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IN MEMORIAM: DENNIS S. SANDLIN

Dr. Dennis S. Sandlin, an avid environmentalist and Life Member of the Kentucky Ornithological Society, died on December 8, 2009. He was killed by a patient seeking narcotic pain pills. When Dr. Sandlin refused to give the narcotics, probably suspecting abuse, he was shot by the patient there at the Leatherwood Blackey Medical Clinic where he had worked for the past 20 years. Dennis was a native of Perry County. He received his medical degree at the University of Louisville in 1978 and immediately returned to Perry County where he had practiced medicine ever since, treating the poorest of the poor for very little money. He will be missed by all his friends and colleagues.

—Don Spencer, M.D.

FALL SEASON 2009

Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., and Lee McNeely

Weather conditions during fall 2009 varied remarkably across the state. Statewide, temperature was near normal during August and September, although it was cooler than normal during October, and warmer than normal during November. Precipitation was somewhat variable across the state, though near normal during August. During September the northern portion of the state began to receive much more than normal rainfall. This trend continued during October with nearly the entire state experiencing about twice the normal precipitation (Paducah coming in with a record-breaking total of 10.55 inches [26 cm]). Subsequently, November was very dry statewide, with Paducah breaking an all-time record for the *least* amount of rainfall (0.56 inch [1.25 cm]) during the month!

Rarity highlights included Pacific Loon, White-faced Ibis, Hudsonian Godwit, Sabine's Gull, a long-overdue first state record Mew Gull, California Gull, White-winged Dove, and two Say's Phoebes. Irruptive boreal species were very scarce, suggesting a limited presence during the upcoming winter season. Shrub and tree fruit crops appeared to be sparse, suggesting that winter bird populations might be lower than normal overall.

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

Abbreviations – County names appear in *italics*; when used to separate dates, the “/” symbol is used in place of “and”; “ba” next to an observer's initials indicates that the bird was banded; “ph.” next to an observer's initials indicates that the observation was documented with photograph(s); “vt.” next to an observer's initials indicates that the observation was documented on videotape; “†” next to an observer's initials indicates that written details were submitted with the report; ad(s). = adults(s); imm(s). = immature(s); juv(s). = juvenile(s). **Place names:** Anchorage Trail, at Anchorage, e. *Jefferson*; Barkley Dam, *Livingston/Lyon*; Barren = Barren River Lake, *Allen/Barren*; Bernheim Forest = Bernheim Forest Arboretum and Research Forest, *Bullitt*; Blood River = Blood River embayment, Ky Lake, *Calloway*; Buchanan Park, n. of Woodburn, *Warren*; Camp #9 = Camp #9 coal preparation plant, *Union*; Camp #11 = former Camp #11 mine, *Union*; Casey Creek = Casey Creek embayment of Green River Lake, *Adair*; Dry Creek Unit = Dry Creek Unit, Barren River Lake WMA, *Barren*; Eddy Creek = Eddy Creek embayment of Lake Barkley, *Lyon*; Falls of the Ohio, *Jefferson*; Fishing Creek = Fishing Creek embayment, Lake Cumberland, *Pulaski*; Garvin Brown = Garvin Brown Preserve, ne. *Jefferson*; Honker Bay, *LBL, Lyon*; Horseshoe Road = slough along Horseshoe Road, w. *Henderson*; Iroquois

Park, at Louisville, *Jefferson*; Jonathan Creek = Jonathan Creek embayment, Kentucky Lake, *Marshall*; Ken Unit = Ken Unit, Peabody WMA, *Ohio*; Ky Dam = Kentucky Dam, *Livingston/Marshall*; Ky Lake = Kentucky Lake, *Calloway/Marshall*; Kuttawa = Lake Barkley near Old Kuttawa Recreation Area, *Lyon*; Lake No. 9, *Fulton*; LBL = Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, *Lyon/Trigg*; Long Point = Long Point Unit Reelfoot NWR, *Fulton*; Lower Hickman Bottoms, w. *Fulton*; McElroy Lake, near Woodburn, s. *Warren*; Melco = Melco flood retention basin, *Jefferson*; Minor Clark = Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, *Rowan*; Mitchell Lake, Ballard WMA, *Ballard*; Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*; NWR = National Wildlife Refuge; Plum Point = Green River Lake at Plum Point, *Adair*; Riverside Park = Riverside Park at abandoned Dam #50 on the Ohio River, *Crittenden*; Riverwalk, Shawnee Park, w. *Jefferson*; Sauerheber = Sauerheber Unit of Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*; Sinclair = Sinclair Unit Peabody WMA, *Muhlenberg*; Spindletop Farm = University of Kentucky Spindletop Farm, *Fayette*; SNP = State Nature Preserve; SRP = State Resort Park; Surrey Hills Farm, ne. *Jefferson*; Waitsboro = Lake Cumberland at Waitsboro Recreation Area, *Pulaski*; Wolf Creek Dam, Lake Cumberland, *Russell*; WMA = Wildlife Management Area.

Greater White-fronted Goose – 1 at Melco 1 October (EH, TBe, et al.) and 34 over Sauerheber 21 October (CCr) were the earliest to be reported; ca. 5000 at Sauerheber 18 November (CCr) represented an early season peak count.

Snow Goose – up to 5 injured birds continued from summer at Mitchell Lake through the season (m. ob.).

Ross's Goose – 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 26 August (ph. BP, ph. EH) represented an early date for the state by two months. The only other report was for 1 in the nearby Portland Canal, *Jefferson*, 30 November (DS, vt. TBe).



Ross's Goose, Falls of the Ohio
26 August 2009
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

Mute Swan –2 at the Reformatory Lake, *Oldham*, 26 November (EH), represented the only report of non-resident birds.

Tundra Swan – the first to return to Sauerheber were 5 observed there 1 November (CCr).

Gadwall – ca. 500 on Hematite Lake, LBL, *Trigg*, 30 November (DR) represented the season's peak count.

American Wigeon – ca. 125 at Sauerheber 25 November (CCr) represented the season's peak count.

Redhead – 35 on the Ohio River at Louisville 30 November (EH) represented the season's peak count; also reported was 1 at Fishpond Lake, *Letcher*, 12 November (RD).

Ring-necked Duck – 10 were at Fishpond Lake, *Letcher*, 12 November (RD).

Greater Scaup – a female was at Minor Clark 17 November (ph. RJ).

Lesser Scaup – “thousands” on Lake Barkley above the dam 9 November (DR) represented the season's peak count.

Surf Scoter – there were five reports: 1 above Wolf Creek Dam 17 October (RD); 1 on the Ohio River at Louisville 21-30 November (EH, DS, et al.); an ad. male at Waitsboro 16 November (RD); 4 on the Ohio River at Louisville 18 November (TBe); and 1 on Barren 23 November (DR).

Black Scoter – there were two reports, both from the Ohio River at Louisville: a female/imm. 4–6 November (EH, TBe, et al.) and an ad. male 11 November (DS).

Long-tailed Duck – the only report was of 2 on Ky Lake above the dam, *Marshall*, 28 November (ph JK).

Bufflehead – 163 total in several flocks on the Ohio River at and just upstream from Louisville 27 November (EH) represented the season's peak count.

Hooded Merganser – ca. 350 on Honker Bay 30 November (DR) represented the season's peak count.

Red-breasted Merganser – peak counts included 103 at Waitsboro (RD) and ca. 120 on Barren (DR), both 23 November, and an impressive tally of 463 above Wolf Creek Dam 24 November (RD).

Ruddy Duck – 4 at Hebron, *Boone*, 10 October (LM); 1 at Twin Lakes subdivision, *Pulaski*, 15 October (RD); and 2 on Honker Bay 20 October (HC, ME) were the earliest to be reported.



Pacific Loon, Barren River Lake
13 October 2009
David Roemer

Pacific Loon – an ad. was on Barren 13–17 October (ph. DR, DB, et al.). KBRC review required.

Common Loon – 2 on Green River Lake at the end of Corbin Bend Road, *Adair*, 21 August (RD) and 3 on Lake Cumberland near the SRP, *Russell*, 3 September (RD) were presumably very early migrants. Peak counts during the season included at least 150 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 9 November (DR); ca. 130 on Barren 10 November (DR); and 154 on the Ohio River at and near Chilo, OH (upstream from Meldahl Dam), *Bracken*, 17 November

(C&SCI) with 240 at the same location 18 November (C&SCI, AC).

Horned Grebe – peak counts included 96 at Waitsboro (RD) and ca. 250 on the Ohio River at Louisville (DS et al.), both 23 November; 165 on Lake Cumberland near the SRP, *Russell*, and 101 above Wolf Creek Dam, both 24 November (RD); and ca. 125 on Barren 24 November (DR).

Eared Grebe – there were three reports: 1 at Melco 10 October (†EH); 1 on Ky Lake above the dam, *Marshall*, 21 November (HC); and 1 on the Ohio River at Louisville 24 November (EH, †BP, et al.).

American White Pelican – reports of interest included 9 at Horseshoe Road 1 August (CCr); 40 at Lake No. 9 on 6 August (HC, ME) with ca. 150 there 12–13 August (DR); 1 on the Ohio River, *McCracken*, 31 August (SR); 9 on Lake Barkley n. of KY 80, *Trigg*, 26 September (BP, KOS); at least 1000 at Kuttawa by 7 October (PW) and ca. 1400 on Honker Bay 20 October (HC, ME).

Double-crested Cormorant – at least 4000 were on Taylor Bay, Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, by 2 November (BL).

American Bittern – there were only three reports: 1 observed flying across KY 94 at Long Point 11 August (NM); 1 at Melco



White Ibis, *Rowan*
21 November 2009
Rachel Jenkins

25 August (EH); and 1 at Sauerheber 14 October (BP, EH, MM).

Least Bittern – the only reports were from Sauerheber, where 1 was seen 26 September (CCr) and 10 October (DR, KOS)

Great Egret – seasonal high counts of interest included 120 at Horseshoe Road 22 August (CCr); 27 on Taylorsville Lake at the Van Buren ramp, *Anderson*, 27 August (BW); 150 at Mitchell Lake 28 August (HC, ME); 24 at Melco 8 September (BP, EH); “hundreds” at the mouth of Obion Creek at Hickman, *Fulton*, 16 September (NM); at least 50 at Jenkins Lake, *Lecher*, 14 October (*fide* LM); and 10 at Plum Point 14 October (RD). Singles at Plum Point 31 October (RD); at Sauerheber 1 November (CCr); and at the Dry Creek Unit 10 November (DR) were the latest to be reported.

Snowy Egret – 1 at Melco 27 August–10 September (EH et al.) represented the only one reported away from w. Kentucky.

Little Blue Heron – a juv. at the Dry Creek Unit 17 August (DR) represented the only one reported away from w. Kentucky.

Cattle Egret – 1 at Barren 10 November (DR) was tardy.

Green Heron – 1 at Sauerheber 28 October (CCr) was the latest to be reported.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 1 at Green River WMA, *Adair*, 2 August (DCo) was the only one reported.

White Ibis – there were three reports: a juv. at Melco 21–22 August (ph. BP, ph. EH, et al.); a juv. along Pitman Creek, n. of Campbellsville, *Taylor*, 26–27 August (RK, ph. JM, et al.), and a juv. at Minor Clark 11–21 November (JW, ph. RJ) that was about two months later than one had ever been reported in the state. KBRC review required.

White-faced Ibis – an ad. entering basic plumage was at and adjacent to Sauerheber 10–15 October (ph. DR, KOS, ph. EH, et al.). KBRC review required.

Black Vulture – peak counts of interest included 135 at the Falls of the Ohio 24 August (DS); at least 190 at the Kendall

Recreation Area, *Russell*, 24 October (RD); and at least 250 near the Dry Creek Unit 10 November (DR).

Turkey Vulture – at least 750 at Barren 18 November (DR) represented the season’s peak count.

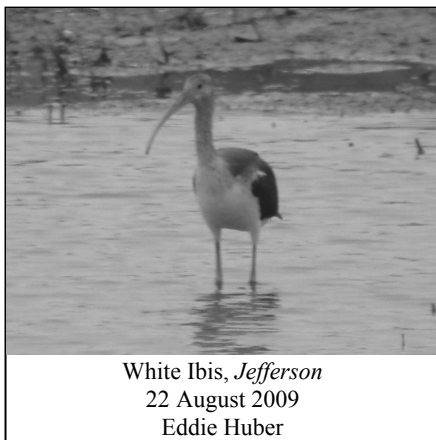
Osprey – 2 were at Martins Fork Lake, *Harlan*, 2 October (RD).

Mississippi Kite – there were three reports of birds away from traditional breeding areas: 1 just w. of Cadiz, *Trigg*, 8 August (RS); 1 over Horseshoe Road 22 August (CCr); and 1 over e. Louisville 27 August (MY). A first-year bird near Long Point 17 October (†HC) represented a new late departure date for the state by more than three weeks.

Bald Eagle – reports of interest included an ad. and a juv. at Paintsville Lake, *Johnson*, 28 August (SF); 1 at Martins Fork Lake, *Harlan*, 2 October (RD); and 5 along the Nolin River, *Hart*, 14 November (SK, JK).

Northern Harrier – a male in the Lower Hickman Bottoms 1 August (DR) was likely a summering bird.

Broad-winged Hawk – peak counts during the season included 30 at Lake Barkley SRP, *Trigg*, 27 September (LM, KOS) and 64 on Pine Mt. at the US 119 crossing near Oven Fork, *Lecher*, 30 September (RD).



White Ibis, *Jefferson*
22 August 2009
Eddie Huber

Red-tailed Hawk – a light morph *B. j. harlani* returned to the WKU Farm, *Warren*, for the 9th consecutive winter (DR).

Rough-legged Hawk – 1 at McElroy Lake 5 November (DR) and 1 over Barren 21 November (DR) were the earliest to be reported.

Golden Eagle – there were two reports: a juv. in *Warren*, 9 November (ph. DTh); and a juv. at Honker Bay 30 November (DR).

Merlin – 1 at the Riverwalk 16 August (†JBe, PB, et al.) represented a new early arrival date for the state; also reported were 1 at the Dog Creek Campground, Nolin Lake, *Hart*, 27 September (SK, JK); 1 at McElroy Lake 4 October (DR); 1 at Spindletop Farm 10 October (DL, ASK); 1 at Barren 13 October (DR, DB); 1 at Sauerheber 14 October (MM, EH, BP); and 1 at the WKU Farm, *Warren*, 20 October (DR).

Peregrine Falcon – there were not many reports of birds away from known breeding areas, all being included: a juv. on the Ohio River at Petersburg, *Boone*, 23 August (LM); a juv. at Melco for about two weeks in early September (EH et al.); 1 at Riverside Park 24 September (RD); 1 over LBL, *Lyon*, 25 September (BP, EH, CB); 1 at Sauerheber 14 October (MM, EH, BP); 1 at Barren 19 October (DR et al.); and 1 at Garvin Brown 24 October (JBe, PB, BBC).

Virginia Rail – there were two reports: 1 off National Turnpike, Louisville, 17 October (MA) and 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 29 October (BP).

Sora – again this fall, the species was not numerous with the only reports originating from Sauerheber, where 1-4 were seen 7-13 October (CCr, DR, et al.).

Common Moorhen – there were only two reports: 2 juvs. lingering from summer at Camp #11 on 8 September (BP) and 2 at Pond Creek Marsh, Sauerheber, 26 September-5 October (CCr) with 1 last seen there 7 October (CCr).

American Coot – 2 were still at Griffin Park, *Warren*, 5 August (DR); 1 (injured

and lingering from summer) was at the Louisville landfill to 8 August (RA); 3 (probably lingering from summer) were present at Camp #11 on 8 September (BP); a count of ca. 800 on Barren 1 November (DR) represented the season's peak count.

Sandhill Crane – at least 200 over the e. *Harrison/Nicholas* line heading into *Bourbon* 17 October (SM) were the earliest to be reported. The season's peak count was for ca. 5000 over sw. *Jefferson* 27 November (BN, CL).

Black-bellied Plover – there were not many reports, all being included: singles at the Falls of the Ohio 15 August & 16/23 September (BP & EH/TBe); 1 at Camp #9 on 11 October (BP, EH); 5 at Plum Point 14 October (RD); 2 at Blood River 16 October (HC); and 1 at Casey Creek 31 October (RD).

American Golden-Plover – reports of interest included small numbers at Melco 22 August-19 September (EH et al.) with a peak count of 8 there 29 August (MA); 1 at Guthrie Swamp, *Todd*, 18 September (MB) with 4 there 19 September (DH); 5 at Island No. 1 on the Mississippi River, *Carlisle*, 19 September (BP, EH, BY, MY); and 1 at the Louisville landfill 21 September (RA).

Semipalmated Plover – 10 at Horseshoe Road 3 August (CCr), 8 at the Falls of the Ohio 21 August (DM, RM), and 14 at Blood River 22 September (HC) represented very modest peak counts for the season. Singles at Plum Point 17 October and at Casey Creek 24 October (RD) were the latest to be reported.

Piping Plover – 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 18-19 August (BP et al.) was the only one reported.

Killdeer – peak counts included ca. 300 at Mitchell Lake 28 August (HC, ME); 245 w. of Hickman, *Fulton*, 17 October (HC); and 302 at Plum Point 22 November (RD).

Black-necked Stilt – there were four reports: 1 along the Mississippi River levee near Lake No. 9 on 6 August (HC, ME)

with 4 there 8 August (EL, NM, DTr, AT); 13 at Lake No. 9 on 12 August (DR); and 5 near Long Point 29 August (BY, MY, EH)

American Avocet – there were four reports: 1 along the Ohio River at Petersburg, *Boone*, 23 August (LM); 3 on a farm pond along KY 55 ca. 2 miles n. of Bloomfield, *Nelson*, 29 August (JBe, PB); 1 at Buchananon Park 13 October (DB, ph. DR); and 5 at Barren at the SRP, *Barren*, 24 October (TD, DR et al.).

Solitary Sandpiper – 1 at Shepherdsville, *Bullitt*, 18 October (MA) was the latest to be reported.

Greater Yellowlegs – 2 at Camp Ernst Lake, *Boone* (LM), 8 at Casey Creek (RD), and ca. 20 over Barren (DR, DB, TD), all 31 October; and 2 at Barren 1 November (DR) were the latest to be reported.

Lesser Yellowlegs – 91 at Jonathan Creek 18 September (ME) represented the season's peak count. One at Melco 2 November (EH) and 2 at Sauerheber 1 November (CCr) with 1 lingering nearby along KY 268 to 27 November (CCr) were the latest to be reported.

Hudsonian Godwit – an ad. was present at Mitchell Lake 17–21 September (ph. DM et al.). KBRC review required.

Ruddy Turnstone – an ad. at the Falls of the Ohio 18 August (BP et al.) was the only one reported.

Sanderling – 6 at the Falls of the Ohio 5 September (DL, BL) represented a modest peak count; a relatively tardy ad. was there 10 September (BP, EH, SBC); a juv. at Eddy Creek 11 October (BY, MY) was the latest to be reported.

Semipalmated Sandpiper – 50–75 near Long Point 29 August (BY, MY, EH) represented the season's peak count.

Western Sandpiper – reported in very small numbers at normal locales this season; 3–5 near Long Point 29 August (BY, MY, EH) and 2 at Blood River and 2 at Wildcat Creek embayment of Ky Lake, *Calloway*, both 4 September (HC, BH) represented low peak counts for the season; 1 at the Dry Creek Unit 30 October (DR) was the latest to be reported.

Least Sandpiper – season peak counts included at least 75 at Melco 31 August (EH); ca. 250 near Long Point 29 August (BY, MY, EH); at least 125 at Mitchell Lake 19 September (BP, EH, BY, MY); and ca. 110 at Eddy Creek 11 October (BY, MY). Two at Sauerheber 9 November (CCr); 5 at Melco 10 November (EH); 7 at the Dry Creek Unit 10 November (DR); and 13 at Casey Creek 22 Novem-



Hudsonian Godwit (with Stilt and Pectoral sandpipers), *Ballard*
17 September 2009
Don Martin

ber (RD) were the latest to be reported away from traditional wintering areas.

White-rumped Sandpiper – there were three reports: 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 20 August (DM, RM); 1 at Melco 31 August (GD); and 1 at Minor Clark 5 September (ph. LH).

Baird's Sandpiper – there were only a few reports, all being included: 1–2 at the Falls of the Ohio 15 August–6 September (m. ob.); 1–2 at Melco 22 August–1 September (EH et al.); 1 at Fishing Creek 6/9 September (RD); 1 at Camp #9 on 8 September (BP); and 1 at Minor Clark 19 September/3 October (LH).

Pectoral Sandpiper – 6 at Buchanon Park 26 October (DR) were the latest to be reported.

Dunlin – 1 at Mitchell Lake 2 October (HC, ME) was the earliest to be reported; reports of interest included 18 at Plum Point 14 October (RD); 49 at the Dry Creek Unit and 25–30 at Buchanon Park, both 16 October (DR); 50 at Sauerheber 28 October (CCr) with 30 still there 1 November (CCr) and 15 still there 13 November (CCr); 18 at Casey Creek and 47 at and upstream from Plum Point, both 24 October (RD); 2 on a pond w. of Cecilia, Hardin, 25 October (BP, EH); and 65 at and upstream from Plum Point 31 October (RD). Latest reports were of 1 at Buchanon Park 14/18 November (DR) and 4 near the Dry Creek Unit 23 November (DR).

Stilt Sandpiper – reports of interest included 2 at the Falls of the Ohio 19 August (BP); 1 at Melco 25–26 August (BP, EH) with 2 there 8–9 September (EH); 1 at Fishing Creek 19 August and 2–9 September (RD) with 2 there 6 September (RD); 1 at the Paradise Power Plant, Muhlenberg, 7 September (BY, MY); 6–8 at Eddy Creek 9 September (BP) with 7 there 14–16 September (DM); and ca. 35 at Mitchell Lake 18 September (DR) with 29 there 19 September (BP, EH, BY, MY).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper – small numbers were reported only at traditional locales as

follows: 1–2 at the Falls of the Ohio 26 August–19 September (BP, EH, et al.); 1–2 at Melco 31 August–9 September (EH et al.); 2 at Minor Clark 5 September (MW, ph. LH, ph. RJ) with 1 there 13 September (JP); 2 at Eddy Creek 7 September (BY, MY); 1 at Camp #9 on 8 September (BP); 1–3 at Mitchell Lake 29 August–9 September (m. ob.); and 1 at Jonathan Creek 14 September (ME).

Short-billed Dowitcher – only singles were reported at Island No. 8 Slough, Fulton, 1 August (DR); Horseshoe Road 3 August (CCr); and off-and-on at Mitchell Lake 28 August (HC, ME)–18 September (DR).

Long-billed Dowitcher – there were only a few reports, all being included: an ad. at Mitchell Lake 8–9 September (BP); and a juv. at Sauerheber 7 October (CCr) with 2 there 21 October (CCr) and 1 still there 28 October (CCr).

American Woodcock – 1 was seen at Higginson-Henry WMA, Union, 20 November (CCr).

Wilson's Phalarope – 2 at Mitchell Lake 29 August (BY, MY, EH) were the only ones reported.



Red-necked Phalarope, Falls of the Ohio
21 September 2009
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

Red-necked Phalarope – a juv. was at the Falls of the Ohio 21–27 September (ph. BP et al.). KBRC review required.

Red Phalarope – a juv. was at Melco 1–2 October (MA, ph. EH, et al.). KBRC review required.



Sabine's Gull, *Union*
8 September 2009
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

Sabine's Gull – a juv. was at Camp #9 on 8 September (ph. BP). KBRC review required.

Laughing Gull – there were only two reports: 1 at Blood River 22 September (HC) and 2 at Jonathan Creek 13 October (HC, ME).

Franklin's Gull – there were several reports, all being included: 1 below Barkley Dam 12 August (ph. DR) was rather early; 3 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 25 September (DR); 2 at Barren 28 September (DR); 1 at Barren 13–24 October (DR et al.) with 3 there 25 October/1 November (DR et al.) and a high of 5 there 31 October (DR, DB, TD); and 6 on Ky Lake above the dam 9 November (DR) with 1 there 11 November (HC).

Mew Gull – an ad. at Barren 18 October (ph. DR et al.) will represent a first state record. KBRC review required.

Ring-billed Gull – ca. 1000 were in the vicinity of Ky Dam by 25 September (BP, EH, CB).

California Gull – an ad. was at Barren 19 October–2 November (ph. DR et al.). KBRC review required.

Herring Gull – reports of interest included at least 50 on Lake Barkley above the dam by 20 September (BP et al.) and ca. 40 at Barren 17 October (DR et al.).

Thayer's Gull – an ad. at Ky Dam 9 November (DR) with perhaps the same bird

at Barkley Dam 30 November (DR, HC) was the only one reported.

Lesser Black-backed Gull – a probable second-year bird above Barkley Dam 12 August (DR) represented a new early arrival date for the state by two weeks or possibly a bird that summered somewhere in the region; next earliest was perhaps the same first- or second-year bird at Ky Dam 9 September (BP). Also reported were an ad. at the mouth of Bear Creek, Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 20 September (BP, EH, BY, MY); 4 total on Lake Barkley and Ky Lake 25 September (DR); a first-year bird at Barren 16–31 October (ph. DR et al.); and an ad. and a first-year bird below Ky Dam 21 November (HC).



Lesser Black-backed Gull, *Barren*
16 October 2009
David Roemer

Great Black-backed Gull – a first-year bird was present at the Falls of the Ohio 21–26 November (MA, ph. EH, ph. BY, et al.). KBRC review required.

Least Tern – 22 were still at Mitchell Lake 28 August (HC, ME); an ad. and a juv. there 9 September (BP) were the latest to be reported.

Caspian Tern – modest peak counts (compared to recent years, at least) included 70 on Lake Barkley at Lick Creek, *Lyon*, 12 August (DR); 138+ on Lake Barkley near the mouth of the Little River embayment, *Trigg*, 14 August (WG); 250–300 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 23 August (DR); 7 at Barren 10 September (DR); at least 115 on Lake Barkley above the dam 20 Septem-

ber (BP et al.); and 15 at the Falls of the Ohio 25 September (AG). Two at Barren 17 October (DR et al.) were the latest to be reported.



Great Black-backed Gull
Falls of the Ohio, 25 November 2009
Eddie Huber

Black Tern – reports of interest included 5 on the Ohio River near Paducah, *McCracken*, 5 August (RF); 11 at Fishing Creek 19 August (RD) with 2 there 28 August (RD); 3 at Minor Clark (RD) and ca. 20 at Barren (DR), both 20 August; 35 on Lake Cumberland near the SRP, *Russell*, 2 on Lake Cumberland above Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell*, 32 at Casey Creek, 11 on Green River Lake at Corbin Bend Road, *Adair*, and at least 3 on Green River Lake at the state dock, *Taylor*, all 21 August (RD); 3 still at Casey Creek 23 August (RD); 4 at Mitchell Lake 28 August (HC, ME); 1 near Long Point 29 August (BY, MY, EH); 1 at Sauerheber 30 August (BY, MY, EH); and ca. 8 at Minor Clark during early September (ph. RJ).

Common Tern – reports of interest included an ad. at Lake Reba, *Madison*, 20 August (AN); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 24 September (BP); at least 60 total on Lake Barkley & Ky Lake 25 September (DR); 1 at Barren 28 September and 24 October (DR et al.); 8 at Twin Lakes Subdivision, *Pulaski*, 15 October (RD); and 1 at Lake Cumberland near the SRP, *Russell*, 24 October (RD).

Forster's Tern – peak counts included at least 200 at Jonathan Creek 14 September (ME); ca. 80 at the mouth of Bear Creek, Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 20 September (BP, EH, BY, MY); at least 75–80 at Ky Dam Village SRP, *Marshall*, with most of 250–300 *Sterna* terns in the vicinity of Ky Dam probably Forster's 25 September (BP, EH, CB, DR); at least 120 on Ky Lake above the dam 9 November (DR); and 54 still at Blood River 20 November (HC). One at Barren 18 November (DR) was tardy.

Eurasian Collared-Dove – 1 near Neatsville, *Adair*, 1 September (RD) was the first reported for that community.

White-winged Dove – 1 was reported in a yard at Independence, *Kenton*, 23 August (†DM). KBRC review required.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 1 at Sauerheber 28 October (CCR) was the latest to be reported.

Black-billed Cuckoo – there were three reports: 1 heard near Thruston, *Daviess*, 23 August (MTh); 1 at Lake Barkley SRP, *Trigg*, 26 September (BP, KH); and 1 on the Anchorage Trail 8 October (JBe, PB).

Short-eared Owl – the only report was for 2 along Stones Chapel Road, w. of White Plains, *Hopkins*, 11 November (EW).

Northern Saw-whet Owl – 1 was seen near Cedarmore, e. *Shelby*, 17 October (†TBr, JBn, MCr); a total of 13 birds were captured/banded at Surrey Hills Farm 18 October–12 November (MM, BP, et al.) with some additional birds heard including a tooting male 3 November and two foreign recaptures of birds previously banded in Ontario (see below). A bird banded at the Surrey Hills Farm station as a hatch-year female 2 November 2007 was recaptured at Lincoln, MA (wnw. suburb of Boston) 25–26 October 2009 (KS, *fide* MM) and again at Northbridge, MA (sw. of Boston) 6 November 2009 (PMi, *fide* MM). An ad. female caught at the Surrey Hills Farm station 11 November 2009, was originally banded as a hatch-year bird at Hilliardton Marsh, ON, Canada, 21 September 2007 (BM, *fide* MM).

Common Nighthawk – ca. 100 over the Anchorage Trail 28 August (JBe, PB) and 75 over *Hart* 6 September (SK, JK) represented modest peak counts for the season.

Whip-poor-will – late-season birds were heard at Grahn, *Carter*, 6 September (EM); in *Hart* 7 September (SK, JK); and near Big Gimlet, *Elliot*, 15 September (EM).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – numbers across most of n. Kentucky were much lower than normal, with peak counts of only a few individuals at any location through September; occurrence seemed to pick up some during mid- to the 3rd week of September but a pronounced peak was not evident in many areas this fall (m. ob.). In contrast, it appeared that relatively normal numbers were present across southern Kentucky. Young birds still in a nest in nw. *Boyle* 23 August (ph. RH *fide* SH) might have been indicative of especially late attempts to renest following a rainy summer period. Latest reports were of an imm. male near Iroquois Park to 9 November (ph. RT, ba. BP); an imm./female at Ft. Thomas, *Campbell*, to 9 November (ph. DH); and an imm. male n. of Stanford, *Lincoln* 15–25 November (ph. JE).

Red-headed Woodpecker – a very locally distributed hard mast crop was likely responsible for a paucity of reports; one exception appeared to be the Jenny Hole-Highland Creek Unit of Sloughs WMA, *Union*, where ca. 35 were seen 25 November (CCr).

Olive-sided Flycatcher – there were only three reports: a very early bird along the Mississippi River levee near Lake No. 9 on 7 August (†EL, DTr, AT, et al.); 1 at the Natural Arch Scenic Area, DBNF, *McCreary*, 2 September (RD); and 1 on the Anchorage Trail 6 September (PMc, BBC).

Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1 in the vicinity of Barren 21 October (DR) and 2 at Mt. Zion 27 October (RD) were the latest to be reported.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher – there were only four reports: 1 at the Riverwalk 2 September (JBe, PB); 1 on the Anchorage Trail 3 September (JBe, PB); 1 on the Cathy Crockett Trail, *Pulaski*, 5 September (ph. RD); and 1 along Long Creek, LBL, *Trigg*, 26 September (BL).

Least Flycatcher – the species was reported at the Riverwalk on the early date of 12 August (JBe, PB).

Say's Phoebe – there were two reports: 1 at the LBL Nature Station entrance, *Lyon*, 26 September (†KC, MCo, KOS) and 1 at Camp #11 on 11 October (ph. BP, ph. EH). KBRC review required.

Great Crested Flycatcher – 1 at Kuttawa 25 September (BP, EH, CB); 1 at Iroquois Park 26 September (MA, BBC); 1 at Beargrass Creek SNP, *Jefferson*, 27 September (BW, BBC); and 1 heard at Casey Creek 4 October (RD) were the latest to be reported.

Blue-headed Vireo – 1 at Mt. Zion 28 October (RD), 2 at McNeely Lake Park, *Jefferson* 31 October (MA), and 1 at McConnell Springs, *Fayette*, 4 November (LT) were the latest to be reported.

Common Raven – there were several reports of birds away from the se. mts. as follows: 1 on the Bent Mountain Strip Mine outside Meta, *Pike*, 6 August (SF); 1 at Consol WMA, *Knott*, 4 October (AN); 3 at Begley WMA, *Bell*, and 1 at Corrigan WMA, *Bell*, 14 October (AN); and 1 heard at Dewey Lake WMA, *Floyd*, 12 November (SF).

Purple Martin – up to perhaps 25,000 or more birds were present at the roost on the nw. side of Lexington during early August (JW, BP, et al.) with 8000–10,000 still present there 23 August (JW) but only ca. 150 seen in the vicinity 30 August (JW). Circa 8000 birds were counted from photos taken of a staging flock at Campbellsville, *Taylor*, 7 August; these birds roosted just w. of the Campbellsville College campus (BP, EH). Thousands of birds from roosts at Huntington, WV (*fide* LD), and at Dale Hollow Lake, *Clay*, TN (*fide* SS) were seen gathering in adjacent

portions of Kentucky, respectively, during early August. Up to 1700-2000 birds were counted over the Falls of the Ohio on their way to roost nearby in *Clark*, IN, 15/16 August (TBe, CCv). Four at the Pumphrey Tract, *Pulaski*, 15 September (RD); at least 250-300 at Hickman and 1 at Lake No. 9 on 20 September (BP et al.); and at least 1 at Riverside Park 25 September (RD) were the latest to be reported.

Tree Swallow – ca. 1000 at Plum Point 14 October (RD) and 500+ at Barren 15 October (DR) were impressive, late season tallies; 2 at South Lake, Ken Unit, 3 November (DR) and 10 at Sauerheber 5 November (CCr) were the latest to be reported.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – at least 1 at and upstream from Plum Point 24 October (RD); 10 at Sauerheber 28 October (CCr); and 1 at the Dry Creek Unit 31 October (DR, DB, TD) were the latest to be reported.

Cliff Swallow – ca. 2500 at Guthrie Swamp, *Todd*, 21 August (MB, DR) represented a new state high count away from breeding colonies. Two in the Lower Hickman Bottoms 17 October (HC) were the latest to be reported.

Barn Swallow – 1 at Garvin Brown 12 October (MA); 1 in the Lower Hickman Bottoms 17 October (HC); at least 3 at and upstream from Plum Point 24 October (RD); and 1 at Barren 26 October (DR) were the latest to be reported.

Red-breasted Nuthatch – 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 26 August (BP); 1 at Mt. Zion 14 September (RD); 1 at the Riverwalk 15 September (JBe, PB, CB); and 1 at Fishing Creek 20 September (RD) were the earliest to be reported; by mid-October it appeared that most had passed through and settled in at wintering locales.

Sedge Wren – there were only a few reports, all being included: 1 along Lamp-ton Lane Road, *Adair*, 1 August (DCo); 2 at McElroy Lake 4 October (DR); 3 at Long Point 5 October (MTo); 1-4 at Sauerheber 5-14 October (m. ob.); and 1

at Surrey Hills Farm 7/26/29 October (BP).

Marsh Wren – there were several reports, all being included: 1 near Thruston, *Daviess*, 10 September (MTh); 1 at Iroquois Park 24 September (MA); 1 at Hays Kennedy Park, *Jefferson*, 3 October (BW, BBC); 1 at McElroy Lake 4 October (DR); 5 at Long Point 5 October (MT); 2 at Sauerheber 10 October (DR, KOS); 2 near Minors Lane Heights, *Jefferson*, 17-18 October (MA); and 1 at Sinclair 3 November (DR).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1 at the Louisville landfill 17 October (RA) with another or the same there 10 November (RA) was the latest to be reported.

Veery – 1 at the Riverwalk 7 September (JBe, PB) was the earliest to be reported; 1 at Middletown, *Jefferson*, 30 September (BY, MY) was the latest to be reported.

American Robin – a flight of 4000-5000 over Russellville, *Logan*, 17 November (DR) was impressive.

Gray Catbird – singles at Draut Park, *Jefferson*, 29 October (BW) and Bernheim Forest 8 November (SD) were the latest to be reported.

American Pipit – 1 at Minor Clark 19 September (LH, RJ) was the earliest to be reported.

Cedar Waxwing – flocks of 30 at Minor Clark 20 August (RD), ca. 75 at Adair WMA, *Boone*, 29 August (DM, NKBC, BBC), and 100 at Minor Clark 30 August (JP, DJ) were especially early but forebode of a pronounced, early movement; the species was quite conspicuous from mid-September well into November (m. ob.).

Golden-winged Warbler – it was an excellent season for the species, with 1-2 reported on nearly 30 dates at more than 20 sites; singles at the Riverwalk 23 August (JBe, PB, CB) and Sauerheber 29 August (CCr) were the earliest to be reported; 1 at the Riverwalk 1 October (JBe, PB) was the latest to be reported.

Tennessee Warbler – 1 at the Riverwalk 23 August (JBe, PB, CB) was the earliest to be reported.

Orange-crowned Warbler – there were six reports: 1 at Begley WMA, *Bell*, 10 October (AN); 1 at the Dry Creek Unit 12 October (DR); 2 at Sauerheber 14 October (BP, EH, MM); 1 along Preston Highway, *Jefferson*, 15 October (BP); 1 at Sauerheber 28 October (CCr); and 1 at McNeely Lake Park, *Jefferson*, 31 October (MA)

Nashville Warbler – 1 at Mt. Zion 29 August (RD) was the earliest to be reported; single birds at the Kendall Recreation Area, *Russell*, 24 October (RD); at LBL, *Trigg*, 25 October (BL); and at Panorama Shores, *Calloway*, 1 November (KC) were the latest to be reported.

Yellow Warbler – 1 at the Louisville landfill 21 September (RA) and 1 along the Lake Barkley shoreline at Green Turtle Bay Resort, *Lyon*, 25 September (BP, EH, CB) were rather tardy; however 1 at Sauerheber 14 October (†BP, EH, MM) was especially so.

Chestnut-sided Warbler – 1 at the Riverwalk 21 August (JBe, PB, CB) was the earliest to be reported.

Cape May Warbler – not numerous this season; 1 at the Riverwalk 1 September (JBe, PB) was the earliest to be reported; also reported were 1 near Thruston, *Daviess*, 15 September (MTh); 1 at Bernheim Forest 27 September (SD); 1 at Berea, *Madison*, 30 September (PH); 1 at Mt. Zion 5 October (RD); and 1 at Begley WMA, *Bell*, 10 October (AN).

Black-throated Blue Warbler – there were ten reports away from breeding areas: a female at the Riverwalk 23 August (JBe, PB, CB); a female at the Alpine Rec. Area, DBNF, *Pulaski*, 5 September (RD); a male ne. of Maywood, *Lincoln*, 6 September (JE); a male along Middle Creek Road, *Boone*, 7 September (LM, TY); a female w. of Bridgeport, *Franklin*, 15 September (JBs); a female banded at Shaker Village, *Mercer*, 17 September (KH et al.); 1 at Craigmoor Estates, *Scott*

(DL, BL), and 1 at Waitsboro (RD), both 18 September; a female at Lexington 21 September (DCh); and a male at Beargrass Creek SNP, *Jefferson*, 27 September (BW, BBC).

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 1 near Thruston, *Daviess*, 15 September (MTh) was the earliest to be reported.

Black-throated Green Warbler – 1 at the Riverwalk 22 August (JBe, PB, CB, BW) was the earliest to be reported.

Blackburnian Warbler – at least 2 at the Riverwalk 23 August (JBe, PB, CB) were the earliest to be reported.

Yellow-throated Warbler – 1 at Russellville, *Logan*, 26 November (†MB) represented a new late departure date by two weeks.

Palm Warbler – singles s. Fisherville, *Jefferson* (JH), and at the Riverwalk (JBe, PB, CB, BP) 16 September were the earliest to be reported. There were two reports of individuals of the eastern race (*D. p. hypochrysea*): 1 at the Dry Creek Unit 12 October (DR) and 1 at Barren River Lake SRP, *Barren*, 13 October (DR).

Bay-breasted Warbler – 1 at the Anchorage Trail 3 September (JBe, PB) was the earliest to be reported.

Blackpoll Warbler – there were three reports: 1 at the Riverwalk 16 September (BP, JBe, PB, CB); 1 on the Anchorage Trail 17 September (JBe, PB); and 1 at Craigmoor Estates, *Scott*, 18 September (DL, BL).

Black-and-white Warbler – 1 at the Louisville landfill 20 October (RA) was the latest to be reported.

Worm-eating Warbler – 1 at Riverside Park (RD) and 1 at LBL, *Lyon* (BP, EH, CB), both 25 September, were the latest to be reported.

Swainson's Warbler – 1 at Natural Arch Scenic Area, DBNF, *McCreary*, 12 September (RD) was very tardy and represents a new late departure date for a live bird.

Mourning Warbler – 1 at Churchill Downs, Louisville, 29 September (DD) was the only one reported.

Canada Warbler – singles at Casey Creek 23 August (RD) and Adair WMA, *Boone*, 29 August (DM, NKBC, BBC) were the earliest to be reported; 1 along Pleasant Hill Church Road, *Trigg*, 28 September (BL) and a window-killed bird at Munfordville, *Hart*, 30 September (SK) were the latest to be reported.

Yellow-breasted Chat – 1 at Sauerheber 27 September (CCr) was relatively tardy.

Eastern Towhee – a family group including some birds still partially in juv. plumage was observed at McNeely Lake Park, *Jefferson*, on the late date of 2 October (BW).

Vesper Sparrow – as is the norm, small numbers were reported at scattered locales mid- to late October (m. ob.). Four at Spindletop Farm 23 October (JS) represented a modest peak count.

Lark Sparrow – breeding birds continued along McDonald Landing Road, w. *Henderson*, into August with at least 3 seen there 14 August (CCr); also reported was 1 at Sauerheber 30 August (BY, MY, EH).

Grasshopper Sparrow – 3 at Spindletop Farm 10 October (DL, ASK); 1 or 2 at Sauerheber 14 October (BP, EH, MM); and 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 2 November (BP, JBe, PB) were the latest to be reported.

Henslow's Sparrow – singles at Begley WMA, *Bell*, 14 October (SF) and at Sinclair 3 November (DR) were the latest to be reported.

Le Conte's Sparrow – 2 at Sauerheber 10 October (DR, KOS) were the only ones reported.

Nelson's Sparrow – 1 at Sauerheber 10 October (DR, KOS) was the only one reported.

Fox Sparrow – 1 s. of Fisherville, *Jefferson*, 27 October (JH) was the earliest to be reported.

Lapland Longspur – 1 at Buchanon Park 13 October (DR, DB) was quite early; next earliest reports were of an unspecified number at the Ken Unit 3 November (DR) and several near Dot, *Logan*, 28 November (FL).

Indigo Bunting – singles at the Louisville landfill 30 October (RA); at Sauerheber 1 November (CCr); at the Riverport, sw. *Jefferson*, 1 November (RA, BBC); and at Churchill Downs, Louisville, 5 November (†DD) were the latest to be reported.

Dickcissel – 1 near Rochester, *Butler*, 24 September (RD); 2 at Sauerheber 10 October (DR, KOS); and 1 at Sauerheber 26 October (CCr) were the latest to be reported.

Summer Tanager – 1 eating seed with a Rose-breasted Grosbeak near Lyndon, *Jefferson*, 7 October (JBe, PB) was the latest to be reported.

Bobolink – reports of interest included ca. 30 at Spindletop Farm 2 August (JP); 23 near Rochester, *Butler*, 24 September (RD); a few at Garvin Brown 3 October (BW, BBC); 2 at Long Point 5 October (MT); 8 at Sauerheber 10 October (DR, RD, KOS); and 1 off National Turnpike, Louisville, 17 October (MA).

Brewer's Blackbird – there were two reports: at least 50 e. of Cadiz, *Trigg*, 22 November (BL) and 4 at Spindletop Farm 30 November (†BP, KH).

Purple Finch – 1 at the Anchorage Trail 15 October (JBe, PB) was the earliest to be reported; by mid-November it was apparent that this year's flight was going to be very light.

Pine Siskin – very few were seen this fall with all reports included: 5 at South Williamson, *Pike*, 1 October (JC); 1 at Bardstown, *Nelson*, 18 October (PG); and 1 at Glasgow, *Barren*, 19 November (LC).

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MID-WINTER BIRD COUNT 2009–2010

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Reports of 32 counts were received from across the Commonwealth (Fig. 1, p. 34). A total of 134 species was recorded on count days, with two additional species found during count week (Ruffed Grouse and White-eyed Vireo). Twelve species were observed on all counts and 15 species were observed on only one count during count days.

Temperatures during the count period were lower by almost 10 degrees F compared with temperatures last year, and many counts experienced less than ideal weather conditions. The lowest temperature was 11°F on the Glasgow and Calloway County counts on 3 and 4 January, respectively. The highest temperature was 66°F on the Russell/Adair counties count 14 December. Waterfowl numbers were similar overall to numbers last year, but up or down depending on the particular species. Mallard numbers were lower mainly due to the reduced numbers counted in Ballard County. After leveling off last year following a steady increase for several years, Wild Turkey numbers were down slightly. Raptor numbers were similar to numbers during the past two years. Gull numbers were lower than last year's numbers. The number of doves was comparable to numbers last year. Numbers of Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and Pileated Woodpeckers were slightly off. Eastern Bluebird numbers were only slightly down. The general absence of food crops, particularly cedar berries and hard mast, accounted for dramatically decreased numbers of some species, such as Blue Jays, Cedar Waxwings, and Yellow-rumped Warblers, as well as American Goldfinches. Blackbird numbers were off again this year. Pine Siskins were in very low numbers. Less than optimal weather for birding experienced on a number of counts made determination of trends particularly difficult. Overall there were few real rarities, but individual highlights included Blue-winged Teal (Glasgow), Pacific Loon (Land Between the Lakes), Virginia Rail (Paradise), Spotted

Sandpiper (Land Between the Lakes), Barn Owl (Calloway County), Thayer's Gull (Land Between the Lakes), Marsh Wren (Paradise), Gray Catbird (Bowling Green), Orange-crowned Warbler (Olmstead), two Common Yellowthroats (Ballard County and Paradise), Le Conte's Sparrow (Ballard County) and Dickcissel (Russell/Adair counties).

Thanks to the many observers and compilers who participated in this year's count and submitted count results on the appropriate forms. Also, thanks to compilers who submitted documentation for unusual species. 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 at jct. KY 358 and Stone Corner Road; 37.12284N, -088.9518W). Habitat as described in 1984. Dec 21; 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST; Sky cloudy (a.m.) to partly cloudy (p.m.); temp. 20–35°F; wind SE, 0–10 m.p.h. Water mostly open.

Five observers in three parties. Total party hours 21.0 (11.5 on foot, 9.5 by car). Total party miles 96 (3 on foot, 93 by car). Hours owling, 1.0. Total species 89; total individuals 29,378.

Observers: Hap Chambers, Pat Hahs, Eddie Huber, Bill Lisowsky, and Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler).

The species total (89) was below average for recent years. The count did not coincide with the bi-monthly aerial waterfowl survey by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources because of weather conditions, although numbers from a flight made the following day were used for a few waterfowl species that were difficult to estimate on count day. Waterfowl highlights included a single group of ca. 4,200 Ring-necked Ducks and flock after flock of Snow Geese moving north throughout the day. Other highlights included four performing American Woodcocks and a House Wren in McCracken County, and 45 Bald Eagles, a Common Yellowthroat and two Le Conte's Sparrows on the Ballard Wildlife Management Area. One of the Red-tailed Hawks was an adult intermediate (rufous) morph *B. j. calurus*. Extraordinary misses for this count were Great Horned Owl and Red-headed Woodpecker, the latter due to the apparently complete lack of hard mast in the bottomland forests. A relatively abundant soft mast crop (most notably poison ivy and sugarberry/hackberry fruits) resulted in more normal totals for berry eaters.

Calloway County (all points within a 15 mile diameter circle, center Dalton Cemetery; 36.5984N, -88.1958W). Habitat: 30% urban, 15% deciduous and pine woods, 35% open fields, 20% lake shore. Jan 4; 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. Sky clear; temp. 11–25°F; wind NW, 10 m.p.h. Bays and ponds frozen.

Five observers in five parties plus two feeder watchers. Total party-hours 27 (2 on foot, 25 by car). Total party-miles 141.5 (2.0 on foot, 139.5 by car). Total species 80; total individuals 8,088.

Observers: Hap Chambers (compiler), Kathy Cohen, Melissa Easley, Jan Flynn, Bobbie Kent, Sally Leedom, and Mike Miller.

Land Between the Lakes (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Pisgah Creek, ¼ mile west of The Trace; 36.9333N, -88.1167W; as well as Kentucky Dam, Barkley Dam, Lake Barkley in the vicinity of Kuttawa, and the Jonathan Creek embayment of Kentucky Lake). Habitat as described in 1984 in *American Birds*. Dec. 19; 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy; intermittent rain showers throughout the morning and afternoon. Total rainfall between ¼ and ½ inch; temp. 32–38°F; wind, mainly WNW, 7–12 m.p.h. with stronger gusts at times.

Thirty-two observers in 10 parties. (One party was a feeder watcher at the Nature Station.) Total party-hours 60.25 (12.25 on foot, 43.00 by car, 5.0 feeder watching). Total party-miles 445.65 (9.25 on foot, 436.40 by car). Total species 88; total individuals 11,679.

Observers: Tom Anderson, Mitz Bailey, Hap Chambers, J. David Chiles, Marty Davenport, Jen Dowdy, Melissa Easley, Don Forster, Brook Gilley, Donald Gladis (feeder

watcher), John Gorey, Anna Hill, Amy Krzton-Presson, Morgan Larkins, Bill Lisowski, Paula Lisowski, Frank Mayer, Travis McDonald, Andrea Merimee, Heidi Morgan, LouAnn Patterson, Emily Pollom, Brian Prather, Sabra Richards, Darrin Samborski, Mary Schmidt, Paula Shannon, Carrie Szwed, Josh Szwed, Brent White, Steve White, and Aviva Yasgur (compiler).

This year, we had one of our highest numbers of participants ever for the LBL bird count. Despite a cold and rainy day, 32 participants headed out to the woods and shores of LBL in the early hours of the morning to help us tally birds. Compared with previous count days with milder weather during the same week, the songbirds were hard to come by on count day, perhaps because of the blustery conditions. We tallied 88 species on count day, which is slightly lower than average for this count. Our total number of individuals (11,679) also was lower than usual. Although we tallied a fairly decent diversity of species, most observers reported low numbers for many species that are typically abundant on the count. For example, we had low numbers of Mourning Doves, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Pileated Woodpeckers, Blue Jays, American Crows, Tufted Titmice, White-breasted Nuthatches and White-throated Sparrows. It seemed that many of these small land birds were taking cover in underbrush and other sheltered areas and were difficult to spot. However, there were some species that were seen in higher numbers than usual, such as Red-breasted Mergansers, Hermit Thrushes, Chipping Sparrows, and Fox Sparrows. Some of the more unusual sightings included a Pacific Loon, a Spotted Sandpiper, and a Thayer's Gull. Some of the conspicuously missing species were Wood Duck, Northern Pintail, Redhead, Northern Bobwhite, and Rusty Blackbird. Thank you to all participants who contribute to make the LBL bird count a success each year. We look forward to many more years of mid-winter birding.

Sorgho (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Hwy. 279-S and Audubon Parkway intersection; 37.76297N, -87.23086W). Habitat: Ohio River, river bottoms, woods, stubble fields, county park, city parks, ponds, and residential areas. Jan. 1; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky mainly clear; temp. 18–23°F; wind 8–13 m.p.h. No precipitation, but wind chill of 3°F that morning.

Seventeen observers in eight parties. Total party-hours 26.00 (4.40 on foot, 21.20 by car). Total party-miles 261.5 (8.5 on foot, 253.0 by car). Total species 46; total individuals 10,291.

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

Olmstead (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at the junction of Ky 1041 and Ky 1151; 36.81673N, -86.89357W). Habitat: 75% is cultivated farmland and the remainder includes blocks of deciduous woods, fencerows, pasture, grown-up fields, developed areas and open water. Dec. 30; 6:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. CST, with 3.25 hours of owling after dusk. Sky mostly cloudy to overcast; temp. 29–48°F; wind, S, 5–20 m.p.h. Gray skies for the duration of the day reduced visibility for passerines and other small birds. Strong and sustained southerly winds also hampered viewing.

Four observers in two parties most of the day, then three parties for about two hours. Total party-hours 19.75 (9.75 on foot, 10.00 by car). Total party-miles 186.6 (4.4 on foot, 182.2 by car). Total species 65; total individuals 28,863.

Observers: Mark Bennett (compiler), David Brown, Frank Lyne, and David Roemer.

Highlights of the 17th consecutive Olmstead count included a record for the number of individuals tallied, a count first Orange-crowned Warbler, a count week first Horned Grebe, and record numbers of Cooper's Hawk (4), Eastern Phoebe (5), American Robin (475), and Purple Finch (8). Near record numbers of Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Wilson's

Snipe, and Pileated Woodpecker were also observed. European Starling individual numbers also set a count record. A mammalian highlight was a coyote observed swimming across Whippoorwill Creek. Additionally, the count had two parties of two observers for the duration of the day for the first time. Finally, while the count had several highlights, species diversity was barely above average.

Paradise (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Hopewell Cemetery in southern Ohio County; 37.27755N, -86.95868W). Habitat as described in 1993. Jan. 2; 5:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Mostly to partly cloudy; intermittent snow flurries in the a.m.; temp. 15–25°F; wind NW, 5–20 m.p.h. Water mostly open.

Eight observers in five parties. Total party hours 38.5 (16.5 on foot, 22.0 by car). Total party miles 155.5 (5.5 on foot, 150.0 by car). Hours owling: 2.0. Total species 83; total individuals 6,795.

Observers: Michael Autin, Mark Bennett, Boyd Cartwright, Diana Dubbeld, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Matt Stickel, and Jordan Williams.

The day was mostly to partly cloudy with periods of snow flurries in the morning and a frigid wind throughout the duration. The species total was below average, in large part due to the combination of below-average coverage and the cold conditions. Geese other than Canada Geese were lacking. Raptor totals were well below average in part due to the below-average coverage; however, the modest totals for Northern Harrier, Rough-legged Hawk, and Short-eared Owl are certainly representative of the decrease in raptors that has occurred within the count circle in recent years. Highlights included a Virginia Rail (one weak call heard during pre-dawn), a Marsh Wren, and a Common Yellowthroat (distinctive chip notes heard; bird not observed) all in Muhlenberg County. Berry-eaters were present in below-average numbers. Several thousand additional unidentified blackbirds going to roost in the evening 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; 36.915896, -86.435922). Habitat: deciduous woods 20%, fields and pastures 60%, and town and parks 20%. Dec. 21; 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CST. Sky overcast; temp. 29–37°F; wind calm in a.m., NNW 5–10 m.p.h. in the p.m.

Seven observers in three parties. Total party-hours 19 (11 on foot, 8 by car). Total party-miles 182.5 (7.5 on foot, 175.0 by car). Total species 77; total individuals 10,828.

Observers: David Brown, Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Austin Harris, Aaron Hulsey, Wayne Mason, Albert Meier, and David Roemer.

The large number of Black Vultures represent birds leaving a roost over Hobson Grove in the morning.

Upton (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 0.5 mi. sw. of Hilltop, e. Grayson County; 37.38964N, -86.1137W). Habitat: woodland, farmland, river, and Nolin Reservoir. Dec. 28; 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy; temp. 21–28°F; wind W, 10–15 m.p.h.

Eight observers in one party. Total party-hours 13 (6 on foot, 7 by car). Total party-miles 102 (2 on foot, 100 by car). Total species 61; total individuals 5,181.

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

Ponds were open but had previously been frozen and waterfowl were scarce. The Common Loon on a large pond was a first for the count. A flock of 25 Brewer's Blackbirds closely observed in a barn yard was rare for this area. Robins, Cedar Waxwings, and Yellow-rumped Warblers were noticeably absent due to a lack of berries.

Mammoth Cave National Park (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Park headquarters; 37.18644N, -86.1011W). Habitat as described in 1980. Dec. 20; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CST. Sky overcast; temp. 25–34°F; wind calm. One-half inch of snow blanketed vegetation.

Four observers in two parties. Total party-hours 14.5 (11.0 on foot, 3.5 by car). Total party-miles 78 (10 on foot, 68 by car). Total species 43; total individuals 868.

Observers: Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Austin Harris, Aaron Hulsey, and Wayne Mason.

The Bald Eagles were not present at First Creek Lake because of campers. The one observed was at Dennison Ferry. There was very little food (cedar berries, mast or berries) and as expected, few berry-eating birds were present. Several Pileated Woodpeckers and Wild Turkeys were eating berries from a small holly tree near the park rangers' residential area.

Hart County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center corner of Craddock Road and Gerald's Lane; 37.28352, -85.83795W). Habitat: rural fields and forests; one large (Hundred-Acre) pond, and Green River. Dec. 21; 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy, after-noon rain; temp. 28–38°F; wind calm.

Thirteen observers in three parties. Total party-hours 11 (7 on foot, 4 by car). Total party-miles 125 (6 on foot, 119 by car). Total species 64; total individuals 3,460.

Observers: Bonnie Avery, Bruce Bardin, John Brittain, Lisa Brittain, Kurt Bush, Rachel Bush, Carol Friedman, Dan Givens, Richard Healy, Joanna Isaacs, Janet Kistler, Steve Kistler (compiler), and Mitchell Sturgeon.

Twenty-three Red-headed Woodpeckers was a high number for this count.

Glasgow (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Barren County Courthouse; 36.99564, -85.91274W). Habitat as described in 1986. Jan. 3; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky partly sunny in the a.m. to clear in the p.m.; temp. 11–26°F; wind NNW calm in a.m. to 5–10 m.p.h. in the p.m.

Six observers in four parties. Total party-hours 19 (11 on foot, 8 by car). Total party-miles 181.5 (9.5 on foot, 172.0 by car). Total species 77; total individuals 7,481.

Observers: Linda Craiger, Ron DeGiovanni, Aaron Hulsey, Wayne M. Mason (compiler), Billie Mae Moore, and David Roemer.

Otter Creek Park (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center just west of the jct. of KY 1238 and Pack Lane, about two miles southwest of the Park entrance; 37.91493N, -86.0672W). Habitat as described in 2001. Dec 29; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky mostly clear to partly cloudy; temp. 18–34°F; wind NW, 5–15 m.p.h. Water mostly frozen.

Ten observers in four parties. Total party hours 29 (12 on foot, 17 by car). Total party miles 209 (5 on foot, 204 by car). Total species 68; total individuals 8,055.

Observers: Tom Becker, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Colin Corbett, David Fothergill, Kate Heyden, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Del Striegel, and Barbara Woerner.

The species total was about average for this count. The day started out quite cold but remained partly cloudy. Highlights included three Ruddy Ducks on Doe Valley Lake, a nice flight of Sandhill Cranes during the mid-day hours, and five Eurasian Collared-Doves in farmland north of Flaherty. The Red-tailed Hawk total includes two individuals of the western race, *B. j. calurus*, one darkish morph seen at a distance on the west side of Ft. Knox and an intermediate (rufous) morph adult seen in farmland west of Hillgrove, both in Meade County. With soft mast crops somewhat scarce, berry-eaters were found in below-average numbers, and Cedar Waxwing was missed.

Bernheim Forest (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Forest lookout tower, 2.75 miles SE of Forest entrance; 37.902405N, -85.62752W). Habitat as described in 1974. Dec 26; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 25–42°F; wind SW, 10–25 m.p.h. Water mostly open.

Thirteen observers in seven parties. Total party hours 50.0 (23.5 on foot, 26.5 by car). Total party miles 242.5 (17.5 on foot, 225.0 by car). Total species 69; total individuals 4,859.

Observers: Michael Autin, Lou Anne Barriger, Mary Bill Bauer, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Dona Coates, Paul Hagar, Eddie Huber, Pat Meyer, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Joe Swanson, Nancy Vance, and Barbara Woerner.

The species count was about average. The breezy conditions made for reduced song-bird numbers. Highlights of the day included a Green-winged Teal on a lake near Boston, at least five Bald Eagles at scattered locales, and two Golden Eagles. Remarkable misses for this count were Red-breasted Nuthatch and Purple Finch; in fact, the overall absence of winter finches was quite unusual. Natural food crops appeared to be below average (especially cedar berries), so berry-eating species were not present in large numbers; most of the American Robins were found on hollies inside the Forest arboretum. As on many other counts, the presence of small numbers of Chipping Sparrows used to be noteworthy, but is now the norm.

Hodgenville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center courthouse square in downtown Hodgenville; 37.57375N, -85.74038W). Habitat: Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park, open farmland, tracts of woodland, lakes and ponds. Jan. 2; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy with snow flurries in a.m., partly cloudy in p.m.; temp. 13–29°F; wind NW 5–20 m.p.h. Light snow cover, water mostly frozen.

Ten observers in five parties. Total party-hours 29.5 (5.0 on foot, 24.5 by car). Total party-miles 336.5 (8.5 on foot, 328 by car). Total species 63, total individuals 5,895.

Observers: Mary Bill Bauer, Sandy Brue (compiler), Doug and Janet Gebler, Mark Hornback, Berl Meyer, Pat Meyer, Kathy Nagy, David Roemer, and Barbara Woerner.

Louisville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Jct. Highways 42 and 22; 38.2813N, -85.63481W; and including a portion of adjacent Clark County, Indiana). Habitat: Ohio River, parks, cemeteries, agricultural, suburban, and urban. Dec. 20; 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 33–37°F; wind W, 7 m.p.h. Snow during the morning.

Thirty-two observers in 11 parties. Total party-hours 72 (33 on foot, 39 by car). Total party miles 361.4 (26.6 on foot, 334.8 by car). Total species 81; total individuals 17,211.

Observers: Garrett Adams, Win Ahrens, Ryan Ankeny, Michael Autin, Bonnie Avery, Mary Bill Bauer, Tom Becker, Jane Bell and Pat Bell (compilers), Carol Besse, Ren Bilkey, Wanda Bilkey, Carl Bochmann, Rod Botkins, Dona Coates, Colleen Craven-Becker, Jane Fender, Teresa Fultz, Jane Gentry, Rod Goforth, Charles Hatten, Carol Hyatt, Bob Johnson, Frank Krull, John Krull, Fred Mansmith, Carol McAllister, Paul McAllister, Janice Raia, Jennifer Tucci, Nancy Vance, and Barbara Woerner.

Low clouds, snow showers, and a cold day made counting birds difficult for the 32 observers, and it was reflected in a low count of 81 species. Waterfowl were found on lakes and ponds because the Ohio River had risen and the current was fast and the river was filled with debris. There was a large concentration of gulls below the dam. Because of a low food crop there were no Cedar Waxwings or Yellow-rumped Warblers this year. On the whole, the number of birds was about the same for most species as the last year. Thanks to all the participants who took part in the Louisville count.

Green River Lake (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Taylor County; 37.29905N, -85.36832W). 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. 23; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Sky mostly overcast, occasional sun in the a.m.; temp. 38–54°F; wind 0–15 m.p.h.

Nine observers in three parties. Total party-hours 17.7 (10.2 on foot, 7.5 by car). Total party-miles 108.5 (3.5 on foot, 105.0 by car). Total species 76; total individuals 3,787.

Observers: Lloyd Curry (compiler), Amy Etherington, Debbie Etherington, Eddie Huber, Joanna Isaacs, Richie Kessler, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Don Pelly, and Shawchyi Voricek.

The large number of Horned Grebes on Green River Lake (50) was a highlight. Notably missing were Canada Geese and Ring-necked Ducks.

Shelbyville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center three-quarters of a mile south of U.S. 60 and Guist Creek Lake on KY 714; 38.18997N, -85.14535W). Habitat: elevation 640–1190', farmland, fallow land, suburban, wooded and grassland. Dec. 19; 6:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. Sky overcast. 30–36°F; wind W, 15–20 m.p.h. Light snow changed to watery mist as the day progressed.

Ten observers in five parties. Total party-hours 37.25 (9.00 on foot, 28.25 by car). Total party-miles 266 (9 on foot, 257 by car). Total species 54; total individuals 4,008.

Observers: Gus Brown, Heather Brown, Joan Brown, Todd Brown, W.H. Brown (compiler), Cheryl Houston, Cathy King, Karen Quinn, Catherine Smolinski, and Walt Reichert.

Visibility was difficult all day. However, birding is always good!!!

Frankfort (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center jct. US 127 and KY 1900; 38.22612N, 84.85022W). Habitat as described in 1977. Dec. 19; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 33–36°F; wind NW, 6–17 m.p.h. There was fog and light snow or rain throughout the day.

Ten observers in six to seven parties. Total party-hours 23.5 (13.5 on foot, 10.0 by car, with 3 at feeders). Total party-miles 144.5 (9.5 on foot, 135.0 by car). Total species 47; total individuals 3,174.

Observers: Terry Anderson, Peggy Gould (compiler), Virginia Honaker, Jeff Jones, Joel Jones, Susan Laurenson, Layton Register, Edwin Shouse, Mary Shouse, and Tim Williams.

This count was special in the fact that birds were extremely difficult to find. Even in those areas where birding is always productive, there was little to no movement.

Kleber Wildlife Management Area (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center jct. KY 227 and KY 845W at Hesler, Ky.; 38.46333N, -84.7769W). Habitat as described in 1972. Jan. 2; 7:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 12–17°F; wind NW, 6–21 m.p.h.

Three observers in one to two parties. Total party-hours 9.0 (2.5 on foot, 6.5 by car). Total party-miles 117 (1 on foot, 116 by car). Total species 35; total individuals 675.

Observers: Peggy Gould (compiler), Ralph Gould, and David Schindler.

Warsaw (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Gallatin County Courthouse; 38.78387N, -84.90227W; portion of circle in adjacent Switzerland Co., Indiana, is not covered). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 19; 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 32–35°F; wind N, 5–8 m.p.h. Light snow throughout the day, one inch of snow cover.

Five observers in three parties. Total party-hours 21 (3 on foot, 18 by car). Total party-miles 177 (1 on foot, 176 by car). Total species 59; total individuals 1,930.

Observers: Joe Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Ed Groneman, Lee McNeely (compiler), and Tommy Stephens.

Berry-eating birds were low in numbers. The House Wren was found near the backwaters of Craig's Creek. Two Red-headed Woodpeckers were unexpected.

Burlington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Camp Michaels; 38.94932N, -84.74624W). Habitat as described in 1992. Jan 2; 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 13–20°F; wind WNW, 5–12 m.p.h.

Thirteen observers in five parties. Total party-hours 31 (6 on foot, 25 by car). Total party-miles 161 (4 on foot, 157 by car). Total species 64; total individuals 4,088.

Observers: Linda Altevers, Joe Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Elaine Carroll, Pat Carroll, Melissa Desjardin, Ed Groneman, Lee McNeely (compiler), Gayle Pille, Patricia Raverty, Jeff Rowe, Carmen Schulte, and Tommy Stephens.

The Cackling Geese were found at the East Bend Power Plant. High counts were noted for American Tree Sparrow, Common Grackle, and Brown-headed Cowbird.

Falmouth (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Caddo, Ky.; 38.74738N, -84.24473W). Habitat: 50% woodland and forest edge, 25% river and lake shoreline, 20% agricultural, and 5% residential. Jan. 1; 7:00 a.m. to 5:40 p.m. EST. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 17–23°F; wind NNW, 8–15 m.p.h.

Two observers in two parties. Total party-hours 15 (2 on foot, 13 by car). Total party-miles 118 (1 on foot, 117 by car). Total species 53; total individuals 1,412.

Observers: Lee McNeely (compiler) and Tommy Stephens.

Waterfowl were scarce. The Peregrine Falcon was seen at Meldahl Dam, and the Merlin was found along Concord-Caddo Road.

Danville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Boyle County Courthouse; 37.64634N, -84.77345W). Habitat: water edge (15%), urban (8%), cultivated (10%), field/fence row (35%), wooded edge (25%), and feeder (7%). Dec. 19; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 32–36°F; wind W, 0–10 m.p.h. Light rain & snow in a.m., light rain in p.m.

Twenty-nine observers in nine parties. Total party-hours 52.0 (12.0 on foot, 40.0 by car). Total party-miles 424.0 (21.0 on foot, 403.0 by car). Total species 53; total individuals 7,958.

Observers: Joe Amburgey, Ernie Baird, Humphrey Ballou, J.P. Brantley, Jane Brantley, Granville Cox, Rhea Crowley, Ginny Eklund, Neil Eklund (compiler), Guf Faeth, Martha Foster, Bill Garriott, Kate Heyden, Tom Kearns, Bill Kemper, Jim Lester, Anne Lubbers, Gail Manning, Jody Metcalf, Preston Miles, Eric Mount, Susan Neale, Jack Newton, Amelia Nichols, John Nichols, Don Pelly, Rob Pendency, Terry Taylor, and Linda Taylor.

Lexington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center intersection of Tates Creek Road and East Hickman Road in Jessamine County; 37.91979N, -84.46929W). Habitat: suburban, farmland, woodlots, reservoirs, farm ponds, Kentucky River cliffs and bottom-land floodplains. Dec. 19; 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Sky overcast with intermittent rain/snow showers in the morning; temp. 32–35°F; wind W 0–12 m.p.h. Water open.

Thirty-two observers plus two feeder watchers. Total party-hours 89.5 (15.5 by foot, 74.0 by car). Total party-miles 556 (9 by foot, 547 by car). Total species 73; total individuals 16,437.

Observers: Rick Buchanan, Rose Canon, Phyllis Deal, Ed DeMoll, Mike Flynn, Doreen Jesek, Mike King, Katie Knowles, Lucy Knowles, Van Knowles, Teri Koontz, Tommy Kuhlman, Betsy Lang, David Lang (co-compiler) Annie Maguire, Bo Maguire, Wade Maguire, Dorna Marshall, Betty Maxson (co-compiler), Kay Neikerk, Susan Pollack, Joe Pulliam, Pat Scheidt, Gala Sessa, Lou Shain, Charlie Sither, Marie Sutton, Dave Svetich, Joe Swanson, Charles Tremoulet, Gretchen Tremoulet, Jackie Van Willigan, and Sally Wasielewski, and Bernice Wood.

Russell/Adair counties (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center intersection of Owensby/Payne Road & Highway 3281; 36.96583N, -85.12167W). Habitat: mixed and deciduous woodland, pasture fields, streams and lake, mostly rural with a small percentage of county urban. Elevation ranges from approximately 530 to 1140 feet above sea level. Dec 14; 6:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy to partly cloudy; temp. 45–66°F; wind SSW, 5–25 m.p.h. All water open, no precipitation.

Eight observers in four parties. Total party-hours: 32.5 (6.5 on foot, 26 by car). Total party-miles: 272 (3 on foot, 269 by car). Total species 77; total individuals 4329.

Observers: Terry Campbell, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (Compiler), Steve Denton, Ben Leffew, Linda McClendon, Arlene Morton, and Donald Pelly.

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2009-2010 Mid-winter Bird Count	Ballard County	Calloway County	Land Between the Lakes	Sorgho	Olmstead	Paradise	Bowling Green	Upton	Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park	Hart County	Glasgow	Otter Creek Park	Bernheim Forest	Hodgenville
Gr. Wh.-fronted Goose	1000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Snow Goose	2000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Canada Goose	592	300	406	69	98	701	96	3	—	—	67	329	302	720
Cackling Goose	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Mute Swan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—
Tundra Swan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wood Duck	3	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	3	1	1	—	—	—
Gadwall	250	3	109	—	—	48	—	—	—	—	22	—	3	—
American Wigeon	50	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Am. Black Duck	25	—	2	—	2	180	1	—	—	—	19	10	—	26
Mallard	5070	27	242	58	22	695	251	5	—	11	410	126	52	386
Blue-winged Teal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Northern Shoveler	60	—	2	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Northern Pintail	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Green-winged Teal	60	3	15	—	—	21	2	—	—	—	124	—	1	—
Canvasback	3	—	cw	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	cw	—	—	—
Redhead	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Ring-necked Duck	4250	—	75	—	—	810	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Greater Scaup	—	5	91	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lesser Scaup	1	150	1145	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bufflehead	—	51	194	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	cw	—	—	—
Common Goldeneye	—	145	315	—	cw	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1
Hooded Merganser	12	2	390	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	116	—	cw	—
Common Merganser	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red-br. Merganser	—	—	56	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ruddy Duck	14	23	229	—	cw	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	1
Wild Turkey	129	—	53	—	2	218	72	59	39	63	2	15	44	39
Northern Bobwhite	3	7	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common Loon	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Pacific Loon	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pied-billed Grebe	4	5	113	—	2	65	1	2	—	—	43	5	1	1
Horned Grebe	—	2	101	—	cw	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
D.-cr. Cormorant	—	—	132	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Am. White Pelican	—	—	223	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Great Blue Heron	11	25	123	2	7	7	4	3	2	7	12	5	2	3
Blk-cr. Night-Heron	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Black Vulture	—	4	—	—	16	—	161	21	—	6	62	66	57	28

Louisville	Green River Lake	Shelbyville	Frankfort	Kleber WMA	Warsaw	Burlington	Falmouth	Danville	Lexington	Russell/Adair counties	Wayne County	Somerset	Cumberland Falls	London	Natural Bridge	Dewey Lake	Ashland/Boyd County	Total
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828	-	171	226	27	469	706	1	99	579	134	9	126	7	153	-	-	80	7298
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10	80	1	-	-	4	13	14	-	1	1	4	52	-	2	-	-	-	447
981	515	206	16	-	45	224	4	126	232	18	63	286	30	210	2	36	6	10355
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6	15	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	123
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
8	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	5	cw	-	-	-	-	-	256
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	81
207	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	cw	65	4	-	-	-	-	-	5421
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
12	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1321
11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	3	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	307
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	469
97	10	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	517	19	25	34	4	17	-	-	-	1260
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	60	cw	4	4	-	2	-	-	-	345
cw	-	17	20	44	-	21	12	47	23	34	52	122	9	48	5	-	-	1189
cw	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	29
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
6	51	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	30	4	8	8	3	17	-	3	1	375
-	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	9	-	2	-	-	-	-	216
60	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	209
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	223
67	6	6	14	3	17	9	3	8	31	8	3	7	-	2	2	4	5	403
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
10	2	156	150	-	42	8	2	-	8	162	116	34	1	1	-	-	-	1113

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Turkey Vulture	—	8	—	7	53	18	8	42	—	34	54	136	10	31
Bald Eagle	45	9	35	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	2	3	5	1
Northern Harrier	—	—	—	4	2	14	4	5	—	—	—	1	2	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	2	1	1	—	—
Cooper's Hawk	2	1	1	—	4	4	9	1	1	1	8	3	3	3
Sh-sh./Cooper's Hawk	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red-shouldered Hawk	10	3	7	—	—	8	1	2	1	2	2	9	11	2
Red-tailed Hawk	17	6	13	24	28	32	63	8	3	10	10	27	23	9
Rough-legged Hawk	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Golden Eagle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
American Kestrel	10	2	8	44	44	7	39	19	1	32	14	22	18	25
Merlin	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peregrine Falcon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virginia Rail	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
American Coot	75	3000	1432	—	—	33	20	—	—	—	35	—	—	6
Sandhill Crane	—	—	—	8	—	—	cw	cw	—	4	2000	1350	—	236
Killdeer	126	80	52	32	14	25	201	97	—	1	21	27	90	9
Wilson's Snipe	5	—	—	—	17	—	13	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
American Woodcock	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Least Sandpiper	—	10	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Spotted Sandpiper	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dunlin	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonaparte's Gull	—	21	2826	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	300	—	—	—
Ring-billed Gull	30	306	527	—	—	13	1	32	—	—	1000	1	—	—
Herring Gull	5	53	52	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—
Thayer's Gull	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rock Pigeon	10	41	97	356	25	30	949	30	—	64	22	24	169	85
Eur. Collared-Dove	6	4	—	17	4	—	31	—	—	—	—	5	—	—
Mourning Dove	11	112	9	72	656	66	1360	94	18	350	67	211	232	135
Barn Owl	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eastern Screech-Owl	2	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—
Great Horned Owl	—	—	—	1	2	2	cw	—	—	1	cw	—	1	—
Barred Owl	9	3	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	1	—	—
Short-eared Owl	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Belted Kingfisher	3	3	12	—	3	5	3	2	—	2	3	5	3	1
Red-hd. Woodpecker	—	8	1	—	—	—	6	—	—	23	—	—	—	—
Red-bel. Woodpecker	32	28	26	21	44	24	28	8	11	32	36	20	16	17

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34	13	80	162	-	19	5	-	6	33	89	76	31	-	-	-	1	5	955
5	6	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	6	3	1	1	2	-	-	-	132
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	43
1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	3	22
16	3	cw	1	2	2	2	2	5	5	4	3	6	2	5	-	-	-	99
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15	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	5	12	11	5	9	-	-	6	127
36	12	26	7	6	6	16	6	31	21	7	24	36	3	10	-	3	13	536
-	-	cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
15	22	15	4	1	13	10	11	26	13	33	40	71	7	30	-	2	7	605
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3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6
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125	44	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	20	13	5	4	-	5	-	-	-	4820
cw	-	cw	cw	-	6	-	-	cw	-	114	161	35	-	-	-	-	-	3914
69	53	24	15	-	-	8	11	12	7	63	87	21	10	4	-	16	3	1178
-	-	cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	69
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7	89	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	200	47	12	-	3	-	1	-	3507
1160	405	-	cw	-	44	2	64	-	1	15	40	80	8	-	-	-	-	3729
3	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1084	36	102	274	18	20	2	14	167	271	12	47	182	16	169	-	8	450	4774
-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	86
498	141	356	75	47	108	67	112	551	702	130	408	322	101	485	-	2	281	7779
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1	1	-	-	-	3	1	3	-	1	1	4	2	-	1	-	-	-	28
5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	23
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	24
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19	7	cw	7	2	4	4	-	6	11	5	3	8	3	4	-	1	1	130
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
38	15	12	31	4	13	36	17	31	40	27	30	66	15	32	1	3	3	757

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Yel.-bel. Sapsucker	7	5	9	2	2	—	3	2	3	5	6	2	4	1
Downy Woodpecker	28	26	36	13	16	23	18	15	7	15	7	16	18	23
Hairy Woodpecker	5	1	8	2	5	4	5	7	2	2	8	9	1	9
Northern Flicker	44	27	25	4	26	34	29	10	7	19	32	9	17	19
Pileated Woodpecker	3	5	12	1	4	5	2	4	8	2	9	9	7	8
Eastern Phoebe	4	9	7	—	5	cw	2	2	3	6	5	—	2	—
Loggerhead Shrike	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Blue Jay	20	31	22	30	116	116	72	14	28	55	53	88	49	32
American Crow	14	87	32	5	70	144	185	170	31	162	75	247	371	160
Horned Lark	156	9	—	366	685	4	335	32	—	100	135	18	66	520
Carolina Chickadee	52	29	68	14	19	72	19	20	14	53	47	71	118	34
Tufted Titmouse	41	35	74	6	51	41	63	22	22	56	40	117	115	61
Red-br. Nuthatch	—	—	cw	—	—	12	—	1	—	—	1	7	—	1
White-br. Nuthatch	11	20	52	3	15	7	10	14	7	21	10	51	38	24
Brown Creeper	7	1	5	—	—	5	4	3	1	2	2	2	8	—
Carolina Wren	58	33	91	17	42	52	44	13	22	47	44	40	59	50
House Wren	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Winter Wren	9	2	1	—	—	4	2	1	5	—	1	1	1	—
Marsh Wren	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Golden-cr. Kinglet	4	—	14	—	8	6	2	4	19	6	5	17	16	3
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	2	2	3	—	cw	3	2	—	2	2	4	1	6	—
Eastern Bluebird	56	94	50	38	99	175	76	73	33	123	48	187	151	120
Hermit Thrush	5	4	32	—	4	8	3	1	5	4	12	3	4	—
American Robin	98	61	33	121	475	52	121	cw	106	203	63	3	439	46
Gray Catbird	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. Mockingbird	14	19	10	91	39	18	31	11	4	33	34	24	40	35
Brown Thrasher	3	7	1	—	1	3	3	—	—	2	—	—	1	—
European Starling	4045	1586	479	4623	13945	850	3929	1411	37	870	1725	3223	972	1960
American Pipit	91	2	—	—	380	—	2	1	—	—	cw	2	1	21
Cedar Waxwing	3	12	36	—	12	—	9	—	9	—	14	—	3	—
Orange-cr. Warbler	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yel-rumped Warbler	2	1	5	1	23	90	19	—	27	2	51	19	26	1
Pine Warbler	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Palm Warbler	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common Yellowthroat	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eastern Towhee	32	33	30	2	16	32	45	7	10	12	4	23	16	11
Amer. Tree Sparrow	10	2	—	—	—	19	—	1	5	1	—	15	1	1

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Chipping Sparrow	7	—	5	45	4	73	—	—	—	—	22	—	8	4
Field Sparrow	84	6	25	1	40	—	36	35	32	72	58	88	42	40
Savannah Sparrow	13	1	16	—	31	47	6	—	—	—	cw	33	4	3
Le Conte's Sparrow	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fox Sparrow	20	2	8	—	2	17	10	1	3	3	—	5	6	—
Song Sparrow	133	30	90	6	52	208	167	30	66	210	50	148	147	70
Swamp Sparrow	105	—	8	—	1	88	30	—	6	14	1	13	27	15
White-thr. Sparrow	226	362	162	10	36	157	308	21	108	93	118	132	189	112
White-cr. Sparrow	12	16	1	—	46	54	7	3	—	16	8	33	19	69
Dark-eyed Junco	81	378	678	253	121	186	22	165	51	60	77	267	196	208
Lapland Longspur	150	4	—	—	151	—	25	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Northern Cardinal	107	130	151	56	143	173	146	116	43	97	97	103	223	229
Dickcissel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red-winged Blackbird	1300	289	74	16	3250	590	23	2100	—	20	21	100	47	—
Eastern Meadowlark	92	31	1	20	127	43	86	85	—	97	43	13	21	38
Rusty Blackbird	2	—	—	—	—	14	cw	—	—	10	—	100	—	—
Brewer's Blackbird	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common Grackle	7645	103	18	3462	7500	172	1035	100	—	—	—	—	2	—
Brown-hd. Cowbird	523	—	—	20	50	10	300	2	—	—	1	100	cw	—
Purple Finch	—	15	2	—	8	5	2	36	—	2	—	4	—	4
House Finch	15	48	10	1	43	cw	47	16	—	171	14	39	19	53
Pine Siskin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
American Goldfinch	48	72	86	53	62	79	26	167	62	62	50	114	156	73
House Sparrow	32	3	46	293	90	13	185	3	—	78	16	154	147	62
Day of Count	D21	J4	D19	J1	D30	J2	D21	D28	D20	D21	J3	D29	D26	J2
Number of Species	89	80	88	46	65	83	77	61	43	64	77	68	69	63
Individuals	29378	8088	11679	10291	28863	6795	10828	5181	868	3460	7481	8055	4859	5895
Observers	5	7	32	17	4	8	7	8	4	13	6	10	13	10

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-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	18	1	8	12	27	32	34	-	5	-	309
19	56	14	9	-	-	14	1	58	-	22	62	122	5	17	-	6	-	964
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	14	12	-	-	-	-	-	185
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2	7	cw	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	3	4	22	-	1	-	-	-	122
145	80	44	44	55	46	37	16	90	43	106	85	268	70	134	4	22	40	2736
3	19	-	3	-	-	15	-	-	-	4	5	12	2	7	-	2	-	380
264	101	20	34	7	54	89	19	167	156	120	29	310	26	115	3	6	39	3593
18	15	37	24	-	23	16	-	70	48	4	29	71	1	16	-	-	-	656
186	21	28	46	113	36	128	73	48	137	36	97	327	125	205	15	21	84	4469
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	334
492	96	53	111	62	77	124	47	321	361	160	111	516	61	304	5	44	55	4814
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
11	8	1	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	20	194	1	-	-	-	-	8069
6	19	25	-	-	18	-	2	62	34	47	110	51	10	51	-	-	-	1132
-	13	cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	144
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
1	134	5	-	-	3	134	-	-	-	cw	-	1070	-	-	-	-	-	21384
cw	3	-	-	-	-	125	-	600	13	3	-	132	-	-	-	-	cw	1882
-	-	-	7	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	3	3	1	21	-	-	-	118
48	1	14	45	-	4	13	3	74	262	89	104	172	20	20	-	-	18	1363
-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	8
179	35	14	72	8	52	121	14	181	248	90	80	264	64	61	20	29	16	2658
248	15	21	69	3	23	4	11	181	73	46	80	79	-	114	-	3	49	2141
D20	D23	D19	D19	J2	D19	J2	J1	D19	D19	D14	D17	J1	D19	J2	D19	D29	D26	
81	76	54	47	35	59	64	53	54	73	77	83	83	52	67	20	41	42	134
17211	3787	4008	3174	675	1930	4088	1412	7958	16437	4329	6393	20452	1267	7770	104	627	6578	243343
32	9	10	10	3	5	13	2	29	34	8	6	14	5	10	1	2	3	340

Wayne County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, junction of Highway 3106 & 1275; 36.8972N, -84.8215W). Habitat as described in 2004. Dec. 17; 7:20 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky clear to partly cloudy; temp. 23–50°F; wind variable, 0–5 m.p.h.

Six observers in five parties. Total party-hours 41 (7.75 on foot, 3.25 by car). Total party-miles 336 (2.5 on foot, 333.5 by car). Total species 83; total individuals 6393.

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

Somerset (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center junction of Bypass Hwy. 80 and Hwy. 39; 37.10246N, -84.603792W). Habitat as described in 2000. Jan. 1; 5:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy in the a.m., partly cloudy in p.m.; temp. 23–33°F; wind WNW, 0–12 m.p.h.

Fourteen observers in six parties. Total party-hours 54.75 (8.75 by foot, 46.00 by car). Total party-miles 455 (6 on foot, 449 by car). Total species 83; total individuals 20,452.

Observers: Jean Brickell, Rhonda Bryant, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Gay Hodges, James Kiser, Scott Marsh, Linda McClendon, Lynda Mills, Tom Mills, Kimberly Morgan, Arlene Morton, and Stephen Stedman. In addition, there were 13 feeder watchers.

The Tundra Swan was a first for this count.

Cumberland Falls (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center on upper Bark Camp Creek; 36.8900N, -84.2611W). Habitat: mostly forested (about 70% upland oak and pine, mixed forest, and hemlock forest), about 20% in small rural home lots, small farm holdings, and minimal residential and urban areas. One moderately large reservoir (Laurel Lake) and about 17 miles of the Cumberland River/Lake Cumberland and its riparian forest. Dec. 19; 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. EST. Sky overcast; temp. 33–39°F; wind N 0–10 m.p.h. Two to four inches of snow, frequent drizzle, light rain or flurries.

Five observers in three parties. Total party-hours 23.0 (6.5 on foot, 16.5 by car). Total party-miles 160 (4 by foot, 156 by car). Total species 52, total individuals 1,267.

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

This was the first count for this area.

London (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Route 3432 and U.S. 25; 37.13546N, -84.09426W). Habitat: 50% pasture and hay fields, 45% forested, 1% cultivated, 1% lakes, ponds and streams, 2% fence rows, residential yards, 1% roads. Jan. 2; 7:40 a.m. to 5:40 p.m. EST. Sky overcast a.m., partly cloudy p.m.; temp. 14–24°F; wind 10 m.p.h.

Ten observers in five parties. Total party-hours 47.75 (4.75 on foot, 43.00 by car). Total party-miles 474.00 (1.25 by foot, 472.75 by car). Total species 67, total individuals 7,770.

Observers: Winona Allen, Granville Cox (compiler), Roseanna Denton, Steve Denton, Jacob Dixon, Gay Hodges, Bret Kuss, Marie Oakley, Randy Oakley, and Tucker Oakley.

Natural Bridge State Park (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Whitleton Campground Booth; 37.7803N, -83.67424W). Habitat: mostly mixed mesophytic forest. Dec 19; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST. Sky partly cloudy to sunny; temp. 28–32°F; wind SSW, 5–25 m.p.h. Snowfall of approximately four to six inches occurred from Friday into Saturday, 18–19 December.

One observer in one party. Total party-hours 5.0 (4.5 on foot, 0.5 by car). Total party-miles 10 (3 on foot, 7 by car). Total species 20; total individuals 104.

Observer: Brian Gasdorf (compiler).

Birding was difficult due to all of the snow falling off branches. This made spotting movement of birds very difficult, and so much snow was dropping off the branches that the sound made hearing the bird calls difficult as well. It was cold and raining throughout most

of the region, which may have discouraged participants from attending. 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 Dam; 37.73695N, -82.7290W). Habitat: lake, golf course, strip mine, open fields, old fields, and hardwoods. Dec. 29; 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST. Sky overcast early, sunny around noon; temp. 20–35°F; wind 0–5 m.p.h. Very cold morning, but little to no ice on the lake. There was little raptor activity due to cloudiness.

Two observers in one party. Total party-hours 5.0 (1.5 on foot, 3.5 by car). Total party-miles 35 (1 on foot, 34 by car). Total species 42; total individuals 628.

Observers: Chris Evans and Troy Evans (compiler).

Not included in either the species total or data table was an unidentified large owl seen at first daylight, surely either a Great Horned Owl or Barred Owl.

Ashland/Boyd County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 3722 Emmitt Drive, Ashland, Ky.; 38.46478N, -82.69786W; and including portions of adjacent Lawrence County, Ohio, and Wayne County, West Virginia). Habitat: 60% forest, 20% suburban, 15% roadside and brush edges, 3% open land, and 2% open water and streams. Dec. 26; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky mostly sunny; temp. 31–42°F; wind mostly calm, variable 1–8 m.p.h. Water partly open.

Two observers in one party plus one feeder-watcher. Total party-hours 10 (3 on foot, 7 by car). Three hours feeder-watching. Total party-miles 83 (9 on foot, 74 by car). Total species 42; total individuals 6578.

Observers: Ron Canterbury (compiler), Steve Fraley, and Keith Peters.

The Peregrine Falcon was seen on the Russell-Ironton bridge over the Ohio River. Only one site in Wayne County, West Virginia, contributed to this year's totals.

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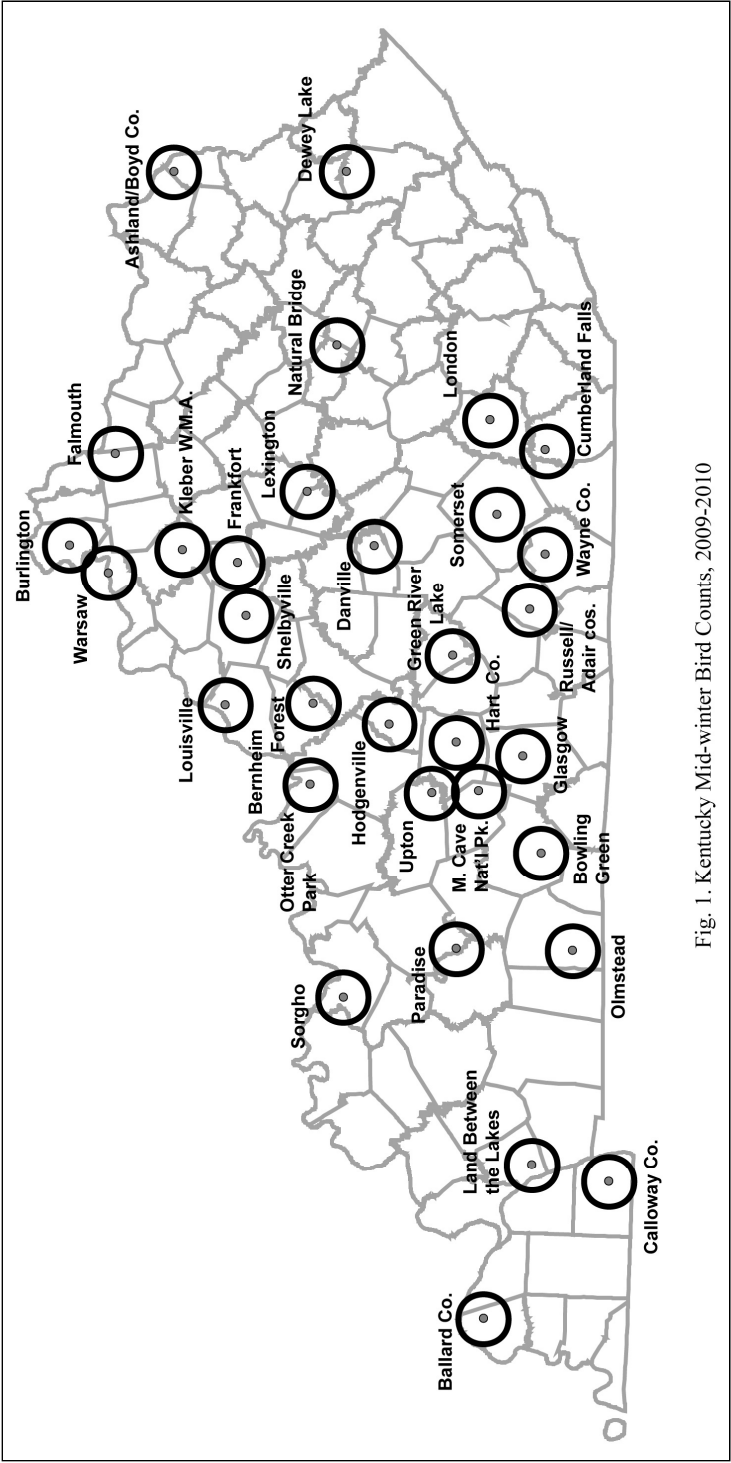


Fig. 1. Kentucky Mid-winter Bird Counts, 2009-2010

NEWS AND VIEWS

Mark Your Calendar for the 2010 Nightjar Survey

The Center for Conservation Biology (CCB) developed the Nightjar Survey Network in 2007 to begin the process of learning more about the population distribution and population trends of nightjars. Very little is known about nightjar biology and prior to this program there was no widespread monitoring strategy for nightjars. Conservation-minded citizens and biologists fuel the Nightjar Survey Network by volunteering to conduct survey routes.

Participation is easy. Surveys are conducted along roads, at least 30 minutes after sunset, between moonrise and moonset and should take less than two hours to complete. Data forms can be submitted electronically or by mail. Those who participate will need suitable transportation, good hearing, commitment to conduct a yearly survey



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for three or more years, and the ability to recognize and differentiate calls of Kentucky nightjar species: Whip-poor-will (*Caprimulgus vociferus*), Chuck-will's-widow (*C. carolinensis*), and Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*). The 2010 survey windows are May 20–June 4 and June 19–July 4. Please visit the CCB web-site for more information and to sign up for a survey route: www.ccb-wm.org/nightjars.htm.

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

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White Ibis, *Taylor*
28 August 2009
John McDermond



White-faced Ibis, *Henderson*
12 October 2009
Eddie Huber



Hudsonian Godwit, *Ballard*
17 September 2009
Don Martin



California Gull (w/ Ring-billed Gulls and Herring Gull)
Barren River Lake State Resort Park
22 October 2009
David Roemer



Red Phalarope, *Jefferson*
2 October 2009
Eddie Huber



Say's Phoebe, *Union*
11 October 2009
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.