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THE FALL MIGRATION – 2003

Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., and Lee McNeely

The fall season 2003 experienced close-to-normal precipitation and slightly above-average temperatures overall. August presented the hottest weather of an abnormally cool summer overall; the month began dry, but heavy rains occurred in some parts of the region in late August, causing river and lake levels to rise, inundating prime shorebird habitat. September was overall cooler and wetter than normal while October experienced normal temperatures, but precipitation was below normal. In contrast, November was warmer than normal, and the lack of strong fronts limited waterbird fallouts to one major event early in the month.

In great contrast to the fall of 2002, West Nile Virus appeared to be *much less* pervasive upon bird populations, with only a fraction of the dead and sick birds reported to rehabilitators. Rarities were not especially numerous, although some good finds included Glossy Ibis, Swallow-tailed Kite, Marbled and Hudsonian godwits, Red-necked and Red phalaropes, and Clay-colored Sparrow. What surely will become the state's best-ever season for *Selasphorus* hummingbirds began with six reports (four confirmed Rufous) by the end of November. Fall songbird migration was not especially noteworthy, although good flights occurred on several occasions, especially early in the season. Winter finches and Red-breasted Nuthatches returned in small numbers, although the movement was definitely below-average.

The sequence of species given in this report reflects changes in the latest supplement to the American Ornithologists Union *Check-list of North American Birds*, which has placed the Anseriformes (waterfowl) and Galliformes (game birds) before the other groups. Publication of any unusual sightings in the seasonal report does not imply that these reports have been accepted as records for the official checklist of Kentucky birds. Observers are cautioned that records of out-of-season birds and all rarities must be accompanied with good details or documentation for acceptance. Documentation must be submitted to 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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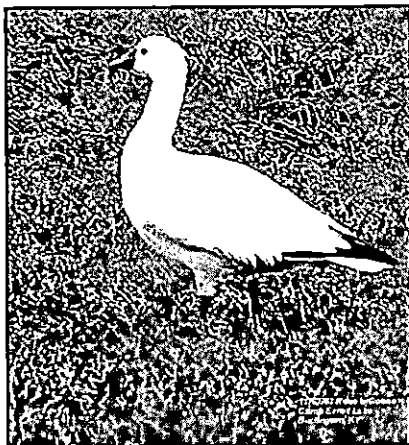
Green Turtle Bay = Lake Barkley at Green Turtle Bay marina, *Lyon*; Island No. 1 = Mississippi River sandbars at Island No. 1, *Carlisle*; Jonathan Creek = Jonathan Creek embayment of Kentucky Lake, *Marshall*; Ky Dam = Kentucky Dam, *Livingston/Marshall*; Kuttawa = Lake Barkley at Kuttawa, *Lyon*; Lake Cumberland WMA = Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski*; Lake No. 9 = Lake No. 9, *Fulton*; Lake Reba = Lake Reba, *Madison*; Laketon = Mississippi River sandbars at Laketon, *Carlisle*; LBL = Land Between the Lakes, *Lyon/Trigg*; Long Point = Long Point Unit Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, *Fulton*; Lost River = Lost River Cave and Valley, *Warren*; Mammoth Cave = Mammoth Cave National Park, *Edmonson* (unless otherwise noted); McElroy = McElroy Lake, *Warren*; Miles Park = Miles Park, *Jefferson*; Minor Clark = Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, *Rowan*; Mt. Zion = Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*; Paradise = Paradise Power Plant impoundments, *Muhlenberg*; Pinnacle = Pinnacle Overlook, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, *Bell*; Riverqueen = Riverqueen Unit, Peabody WMA, *Muhlenberg*; Sauerheber = Sauerheber Unit of Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*; Shaker Mill = Shaker Mill portion of e. Bowling Green, *Warren*; Sinclair = Sinclair Unit Peabody WMA, *Muhlenberg*; Stone Mt. = Stone Mountain Recreation Area, *Harlan*; Walton's Pond = Walton's Pond, *Warren*; WKU Farm = Western Kentucky University Farm, *Warren*; WKU Woods = Western Kentucky University Woods, *Warren*; WMA = Wildlife Management Area.

Gr. White-fronted Goose – earliest reports included 2 with a flock of Snow Geese over the Pinnacle 13 November (MM, MV, BP) – a first for the Cumberland Mts. region of the state; 4 at Shaker Mill 19 November (DR); and 2 at Minor Clark 24 November (GR). The species also was reported from now traditional wintering spots as follows: ca. 100 at Ballard by 21 November (CW) and ca. 1,000 at Long Point by 29 November (NM).

Snow Goose – presuming that a blue morph bird that appeared at Minor Clark 17 August (ph.GR) was not injured or had summered, it tied the early arrival date for the state and lingered into early November when it was joined by a white morph bird (m. ob.). By early October, a few flocks were passing through but a very pronounced movement was noted in mid-November as documented by migrant flocks over Ballard (SR), the Pinnacle (MM, et al.), Boone (LM), Calloway (ME), Hardin (fide RR), Shelby (HB) and Warren (DR). Interestingly, most of these birds must have passed through as only 150-200 were at Ballard by 21 November (CW).

Ross's Goose – 3 birds at Walton's Pond 19 November (ph. DR) established a new early arrival date for the state by more

than a week. A bird at Camp Ernst Lake, Boone, 26-27 November (ph.GC, LM) represented nc. Kentucky's first record.



Ross's Goose, Boone
27 November 2003
Granville Carey

Mute Swan – the seemingly resident pair along Cypress Creek, *Muhlenberg*, was observed 5 August (BP, EC); a sub-ad. was observed at East Bend 3 October (KC, LM, BP).

Tundra Swan – what likely represented a portion of the wintering flock from Sauerheber was first observed there 25 November (MMn).

Gadwall – the female and 2 yg. that were raised at Camp #11 were observed there 1 August (BP, EC, LP) and probably again 27 September (BP, AC); peak count was 150 at Ballard 24 November (SR).

American Black Duck – earliest reports included 1 at Camp #11 17 August (BP) and 1 in LBL, *Trigg*, 19 August (DR).

Blue-winged Teal – 3 at Willow Pond, w. *Fulton*, 12 August (KL, NM) were either summering birds or early migrants; peak counts included 175 at Camp #11 on 14 September (BP); 200 there 27 September (BP, AC); and 100+ at Addington WMA, *Knott/Breathitt*, 5 September (CLg, fide EC).

Blue-winged x Cinnamon Teal – a bird that had many red brick colored underpart feathers (but non-red eyes) and was in a delayed stage of molt (as compared to all of 100+ Blue-wingeds it was in the company of), was observed at Lake No. 9 on 30 August (MM, BP).

Northern Shoveler – earliest reports included 2 at Minor Clark 23 August (LM, NKBC) and 2 at Camp #11 on 23 August (BP, KOS); peak count was 50+ at Camp #11 on 29 October (BP, MM).

Northern Pintail – peak counts included ca. 30 at Camp #11 on 1 October (BP, JD, MM); and 10 in e. *Jefferson* 20 September (BW).

Green-winged Teal – earliest report was 1 at Camp #11 on 1 August (BP, EC, LP), tying the early fall arrival date for the state; peak count was 150+ at Camp #11 on 29 October (BP, MM).

Ring-necked Duck – earliest report was a presumed migrant at Sauerheber 27 September (BP).

Greater Scaup – only reports during the season were 1 at Waitsboro Recreation Area, Lake Cumberland, *Pulaski*, 6 November (RD) and 4 at Barren 7 November (DR).

Lesser Scaup – ca. 10 birds (none appeared to be Greater this year) summered on Lake Barkley above the dam, where they were observed 14/21 September (BP, et al.) and 1 October (BP, JD); an

early bird (migrant or summerer?) was present at Brown Power Plant 27 September (B&MC); peak counts were relatively low and included 200+ at Barren 7 November (DR) and 1,000+ on Lake Barkley between the dam and Boyd's Landing, *Lyon*, 9 November (BP, et al.).

Surf Scoter – modest movement included the following reports: 15 on the Ohio River at Louisville 21 October (MA); 9 at Barren 7 November (DR); 3 at Fishing Creek 9 November (RD); and 1 at A.J. Jolly 21 November (LM).

Black Scoter – a modest movement occurred as indicated by 3-5 on the Ohio River at Louisville 7 November (MA, MS, BY) and 1 at Fishing Creek 9 November (RD).

Hooded Merganser – peak count was 150-200 at Honker Lake, LBL, *Trigg*, 29 November (BP, AC).

Ruddy Duck – a male was at Camp #11 (where a brood had been present earlier in the summer) 1 August (BP, EC, LP).

Red-throated Loon – 1 was observed at Barren 7 November (vt.DR).

Common Loon – continuing from summer through the entire season were 1-3 birds above Ky Dam (m. ob.). The peak movement was highlighted by a new state high count of 1,342 birds at Barren 7 November (DR); also, ca. 40 birds were on the Ohio River at Louisville 6 November (JB, PB) and 10 were at Lake Reba 7 November (MV).

Pied-billed Grebe – a bird at Hardy Slough, Sauerheber, 3 August (BP) suggested nesting there again this year, although a likely early migrant was observed at Lake Peewee, *Hopkins*, on the same date (BP, AC) and 2 birds at Camp #11 on 3 August had not been present on previous visits (BP).

Horned Grebe – earliest report was for 3 birds at Minor Clark 18 October (ph. LH); peak counts included 200-300 above Ky Dam and 100+ above Barkley Dam, both 26 November (BY) and 170+ at Barren 7 November (DR).

Eared Grebe – the only report for the season was a bird on the Ohio River at

Louisville 20 September (*BP, et al.).

American White Pelican – possible summering birds or early fall migrants were noted as follows: 75-80+ at Island No. 8, *Fulton*, and 6 on Lake No. 9, both 5 August (BP, EC, et al) and 1 at Lake No. 9 on 12 August (KL, NM). Birds began to arrive in numbers during October with 250 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 6 October (BL); 250-275 birds on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 18-19 October (KB); 80-100+ at Fords Bay, Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 20 October (ME); 9 at Blood River 25/26 October (HC); and 78 in w. *Fulton* 26 October (RD, SD). Peak fall counts were ca. 400 on n. Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 9 November (BP, et al.) and 300-350 birds on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 29 November (KB). A bird at Hardy Slough, Sauerheber, 20 October, was relatively out of place (EC, SV).

Double-crested Cormorant – a flock of ca. 85 birds over Sinclair 13 August must have been early migrants (MM, BP); a count of ca. 6,000 birds on Lake Barkley nr. Little River embayment, *Trigg* (ER) represented a new high count for the state.

American Bittern – only a few were reported this fall: 1 at Sauerheber 27 September (CC); 2 there 4 October (BP, KOS); and 1 there 18 October (DR, KOS)

Least Bittern – there were a number of reports this fall: 1 observed at Paradise 3 August (BP); 2 juvs. heard calling at Camp #11 on 3 August provided a new county nesting record (BP, AC); 1 observed at Camp #11 on 17 August (BP); 2 heard calling at Paradise 7 September (BP); 1 observed at Yatesville WMA, *Lawrence*, 9 September (RM, fide SF) was a first for e. Kentucky; and a bird at Sauerheber 18 October (DR, KOS) established a new late departure date for the state.

Great Blue Heron – a count of 52 birds at the Falls of the Ohio 2 August (BP) may be the most ever reported at that location.

Great Egret – quite out-of-place was an

active nest in a residential area near downtown Louisville (RH) that contained at least 1 large yg. 8 August (BP, JB); the egret nest was in association with nesting Black-crowned Night-Herons. Peak counts included 48 at Ellis Park, *Henderson*, 1 August (BP); 350-400 on a slough near Sauerheber in mid-September (MMn). Latest reports included 4 at Paradise 19 October (HC, RD); 1 at A.J. Jolly 29 October (FR); 1 at Camp Ernst Lake, *Boone*, to 29 October (LM), and 10 at Eddy Creek 9 November (BP, et al.).

Snowy Egret – latest report was for several birds at Eddy Creek 21 September (BP, MS, BY).

Little Blue Heron – ca. 200+ white *Egretta* herons/egrets (probably mostly Little Blues but certainly with some Snowies included) were counted coming into the Kuttawa heronry 29 August (BP, MM).

Cattle Egret – peak count at the Kuttawa heronry was ca. 2,500+ on 29 August (BP, MM); latest reports included 4 at Barkley Dam 19 October (J&PN); 1 at Minor Clark 25 October (ph.LH); 1 at Camp #11 on 29 October (BP, MM); 2 at Lake Reba 7 November (MV) and 1 at Barren 19 November (DR).

Green Heron – latest reports were 1 at Fishing Creek 13 October (RD) and 1 at Minor Clark 15 October (FB).

Black-crowned Night-Heron – 1 bird was observed off and on at A.J. Jolly to 29 October (FR); a bird at the Lexington Cem. 8 September (SM) likely originated from the local nesting population, which has apparently been reestablished on some of the city's water supply reservoirs (fide KS); latest reports included 3 at Paradise 19 October (HC, RD); a juv. at Barkley Dam 9 November (BP et al.); and a few birds at St. Mathews, *Jefferson*, through the end of November (BW).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – only report for the season was a juv. at Lake No. 9 on 30 August (BP, MM).

Glossy Ibis – 3 *Plegadis* ibis were present at Meng's Pond, *Warren*. 12 October

(vt.DR). One appeared to be an ad. (first-basic) and the other 2 juvs. Video-documentation of the older bird supports its identity as a Glossy, but the 2 juvs, while likely also Glossy based on developing face patterns, probably should remain unidentified. KBRC review required.



Glossy Ibis, *Warren*
12 October 2003
David Roemer

Turkey Vulture – peak count was 500-600 birds at Glasgow, *Barren*, 19 November (DR).

Osprey – latest reports were 1 at Fishing Creek (RD) and 1 at Minor Clark (FB), both 3 November.

Swallow-tailed Kite – one of the highlights of the season was an individual that was discovered at Sinclair 12 August (ph.SA). The bird was seen by many and lingered to 31 August (HC). KBRC review required.

Mississippi Kite – a lingering vagrant was observed at Sinclair 15 August (DR) and 17 August (RR).

Bald Eagle – seldom reported fall migrants in e. Kentucky included 2 ads. along Pine Mt. nr. Whitesburg, *Letcher*, 15 September (SS et al.) and 1 ad. over Stone Mt. 24 September (MM, BP).

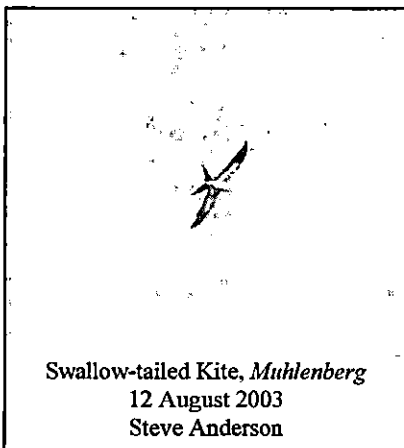
Broad-winged Hawk – peak fall counts were 211 over a two-day period on Pine Mt. nr. Whitesburg, *Letcher*, 15-16 September (SS et al.); 124 at the Pinnacle 23 September (MM, BP); and 51 at Fishing Creek 29 September (RD).

Red-tailed Hawk – a dark morph ad. *B. j. calurus* was relatively early nr. Morgan-

field, *Union*, 5 October (JD, BP, AC); other early reports included an ad. dark morph Harlan's in w. *Fulton* 27 October (RD, SD) and light morph ad. *B. j. calurus* at Sinclair (DR) and Camp #11 (MM, BP) both 29 October. A dark morph ad. *B. j. calurus* was present at East Bend 15 November (LM, KC); this is probably the same individual that has been observed for five straight winters.

Rough-legged Hawk – earliest report was 1 at Sinclair 29 October (MM, BP); also reported was a dark morph at East Bend 15 November (KC, LM).

Golden Eagle – quite impressive was the sight of 5 birds (2 ads. and 3 sub-ads.) in one field of view soaring over Bernheim Forest, *Nelson*, 30 November (MM, BP).



Swallow-tailed Kite, *Muhlenberg*
12 August 2003
Steve Anderson

Merlin – another good fall migration was experienced with the following reports: 14 September at Eddy Creek (BP, RL, MW); 21 September at Eddy Creek (BY, MS, BP); 26 September in *Warren* (DR); 28 September at Bowling Green (DR); 30 September at Chaney (DR); 2 October (2) at Lake Cumberland WMA (RD); 5 October at the WKU Farm (JE); 5 October (BP, KOS) and 18 October (DR, KOS) at Sauerheber; 5 October at Camp #9 (BP, JD); 11 November at Frankfort (MM); and 22 November at Cedar Creek Lake, *Lincoln* (RD, SBC).

Peregrine Falcon – not many were reported this fall: the Louisville pair was

observed bathing at the Falls of the Ohio 2 August (BP); 1 at Minor Clark 20 September (SM); 1 at Louisville 20 September (BY); 1 at Blood River 20 September (HC); 2 past the Pinnacle 23 September (MM, BP); 1 at Camp #11 on 27 September and 5 October (BP, et al.); 1 at Minor Clark 2 October (FB); and 1 on the Ohio River at Cincinnati 10 November (SM).

King Rail – single birds (migrants or lingering breeders?) were observed at Sauerheber 4 October (BP, KOS) and 18 October (JP).

Virginia Rail – a juv. at Camp #11 on 1 August was not seen exceptionally well but appeared not to be full grown, certainly suggesting that the species nested there (LP, BP, EC); 2-3 birds were heard at Gibraltar 21 September – 9 November (BP, et al.); also reported were 1 at Sauerheber 4 October (BP, KOS) and 1 at Hays Kennedy Park, *Jefferson*, 26 October (MA).

Sora – earliest reports included 1 at Sauerheber 3 August (CC) and 1 at Paradise 10 August (DR), both earlier than when migrants might be expected and perhaps suggestive of summering?? By 17 August, several were present at Camp #11 (BP); latest report was 1 that replied to a tape at Gibraltar 9 November (BP, et al.); peak count was an unimpressive 10-12 at Sauerheber 4 October (BP, KOS)

Common Moorhen – at least 1 bird lingered at Camp #11 into August (BP, et al.); an ad. and 2 nearly full grown yg. were observed at Sauerheber 3 August (CC), confirming nesting at that location for the first time.

American Coot – nesting birds lingered through the season at Camp #11 (BP, et al.); arrival of the first migrants appeared to be represented by the following reports: Sauerheber 27 September (CC) and Minor Clark 28 September (GR).

Sandhill Crane – a few birds were seen a few weeks earlier than normal, with a flock of 36 over Murray, *Calloway*, 10 October (KCo) and ca. 30 over s. *Jefferson* 12 October (MB). During the main

migratory period, birds were reported from as far w. as *Muhlenberg* 9 November (MS, et al.) and as far e. as Cave Run Lake, *Rowan*, in mid-November (LK).

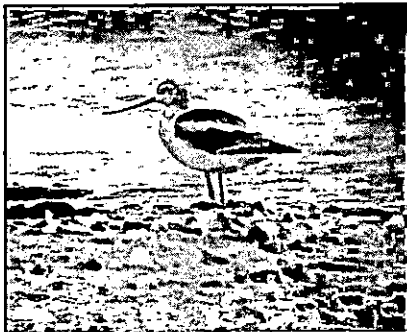
Black-bellied Plover – there were only a few reports including 1 at Blood River 19 September (HC); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 20 September (BP, et al.); 2 at Jonathan Creek 25/26 October (HC); and 1 at Petros Pond, *Warren*, 30 October (DR).

American Golden-Plover – certainly not an exceptional flight, although a few juvs. occurred in late September and early October (m. ob.); latest reports included 2 at Blood River 12 October (HC); 1 at Blood River 20 October (HC); and 1 at Jonathan Creek 4 November (HC).

Semipalmated Plover – latest report was 1 at Lake No. 9 on 26 October (RD, SD).

Killdeer – peak counts included 250 at Ballard 12 August (SR) and 200 at Camp #9 on 1 August (BP, LP, EC).

American Avocet – there were two reports for the season: 1 at Calvert City 13 August (ph.SV, EC, et al.) and 2 at Brown Power Plant 28 September (ph.B&MC).



American Avocet, *Marshall*
13 August 2003
Shawchyi Vorisek

Greater Yellowlegs – peak counts were 32 at Blood River 12 October (HC) and 31 at Minor Clark 28 October (FB); latest reports included several at Minor Clark 2 November (LH); 1 at Mt. Zion 3 November (RD); 1 at Lake Reba 8 November (MV) and 2 at Walton's Pond 19 November (DR).

Lesser Yellowlegs – peak count was 45 at Blood River 12 October (HC); latest report was for 2 birds at Blood River 16 November (HC).

Willet – only reports were for 4 at Island No. 1 on 21 August (MM, BP) and 1 at Brown Power Plant 22 August (RD).

Spotted Sandpiper – latest reports were 1 at Freeman Lake, *Hardin*, 25 October (RD, SD) and 1 at Lake Reba 30 October (MV).

Upland Sandpiper – only report for the season was a bird (seen and heard) over Sinclair 14 August (BP).

Hudsonian Godwit – 1 was observed at Blood River 19 September (*HC). KBRC review required.

Marbled Godwit – 1 was present at Camp #11 on 1 August (ph.BP, BC, LP). KBRC review required.



Marbled Godwit, *Union*
1 August 2003
B. Palmer-Ball, Jr.

Ruddy Turnstone – only report for the fall was for 2 at Petersburg, *Boone*, 30 August (LM).

Sanderling – certainly a below-average flight was documented; earliest report was for 2 at Laketon 12 August (SR); peak count was an unimpressive 4 at the Falls of the Ohio 15 September (C&TB).

Western Sandpiper – not numerous this fall, with only a few reports including up to 3 or 4 at Paradise during mid-August (m. ob.) and 2 at Fishing Creek 1 September (RD); latest reports included a few at Jonathan Creek and Blood River 12-26 October (HC); 2 at Jonathan Creek

4 November (HC, ME) and 4 last observed there 16 November (HC).

Least Sandpiper – peak counts included 200 at Laketon 19 August (SR) and 200 at Jonathan Creek and 150 at Blood River, both 12 October (HC).

White-rumped Sandpiper – the only report for this rare fall migrant was from Minor Clark 20 September (SM).

Baird's Sandpiper – peak count was an unimpressive 4 at Paradise 21 September (BP, MS, BY).

Pectoral Sandpiper – latest report was for 3 at Minor Clark 31 October (LH, FB).

Dunlin – earliest report was for 2 birds at Camp #9 on 27 September (BP, AC); peak count was 79 at Fishing Creek 6 November (RD).

Stilt Sandpiper – a somewhat below-average flight this fall; relatively unimpressive peak counts included 17 at Camp #9 on 29 August (BP) and 14 at Jonathan Creek 20 September (HC); latest report was 4 at Blood River 12 October (HC).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper – unimpressive movement detected this fall; first reported at Island No. 1 on 21 August (BP, MM); also observed at both Camp #9 and Camp #11 on 23/29 August (BP, KOS); and at Blood River 19 September (HC); latest report was 1 bird at Camp #11 on 1 October (BP, JD, MM), establishing a new late departure date for the state by a day.

Short-billed Dowitcher – peak count was 7 at Camp #11 on 17 August (BP).

Long-billed Dowitcher – earliest report was of 2 worn ads. (calls heard) at Camp #11 on 1 August (BP, EC, LP); 2 juvs. were observed at Camp #11 on 27 September/1 October with 3 there 5 October and 2 there 29 October (BP, et al.); the following reports of dowitcher sp. were also likely this species: 2 at Jonathan Creek and 6 at Blood River 12 October (HC) and 2 at Blood River 22 November (HC).

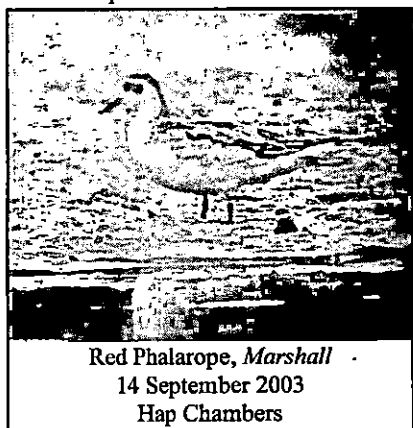
Wilson's Snipe – earliest reports included 1 at Camp #11 on 21 August (BP, MM); 3 at Minor Clark 23 August (LM,

NKBC); 1 at Sauerheber 25 August (CC); and 1 at Minor Clark 29 August (LM, NKBC).

American Woodcock – likely migrants were 2 in e. *Jefferson* 7 November (BP) and 3 at Sinclair 9 November (BP, et al.).

Red-necked Phalarope – a juv. was present at Camp #11 on 14 September (*BP). KBRC review required.

Red Phalarope – a juv. was present at Jonathan Creek 13 September (ph.HC, et al.) — 17 September (ME). KBRC review required.



Laughing Gull – a few birds were reported during the season, perhaps involving multiple observations of the same few individuals: juv. at Ky Dam 2 August (HC); ad. at Ky Dam 6 September (DR, HC); 1 at Green Turtle Bay 13 September (HC); 1 first-year at Ky Dam 5 October (LA); and 1 second-year at Ky Dam Village State Park, *Marshall*, 29 November (BP, AC).

Franklin's Gull – a few birds were reported as follows: 1 first-year at Jonathan Creek 15 September (DR); 1 over Martins Fork Lake, *Harlan*, 23 September (MM, BP) provided a second report for the Cumberland Mts. region of the state; 3 at Ky Dam 5 October (LA); 1 first-year at Jonathan Creek 5 October (HC, ME); 2 at Jonathan Creek 23 October (SR); 1 at Jonathan Creek 24 October (BL); 1 at Blood River 25/26 October (HC); 15 at Blood River 3 November (HC); and 1 at

Jonathan Creek 22 November (HC).

Bonaparte's Gull – earliest report was for several birds at Ky Dam 5 October (LA).

Ring-billed Gull – early peak counts were 75+ at Calvert City and 75+ on Ohio River sandbars nr. Ledbetter, *Livingston*, both 5 August (BP, EC).

Herring Gull – earliest reports included 3 ads. above Ky Dam 19 August (DR); at least 20 were at Green Turtle Bay by 14 September (BP, HC, RL, MW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull – a few reports (perhaps of same individual) as follows: ad. above Ky Dam 15 September (DR); ad. at Kuttawa 5 October (LA); and an ad. at Kuttawa 26 November (BY).

Caspian Tern – peak counts included ca. 75 total on n. Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 19 August (DR); 50+ at Kuttawa 29 August (BP, MM); and 17 at Paradise 13 August (BP, MM) and 24 August (BP, AC).

Common Tern – the only report was for a very late individual observed with the Forster's Terns at Jonathan Creek 11 November (BL).

Forster's Tern – peak counts were 70+ at Jonathan Creek 11 November (BL) and 65 at Jonathan Creek 12 October (HC); the species was still well distributed on bays of Kentucky Lake, *Caloway/Marshall*, including 42 at Blood River, 23 November (HC, ME).

Least Tern – relatively significant was the discovery of a small breeding colony at an industrial plant settling pond at Calvert City in early August (EC, et al.); at least 13 ads. and 10 juvs. were observed at the site 13 August (EC, SV, et al.). Birds on the Mississippi River appeared to do relatively well this season, with numerous juvs. observed loafing with ads. at the normal haunts (m. ob.). Peak count of lingering nesting birds was 60+ at Island No. 1 on 21 August (BP, MM).

Black Tern – a modest movement included 1 at Mt. Zion (RD) and 1 at Camp #11 (BP, AC), both 3 August; 1 at Laketon 14 August (SR); 6 at Island No 1 on 21 August (BP, MM); 15 at Lake Carnico, *Nicholas*, 23 August (G&WK); 10 over Sinclair 26 August (JE); 18 at Camp #9

on 29 August (BP); 3 at Fishing Creek 2 September (RD); 4 at Blood River 2 September (HC); 5 at Walton's Pond 3 September (DR); 1 at Minor Clark 7 September (GR); 2 at Fishing Creek 17 September (RD); and 1 at Camp #11 on 27 September (BP, AC).

Eurasian Collared-Dove – as is now the norm, this season brought reports from a few new locations including at Hiseville, *Barren*, 10 August (AT); nr. Oakland, *Warren*, late August (Z&CB); and in Fredonia, *Caldwell* (BP).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – a relatively late-nesting bird was flushed from a nest in *Pulaski* 2 August (RD); latest reports included 1 at WKU Woods 5 October (JE); 1 at Miles Park 16 October (BW) and 1 at Garvin Brown Preserve, *Jefferson*, 27 October (BW).

Long-eared Owl – single birds were observed at the Wendell Ford Regional Training Center, *Muhlenberg*, and at Riverqueen, both 28 November (BP, AC).

Short-eared Owl – earliest report was for 1 at Sauerheber 5 October (BP, KOS); also reported was 1 in e. *Jefferson* 26 October (MM, BP) and 10-15 at Sinclair 20 November (P&SF, BP, MM).

Northern Saw-whet Owl – the only report was 1 netted in e. *Jefferson* 7 November (MM, BP).

Whip-poor-will – 2 were still singing in nw. *Jackson* 20 September (BP) and at Sinclair 21 September (BP, MS, BY); a fresh road-kill was observed at Cumberland Gap, *Bell*, 25 September (MM, BP); latest report was 1 at Short Creek, *Grayson*, 15 October (JPt).

Ruby throated Hummingbird – birds did not linger as late this year, with only a few reports after the first week of October and the latest being 2 in s. *Warren* 22 October and 1 in s. *Warren* 24 October (JE). A nearly complete albino was observed at Eminence, *Henry*, during late August (R&WY, ph.BC).

Rufous Hummingbird – at least 4 birds were confirmed to species during the period as follows: ca. 2nd week August-

ca. 2nd week November, an ad. male at Bowling Green (ph.SB, fide JE); 12 October – end of November, an ad. female n. of Rich Pond, *Warren* (ph.JE, banded CS/PM); 8 November – end of November, an ad. female at Rich Pond, *Warren* (TB, ph.JE, banded CS/PM); late October – end of November 2003, an imm. female at Russellville, *Logan* (GM, ph.MBT, banded CS/PM).



Rufous Hummingbird, *Warren*
November 2003
Jackie Elmore

***Selasphorus* sp.** – single birds (unidentified to species) were reported from two other locations as follows: a “brownish” hummingbird at Plano, *Warren*, 12 October (FBW) and a likely ad. female at Berea, *Madison*, 23 October – end of November (ph. A&TR).

Olive-sided Flycatcher – only reports were for singles at King Bee, *Pulaski*, 6 September (RD) and Westvaco WMA, *Hickman*, 30 August (MM, BP).

Eastern Wood-Pewee – two extremely late nesting records were documented by an ad. feeding 2 yg. at Mt. Zion 25 September (RD), and ads. feeding yg. at Miles Park 24-30 September (BW). Assuming normal timing of post-fledging parental care, these nestings occurred approximately a month later than has been previously documented in the state.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher – several reports as follows: 1 at Mammoth Cave,

Barren, 5 September (MM); 1 at Mt. Zion 12 September (RD); 1 in sw. *Jefferson* 20 September (CL); 1 in *Warren* 16 and 30 September (DR); 1 at Cave Hill Cem., *Jefferson*, 8 October (BJ, BBC); and 1 in e. *Jefferson* 10 October (JB, PB).

Alder Flycatcher – tentatively identified was 1 (heard only) calling along the Mississippi River above Laketon 21 August (BP, MM).

Least Flycatcher – earliest report was a bird calling ('whit') in e. *Jefferson* 9 August (BP) that tied the early arrival date for non-breeding areas in the state; the next earliest report was 1 at Mt. Zion 26 August (RD).

Great Crested Flycatcher – latest report was 1 in LBL, *Lyon*, 14 September (HC, BP, RL, MW).

Eastern Kingbird – a few birds lingered into the latter half of September with latest reports being 1 in *Jefferson* 20 September (BW); 5 at Sinclair 21 September (BP, MS, BY); 2 in nw. *Grayson* 17 September (JPt); and 1 at Knifley, *Adair*, 27 September (RD, SBC).

Loggerhead Shrike – relatively unusual for n. Kentucky was a bird just s. of Aspen Grove, s. *Campbell*, 10 November (SM).

Bell's Vireo – extraordinarily late and establishing a new late departure date for the state by three weeks was a singing bird (heard only) at Sinclair 19 October (HC, RD).

Yellow-throated Vireo – latest report was 1 at WKU Woods 8 October (JE).

Blue-headed Vireo – a bird at Mammoth Cave, *Barren*, 5 September (MM) was likely an early migrant; latest report was 1 at Big South Fork National Recreation Area, *McCreary*, 1 November (RD).

Red-eyed Vireo – a relatively late nesting record was documented by an ad. feeding 2 yg at Mt. Zion 10/11 September (RD).

Common Raven – 2-3 birds were seen at Stone Mt. 23/24 September (BP, MM); 1 was heard s. of Hensley Settlement, Cumberland Gap, 25 September (MM, BP); 1 was observed ca. 3 mi ne. of

Prestonsburg, *Floyd*, 29 October for a still relatively rare report away from the Cumberland Mts. (CLg).

Purple Martin – 6-7 birds over Miles Park 21 September (BW) and 4 birds in *Wayne* 22 September (RD) were about a week earlier than the latest state departure date ever recorded.

Tree Swallow – peak count was 700+ in *Wayne* 22 September (RD); latest reports included 50+ in w. *Fulton* 26 October (RD, SD); 30 at Somerset 28 October (RD); "numerous" on the Little River embayment of Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 28 October (ER); 30 at Camp #11 on 29 October (BP, MM); and 7 at Sinclair and Paradise 9 November (MS, et al.).

No. Rough-winged Swallow – latest report was 1 in w. *Fulton* 26 October (RD, SD).

Cliff Swallow – interesting reports included 2 at Watertown Yacht Club, *Campbell*, 9 August (FR) and 2 relatively late birds in *Wayne* 22 September (RD).

Red-breasted Nuthatch – the earliest report was 1 at Beargrass 27 October (RD); a few showed up during November, but by the end of the month, only small numbers were being reported, suggesting a modest but relatively unspectacular movement overall.

Brown Creeper – earliest report was 1 at Louisville 13 October (JB, PB).

House Wren – several birds were observed lingering into November with the latest being 1 at Mt. Zion 11 November (RD) and 1 at Riverqueen 28 November (BP, AC).

Sedge Wren – at least 3 birds lingered in e. *Jefferson* into mid-August (BP) and at least 4 were present – with nesting likely – at Sinclair 17 August (RR) through October (MM, BP, et al.); other possible nesting birds included 1-2 heard at Camp #11 during the latter half of August (BP, et al.); 1 heard at Ballard 17 August (MM, BP); 1 heard nr. Ledbetter, s. *Livingston*, 29 August (BP); and 2 heard at Long Point 31 August (BP, MM). The species was also reported at Sauerheber – where birds had summered – with several birds including a juv. observed 4

- October (BP, KOS) and 18 October (DR, KOS). Single birds that were likely migrants were reported at Beargrass 28 September (DP, BBC) and Chaney 30 September (DR). The species lingered at Sinclair into November with 2 still there 9 November (BP, et al.) and at least 4 seen/heard 20 November (BP, MM, SV).
- Marsh Wren** – earlier than normal was 1 heard and seen at Camp #11 on 17/23 August (BP, KOS) and a singing bird still in juv. plumage at Sinclair 30 August (BP, MM) that seemed suspiciously of local origin. Other reports included 1 at McElroy 16 September (DR); 1 at Beargrass 28 September (DP, BBC); 2 at Chaney 6 October (DR); 2 at McElroy 8 October (DR); and several at Sauerheber 4/5/18 October (KOS). Two lingering birds were heard singing full songs at Sinclair 20 November (MM, BP).
- Golden-crowned Kinglet** – earliest reports included 1 at WKU Woods 8 October (JE) and 2 in e. *Jefferson* 13 October (JB, PB).
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – earliest reports included 1 in nw. *Jackson* 20 September (BP) and ca. 6 at Cumberland Gap 25 September (MM, BP).
- Veery** – the only report was for 1 at Shaker Mill 8 September (DR).
- Gray-cheeked Thrush** – 1 at Shaker Mill 2 September (DR) established a new early arrival date for the state by three days.
- Swainson's Thrush** – earliest reports included 1 at Frankfort 24 August (BP) and 1 at Mt. Zion 4 September (RD).
- Wood Thrush** – latest reports were for 1 at Sauerheber 25 October (BL) and 2 at Stephen's Knob, *McCreary*, 11 October (RD, SBC).
- American Robin** – an estimated 5,000 birds were observed going to roost at Highland Heights, *Campbell*, 9 October (FR); a very late nesting record was indicated by an ad. feeding fledglings in e. *Jefferson* ca. 20 September (BW).
- Gray Catbird** – latest reports were for 1 at Mt. Zion 22 October (RD) and 1 in s. *Warren* 26 October (JE).
- Cedar Waxwing** – fledglings were observed still being fed at two locations in e. *Jefferson* 20 September (BW); a noticeable movement of birds came through during latter October and early November (m. ob.).
- Blue-winged Warbler** – a bird at Lost River 5 August (JE) was a relatively early post-breeding wanderer/migrant.
- Golden-winged Warbler** – it seemed to be a good fall for this declining species, with reports as follows: 1 at Middle Creek Park, *Boone*, 1 September (LM, NKBC); 1 at Mt. Zion 4/10/11/23 September (RD); 1 at Mammoth Cave, 5 September (MM); 2 in e. *Jefferson* 6 September (BP); 1 in LBL, *Lyon*, 7 September (BP); 1 nr. Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 13 September (HC, et al.); 1 at Lake Cumberland WMA 19 September (RD); 1 in nw. *Jackson* 20 September (BP); 1 at Sloans Valley, *Pulaski*, 21 September (RD); 1 in LBL, *Lyon*, 21 September (BP); 1 at Mammoth Cave 21 September (JE, KOS); 1 at Louisville 24 September (JB, PB); and 1 at Miles Park 1 October (BW).
- Brewster's Warbler** – 1 was seen adjacent to Stone Mt. 24 September (MM).
- Tennessee Warbler** – earliest report was for 1 at Mt. Zion 24 August (RD); 30+ were at WKU Woods 8 October (JE).
- Orange-crowned Warbler** – an extremely early individual was observed at Mammoth Cave, *Barren*, 5 September (MM); also reported were 2 at Big Bone Lick State Park, *Boone*, 24 September (LM), and singles 10/13 October in e. *Jefferson* (JB, PB) and 19 November in s. *Warren* (ph.JE).
- Northern Parula** – 6 birds at Eddy Creek 1 October (BP, JD) and 4 birds at WKU Woods 8 October were nice tallies for the relatively late dates (JE).
- Yellow Warbler** – latest reports were 2 at Mt. Zion 11 September (RD) and 1 in *Lyon* 21 September (MS, BY, BP).
- Chestnut-sided Warbler** – earliest reports included 1 (a presumed non-breeder) at Lake Cumberland WMA 19 August (RD) and 1 at Mt. Zion 24 August (RD).

Magnolia Warbler – 20+ birds were at WKU Woods 5 October (JE).

Cape May Warbler – earliest report was for 3 at Adair WMA, *Boone*, 6 September (LM, NKBC); well distributed during the remainder of September with reports from as far w. as w. *Henderson* 27 September (CC) and *Lyon* 21 September (BP, MS, BY); peak counts included 4 at Mammoth Cave, *Edmonson* and *Barren*, 21 September (JE, KOS) and 10-12 at Cumberland Gap 25 September (MM, BP).

Yellow-rumped Warbler – earliest reports included 1 at Jonathan Creek (MS, BY, BP) and 1 at Mammoth Cave (JE, KOS), both 21 September.

Black-throated Green Warbler – earliest reports away from breeding areas were 1 at Lost River on the exceptionally early date of 10 August (JE) and 1 at Bellevue, *Campbell*, 30 August (FR).

Black-throated Blue Warbler – lingering nesting birds were still quite numerous at Stone Mt. 24 September (4 males) (BP, MM) and Cumberland Gap 25 September (at least 8, mostly ad. males) (MM, BP); a female was observed at Mammoth Cave 21 September (JE, KOS); what is likely the first ever report from w. Kentucky in fall was a female observed at Jonathan Creek 13 September (HC, EC, RL, MW).

Blackburnian Warbler – earliest report was for 1 at Mt. Zion 26 August (RD).

Prairie Warbler – 2 birds at Lost River 5 August (JE) were early post-breeding migrants; latest reports included 5 (likely lingering breeders) at Sinclair 21 September (BP, MS, BY) and 1 at Somerset 1 October (RD).

Palm Warbler – earliest report was 1 in e. *Jefferson* 4 September (BP).

Pine Warbler – latest reports included 1 nr. Richwood, *Boone*, 26 November (FR) and 1 at Jonathan Creek 26 November (ME).

Bay-breasted Warbler – peak counts included 30-35+ at both Stone Mt. and Cumberland Gap, 24/25 September, respectively (MM, BP).

Blackpoll Warbler – only reports were 2 at Stone Mt. 24 September (BP, MM); 2 at Cumberland Gap 25 September (MM, BP) and 1 at Frankfort 6 October (BP).

Cerulean Warbler – relatively unusual was a male at Mt. Zion 24 August (RD).

American Redstart – latest report was 1 at Mt. Zion 14 October (RD).

Prothonotary Warbler – an impressive count of late summer/early fall lingering family groups totaling 37 birds was made at Lake Cumberland WMA 2 August (RD).

Worm-eating Warbler – a bird at Lost River 5 August (JE) must have been an early post-breeding migrant; relatively late were a bird at Mt. Zion 24 September (RD); 2 at Stone Mt. 24 September (BP, MM) and 1 at Cumberland Gap 25 September (MM, BP).

Swainson's Warbler – as part of an effort to determine departure dates for the species in DBNF, 1 was taped in at Little Lick Recreation Area, *Pulaski*, 14 August (RD), establishing a new late departure date for local nesting birds for the state.

Northern Waterthrush – an extremely tardy bird in e. *Jefferson* 4 November (JB, PB) represented a new late departure date for the state by more than a week.

Louisianan Waterthrush – relatively unusual was a likely fall migrant at Lake Cumberland WMA 19 August (RD).

Kentucky Warbler – 3 birds at Lost River 5 August (JE) must have been early migrants.

Mourning Warbler – only reports were for 1 at Shaker Mill 30 August (DR) and 1 in e. *Jefferson* 6 September (BP).

Hooded Warbler – latest reports included 3 at Stephen's Knob, *McCreary*, 11 October (RD, SBC) and 1 in *Boyd* 3 November (LT).

Canada Warbler – latest report was for 1 at Shaker Mill 24 September (DR).

Yellow-breasted Chat – latest reports were for 1 at Lost River 7 September (JE); 2 calling at Sinclair 21 September (BP, MS, BY); and 1 at Big Bone Lick State

Park, Boone, 24 September (LM).

American Tree Sparrow – earliest reports were for 1 at East Bend 15 November (LM); 4+ at Sinclair 20 November (MM, BP); and a small flock at Garvin Brown Preserve, Jefferson, 22 November (BW).

Chipping Sparrow – flocks lingered well into November with 45 at Shaker Mill 7 November (DR) and a few at Plano, Warren, 19 November (FBW); singles were still at Cumberland Gap, Bell, 13 November (MM, et al.); Evergreen Cem., Campbell, 14 November (FR); and Wendell Ford Regional Training Center, Muhlenberg, 28 November (BP).

Clay-colored Sparrow – there were two reports of this very rare transient: 1 at Tom Sawyer State Park, e. Jefferson on the extremely early date of 24 August (*JB, PB) and 1 at Mt. Zion 10 November (RD). KBRC review required.

Lark Sparrow – there were two reports of likely fall migrants: 1 at Sinclair 30 August (MM, BP) and 1 at Mt. Zion 9/10 September (RD).

Grasshopper Sparrow – a pair feeding small yg. in a nest at Sinclair 13 August (MM, BP) represented a relatively late nesting record; latest report was 1 at Mt. Zion 20 October (RD).

Henslow's Sparrow – lingering birds remained at Sinclair well into fall with a not fully grown juv. and nearby ad. with food observed 21 September (BP, MS, BY); at least 2 were still at Sinclair 9 November (MM, et al.); also observed was 1 at Riverqueen 2 October (BP, JD, MM).

Le Conte's Sparrow – reports included 1 at Sauerheber 18 October (DR, KOS) and birds that will likely winter observed at Sinclair on several occasions 26 October (5) (MS) – 20 November (MM, et al.).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow – only report was for 1 at Sinclair 19 October (HC, RD).

Fox Sparrow – earliest report was for 2 at Sinclair 9 November (MM, et al.).

Lincoln's Sparrow – earliest report was 1 at Big Bone Lick State Park, Boone, 27

September (LM, NKBC); peak count was 7+ at Sinclair 29 October (MM, BP); latest report was 1 at Sinclair 9 November (BY, et al.).

Swamp Sparrow – earliest reports were from Sauerheber 27 September (BP, AC); nr. Dot, Logan, 28 September (FL); and at McElroy 29 September (DR).

Dark-eyed Junco – a male was observed where a nesting pair had been found earlier in the year at Cumberland Gap 25 September (MM, BP); first fall migrants arrived on time with two reports from 12 October in s. Jefferson (BBC) and Grayson (JPT).

Lapland Longspur – earliest reports included at least 2 at McElroy 19 November (DR) and several flyovers at Sinclair 20 November (BP, MM).

Indigo Bunting – latest reports included 4 at Lake No. 9 on 26 October (RD, SD) and 1 in Warren 4 November (DR).

Dickcissel – a bird was observed carrying food nr. Ledbetter, s. Livingston, 29 August (BP); 1 was still at Sauerheber 4 October (BP, KOS).

Bobolink – a few were reported during the normal flight period; more interesting reports included 12 at McElroy 16 September (DR) and 12 at the WKU Farm 5 October (JE).



LeConte's Sparrow, Muhlenberg
20 November 2003
Shawchyi Vorisek

Yellow-headed Blackbird – a male was observed at Camp #11 on 27 September/5 October/29 October (BP, et al.). KBRC review required.

Rusty Blackbird – earliest reports included 1 at Caperton 8 November (BY) and 1 in *Boyd* 16 November (LT); flocks of 60+ at Fort Campbell, *Trigg*, 14 November (DM) and at least 100 at Caperton 20 November (BY) were both relatively unusual.

Brewer's Blackbird – only report was for 3 at Walton's Pond 29 November (DR).

Orchard Oriole – latest reports included a family group of 3 at Sinclair 26 August (JE) and a female/imm. plumaged bird nr. Saratoga, *Lyon*, 21 September (MS, BY, BP) that established a new confirmed late departure date for the state.

Purple Finch – a few birds began being reported in early November (earliest report 8 November in e. *Jefferson* – BP); by the end of November, still only small numbers were being observed including a few at feeders.

Pine Siskin – a modest flight commenced in early November and by the end of the month small numbers were still being reported including a few at feeders. Earliest reports were 3 at Barren 7 November (DR) and 2 in w. *Boone* (KC), 1 at Shaker Mill (DR), and 2 in e. *Jefferson* (BP), all 8 November.

Evening Grosbeak – 1 was heard at Shaker Mill 8 October (DR).

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MID-WINTER BIRD COUNT

2003-2004

Reports of 27 counts were received from across the Commonwealth. A total of 137 species was recorded on count days, 123 of which are represented on the table. Those species observed on count days not represented on the table include: a Common Merganser (Danville), two Red-throated Loons (Land Between the Lakes), a Ruffed Grouse (Richmond), an Osprey (Calloway County), a Virginia Rail (Paradise), two Glaucous Gulls and a Laughing Gull (Land Between the Lakes), 3 Rufous Hummingbirds (2 at Bowling Green and 1 at Richmond), a House Wren (Ballard County, Paradise, and Falls of Rough), a Sedge Wren (Paradise), a Veery (Falls of Rough), a Yellow-throated Vireo (Lexington), a Spotted Towhee (Paradise), and a Lincoln's Sparrow (Lexington). There were 15 species observed on all counts and 19 species observed only on one count. A small flock of Brewer's Blackbirds was observed during the count week in Ballard County.

Temperatures were fairly mild on average throughout the count period. The low temperature was 15°F at Lexington on December 20 and Upton on December 26, and the high temperature at 69°F at Sorgho on January 3. The mild temperatures may have contributed to the reduced numbers of most species of migratory waterfowl as was the case last year. This trend was not entirely consistent with much greater numbers of Green-winged Teal and Common Goldeneyes. The number of Red-breasted Nuthatches was also down, similar to the trend last year. There were good flocks of Sandhill Cranes that were observed. The number of Eurasian Collared-Doves was about half that of last year. Cedar Waxwing and American Robin numbers were back up. Their numbers appear to vary with food availability. Purple Finch numbers, although not high, increased over last year. Lingered birds, such as Palm Warblers, House Wrens and the Yellow-throated Vireo, were evident.

Thanks to the many observers and compilers who participated in this year's count. 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 until reviewed by the Kentucky Bird Records Committee.

Ballard County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1984.) Habitat as described in 1984. Dec 29; 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Rain showers through most of the a.m. hours; cloudy p.m. with partly cloudy sunset; temp. 51° to 53 ° F; wind WNW 5-13 m.p.h. Water open.

Three observers in 1 to 3 parties. Total party-hours 14 (8 on foot, 6 by car). Total party-miles 68 (on foot, 66 by car). Total species 82; 45,070 individuals.

Observers: Roseanna Denton, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler) and Scott Record.

Morning rain showers dampened birding activity for part of the day. Mild conditions accounted in large part for the lower-than-average waterfowl diversity and numbers, which resulted in a below average species total (82). Highlights included two American Woodcocks and at least three LeConte's Sparrows adjacent to the West Kentucky WMA, McCracken County and at least 35 Greater White-fronted Geese on the Ballard WMA. Berry-eating species were present in above-average numbers: sugarberry trees and *Smilax* vines seemed to be providing most of the food. Mild weather may have accounted for above-average numbers of several species such as Ruby-crowned Kinglets and Brown Thrashers. Numbers of Red-headed Woodpeckers appeared to be about one-half the number present during the winter of 2002-03. Eurasian Collared-Doves were observed again in La Center. Thousands of additional blackbirds that streamed overhead at dusk are not included in the count total. Interesting count-week birds included a House Wren, a male Spotted Towhee, and a flock of Brewer's Blackbirds.

Calloway County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Douglas Cemetery.) Habitat 20% lake shore, 30% open fields, 35% urban and residential, and 15% deciduous and pine woods. Jan. 3; 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 65° to 68°F; wind SSW, 8-12 m.p.h.

Seven observers in 4 parties. Total party-hours 31 (11 on foot, 20 by car). Total party-miles 214 (6.5 on foot, 207.5 by car). Total species 88; total individuals 8,184.

Observers: Hap Chambers (compiler), Joe Tom Erwin, Bob Head, Charles Mercer, Mike Miller, Clell Peterson, and Wendell Webb.

Land Between the Lakes (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Pisgah Bay picnic ground.) Habitat as described in 1984 in *American Birds*. Dec. 14; 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 40° to 32°F; wind, N, 10-15 m.p.h.

Twenty observers in 10 parties. Total party-hours 55 (19 on foot, 36 by car). Total party-miles 360 (36 on foot, 324 by car). Total species 94; total individuals 12,867.

Observers: Mark Bennett, Jami Carroll, Val Carter, Hap Chambers, Laura Chapin, Karen Clement, Melissa Easley, Donald Gladis, Bill Lisowsky, Paula Lisowsky, Carl Mowery (compiler), Kathy Mowery, John Polpeter, Elizabeth Raikes, Laura Rissler, David Roemer, Darrin Samborski, Tommy Sherwood, Kelly Werheim, and Aviva Yasgur.

There were 13 adult, six immature and three other Bald Eagles on the count.

Sorgho (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Hwy. 279-S and Audubon Parkway intersection.) Habitat river, river bottoms, woods, corn stubble, plowed fields, urban park, and city neighborhoods. Jan 3; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky cloudy, misty rain occasionally, diminishing in the afternoon; temp. 61° to 69°F; wind SSW, 12 m.p.h. Showers occurred late in the afternoon.

Fourteen observers in 6 parties. Total party-hours 29.5 (8.5 on foot, 21 by car). Total party-miles 217 (7.5 on foot, 209.5 by car). Total species 51; total individuals 18,012.

Observers: Pat Augenstein, Brenda Eaden, Joe Ford, Steve Hahus, Mike Henshaw, Janet Howard (compiler), Mary Kissel, Charles Morris, Joyce Porter, Bob Rold, Rob Rold, Marilee Thompson, Obbie Todd, and Carolyn Williams.

Olmstead (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at the junction of Ky 1041 and Ky 1151.) Habitat approximately 75% is cultivated farmland. The remaining habitat includes blocks of deciduous woods, fencerows, pasture, grown-up fields, developed areas, and open water. Dec. 29; 6:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky cloudy throughout the morning until 10:00 a.m. when precipitation began to fall in earnest. From that time until sunset, rain continued unabated. At times it transitioned to drizzle then back to light or moderate rain.; temp. 55° to 45°F; wind, sustained from S, 0-20 m.p.h. The warmest temperatures occurred in the morning and early afternoon. A wind of 10-20 m.p.h. was sustained throughout the morning. Once the rain began, the wind diminished until there was essentially no wind by 2:00 p.m. Thereafter, a very light northerly wind developed before sunset. All bodies of water were open. A few nights of subfreezing temperatures (3-4) before the count might have affected results. Wind hampered early a.m. observations and rain hampered observations the remainder of the day. Additionally, the combination of warm windy weather replaced by warm rainy weather seemed to cause the birds to remain "down", minimizing observation opportunities.

Three observers in 1 party, with 1 feeder watcher. Total party-hours 9 (1 on foot, 8 by car). Total party-miles 98.5 (0.5 on foot, 98 by car). Total species 58; total individuals 2,850.

Observers: Mark Bennett (compiler), Frank Lyne, and David Roemer. Feeder watcher: Alison Lyne.

Highlights of this year's count included the following: 52 Wild Turkeys in a single flock, nine Great Blue Herons, 105 Killdeer, mostly in 2 large groups, 204 Rock Pigeon. 34

Eurasian Collared-Doves at 3 locations including 25 at one farm, 211 American Robins, 140 American Pipits, and 45 Yellow-rumped Warblers were all record numbers for the 11-year old count. Other highlights included two Wilson's Snipe. Misses this year included Red-headed Woodpecker, Eastern Phoebe, Northern Bobwhite, Great Horned Owl, Brown Creeper, and Winter Wren. Barn Owl pellets were observed on the count day, but the owl itself eluded counters. This owl was observed on 1 January 2004 by the land owner, Ms. Betty King.

Paradise (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1993.) Habitat as described in 1993. Jan 3; 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Sky mostly cloudy to cloudy; temp. 52° to 66° F; wind SW 0-15 m.p.h. Water open.

Eleven observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 44 (24.5 on foot, 19.5 by car). Total party miles 196 (9 on foot, 187 by car). Total species 90; total individuals 20,369.

Observers: Michael Autin, Mary Bill Bauer, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Mark Bennett, Amy Covert, Preston Forsythe, Shari Forsythe, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), and Mary Walter.

Predicted rains did not develop, and winds remained below debilitating levels for finding birds for most of the day. The species total (90) was slightly above average. Warm weather, in part, resulted in another year with below-average numbers and diversity of waterfowl although a Ross's Goose was found with domestic geese at the same Ohio County location as last year (MA, MB, JB, PB) and the count of Green-winged Teal (60) was impressive for the count area. Two count firsts were recorded, a Spotted Towhee (AC, BP) and a Palm Warbler (BP), both in eastern Muhlenberg County. Additional highlights were mostly lingering migrants and summer residents and included two Merlins on the Homestead Unit, Ohio County (JB, PB), a Virginia Rail on the Gibraltar Unit, Muhlenberg County (AC, BP), and a Sedge Wren on the Sinclair Unit, Muhlenberg County (MB, PF). Slightly less exciting finds included at least 3 Bald Eagles, at least 239 Wild Turkeys in a single group, 7 performing American Woodcocks, a House Wren and a Pine Warbler. The total number of Northern Harriers (37) and Rough-legged Hawks (2) remained well below count highs recorded in the early to mid-1990's. The count total does not include an additional tens of thousands of blackbirds going to roost in the evening.

Bowling Green (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Three Springs, six miles south of Bowling Green.) Habitat deciduous woods 20%, fields and pastures 60%, and town and parks 20%. Dec. 20; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sky sunny; temp. 19° to 33° F; wind WNW 0-5 m.p.h.

Seven observers in three parties. Total party-hours 20 (5 on foot, 15 by car). Total party-miles 163 (4 on foot, 159 by car). Total species 80; total individuals 14,205.

Observers: Jackie Elmore, Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Dick Lord, McKenzie Mason, Wayne Mason, Albert Meier, and David Roemer. Feeder watcher: Diane Elmore.

A highlight of the count was the two adult female Rufous Hummingbirds that were previously banded (JE, DR). The Merlin was a juvenile male based on size and plumage (JE, DR). Several flocks of Sandhill Cranes flew over.

Glasgow (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1986.) Habitat as described in 1986. Dec. 27; 6:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Sky partly cloudy in the a.m. to clear in the p.m.; temp. 24° to 51°F; wind SSW, 5-10 m.p.h.

Three observers in 2 parties, with 1 feeder watcher. Total party-hours 15 (11 on foot, 4 by car). Total party-miles 48 (8 on foot, 40 by car). Total species 53; total individuals 1,724.

Observers: Blaine Ferrell, Marquita Gillenwater, and Wayne Mason (compiler). Feeder watcher: Billie Mae Moore.

Mammoth Cave National Park (Center and habitat as described in 1980.) Dec. 21; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sky sunny; temp. 30° to 50°F; wind SW, 0-10 m.p.h. There was no wind in the a.m., but it became breezy in the afternoon.

Five observers in three parties. Total party-hours 15.5 (13 on foot, 2.5 by car). Total party-miles 94 (4 on foot, 90 by car). Total species 47; total individuals 3,071.

Observers: Connor Doyle, Lester Doyle, Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Steve Kistler, and Wayne Mason.

As was the case last year, turtles were observed sunning themselves on logs. There was one mature and one immature eagle observed on the count.

Falls of Rough (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Short Creek, Ky. Hwy. 79 and 54 intersection). Habitat: woodland, river bottoms, watershed lakes, ponds, old fields, Rough River lake, streams, and cultivated fields. Jan. 1; 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 34° to 67°F; wind, calm.

Six observers in three parties. Total party-hours 23 (22 on foot, 1 by car). Total party miles 186 (5 on foot, 181 by car). Total species 50; total individuals 3,378.

Observers: Brenda Eaden, Tony Eaden, Rebecca Foreman, Mary Harrel, Janet Howard, and Joyce Porter (compiler).

Bernheim Forest (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1974.) Habitat as described in 1974. Dec. 28; 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. EST. Sky mostly clear; temp. 33° to 65°F; wind SW 5-20 m.p.h. Water mostly open.

Fifteen observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 41 (21 on foot, 20 by car). Total party miles 196 (17 on foot, 179 by car). Total species 62; total individuals 8,520.

Observers: Mary Bill Bauer, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Dona Coates, Charles Hornaday, Eddie Huber, Celia Lawrence, Pat Meyer, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Esther Tamplin, John Tamplin, Philip Tamplin, William Tamplin, and Major Waltman.

Breezy conditions somewhat hampered the detection of songbirds but the warm temperatures were welcome. Berry-eating species were present in above-average numbers, but overall the species count (62) was below average. Both Red-breasted Nuthatch and Purple Finch returned to the count in small numbers this year. Highlights included the two Golden Eagles (DC, CL, EH, JH, BPB). Five Mute Swans were on Lake Nevin (JB, PB) apparently having arrived the previous day.

Louisville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Jct. Hwys 42 and 22, as described in 1972.) Habitat as described in 1972. Dec. 14; 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 27° to 31°F; wind W, 7 m.p.h. There were 3.3 inches of snow on the ground with snow flurries and fog.

Twenty-nine observers in 10 parties. Total party-hours 66.25 (22.25 on foot, 44.00 by car). Total party-miles 321 (17 on foot, 304 by car). Total species 89; total individuals 31,845.

Observers: Win Ahrens, Mary Bill Bauer, Jane Bell and Pat Bell (compilers), Dona Coates, David Dorman, Rod Goforth, J. A. Harris, Charles Hatten, Gerald Heath, Eddie Huber, Jennifer Huber, Carol Hyatt, Bob Johnson, John Krull, Celia Lawrence, Aurilla Lesley, Fred Mansmith, Mark Monroe, Doxie Noonan, Clara Ann Pallares, David Pallares, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Bill Parsley, Tim Ritter, Jack Still, Scottie Theiss, Major Waltman, and Barbara Woerner.

It was a cold, snowy day for the 29 participants who took part in the count. The Ohio River was high and murky. The group tallied 89 species the same as last year with an increase of over 15,000 in the number of individuals compared with last year due to the

count of starlings. Some highlights were 2 Palm Warblers, 2 Lapland Longspurs, 21 Wilson's Snipe (a record count), 91 Chipping Sparrows (a record count), 327 Song Sparrows (a record count), six Pine Siskins, 175 American Pipits (a record count), 2,651 American Robins, two Peregrine Falcons, one each of Eastern Phoebe, Brown Thrasher, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren and Purple Finch.

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. Jan 3; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky cloudy all day. 47° to 60°F; wind S, 15 m.p.h.

Five observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 26 (2 on foot, 24 by car). Total party-miles 261 (2 on foot, 259 by car). Total species 51; total individuals 7,578.

Observers: Heather Brown, Joan Brown, Todd Brown, W.H. Brown (compiler) and Kathy King.

Upton (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center one-half mile south of Hilltop or 5 miles southwest of Millerstown.) Habitat is mixed woodland, river, agriculture, a small lake and Nolin Reservoir. Dec. 26; 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 15° to 50°F; wind SE, 5 m.p.h.

Nine observers in 1 party. Total party-hours 12 (3 on foot, 9 by car). Total party-miles 102 (2 on foot, 100 by car). Total species 63; total individuals 28,518.

Observers: Bruce Bardin, John Brittain (compiler), Lisa Brittain, Carol Friedman, Dan Givens, Ron Gouterman, Dan Gosser, Janet Kistler, Steve Kistler.

Hart County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center corner of Craddock Road and Gerald's Lane.) Habitat rural farmland and wooded areas, including Green River and 100 Acre Pond. Dec. 22; 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 42° to 59°F; wind gusty. Mild temperatures.

Nine observers in 1 party. Total party-hours 11 (8 on foot, 3 by car). Total party-miles 59 (2 on foot, 53 by car, 4 by kayak). Total species 59; total individuals 4,701.

Observers: Bonnie Avery, Bruce Bardin, John Brittain, Lisa Brittain, Carol Friedman, Janet Kistler, Steve Kistler (compiler), Mitchell Sturgeon and Randall Sullivan.

Four miles via kayak on the Green River yielded dozens of woodpeckers. A record number of Yellow-rumped Warblers was observed.

Frankfort (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 38° 14' N by 84° 51' W.) Habitat as described in 1977. Dec. 14; Sky cloudy; temp. 26° to 30°F; wind W, 0-10 m.p.h. Periodic snow showers.

Fourteen observers in 9 parties. Total party-hours 27.5 (12.75 on foot, 14.75 by car). Total party-miles 228.25 (9.25 on foot, 219 by car). Plus 3 at feeders for 5 hours. Total species 51; total individuals 3,088.

Observers: Martha Buckwald, James Derryberry, Margaret Derryberry, Jim Durrell, Peggy Gould (compiler), Ralph Gould, Pat Hankla, Scott Hankla, Jeff Jones, Robert Laurenson, Susan Laurenson, Anna Schindler, Gerri Miller, Tom Miller and Tim Williams

Green River Lake (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Taylor County, Kentucky.) Habitat old fields, agricultural fields and borders, second growth forest, Green River riparian areas, open water, including Green River Lake and Campbellsville City Lake, as well as feeder watchers. Dec. 18; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky overcast; temp. 32° to 38°F; wind 0-20 m.p.h. Snowed in the a.m. Turned to rain in the p.m.

Eight observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 21 (9.5 on foot, 11.5 by car). Total party-miles 109 (5 on foot, 104 by car). Total species 79; total individuals 14,102.

Observers: Beth Ciuzio, Lloyd Curry (compiler), Steven Fields, Richie Kessler, Chris Mason, Mark Monroe, Brainard Palmer-Ball and Laura Patton.

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BLACK VULTURE		14			10	41	2	20		14	6
TURKEY VULTURE		31		15	37	17	24	27	8	76	47
BALD EAGLE	15	9	22			3			2		
NORTHERN HARRIER	3	2		2	2	37	1			8	4
SHARP-SH. HAWK			1			2	cw	2	1		1
COOPER'S HAWK		1	1	1		1	4	1			2
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	2	6	8			5					3
RED-TAILED HAWK	17	12	15	30	8	25	21	6	2	14	31
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK						2					
GOLDEN EAGLE											2
AMERICAN KESTREL	14	15	8	36	22	20	19	5		24	11
MERLIN			1			2	1				
PEREGRINE FALCON											
AMERICAN COOT	50	600	1453	1		475	5				
SANDHILL CRANE					cw		40		30		
KILLDEER	30	111	240	41	105	10	7	9	5	8	16
LEAST SANDPIPER		8	6								
WILSON'S SNIPER			8		2		32				
AMER. WOODCOCK	2		3			7					
BONAPARTE'S GULL		1105	715				1	50			
RING-BILLED GULL	15	1068	969				3	403	2		
HERRING GULL	1	15	204								
FORSTER'S TERN			5								
ROCK PIGEON	12	18	124	67	204	41	186	42			70
EUR. COLLARED-DOVE	5	1		37	34						
MOURNING DOVE	141	148	52	112	132	22	291	20		123	86
BARN OWL		1			cw						
E. SCREECH OWL	2	1				4					
GREAT HORNED OWL	7	1	5			6	1			1	
BARRED OWL	1	2	5	1			1			1	
SHORT-EARED OWL						20					
BELTED KINGFISHER	3	4	11	2	1	9	5	2	1	2	3
RED-H. WOODPECKER	40	4	13			5	4	1		6	2
RED-B. WOODPECKER	22	49	81	51	7	26	15	10	7	29	26
YELL.-B. SAPSUCKER	9	2	13	5	1	2	9	3	4	1	12

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DOWNY WOODPECKER	29	9	10	8	26	38	2	25	51	28	20
HAIRY WOODPECKER	5	3	6	4	4	7	3	3	10	12	8
NORTHERN FLICKER	25	19	17	9	32	39	8	17	85	14	56
PILEATED WOODPECK	14	17	13	5	2	8	1	2	49	14	11
EASTERN PHOEBE			2	1			cw		1	1	
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE		2			1	1	3			1	cw
BLUE JAY	95	257	41	43	64	291	25	86	163	90	71
AM. CROW	256	184	39	57	60	122	35	25	104	197	12
HORNED LARK	100				387	10	180	56		1	177
CAROLINA CHICKADEE	123	22	21	16	60	101	6	63	154	116	49
TUFTED TITMOUSE	45	13	21	11	40	35	3	20	164	81	30
RED-BR. NUTHATCH	10		1		2	4					
WHITE-BR. NUTHATCH	32	6	9	6	3	2	5	19	71	10	10
BROWN CREEPER	4		1	3	8	5		1	10	2	4
CAROLINA WREN	52	7	15	25	37	65	17	24	74	53	27
WINTER WREN					6	3			1	1	4
GOLDEN-CR. KINGLET	13		10	2	11	22	1		12	2	2
RUBY-CR. KINGLET	1		3	2	2	10	1		3	6	15
EASTERN BLUEBIRD	89	72	12	16	11	156	12	15	71	72	34
HERMIT THRUSH	8	1	5		2	10			17	1	6
AMERICAN ROBIN	1119	446	2250	133	130	133	211	346	322	79	74
GRAY CATBIRD								2			
NO. MOCKINGBIRD	36	14	2	15	39	36	12	14	15	22	13
BROWN THRASHER					1	3	1		2	3	6
EUROPEAN STARLING	3673	1372	14	209	10987	4217	760	1959	519	1747	2875
AMERICAN PIPIT					110		185				67
CEDAR WAXWING	317	90	24	116	20	85	140	42	302	37	2
YEL-RUMPED WARB	229	100	91	20	65	117	45	8	146	18	9
PINE WARBLER						1					
PALM WARBLER					1						
EASTERN TOWHEE	34	18	10	18	21	51	10	13	46	44	18
AM. TREE SPARROW						28		4			20
CHIPPING SPARROW				3	10			1			cw
FIELD SPARROW	72	3	1	5	40	37	2	4	30	43	40
SAVANNAH SPARROW	4				26	5	7		7	1	

Total	592	138	565	289	21	14	2918	3488	1403	1669	1067	25	457	68	943	28	190	59	1350	95	1172	2	680	31	25367	543	1813	2049	2	9	604	165	176	853	89
Somerset	76	15	49	28	4		364	252	3	197	122	1	107	9	141	3	28		137	13	677	68	6	6050		206	268			63		11	126	2	
Wayne County	3	1	6	5	2		67	92		15	17		12		16	2	5		7	6	33	14		1240	1	35	24		3	12		24	55	8	
Richmond	24	5	18	14			113	45		55	24		13		28		8	1	57		79	44				8	30			8			53		
Falmouth	14	3	7	1	2		54	117		29	11		13		22	6			11	4	512	5				17	59			10			15		
Warsaw	19	5	12	3	1		95	193	61	52	38		10	4	29	9	2		14	4	44	16		198	4		51			53			22		
Burlington	18	2	8	12	1		90	160	27	72	45		24	1	25	7			26	1	184	20		303		2	42		1	28			48		
Lexington	37	3	19	11	2		110	289	129	155	46		12	3	52	14			256		616	84	cw	12847			94		1	20			41		
Danville	24	7	10	11			78	76		64	48		12	cw	23		2	2	77		75	95		3632	11		8		3				76		
Kleber WMA	16	6	8	10			77	444		23	16		11	1	24	1			60		461	8		781			57		2				6		
Otter Creek	25	6	21	16			254	296	44	54	74	6	20	3	44	20	2		138	8	202	23		11327		70	187			54			14	41	
Green River Lake	14	4	16	3			76	64	75	54	29		9		27	2		1	45		121	8		9119		31	56		8			37	2		
Frankfort	22	2	8	4			47	144		81	54		15	1	33	12			19		80	15	1	849		18	20		1				1		
Hart County	19	5	34	18	3		129	220		37	16		5	1	16				54	cw		18		1215		40	175		1						
Upton	2	2	11	2			67			12	17		2		9	1			65	3	330	6		1900		4	60		5				10		
Shelbyville	6		7				13	120	70	7	2		4	1	7				26		290	33	1	4115			25			1					
Louisville	64	10	32	15	1		168	138	200	186	91	1	27	9	103	16	3	54	2	2651	89	1	2991	175	196	45		2	28	25	91	27	16		

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LECONTE'S SPARROW	3											
FOX SPARROW		10	3	1	1	12	2		9			6
SONG SPARROW	109	20	132	49	8	217	93	32	19	19		145
SWAMP SPARROW	61	5	7		21	103	27	2				18
WHITE-THR. SPARROW	240	82	480	15	23	133	266	90	108	20		237
WHITE-CR. SPARROW	39	9			24	29	14			4		8
DARK-EYED JUNCO	80	74	520	137	23	159	53	42	72	82		307
LAPLAND LONGSPUR	25						3					
NORTHERN CARDINAL	103	127	201	94	28	134	131	57	14	68		141
RED-W. BLACKBIRD	1670	515	253	7713	140	11097	123	12	4	21		152
EAST. MEADOWLARK	26	32	36	36	121	59	115	18	1	45		62
RUSTY BLACKBIRD	20	3	2			2			1			
COMMON GRACKLE	31750	215	19	6475	50	117	44			1		
BROWN-H. COWBIRD	347	45	6		20	1	25					5
PURPLE FINCH			5		1	5			56	16		10
HOUSE FINCH	4	15	23	2	1	15	68	37		57		33
PINE SISKIN												
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	37	18	75	9	7	93	39	36	32	58		221
HOUSE SPARROW	104	43	10	126	43	80	169	41		11		17
DAY OF COUNT	D29	J3	D14	J3	D29	J3	D20	D28	D21	J1		D28
NUMBER OF SPECIES	82	88	94	51	58	90	80	53	47	50		62
INDIVIDUALS	45070	8184	12867	18012	2850	20369	14305	1724	3071	3378		8520
OBSERVERS	3	7	19	14	3	11	7	3	5	6		15

Otter Creek Park (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1972.) Habitat as described in 2001. Dec. 21; 7:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. EST. Sky mostly clear; temp. 25° to 52°F; wind SSW 5-15 m.p.h. Water partly open; partial light snow cover.

Fifteen observers in 6 parties. Total party-hours 37 (17.5 on foot, 19.5 by car). Total party-miles 234 (12 on foot, 222 by car). Total species 70; total individuals 6,311.

Observers: Kyle Anderson, Mary Bill Bauer, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Richard Cassell, Amy Covert, Eddie Huber, Jennifer Huber, Celia Lawrence, Amy Leist, Pat Meyer, Zack Nelson, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Mary Walter and Major Walton.

Weather conditions were fairly good for the count, although a gusty breeze made finding songbirds a little difficult. The species total (71) was slightly above-average. Most of the small lakes and ponds were frozen; as a result, nearly all of the waterfowl were observed on Doe Valley Lake (MWn, AL, ZN). Berry-eating species were present in above-average numbers; most seemed to be utilizing honeysuckle and poison ivy. Highlights included the immature Golden Eagle observed along the Ohio River east of Brandenburg (MWn, AL, ZN), two Short-eared Owls east of Flaherty (RC, AC, BP) and the count's first Loggerhead Shrike (northeast of Flaherty) in several years (EH, JH, MWr).

Kleber Wildlife Management Area (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1972.) Habitat as described in 1972. Dec. 27; 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 26° to 54°F; wind calm.

Six observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 21.75 (5.75 on foot, 16 by car). Total party-miles 180 (5 on foot, 175 by car). Total species 49; total individuals 2,451.

Observers: Joe Burgess, Mary Carol Cooper, Jim Durell, Peggy Gould (compiler), Ralph Gould and Tim Towles.

Danville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Boyle County Courthouse.) Habitat as described before. Dec. 20; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 18° to 30°F; wind S, 3-5 m.p.h.

Twenty-six observers in 9 parties. Total party-hours 45.5 (7.5 on foot, 38.0 by car). Total party-miles 402 (6 on foot, 396 by car). Total species 70; total individuals 8,298.

Observers: Jim Amburgey, Ernie Baird, J.P. Brantley, Jane Brantley, Neil Eklund (compiler), Virginia Eklund, Martha Foster, Bill Garriott, JoAnn Hamm, Mike Hamm, Tom Kearns, Bill Kemper, Debbie Larkin, Gail Manning, Jack Newton, Amelia Nichols, John Nichols, Don Pelly, Erin Pelly, Rob Pendency, Herb Petitjean, Jami Powell, Ralph Schieferle, Joan Smith, Robbie Stamps, Charles Vahlkamp.

Lexington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center East Hickman Church on Tates Creek Road.) Habitat mixed residential and farmland. Dec. 20; 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 15° to 30°F; wind 0-5 m.p.h. Water partly frozen. One inch of snow on the ground.

Twenty-four observers in 9 parties. Total party-hours 112.5 (10.5 by foot, 102 by car). Total party-miles 421 (6 by foot, 415 by car). One feeder watcher. Total species 75; total individuals 134,929.

Observers: Ann Bradley, Rhonda Bryant, Rose Canon, Phylis Deal, Chris Demoll, Edward Demoll, Jonathon Glixson, Margaret Hatch, Kevin Hopper, Mike Kenawell, Allen King-sland, Bruce Kryder, David Marques, Daniel Marsh, Scott Marsh, Betty Maxson, Robert L. Morris (compiler), Kay Neikerk, Rev. David Powers, Lew Shain, Marie Sutton, Dave Svetich, Jackie Van Willigen, and Jim Williams.

Burlington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Camp Michaels.) Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 27; 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky clear to partly cloudy; temp. 28° to 51°F; wind E, 2-8 m.p.h. Most water frozen, Ohio River open.

Eleven observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 26 (6 on foot, 20 by car). Total party-miles 147 (5 on foot, 142 by car). Total species 66; total individuals 3,080.

Observers: Linda Altevers, Joe Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Elaine Carroll, Grey Cunningham, Denis Desjardin, Melissa Desjardin, Lee McNeely (compiler), Gary O'Hair, Gayle Pille, and Tommy Stephens. Feeder watcher: Lynda McNeely.

The Snow Goose and Greater White-fronted Geese were found at the East Bend Power Plant. The Sandhill Cranes were seen flying over the Big Bone Lick State Park.

Warsaw (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Gallatin County Courthouse.) Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 20; 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 17° to 31°F; wind NW, 6-10 m.p.h. Most water open.

Six observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 21.5 (7 on foot, 14.5 by car). Total party-miles 141 (3 on foot, 138 by car). Total species 67; total individuals 3,504.

Observers: Joe Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Frank Lewandowski, Lee McNeely (compiler), Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr and Tim Towles.

The Sandhill Cranes were found in three separate flocks.

Falmouth (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Caddo, Kentucky.) Habitat 50% woodland and forest edge, 25% river and lake shoreline, 20% agricultural, and 5% residential. Jan. 1; 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky partly sunny during the morning hours, overcast during the afternoon; temp. 31° to 52°F; wind E, 3-5 m.p.h.

Four observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours 15 (4 on foot, 11 by car). Total party-miles 123 (2 on foot, 121 by car). Total species 50; total individuals 2,005.

Observers: William Field, Ed Groneman, Lee McNeely (compiler) and Tommy Stephens.

Limited coverage and an absence of waterfowl contributed to low count numbers.

Richmond (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 0.75 miles north of intersection of Bobtown Road and the Kingston-Berea Road). Habitat Fencerows and roadsides (20%), woodland (20%), pasture and open fields (55%), lawns (4%), lakes and ponds (1%). Dec. 14; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky overcast; occasional snow showers and sleet; temp. 30° to 34°F; wind NW, 0-5 m.p.h.

Thirteen observers in 7 parties. Total party-hours 32 (17 on foot, 15 by car). Total party-miles 253 (11 on foot, 242 by car). Total species 67; total individuals 3,655.

Observers: Mark Bostrom, Bruce Callahan, Paul Hagar, Jeanne Hibberd, Kyle Powell, Robin Powell, Nicole Ranalli, Art Ricketts, Tina Ricketts, Gary Ritchison (compiler), Ben Sutter, Budd Veverka and Mark Vukovich.

We were permitted access to the Blue Grass Army Depot this year.

Wayne County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at the junction of Hwy. 1275 and Highway 3106) Habitat 5% urban, 20% residential, 15% lakes, streams and ponds, 25% woodland, 20% pastures, and 15% cultivated. Dec. 17; 6:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Sky partly sunny in the morning, partly cloudy in the afternoon; temp. 28°F to 35°F; wind WNW, 10-20 m.p.h. There was 0.5 inches of snow on the ground at higher elevations and none on the ground at lower elevations.

Two observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours 19 (5.75 on foot, 13.25 by car). Total party-miles 202.25 (2.25 on foot, 200 by car). Total species 74; total individuals 22,661.

Observers: Roseanna Denton (compiler) and Stephen Stedman.

Somerset (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at the junction of Bypass E 89 and Hwy. 39.) Habitat as described in 2002. Jan. 1; 5:50 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. Sky cloudy to partly cloudy; temp 28° to 60°F; wind SSW. 0-10 m.p.h.

Sixteen observers in 6 parties. Total party-hours 52 (15.75 on foot, 36.25 by car.), Total party-miles 346.5 (9 on foot, 337.5 by car). Total species 82; total individuals 177,099.

Observers: Judy Brant, Jean Brickell, Rhonda Bryant, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Kimberly Feltner, Gay Hodges, Scott Marsh, Lynda Mills, Tom Mills, Arlene Morton, Connie Neeley, Wendell Neeley, Stephen Stedman and Margaret York. Feeder watchers: Irene Broyles, Julie Denton, Grace Floyd, Evelyn Garrett, Susan Hoffman, Eileen Hurst, Mary Moss Cathy Rogers, Clarence Spears, Creston Vaught and Jim York.

Two ducks were observed in flight after they were flushed by a boat. Their profile suggested a sea duck. When they landed, they appeared light-brownish colored. Their bills were stubby. Their heads were knobby with a dark crown and a whitish cheek. Their napes and lower necks were also dark. These ducks were identified as Long-tailed Ducks, one of which has been on a pond in the city the last week or so, giving me recent experience with the species (SJS).

FIELD NOTES

NESTING GADWALL AND RUDDY DUCK IN UNION COUNTY

For approximately two years, the author has been conducting waterbird surveys at several impoundments on the Peabody Coal Company's Camp #11 Mine in Union County, which is located approximately six miles east-southeast of Morganfield. This facility has four separate impoundments varying in size from about 20 to more than 50 acres in size. Three of these impoundments were constructed for the deposition of coal slurry (a waste product from the cleaning of coal). These slurry impoundments have now been reclaimed by establishing native prairie grasses on the upland portions, and by controlling the water level in the inundated lower portions. The fourth impoundment was built as a fresh water supply lake and now serves as a final settling lake for the slurry impoundments. Surrounding the open water portions of most of these impoundments are extensive patches of reeds (*Phragmites communis*) and other wetland plants including cattails (*Typha* spp.). Water depth may reach 8-10 feet at some times of the year, but many marginal areas are shallower.

During the spring of 2003, a male Gadwall (*Anas strepera*) was observed repeatedly at one of the Camp #11 impoundments into early June. During a survey on 18 June 2003, a female Gadwall was observed brooding two small ducklings along an open shoreline. The ducklings were overall a lighter, more buffy color than about a dozen young Mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*) that were nearby, and they associated with the female continuously. On 20 June 2003, the male Gadwall was noted associating closely with the female and the two ducklings, indicating that this was likely a breeding pair. The female and ducklings were photographed on the latter date (Figs. 1 and 2). The male Gadwall was not seen again, but the female and two young remained through at least 1 August, when the young were the same size as their mother and could also now easily be identified as Gadwall.

Also present at the Camp #11 impoundments during May and early June were up to six Ruddy Ducks (*Oxyura dominica*). Most of the birds were males, but at least one and probably two females were also seen on some occasions through 15 July. On a few occasions in May and early June, males were observed performing their unique, chest-pounding courtship displays to one another and females. On 17 July 2003, a female was found attending four downy ducklings as they dabbled on the surface of the shallow water for duckweed. Despite their downy plumage and small size (they were about 1/4 to 1/3 grown), the young were immediately identifiable by their facial pattern, dark color-



Figure 1&2 Female Gadwall with young.

observed again and photographed as they dabbled and dove in shallow water (Figs. 3 and 4). On 22 July 2003, only one duckling was observed with the female and a remaining



Figure 3. Female Ruddy Duck with young.



Figure 4. Ruddy Duck with young.

ation, bill shape and stiff, upturned tail feathers. The following day, the family group was male, but the birds were working a part of the impoundment that was difficult to see and more young may have been present. On 1 August, only a male Ruddy Duck was seen, and on subsequent August and September visits, no Ruddys were seen at all. Given their absence on subsequent visits, it is unknown if the young were raised successfully.

This represents the first reported nesting of both Gadwall and Ruddy Duck in Kentucky. Both species have been observed in the state during the summer months, but prior evidence of nesting has not been substantive. Ruddy Ducks seem to have increased as a late spring migrant or lingerer in recent years; although these birds have been assumed to be non-breeders, the observation of courtship displays by males at Camp #11 in early June 2002 may have been indicative of attempts to nest there the previous year. The normal nesting range for both Gadwall and Ruddy Duck does not extend south to the vicinity of Kentucky east of the Mississippi River, but it does reach south to a comparable latitude in the Great Plains. There are no nesting records for either species in Tennessee (Robinson 1990; Nicholson 1997), but Ruddy Ducks have nested on at least one occasion in northwest Indiana in the mid-1950s (Castrale et al 1998; K. Brock, pers. comm.). Both species have nested occasionally in northern Illinois (Bohlen 1989) and Ruddy Duck also has been reported nesting in southern Illinois on two occasions, in Jackson and Alexander counties (Bohlen 1989). In Ohio, both species are considered rare nesters along western Lake Erie (Dister et al. 2002), although Ruddy Duck has nested a few times farther south, including a report from Hamilton County (Cincinnati area) in the early 1970s (Peterjohn and Rice 1991).

It was interesting to note the gradual disappearance of first adult males, then females and young, of all of these ducks over the course of the summer. This dispersal from actual breeding grounds may be responsible for a number of mid- to late summer observations of otherwise rare and non-breeding species of waterfowl that have accumulated across the state over the years. It is unknown how far such individuals may disperse, but it certainly may involve great distances.

I wish to thank the Peabody Coal Company for allowing me to conduct surveys of waterbirds at the Camp #11 Mine, and a special thank you is extended to Charles Lilly, environmental scientist for the facility. —**BRAINARD PALMER-BALL, JR.**, Ky. State Nature Preserves Commission, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 (brainard.palmer-ball@mail.state.ky.us).

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Late Singing Winter Wren in Whitley County

On 13 May 1997 I heard a singing Winter Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) at a site located about 100 m from the bridge over Bark Camp Creek in the Daniel Boone National Forest in extreme northwestern Whitley County, Kentucky. Daniel C. Dourson simultaneously and independently identified the song of this wren. About a dozen other observers, including Barbara H. Stedman, Lynda M. (Perry) Mills, and Kathryn M. Huie, also heard the wren sing multiple versions of its high-pitched, fairly long breeding vocalization. The habitat in which the wren sang was a hillside of mixed forest with a fairly thick understory composed mainly of mountain laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*). The date of this observation supersedes the late spring departure date (8 May) for Winter Wren in Kentucky listed by Palmer-Ball (2003) and, in the absence of later records, represents, at least temporarily, the new late spring departure date for the Commonwealth. Due to an oversight, this record was not submitted for inclusion in the bird report for this season (Busroe 1997).

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NEWS AND VIEWS

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