABa); 12 at

Cedar Creek Lake, *Lincoln*, 9 November (ph. RD) that were a local first; and 1 on Lake Barkley n. of US 68, *Trigg*, 16 November (BP, EHu).

Ring-billed Gull – early season peak counts included ca. 1375 at Ky Dam Village & Ky Dam 2 August (EHu, JSo) with at least 1000 in the vicinity of Ky Dam 16/21 August (BP, EHu/BP).

Herring Gull – 2 at Ky Dam 16 August (BP, EHu) were the earliest to be reported; 10-15 were there by 1 September (BP, EHu); 7 were at the Falls of the Ohio 7 October (BP, EHu).

Lesser Black-backed Gull – 2 second/third-year birds at Ky Dam 16/17 August (BP, EHu/ME) were quite early; those birds and several others were observed on numerous dates through the season at several different locales including Ky Dam, Ky Dam Village, Sledd Creek, on Ky Lake s. to the mouth of Big Bear Creek, and also on Lake Barkley from the dam to Lick Creek. As many as 6 individuals were seen on a single day (8 October [BP, EHu]), and an ad. was seen at Blood River 5 November (BP, ABa). Also reported was an ad. at Green River Lake, *Adair*, 3-5 November (BP, EHu, ph. RD) that was a local first.

Least Tern – reports of interest included 30+ at Island No. 1 on 2 August (BP, MMo) with 40+ there 21 August (BP); 2 at Island No. 1 and 2 at Swan Lake, *Ballard*, both 2 September (MMo, EHu, BP) were the latest to be reported.

Caspian Tern – modest peak counts included 9 at the Paradise Power Plant ash pond, *Muhlenberg*, 10 August (BP, EHu, MSt); 40+ at Lick Creek 31 August (BP, EHu); and 28 at Wildcat Creek 23 August (HC, ME) with 29 there 1 October (HC).

Black Tern – it was a good season for the species with reports from nearly a dozen locales: 4 at Parsons Pond 7 August (FL) with 8 there 10 August (BP, EHu, MS) and 3 there 26 August/11 September (JSo/FL); 1-6 at Camp #11 on a several dates 7-21 August (BP, EHu); 1 along C. Cauley Road, *Logan*, 9 August (FL); singles

at Minor Clark 10 August/17 September (BWu) with 6 there 12 September (BWu); 3 at John U. Young Road 10 August (BP, EHu, MSt); singles at Fishing Creek 13/24 August (RD); 13 over Wickliffe 2 September (MMo, EHu); 10 below Smithland Dam, *Livingston*, 10 September (BP, EHu); 2 over Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 17 September (BP); 4 at Cave Run Lake 22 September (BWu); and 1 at Ky Dam Village 25 September (BP).

Common Tern – there were five reports: 2 at Fishing Creek 13 August (RD); 1 at Ky Dam Village 17 September (BP); 5 over Ky Lake off Big Bear Creek 18 September (BP); 4 at Cave Run Lake 22 September (BWu); and a tardy individual at Freeman Lake 8 November (ph. BP).

Forster's Tern – local peak counts included 52 at Jonathan Creek by 28 August (HC) with at least 140 there 30 October (BP, ME); 70+ at Ky Dam Village 25 September (BP); 120+ on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 7 October (BP, EHu) with at least 100 in the same area and another 100+ on Lake Barkley above the dam, both 8 October (BP, EHu); and ca. 60 at Sledd Creek 5 November (BP, EHu, ABa). Lingering birds on Ky Lake included 16+ at Big Bear Creek 15 November (BP, EHu); and 6 at Sledd Creek and 2 at Big Bear Creek, both 21 November (BP).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 1 at Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski*, 21 October (RD) was the latest to be reported.

Black-billed Cuckoo – there were two reports: singles se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 18/27 August (JBy, MBy/MBy).

Barn Owl – there were two reports: a chick was reported at Cave City, *Barren*, 27 September (CE); and 1 at a traditional nesting area in e. *Calloway* 1/3 October (HC, BL).

Snowy Owl – 1 was present at the Louisville International Airport 26 November–3 December (SBu, ph. KT, CPa, et al.). KBRC review required.

Short-eared Owl – there were reports from seven locales: 1 along Puncheon Creek, *Allen*, 20 October (JBy, MBy); 1 at Spin-

dletop Farm 7 November (MT, ph. CFI, DL); 2-3 at Sinclair 7 November through the season (P&SF); 8 at Sandy Watkins Park, *Henderson*, 19 November (ph. CC); 1 on Ft. Campbell, *Trigg*, 20 November (DMo); 6 at Schochoh, *Logan*, 28-29 November (ST, et al.); and 1 w. of Cayce, *Fulton*, 30 November (BP).

Northern Saw-whet Owl – it was an “off” year for the species with only 4 new birds banded at Surrey Hills Farm 2-10 November (MMo et al.); however, on 2 November a banded bird was caught that had been originally banded at Surrey Hills Farm 27 October 2012 (MMo), the first returning bird from one year to another for the site. Also reported were 1 w. of Kes-singer, *Hart*, 9 November (SK, JKs) and 1 se. of Doughton, *Pendleton*, 29 November (JKa).

Common Nighthawk – 1 over Glasgow, *Barren*, 14 October (LC) was the latest to be reported.

Eastern Whip-poor-will – 1 heard near Big Gimlet, *Elliott*, 17 September (EM) was the latest to be reported.

Chimney Swift – 1 at Berea 12 October (RF, RBa) was the latest to be reported.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – only a few birds lingered into mid-October with the latest including 2 near Iroquois Park 14 October (RT); 1 s. of Haywood, *Barren*, 19 October (ph. L&RY); and 1 at Douglass Hills 24 October (ph. MY).

Rufous Hummingbird – there were seven reports: a returning female s. of Haywood, *Barren*, 7 August through the period (ph. L&RY et al.); an ad. male along Fords Mill Road, *Woodford*, for a few weeks late August–mid-September (ph. TO); a returning female nw. of Uno, *Hart*, 24 August through the period (MSn, ph. BP, et al.); an ad. male se. of Hardyville, *Hart*, mid-August–11 September (banded on 6 September) (ph. MH, ba. BP); an ad. female at Winchester, *Clark*, early November through the period (banded 14 November) (B&RE, ba. BP); an imm. male ne. of Berea early November through the period (banded 18 November) (BS, ba.

BP); and an ad. male at Lexington mid-October through the period (banded 22 November) (DBu, ba. BP).

Merlin – extraordinarily early was a report of 2 at Bowling Green, *Warren*, 8 August (†TD); also reported were 2 over Douglass Hills 21 September (MMo); singles over Minor Clark (BWu, GW) and s. of Smith Mills, *Henderson* (BP), both 24 September; singles se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 30 September & 15/25/27 October (MBy, JBy, et al.); 1 at the WKU Farm, *Warren*, 5 October (TD); 1 at Sauerheber 8 October (RD, HC, ME); 3 at Sinclair 2 November (EHu, ABa, BP); and 1 at Joe Creason Park, Louisville, 16 November (SW).

Peregrine Falcon – there were 16 reports of migrants away from known nesting territories: 1 at Fishing Creek 4 September (RD); 1 at Lexington 7 September (DL, ASK); 1 at Guist Creek Lake 11 September (RD); 1 at Eddy Creek 14 September (EHu); 1 at Camp #9 on 17 September (BP); singles over Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 18/19 September (BP/EHu, BP); 2 over Douglass Hills 21 September (MMo); singles over Minor Clark 24/27 September (BWu, GW/BWu); 2 over Camp #11 on 2 October (BP); 1 at Jonathan Creek 6 October (HC); 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 7 October (MBy); 1 at Lincoln Homestead SP, *Washington*, 10 October (ML); 1 just e. of Sonora, *Hardin*, 23 October (WM); and 1 over Long Point 24 October (BP). In addition, likely wintering birds were observed at Markland Dam, *Gallatin*, 24 November (BP) and near the US 68 bridge over Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 29 November (BL).

Olive-sided Flycatcher – it was a good season with eight reports: 2 at LBL, *Trigg*, 16 August (BL) with another at the LBL Elk & Bison Prairie, *Trigg*, 16 August (BP, EHu); 1 at Gunpowder Creek Nature Park, *Boone*, 18 August (LM); 1 at Hickman 20 August (ph. BP); 1 at Cherokee Park 2 September (RBo); singles at the LBL Nature Station, *Lyon/Trigg*, and at Honker Lake, LBL, *Lyon*, both 4 September (JSi); 1 at Energy Lake, LBL, *Trigg*, 5

September (JSi); and 1 at J.J. Audubon SP, *Henderson*, 16 September (KM).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher – it was a good season for the species with reports from 11 locales as follows: singles se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 18/20/25 August (JBy, MBy); 1 at Berea 25 August (PHg); singles on the Anchorage Trail 26 August/4 September (JBe, PB, et al.); singles at Cherokee Park on several dates 9 September–2 October (RL, BD, et al.); 1 at LBL, *Lyon*, 10 September (DMA); 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 12 September (BP); 1 at Fishing Creek 15 September (RD); 1 at Taylor Fork Ecological Area, *Madison*, 19 September (ba. DBr/KW et al.); 1 on the Anchorage Trail 19 September (JBe, PB, BBC); 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 22 September (RD); 1 at Obion WMA 27 September (BP, EHu); and 2 at Ballard WMA 28 September (BP, KOS).

Acadian Flycatcher – 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 5 October (MBy) was the latest to be reported.

Alder Flycatcher – 4 were heard calling (“pip” notes) with 2 of those seen at and adjacent to Long Point 20 August (ph./†BP); 1 was seen and heard calling (“pip” notes) at Camp #11 on 24 September (ph./†BP).

Willow Flycatcher – singles at Camp #11 until 19 August (BP et al.); at Sinclair 23 August (JSO); and at Melco 24 August (TB) were the latest to be reported.

Least Flycatcher – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 21 August (JBe, PB) was the earliest to be reported.

Eastern Kingbird – singles at Minor Clark 24 September (BWu, GW), at Bernheim Forest, *Bullitt*, 26 September (BFR, BBC), and at Ky Bend, w. *Fulton*, 27 September (EHu, BP) were the latest to be reported.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 3 (a female and 2 juvs.) were still present near the w. *Webster* nesting location 7 August (ph. EHu, BP) with 2 (a female and a juv.) last seen there 15 August (BP, EHu, BWu).

Northern Shrike – an ad. was at Camp #11 on 2 November (ph. EHu, ABa, BP). KBRC review required.

Bell’s Vireo – 1 at Ft. Campbell, *Trigg*, 30 August (DMo) and 1 still singing at Camp #11 on 4 September (BP, EHu) were the latest to be reported.

Blue-headed Vireo – 1 at Cherokee Park 14 September (JBe, PB) was the earliest to be reported away from breeding areas.

Red-eyed Vireo – 1 at Green River Lake, *Adair*, 17 October (RD) was the latest to be reported.

Fish Crow – at least 10-12 were heard with American Crows (seemingly migrating) over Obion WMA 24 October (BP, BL); other tardy birds included at least 2 at Jonathan Creek 30 October (BP) with at least 1 there to 8 November (MMi), and 1 at Blood River 7 November (HC).

Common Raven – 1 at Carr Creek Dam, *Knott*, 7 September (RD) was not near a known nesting territory.

Purple Martin – several thousand were observed at a roost at Cannonsburg, *Boyd*, during early August (SF); ca. 5000 were observed at a roost at Renfro Valley, *Rockcastle*, 19 August (SF); a substantial roost of 20,000-30,000+ was present on the Louisville waterfront during mid-August (m. ob.).

Tree Swallow – 6 at Camp #11 on 2 November (BP, EHu, ABa) and 25+ at Obion WMA 8 November (HC, ME) were the latest to be reported.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – at least 700 were at Ky Bend, w. *Fulton*, 27 September (BP, EHu); an unspecified number at Sauerheber (CC) and at least 1 w. of Miller (BP), both 24 October, and 2 near Dot, *Logan*, 25 October (FL) were the latest to be reported.

Barn Swallow – 1 at Cave Lake, *Wayne*, 23 October (RD) and at least 10 w. of Miller 24 October (BP) were the latest to be reported.

Red-breasted Nuthatch – the species was quite scarce this fall with singles reported from less than a dozen locales, mostly after mid-October. Singles at Douglass Hills 26 September (MY); at Big Bone Lick SP, *Boone*, 28 September (P&RW);

and at Nolin Lake, *Hart*, 13 October (SK, JKs) were the earliest to be reported.

Brown-headed Nuthatch – at least 2 remained at the 2013 nesting location at Ky Dam Village through the season (m. ob.).

House Wren – singles at Cave Run Lake, *Rowan*, 19 November (BP, BWu), at LBL, *Trigg*, 29 November (BL), and in the Upper Hickman Bottoms 30 November (ph. BP) were the latest to be reported.

Sedge Wren – there were reports from seven locales: 2 seen and heard at Sinclair 10 August (BP, EHu, MSt); 3 seen and heard at Camp #11 on 12/15 August (BP, EHu/BP, EHu, BWu); at least 5 singing at Long Point 20 August (BP); 1 seen along Straightline Road, w. *Henderson*, 24 September (BP); 1 heard at West Ky WMA 26 September (BP); 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 15/18 October (BP); and 1 at Sauerheber 16 October (CC) with 4 there 20 October (BP, BBC).

Marsh Wren – there were reports from 11 locales as follow: 1 along Straightline Road, w. *Henderson*, 24 September (BP); 1 at Ballard WMA 26 September (BP); 1 at Sauerheber 29 September/20 October (BY, MY/BP, BBC) with 2 there 16 October (CC); singles at Camp #11 on 2 October/2 November (BP/BP, EHu, ABa); 4 at Spindletop Farm 4 October (DL, ASK) with 3 there 5 October (JSo): 1 at Sandy Watkins Park, *Henderson*, 10 October (CC); 1 at Sinclair 12 October (BP, SG, TG, MSt); 2 at Iroquois Park 13 October (BP); 3 at the Beaver Creek Wetlands in the headwaters of Cave Run Lake, *Menifee*, 18 October (BWu); 1 at Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski*, 21 October (RD); 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 22 October (BP, MMo); and 3 adjacent to Obion WMA 24 October (BP, BL).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – a tardy bird was at Honker Bay, LBL, *Lyon*, 29 November (ph. BP).

Wood Thrush – 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 21 October (RD) was the latest to be reported.

Gray Catbird – singles at Obion WMA 8 November (HC, ME) and at Green River

State Forest, *Henderson*, 29 November (ph. CC) were tardy.

American Pipit – singles at Open Pond 14 September (BP) and over Surrey Hills Farm 22 September (BP) were the earliest to be reported; 150 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 29 November (MBy, JBy) and 140+ w. of Cayce, *Fulton*, 30 November (BP) represented the peak counts for the season.

Lapland Longspur – 1 was present at the Twin Knobs Beach, Cave Run Lake, *Rowan*, 10/19 November (BP, BWu); 200+ were near Open Pond, *Fulton*, 30 November (BP).

Worm-eating Warbler – 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 29 September (MBy) was the latest to be reported.

Louisiana Waterthrush – 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 29 August (MBy) was the latest to be reported.

Northern Waterthrush – singles se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 15 August (MBy) and on the Anchorage Trail 23 August (JBe, PB) were the earliest to be reported.

Golden-winged Warbler – fall reports continue to be too numerous to list; reports of interest included 1 in w. *Franklin* 30 August (JSo) [earliest]; at least 6 at Cherokee Park 13 September (AM) with 1-2 there on several dates 13-25 September (BD, RBo, AM, et al.); 4 at the Highland Creek Unit Sloughs WMA, *Union*, 14 September (KM); 6 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 15 September (JBy, MBy, NG) with 4 there 29 September (MBy); 2 at Lake Cumberland WMA 19 September (RD); 2 at Pulaski County Park 21 September (RD); 2 at Little Lick Recreation Area, *Pulaski*, 22 September (RD); and 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 5 October (MBy) [latest].

Blue-winged Warbler – a tally of 11 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 31 August (JBy, MBy) was impressive.

Brewster's Warbler – singles were found se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 31 August (JBy, MBy), 2 September (JBy), and 4 October (MBy).

Lawrence's Warbler – there were two reports: a male was at Lake Cumberland

WMA, *Pulaski*, 30 August (RD); and 1 was se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 7 September (MBy).

Tennessee Warbler – a tally of 82 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 29 September (MBy) was noteworthy.

Orange-crowned Warbler – reports of interest included 1 at Apple Valley Glade State Natural Area, *Bullitt*, 17 September (BWo); 2 at West Ky WMA 8 October (BP, EHu); 3 at Iroquois Park 18 October (MA, DSt); 3 at LBL, *Trigg*, 18 October (BL); 2 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 26 October (MBy); 1 at the Jenny Hole Unit Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*, 3 November (CC); and 1 at Eureka Campground, *Lyon*, 5 November (EHu).

Nashville Warbler – 1 at Douglass Hills 3 November (MY) was the latest to be reported.

Mourning Warbler – there were eight reports: 1 along Red Hill Road, *Allen*, 26 August (ABr, JBk); 2 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, both 31 August/1 September (JBy, MBy) with singles there 2/8/11 September (JBy, MBy); 1 along Pointer Creek Road, *Pulaski*, 5 September (RD); 1 w. of Lake No. 9 on 14 September (BP); and 1 at Taylor Fork Ecological Area, *Madison*, 16 September (ba. DBr).

Kentucky Warbler – 1 at Berea 5 October (RF, RBa) was the latest to be reported.

Common Yellowthroat – singles at Griffith Woods WMA, *Harrison*, 1 November (DL) and at Obion WMA 8 November (HC, ME) were the latest to be reported.

Cerulean Warbler – reports of migrants of interest included 1 at Pope Lick Park 11 August (JBe, PB); an impressive tally of 6 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 18 August (MBy); and a tardy bird at the latter locale 31 August (MBy).

Magnolia Warbler – 1 at Iroquois Park 19 October (MC, BBC) was the latest to be reported.

Bay-breasted Warbler – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 21 August (JBe, PB) was the earliest to be reported.

Blackburnian Warbler – 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 16 October (MBy) was the latest to be reported.

Yellow Warbler – a male at Green Turtle Bay Resort, *Lyon*, 18 September (BP) and 2 at Fort Hill, Frankfort, 21 September (JSo) were the latest to be reported.

Chestnut-sided Warbler – 1 at Pope Lick Park 18 August (JBe, PB, CBe, JG) was the earliest to be reported; 1 at the Big South Fork National Rec. Area, *McCreary*, 20 October (RD) was the latest to be reported.

Blackpoll Warbler – there were three reports: 1 at Blackacre SNP, *Jefferson*, 28 September (†MA, BBC); 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 29 September (†MBy); and 1 at Berea 7 October (†RF, RBa).

Black-throated Blue Warbler – reports of interest included 1 at the Casey Creek embayment of Green River Lake, *Adair*, 15 September (RD); a male at Shaker Village, *Mercer*, 15 September (SP); 1 on the Anchorage Trail 17 September (JBe, PB, JG); and a male at J.J. Audubon SP, *Henderson*, 13 October (KM).

Palm Warbler – 6-10 were still at Lexington 29 November (TN).

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 6 at Bernheim Forest, *Bullitt* (BFr, BBC), and 1 at Ballard WMA (BP), both 26 September, were the earliest to be reported.

Black-throated Green Warbler – 1 at Douglass Hills 30 October (MY) was the latest to be reported.

Canada Warbler – 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 17 August (JBy, MBy) with 2 there 18 August (JBy, MBy), and 2 on the Anchorage Trail 23 August (JBe, PB) were the earliest to be reported.

Wilson's Warbler – 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 7 October (MBy) was the latest to be reported.

Yellow-breasted Chat – singles at Blackacre SNP, *Jefferson*, 28 September (MC, BBC) and at Lincoln Homestead SP, *Washington*, 10 October (ML) were the latest to be reported.

- Bachman's Sparrow** – the only report was of 1 at Ft. Campbell, *Trigg*, 30 August (DMo).
- American Tree Sparrow** – 4 along Straightline Road, w. *Henderson*, 9 November (KM) were the earliest to be reported.
- Field Sparrow** – a total of at least 300 was tallied at Sinclair on 12 October (BP, MSt, SG, TG).
- Vesper Sparrow** – reports of interest included 3 at Sauerheber 20 October (BP, BBC); 3 at Surrey Hills Farm 28 October (BP); 3 at Minor Clark 30 October (BWu); and a tardy bird se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 29 November (MBy).
- Savannah Sparrow** – 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 1 September (MBy, JBy, MBr) was the earliest to be reported away from known breeding areas.
- Grasshopper Sparrow** – 2 at Sandy Watkins Park, *Henderson*, 7 September (ph. CC) and 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 22 October (BP, MMo) were the latest to be reported.
- Henslow's Sparrow** – 1 was at Surrey Hills Farm 22 October (BP, MMo).
- Le Conte's Sparrow** – 3 adjacent to Obion WMA 24 October (BP, BL) were the only ones reported.
- Lincoln's Sparrow** – at least 34 tallied at Sinclair 12 October (BP, MSt, SG, TG) represented a new state one-day high count. Six still there 2 November (BP, ABa, EHu); 2 along Clear Creek, *Hopkins*, 4 November (BP, ABa); and 1 at Garvin Brown Nature Preserve, *Jefferson*, 5 November (AM) were the latest to be reported.
- White-crowned Sparrow** – 1 at West Ky WMA 26 September (BP) was the earliest to be reported.
- Summer Tanager** – singles at Holmes Bend Recreation Area, *Adair*, 17 October (RD) and se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 19 October (MBy) were the latest to be reported.
- Scarlet Tanager** – a male at Yatesville Lake WMA, *Lawrence*, 20 November (SF) was very tardy.
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 2 at Cherokee Park to 27 October (RBo et al.) were the latest to be reported.
- Blue Grosbeak** – 1 along National Turnpike, s. *Jefferson*, 17 October (MA) was the latest to be reported.
- Indigo Bunting** – singles at Sinclair 2 November (BP, EHu, ABa) and along Klondike Road w. of Sauerheber 3 November (JM) were the latest to be reported.
- Dickcissel** – a female was still carrying food at Sinclair 10 August (BP, EHu, MSt); a female carrying food and 2 juvs. were at Long Point 20 August (BP). One heard at Camp #9 on 13 September (BP); 2 at Sauerheber 14 September (KM); and 1 at Sinclair 12 October (BP) were the latest to be reported.
- Bobolink** – reports of interest included 1 along Horseshoe Road, *Henderson*, 3 September (CC); 15 at Spindletop Farm 5 October (DL, ASK) with 12 still there 7 October (JSo); 1 heard over Camp #11 on 9 October (BP); and 1 adjacent to Obion WMA 24 October (BP, ph. BL).
- Western Meadowlark** – 1 was heard singing at the May 2013 nesting location a few miles wsw. of Cayce, *Fulton*, 30 November (BP).
- Rusty Blackbird** – 1 at Minor Clark 17 October (ph. BWu) was the earliest to be reported; other reports of interest included 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 29 October (MBy); ca. 80 total at Hays Kennedy Park & Garvin Brown Preserve, *Jefferson*, 20 November (MWa); 45 along Pointer Creek Road, *Pulaski*, 24 November (RD) and at least 350 at Long Point 25 November (BL).
- Brewer's Blackbird** – there were four reports: a female at Camp #9 on 25 October (BP); 8 along Frostburg Road, e. *Hopkins*, 2 November (BP, EHu, ABa); 2 w. of Cecilia, *Hardin*, 4 November (BP, ABa); and 6 se. of Whaynes Corner, *Hickman*, 30 November (BP).
- Purple Finch** – the species was remarkably scarce this fall with less than a dozen reports, all of single birds reported from scattered locales.

Addenda to the Summer 2013 Report:

Stilt Sandpiper – 1 was at the Dry Creek Unit 20 July (MBy, JBy).

Barn Owl – 48 confirmed nest locations and 10 non-breeding locations were documented in 34 counties across central and western portions of the state during the 2013 inventory conducted by the Ky. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources; this was nearly twice the number recorded

during a similar effort undertaken in 2010 (Heyden 2014).

Peregrine Falcon – 10 traditional nesting territories were occupied during the 2013 nesting season; 9 nests were successful in fledging 30 yg. Two new sites were occupied (downtown Lexington and a different bridge over the Ohio River at Louisville), but successful nesting did not occur or was not confirmed at either site (Arnold and Heyden 2013).

Observers: Nancy Adams (NA), Audubon Society of Kentucky (ASK), Michael Autin (MA), Alan Barron (ABa), Rebecca Bates (RBa), Henry Beachy (HBe), Jamin Beachy (JBy), John Beachy (JBe), Makaya Beachy (MkB), Matthan Beachy (MBy), Sarahann Beachy (SBy), Tom Becker (TB), Beckham Bird Club (BBC), Jane Bell (JBe), Pat Bell (PB), Carol Besse (CBe), Karen Bonsell (KB), Rod Botkins (RBo), David Brown (DBr), Horace Brown (HBr), Abraham Brubaker (ABr), John David Brubaker (JBk), Matthew Brubaker (MBr), John Brunjes (JBr), Rhonda Bryant (RBr), P. David Burke (DBu), Sean Burns (SBu), Mike Callan (MC), Hap Chambers (HC), Philip Chaon (PC), Linda Craiger (LC), Charlie Crawford (CC), Rodney Crice (RC), Ted Critchfield (TeC), Tom Critchfield (ToC), Brian Davis (BD), Roseanna Denton (RD), Tom Durbin (TD), Melissa Easley (ME), Bob & Rosemary Ekes (B&RE), Chris Everson (CE), Connie Farmer (CFa), Blaine Ferrell (BFe), Caleb Fligor (CFI), Priscilla Fontechia (PFo), Preston & Shari Forsythe (P&SF), Rob Foster (RF), Scott Freidhof (SF), Meryl Friedrich (MF), Bill Friel (BFr), Judy Galitzine (JG), Allen Gathman (AGa), Alan Gehret (AGe), Carol Gehret (CG), Noah Glick (NG), Alan Goldstein (AGo), Steve Graham (SG), Teresa Graham (TG), Paul Hager (PHg), Patrick Haulter (PHt), Richard Healy (RH), Michael Hensley (MH), Nora House (NH), Emily Huebener (EHb), Eddie Huber (EHu), Joe Kappa (JKa), Janet Kistler (JKs), Steve Kistler (SK), Jim Kittinger (JKi), Rob Lane (RL), David Lang (DL), Bill Lisowsky (BL), Charlie Logsdon (CL), Mikey Lutmerding (ML), Frank Lyne (FL), Scott Marsh (SM), Don Martin (DMa), William McLean (WM), Lee McNeely (LM), Andrew Melnykovich (AM), John Meredig (JM), Keith Michalski (KM), Mike Miller (MMi), Mark Monroe (MMo), Evelyn Morgan (EM), Daniel Moss (DMo), multiple observers (m. ob.), Tina Nauman (TN), Tammy Ott (TO), Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (BP), C.R. Parish (CPa), David Pashley (DP), Sydney Penner (SP), Kathy Philips (KP), John Pollpeter (JP), Constance Powell (CPo), Vicki Sandage (VS), Damien Simbeck (DSi), James Sipiora (JSi), Brenda Slone (BS), Jeff Sole (JSo), Matt Stickel (MSt), Del Striegel (DSt), Mitch Sturgeon (MSn), Joe Swanson (JSw), Carrie Szwed (CS), Charles Thompson (CT), Russ Thompson (RT), Mark Tower (MT), Charles & Gretchen Tremoulet (C>), Kevin Turner (KT), Steve Tyson (ST), Major Waltman (MWa), Sean Ward (SW), Bobby & Ryan Watkins (B&RW), Katheryn Watson (KW), Barbara Woerner (BWo), Mike Wright (MWr), Brian Wulker (BWu), Gale Wulker (GW), Peggy & Rich Wyman (P&RW), Ben Yandell (BY), Mary Yandell (MY), Lew & Ruth Young (L&RY).

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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2013-2014

Blaine R. Ferrell

Reports of 31 counts were received from across the Commonwealth. A total of 133 species (five fewer than last year) was observed during count days. Sixteen species were observed on all counts and 11 species were observed on only one count during count days.

Once again, temperatures were relatively mild, especially during the beginning of the count period. It is hard to look at a temperature trend in that nine counts were conducted 14 December, only a few counts were conducted 18-27 December, with the remainder of the counts being conducted 28 December to 4 January. The temperature extremes were 13°F for the London count 4 January and a high temperature of 60°F for the Hart County count 19 December.

Although quantitative conclusions regarding species numbers and population trends based on Christmas Bird Count data are not possible, there are some observations that are of interest. Waterbird numbers seemed to be up for selected species such as Redhead, Green-winged Teal, Lesser Scaup, Common Goldeneye, and Horned Grebe with numbers of other species flat or slightly down from last year. Northern Bobwhite numbers were up slightly. American White Pelican numbers were down again during the count period (1193 in 2012, 304 last year, and 171 this year). Raptor numbers were similar to raptor numbers last year across the board. The number of American Coots was about half of that for last year. Blackbird numbers were down from last year, but more typical for recent years. Despite the similarity of weather conditions between this year and last year, it was interesting that Red-breasted Nuthatch numbers were off, and there were almost none of the irruptive winter finches observed last year. Rarity highlights of this year's count included two Lesser Black-backed Gulls (Land Between the Lakes), a Black Scoter (Louisville), a Long-tailed Duck (Land Between the Lakes), five Virginia Rails (Paradise), two Marsh Wrens (Paradise and Bernheim Forest), a Sedge Wren (Ballard County), a Le Conte's Sparrow (Paradise), and an Indigo Bunting (Somerset). There were 377 observers in the field this year compared with 400 a year ago.

Thanks to the many observers and compilers who participated in this year's count and submitted count results on the appropriate forms. Also, thanks to compilers who submitted documentation for unusual species to the editor and to the Kentucky Bird Records Committee. Records of species unusual for the count do not constitute official records unless approved by the Kentucky Bird Records Committee.

Ballard County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at junction KY 358 and Stove Corner Road; 37.12284°, -088.9518°). Habitat as described in 1984. Dec. 17; 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST; Mostly clear. temp. 26-46°F; wind NW, 5-15 m.p.h. Water mostly frozen.

Six observers in three parties. Total party-hours 14.5 (8.5 on foot, 6 by car). Total party-miles 105 (2 on foot, 103 by car). Hours owling: 1. Total species 85; total individuals 47,558.

Observers: Hap Chambers, Rodney Crice, Melissa Easley, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), and Scott Record.

The weather was favorable for detecting birds. The species total (85) was below average for this count in recent years, in large part due to the absence of diving ducks. Highlights included 320 Greater White-fronted Geese, a juvenile Golden Eagle, and a Peregrine Falcon at the Ballard WMA; at least three Ross's Geese with a flock of Snow Geese near Bandana, Ballard County; a Sedge Wren adjacent to the West Kentucky WMA, McCracken County; and three Brewer's Blackbirds near Oscar, Ballard County. Red-headed Woodpeckers were present in good numbers in the bottomland forests, but we did not spend much time in that habitat to tally a large total again this year.

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Northern Shrike, Union Co.
2 November 2013
Eddie Huber



Rufous Hummingbird, Hart Co.
6 September 2013
Michael Hensley



Sabine's Gull, Kentucky Lake
19 September 2013
Eddie Huber



Sabine's Gull, Kentucky Lake
19 September 2013
Eddie Huber



Alder Flycatcher, Fulton Co.
20 August 2013
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.



Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks, Logan Co.
5 August 2013
Frank Lyne



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Trigg Co.
29 November 2013
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.



Least Bittern (juv.), Muhlenberg Co.
3 September 2013
Steve Graham



Rufous Hummingbird, Hart Co.
1 November 2013
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.



Piping Plover, Fulton Co.
11 September 2013
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.



Sedge Wren, Union Co.
12 August 2013
Eddie Huber



Franklin's Gulls, Lincoln Co.
9 November 2013
Roseanna Denton

Calloway County (all points within a 15 mile diameter circle, center Douglas Cemetery; 36.5984°, -088.1958°). Habitat: 20% lake shoreline and streams, 35% open fields, 30% residential, and 15% deciduous and pine woods. Dec. 27; 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 23-53°F; wind S-SW, 6 m.p.h.

Seven observers in four parties. Total party-hours 30 (5 on foot, 25 by car). Total party-miles 172.5 (4.5 on foot, 168 by car). Total species 87; total individuals 5903.

Observers: Hap Chambers (compiler), Kathy Cohen, Mike Cohen, Joe Hall, Bob Head, Darrin Samborski, and Aviva Yasgur.

Land Between the Lakes (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Pisgah Creek, one-quarter mile west of the Trace; 36.9333°, -088.1167°). Habitat as described in 1984 in *American Birds*. Dec. 14; 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky 100% overcast with dense fog in the a.m., temp. 36-39°F; winds calm in the early morning with off and on periods of rain. Winds increased after noon, W 15 m.p.h. About ¾ in of rain fell overnight before the count.

Nineteen observers in eight parties. Total party-hours 56.5 (11.5 on foot, 45.0 by car). Hours feeder watching 1.0. Total party-miles 401.2 (10.0 on foot, 391.2 by car). Total species 98; total individuals 18,442.

Observers: Dan Allison, Lora Ann Bailey, Mitz Bailey, Emily Belinfante, Shannon Brockway, Hap Chambers, James David Chiles, Melissa Easley, Sarah Flarsheim, Brooke Gilley, Bill Lisowsky, Paula Lisowsky, John Pollpeter, Elizabeth Raikes, Darrin Samborski, Carrie Szwed, Josh Szwed, Julie Watson, and Aviva Yasgur (compiler).

This year, we were surprised by the fairly high species total of 98. The weather conditions did not seem very promising. Up until the day of the count, we had experienced a two-week period of unseasonably cold temperatures (most days not getting much above freezing), as well as a winter storm that dumped two inches of sleet over the area. The low temperatures had caused many of the bays on the lakes to freeze, which is quite uncommon this early in the winter. The night before the count, however, the temperatures rose a bit as a rainy front moved through. By the morning of the count, much of the ice in the bays had melted, but it continued to rain during the morning. There was also heavy fog until about 10:30 a.m., making it very difficult to see for much of a distance until the rain stopped.

We didn't really observe many unusual birds this year; the most unusual was a Long-tailed Duck observed in Sledd Creek on Kentucky Lake. Another bird that is not unusual for our region but is also not typically seen on our count, a Peregrine Falcon, was seen at Kentucky Dam. We observed almost all of the expected species with the exception Eastern Phoebe. Species seen in higher numbers than usual included Horned Grebe, Northern Flicker, Winter Wren, Brown Thrasher, American Tree Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, and Swamp Sparrow. Those seen in lower numbers than usual included Bufflehead (a several-year trend), Ruddy Duck, Double-crested Cormorant, Rock Pigeon, and White-breasted Nuthatch (a several-year trend). Thanks to all of the participants who helped count this year!

Sorgho (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Hwy. 279-S and Audubon Parkway intersection; 37.76297°, -087.23086°). Habitat: county parks, farm land, woods, river bottoms, river, ponds and urban parks. Jan. 1; 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Morning clear, afternoon slight overcast; temp. 30-44°F; wind 5-10 m.p.h.

Eighteen observers in nine parties. Total party-hours 34.50 (5.00 on foot, 22.75 by car, other 1.50). Total party-miles 252.0 (7.5 on foot, 244.5 by car). Total species 71; total individuals 9232.

Observers: Patricia Augenstein, Mike Brown, Henry Conner, Brenda Eaden, Tony Eaden, Janie Hancock, Mike Henshaw, Janet Howard (compiler), Jim Kinsey, Pam Kinsey, Mary Kissel, Charles Morris, Frances Tichenor, Lynn Tichenor, Marilee Thompson, Cathy Rogier, Steve Rogier, and Carolyn Williams.

Four Wilson's Snipe and two Great Horned Owls were observed during the count week, but not on the count day.

South Logan County [formerly **Olmstead**] (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, *new* center along Campground Road w. of KY 96; 36.73475°, -086.92451°). Habitat includes primarily open farmland, but also wooded knobs just south of Russellville, stream banks of Red River, Whip-poor-will Creek and tributaries, meadowlands, small wood lots, some field borders, sink holes, cattle ponds and transient ponds. Dec. 14; 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky overcast; temp. steady around 40°F; wind N, 5-10 m.p.h. Light rain, intermittent mist throughout the day.

Six observers in four parties. Total party-hours 28.50 (12.75 on foot, 15.25 by car). Total party-miles 172 (6 on foot, 166 by car). Hours owling: 0.5. Total species 58; total individuals 3744.

Observers: Frank Lyne (compiler), Allison Lyne, Michael Autin, Steve Graham, Teresa Graham, and Steve Tyson.

The Olmstead count circle was shifted about three miles to the southeast this year to accommodate some new participants and, thus, the count was renamed South Logan County. Most of the areas covered in previous years were still covered this year except for Lake Herndon. A number of commonplace birds were missed but we did have a few interesting highlights. Michael Autin saw a Pied-billed Grebe on Red River. Steve Tyson saw and heard 9 Tundra Swans flying overhead. The Grahams saw what was shown by their photo to be a Hooded Merganser, our only duck. Steve Tyson and I both saw Short-eared Owls. The Grahams, Alison and I saw Wild Turkeys. Two teams saw a few Rusty Blackbirds, Red-winged Blackbirds and Brown-headed Cowbirds, but no one saw a Common Grackle. Steve Tyson and I both saw a few Lapland Longspurs in with many Horned Larks. Michael Autin saw a large flock of American Pipits and our only Brown Creeper. The Grahams saw our only Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Steve Tyson saw our only Northern Bobwhites and Northern Harriers. Two Barn Owls were roosting in the silo I have permission to check.

Paradise (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Hopewell Cemetery in southern Ohio County; 37.27755°, -086.95868°). Habitat as described in 1993. Dec. 29; 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy and light rain in early a.m.; partly cloudy midday; cloudy and breezy late p.m.; temp. 27-48°F; wind SW, 0-5 m.p.h. during a.m. shifting to NW 5-20 m.p.h. during p.m. Water mostly open.

Eight observers in four to five parties. Total party-hours 42.5 (24.0 on foot, 18.5 by car). Total party-miles 134 (6 on foot, 128 by car). Hours owling: 2.0. Total species 91; total individuals 59,795.

Observers: Steve Graham, Teresa Graham, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Patrice Pittman, Matt Stickel, Barbara Woerner, and Mary Yandell.

Weather conditions during the early morning and late afternoon hampered efforts to detect birds. The species total (91) was slightly above average for this count during recent years; the higher total was mostly due to the detection of a variety of hard-to-find or unusual species. Highlights included a Ross's Goose, three Tundra Swans, a juvenile Golden Eagle, five Virginia Rails (calls heard at three locations in Muhlenberg County), a small flock of Sandhill Cranes, two Barn Owls, four Short-eared Owls, four Merlins, a House Wren, a Marsh Wren, a Lapland Longspur, and a Le Conte's Sparrow. Raptor numbers were above average for recent years; especially the numbers of Red-tailed Hawk and Northern Harrier, and two Rough-legged Hawks were detected this year. Accompanying the Tundra Swans was a single adult Trumpeter Swan that is not included in the tally. Also not included in the tally were tens of thousands of blackbirds observed flying overhead in the morning and evening moving to and from night-time roosts.

Bowling Green (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Three Springs, six miles s. of Bowling Green; 36.9159°, -086.4359°). Habitat: deciduous woods 20%, fields and pastures 50%, streams and ponds 10%, and town and parks 20%. Dec. 16; 7:00 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. Sky cloudy, to partly cloudy to clear; temp. 35-51°F; wind SW, 10-15 m.p.h.

Five observers in three parties. Total party-hours 22.5 (7.5 on foot, 15.0 by car). Total party-miles 264.25 (4.50 on foot, 259.75 by car). Total species 79; total individuals 8346.

Observers: Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Valerie Brown, Ian-Michael Mason, Wayne Mason, and David Roemer.

Western Allen County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center one half mile west of jct. KY 2136 (Towe Road) and Shores Road; 36.71278°, -086.3469°). Habitat as described in 2012. Dec. 14: 6:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. CST. Sky overcast; temp. 38-47°F; wind S-NW, 0-20 m.p.h. Scattered showers during the morning; drizzled all afternoon.

Thirty-six observers in 16 parties. Total party-hours 91.5 (41.0 on foot, 4.5 by car, 37.5 by horse and buggy). Hours feeder watching 8.5. Total party-miles 94.6 (25.0 on foot, 69.5 by horse and buggy, 0.1 by canoe). Total species 83; total individuals 17,828.

Observers: Jamin Beachy, Matthan Beachy, Abraham Brubaker, Alvin Burbaker, Amanda Brubaker, Daniel Brubaker, Jennifer Brubaker, John David Brubaker, Lewis Brubaker, Matthen Brubaker, Rosemarie Brubaker, Stephen Brubaker, Timothy Brubaker (compiler), Herman Gingerich, Mahlon Gingerich, Jeremiah Habegger, Leon Habegger, Mahlon Habegger, Philip Habetter, Ethan Hoover, Jamin Hoover, Joseph Hoover, Justin Hoover, Matthew Hoover, Philemon Hoover, Emma Marlene, Daniel Marlene, Malinda Marlene, Raymond Miller, David Roemer, Allen Shirk, Alta Shirk, Elvin Shirk, Jared Tupper, Laura Tupper, and Jonathan Tupper.

South wind changed to northwest with rain changing to a drizzle during the day. Highlights were Greater White-fronted, Ross's, and Snow Geese, Redhead, and Bald Eagle. It wasn't the best day for flying birds like Sandhill Cranes. We had a great day in spite of the nasty weather. We beat our last year count (71) by adding 12 species.

Eastern Allen County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center along Rhoden Creek, 3.0 miles n. of Holland, Ky., Post Office; 36.7426°, -086.06855°). Habitat: woods, creeks, fields (bare and grassy), headwaters and shores Barren River and Lake, and small towns and yards. Dec. 28; 3:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. CST. Mostly cloudy with a little sun mid-morning; temp. 28-49°F; wind S, 0-10 m.p.h. Water open.

Twenty observers in 10-12 parties. Total party-hours 84.5 (56.0 on foot, 14 by car, and 14.5 by horse and buggy). Total party-miles 235.5 (38.5 on foot, 169 by car and 28 by horse and buggy). Hours owling: 6.0. Total species 88; total individuals 22,138.

Observers: Jamin Beachy (co-compiler) Makaya Beachy, Matthan Beachy (co-compiler), Sylan Beachy, Daniel Brubaker, Lisa Brubaker, Matthew Brubaker, Raymond Brubaker, Stephen Brubaker, Timothy Brubaker, Warren Brubaker, Andrew Gingerich, Wilbur Gingerich, Noah Glick, Ethan Hoover, Joseph Hoover, Matthew Hoover, David Roemer, Ruben Stroll, and Daniel Troyer.

The fourth Eastern Allen County count was a great success with a substantial increase in both the number of species and individuals. There were several highlights including 7 Least Sandpipers, 3 Short-eared Owls, a Pine Warbler, and a Common Goldeneye. There were also many new high counts set for the number of individuals, with good counts of Pileated Woodpecker (90), Golden-crowned Kinglet (105), Hermit Thrush (20), Palm Warbler, (22), and Eastern Phoebe (44), among many others. Always one of the greatest factors of a pleasant count is the absence of rain, which waited until the very last minutes of the count. Participation was excellent with 20 observers logging 84 party-hours in the field. We greatly appreciated all of the help that provided valuable data. Thanks to all and hope to see you next winter.

Mammoth Cave National Park (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Park Headquarters; 37.18644°, -086.1101°). Habitat as described in 1980. Dec. 15; 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky partly cloudy to sunny; temp. 30-35°F; wind NW, 0-5 m.p.h.

Two observers in one party. Total party-hours 8.5 (4.0 on foot, 4.5 by car). Total party-miles 82 (4 on foot, 78 by car). Total species 36; total individuals 781.

Observers: Blaine Ferrell (compiler) and Albert Meier.

Five of the six Eastern Phoebes were at First Creek. A big miss was Wild Turkey.

Hart County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center corner of Craddock Lane and Jaggers Road; 37.28352°, -085.83795°). Habitat: rural fields and forests; one large (Hundred Acre) pond, and Green River. Dec. 19; 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 40-60°F; wind none to light.

Eight observers in three parties. Total party-hours 17 (6 on foot, 11 by car). Total party-miles 95 (4 on foot, 91 by car). Total species 66; total individuals 10,936.

Observers: Bruce Bardin, John Brittain, Tom Durbin, Carol Friedman, Richard Healy, Steve Kistler (compiler), Jeff Sole, and Mitchell Sturgeon.

Nolin River [formerly Upton] (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 0.5 miles south of Hilltop, e. Grayson County; 37.38964°, -086.1137°). Habitat is woodland, farmland, river, and Nolin Reservoir. Jan. 4; 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky clear; temp. 23-39°F; wind 10-20 m.p.h.

Ten observers in two parties. Total party-hours 15 (3 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 120 (1 on foot, 119 by car). Total species 62; total individuals 4043.

Observers: Bonnie Avery, Bruce Bardin, John Brittain (compiler), Carol Friedman, Dan Givens, Richard Healy, Janet Kistler, Steve Kistler, Jeff Sole, and Mitch Sturgeon.

It was a sunny but windy day near the end of the count period. Ponds were frozen and most waterfowl and gulls headed south. Record numbers for Black Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, and Horned Lark were observed. A Pine Warbler was a first for the count. A large field of native grasses that had previously been the center for Short-eared Owl activity had been plowed (or mowed) and only one owl was observed. The small Brewer's Blackbird flock observed in previous years was located at the end of the day.

Hodgenville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center courthouse square in downtown Hodgenville, Ky.; 37.57375°, -085.74038°). Habitat as described in 2011. Dec. 28; 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. Sky partly sunny but became overcast at dusk with rain starting at 7:00 pm; temp. 37-50°F; wind 8 m.p.h.

Six observers in three parties. Total party-hours 29.5 (12.5 by foot 17.0 by car). Total hours owling 0.5. Total party-miles 132 (7 on foot, 125 by car). Total species 76; total individuals 3230.

Observers: Brooks Atherton, Lyn Atherton, Michael Autin, Bill Friel, David Stewart, and Barbara Woerner (compiler).

Six observers enjoyed a pleasant day of birding, finding a total of 75 species. Highlights included four Tundra Swans (LA, BW), a juvenile Bald Eagle (BW), three juvenile Double-crested Cormorants (MA, BF, DS, BW), two Red-breasted Nuthatches (MA), a Pine Warbler (MA), and a Purple Finch (MA). There were two additional species for the count week: House Wren (MA) and Brown Thrasher (MA). A very good Christmas Bird Count, especially considering the few participants and incomplete coverage of the circle.

Otter Creek Park (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center just west of the jct. KY 1238 and Pack Lane, about two miles sw. of the Park entrance; 37.91409°, -86.069836°). Habitat as described in 2001. Dec 19; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky mostly clear; temp. 35-56°F; wind W-SW, 5-20 m.p.h. Water partly frozen.

Six observers in three to four parties. Total party-hours 22.5 (11.5 on foot, 11.0 by car). Total party-miles 163.5 (6.5 on foot, 147 by car). Total species 70; total individuals 7467.

Observers: Kim Ennis, Eddie Huber, Charlie Logsdon, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Del Striegel, and Barbara Woerner.

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2013–2014 Christmas Bird Count	Ballard County	Calloway County	Land Between the Lakes	Sorgho	South Logan County	Paradise	Bowling Green	Western Allen County	Eastern Allen County	Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park	Hodgenville	Nolin River	Hodgenville	Otter Creek Park
Black Vulture	–	–	3	11	11	56	25	244	81	–	14	164	23	62
Turkey Vulture	–	21	2	7	6	52	53	154	93	4	28	74	28	110
Bald Eagle	35	5	46	3	–	wk	1	1	4	2	1	3	1	4
Northern Harrier	10	2	2	6	4	38	3	6	7	–	2	9	1	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	wk	1	2	–	3	4	1	3	–	3	1	–	2
Cooper's Hawk	–	2	1	1	2	3	8	5	6	–	2	–	3	1
Sharp-sh./Cooper's Hawk	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	wk	–	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	9	14	9	1	–	14	1	10	17	1	3	4	5	5
Red-tailed Hawk	29	13	9	53	27	52	28	28	59	1	21	18	16	19
Rough-legged Hawk	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Golden Eagle	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Virginia Rail	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
American Coot	–	190	252	2	–	6	39	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sandhill Crane	–	–	–	–	–	9	–	–	6	–	wk	103	–	546
Killdeer	20	161	49	80	123	4	40	120	204	–	9	61	53	2
Least Sandpiper	–	13	4	–	–	–	–	–	7	–	–	–	–	–
Wilson's Snipe	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	10	–	–	–	–	–
American Woodcock	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bonaparte's Gull	–	1293	2877	–	–	–	–	–	800	–	–	–	–	–
Ring-billed Gull	53	1056	2842	2	–	–	19	17	200	–	–	–	–	7
Herring Gull	2	9	119	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Les. Black-backed Gull	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Forster's Tern	–	11	wk	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Rock Pigeon	30	30	44	237	3	15	355	136	313	–	21	10	39	12
Eurasian Collared-Dove	15	wk	–	42	12	–	–	–	20	–	–	–	–	3
Mourning Dove	55	40	18	197	395	48	386	1117	1301	2	103	124	183	375
Barn Owl	–	1	–	–	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	1	–	4	wk	2	–	–	2	–	2	–	1	1
Great Horned Owl	–	5	–	5	wk	3	3	wk	12	–	5	1	1	–
Barred Owl	5	6	5	2	–	2	–	2	12	–	3	wk	2	2
Short-eared Owl	–	–	–	–	7	4	–	–	3	–	–	1	–	–
Rufous Hummingbird	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Belted Kingfisher	5	2	11	3	3	12	2	3	27	1	5	3	6	5
Red-headed Woodpecker	12	4	38	–	–	8	–	10	60	–	17	–	1	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	23	59	65	25	27	25	18	121	231	8	15	16	–	18
Yel.-bellied Sapsucker	11	9	24	1	3	1	3	18	39	7	3	4	22	2

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22	26	77	-	276	21	14	90	20	109	8	30	230	45	76	-	-	1738
5	12	22	35	13	7	71	12	-	48	11	4	181	41	95	3	1	1193
1	2	2	-	-	1	-	1	3	1	1	-	4	1	2	1	2	128
2	-	1	1	-	1	3	4	-	-	-	3	9	1	2	-	1	122
1	2	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	2	3	-	1	2	2	2	-	41
1	17	1	1	1	-	6	6	2	5	3	-	2	7	-	1	-	87
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
14	14	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	4	1	6	17	3	15	6	179
30	21	8	5	9	5	28	21	8	21	30	12	12	36	14	15	1	649
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	wk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
1	33	-	140	2	-	-	37	2	30	-	57	25	22	2	5	-	845
-	5	210	19	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	183	-	-	-	-	1084
50	14	wk	1	8	-	5	18	-	19	5	3	10	102	39	41	1	1242
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
2	1	wk	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	8	5	-	2	-	47
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
-	-	-	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	253	19	63	-	-	5364
8	293	-	2650	-	-	-	7	8	-	14	-	80	9	66	-	85	7416
-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
114	1102	161	24	122	45	114	219	30	31	4	183	41	110	60	435	12	4052
-	-	-	-	wk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	93
146	474	206	163	182	87	1048	577	280	84	192	214	90	678	787	255	144	9951
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
-	-	1	-	-	-	6	1	2	2	3	-	2	2	-	1	-	34
2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	51
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
3	17	4	1	3	2	5	5	3	3	3	6	4	8	1	3	1	160
-	-	-	5	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	3	3	6	185
29	47	11	14	25	-	19	26	4	30	17	12	44	64	33	42	35	1103
3	9	-	-	2	-	3	4	1	3	2	1	6	7	7	2	2	199

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Downy Woodpecker	13	35	25	14	16	20	11	36	81	5	6	7	16	8
Hairy Woodpecker	4	17	4	11	–	11	4	10	25	1	4	3	7	8
Northern Flicker	35	16	86	13	8	35	17	49	96	2	11	4	12	13
Pileated Woodpecker	8	8	21	3	3	11	2	19	90	5	6	2	9	6
American Kestrel	16	12	9	81	24	18	29	41	97	–	34	37	18	11
Merlin	–	–	–	1	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Peregrine Falcon	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eastern Phoebe	4	3	–	–	3	3	3	14	44	6	1	3	3	–
Loggerhead Shrike	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	4	2	–	2	1	3	–
Blue Jay	30	54	106	55	67	155	50	452	533	11	66	42	46	19
American Crow	60	71	38	26	28	151	357	239	549	6	240	136	114	269
Horned Lark	130	18	–	314	388	–	130	325	351	–	–	306	77	30
Carolina Chickadee	16	52	130	44	41	80	23	68	163	7	23	48	41	59
Tufted Titmouse	31	53	183	48	34	89	26	115	184	15	41	18	58	54
Red-breasted Nuthatch	–	1	2	–	–	3	2	–	–	–	–	–	2	–
White-breasted Nuthatch	6	23	44	10	6	1	4	31	92	11	6	7	22	19
Brown Creeper	4	2	3	5	2	2	3	5	13	1	wk	1	2	–
Winter Wren	4	1	2	–	–	2	1	4	26	2	5	2	3	1
House Wren	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	wk	–
Marsh Wren	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sedge Wren	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Carolina Wren	18	56	86	34	42	65	30	109	235	7	20	13	29	42
Golden-crowned Kinglet	10	8	22	16	17	24	16	54	105	4	7	6	16	29
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6	1	6	4	1	6	1	2	6	–	1	–	2	3
Eastern Bluebird	50	73	54	35	49	126	60	231	251	9	68	96	56	115
Hermit Thrush	8	7	29	–	–	5	5	1	20	1	2	wk	1	2
American Robin	60	136	48	193	28	136	75	2837	487	299	77	11	111	73
Northern Mockingbird	24	28	17	55	33	35	33	159	113	1	24	45	34	29
Brown Thrasher	6	1	7	1	–	3	2	26	7	–	1	–	wk	–
European Starling	1100	489	489	4527	1346	720	4920	3137	5972	175	2340	1630	864	4700
American Pipit	10	9	–	–	126	–	68	262	222	–	–	–	5	26
Cedar Waxwing	–	58	7	4	–	–	20	177	29	10	–	wk	20	–
Lapland Longspur	300	–	–	–	21	1	9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Palm Warbler	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	21	22	–	2	–	–	1
Pine Warbler	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	–
Yellow-rumped Warbler	16	3	9	2	wk	120	29	91	216	31	20	20	55	72
Eastern Towhee	26	29	38	8	13	42	18	60	66	–	13	2	16	13

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30	62	8	4	20	9	18	26	4	25	7	13	10	47	16	15	18	625
3	8	-	1	1	-	4	2	1	2	1	-	3	12	4	3	2	156
25	21	3	7	6	8	8	25	6	11	18	21	25	36	16	23	14	670
11	5	1	4	7	4	1	9	1	10	2	6	12	8	9	11	27	321
15	16	18	18	8	12	47	23	10	12	17	45	51	69	47	27	4	866
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	7
-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
1	-	1	wk	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	8	15	8	8	4	136
-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	21
64	102	29	34	60	22	80	91	16	98	50	69	107	198	57	108	29	2900
212	171	73	98	177	141	95	192	65	85	66	73	200	412	274	428	144	5190
70	wk	5	-	-	-	2	2	-	20	-	1	-	8	1	-	-	2178
110	205	25	20	93	27	44	114	4	81	28	36	55	116	61	68	67	1949
140	121	13	16	59	6	47	43	5	57	29	16	73	85	38	83	54	1834
2	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	21
50	35	9	3	20	11	8	12	-	34	11	3	26	33	21	23	27	608
1	22	-	1	4	3	2	2	1	3	1	1	-	2	3	-	-	89
2	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	5	2	1	78
-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	9
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
47	75	7	16	47	13	58	56	12	43	32	28	57	118	68	62	38	1563
29	70	13	10	13	9	5	70	2	27	18	28	19	33	25	11	28	744
1	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	5	3	4	-	68
116	38	12	17	12	34	119	91	5	39	41	27	175	191	116	122	48	2476
6	3	-	5	-	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	10	5	12	4	16	147
520	2325	39	118	200	27	569	1243	58	329	76	215	1861	346	130	265	1544	14436
68	54	19	10	26	9	107	53	14	22	19	45	66	167	32	93	12	1446
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	59
1595	5693	1466	740	1402	420	4000	4679	312	1087	245	2955	2303	5685	4638	3036	426	73091
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	753
1	93	2	2	-	-	6	24	-	7	-	-	27	16	17	40	95	655
-	wk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	331
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	52
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
103	33	1	23	24	48	2	21	17	21	24	15	146	124	53	32	19	1390
39	7	2	-	6	1	2	4	7	11	10	11	30	49	21	9	11	564

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Amer. Tree Sparrow	23	2	12	7	–	15	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	3
Chipping Sparrow	–	–	3	18	–	3	1	14	5	–	–	–	–	–
Field Sparrow	31	11	24	7	6	15	58	169	197	2	56	2	68	20
Savannah Sparrow	18	4	4	2	38	3	3	89	76	–	–	7	2	1
Le Conte's Sparrow	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fox Sparrow	6	–	10	6	–	29	4	61	41	–	5	wk	3	–
Song Sparrow	50	27	72	25	65	127	96	585	509	4	143	22	132	50
Swamp Sparrow	90	12	37	2	9	145	13	75	233	–	92	7	25	18
White-thr. Sparrow	133	152	267	44	32	234	128	426	619	9	200	28	41	40
White-cr. Sparrow	20	16	1	10	91	84	7	358	84	–	69	23	46	3
Dark-eyed Junco	51	266	561	86	29	140	48	207	195	39	6	118	68	55
Northern Cardinal	65	60	154	97	144	205	64	407	445	29	72	91	78	76
Indigo Bunting	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Red-wg. Blackbird	10000	28	195	92	54	5000	40	200	1048	–	2000	10	21	3
Eastern Meadowlark	43	30	30	28	49	48	85	317	483	–	39	119	103	37
Rusty Blackbird	35	1	17	25	10	6	65	90	6	–	50	–	–	–
Brewer's Blackbird	3	–	–	–	–	9	–	–	–	–	–	13	–	–
Common Grackle	25500	5	2583	2077	wk	50000	14	1151	865	–	500	1	5	1
Brown-hd. Cowbird	500	–	10	20	92	2	–	2074	2641	–	4000	–	2	–
Purple Finch	–	3	3	–	–	4	–	6	–	–	–	–	1	–
House Finch	2	14	19	17	8	–	46	18	13	–	12	1	30	5
Pine Siskin	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
American Goldfinch	11	24	109	24	36	89	64	276	359	61	76	116	82	43
House Sparrow	80	70	24	190	36	4	56	149	170	–	35	25	90	12
Day of Count	D17	D27	D14	J1	D14	D29	D16	D14	D28	D15	D19	J4	D28	D19
Number of Species	85	87	98	71	58	90	79	82	88	36	66	62	76	70
No. of Individuals	47558	5903	18442	9232	3744	59795	8346	17828	22138	781	10936	4043	3230	7467
No. of Observers	6	7	19	18	6	8	5	36	20	2	8	10	6	6

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22	21	14	-	3	10	1	-	2	23	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	162
-	12	5	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	24	39	11	11	5	153
63	11	14	20	-	12	6	26	1	33	26	69	61	165	35	44	27	1279
-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	12	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	268
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
11	10	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	-	20	-	29	-	1	-	241
102	236	48	17	63	49	59	121	23	80	36	116	121	245	68	115	32	3438
35	31	wk	-	1	6	-	6	1	8	1	7	17	52	10	12	56	1001
125	284	8	26	69	21	40	225	39	50	38	121	94	121	39	70	8	3731
68	9	23	6	73	1	34	26	27	1	12	4	25	92	35	4	141	1393
300	219	36	54	51	108	62	77	23	64	76	14	109	186	76	175	-	3499
186	299	40	42	151	54	174	171	32	74	67	53	143	380	108	167	63	4191
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
120	17	-	-	-	-	100	30	10	-	1	234	50	1	150	62	9	19475
33	27	1	6	40	-	66	13	20	24	-	25	64	98	95	49	-	1972
wk	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	30	2	-	-	30	-	18	-	-	396
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	26
1	15	-	225	-	-	57	2	-	-	-	2	-	wk	3	-	-	83007
-	4	1	-	-	-	73	-	73	21	-	-	35	300	30	122	-	10000
wk	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
32	88	3	22	26	-	71	51	10	14	2	6	1	98	18	-	19	646
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
55	179	39	71	95	88	153	87	23	72	13	27	177	126	207	60	56	2898
79	107	27	7	59	-	109	76	11	21	8	7	110	114	13	107	-	1796
J4	D15	D15	D30	D14	D28	D21	D14	D14	D28	J1	D14	D16	J1	D17	J4	D14	
72	82	61	63	52	42	65	75	58	66	56	70	80	88	84	65	59	
6033	15822	3495	5267	3973	1448	7970	10080	1792	3578	1378	5854	7927	11810	8386	6701	3536	324493
13	35	10	7	14	5	26	40	2	10	4	11	7	14	5	12	6	377

The species total (70) is about average for this count. A persistent breeze made detecting songbirds relatively difficult. Highlights included several flocks of northbound Sandhill Cranes totaling more than 500 individuals, 3 Eurasian Collared-Doves in Flaherty, and a Palm Warbler. Not included in the species total is an eagle sp. (either a sub-ad. Bald Eagle or a Golden Eagle).

Bernheim Forest (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Forest lookout tower, 2.75 mi. se. of Forest entrance; 37.902405°, -085.62752°). Habitat as described in 1974. Jan. 4; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky mostly clear; temp. 18-43°F; wind S-SW, 5-10 m.p.h. Water partly frozen.

Thirteen observers in seven parties. Total party-hours 46 (23 on foot, 23 by car). Total party-miles 177 (10 on foot, 167 by car). Total species 72; total individuals 6033.

Observers: Michael Autin, Mary Bill Bauer, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Carol Besse, Dona Coates, Eddie Huber, Jennifer Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Nancy Vance, Kelly Vowels, Barbara Woerner, and Mary Yandell.

Breezy conditions made finding songbirds somewhat difficult. The species total (72) was a bit above average for this count for recent years. Highlights of the day included a Bald Eagle, a juv. Golden Eagle, and a Marsh Wren (found by Michael Autin in a small cattail marsh near Shepherdsville). Red-breasted Nuthatches were scarce and winter finches (including Purple Finch) were missed entirely. Natural food supplies appeared to be relatively plentiful, but numbers of waxwings (only one) and robins were low.

Louisville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Jct. Hwys 42 and 22, as described in 1972; 38.2813°, -085.63481°). Habitat: farmland, suburban, city, woods, cemeteries and the Ohio River. Dec. 15; 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 30-31°F; wind N, 13 m.p.h. There were a few snowflakes in the morning.

Thirty-five observers in 15 parties. Total party-hours 73.00 (43.75 on foot, 29.25 by car). Total party miles 251.8 (29.7 on foot, 222.1 by car). Hours at feeders 3.75. Hours owling, 1.25, over 5.1 miles. Total species 82; total individuals 15,822.

Observers: Tom Ackerson, Win Ahrens, Michael Autin, Tom Becker, Pat Bedford, Sherm Bedford, Jane Bell, Pat Bell (compiler), Carol Besse, Ren Bilkey, Wanda Bilkey, Carl Bochmann, JoAnn Bochmann, Mike Callan, Dona Coates, Marge Constan, Colleen Craven-Becker, Rod Goforth, Chuck Hatten, Bob Johnson, Frank Krull, John Krull, Rob Lane, Richard Mayfield, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Peggy Renn, Michael Riggs, Tim Ritter, Tom Sklodoski, Pam Spaulding, Jack Still, Del Striegel, Nancy Vance, Major Waltman, and Barbara Woerner.

It was a cold, cloudy day for the count. The trails were muddy and icy and a cold north wind made it a rough day to count birds. The tally of 81 species was below what had been counted in previous years. Some of the highlights were Black Scoter, Sandhill Cranes, Black-crowned Night-Herons, Barred and Great Horned Owls, House and Winter Wrens, and Tree and Chipping Sparrows. Thanks to all the participants.

Shelbyville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center three-quarters of a mile south of U.S. 60 and Guist Creek Lake on KY 714; 38.18997°, -085.14535°). Habitat: farmland, fallow land, suburban, wooded and grassland. Elevation: 640-1190 ft. Dec. 15; 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 31-31°F; wind W, 10-15 m.p.h.

Ten observers in seven parties. Total party-hours 29.00 (9.25 on foot, 19.75 by car). Total party-miles 223.5 (10.5 on foot, 213.0 by car). Total species 61; total individuals 3495.

Observers: Penny Brogdon, Horace Brown (compiler), Joan Brown, Kevin Flowers, Sam Houston, Gay Hower, Tommy Hower, Kathy King, Walt Reichart, and Benton Young.

Green River Lake (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Taylor County, Ky.; 37.17541°, -085.22041°). Habitat: old fields, agricultural fields and borders, second growth forest, Green River riparian areas,

open water, including Green River Lake and Campbellsville City Lake. Dec. 30; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 28-30°F; wind 0-5 m.p.h. Snow flurries.

Seven observers in three parties. Total party-hours 21 (9 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 101.5 (4.0 on foot, 97.5 by car). Total species 63; total individuals 5267.

Observers: Janice Bardin, Lloyd Curry (compiler), Steve Dalton, Robert Doty, Eddie Huber, Richie Kessler, and Jeff Sole.

It was a calm day with an occasional breeze. Several species normally found on the count were absent. Disappointingly, no Bald Eagles were observed. Duck species were lower than most years. Where were all the Eastern Towhees?

Frankfort (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center jct. US 127 and KY 1900; 38.22612°, -084.85022). Habitat as described in 1977. Dec. 14; 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 34-44°F; wind S, 8-18 m.p.h. Light rain at times. Water still partly frozen.

Fourteen observers in six parties, with two feeder-watchers. Total party-hours 31.75 (16.50 on foot, 15.25 by car). Feeder watching hours 4. Total party-miles 137.5 (14.0 on foot, 123.5 by car). Total species 52; total individuals 3973.

Observers: Barb Cornett, Peggy Gould (compiler), Ralph Gould, Pat Hankla, Scott Hankla, Jeff Jones, Joel Jones, David Schindler, Tanner Shepard, Edwin Shouse, Mary Shouse, Diane Smith, Larry Smith, Gary Sprandel, Asha Vorisek, and Shawchyi Vorisek. Two were at feeders.

Kleber Wildlife Management Area (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Hensler, Owen County, Ky.; 38.4633°, -084.7769°). Habitat: agricultural fields/pastures, river bottoms, mixed cedar/hardwood woodland. Dec. 28; 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 22-36°F; wind W, 5-15 m.p.h. It rained every hour.

Five observers in two parties. Total party-hours 12.5 (5.0 on foot, 7.5 by car). Total party-miles 51 (5 on foot, 46 by car). Total species 42; total individuals 1448.

Observers: Jeff Jones (compiler), Joel Jones, Kate Tower, Kevin Tower, and Mark Tower.

Danville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Boyle County Courthouse; 37.64634°, -084.77345°). Habitat: water edge (15%), urban (10%), cultivated (10%), field/fence (35%), wooded edge (24%), and feeder (6%). Dec. 21; 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky partly cloudy in the morning, cloudy in the afternoon; temp. 60-67°F; 10-25 m.p.h.

Twenty-six observers in nine parties, with one feeder watcher. Total party-hours 45.45 (5.35 on foot, 36.60 by car, 3.50 by bicycle). Total party-miles 416.3 (3.3 on foot, 403.0 by car, 10 by bicycle). Total species 65; total individuals 7970.

Observers: Jane Brantley, J.P. Brantley (compiler), Jim Bredar, Sallie Bright, Granville Cox, Thelma Cox, Patrick Finnegan, Bill Garriott, Michael Hamm, Kate Heyden, Michael Lauer, Ben Leffew, Anne Lubbers, Gloria Maender, Jim Maender, Preston Miles, Eric Mount, Don Pelly, Rob Pendygraft, Jim Porter, Linda Porter, Jim Roessler, Rose-Marie Roessler, Patsi Tollinger, Charles Vahlkamp, and Brett Werner.

Lexington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center East Hickman Road and Tates Creek Road; 37.9198°, -084.4693°). Habitat: suburban farms, woodlots, water company reservoirs, farm ponds, Kentucky River and cliffs, and bottomland flood plains. Dec. 14; 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky partly clear; temp. 37-47°F; wind SE, 0-20 m.p.h. Water open.

Forty observers 31 parties. Total party-hours 66.5 (17.5 by foot, 49.0 by car). Hours feeder-watching: 3.0. Hours owling: 1.0. Total party-miles 417.5 (15.5 miles by foot, 402.0 by car). Total species 75; total individuals 10,080.

Observers: Ben Albritton, Ramish Bhatt, Susan Bhatt, Gretchen Bolton, Rose Canon, Mary Carol Cooper, John Cox, Montana Cox, Alex Demoll, Edward Demoll, Brenda

Franey, Gay Fugate, Kelly Helton, Jim Hodge, Marsha Hopkins, Kevin Hopper, Jessica Horohov, Beverly James, Betsy Lang, David Lang (compiler), Judy Lundquist, Scott Marsh, Josie Miller, David Moldoff, Ellen Molle, Mark Morgan, Tina Nauman, Jeff Noffsinger, Ronan O'Carra, Sydney Penner, Carol Pickett, Lou Shain, Marie E. Sutton, Dave Svetich, Joe Swanson, Ed Talbot, Charles Tremoulet, Gretchen Tremoulet, George Weems, James Williams, Bernice Wood.

Warsaw (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Gallatin County Courthouse; 38.78387°, -084.90227°). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 14; 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky overcast, fog in the afternoon; temp. 33-38°F; wind W, 0-3 m.p.h. Most water open. Light to steady rain the entire day.

Two observers in one party. Total party-hours 9.5 (0 on foot, 9.5 by car). Total party-miles 127 (0 on foot, 127 by car). Total species 58; total individuals 1792.

Observers: Ed Groneman, and Lee McNeely (compiler).

Steady rain persisted throughout the day resulting in lower than average numbers and species diversity. Highlights included three Bald Eagles, a Peregrine Falcon, and 30 Rusty Blackbirds.

Burlington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Camp Michaels; 38.94932°, -084.74625°). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 28; 6:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.; Sky cloudy; temp. 36-48°F; wind SSW 0-8 m.p.h. Most water open.

Ten observers in six parties. Total party-hours 36 (14 on foot, 21 by car, 1 by bicycle). Total party-miles 185 (6 on foot, 166 by car, 13 by bicycle). Total species 66; total individuals 3578.

Observers: Linda Altevers, Joe Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Elaine Carroll, Barbara Dickison, Ed Groneman, Lee McNeely (compiler), Gayle Pille, Jeff Rowe, and Tommy Stephens.

New count highs were set for American Black Duck and Savannah Sparrow. Wild Turkey was a major miss.

Falmouth (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Caddo, Ky.; 38.74738°, -084.24473°). Habitat as described in 2011. Jan. 1; 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 21-46°F; wind S, 0-6 m.p.h.

Four observers in three parties. Total party-hours 24.5 (3 on foot, 21.5 by car). Total party-miles 182 (1 on foot, 181 by car). Total species 56; total individuals 1378.

Observers: Rodney Crice, Barbara Dickison, Lee McNeely (compiler), and Tommy Stephens.

High water levels on the Ohio River contributed to low waterfowl numbers. Best finds were Eastern Phoebe and Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Raptors were well represented.

Richmond (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center circa 0.7 air miles east of Jct US 25 and KY 1983 (White Station Road); 37.6311°, -084.2638°). Habitat: fence-rows and roadsides (20%), woodland (20%), pasture and open fields (55%), lawns (4%), lakes and ponds (1%). Dec. 14; 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Sky overcast; temp. 31-34°F; wind 0-5 m.p.h. Steady rain until about 11:30 a.m.; mostly light with occasional periods of heavier rain. There was only occasionally light rain in the afternoon.

Eleven observers in four parties. Total party-hours 19.50 (2.75 on foot, 16.75 by car). Total party-miles 208.6 (4.2 on foot, 204.4 by car). 4.25 hours feeder watching. Total species 70; total individuals 5854.

Observers: Rebecca Bates, David Brown, Alexi Dart-Padover, Rob Foster, Paul Hager, Drew Harvey, Justin Michaud, Brianna Ritchison, Gary Ritchison (compiler), Tammy Ritchison, and Katheryn Watson.

Russell-Adair County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center intersection of Owensby Road and Hwy. 3281; 36.965833°, -085.12167°). Habitat: mixed and decid-

uous woodland, pasture fields, streams and lake, mostly rural with a small percentage of urban. Elevation ranges 530-1140 ft. Dec. 16; 5:30 a.m. to 4:35 p.m. Sky cloudy to partly clear; temp. 32-51°F; wind SW, 5-15 m.p.h.

Seven observers in four parties. Total part-hours 38.0 (6.5 on foot, 31.5 by car). Feeder watching for 0.25 hours. Total party-miles 258 (4 on foot, 254 by car). Total species 80; total individuals 7927.

Observers: Wendy Burt, Terry Campell, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Arlene Morton, and Stephen J. Stedman.

Somerset (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center junction of Bypass Hwy. 80 and Hwy. 39; 37.10245°, -084.60376°). Habitat as described in 2000. Jan. 1; 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 22-49°F; wind SW, 0-10 m.p.h.

Fourteen observers in seven parties. Total party-hours 57.50 (8.75 by foot, 48.75 by car). Total party-miles 460.5 (5.0 on foot, 455.5 by car). Hours feeder watching was 24. Total species 88; total individuals 11,869.

Observers: Judy Brant, Jean Brickell, Rhonda Bryant, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Gay Hodges, James Kiser, Scott Marsh, Linda McClendon, Lynda Mills, Tom Mills, Arlene Morton, and Stephen Stedman. There were nine feeder watchers.

Wayne County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Junction Hwy. 1275 and 3106; 36.8972°, -084.8215°). Habitat as described in 2004. Dec. 17; 6:25 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy to partly cloudy; temp. 43-53°F; wind variable, 0-20 m.p.h.

Five observers in four parties. Total party-hours 35.5 (6.5 on foot, 29.0 by car). Total party-miles 271.5 (2.0 on foot, 269.5 by car). Total species 84; total individuals 8386.

Observers: Roseanna Denton (compiler), Gay Hodges, Bret Kuss, Arlene Morton, and Stephen Stedman.

Highlights of the count were Greater White-fronted Goose in two locations, Greater Scaup, Loggerhead Shrike, House Wren in two locations, American Pipit, Palm Warbler, and Brewer's Blackbird (a count first). Also reported was a Mallard x American Black Duck hybrid.

London (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Route 3432 and US 25; 37.13544°, -084.09445°). Habitat: 50% pasture, hayfields; 45% forested; 1% cultivated; 1% lakes, ponds streams; 2% fencerows, residential yards; 1% roads. Jan. 4, 6:30 a.m. to 5:40 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 13-46°F; wind SW, 5-15 m.p.h. Moderate to light rain until mid morning, intermittent rain changing to flurries late.

Twelve observers in five parties. Total party-hours 48.00 (5.25 on foot, 42.75 by car). Total party-miles 358.0 (2.5 on foot, 355.5 by car). Total species 65, total individuals 6701.

Observers: Winona Allen, Granville Cox (compiler), Thelma Cox, Roseanna Denton, Steve Denton, Abigail Dixon, Gay Hodges, Bret Kuss, Charline Marrison, Alainey Oakley, Marie Oakley, and Tucker Oakley.

Cumberland Falls (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center upper Bark Camp Creek; 36.8900°, -084.2611°). Habitat: mostly forested (about 70% upland oak and pine, mixed forest, and hemlock forest), about 20% in small rural home lots, small farm holdings, and minimal residential and urban areas. One moderately large reservoir (Laurel River Lake) and about 17 miles of Cumberland River/Lake Cumberland and its riparian forest. Dec. 14; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky overcast; temp 38-48°F; wind SW, 0-20 m.p.h. Rain and drizzle off and on.

Six observers in four parties. Total party-hours 33.25 (9.00 on foot, 24.25 by car). Total party-miles 264 (3 on foot, 261 by car.) Total species 59; total individuals 3536.

Observers: Sara Ash, Granville Cox, Thelma Cox, Roseanna Denton, Bret Kuss (compiler), and Renee Yetter.

BOOK REVIEW

Rare Birds of North America (2014) by Steve N.G. Howell, Ian Lewington, and Will Russell. 428 pp. Princeton University Press.

This long overdue, useful, and wonderfully done book fills the void of comprehensive coverage of the rarest of the rare vagrant birds of North America (262 species) that are barely mentioned or not covered at all in most field guides.

These rarities are basically defined for inclusion in this book as species that have occurred somewhere in the United States and Canada up to five times between 1950 and mid-2012, but some more frequently occurring species are covered, too. In recent years Kentucky has seen its share of the species covered in the book such as Little Stint, Long-billed Murrelet, and Green Violetear, and the accounts will whet your appetite for additional species that will surely be discovered in the state someday by diligent birders.

The introductory sections provide an overview of the current understanding of the mechanisms and patterns of vagrancy, along with excellent maps, historical context, informative tables, and a superbly illustrated section on topography, molt, and aging. The main species accounts summarize (with generous citations) the taxonomy, status and distribution, seasonal timing, additional interesting comments, and, of course, the field identification of each bird.

Ian Lewington's artwork is a joy to look at, and its very high level of accuracy is beautifully natural in appearance. Indeed, the illustrations are the most accurate ever done for many of these species, the shorebirds being a particular standout in this regard. Have our small *Calidris* peep/stint species ever been portrayed so well? The presence of little known plumage subtleties are also accurately depicted on birds, such as the grayish tail of a Black Noddy and the greenish-blue iridescence on the back of the Jacksnipe, even though these pertinent field marks are not even mentioned in the text.

It should be noted that a few mistakes were detected. For example, Kentuckians will see that the map on page 17 shows a Brambling record for the state, a species for which there are no records. The labeling of individual birds on some of the plates is a bit confusing; the distinction between those that are the primary species and those that represent similar species is not always evident (e.g. Long-billed Murrelet, page 73). Among the illustrations I think the bills of the Hawfinches on page 342 look a bit small, and some of the colored plate printing is a little dull, such as the Yellow Grosbeaks on page 396.

Although not a field guide sized book (it is the same size as the big *Sibley Guide*, but a little thinner), it is sure to be the classic go-to reference for a long time to come, as well as just a great bird book to learn from and dream with. I highly recommend it.

— Alan Barron, 1125 Oregon Street, Apt. # 20, Crescent City, CA 95531.

NEWS AND VIEWS

The Kentucky Warbler Available in PDF Format

Members of the Kentucky Ornithological Society who wish to receive their quarterly journal, *The Kentucky Warbler*, in electronic format rather than hard copy through the mail may now do so. In the new and here-to-stay digital age, we have found that some members prefer to have a searchable electronic format. The board of the Kentucky Ornithological Society has discussed the eventual scanning of all back issues of *The Kentucky Warbler* to PDF format and making them available on the internet, but that project may be a few years away. If you wish to receive future issues of *The Kentucky Warbler* in digital PDF format, email the Society's Corresponding Secretary, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., at the following address: brainard@mindspring.com.

K.O.S. Virginia and Wendell Kingsolver Scholarship Available

The Virginia & Wendell Kingsolver Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 by the Kentucky Ornithological Society to honor the memory of Virginia “Ginny” Kingsolver and the legacy and contributions of Ginny and her husband, Wendell, to KOS and to environmental educational efforts across Kentucky.

The Fund will be used sponsor a young birder from Kentucky to attend an American Birding Association Summer Camp. In 2014, Camp Colorado runs from July 8 to 14 in Estes Park, Colorado, and Camp Avocet runs from August 10 to 16 in Lewes, Delaware. The camps include a week filled with opportunities for young birders to take their birding skills to the next level, meet others with similar interests, and explore careers in birding and ornithology. Details about the camps, as well as reports and video of past camps, can be found on the ABA website (aba.org) under Young Birder Events.

The scholarship is available to a young birder between the ages of 13 and 18 who lives in Kentucky. Scholarships will cover lodging, meals, and transportation to and from the airport, camp events and instructional sessions. Campers will be responsible for transportation from Kentucky to the camp of their choice.

To apply for a Kingsolver Scholarship, applicants should fill out the form found on the KOS web site (<http://biology.eku.edu/kos/Kingsolver.htm>), write a short essay (500 words or less) on why he or she wants to participate, and include a brief recommendation from a parent, teacher, or mentor. Recipients will be asked to report on their camp experience either in person to their local bird club, to KOS at a meeting, or in writing. The deadline to apply for a 2014 Kingsolver Scholarship is May 15, 2014.

Visit the K.O.S. Website

To learn about the Kentucky Ornithological Society, visit the KOS website maintained by Dr. Gary Ritchison at <http://www.biology.eku.edu/kos/default.htm>.

K.O.S. Anne L. Stamm Avian Education Fund Grants Available

The Anne L. Stamm Avian Education Fund supports education of children in the deeper appreciation of birds and ornithology. For guidelines on how to apply for grants of up to \$500, please contact Scott Marsh by mail at 4401 Athens-Boonesboro Road, Lexington, KY, 40509, or via email at (scott.marsh@insightbb.com).

K.O.S. Burt L. Monroe, Jr., Avian Research Grants Available

The Burt L. Monroe, Jr., Avian Research Fund supports research on birds in Kentucky with monetary awards of up to \$1000. For guidelines on how to apply, visit the K.O.S. web site (<http://www.biology.eku.edu/kos/monroe.htm>) or contact Kathryn Heyden, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Sportsman’s Lane, Frankfort, KY, 40601 (kathryn.heyden@ky.gov).

Kentucky Bird Records Committee

The Kentucky Bird Records Committee (KBRC) is charged with determining the validity of records of rare and out-of-season birds in Kentucky. Sightings of such birds should be documented with information supporting the identification promptly submitted to the KBRC. Photographic evidence is desirable but not essential. Electronic documentation is preferred and should be submitted to KBRC Secretary, Ben Yandell, via e-mail at secy@kybirdrecords.org. Hard copy documentation can be mailed to Ben Yandell, KBRC Secretary, 513 Lymington Ct., Louisville, KY 40243.



Common Tern, Hardin Co.
8 November 2013
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.



Great Blue Heron (white morph)
Freeman Lake, 23 October 2013
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.



Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, Webster Co.
7 August 2013
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.



Wilson's Phalarope, Rowan Co.
1 September 2013
Brian Wulker



Grasshopper Sparrow (juv.), Henderson Co.
7 September 2013
Charlie Crawford



Eared Grebes, Union Co.
9 October 2013
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.