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We thank Wendell Kingsolver for the photograph of Virginia Kingsolver presenting a plaque of recognition to Dr. Burt L. Monroe, Jr. for his many contributions to the K.O.S. and the advancement of ornithology in general.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BURT L. MONROE, JR.

The Kentucky Ornithological Society is deeply indebted to Dr. Burt L. Monroe, Jr. for his many years of dedicated and distinguished services to the Society. Our newer members need only to glance through some of the back issues of *The Kentucky Warbler* (housed in the Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, Belknap Campus) to realize the invaluable role he has played.

His name is listed on the membership roll as early as 1944 when he was a mere youngster. Dr. Monroe has served our organization in numerous capacities, including councillor, 1967-70, vice-president, 1971-72, president, 1973, 1974 and 1975, Kentucky coordinator for the nationwide Breeding Bird Survey conducted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for more than 20 years, and as a member of the editorial advisory board of *The Kentucky Warbler* from 1977 to the present.

His first publication appeared in 1945 when he reported seeing Short-eared Owls near Worthington, Jefferson County. Other notes followed, some with his father, Burt L. Monroe, Sr., who for many years held the advisory position of state ornithologist of Kentucky. Some of the more important papers he published include *Birds of the Louisville Region*, *Summary of Occurrence of Birds of Kentucky*, *Recent Additions of the Avifauna of Kentucky* (co-authored with Kenneth P. Able), *Analysis of Kentucky's Breeding Birds: Declining Species*, *Recent Changes in Nomenclature of Kentucky Birds*, *Analysis of Kentucky's Breeding Birds: Increasing Species*, *First Report of the Kentucky Bird Records Committee* and *Second Report of the Kentucky Bird Records Committee*.

Many species of birds such as the Mississippi Kite, Prairie Falcon, Hudsonian Godwit, Fish Crow, White-winged Crossbill and Blue Grosbeak were either photographed, or collected by him and constitute the first state specimen or first documented report for the state.

He has also been active in the Louisville Chapter, the Beckham Bird Club, where he has served as a director at various times for a total of 10 years. The inspirational field trips he has led have been noteworthy and continue to draw crowds. His numerous lectures, given so willingly, to our organization, the Beckham Bird Club and the Louisville community have made all of us more aware of the need for conservation. He has kept the local and state groups abreast of the frequent name changes made by the American Ornithologists' Union.

Dr. Monroe has also been active on the national and international level and served as president of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1991 and 1992. He is currently working on the seventh edition of the *A.O.U. Check-List of North American Birds*, of which he is the editorial coordinator. The book is to be published this fall. At the recent international Ornithological Congress held at Christchurch, New Zealand, December 2-9, 1990, Dr. Monroe was elected as one of the new North American members of the International Ornithological Committee. He also was commissioned "to form and chair a working group of international ornithologists and birders to draw up a list of standardized English names for all bird species worldwide." The group is to give its report at the International Ornithological Congress in Vienna, Austria, August 21-27, 1994.

Dr. Monroe has brought honor not only to himself, but to our Kentucky Ornithological Society by being an elected member to the American Ornithologists' Union in 1966 and an elected fellow in 1973. This multitalented, professional ornithologist has given so willingly of his time, expertise, and knowledge not only about the birds of Kentucky, but of the world to countless people. Throughout the years he has made every effort to make the K.O.S. a leading state organization. We take this opportunity to SALUTE him and THANK him for his dedication and gracious endeavors.

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**IN MEMORIAM:
ROGER WILLIAM BARBOUR, 1919-1993**

Born, April 5, 1919, in Morehead, Kentucky, Roger Barbour was the greatest of Kentucky naturalists. Entering Morehead State Teacher's College at the age of 15, his talents were recognized and nourished by Dr. Wilford Welter, who urged him to do graduate studies. He graduated from Morehead in 1938 at the age of 19, having completed most of the work on his Master's thesis, "The Natural History of the Red-eyed Towhee." He enrolled at Cornell University and studied with the well known ornithologist, Dr. Arthur A. Allen, and received his M.S. in 1939. He began doctoral studies with Dr. Albert H. Wright, a herpetologist, but his studies were interrupted by World War II, and obligatory service in the Army. He returned to Cornell and resumed his studies with Dr. William J. Hamilton, Jr., a mammalogist, and received his Ph.D. in 1949. His dissertation concerned the mammals, amphibians, and reptiles of Big Black Mountain, in Harlan County, Kentucky. He served as an instructor in Biology at Morehead State Teacher's College for a year, 1939-1940, then at Western Kentucky State Teacher's College from 1942-1943. While at WKSTC he made lifelong friendships with Drs. L. Y. Lancaster, a vertebrate zoologist, and Gordon Wilson, the state's most distinguished ornithologist. Barbour began his career at the University of Kentucky in the Department of Zoology in 1950. He was as an exchange professor at the Institut Teknologi Di Bandung, Indonesia, from 1957-1959. In 1974 he was named a Distinguished Professor by the College of Arts and Sciences, the highest honor given to a faculty member at the University of Kentucky. He retired in 1984, and was named Professor Emeritus.

Between 1940 and 1979, Roger Barbour published 93 papers in refereed scientific journals, and many others in popular publications. He authored or coauthored 12 books on Kentucky natural history, which form one of the most outstanding such series in America. He was an outstanding nature photographer, and created most of the black and white and color photographs used in these books. Barbour was active in state scientific and conservation societies, serving as President of the Kentucky Chapter of Sigma Xi, the President of the Kentucky Ornithological Society, and Editor of the Transactions of the Kentucky Academy of Science. He was the founder of the Kentucky Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and columnist (1961-1975) in the popular *Happy Hunting Ground*. He received numerous awards and honorary degrees for his work. He is sur-

vived by his wife, Bernice Lewis Barbour, whom he married in 1938, and a family of three children and eight grandchildren. He died on August 26, 1993, of complications from Alzheimer's Disease.

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THE FALL SEASON, 1993

BURT L. MONROE, JR., ANNE L. STAMM, AND C. MICHAEL STINSON

This was a rainy period. Rainfall was above normal for August, September and October. The temperature in August averaged 79 degrees, which was 3.2 degrees above normal. September and October were cooler; the temperature averaged 68 degrees for August and 55.9 degrees for October, both averages below normal.

Apparently this was not a good year for shorebirds. Dr. Clell Peterson wrote that "All shorebirding areas either flooded out intermittently or dried up." James Hancock noted that waterfowl, except for a few species, appear to be down this fall. He had not seen any Canvasbacks or Bufflehead, and Ruddy Ducks were late in showing up. He also thought land bird fall migration was down. Not only were neotropical migrants down, but he noticed the winter residents "are much scarcer than they used to be."

"Overall warbler migration seemed strongest from early to mid-September, with numbers decreasing through mid-October" (LMc).

Abbreviations: BH = Bailey Hollow, Calloway County; BCNP = Beargrass Creek Nature Preserve, Louisville, Jefferson County; Bel = Belleview gravel pit, Boone County; BPS = Big Pond Sanctuary, Grayson County; Bur = Burlington, Boone County; CEL = Camp Ernst Lake, near Burlington, Boone County; CC = Casey Creek; GRL = Green River Lake, Adair Co.; EBPP = East Bend Power Plant, Boone County; eJeff = eastern Jefferson County; Falls = Falls of the Ohio, Louisville, Jefferson County; FCRA = Fishing Creek Recreational Area, Pulaski County; GRLSP = Green River Lake State Park, Taylor County; Har = Hardin, Calloway County; IL = Island Lake, Ohio County; JC = Jonathan Creek, Marshall County; LBL = Land-Between-the-Lakes, Trigg County; Lou = Louisville, Jefferson County; LPew = Lake Pewee, Hopkins County; Mad = Madisonville, Hopkins County; MD = Markland Dam, Gallatin County; MCFH = Minor E. Clark Fish Hatchery, Rowan County; PHSM = Peabody Homestead Surface Mine, Ohio County; Pet = Petersburg, Boone County; PCP = Pulaski County Park; PRP = Old Pumphouse Road pond, Pulaski County; RH = Ohio River at Rabbit Hatch, Boone County; SWMA = Sauerheber Wildlife Management Area, Henderson County; SH = Science Hill, Pulaski County; Som = Somerset, Pulaski County; TP = Thurston's Pond, near Monticello, Wayne County; WC = Wolper Creek, Boone County.

Noteworthy Kentucky records of special interest have the bird name in *ITALIC LARGE AND SMALL CAPS*; new extreme dates of occurrence have the date in *italics*, and new high counts for the species in Kentucky have the number of individuals in *italics*.

COMMON LOON — six on Ohio River, near RH, Oct. 30 (LMc); one at LPew, Nov. 4 (JH); three at IL, Nov. 10 (KC, HC); two on Ohio River, Lou, Nov. 13 (PB, JB); one

at CEL, Nov. 17-19 (LMc); two above MD, Nov. 27 (LMc); and five at GRLSP, Nov. 27 (JE1).

PIED-BILLED GREBE — LPew, Oct. 5-Nov. 18, maximum of seven on Oct. 14 (JH); 100 at BH, Oct. 16 (CP); four at IL, Nov. 10 (KC, HC); and one in eJeff, Nov. 23 (E. Kirchner, *vide* KC).

HORNED GREBE — singles at RH, Oct. 30, and above MD, Nov. 27 (LMc); 5-6 on small bay near Har, Nov. 1 (CP), and two more there, Nov. 30 (JTE); three in basin at Falls, Nov. 8 (PB, JB); and 65+ at GRL, Nov. 27 (JE1).

WESTERN GREBE — one above MD, Nov. 27 (LMc, JC, KC) [circulation not completed in Kentucky Bird Records Committee].

WHITE PELICAN — one over downtown Lou, Oct. 6 (Bob Benson, *vide* BM).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT — two at Falls, Aug. 14, five on Sep. 4, and nine on Oct. 30 (PB, JB); 23 at CC, Sep. 4 (JE1); two at BCNP, Sep. 18 (PB, JB); three over Ky. Fairgrounds, Lou, Sep. 25 (BM, MMo); about 600 near Silo Overlook, LBL, Oct. 8, then 270 on Nov. 28 (CP); eight at Falls, Oct. 28 (MMo); 22 at RH, Oct. 30, and six at MD, Nov. 27 (LMc); three at IL, Nov. 10 (KC, HC); and 250, basin at Lou, Nov. 13 (PB, JB).

GREAT BLUE HERON — LPew, Aug. 14-Nov. 22, maximum of seven on Sep. 9 (JH); 23+ at GRL, Nov. 27 (JE1); only a few located, normal numbers in western Kentucky (CP).

GREAT EGRET — two at Falls, Aug. 14, and four there, Sep. 2 (PB, JB); one at Bel, Sep. 6 (LMc); 40, vicinity of Swan Pond, Ballard Co., Sep. 18 (HCh, CP); 2-4, Falls, Aug. 14-Sep. 2 (PB, JB); two at CC, Oct. 13 (JE1); singles at SH, Aug. 12, and TP, Oct. 13 (JE1); one at farm ponds in Hart Co. last two weeks of Aug., and another near Summersville, Green Co. in same period (SK).

SNOWY EGRET — one at Falls, Aug. 14 (PB, JB).

LITTLE BLUE HERON — two immatures at CC, Sep. 4 (JE1).

CATTLE EGRET — ±40 south of Barlow, Ballard Co., Sep. 18 (HCh, CP).

GREEN-BACKED HERON — three at Falls, Aug. 14 and Sep. 4 (PB, JB); and one at PRP as late as Nov. 16 (JE1).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON — 20 at Falls, Aug. 14 (PB, JB); and one at PRP, Aug. 25 and 31 (JE1).

TUNDRA SWAN — two on Ohio River at Rabbit Hash, Boone Co., Oct. 30 (LMc) [documentation submitted].

SNOW GOOSE — one at Cooley's Lake, Wayne Co., Nov. 20 (JE1).

CANADA GOOSE — LPew, Sep. 4-Nov. 21, maximum of 33 on Nov. 11 (JH); 87 at IL, Oct. 15 (KC, HC); and 192 over Shively, Jefferson Co., Oct. 19 (DS).

There was a report of Kentucky's first *BRANT* at the Falls, November 7, seen by several observers and reportedly photographed, yet there has been no documentation submitted to either the seasonal report editors or the Bird Records Committee; because the bird was reported by at least one observer (JE1), and the photographs have been viewed by several persons, the record is included here pending receipt of a documentation report that can be circulated through the KBRC.

WOOD DUCK — 110+ at PRP, Aug. 25 (JE1); 35 at Bel, Nov. 20 (LMc); all season at BPS and eJeff (KC, LR, JA).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL — 16 at BH, Nov. 29 (CP).

MALLARD — LPew, Sep. 4-Nov. 22, maximum of seven on Nov. 11 (JH); and several hundred at JC and Kentucky and Barkley lakes (CP).

N. PINTAIL — eight at TP, Nov. 10 (JE1).

N. SHOVELER — three at TP, Nov. 10 (JE1); >18 at BH, Nov. 16 (CP).

GADWALL — \pm 1000 at BH, Oct. 16 (CP); and several hundred at JC and Kentucky and Barkley lakes (CP); and two on Ohio River, Lou, Oct. 28 (MMo).

AM. WIGEON — 44 on Ohio River, Lou, Oct. 28 (MMo); five at LPew, Nov. 4 (JH); and 23 at BH, Nov. 29 (CP).

CANVASBACK — one at BH, Nov. 16 (CP).

REDHEAD — one at PRP, Nov. 18 (JE1).

RING-NECKED DUCK — one at IL, Oct. 15 (KC, HC); began appearing at LPew with six birds, Oct. 28, reaching 50 by Nov. 4 and 400 by Nov. 18 (JH).

LESSER SCAUP — two at CEL, Oct. 21 (LMc).

BLACK SCOTER — seven females or immatures at CC, Oct. 31 (JE1); and one female at Campbellsville, Sportsman Club Lake, Taylor Co., Nov. 6 and 27 (JE1).

SURF SCOTER — one on Ohio River at Lou, Nov. 8 (PB, JB).

BUFFLEHEAD — six at LPew, Nov. 22 (JH).

HOODED MERGANSER — 30+ at TP, Nov. 13 (JE1); >150 on Honker Lake, LBL, Nov. 28 (CP); at several locations in Boone Co., Oct. 30-Nov. 20, with high of eight at WC, Oct. 30 (LMc).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER — eight on Ohio River near Warsaw, Gallatin Co., Nov. 27 (LMc).

RUDDY DUCK — one each on IL, Oct. 15 (KC, HC), CEL, Oct. 31 (LMc), and on Kentucky Lake near Har, Nov. 30 (JTE); and 28 on LPew, Nov. 22 (JH).

BLACK VULTURE — good numbers throughout the fall at East Bend Power Plant, Boone Co., and Ghent Power Plant, Carroll Co., with 40 at Ghent, Nov. 27 (LMc); ten at McDougal Creek Lake, Larue Co., Nov. 27 (JE1); and 6-8 at BPS during Aug. and Sep. (KC).

TURKEY VULTURE — five over Ten Broeck, eJeff, Sep. 30 (AS).

OSPREY — singles each at BH, Sep. 4 and 24 (CP), LPew, Sep. 9 (JH) and CC (JE1), Middletown, Jefferson Co., Sep. 27 (MMo), and Kentucky Lake near Har, Sep. 24 (JTE, MM, CP); and two each at Falls, Aug. 14 (PB, JB), and Aug. 21 (BBC).

BALD EAGLE — one adult with bands on both legs at WC, Aug. 28 (LMc); one immature over Buckeye Lane, Oldham Co., Sep. 26 (MMo); and single adults at Barkley Lake north of U.S. 68, Trigg Co., Nov. 28, and at BH, Nov. 29 (CP).

N. HARRIER — highest number was ten on PHSM, Sep. 4 (KC, HC).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK — one immature at feeder in Mad, Nov. 15 (JH).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK — seven birds in three-hour period in Monroe Co., Sep. 6 (SS, BS); and one at Mad, Aug. 31 (JH).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK — no flights reported; two at BCNP, Sep. 18 (PB, JB); and one in Carlisle Co., Sep. 18 (CP).

RED-TAILED HAWK — 13 at PHSM, including one pale individual identified as the subspecies *Buteo jamaicensis kriderii*, Nov. 10 (KC, HC).

AM. KESTREL — 13 in Clinton Co., Nov. 6 (SS).

PEREGRINE FALCON — one at Falls, Aug. 14 (PB, JB); and one over Ky. Fairgrounds, Lou, Sep. 25 (BM, MMo).

RUFFED GROUSE — one at Raven Run, Fayette Co., Sep. 26 (PB, JB, DC, CL).

WILD TURKEY — single birds at Mad, Nov. 14 (D. Hancock, *vide* JH) and at BPS, Nov. 27 (KC).

SORA — one at PHSM, Oct. 15 (KC, HC); and five at SWMA, Oct. 16 (BBC).

AM. COOT — began arriving at LPew with 80 birds, Oct. 5, peaked with 1080 birds, Nov. 11 (JH).

SANDHILL CRANE — one at BPS, Oct. 10 (KC, HC); nine one mile west of Elizabethtown, Hardin Co., Oct. 30 (KC, HC); and 75-100 in eJeff, Nov. 5, and "hundreds" in the same area, Nov. 20 (PB, JB).

LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER — one at FCRA, Sep. 22-23 (JE1).

SEMPALMATED PLOVER — one at Falls, Aug. 14 (PB, JB).

KILLDEER — 200+ at CC, Oct. 31 (JE1).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS — 23 at FCRA, Oct. 21 (JE1). No yellowlegs of either species were reported from Hopkins Co. (JH) or in western Kentucky (CP).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS — one at Falls, Sep. 4 (PB, JB).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER — two at Falls, Aug. 14 (PB, JB).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER — one at LPew, Aug. 13 (JH).

WILLET — 40 at Bluegrass Army Depot, Richmond, Madison Co., Oct. 20 (WD).

RUDDY TURNSTONE — three at Swan Pond, Ballard Co., Sep. 4 (JTE, MM, CP).

RED KNOT — three near Har, Sep. 18 (HCh, CP).

SANDERLING — one each at Falls, Sep. 4 (PB, JB), and at PCP, Nov. 5 (JE1).

SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER — three at Falls, Sep. 4 (PB, JB).

LEAST SANDPIPER — eight at Falls, Aug. 14, and one there, Sep. 4 (PB, JB); and four at Swan Pond, Ballard Co., Sep. 18, and six at JC, Oct. 18 (CP).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER — one at Falls, Aug. 21 (BBC).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER — six at LPew, Aug. 13, and eight there, Sep. 16 (JH); and singles at Falls on Aug. 14 and Sep. 4 (PB, JB), and at TP, Nov. 13 (JE1).

DUNLIN — 27 at JC, Oct. 18 (CP); two at CEL, Oct. 27 (LMc); ten at CC, Oct. 31 (JE1); and three at TP, Nov. 20 (JE1).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER — one at Falls, Sep. 4 (PB, JB).

COM. SNIFE — 15 at SWMA, Oct. 16 (BBC); five at LPew, Oct. 5, with singles until Nov. 11 (JH); and 29 at TP, Nov. 13 (JE1).

BONAPARTE'S GULL — 12-15 near MD, Nov. 27 (LMc); seemed less common than usual in western Kentucky (CP).

RING-BILLED GULL — 50+ at Pet, Nov. 27, and 150+ at MD, Nov. 27 (LMc).

CASPIAN TERN — three at Falls, Aug. 14 (PB, JB); and 25 near Har, Sep. 4 (JTE, MM, CP).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO — one at Middle Creek, Boone Co., Sep. 6 (LMc).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO — four in eJeff during Aug. and Sep. (KC, LR); three at BPS, Aug. and Sep. (KC, HC); and one in Hopkins Co., Oct. 30 (BW).

BARRED OWL — two at BPS, Oct. and Nov. (KC, HC); and one in Hopkins Co., Oct. 30 (BW).

SHORT-EARED OWL — three at PHSM, Oct. 15, and four there, Nov. 10 (KC, HC).

COM. NIGHTHAWK — 60 at Pet, Aug. 28, largest number there (LMc); 50 over Shively, Jefferson Co., Sep. 1 (DS); 30+ at Lou, Oct. 20 (JE1); and "hundreds" were over Hart Co. the last two weeks of Aug. (SK).

CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW — heard calling in Hopkins Co., Sep. 8 (BW).

WHIP-POOR-WILL — last heard in Hopkins Co., Sep. 15 (BW); and one calling just before dawn at BPS, Sep. 20 (KC, HC).

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD — five in eJeff, Aug. 14 and 27, and Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA); two at BCNP, Aug. 22 (PB, JB); and seven at BPS, Sep. 15, and one there on Oct. 10 (KC, HC).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER — one at BCNP, Oct. 3 (PB, JB); and eight at McDaniels, Breckinridge Co., Oct. 15 (PB, JB).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER — three first observed in eJeff, Sep. 24 (KC, LR); and two at BCNP, Oct. 3, and one there, Oct. 9 (PB, JB).

HAIRY WOODPECKER — two at BCNP, Sep. 18 (PB, JB).

RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER — two to three, Whitley Co., Sept. 25-26 (m.ob., Kentucky Ornithological Society field trip).

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE — up to seven in eJeff, Aug. 14 and 27, and Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER — one in eJeff, Aug. 14 and Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER — one in eJeff, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

E. PHOEBE — one in eJeff, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA); and one at Towhead Island, Ohio River, Lou, Nov. 8 (PB, JB).

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER — last heard in Hopkins Co., Sep. 5 (JH).

HORNED LARK — 25 at PHSM, Oct. 15 (KC, HC).

PURPLE MARTIN — last noted in Hopkins Co., Aug. 14 (JH).

TREE SWALLOW — two at PCP, Oct. 30 (JE1); three nest boxes on a farm in Hart Co. were occupied this summer (SK).

CLIFF SWALLOW — colonies were present in two locations where Hwy. 88 crosses Nolin Lake near the Hart/Grayson county line (SK).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH — first arrival at McCreary Co., Aug. 28 (BS, SS); Mad, Sep. 11-12 (JH), and Big South Fork Recreational Area, McCreary Co., Sep. 11 (JE1); two at BPS, Oct. 11, and four there, Nov. 4 (KC, HC); singles each at feeder in Hopkins Co., Nov. 3 (BW), and at Bur, Nov. 12-29 (LMc); well distributed this fall.

BROWN CREEPER — two each at BCNP, Oct. 9 and 22 (PB, JB); and one at BPS, Oct. 15 (KC).

HOUSE WREN — one in eJeff, Sep. 8 (JA).

WINTER WREN — first arrival in eJeff, Sep. 8 (JA); and one at BCNP, Oct. 3, 9 and 22 (PB, JB), and 10+ there, Oct. 10 (JE1).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET — one at BCNP, Oct. 3 (PB, JB).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET — one at BCNP, Sep. 18 (PB, JB); and one at LPew, Oct. 14 (JH).

VEERY — two at BCNP, Sep. 18 (PB, JB).

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH — five at BCNP, Sep. 18, and two there Oct. 14 (PB, JB).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH — five at BCNP, Sep. 5 (PB, JB); and two in eJeff, Sep. 24 (KC, LR).

WOOD THRUSH — two at BPS, Oct. 14 (KC).

GRAY CATBIRD — two at BPS all season until Oct. 14 (KC, HC).

BROWN THRASHER — last recorded at Mad, Oct. 7, and LPew, Oct. 14 (JH).

AM. PIPIT — 300+ along Schuler Lane, Oldham Co., Oct. 28 (MMo); and 40+ at PCP, Nov. 9 (JE1).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE — one east of Mad, Aug. 5 (JH); and one along Hwy. #54 at Short Creek, Grayson Co., Oct. 15 (KC, HC).

WHITE-EYED VIREO — 26 in Monroe Co., Sep. 6 (SS, BS); three birds all season at BPS until Sep. 21 (KC).

SOLITARY VIREO — one at BCNP, Oct. 3 (PB, JB).

WARBLING VIREO — one still in song at LPew, Sep. 9 (JH).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO — two at BCNP, Sep. 18, and singles there Oct. 3 and 18 (PB, JB).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER — one each at BCNP, Sep. 5 and 18, Iroquois Park, Lou, Sep. 19 (PB, JB), Raven Run, Fayette Co., Sep. 26 (PB, JB, DC, CL), and Middle Creek, Boone Co., Sep. 6 (LMc).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER — seven at BCNP, Aug. 22 (PB, JB); and two in eJeff, Aug. 27, and one there, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

TENNESSEE WARBLER — two each at BCNP, Sep. 4 and Oct. 14 (PB, JB); and three in eJeff, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

NASHVILLE WARBLER — two in eJeff, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER — one at FCRA, Oct. 1 (JE1).

PARULA WARBLER — one at BCNP, Sep. 4 (PB, JB).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER — singles at BCNP, Aug. 22 and Sep. 5 (PB, JB); and 17 in eJeff, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER — three at BCNP, Sep. 4, and one there, Oct. 14 (PB, JB); and 10 in eJeff, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

CAPE MAY WARBLER — two in eJeff, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER — two at BCNP, Oct. 2 (PB, JB).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER — one in BCNP, Aug. 22 (PB, JB); and six at McDaniels, Breckinridge Co., Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER — six in eJeff, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

PINE WARBLER — birds singing at Mad, Aug. 29-Oct. 8 (JH).

PALM WARBLER — three in eJeff, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA); and one at EBPP, Nov. 11 (LMc).

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER — three in eJeff, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA); and three at BCNP, Sep. 18, and one there, Sep. 19 (PB, JB).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER — four in eJeff, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

AM. REDSTART — one at BCNP, Sep. 4-5 (PB, JB); and 14 in eJeff, Sep. 10 (KC, LR, JA).

OVENBIRD — one at BCNP, Aug. 22 (PB, JB).

COM. YELLOWTHROAT — two in eJeff, Aug. 14 and 27 (KC, LR, JA).

MOURNING WARBLER — one found dead at SH Sep. 8 (JE1).

WILSON'S WARBLER — one male at Anchorage, Jefferson Co., Sep. 15 (MMo).

CANADA WARBLER — two at BCNP, Aug. 22, and one there Sep. 18 (PB, JB); and one in eJeff, Sep. 24 (KC, LR).

SUMMER Tanager — two at BPS until Oct. 15 (KC, HC).

SCARLET Tanager — one singing near Brazzle Bridge, northern Hopkins Co., Aug. 5 (JH).

CARDINAL — adult feeding young out of nest in Ten Broeck, eJeff, Oct. 23 (AS) [latest breeding date].

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK — one at Riverfields, Jefferson Co., Sep. 10 (PB, JB); one at Mad, Sep. 17 (JH); and six in eJeff, Sep. 24 (KC, LR).

BLUE GROSBEAK — two in Monroe Co., Sep. 6 (SS, BS).

DICKCISSEL — one at SWMA, Oct. 16 (PB, JB, CMS).

VESPER SPARROW — five along Bogle St. in Som, Oct. 23 (JE1); one at CEL, Oct. 30 (LMc); and four at GRL, Oct. 31 (JE1).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW — one at SWMA, Oct. 16 (PB, JB, CMS).

SHARP-TAILED SPARROW — one at SWMA, Oct. 16 (BBC).

FOX SPARROW — one bird was first arrival in southwestern Jefferson Co., Oct. 19 (DS); and three at PHSM, Nov. 10 (KC, HC).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW — three at BCNP, Oct. 10 (JE1); and two at a small marsh near Pet, Oct. 11 (LMc).

SONG SPARROW — six northeast of Mad, Aug. 5 (JH).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW — five at BCNP, Oct. 9 (PB, JB); heard at Mad, Oct. 14 (JH); and 11 at BPS, Oct. 19 (KC, HC).

DARK-EYED JUNCO — earliest at Mad, Oct. 21 (JH).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW — one at BCNP, Oct. 14 (PB, JB).

BOBOLINK — flock of about 50 at University of Kentucky agricultural farms, Fayette Co., Aug. 17 (WD).

N. ORIOLE — one at BCNP, Sep. 5 (PB, JB).

PINE SISKIN — 1-2 at feeder in Bur, Nov. 8-9 (LMc); up to three at BPS during Oct. (KC, HC); at feeder in Mad, Nov. 13-17, with maximum of ten on Nov. 13 (JH); and three at feeder at SH, Nov. 18 (JE1).

EVENING GROSBEAK — 18 in Hopkins Co., Nov. 3, none observed after Nov. 21 (BW).

Observers: Janet Aylward (JA), Beckham Bird Club field trip (BBC), Jane Bell (JB), Pat Bell (PB), Joe Caminiti (JC), Kathy Caminiti (KCa), Hap Chambers (HCh), Herbert Clay (HC), Kathryn Clay (KC), Dona Coates (DC), Wayne Davis (WD), Jackie Elmore (JEI), Joe Tom Erwin (JTE), James Hancock (JH), Steve Kistler (SK); Celia Lawrence (CL), Lee McNeely (LMc), Michael Miller (MM), Burt Monroe, Jr. (BM), Mark Monroe (MMo), Clell Peterson (CP), Lene Rauth (LR), Anne Stamm (AS), Barbara Stedman (BS), Stephen Stedman (SS), C. Michael Stinson (CMS), Donald Summerfield (DS), Bonnie West (BW).

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THIRD REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

BURT L. MONROE, JR., Secretary

This report is the third such annual one of the Kentucky Bird Records Committee (hereafter KBRC), covering actions completed during the calendar year 1993. The committee's primary charge is to determine the validity of records of rare birds within Kentucky, to maintain the documentation materials for these records, and to publish annually a summary of the deliberations of the KBRC. During 1993, the KBRC consisted of the following five members: Blaine Ferrell, Fred Loetscher, Burt Monroe, Jr. (Secretary), Mike Stinson, and Anne Stamm.

In 1993, there were three rounds of circulations through the KBRC involving 12 cases, all but one finalized in 1993, and the report of these follows.

Accepted records:

Falco mexicanus. PRAIRIE FALCON. [#93-2] December 26, 1992, Paradise, Ohio County (BPB, RH, RC). [Sight only.]

Himantopus mexicanus. BLACK-NECKED STILT. [#93-12] June 6, 20, 1993, at least eight adults and eight chicks (on June 20), Open Pond, west of Sassafras Ridge, Fulton County. Photographed (BM, MMo, CMS). [Second Kentucky record, first breeding record.]

Ixoreus naevius. VARIED THRUSH. [#93-4] May 15, 17, 1985, Danville, Boyle County. Not photographed (JN, WK). [First Kentucky record, sight only.]

Vermivora "leucobronchialis." BREWSTER'S WARBLER. [#93-6] September 5, 1992, Freeman Lake, Elizabethtown, Hardin County (RH). [Sight only.]

Vermivora "lawrencei." LAWRENCE'S WARBLER. [#93-10] May 7, 1993, Anchorage, Jefferson County (MM).

Ammodramus leconteii. LE CONTE'S SPARROW. [#93-3] December 19, 1992, Kentucky Dam, Marshall County (DP).

Ammodramus caudacutus. SHARP-TAILED SPARROW. [#93-1] October 10, 1992, Sauerheber Unit, Sloughs National Wildlife Refuge, Henderson County. Not photographed (MS, DC, RH, BPB). [Fifth Kentucky record, sight only.]

Observers: Donald Bennett (DB), Mark Bennett (MB), Richard Cassell (RC), Dona Coates (DC), Richard Healey (RH), William Kemper (WK), Burt L. Monroe, Jr. (BM), Mark S. Monroe (MM), Mrs. J.B. Nichols (JN), Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (BPB), Donald Parker (DP), C. Michael Stinson (MS).

Rejected records:

Podiceps nigricollis. EARED GREBE. [#93-5] August 28, 1992, Fayette Reservoir #4, Fayette County. Documentation does not completely rule out Horned Grebe.

Accipiter gentilis. NORTHERN GOSHAWK. [#93-7] October 12, 1992, Route 1896, three (3) miles north of Danville, Boyle County, and [#93-8] December 26, 1992, Interstate-65 south of Mt. Washington, Bullitt County. Documentation was considered not definitive, not ruling out all other species such as Cooper's or Red-shouldered Hawks.

Buteo regalis. FERRUGINOUS HAWK. [#93-9] February 18, 1993, Lexington, Fayette County. Documentation was considered not definitive, not ruling out all plumages of the Red-tailed Hawk.

The current official Kentucky list stands at 346 species (15 of which are by sight only), with the Varied Thrush added since last year's report.

Reports of birds on the mandatory Review List, established by the KBRC, will not be published in *The Kentucky Warbler* unless under review by the KBRC. Please continue to send all required reports (or those any observer wishes evaluated) to the Secretary of the KBRC, Burt L. Monroe, Jr., P.O. Box 23447, Anchorage 40223, or to Anne L. Stamm, 9101 Spokane Way, Louisville 40241.

BECKHAM BIRD CLUB, INC. ACTIVITY REPORT — 1993

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Beckham Bird Club, Inc.

The Beckham Bird Club, Inc., the Louisville area's affiliate chapter of the Kentucky Ornithological Society, completed its fifty-eighth year of activities in 1993. Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. again lead off the new year with a mid-winter bird count in Bernheim Forest. He also presented our January program by giving preliminary reports of the results of the Kentucky Breeding Bird Atlas. Data was collected statewide over a seven year period. BBC members also reformed a Kentuckiana Bird Alert telephone chain. The year's first long distance trip took members to Duluth, Minnesota, and demonstrated the value of the club's CB radios. During February, Joyce Bender, Director of Stewardship for the Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission spoke on where, why, how to visit, and how to aid the Commission manage 30 state nature preserves. A field trip to the Indiana Gibson Power Plant resulted in the identification of a Lesser Black-backed Gull and Indiana's first record of a Mountain Bluebird, credited to Jane and Pat Bell of the BBC.

The annual March dinner meeting was a huge success, and was attended by thirteen past-presidents. Mr. Ron Austing, nationally recognized wildlife photographer narrated a video program entitled "Ramblings of a Bird Photographer." April saw the placement of a Peregrine Falcon nest box high on a downtown Louisville building, and the regular meeting program featured award winning photographs of long time member Mabel Slack. Dr. Herbert Clay also presented images for the collection of the late Bill Schoettler.

New officers were elected in May. Five teams went afield for the third annual Bird-a-thon fund raiser. A Clark County, Indiana bird count was also conducted in May. Our program was a timely spring bird song workshop conducted by members Jane and Pat Bell. Out of town field trips were conducted to Crane Creek, Ohio and far-western Kentucky.

The annual June picnic was held at the Oldham County Civic Center and Nature Preserve. New officers assumed their duties mid-month. In July we had a program covering eighteen owl species found in North America. Newly renovated Bon Air Regional Library again became our regular meeting location after a year and a half displacement for construction. August highlights were field trips to the Falls of the Ohio, and a program conducted by James W. Harkess, M.D. Doctor Harkess spoke on the life of Charles Darwin, and his and Darwin's trips to the Galapagos archipelago. His lively talk was completed with slides and videotape of his 1993 trip.

September migration season was filled with many events and noteworthy occasions. KOS President Lee McNeely presented a program on birding the Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana tri-state area. The BBC celebrated the first occasion of official membership on the KOS Board of Directors at the fall 1993 KOS meeting. Louisville Audubon Society members were the guests of the BBC for a breakfast-with-the-birds at Beargrass Creek State Nature Preserve in Louisville's Joe Creason Park. A member hosted an evening of night migration watching past a full moon, an event surely to be repeated.

October's meeting program was given by BBC members and Louisville Zoo docents Julie Campbell and Marie Blahnik. They introduced us to birds of the Louisville Zoo. Mr. John MacGregor traveled to Louisville in November to present a program on the "Endangered Species of the Daniel Boone National Forest." Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. initiated a bird alert for an eastern subspecies Brant located at the Falls of the Ohio, a probable first for Kentucky. During December Helga Schutte explained the origins of some of the Latin and common bird names. Another member reviewed eastern waterfowl field marks and identification in preparation for the Christmas Bird Counts. During the Christmas Bird Count period, BBC members conducted and compiled counts in Louisville, at Otter Creek, and the Paradise surface mines area. BBC member John Krull identified a Varied Thrush on the Louisville CBC on December 19, 1993.

During 1993, the BBC conducted forty-two field trips, including five long distance excursions, and six bird counts. We gave formal talks at two grade schools and to a Scouting group; and two informal presentations were conducted for retail businesses. The conservation arm of the BBC worked with the Olmstead Louisville Parks Conservancy to obtain a \$40,000 grant to restore the Nettleroth Sanctuary located in the city's Cherokee Park. The 1993 Bird-a-thon raised \$1250.00 for the Falls of the Ohio songbird garden, and \$1000.00 for the Louisville Free Public Library. Club membership was 216, down 18 from 1992. We also contributed \$300.00 to the Nature Conservancy.

MID-WINTER BIRD COUNT 1993-1994

Reports of 23 counts were received from across the state. A total of 119 species was recorded on count days, 106 of which are represented on the table. Those species observed on count days that are not represented on the table include: two Red-throated Loons and a Tundra Swan (Green River Lake), two Mute Swans (Frankfort), Greater White-fronted Goose (Paradise), adult Golden Eagle (Land Between the Lakes), one Peregrine Falcon (Warsaw), Ruffed Grouse (Perry County), American Woodcock (Calloway County), Lesser Black-backed Gull and Forster's Tern (Land Between the Lakes), Common Barn Owl (Kleber Wildlife Management Area), House Wren (Land Between the Lakes and Paradise), Brewer's Blackbird (Paradise). If verified by the Kentucky Bird Records Committee, the sighting of a LeConte's Sparrow on the Paradise count would bring the total to 120 species. No additional species were added by observations made during the count week. There were five fewer species observed this year compared with last. The overall total number of individuals on the table includes those individuals not represented on the table.

Most counts were conducted either at the beginning or the end of the count period. The temperatures during these two time periods were consistent, hovering in the 40's for highs and 30's for lows. The highest temperature reported was 50°F on December 19 and the lowest reported was 11°F on December 29. The number of Double-crested Cormorants was more than twice that of last year. Canada Goose numbers were down, Snow Geese were not reported, and waterfowl numbers in general were down, perhaps due to the mild conditions and open water to the north, and perhaps due partly to the absence of data from Louisville. The number of Redheaded Woodpeckers tallied

was up considerably compared with the number last year. Horned Lark numbers soared, with 1380 tallied this year compared with 291 last year and 602 the year before that. There was a striking influx of Red-breasted Nuthatches this year. There were 130 this year compared with only 19 last year. American Robin and Cedar Waxwing numbers were up, perhaps indicative of greater food availability compared with the availability last year. Eastern Bluebird numbers seem to have leveled off. It will be interesting to see what numbers will be next year following the terrible snow storm and frigid temperatures that occurred after the count period. There were two dead Bluebirds in our front yard the day after the snow melted. Purple Finch numbers were up and House Finch and House Sparrow numbers were down. American Goldfinch and Pine Siskin numbers were comparable to those last year. As always, definitive conclusions regarding population trends based on results of these counts are not possible. Other observations of interest can be found in the comments accompanying the description for each count.

Thanks are sincerely extended to all participants, particularly those who submitted verification forms for unusual sightings and those who included interesting comments about their counts. In order to be included in the count and considered for state record status, documentation needs to be considered by the Kentucky Bird Records Committee (KBRC) for unusual sightings.

Calloway County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Douglas Cemetery). Habitat 20% lake shore and streams, 20% deciduous and pine woods, 25% urban and residential, 35% open fields and pastures. Jan. 1; 5:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky overcast; temp. 35° to 42°F; wind E, 3-5 m.p.h. Scattered showers. 14 observers in 8 parties. Total party-hours 58.5 (20 on foot, 38.5 by car). Total party-miles 312 (14 on foot, 298 by car). Total species 86; total individuals 33,902.

Observers: Wally Brines, Hap Chambers (compiler), Joe Tom Erwin, Willard Gray, Rick Hokans, Sally Leedom, Mike Miller, Clell Peterson, Lawrence Philpot, Lou Ann Philpot, Sandra Sanders, Shari Sherwood, Tommy Sherwood, Wendall Webb.

Eight of the 20 Bald Eagles were immature.

Land Between the Lakes (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Pisgah Bay picnic ground). Habitat as described in *American Birds*, 1984. Dec. 18; 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky partly cloudy all day; temp. 42° to 48°F; wind W, 8-15 m.p.h. 26 observers in 9 parties. Total party-hours 54.5 (22.75 on foot, 31.5 by car). Total party-miles 457.5 (17.5 on foot, 440 by car). Total species 92; total individuals 15,785.

Observers: Carolee Allen, Otis Allen, Wally Brines, Richard Cassell, Hap Chambers, James Compton, Melissa Easley, Joe Tom Erwin, Rick Hokans, Carol Jarnagin, Sally Leedom, Bob Lewis, Angie Machniak, Carl Mowery (compiler), Kathy Mowery, Clell Peterson, Lawrence Philpot, Luann Philpot, Ed Ray, Sandra Sanders, Tommy Sherwood, Dale Sparks, Phil Taylor, Andre Trevathan, Carol Trevathan and Steve White.

Unusually warm temperatures contributed to the lower waterfowl numbers. Seven of the 42 Bald Eagles were immature. Also, one *buteo* sp. and seven duck sp. were observed but could not be identified.

Marion (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Forest Grove). Habitat open, woods and river. Jan. 1; 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 40° to 44°F; wind NE, little. 3 observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours 16 (14 on foot, 2 by car). Total party-miles 24. Total species 37; total individuals 2,792.

Observers: C.L. Frazer (compiler), Jim Frazer and Nina Mari Frazer.

Observed along two miles or more of the Ohio River at old Dam 50 and didn't see a single bird on the river or flying.

Sorgho (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 279-S and Audubon Parkway). Habitat feeder, fields, woods, Ohio River and parks. Jan. 1; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky cloudy sprinkles of rain; temp. 35° to 38°F; wind 5-27 m.p.h. 11 observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 70 (10 on foot, 60 by car). Total party-miles 114 (10 on foot, 104 by car). Total species 45; total individuals 3,525.

Observers: Mike Brown, Brenda Eaden, Tony Eaden, Joe Ford, Janet Howard, Bert Powell, Millie Powell, Tammy Roby, Tom Stevenson, L.E. Wilson (compiler) and Elinor Wilson.

Yelvington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center intersection of KY 405 and 662). Habitat farms and roadside ditches, same as in past years. Dec. 18; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 40° to 43°F; wind 5-10 m.p.h. 15 observers in 6 parties. Total party-hours 36 (10 on foot, 26 by car). Total party-miles 62 (10 on foot, 52 by car). Total species 63; total individuals 4,731.

Observers: Marty Brown, Mike Brown, Tony Eaden, Neal Hayden, Jan Howard, John Humphrey, Brenda Jones, Jody Jones, Dr. Mike Kavolus, Joyce Porter, A.L. Powell (compiler) and Marvin Ray. Millie Powell, Maudie Ray and Marilee Thompson monitored feeders at their houses.

As in the past we have noted the lack of waterfowl. The geese were on Carpenter's Lake. Historically these lakes would yield a number of species and it is rather sad that so few have been found.

By way of note, there was a Black Swan on Carpenter's Lake during the count day. I feel certain that this bird was an escapee from nearby or was released by someone. It was seen by a number of people.

I would also like to include two Wild Turkeys that were found by Marvin Ray. The turkeys were found in the pine woods behind the Ray home. These birds were found during the count period but not on the count day.

Owensboro (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Old Hartford Road and Fairview Drive). Habitat residential, farm and cemetery. Jan. 2; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 34° to 36°F. 1 observer in 1 party. Total party-hours 4 (3 on foot, 1 by car). Total party-miles 12 (2 on foot, 10 by car). Total species 19; total individuals 118.

Observers: Roseann Radzelovage (compiler).

Olmstead (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Junction of KY 1041 and KY 1151, six miles southwest of Russellville, Kentucky). Habitat about 75% cultivation type farmland, the remaining habitat includes blocks of deciduous woods, fence rows, pasture, grown-up fields, open water and developed areas. Dec. 27; 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky clear until 9:00 a.m., overcast 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., cloudy 3:30-4:30 p.m.; temp. 30° to 45°F; wind calm. 2 observers in 1 party. Total party-hours 10 (3 on foot, 7 by car). Total party-miles 65.75 (1.75 on foot, 64 by car). Total species 49; total individuals 1,864.

Observers: Don Bennett and Mark Bennett (compiler).

One owl species, probably a Barred Owl was observed. Regrettably, Mosley's Pond is suffering severely from siltation, poaching and use as an irrigation source. Water was frozen on small and/or shallow ponds but open on deep bodies of water.

Paradise (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1993). Habitat as described in 1993. Dec. 31; 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky mostly clear; temp. 21° to 45°F; wind SW, 0-10 m.p.h. Water mostly frozen. 15 observers in 6 parties. Total party-hours 34.5 (11.5 on foot, 23 by car). Total party-miles 301.5 (6.5 on foot, 295 by car). Total species 87; total individuals 20,630.

Observers: Joe Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Herbert Clay, Kathryn Clay, Tony Eaden, Bradford Elmore, Diane Elmore, Jackie Elmore, Richard Healy, Ed Landers, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Ed Toone, Andy Uterhart and Jim Williams.

Excellent weather and good coverage of habitats by participants yielded the second highest species total (87 compared to best of 91 in 1990-1991). Water was mostly frozen, but fourteen species of waterfowl were found including Greater White-fronted Goose feeding with a flock of Northern Shovelers and a Canvasback. Raptor totals were comparable to previous years, although the numbers of Rough-legged Hawks seemed low given the cold weather prior to the count. Although only one Wild Turkey was found on count day, tracks in snow and observations prior to count day indicated that the species has become rather common in the area. Other highlights of the count included the large number of Red-breasted Nuthatches, a House Wren in eastern Muhlenberg County, a LeConte's Sparrow flushed from a grassy field in the Green River bottoms on the Muhlenberg County side, and a male Brewer's Blackbird in a feedlot in southern Ohio County. The table does not include one *Accipiter* species and at least ten thousand unidentified blackbirds that passed overhead late in the afternoon, obviously on their way to a roost somewhere in the vicinity of Central City.

Bowling Green (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Three Springs, six miles south of Bowling Green). Habitat deciduous forest 20%, fields and pastures 70%, and town and parks 10%. Dec. 19; 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky clear to partly cloudy; temp. 29° to 48°F; wind W, 5 m.p.h. 5 observers in 1 party. Total party-hours 10 (1.5 on foot, 8.5 by car). Total party-miles 82 (2 on foot, 80 by car). Total species 57; total individuals 2,220.

Observers: Lester Doyle, Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Dick Lord, Wayne Mason and Herbert E. Shadowen.

Mammoth Cave National Park (Center and habitat as described in 1980.) Dec. 20; 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sky overcast with drizzle and showers after 9:00 a.m.; temp. 36° to 40°F; wind W, 5 m.p.h. 3 observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours 11.5 (5.5 on foot, 6.0 by car). Total party-miles 63.5 (6.5 on foot, 57 by car). Total species 46; total individuals 1,100.

Observers: Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Bob Krenzin, and Wayne Mason.

Glasgow (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1986). Habitat as described in 1986. Dec. 31; 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky clear, few clouds; temp. 26° to 43°F; wind W, 0-5 m.p.h. Tree branches, brush and grasses covered with ice from a storm earlier in the week. 3 observers in 2 parties, plus 13 feeder watchers. Total party-hours 19 (13 on foot, 6 by car). Total party-miles 70 (7.5 on foot, 62.5 by car). Total species 58; total individuals 4,184.

Observers: Lester Doyle, Marquita Gillenwater and Wayne M. Mason (compiler); Feeder watchers, Virginia Downing, Gloria Houchens, Buck Jones, Howard Malcolm,

Francis Jones, Arlene Lapham, Doris McKinley, Billie Moore, Elaine Murphy, Ruth Owen, Melba Richardson, Elizabeth Rogers and Russell Starr.

Despite excellent weather conditions, it was difficult to bird because of the extensive ice cover on brush, grasses and tree branches. Waterfowl numbers were lower than in previous years, as were sparrow numbers (especially Swamp Sparrows) and kinglets. The adult Bald Eagle at the Narrows boat ramp was a particularly gratifying observation, making this the third time in the last four years that an eagle has been recorded on this count. Two *Accipiter* sp. were also observed but not tabulated.

Once again, we would like to thank the Glasgow Garden Club participants for their help with the count. Their feeder-watch results are greatly appreciated.

Falls of Rough (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Short Creek, Kentucky). Habitat woodland, river bottoms, cultivated fields, Rough River Lake, streams, watershed lakes, ponds and old fields. Dec. 19; 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sky clear early, to completely cloudy by midday; temp. 26° to 50°F; wind calm. Ending temperature of 27°F by 7:00 p.m. 9 observers in 7 parties. Total party-hours 19.75 (11.75 on foot, 8 by car). Total party-miles 127.5 (7.5 on foot, 120 by car). Total species 59; total individuals 1,346.

Observers: Herbert Clay, Jr., Katherine Clay, Tony Eaden, John Humphrey, Mike Kavolus, Joyce Porter (compiler), Bert Powell, Doralee St. Clair and Wavy Young.

Owling done by compiler 5:00 a.m. to 6:15 a.m. and again 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. produced no owls, notable because on previous counts I have had owls. The only place that had owls was Big Pond Sanctuary.

Hart County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center same as in 1992). Habitat as 1992. Dec. 20; 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky low clouds; temp. 30° to 40°F. 6 observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 9.5 (4 on foot, 5.5 by car). Total party-miles 74 (1.75 on foot, 72.25 by car). Total species 50; total individuals 1,688.

Observers: Nevelen Craddock, Carol Friedman, Steve Kistler (compiler), Mitchell Surgeon and Chuck Wuertzer.

Green River Lake (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Taylor County, Kentucky). Habitat river banks, dam and spillway, lake shore (open and trees), fescue fields (mowed), mixed woods, lawns and harvested corn field. Dec. 29; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky overcast to partly cloudy; temp. 11° to 28°F; wind 20 m.p.h. 4 observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours 16.5 (3 on foot, 13.5 by car). Total party-miles 121 (2 on foot, 119 by car). Total species 64; total individuals 2,920.

Observers: Richard Cassell, Lloyd Curry (compiler), Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. and Lene Rauth.

A Red-shouldered Hawk was spotted outside the circle on Highway 551 by Palmer-Ball.

Otter Creek Park (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1972.) Habitat brushy fields 14%, woodlands 30%, farmlands 35%, park area and residential 9%, ponds, creeks and river 12%. Dec. 18; 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 41° to 41°F; wind S, 4-12 m.p.h. Misting from 7:30 a.m. to 7:55 a.m., heavy rain from 7:55 to 8:20 a.m., clearing at 11:00 a.m., cloudy most of the afternoon. 9 observers in 6 parties. Total party-hours 41.25 (12 on foot, 29.25 by car). Total party-miles 236 (13 on foot, 223 by car). Total species 54; total individuals 5,336.

Observers: Lloyd Curry, Wayne Dahl, Frank Krull, John Krull, Doxie Noonan, Martha Pike, Helga Schutte, Anne Stamm (compiler), Ed Toone.

This count was below normal. Ducks were scarce and almost absent. The adult Bald Eagle was seen by Doxie Noonan. Robins were in fair numbers, 1,927 while Cedar Waxwings reached an all-time high count of 699. Field, Swamp and White-throated Sparrows continue to be present in low numbers.

Bernheim Forest (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1974). Habitat as described in 1974. Dec. 26; 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky partly to mostly cloudy; temp. 20° to 45°F; wind S, 0-15 m.p.h. Water partly frozen. 6 observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 22 (7.5 on foot, 14.5 by car). Total party-miles 171 (3 on foot, 168 by car). Total species 63; total individuals 6,376.

Observers: Steve Figg, Bob Johnson, Tim Love, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Ed Toone III, Ed Toone IV.

Count results were as expected given the below average number of participants. Berry-eating species were present in above average numbers: the Cedar Waxwing total included an estimated 1200 in a single flock, feeding on fruits of ornamental trees just inside the main forest entrance. The most interesting observation was the large number of vultures, which were counted as they went to roost on a wooded hillside about one and one half miles northwest of Cravens. Other noteworthy sightings included three Wood Ducks, an immature Bald Eagle, two Pine Warblers and at least two Lapland Longspurs with a flock of Horned Larks.

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). Habitat elevation 640'-1190', farmland, fallow land, suburban, wooded and grassland. Dec. 31; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky clear and ground snow covered; temp. 18° to 40°F; wind S-SW, 5-15 m.p.h. A perfect day to observe birds. 9 observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 23 (1.5 on foot, 21.5 by car). Total party-miles 311 (1.5 on foot, 309.5 by car). Total species 62; total individuals 7,586.

Observers: Brandon Brown, Iris Brown, Lloyd Brown, Sean Brown, Todd Brown, W.H. Brown (compiler), Zachary Brown, James Derryberry and Peggy Derryberry.

Frankfort (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1972). Habitat as described in 1977. Dec. 18; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 36° to 44°F; wind W, 5-10 m.p.h. Intermittent drizzle, p.m. rain. 18 observers in 9 parties. Total party-hours 35 (9.5 on foot, 25.5 by car). Total party-miles 246.5 (9.5 on foot, 237 by car). Twelve hours spent feeder watching. Total species 57; total individuals 6,246.

Observers: Horace Brown, Mary Cooper, James Derryberry, Margaret Derryberry, Peggy Derryberry (compiler), Jim Durell, Ralph Gould, Pat Hankla, Scott Hankla, Virginia Honaker, Chris Hoskins, Paul Kammer, Jed Kerkhoff, Rae McEntyre, Susan Pollock, Pam Shirley, Janie Stout and Tim Williams.

Food supply was excellent this year; hackberry, euonymys, acorns, bittersweet, poison ivy and honeysuckle.

Kleber Wildlife Management Area (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1972.) Habitat as described in 1972. Jan. 2; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 33° to 39°F; wind E, 3 m.p.h. All areas were snow covered and water was still frozen. 7 observers in 4 parties. Total party-hours 35 (22 on

foot, 13 by car). Total party-miles 209 (14 on foot, 195 by car). Total species 51; total individuals 3,431.

Observers: Brian Baker, W.H. Brown, David Carr, Peggy Derryberry (compiler), Jim Durell, Ralph Gould and Susan Laurenson.

Danville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Boyle County Courthouse). Habitat water/edge 15.2%, urban 3.9%, cultivated 12.9%, field/fence 36.6%, wood/edge 28.9%, feeder 2.5%. Dec. 18; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky cloudy, rain a.m.; temp. 38° to 44°F. 19 observers in 8 parties. Total party-hours 56 (12.75 on foot, 43.25 by car). Total party-miles 458.5 (19.5 on foot, 439 by car). Total species 60; total individuals 34,595.

Observers: Ron Barbato, Bob Corcoran, Ginny Eklund, Neil Eklund (compiler), Mort Hoaglund, Tom Kearns, J.W. Kemper, F.W. Loetscher, Dan MacDonald, Charlie Martin, Tom McKune, Eric Mount, Jack Newton, Robert Pendygraft, Herb Petitjean, RoseMarie Roessler, Ralph Schiefferle, Joan V.G. Smith and Charles Vahlkamp.

Burlington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Camp Michaels). Habitat as described in 1992. Jan. 1; 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky overcast; temp. 32° to 39°F; wind SSW, 10-18 m.p.h. Some light rain during the morning hours. 13 observers in 7 parties. Total party-hours 43.5 (23 on foot, 20.5 by car). Total party-miles 242 (13 on foot, 229 by car). Total species 61; total individuals 5,356.

Observers: Brenda Bellamy, John Bellamy, Vivian Brun, Joe Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Elaine Carroll, Kevin Flowers, Diane Markesberry, Lee McNeely (compiler), Karen Puckett, Carmen Schulte, Tommy Stephens and Gene Wolfe. Feeder watchers: Marjorie Hill, Lynda McNeely and Gilbert Zembrodt.

A large majority of the waterfowl, gulls and vultures were found at the East Bend Power Plant. The Wild Turkeys represent a high count and were present in two separate flocks.

Warsaw (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Gallatin County courthouse). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 18; 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky overcast; temp. 33° to 39°F; wind SW, 5-15 m.p.h. 8 observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 23.25 (8 on foot, 15.25 by car). Total party-miles 258 (5 on foot, 253 by car). Total species 60; total individuals 2,456.

Observers: P.T. Barrington, Joe Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Kevin Flowers, Frank Lewandowski, Lee McNeely (compiler), Tommy Stephens and Gene Wolfe.

Waterfowl were in low numbers, while Great Blue Herons, Black Vultures, Killdeer and Cedar Waxwings were well represented. The Peregrine Falcon was observed closely in Warsaw as it fed on an unidentified bird while perched in a tree. A band was noted on the falcon's left leg. One *Accipiter* sp. was also observed.

Perry County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Sam Campbell's Branch). Habitat deciduous woodland, pasture and small streams. Jan. 2; 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 30° to 40°F; wind calm. One observer in 1 party. Total party-hours 10 (9 on foot, 1 by car). Total party-miles 20 (4 on foot, 16 by car). Total species 32; total individuals 265.

Observers: Don Spencer (compiler).

Wild Turkeys are back in the county for the first time in 70-80 years and they are doing well.

MID-WINTER
BIRD COUNT
1993-1994

	CALLOWAY COUNTY	LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES	MARION	SORGHO	YELVINGTON	OWENSBORO	OLMSTEAD	PARADISE	BOWLING GREEN	MAMMOTH CAVE NAT'L PARK	GLASGOW	FALLS OF ROUGH	HART COUNTY	GREEN RIVER LAKE	OTTER CREEK PARK	BERNHEIM FOREST	SHELBYVILLE	FRANKFORT	KLEBER WMA	DANVILLE	BURLINGTON	WARSAW	PERRY COUNTY	TOTAL
HAIRY WOODPECKER	6	6	2		7		3	3	1	1	5	9	1	2	3	1	2	6	7	6	4	5	1	71
NORTHERN FLICKER	24	56		6	47		26	33	12	2	16	12	17	7	31	20	18	24	11	26	12	13	1	412
PILEATED WOODPECKER	9	29	1		3		1	1	8	10	3	6	1	7	10	6	3	12	11	3	2	2	5	132
EASTERN PHOEBE	1	3								1			1									1	1	8
HORNED LARK	19	6		166	16		72	23	25		5	50		230	335	373			50	10			1	1380
BLUE JAY	418	326	42	58	86	3	31	91	18	15	74	64	75	25	161	170	70	265	121	45	78	42	10	2288
AM. CROW	282	102	26	5	54	1	46	124	32	31	97	130	73	41	204	170	457	224	242	106	118	147	20	2732
CAROLINA CHICKADEE	198	132	36	33	91	3	12	65	24	17	63	33	45	16	62	38	30	93	51	78	74	38	10	1242
TUFTED TITMOUSE	121	152	22	18	53	4	19	22	21	13	63	37	46	14	53	26	22	64	45	31	90	31	10	977
RED-BR. NUTHATCH	5	3			2	1		72	3	21		4			3	12		1			2		1	130
WHITE-BR. NUTHATCH	38	108	6	1	29		8	8	4	6	16	10	14	4	14	13	2	12	5	11	27	8	5	349
BROWN CREEPER	3	4			10		1	1		1	1		2	5	1	1	1	4	1	2	3	*	39	
CAROLINA WREN	65	52	2	10	34	2	14	40	15	8	44	6	30	10	30	34	6	43	47	20	52	40	3	607
WINTER WREN	1	1			2		1	1	1				1		1			1	1				1	11
GOLDEN-CR. KINGLET	17	6			4		2	2	2	4	2	3	1	7	22	8	17	7	17	2	6	6	10	143
RUBY-CR. KINGLET	1	6					2	2	2	1				1										13
EASTERN BLUEBIRD	202	128	18	13	24		42	63	7	2	59	20	110	32	84	114	64	90	76	76	31	24	*	1279
HERMIT THRUSH	3	12					3	3	1	9			1	2	3			6			*	*	*	39
AMERICAN ROBIN	278	193	6	82	104	2	53	58	177	306	84	56	35	136	1927	345	619	1405	1037	258	787	172	*	8120
N. MOCKINGBIRD	39	10	8	33	20	2	13	20	14		23	8	*1	15	24	29	16	6	6	23	12	8		323
BROWN THRASHER	3	3	1		1		1	1	2		2		1		1					2				17
GRAY CATBIRD																				9				9
CEDAR WAXWING	66	368			83	14	8	8	49	65	17	59	240	13	699	1617	3	180	100	214	88	63		3946

LOGGHEAD SHRIKE	10	1	2	3	5	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	31									
EUROPEAN STARLING	18530	988	2000	2193	2600	6	193	3300	480	91	1844	141	330	135	772	371	3702	1758	743	11525	1415	735	80	53932
YELLOW-R. WARBLER	14	8		5		2	16		11	11	11	3	16	17	51	27	6	41	81			5	7	321
PINE WARBLER		1						1								2								4
PALM WARBLER						2																		2
N. CARDINAL	360	180	125	128	108	16	38	221	20	4	131	44	70	73	69	118	139	198	74	229	214	105	5	2689
RUFOUS-S. TOWHEE	85	73	2	4	23	*	11	24	9	5	20	12	11	9	14	37	1	8	11	5	22	14	400	
AM. TREE SPARROW			1				15								1		2	1			24	4	48	
FIELD SPARROW	83	52	4	4	4		1	53	3	7	3	2	1	15	13	14	3	12	1	26	14	9	320	
SAVANNAH SPARROW		7					17										2							29
FOX SPARROW	2	1	1	2			4		7						1	4	1	2	1	2	1	1	30	
SONG SPARROW	49	86	2	41	71	3	12	129	38	7	39	11	35	43	47	56	87	76	70	31	99	110	8	1160
SWAMP SPARROW	28	14		2		12	44	10	3	1	3	15	21	7	5	1	3	1	2	4			176	
WHITE-THR. SPARROW	216	216	24	13	81	6	16	73	95	68	84	8	38	95	34	103	16	26	24	15	42	47	15	1361
WHITE-CR. SPARROW	22	8	32	18	17		5	2	5		4	5	4	11	25	195	6	18	16	24			417	
DARKEYED JUNCO	524	1099	200	2	120	29	17	178	10	31	63	72	42	69	310	290	164	246	278	103	151	46	20	4064
LAPLAND LONGSPUR	1															2								3
RED-W. BLACKBIRD	563	1520	*	1	31		265	4350	32	75	1	102	11	30	1	1	1	5	4	6			6998	
EASTERN MEADOWLARK	116	71	20	35	65		95	232	15	15	79	50	4	12	15	183	1	3	31	18	1		1061	
RUSTY BLACKBIRD	1					9	10								1	19	4						44	
COMMON GRACKLE	8010	8	24	1	57		5	6000	210	120	13	1	2	1000	23	56	20011					1	35542	
BROWN-H. COWBIRD	6	400	6	2	3		106	460	85	75		4	21	2	50	280							1500	
PURPLE FINCH	6	26	4		10		1	12	7	4	7	4	7	19	8	8	24	6	30	6			198	
HOUSE FINCH	116	25	40	34	128	3	62	25	43		208	78	40	40	84	74	65	272	14	313	144	10	1818	
PINE SISKIN	2	6										2					8						18	
AM. GOLDFINCH	89	63		4	44		14	93	1	19	53	27	21	18	59	118	9	55	67	125	121	67	20	1087
EVENING GROSBEAK	39											*15												39
HOUSE SPARROW	135	27	10	325	167	25	34	24	53		49	10	19	13	54	165	398	81	36	95	47	25		1792
DAY OF COUNT	J1	D18	J3	J1	D18	J2	D27	D31	D19	D20	D31	D19	D20	D29	D18	D26	D31	D18	J2	D18	J1	D18	J2	
NUMBER OF SPECIES	86	92	37	45	63	19	49	87	57	45	58	59	50	64	54	63	62	57	51	60	61	60	32	
INDIVIDUALS	33902	15785	2792	3525	4731	118	1864	20630	2220	1100	4184	1346	1688	2920	5336	6376	7596	6246	3431	34595	5356	2456	265	168482
OBSERVERS	14	28	3	11	15	1	2	15	5	3	3	9	6	4	9	6	9	18	7	19	13	8	1	

*Birds observed during the count period, but not on the count day. These birds are not counted in the total for individuals.

FIELD NOTES

Second Sighting of a Varied Thrush in Kentucky

On December 19, 1993, my brother, Frank, and I were birding along Mayo Lane in western Oldham County in conjunction with the Louisville Christmas Bird Count. Mayo Lane is off U.S. 42, 1.3 miles from the Jefferson County line, and runs from U.S. 42 to Rose Island Road. The spot where we were birding was approximately 0.7 miles from U.S. 42 in a deciduous woods with cedars, a dense understory, and two running streams.

We decided to split up to take a census of the area. At approximately 10:30 a.m. I stopped to make squeaking noises in hopes of attracting some birds. There wasn't much activity, but one bird appeared at eye level, flew, and subsequently landed approximately 50 feet up in a sycamore tree 30 yards away. To the naked eye it was about the size and shape of an American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*). As I focused on the bird, I could immediately see I had something different in view.

Although it was the size and basic coloration of a robin, I noticed what appeared to be a distinct eye stripe and a broken pattern on its side. I watched as the bird moved rather nervously from branch to branch until finally it presented me with a frontal view. Immediately I saw a dark breast band similar to that of an Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*), though not as "V"-shaped. I watched the bird for approximately 10 minutes until it flew from view to the south.

Not knowing what I had observed, I returned to the car making a mental checklist of what I had just seen. I proceeded to look up the bird in Peterson's field guide and discovered that I had unmistakably sighted a Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*). My brother and I returned in the afternoon to find the bird but were unsuccessful.

Although I had no previous familiarity with this species, I filled out documentation for the Christmas count in hopes that others might verify my sighting. The following day I got my wish. Accompanied by Kathryn Clay and Doxie Noonan, we returned to the site at 12:15 p.m. To my amazement, I immediately located the bird in the exact same tree as the day before! It was a cloudy day, and with no interference from the sun, we had no trouble identifying all the field marks of this striking bird.

After consulting the available literature, this appears to be the second documented and confirmed sighting of a Varied Thrush in Kentucky. — JOHN KRULL, 6385 Marina Drive, Prospect, Kentucky 40059.

Brant at the Falls of the Ohio

We were birding at the Falls of the Ohio on the morning of November 7, 1993 when we found a Brant (*Branta bernicla*) feeding with a mixed group of dabbling ducks. The Brant was wading in the shallow pools that lie along the concrete wall on the outer fossil beds. Other waterfowl feeding in the pools included approximately 50 Mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*), 35 Gadwall (*Anas strepera*), ten American Wigeon (*Anas americana*), six Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*), three Northern Shovelers (*Anas clypeata*), and two American Black Ducks (*Anas rubripes*).

Palmer-Ball initiated the local bird alert, and within several hours, approximately twenty members of the Beckham Bird Club had seen the bird. Sometime during the early afternoon, the Brant moved to the shallow riffles and pools that lie immediately below the upper part of McAlpine Dam. Late in the afternoon the bird was photographed as it continued to feed with Mallards in this area (see photo).

The Brant was larger and bulkier than the many Mallards that fed nearby, but not by much. The plumage was typical of the eastern race (*B.b. bernicla*) with blackish head, neck, and breast, grayish-white belly and sides, and dark gray back. The upper and under tail coverts were white, and the tail was dark. The white patch on the neck was typical of the species. Legs and feet were blackish.

The Brant fed almost incessantly on the abundant algae that grows in the pools and riffles at the Falls. Only occasionally did it stop to rest or preen. At one point the bird swam to a rock island and bathed, flipping upside down as Canada Geese have been seen to do on occasion.

Much to everyone's disappointment, the Brant was gone the following day, even though the other ducks remained. This brief stay was apparently typical of the species at inland locations in fall. Brants that appear in the midwest in fall rarely linger for more than a few days, often appearing, as this individual did, for only a day (Bruce Peterjohn, pers comm).

This represents the first documented record of the Brant in Kentucky. Although the species migrates primarily along the coasts, a few birds are found annually at inland locations, especially on the Great Lakes. Most Indiana and Ohio records are from Lake Michigan and Lake Erie, respectively, although each state has a few records from other localities. In Tennessee, Brant have been observed on at least nine occasions. — BRAINARD PALMER-BALL, JR., 8207 Old Westport Road, Louisville 40222, and DIANE EBEL, 222 Bonner Avenue, Louisville 40207.



NEWS AND VIEWS

Reminder About the Kentucky Rare Bird Alert Hotline

Remember, the Kentucky Rare Bird Alert Hotline is in service at (502) 894-9538. Mike Stinson regularly updates the tapes with your reports of unusual bird sightings from around the state. Help support this service with your reports.

K.O.S. Avian Research Grant Fund

The K.O.S. Avian Research Grant Fund Committee did not meet since the last issue. Therefore, announcement of the fund guidelines will have to wait until the spring meeting and the May issue of *The Kentucky Warbler*.

Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Project Tanager

Project Tanager examines the relationship between forest size and breeding success of the tanagers nesting there. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is recruiting more volunteers for the summer of 1994. To participate, write to: Project Tanager, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850, or call: (607) 254-2446.

K.O.S. Spring Meeting

The Kentucky Ornithological Society will hold its annual Spring Meeting at Rough River State Resort Park from April 29 through May 1. Please plan to attend and make your reservations early. As usual the Clay's will greet us with their most generous hospitality. If you would like to make a presentation at the Friday evening meeting, please contact Wayne M. Mason, Department of Biology, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101, or call (502) 745-6012.