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FALL SEASON 2007

Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., and Lee McNeely

The fall 2007 season was characterized overall by relatively high temperatures and continued drought conditions across most of the state. Temperatures in August were warmer than normal, with the highest temperatures of the year occurring 15 August (104°F at Paducah) and 16 August (101°F at Louisville and 106 °F at Bowling Green). Temperatures during September and October continued to be warmer than normal, but temperatures during November finally became slightly cooler than normal. The dry conditions of summer extended into fall, actually becoming worse during August and September. Above-average rainfall finally occurred during October, highlighted by a significant system that provided 4.3 inches (10.9 cm) of rainfall to the Louisville area 23 October. November then returned to being slightly drier than normal. It was believed that the dry conditions of the summer and fall periods would exacerbate the shortage of winter food supplies available for birds in the coming winter season.

Rarity highlights included a continuing White Ibis, two Roseate Spoonbills, two Wood Storks, Red Knot, Red-necked Phalarope, two Great Black-backed Gulls, California Gull, Northern Shrike, Yellow-rumped “Audubon’s” Warbler, at least three Clay-colored Sparrows, and Common Redpoll. Again this year, no remnants of tropical systems passed through the state. An early push of boreal species indicated a good winter finch season might follow, but by late November it appeared that only modest numbers of boreal species would be seen. Natural food crops, including evergreen cones, berries, acorns, and hickory nuts, appeared to be produced in well below-average abundance.

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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Lyon; Lake Barkley = Lake Barkley, *Livingston/Lyon/Trigg*; Lake No. 9 = Lake No. 9, *Fulton*; Laketon = Mississippi River sandbars near Laketon, *Carlisle*; LBL = Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, *Lyon/Trigg*; Ledbetter = Ledbetter, *Livingston*; Lick Creek = Lake Barkley at the mouth of Lick Creek, *Lyon*; Little River = Little River embayment, Lake Barkley, *Trigg*; Lower Hickman Bottoms = Lower Hickman Bottoms, w. *Fulton*; Meldahl Dam = Meldahl Dam on the Ohio River, *Bracken*; Melco = Melco flood retention basin, *Jefferson*; Minor Clark = Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, *Rowan*; Mitchell Lake = Mitchell Lake, Ballard WMA, *Ballard*; Mt. Zion = Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*; NWR = National Wildlife Refuge; Paradise = Paradise Power Plant impoundments, *Muhlenberg*; Payne Plant = Louisville Water Co. Payne Treatment Plant ponds on Mayfair Ave., *Jefferson*; Pleasant Hill Church Road = Pleasant Hill Church Road, *Trigg*; Raven Run = Raven Run Nature Preserve, *Fayette*; St. Matthews = St. Matthews, *Jefferson*; Sauerheber = Sauerheber Unit of Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*; Sawyer Park = E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park, *Jefferson*; Shaker Mill = Shaker Mill, *Warren*; Shawnee Park = Shawnee Park, *Jefferson*; Sinclair = Sinclair Unit Peabody WMA, *Muhlenberg*; Snake Creek = Green River Lake at Snake Creek embayment, *Adair*; SNP = State Nature Preserve; SRP = State Resort Park; Surrey Hills Farm = Surrey Hills Farm, ne. *Jefferson*; Swan Lake = Swan Lake WMA, *Ballard*; Thurston's Pond = Thurston's Pond, *Wayne*; Van Buren = Taylorsville Lake above Van Buren boat ramp, *Anderson*; Waitsboro = Waitsboro Recreation Area on Lake Cumberland, *Pulaski*; Wildcat Creek = Wildcat Creek embayment of Kentucky Lake, *Calloway*; WMA = Wildlife Management Area.

Greater White-fronted Goose – earliest report was represented by 15+ at Sauerheber 27 October (CC et al.); peak count was represented by 500+ at Long Point 28 November (BP, HC).

Snow Goose – the summering bird at Griffin Park, *Warren*, lingered to 25 August (DR).

Ross's Goose – the only reports were represented by 26 at Sauerheber 21 November (BP, JBr) with at least 12 still there 24 November (AH).

Cackling Goose – earliest reports were represented by 1 at Jonathan Creek 26 October (ME, HC, BH) and 9 at Sauerheber 27 October (BP, ph. BY, et al.).

Mute Swan – there were two reports: 1 on the Ohio River at Louisville in early October (MF), 24 October (BP), and 26 November (EH); and 4 at Lake Nevin, Bernheim Forest, 28 November (BW, MBa).

Tundra Swan – the first of Sauerheber's wintering flock to be seen this fall were 8 on 15 November (BR, *fide* MMt).

Wood Duck – peak count was represented by several hundred at Lake No. 9 on 4/12 August (BP et al.).

Gadwall – peak counts included 150 on Barren 24 October (DR); 200+ at Honker Lake 19 November (ME); and 125+ at Sauerheber 21 November (BP, JBr).

American Wigeon – 1 at Mitchell Lake 31 August (HC, ME) was either an early migrant or one of the family group reported during summer; peak count was of 210+ at Sauerheber 21 November (BP, JBr).

American Black Duck – 1 at Camp #9 on 1/3 September (BP) was probably continuing from summer.

Blue-winged Teal – peak counts included 102 at Camp #9, 240 at Camp #11, and 150+ at Mitchell Lake, all 25 August (BP, BY, MY); ca. 250 at Sauerheber (CC) and 75+ at the Payne Plant (BW, MBa), both 9 September; and a few flocks of 100+ at scattered locales along the Mississippi River corridor 11 September (BP).

Northern Shoveler – earliest reports were represented by 1 at Mitchell Lake 21 August (SR) and 9 at Camp #9 on 25 August (BP, BY, MY).

Northern Pintail – earliest reports were represented by 2 at Mitchell Lake 25 August (BP, BY, MY) and 1 at Camp #11 on 1 September (BP). A case of apparent win-

ter site fidelity was exhibited by a female that appeared 14 October on the same pond in *Allen* frequented by presumably the same female last winter (DR). A flock of 23 on the Ohio River above the mouth of Sugar Creek, *Gallatin*, 25 October (BP) was rather unexpected.

Green-winged Teal – earliest reports were of 1 at Mitchell Lake 25 August (BP, BY, MY) and 3 at Camp #11 on 1 September (BP); peak counts were of 150+ on Barren 24 October (DR) and 200-250 at Sauerheber 27 October (BP et al.).

***Aythya* spp.** – the *Aythya* duck migration was unspectacular with no extraordinary peak counts reported (m. ob.).

Lesser Scaup – at least 12 summering birds were present above Barkley Dam 6 September (BP).

Surf Scoter – there were six reports, all being included: 1 on the Ohio River at Louisville 25 October (JBe, PB); 13 at Jonathan Creek 26 October (HC); singles at Waitsboro 25 October and 23 November (RD); 4 on the Ohio River at Cox's Park, Louisville, 30 October (MA); and 3 on the Ohio River at Craig's Creek, *Gallatin*, 14 November (BP).

White-winged Scoter – the only report was of 3 on Barren 24 October (DR).

Black Scoter – there were seven reports, all being included: 1 on the Ohio River below the mouth of Sugar Creek, *Gallatin* (BP), and 4 on the Ohio River at Louisville (MR, MA), both 25 October; 1 on the Ohio River at Louisville 29 October (EH); 4 on the Ohio River at Carrollton, *Carroll*, 14 November (BP); 3 on Barren 19 November (AH); 3 on Lake Cumberland above Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell*, 24 November (RD); and 1 on Ky Lake at Sherwood Shores, *Marshall*, 27 November (BP).

Long-tailed Duck – the only report was of 2 at Minor Clark 23 November (MWr, MG).

Hooded Merganser – peak counts were represented by 100 at Honker Lake 19 November (ME) and 150 at Lexington 25 November (SMA, RB).

Common Merganser – the only report was of 6 on the Ohio River at Louisville 19 November (EH).

Ruddy Duck – peak counts were unremarkable and included 40-50 on Barren 25 October (AH) and 48 at Lexington 25 November (SMA, RB).

Ruffed Grouse – 1 was heard drumming at Raven Run 11 November (SMA).

Red-throated Loon – the only report was of a juvenile on Ky Lake above Ky Dam 16/17 November (*BP).

Common Loon – earliest reports were of 1 at Taylor Bay, Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 18 September (RD, HC, ME) and 1 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 28 September (DR); peak counts were of 90-100 on Barren 24 October (DR) and ca. 120 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 27 November (BP).

Pied-billed Grebe – the appearance of 1 at Jonathan Creek 14 August (ME) and 10 at Camp #9 on 25 August (BP, BY, MY) likely represent normal timing for the first push of fall migrants; peak count was of 70 at Waitsboro 25 October (RD).

Horned Grebe – peak counts included 202 on Barren 19 November (AH); 84 on Lake Cumberland at Rowena Road, *Russell*, 24 November (RD); 175+ on Lake Barkley above the dam 27 November (BP); and a tally of 980+ on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 27 November (BP) that represented a new state high count.

Eared Grebe – the only report was of 1 on Lake Barkley above the dam 27 November (*BP).

American White Pelican – 1 at Lake No. 9 on 4 August (BP) and 36 overhead there 12 August (BP, MS, HC) were likely summering; earliest report of migrants in the LBL area was of ca. 90 over Lake Barkley near the mouth of Little River 3 September (ER); peak counts included ca. 400 on Lake Barkley s. of the mouth of Little River 11 September (ER); at least 1200 on Lake Barkley from the dam to the mouth of Little River 20 October (TF); ca. 500 at Blood River 29 October (HC, ME); and more than 1000 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon/Trigg*, 5 November (HC, NM). Re-

ports of individuals outside of normal range included 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 1-27 September (KD, BP, et al.); 1 over Jeffersontown, *Jefferson*, 3 September (MS); 1 on a pond near Loretto, *Marion*, 8-12 September (ph. R&TD, *fide* SV); and 1 on Barren 25-27 October (AH, DR).

Double-crested Cormorant – peak counts included “thousands” in the LBL area in mid- to late September (m. ob.); 1000+ on the Ohio River in extreme n. *Union*, 14 October (CC), 1500-2000 over the Falls of the Ohio 25 October (JBe, PB), and 350 on Barren 26 October (DR, AH).

American Bittern – there were only a few reports, all being included: 1 at Hardy Slough 3 October (DR) with 3 there 6 October (DR, KOS) and 2 still there 27 October (BP et al.); and 1 at Barren 8 October (DR).

Great Egret – numbers at Lake No. 9 dropped to ca. 100 by 4 August (BP); additional peak counts for the season included 185+ on a slough w. of Hickman, *Fulton*, 4 August (BP); 330+ at Fish Pond, *Fulton*, 12 August (BP, MS, HC) with ca. 250 still there 36 August (BP, BY, MY); 20 at Van Buren 10 August (EH, JHu) with 22 there 30 August/6 September (BW); 55-60 at Camp #11 and 62 at Eddy Creek, both 25 August (BP, BY, MY); 40+ at the Falls of the Ohio 26 August (T&CB); 40 at Ledbetter 6 September

(BP); 43 at Long Creek Refuge, LBL, *Trigg*, 7 September (BL); and 58 at Blood River 8 September (HC). Latest reports were of 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 14 November (BP) and 2 at Brown’s Ford, Barren, *Allen*, 20 November (AH).

Snowy Egret – peak counts were of 100+ at Lake No. 9 on 12 August (BP, MS, HC) and more than 60 at Mitchell Lake 23 August (SR); latest reports were of 3 at Jonathan Creek 5 October (HC, BH) and 1 at Wildcat Creek 15 October (BH).

Little Blue Heron – peak counts at Lake No. 9 were unremarkable and included 90+ on 4 August (BP) and 100+ on 10 August (HC, ME). One at Snake Creek 1 August and 1 continuing from July at Casey Creek 1/14/25 August (RD et al.) were the only wayward post-breeding dispersers/migrants.

Cattle Egret – the only unusual reports of out-of-place post-breeding dispersers/migrants were represented by 1 at Snake Creek 10/13 September (RD) and 1 along the Ohio River at Craig’s Creek, *Gallatin*, 14 November (ph. BP).

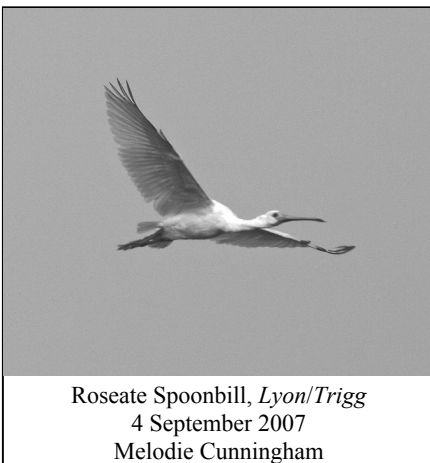
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – the only report was of a juvenile at Lake No. 9 on 10 August (HC, ME) and 12 August (BP, MS, HC).

White Ibis – a juvenile at Lake No. 9 on 10 August (ph. HC, ME) may have been the same one that was present in late July. KBRC review required.

Roseate Spoonbill – there were two reports: a sub-adult bird found at Grayson Lake s. of Ibox, *Elliott*, 11 August (ph. TU) and subsequently seen 15 August (ph. RD, SDn), 18 August (m. ob.; ph. BY), and 19 August (EM et al.); and a sub-adult bird at Honker Lake 4 September (ph. MC). KBRC review required.

Wood Stork – 2 juveniles were at Jonathan Creek 10-11 September (ph. BP, ph. BY, et al.). KBRC review required.

Osprey – there were a few reports from early August that likely represent early dispersers from the gradually expanding nesting population; latest reports were



represented by 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 29 October (EH) and 14 November (BP).

Mississippi Kite – 2-3 during the summer and to at least 4 August at Reidland, *McCracken* (GB), were just outside of known summering areas along the lower Tennessee River; a loose flock of 21 foraging birds was present over Lake No. 9 on 10 August (HC, ME); 6 were still in the vicinity of Laketon 11 September (BP). The only report well outside of known breeding areas was of an adult over Paradise 22 September (*MY, BY) that represented a new late departure date for the state.

Bald Eagle – 13 in a several-mile long stretch of the Mississippi River, *Carlisle*, 11 September (BP) were likely mostly local nesting pairs and young.

Northern Harrier – early reports of interest included a male at Laketon 12 August (BP, MS, HC) and 1 hunting along Airline Road, *Henderson*, 30 August (LG); 2 were observed migrating past The Pinnacle at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, *Bell*, 5 November (SF).

Broad-winged Hawk – the only migration-watch tally reported was of 74 in 14.5 hours along Pine Mt. near Oven Fork, *Letcher*, 22-23 September (SSw et al.).

Red-tailed Hawk – 40-50 were seen over Sauerheber 27 October (MY, BY, et al.),



Wood Storks, Jonathan Creek
10 September 2007
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

indicating an exceptional migratory flight.

Rough-legged Hawk – the only report was of 1 at Cooley's Pond 10 November (RD).

Merlin – all of nearly a dozen reports are included: 2 along the Mississippi River, *Carlisle*, 11 September (BP); 1 at Camp #9 on 20 September (BP); 1 at Barkley Dam 30 September (DR, JR); 1 at Sauerheber 3 October (DR); 1 at Homestead 12 October (DR, JD); 1 at Barren 23-26 October (DR, AH); 1 along KY 56, w. *Webster*, 8 November (BP); 1 at Cox's Park, Louisville, 8/24/26 November (EH); and singles at the Vogue Unit of Peabody WMA, *Muhlenberg*, and at the East Volunteer Mine, *Hopkins*, both 20 November (BP, BS).

Peregrine Falcon – all of about a dozen reports are included: members of the local family group were seen off and on at the Falls of the Ohio during the period (m. ob.); 1 at St. Matthews 8/15 September (BW); 1 at Mitchell Lake 19 September (HC et al.); 1 at Lexington 27 September (JY); 2 at Jonathan Creek 29 September (HC, KOS) with 1 there and at Blood River in early October (HC); 2 on Lake Barkley at US 68/KY 80 crossing, *Trigg*, 30 September (LM, KOS); 1 at Casey Creek 5 October (RD); 1 at Sauerheber 6 October (DR, KOS); 1 at Sauerheber 27 October (BP et al.); 1 in s. *Ohio* 11 November (AH); and a juvenile below Barkley Dam 26/27 November (BP).

Virginia Rail – there were a few reports, all being included: at least 6 at Sauerheber 6 October (DR, KOS); 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 20 October (BP et al.); 1 found dead in downtown Lexington 25 October (ph. MMr); and 1 at Sauerheber 27 October (BP et al.).

Sora – peak count was of at least 40 at Sauerheber 6 October (DR, KOS).

Common Moorhen – the only report was of 1 at Pond Creek Marsh, Sauerheber, 18 August (CC).

American Coot – 2 at Pond Creek Marsh, Sauerheber, 18 August (CC) and 2 at Camp #11 on 25 August (BP, BY, MY) may have summered.

Sandhill Crane – earliest reports were of 2 over Sauerheber 27 October (BP et al.) and 1 at Blood River 6 November (HC). Southbound flocks were most conspicuous during the last two weeks of November with peak counts of 800-1000 over Hart 24 November (SK) and 560 over Louisville 27 November (MY).

Black-bellied Plover – there were not many reports, all being included: an adult at Mitchell Lake 12-21 August (m. ob.); 3 at Sauerheber (CC) and 2 at Blood River (HC), both 8 September; a juvenile at the Falls of the Ohio 9-15 September (DC, T&CB, BY, MY); a juvenile at Minor Clark 20 September (ph. DM); a juvenile at the Falls of the Ohio 24 October (BP); and 1 at Cooley's Pond 25 October (RD).

American Golden-Plover – 1-2 were reported at a few normal locales in cen. and w. Kentucky 11 September–15 October (m. ob.); also reported was a juvenile at Minor Clark 15 September (ph. LH) with an adult there 20 September (ph. DM); peak count was of 10 at Camp #9 on 28 September (BP); latest reports were represented by singles at Cooley's Pond 25 October (RD) and at Sauerheber 21 November (BP, JBr).

Semipalmated Plover – peak count was an unremarkable 13 at Blood River 5 September (BH); latest report was of 1 that lingered at Cooley's Pond to 3 November (ph. RD).

Piping Plover – the only report(s) were of 1 (perhaps the same individual) at the Falls of the Ohio 24 August (ph. BY, MY) to 8 September (BP, G& BD).

Killdeer – peak counts were all at Mitchell Lake and included 350 on 3 August (HC, ME), 300-400 on 21 August (SR), and 300+ on 5 September (SR).

American Avocet – the only report was represented by 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 26 October (ph. EH, AG, et al.).

Spotted Sandpiper – latest report was of 2 at Fishing Creek 25 October (RD).

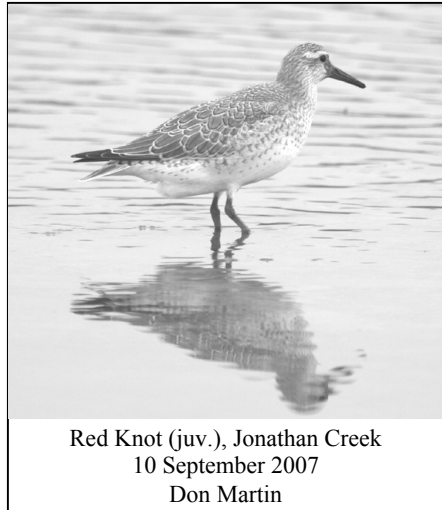
Solitary Sandpiper – 11 were at Little River by 1 August (DR) and 25 were at Mitchell Lake by 3 August (HC, ME); latest

report was represented by 1 at Wildcat Creek 26 October (BH).

Greater Yellowlegs – peak counts were represented by 17 at Blood River 29 August (HC, ME) and 8 September (HC), and ca. 60 at Mitchell Lake 8 October (SR); latest reports were represented by 4 in the Lower Hickman Bottoms 9 November (HC, ME), 1 at Thurston's Pond 10 November (RD), and 2 at Brown's Ford, Barren, Allen, 20 November (AH).

Ruddy Turnstone – there were three reports, all being included: 2 at Paradise 25 August (BY, MY, BP); 1 at Lick Creek 3 September (DR, TDu); and 1 at Casey Creek 4/7 September (RD).

Red Knot – a juvenile at Jonathan Creek 10-11 September (ph. DM et al.) was the first reported in the state since 2000. KBRC review required.



Red Knot (juv.), Jonathan Creek
10 September 2007
Don Martin

Sanderling – small numbers were reported mostly at normal locales as follows: 1-2 at Mitchell Lake 20 August–3 September (m. ob.); a juvenile at Paradise 25 August/1 September (BY, MY, BP); single juveniles at the Falls of the Ohio 29 August–22 September (m. ob.); 1 at Barren 5 September (DR); 1-2 at Blood River 5-8 September (BH, HC); 1 adjacent to Swan Lake 6 September (BP); 1 at Minor Clark 8 September (JW, ASK, *vide* TH); 3 at

Lick Creek 10 September (DR, HC); 1 at Jonathan Creek 16 September (HC); 3 at Laketon 21 September (BP); and 1 at Thurston's Pond 18 October (RD).

Sempalmated Sandpiper – peak counts were unremarkable and included 20-25 at Laketon 12 August (BP, MS), 100+ at Mitchell Lake 21 August (SR), and 30 near Ledbetter 29 August (BP); latest reports were represented by 1 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 10 October (ME, HC), 2 at Jonathan Creek 15 October (BH), and 1 at Jonathan Creek 19 October (HC).

Western Sandpiper – relatively widespread in small numbers this fall as follows: 5 at Little River 1 August (DR); 4-5 at Laketon 12 August (BP, MS) with 5+ there 6 September (BP); 1-6 at Mitchell Lake 12 August–25 September (m. ob.) with a peak count of 10+ there 21 August (SR); 2-3 at Camp #11 25-29 August (BP et al.); 1-4 at Jonathan Creek 27 August–10 September (HC, BH, et al.); at least 1 near Ledbetter 29 August (BP) with 6 there 6 September (BP); 1 adjacent to Swan Lake 6 September (BP); 3 at Snake Creek 7 September (RD); 4 at Snake Creek and 2 at Casey Creek, both 10 September (RD); and 1 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 10 October (ME, HC). In addition, 1-19 birds were at Blood River 16 August–5 September (HC, BH) with peak counts of 29 there 24 August (HC, BH), at least 28 there 29 August (HC, ME), and 29 there 30 August (HC, BH) being relatively impressive for recent years. Latest reports were represented by singles at Paradise (BP) and at Jonathan Creek (HC), both 19 October; and 1 at Blood River 29 October (HC, ME).

Least Sandpiper – peak counts were unremarkable and included 70 near Ledbetter 29 August (BP), 46 at Snake Creek 10 September (RD), 120+ at Mitchell Lake 11 September (BP), and 135 at Jonathan Creek 15 October (BH). Latest reports away from normal Ky Lake wintering locales included 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 16 November (BP); 4 at Sauerheber 21 November (BP, JBr); 4 at Cooley's Pond 24 November (RD); 8 at Guthrie Swamp, *Todd*, 25 November (MB); and 17 in the

Lower Hickman Bottoms 28 November (BP, HC).

White-rumped Sandpiper – the only report was of 1 at the Payne Plant 20 October (T&CB).

Baird's Sandpiper – small numbers were reported mostly at normal locales as follows: 1-3 at Mitchell Lake 15 August–11 September (m. ob.) with a peak count of 5 there 6 September (BP); 1-2 at the Falls of the Ohio 29 August–8 September (m. ob.) with a peak count of 6 there 9 September (DC); 4 near Ledbetter 6 September (BP); 2 at Blood River (HC) and 1 at Minor Clark (JW, ASK, *fide* TH), both 8 September; 1 at Blood River 16 September (HC); 1 at Eddy Creek 20 September (BP); and 1 at Cooley's Pond 23 October (RD).

Pectoral Sandpiper – peak counts were represented by 400+ at Lake No. 9 on 4 August (BP) with 240+ still there 12 August (BP, MS, HC), and 300-350 at Mitchell Lake 12 August (BP, MS) with 400-500 there 25 August (BP, BY, MY); latest reports were of 2 at Cooley's Pond 7 November (RD) and 1 in the Lower Hickman Bottoms 9 November (HC, ME).

Dunlin – earliest report was of 1 at Camp #11 on 6 October (BP, BY, MY); latest report was of 1 in the Lower Hickman Bottoms 28 November (BP, HC); peak count was of 44 at Fishing Creek 24 October (RD).

Stilt Sandpiper – occurred widely in relatively small numbers as follows: 2-12 at Mitchell Lake 3 August–29 September (m. ob.) with peak counts of 22 there 6 September and 35+ there 11 September (BP); 1 at Laketon 12 August (BP, MS); 1 at Snake Creek 25 August (RD et al.) with 6 there 7 September, 1 there 10 September, and 3 there 9 October (RD); 1-8 at Blood River 24 August–8 September (HC, BH, et al.); 1-4 at Camp #11 25 August–11 September (BP et al.); 1 at Eddy Creek 25 August (BP, BY, MY); 1-7 at Jonathan Creek 27 August–29 September (HC, BH, et al.); 11 at Wildcat Creek 30 August (HC, BH); 3 at Cooley's Pond (RD) and 1 along Drakes Creek, *Simpson* (DR), both

31 August; 14 at Little River 3 September (DR); 1 at Minor Clark 8 September (JW, ASK, *vide* TH); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 9-10 September (DC, T&CB); 16 at Camp #9 on 11 September (BP); 2 at Sauerheber 6 October (DR, KOS); 1 at Cooley's Pond 18 October (RD); 1 at Barren 19 October (TDu); 4 at Long Creek Refuge, LBL, *Trigg*, 23 October (BL); and 3 at Fishing Creek 24 October (RD).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper – small numbers were reported mostly at normal locales as follows: 1-2 at Laketon 4/12 August & 11 September (BP et al.); 1-4 at Mitchell Lake 25 August–25 September (SR, HC, et al.); 1-4 at the Falls of the Ohio 29 August–10 September (m. ob.) with a peak count of 6 there 8-9 September (BP, DC, et al.); 1 at Snake Creek 4 September (RD); 5 with Killdeer in a disked cornfield along Smokey Road, *Ballard*, 5 September (SR); and 2 at Jonathan Creek 22 September (BY, MY).

Short-billed Dowitcher – small numbers of juveniles were reported as follows: 1-2 at Mitchell Lake 21 August–11 September (m. ob.); 1-3 at Camp #11 25 August–11 September (BP et al.); 2 at Laketon 26 August (BP, BY, MY); 1-2 at Jonathan Creek 27 August–13 September (HC, BH, et al.); 1 at Blood River 29 August (HC, ME); and 1 at Lick Creek 10 September (DR, HC).

Long-billed Dowitcher – there were several reports, all being included: an adult at Mitchell Lake 12 August (BP, MS) and 15 August (HC, ME); an adult at Camp #11 on 3 September (ph. BP); 4 at Camp #11 on 28 September (BP); 1 at Blood River 5 October (HC, BH); 3 at Sauerheber 6 October (DR, KOS); 2 at Camp #11 on 6 October (BP, BY, MY); 3 at Casey Creek (RD) and 3 at Jonathan Creek (HC), both 19 October; and 1 at Cooley's Pond 25/30 October (RD).

Wilson's Snipe – earliest report was of 1 at Minor Clark 25 August (LM, NKBC); peak counts were represented by 64 at Cooley's Pond 3 November (RD) and 65 in the Lower Hickman Bottoms 9 November (HC, ME).

American Woodcock – there were a few reports during the season, when the species is typically scarcely observed during fall migration: 1 at Shaker Mill, *Warren*, 12 August (DR); 1 in *Jefferson* a few times during September (BW); 1 at Kenlake SRP, *Calloway*, 30 September (LM, KOS); and 1-2 at Surrey Hills Farm 25-29 October (BP, MMn).

Wilson's Phalarope – there were several reports, all being included: a juvenile at Laketon 12 August (BP, MS); 1 at Cooley's Pond 21 August (RD); 1 at Blood River 24/30 August (HC, BH); and 4 at Eddy Creek 1 September (BY, MY).

Red-necked Phalarope – 1 was present at the Payne Plant 15 September (ph. BY, MY, MS, BW, et al.). KBRC review required.

Laughing Gull – there were only three reports: an adult at the Ky Dam Village marina 2 September (ph. BY, MY); 1 at Jonathan Creek 15 September (HC); and a first-year bird at Meldahl Dam 24 November (BP).

Franklin's Gull – there were only a few reports, all being included: 1 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 29 September (DR, KOS); exceptional numbers at Barren in late October with 32 there 22 October (DR), 27 still there 23 October (DR), 3 still there 24 October (DR), 4 still there 26 October (DR, AH), and 1 last seen there 27 October (AH); and 1 at Meldahl Dam 19 November (BP).

Bonaparte's Gull – earliest reports were represented by a juvenile at the Falls of the Ohio 18 August (T&CB); 2 there 26 August (T&CB); 1 there 30 August (T&CB); and 1 at the Ky Dam Village marina 2 September (BY, MY).

California Gull – a first-year bird was present at Ky Dam 17/26/27 November (ph. BP). KBRC review required.

Herring Gull – earliest report was represented by an adult at Barkley Dam 1 August (DR, HC); at least 50 at Barren 26 October (DR, AH) was an exceptional count away from the larger lakes and for the time of year.

Thayer's Gull – the only reports were of an adult above Barkley Dam 14 November (HC) and at Ky Dam 17 November (BP).

Lesser Black-backed Gull – there were several reports, all being included: an adult at the Ky Dam Village marina 2 September (ph. BY, MY) matched the previous early fall date; the same bird was also seen there 3 September (AH); an adult and a second-year bird at Ky Dam 10 September (DR); an adult on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 28-29 September (DR, KOS); 2 adults on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 27 October (HC); a first-winter bird on the Ohio River at Craig's Creek, *Gallatin*, 14/24 November (ph. BP); 2 adults on Ky Lake above Ky Dam 16 November (BP); 2 first-year birds at Ky Dam 17 November (BP, HC); a third-year bird at the Falls of the Ohio 22-27 November (ph. EH, MS, BP) with a second bird (an adult) there 26 November (EH); and an adult at the Ky Dam Village marina 24 November (AH).

Great Black-backed Gull – a first-year bird was seen on Ky Lake above Ky Dam 16 November (*BP) with probably the same bird seen below Ky Dam 17 November (BP, HC); a probable second-year bird was on the Ohio River below Markland Dam, *Gallatin*, 23 November (*MS). KBRC review required.

Sabine's Gull – a juvenile was on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 28-29 September (DR, KOS). KBRC review required.



California Gull, first-year, Ky Dam
17 November 2007
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

Least Tern – several dozen lingered at Mitchell Lake into late August with an impressive count of 85 on 21 August (SR); the latest report was of 1 in the company of a flock of Black Terns at the Paducah water treatment plant along KY 1954, *McCracken*, 11 September (BP).

Caspian Tern – some impressive counts were tallied during the season on Lake Barkley, *Lyon/Trigg*, with 285-300 at scattered locales 1 August (DR) and 1050 total—a new state one-day high count—tallied at scattered locales 3 September (DR, TDU); high counts from individual sites included ca. 325 at a bar s. of the mouth of Little River during late August and early September (ER) and at least 250 at Lick Creek 5 September (BP, HC, TF). Other reports of interest included 24 at the Falls of the Ohio 26 August (T&CB) and 9 at Van Buren 30 August (BW); latest report was of 2 at Barren 24 October (DR).

Black Tern – peak counts were not remarkable and included 20 at Barkley Dam 7 August (DR); 18 at Barren 24 August (DR); 21 at Camp #11 on 25 August (BP, BY, MY); and 34 at the Paducah water treatment plant along KY 1954, *McCracken*, 11 September (BP). Also reported were 2 at the Falls of the Ohio 18 August (T&CB); 1-5 at Mitchell Lake 21-31 August (m. ob.); 3-8 at Camp #9 25 August–11 September (BP et al.); 7 at Lick Creek 25 August (BP, BY, MY); and 2 at Coolley's Pond 6 September (RD).

Common Tern – the only reports were represented by 1 at Lick Creek 10 September (DR, HC); 1 at Barren 27 September (AH); and a mixed flock of 80+ *Sterna* terns (Forster's and Commons) at Barren 25 October (AH) with 25 Commons still there the following day (DR).

Forster's Tern – 23 had returned to Jonathan Creek by 1 August (HC) with 137 there 30 August (HC, BH), ca. 155 there 15 October (BH), and a surprising total of 172 still there 16 November (BY); the only additional high count was of ca. 200 at Lick Creek 15 October (TDu).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – an adult was observed feeding a fledgling at Sawyer Park 23 September (BW).

Black-billed Cuckoo – the only reports were represented by 2 at South Williamson, *Pike*, 24 August (JC); 1 in *Boyle* 16 September (MH); and 1 at Shawnee Park 6 October (JBe, PB, et al.).

Barn Owl – there were several reports, all being included: a belated report of a family group off KY 192, *Laurel*, in late July (GC et al., *fide* RD); 1 bird at the traditional nesting territory in *Calloway* 16 August (HC); 1 in a chimney at Crab Orchard, *Lincoln*, in late August (RA, *fide* SV); 1 on Chalk Ridge, *Lewis*, prior to late August (BF *fide* WM); and a family in nw. *Lincoln* just outside of Junction City, *Boyle*, with 1 still present 30 August (EY, JE, DE).

Short-eared Owl – the only reports were represented by 1 over Surrey Hills Farm 28 October (MMn, BP) and 1 near Uniontown Dam, *Union*, 6 November (CC).

Northern Saw-whet Owl – an incredible total of 91 individuals was captured in 10 nights of banding at Surrey Hills Farm 25 October–18 November (MMn, BP) including peak capture totals of 20 individuals the night of 29-30 October and 17 individuals the night of 1-2 November (MMn, BP). Full details will be published in a future Field Note.

Common Nighthawk – peak counts were represented by 170 over Mt. Zion 30 August (RD) and “hundreds” over the Grayson Lake vicinity, *Elliott*, 1 September (EM, KW); latest reports were of 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 25/28 October & 6 November (MMn, BP) and 1 at Seneca Park, Louisville, 13 November (BW, CBu).

Chimney Swift – peak count was of 800-900+ at St. Matthews 13 September (BW); latest report was of 1 at Garvin Brown 20 October (JBe, PB, BBC).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – the peak of occurrence this fall was late, but it was very pronounced during the last week of August and first week of September, when 65 were banded at Middletown, *Jef-*

ferson, 3 September (MMn, BP). Latest reports included a female near Indian Hills, Louisville, to 3 November (JHo, BP); an adult male near Middletown, *Jefferson*, until 19 November (KD, BP); and an immature female near Brownsboro, *Oldham*, that appeared 22 November, was banded 29 November, and lingered into December (SMY, ph. BP).

Rufous Hummingbird – there were three reports: an adult male at Nolin Lake, *Grayson*, 3-6 October (ph. CBa); an immature male banded near Brownsboro, *Oldham*, 7 November and lingering into December (SMY, BP); and an immature female banded near Waddy, *Shelby*, 7 November and lingering to 10 November (D&LD, BP).



No. Saw-whet Owl, *Jefferson*
2 November 2007
Mark Monroe

Red-headed Woodpecker – generally scarce, although numbers were present in woodlands around Lake Barkley and Ky Lake in late November (BP, BL).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – earliest reports were represented by 2 at Shawnee Park 20 September (JBe, PB) and 1 at Pumphrey Pond, *Pulaski*, 21 September (RD).

Olive-sided Flycatcher – the only reports were represented by a very early migrant at Sawyer Park 11 August (JBe, PB); 1 at Cave Hill Cemetery, at Louisville, 15

September (MS); and 1 at Wildcat Mt., DBNF, *Laurel*, 15 September (RD).

Eastern Wood-Pewee – adult birds were observed in the company of juveniles or fledglings at a few sites in *Jefferson* 15 September (BW).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher – there were more than a dozen reports, all being included: 1 near Fisherville 27 August (EH); 1 in LBL, *Lyon*, (BY, MY) and 1 at Cape Hills Unit, Sloughs WMA, *Henderson* (CC), both 2 September; 1 at Caperton (BY, MY) and 1 at Briarwood, *Jefferson*, (JBe, PB), both 3 September; 1 at Blackacre 5 September (EH et al.); 2 in nw. *Carlisle* 6 September (BP); 1 at Caperton 8 September (MY); 1 along Pleasant Hill Church Road (BL) and 1 along Sinking Creek, *Laurel* (BP), both 12 September; 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 15 September (BP); 2 in *Ballard* 21 September (BP); 2 at Sawyer Park 23 September (BW); and 1 near Honker Lake 29 September (SMA, KOS).

Willow Flycatcher – what was likely a lingering local nester was observed at Melco regularly through 26 August (EH).

Eastern Kingbird – latest reports were represented by loose flocks of at least 5 and 10 birds each along the Mississippi River bottoms in the vicinity of Laketon 11 September (BP) and 5 in e. *Muhlenberg* 22 September (BY, MY).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 1 was seen along KY 819, *Livingston*, ca. 5 miles nne. of the Barkley Dam nesting location, in mid-September [probably the 13th or 14th] (KK).

Northern Shrike – a first-year bird was seen at Sinclair 8 November (*BP). KBRC review required.

Bell's Vireo – 1 was seen at a probable breeding locale near Ledbetter 29 August (BP).

Yellow-throated Vireo – latest report was represented by a bird at Pirate's Cove, Jonathan Creek, 7 November (HC) that established a new late departure date for the state by about two weeks.

Blue-headed Vireo – latest report was of 1 near Science Hill, *Pulaski*, 16 November (RD).

Red-eyed Vireo – a late family group was seen at Long Run Park, *Jefferson*, 13 September (BW).

Purple Martin – a substantial roost of ca. 10,000 birds was located on the se. side of Lexington during mid-August (JS et al.); ca. 150 were still at Swan Lake and 25 at Mitchell Lake, both 6 September (BP).

Tree Swallow – 1000+ were still present in w. *Henderson* 14 October (CC); latest reports included 300 at Fishing Creek 24 October (RD); 5 at Cooley's Pond 25 October (RD); "hundreds" at Blood River 26 October (HC); and an unspecified number at Barren 27 October (AH).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – latest reports were represented by 1 at Cooley's Pond 23 October (RD); 1 at Fishing Creek 24 October (RD); an unspecified number at Barren 27 October (AH), and 1 in the Lower Hickman Bottoms 9 November (ph. HC, ME).

Bank Swallow – latest report was of 1 at Fishing Creek 24 October (ph. RD) that established a new late departure date for the state by two weeks.

Barn Swallow – latest reports were of 5 at Fishing Creek 24 October (RD), 3 at Barren 26 October (DR), and a very tardy bird at the fish hatchery at Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell*, 24 November (SMA, RB).

Red-breasted Nuthatch – earliest reports of what turned into an excellent movement were of 2 at Bernheim Forest 8 September (JBe, PB, BBC); 1 at Mt. Zion 9 September (RD); 3 at Shawnee Park 10 September (JBe, PB, et al.); and 2 at Paintsville Lake WMA, *Johnson*, 11 September (SF). By early October, small numbers were being reported widely across the state with one-day high counts of 16 in s. *Ohio* 19 October (BP) and 12 at Bernheim Forest 28 October (TH). Interestingly, by mid- to late November it appeared that fewer were around with most possibly having moved farther south.

- Bewick's Wren** – the origin of a bird inside the Kentucky State Fairgrounds, *Jefferson*, 20 September was unknown (BY); it seems reasonable to suspect that the bird could have arrived at the site inside a trailer or other storage compartment.
- House Wren** – latest reports were of singles at Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski*, 4 November (RD) and at Cedar Creek Lake, *Lincoln*, 17 November (RD, SBC).
- Winter Wren** – earliest report was of 1 at Floyds Fork 17 September (EH).
- Edge Wren** – there were several reports, all being included: birds found at South Shore WMA, *Greenup*, in July were confirmed nesting there in mid-August with at least one nest containing eggs located and at least 6 territorial males present (ph. RS, SF, et al.); at least 3 singing at Travis WMA, *Carlisle*, 4 August (BP); 3-4+ that continued on territory at Lower Beaverdam Slough, Ballard, into August (m. ob.); at least 6 at Sauerheber 6 October (DR, KOS) with several still there 27 October (BP et al.); 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 15/10/28 October (BP et al.); and 2 at Homestead 19 October (BP).
- Marsh Wren** – there were ca. a dozen reports, all being included: 1 in *Fulton* 12 September (DR); 1 heard at Surrey Hills Farm 17 September (BP); 1-3 at Melco 23 September–4 October (EH, BP, et al.); 2-3 at Casey Creek 5 October (RD); 30+ at Sauerheber 6 October (DR, KOS) established a new one-day high count for the state; a few heard at Camp #11 on 6 October (BP et al.); 1 at Barren (DR) and 1 at Goose Pond, Ballard, (SR), both 8 October; 1 at Snake Creek 9 October (RD); 1 at Shawnee Park 10 October (JBe, PB); 2 at Ken Unit Peabody WMA, *Ohio*, 19 October (BP); and 2 still at Sauerheber 27 October (BP et al.).
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – earliest reports were represented by 2 at Raven Run (TH, ASK) and 1 at Surrey Hills Farm (BP), both 15 September.
- Gray-checked Thrush** – latest report was of 1 at Dale Hollow Lake SRP, *Cumberland*, 20 October (SSt).
- Swainson's Thrush** – earliest report was of 1 at Shawnee Park 22 August (JBe, PB, et al.).
- Hermit Thrush** – a tally of at least 12 at Beargrass Creek SNP, *Jefferson*, 14 October (BW) was rather impressive.
- American Pipit** – earliest report was of 1 in *Boone* 15 September (LM).
- Cedar Waxwing** – migrant flocks were most conspicuous from mid-September to mid-October (m. ob.).
- Golden-winged Warbler** – there were ten reports, all being included: 1 at Shawnee Park 26 August (T&CB et al.); 1 at Beargrass Creek SNP, *Jefferson* (MA) and 1 at Caperton (MY), both 8 September; 1 at Bee Rock, DBNF, *Pulaski*, 9 September (RD, SDn); 1 near Fisherville 10 September (JHu); 2 near Laketon 11 September (BP); 1 at Lower Howards Creek SNP, *Clark*, 12 September (BP); 1 at Honey Cypress Slough, *Henderson*, 15 September (CC); 1 at Shawnee Park 20 September (JBe, PB); and 1 at Berea Forest 6 October (TH, ASK).
- Tennessee Warbler** – 1 at Mt. Zion 5 August (RD) established a new fall arrival date by twelve days; also relatively early was 1 at Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski*, 22 August (RD).
- Orange-crowned Warbler** – earliest reports were of 1 at Bernheim Forest 8 September (JBe, PB, BBC) that tied the early fall arrival date; 1 at Jonathan Creek 16 September (HC); and 1 at Shawnee Park 20 September (JBe, PB); otherwise, a few birds were reported at scattered locales as late as 26 October at Melco (EH).
- Nashville Warbler** – earliest report was of 1 at Mt. Zion 31 August (RD).
- Yellow Warbler** – latest reports were represented by 1 at Snake Creek 27 September (RD) and 1 at Melco 23 September (EH, BP, et al.) and 4 October (EH).
- Chestnut-sided Warbler** – earliest report was of 1 at Mt. Zion 18 August (RD).
- Cape May Warbler** – earliest report was of 1 at Briarwood, *Jefferson*, 3 September (JBe, PB).

- Black-throated Blue Warbler** – there were only a few reports of migrants: 1 at Middle Creek Park, *Boone*, 8 September (LM, NKBC); a male at Lower Howards Creek SNP, *Clark*, 12 September (BP); a male at Panorama Shores, *Calloway*, 16 September (KC) that was quite far west for fall; a male at Shawnee Park 20 September (JBe, PB); and a male at Bailey's Point, Barren, 27 September (AH).
- Yellow-rumped "Audubon's" Warbler** – 1 at Melco 23-24 September (*BP, ph. EH, et al.) represented the first well-documented report of this subspecies in Kentucky. Under KBRC review.
- Yellow-rumped Warbler** – the earliest report was of 1 at Berea Forest 22 September (SMa et al.).
- Blackburnian Warbler** – 1 at Shaker Mill 12 August (DR) represented a new early arrival date away from known breeding areas; also early was 1 at Mt. Zion 19 August (RD).
- Prairie Warbler** – latest report was of 1 in *Lincoln* 14 October (JE, DE).
- Palm Warbler** – earliest report was of 1 at Fishersville 10 September (BW).
- Blackpoll Warbler** – the only report was of 1 at Melco 24 September (BP).
- Cerulean Warbler** – 1 at Mt. Zion 3 August (RD) was likely a migrant.
- Louisiana Waterthrush** – a presumed migrant was seen just w. of Hickman, *Fulton*, 4 August (BP).
- Connecticut Warbler** – the only report was of 1 at Melco 23 September (EH).
- Mourning Warbler** – there were nine reports, all being included: an adult male at Caperton 3 September (BY, MY); 1 at Blackacre 5 September (EH et al.); an adult male at Berea Forest 7 September (TH); an adult female at Caperton 8 September (MY) with an immature female there 9 September (BY, MY); an adult male at Floyds Fork 14 September (EH, JHu); and 1 at Melco 25 September (MY) and 4 October (EH).
- Hooded Warbler** – latest report was of 1 at Berea Forest 10 October (TH).
- Canada Warbler** – earliest reports were represented by singles at Shaker Mill 12 August (DR) and at Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski*, 22 August (RD).
- Yellow-breasted Chat** – latest reports were of 1 at Mark, *Pulaski*, 25 September (CN) and an exceptionally tardy individual seen in *Laurel* 13 October (GC, *fide* RD).
- American Tree Sparrow** – earliest report was of 1 at Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, 12 November (MA).
- Clay-colored Sparrow** – at least 3 birds were present at Melco 15-28 September (ph. EH et al.), with a bird banded there 18 September (see Figs. 1 & 2, p. 36) (ph. EH, MMn, BP) and 2 unbanded birds seen 27 September (EH, BP). KBRC review required.
- Grasshopper Sparrow** – 3 were still along Stringtown Road, *Bourbon*, 2 September (SMa, RB); 1 was still at Camp #11 on 11 September (BP).
- Henslow's Sparrow** – there were two reports: 1 at Sauerheber 3/6 October (DR, KOS) and 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 20/26 October (BP, ph. EH, et al.).
- Le Conte's Sparrow** – there were two reports: 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 2 October (BP) that represented a new early fall arrival date by four days, and 3-4 at Sauerheber 27 October (BP et al.).
- Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow** – there were three reports: 1 at Melco 16 September (BP, ph. BY, ph. EH, et al.) that represented a new early fall arrival date by three days; 1 at Sauerheber 6 October (DR, KOS); and 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 20-21 October (BP, ph. JHu, et al.).
- White-throated Sparrow** – earliest report was of 1 in *Campbell* 15 September (*fide* LM).
- Lapland Longspur** – birds were first heard over Sinclair 10/16 November (BP et al.); the species was widespread in small numbers in the Lower Hickman Bottoms 28 November (BP, HC).
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – the species followed up last spring's unprecedented showing with small numbers at feeding

stations across the state from mid-September to mid-November; latest reports were represented by 1 along Pleasant Hill Church Road 26 October (BL), 1 at South Williamson, *Pike*, 13 November (JC), and 1 near New Concord, *Calloway*, 26-28 November (*SL).

Blue Grosbeak – latest reports included 1 at Melco 20 October (MWa) and 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 21 October (BP).

Indigo Bunting – a late family group was noted at Miles Park, *Jefferson*, 15 September (BW); latest reports were of singles at Sauerheber (BP et al.), at Jefferson Memorial Forest, *Jefferson* (BW, BBC), and along Pleasant Hill Church Road (BL), all 27 October; 1 at Mark, *Pulaski*, 28 October (CN); and 1 at McConnell Springs, *Fayette*, 4 November (ZC).

Dickcissel – latest reports were of 8 still at Ballard 25 August (BP, BY, MY), with 2 still there 6 September (BP), and 1 still there 19 September (HC et al.); and 1 at Sauerheber 3/6 October (DR, KOS).

Bobolink – at least 60 birds were found in the vicinity of a breeding colony along Stringtown Road, *Bourbon*, 2 September (SMa, RB); also reported were 20-25 at South Shore WMA, *Greenup*, 9 September (RS); 3 at Garvin Brown 15 September (MA); 1 at Melco 16 September (BP, EH, et al.); 1 heard at the Payne Plant 16 September (BP); 2 at Melco 23 September (BP et al.); 1 heard at Melco 28 September (BP, EH); 1 at Sauerheber 3/6 October (DR, KOS); and 1 in *Simpson* 15 October (DR).

Western Meadowlark – the only report was of 1 at Sinclair 8 November (ph. BP).

Yellow-headed Blackbird – an adult male was seen in the company of a large flock of blackbirds along KY 56 in w. *Webster* 8 November (ph. BP). KBRC review required.

Brewer's Blackbird – the only reports were represented by 1 at Camp #9 on 8 Novem-

ber (BP) and 1 at Open Pond, *Fulton*, 28 November (BP).

Orchard Oriole – latest report was of 1 near Laketon 26 August (BP, BY, MY).

Purple Finch – earliest reports were represented by 1 at Mark, *Pulaski*, 14 October (CN) and 1 at Dale Hollow Lake SRP, *Cumberland*, 19 October (SSt); the species was widespread in small numbers by early November (m. ob.).

House Finch – a flock of at least 250 at Melco 20 October (BP, EH, et al.) was rather impressive.

Common Redpoll – a male was observed at a feeding station at Owenton, *Owen*, 13 November (*SDy). KBRC review required.

Pine Siskin – earliest reports were represented by 1 at Barren (DR, JR) and 2 at Surrey Hills Farm (BP), both 20 October; and 1 near Stanford, *Lincoln*, 25 October (JE). Small numbers continued to be reported widely across the state through November with modest peak counts of 12 at Glasgow, *Barren*, 28 October (LC) and 40+ at Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, 12 November (MA).



Western Meadowlark, *Muhlenberg*
8 November 2007
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(KC); Granville Cox (GC); Linda Craiger (LC); Charlie Crawford (CC); Melodie Cunningham (MC); Zach Czirr (ZC); Karmy Dabney (KD); Jordan Davis (JD); Robbie & Tonya Deering (R&TD); Steve Delaney (SDy); Kathy Dennis (KD); Roseanna Denton (RD); Steve Denton (SDn); Gary & Becky Dorman (G&BD); Don & Linda Dott (D&LD); Tom Durbin (TDu); Melissa Easley (ME); Diane Elmore (DE); Jackie Elmore (JE); Millie Farmer (MF); Brian Fite (BF); Scott Freidhof (SF); Tom Fusco (TF); L. Alan Gehre (LG); Alan Goldstein (AG); Mickey Greene (MG); Michael Hamm (MH); Barry Hart (BH); Lana Hays (LH); Judy Hoskins (JHo); Tim Houghton (TH); Eddie Huber (EH); Jennifer Huber (JHu); Aaron Hulsey (AH); Steve Kistler (SK); Kayl Kite (KK); Sally Leedom (SL); Bill Lisowsky (BL); Scott Marsh (SMa); Don Martin (DM); Sue Massey (SMY); Wes Mattox (WM); Lee McNeely (LM); Mark Monroe (MMn); Nancy Moore (NM); Evelyn Morgan (EM); Mark Morgan (MMr); Mike Morton (MMt); Connie Neeley (CN); Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (BP); Ed Ray (ER); Scott Record (SR); Barry Richmond (BR); Mike Riggs (MR); David Roemer (DR); Joan Roemer (JR); Rick Seelhorst (RS); Brian Smith (BS); Stephen Stedman (SSt); Matt Stickel (MS); Joe Swanson (JS); Steve Sweeney (SSw); Tom Uhlman (TU); Shawchyi Vorisek (SV); Major Waltman (MWa); Kenneth Whitt (KW); Jim Williams (JW); Barbara Woerner (BW); Mike Wright (MWr); Ben Yandell (BY); Mary Yandell (MY); Ernie Yaste (EY); Josh Young (JY); Audubon Society of Kentucky (ASK); Beckham Bird Club (BBC); Kentucky Ornithological Society (KOS); multiple observers (m. ob.); Northern Kentucky Bird Club (NKBC); SBC (Somerset Bird Club).

MID-WINTER BIRD COUNT 2007-2008

Blaine R. Ferrell

Reports of a 31 counts were received from across the Commonwealth. A total of 135 species was recorded on count days, with one additional species observed during count week. Fourteen species were observed on all counts and twelve species were observed on only one count during count days.

To put this winter count in context, it must be remembered that this was an unusual year related to weather. An early period of very warm temperatures during March 2007 stimulated many trees and shrubs to produce leaves early. This very warm period was followed by a lengthy blast of arctic air in early April that plunged temperatures into the teens damaging trees and shrubs, thereby reducing the chances for berries and mast for the subsequent fall. In addition, the region suffered a lengthy drought during the late summer months into the fall. This drought further damaged or killed many trees and shrubs. This climatic backdrop may explain the reduced number of berry and seed-eating birds.

Temperatures during the count period were fairly normal and consistent, ranging from a low of 20°F at Hazard on December 21 to a high of 60°F at Bernheim Forest on December 22. Waterfowl numbers were very good, mainly due to the high number on the Ballard County count and the variety of species was also good, with Cackling Geese being observed again this year. After a steady increase for several years, the total number of Wild Turkeys seems to have reached a plateau, being similar to last year's total number. Only one American White Pelican was observed on a count day. Raptor numbers were similar to last year's numbers. Gull numbers remained lower, similar to last year. The number of Eurasian Collared-Dove was double that observed last year. The number of Red-headed Woodpeckers remained good and Red-breasted Nuthatch numbers were up. The absence of food crops, cedar berries and mast accounted for dramatically decreased numbers of some species, such as Blue Jays, Cedar Waxwings, and Yellow-rumped Warblers. Blackbird numbers were off again this year. Eastern Bluebird numbers were also down. There were a few more Purple Finches and Pine Siskins this year. It is particularly hard to determine trends due to the increased number of counts coupled with the terrible birding weather experienced on a number of counts. There were few real overall highlights, but the

Common Yellowthroat, Marsh Wren and Virginia Rails at Paradise, the Great Egret and Thayer's Gull at the Land Between the Lakes, the Black and Surf Scoters at Russell County, and the Ruffed Grouse at Falmouth were nice finds. A Bald Eagle at Frankfort was a first.

Thanks to the many observers and compilers who participated in this year's count and submitted count results on the appropriate form. 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 17; 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Sky mostly clear; temp. 22° to 43° F; wind W, 0-12 m.p.h. Water mostly open.

Four observers in one to three parties. Total party hours 22.5 (7.5 on foot, 15.0 by car). Total party miles 128 (3 on foot, 125 by car). Hours owling, 1.5. Total species 94; total individuals 248,632.

Observers: Hap Chambers, Robert Dever, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), and Scott Record.

The species total (94) nearly matched the record for this count of 95 set in 2006-2007. Highlights included a nice diversity of waterfowl including at least 2000 Greater White-fronted Geese, two Ross's Geese, 28 Cackling Geese, and seven species of diving ducks; three Red-breasted Nuthatches (a count first); and good numbers of Lapland Longspurs and two groups (2 & 9) of Brewer's Blackbirds in rural farmland of Ballard County. Red-headed Woodpecker numbers were again relatively high in the bottomland forests, but numbers of berry-eaters were very low.

Calloway County (all points within a 15 mile diameter circle, center Douglas Cemetery). Habitat: lake shoreline and streams (20%), open fields (35%), residential (30%), and deciduous and pine woods (15%). Jan 4; 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 25° to 42°F; wind SW, 8-14 m.p.h. Water partly frozen.

Five observers in four parties. Total party-hours 39.5 (12.0 on foot, 27.5 by car). Total party-miles 171 (10 on foot, 161 by car). Total species 83; total individuals 7,207.

Observers: Hap Chambers (compiler), Kathy Cohen, Melissa Easley, Bob Head, Aviva Yasgur. Bobbie Kent and Sally Leedom were feeder watchers.

Four Green-winged Teal and six Northern Shovelers were seen during count week.

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. 15; 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky 100% cloud cover; temp. 32° to 38°F; wind, E early, then ENE later, 7-10 m.p.h. with stronger gusts at times. Rain fell in the count circle area from overnight Friday through Saturday to yield 3.2 inches as measured by LBL rain gauges. Rain continued to fall throughout the morning, with some periods of downpour. Some roads, especially those at low elevations and near streams and bays, were flooded and impassable.

Twenty eight observers in 10 parties. Total party-hours 55.5 (10.0 on foot, 45.5 by car). Total party-miles 530.5 (6.5 on foot, 524.0 by car). Total species 79; total individuals 11,144.

Observers: Mitz Bailey, Sherry Bailey, Hap Chambers, J. David Chiles, Julie DesPlaines, Melissa Easley, Bucky Erwin, Alex Faught, Heather Faught, Donald Gladis, Judy Hallisey, Kristy Jobe, Craig Lian, Bill Lisowski, Paula Lisowski, Wen Yi Lo, John Pollpeter, Joseph Schaefer, Robert Schaefer, Mary Schmidt, Carrie Szwed, Josh Szwed, Kelly Wehrheim (feeder watcher at Nature Station Backyard), Wendell Webb, Amy White, Steve White, Sonya Wood-Mahler, and Aviva Yasgur (compiler).

Despite an extremely rainy day, with a total accumulation of 3.2 inches of rain measured from overnight Friday through Saturday, a dedicated group of 28 birders parti-

cipated in the Land Between the Lakes count. That's dedication!

Our total number of species (80) and number of individuals (11,087) is comparatively lower for the LBL count, which normally reports over 90 species. However, the heavy rain was a factor in the low numbers this year. No self-respecting bird was out soaring, singing, or even flitting about all morning. Our count numbers are especially low for soaring birds (i.e., hawks) and many songbirds. Moreover, our counters could not access all of the bays and shorelines in the count area due to flooded roads.

Despite these conditions, we were able to spot a wide diversity of species in the Land Between the Lakes area. Some of the highlights of the day include: a high number of Bonaparte's Gulls; three Red-breasted Nuthatches; 507 Common Goldeneyes; a Great Egret; a Snow Goose; 24 Bald Eagles; six Pine Siskins; 87 Pied-billed Grebes; and nine American Tree Sparrows. Some of the birds normally seen during the Land Between the Lakes count were not seen on count day, but were seen during count week and have been observed at various times during the winter season, such as Ruddy Ducks, American White Pelicans, and Common Grackles. Some of the species conspicuously missing or low in number were American Black Duck (0), Wood Duck (0), Northern Pintail (1), Northern Bobwhite (several seen nearby during count week but none in the count area), and American Woodcock (0). We hypothesize that the lower numbers for many songbirds and hawks might reflect the day's weather conditions and not necessarily species' absences from this area. We thank all of our observers who showed their dedication and good spirits during this year's count. Even though we got very soggy, we had fun getting out and about on a gray day, and we got to laugh at how drippy everyone looked at the end of the day.

Maceo (area starting at host home on Sour Road, east to Hwy. 405 to Carpenter and Kingfisher Lakes, then to Yelvington Grandview Road north to Kelly Cemetery Road to Hwy. 60, then west on Hwy 60 to 2830 west to Hwy. 1831 to Hwy. 405 and east to the starting point on Sour Road). Habitat: fields, thickets, lakes, cemetery, bottomland trees, farms and feeders. Dec. 27; 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sky overcast, cool and high humidity; temp. 41° to 43°F; wind 2 m.p.h. The morning followed a period of rain during the preceding afternoon and night.

Four observers in two parties. Total party-hours 5 (1 on foot, 3 by car, 1 at feeder). Total party-miles 21 (1 on foot, 20 by car). Total species 31; total individuals 236.

Observers: Brenda Eaden (compiler), Tony Eaden, Janet Howard, and Roseann Radzelovage.

A male American Kestrel was observed with a fresh kill of an adult male Northern Cardinal. It happened just as we drove into the cemetery. Forty-three Wild Turkey were seen during count week.

Sorgho (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center jct. Hwy. 279-S and Audubon Parkway). Habitat: farmland, river, creeks, river bottoms, urban parks and county parks. Jan. 1; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 27° to 32°F; wind 10-40 m.p.h. Small snow showers.

Fifteen observers in eight parties. Total party-hours 22.75 (7.25 on foot, 15.50 by car). Total party-miles 172.75 (7.25 on foot, 165.50 by car). Total species 47; total individuals 9,226.

Observers: Pat Augenstein, Henry Conner, Brenda Eaden, Tony Eaden, Jill Flachskam, Joe Ford, Mike Henshaw, Janet Howard (compiler), Ken Hurm, Mary Kissel, Bill Little, Brenda Little, Charles Morris, Marilee Thompson, and Carolyn Williams.

Olmstead (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at the jct. of Ky 1041 and Ky 1151). Habitat largely row crop agricultural fields, with some grassland, scattered woodlands, ponds, water courses, one fairly sizable impoundment (Lake Herndon), and one swampy area (Mosley Pond). Dec. 17; 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with 10 minutes of owling after dusk. Sky clear; temp. 20° to 45°F; wind, S, < 5 m.p.h. Heavy rain on the 15th meant

lots of standing water, yet many ponds had been low or dry until recently. The extra water had little time to attract birds.

Two observers in separate parties, then teamed up as one party for most of the day. Total party-hours 11.0 (4.5 on foot, 6.5 by car). Total party-miles 116 (4 on foot, 112 by car). Total species 63; total individuals 23,877.

Observers: Frank Lyne (compiler) and David Roemer.

We had two count firsts: a Barn Owl, flushed from an abandoned silo, and 3 Northern Pintails at two different locations. Other highlights included 2 Red-breasted Nuthatches in a pine thicket, a dark morph Red-tailed Hawk, and a very large mixed flock of blackbirds.

Paradise (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1993). Habitat as described in 1993. Dec 30; 5:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Partly to mostly cloudy; temp. 26° to 45° F; wind S/SW, 0-12 m.p.h. Water mostly open.

Twelve observers in six parties. Total party hours 46.5 (22.0 on foot, 24.5 by car). Total party miles 180 (16 on foot, 164 by car). Hours owling: 2.5. Total species 82; total individuals 20,791.

Observers: Mary Bill Bauer, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Hap Chambers, Robert Dever, Melissa Easley, David Fothergill, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Matt Stickel, Major Waltman, and Barbara Woerner.

A crisp, calm morning gave way to a relatively quiet day with intermittent periods of partly cloudy and cloudy skies. The species total was below average again this year, primarily due to the now-normal low waterfowl diversity. Highlights included a Greater White-fronted Goose and two Blue Geese with Canada Geese at Goose Lake on the Sinclair Unit; seven Virginia Rails (6 calling from one marsh in Muhlenberg County), three Marsh Wrens (1 in Ohio County and 2 in Muhlenberg County), and a male Common Yellowthroat, found in a marshy area along KY 1245 in Ohio County. Another Common Yellowthroat—a female—was observed on the Homestead Unit of Peabody WMA 2 January 2008 for a count-week bird! Raptor totals were about average with Short-eared Owls conspicuous but not numerous again this year. Berry eaters were very scarce with totals for Cedar Waxwing (1), Hermit Thrush (4), American Robin (4), and Yellow-rumped Warbler (2) remarkably low. Perhaps hundreds of thousands of unidentified blackbirds coming from and returning to a roost site outside of the count area are not included in the table.

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. 21; 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sky partly cloudy to overcast, with rain from 1:30 p.m. on; temp. 30° to 54° F; wind NE 0-6 m.p.h. Heavy rain in the p.m.

Seven observers in three parties. Total party-hours 16.5 (5.0 on foot, 11.5 by car). Total party-miles 211 (7 on foot, 204 by car). Total species 79; total individuals 11,184.

Observers: Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Aaron Hulsey, Ian M. Mason, Wayne Mason, Albert Meier, Jessie Meier, and David Roemer.

Glasgow (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Barren County Courthouse) Habitat as described in 1978. Dec. 29; 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky clear to partly cloudy; temp. 31° to 46°F; wind NW calm in a.m. to 5-10 m.p.h. in the afternoon. Early morning fog was thick. It lifted by 8:30 a.m.

Four observers in three parties. Total party-hours 26 (8 on foot, 18 by car). Total party-miles 97 (8 on foot, 89 by car). Total species 62; total individuals 2,028.

Observers: Linda Craiger, Marquita Gillenwater, Aaron Hulsey, and Wayne M. Mason (compiler).

Mammoth Cave National Park (center and habitat as described in 1980). Dec. 16; 6:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Sky overcast to partly sunny; temp. 28° to 33°F; wind NE, 20-25 m.p.h. Flurries in the a.m.

Four observers in two parties. Total party-hours 15 (6 on foot, 9 by car). Total party-miles 116 (3 on foot, 113 by car). Total species 41; total individuals 661.

Observers: Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Wayne Mason, Albert Meier, and Jessie Meier.

Otter Creek Park (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1972). Habitat as described in 2001. Dec 20; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky Cloudy; temp. 31° to 47° F; wind E/SE, 0-15 m.p.h. Water open.

Five observers in three parties. Total party hours 22 (9 on foot, 13 by car). Total party miles 140 (5 on foot, 135 by car). Total species 70; total individuals 3,553.

Observers: Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), and Del Striegel.

Despite below-average coverage, the species count was above average for this count due primarily to the presence of several species of waterbirds on Doe Valley Lake. The day started out cold and remained gray throughout the afternoon. Highlights of the day included three Horned Grebes on Doe Valley Lake, a Merlin near Ekron, five Eurasian Collared-Doves in Flaherty, a House Wren on the western side of Fort Knox, and a Palm Warbler east of Flaherty. Blue Jays and Red-headed Woodpeckers were present in surprisingly large numbers; their presence may have been tied to a good red oak acorn crop in some woodland patches. Berry-eaters were quite scarce, however, with tallies of Hermit Thrush (2), American Robin (74), Cedar Waxwing (1), and Yellow-rumped Warbler (10) all well below respective count averages.

Bernheim Forest (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1974). Habitat as described in 1974. Dec 22; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 44° to 60° F; wind S, 5-30 m.p.h. Water open.

Eighteen observers in eight parties. Total party hours 45 (25 on foot, 20 by car). Total party miles 227.5 (14.5 on foot, 213.0 by car). Total species 66; total individuals 4,246.

Observers: Kyle Anderson, Ryan Ankeny, Michael Autin, Mary Bill Bauer, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Dona Coates, Mary Carol Cooper, Jackie Elmore, Paul Hagar, Eddie Huber, Jennifer Huber, Pat Meyer, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Cindy Read, Ken Read, Nancy Vance, and Barbara Woerner.

A gorgeous day with partly cloudy skies and relatively warm temperature made for pleasant counting. The species count was slightly below average. Highlights of the day included a flock of 10 Mute Swans on Lake Nevin, two juvenile Golden Eagles, one flying south just east of Lebanon Junction, and a single Ruddy Duck on a lake near Boston, Kentucky. Natural food crops were scarce, especially fruits on trees, hence berry-eating species were hard to come by. The numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches and winter finches were somewhat lower than expected, although three parties found small numbers of Pine Siskins.

Louisville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center jct. hwy. 42 and 22, as described in 1972). Habitat as described in 1972. Dec. 23; 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky cloudy in a.m. to sunny in p.m.; temp. 33° to 45°F; wind W, 33-45 m.p.h. In the morning there was rain, snow, and sleet with strong winds; the afternoon turned sunny but strong winds were still a factor.

Twenty-four observers in 10 parties. Total party-hours 64.50 (32.75 on foot, 31.75 by car). Total party miles 365.95 (21.25 on foot, 344.70 by car). Total species 81; total individuals 13,825.

Observers: Michael Autin, Mary Bill Bauer, Jane Bell and Pat Bell (compilers), Carol Besse, Greg Bunting, Dona Coates, William Friel, Rod Goforth, Charles Hatten, Eddie Huber, Jennifer Huber, Bob Johnson, Cheryl Jones, Scott Jones, Frank Krull, John Krull, Fred Mansmith, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Carol Stallard, Jack Stallard, Jack Still, Major Waltman, and Barbara Woerner.

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Great Blue Heron	20	92	109	1	1	6	20	5	6	1	6	5	16	4
Great Egret	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-cr. Night-Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Black Vulture	3	9	-	-	-	5	4	-	4	-	-	61	69	80
Turkey Vulture	2	61	-	-	1	17	3	1	81	2	64	64	90	90
Bald Eagle	17	6	24	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	cw
Northern Harrier	8	1	-	-	4	1	41	1	-	-	2	7	1	cw
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	-	-	-	1	-	4	2	1	-	2	2	3	cw
Cooper's Hawk	1	cw	1	cw	1	1	8	6	1	-	1	4	5	1
<i>Accipiter sp.</i>	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
Red-shouldered Hawk	9	11	-	-	-	-	18	1	-	-	3	11	6	-
Red-tailed Hawk	20	5	6	3	15	25	42	25	8	3	15	24	27	8
Rough-legged Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	cw
Golden Eagle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
American Kestrel	23	13	2	5	28	27	23	28	4	1	24	21	8	12
Merlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Virginia Rail	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Coot	40	382	2066	-	-	6	86	12	5	-	8	-	191	4
Sandhill Crane	-	9	-	-	-	-	60	-	41	-	-	-	70	cw
Killdeer	46	41	7	-	24	343	42	142	17	1	50	64	2	2
Wilson's Snipe	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	96	-	-	-	-	-	cw
American Woodcock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Least Sandpiper	-	2	cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonaparte's Gull	-	427	2569	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	5	-
Ring-billed Gull	102	960	856	1	104	-	-	3	330	-	2	-	61	-
Herring Gull	-	27	57	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Thayer's Gull	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Les. Black-backed Gull	-	-	cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forster's Tern	-	31	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock Pigeon	50	15	48	-	579	2	27	702	9	-	38	120	835	91
Eurasian Collared-Dove	8	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	12
Mourning Dove	131	80	4	-	49	159	133	764	4	7	295	70	214	69
Barn Owl	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Great Horned Owl	4	2	1	-	-	1	10	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
Barred Owl	5	1	4	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

Hart County	Upton	Green River Lake	Frankfort	Kleber WMA	Danville	Lexington	Burlington	Falmouth	Warsaw	Richmond	Russell County	Somerset	Wayne County	Natural Bridge	Dewey Lake	Hazard	Total
5	5	5	17	4	11	17	13	7	25	3	3	12	6	1	4	-	430
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
10	12	2	229	30	10	77	11	13	47	-	10	14	75	-	-	-	775
46	26	-	187	6	91	111	10	1	35	-	23	28	4	cw	-	1	1045
-	1	3	cw	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	cw	4	-	-	-	63
cw	2	1	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	79
2	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	29
1	-	1	4	-	4	5	-	-	2	-	-	11	2	-	1	-	61
-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	15
2	7	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	4	3	5	1	3	1	90
4	10	6	11	17	27	18	8	12	14	3	2	35	27	2	1	1	424
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
14	15	19	35	9	58	41	10	17	22	26	11	61	30	1	2	-	590
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-	-	45	4	-	-	17	-	1	73	52	8	7	2	-	15	-	3024
3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	2	-	-	-	-	196
21	136	10	55	32	16	5	2	2	-	-	2	4	10	-	7	4	1087
-	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	112
cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	11	cw	372	-	-	-	3436
-	-	811	36	-	17	22	6	165	85	-	49	6	68	-	-	-	3684
-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	90
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27	10	36	1075	-	508	156	83	39	50	46	2	183	24	-	139	20	4914
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266	104	310	230	60	460	222	116	105	75	44	28	943	261	-	14	15	5232
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	21
cw	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	31
1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	cw	1	3	28

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Short-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belted Kingfisher	4	4	21	-	-	1	9	5	6	1	1	8	7	4
Red-hd. Woodpecker	47	3	6	-	-	5	3	1	-	-	21	-	-	-
Red-bel. Woodpecker	22	33	24	3	23	13	20	19	14	5	34	38	18	3
Yel.-bel. Sapsucker	7	2	4	-	3	1	-	-	4	-	2	-	5	1
Downy Woodpecker	21	28	8	5	13	5	38	25	8	8	14	28	36	4
Hairy Woodpecker	3	9	3	1	-	4	4	5	5	3	4	7	5	1
Northern Flicker	46	58	34	3	1	12	54	17	9	8	10	10	5	2
Pileated Woodpecker	2	7	2	-	3	3	14	4	3	4	7	18	2	1
Eastern Phoebe	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
Blue Jay	101	56	66	16	122	39	243	82	39	33	344	139	95	7
American Crow	35	34	44	2	3	27	104	163	79	58	217	187	344	34
Horned Lark	153	64	-	-	595	475	12	135	-	-	3	71	-	cw
Carolina Chickadee	41	66	56	8	28	10	96	62	38	31	100	181	117	8
Tufted Titmouse	63	60	72	6	7	16	66	69	33	23	97	118	66	15
Red-br. Nuthatch	3	4	3	-	1	2	5	1	6	8	9	39	3	2
White-br. Nuthatch	10	30	18	-	5	7	18	15	7	11	27	66	22	3
Brown Creeper	1	2	1	-	-	-	9	1	2	-	2	9	4	1
Carolina Wren	30	37	26	3	8	11	57	48	23	22	50	69	53	2
House Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Winter Wren	2	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	-	1	-
Marsh Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golden-cr. Kinglet	2	9	5	-	-	8	10	9	3	4	4	13	1	-
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	5	2	1	-	-	-	3	4	-	1	2	7	2	-
Eastern Bluebird	69	61	42	9	42	49	130	78	28	18	92	246	32	15
Hermit Thrush	2	1	2	-	-	1	4	1	-	7	2	2	1	-
American Robin	2	13	14	-	33	6	4	66	6	46	74	47	109	15
Gray Catbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
No. Mockingbird	11	14	4	5	12	20	11	31	14	1	16	28	42	4
Brown Thrasher	13	5	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
European Starling	21300	1379	191	19	3748	6000	6738	3895	455	14	732	440	7753	1512
American Pipit	27	-	-	-	16	80	-	10	-	-	33	-	cw	-
Cedar Waxwing	12	-	29	-	-	13	1	6	12	25	1	45	7	-
Yel-rumped Warbler	-	10	6	-	-	7	2	8	14	13	10	13	3	-
Pine Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palm Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
3	3	1	11	5	6	9	6	2	6	-	1	11	6	3	1	1	146
10	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	106
12	12	17	62	10	23	25	24	19	7	7	16	62	31	1	5	1	603
cw	-	1	9	1	-	3	2	2	3	1	3	5	2	-	-	-	61
5	9	8	55	10	19	45	37	21	12	4	6	48	16	5	11	2	554
1	2	3	17	4	7	5	12	2	3	1	3	7	5	cw	6	2	134
12	13	14	27	7	11	13	8	13	5	3	18	44	15	3	2	4	481
1	7	6	13	1	3	2	8	3	2	-	2	6	6	4	8	3	145
1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	-	-	1	1	23
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
55	120	90	181	65	68	72	75	140	35	11	54	247	133	4	18	20	2770
107	506	56	248	192	213	298	51	269	78	215	51	490	213	190	73	50	4631
35	70	11	1	-	-	8	43	-	12	-	-	6	5	-	-	-	1699
37	36	64	235	13	100	102	102	38	34	22	40	188	59	21	29	10	1972
25	34	62	141	14	37	96	85	38	25	19	55	200	94	3	24	10	1673
1	12	1	1	-	5	3	1	-	-	-	1	7	3	1	-	-	122
18	12	13	39	12	21	24	40	17	10	9	38	71	40	3	22	2	630
-	2	1	9	-	2	6	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	57
30	23	19	142	23	30	44	22	16	26	3	36	124	54	3	30	5	1069
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
cw	-	1	4	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	21
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
1	2	6	40	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	6	cw	6	1	13	-	147
-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	3	-	37
69	127	44	12	-	34	43	7	25	2	25	51	292	77	-	23	8	1750
cw	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	31
16	5	23	35	106	32	63	17	398	2	3	7	52	36	1	2	10	1243
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
16	8	15	9	4	37	63	8	6	12	7	16	101	46	-	5	-	566
1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	32
506	138	1156	688	230	1372	1980	359	609	201	948	353	7642	2785	-	117	500	73760
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	168
9	25	15	48	4	67	7	-	1	-	-	24	20	20	-	-	-	391
1	3	18	7	-	-	4	10	27	15	-	19	31	74	-	4	-	299
-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
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2007-2008 Mid-winter Bird Count	Ballard County	Calloway County	Land Between the Lakes	Maceo	Sorgho	Olmstead	Paradise	Bowling Green	Glasgow	Mammoth Cave Nat. Park	Otter Creek Park	Bernheim Forest	Louisville	Shelbyville
Common Yellowthroat	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Towhee	49	18	15	5	4	11	33	18	8	5	48	34	11	-
Amer. Tree Sparrow	8	-	9	3	-	-	65	3	-	-	4	-	cw	1
Chipping Sparrow	-	50	-	4	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	3	-	-
Field Sparrow	44	17	39	4	2	8	215	10	39	-	87	122	10	3
Savannah Sparrow	3	-	4	-	-	2	53	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fox Sparrow	18	6	2	-	-	-	22	7	-	-	9	5	1	-
Song Sparrow	97	17	22	10	15	10	338	61	53	24	67	140	80	16
Swamp Sparrow	46	1	6	-	6	2	186	9	4	-	5	19	2	5
White-thr. Sparrow	274	129	186	2	14	21	110	179	124	55	81	174	156	27
White-cr. Sparrow	49	23	-	2	6	23	69	18	3	2	55	33	6	51
Dark-eyed Junco	135	268	447	40	105	32	312	101	63	139	174	368	106	61
Lapland Longspur	325	-	-	-	-	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	30
Northern Cardinal	155	166	92	25	92	51	140	185	59	48	82	205	296	44
Red-winged Blackbird	10400	21	-	-	1767	7000	1660	2070	44	-	15	7	cw	cw
Eastern Meadowlark	78	10	2	2	35	80	63	32	28	-	3	23	22	cw
Rusty Blackbird	16	-	cw	-	-	2	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brewer's Blackbird	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Grackle	150350	9	cw	3	1452	7000	6990	1050	19	-	32	-	cw	cw
Brown-hd. Cowbird	36	-	-	-	-	2000	30	260	21	-	-	-	-	40
Purple Finch	1	cw	10	-	-	-	5	-	-	3	9	4	4	-
House Finch	70	69	1	-	6	15	7	26	22	-	31	26	36	12
Pine Siskin	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	4	-
American Goldfinch	74	124	43	4	21	73	68	110	37	13	119	113	135	34
House Sparrow	43	63	28	1	94	24	18	99	44	4	175	50	87	20
Date of count	D17	J4	D15	D27	J1	D17	D30	D21	D29	D16	D20	D22	D23	D15
Number of species	94	83	79	31	47	63	82	79	62	41	70	66	81	49
Number of Individuals	248632	7207	11144	236	9226	23877	20791	11184	2028	661	3553	4246	13825	2550
Number of Observers	4	8	28	4	15	2	12	7	4	4	5	18	24	10

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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
8	3	14	8	-	4	2	8	6	1	2	14	41	18	-	4	4	396
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133
-	-	1	1	-	11	1	-	-	-	-	33	15	2	-	38	-	163
42	10	58	-	-	58	-	14	8	2	-	5	93	29	-	6	-	925
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	5	-	-	-	91
2	-	3	ew	-	-	-	2	8	-	-	-	20	-	-	1	-	106
79	42	73	54	11	23	57	60	43	65	8	16	474	112	-	28	2	2097
27	-	19	5	-	-	5	1	3	1	2	1	39	1	-	2	-	397
42	76	80	89	3	37	174	69	75	19	14	29	170	59	6	45	10	2529
40	10	4	14	-	93	53	14	13	34	-	-	150	69	-	-	-	834
30	82	59	84	68	70	71	188	475	13	10	46	179	174	62	20	20	4002
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	364
40	73	102	154	69	292	301	154	121	31	78	115	618	304	20	16	10	4138
500	206	-	-	16	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	23722
14	82	-	53	13	17	2	-	-	2	-	29	80	72	-	2	-	744
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	90	-	-	-	128
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
-	3	-	-	-	208	-	-	-	11	4	-	36	7	-	-	-	167174
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	10	-	-	-	13	4	-	-	-	2418
2	1	1	34	-	3	8	-	35	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	125
20	79	18	25	-	46	106	23	17	3	3	2	173	22	-	-	-	858
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
72	5	27	66	80	82	24	102	165	28	45	58	289	113	15	63	15	2217
56	17	36	89	8	122	208	2	25	6	2	15	111	120	-	5	5	1577
D20	D29	D27	D16	D29	D15	D15	D29	J1	D22	J5	D14	D29	J3	D15	D29	D31	
59	62	74	58	38	56	68	66	57	61	38	72	77	77	25	47	35	136
2402	2279	3638	4910	1149	4958	6084	2691	3082	2002	2077	1788	14206	6320	374	904	773	418797
9	9	5	12	4	31	31	12	6	3	5	2	16	6	10	2	1	309

Because of weather conditions (strong winds, flooding) the Louisville CBC was postponed one week. The weather was not much better on the actual count day. Rain, snow, sleet, and high winds occurred throughout most of the morning. The afternoon improved only in the fact that it was sunny and the winds subsided to 15-22 m.p.h. as compared with 45 m.p.h. in the morning. Our participants counted 82 species. The individual count for many species was down due in part to the weather conditions on count day, but also due to lack of natural food. There was a hard freeze in April as many plants were flowering and this summer the area had a severe drought causing low production of seeds. Special thanks to our participants who endured adverse conditions.

Shelbyville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 0.75 mile south of U.S. 60 and Guist Creek Lake on KY 714). Elevation: 640-1190 ft. Habitat: farmland, fallow land, suburban, wooded and grassland. Dec. 15; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky overcast. 28° to 36°F; wind NW, 25 m.p.h. Morning started with snow, then sleet, then rain all day.

Ten observers in five parties. Total party-hours 25.0 (5.5 on foot, 19.5 by car). Total party-miles 262.5 (3.0 on foot, 259.5 by car). Total species 49; total individuals 2,550.

Observers: Heather Brown, Iris Brown, Joan Brown, Seth Brown, Todd Brown, W.H. Brown (compiler), Cheryl Houston, Omar Mandeel, Benton Young, and Steven Young.

Visibility was extremely difficult due to cloudy skies, and icy/rainy conditions.

Hart County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center corner of Craddock Road and Jagers Lane). Habitat: rural fields and forests, one large (Hundred-Acre) pond, and Green River. Dec. 20; 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy, afternoon rain; temp. 34° to 48°F; wind variable and breezy.

Nine observers in one party. Total party-hours 12 (7 on foot, 5 by car). Total party-miles 102 (3 on foot, 99 by car). Total species 59; total individuals 2,402.

Observers: Bonnie Avery, Bruce Bardin, John Brittain, Carol Friedman, Dan Givens, Nancy Givens, Richard Healy, Steve Kistler (compiler), and Mitchell Sturgeon.

New count species included American Tree Sparrow, Ring-necked Duck, and Savannah Sparrow. Bluebird numbers were strong, with 69 individuals. This was the first time in 22 years that we didn't find a Great Horned Owl on count day.

Upton (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 0.5 mile south of Hilltop, eastern Grayson County). Habitat: woodland, farmland, river and Nolin Reservoir. Dec. 29; 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 34° to 42°F; wind W, 5-10 m.p.h.

Nine observers in one party. Total party-hours 14 (7 on foot, 7 by car). Total party-miles 92 (2 on foot, 90 by car). Total species 62; total individuals 2,279.

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

The Bald Eagle observed near Wax was a first for the count.

Green River Lake (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Taylor County, Ky.). Habitat: old fields, agricultural fields and borders, second growth forest, Green River riparian areas, open water, including Green River Lake and Campbellsville City Lake. Dec. 27; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 42° to 48°F; wind 0-15 m.p.h. Windy in the a.m., calm in the p.m.

Five observers in three parties. Total party-hours 22 (13 on foot, 9 by car). Total party-miles 100.0 (3.5 on foot, 96.5 by car). Total species 74; total individuals 3,638.

Observers: Lloyd Curry (compiler), Kate Heyden, Richie Kessler, Samuel Kessler, and Brainard Palmer-Ball.

No Turkey Vultures were observed even though there is a large roost in the count area. One of the Dark-eyed Juncos was a western "Oregon" Junco.

Frankfort (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at jct. US 127 and KY 1900, circa 2.3 miles northeast of downtown; 38.2261N/-84.8502W). Habitat as described

in 1977. Dec. 16; 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 21° to 48°F; wind W, 12-39 m.p.h. There was light snow throughout the day.

Twelve observers in seven parties. Total party-hours 31.75 (14.25 on foot, 17.50 by car). Total party-miles 193.25 (11.25 on foot, 182.00 by car). Total species 58; total individuals 4,910.

Observers: Robin Antenucci, Jim Durrell, Jim Fries, Peggy Gould (compiler), Ralph Gould, Pat Hankla, Scott Hankla, Jeff Jones, Joel Jones, Robert Laurenson, Susan Laurenson, and Tim Williams.

The first sighting of a Bald Eagle for Frankfort occurred during the count week.

Kleber Wildlife Management Area (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at jct. KY 227 and KY 845 (west) at Hesler, Owen County [38.4633N/-84.7768W]). Habitat as described in 1972. Dec. 29; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky partly clear in a.m. to cloudy in p.m.; temp. 26° to 42°F; wind W, 5-8 m.p.h.

Four observers in one to two parties. Total party-hours 12.5 (4.5 on foot, 8.0 by car). Total party-miles 100.5 (3.5 on foot, 97.0 by car). Total species 38; total individuals 1,149.

Observers: Peggy Gould (compiler), Ralph Gould, Edwin Shouse, and Mary Shouse.

Danville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Boyle County Courthouse). Habitat: water edge (15%), urban (8%), cultivated (10%), field/fence row (35%), wooded edge (25%), and feeder (7%). Dec. 15; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 32° to 35°F; wind NE, 2-16 m.p.h. Light rain in a.m., overcast all day.

Thirty-one observers in nine parties. Total party-hours 51.00 (10.25 on foot, 40.75 by car). Total party-miles 459.0 (9.5 on foot, 448.5 by car). Total species 56; total individuals 4,958.

Observers: Joe Amburgey, Robert Anderson, Ernie Baird, J.P. Brantley, Jane Brantley, Ginny Eklund, Neil Eklund (compiler), Stephanie Fabritius, Martha Foster, Bill Garriott, Paula Hill, Jeff Janovetz, Tom Kearns, Bill Kemper, Anne Lubbers, Gail Manning, Helena McGowan, Jack Metcalf, Jody Metcalf, Preston Miles, Eric Mount, Jack Newton, Amelia Nichols, John Nichols, Don Pelly, Rob Pendygraft, Amadeus Pyrek, Rose-Marie Roessler, Judy Ross, Joan Smith, and Keith Tiemeyer.

Lexington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center East Hickman Church on Tates Creek Road). Habitat: suburban farms, woodlots, water company reservoirs, Kentucky River cliffs and bottomland. Dec. 15; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky overcast; temp. 29° to 33°F; wind 5-10 m.p.h. Freezing drizzle in the a.m.

Thirty one observers in 11 parties. Total party-hours 63 (12 by foot, 51 by car). Total party-miles 387.5 (11.5 by foot, 376.0 by car). Total species 68; total individuals 6,084.

Observers: Ben Albritton, Janine Baker, Tom Barnes, Earl Boggs (fw), Thad Bishop, Rhonda Bryant, Rick Buchanan, Gareth Burns, Roberta Burns, Edward DeMoll, Wayne Davis (fw), Phyllis Deal, Nander Hegyi, Zoltan Hegyi, Kevin Hopper, Allen Kingsland, Katie Knowles, Lucy Knowles, Van Knowles, Teri Koontz, Catherine Lyons (fw), Dave Maehr, Scott Marash, Sarah Martin, Betty Maxson (compiler), Kay Neikerk, Brian Perry, Susan Pollack, Louis Scheidt (fw), Ian Stewart, Rick Stofer (fw), Marie Sutton, Dave Svetich, Joe Swanson, Jackie Van Willigan, and Sally Washilewski. (fw=feeder watcher.)

Burlington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Camp Michaels). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 29; 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 33° to 40°F; wind SW, 5-9 m.p.h. All water was open.

Twelve observers in five parties. Total party-hours 25 (13 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 141 (5 on foot, 136 by car). Total species 66; total individuals 2,691.

Observers: Linda Altevers, Andrew Baldell, Tillman Burnett, Joe & Kathy Caminiti, Tony Goedde, Ed Groneman, Denise Hodge, Don Martin, Lee McNeely (compiler), Gayle Pille, and Tommy Stephens. Feeder watchers: Marjorie Hill and Carmen Schulte.

The Cackling Goose was with a flock of Canada Geese at the East Bend Power Plant.

Falmouth (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Caddo, Ky.). Habitat: woodland and forest edge (50%), river and lake shoreline (25%), agricultural (20%), and residential (5%). Jan. 1; 7:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky overcast, snow flurries throughout the day; temp. 22° to 31°F; wind SW, 10-21 m.p.h. Water open.

Six observers in three parties. Total party-hours 20.5 (4.0 on foot, 16.5 by car). Total party-miles 173 (2 on foot, 171 by car). Total species 57; total individuals 3,082.

Observers: Rhonda Bryant, Scott Marsh, Lee McNeely (compiler), Dorothy Osterhage, Tommy Stephens, and Sally Soderlund.

The Ruffed Grouse was a count first. An adult Peregrine Falcon was seen at Meldahl Dam. Good numbers of Purple Finches were found.

Warsaw (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Gallatin County Court-house). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 22; 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 47° to 58°F; wind SE, 4-16 m.p.h. All water open.

Three observers in two parties. Total party-hours 15.5 (6.0 on foot, 9.5 by car). Total party-miles 112 (3 on foot, 109 by car). Total species 61; total individuals 2,002.

Observers: Joe Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, and Lee McNeely (compiler).

Poor weather forced postponement of this count on December 15. Berry-eating birds were low in numbers as were several seed-eating species. Good finds included Black-crowned Night-Heron at Craig's Creek and a Ross's Goose at the Ghent power plant.

Richmond (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 0.75 mile 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%). Jan. 5; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sky partly cloudy to cloudy; temp. 39° to 46°F; wind SW, 2-12 m.p.h.

Five observers in three parties. Total party-hours 12.5 (1.5 on foot, 11 by car). Total party-miles 139.4 (3.5 on foot, 135.9 by car). Total species 38; total individuals 2,077.

Observers: Joy Hager, Paul Hager, Art Ricketts, Tina Ricketts, Gary Ritchison (compiler).

Fewer observers than usual and no access to Blue Grass Army Depot impacted the count.

Russell County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center intersection of Owensby Road and Hwy. 3281). Elevation: 530 to 1140 ft. Habitat: mixed and deciduous woodland, pasture fields, streams and lake, mostly rural with a small percentage of urban. Dec. 14; 5:40 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy; temp. 34° to 37°F; wind NNW-N-NNE, 0-5 m.p.h. All water open.

Two observers in two parties. Total part-hours 18.0 (8.5 on foot, 9.5 by car). Total party-miles 95 (2 on foot, 93 by car). Owling 1.75 hours and 8 miles. Total species 72; total individuals 1,788.

Observers: Roseanna Denton (compiler) and Arlene Morton.

Highlights included three Black and three Surf Scoters, plus two unidentified scoter species, five Greater Scaup, 137 Red-breasted Mergansers, and eight Sandhill Cranes.

Somerset (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center jct. of Bypass Hwy. 80 and Hwy. 39). Habitat as described in 2000. Dec. 29; 5:40 a.m. to 6:10 p.m. Sky cloudy early becoming mostly clear; temp. 37° to 49°F; wind WSW, 0-10 m.p.h. All water open.

Sixteen observers in seven parties. Total party-hours 62.0 (16.5 by foot, 45.5 by car). Total party-miles 466.0 (8.5 on foot, 457.5 by car). Total species 77; total individuals 14,206.

Observers: Judy Brant, Rhonda Bryant, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Daniel Fleagle, Gay Hodges, Laura Kamperman, James Kiser, Scott Marsh, Linda McClendon, Lynda Mills, Tom Mills, Kimberly Morgan, Arlene Morton, and Stephen Stedman. Feeder watchers: Irene Broyles, Evelyn Coldiron, Julie Denton, Grace

Floyd, Evelyn Garrett, Floyd Halcomb, Susan Huffman, Dottie Kinnamon, Danny Kiser, Mary Moss, Joe Richards, Hazel Spears, and Dee Whitis.

Wayne County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center jct. Hwys. 1275 and 3106; 36.8972N/-84.8215W). Habitat as described in 2002. Jan. 3; 6:17 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 10°F to 34°F; wind variable, 0-3 m.p.h. Still water mostly frozen, moving water open, patchy snow cover.

Six observers in four parties. Total party hours 37.75 (9.50 on foot, 28.25 by car). Total party-miles 324.5 (5.00 on foot, 319.5 by car). Total species 77; total individuals 6,320.

Observers: Terry Campbell, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Gay Hodges, Scott Iffert, Arlene Morton, and Stephen Stedman.

The Merlin, Herring Gull, and Red-breasted Nuthatch were firsts for this count.

Natural Bridge State Park (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Whittleton Campground booth). Habitat: mostly mixed mesophytic forest. Dec 15; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 30° to 44°F; wind SSW, 5 m.p.h.

Ten observers in three parties. Total party-hours 22 (10 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 45 (5 on foot, 40 by car). Total species 25; total individuals 374.

Observers: Chris Denda, Marie Denda, Gaye Fugate, Brian Gasdorf, Hugh Gilbert, Naomi Gilbert, Noelle Grunwald (compiler), David Schneider, Andy Ziss and Lisa Ziss.

It was cold and raining throughout the region which may have discouraged participants from coming to the event. It did not rain at all at Natural Bridge and the Red River Gorge although it was very cold throughout the day.

Dewey Lake (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Dewey Lake, approximately UTM 17 347811E 4175855N [WGS84/NAD83]). Habitat: lake, golf course, strip mine, open fields, old fields and hardwoods. Dec. 29; 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Sky partly cloudy, clearing throughout the day; temp. 30° to 48°F; wind 0-5 m.p.h. Nice day, cool morning, warming through the day, becoming sunny, little bird activity in the afternoon.

Two observers in one party. Total party-hours 8 (2 on foot, 6 by car). Total party-miles 32 (2 on foot, 30 by car). Total species 47; total individuals 904.

Observers: Chris Evans and Troy Evans (compiler).

Hazard (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Spencer farm). Habitat: deciduous woods, woodland edge, pasture/grassland and a few small ponds. Dec. 31. Sky cloudy; temp. 20° to 45°F; wind light.

One observer in one party. Total party-hours 14 (12 on foot, 2 by car). Total party-miles 20 (4 on foot, 16 by car). Total species 35; total individuals 773.

Observer: Donnie Spencer (compiler).

FIELD NOTE

Yellow-rumped “Audubon’s” Warbler at Louisville

The Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*) consists of two subspecies (formerly considered two separate species) that are relatively distinct but that hybridize extensively within a limited range of overlap in southwestern Canada (Dunn and Garrett 1997). The nominate race, *Dendroica coronata coronata* (“Myrtle Warbler”), breeds primarily across the boreal forest region of Canada and Alaska. A common migrant and winter resident across much of the United States including states east of the Mississippi River, it winters as far south as Central America (Hunt and Flaspohler 1998). The western race, *Dendroica coronata auduboni* (“Audubon’s Warbler”), breeds primarily in mountainous regions of the western United States and southwestern Canada and winters in the southwestern United States and much of Mexico, seldom being reported east of the

western Great Plains (Hunt and Flaspohler 1998; Dunn and Garrett 1997). Both subspecies breed in forests dominated by conifers, such as spruces and firs, and winter primarily in woodlands, edge, and brushy habitats (Dunn and Garrett 1997).

On 23 September 2007, while I was birding at the Melco flood retention basin in southern Jefferson County with Eddie Huber and Robert Dever, an unusual call note attracted my attention. After a few seconds a small passerine, the source of the note, flew up into a small tree, and we were able to get some brief views before it flew away in the company of a loose group of Tennessee Warblers (*Vermivora peregrina*) and Palm Warblers (*Dendroica palmarum*). Although I did not initially recognize the identity of the bird making the unusual call, upon seeing the bird, I immediately realized that it was an Audubon's Warbler, a bird that I have seen and heard several times while traveling in the western United States and Canada. The bird was superficially similar to a Myrtle Warbler, but its throat was yellowish and adjacent portions of the face and breast were a dusky grayish-brown. After the bird flew, I was able to observe it once more, this time seeing the dorsal portions including the yellow rump.

Despite much additional searching, this bird eluded us during the remainder of our visit. However, I returned to the Melco basin the following morning with Jane Bell, Pat Bell, and Eddie Huber to see if we could relocate it. After a bit of searching, we were able to relocate the Audubon's Warbler in the company of the same warbler flock and followed it off and on for about 30 minutes, several times obtaining good looks at the bird from as close as 35-40 feet (10-13 m). On one occasion, Eddie Huber was able to get a couple of photos of the rear portion of the bird, showing its yellow rump, but the throat and other helpful identification characters were not captured on film.

A description of the Audubon's Warbler follows. This small songbird was the size of a 'typical' warbler (circa 5.0 in [12.7 cm] in length). The throat was yellow, although seemingly muted to some extent, perhaps by buffy edgings on the feathers, especially along the side and bottom margins; this yellow area was not as extensive as the white throat area of a Myrtle Warbler, running more straight down the sides of the throat instead of wrapping under the auricular area. The throat was framed by brownish-gray on the upper breast, perhaps a bit lighter than the head. The face was a rather solid gray-brown, with no trace of a supercilium; thin whitish eye crescents were apparent. The sides of the belly had some dark streaking, but yellow under the front of the wing was *not* observed by me on any occasion. The undertail was whitish. The nape and back were a relatively dark grayish-brown or brownish-gray. The back pattern was not specifically noted and recorded, but some slightly darker streaks may have been present. The wings (flight feathers and coverts) were predominantly dark gray-brown with narrow light margins; the greater and median coverts had light tips forming two distinct but not especially bold wing-bars. The rump was bright, pale yellow. The inner tail feathers were dark, but a pattern of conspicuous white spots or "tongues" was obvious in the outer feathers when the bird was viewed in flight and from below. Like the tarsi, the bill was blackish and not thin or especially attenuated like the bill of a *Vermivora* warbler, being more typical of individuals of most species of the genus *Dendroica*. This bird was probably most similar in plumage to the first-fall male depicted in Dunn and Garrett (1997: Plate 12). During the period we viewed the Audubon's Warbler, it foraged in saplings and weeds, more or less continuously associating with the aforementioned flock of warblers each day. On one occasion it was seen dropping to the ground to pick up prey.

As noted above, the call note of this warbler initially drew my attention to it. Particularly when flying, it uttered this distinctive note, sometimes repeating it a few times in succession while in flight. Sibley (2000) describes this call as "svit" or "ssit." To my ear it more closely resembles the call notes of Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*) and Connecticut Warbler (*Oporornis agilis*) than the call of a *Dendroica* warbler. The call notes of Mourning and Connecticut warblers are not that similar to each other, but they are of a

quality quite unlike the call notes of most *Dendroica* warblers. The Audubon's call note is also quite unlike the duller note of Myrtle Warbler. I recall noticing the unusual quality of this note the first time I ever encountered Audubon's Warblers in the western United States, and on subsequent visits within the range of the species I have recognized it very quickly. This call note was heard repeatedly during our periods of observation, and several times alerted us to the warbler's location after it had disappeared.

This sighting represents the first documented record of the Audubon's subspecies of Yellow-rumped Warbler in Kentucky. Although the Audubon's Warbler is considered "casual" in most eastern states (Dunn and Garrett 1997), a cursory review of the ornithological literature for the region indicated that this subspecies has occurred only a few times with not all reports being well documented. Moreover, since the "lumping" of the two forms into one species (American Ornithologists' Union 1973), it is possible that some reports of Audubon's Warbler have not been made public. Although it would certainly be possible to encounter hybrids between Audubon's and Myrtle warblers, the number of genetically "pure" Audubon's is much greater than the number of hybrids. Moreover, nothing about the individual observed in Jefferson County was consistent with a hybrid (i.e., its plumage characteristics and call note).

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Figs. 1 & 2. Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*) 18 September 2007
Melco flood retention basin, Jefferson County (see Fall Season 2007, p. 15)
Photos by Eddie Huber

