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FALL 2011 SEASON

Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., and Lee McNeely

Weather conditions during fall 2011 were variable during the season. Overall, temperatures were relatively normal during August, although the season's high reading of 103°F. was reached at Bowling Green 3 August. August precipitation was slightly below normal in the east, but very low across the central and west, where Bowling Green and Paducah recorded about one-third and one-half normal rainfall, respectively. September was overall cooler than normal, although Louisville and Bowling Green recorded high readings of 102°F. and 101°F., respectively, 3 September. Most of the state experienced more rainfall than normal during September (Louisville and Lexington experiencing about two times normal rainfall), although some of the east remained a bit dry. During the period 4–8 September, the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee fell apart over the state, but no hurricane waifs were reported. October was cooler than normal across most of the state, while precipitation was slightly above normal in the east but well below normal in the southern and western parts of the state. Finally, November turned warmer and wetter than normal, with many recording stations tallying one and a half to more than two times normal rainfall for the month.

Rarity highlights included Red-throated Loon, Anhinga, White Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Swallow-tailed Kite, Red-necked Phalarope, Parasitic Jaeger, Long-tailed Jaeger, Western Kingbird, and Clay-colored Sparrow. Irruption boreal species were relatively scarce again this year, suggesting a limited presence during the upcoming winter season. Most natural food crops appeared to be present in below average supply again, especially where the driest late summer/fall season conditions persisted.

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(unless otherwise noted); Melco = Melco flood retention basin, *Jefferson*; Minor Clark = Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, *Rowan*; Mitchell Lake, Ballard WMA, *Ballard*; Morgan Pond, nw. of Oak Grove, s. *Christian*; Nettleroth Sanctuary, Cherokee Park, Louisville; Obion WMA, *Fulton*; Owsley Fork Lake, *Madison*; Pine Mt. near Oven Fork, *Letcher*; Richmond, *Madison*; Sauerheber = Sauerheber Unit of Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*; Shaker Village = Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, *Mercer*; Smithland Dam, on the Ohio River, *Livingston*; Snake Creek = Snake Creek embayment of Green River Lake, *Adair*; Spindletop = University of Kentucky Spindletop Farm, *Fayette*; SNP = State Nature Preserve; SP = State Park; SRP = State Resort Park; Surrey Hills Farm = Surrey Hills Farm, ne. *Jefferson*; Travis WMA = Doug Travis WMA, *Carlisle/Hickman*; WMA = Wildlife Management Area.

Greater White-fronted Geese – 1 at Blood River 14 October (HC, ME); 38 there 16 October (HC); 35-40 over Sauerheber 16 October (CC); and 20 over Honker Bay, LBL, *Lyon*, 17 October (JPo) were the earliest to be reported. Early season peak counts included 1500 at Sauerheber 22 November (*fide* RP) and 450 at Ballard WMA 30 November (KK *fide* RP).

Cackling Goose – ca. 20 at the Reformatory Lake, Buckner, *Oldham*, 26 November (ph. MC) were the earliest to be reported.

Tundra Swan – the first of the wintering flock at Sauerheber to appear were 13 there 16 November (CC) with 78 there by 26 November (CC).

Gadwall – 150+ at Sauerheber and 100-150 at Camp #11, all 22 October (BPa et al.); ca. 10% of 12,000 ducks at Sloughs WMA, *Henderson/Union*, 22 November (*fide* RP); ca. 1100 at Boatwright WMA, *Ballard*, and 1600 at Duck Island, Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, all 23 November (PHs); and ca. 400 at Sloughs WMA, *Henderson/Union*, 23 November (ThY), represented early season peak counts.

American Wigeon – early season peak counts included 50+ at Sauerheber and 40-50 at Camp #11, all 22 October (BPa et al.); and ca. 825 at Duck Island, Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, (PHs) and ca. 350 at Sloughs WMA, *Henderson/Union* (ThY), all 23 November.

Mallard – ca. 60,000 in *Ballard* 23 November (PHs) and 5800 at Sloughs WMA, *Henderson/Union*, 23 November (ThY) represented early season peak counts.

Blue-winged Teal – 10 at Morgan Pond 4 August (BPa, EHu, MMo) were contin-

uing from summer, but migrants arrived soon thereafter, and 20-25 were there 13 August (BPa, EHu, AN); peak counts included ca. 100 at Guthrie Swamp 4 September (MBe); 140 at Honker Lake, LBL, *Lyon/Trigg*, 29 September (DSa *fide* AY); and ca. 140 at Blood River 14/16 October (HC, ME/HC).

Northern Shoveler – 4 at Obion WMA 25 August (HC, ME) were the earliest to be reported; ca. 500 at Sloughs WMA, *Henderson/Union*, 23 November (ThY) represented an early season peak count.

Northern Pintail – early season peak counts included ca. 25 at Sauerheber and 35-40+ at Camp #11, all 22 October (BPa et al.); ca. 600 in *Ballard* 23 November (PHs); and ca. 100 at Sloughs WMA, *Henderson/Union*, 23 November (ThY).

Green-winged Teal – 2 at the Falls of the Ohio 7 September (BPa, EHu) were the earliest to be reported; early season peak counts included 150+ at Camp #11 on 22 October (BPa et al.); at least 200 at Sauerheber 29 October (BPa, KOS); and ca. 1050 at Ballard WMA 23 November (PHs).

Redhead – 8 at Camp #11 on 22 October (BPa et al.) were the earliest to be reported; modest peak counts included 20 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 13 November (CSz et al.); 14 at Waitsboro Recreation Area, Lake Cumberland, *Pulaski* (RD); and 12+17 on Lake Cumberland, *Wayne*, 30 November (RD).

Ring-necked Duck – a male on Mitchell Lake 9 August (ph. RD) likely summered.

Lesser Scaup – ca. 10 on Lake Barkley above the dam 9 October (BPa) were like-

ly continuing from summer. Modest peak counts included ca. 550 on the Ohio River at Louisville 4 November (DSI); ca. 150 on Owsley Fork Lake 4 November (AN); and 290 total at four locations on Lake Cumberland, *Pulaski/Russell/Wayne*, 30 November (RD).

Surf Scoter – there were only four reports: 3 on the Ohio River at Louisville 28 October (BPa et al.); 1 on the Ohio River at Louisville 4 November (DSI et al.); 1 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 24 November (DCo); and 6 on Lake Cumberland above Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell*, 30 November (RD). Also reported was a flock of 5 scoter sp. on Green River Lake, *Taylor*, 17 November (RD).

Bufflehead – 245 total at five locales on Lake Cumberland, *Pulaski/Wayne/Russell*, 30 November (RD) was by far the season's peak count; largest flocks that day were 98 off Lake Cumberland SRP, *Russell*, and 100 on Lake Cumberland above Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell* (RD).

Ruddy Duck – the male that summered on Lake Reba was seen on several occasions during September and October (AN); 15 on the Ohio River at Louisville 17 October (DSI) were the earliest migrants to be reported; very modest peak counts included 28 on the Ohio River at Louisville 16 November (DSI) and 31 on Green River Lake, *Taylor*, 24 November (DCo).

Red-throated Loon – 1 was reported on Green River Lake at Holmes Bend Dock, *Adair*, 24 November (DCo). KBRC review required.

Common Loon – reports of interest including the season's peak counts included 1 over Douglass Hills, Louisville, 4 October (ph. MY); 12 on Cave Run Lake 29 October (BWu) with 32 there 4 November (BWu); 330 on Barren 11 November (Stedman 2011) with at least 50 there 29 November (BPa); 61 on Green River Lake, *Taylor/Adair*, 24 November (DCo); and 4 on the Lexington Reservoir 27 November (DL, ASK).

Pied-billed Grebe – at Morgan Pond, up to 7 including a few juvs. continued to 17

August (RD); 4 at Camp #11 on 14 August (BPa, EHu, AN) may or may not have been continuing from summer; reports of migrants of interest included 23 on the Ohio River at Louisville 4 September (RL, BBC); and at least 18 on Lake Linville and 22 on Owsley Fork Lake all 15 October (AN et al.).

Horned Grebe – 1 on Cedar Creek Lake 15 October (RD) and 3 on the Ohio River at Louisville 17 October (DSI) were the earliest to be reported; peak counts included 35-40+ on Barren 5 November (BPa, EHu); at least 215 on the Ohio River at Louisville 4 November (DSI et al.); and 81 total at five locales on Lake Cumberland, *Pulaski/Russell/Wayne*, 30 November (RD).

Double-crested Cormorant – reports of interest included at least five flocks of 20-25 birds each over Pine Mt. near Oven Fork 2 October (MMo, KOS) and 595 total from two locales on the Ohio River at Louisville 4 November (DSI).

Anhinga – 2 females or imms. were seen circling with vultures over the Swan Lake vicinity, *Ballard*, 23 September (MMo, EHu, †BPa). KBRC review required.

American White Pelican – the bird continuing at the Falls of the Ohio from the summer season was last seen there 14 August (TBe et al.); other reports of interest included at least 113 over Travis WMA 14 August (BY, MY); 1 at Energy Lake, LBL, *Trigg*, 8 September (BLi); at least 100 over the Mississippi River at Columbus, *Hickman*, 22 September (EHu, MMo, BPa); ca. 200 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, by 7 October (ME); and 450 at Blood River by 22 November (HC).

American Bittern – 1 at Sauerheber 29 October (BPa, KOS) was the only one reported.

Least Bittern – 1 seen and another heard calling at Camp #11 on 14 August (BPa, EHu, AN) were the only ones reported.

Great Blue Heron – 105 at the Falls of the Ohio 14 August (A&NK) represented the season's peak count there.

- Great Egret** – numbers were relatively low in far w. Kentucky during the late summer season with the following modest peak counts: ca. 150 at and near Swan Lake, *Ballard*, 5 August (BPa, EHU, MMo); ca. 200 at Lake No. 9 on 13 August (BPa, EHU, AN); 15-25 at the Falls of the Ohio during most of August and September with 37 there 13 August (DCo); 22 at Morgan Pond 7 August (C&SRo); ca. 50 at Obion WMA 14 August (BPa, EHU, AN); 175 at Grassy Pond/Powell's Lake 17 August (CC); 300 at Horseshore Road 5 September (CC); and 63 at Blood River and 52 at Jonathan Creek, both 14 October (HC, ME). Other reports of interest included 2-3 at Fishing Creek 5 August–8 September (RD et al.) with 1 last seen there 19 October (RD); 2 at Owsley Fork Lake 6-20 October (AN, RF, RBa) with 1 last seen there 29 October (RF, RBa); and 3 at Minor Clark 1 October (BWu). Latest reports included 2 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 4 November (HC, ME); 2 at Jacobson Park 4 November (AN); 1 at Honker Bay, LBL, *Lyon*, 6 November (JPo); 3 at Uniontown, *Union*, 11 November (CC); and 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 12 November (RL, BBC).
- Snowy Egret** – 10 at Long Creek Refuge, LBL, *Trigg*, 12 September (BLi) represented a local high count; 2 on Honker Bay, LBL, *Lyon*, 7 October (JPo) were the latest to be reported.
- Little Blue Heron** – there were two reports away from traditional locales in w. Kentucky: an ad. continued from July at the Falls of the Ohio to 16 August (MA, EHU, et al.); and 1 at Grassy Pond/Powells Lake 10-24 August (CC).
- Cattle Egret** – reports of interest included a juv. at Morgan Pond 7 August (BPa, EHU, MMo); 80 along KY 272, *Trigg*, 8 August (RD); ca. 100 in a field in *Trigg* during the first week of September (BLi); 2 on the East Volunteer Mine, *Hopkins*, 4 October (KM); 1 at Petersburg, *Boone*, 5 September (LM, ABa), 1 at Jonathan Creek 23 October (ME); and 1 along Smith Vaught Road, *Pulaski*, 8 November (ph. RD) that was especially tardy.
- Black-crowned Night-Heron** – reports of interest included 1 at Fishing Creek 11 August (RD); 3 at Camp #11 on 13 August (BPa, EHU, AN) with 1 still there 22 October (BPa, et al.); and singles at three locales in *Madison* 16 August–23 September (AN).
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** – 2-3 at Grassy Pond/Powells Lake 2-11 August (ph. CC) were the only ones reported.
- White Ibis** – there were two reports: 3 juvs. at a transient pond along John U. Young Road, sw. *Logan*, 13 August (†MBe); and an ad. over the Cathy Crockett Trail, just s. of Sloans Valley, *Pulaski*, 19 August (†RD).
- Glossy Ibis** – 1 was reported at Owsley Fork Lake 16 September (ph./†AN). KBRC review required.
- Osprey** – a tally of 12 seen from the US 68/KY 80 bridge over Ky Lake, *Marshall/Trigg*, 6 August (MMo, EHU, BPa) was relatively impressive; 4 were counted migrating over Pine Mt. near Oven Fork 30 September (MMo, EHU, BPa) with 3 at the same locale 2 October (MMo, KOS). One at Cave Run Lake 22/20 October (BWu); 1 at Dewey Lake, *Floyd*, 25 October (SFr); 1 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 24 October (BLi); 1 at Lake Peewee, *Hopkins*, 7 November (ph. CC); and 1 at Fishing Creek 10 November (RD) were the latest to be reported.
- Swallow-tailed Kite** – 1 was reported along Puncheon Creek s. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 15 August (†MBy, †JBy, et al.). KBRC review required.
- Mississippi Kite** – reports of interest included 2 at the Sinclair Unit of Peabody WMA, *Muhlenberg*, 4 Aug (ph. MY) and 1 at Horseshoe Road 17/31 August (ph. CC). Good numbers were scattered along the traditional Mississippi River floodplain locales during the late summer/fall season, but few juvs. were seen, suggesting low productivity during 2011 (m. ob.).
- Bald Eagle** – reports of interest included a pair of ads. at South Shore WMA, *Greenup*, 18 August (SFr); 1 over Lake Linville 27 August (ET); 1 at Doe Run Lake Park,

Kenton, 24 September (TrY); 1 over Pine Mt. near Oven Fork 30 September (MMo) with 2 at the same locale 2 October (MMo, KOS); and 1 over Pine Mt. SRP, *Bell*, 1 October (BPa, KOS).

Northern Harrier – singles at Grassy Pond/Powells Lake 10 August (CC) and at Horseshoe Road 24/29 August (CC) were relatively early; 2 were seen migrating over Pine Mt. near Oven Fork 2 October (MMo, KOS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk – at least 8 over Pine Mt. near Oven Fork 30 September (MMo, EHu, BPa) with 19 at the same locale 2 October (MMo, KOS) represented the season's peak counts.

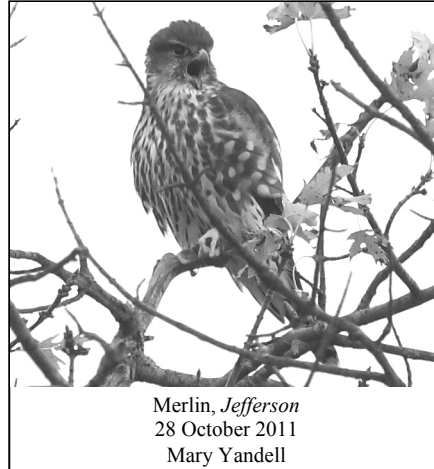
Broad-winged Hawk – the season's peak counts included several flocks totaling at least 256 birds over Douglass Hills, Louisville, 16 September (MY); 28 birds at the Natural Arch Scenic Area, DBNF, *McCreary*, 20 September (RD); ca. 30 total in small groups over Wickliffe, *Bal-lard*, 23 September (MMo, EHu, BPa); and 43 over Pine Mt. near Oven Fork 30 September (MMo, EHu, BPa) with 31 at the same locale 2 October (MMo, KOS).

Golden Eagle – there were three reports: a juv. s. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 31 October (MBy, MBc); a juv. ne. of Red Hill 8 November (†JBb); and 1 at Minor Clark 13 November (†BWu).

American Kestrel – 4 were counted migrating over Pine Mt. near Oven Fork 2 October (MMo, KOS).

Merlin – it was a good season with at least 14 reports as follows: singles at Fishing Creek 3 September (ph. RD) and 18-19 October (ph. RD); 1 over Obion WMA 22 September (MMo, EHu, BPa); singles at Island No. 1 (BPa, MMo, EHu) and at Minor Clark (†BWu), both 23 September; 1 at Richmond 25 September (AN); 1 along Irl Scott Road, *Logan*, 26 September (TD); 5 over Pine Mt. near Oven Fork 30 September (MMo, EHu, BPa) with 1 at the same locale 2 October (MMo); 2 over Pine Mt. SRP, *Bell*, 1 October (BPa, KOS); 1 near Dot, *Logan*, 9 October (ph. FL); 1 in *Trigg* 24 October (BLi); 1 at

Cox's Park, Louisville, 28 October (ph. MY, EHu); and 1 along the Green River, *Hart*, 19 November (JSo).



Merlin, *Jefferson*
28 October 2011
Mary Yandell

Peregrine Falcon – it was a good season with at least 13 reports of presumed migrants as follows: 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 15 September (RD); 1 s. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 17 September (MBy), singles over Obion WMA and Columbus Belmont SP, *Hickman*, both 22 September (MMo, EHu, BPa); 1 at Berea Forest 24 September (*fide* DL); 1 in the Lower Hickman Bottoms, *Fulton*, 25 September (MY, BY) with 2 there 27 September (HC); 1 at Richmond (AN) and 2 over Douglass Hills, Louisville (MY), all 29 September; 4 over Pine Mt. near Oven Fork 30 September (MMo, EHu, BPa) with 2 at the same locale 2 October (MMo, KOS); 1 at Lake Reba 1 October (GB, JPe); 1 over Lake Barkley at Green Turtle Bay, *Lyon*, 9 October (TBe, CBs, MSt, BPa); and 1 at Jonathan Creek 24 October (MMi). In addition, the wintering bird on the US 68/KY 80 bridge over Ky Lake, *Marshall/Trigg*, was first noted 23 October (*fide* CSz).

King Rail – 1 at Sauerheber 22 October (BPa et al.) was the only one reported.

Virginia Rail – 1 was heard at Pumphouse Pond, *Pulaski*, 22 October/12 November (RD/RD, AN).

Sora – reports of interest included 2 at Morgan Pond 13 August (AN, BPa, EHu); 1 at

Horseshoe Road 24 August (CC); 1 at Sauerheber 26 August (CC); 1 at Melco 26 September (MC); 3 at Fishing Creek 5 October (RD); 1 at Dix River WMA, *Lincoln*, 10/15 October (AN et al.); and 4 at Sauerheber 22 October (BPa et al.).

Common Gallinule – 4 (a family group?) were at Camp #11 on 14 August (BPa, EHu, AN).

American Coot – 5 were still at Morgan Pond through 13 August (BPa, EHu, et al.) with 1 last seen there 17 August (RD); 3 were still at Swallow Spring Pond, *Christian*, 13 August (BPa, EHu, AN) with 2 last seen there 17 August (RD). One at the Lexington Reservoir 29 August (TP, SFi) was likely summering, but singles at the Falls of the Ohio 16-17 September (DSI) and at Lake Linville 22 September (RD) may have been early returning fall migrants.

Sandhill Crane – a flock of ca. 30 birds over *Nelson* 25 September (JSs) was remarkably early; next earliest reports included at least two flocks heard over se. *Hopkins* 16 October (KW); 75 over Honker Bay, LBL, *Lyon*, 17 October (JPo); and 1 at Central City, *Muhlenberg*, 3 November (JN *fide* SN).

Black-bellied Plover – there were only four reports: 2 ads. at Fishing Creek 5 September (ph. RD) with a juv. there 6 September (ph. RD), representing the first for *Pulaski*; 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 15 September (BPa, JG); and 1 at Jonathan Creek 6 October (ME).



American Avocets, *Henderson*
22 August 2011
Charlie Crawford

American Golden-Plover – there were at least 13 reports as follows: 1 at Morgan Pond 17 August (RD); ca. 10 at the Falls of the Ohio 3 September (ph. DB) with 1 there 4 September (RL, BBC) and 3 there 6 October (DSI, EHu); 2 at Blood River 4 September (HC); 1 at Fishing Creek 5 September (RD); 4 at Lake No. 9 on 21 September (BPa, EHu, MMo); 2 at Mitchell Lake 24 September (BY, MY); 1 at Melco 5/11 October (EHu); 1 at Owsley Fork Lake 6 October (AN); 1 at Minor Clark 8/30 October (BWu/SHa); 1 at the Eddy Creek embayment of Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 9 October (CBs, TBe, MSt, BPa); and 2 at Jonathan Creek 23 October (ME).

Semipalmated Plover – 15-20 at Morgan Pond 7 August (BPa, EHu, MMo); 6 at Blood River 4 September (HC); 6 at Fishing Creek 7 September (RD) and 6 at the Falls of the Ohio 1/7-8 September (BPa/BPa, EHu) represented modest peak counts for the season. One at Freeman Lake, *Hardin*, 2 November (BF, BBC) was the latest to be reported.

Killdeer – 750+ at Morgan Pond 4/7 August (BPa, EHu, MMo); with ca. 1000 at and near there 10-17 August (RD, BPa, EHu, AN); ca. 175 at Mitchell Lake 14 August (BPa, EHu, AN); and 100 at Fishing Creek 2 September (RD) represented the local peak counts of interest for the season.

Black-necked Stilt – there were several reports, all being included: 9 ads. and 12 juvs. in three family groups lingering at and near Morgan Pond 4 August (BPa, EHu, MMo) with 12 including some juvs. still there 13 August (BPa, EHu, AN) and at least 6 last seen there 17 August (RD); a family group of 2 ads. and 2 juvs. still at Obion WMA 14 August (BPa, EHu, AN) with 3 still there 25 August (HC, ME); 4 near Island No. 1 on 14 August (ph. BY, MY); and 6 at the Paradise Power Plant, *Muhlenberg*, 23 September (MY, BY); the latter two reports likely composed migratory family groups.

American Avocet – there were six reports: 1 at Morgan Pond 1/3 August (TD/C&SRo); 1 below Smithland Dam 13 Au-

gust (BPa, EHu, AN); 1 near Grassy Pond/Powells Lake, *Union*, 17 August (ph. CC); 2 at Horseshoe Road 22 August (ph. CC) with 1 still there 24 August (ph. CC); 1 at Obion WMA 25 August (HC, ME); and 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 28/29 August (RL, BBC/TBe, CBk).

Spotted Sandpiper – 11 at Fishing Creek 5 September (RD) represented the season's peak count.

Solitary Sandpiper – 1 at Owsley Fork Lake 29 October (†RF, RBa) was very tardy.

Greater Yellowlegs – 1 e. of Sauerheber 11 November (CC) and 3 at Sauerheber 16 November (ph. CC) were the latest to be reported.

Lesser Yellowlegs – 79 at Fishing Creek 5 September (RD) represented the season's peak count; 1 along White Hall Road, *Madison*, 4 November (AN) and 7 at the Lexington Reservoir 7 November (ph. JSn) were the latest to be reported.

Upland Sandpiper – there were four reports: 3 at Morgan Pond 4 August (BPa, EHu, MMo) with 1 near Morgan Pond 13 August (BPa, EHu, AN); 1 heard over Obion WMA 14 August (BPa, EHu, AN); and 1 at the Stoney Creek Subdivision, Richmond, 4 October (†AN, MBu) that was extraordinarily tardy.

Ruddy Turnstone – 1 at Jacobson Park 10 September (AN, ph. JSn, ph. MBu) was the only one reported.



Ruddy Turnstone, *Fayette*
10 September 2011
Marissa Buschow

Sanderling – there were not many reports, all being included: 1 at Morgan Pond 11 August (AN); 4 at the Falls of the Ohio 5 September (BPa) with an impressive tally of 16 there 7-8 September (EHu, BPa) and 10 still there 10 September (TBe); 1 at Fishing Creek 5 September (RD); 1 at Jacobson Park 10 September (RO, AN) with 4 there 15 September (ph. JSn); and 5 at the Falls of the Ohio 23 September (TBe, CBk).

Semipalmated Sandpiper – 32 at Morgan Pond 4 August (BPa, EHu, MMo); 35 there 11 August (AN); and ca. 50 at Fishing Creek 6 September (RD) represented the season's peak counts.

Western Sandpiper – there were not many reports, all being included: 1 at Morgan Pond 1/7 August (TD/C&SRo); 1 at Mitchell Lake 2 August (HC); singles on a transient pond along John U. Young Road, sw. *Logan* (MBe), and at the Ghent Power Plant, *Carroll* (LM), both 13 August; 4 at Blood River 4 September (HC); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 4 September (RL, BBC); 1 at Jacobson Park 10 September (AN); 1 at Minor Clark 13/16 September (ph. AN/BWu) with 3-4 there 17 September (ph. AN); and 1 at Lake No. 9 on 21/27 September (MMo, BPa/HC).

Least Sandpiper – modest peak counts included at least 60 at Morgan Pond 4 August (BPa, EHu, MMo) with ca. 50 there 13 August (BPa, EHu, AN); ca. 70 at Fishing Creek 6 September (RD); ca. 80 at Lake No. 9 on 21 September (BPa, EHu, MMo); and 35 at Travis WMA 22 September (BPa, EHu, MMo). Latest reports included at least 5 lingering at Jonathan Creek to 17 November (HC); ca 10 at Guthrie Swamp 26 November (MBe); and 6 still at Blood River 30 November (HC).

White-rumped Sandpiper – there were five reports: 1 at Snake Creek 30 August (RD); 7 at Fishing Creek 6 September (ph. RD); at least 1 at the Falls of the Ohio (BPa, EHu) and 2 at Hays Kennedy Park, Prospect, *Jefferson* (PM, CM), all 7 September; and 2 at Minor Clark 16 Septem-

ber (+BWu) with 1 still there 17 September (ph. AN).

Baird's Sandpiper – the species was reported at eight locales as follows: an ad. at Morgan Pond 4-13 August (BPa, EHu, MMo, C&SRo, AN); 1-2 at Fishing Creek 25 August–5 September (RD et al.) with a peak count of 3 there 26-27 August (RD); 1 at Jonathan Creek 30 August (HC, ME); 4 at Crocker Pond, *Logan*, 3 September (MBe); 2 at Blood River 4 September (HC); at least 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 7 September (BPa, EHu); 1 at Jacobson Park 10 September (AN); and 1 at Minor Clark 16/17 September (BWu/AN) with 1 there 1 October (BWu).

Pectoral Sandpiper – season peak counts were all at Morgan Pond, where 350-400 were present 4/7 August (BPa, EHu, MMo), ca. 450 were counted 11/13 August (AN/BPa, EHu, AN), and ca. 300 were still present 17 August (RD). One at Melco 24 October (EHu); 8 at Sauerheber 29 October (BPa, KOS); 3 at Minor Clark 29/30 October (BWu/SHa); and 1 at Sauerheber 31 October (CC) were the latest to be reported.

Dunlin – reports of interest included 29 at Minor Clark 29 October (BWu) with 15 still there 30 October (SHa); ca. 45 at Blood River 31 October (HC) with 2 still there 30 November (HC); 1-3 at Jacobson Park 26 October–4 November (JSn, AN); 1 at Melco 5/8 November (MC, BWo/EHu); and 1 at Guthrie Swamp 26 November (MBe).

Stilt Sandpiper – reports of interest included 14 still at Morgan Pond 1/4 August (TD/BPa, EHu, MMo) with 6 there 17 August (BPRD); 2 on a transient pond along John U. Young Road, sw. *Logan*, 13 August (MBe); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 23 August (TBe, EHu, DSI); 1-4 at Fishing Creek 23 August–6 September (RD); 1 at Blood River 27 August (HC) with 4 there 31 August–4 September (HC); and 1 at Minor Clark 16 September (BWu).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper – there were reports from six locales as follows: 3 at Melco 7 August (TBe, CBk); 3 at Morgan

Pond 7 August (BPa, EHu, MMo) with 1 there 13-17 August (BPa, EHu, AN, C&SRo, RD); 12 at Horseshoe Road 29 August (ph. CC) with 8 still there 31 August (CC); 1 at Blood River 1 September (HC) with 3 there 4 September (HC); 5 at the Falls of the Ohio 5 September (BPa) with 2-3 there through 17 September (BPa, EHu, DSI); and 3 at the Louisville landfill 30 September (ph. RA).

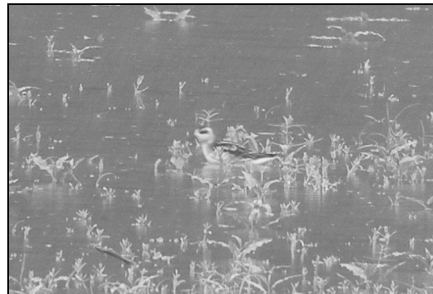
Short-billed Dowitcher – there were only six reports: 1 at Morgan Pond 1 August (TD); 1 at Horseshoe Road 4-11 August (CC); 1 near Morgan Pond 11 August (AN); 1 at Fishing Creek 17-26 August (RD); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 23 August (TBe, EHu, DSI); and 1 at Blood River 27 August–4 September (HC).

Long-billed Dowitcher – 1 e. of Sauerheber 22 October (BPa et al.) was the only one reported.

American Woodcock – reports of interest included 1 at the LBL Nature Station, *Lyon/Trigg*, 7 August (JPo); 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 28 August (BPa); 1 at Central Ky WMA, *Madison*, 1 September (AN); at least 3 s. of Bearville, *Knott*, 24-25 October (SR); at least 6-8 at Surrey Hills Farm 4 November (MMo, BPa, et al.); and at least 3 s. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, during November (MBy).

Wilson's Phalarope – 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 23 September (TBe, CBk) was the only one reported.

Red-necked Phalarope – there were two reports: a juv. at Fishing Creek 6 September (ph. RD) with another juv. (different plumage) there 7 September (ph. RD).



Red-necked Phalarope, *Pulaski*
7 September 2011
Roseanna Denton

Bonaparte's Gull – single first-year birds at the Falls of the Ohio 31 August (DSI) and at Barren 7 September (BPa, EHu) were the earliest to be reported.

Laughing Gull – there were four reports: a juv. below Smithland Dam 5 August (MMo, EHu, BPa); a juv. at the Falls of the Ohio 30 September (DSI); and singles at both Jonathan Creek and the Wildcat Creek embayment of Ky Lake, *Calloway*, 14 October (HC, ME).

Franklin's Gull – there were five reports: 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 23/24 September (TBe, CBk/TBe, BPa) and 27 September (GH, MA); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 20 October (EHu); 3 at the Falls of the Ohio 4 November (DSI); and 1 along Uniontown-Mt. Vernon Road, *Union*, 26 November (ph. CC).



Franklin's Gull, *Union*
26 November 2011
Charlie Crawford

Ring-billed Gull – at least 100 were below Smithland Dam and at least 250 were at Ky Dam Village SRP, *Marshall*, by 7 August (BPa, EHu, MMo).

Herring Gull – an ad. below Smithland Dam 5/7 August (BPa, EHu, MMo) was the earliest to be reported.

Lesser Black-backed Gull – there were several reports, probably some involving the same individuals: 2 ads. or third-year birds at Ky Dam 20 September (HC); an ad. on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 23 September (BPa, EHu, MMo); 1 at Ky Dam 2 October (HC, ME); an ad. or third-year bird on Lake Barkley at Boyd's Landing, *Lyon*, 9 October (TBe, BPa et al.) with an ad. and

a first-year bird on Lake Barkley near Kuttawa, *Lyon*, 9 October (BPa et al.); and 1 at Ky Dam 4 November (HC, ME).

Least Tern – up to ca. 20 ads. and 6 chicks were present at the nesting sandbar in the Ohio River downstream from Lewisport, *Hancock*, during early August (DA); although the bar is situated in Indiana waters the birds also forage in the Kentucky portion of the river; only a few birds were seen at traditional locales on the lower Ohio and Mississippi Rivers during the late summer season suggesting low productivity (m. ob.). Modest peak counts included 10 below Smithland Dam 14 August (BPa, EHu, AN); at least 130 at Island No. 1 on 14 August (BPa, EHu, AN); and 14 at/near Obion WMA 25 August (HC, ME).

Caspian Tern – reports of interest included 1-17 on a number of dates at the Falls of the Ohio 14 August–15 September (TBe, DSI, EHu, BPa, JG) with peak counts of 32 there 8 September (BPa) and 23 still there 10 September (TBe); 3 at Fishing Creek 6 September (RD); singles on the Kentucky River at Ft. Boonesborough State Park, *Clark/Madison*, and at Lake Reba, both 6 September (AN); 3 at Barren 7 September (BPa, EHu) with 2 there 14 September (HC); 6 at Jacobson Park 8 September (JSn) with 1 still there 10 September (AN); 2 on the Ohio River at Petersburg, *Boone*, 10 September (LM); and at least 3 on Lake Barkley above the dam 9 October (BPa).

Black Tern – reports of interest included 12 at Morgan Pond 6 August (C&SRo) with 2 still there 7 August (C&SRo); 1-6 below Smithland Dam 7-13 August (BPa, EHu, MMo, AN); 5 at Island No. 1 on 14 August (BPa, EHu, AN) with 6 there 2 September (MY, BY); 1 at Obion WMA 25 August (HC, ME); 2 at the Falls of the Ohio 4-7 September (RL, BBC, et al.); 6 at Fishing Creek 5 September (RD) with 1 still there 6 September (RD); and 1 at Barren 14 September (HC).

Common Tern – the species was reported at four locales as follows: 6 at the Falls of the Ohio 5 September (BPa, EHu, et al.)

with 1 there 6/7 September (BWo/BPa, EHu), 12 there 8 September (BPa), and 2 there 23 September (TBe, CBk); 25 at Fishing Creek 5 September (RD) with 4 still there 6 September (RD); 1 at Owsley Fork Lake 6/9 September (AN/PHr, CSp) that was likely a county first; 1 at Ky Dam 20 September (HC) with 3 there 21 September (BPa, EHu, MMo) and at least 14 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 23 September (BPa, EHu, MMo); and 2 tardy birds at the Falls of the Ohio 20/21 October (†DSI, EHu/TBe).

Forster's Tern – reports of interest included 3 at Morgan Pond 7 August (C&SRo); 33 at Jonathan Creek by 12 August (ME); with 76 there by 30 August (HC, ME); 7 at Guthrie Swamp 4 September (MBe); 1-2 at the Falls of the Ohio on several dates 5-23 September (DSI, EHu, TBe, CBk, et al.); 1 at Fishing Creek 6 September (RD); at least 200 on Ky Lake above the dam 21 September (BPa, EHu, MMo) with the same number from Ky Dam to the mouth of Big Bear Creek, Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 23 September (BPa, EHu, MMo); and 180 at Jonathan Creek 14 October (HC). As is the norm, small numbers were still present at Jonathan Creek and Blood River at the end of November (HC et al.).

Parasitic Jaeger – a juv. was present at Barren 11-14 September (vt. BY, ph. MY, HC, et al.) that will represent a first state record. KBRC review required.

Long-tailed Jaeger – a juv. was present at Barren 10-14 September (AH, vt. BY, ph. MY, HC, et al.). KBRC review required.

Eurasian Collared-Dove – 1 at Cedar Creek Lake 10 October (AN) was likely a county first.

Black-billed Cuckoo – there were six reports: 1 at Windhover Farm, *Oldham*, 23-24 August (ph. MC); 1 at Craigmoor Estates, *Scott*, 27 August (DL, BLa) & 9 September (DL); 1 in LBL, *Trigg*, 8 September (BLi) 1 on the Anchorage Trail 14 September (JBe, PB); and 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 8 October (BPa).

Barn Owl – there were three reports: 1 near Dot, *Logan*, during late August (*fide* FL);

1 heard at Surrey Hills Farm 24 October (BPa, MMo); and a pair sw. of Bloomfield, *Nelson*, during late November (ph. TH).

Short-eared Owl – 1 over the Henderson Airport, *Henderson*, 28 November (†KM) was the only one reported.

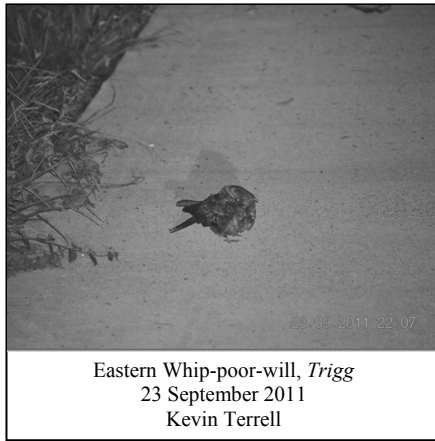
Northern Saw-whet Owl – 24 individuals were banded in eight nights 24 October–17 November at Surrey Hills Farm (MMo, BPa, et al.) with a peak night of 15 birds on 16-17 November; also, 2 were heard but none caught 23-24 November (BPa, MMo). A bird (unknown if banded) was found day roosting at Surrey Hills Farm 6 November (ph. BPa et al.).

Common Nighthawk – peak counts included at least 550 ne. of Red Hill, *Allen*, 8 September (ABr, JBb); ca. 500 over Nolin Lake at the Wax Campground, *Grayson*, 9 September (SK, JK); 85 over Morehead, *Rowan*, 10 September (BWu); tallies of 780 & 705 s. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 10 & 11 September (MBy, RS); and at least 140 over *Morgan* 11 September (SFr).



Black-billed Cuckoo, *Oldham*
23 August 2011
Mike Callan

Eastern Whip-poor-will – 1 was heard calling at Craigmoor Estates, *Scott*, 13 September (DL); 2 birds were seen most nights along a lane and driveway in *Trigg* until about 13 October (ph. KT).



Eastern Whip-poor-will, *Trigg*
23 September 2011
Kevin Terrell

Chimney Swift – 1 over Cave Hill Cemetery 19 October (GH, DSt) was the latest to be reported.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – more than 100 were banded at the LBL Nature Station, *Lyon/Trigg*, 5-7 August (BPa, MMo, et al.) with 3 recaptures from the 2010 LBL festival. Individuals were reported at several locales into the last week of October, and tardy birds included 1 at Florence, *Boone*, to 2 November (JR); 1 at Louisville to 3 November (RT); and 1 s. of Haywood, *Barren*, 3-6 November (banded 5 November) (R&LY, LC, ba. BPa).

Rufous Hummingbird – it was a good season, with six individuals banded as follows: an imm. female near Dot, *Logan*, 18 October into December (banded 20 October) (FL, ALy, ba. BPa); an imm. female e. of Science Hill, *Pulaski*, late October into December (banded 4 November) (SHu, RD, ba. BPa); an imm. female s. of Haywood, *Barren*, 3 November into December (banded 5 November) (R&LY, LC, ba. BPa) with an ad. female showing up in the same yard 12 November into December (banded 18 November) (R&LY, ba. BPa, MMo); an ad. female w. of Ashland, *Boyd*, 9 November into December (banded 17 November) (S&SS, ba. BPa, MMo); and an imm. female at Franklin, *Simpson*, 30 October into December (banded 29 November) (S&ATr, ba. BPa).

Red-headed Woodpecker – the species was quite numerous by late November at some locales such as LBL, where ca. 50 were counted around Honker Lake/Bay, *Lyon/Trigg*, 24 November (JPo).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – an exceptionally early bird at Lexington 23 August (†RO) represented a new early arrival date for the state by nearly three weeks.

Northern Flicker – at least 25-30 migrants were noted over Pine Mt. near Oven Fork 2 October (MMo, KOS).

Olive-sided Flycatcher – there were seven reports: 1 at Cave Hill Cemetery 8 September (†DSt, GH, et al.); 1 at Floyds Fork 9 September (EHu, TBe, CBk, ALe); 1 at the Lexington Cemetery 10 September (DL, ASK); 1 at Iroquois Park 17 September (MA); 1 along Upper Bottom Road, *Fulton*, 22 September (BPa, ph. EHu, MMo); 2 at Cave Hill Cemetery 24 September (MA, GH, et al.); and singles at Nettleroth Sanctuary 5/12 October (†GH, DSt, SD, BPi/†GH, DSt), the latter representing a new late departure date for the state.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher – it was an exceptional season, with at least 16 reports, all being included: singles on the Anchorage Trail 13/20/26 August & 10/21 September (JBe, PB et al.); 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 28 August/17 September (BPa); singles at Craigmoor Estates, *Scott* (DL) and in LBL, *Trigg* (BLi), both 8 September; 1 at the Lexington Cemetery 10 September (DL, ASK); 1 at Pilot Knob SNP, *Powell*, 11 September (BPa); 1 at Floyds Fork 17 September (EHu, BBC); 1 near Three Ponds SNP, *Hickman*, and 1 along Bluff Road, *Hickman*, both 22 September (MMo, EHu, BPa); 1 at Nettleroth Sanctuary 9 October (GH, BBC); and 1 at Iroquois Park 10 October (GH, DSt).

Alder Flycatcher – a calling bird was seen at Lake No. 9 on 13 August (BPa, EHu, AN, BY, MY).

Least Flycatcher – singles on the Anchorage Trail 23/26 August (JBe, PB) and at Windhover Farm, *Oldham*, 23 August (†MC) were the earliest to be reported.

Great Crested Flycatcher – 1 heard calling at Douglass Hills, Louisville, 16 October (†MY) represented a new late departure date by nearly two weeks.

Western Kingbird – 1 was present near Dot, Logan, 3 October (ph. FL). KBRC review required.

Eastern Kingbird – 1 at Richmond 26 September (AN) and 2 at the Long Point Unit of Reelfoot NWR, Fulton, 27 September (HC) were the latest to be reported.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – there were three reports: 2 along Pondsville-Kepler Road, ne. Warren, 9-16 August (ph. AH et al.); 1 along Upper Bottom Road, Fulton, 22 September (ph. BPa, EHu, MMo); and 1 along US 68/KY 80 just e. of Auburn, Logan, 25 September (STy, ph. DT).



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Fulton
22 September 2011
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

White-eyed Vireo – 1 at Lake Barkley SRP, Trigg, 28 October (MSc) was the latest to be reported.

Blue-headed Vireo – 2 at Lexington 27 August (RO) were exceptionally early away from breeding areas; next earliest was 1 at Jefferson Memorial Forest, Jefferson, 17 September (GH, MA, DSt).

Philadelphia Vireo – 1 at Mammoth Cave 17 October (JBe, PB) was relatively late.

Fish Crow – 1 at Jonathan Creek 14 October (MMi) and 1 at Blood River 16 October (HC) with 2 there 17 October (HC) were a bit tardy for the locations.

Common Raven – there were five reports: 1 heard at Robinson Forest, Breathitt, 29 September (SFr); at least 4 over Pine Mt. near Oven Fork 30 September (MMo, EHu, BPa); 1 over Pine Mt. SRP 1 October (BPa, KOS); 1 s. of Bearville, Knott, 23-25 October (SR); and 2 at the Road Creek Mine, Pike, 4-5 November (SFr).

Purple Martin – the roost at Lexington peaked at more than 10,000 birds during early August (DSv et al.). An analysis of National Weather Service radar 12 August revealed the presence of at least six roosts at scattered, mostly traditional, locations (BPa). One over Douglass Hills, Louisville, 14 September (MY) was rather tardy.

Tree Swallow – 1 at Uniontown Dam, Union, 7 November (CC) and 2 at Grassy Pond/Powells Lake 11 November (CC) were the latest to be reported.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 550 in Fulton 25 August (HC) represented a modest peak count for the season.

Bank Swallow – “hundreds” were present at Horseshoe Road 24 August (CC).

Cliff Swallow – a concentration of ca. 4000 foraging/loafing birds at Morgan Pond 17 August (RD) was remarkable.

Red-breasted Nuthatch – 1 at Jefferson Memorial Forest, Jefferson, 22 September (BWo); 1 at Evergreen Cemetery, Campbell, 25 September (FR); and 1 at the Boyd’s Landing Recreation Area, Lyon, 9 October (BPa et al.) were the earliest to be reported, although by mid-November it was apparent that only a light flight was going to occur this year.

Brown Creeper – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 9 October (JBe, PB, BA) was the earliest to be reported.

Bewick’s Wren – 2 were reported nw. of Burkesville, Cumberland, 15 November (†BZ). KBRC review required.

Winter Wren – 1 at Sauerheber 5 October (CC) was the earliest to be reported.

Sedge Wren – there were six reports: 1 heard calling at Honker Lake, LBL, Lyon, 5/11 August (BPa, EHu, MMo/AN); 1

along Duncannon Road, Richmond, 19 October (AN); 1 at Fishing Creek 21 October (RD); 1 at Sauerheber 22 October (BPa et al.); 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 23 October (BPa); and 1 s. of Bearville, *Knott*, 24 October (SR).

Marsh Wren – there were at least seven reports: 1 along Duncannon Road, Richmond, 9–10 September (AN); 3 at Horse-shoe Road 29 September (CC); 1 at Fishing Creek 5 October (RD); 1 at Dix River WMA, *Lincoln*, 10/15 October (AN/AN et al.); 1 at Sauerheber 12/22 October (CC/BPa et al.); 1 at Minor Clark 22 October (BWu); and 1 at Georgetown, *Scott*, 22 October (MHi).

Golden-crowned Kinglet – 1 at Melbourne, *Campbell*, 30 August (†DMr) was exceptionally early and represented a new early fall arrival date for the state by three weeks; next earliest was 1 at Lexington 1 October (DCh).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1 at Million, *Madison*, 30 August (†MBu) was exceptionally early; next earliest was 1 at Mammoth Cave 13 September (TD); 12–15 at Chaney Lake SNP, *Warren*, 20 October (BPa) represented the season's peak count.

Veery – 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 28 August (MBy) was the earliest to be reported; additional reports of this relatively uncommon fall thrush included 1 at Berea Forest 8 September (AN); 1 at Floyds Fork 9 September (EHu et al.); singles on the Anchorage Trail 14/21 September (JBe, PB/JBe, PB, BBC); 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 15 September (MBy) with 2 there 17 September (MBy); 1 at Jefferson Memorial Forest, *Jefferson*, 23 September (BWo); 1 along Scott Creek Forestry Road, *Rowan*, 24 September (AN, RD, SHa); and 1 at Bernheim Forest, *Bullitt*, 25 September (BWo).

Gray-cheeked Thrush – singles on the Anchorage Trail 5 September (JBe, PB, BBC) and at Surrey Hills Farm 6 September (BPa) were the earliest to be reported.

Swainson's Thrush – singles at Nettle-roth Sanctuary 27 August (RBo) and at Surrey

Hills Farm 28 August (BPa), and 2 on the Anchorage Trail 29 August (JBe, PB, BPa, JG) were the earliest to be reported. Latest reports were for 1 sw. of Fisherville 18 October (ph. EHu) and a very tardy bird at Bernheim Forest 17 November (ph. DMn) that established a new late departure date for the state.

Wood Thrush – 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 27 October/4 November (BPa, MMo) established a new late departure date for the state.

Gray Catbird – there were several reports of birds lingering into November with the latest being singles at McConnell Springs, Lexington (LT) and Freeman Lake, *Hardin* (BF, BBC), both 2 November; 1 at Central Park, *Boone*, 5 November (LM et al.) and 1 heard at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve, *Oldham*, 13 November (PM, BBC).

American Pipit – 2 at Fishing Creek 5 October (RD) and 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 6 October (DSI, EHu) were the earliest to be reported.

Cedar Waxwing – the species was most numerous and widespread during September and the first half of October, with numbers declining somewhat during November.

Ovenbird – 1 that lingered in a yard near Lyndon, *Jefferson*, to 13 October (JBe, PB) and 1 ne. of Red Hill, *Allen*, 15 October (ABr, Jbb) were the latest to be reported.

Worm-eating Warbler – 1 along Warix Run Boat Dock Road, Cave Run Lake, *Rowan*, 24 September (AN, RD, SHa) was the latest to be reported.

Lawrence's Warbler – a male was reported at Nettle-roth Sanctuary 13 September (†BPi); another bird, either an imm. female Lawrence's or an unknown back-cross, was reported at Walton, *Boone*, 8 September (†TrY).

Brewster's Warbler – there were two reports: 1 near the boat ramp at Snake Creek 30 August (RD) and 1 at Big Bone Lick SP, *Boone*, 3 September (JR)

Golden-winged Warbler – it was likely an unprecedented, season for the species with no less than 60 individuals reported at more than 20 locales. A summary of observations follows: 1 near the boat ramp at Snake Creek 30 August (RD); 1 at Central Ky WMA, *Madison*, 1 September (AN); 1-2 on six dates 2-22 September in addition to 3 on 23 September, all s. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, (MBy, et al.); 2 at Surrey Hills Farm 6/17 September (BPa); 1 at Beargrass Creek SNP, Louisville, 4 September (MK, SW); 1 in *Hart* 6 September (SK); 11 in LBL, *Lyon/ Trigg*, 7-21 September (BLi); 1 at the Lexington Cemetery 8 September (KC); singles at Floyds Fork 8/17 September (EHu/EHu, BBC); singles on the Anchorage Trail 8/9/15 September (JBe, PB, et al.); 1 near Dot, *Logan*, 9 September (FL); 1 along Pleasant Hill Church Road, *Trigg*, 11 September (BLi); at least 9 at Mammoth Cave 13 September (TD) with 2 there 18 September (JBe, PB, BBC) and 1 there 22 September (SK, JK, BA); 1 at McConnell Springs, Lexington, 13 September (LT); 2 at Craigmoor Estates, *Scott*, 14 September (DL, BLA); 1 at Walton, *Boone*, 15 September (TrY); 1 at Henson Park, Danville, *Boyle*, 15 September (ML); 1 at Shaker Village 16 September (ba. KH et al.); 1 in w. *Franklin* 16 September (BPa); 1 along Scott Creek Forestry Road, *Rowan* (AN), and 3 at Caperton Swamp, *Jefferson* (BY, MY), all 17 September; 3 at and near Obion WMA 22 September (EHu, MMo, BPa); and 1 along Zilpo Rd., *Bath*, 24 September (AN, RD, SHa).

Prothonotary Warbler – singles at Obion WMA 22 September (BPa, EHu, MMo) and at Owsley Fork Lake 8 October (AN) were tardy, but 1 along Straight Line Road, *Henderson*, 12 November (†KM) represented a new late departure date by more than a month.

Swainson's Warbler – 1 heard singing at Cumberland Gap National Park, *Bell*, 12 September (†KO, HO) was among the latest ever to be documented in the state.

Tennessee Warbler – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 22 August (JBe, PB) and 2 at Mt.

Zion, *Pulaski*, 28 August (RD) were the earliest to be reported.

Orange-crowned Warbler – 1 at Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski*, 9 September (RD) was exceptionally early; additional reports included 1 at Owsley Fork Lake 6 October (AN); 1 at the Kendall Recreation Area, *Russell*, 16 October (RD); 1 banded at Shaker Village 21 October (KH et al.); 1 at Sauerheber 28/31 October (CC); and 1 at Grassy Pond/Powells Lake 11 November (CC).

Nashville Warbler – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 29 August (JBe, PB, BPa) and 2 at Veterans Park, Lexington, 29 August (TP, SFi) were the earliest to be reported.

Connecticut Warbler – there were three reports: 1 at Floyds Fork 17 September (EHu); 1 on the Anchorage Trail 21 September (PB); and 1 at Nettleroth Sanctuary 21 September (CBs).

Mourning Warbler – it was an especially good season for the species with 12 reports, all being included: 2 on the Anchorage Trail 26/28 August (JBe, PB/JBe, PB, BPa, BA) with 1 there 5 September (JBe, PB, BBC) and 15 September (JBe, PB, CBs); 1 at Jenny Hole/Highland Creek Unit Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*, 31 August (ph. CC); 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 2 September (MBy); 1 in LBL, *Trigg*, 8 September (BLi); 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 9 September (RD); 1 near Green River Lake, *Adair*, 10 September (RD); 1 along Scott Creek Forestry Road, *Rowan*, 17 September (AN); 2 at and near Obion WMA 22 September (BPa, EHu, MMo); and 1 at Seneca Park, Louisville, 2 October (BA).

Common Yellowthroat – 1 at Sauerheber 29 October (BPa, KOS) was the latest to be reported.

Hooded Warbler – 1 at Mammoth Cave 17 October (JBe, PB) was the latest to be reported.

Cape May Warbler – there were an above-average number of reports from scattered locales from Louisville eastward (m. ob.; ebird); 1 at Lexington 27 August (RO) was the earliest to be reported; 1 at Rich-

mond 17-18 October (AN) was the latest to be reported.

Cerulean Warbler – 1 at Gunpowder Creek Nature Park, *Boone*, 10 September (LM) and 2 along Scott Creek Forestry Road, *Rowan*, 17 September (†AN) were quite tardy.

Bay-breasted Warbler – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 25 August (JBe, PB) was the earliest to be reported; 1 at Minor Clark 22 October (BWu) was the latest to be reported.

Blackburnian Warbler – singles at Joe Creason Park, Louisville, 14 August (DSt); at the Alpine Recreation Area, DBNF, *Pulaski*, 18 August (RD); and on the Anchorage Trail 20 August (JBe, PB, CBs) were the earliest to be reported. A tally of 12 at Veterans Park, Lexington, 29 August (TP, SFi) was exceptional. Singles at Lexington 22 October (DCh) and at Richmond 25 October (AN) were the latest to be reported.

Yellow Warbler – singles at Fishing Creek 5 October (RD) and at Owsley Fork Lake 8 October (AN) were the latest to be reported.

Chestnut-sided Warbler – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 22 August (JBe, PB) was the earliest to be reported.

Blackpoll Warbler – there were four reports: 1 at Walton, *Boone*, 9 September (ph. TrY); 1 along FS 193, ne. of Cumberland Falls, DBNF, *Whitley*, 13 September (†KO, HO); 1 along Scott Creek Forestry Road, *Rowan*, 17 September (AN); and 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 12 October (ph. RD).

Black-throated Blue Warbler – reports of presumed migrants at locales away from breeding areas in the se. part of the state included 1 at Craigmoor Estates, *Scott*, 15 September (DL, BLA) and 1 along Scott Creek Forestry Road, *Rowan*, 17 September (AN).

Palm Warbler – singles at Floyds Fork 9 September (EHu, TBe, CBk, ALe) and Jacobson Park 10 September (AN) were the earliest to be reported.

Black-throated Green Warbler – 1 on the Cathy Crockett Trail, *Pulaski*, 19 August (RD) and 2 at Veterans Park, Lexington, 29 August (TP, SFi) were the earliest to be reported.

Canada Warbler – singles at the Alpine Recreation Area, DBNF, *Pulaski*, 18 August (RD), on the Cathy Crockett Trail, *Pulaski*, 19 August (RD), and on the Anchorage Trail 21 August (JBe, PB, CBs) were the earliest to be reported.

Wilson's Warbler – singles on the Anchorage Trail 28 August (JBe, PB, BPa, BA) and at Veterans Park, Lexington (TP, SFi), and at Mt. Zion (RD), both 29 August, were the earliest to be reported.

Yellow-breasted Chat – singles at Doe Run Lake Park, *Kenton*, 24 September (TrY, DMr); at the Lexington Cemetery 30 September (C>); and at Floyds Fork 7 October (EHu, MY) were tardy.

American Tree Sparrow – singles on the Anchorage Trail 17 November (JBe, PB) and at Green River State Forest, *Henderson*, 18 November (CC) were the earliest to be reported.

Clay-colored Sparrow – 2 were reported on the Anchorage Trail 18 October (JBe, PB). KBRC review required.

Vesper Sparrow – 1 in *Hart* 23 September (†SK) and at least 1 at Obion WMA 24 September (MY, BY) were quite early; other reports of interest included singles at Stoney Creek Subdivision, Richmond, 8 October (AN) with 3 there 19 October (AN) and 5 there 24 October (AN); 1 at Cedar Creek Lake 10 October (AN); 6 along Straightline Road, *Henderson*, 29 October (BPa, KOS); several at Spindletop 29 October (MT) with 2 there 1 November (DL); 1 at Melco 29 October (MY); and 1 at Minor Clark 30 October (SHa).

Lark Sparrow – there were two reports: an imm. at the Louisville landfill 4 August (RA) and 1 at Travis WMA, *Carlisle*, 14 August (BPa, EHu, AN).

Savannah Sparrow – singles at two locations near Richmond 6 September (AN)

and 10 September (AN, MBu) were relatively early.

Grasshopper Sparrow – 1 at Stoney Creek Subdivision, Richmond, 4/8/15 October (AN et al.) and 1 at Melco 30 October (ph. MY) were the latest to be reported.

Henslow's Sparrow – a juv. in the company of ads. ne. of Red Hill, *Allen*, 28 August (TBr, ABr, JH, MHo, et al.) confirmed breeding in the county for the first time; 1 at Sauerheber 22 October (SHa, AN, BPa, et al.) and 1-2 ne. of Red Hill, *Allen*, 24-25 October (ABr, JBb, JBy, TBr) were the latest to be reported.

Le Conte's Sparrow – singles at Sauerheber 22/29 October (BPa et al./BPa, KOS) and ne. of Red Hill, *Allen*, 13 November (†ABr, JH, EHo, JBb) were the only ones reported.

Nelson's Sparrow – 1 at Melco 26 September (ph. MC) was the only one reported.

Fox Sparrow – 1 heard at Surrey Hills Farm 4 October (BPa) and 1 at Minor Clark 22 October (BWu) were the earliest to be reported.

Lincoln's Sparrow – a tally of 7 at the Pumphrey Tract of the Buck Creek Nature Preserve, *Pulaski*, 12 October (RD) represented the season's peak count. One at Minor Clark 12 November (BWu) was the latest to be reported.

Swamp Sparrow – 1 at Green River State Forest, *Henderson*, 27 September (CC) was the earliest to be reported.



Blue Grosbeak, *Henderson*
31 October 2011
Charlie Crawford

White-throated Sparrow – 1-5 at five scattered locales 2 October (m. ob.; ebird) were the earliest to be reported.

White-crowned Sparrow – 1 at Mark, *Pulaski*, 1 October (CN) and 2 at Sauerheber 3 October (CC) were the earliest to be reported.

Dark-eyed Junco – 1 at Sauerheber 3 October (CC) was the earliest to be reported.

Scarlet Tanager – 1 at Beargrass Creek SNP, Louisville, 14 October (GH, MA, DSt) was the latest to be reported.



Rose-breasted Grosbeak, *Fayette*
21 November 2011
Don Chestnut

Rose-breasted Grosbeak – 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 6 September (BPa) was the earliest to be reported; 1 ne. of Red Hill, *Allen*, 23 October (JBy, TBr) and a very tardy bird in a Lexington yard 21-23 November (ph. DCh) were the latest to be reported.

Blue Grosbeak – an active nest at Schoch, *Logan*, contained 3 eggs 23 August (STy); a tardy bird at Sauerheber 31 October (ph. CC) established a new late departure date for the state.

Indigo Bunting – 2 along West Franklin Road, *Henderson*, 29 October (BPa, KOS) and 1 ne. of Red Hill, *Allen*, 30 October (JBb) were the latest to be reported.

Dickcissel – 1 off Duncannon Road, Richmond, 19/24 October (AN); and 2 at Sauerheber 22 October (BPa et al.) with 1 still there 29 October (BPa, KOS) were the latest to be reported.

- Bobolink** – there were seven reports: a flock of 50 at Spindletop 12 September (DL); 2 at Shaker Village 16 September (BPa); 10 at Victoria Estates, sw. *Scott*, 22 September (LG); 2 at Surrey Hills Farm 29 September (BPa); 1 at Sauerheber 6 October (CC); 8 at Spindletop 8 October (DL, ASK); and 1 ne. of Red Hill, *Allen*, 22 October (JBy, ABr, JBb).
- Rusty Blackbird** – 1 at Jacobson Park 25 October (AN) was the earliest to be reported; other reports of interest included 1 at Honker Bay, LBL, *Lyon*, 1 November (JPo) and ca. 15 at Jenny Hole/Highland Creek Unit Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*, 5 November (CC).
- Orchard Oriole** – singles at Surrey Hills Farm 6 September (BPa) and at Lexington 12 September (RO) were quite tardy.
- Purple Finch** – 1 at Nettletoth Sanctuary 5 October (†GH, DSt, SD, BPi) was quite early; next earliest were 2 at Louisville 28 October (BPa); 1 sw. of Fisherville 28 October (EHu); and 1 at Melco 29-30 October (MY).
- Pine Siskin** – 3 on the Anchorage Trail 21 October (JBe, et al.); singles heard at Douglass Hills, Louisville, 3 November (MY) and at Surrey Hills Farm 6 November (BPa); and 3 along Leatherwood Road, ne. *Menifee*, 13 November (BWu) were the earliest to be reported; additional reports through the remainder of November remained relatively few in number, suggesting that a limited number of birds would be around during the upcoming winter season.

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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2011-2012

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Reports of a 32 counts were received from across the Commonwealth. A total of 137 species was recorded on count days. Twenty-three species were observed on all counts and 18 species were observed on only one count during count days. Four species were added during count weeks (Black Scoter – Russell-Adair County; Long-eared Owl – Paradise, Orange-crowned Warbler – Burlington, and Vesper Sparrow – Ballard County).

Relatively mild temperatures characterized the count period, and most counts experienced better weather conditions than during previous years. The temperature extremes were 14°F for Kleber WMA 3 January and 72°F for Russell-Adair County on 14 December. The average low and high temperatures for the period were 31°F and 47°F, respectively, but it must be recognized that the temperature data are impacted by the bimodal distribution of days counts were conducted during the count period. For example there were eight counts conducted 17 December with few counts in the middle of the count period.

Although conclusions regarding species numbers and population trends demonstrated by Christmas Bird Count data must be interpreted with caution, there are some observations that can be made. Waterfowl numbers were off the norm slightly and down more so compared with last year. The mild weather may have contributed to this reduction in numbers. Wild Turkey and Northern Bobwhite numbers continue to hold steady. Pied-billed Grebes were present in greater numbers than the previous two years, and American White Pelican numbers continued to increase substantially. American Coot numbers continued to decline. Gull numbers were off slightly while numbers for all owls were up slightly. The number of American Robins tends to fluctuate greatly from year to year and is probably related to the presence or absence of berries. European Starling numbers continued to increase as did Yellow-rumped Warbler numbers. Most sparrow numbers were off compared with last year, but similar to the year before. There was more snow last year than this year, and the fluctuations in numbers may have to do with the level of feeding activity (i.e., less feeding, less likely to be observed). Many experienced windy conditions, which would keep sparrows in cover. The number of Common Grackles was up significantly this year whereas the totals of Purple Finches and House Finches were down. Given the milder weather, some unusual reports of lingering species might be expected, and interesting finds included a Green Heron (Somerset), four Rufous Hummingbirds (Glasgow [2], Olmstead and Somerset), a Barn Swallow (Bowling Green), a White-eyed Vireo (Louisville), a House Wren (London), five Gray Catbirds (Bowling Green, Bernheim Forest, and Louisville [3]), a Common Yellowthroat (Somerset), two Lincoln's Sparrow (Land Between the Lakes and Richmond), and an Indigo Bunting (Eastern Allen County). Other rarities included a Red-necked Grebe (Green River Lake), a Virginia Rail (Paradise), a Lesser Black-backed Gull (Land Between the Lakes), a Northern Saw-whet Owl (Burlington), two Le Conte's Sparrows (Paradise), and a Western Meadowlark (Ballard County).

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 at junction KY 358 and Stove Corner Road; 37.12284°N, -088.9518°W). Habitat as described in 1984. Jan. 2; 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST; Sky clear to partly cloudy; temp. 38° to 24°F; wind WNW, 5-30 m.p.h. Water open.

Two observers in one party. Total party-hours 10 (5 on foot, 5 by car). Total party-miles 53 (1 on foot, 52 by car). Hours owling, 0.5. Total species 92; total individuals 19,663.

Observers: Eddie Huber and Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler).

Some scheduling snafus including flooding on the Ohio River delayed the count until early January. Despite the incessant strong winds of the count day, the single party was able to tally 92 species. Partly cloudy conditions prevailed. Twenty species of waterfowl were tallied, including about 2000 Greater White-fronted Geese, two Ross's Geese, and three Greater Scaup. Other highlights included at least four calling American Woodcocks, a Chipping Sparrow, a Western Meadowlark (east of Needmore), and two Brewer's Blackbirds. Notable misses included Northern Harrier and Cooper's Hawk. Red-headed Woodpeckers were present in average numbers in the bottomland forests, however, the soft mast crop (most notably poison ivy and sugarberry/hackberry fruits) was apparently absent, making for low counts of berry-eating species. Two Vesper Sparrows were observed within the count circle two days prior to the count day by Kelly McKay.

Calloway County (all points within a 15 mile diameter circle, center Douglas Cemetery; 36.5984°N, -88.1958°W). Habitat: 20% lake shoreline and streams, 35% open fields, 30% residential, and 15% deciduous and pine woods. Jan 3; 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 23° to 36°F; wind SW, 8-14 m.p.h. Water partly frozen.

Seven observers in five parties. Total party-hours 33 (13 on foot, 20 by car). Total party-miles 243 (11 on foot, 232 by car). Total species 80; total individuals 5,917.

Observers: Hap Chambers (compiler), Kathy Cohen, Melissa Easley, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Carrie Szwed, and Aviva Yasgur.

Land Between the Lakes (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Pisgah Creek, one-quarter mile west of the Trace; 36.9333°N, -88.1167°W). Habitat as described in 1984 in *American Birds*. Dec. 17; 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky foggy in the a.m., especially over lakes, clearing by 9:00 a.m. The rest of the morning was sunny (less than 25% cloud cover). It was clear in the afternoon with less than 25% cloud cover; temp. 25° to 45°F; wind, WSW and W, 0-8 m.p.h.

Twenty-five observers in 9 parties. Total party-hours 50.0 (12.5 on foot, 37.5 by car). Total party-miles 418.0 (9.0 on foot, 409.5 by car). Total species 87; total individuals 11,047.

Observers: Dan Allison, Hap Chambers, J. David Chiles, Mary Couillard, Melissa Easley, Don Forster, Donald Gladis (feeder watcher), Mary Gladis, (feeder watcher) Willard Gray, Tom Funk, Brook Gilley, Heather Knight, Bill Lisowski, Paula Lisowski, Andrea Merimee, Alyssa Parker, John Pollpeter, Elizabeth Raikes, Sabra Richards, Darrin Samborski, Mary Schmidt, Carrie Szwed, Josh Szwed, Joy Tamminga, and Aviva Yasgur (compiler).

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Land Between the Lakes count making 2011 another successful year here in western Kentucky! Although a few of our long-time regular participants were unable to make it this year, we still had a great level of participation, with 25 observers taking part. And thanks to the gorgeous weather, we had a very enjoyable day in the field!

Bird-wise, our numbers were a bit lower than usual this year, with a total of 87 species and 11,047 individual birds (the Land Between the Lakes count usually totals over 90 species.) One factor that may have affected the numbers was the high water level in the lakes. The water levels on Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake were unusually high for this

time of year (close to summer pool levels), making shoreline habitat in the LBL count area very different from most years. Areas that typically have exposed mudflats and sandbars during the winter were submerged, reducing this type of habitat. The water had gone down a bit from its high-water mark that occurred about a week before the count, but it was still unusually high for winter.

As far as the birds observed this year, we saw our typical mixture of both aquatic and terrestrial species; however, there were several points worth noting. Birds seen in higher than usual numbers included Pied-billed Grebe, American White Pelican (that seem to have become a fixture here on Lake Barkley during winter), Black Vulture, Northern Cardinal, and Eastern Meadowlark. There were also several species with lower than usual numbers: Gadwall, Bufflehead, American Coot, White-breasted Nuthatch, and American Robin. A couple of unusual sightings were a Lesser Black-backed Gull and a Lincoln's Sparrow, both observed at Barkley Dam. Some of the conspicuously missing species included Wood Duck, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Redhead, and Northern Bobwhite.

Sorgho (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Hwy. 279-S and Audubon Parkway intersection; 37.76297°N, -87.23086°W). Habitat: farms, corn stubble, State Park trails, bottomland, some flooded, lake, river, sloughs, woods, city parks and streets. Jan. 1; 5:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky cloudy and windy in the morning, sunny in the afternoon; temp. 45° to 48°F; wind 10-30 m.p.h. No rain.

Eighteen observers in ten parties. Total party-hours 37.75 (9.00 on foot, 28.75 by car). Total party-miles 265.6 (8.6 on foot, 257.0 by car). Total species 72; total individuals 38,066.

Observers: Judy Adams, Pat Augenstein, David Ayer, Mike Brown, Henry Conner, Brenda Eaden, Tony Eaden, Mike Henshaw, Mary Ann Hoskins, Janet Howard (compiler), Ken Hurm, Mary Kissel, Bill Little, Brenda Little, Marilee Thompson, Frances Tichenor, Lynn Tichenor, and Carolyn Williams.

Seventy-two species is the highest number recorded since I started compiling the count in 1996; previous count totals have varied from 40 to 56. Our local Audubon Society Chapter had a refresher bird identification meeting presented by Scott Harp who reviewed the CBC's from the last few years and concentrated on what is usually seen here in winter and what we had not been finding on the local counts. We also had some hard working birders on January 1, 2012.

Olmstead (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at the junction of Ky 1041 and Ky 1151; 36.81673°N, -86.89357°W). Habitat: circa 75% of the area is cultivated farmland. The remainder includes blocks of deciduous woods, fencerows, pasture, grown-up fields, developed areas and open water. Dec. 31; 6:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., with one hour of owling. Sky clear, with some clouds in the afternoon; temp. 35° to 57°F; wind, calm to S, 3-4 m.p.h. A pleasant almost balmy day.

Five observers in three parties most of the day. Total party-hours 27.75 (11.00 on foot, 16.75 by car). Total party-miles 223.0 (6.9 on foot, 216.1 by car). Total species 67; total individuals 8,174.

Observers: Michael Autin, Mark Bennett (compiler), Gerald Heath, Frank Lyne, and David Roemer with Alison Lyne as feeder watcher.

Highlights of the 19th consecutive Olmstead count included count firsts for Bufflehead (single female), Merlin (single female), and Rufous Hummingbird (previously banded by Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.). Record count numbers were tallied for Black Vulture (63), Carolina Wren (49), and Savannah Sparrow (47). There were nice numbers of Great Horned Owl (7), Eurasian Collared-Dove (24), and Lapland Longspur (42) and a record number of parties (3) and a tie for the record high number of participants. On the down side, the known resident Barn Owl was missed again.

Paradise (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Hopewell Cemetery in southern Ohio County; 37.27755°N, -086.95868°W). Habitat as described in 1993. Jan. 1; 5:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Sky variably cloudy to partly cloudy; temp. 57° to 35°F; wind W, 5-35 m.p.h. Water open.

Six observers in four parties. Total party-hours 39.0 (14.5 on foot, 24.5 by car). Total party-miles 228.5 (8.5 on foot, 220.0 by car). Hours owling: 2.0. Total species 79; total individuals 73,981.

Observers: Michael Autin, Colleen Becker, Tom Becker, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), and Barbara Woerner.

A strong west wind that howled all day made for very difficult birding conditions. The species total (78) was below average, at least in part due to the windy conditions. Raptor totals continue to be well below the numbers present during the first ten years of the count. Highlights included two Bald Eagles, a Virginia Rail (heard calling from a marsh in Muhlenberg County), three calling American Woodcocks, and at least two LeConte's Sparrows on the former Gibraltar Mine in Muhlenberg County. A freshly killed Long-eared Owl was found along a road in Muhlenberg County, making for an unfortunate count-week addition to the list. Berry-eaters were present in average numbers. Several thousand additional unidentified blackbirds going to a 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; 36.9159°N, -86.4359°W). Habitat: deciduous woods 20%, fields and pastures 60%, and town and parks 20%. Dec. 18; 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 27° to 53°F; wind SSW 0-6 m.p.h.

Seven observers in three parties. Total party-hours 25.25 (6.25 on foot, 19.0 by car). Total party-miles 212.5 (6.0 on foot, 206.5 by car). Total species 73; total individuals 5,106.

Observers: David Brown, Valerie Brown, Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Wayne Mason, Albert Meier, David Roemer, Bruce Schulte, and Matthew Wood.

The Barn Swallow, observed by David Roemer and David Brown at Petros Pond, was an interesting find. Pictures were taken.

Western Allen County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center ½ mile west of jct. KY 2136 (Towe Road) and Shores Road; 36.71278°N, -86.34689°W). Habitat: 35% woodland; 30% harvest crop fields; 20% open pastureland; 10% fallow fields (CREP); 5% brushy fencerows; weedy wood edges, etc. Dec. 31: 6:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST. Sky clear; temp. 33° to 65°F; wind mostly calm. Water open.

Twelve observers in six parties. Total party-hours: 25 (19 on foot, 6 by horse and buggy). Total party-miles 21 (5 on foot, 16 by horse and buggy). Hours owling: 1.5. Total species 64, 5020 individuals.

Observers: Jamin Beachy (compiler), Abraham Brubaker, Jennifer Brubaker, John David Brubaker, Timothy Brubaker, Wilbur Gingerich, Ethan Hoover, Jamin Hoover, Justin Hoover, Philemon Hoover, Jerome Martin, and Allen Shirk.

Eastern Allen County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Holland, Ky., Post Office; 36.69887°N, -086.06928°W. Habitat as described in 2011. Dec. 24; 5:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. Mostly clear; temp. 35° to 45°F; wind mostly calm.

Fifteen observers in five parties. Total party-hours 33 (10 on foot, 23 by horse and buggy). Total party-miles 59 (11 on foot, 48 by horse and buggy). Hours owling: 2.0. Total species 70; 5,680 individuals.

Observers: Jamin Beachy (co-compiler) Makaya Beachy, Matthan Beachy (co-compiler), Abraham Brubaker, Daniel Brubaker, John David Brubaker, Matthew Brubaker,

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Bernheim Forest	Louisville	Shelbyville	Green River Lake	Frankfort	Kleber WMA	Danville	Lexington	Warsaw	Burlington	Falmouth	Richmond	Russell-Adair County	Somerset	Wayne County	London	Cumberland Falls	Total
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4	24	24	9	20	-	18	28	14	9	3	6	4	11	4	5	-	463
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Black-cr. Night-Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Vulture	-	5	41	-	63	19	18	28	149	2	16	4	118	ew	73
Turkey Vulture	1	10	7	6	27	9	26	73	157	30	1	9	48	5	100
Bald Eagle	47	7	32	2	-	2	-	-	3	3	2	1	-	-	2
Northern Harrier	-	2	-	3	7	20	5	1	2	-	-	3	6	-	-
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	-	1
Cooper's Hawk	-	1	1	4	5	4	10	3	1	1	1	4	1	5	3
Sharp-sh./Cooper's Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-shouldered Hawk	5	11	5	-	-	2	1	4	11	-	3	-	4	3	1
Red-tailed Hawk	15	23	20	21	38	21	38	17	17	3	3	28	9	38	7
Rough-legged Hawk	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Kestrel	12	9	10	37	35	17	26	5	30	1	-	18	20	37	15
Merlin	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia Rail	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Coot	100	9	353	12	-	-	60	-	-	-	-	12	-	10	-
Sandhill Crane	-	-	-	140	28	-	30	50	74	39	15	2000	ew	-	250
Killdeer	208	117	17	36	47	1	253	23	52	6	3	25	5	2	30
Least Sandpiper	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wilson's Snipe	1	-	1	-	46	1	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	23	-
American Woodcock	4	-	-	1	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonaparte's Gull	-	460	1751	-	-	-	1	-	-	55	-	-	30	-	1
Ring-billed Gull	60	795	857	7	-	-	2	-	144	273	-	-	-	-	4
Herring Gull	1	23	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forster's Tern	-	6	ew	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock Pigeon	135	9	60	115	13	21	583	59	131	22	-	74	1	60	-
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1	7	-	61	24	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Mourning Dove	200	111	41	185	546	52	463	154	263	37	14	144	60	682	103
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	-	2	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-
Great Horned Owl	-	-	-	2	7	2	1	2	4	-	-	5	1	1	-
Barred Owl	1	1	4	1	-	2	-	4	5	-	1	2	3	3	1
Short-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
No. Saw-whet Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rufous Hummingbird	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Belted Kingfisher	1	2	13	2	2	5	3	3	12	-	-	-	3	5	2
Red-headed Woodpecker	31	8	47	1	4	2	1	1	10	-	-	5	5	1	7

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-	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	12
22	55	311	5	122	-	73	249	50	3	38	16	239	162	26	7	3	1917
26	33	90	23	138	-	148	213	26	1	1	-	297	84	100	2	1	1692
1	3	-	3	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	2	118
1	-	cw	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	1	-	62
1	8	2	-	1	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	3	7	-	-	1	39
2	12	3	2	1	-	3	14	1	2	1	2	1	6	3	1	2	100
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8	30	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	4	12	10	18	10	149
23	33	33	9	10	9	57	84	11	10	4	21	23	47	33	8	5	718
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
17	13	30	15	5	5	42	64	12	11	3	42	53	63	37	27	5	716
-	1	-	-	-	-	cw	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1	26	cw	45	-	-	2	52	3	8	-	36	1	9	7	-	-	746
-	217	cw	30	-	23	32	50	30	-	-	55	95	32	179	-	-	3369
4	25	32	27	30	-	30	16	-	1	7	-	12	134	55	31	33	1262
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
-	-	cw	-	-	-	12	1	-	1	-	-	3	7	-	-	-	108
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	16
-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	cw	31	-	1	2437
-	77	-	440	-	-	-	-	1	-	18	-	18	38	31	-	18	2783
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8	907	479	112	138	80	157	422	25	1	20	11	48	281	53	398	15	4438
-	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	2	-	-	132
142	462	328	45	96	8	528	377	45	102	23	101	231	568	305	264	31	6711
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2	15	5	3	7	3	5	18	4	9	1	5	9	13	8	4	1	165
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	7	11	6	-	13	163

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12	88	5	17	29	8	34	40	6	34	7	13	61	64	50	24	29	964
8	11	1	-	2	-	5	9	1	2	1	-	9	6	-	1	1	131
22	99	15	7	38	5	38	61	6	36	8	6	38	43	34	24	17	777
4	16	3	-	5	-	10	7	-	2	3	-	5	11	6	4	6	146
4	28	9	1	10	2	13	22	4	9	4	9	34	34	33	36	8	514
12	12	4	6	2	1	10	5	3	4	1	8	17	10	29	10	18	256
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-	-	4	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	14
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
55	262	30	54	78	33	213	117	18	72	27	34	210	232	199	212	82	3141
175	262	25	84	251	164	155	336	92	127	39	78	360	723	290	777	1062	7121
-	24	53	50	-	-	32	-	-	50	-	-	4	-	4	-	12	1687
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64	294	41	18	112	13	119	240	9	82	15	29	90	160	105	88	88	2104
74	178	35	19	107	10	139	144	10	69	21	28	137	132	117	89	76	2245
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20	64	9	5	31	10	21	43	3	41	3	5	35	48	45	27	39	727
5	21	2	-	13	2	3	11	-	5	2	1	2	6	1	3	4	140
32	149	2	19	64	7	53	57	7	35	9	8	100	103	80	43	35	1340
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	-	1	-	1
3	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	4	2	2	1	4	47
22	22	1	1	10	5	2	35	1	11	7	8	14	26	7	12	13	367
-	4	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	1	2	45
111	32	20	60	25	12	172	78	5	5	6	56	266	283	124	199	69	2498
1	3	1	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	11	7	8	5	7	104
896	675	70	112	444	87	300	739	55	129	701	13	1268	284	628	86	37	8224
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24	69	36	16	18	3	126	83	9	18	1	23	133	125	86	93	22	1237
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1025	2296	1488	3666	760	24	10000	7514	255	348	117	1064	28590	15632	4301	10261	375	130063
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6	5	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	6	-	28	128	8	34	97	104	795
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118	46	3	95	1	1	1	26	12	34	25	6	120	176	141	5	9	1363
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Eastern Towhee	15	37	33	10	13	37	37	67	49	14	14	20	4	22	17
Amer. Tree Sparrow	3	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chipping Sparrow	1	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	ew	-	-	-	-	2	3
Field Sparrow	60	76	18	13	16	47	37	41	58	17	19	4	6	4	7
Savannah Sparrow	12	3	5	-	47	21	3	18	70	-	-	40	70	12	-
Le Conte's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fox Sparrow	10	5	4	-	1	18	10	5	13	-	3	5	-	1	1
Song Sparrow	100	26	23	9	64	115	70	163	325	33	23	65	23	69	16
Lincoln's Sparrow	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swamp Sparrow	25	4	9	4	29	80	25	25	30	-	-	2	2	18	-
White-thr. Sparrow	100	207	142	31	31	160	97	62	288	89	37	19	17	76	34
White-cr. Sparrow	32	42	-	7	28	28	4	33	56	-	-	56	15	52	1
Dark-eyed Junco	110	390	519	52	35	129	58	24	48	27	61	33	39	28	123
Northern Cardinal	80	208	224	116	152	103	103	90	218	22	33	72	79	171	67
Indigo Bunting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-wg. Blackbird	1000	45	74	1261	1468	12500	60	454	353	12	10	930	7120	39	30
Eastern Meadowlark	20	55	61	26	128	31	145	90	170	28	-	44	44	103	16
Western Meadowlark	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rusty Blackbird	60	3	6	101	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	530	-	35	-
Brewer's Blackbird	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	17	-
Common Grackle	5000	3	94	27449	762	50850	1	1864	58	-	-	33	1	815	-
Brown-hd. Cowbird	50	-	-	1651	113	35	70	12	8	15	-	12	-	124	-
Purple Finch	-	6	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	1	1
House Finch	1	20	2	20	46	2	7	8	8	3	-	1	1	62	-
American Goldfinch	15	87	49	62	121	313	80	132	240	10	16	70	29	53	39
House Sparrow	35	28	39	218	136	34	36	29	54	24	-	40	15	215	28
Day of Count	J02	J03	D17	J01	D31	J01	D18	D31	D24	J02	D19	D17	D18	D23	D29
Number of Species	92	80	87	72	67	79	73	64	70	53	45	63	71	73	61
Number of Individuals	19663	5917	11047	38066	8174	73981	5106	5020	5680	2124	627	11109	15794	10312	3591
Number of Observers	2	7	25	18	5	6	7	12	15	2	2	11	7	6	10

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25	30	1	6	3	5	7	15	6	33	27	7	56	43	29	16	6	704
-	11	-	-	12	-	-	1	4	32	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	76
-	12	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	cw	-	-	2	3	19	5	2	65
38	41	4	18	10	-	83	11	3	19	17	36	174	100	62	64	21	1124
-	7	3	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	-	20	-	-	351
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2	8	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	3	9	1	-	-	105
61	229	30	17	71	39	68	106	27	43	18	54	83	170	102	62	32	2336
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
20	54	-	26	6	2	10	15	-	4	1	1	11	15	10	1	2	431
78	408	16	57	74	6	94	332	20	70	50	51	129	148	108	42	58	3131
80	25	92	7	45	7	86	37	9	6	1	4	4	30	41	24	-	854
269	287	10	37	71	-	79	94	20	42	43	2	55	168	76	98	159	3186
205	687	102	61	190	37	348	314	42	136	62	54	328	425	174	202	87	5192
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
2	19	-	5	4	2	-	12	-	13	32	53	25	200	35	-	-	25758
10	2	60	8	1	-	56	11	-	5	3	2	95	77	76	20	cw	1387
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	2	cw	-	-	-	712
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102
-	7	1	-	12	-	82	3	-	-	-	7	23	5522	-	-	-	92587
-	1	-	-	-	-	150	-	-	9	1	-	1	99	-	50	-	2401
2	-	cw	15	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	24	2	-	-	-	-	66
10	136	24	-	35	-	64	89	5	20	-	13	26	92	16	16	2	729
138	249	69	24	82	51	206	178	42	71	45	71	85	147	72	55	20	2921
15	132	44	5	54	-	137	203	16	15	3	41	66	94	86	144	3	1989
D26	D18	D26	D28	D17	J03	D17	D17	D17	D31	J02	D17	D14	D31	J05	D28	D17	
59	89	56	65	53	35	68	80	49	65	51	55	82	77	76	64	59	
4313	11182	4022	5567	3569	722	14429	13972	1116	2250	1473	2485	34148	27709	8746	13868	2729	
11	34	18	4	11	2	25	40	3	11	2	8	8	13	7	11	5	

Stephen Brubaker, Timothy Brubaker, Noah Glick, Joseph Hoover, Ephraim Mazelin, Michael Mazelin, Peter Mazelin, and Daniel Troyer.

This year we had a very nice count day. The increase in vulture numbers is likely due to the mild weather. Some notable misses were Mallard and Purple Finch. Chipping Sparrows were seen during the count week. The Pine Warbler and Indigo Bunting were good finds; the latter was observed at close range for several minutes in the company of a flock of White-throated and Field sparrows. The number of observers was good; we hope it keeps in-creasing.

Glasgow (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1986; circa. 36.88°N, -86.02°W). Habitat as described in 1986. Jan. 2; 7:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Sky clear in the morning, cloudy from 11:00 a.m. through the afternoon; temp. 29° to 35°F; wind calm in a.m. to WNW 20-30 m.p.h. in the afternoon. Early morning fog was thick. It lifted by 8:30 a.m.

Two observers in one party plus two feeder-watchers. Total party-hours 8.75 (5.00 on foot, 3.75 by car). Total party-miles 57.8 (6.0 on foot, 561.8 by car). Total species 53; total individuals 2,124.

Observers: Wayne M. Mason (compiler), Matthew Wood, Lew Young, and Ruth Young.

Circumstances beyond the compiler's control forced an impromptu count at a date later than usual. Gusty winds later in the day made for difficult waterfowl observations and forced other birds to seek protection in wind-sheltered pockets of brush and thickets. The Eurasian Collared-Dove was noteworthy for this count. The Youngs observed both of their Rufous Hummingbirds on count day.

Mammoth Cave National Park (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Park Headquarters; 37.18644°N, -86.1101°W). Habitat as described in 1980. Dec. 19; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 41° to 59°F; wind SSW 13 m.p.h.

Two observers in two parties. Total party-hours 12.5 (4.0 on foot, 8.5 by car). Total party-miles 103.5 (7.0 on foot, 96.5 by car). Total species 45; total individuals 627.

Observers: Blaine Ferrell (compiler) and Wayne Mason.

Hart County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center corner of Craddock Road and Jagers Lane; 37.28352°N, -85.83795°W). Habitat: rural fields and forests; one large (Hundred-Acre) pond, and Green River. Dec. 17; 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 25° to 43°F; wind few light gusts.

Eleven observers in two party. Total party-hours 17 (6 on foot, 11 by car). Total party-miles 95 (4 on foot, 91 by car). Total species 63; total individuals 11,109.

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

Very high numbers of Sandhill Cranes (2000) and Rusty Blackbirds (530) were seen; 40 Savannah Sparrows and 56 White-crowned Sparrows were also new high numbers for the count, and American Coot was a new species for the count. Big misses were Belted Kingfisher, Red-shouldered Hawk, and Wood Duck.

Upton (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 0.5 miles south of Hilltop, eastern Grayson County; 37.38964°N, -86.1137°W). Habitat: woodland, farmland, river and Nolin Reservoir. Dec. 18; 4:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 27° to 53°F. Sunny all day.

Seven observers in two parties. Total party-hours 12.5 (3.0 on foot, 9.5 by car). Total party-miles 110 (1 on foot, 109 by car). Total species 71; total individuals 15,794.

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

Beautiful weather made for an enjoyable day birding, and the count total of 71 tied the previous record from last year. Palm Warblers were seen for the first time, and record numbers of Savannah Sparrows, Red-headed Woodpeckers, and Bonaparte's Gulls were observed. A small flock of Brewer's Blackbirds has been regular for the past several years. At the end of the day two Short-eared Owls were observed hunting over the fields.

Hodgenville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center courthouse square in downtown Hodgenville; 37.57375°N, -85.74038°W). Habitat as described in 2011. Dec. 23; 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sky mostly to partly cloudy; temp. 37° to 44°F; wind calm. Very light rain shower at dawn, then mostly to partly cloudy with frequent intermittent light rain from about 3:00 p.m. until dark.

Six observers in three parties. Total party-hours 30.0 (7.5 by foot 22.5 by car). Total party-miles 220 (5 on foot, 215 by car). Total species 73, total individuals 10,313.

Observers: Brooks Atherton, Lyn Atherton, David Brown, Chrissy Deutsch, David Roemer, and Barbara Woerner (compiler).

This is our highest total to date for this count. Highlights included 17 Brewer's Blackbirds (DB, DR), 23 Wilson's Snipe, 1 Red-headed Woodpecker (CD, BW), and 2 Chipping Sparrows (B&LA). Mild weather contributed to decreased numbers of winter sparrows, Horned Larks, and the absence of Northern Harriers.

Otter Creek Park (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center just west of the jct. KY 1238 and Pack Lane, about two miles southwest of the Park entrance; 37.91409°N, -86.069836°W. Habitat as described in 2001. Dec 29; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 34° to 55° F; wind SW, 5-25 m.p.h. Water open.

Ten observers in three to four parties. Total party-hours 24.0 (10.5 on foot, 13.5 by car). Total party-miles 176 (7 on foot, 169 by car). Total species 61; total individuals 3,591.

Observers: Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Dick Dennis, Kathy Dennis, Bill Friel, Eddie Huber, Mark Lawrence, Charlie Logsdon, Del Striegel, and Barbara Woerner. Non-participating compiler: Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

The species total (61) was below average for this count. The day was relatively mild, but breezy. Highlights included a Red-breasted Merganser and a Bonaparte's Gull on Doe Valley Lake, a good number of both species of vulture, some overflying Sandhill Cranes, and a Pine Warbler.

Bernheim Forest (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Forest tower, 2.75 mi. SE of Forest entrance; 37.902405°N, -085.62752°W). Habitat as described in 1974. Dec 26; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 28° to 45° F; wind SE, 0-15 m.p.h. Water open.

Eleven observers in four parties. Total party-hours 38 (10 on foot, 28 by car). Total party-miles 216.5 (10.5 on foot, 196.0 by car). Total species 59; total individuals 4313.

Observers: Mary Bill Bauer, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Jim Burka, Dona Coates, Chrissy Deutsch, Eddie Huber, Collis Marshall, David Stewart, Nancy Vance, and Barbara Woerner. Non-participating compiler: Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

The species total (59) was below average for this count. Highlights of the day included a Horned Grebe on Lake Nevin, an adult Bald Eagle, and a Gray Catbird near Cedar Grove. Golden Eagle was missed on this count for the first time in many years, perhaps due to the mild weather during December. Natural food supplies appeared to be below average, so berry-eating species were not present in large numbers, and flocks of ground foraging birds were relatively scarce.

Louisville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Jct. hwy 42 and 22; 38.2813°N, -85.63481°W). Habitat as described in 1972. Dec. 18; 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 27° to 53°F; wind SSW, 9 m.p.h.

Thirty-four observers in 13 parties. Total party-hours 87.25 (57.5 on foot, 29.75 by car). Total party miles 310.4 (38.4 on foot, 272.0 by car). Hours at feeders 4.5 with three

feeder watchers. 1.25 hours owling over 2.1 miles. Total species 89; total individuals 11,182.

Observers: Tom Ackerson, Win Ahrens, Ryan Ankeny, Tom Becker, Jane Bell and Pat Bell (compilers), Carol Besse, Ren Bilkey, Wanda Bilkey, Carl Bochmann, Dona Coates, Colleen Craven-Becker, Wes Cunningham, Jane Fender, Bill Friel, Bree Furfie, Rod Goforth, Charles Hatten, Gerald Heath, Bob Johnson, Frank Krull, John Krull, Rob Lane, Carol McAllister, Paul McAllister, Kelsey McKune, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., Michael Riggs, Tim Ritter, David Stewart, Jonathan Valente, Nancy Vance, Major Waltman, and Barbara Woerner.

It was a clear and sunny day for the Louisville CBC. The thirty-four observers totaled 89 species which was good because several species of ducks were missed due to the high water on the Ohio River. Highlights included 2 Blue-winged Teal, 3 Gray Catbirds, a White-eyed Vireo, 3 Brown Thrashers and several flocks of Sandhill Cranes totaling 217. The Ross's Goose was found in the Indiana portion of the count circle. Thanks to all the observers on the Louisville CBC.

Shelbyville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center three-quarters of a mile south of U.S. 60 and Guist Creek Lake on KY 714; 38.18997°N, -85.14535°W. Elevation: 640–1190 ft. Habitat: farmland, fallow land, suburban, wooded and grassland. Dec. 26; 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky mostly clear; temp. 30° to 44°F; wind 5-20 m.p.h. Water open.

Eighteen observers in seven parties. Total party-hours 38 (9 on foot, 29 by car). Total party-miles 319 (9 on foot, 310 by car). Hours owling; 1.0. Total species 56; total individuals 4022.

Observers: Gus Brown, Heather Brown, Horace Brown (compiler), Joan Brown, Luke Brown, Savannah Brown, Sean Brown, Todd Brown, Zachary Brown, Cathy King, Karen Quinn, Michael Reichart, Walt Reichart, Anna Schindler, David Schindler, Amy Scrogam, Jerry Scrogam, and Benton Young.

Lack of inclement weather to the north created a shortage of migratory movement in our area.

Green River Lake (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Taylor County; 37.17541°N, -085.22041°W). 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. 28; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky mostly sunny; temp. 29° to 45°F; wind 0-10 m.p.h., mostly calm.

Four observers in three parties. Total party-hours 19.0 (7.5 on foot, 11.5 by car). Total party-miles 162.00 (3.25 on foot, 158.75 by car). Total species 65; total individuals 5,567.

Observers: Lloyd Curry (compiler), Robert Doty, Eddie Huber, and Richie Kessler.

This was an odd year. The weather was very good but several species commonly found during the count were missing. These included Canada Goose, Ring-necked Duck, Red-headed and Hairy woodpeckers, and Cedar Waxwings. Total numbers across most species were also low. Days before and after the count showed more normal activity. The day of the count was just a quiet day it seems.

Frankfort (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center jct. US 127 and KY 1900; 38.22612°N, -084.85022°W). Habitat as described in 1977. Dec. 17; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 30° to 40°F; wind WSW, 4-15 m.p.h.

Eleven observers in six-seven parties. Total party-hours 29.0 (18.5 on foot, 10.5 by car). Total party-miles 130 (17 on foot, 113 by car). Total species 53; total individuals 3,569.

Observers: Peggy Gould (compiler), Mary Pat Hankla, Scott Hankla, Jeff Jones, Joel Jones, Edwin Shouse, Mary Shouse, Gary Sprandel, Asha Vorisek, Shawchyi Vorisek, and Tim Williams.

Kleber Wildlife Management Area (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center jct. KY 227 and KY 845W at Hesler, Ky.; 38.463335°N, -084.7769°W). Habitat: agricultural, river bottoms, mixed cedar/hardwood woodland. Jan. 3; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 14° to 28°F; wind, 10-20 m.p.h.

Two observers in party. Total party-hours 9 (6 on foot, 3 by car). Total party-miles 39 4 on foot, 35 by car). Total species 35; total individuals 722.

Observers: Jeff Jones (compiler) and Joel Jones.

Danville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Boyle County Courthouse; 37.64634°N, -084.77345°W). Habitat: water edge (15%), urban (10%), cultivated (10%), field/fence (35%), wooded edge (24%), and feeder (6%). Dec. 17; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy in the morning, to partly cloudy in the afternoon; temp. 40° to 52°F; 0-10 m.p.h.

Twenty-five observers in nine parties. Total party-hours 61.5 (13.5 on foot, 48.0 by car). Total party-miles 510.55 (7.85 on foot, 502.70 by car). Total species 68; total individuals 14,429.

Observers: Humphrey Ballou, Jane Brantley, J.P. Brantley (compiler), Granville Cox, Thelma Cox, Rhea Crowley, Stephan Crown-Weber, Neil Eklund, Virginia Eklund, Martha Foster, Bill Garriott, Kate Heyden, Mike Lauer, Ben Leffew, Anne Lubbers, Gail Manning, Jody Metcalf, Preston Miles, Eric Mount, Don Pelly, Rob Pendency, Jami Powell, Jim Roessler, Rose-Marie Roessler, and Charles Vahlkamp.

Lexington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center East Hickman Church on Tates Creek Road; 37.9198°N, -084.4693°W). Habitat: suburban farms, woodlots, water company reservoirs, farm ponds, Kentucky River and cliffs, and bottomland flood plains. Dec. 17; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky partly clear to clear; temp. 30° to 41°F; wind 0-10 m.p.h.

Forty observers in 14 parties. Total party-hours 99.50 (includes 1.5 hours owling, 30.25 by foot, 67.75 by car). Total party-miles 629.30 (includes 15.25 miles of nocturnal owling, 27.50 by foot, 586.55 by car). Total species 80; total individuals 13,972.

Observers: Laura Baird, Tom Barnes, Ramesh Bhatt, Suzanne Bhatt, Thad Bishop, Rose Canon, Katie Clark, Mary Carroll Cooper, John Cox, Montana Cox, Phyllis Deal, Ed Demoll, Chris Demoll, Mike Flynn, Tara Franey, Brenda Franey, Gay Fugate, Jim Hodge Doreen Jezek, Mike King, Alan Kingsland, Terri Koontz, Betsy Lang, David Lang, Judy Lundquist, Betty Maxson (compiler), Kay Neikerk, Jeff Noffsinger, Joe Pulliam, Lou Shain, Marie Sutton, Dave Svetich, Joe Swanson, Ed Talbot, Gretchen Tremoulet, Charles Tremoulet, Jacki Van Willigen, George Weems, Amy Williams, and Bernice Wood.

Warsaw (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Gallatin County Courthouse; 38.78387°N, -84.90227°W). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 17; 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 29° to 40°F; wind N, 0-8 m.p.h. All water open.

Three observers in two parties. Total party-hours 14 (2 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 178 (1 on foot, 177 by car). Total species 49; total individuals 1116.

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

This was our lowest species total since the initial count in 1987. Waterfowl and gull numbers were unusually low. Highlights included a single Black-crowned Night Heron, a flock of Sandhill Cranes, and two adult Bald Eagles.

Burlington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Camp Michaels; 38.94932°N, -084.74624°W). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 31; 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 39° to 42°F; wind SW, 3-17 m.p.h. All water was open.

Eleven observers in five parties. Total party-hours 30 (12 on foot, 18 by car). Total party-miles 179 (7 on foot, 172 by car). Total species 65; total individuals 2,250.

Observers: Linda Altevers, Andrew Baldelli, Joe Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Elaine Carroll, Melissa Desjardin, Ari James, Leila James, Lee McNeely (compiler), Gayle Pille, and Tommy Stephens. Feeder watchers: Carmen Schulte and Ann Weider.

The Northern Saw-whet Owl was found by the Caminiti's and identified by alarm call. The adult Ross's Goose was seen in a small flock of waterfowl near Union.

Falmouth (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Caddo, Ky.; 38.74738°N, -084.24473°W). Habitat as described in 2011. Jan. 2; 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Sky overcast; temp. 25° to 31°F; wind W, 10-16 m.p.h. Occasional snow flurries. Water open.

Two observers in one party. Total party-hours 8.5 (1.0 on foot, 7.5 by car). Total party-miles 93 (1 on foot, 92 by car). Total species 51; total individuals 1473.

Observers: Andrew Baldelli and Lee McNeely (compiler).

Continued construction of a new hydroelectric plant at Meldahl Dam is limiting access to the Ohio River above the dam. Road conditions deteriorated in the late afternoon due to snow.

Richmond (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center circa 0.7 air miles east of jct. US 25 and KY 1983 (White Station Road); 37.6311°N, -084.2638°W). Habitat: fencerows and roadsides (20%), woodland (20%), pasture and open fields (55%), lawns (4%), lakes and ponds (1%). Dec. 17; 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Sky cloudy to partly cloudy; temp. 32° to 38°F; wind calm.

Eight observers in three parties. Total party-hours 17 (5 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 187.0 (6.5 on foot, 180.5 by car). Total species 55; total individuals 2,485.

Observers: David Brown, Jesse Godbald, Adam Heist, Ryan O'Connor, Sabrina McOwen, William Overbeck-Brotz, Gary Ritchison (compiler) and Tammy Ritchison.

Russell-Adair County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center intersection of Owensby Road and Hwy. 3281; 36.96583°N, -85.12167°W). Habitat: mixed and deciduous woodland, pasture fields, streams and lake, mostly rural with a small percentage of urban. Elevation ranges from 530 to 1140 feet above sea level. Dec. 14; 12:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. Sky dense morning fog, afternoon clear; temp. 42° to 72°F; wind SSW, 0-20 m.p.h. All water open and no precipitation.

Eight observers in four parties. Total party-hours 26.75 (3.75 on foot, 23.00 by car). Total party-miles 291.25 (1.25 on foot, 290.00 by car). Plus 7 night hours with 36 miles. Total species 82; total individuals 34,148.

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

Somerset (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center junction of Bypass Hwy. 80 and Hwy 39; 37.10246°N, -84.60379°W). Habitat as described in 2000. Dec. 31; 5:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Sky clear with only a few clouds early morning; temp. 41° to 57°F; wind SSW, 0-8 m.p.h. All water open.

Thirteen observers in six parties. Total party-hours 53.0 (9.5 by foot, 43.5 by car). Total party-miles 429.0 (4.0 on foot, 425.0 by car). Total species 77; total individuals 27,709.

Observers: Wendy Allen, Judy Brant, Rhonda Bryant, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Gay Hodges, James Kiser, Scott Marsh, Charlene Marrinan, Linda McClendon, Arlene Morton, and Stephen Stedman. Feeder watchers: Evelyn Coldiron, Julie Denton, Grace Floyd, Evelyn Garrett, Susan Huffman, Dottie Kinnamon, Danny Kiser, Mary Moss, Joe Richards, and Hazel Spears.

Wayne County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center jct. Hwy 1275 and Hwy 3106; 36.8972°N, -84.8215°W). Habitat as described in 2004. Jan. 5; 5:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 27°F to 52°F; wind variable, 0-10 m.p.h. All water open.

Seven observers in five parties. Total party-hours 46.00 (7.25 on foot, 38.75 by car). Total party-miles 325 (4 on foot, 321 by car). Total species 76; total individuals 8,746.

Observers: Al Bearsley, Terry Campbell, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Bret Kuss, Arlene Morton, and Stephen Stedman.

London (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Route 3432 and US 25; 37.13546°N, -84.0963°W). Habitat: 50% pasture, hayfields; 45% forested; 1% cultivated; 1% lakes, ponds streams; 2% fencerows, residential yards; 1% roads. Dec. 28, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky mostly cloudy in the morning and mostly sunny in the afternoon; temp. 34° to 46°F; wind W, 3-10 m.p.h.

Eleven observers in four parties. Total party-hours 38.0 (4.5 on foot, 33.5 by car). Total party-miles 374.5 (0.5 on foot, 374.0 by car). Total species 64, total individuals 13,868.

Observers: Winona Allen, Michell Cauffman, Granville Cox (compiler), Thelma Cox, Steve Denton, Roseanna Denton, Arlene Morton, Allennie Oakley, Marie Oakley, Tucker Oakley, and Carlo Shivel.

Cumberland Falls (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center upper Bark Camp Creek; 36.8900°N, -84.2611°W). 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 Cumberland River/Lake Cumberland and its riparian forest.

Dec. 17; 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky overcast in the morning to partly cloudy by late afternoon; temp 33° to 42°F; wind NNW, 0-5 m.p.h.

Five observers in three parties. Total party-hours 27.27 (7.45 on foot, 19.42 by car). Total party-miles 227 (4 on foot, 223 by car.) Total species 59; total individuals 2,729.

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

FIELD NOTE

First Kentucky Record of Parasitic Jaeger

On the afternoon of 10 September 2011, David Roemer observed at least one and possibly two juvenile jaegers (*Stercorarius* sp.) on Barren River Lake, Allen/Barren counties. Before the end of the day, he confirmed the presence of a juvenile Long-tailed Jaeger (*S. longicaudus*); the bird was also seen by Aaron Hulsey.

The following day, several observers covered the lake in search of the Long-tailed Jaeger. During the morning hours of 11 September 2011, David and Aaron, along with Ben and Mary Yandell, and Eddie Huber, refound the Long-tailed and confirmed the presence of a second jaeger, this one a juvenile Parasitic Jaeger (*S. parasiticus*). During most of the rest of the day, both birds remained in close proximity to one another, allowing for close approach by boat and, thus, excellent study of field characters differentiating the two species.

At a distance and when not in the presence of another bird for comparison, the identity of juvenile and basic plumaged jaegers is often quite difficult to determine with certainty in the field. However, with close views, and especially while being able to directly compare field marks, these two birds were easily distinguishable. As noted above, both individuals were juveniles and both would be considered to be "light morphs" with color of the head and underparts noticeably paler than the back. The Long-tailed was noticeably smaller than the Parasitic. It was more coal gray in body plumage color, and the edgings to most of the upper body and flight feathers were distinctly pale gray or whitish, although the edges on the tips of the flight feathers were quite narrow. In contrast, the Parasitic was slightly larger, much warmer brown in body color, and the edgings of the upper body and flight feathers were distinctly buff in color and much more apparent than the edgings of the Long-tailed's feathers were. In addition, the bill of the Long-tailed, was a bit shorter than that of the Parasitic, was blackish on the distal half; the bill of the Parasitic was blackish on only the distal third and the gonydeal angle was present farther out near the tip. With study, the length and shapes of the tips of the inner pair of tail feathers (rectrices) could be clearly discerned. The Long-tailed had inner rectrices that were noticeably longer than the others

and distinctly blunt tipped; the central rectrices of the Parasitic Jaeger were shorter and obviously pointed at the tip (see left and right photos below, respectively). In flight, anywhere from one to two outer primary shafts showed much white on the Long-tailed, while about four or five outer primary shafts on the Parasitic were largely whitish. Also, the amount of “white flash” in the inner primaries of the Long-tailed was noticeably less than the similar portion of the inner primaries of the Parasitic. Several other more subtle characters were also different and enumerated in a series of photographs published on the internet (K.O.S. 2011). Field marks that eliminated Pomarine Jaeger (*S. pomarinus*) from consideration included the shapes of the central rectrices, the overall tone of body color, the presence of obvious pale edgings on upperpart and flight feathers, and the presence of light streaking on the nape (for the Parasitic).

Over the course of the next two days, both jaegers were present on Barren River Lake and observed by 15-20 additional people. The birds continued to allow close approach by boat, and a number of excellent images were obtained of both (see front & back covers).

On the morning of 14 September 2011, Hap Chambers and David Roemer returned to the lake to look for the birds by boat. During their visit, they again found both jaegers present, but the Parasitic was not observed flying and did not appear to be in good health. Hap and David made the decision to capture the bird and take it to a rehabilitator in hopes that they might be able to treat the bird. A rehabilitator was located who was willing to care for it. Other than finding it to be malnourished, nothing could be determined to be wrong with it. After about a week’s care, the bird appeared healthy enough to be released, and it was taken to the Ohio River and successfully released.

These observations represent the first for Parasitic Jaeger and the second for Long-tailed Jaeger in Kentucky. No particular weather events had occurred to explain the appearance of the birds on Barren River Lake, and it must be assumed that they were simply fall migrants that set down on the reservoir during normal conditions.

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