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## FALL 2014 SEASON

Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., and Lee McNeely

Weather conditions during fall 2014 were somewhat variable. Temperatures during August through October were relatively normal, but November was cooler than normal statewide, with most stations recording a mean temperature about 7°F below normal. The low monthly average was caused in large part due to a several-day period of well below normal temperatures during the middle of the month. Precipitation was much more variable during the season. August was abnormally wet, with major recording stations tallying from more than two times to about three and a half times normal rainfall. In fact, Bowling Green (11.33 in) and Paducah (7.85 in) tallied record amounts of rainfall for the month. In contrast, September trended drier than normal across most of the state, especially in the western half where Bowling Green received about one-tenth normal rainfall. October precipitation then became normal to slightly above normal across most of the state, although Jackson received a record amount (7.77 in). Finally, November ended the four-month period with below normal precipitation statewide.

Rarity highlights included Red-throated Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Roseate Spoonbill, Hudsonian Godwit, Sabine's Gull, Say's Phoebe, and Yellow-headed Blackbird. Irruption winter finches were low in number, with small numbers of Pine Siskins and Purple Finches being the only ones to appear. Red-breasted Nuthatches were nearly absent.

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

**Abbreviations** – County names appear in *italics*; when used to separate dates, the “/” symbol is used in place of “and”; “ba.” next to an observer's initials indicates that the bird was banded; “ph.” next to an observer's initials indicates that the observation was documented with photograph(s); “+” next to an observer's initials indicates that written details were submitted with the report. **Place names:** Adkins Swamp, Sinclair Unit Peabody WMA, Muhlenberg; Anchorage Trail, Jefferson; Barkley Dam, Livingston/Lyon; Barren River Lake, Allen/Barren; Beckley Creek Park, e. Jefferson; Berea, Madison; Blood River = Blood River embayment, Ky Lake, Calloway; Camp #9 = Camp #9 Coal Preparation Plant, Union; Camp #11 = former Camp #11 Mine, Union; Cave Run Lake, Bath/Rowan; Cherokee Park, Jefferson; Clear Creek = Clear Creek embayment, Ky Lake, Marshall; Douglass Hills, e. Jefferson; Falls of the Ohio, Jefferson; Fishing Creek = Fishing Creek embayment of Lake Cumberland, Pulaski; Freeman Lake, Hardin; Glasgow, Barren; Greenville, Muhlenberg; Horseshoe Road, sloughs along Horseshoe Road, w. Henderson; Jacobson Park, Lexington, Fayette; J.J. Audubon SP, Henderson; Jonathan Creek = Jonathan Creek embayment, Ky Lake, Marshall; Ky Dam = Kentucky Dam, Livingston/Marshall; Ky Dam Village = Ky Dam Village SRP, Marshall; Ky Lake = Kentucky Lake, Calloway/Livingston/Lyon/Marshall/Trigg; Lake Linville, Rockcastle; Lake Reba, Madison; LBL = Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Lyon/Trigg; Lick Creek = Lake Barkley at the mouth of Lick Creek, Lyon; Little River = Little River embayment of Lake Barkley, Trigg; Long Point = Long Point Unit Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Fulton; Lower Hickman Bottoms, w. Fulton; Luzerne Lake, Muhlenberg; Melco = Melco flood retention basin, Jefferson; Meldahl Dam, on the Ohio River, Bracken; Minor Clark = Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, Rowan; nw. of Powderly = Muhlenberg County Rail Trail nw. of Powderly; Owsley Fork Lake, Madison (unless otherwise noted); Pope Lick Park, [formerly Floyds Fork Park], Jefferson; Sauerheber = Sauerheber Unit Sloughs WMA, Henderson; Shaker Village, Mercer; Sinclair = Sinclair Unit Peabody WMA,

*Muhlenberg*; Sledd Creek = Sledd Creek embayment of Ky Lake, *Marshall*; Spindletop Farm = University of Kentucky Spindletop Research Farm, *Fayette*; SNP = State Nature Preserve; SP = State Park; SRP = State Resort Park; Surrey Hills Farm, ne. *Jefferson*; Uniontown Dam, on the Ohio River, *Union*; Waitsboro = Lake Cumberland at Waitsboro Recreation Area, *Pulaski*; Wildcat Creek = Wildcat Creek embayment, Ky Lake, *Calloway*; WMA = Wildlife Management Area; Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell*.

**Greater White-fronted Goose** – 37 over Sauerheber 24 October (BP) and 5 at Camp #11 on 26 October (BP, BBC) were the earliest to be reported; 1000 were at Sauerheber by 14 November (CC) with 2000 there by 30 November (JM). Also of interest were 30 over Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 6 November (MBy).

**Snow Goose** – 20 over the Jenny Hole Unit Sloughs WMA, *Union*, 24 October (KM<sub>i</sub>) were the earliest to be reported; 1000 were at Sauerheber by 12 November (CC) with 6900 there by 23 November (LSg, KM<sub>c</sub>). Also of interest were ca. 50 near Danville, *Boyle*, 13 November (JK<sub>i</sub>).

**Ross's Goose** – there was only one report: 1 along the West Somerset Bypass, *Pulaski*, 17 November (RD).

**Mute Swan** – the family group at Adkins Swamp (2 ads., 2 juvs.) was present 1/28 September (TG, SG).

**Tundra Swan** – 55 were first seen at Sauerheber 14 November (CC) with 150 seen there 28 November (CC). The only other reports were of 40+ on Cave Run Lake 13 November (MWr) and 6 along Uniontown-Mt. Vernon Road, *Union*, 28 November (CC).

**Gadwall** – local peak counts included 75+ at Camp #11 on 24 October (BP, CC); 250 on Barren River Lake 29 October (MBy), 200 at Jonathan Creek (HC) and 530 at Cave Run Lake (BWu), both 6 November; and 250 at Sauerheber 30 November (JM).

**American Wigeon** – 25 at the Madisonville City Park, *Hopkins*, 13 November (BC); 75 at Long Point 21 November (HC); and 36 at Sauerheber 30 November (JM) represented modest peak counts for the season.

**Blue-winged Teal** – 6 at Otter Pond, *Caldwell*, 3 August (BP, MM) appeared to be a family group, perhaps of local origin; ca.

30 were at Camp #11 by 24 August (BP, EH) with 50+ there 30 August (BP et al.), 100+ there 3/5 September (BP/BP, EH, MY, SG, TG), and 150-200 there 16 September (BP, EH). Additional peak counts included 225 at Blood River 14 September (HC) with 245 there 21 September (HC); ca. 75 at Little River 20 September (BP, BWu, TSh); 180 at Jonathan Creek (BWu et al.) and at least 180 on the Mississippi River at Island No. 8, *Fulton*, (BY, ph. MY), both 21 September; 130 at Sauerheber 14 September (CC) with 250 there 4 October (CC); and 200 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 4 October (BL).

**Northern Shoveler** – 7 were at Camp #11 by 24 August (BP, EH) with 35-40 there 24 October (BP, CC); also of interest were ca. 50 at Jacobson Park 6 November (RO).

**Northern Pintail** – 1 at Sauerheber 7/14 September (CC) and 2 at Camp #11 on 16 September (BP, EH) were the earliest to be reported. Also of interest were 10-12 at Jonathan Creek 21 September (BWu, JS, et al.); 6 on the Ohio River at Louisville 13 November (BP et al.); and 20 at Sauerheber 30 November (CC).

**Green-winged Teal** – 1 was at Camp #11 by 3 September (BP) with 10+ there by 16 September (BP, EH) and 120+ there 24 October (BP, CC).

**Canvasback** – 2 on Freeman Lake 6 November (JBa) were the earliest to be reported; 210 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 20 November (BL) represented a modest peak count for the season.

**Redhead** – 5 at Camp #9 on 24 October (BP, CC) were the earliest to be reported. Other reports of interest included 18 on the Ohio River at Louisville 5 November (EH et al.) with 20 there 13 November (BP et al.); and 29 on Lexington Reservoirs #2/#3 on 21 November (RO).

- Ring-necked Duck** – singles on Freeman Lake (AM) and on Owsley Fork Lake (RBa, RFo), both 11 October, were the earliest to be reported; 300 were at Sauerheber by 30 November (JM).
- Greater Scaup** – 3 on Freeman Lake 12 November (EH, BP) and 2 above Uniontown Dam 20 November (CC) were the earliest to be reported.
- Lesser Scaup** – 1 on Lake Linville 1 August (RD) may have summered; 450 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 2 November (HC), 250 on the Ohio River at Louisville 5 November (EH, JBa, et al.), and 160 on Freeman Lake 6 November (JBa) represented local peak counts for the season.
- Surf Scoter** – there were two reports: an imm./female on the Ohio River at Louisville 1 November (BP, MaS, et al.) and 2 imm./females there 13 November (DSt., BP, et al.).
- White-winged Scoter** – there was one report: an imm. male on the Ohio River at Louisville 13 November (BP et al.).
- Black Scoter** – there were four reports: 2 imm./females on the Ohio River at Louisville 2 November (BP, BWu); 2 imm./females at Jacobson Park 6 November (RO) with 1 still there 8 November (ph. TNa); an imm./female on Freeman Lake 12 November (BP, EH); and an imm./female above Uniontown Dam 28 November (ph. CC).
- Long-tailed Duck** – there were three reports: a male on the Ohio River at Six-Mile Island, *Jefferson*, 1 November (BP, MaS); an imm./female on the Ohio River at Louisville 13 November (BP et al.); and an imm./female above Meldahl Dam 16 November (BWu).
- Bufflehead** – a female at Camp #9 on 24 October (BP, CC) was relatively early. Local peak counts included 70 total on the Ohio River at Louisville 12 November (BP et al.); at least 133 there 13 November (BP et al.); and 55 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 14 November (BL).
- Common Goldeneye** – ca. 10 were on Lower Douglas Lake, *Hardin*, by 9 November (ph. ML).
- Hooded Merganser** – peak counts included 100 at Jacobson Park 14 November (AX) with 150 on Lexington Reservoir #4 on 22 November (DL, ASK) and 280 there 29 November (RO).
- Ruddy Duck** – 4 on the Flemingsburg Reservoir, *Fleming*, 12 October (BWu) and 4 on Lake Linville 23 October (RD, JS) were the earliest to be reported. Other reports of interest included 25-30 at Camp #9 on 24 October (BP, CC); 60+20 on the Ohio River at Louisville 5 November (EH et al.); and 82 on Freeman Lake (JBa) and 60 on Cave Run Lake (BWu), both 6 November.
- Red-throated Loon** – there was one report: 1 on Lake Cumberland above Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell*, 17 November (ph. RD).
- Common Loon** – 1 at Fishing Creek 14/23 September (RD) was likely continuing from summer; 1 on Owsley Fork Lake 11 October (RFo, RBa) was the earliest migrant to be reported; modest peak counts included 52 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 17 November (ME), at least 65 on Green River Lake, *Adair/Taylor*, 15 November (BP, MaS); and 75 on Lake Cumberland, *Russell*, 17 November (RD).
- Pied-billed Grebe** – local peak counts of interest included 45-50 on the Ohio River at Louisville 13 November (BP) and 54 on Lake Linville 20 November (RD).
- Horned Grebe** – 65 on the Ohio River at Louisville 12 November (BP) with 94 there 22 November (CBs) represented the peak counts for the season.
- Red-necked Grebe** – there was one report: 1 on Lake Reba, *Madison*, 14 November (†DH).
- Double-crested Cormorant** – reports of interest included 350 over Shepherdsville, *Bullitt* (MA, BBC), and ca. 900 on the Ohio River at Louisville (BP), both 11 October; and at least 2500 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 4 November (BL).
- American White Pelican** – 2 at Devils Elbow, Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 29 August (ME) may have been summering; numbers returned to Lake Barkley, *Lyon/Trigg*, by the third week of September,

with ca. 1800 at Little River 20 September (BWu, BP, TSh). Other reports of interest included 51 over the Falls of the Ohio 21 September (ph. KB) that represented a new local high count; at least 228 over the Lower Hickman Bottoms 21 September (ph. MY, BY); 125 over the Lower Hickman Bottoms 29 September (CW); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 12 October (TBe et al.); 12 over the Highland Creek Unit Sloughs WMA, *Union*, 17 October (ph. CC); 2 at the Falls of the Ohio 10 November (KN, ph. AG); and 10 over Long Point 21 November (HC). A bird wearing a patagial tag at Little River 20 September (BWu, BP, TSh) was tagged as a nestling in *Big Stone*, Minnesota, 26 June 2010 (*fide* USGS Bird Banding Lab).

**American Bittern** – there were two reports: 1 at Putney Pond, *Jefferson*, 2 August (†TSm, †JS) and a tardy bird at Sinclair 21/28 November (ph. SG, TG).

**Least Bittern** – there was one report: 1 at Adkins Swamp 12 September (SG, TG).

**Great Blue Heron** – a bird that appeared to be a white morph was photographed at the Long Creek Refuge, LBL, *Trigg*, 14 November (ph. LSt).



Great Blue Heron (white morph)  
Trigg Co., 14 November 2014  
Lisa Stinnett

**Great Egret** – local peak counts included 175 at Horseshoe Road 1 August (BP,

MM) and counts of 26 and 27 at the Falls of the Ohio 31 August (TBe et al.) and 6 October (JBa), respectively. One at Johnny Walker Stables, *Boone*, 2 November (LMcN); 1 at Lake Reba 11 November (DH); 1 at Minor Clark 22/25 November (GR/MWr, TNo et al.); and 2 at Sinclair to the end of November (ph. SG, TG) were the latest to be reported. One with a patagial tag that was present in *Fayette* during the first two weeks of October (ph. KR) had been tagged as part of a study in Ontario.

**Snowy Egret** – up to 10 were at the Long Creek Refuge, LBL, *Trigg*, during early August (BP, MM, et al.) with 17 counted there and in the vicinity 18 August (DSi).

**Little Blue Heron** – reports of interest away from the LBL region included 1 at Minor Clark 23/30 August (JS/MWr); 1 at Luzerne Lake 28 August (SG, TG); 4 at Adkins Swamp 1 September (ph. SG, TG); 2 at Fishing Creek 2 September (RD); and up to 7 at Sauerheber 6-8 September (KMi, ph. CC). One at Clarks River NWR, *Marshall*, 11 October (JP) was the latest to be reported.

**Cattle Egret** – at least several dozen nests appeared to be active at the heronry on Lake Barkley near Kuttawa, *Lyon*, 3 August (BP, MM). There was only one report away from the LBL region: 15 at Minor Clark 28 October (ph. MWr).

**Green Heron** – a tally of 56 at Minor Clark 23 August (JS) was the highest count there in a number of years; singles at Jonathan Creek 21 October (HC, AY) and at Melco 23 October (JBa, MWa) were the latest to be reported.

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** – there were only two reports: an ad. at Hikes Point, Louisville, during early September (ph. NS) and a juv. at Melco 25 September (ph. JBa, MWa).

***Plegadis ibis*** – 3 were at Camp #11 on 16 September (ph. EH, BP) with 1 there 24/26 October (ph. BP, CC/BP, BBC). Photos of the birds on both dates are very suggestive of White-faced but considered inconclusive.

**Roseate Spoonbill** – a juv. was present at the Long Creek Refuge, LBL, *Trigg*, 3-12 August (MM, ph. BP, et al.). KBRC review required.

**Osprey** – singles at Cave Run Lake 6 November (BWu) and at Barren River Lake 10 November (LC) were the latest to be reported.

**Golden Eagle** – there were six reports: a second-year bird affixed with a satellite transmitter was detected e. of Shelbiana, *Pike*, on the incredibly early date of 26 September (*fide* SS); another satellite-transmitted bird that passed s. through the state roughly just e. of the I-75 corridor 9-10 Nov (SS); a juv. over Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 24 November (†RD); a juv. over Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 25 November (MBy); 1 was first captured on a trail-cam at Bernheim Forest, *Bullitt/Nelson*, 29 November (AB); and a juv. at Duncan Lake, LBL, *Lyon*, 30 November (ph. MCu et al.).

**Mississippi Kite** – yg. at St. Matthews, *Jefferson*, fledged during the first week of August (MCo) with 2 juvs. present 15 August (MCo, ph. MF) confirming the presence of a second nest somewhere in the vicinity; 2 were last seen at St. Matthews, *Jefferson*, 16 August (JBa); also of interest was 1 nw. of Powderly 28 August (TG).

**Broad-winged Hawk** – reports of interest included tallies of 920 over Surrey Hills Farm (BP) and 600 over Douglass Hills (MM), both 17 September; and 115 over Cherokee Park (JA, RL, et al.) and 2145 total over Douglass Hills (MM, MY), both 18 September.

**Virginia Rail** – there were three reports: 1 at Sauerheber 26 October (BP, BBC, ph. JS); 1 on the Morehead State University campus, *Rowan*, 7 November (ph. BWu); and 1 heard nw. of Powderly 7 November (SG, TG).

**Sora** – singles at Sauerheber 22 October (CC) and near Lawrenceburg, *Anderson*, 28 November (BWu) were the latest to be reported; the latter represented a new late departure date for the state. Also reported were 1-2 at Beckley Creek Park 24 Sep-

tember–9 October (AM, ph. PS, PB, JBe, et al.).

**Common Gallinule** – 1 at A.J. Jolly Park, *Campbell*, 25-26 October (JW, ph. RD) was the only one reported.



Mississippi Kites (2 juvs.), Jefferson Co.  
15 August 2014  
Millie Farmer

**American Coot** – 1 at Adkins Swamp 1 September (TG, SG) likely summered; the first migrants arrived at several locations during the first week of October (m. ob.); peak counts included 2500 on Barren River Lake 29 October (MBy); 1500-2000 on the Ohio River at Louisville 5-6 November (EH et al.) with 400-450 on the Ohio River at Louisville 13 November (BP); 1000+ on Cave Run Lake 6 November (BWu); and 380/400 on Lake Reba 16/22 November (RFo, RBa).

**Sandhill Crane** – 42 over the Anchorage Trail 29 October (JBe, PB) were the earliest to be reported; daily flights occurred during cold snap of 17-20 November with 1000-1500 flying s. over Franklin Crossroads, *Hardin*, 15 November (BP, MaS) and 750-1000 over Surrey Hills Farm 20 November (BP) representing modest peak counts for the season.





Virginia Rail, Rowan Co.  
7 Nov 2014  
Brian Wulker

**American Avocet** – there were four reports: 1 at Camp #11 on 24 August (ph. BP, ph. EH); 1 over the Ohio River at Cox's Park, Louisville, 26 August (RL); 2 at Camp #9 on 16 September (ph. EH, BP); and 3 on the Ohio River at Louisville and later at the Falls of the Ohio 5 November (ph. EH et al.).

**Black-bellied Plover** – there were reports from three locales: an ad. at Camp #11 on 10 August (BP, MaS); 1 heard at Camp #11 on 30 August (BP et al.); 2 ads. at the Falls of the Ohio 6 September (DSt) with a juv. there on several dates 11 September–2 October (EH, DSt, et al.); and 1 at Blood River 21-26 September (HC, ME).

**American Golden-Plover** – there were reports from only three locales: 1 at Camp #9 on 24 August/3 September/18 September (BP, EH/BP/BP, GBe); 1 at Spindletop Farm 1 October (RO); and a relatively late bird at the Falls of the Ohio 5 November (EH et al.).

**Semipalmated Plover** – modest peak counts included up to 18 at Minor Clark 4 September (BWu) and 20 at Wildcat Creek 19 September (MT); 5 at Camp #11 (BP, CC) and 4 at Wildcat Creek (ME), both 1 October, were the latest to be reported.

**Killdeer** – local peak counts included 160 at Guthrie Swamp, *Todd*, 8 September (JHa), 140 at Spindletop Farm 1 October (RO), 170 at Frazer, *Wayne*, 14 October

(RD); and 166 at Jonathan Creek 6 November (HC).

**Spotted Sandpiper** – 1 at Barren River Lake 28 October (MBy) and 1 that lingered at the Falls of the Ohio to 2 November (BP, BWu) were the latest to be reported.

**Greater Yellowlegs** – tardy birds included 1 at Minor Clark 15 November (RFo, RBa, GR); 2 at Luzerne Lake 22 November with 1 still there 23 November (SG, TG); and 1 at Blood River 20/25 November (HC).

**Willet** – 1 at Camp #11 on 30 August (BP et al.) was the only one reported.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** – modest peak counts included 30 at Camp #11 on 24 August (BP, EH) with 55-60 there 30 August (BP et al.) and 40+ there 3 September (BP); 1 at Camp #11 on 24 October (BP, CC); 3 at Clear Creek and 4 at Blood River, both 29 October (HC) and 1 at Sauerheber 30 October (CC) were the latest to be reported.

**Upland Sandpiper** – there were two reports: 1 heard at Horseshoe Road 1 August (BP, MM); and 1 or 2 at Camp #11 on 30 August (BP, ph. MY, et al.).

**Ruddy Turnstone** – there were reports from only two locales: 6 at the Falls of the Ohio 31 August/2 September (TBe et al.) with 8 there 1 September (EH) and an impressive peak count of 11 there 11 September (EH), 4 still there 12 September (JBa, JS, CS), and 1 last seen there 21 September (BP, BWu, TSh); and a juv. at Camp #9 on 16-18 September (BP, EH, GBe).

**Hudsonian Godwit** – there were two reports: an ad. at Camp #11 on 30 August (ph. BP et al.) and an ad. at Minor Clark 11 September (ph. MWr). KBRC review required.

**Stilt Sandpiper** – reports of interest included 2 ads. at Camp #11 on 1 August (BP, MM) with 3 juvs. there 10 August (BP, MaS), 12+ there 30 August (BP et al.), 15 there 3 September (BP), and 10-12 there 5 September (BP et al.); 2 at the Falls of the Ohio 20 August (DSt); 4 at Minor Clark 3 September (BWu); 8 at

Camp #9 on 16 September (BP, EH) with perhaps the same 8 at Camp #11 on 18 September (BP, GBe); and 7 at Little River 20 September (BP, BWu, TSh).

**Sanderling** – there were reports from only five locales: 1 at Camp #11 on 30 August (BP et al.); 1-3 at the Falls of the Ohio 25 August–23 September (EH et al.) with a peak of 5 there 31 August (TBe, CBe); 1 at Minor Clark 13 September (RD, BWu); 1 at Lick Creek 19 September (BP, BWu, TSh); 1 at Jonathan Creek 21 September (HC, KOS); and 1 at Camp #9 on 1 October (BP, CC).

**Dunlin** – 1 at Camp #9 and 4 at Camp #11, both 24 October (BP, CC) were the earliest to be reported; very modest peak counts included 28 at Blood River 28 October (HC) and 14 at Clear Creek 29 October (HC); other reports of interest included 1 at Dranes Lakes, *Hardin*, 1 November (BP, MaS) and 2 at the Van Buren ramp, Taylorsville Lake, *Anderson*, 13 November (EH).

**Baird's Sandpiper** – there were reports of 1-3 birds at six locales: 1 at Camp #11 during 30 August–3 September (BP et al.); 1 at Camp #9 on several dates 3 September–1 October (BP, CC, et al.) with 2-3 there 18 September (BP, GBe); 1 at Fishing Creek 2 September (RD); 2 at Lake No. 9, *Fulton*, 5 September (HC); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 7 September (TBe, CBe); and 2 at Eddy Creek 19 September (BP, BWu, TSh) with 1 there 20 September (JS).

**Least Sandpiper** – peak counts included 55 at Camp #9 and 130 at Camp #11, both 3 September (BP) with 50 and 100 at the respective locales 5 September (BP et al.); 50 still at Camp #11 on 1 October (BP, CC); and 100 still at Jonathan Creek 25 November (ME).

**White-rumped Sandpiper** – there were reports from four locales: 1 at Minor Clark 13-14 September (BWu, RD, GW); an ad. at Camp #9 on 18 September (BP, ph. GBe); 2 at Wildcat Creek 18/19 September (HC/MT); and 4 at Camp #11 on 1 October (BP, CC).

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** – there were reports from five locales: 1 at Camp #9 on 24 August/5 September (BP, EH/BP et al.) with 2 there 16 September (BP, EH); 3 at Camp #11 on 30 August (BP et al.) with 2 there 5 September (BP et al.); 1 at Minor Clark 30 August/3 September (BWu/MWr) with 2 there 8 September (RD); and 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 7 September (TBe, CBe).

**Pectoral Sandpiper** – the latest reports included 2 still at Sauerheber 26 October (BP, BBC); 1 that lingered at Melco to 9 November (JBa); and 2 at Jonathan Creek 6 November (HC) with 1 last seen there 25 November (ME).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** – modest peak counts included 45 at Camp #9 on 3 September (BP); up to 16 at Minor Clark 13 September (BWu); and 29 at Blood River 18 September (HC). Singles at Camp #11 on 1 October (BP, CC) and at Clear Creek 24 October (†HC) were the latest to be reported.

**Western Sandpiper** – there were reports from four locales: a juv. at Camp #9 on 3/5 September (BP/BP, EH, MY); 2 at Minor Clark 7 September (BWu) with 1 continuing there to 22 September (BWu, VS); 2 at Fox Chase Pond, near Frazer, *Wayne*, 10 September (RD); and 1 at Camp #11 on 1 October (BP, CC).

**Short-billed Dowitcher** – reports of interest included 2 at Camp #9 on 24 August (BP, EH); 6 at Camp #11 on 30 August (BP et al.) with 7 there 3 September (BP) and 6 there 5 September (BP et al.); 1 at Blood River 2/18 September (HC); and 1 at Minor Clark 6 September (DL, ASK).

**Long-billed Dowitcher** – a juv. at Camp #11 on 24 October (BP, CC) was the only one reported.

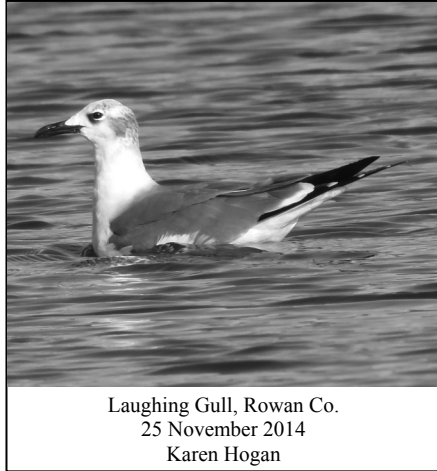
**American Woodcock** – a few were heard during No. Saw-whet Owl banding at Surrey Hills Farm during late October-early November (MM, BP, et al.).

**Wilson's Phalarope** – there were three reports: 1 at Minor Clark 8 August (MWr); and 1 at Camp #9 and 2 at Camp #11, both 3 September (BP).

**Sabine's Gull** – a juv. was found on Ky Lake within a half-mile se. of the mouth of Little Bear Creek embayment, *Marshall* 20 September (†BP, KOS). KBRC review required.

**Bonaparte's Gull** – 1 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 16 September (AM) was the earliest to be reported; other reports of interest included 2 at Camp #9 on 24 October (BP, CC); 25 on the Ohio River at Louisville 13 November (BP); 16 on Freeman Lake and 125-150 on Green River Lake, *Adair/Taylor*, both 15 November (BP, MaS); and 276 at Jonathan Creek 15 November (HC).

**Laughing Gull** – there were two reports: a juv. at Jonathan Creek 20 September (BP, KOS) and an ad. at Minor Clark 25 November (TNo, ph. KHO, MH) that represented a local first.



Laughing Gull, Rowan Co.  
25 November 2014  
Karen Hogan

**Franklin's Gull** – there were reports from five locales: an impressive total of at least 154 at Jonathan Creek & Clear Creek 21 September (HC, KOS); 1 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 4 October (BL); at least 100 at Barren River Lake 28 October (MBy) with 2 still there 29-30 October (MBy); 3 on the Ohio River upstream from Meldahl Dam 5 November (BWu); and 10 on the Ohio River at Louisville 5 November (EH) with 3 there 12 November (BJ, RFa, BP, MA, et al.) and 2 there 13 November (BP et al.).

**Herring Gull** – at least 30 were at Ky Dam by 20 September (BP, KOS).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** – a first-year bird at Minor Clark 11-14 September (ph. RD, ph. BWu, et al.) was a local first; also reported were an ad. at Lick Creek 19 September (BP, BWu, TSh); a juv. at Barkley Dam 19 September (BWu, BP, TSh); and an ad. at Devils Elbow, Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 21 September (ph. RD).

**Caspian Tern** – very modest peak counts included 8 at Camp #11 on 1 August (BP, MM) with 10 there 10 August (BP, MaS); 28 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 18 August (DSi); 13 at the Falls of the Ohio 7 September (TBe, CBe); and 25 at Wildcat Creek 18 September (HC).

**Black Tern** – there were reports from five locales: 1 at Camp #11 on 10 August (BP, MaS) with 14 there 30 August (BP et al.) and 6 there 3/5 September (BP/BP, EH, MY, SG, TG); 1 at Adkins Swamp 1 September (TG, SG); 27 at Minor Clark 3 September (BWu) with 17 still there 6 September (DL, ASK) and 1 last seen there 18 September (VS); 1 at Jonathan Creek 12 September (HC); and 1 at Clear Creek 21 September (HC, KOS).

**Least Tern** – at least 6 ads., 2 juvs., and a chick were present at Camp #9 on 1 August (ph. BP, MM) with 3 ads. and a chick still present 10 August (BP, MaS); also of interest were an ad. at Horseshoe Road, 2 ads. on the Ohio River off Horseshoe Road, *Henderson*, and an ad. at Camp #11, all 10 August (BP, MaS). A conservative count of at least 1000 at Watson Point sandbar on the Mississippi River, *Fulton*, 14 August (JBr) likely represented a collection of ads. and juvs. from nearby nesting during the season.

**Forster's Tern** – 84 at Jonathan Creek 20 September (BP, KOS) and 80 at Sledd Creek 21 October (HC) represented the peak counts for the season.

**Barn Owl** – 1 at Sullivan WMA, *Franklin*, 19 October (JS) was the only one reported.

**Short-eared Owl** – there were two reports: 1 flushed from a field on Boatwright



Lesser Black-backed Gull (juv.), Rowan Co.  
13 September 2014  
Brian Wulker

WMA, *Ballard*, 13 November (GBu) and 1 at Sinclair 28/30 November (P&SF/TG, SG).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** – it was another below-average year for the species with only 9 new birds banded at Surrey Hills Farm 29 October–1 November (MM et al.) with a few additional birds (including a tooting male) heard during the first week of November.

**Chimney Swift** – 1300 were tallied going to roost in two chimneys at Lexington 13 September (TBr, CKAS, ASK).

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** – unusual for recent years was the fact that there were very few individuals still lingering by the end of the second week of October; the latest lingered in *Hart* to 19 October (MiS), n. of Glasgow to 21 October (LC), and sw. of Haywood, *Barren*, to 24 October (R&LY).

**Rufous Hummingbird** – there was only one report: an ad. female s. of Paynes Depot,

*Scott*, from sometime in October into December (banded 22 November) (C&JA, ba. BP). Also, an imm. male Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird was present in nw. *Spencer*, mid-October–18 November (ph. LMcC).

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** – 1 at Bowling Green, *Warren*, 2 September (†TD) represented a new early arrival date for the state by ten days.

**Merlin** – there were at least 11 reports: an early bird at Minor Clark 6 September (DL, ph. TNa, ASK) with perhaps the same bird lingering there to 14 September (BWu, GW); 1 on the Anchorage Trail 12 September (JBe, PB, et al.); 2 over Surrey Hills Farm 17 September (BP) with 1 there 12 October (BP, MM); 1 over Douglass Hills 18 September (MM, ph. MY); 1 at Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 3 October (MBy); singles at Schochoh, *Logan*, 5/19 October & 2 November (ST); 1 at Shaker Village 18 October (CTa, RT); 1 along Lower River

Road, *Boone*, 11 November (LMcN); and 1 at Cox's Park, Louisville, 29 November (MA).

- Peregrine Falcon** – reports away from known nesting territories included singles at Barkley Dam (JP) and at Lexington (RO), both 30 August, with the same or other individuals seen at Lexington a few more times during the season (m. ob.); 1 at Jonathan Creek 12 September (HC); 1 at Owensboro, *Daviess*, 20-23 September (KHa); 1 at Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 22 September (MBy); 1 at Eastpark Industrial Park, *Boyd/Greenup*, 4 October (CTh); 1 at the Cedar Grove Industrial Park, *Bullitt*, 11 October (MA, BBC); 1 over Schochoh, *Logan*, 12 October (ST); 1 at the Big South Fork Recreation Area, *McCreary*, 14 October (PZ); 1 at Spindletop Farm, 11 November (CTr, GT); and 1 at the US 68 bridge over Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 15 November (BL), where an individual has overwintered in previous years.
- Olive-sided Flycatcher** – there were four reports: 2 on the Anchorage Trail 31 August (PB, JBe); 1 along Whitaker Cemetery Road, *Pulaski*, 11 September (RD, SBC); 1 at Beckley Creek Park 20 September (AM); and 1 at Blackacre SNP, *Jefferson*, 27 September (MA, BBC).
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** – there were reports from five locales: 1 at Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 24 August (MBy); singles nw. of Powderly 28 August/16 September (TG, SG); singles on the Anchorage Trail on a few dates 31 August–13 September (JBe, PB, et al.); 1 at J.J. Audubon SP 14 September (KM); and 1 at Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski*, 17 September (RD).
- Least Flycatcher** – 1 was on the Anchorage Trail by 11 August (JBe, PB) with 4 there 23 August (JBe, PB).
- Willow Flycatcher** – 1 was still singing at Camp #11 on 1 August (BP); 1 was identified by sight only along Straightline Road, *Henderson*, 10 August (BP, MaS).
- Say's Phoebe** – 1 was seen along State Line Road, ca. 0.25 mi from the jct. of Bandy and Akerson Rds., e. *Allen*, 20 October (†MBy). KBRC review required.
- Eastern Kingbird** – 1 at Melco 25 September (JBa, MWa) was the latest to be reported.
- Common Raven** – the only report was for 1 at Dewey Lake WMA, *Pike*, 25 November (SF).
- White-eyed Vireo** – 1 at Berea 18 October (RFo, RBa) and a very tardy bird on the Anchorage Trail 26 November (PB, JBe) were the latest to be reported.
- Bell's Vireo** – reports of interest included 3 at Green River State Forest, *Henderson*, 13 August (CC); 6 at Sandy Watkins Park, *Henderson*, 13 August (CC) with 2 last seen there 9 September (CC); and 6 at Sinclair 18 August (TG, SG) with 1 last seen there 25 September (TG, SG).
- Blue-headed Vireo** – singles at Doe Run Lake Park, *Kenton*, 9 November (JW) and at the Lexington Cemetery 14 November (BWu) were the latest to be reported.
- Philadelphia Vireo** – reports of interest included 5 on the Anchorage Trail 24 September (JBe, PB) and 1 last seen at Cherokee Park 9 October (JBa, RL, MR).
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow** – ca. 1250 were at Long Point 13 August (JKn).
- Purple Martin** – ca. 15,000 were present at the Lexington roost 9 August (JBr); 10,000-15,000 were seen going to roost in the floodplain of Flat Creek just sw. of the East Volunteer Mine, *Hopkins*, 4 August (TG, SG); 1 over Shaker Village 14 September (DL, ASK) was the latest to be reported other than a remarkable and unprecedented report of 195 still at a roost site at Lexington 28 September (†/ph. BY, ph. MY), and 2 particularly tardy birds studied closely over Schochoh, *Logan*, 11 October (†ST).
- Tree Swallow** – ca. 500+ were at both Camp #9 and Camp #11 (perhaps some repeats) on 24 October (BP, CC); 1 at Cedar Creek Lake, *Lincoln*, 8 November (RD) was the latest to be reported.
- Bank Swallow** – 100-150 were at Horseshoe Road 1 August (BP, MM).
- Cliff Swallow** – reports of interest included ca. 150 at the Falls of the Ohio 4 August

- (EH) and 50+ at Camp #11 on 30 August (BP et al.); 7 in the Lower Hickman Bottoms 29 September (CW) were the latest to be reported.
- Red-breasted Nuthatch** – there was only one report: 1 heard at Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, 23 October (MY).
- Brown-headed Nuthatch** – at least 2 remained at the 2013 nesting location at Ky Dam Village through the season (m. ob.).
- Brown Creeper** – 1 with a mixed passerine flock at Cypress Creek, *Marshall*, 2 August (MM, BP) was certainly a local breeder.
- Sedge Wren** – there were three reports: 2-3 at the Long Creek Refuge, LBL, *Trigg*, 3 August–21 October (BP, MM, BL); 1 at Sauerheber 19 September (KM); and 1 at Beckley Creek Park 16 October (ph. BP, JS).
- Marsh Wren** – there were more than a dozen reports, all being included: 1 n. of Dot, *Logan*, 20/23 September & 1 October (ph. FL); 2 at Surrey Hills Farm 22 September (BP) with 1 there 19 October (BP); singles nw. of Powderly 24 September/8 October (TG, SG); 1 at Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site, *Boyle*, 29 September (RD, PG); 1 at Hays Kennedy Park, *Jefferson*, 30 September (JBa); 1-2 at Beckley Creek Park 1-21 October (m. ob.) with peak of 3 there 16 October (BP, JS); 1 at McNeely Lake Park, *Jefferson*, 5 October (MA); 1 at Hisle Farm Park, *Fayette*, 8 October (AX); 1 at A.J. Jolly Park, *Campbell*, 11 October (JW); singles at the Long Creek Refuge, LBL, *Trigg*, 11/18 October (BL) & 29 October (RFa); 1 at Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski*, 16 October (RD); and 1 at Sauerheber 29 October (CC).
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 1 at LBL, *Trigg*, 15 October (BL) was the latest to be reported.
- Swainson's Thrush** – 2 along Panther Creek, *Calloway*, 24 October (HC) were the latest to be reported.
- Hermit Thrush** – 1 at Blackacre SNP, *Jefferson*, 27 September (†MA, BBC) was the earliest to be reported.
- Gray-cheeked Thrush** – 1 at Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 30 August (MBy) was the earliest to be reported.
- Veery** – 1 at Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 30 August (MBy) was the earliest to be reported.
- Wood Thrush** – a recently fledged juv. was seen on the Anchorage Trail on the relatively late date of 7 September (JBe, PB).
- American Pipit** – 2 at Minor Clark 20 September (CTh) were the earliest to be reported; 100 at Spindletop Farm 20 November (AX) represented the peak count for the season.
- Lapland Longspur** – the cold snap of mid-November resulted in a few being reported at mostly traditional locales.
- Snow Bunting** – 1 at Camp #9 on 24 October (†BP, CC) was exceptionally early.
- Ovenbird** – singles at Cherokee Park 16 October (RL) and Middle Creek Park, *Boone*, 18 October (LMcN) were the latest to be reported.
- Northern Waterthrush** – 1 at Cherokee Park 12 October (RL) was the latest to be reported.
- Golden-winged Warbler** – not as numerous this fall with 1-2 reported at nearly 20 locales 6 September–1 October (eBird data); the exception was 1-5 at Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 4-25 September with a peak count of 10 there 20 September (MBy).
- Brewster's Warbler** – a male was reported nw. of Powderly 16 September (†AM).
- Black-and-white Warbler** – singles at Greenville 16 October (TG) and at Hays Kennedy Park, *Jefferson*, 19 October (AM) were the latest to be reported.
- Tennessee Warbler** – a relatively tardy bird at the Lexington Cemetery 14 November (BWu) was the latest to be reported.
- Orange-crowned Warbler** – it was a relatively good season for the species with 1-2 reported at more than 20 locales 3 October–4 November (eBird data).
- Nashville Warbler** – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 31 August (JS) was the earliest to be reported; 1 at Greenville 12 November (ph. SG, TG) was relatively late.

- Mourning Warbler** – there were ten reports: 1 banded at Shaker Village 6 August (ba./ph. KHe) represented a new early arrival date for the state by more than two weeks; 1 at Cove Spring Park, *Franklin*, 24 August (RC); 1 at Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 27 August (MBy) with 2 there 31 August (MBy); singles on the Anchorage Trail 30 August/8 September (JBe, PB); singles at Berea (RFo, RBa) and along Rock Lick Creek Road, w. of Science Hill, *Pulaski* (RD), both 12 September; 1 at Louisville 13 September (SW, MK), and 1 at J.J. Audubon SP 21 September (KMt).
- Common Yellowthroat** – singles at the Jenny Hole Unit Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*, 24 October (KMt) and at Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski*, 25 October (RD) were the latest to be reported.
- Connecticut Warbler** – 1 was at Schochoh, *Logan*, 17 September (†ST).
- Hooded Warbler** – 1 at Monticello, *Wayne*, 14 October (RD) was the latest to be reported.
- Cape May Warbler** – 1 at the Cumberland Hill House, Lexington, 23 October (SR) was the latest to be reported.
- Cerulean Warbler** – there were two reports of migrants: 1 ne. of Lyndon, *Jefferson*, 10 August (JBe PB) and 1 at Pope Lick Park 24 August (JBe, PB).
- Northern Parula** – 1 at LBL, *Trigg*, 15 October (BL) was the latest to be reported.
- Magnolia Warbler** – 1 at Garvin Brown Preserve, *Jefferson*, 19 October (BWo, BBC) was the latest to be reported.
- Bay-breasted Warbler** – 1 at the Big South Fork Recreation Area, *McCreary*, 19 October (RD) was the latest to be reported.
- Blackburnian Warbler** – 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 6 August (RD) represented a new early arrival date for a fall bird away from breeding areas; next earliest was 1 on the Anchorage Trail 21 August (JBe, PB). One at Middle Creek Park, *Boone*, 18 October (LMcN) was the latest to be reported.
- Yellow Warbler** – singles at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 23 September (RD); at Russellville, *Logan*, 29 September (†JHa); n. of Dot, *Logan*, 29 September (ph. FL); and at Camp #11 on 1 October (CC, †BP) were the latest to be reported.
- Blackpoll Warbler** – there was one report: 2 at Beckley Creek Park 25 September (PB, JBe).
- Black-throated Blue Warbler** – there were three reports: 2 at the Lexington Cemetery 18 September (RO); singles at A.J. Jolly Park, *Campbell*, 27 September/11 October (JW); and a male near Fishersville, *Jefferson*, 18 October (EH, JHu).
- Palm Warbler** – 2 were still at Barren River Lake SRP, *Barren*, 22 November (LC).
- Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 22 September (BP) was the earliest to be reported.
- Yellow-throated Warbler** – 1 at Perryville Battlefield State Historical Site, *Boyle*, 15 October (RD) was the latest to be reported.
- Black-throated Green Warbler** – 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 17 August (RD) was the earliest to be reported; singles at Joe Creason Park, Louisville, 25 October (SW) and at J. J. Audubon SP 26 October (KMt) were the latest to be reported.
- Canada Warbler** – singles at Lexington 15 August (CTr) and at Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 19 August (MBy) were the earliest to be reported.
- Wilson's Warbler** – 1 n. of Glasgow 15 October (LC) was the latest to be reported.
- Yellow-breasted Chat** – 1 at the Little Lick Recreation Area, DBNF, *Pulaski*, 27 September (RD) was the latest to be reported.
- Lark Sparrow** – 3 were still present along McDonald Landing Road, *Henderson*, 10 August (BP, MaS). A presumed migrant at LBL, *Trigg*, 2 September (†BL) was exceptional.
- Vesper Sparrow** – there were several reports of 1-2 birds at nearly ten locales 1 October–3 November (eBird data).

- Grasshopper Sparrow** – singles at Surrey Hills Farm 22 September (BP); at Spindletop Farm 30 September (ph. AM) and n. of Dot, *Logan*, 24 October/26 November (ph. FL) were the latest to be reported; the last represented a new late departure date for the state (other than a few winter records).
- Henslow's Sparrow** – 1 was heard singing and seen at the LBL Elk-Bison Prairie, *Trigg*, 2 August (BP, MM); 1 was at Morgan Conservation Park, *Oldham*, 25 October (ph. BD).
- Le Conte's Sparrow** – there was only one report: at least 1 at Sauerheber 26 October (BP, BBC).
- Fox Sparrow** – 1 at Sauerheber 16 October (CC) was the earliest to be reported.
- Lincoln's Sparrow** – singles at Spindletop Farm 29 October (RO) and at Melco 9 November (JBa, MWa) were the latest to be reported.
- Summer Tanager** – singles at Greenville to 16 October (TG) and at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 17 October (RD) were the latest to be reported.
- Scarlet Tanager** – singles at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 16 October (RD) and at Berea 18 October (RFo, RBa) were the latest to be reported.
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – a group of 6 along Garrison Creek Road, *Boone*, 30 August (LMcN) may have consisted of local breeders/juvs.; 1 at Louisville 18 October (JG) was the latest to be reported.
- Blue Grosbeak** – singles at Greenville 16 October (TG) and at Beckley Creek Park 18 October (ph. BP, MaS) were the latest to be reported.
- Indigo Bunting** – singles at LBL, *Lyon*, 27 October (BL), and on the Anchorage Trail (JBe, PB) and at Wildcat Creek (HC), both 29 October, were the latest to be reported other than a very tardy bird n. of Dot, *Logan*, 20 November (FL).
- Dickcissel** – 1 at Sauerheber 8 October (CC) and an especially tardy bird n. of Dot, *Logan*, 26 November (ph. FL) were the latest to be reported.
- Bobolink** – reports of interest included an especially large flock of ca. 60 (possibly consisting of or including local breeders) at Spindletop Farm 13 September (DL); single birds at Beckley Creek Park 28 September (PB, JBe), 1 October (PB, JBe, CBs), 8 October (RL, RBo), and 18 October (ph. BD, BP, et al.); 3 at Surrey Hills Farm 30 September (BP); 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 4 October (RD); and 1 at McNeely Lake Park, *Jefferson*, 5 October (MA).
- Western Meadowlark** – there was one report: 1 in the Lower Hickman Bottoms 21 November (HC).
- Rusty Blackbird** – 1 over Surrey Hills Farm 25 October (BP) was the earliest to be reported; other reports of interest included small numbers at Spindletop Farm beginning 4 November (RO) with a peak count of 70 there 21 November (RO); up to 16 at feeding station at Surrey Hills Farm 17-20 November (BP) with a peak count of 83 at that locale 22 November (BP); and 42 at Murray, *Calloway*, 23 November (HC).
- Brewer's Blackbird** – there was one report: 2 females at Camp #11 on 24 October (BP, CC).
- Yellow-headed Blackbird** – a male was seen with a flock of mostly Common Grackles near Bagdad, *Shelby*, 25 September (†RH). KBRC review required.
- Brown-headed Cowbird** – a juv. was seen following a pair of House Finches at Schochoh, *Logan*, on the extremely late date of 6 September (ST), indicating both very tardy egg-laying by the female cowbird and nesting by the finches.
- Purple Finch** – singles heard over Surrey Hills Farm 19/23 October (BP) and at least 3 at Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, 23 October (MY) were the earliest to be reported.
- American Goldfinch** – 150-200 at Surrey Hills Farm during mid-October (BP) and 250 at Spindletop Farm 15 November (MCA, BBC) represented the peak counts for the season.



**Pine Siskin** – 13 at Surrey Hills Farm 8 October (BP) were the earliest to be reported; generally small numbers continued to be reported into and through November, mostly across central Kentucky; westernmost reports came from *Henderson* (BP, BBC), *Logan* (FL), and *Marshall* (DSi) and there was only one report from all of eastern Kentucky: 1 at Ashland, *Boyd*, 9 November (CTh).

**Addenda to the Winter 2013-2014 Report:**

**Rough-legged Hawk** – 2 on the Elkton, *Todd*, CBC 21 Dec 2013 (*fide* AT).

**Barn Owl** – 3 on the Elkton, *Todd*, CBC 21 Dec 2013 (*fide* AT).

**House Wren** – 1 on the Elkton, *Todd*, CBC 21 Dec 2013 (*fide* AT).

**Lincoln's Sparrow** – 1 on the Elkton, *Todd*, CBC 21 Dec 2013 (*fide* AT).

**Addendum to the Fall 2013 Report:**

**Rufous Hummingbird** – an ad. male was present at Greenville for ca. a week during mid-August 2013 (ph. D&DV).

**Addendum to the Spring 2014 Report:**

**American White Pelican** – 3 were present at Craig's Creek, *Gallatin*, 24 March (ph. Kelley Warnick; *Gallatin County News*).

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## CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2014-2015

Blaine R. Ferrell

Reports of 31 counts were received from across the Commonwealth. A total of 134 species was recorded on count days, with no additional species added by observations during count weeks. Twenty-one species were observed on all counts and 18 species were observed on only one count.

Temperatures during the count period were fairly normal and consistent, ranging from a low of 19°F at Shelbyville (21 December) and Sorgho (1 January) to a high of 60°F at Western Allen County (3 January). The average low temperature was 32°F and the average high temperature was 45°F, however no counts were conducted 22-26 December. Waterfowl numbers were quite variable. The number of Snow Geese was down, whereas the number of Mallards was up significantly. Other waterfowl numbers appeared to be consistent with previous years. Wild Turkey numbers were off. Double-crested Cormorants were more numerous, and Black Vultures were up significantly in number, as were American Coots. Gull numbers seemed to be normal. The number of Red-breasted Nuthatches was down, as the species was found on only three counts (down from 12 counts last year). Due to varying weather conditions and food availability from year to year, it is difficult to determine trends in numbers and species. Interesting observations this year included Ross's Goose (1, Elkton), Surf Scoter (2, Green River Lake; 1 Somerset), Black Scoter (1, Louisville), Eared Grebe (1, Green River Lake), Red-necked Grebe (1, Land Between the Lakes), Great Egret (1, Ballard County), Black-crowned Night-Heron (1, Louisville), Osprey (1, Richmond), Virginia Rail (3, Paradise), Great Black-backed Gull (1, Land Between the Lakes), Lesser Black-backed Gull (3, Land Between the Lakes), Barn Owl (1, Elkton), Short-eared Owl (3, Paradise), House Wren (1, Louisville), Marsh Wren (1, Paradise), Gray Catbird (1, Green River Lake; 2, Lexington), Palm Warbler (2, Elkton; 1, Paradise), Black-and-white Warbler (1, Lexington), Common Yellowthroat (1, Otter Creek Park), and Le Conte's Sparrow (2, Paradise).

Thanks to the many observers and who participated in this year's counts and compilers who submitted count results on the appropriate forms. 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 7.5-mile radius circle, center at jct. 358 and Stove Corner Road; 37.1228°, -088.9518°). Habitat as described in 1984. Dec 16; 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky mostly cloudy. Temp. 35-50°F; wind W, 5-10 m.p.h. Water open.

Seven observers in one to five parties. Total party hours 21.0 (11.5 on foot, 9.5 by car). Total party miles 99.0 (2.5 on foot, 96.5 by car). Hours owling, 2.0. Total species 86; total individuals 24,198.

Observers: John Brunjes, Gerald Burnett, Steve Graham, Teresa Graham, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), and Scott Record.

Comments: The species total (86) was below average for this count. Numbers of geese were low, and only 16 species of waterfowl were detected. Highlights included a tardy Great Egret, an adult Golden Eagle, 3 American Woodcocks, a flock of American Pipits, and at least 150 Lapland Longspurs. Red-headed Woodpeckers were present in good numbers in the bottomland forests, but again this year we did not spend much time in that habitat. We missed several uncommon species that we often see including Le Conte's Sparrow and Brewer's Blackbird. Natural food supplies did not appear to be very abundant.

**Calloway County** (all points within a 7.5 mile radius circle, center Douglas Cemetery; 36.5984°, -088.1958°). Habitat: 20% lake shoreline and streams, 35% open fields, 30% residential, and 15% deciduous and pine woods. Jan 4; 6:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. CST. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 32-46°F; wind NW, 5-20 m.p.h.

Ten observers in five parties. Total party-hours 39 (12 on foot, 27 by car). Total party-miles 130.5 (7.0 on foot, 123.5 by car). Total species 82; total individuals 8363.

Observers: Hap Chambers (compiler), Kathy Cohen, Mike Cohen, Melissa Easley, Blue Eubanks, Bob Head, Mike Miller, Donna Rodeghiero, Darrin Samborski, and Aviva Yasgur.

**Land Between the Lakes** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center Pisgah Creek, one-quarter mile w. of The Trace – 36.9333°, -088.1167°; also extended to include Jonathan Creek embayment). Habitat as described in 1984 in *American Birds*. Dec. 15; 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Sky 100% overcast, with heavy fog over the lakes, and a fine mist from time to time in the morning; temp. 43-50°F; wind, SSE 0-7 m.p.h.

Twenty five observers in nine parties. Total party-hours 55.25 (20.00 on foot, 35.25 by car). Total party-miles 379.55 (9.75 on foot, 369.80 by car). Total species 96; total individuals 14,563.

Observers: Dan Allison, Walt Blackburn, Stan Brockway, Kendra Burns, Hap Chambers, J. David Chiles, Melodie Cunningham, Melissa Easley, Blue Eubanks, Bruce Eubanks, Teresa Gemeinhardt, Brook Gilley, Steve Graham, Teresa Graham, Joseph Hall, Chris Holt, Bill Lisowsky, Paula Lisowsky, Monica Main, Sarah Moy, John Pollpeter, Darrin Samborski, Kelly Sellers, Micah Slifer, and Aviva Yasgur (compiler).

Comments: This year, we were pleasantly surprised to have very mild and pleasant weather for the bird count! The mild temperatures and low winds made it very enjoyable to be out and about. The biggest challenge was the heavy fog that hung over the lakes for most of the day. There were a lot of waterfowl that we were unable to identify because we couldn't make out any details through all the mist. Despite the fog, though, we still tallied 96 birds for the day, as well as two additional species seen during count week. The two most unusual birds seen this year were a Great Black-backed Gull seen at Kentucky Dam, and a Red-necked Grebe seen in Cravens Bay (on Lake Barkley). Some of the birds seen in higher than usual numbers were Greater White-fronted Goose, Pied-billed Grebe, Black Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, and Wilson's Snipe. Most of the Black Vultures (almost 175 of them) were seen roosting together at Barkley Dam. Field Sparrows and Eastern Meadowlarks were the main species with low numbers this year. In addition, we didn't observe any Northern Shovelers or Green-winged Teal, which are species that are fairly common in most years. Thanks to all of the participants who helped count this year!

**Sorgho** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center Hwy. 279-S and Audubon Parkway intersection; 37.76297°, -087.23086°). Habitat farmland, river, creeks, river bottoms, urban parks and county parks. Jan. 1; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST. Sky a mix of sun and clouds; temp. 19-35°F; wind SW 5-10 m.p.h.

Fifteen observers in seven parties. Total party-hours 36 (5 on foot, 31 by car). Total party-miles 308.0 (5.5 on foot, 302.5 by car). Total species 61; total individuals 23,114.

Observers: Pat Augenstein, Mike Brown, Henry Conner, Brenda Eaden, Tony Eaden, Neal Hayden, Vickie Hunter, Janet Howard (compiler), Jim Kimsey, Pam Kimsey, Mary Kissel, Madeline Oetinger, Francis Tichner, Lynn Tichner, and Carolyn Williams.

**Elkton** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center just north of jct. Ky 102 (Allensville Road) and Gardner Road; 36.7605°, -087.10106°). Habitat: 73% agricultural fields, woodland 15%, brushy fencerows 8%, rural areas 2%, small ponds and streams 2%. Dec. 31; 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 22-36°F; wind mostly calm. Water open.

Twelve observers in three parties. Total party hours 32 (10.5 on foot, 21.5). Total party miles 218 (18 on foot, 200 by car). Hours owling 1.5. Total species 78; 154,528 individuals.

Observers: Chad Beachy, Elsie Beachy, John Beachy, Jesse Kanagy, Leo Shrock, Ruben Stoll, Alan Troyer (compiler), David Troyer, Leona Troyer, Maria Troyer, Clayton Whetstone, and Lori Whetstone.

**Paradise** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center at Hopewell Cemetery in s. Ohio County; 37.27755°, -086.95868°). Habitat as described in 1993. Jan 1; 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky mostly cloudy. Temp. 25-40°F; wind SW, 5-10 m.p.h. Water mostly open.

Five observers in three parties. Total party hours 24.25 (13.50 on foot, 10.75 by car). Total party miles 85 (3 on foot, 82 by car). Hours owling: 3.5. Total species 92; total individuals 7343.

Observers: Steve Graham, Teresa Graham, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), and Matt Stickel.

Comments: Cloudy, breezy conditions hampered efforts to detect birds, especially during the afternoon. The species total (92) was slightly above average for this count during recent years, mostly due to the compilation of 16 species of waterfowl. Highlights included five Greater White-fronted Geese, four Virginia Rails, a Bonaparte's Gull, three Short-eared Owls, four Merlins, a Loggerhead Shrike, a Marsh Wren, a Palm Warbler, two Le Conte's Sparrows, and seven Pine Siskins. Raptor numbers were back to below average for recent years after being higher last year; one of the Red-tailed Hawks was an adult darkish morph individual. Only one Red-breasted Nuthatch could be found; this count often tallies more than any other in the state. Blackbirds were also scarce this year, with Brown-headed Cowbird missed. Other significant misses included Rough-legged Hawk, Horned Lark and Winter Wren.

**Bowling Green** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center Three Springs, six miles south of Bowling Green; -36.9159°, -086.4359°). Habitat: deciduous woods 20%, fields and pastures 60%, and town and parks 20%. Dec. 14; 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. Sky overcast; temp. 46-54°F; wind calm.

Four observers in three parties. Total party-hours 20 (4 on foot, 15 by car). Total party-miles 96 (7 on foot, 89 by car). Total species 67; total individuals 14,160.

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

[*Editor's note:* A Western Meadowlark was submitted with this count, but no details accompanied the report, so it is not included in either the species total or the summary table].

**Western Allen County** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center one-half mile west of jct. KY 2136 (Towe Road) and Shores Road; 36.71278°, -086.3469°). Habitat as described in 2012. Jan. 3; 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. Sky overcast; temp. 48-60°F; wind S 1-25 m.p.h. gusts. Some showers occurred throughout the day, no heavy rain.

Forty-two observers in 15 parties. Total party-hours 81.00 (46.15 on foot, 29.00 by buggy, 1.45 by boat, with 4 feeder watching). Total party-miles 114 (30 on foot, 83 by buggy, 1 by boat). Total species 75, total individuals 18,428.

Observers: Matthan Beachy, Alvin Brubaker, Amanda Brubaker, Floyd Brubaker, John David Brubaker (co-compiler), Lavern Brubaker, Lewis Brubaker, Manassah Brubaker, Matthan Brubaker, Matthew Brubaker, Roman Burbaker, Timothy Brubaker (co-compiler), Andrew Gingerich, Herman Gingerich, Mahlon Gingerich, Wilbur Gingerich, Noah Glick, Ervin Hoover, Ethan Hoover, Jamin Hoover, Joseph Hoover, Justin Hoover, Matthew Hoover, Noah Hoover, Philemon Hoover, Joanne Habegger, Rosalyn Habegger, Roseana Habegger, Sharon Habegger, Mahlon Habegger, Philip Habegger, Samuel Habegger, Allen Shirk, Alta Shirk, Elvin Shirk, Allen Weaver, Ida Weaver, Karl Weaver, Mose Weaver, Paul Weaver, and Vera Weaver.

Comments: Nothing very rare was observed. The Greater White-fronted Goose and Snow Goose (a blue morph) were great birds for our count. We missed seeing a Bald Eagle, Sandhill Crane, and Lapland Longspur. Turn out was good, even though the date didn't suit some of the regular participants. Overall it was a great count.

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------|--------|----------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Blk-cr. Night-Heron               | -              | -               | -                      | -      | -      | -        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | 1          |
| Black Vulture                     | 5              | 145             | 189                    | -      | 9      | 6        | 4             | 568                  | 217                  | -                       | 70          | 32               | 29              | 65         |
| Turkey Vulture                    | 12             | 67              | 8                      | 3      | 70     | 3        | 17            | 543                  | 294                  | 6                       | 28          | 114              | 1               | 15         |
| Osprey                            | -              | -               | -                      | -      | -      | -        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| Bald Eagle                        | 31             | 16              | 55                     | 1      | -      | 3        | -             | -                    | 3                    | 1                       | -           | 1                | 3               | 7          |
| Northern Harrier                  | 7              | 1               | -                      | 6      | 5      | 19       | 2             | 10                   | 9                    | -                       | wk          | -                | -               | -          |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk                | -              | -               | 3                      | 2      | -      | 1        | 3             | 2                    | 2                    | wk                      | -           | -                | 3               | 6          |
| Cooper's Hawk                     | 1              | -               | 2                      | 5      | 3      | 2        | 7             | 4                    | 9                    | -                       | 1           | 2                | 3               | 20         |
| Sharp-sh./Cooper's Hawk           | 1              | -               | -                      | -      | -      | 1        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | 1               | -          |
| Red-shouldered Hawk               | 8              | 7               | 3                      | 2      | 5      | 13       | 1             | 11                   | 12                   | 1                       | 2           | 8                | 15              | 24         |
| Red-tailed Hawk                   | 26             | 11              | 11                     | 39     | 45     | 12       | 23            | 45                   | 37                   | -                       | 5           | 9                | 19              | 37         |
| Golden Eagle                      | 1              | -               | wk                     | -      | -      | -        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| Virginia Rail                     | -              | -               | -                      | -      | -      | 4        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| American Coot                     | -              | 1704            | 567                    | -      | -      | 26       | 35            | -                    | -                    | -                       | 1           | -                | -               | 35         |
| Sandhill Crane                    | -              | -               | -                      | -      | 5      | -        | -             | wk                   | 1568                 | 125                     | -           | -                | -               | wk         |
| Killdeer                          | 66             | 64              | 54                     | 71     | 269    | 2        | -             | 225                  | 615                  | -                       | 1           | 24               | 8               | 51         |
| Least Sandpiper                   | -              | 2               | 1                      | -      | -      | -        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| Wilson's Snipe                    | 2              | -               | 17                     | -      | 7      | -        | -             | 7                    | 14                   | -                       | 1           | -                | 2               | 1          |
| American Woodcock                 | 3              | -               | 2                      | -      | -      | -        | -             | -                    | 1                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| Bonaparte's Gull                  | -              | 324             | 959                    | -      | -      | 1        | -             | -                    | 671                  | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| Ring-billed Gull                  | 3              | 790             | 737                    | -      | -      | 8        | -             | -                    | 995                  | -                       | -           | -                | -               | 255        |
| Herring Gull                      | -              | 8               | 228                    | -      | -      | -        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| Great Blk.-backed Gull            | -              | -               | 1                      | -      | -      | -        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| Les. Black-backed Gull            | -              | -               | 3                      | -      | -      | -        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| Forster's Tern                    | -              | 17              | 4                      | -      | -      | -        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| Rock Pigeon                       | 20             | 113             | 150                    | 528    | 86     | 56       | 820           | 127                  | 144                  | -                       | 14          | 37               | 267             | 484        |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove            | 4              | 26              | -                      | 20     | 9      | -        | 2             | -                    | 17                   | -                       | -           | 3                | -               | -          |
| Mourning Dove                     | 90             | 86              | 64                     | 185    | 635    | 57       | 442           | 828                  | 262                  | 4                       | 519         | 374              | 191             | 509        |
| Barn Owl                          | -              | -               | -                      | -      | 1      | -        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| Eastern Screech-Owl               | 1              | -               | -                      | 4      | -      | 1        | -             | -                    | 1                    | -                       | -           | -                | 2               | 4          |
| Great Horned Owl                  | -              | 2               | 1                      | 3      | 3      | 4        | 1             | -                    | 7                    | -                       | -           | -                | 1               | 3          |
| Barred Owl                        | 2              | 1               | 6                      | 1      | 2      | 6        | -             | 1                    | 1                    | -                       | -           | 1                | 1               | 2          |
| Short-eared Owl                   | -              | -               | -                      | -      | -      | 3        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| Belted Kingfisher                 | 3              | 4               | 17                     | 2      | 5      | 4        | 3             | 9                    | 10                   | 4                       | 5           | 2                | 4               | 17         |
| Red-headed Woodpecker             | 34             | 17              | 76                     | -      | 9      | 2        | -             | 63                   | 11                   | 2                       | 5           | 11               | 2               | -          |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker            | 35             | 50              | 87                     | 39     | 56     | 17       | 29            | 188                  | 149                  | 14                      | 22          | 34               | 42              | 87         |
| Yel.-bellied Sapsucker            | 12             | 7               | 26                     | 2      | 5      | 2        | 4             | 24                   | 19                   | 3                       | -           | 2                | 8               | 16         |

| Shelbyville | Hart County | Nolin River | Green River Lake | Frankfort | Kleber WMA | Danville | Lexington | Burlington | Falmouth | Warsaw | Richmond | Russell-Adair County | Somerset | Wayne County | London | Cumberland Falls | Total |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|--------|----------|----------------------|----------|--------------|--------|------------------|-------|
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 1     |
| 86          | 4           | 90          | 26               | 203       | 37         | 99       | 257       | 86         | 19       | 220    | 44       | 127                  | 67       | 336          | 22     | 8                | 3070  |
| 65          | 30          | 140         | 5                | 143       | -          | 20       | 76        | 15         | -        | 35     | 1        | 59                   | 37       | 121          | 18     | -                | 1946  |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | 1        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 1     |
| -           | 1           | -           | 3                | 2         | 1          | -        | 1         | 1          | 2        | 3      | 1        | 1                    | wk       | 1            | -      | 1                | 139   |
| wk          | 3           | 6           | -                | -         | -          | 1        | 1         | -          | -        | 1      | 2        | 1                    | 2        | 1            | -      | 1                | 78    |
| 1           | 1           | 1           | -                | 3         | -          | -        | 4         | 1          | -        | -      | 3        | -                    | 4        | -            | -      | -                | 40    |
| 1           | 7           | -           | 1                | 1         | -          | 9        | 8         | 2          | 4        | 6      | 1        | -                    | 6        | 2            | 1      | -                | 108   |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | 2        | -         | -          | -        | -      | 2        | 1                    | 1        | -            | -      | -                | 9     |
| -           | 2           | 2           | -                | -         | -          | -        | 1         | 2          | 2        | -      | 2        | 1                    | 8        | 8            | 16     | 14               | 170   |
| 22          | 14          | 14          | 11               | 15        | 5          | 52       | 73        | 15         | 12       | 16     | 26       | 7                    | 32       | 13           | 14     | 10               | 670   |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | 1        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 2     |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 4     |
| -           | -           | -           | 37               | -         | -          | 10       | 12        | 41         | -        | -      | 540      | 1                    | 12       | 4            | 14     | -                | 3039  |
| -           | wk          | 200         | 10               | wk        | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | wk                   | -        | 2            | -      | -                | 1910  |
| 2           | 21          | 9           | 431              | 1         | -          | 30       | 15        | 2          | 5        | -      | 1        | 42                   | 31       | 19           | 28     | -                | 2087  |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 3     |
| 1           | 5           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | 1         | -          | -        | -      | -        | 1                    | 7        | -            | -      | -                | 66    |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | 3                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 9     |
| -           | -           | 75          | 24               | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | wk                   | 1        | -            | 1      | -                | 2056  |
| 3           | -           | 2           | 739              | -         | -          | -        | -         | wk         | 3        | 61     | -        | 2                    | 24       | 36           | 1      | 11               | 3670  |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 236   |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 1     |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 3     |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 21    |
| 325         | 41          | 17          | 7                | 390       | 28         | 187      | 339       | 36         | 6        | 92     | 82       | 37                   | 131      | 80           | 658    | 3                | 5305  |
| 3           | 2           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | 9            | -      | -                | 95    |
| 208         | 290         | 75          | 3                | 155       | 57         | 570      | 540       | 80         | 112      | 213    | 319      | 145                  | 477      | 570          | 308    | 30               | 8398  |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 1     |
| -           | 5           | 1           | -                | -         | -          | -        | 4         | 3          | 3        | 3      | -        | 1                    | 4        | 2            | 1      | -                | 40    |
| 1           | 6           | -           | -                | -         | -          | 1        | 1         | 1          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | 2        | -            | 1      | -                | 38    |
| -           | 1           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | 1          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | 4        | 1            | -      | 1                | 32    |
| wk          | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 3     |
| 7           | 6           | 1           | 2                | 11        | 2          | 5        | 14        | 4          | 3        | 3      | 15       | 1                    | 12       | 3            | 2      | 5                | 185   |
| 1           | 8           | 9           | -                | 1         | -          | 2        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | 4                    | 4        | 17           | -      | 4                | 282   |
| 14          | 28          | 19          | 26               | 41        | 5          | 35       | 65        | 37         | 21       | 16     | 36       | 31                   | 58       | 52           | 30     | 35               | 1398  |
| 1           | wk          | wk          | 1                | 5         | 1          | 4        | 12        | 4          | -        | 3      | 2        | 1                    | 6        | -            | -      | 4                | 174   |







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|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------|--------|----------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Com. Yellowthroat                 | -              | -               | -                      | -      | -      | -        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | 1                | -               | -          |
| Eastern Towhee                    | 32             | 19              | 43                     | 10     | 37     | 42       | 7             | 91                   | 23                   | 3                       | 22          | 29               | 60              | 25         |
| Amer. Tree Sparrow                | 1              | -               | 3                      | -      | -      | 5        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | 1           | 1                | 3               | 17         |
| Chipping Sparrow                  | -              | -               | -                      | -      | 16     | 5        | -             | 15                   | 3                    | 4                       | wk          | -                | 2               | 3          |
| Field Sparrow                     | 71             | 2               | 11                     | -      | 39     | 17       | 9             | 143                  | 102                  | 24                      | 66          | 105              | 97              | 46         |
| Savannah Sparrow                  | 4              | 5               | 3                      | 4      | 40     | 16       | 21            | 31                   | 13                   | -                       | 5           | -                | 3               | 3          |
| Le Conte's Sparrow                | -              | -               | -                      | -      | -      | 2        | -             | -                    | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | -          |
| Fox Sparrow                       | 18             | 8               | 1                      | 2      | 3      | 40       | 3             | 44                   | 27                   | 4                       | -           | 4                | 6               | 3          |
| Song Sparrow                      | 60             | 7               | 39                     | 40     | 104    | 108      | 58            | 239                  | 219                  | 34                      | 50          | 77               | 186             | 212        |
| Swamp Sparrow                     | 40             | 2               | 11                     | 4      | 31     | 71       | 10            | 49                   | 97                   | -                       | 7           | 13               | 26              | 41         |
| White-thr. Sparrow                | 162            | 121             | 209                    | 37     | 152    | 162      | 106           | 412                  | 220                  | 67                      | 49          | 88               | 112             | 271        |
| White-cr. Sparrow                 | 35             | 4               | 1                      | 3      | 184    | 35       | 14            | 277                  | 128                  | -                       | 82          | 2                | 44              | 21         |
| Dark-eyed Junco                   | 98             | 167             | 468                    | 35     | 224    | 146      | 33            | 237                  | 59                   | 86                      | 56          | 206              | 215             | 260        |
| Northern Cardinal                 | 104            | 130             | 114                    | 96     | 270    | 122      | 108           | 610                  | 384                  | 36                      | 130         | 105              | 137             | 423        |
| Red-wg. Blackbird                 | 135            | 50              | 95                     | 622    | 82689  | 376      | 220           | 649                  | 98                   | -                       | 2           | -                | -               | 71         |
| Eastern Meadowlark                | 30             | 31              | 1                      | 33     | 243    | 44       | 55            | 254                  | 276                  | -                       | 61          | 7                | 5               | 5          |
| Rusty Blackbird                   | 1              | 4               | 6                      | -      | 10     | 2        | 16            | 20                   | -                    | -                       | -           | -                | -               | 6          |
| Common Grackle                    | 1100           | 105             | 228                    | 13552  | 5547   | 1200     | 1             | 66                   | 16                   | -                       | 136         | -                | 6               | 2000       |
| Brown-hd. Cowbird                 | -              | 3               | 3                      | 8      | 6195   | -        | 1             | 1921                 | 2414                 | -                       | -           | -                | -               | 71         |
| Purple Finch                      | -              | 1               | 2                      | -      | -      | 8        | wk            | 13                   | 19                   | -                       | 4           | 6                | 2               | 1          |
| House Finch                       | 24             | 34              | 18                     | 76     | 54     | 9        | 56            | 258                  | 74                   | -                       | 41          | -                | 21              | 113        |
| Pine Siskin                       | -              | -               | -                      | -      | 12     | 7        | 2             | 1                    | wk                   | -                       | -           | -                | 1               | 1          |
| American Goldfinch                | 32             | 82              | 127                    | 53     | 131    | 110      | 33            | 644                  | 423                  | 26                      | 110         | 136              | 78              | 298        |
| House Sparrow                     | 42             | 12              | 73                     | 152    | 156    | 16       | 44            | 100                  | 158                  | -                       | 170         | 8                | 25              | 127        |
|                                   |                |                 |                        |        |        |          |               |                      |                      |                         |             |                  |                 |            |
| Day of Count                      | D16            | J04             | D14                    | J01    | D31    | J01      | D14           | J03                  | D20                  | D17                     | J04         | D27              | D20             | D14        |
| Number of Species                 | 86             | 82              | 96                     | 61     | 78     | 92       | 67            | 75                   | 77                   | 42                      | 63          | 58               | 65              | 92         |
| No. of Individuals                | 24198          | 8363            | 14563                  | 23114  | 154528 | 7343     | 14160         | 18428                | 13597                | 1101                    | 3827        | 3909             | 5070            | 68442      |
| No. of Observers                  | 7              | 9               | 25                     | 15     | 12     | 5        | 4             | 41                   | 20                   | 6                       | 5           | 8                | 11              | 45         |

| Shelbyville | Hart County | Nolin River | Green River Lake | Frankfort | Kleber WMA | Danville | Lexington | Burlington | Falmouth | Warsaw | Richmond | Russell-Adair County | Somerset | Wayne County | London | Cumberland Falls | Total  |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|--------|----------|----------------------|----------|--------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 1      |
| -           | 8           | 6           | 6                | 6         | 12         | 2        | 34        | 17         | 3        | 13     | 33       | 16                   | 45       | 22           | 25     | 8                | 699    |
| wk          | -           | -           | -                | 12        | 3          | -        | 3         | 56         | 1        | 14     | -        | -                    | 4        | -            | -      | -                | 124    |
| 2           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | 11       | 2         | -          | -        | -      | 1        | -                    | 4        | 6            | 1      | 1                | 76     |
| 12          | 25          | 12          | 28               | 24        | -          | 37       | 35        | 20         | 6        | 6      | 23       | 16                   | 106      | 50           | 50     | 40               | 1222   |
| 1           | 9           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | 1          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | 9            | -      | -                | 168    |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | -            | -      | -                | 2      |
| 1           | 1           | 1           | -                | -         | -          | 3        | -         | wk         | -        | -      | 2        | 1                    | 18       | -            | 2      | -                | 192    |
| 35          | 135         | 38          | 35               | 66        | 24         | 40       | 125       | 68         | 9        | 31     | 41       | 32                   | 182      | 76           | 88     | 44               | 2502   |
| 2           | 18          | 2           | -                | 9         | 1          | -        | 28        | 6          | 3        | 1      | 4        | 5                    | 26       | 7            | 4      | 2                | 520    |
| 15          | 46          | 32          | 33               | 49        | 20         | 53       | 436       | 51         | 21       | 35     | 71       | 52                   | 247      | 29           | 97     | 91               | 3546   |
| 38          | 123         | 65          | 2                | 33        | 24         | 162      | 56        | 9          | 2        | 34     | 31       | 8                    | 84       | 24           | 6      | 3                | 1534   |
| 29          | 8           | 101         | 57               | 37        | 15         | 99       | 97        | 63         | 48       | 39     | 20       | 72                   | 271      | 65           | 165    | 144              | 3620   |
| 85          | 110         | 39          | 77               | 114       | 39         | 287      | 388       | 171        | 78       | 77     | 132      | 82                   | 495      | 118          | 183    | 153              | 5397   |
| 1           | 3850        | 115         | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | -        | -      | -        | 24                   | 7        | 100          | -      | -                | 89104  |
| 23          | 6           | 34          | 4                | -         | 1          | 8        | 13        | -          | 1        | -      | 27       | 39                   | 41       | 96           | 75     | -                | 1413   |
| -           | 1           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | 1        | -      | -        | -                    | -        | 40           | -      | -                | 107    |
| -           | 150000      | -           | 2                | 1         | -          | -        | 1         | -          | -        | -      | 1        | 8                    | 1        | -            | -      | -                | 173971 |
| -           | 5           | -           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | 7          | 1        | -      | 1        | -                    | 9        | 8            | -      | -                | 10647  |
| -           | 8           | 2           | -                | -         | -          | -        | -         | -          | 5        | -      | -        | wk                   | 3        | -            | -      | 1                | 75     |
| 26          | 43          | 4           | 7                | 62        | -          | 193      | 258       | 5          | 21       | 18     | 34       | 25                   | 267      | 34           | 68     | 7                | 1850   |
| -           | -           | -           | -                | 2         | -          | 4        | 8         | -          | -        | 3      | -        | -                    | 1        | -            | -      | wk               | 42     |
| 29          | 45          | 65          | 6                | 103       | 23         | 80       | 278       | 58         | 29       | 56     | 28       | 66                   | 308      | 45           | 60     | 49               | 3611   |
| 27          | 28          | 20          | 10               | 92        | 6          | 151      | 178       | 16         | 3        | 62     | 5        | 18                   | 112      | 16           | 42     | 1                | 1870   |
|             |             |             |                  |           |            |          |           |            |          |        |          |                      |          |              |        |                  |        |
| D21         | D14         | D30         | D30              | D14       | J04        | D20      | D20       | D27        | J03      | D20    | D14      | D16                  | J01      | D18          | D30    | D19              |        |
| 60          | 65          | 58          | 60               | 52        | 34         | 55       | 75        | 61         | 49       | 56     | 69       | 68                   | 86       | 73           | 61     | 53               | 134    |
| 3311        | 161043      | 4832        | 3606             | 3843      | 1046       | 13394    | 13050     | 2706       | 1663     | 2650   | 3811     | 2650                 | 13716    | 6161         | 6411   | 1894             | 606430 |
| 13          | 13          | 6           | 7                | 20        | 2          | 27       | 40        | 12         | 4        | 4      | 10       | 7                    | 10       | 5            | 12     | 7                | 412    |

**Eastern Allen County** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center along Rhoden Creek, 3.0 miles n. of Holland, Ky., Post Office; 36.7426°, -086.06855°). Habitat as described in 2014. Dec. 20; 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky mostly cloudy to partly cloudy in the afternoon; temp. 25-40°F; wind S 0-7 m.p.h.

Twenty observers in nine parties. Total party hours 53 (23 on foot, 30 by buggy). Total party-miles 123 (25 on foot, 98 by buggy). Total species 77; total individuals 13,597.

Observers: Jamin Beachy, Makaya Beachy, Marena Beachy, Matthan Beachy (compiler), Daniel Brubaker, John David Brubaker, Matthew Brubaker, Stephen Brubaker, Timothy Brubaker, Noah Glick, Ethan Hoover, Joseph Hoover, Matthew Hoover, James Sensenig, Judith Senenig, Daniel Troyer, Nelson Troyer, Alan Zimmerman, Miriam Zimmerman, and Karl Weaver.

Comments: Another enjoyable day even though we did lose party hours and species. No exceptionally good finds were turned up, although a late Pine Warbler was found. Some species were seen in above-average numbers, including both vulture species, Sandhill Cranes, and Killdeer. The American Woodcock was a new species for this count. Thanks everybody!

**Mammoth Cave National Park** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center at Park Headquarters; 37.18644°, -086.1101°). Habitat as described in 1980. Dec. 17; 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST. Sky overcast in the a.m. to sunny in the p.m.; temp. 33-40°F; wind NW, 5-10 m.p.h.

Six observers in two parties. Total party-hours 15 (6 on foot, 9 by car). Total party-miles 116 (3 on foot, 113 by car). Total species 42; total individuals 1101.

Observers: Noah Ashley, Valerie Brown, Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Chris Groves, Wayne Mason, Albert Meier.

**Hodgenville** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center at courthouse square in downtown Hodgenville; 37.57375°, -085.74038). Habitat as described in 2011. Jan. 4; 7:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. EST. Sky mostly cloudy with light mist late in the morning/mid-day; temp. 52-39°F; wind NW 10-15 m.p.h., gusts to 25 m.p.h.

Five observers in two parties. Total party-hours 20 (6 on foot, 14 by car). Total party-miles 135 (2 on foot, 133 by car). Total species 63; total individuals 3827.

Observers: Brooks Atherton, Lyn Atherton, Bill Friel, Rosemary Meredith, and Barbara Woerner (compiler).

Comments: Bird activity diminished after mid-day as blustery winds set in and temperatures dropped.

**Otter Creek Park** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center just west of the jct. of Ky 1238 and Pack Lane, about two miles sw. of the Park entrance; 37.91409°, -086.069836°). Habitat as described in 2001. Dec 27; 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy with light intermittent showers in the morning; cloudy mid-day; cloudy with rain after mid-afternoon; temp. 43-50° F; wind S, 5-15 m.p.h. Water open.

Eight observers in four to five parties. Total party hours 27 (14 on foot, 13 by car). Total party miles 159 (3 on foot, 156 by car). Hours owling: 1.0. Total species 57; total individuals 3908.

Observers: Carol Besse, Kim Ennis, Eddie Huber, Jennifer Huber, Brian Johnson, Charlie Logsdon, and Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), and Barbara Woerner.

Comments: The species total (57) was well below average for this count, due in large part to the cloudy day with intermittent (morning) to persistent (mid-afternoon and later) rain showers. The single highlight was a lingering female Common Yellowthroat found near Doe Valley Lake.

**Bernheim Forest** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center at Forest lookout tower, 2.75 mi. se. of Forest entrance; 37.902405°, -085.62752°). Habitat as described in

1974. Dec 20; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky mostly clear; temp. 27-38° F; wind N, 0-10 m.p.h. Water open.

Eleven observers in seven parties. Total party hours 38 (14 on foot, 24 by car). Total party miles 249 (6 on foot, 243 by car). Total species 64; total individuals 5069.

Observers: Mary Bill Bauer, Dona Coates, Brian Davis, Eddie Huber, Jennifer Huber, Rob Lane, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Nancy Vance, Kelly Vowels, Carolyn Waters, and Barbara Woerner.

Comments: In general the cold, sunny day was a good one for finding birds. The species total (65) was about average for this count for recent years. Highlights of the day included three Bald Eagles, two Pine Warblers, two Chipping Sparrows, and a single Pine Siskin. Red-breasted Nuthatches were missed, and winter finches (including Purple Finch) were scarce. Natural food supplies appeared to be in relatively low supply.

**Louisville** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center Jct. hwy 42 and 22; 38.2813°, -085.6348). Habitat as described in 1972. Dec. 14; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 43-47°F; wind SSW, 7 m.p.h. It was misty, foggy and cold.

Forty-five observers in 19 parties. Total party-hours 79 (56 on foot, 23 by car), Feeder watching over 6.75 hours. Total party miles 288.1 (36.7 on foot, 251.4 by car). Owling hours 3.5 over 4.25 miles. Total species 92; total individuals 68,442.

Observers: Win Ahrens, Michael Autin, Jamie Baker, Tom Becker, Pat Bedford, Sherm Bedford, Jane Bell and Pat Bell (co-compilers), Carol Besse, Ren Bilkey, Wanda Bilkey, Carl Bochmann, JoAnn Bochmann, Karen Bonsell, Dona Coates, Marge Constan, Colleen Craven-Becker, Wes Cunningham, Rod Goforth, Nancy Grant, Chuck Hatten, Bob Herndon, Jane Herndon, Bob Johnson, Brian Johnson, Donovan, Jim Krull, John Krull, Rob Lane, Richard Mayfield, Pat Meyer, Mark Monroe, Jim Mosher, Brainard Palmer-Ball Jr., Patrice Pittman, Peggy Renn, Michael Riggs, Tim Ritter, Tom Sklodoski, David Stewart, Jack Still, Del Striegel, Nancy Vance, Major Waltman, and Barbara Woerner.

Comments: The Louisville CBC took place on a cold, foggy, misty day. Despite the weather conditions the 45 participants found 92 species, one of our highest counts in recent years. The count of total individuals was boosted by the large numbers of European Starlings, Common Grackles, and American Robins counted going into a roost near Douglass Hills. There was also an increase in the total numbers of many other species. Highlights were 7 Bald Eagles, 3 Peregrine Falcons, 65 Black Vultures (compared to only 15 Turkey Vultures), 4 Eastern Screech-Owls (last year 0), and 50 Brown Creepers. Sandhill Crane and American Black Duck were seen during count week. Thanks to all who participated this year.

**Shelbyville** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center three-quarters of a mile s. of US 60 and Guist Creek Lake on KY 714; 38.18997°, -085.14535°). Elevation 640-1190'. Habitat: farmland, fallow land, suburban, wooded and grassland. Dec. 21; 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. Sky clear. 19-45°F; wind W, 5 m.p.h.

Thirteen observers in eight parties. Total party-hours 58.50 (37.25 on foot, 21.25 by car). Total party-miles 254 (15 on foot, 239 by car). Total species 60; total individuals 3311.

Observers: Bryan Baker, Horace Brown (compiler), Joan Brown, Karin Ceralde, Kevin Flowers, Donnie Hill, Pat Hill, Sam Houston, Tom Hower, Jackie Irwin, Walt Reichart, Benton Young, and Thomas Young.

**Hart County** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center corner of Craddock Road and Jagers Lane; 37.28352°, -085.83795°). Habitat: rural fields and forests; one large (Hundred-Acre) pond, and Green River. Dec. 14; 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy, afternoon rain; temp. 38-49°F; wind, none to light.

Thirteen observers in three parties. Total party-hours 15 (8 on foot, 7 by car). Total

party-miles 140 (3 on foot, 137 by car). Total species 65; total individuals 161,043.

Observers: Bonnie Avery, Bruce Bardin, John Brittain, Tom Durbin, Carol Friedman, Dan Givens, Nancy Givens, Janet Kistler, Steve Kistler (compiler), Joyce Lynn, Cap Middleton, John Perry, and Mitch Sturgeon.

**Nolin River** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center 0.5 miles south of Hilltop, e. Grayson County; 37.38964°, -086.1137°). Habitat: woodland, farmland, river and Nolin Reservoir. Dec. 30; 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky clear; temp. 25-39°F; wind NE, 5-10 m.p.h.

Six observers in two parties. Total party-hours 16 (4 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 150 (2 on foot, 148 by car). Total species 58; total individuals 4832.

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

Comments: This was the lowest species count (58) since the first year of the count in 2002. We missed Wild Turkey, Bald Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, Barred Owl, Eastern Phoebe, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and Red-winged Blackbird, all of which have usually been seen on earlier counts. Generally, there was a low count for waterfowl. The 75 Bonaparte's Gulls were a count high. Three Snow Geese were a first for the count. A large native grass field that previously was the center of Short-eared Owl activity has been converted to corn and no owls were observed.

**Green River Lake** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Taylor Co.; 37.17541°, -085.22041°). 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. 30; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Sky clear; temp. 27-37°F; wind N 5-15 m.p.h. This was one of a few days not overcast.

Seven observers in three parties. Total party-hours 22.5 (9.0 on foot, 13.5 by car). Hours feeder watching 0.5. Total party-miles 149.45 (5.75 on foot, 143.70 by car). Total species 60; total individuals 3606.

Observers: Lloyd Curry (compiler), Robert Doty, Eddie Huber, Richie Kessler, Andrea Obryan, Carol Sole, and Jeff Sole.

Comments: The count was down three species from last year. It was amazing that only three Mourning Doves were observed. Black Vultures were very prominent this year.

[*Editor's note:* The Gray Catbird report was accompanied by a written description; it was seen along Ebenezer Road in Taylor County]

**Frankfort** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center jct. US 127 and KY 1900; 38.22612°, -084.85022°). Habitat as described in 1977. Dec. 14; 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 41-47°F; wind SE, 10-12 m.p.h.

Twenty observers in seven parties. Total party-hours 33.75 (20.25 on foot, 13.50 by car). Total party-miles 120.75 (18.75 on foot, 102.00 by car). Total species 52; total individuals 3843.

Observers: Matt Brotherton, Robert Chadwick, Barb Cornett, Peggy Gould (compiler), Ralph Gould, Pat Hankla, Scott Hankla, Jeff Jones, Joel Jones, Robert Laurenson, Susan Laurenson, Edwin Shouse, Mary Shouse, Lynne Spencer, Mike Spencer, Sam Spencer, Gary Sprandel, Kyra Vorisek, Shawchyi Vorisek, and Emily Webb.

**Kleber Wildlife Management Area** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center at Hensler, Owen Co. 38.4633°, -084.7769°). Habitat as described in 1972. Jan. 4; 7:40 a.m. to 4:11 p.m. EST. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 51-40°F; wind W, 10-15 m.p.h., with gusts to 30 m.p.h.

Two observers in one party. Total party-hours 8.5 (2.5 on foot, 6.0 by car). Total party-miles 33.1 (4.0 on foot, 29.1 by car). Total species 34; total individuals 1046.

Observers: Jeff Jones (compiler) and Joel Jones.

Comments: It was very windy with a gradual decrease in temperature throughout the day. Some reliable spots had no birds at all. It was a difficult day with birds remaining quiet and hidden in heavy cover.

**Danville** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center Boyle County Courthouse; 37.64634°, -084.77345°). Habitat: water edge (15%), urban (8%), cultivated (10%), field/fence row (35%), wooded edge (25%), and feeder (7%). Dec. 20; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 28-40°F; wind calm.

Twenty-seven observers in nine parties. Total party-hours 49.25 (10.50 on foot, 38.75 by car). Total party-miles 472.55 (8.35 on foot, 464.20 by car). Total species 55; total individuals 13,394.

Observers: Jane Brantley, JP Brantley, Jim Breder, Sallie Bright, Carol Clark, Yancy Clark, Granville Cox, Andy Eklund, Neil Eklund (compiler), Virginia Eklund, Stephanie Fabritius, Gus Faeth, Michael Hamm, Kate Heyden, Mike Lauer, Danielle LaLonde, Ben Leffew, Anne Lubbers, Gail Manning, Preston Miles, Eric Mount, Jim Porter, Linda Porter, Jamie Powell, Rose-Marie Roessler, Milton Scarbough, and Patsi Trollinger.

**Lexington** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center East Hickman Church on Tates Creek Road; 37.9198°, -084.4693°). Habitat: suburban farms, woodlots, water company reservoirs, Kentucky River cliffs and bottomland. Dec. 20; 6:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 27-38°F; wind NE 0-8 m.p.h.

Forty observers in 14 parties. Total party-hours 84.25 (30.50 by foot, 53.75 by car), with 8 hours at feeders and 3.50 hours owling. Total party-miles 470.05 (24.80 by foot, 445.25 by car), with 34.25 miles owling. Total species 75; total individuals 13,050.

Observers: Ben Albritton, Laura Baird, Nancy Barnett, Ramesh Bhatt, Thad Bishop, Gretchen Bolton, Lisa Combs, Mary Carol Cooper, John Cox, Montana Cox, Ed DeMoll, Barbara Dickison, Ann Gossage, Jim Hodge, Marsha Hopkins, Kevin Hopper, Alice Howell, Beverly James, Allen Kingsland, Betsy Lang, David Lang (compiler), Judy Lundquist, Andy Mead, David Moldoff, Tina Nauman, Ronan O'Carra, Beth Oleson, Carol Pickett, Layton Register, Spencer Reinhard, Lou Shain, Jeff Sole, Marie Sutton, Dave Svetich, Joe Swanson, Mark Tower, George Weems, Jim Williams, Bernice Wood, and Suzanne Zivari.

[*Editor's note:* One of the Gray Catbirds was photographed; the other report was accompanied by a written description. The Black-and-white Warbler, a first for the state during winter, was observed at Raven Run Sanctuary, and the report was accompanied by a written description]

**Burlington** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center near Camp Michaels; 38.94932°, -084.74625°). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 27; 6:45 a.m. to 4:55 p.m. EST. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 39-48°F; wind SE, 0-12 m.p.h. Most water was open.

Twelve observers in six parties. Total party-hours 30.5 (16.0 on foot, 12.5 by car, 2.6 by bicycle). Total party-miles 166 (8 on foot, 146 by car). Total species 61; total individuals 2706.

Observers: Linda Altevers, Joe Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Elaine Carroll, Pat Carroll, Melissa Desjardin, Barb Dickison, Ed Groneman, Lee McNeely (compiler), Gayle Pille, Tommy Stephens and Scott Zumwalde.

Comments: Access to the East Bend Power Plant ash pond was restricted, which contributed to lower than normal waterfowl numbers.

**Falmouth** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center near Caddo, Ky.; 38.74738°, -084.24473°). Habitat: 50% woodland and forest edge, 25% river and lake shoreline, 20% agricultural, and 5% residential. Jan. 3; 7:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. EST. Sky overcast; temp. 37-58°F; wind SE, 5-15 m.p.h. Light rain occurred throughout most of the day.

Four observers in two parties. Total party-hours 16 (3 on foot, 13 by car). Total party-miles 123 (2 on foot, 121 by car). Total species 49; total individuals 1663.



Observers: Rodney Crice, Barb Dickison, Pam Kutscher, and Lee McNeely (compiler).

Comments: Continuing construction at Meldahl Dam is reducing habitat and Ohio River access. Several species of birds were notable by their absence and low numbers. Highlights included Bald Eagle, Rusty Blackbird, and Purple Finch.

**Warsaw** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center Gallatin County Courthouse; 38.78387°, -084.90227°). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 20; 6:50 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. EST. Sky mostly cloudy, some light rain; temp. 29-38°F; wind S, 0-15 m.p.h.

Four observers in two parties. Total party-hours 14 (2 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 166 (2 on foot, 164 by car). Total species 56; total individuals 2650.

Observers: Ed Groneman, Eddie Huber, Lee McNeely (compiler), and Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

Comments: We were unable to visit Ghent Power Plant this year leading to lower than normal waterfowl numbers. Gull numbers were unusually low, as were Golden-crowned Kinglets and Yellow-rumped Warblers. Highlights included three Bald Eagles, two Peregrine Falcons, and Pine Siskins.

**Richmond** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center 0.75 air miles e. of jct. US 25 and Ky 1983 (White Station Road); 37.6311°, -084.2638°). Habitat: fencerows and roadsides (20%), woodland (20%), pasture and open fields (55%), lawns (4%), lakes and ponds (1%). Dec. 14; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. Sky overcast; temp. 40-46°F; wind 0-5 m.p.h.

Ten observers in four parties. Total party-hours 24.0 (8.5 on foot, 15.5 by car), 2 hours feeder watching. Total party-miles 220.9 (7.5 on foot, 213.4 by car). Total species 68; total individuals 3810.

Observers: Gretchen Bolton, Dustin Brewer, David Brown, Drew Harvey, Katrina Moeller, Zach Moore, Brianna Ritchison, Gary Ritchison (compiler), Tammy Ritchison, and Katheryn Watson.

[*Editor's note:* The Osprey was seen at Lake Vega on the Bluegrass Army Depot, and the report was accompanied by a written description. A Common Yellowthroat was also reported at Lake Vega based on the detection of call notes, but the bird was not seen. The latter report may be valid but has not been included in either the species total or the summary table]

**Russell-Adair County** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center intersection of Owensby Road and Hwy. 3281; 36.96583°, -085.12167°). 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. 16; 5:08 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. CST. Sky overcast; temp. 43-53°F; wind W, 10-25 m.p.h.

Seven observers in three parties. Total part-hours 27.25 (2.00 on foot, 25.25 by car). Total party-miles 235.5 (1.5 on foot, 234.0 by car). Total species 68; total individuals 2650.

Observers: Wendy Burt, Granville Cox, Thelma Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Linda McClendon, and Arlene Morton.

**Somerset** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center junction of Bypass Hwy. 80 and Hwy. 39; 37.10245°, -084.60376°). Habitat as described in 2000. Jan. 1; 5:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 19-41°F; wind SW, 0-12 m.p.h.

Ten observers in six parties. Total party-hours 48.25 (6.00 by foot, 42.25 by car). Total party-miles 365.5 (3.5 on foot, 362.0 by car). Total species 86; total individuals 13,716.

Observers: Rhonda Bryant, Susan Blocher, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Gay Hodges, Laura Kamperman, James Kiser, Scott Marsh, and David Powers.

**Wayne County** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center jct. Hwy. 1275 and Hwy. 3106; 36.8972°, -084.8215°). Habitat as described in 2002. Dec 18; 6:30 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. CST. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 29-37°F; wind N, 0-4 m.p.h. All water open.

Five observers in four parties. Total party hours 33.75 (6.25 on foot, 27.50 by car). Total party-miles 220.5 (3.5 on foot, 217.0 by car). Total species 73; total individuals 6161.

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

**London** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center at jct. Rte. 3432 and US 25; 37.13544°, -084.-09445°). Habitat as described in 2014. Dec. 30; 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. sky partly cloudy in the a.m., clear in the p.m.; temp. 27-40°F; wind N, 0-8 m.p.h.

Twelve observers in four parties. Total party hours 39.0 (4.0 on foot, 35.0 by car). Total party miles 327.75 (1.75 on foot, 326.00 by car). Total species 61; total individuals 6411.

Observers: Wendi Allen, Granville Cox (compiler), Thelma Cox, Roseanna Denton, Steve Denton, Lacey Dixon, Abi Dixon, Kane Fullmer, Bobbie Idol, Bret Kuss, Marie Oakley, and Tucker Robinson.

**Cumberland Falls** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center on upper Bark Camp Creek; 36.8900°, -084.2611°). 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. 14; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST; sky clear a.m. and cloudy p.m.; temp. 31-41°F; wind SW, 0-10 m.p.h.

Seven observers in four parties. Total party hours 32.25 (6.00 on foot, 26.25 by car), with 1.00 hour owling. Total party miles 230.0 (6.5 on foot, 223.5 by car), with 1.5 miles owling. Total species 53; total individuals 1894.

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



Gray Catbird, Lexington CBC  
20 December 2014  
Tina Nauman

## FIELD NOTE

## A Brown Creeper Nest on Little Black Mountain, Harlan County

On 26 May 2007 I was conducting avian surveys for Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) and Cerulean Warbler (*Setophaga cerulea*) on the Kentucky side of Little Black Mountain, Harlan County, Kentucky, when I heard some high-pitched call notes coming from about 325 ft (100 m) away in the open woodlot being surveyed. After searching for about ten minutes, I found that the source of the calls was a Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*). I subsequently observed two creepers go into what appeared to be a nest hanging from under and somewhat behind loose slabs of bark on a half-dead American elm (*Ulmus americanus*).

The nest was about 14 ft (4.3 m) above the ground. The surrounding forest block was typical mixed deciduous, with a steep slope and rugged terrain. The edges had been reclaimed from contour mining with Black locust (*Robinia pseudoaccacia*) and pines (*Pinus* sp.), resulting in an open, dry slope forest with relatively tall locusts. The elevation was about 3010 ft (941 m). Other forest bird species detected in the immediate vicinity of the nest site included Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*), Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*), Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*), American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), Carolina Chickadee (*Poecile carolinensis*), Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*), Veery (*Catharus fuscescens*), Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*), Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*), Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorum*), Hooded Warbler (*Setophaga citrina*), Black-throated Green Warbler (*Setophaga virens*), Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*), and Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*). Bird species in adjacent woodland edge habitat included Mourning Dove (*Zenaidura macroura*), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*), Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*), Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*), Golden-winged Warbler, American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*), Prairie Warbler (*Setophaga discolor*), Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Setophaga pensylvanica*), Pine Warbler (*Setophaga pinus*), Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*), and American Goldfinch (*Caduelis tristis*).

The male Brown Creeper sang four times during my period of observation. Call notes were very high pitched, with low volume and difficult to discern. I used a long pole and mirror to peek into the nest. When the mirror approached the female flushed, providing a view of six eggs. The nest was checked again 7 June 2007; on that date both parents were seen entering the nest (the male fed the nestlings twice in a five-minute period, and the female fed the nestlings once during 15 minutes of observation). The nest was checked a final time 30 June 2007; no activity was observed and the nest was collected. It has been deposited in the collection at the Southern West Virginia Bird Research Center, located near Beckley, West Virginia. No other Brown Creepers were detected while working at this study site, but I have encountered summering and presumed breeding Brown Creepers in Greenbrier and Nicholas counties, West Virginia, including along the Gauley River. The Little Black Mountain pair was nesting in mature relatively dense, mixed deciduous forest. This habitat is totally different from that utilized by birds I have observed in West Virginia, where I have more often found them in forests that contain a relatively high component of Eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*).

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Roseate Spoonbill, Trigg Co.  
4 August 2014  
Mel Cunningham



American White Pelicans (51)  
Falls of the Ohio, 21 September 2014  
Karen Bonsell



Hudsonian Godwit, Rowan Co.  
11 September 2014  
Mike Wright



*Plegadis ibis* (1 of 3), Union Co.  
16 September 2014  
Eddie Huber



*Plegadis ibis*, Union Co.  
24 October 2014  
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.



Rufous Hummingbird, Muhlenberg Co.  
12 August 2013  
Debra Vincent