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## FALL 2015 SEASON

Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., and Lee McNeely

Weather conditions during fall 2015 were somewhat variable across the state. Temperatures during the period did not vary remarkably from normal, although August, October, and November were slightly warmer than normal and September was slightly cooler than normal. Precipitation was much more variable during the season. Eastern Kentucky received above normal rainfall during August while the central part of the state experienced near normal precipitation, but the western half was drier than normal, particularly at Bowling Green, where only about one-half of normal rainfall fell. During September, most of the state experienced near-normal precipitation, although it was very dry in western Kentucky, where Paducah received only about one-quarter of the normal amount of rain. This trend continued in the west during October; Paducah remained below normal, although the central part of the state received close to one-and-a-half times normal rainfall. The situation flipped during November, however, with Paducah finally receiving an above-normal amount of precipitation (two times normal, in fact) and Jackson receiving only about three-quarters of the normal amount.

Rarity highlights included Red-throated Loon, Pacific Loon, White-faced Ibis, Red Phalarope, Great Black-backed Gull, White-winged Dove, Black-chinned Hummingbird, and Black-throated Gray Warbler. Irruptive 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 again this year.

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*.

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SP = State Park; SRP = State Resort Park; Surrey Hills Farm, ne. *Jefferson*; Upper Hickman Bottoms, w. *Fulton*; Waitsboro = Lake Cumberland at Waitsboro Recreation Area, *Pulaski*; Wildcat Creek = Wildcat Creek embayment, Ky Lake, *Calloway*; WMA = Wildlife Management Area.

- Greater White-fronted Goose** – 18 at Blood River 12 October (HC) and 36 at Camp #11 on 15 October (BPa, JBa, CC) were the earliest to be reported. Other reports of interest included 11 over Douglass Hills 29 October (BY, ph. MY); 3 migrant flocks over Otter Creek Park, *Meade*, 7 November (CL); and 2000 at Sauerheber by 16 November (CC) with 3000 there by 25 November (CC).
- Snow Goose** – 2 at Camp #11 on 15 October (BPa, JBa, CC) and 150 at Sauerheber 16 October (CC) were the earliest to be reported.
- Ross's Goose** – 1 at Goose Lake, Sinclair, 11 November (ph. SG, TG) was the only one reported.
- Tundra Swan** – 8 from the wintering flock at Sauerheber were first observed there 18 November (KM).
- Gadwall** – 350 on Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 10 November (BL) represented a modest peak count for the season.
- Gadwall x Mallard** – a male was present at Somerset, *Pulaski*, 17 November (ph. RD).
- Blue-winged Teal** – peak counts included at least 115 at the Falls of the Ohio, ca. 150 at Camp #11, and 290 at Camp #9 (BPa, JBa), all 10 September; 125 at Camp #11 on 14 September (BPa); and 198 at Jonathan Creek (MMi) and 125 at Barren River Lake (TD, TBe, KOS), both 19 September. Fifteen at Sauerheber 18 November (KM) and 3 at Green River Lake, *Taylor*, 27 November (RCa, RBi) were quite tardy.
- Northern Shoveler** – 9 at the E.W. Brown Power Plant, *Mercer*, 28 August (RD, JDn), 1 at Jonathan Creek 31 August (MMi), and 2 at Lexington 1 September (LCo) were the earliest to be reported; 100 at Sauerheber 18 November (KM) represented the season's peak count.
- Northern Pintail** – singles at Minor Clark 12 September (BW, CBC) and at Camp #11 on 14 September (BPa) were the earliest to be reported; 15-20 at Camp #11 on 15 October (BPa, JBa, CC) represented a very modest peak count for the season.
- Green-winged Teal** – 1 at Melco 25 August (RFa, JA, et al.) was the earliest to be reported; other reports of interest included 168 at Blood River 29 October (HC) and 39 on the Ohio River at Six-Mile Island, *Jefferson*, 22 November (BPa).
- Canvasback** – 1 on Ky Lake above the dam 3 November (HC, BL) was the earliest to be reported.
- Redhead** – 5 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, 30 October (HC, ME) were the earliest to be reported; peak counts included at least 200 on the Ohio River at Louisville 29 November (BPa, CBs, RFa) and at least 2500 at Waitsboro 30 November (ph. RD).
- Greater Scaup** – 1 on the Ohio River at Louisville 21 November (BPa et al.) was the earliest to be reported.
- Lesser Scaup** – 1 on the Ohio River at Louisville 29 October (RFa) and 15 there 1 November (CBs, BBC) were the earliest to be reported.
- Surf Scoter** – there were reports from two locales: 1 on Ky Lake above the dam, *Livingston*, 30 October (HC) with 2 on the *Marshall* side of the lake near Ky Dam Village 1 November (BPa, MMo) and 3 continuing in the vicinity to 6 November (JP, BL, HC, et al.); and 4 on the Ohio River at Louisville 30 November (EH et al.).
- Black Scoter** – there were reports from two locales: 2 on the Ohio River at Louisville 13 November (BPa et al.) with 1 there 21 November (BPa) and 1 + 3 there 22 November (BPa, EH, et al.); and 1 on the Ohio River at Catlettsburg, *Boyd*, 26 November (ph. MLu).

**Bufflehead** – 1 at Cave Run Lake, *Rowan*, 28 October (RLe) was the earliest to be reported; peak counts included 50 total on the Ohio River at Louisville 20 November (BPa) with 96 total there 22 November (EH, BPa, et al.) and 50+ total there 29 November (BPa, CBs, RFa).

**Red-breasted Merganser** – 59 at Luzerne Lake (TG, SG) and 118 at Fishing Creek (RD), both 30 November, represented the peak counts for the season.

**Ruddy Duck** – 60 at Waitsboro 30 November (RD) represented a modest peak count for the season.

**Red-throated Loon** – there were two reports: 1 on Lake Cumberland off Old Rowena Road, *Russell*, 21 November (†RBn) and 1 at the mouth of Sledd Creek 24 November (†BPa).

**Pacific Loon** – 1 was at Green River Lake, *Taylor*, 30 October–1 November (ph. RD, et al.). KBRC review required.



Pacific Loon, *Taylor*  
30 October 2015  
Roseanna Denton

**Common Loon** – 1 on Cave Run Lake, *Bath*, 20 August (ph. RD) may have been continuing from summer or a very early migrant; next earliest was 1 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 13 October (RD). Mostly modest peak counts included 77 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 7 November (RD); 300 on Lake Cumberland off Old Rowena Road, *Russell*, 21 November (RBn) with 40 there 22 November (RD); and 27 on the Ohio River at Louisville (BPa et al.), 40 on Lexington Reservoirs #2/#3 (LCo et al.), and 154 total on Lake

Cumberland, *Pulaski/Wayne* (RD), all 30 November.

**Horned Grebe** – 1 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 13 October (RD) was the earliest to be reported; peak counts all occurred 30 November and included 50 at Jacobson Park, Lexington (TL), 100 on Lexington Reservoirs #2/#3 (JWi), 60 on Luzerne Lake (TG, SG), at least 300 total on the Ohio River at Louisville (EH et al.).

**Double-crested Cormorant** – reports of interest included 200 on Barren River Lake 19 September (TD, RBa, KOS); 2000 at Kuttawa 15 October (HC); and 350-400 on the Ohio River at Louisville 24 October (DSt, BPa).

**American White Pelican** – 42 had returned to Blood River by 21 September (HC); the peak count from the LBL region was for more than 800 at Blood River 16 October/3 November (HC, ME/MMi). There were only two reports away from the LBL region: 7 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 13 October (ph. RD) and 45 over the Mississippi River at Hickman, *Fulton*, 6 November (HC)

**Least Bittern** – there was only one report: 1 at Minor Clark 5 October (†RLe).

**Great Egret** – local peak counts of interest included 38 at Melco 19 August (BPa et al.); 123 in the Upper Hickman Bottoms 7 August (HC); 82 at Jonathan Creek 10 September (MMi); 145 at Horseshoe Road 14 September (BPa); and 83 at the Falls of the Ohio 9 October (DSt et al.). One lingered at the Falls of the Ohio to 22 November (BPa, DSv, LCo).

**Snowy Egret** – one at Blood River 16 October (HC, ME) was the latest to be reported.

**Little Blue Heron** – there were only two reports away from w. Kentucky: 1 at Minor Clark 20/30 August (RD/JSO) and 1 at Hays Kennedy Park, *Jefferson*, ca. 10 September (JK).

**Cattle Egret** – there was only one report away from w. Kentucky: 3 at Hays Kennedy Park, *Jefferson*, ca. 13 September (JK).

- Green Heron** – 1 at Hays Kennedy Park 15 October (KB) and an especially tardy bird at Veterans Park, Lexington, 5 November (†SRn) were the latest to be reported.
- Black-crowned Night-Heron** – 1 at the Kendall Rec. Area, *Russell*, 30 August (KM) was a local first.
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** – there were reports from four locales: at least 7 along Cypress Creek, *Marshall*, 2 August (ph. BPa, ph. MMo); 11 & 12 mostly juvs. at Honey Cypress Slough, Grassy Pond/Powells Lake Unit Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*, 13 & 21 August, respectively (ph. CC) with 1 still there 26 August (SG, TG); 2 juvs. at Obion WMA 16 August (DSv, ph. LCo, BPa); and a second-year bird at the Falls of the Ohio 7 September (†SW).
- White-faced Ibis** – 1 at Melco 21 October (ph. BPa et al.) was a first for *Jefferson*. KBRC review required.
- Plegadis ibis** – there were three reports of unidentified dark ibis: 1 at Horseshoe Road 13/14 September (†CC/ph. JSo); 1 at Sauerheber 1 November (†DLe); and 1 at Honey Cypress Slough, Grassy Pond/Powells Lake Unit Sloughs WMA, *Union*, 4 November (ph. CC). Under KBRC review.
- Osprey** – tardy birds were reported at several locales into the last week of October (eBird data); singles at Luzerne Lake 15 November (SG, TG) and at Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 22 November (BL) were particularly late.
- Swallow-tailed Kite** – 1 was seen over Pinchgut Creek, e. *Allen*, 16 August (†MBy, JBy, MkB, MrB). KBRC review required.
- Mississippi Kite** – 2 lingered at Strathmoor Manor, Louisville, to 13 August (JBa); other reports of interest included 2 over Murray 19 August (MMi); 1 along I-65 near Colesburg, *Hardin*, 20 August (†AC) and singles nw. of Powderly and w. of Greenville to the end of August (TG, SG).
- Broad-winged Hawk** – modest peak counts included 21 over Crescent Hill, Louisville (MSt), 12 over Jacobson Park, Lexington (MT, ASK), and 344 over Douglass Hills (MMo), all 20 September; and 43 over Flat Rock Ridge Road, *McCreary*, 21 September (RD).
- Golden Eagle** – there was only one report: a juv. over Ft. Knox, *Hardin*, 14 November (ph. MLe).
- Virginia Rail** – there was only one report: 1 at Spindletop Farm 17 October (SH, ASK).
- Sora** – singles at Horseshoe Road 10/14 September (BPa, JBa/BPa, CC) were the earliest to be reported; very modest peak counts included at least 4 heard at Camp #11 on 15 October (BPa, JBa, CC) and 5 at Sauerheber 17 October (BPa, BBC).
- American Coot** – 1 at Adkins Swamp, Sinclair, 9 August (TG, SG) was likely continuing from summer; peak counts included 2000 on Lake Cumberland above Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell* (RD), and 1500 on Green River Lake, *Taylor* (RD), both 7 November.
- Sandhill Crane** – few had passed through by the end of November (m. ob.).
- Black-necked Stilt** – there were two reports: 35-40 (likely including some local family groups) at Wolf Island, *Hickman*, 3/8 August (PP/ph. RCr, PP) and 2 adjacent to Swan Lake, *Ballard*, 8 August (ph. RCr).
- American Avocet** – there were three reports: 1 at Wolf Island, *Hickman*, 8 August (ph. RCr); 6 at Horseshoe Road 14/15 August (ph. BPa, CC/JSo) with 5 still there 17 August (CC); and 1 at Jonathan Creek 22 September (JP).
- Black-bellied Plover** – it was a poor season for the species with reports from only five locales: 1 at the Long Creek Refuge, LBL, *Trigg*, 20-22 August (HC, ME, JP); 1 w. of Honey Cypress Slough, *Union*, 1-5 September (CC); 1-2 at Wildcat Creek/Blood River 15 September (HC) & 12-16 October (HC, ME); and 1 at Jonathan Creek 2 October (HC).
- American Golden-Plover** – reports of interest included 1-3 at Melco 2 September-14 October (BPa et al.) with peak counts of 5 there 1/11 October (BPa, JBa, PS/BPa et

al.) and 6 there 3-4 October (BP<sub>a</sub>, JB<sub>a</sub>, et al.); 8 at Horseshoe Road 13 September (CC) with 4 there 20 September (CC); 1 at Minor Clark 15/18 September (SC, DM, LH/TS); 1-2 at Jonathan Creek 24-30 September (HC, ME); and a rather tardy flock of 32 s. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 28 October (MBy, JBy).

**Semipalmated Plover** – 1 lingered at Wildcat Creek to 30 October (HC, ME).

**Killdeer** – local peak counts included 350 in the Upper Hickman Bottoms 4 August (HC, JP); 200 at Horseshoe Road (CC) and 148 at Melco (BP<sub>a</sub>), both 5 September; 200 at Guthrie Swamp, *Todd*, 22 October (JH); 200 at Sauerheber 30 October (CC); 332 along Frazer Road, *Wayne*, 9 November (RD); and 221 at Jonathan Creek 12 November (HC).

**Spotted Sandpiper** – 1 at the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery, n. *Franklin*, 16 November (ph. BDe) was tardy.

**Greater Yellowlegs** – 16 at Jonathan Creek 6 November (BW, RF<sub>a</sub>, BP<sub>a</sub>) represented a modest peak count for the season. Six at Barren River Lake (RS, MBy, JBy), 1 over ne. *Calloway* (RF<sub>a</sub>, BW), and 2 at Cedar Creek Lake (RD), all 6 November; 1 at Fishing Creek 6-7 November (RD); and 1 at Sauerheber 19 November (CC) were the latest to be reported.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** – 100 at Horseshoe Road 5 September (CC) represented the peak count for the season. Two at Green River Lake SP, *Taylor*, 1 November (TG, SG); 3 at Clear Creek 3 November (HC) and 2 at Sauerheber 8 November (JM) were the latest to be reported.

**Upland Sandpiper** – there was only one report: 1 at Beckley Creek Park 12 August (MW<sub>a</sub>).

**Ruddy Turnstone** – there were only three reports: 1 on an island in Ky Lake near Hamlin, *Calloway*, 12 August (ph. CP); 1 at Minor Clark 8-15 September (MW<sub>r</sub> et al.); and 2 at Louisville Trackside 21 September (TB<sub>a</sub> et al.) with 1 continuing there to 22 September (AM et al.).

**Stilt Sandpiper** – reports of interest included 20 at Horseshoe Road 8 September

(CC) with at least 94 there 10 September (BP<sub>a</sub>, JB<sub>a</sub>) and at least 50 still there 14 September (CC, BP<sub>a</sub>); and 29 at Jonathan Creek 11 September (HC, ME).

**Sanderling** – it was an exceptionally poor season with reports from only five locales: 2 at the Falls of the Ohio 6 August (MW<sub>a</sub>, JB<sub>a</sub>, et al.) with 1 there 22 -25 August (DSt et al.), 2 there 28 August (TBe, CBe), and 1-2 there 12-15 September (TBe, CBe, DSt); 1 at Ky Dam Village 30 August (JH); 1 at the E.W. Brown Power Plant, *Mercer*, 5 September (RD); 1 at Minor Clark on at least three dates 15 September–4 October (DM, TS, JSo); and 2 on an island in Ky Lake near Hamlin, *Calloway*, 25 September (JBr).

**Dunlin** – an exceptionally early juv. was at Horseshoe Road 10-17 September (ph. BP<sub>a</sub>, JB<sub>a</sub>, CC); next earliest was 1 at Jonathan Creek 27 September (HC); other reports of interest included 42 at Blood River 25 October (HC) with 93 there 29 October (HC); 46 at Clear Creek 3 November (HC) with 70 nearby at Jonathan Creek 6 November (BW, RF<sub>a</sub>, BP<sub>a</sub>), 61 still at the latter locale 13 November (MMi), and 72 there 10 November (HC); and 65 at Wildcat Creek 11 November (HC).

**Baird's Sandpiper** – there were reports from five locales: 1 at Melco 16-19 August (BP<sub>a</sub> et al.); 2 along Fern Valley Road, *Jefferson*, 3-9 September (BP<sub>a</sub>, BD<sub>a</sub>, et al.); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 26 August–4 September (TBe, CBe, et al.) with 2 there 7 September (SW) and 1 there 12 September (TBe, CBe); 1 at Fox Chase Pond, *Wayne*, 6-7 September (ph. RD); and 1 at Blood River 10 September (HC).

**Least Sandpiper** – peak counts of interest included 43 at Melco 8 September (BP<sub>a</sub>) with 45 there 24 October (BP<sub>a</sub>); 55 at Camp #9 on 10 September (BP<sub>a</sub>, JB<sub>a</sub>); at least 175 at Horseshoe Road 10 September (BP<sub>a</sub>, JB<sub>a</sub>) with 125 still there 14 September (CC, BP<sub>a</sub>); and 131 at Jonathan Creek 30 October (HC, ME) with 151 there 5 November (HC), 191 there 12 November (HC), and 175 nearby at Clear Creek 18 November (HC, JP). Tardy birds



away from the LBL region included 3 at Melco 14 November (BPa) and 6 at Guthrie Swamp 19 November (JH).

**White-rumped Sandpiper** – an unprecedented fallout occurred during October with all reports included: at least 17 at Melco 3 October (BPa et al.) with 20 there 4-8 October (BPa, JWh, et al.), a peak count of 22 there 9 October (BPa), and 2 there 11-14 October (BPa et al.); 2 at Minor Clark 5-8 October (RLe, DM) with 4 there 9 October (JSo), 3 there 16 October (JSo), and 1 last seen there 25 October (ph. DA); 4 at the Falls of the Ohio 6 October (JBa et al.) with 3 still there 9 October (DSt, TBe) and 1 last seen there 12 October (JBa); 3 at Jonathan Creek 11 October (HC); and 8/9 at Wildcat Creek 12/14 October (HC) with a new state high count for fall of 24 there 16 October (ph. HC, ME) and 13 last seen there 25 October (HC); and 1 at Barren River Lake, *Allen*, 22 October (MBy).



White-rumped Sandpiper (1 of 20), *Jefferson*  
4 October 2015  
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** – there were reports from six locales: 8 in the Upper Hickman Bottoms 4 August (HC, JP); an ad. at Melco 5 August (BPa et al.) with a juv. there 28 August (RFa, BPa, et al.) and 2 there 6-8 September (BPa et al.); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 7/18 August (TBa/JBa) with 7 there 31 August (JBa, BPa, et al.), 2 there 7 September (BPa, TQ), and 4 there 8 September (DSt); 3 at Horseshoe Road 8 September (CC) with 2 there 10-

14 September (CC, BPa, JBa, JSo) and 1 last seen there 17 September (CC); 2 at Blood River 10 September (HC); and 1 at Minor Clark 13 September (LH).

**Pectoral Sandpiper** – modest peak counts included 125+ in the Upper Hickman Bottoms 16 August (BPa, DSv, LCo); and 100 at Horseshoe Road 5 September (CC) with at least 75 still there 10 September (CC, JBa, BPa). Singles at Minor Clark 31 October (TL), at Melco 4 November (BPa), and at Jonathan Creek 10 November (HC) were the latest to be reported.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** – 10 at Melco 19 August (BPa et al.) represented a very modest peak count for the season; a very tardy individual lingered at Clear Creek/Jonathan Creek to 18 November (†/ph. HC).

**Western Sandpiper** – it was another poor season for the species with reports from only five locales: 1 at Louisville Trackside 19 August (ph. BPa et al.); 1 at the E.W. Brown Power Plant, *Mercer*, 20 August (RD); singles at Melco 21-25 August (BPa et al.) and 2-6 September (BPa et al.); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 28 August (TBe, CBe); and 1 at Blood River/Wildcat Creek 7-22 September (HC) with a peak count of 9 at Blood River on the relatively late date of 12 October (HC), and 5 still there and 3 at Wildcat Creek, both 14 October (HC), 1 lingering at Wildcat Creek to 25 October (HC), and 2 still present at Blood River on the exceptionally late date of 11 November (HC).

**Short-billed Dowitcher** – it was a poor season for the species with reports of 1-2 birds at only four locales: singles at Melco 5 August/25 September (BPa et al./BPa); 2 along Uniontown-Mt. Vernon Road, *Union*, 21 August (CC); 1 sw. of Dot, *Logan*, 28 August (FL); and 1-2 at Horseshoe Road 31 August–17 September (CC, BPa, JBa, JSo).

**Long-billed Dowitcher** – an early ad. was at Horseshoe Road 10 September (†BPa, JBa); other reports of interest included singles (probably involving at least 2 individuals) at Melco 26-29 September & 6-14 October (ph. BPa et al.); and 5 at



Great Black-backed Gull (ad.), Falls of the Ohio  
7 August 2015  
Pam K. Spaulding

Camp #9 and 1 at Camp #11, both 15 October (BPa, JBa, CC). Unprecedented numbers arrived in the LBL area during late October, however, resulting in the following impressive peak counts that include new state fall high counts: 34 at Blood River 25 October (HC) with 28 there 29 October (HC) and 11 still there 22 November (HC); and 41 at Jonathan Creek 30 October (HC, ME) with 47 nearby at Clear Creek 3 November (HC), a peak count of 56 at Jonathan Creek 6 November (BW, RFa, BPa), 54 there 8 November (HC), and 47 lingering there to 20 November (ME).

**Wilson's Snipe** – modest peak counts included 40 at Melco 7 November (BPa, MWa) and 75 at Sauerheber 16 November (CC).

**Wilson's Phalarope** – the species was reported from only one locale: 1 at Horse-shoe Road 8-10 September (ph. CC et al.) with 2 there 12-15 September (ph. SG, TG, CC, JSo, et al.); and 1 there again 23 September (CC).

**Red-necked Phalarope** – 1 was reported at Hays Kennedy Park, *Jefferson*, 5 October (†JK).

**Red Phalarope** – unprecedented for fall was the presence of an ad. adjacent to Swan Lake, *Ballard*, 11 August (ph. HC, et al.). KBRC review required.

**Bonaparte's Gull** – modest peak counts included 230 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 14 November (RD); and 75-80 on the Ohio River at Louisville 29 November (BPa, CBs, RFa).

**Laughing Gull** – there were reports from five locales: a first-year bird at Ky Dam Village 2 August (MMo, BPa); a first-year bird at the Falls of the Ohio 11 August (ph. PS, JBa, et al.) with 2 first-year birds there 13-18 August (ph. JBa et al.) and 1 lingering there to 1 September (TBe, CBe, et al.); a first-year bird at Ky Dam Village 13/18 October (HC/RD); 3 at Barren River Lake 28 October (TD); and single first-year birds at Barren River Lake (†RS) and Sledd Creek (BW, RFa, BPa), both 6 November.

**Franklin's Gull** – the species put in an exceptional showing from mid-October to early November with the following reports of interest: 9 at Blood River 14 October (HC) with 2 there 29 October (HC); 1 at Wildcat Creek 16 October (HC, ME) with 64 there 30 October (HC, ME) and 23 there 1 November (HC, JP); 15-20 at Ky Dam Village 1 November (BPa, MMo) with 55 there 3 November (JBa); 30 at Sledd Creek 1 November (BPa, MMo); 1 at Barren River Lake 1 November (TD) with new local high counts of 170 there 5 November (MBy, JBy, RS) and 206 there 6 November (MBy, JBy,

RS); 1-3 at Jonathan Creek/Clear Creek on several dates 26 October–8 November (MMi, JP, BPa, MMo, HC) with 23 at Jonathan Creek 6 November (BW, RFa, BPa), 14 there 12 November (HC), and 2 last seen there 20 November (ME); 1 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 7 November (†RD); 18 on the Ohio River at Louisville 12 November (BPa) with 14 still there 13 November (TBa et al.), 2 there 14 November (PB, JBe), 3 + 7 there 21 November (BPa et al.), and 1 lingering there to 22 November (JSo, TBa); and 1 on the Ohio River at Dayton, *Campbell*, 14 November (BW).

**Ring-billed Gull** – ca. 500 (including 4 juvs.) were at Ky Dam Village by 2 August (BPa, MMo); at least 850 were on the Ohio River at Louisville 22 November (EH, BPa, et al.).

**Herring Gull** – an ad. was at Ky Dam Village by 2 August (BPa, MMo).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** – all of the reports were from the vicinity of Ky Dam/LBL; 2 at Ky Dam 20 August were exceptionally early (HC, ME, JP); 3 were at Sledd Creek 6/24 November (BW, RFa, BPa/ BPa); and singles were at Clear Creek/ Jonathan Creek on several dates 8 September–18 November (HC, JP, MMi, et al.).

**Great Black-backed Gull** – quite extraordinary was an ad. at the Falls of the Ohio 6-7 August (ph. JBa, MWa, ph. PS, et al.).

**Least Tern** – a few active nests were found at Watson Point, *Fulton*, during the second week of August (CP), indicating that a few birds attempted very late nestings after water levels finally dropped back from July highs; 8 ads. were still in the Upper Hickman Bottoms 16 August (BPa, DSv, LCo).

**Caspian Tern** – generally modest peak counts included 51 at Ky Dam Village 2 August (BPa, MMo); 51 at Wildcat Creek and 83 on Ky Lake near Hamlin, *Callo-way*, both 18 August (HC); 34 at Blood River 1 September (HC); 27 at Clear Creek 8 September (HC); and 11 at the

Falls of the Ohio 30 September (JBa et al.).

**Black Tern** – there were reports from only six locales: 1 in the Upper Hickman Bottoms 4 August (HC, JP); 20-25 adjacent to Swan Lake, *Ballard*, 8 August (RCr) with 2 still there 11-12 August (BY, MY); 5 at the Falls of the Ohio 19 August (JBa et al.); 3 at Melco 19 August (BPa et al.) with 7 there 8 September (ph. PS et al.) and 2 still there 9 September (BDA, TBa); 2 along Uniontown-Mt. Vernon Road, *Union*, 21 August (CC); and 5 at Camp #9 on 10 September (JBa, BPa).

**Common Tern** – there were reports from three locales: 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 13 September (BPa) with 1 just upstream in the Ohio River basin above the dam 26 September (JSo, BPa); and 1 at Fishing Creek (†RD) and 5 at Barren River Lake (TD), all on the relatively late date of 28 October.

**Forster's Tern** – local peak counts of interest included 130 at Sledd Creek 25 September (JP) with at least 110 still there 1 November (BPa, MMo); and 158 at Jonathan Creek/Clear Creek 27 September/10 October (HC/HC, ME) with 120 still there 6 November (BW, RFa, BPa). As is the norm, dozens lingered at Jonathan Creek and at Blood River into late November.

**White-winged Dove** – 1 was present at Bowling Green “through the summer of 2015,” photographed 7 August (ph. TH), and last seen 18 September. KBRC review required.



White-winged Dove, Warren Co.  
7 August 2015  
Terry Hudson

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** – singles at Sauer-  
eber 19 October (CC) and heard along  
Binns Mill Road, *Christian*, 23 October  
(SB) were the latest to be reported.

**Black-billed Cuckoo** – there were four re-  
ports: 1 at McConnell Springs Park, *Fay-  
ette*, 10 September (TL, NB); 1 at John  
James Audubon SP, *Henderson*, 13 Sep-  
tember (JM); 1 at Floracliff SNP, *Fayette*,  
16 September (DB); and 1 at the Jenny  
Hole Unit Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*, 10  
October (JM).

**Barn Owl** – there were three reports: nest-  
ing birds continuing from summer into  
mid-August s. of Feliciana, *Graves* (MC);  
1 at Sullivan WMA, *Franklin*, 14 August  
(JSo); and 1 s. of Carlisle, *Nicholas*, 23  
August (ph. BM *fide* JBa).

**Short-eared Owl** – there were only two  
reports: 1 along Mercer Cemetery Road,  
*Muhlenberg*, 9 November (TG, SG) and 1  
at Sinclair 23 November (P&SF).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** – it was another  
below-average year for the species with  
only 8 new birds banded at Surrey Hills  
Farm 7-22 November (MMo et al.).

**Chimney Swift** – 2 over Douglass Hills 13  
October (BY, MY) were the latest to be  
reported.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** – not many  
birds lingered into October with 2 n. of  
Glasgow, *Barren*, 18 October (LCr); 1 at  
Lexington to 21 October (MSu); 2 at  
Murray to 20 October with 1 last seen  
there 22 October (ME); and 1 near Wal-  
ton, *Kenton*, 23 October–14 November  
(ph. LH) being the latest to be reported.

**Black-chinned Hummingbird** – an imm.  
male was present ne. of Pottertown, ne.  
*Calloway*, 28 October into late December  
(banded 6 November) (ph. TG, CR, ba.  
BPa, et al.).

**Rufous Hummingbird** – there was only one  
report: an imm. female at Murray 21 No-  
vember into December (banded 24 No-  
vember) (ME, ba. BPa).

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** – 1 at the High-  
and Creek Unit Sloughs WMA, *Union*, 19

September (KM) was the earliest to be re-  
ported.

**Merlin** – there were nearly two-dozen re-  
ports! A particularly early bird at Cap-  
erton Swamp 26 August (ph. JBa), 1 at  
Minor Clark 12 September (ph. JT); 1 at  
Morgan Conservation Park, *Oldham*, 13  
September (ph. BDa), 1 at Camp #11 on  
14 September (ph. BPa); and 1 at the  
Long Creek Refuge, LBL, *Trigg*, 16 Sep-  
tember (HC) were the earliest to be repor-  
ted. Other reports of single birds origin-  
ated from the following counties 22 Sep-  
tember–21 November (mostly eBird data):  
*Allen* (JBy, MBy), *Fayette* (LCo, DSv),  
*Franklin* (JSo), *Jefferson* [6] (RLa et al./  
MMo et al./BPa, ph. PS/MMo, DSv, LCo,  
et al./MY, BY/RFa), *Lincoln* (RD), *Logan*  
[3+] (ph. ST/ph. FL/JH), *Madison* (DB,  
JSu), *Marshall* (JP), *Muhlenberg* [2] (TG,  
SG/TG, SG), *Pendleton* (BDi), *Rowan*  
(RLe), *Shelby* (TS), *Todd* (JH), *Union*  
(BPa), and *Warren* (2 together) (TD).

**Peregrine Falcon** – reports of birds not near  
known nesting territories included 1 at  
Schochoh, *Logan*, 6 September (ST); 1  
nw. of Powdery 16 September (TG); 1 at  
the Dry Creek Unit 20 September (LCr,  
ph. TBe, KOS); singles at Minor Clark 26  
September/2 October (RD, RBn, et al./  
RLe); singles se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 29  
September/15 October (JBy, MBy); 1 at  
Taylorsville Lake SP, *Spencer*, 30 Sep-  
tember (RD); 1 at Cedar Creek Lake 30  
September (RD); 1 over Douglass Hills 30  
September (MY, BY) with 3 different  
migrants over the same locale 1 October  
(MY, BY); singles along Old Pumphouse  
Road, *Pulaski* (RD), and at Owsley Fork  
Lake, *Jackson* (ph. RFo, RBa), both 3  
October; 1 at Spindletop Farm 11 October  
(DSv, LCo); 1 along Pleasant Hill Church  
Road, *Trigg*, 12 October (BL); 1 at Ky  
Dam 26 October/12 November (JP); and 1  
at Guthrie Swamp, *Todd*, 19 November  
(JH).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** – there were reports  
from eight locales: an early individual at  
Beckley Creek Park 14 August (AM et  
al.); 1 along Potters Creek Road, *Cumber-  
land*, 18 August (ph. SE, BE); singles nw.

of Powderly 21/28/31 August & 3 September (SG, TG/SG, TG/ph. SG, TG, et al & TG, ph. SG); 1 at Pope Lick Park 29 August (PB, JBe, ph. TL, BBC); singles on the Anchorage Trail 25 August & 2/3/4 September (CBs, ph. JBa, PB, JBe & TBa/TBa, JBe, PB/JSO); 1 at Reservoir Knob, *Pulaski*, 5 September (ph. RD); 1 at Hisle Farm Park, *Fayette*, 10 September (TL); and 1 at Caperton Swamp 13 September (ph. JBa).

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** – singles along Binns Mill Road, *Christian*, 22 October (SB); on the Anchorage Trail 22 October (JG); and at Turkey Run Park, *Jefferson*, 23 October (AM, BPi) were the latest to be reported.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** – there were reports from nine locales: singles at Surrey Hills Farm 25/31 August (BPa/CBs, BPa); 1 at McConnell Springs Park, *Fayette*, 29 August (DLA, SH); singles on the Anchorage Trail on six dates 31 August–21 September (JBe, PB, TBa, JWh, et al.); 1 at Sinclair 7 September (TG, SG); 1 nw. of Powderly 14 September (TG, SG); 2 at Douglass Hills 15 September (ph. MY, BY); 1 at Caperton Swamp 21 September (JBa); and singles at Yatesville Lake WMA, *Lawrence* (RLe) and at Logan Hubble Memorial Park, *Lincoln* (RD), both 23 September.

**Great Crested Flycatcher** – singles at the Lexington Cemetery (NB) and at E.P. Sawyer SP, *Jefferson* (CBo, BBC), both 26 September, were the latest to be reported.

**White-eyed Vireo** – 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 6-7 November (MWa, BPa, ph. SG, et al.) was particularly tardy.

**Bell's Vireo** – reports of interest included 1 at Berea, *Madison*, 25 August (Rba, ph. Rfo) that represented the farthest east the species has ever been reported in the state; and 1 w. of Greenville 8 September (TG, SG).

**Yellow-throated Vireo** – singles at Brown Park, *Jefferson*, 10 October (RBt) and at South Shore WMA, *Greenup*, 14 October (RLe) were the latest to be reported.

**Blue-headed Vireo** – 1 at Louisville Champions Park 7 November (SW) was the latest to be reported.

**Philadelphia Vireo** – 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 16 August (†RD) represented a new early fall arrival date for the state by ten days; next earliest was at least 1 on the Anchorage Trail 2 September (PB, JBe).

**Red-eyed Vireo** – 1 at the Lexington Cemetery 14 October (DLA) was the latest to be reported.

**Fish Crow** – as has become the norm, a few lingered at Ky Lake, *Marshall*, particularly at Jonathan Creek, into late November (m. ob.) with 2 still there 30 November (MMi); 1 was heard at Ballard WMA 5 November (SRc).

**Common Raven** – 2 were present at Paintsville Lake WMA, *Morgan*, 7/9 November (*fide* SF/SF).

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** – 16 at Mitchell Lake, Ballard WMA, 19 October (RD) were the latest to be reported.

**Purple Martin** – roost counts included thousands near Nicholasville, *Jessamine*, 9 August (JWi); ca. 2000 at Lexington 9 August (SF); and ca. 2000 s. of Ashland, *Boyd*, 16 August (SF). One at Cedar Creek Lake 9 September (RD, PG) was the latest to be reported.

**Tree Swallow** – 3 at Jonathan Creek 6 November (BPa, BW, Rfa) were the latest to be reported.

**Cliff Swallow** – 2 at Horseshoe Road 14 September (BPa, CC) were the latest to be reported.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – there were only two reports: 1 at Doug Travis WMA, *Carlisle*, 19 October (RD) and 1 at Lloyd WMA, ne. *Grant*, 20 November (FR).

**Brown-headed Nuthatch** – at least 6 remained at the 2013 nesting location at Ky Dam Village through the season (m. ob.) with at least 7 counted there 6 November (BPa, BW, Rfa).

**House Wren** – singles near Ano, *Pulaski*, 13 November (RD) and on the Anchorage Trail 30 November (JWh) were tardy.

**Winter Wren** – 2 on the Anchorage Trail 26 September (JBe, PB, JG) were the earliest to be reported.

**Sedge Wren** – there were reports from seven locales: 2 at Sandy Watkins Park, *Henderson*, 12 August (CC); 6 continuing on territory at Camp #11 into mid-August (BPa et al.) with at least 3 still there 10 September (BPa, JBa); 1 w. of Greenville 21 September (TG, SG); 1 at the Beaumont Preserve, *Fayette*, 26 September (RO); 1 at Melco 27-29 September (BPa, ph. PS, et al.); 1 at Caperton Swamp 30 September (RFa); and 2 at Surrey Hills Farm 8 October (BPa) with 3 there 10 October (ph. BPa) and 1 continuing there to 19 October (BPa).

**Marsh Wren** – reports of interest included 1 nw. of Powderly 31 August (TG, SG); singles at Surrey Hills Farm on a few dates 15 September–10 October (BPa) with 2 there 11 October (BPa); 1 at Yatesville Lake WMA, *Lawrence*, 23 September (RLe); 2 at Spindletop Farm 10 October (DLA, ASK, et al.); and a relatively tardy bird at Sauerheber to 30 October (CC).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 23 August (TBa, JSo, et al.) was extremely early; next earliest was 1 at Highland Cemetery, *Kenton*, 15 September (DN).

**Veery** – singles at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 30 August (RD) and se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 31 August (MBy, JBy) were the earliest to be reported; 1 along Rock Lick Creek Road, n. *Pulaski*, 4 October (RD) was the latest to be reported; a tally of 3 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 6 September (MBy, JBy) was exceptional for this uncommon fall migrant.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush** – singles se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 27/31 August (JBy, MBy) established new early fall arrival dates for the state by a few days; next earliest was 1 along the Anchorage Trail 5 September (ph. RFa).

**Catharus spp.** – of particular interest were some nocturnal flight note surveys conducted by Ray Bontrager at Guffey Moun-

tain, *Wayne*, during the season; particularly heavy thrush flights were detected on the nights of 29-30 September, 30 September-1 October, and 8-9 October with the following high counts: 50 Swainson's Thrushes, 6 Gray-cheeked Thrushes (29-30 Sep); 300 Swainson's Thrushes, 150 Gray-cheeked Thrushes, 5 Veeries (29 Sep-1 Oct); and 35 Swainson's Thrushes, 10 Gray-cheeked Thrushes (2-3 Oct).

**Gray Catbird** – singles at Pope Lick Park 25 October (JWh); along the Anchorage Trail 4 November (JBe, PB); and at the Little Lick Rec. Area, *Pulaski*, 5 November (RD, SDe) were the latest to be reported.

**American Pipit** – 2 at Beckley Creek Park (TBa) and 1 at Minor Clark (DM), both 21 September, were the earliest to be reported.

**Cedar Waxwing** – 150 at Highland Cemetery, *Kenton*, 17 September (DN); 150 at Elizabethtown, *Hardin*, 27 September (CS); 172 at Bernheim Forest 8 October (BF, BBC); 150 on the Anchorage Trail 12 October (JBe, PB); and 180 at Green River Lake SP, *Taylor*, 27 November (RCa, RBi) represented the peak counts for the season.

**Lapland Longspur** – 1 at Melco with American Pipits 23 October (BPa), and singles heard there and at Surrey Hills Farm (BPa), both 14 November, were the earliest to be reported.

**Ovenbird** – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 14 October (PB, JBe) was the latest to be reported.

**Golden-winged Warbler** – it was a good season for the species with reports on more than forty occasions 25 August–30 September (mostly eBird data); reports of interest included 4 at Surrey Hills Farm (BPa) and 2 on the Anchorage Trail (PB, JBe, CBs, et al.), both 25 August; 3 on the Anchorage Trail 10 September (CBs, PB, JBe, et al.); 2 at Iroquois Park 12 September (BPa, CBs); and 7 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, one day in mid-September (MBy).

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 4 were at Surrey Hills Farm 25 August (BPa).

- Prothonotary Warbler** – singles at the Dry Creek Unit (BPa, TS, TQ, JSo) and at the Highland Creek Unit Sloughs WMA, *Union* (KM), both 19 September, were the latest to be reported.
- Tennessee Warbler** – 3 on the Anchorage Trail 22 August (JBe, PB, CBs) were the earliest to be reported; singles along Snipes Creek, *Calloway*, 3 November (DSi) and along Pleasant Church Hill Road, *Trigg*, 6 November (BL) were the latest to be reported.
- Orange-crowned Warbler** – it was an excellent season for the species with nearly forty reports 17 September–late November (mostly eBird data); reports of interest included 2 below Barkley Dam 3 November (BL) and at least 2 at Surrey Hills Farm 7-9 November (BPa et al.) with 1 continuing into early December (BPa, ph. PS).
- Nashville Warbler** – an exceptionally early individual on the Anchorage Trail 9 August (PB) established a new early fall arrival date by nearly a week; next earliest was 1 at Cherokee Park 30 August (JBa, BBC).
- Connecticut Warbler** – there were three reports: 1 on the Anchorage Trail 23 August (†PB, JBe, †CBs) that established a new fall arrival date for the state by five days; 1 at Figetts Bend, *Hart*, 5 September (†JSo); and 1 at Freeman Lake, *Hardin*, 25 September (†JSn).
- Mourning Warbler** – it was a good season for the species with reports from eight locales; singles on the Anchorage Trail on at least seven occasions 23 August–1 September (m. ob.); 1 w. of Greenville 27 August (TG); 1 at Shawnee Park, *Jefferson*, 6 September (CBs, BBC); 1 at Sledd Creek 11 September (HC); 1 at Reservoir Knob, *Pulaski*, 20 September (RD); 1 e. of Crestwood, *Oldham*, 22 September (RFi); 1 at Beargrass Creek SNP, *Jefferson*, 23 September (JBa); and 1 at Beckley Creek Park 24 September (JBa).
- Common Yellowthroat** – 1 at the Garvin Brown Preserve, *Jefferson*, 11 November (JWh) was particularly tardy.
- Cerulean Warbler** – a very tardy migrant was reported at Mammoth Cave 20 September (†LCr, SM, GW).
- Northern Parula** – 1 at the Lexington Cemetery 14 October (ph. DLa) was the latest to be reported.
- Bay-breasted Warbler** – singles at Guthrie Swamp, *Todd*, 15 October (JH) and at Central Kentucky Wildlife Refuge, *Boyle*, 17 October (SP) were the latest to be reported.
- Blackburnian Warbler** – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 2 August (PB, JBe) established a new fall arrival date for non-breeding areas by four days; next earliest were another on the Anchorage Trail 14 August (JBe, PB) and 1 in w. *Franklin* 15 August (JSo).
- Yellow Warbler** – singles at Minor Clark 2 October (RD) and at Melco 8 October (BPa, TQ) were the latest to be reported.
- Blackpoll Warbler** – it was a good season for the species, in part due to a late September weather system that pushed more birds farther west than normal: 1 in se. *Jefferson* 21 September (TBa); 1 at Melco 27 September (JWh, BPa); at least 1 at Louisville 25 September (ph. JDw); 1 at Bryan Station Farm, *Fayette*, 1 October (ph. TN); 1 at Caperton Swamp 4 October (ph. RFa); 1 at Summit, *Boyd*, 6 October (RLe) with 2 there 7 October (RLe); 1 along Bastin Creek Road, *Casey*, 7 October (RD, SDe); 1 ne. of Verona, *Boone*, 8 October (ph. JT); and singles at Douglass Hills 10/11 October (ph. MY, BY).
- Black-throated Blue Warbler** – it was an excellent season for the species with a dozen reports 10 September–7 October (mostly eBird data). Reports of interest included 1 at Sinclair 10 September (TG, SG); 1 at Reservoir Knob, *Pulaski*, 20 September (RD); 1 at Beckley Creek Park 22 September (AM, BPi); 1 at Waddy, *Shelby*, 23 September (TS); 2 at Yatesville Lake WMA, *Lawrence*, 23 September (RLe); 1 at Mammoth Cave 24 September (JSo); 1 at LBL, *Trigg*, 26 September (BL); 1 in se. *Jefferson* 30 September (TBa); singles at McConnell



- Springs Park, *Fayette* (DSv, LCo), and off Harmon Hollow Road, *Wayne* (ph. RBn), both 5 October; 1 at Douglass Hills 6 October (BY, MY); and 1 at Summit, *Boyd*, 6-7 October (RLe).
- Palm Warbler** – 1 at Logan Hubble Memorial Park, *Lincoln*, 9 September (RD, PG) was the earliest to be reported.
- Yellow-rumped Warbler** – singles on the Anchorage Trail 19 September (TBa, BBC) and at the Dry Creek Unit (LCr, KOS), at Sauerheber (CC), and at Bernheim Forest (SDi), all 20 September, were the earliest to be reported.
- Yellow-throated Warbler** – 1 at Beckley Creek Park 18 October (PB, JBe, BBC) was the latest to be reported.
- Prairie Warbler** – singles at Melco 1 October (BPa), at Pope Lick Park 4 October (JWh), and a particularly tardy bird at Surrey Hills Farm 6 November (ph. PS) were the latest to be reported.
- Black-throated Gray Warbler** – an imm. female was at Surrey Hills Farm 4 November into December (ph. BPa et al.). KBRC review required.
- Black-throated Green Warbler** – 1 at the Jenny Hole Unit Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*, 24 August (CC) was the earliest to be reported away from known breeding areas.
- Canada Warbler** – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 18 August (JBe, PB) was the earliest to be reported away from known breeding areas.
- Wilson's Warbler** – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 22 August (CBs, JBe, PB) was the earliest to be reported; 1 w. of Greenville 3 November (TG) was exceptionally late.
- Yellow-breasted Chat** – 1 at Clarks River NWR, *Marshall*, 26 September (JP) was the latest to be reported.
- American Tree Sparrow** – 1 at Cox's Park, Louisville, 21 November (BPa) was the earliest to be reported.
- Vesper Sparrow** – 1 at Beckley Creek Park 9 October (JBa) was the earliest to be reported; 2 at the Long Point Unit Reelfoot NWR, *Fulton*, 11 November (DP) were the latest to be reported.
- Savannah Sparrow** – 1 at Horseshoe Road 13 September (CC) was the earliest to be reported.
- Grasshopper Sparrow** – 3 at Spindletop Farm 17 October (ph. DLa, ASK) and a particularly tardy individual n. of Dot, *Logan*, 11 November (ph. FL) were the latest to be reported.
- Henslow's Sparrow** – 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 25 October (BPa et al.) was the latest to be reported.
- Le Conte's Sparrow** – 2 at Sauerheber 17 October (BPa, BBC) were the only ones reported.
- Nelson's Sparrow** – there were two reports: 1 at Hays Kennedy Park, *Jefferson*, 7 October (ph. JBa et al.); and 2 at Spindletop Farm 17 October (SH, ph. DLa, ASK) with at least 1 still there 18/19 October (DLA/DLa, DSv, LCo).
- Fox Sparrow** – 1 at Beckley Creek Park 15 October (PB, JBe); 1 at Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski*, 16 October (RD); and 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen* (MBy) and 3 at Sauerheber (BPa, BBC), both 17 October, were the earliest to be reported.
- White-throated Sparrow** – 1 at Caperton Swamp 22 September (ph. RFa) and 4 at Doe Run Park, *Kenton*, 30 September (DM) were the earliest to be reported.
- Lincoln's Sparrow** – 1 at Sauerheber 20 September (ph. CC) and 2 on the Anchorage Trail (JBe, PB, JG) and 1 at Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski* (RD), both 22 September, were the earliest to be reported. One at Sandy Watkins Park, *Henderson*, 3 November (CC) was the latest to be reported.
- Swamp Sparrow** – 1 on the Anchorage Trail 22 September (PB, JBe, JG) was quite early; next earliest were 4 at Sauerheber 28 September (CC).
- Dark-eyed Junco** – a well-marked male *J. h. oreganus* was present at Douglass Hills 26 October into mid-November (ph. BY, ph. MY).



**Summer Tanager** – 1 in w. *Franklin* 15 October (JSo) and a particularly tardy individual at LBL, *Trigg*, 28 October (AY) were the latest to be reported.

**Scarlet Tanager** – singles at Cherokee Park 14 October (KB), and at Beckley Creek Park (PB, JBe, BBC) and se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen* (MBy), both 18 October, were the latest to be reported.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 1 at Beckley Creek Park (CBs, JBa), 1 on the Anchorage Trail (JG), and 2 at Cherokee Park (NB), all 21 October, and 1 w. of Greenville 23 October (TG) were the latest to be reported.

**Blue Grosbeak** – 1 at Beckley Creek Park 15 October (JBe, PB) was the latest to be reported.

**Indigo Bunting** – singles at A.J. Jolly Park, *Campbell* (JT), at Surrey Hills Farm (BPa), on the Anchorage Trail (JBe, PB), and at Pope Lick Park (JWh), all 25 October; and a particularly tardy individual nw. of Powderly 3 November (TG) were the latest to be reported.

**Dickcissel** – 1 at Beckley Creek Park 24 September (JBa); 1 n. of Dot, *Logan*, 17 October (FL); 2 at Sauerheber 17/23 October (BPa, ph. MY, BBC/ph. CC); and 1 at Schochoh, *Logan*, 1-7 November (ph. ST) were the latest to be reported.

**Bobolink** – reports of interest included at least 35-40 at Horseshoe Road 10-17 September (CC, BPa, JBa); singles at Pope Lick Park 3 October (AM) and at Cherokee Park 8 October (ph. JBa et al.); 5 at Spindletop Farm 10 October (DLA); and 1 at Beckley Creek Park 18 October (PB, JBe, BBC).

**Western Meadowlark** – 1 was at Camp #11 on 15 October (BPa, ph. JBa, CC).

**Brewer's Blackbird** – 1 heard and seen as it passed over Jonathan Creek 6 November (BPa, BW, RFa) was the only one reported.

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**Orchard Oriole** – 1 at Melco 5 September (JWh) was the latest to be reported.

**Purple Finch** – 4 at Berea, *Madison*, 12 October (RFo, RBa) and 1 heard over the Falls of the Ohio 23 October (BPa) were the earliest to be reported.

**Common Redpoll** – quite extraordinary was 1 sw. of Hubble, *Lincoln*, 27 November (ph. JE). KBRC review required.



Common Redpoll, *Lincoln*  
27 November 2015  
Jackie Elmore

**Pine Siskin** – 2 at Surrey Hills Farm 5 October (BPa) and 1 at Bernheim Forest 8 October (BF, BBC) were the earliest to be reported; small numbers continued at scattered locales statewide through the month and into November; 39 at Jonathan Creek 6 November (BPa, BW, RFa) represented the peak count for the season.

**American Goldfinch** – up to 300 at Surrey Hills Farm during the last week of October (BPa) represented the peak count for the season.

#### Erratum to the Fall 2014 Report:

**Great Blue Heron (white morph)** – the individual at the Long Creek Refuge, LBL, *Trigg*, was photographed 13 November, not 14 November (corrects date given in *The Ky Warbler* 91:6).

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### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2015-2016

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Reports of 30 counts were received from across the Commonwealth. A total of 136 species was recorded on count days, with two additional species (Long-tailed Duck and Red-throated Loon) added by observations during count weeks. Twenty species were observed on all counts and 19 species were observed on only one count.

Temperatures during the count period were approximately 10-12°F warmer than temperatures during last year's count period according to the state climatologist. Temperatures ranged from a low of 22°F at Paradise on January 3rd to a high of 70°F at Hart County December 13 and at West Allen County on December 26th. The average low temperature was 47°F and the average high temperature was 53°F. The number of waterfowl was down in general. The number of Red-breasted Nuthatches remained as low as last year. Purple Finches increased in number again this 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, partially due to lingering species resulting in part from the warmer weather, included Cackling Goose (2, Louisville), Mute Swan (1, Shelbyville), Blue-winged Teal (1, Frankfort), Green Heron (1, Cumberland Falls), Rough-legged Hawk (1, Elkton), Golden Eagle (1, Elkton), Virginia Rail (1, Paradise), Western Sandpiper (2, Land Between the Lakes), Spotted Sandpiper (1, Frankfort), Lesser Black-backed Gull (4,

Land Between the Lakes), Short-eared Owl (1, Paradise), Black-chinned and Rufous Hummingbirds (1 each, Calloway County), Fish Crow (4, Land Between the Lakes), Brown-headed Nuthatch (1, Land Between the Lakes), Marsh Wren (1, Paradise), Orange-crowned Warbler (1, Ballard County; 2, Elkton; 2, Louisville), American Redstart (1, Somerset), Vesper Sparrow (1, W. Allen County), and LeConte's Sparrow (2, Ballard County).

Thanks to the many observers who participated in this year's count and to 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 (KBRC). Records of species unusual for the count do not constitute official records until reviewed by the KBRC.

**Ballard County** (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at jct. KY 358 and Stove Corner Road; 37.12284 N, -088.9518 W). Habitat as described in 1984. Dec. 22; 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Cloudy; temp. 46° to 54° F; wind E 5-10 m.p.h. Water open.

Five observers in one to two parties. Total party hours: 16 (7 on foot, 9 by car). Total party miles: 82 (4 on foot, 78 by car). Hours owling: 1.0. Total species 87; 15,277 individuals.

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

The day was cloudy, with afternoon haze and fog limiting visibility. The species total (87) was a bit below average for this count. Numbers of all geese were low and only 12 species of waterfowl were detected. Highlights included 12 Least Sandpipers, at least 150 Wilson's Snipe, 20 Brown Thrashers, an Orange-crowned Warbler, at least three Pine Warblers, two Le Conte's Sparrows, a few Purple Finches, and a flock of at least 55 Pine Siskins. 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 to tally a large number. We also again missed several uncommon species that we often get including American Woodcock, Lapland Longspur, 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; 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky cloudy to partly cloudy; temp. 29-35°F; wind N, 13-25 m.p.h.

Ten observers in five parties. Total party-hours 25.5 (6.0 on foot, 19.5 by car). Total party-miles 151.7 (5.0 on foot, 146.7 by car). Total species 74; total individuals 16,752. Kentucky Lake was flooded and all bays and shorelines were under water.

Observers: Hap Chambers (compiler), Kathy Cohen, (Melissa Easley- feeder watcher), Teresa Gemeinhardt, Bob Head, Mike Miller, Josh Powell, Katie Powell, John Powell, Darrin Samborski and Aviva Yasgur.

Kentucky Lake was above flood stage, and the shoreline and bays were difficult to access. The lake was approximately 10 feet over winter pool. Wind gusts, flooding debris, and white caps made it difficult to see and count waterfowl. Species numbers were below what they were the day prior to the count.

**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. 19; 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky sunny and clear; temp. 29-49°F; wind, SW 0-6 m.p.h. Weather in the region for a few weeks prior to the bird count was unseasonably warm (many days of above-average temperatures, some even breaking long-standing record highs).

Thirty-eight observers in eleven parties. Total party-hours 63 (32 on foot, 31 by car). Total party-miles 301.4 (15.7 on foot, 285.7 by car). Total species 90; total individuals 7,313.

Observers: Dan Allison, Ellen Bravard, Shannon Brockway, Arriane Byrum, Hap Chambers, J. David Chiles, Cameron Cooper, Kim Cooper, Melodie Cunningham, Sharon East, Blue Eubanks, Karen Fitzgerald, Preston Foote, Jan Gray, Krista Hardy, Gabe Holcomb, Jaden Holcomb, Noah Holcomb, Patrick Holcomb, Stephanie Holcomb, Tim Johnson, Kimberly Lilly, Monica Main, Marian Martin, Chris Nelson, Christi Nelson, Emma Nelson, Marilyn O'Bryan, Bob Peak, John Pollpeter, Colin Priest, Andy Radomski, Elizabeth Raikes, Darrin Samborski, Mycah Scoggins, Tammie Smith, Anita Spaulding, and Aviva Yasgur (compiler).

With such a mild winter leading up to this year's Christmas Bird Count, we were unsure what to expect this year. It had seemed like we had not been seeing as many winter birds as we usually do by this time of year, and the results of the count confirmed these impressions. Although we did total 90 species, which is not too far off the average for the Land Between the Lakes count, the number of individuals of many typical winter visitors such as Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Hermit Thrush, and Canada Goose were low. We also recorded low numbers for quite a few of our year-round residents, including Northern Mockingbird, Carolina Wren (lowest number ever for this count), Eastern Towhee, and even European Starling (although we're fine with a low count for that one!) Also, our overall total number of individuals was below average, at only 7313 individuals.

On a different note, this year's count did include some interesting and noteworthy sightings, such as 2 immature Black-crowned Night Herons, 53 Common Loons, 58 Least Sandpipers (a very high number for this count), 2 Western Sandpipers, 4 Fish Crows, and a Brown-headed Nuthatch. The Brown-headed nuthatches have been well-documented in this area for several years, but have never been observed on the Christmas Bird Count. Similarly, we have been noticing more and more Fish Crows during the nesting season in the area, but have not picked them up on this count before. And those numbers for the Common Loon and Least Sandpiper were very high counts!

Of course, the Christmas Bird Count can't happen without people to do the counting, and a big highlight for us this year was the large number of participants. 38 people participated in our count this year, more than any year in recent history. This number includes three families with school-aged children as well as the more usual adult birders. We had quite a few newcomers who joined us for the first time, expressing an interest in getting more involved with birding. This was fantastic to see, and we hope to see more of it in the years to come! Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's count in Land Between the Lakes, where's it's a never a bad day for birding!

**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 3:30 p.m. Sky sunny; temp. 28-36°F; wind W 3-15 m.p.h. River overflowing and some roads closed, several fields flooded.

Fifteen observers in nine parties. Total party-hours 30.0 (8.5 on foot, 21.5 by car). Total party-miles 207 (10 on foot, 197 by car). Total species 58; total individuals 8,540.

Observers: Henry Conner, Brenda Eaden, Tony Eaden, Steve Graham, Teresa Graham, Steve Habus, Mike Henshaw, Janet Howard (compiler), Jim Kimsey, Pam Kimsey, Mary Kissel, Roseanne Radzelovage, Francis Tichenor, Lynn Tichenor, 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. 22; 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 48-61°F; wind S 5 m.p.h.

Four observers in three parties. Total party hours 28.0 (15.5 on foot, 12.5). Total party miles 261.0 (12.5 on foot, 233.5 by car). Hours owling 1.0. Total species 83; 32,982 individuals.

Observers: Joe Hall, Ruben Stoll, Alan Troyer (compiler), and Leona Troyer.

**Paradise** (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Hopewell Cemetery in southern Ohio County; 37.27755 N, -086.95868 W). Habitat as described in 1993. Jan 3; 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Mostly clear; temp. 22° to 46° F; wind NW 5-10 m.p.h. Water mostly open.

Ten observers in five parties. Total party hours: 41.5 (23 on foot, 18.5 by car). Total party miles: 136 (9.5 on foot, 126.5 by car). Hours owling: 1.5. Total species 83; 16,226 individuals.

Observers: Michael Autin, Rand Falls, Steve Graham, Teresa Graham, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Matt Stickel, Rebekah Trigg, Barbara Woerner, and Mary Yandell.

The clear, cold, relatively calm conditions were excellent for detecting birds, but unfortunately the number of birds was below average. The species total (83) was below average for this count during recent years, mostly due to the lack of waterfowl diversity. Highlights included four Bald Eagles, three or four flocks of migrating Sandhill Cranes, a Virginia Rail, two Red-breasted Nuthatches, two Marsh Wrens, and a Pine Warbler. Misses included several species of waterfowl, Rough-legged Hawk, Merlin, and Horned Lark. Raptor numbers were again very low this year with only one Short-eared Owl located; one of the Red-tailed Hawks was an adult darkish morph individual that was probably a Harlan's.

**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. 15; 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 43-62°F; wind calm.

Four observers in three parties. Total party-hours 23 (6 on foot, 17 by car). Total party-miles 214.5 (9.0 on foot, 205.5 by car). Total species 77; total individuals 8020.

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

**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. Dec. 26; 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sky cloudy with showers in a.m.; cloudy and windy in p.m.; temp. 56-70°F; wind S 1-25 m.p.h. gusts. Some showers occurred throughout the day, no heavy rain.

Twenty observers in nine parties. Total party-hours 42 (7 hours owling). Total party-miles 48 (17 on foot, 31 by horse and buggy). Total species 71, total individuals 5557.

Observers: Abraham Brubaker, Amanda Brubaker, Jennifer Brubaker, John David Brubaker (compiler), Matthan Brubaker, Roman Brubaker, Leroy Gingerich, Mahlon Gingerich, Melvin Gingerich, Joanna Habegger, Rosalyn Habegger, Roseann Habegger, Sharon Habegger, Ethan Hoover, Jamin Hoover, Joseph Hoover, Justin Hoover, Matthew Hoover, Philemon Hoover, and Karl Weaver.

**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. Jan. 2; 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 21-55°F; wind W moderate.

Sixteen observers in fifteen parties. Total party hours 103. Total party-miles 47(20 on foot, 27 by buggy). Total species 64; total individuals 6448. Two Bald Eagles were seen on the following day.

Observers: Matthew Brubaker, Noah Glick (compiler), Brian Habegger, Jason

Habegger, Louisa Hoover, Suzanne Hoover, Elias Mazelin, Laurence Mazelin, James Sensenig, Judith Sensenig, Cyrus Shirk, Samuel Shirk, Nelson Troyer, Alan Zimmerman, Miriam Zimmerman, and Wilmer Zimmerman.

The number of participants was much lower than usual, resulting in fewer numbers and species. There were only two adults and fourteen children that participated.

**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 5:00 p.m. Sky partly to mostly cloudy; temp. 42-46°F; wind 0-10 m.p.h. Water open; numerous flooded areas from heavy rain previous days.

Three observers in one party. Total party-hours 8.5 (2.5 on foot, 6 by car). Total party-miles 65.0 (2.5 on foot, 62.5 by car). Total species 38; total individuals 349.

Observers: Lisa Dalporto, Blaine Ferrell (compiler), and Albert Meier.

The count started out great, but the weather was so nice the birds were very still and difficult to find after about 10:00 a.m.

**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. Dec. 30; 7:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.; Sky mostly cloudy with light mist late in the morning/mid-day; temp. 52-39°F; wind NW 10-15 m.p.h., gusting to 25 m.p.h.

Nine observers in two to three parties. Total party-hours 24 (12 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 151 (6 on foot, 145 by car). Total species 71; total individuals 9690.

Observers: Brooks Atherton, Lyn Atherton, Bill Friel, Terri Friel, Doug Gebler, Janet Gebler, Rosemary Meredith, Ross Parker, and Barbara Woerner (compiler)

**Otter Creek Park** (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center just west of the jct. of KY 1238 and Pack Lane, about two miles southwest of the Park entrance; 37.91409 N, -086.069836 W). Habitat as described in 2001. Dec 26; 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Cloudy with intermittent light to moderate showers; temp. 49° to 64° F; wind NE-S 5-15 m.p.h. Water open.

Six observers in four to five parties. Total party hours: 35 (16 on foot, 19 by car). Total party miles: 200.5 (7.5 on foot, 193 by car). Hours owling: 0.5. Total species 76; 4937 individuals.

Observers: Michael Autin, Eddie Huber, Charlie Logsdon, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Del Striegel, and Barbara Woerner.

The intermittent showers made birding difficult, but the species total (76) was above average for this count, due in large part to a decent variety of waterbirds on the Ohio River and Doe Valley Lake. Also, various parties' lists seemed to complement those of others well, resulting in few misses of relatively common species. Highlights included a flock of Sandhill Cranes on the ground, Eurasian Collared-Doves at several locales, two Loggerhead Shrikes, a House Wren, two Pine Warblers, and three flyover Lapland Longspurs. Songbirds were relatively scarce in many areas, apparently due to an overall lack of natural food supplies.

**Bernheim Forest** (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Forest lookout tower, 2.75 mi. SE of Forest entrance; 37.902405 N, -085.62752 W). Habitat as described in 1974. Dec 27; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Cloudy with intermittent light to moderate rains showers; temp. 68° to 49° F; wind SW-N 0-10 m.p.h. Water open.

Ten observers in six parties. Total party hours: 34 (12.5 on foot, 21.5 by car). Total party miles: 205 (9 on foot, 196 by car). Hours owling: 0.0. Total species 66; 4588 individuals.

Observers: Mary Bill Bauer, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Dona Coates, Eddie Huber, Jennifer Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr, (compiler), Nancy Vance, Kelly Vowells, and Barbara Woerner.

Intermittent showers made birding relatively difficult; in addition, during the mid-afternoon a front passed, increasing winds and rain while dropping the temperatures, so most birds were found during the first part of the day. The species total (66) was about average for this count for recent years. Highlights of the day included four Bald Eagles, a Pine Warbler, and Chipping Sparrows at three locations. Red-breasted Nuthatches and winter finches (including Purple Finch) were absent. Natural food supplies appeared to be in 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. 20; 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky partly cloudy to cloudy; temp. 29-54°F; wind S, 9.9 m.p.h. It was misty, foggy and cold.

Forty-two observers in 15 parties. Total party-hours 84.50 (56.25 on foot, 28.25 by car). Total party miles 292 (39 on foot, 253 by car). Total species 87; total individuals 16,330.

Observers: Win Ahrens, Ryan Ankeny, Michael Autin, Jamie Baker, Tom Becker, Pat Bedford, Sherm Bedford, Jane Bell and Pat Bell (compilers), Carol Besse, Wanda Bilkey, Warren Bilkey, Carl Bochmann, Brian Burba, Anne Cabaniss, Mike Callan, Dona Coates, Colleen Craven-Becker, Wes Cunningham, Rod Goforth, Nancy Grant, Chuck Hatten, Bob Johnson, Frank Krull, John Krull, Richard Mayfield, Pat Meyer, Mark Monroe, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Patrice Pittman, Peggy Renn, Michael Riggs, Tim Ritter, Tom Sklodoski, Pam Spaulding, David Stewart, Jack Still, Nancy Vance, Major Waltman, James Wheat, and Barbara Woerner.

With the warm weather this fall our total number of waterfowl was down. There were some lingering warblers, however, including Pine (2), Orange-crowned (2), and Palm (2). An immature Red-headed Woodpecker was seen, which was the first one we have had in many years. New to our list was a Cackling Goose. Thanks to all participants.

**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. Jan. 2; 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky clear. 28-44°F; wind SW, 5-10 m.p.h.

Twenty-three observers in eight parties. Total party-hours 64 (16 on foot, 48 by car). Total party-miles 478 (15G on foot, 463 by car). Total species 57; total individuals 6397.

Observers: Bryan Baker, Horace Brown (compiler), Joan Brown, Sean Brown, Todd Brown, Hunter Geralde, Karin Geralde, Joy Fitzgerald, Kevin Flowers, Marc Harris, Alvin Hershberger, Annannais Hershberger, Rubin Hershberger, Kathy King, Rob Laurenson, Susan Laurenson, Casey McBride, Adam Rayber, Reuben Rayber, Walt Reichart, Thomas Willard, Harry Yoder, and Benton 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. 13; 5:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky mostly sunny; temp. 58-70°F; wind, SE, light breeze. Unseasonably warm.

Nine observers in three party. Total party-hours 15 (6 on foot, 9 by car). Total party-miles 109 (4 on foot, 105 by car). Total species 69; total individuals 5106.

Observers: Bonnie Avery, Bruce Bardin, John Brittain, Tom Durbin, Carol Friedman, Janet Kistler, Steve Kistler (compiler), Jeff Sole, and Mitch Sturgeon.

This was a new record for the number of species in the 13th year of this count. Warm weather with a light breeze produced good numbers of raptors.

**Nolin River** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center 0.5 miles south of Hill-top, e. Grayson County; 37.38964°, -086.1137°). Habitat: woodland, farmland, river and Nolin Reservoir. Dec. 19; 4:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 30-34°F; wind W, 10 m.p.h.

Six observers in one party. Total party-hours 12 (4 on foot, 8 by car). Total party-miles 104 (1 on foot, 104 by car). Total species 64; total individuals 4159.

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

Almost no waterfowl, including geese, were observed despite all ponds and reservoirs being ice free. Highlights were a flock of nine Palm Warblers, and a record number of Ring-billed Gulls on the reservoir, with two Bald Eagles overlooking the gulls.

**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. 29; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky heavy overcast; temp. 45-50°F; wind NW 5-15 m.p.h. After so much rain, ponds, lakes and streams were very high. Green River Lake was up over some parking lots. The ground was soft and muddy.

Six observers in three parties. Total party-hours 18.0 (5.5 on foot, 12.5 by car). Total party-miles 125.75 (4.75 on foot, 121.00 by car). Total species 59; total individuals 4404.

Observers: Lloyd Curry (compiler), Steve Dalton, Robert Doty, Richie Kessler, Carol Sole, and Jeff Sole.

**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. 19; 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 24-40°F; wind WSW, 7-14 m.p.h.

Twenty-one observers in nine parties. Total party-hours 42.5 (29.5 on foot, 13.0 by car). Total party-miles 101.5 (18.5 on foot, 83.0 by car). Total species 63; total individuals 3667.

Observers: Robert Chadwick, Susan Coblin, Barb Cornett, Peggy Gould (compiler), Ralph Gould, Jeff Jones, Joel Jones, Robert Laurensen, Susan Laurensen, Payton Marlowe, Bryon Marlowe, Rachael Peake, Tommy Quarles, David Schindler, Kerrie Shepard, Tanner Shepard, Edwin Shouse, Mary Shouse, Gary Sprandel, Emily Webb, and Deborah White.

The Blue-winged Teal was a male found at the Game Farm Lake; the Spotted Sandpiper was found at the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery, where one was present in mid-November.

**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. 2; 7:28 a.m. to 5:03 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 26-39°F; wind SW, 4 m.p.h., to WSW 13 m.p.h.

Two observers in one party. Total party-hours 9.5 (6.0 on foot, 3.5 by car). Total party-miles 54.4 (2.0 on foot, 52.4 by car). Total species 37; total individuals 1201.

Observers: Jeff Jones (compiler), and Joel Jones.

One productive area was not accessible due to high water, and another had to be abandoned soon after arrival due to frequent gunfire nearby. Observers were confronted three times by local residents. Despite observing several miles of wooded streams, the Kentucky River and numerous ponds and small lakes, no waterfowl were observed other than two Great Blue Herons and one Kingfisher. The Merlin was observed for at least 15 minutes under ideal lighting conditions by both observers. It was within 200 meters from where we sighted one on this count three years ago. The count was originally scheduled for December 27, but it was postponed due to inclement weather (2.5 in of rain).

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2015-2016 Christmas Bird Count	Ballard County	Calloway County	Land Between the Lakes	Sorgho	Elkton	Paradise	Bowling Green	Western Allen County	Eastern Allen County	Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park	Hodgenville	Otter Creek Park	Bernheim Froest	Louisville
Gr. White-fronted Goose	1080	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snow Goose	10	-	-	-	-	wk	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
Ross's Goose	-	-	-	-	-	wk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada Goose	40	122	147	10	125	357	256	237	23	-	116	157	102	1559
Cackling Goose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Mute Swan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wood Duck	7	wk	2	2	7	-	2	3	2	-	-	1	-	2
Gadwall	525	wk	68	-	9	167	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	52
American Wigeon	12	wk	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	wk	-	-	10
American Black Duck	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	5
Mallard	10000	wk	177	101	318	670	25	2	5	-	100	104	34	552
Blue-winged Teal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Shoveler	50	wk	-	-	15	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Northern Pintail	30	-	-	-	-	wk	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Green-winged Teal	30	-	27	-	-	14	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	13
Canvasback	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Redhead	-	8	13	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
Ring-necked Duck	208	-	17	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	129
Greater Scaup	-	3	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lesser Scaup	-	120	411	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Bufflehead	-	19	152	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	26
Common Goldeneye	4	72	237	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	3
Hooded Merganser	1	6	72	-	-	1	51	1	-	-	wk	-	1	82
Common Merganser	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-
Ruddy Duck	-	11	72	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
Wild Turkey	100	44	11	-	81	97	21	105	-	29	80	64	81	11
Northern Bobwhite	1	-	-	-	-	1	28	6	-	-	-	1	-	-
Common Loon	-	3	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pied-billed Grebe	4	4	88	-	1	45	7	1	-	-	2	12	2	5
Horned Grebe	-	16	215	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1
Double-cr. Cormorant	-	-	490	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
American White Pelican	-	wk	371	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Blue Heron	9	5	94	2	17	5	5	6	9	-	2	1	4	28
Green Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-cr. Night-Heron	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Black Vulture	-	47	55	-	18	83	18	170	40	-	26	27	103	141

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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1082
wk	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	21
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
429	5	-	wk	258	-	391	418	370	17	376	150	235	162	132	9	6205
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	38
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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	7	9	-	17	2	-	-	54
105	17	-	138	27	-	72	210	152	18	147	12	143	75	27	34	13265
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
16	-	-	-	2	-	-	93	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	199
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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	13	569
-	-	2	wk	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	wk	17	9	5	17	262
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	323
-	-	-	24	-	-	-	220	4	-	6	2	4	14	-	5	494
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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	wk	-	-	-	15	38
-	-	-	5	1	-	9	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	112
21	41	34	-	47	-	14	28	2	51	-	-	93	38	172	12	1277
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16	4	15	9	31	2	8	46	5	1	6	7	18	4	4	1	364
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246	20	83	29	260	-	86	154	80	54	54	141	36	52	22	9	2054

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Turkey Vulture	-	18	91	9	39	92	49	175	127	6	22	21	39	109
Bald Eagle	20	8	45	3	3	4	2	-	wk	-	1	1	4	6
Northern Harrier	3	-	-	5	2	22	7	-	2	-	3	-	2	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	-	-	3	2	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	1	8
Cooper's Hawk	-	-	1	3	4	6	5	4	5	-	1	1	5	13
Sharp-sh./Cooper's Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-shouldered Hawk	15	8	14	1	8	9	3	6	9	1	1	5	9	26
Red-tailed Hawk	16	13	19	24	41	31	28	20	10	3	9	12	14	28
Rough-legged Hawk	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golden Eagle	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia Rail	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Coot	10	wk	214	-	-	3	67	-	-	-	1	2	-	12
Sandhill Crane	-	-	16	-	-	53	-	74	184	-	28	16	7	156
Killdeer	40	21	143	111	782	14	6	142	27	-	1	61	20	20
Least Sandpiper	12	-	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Sandpiper	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spotted Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wilson's Snipe	150	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Woodcock	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonaparte's Gull	-	33	490	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ring-billed Gull	-	35	974	-	-	-	-	-	140	-	wk	29	-	876
Herring Gull	-	wk	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1
Les. Black-backed Gull	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forster's Tern	-	12	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock Pigeon	15	2	66	307	155	40	668	105	32	-	51	51	130	432
Eurasian Collared-Dove	3	wk	-	26	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-
Mourning Dove	48	78	21	120	677	60	182	344	71	-	472	569	281	321
Barn Owl	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Screech-Owl	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Great Horned Owl	-	1	1	1	6	4	1	3	3	1	1	2	1	3
Barred Owl	5	2	1	-	4	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	1	-
Short-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belted Kingfisher	2	-	8	-	6	4	2	2	5	-	1	7	2	16
Blk.-chinned Hummingbird	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rufous Hummingbird	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-headed Woodpecker	61	4	39	1	7	4	1	9	10	-	-	1	2	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	56	40	49	18	40	22	17	56	55	5	25	19	18	85
Yel.-bellied Sapsucker	6	2	7	1	1	3	3	8	7	-	-	2	3	22

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134	105	195	40	79	6	111	93	102	48	37	102	75	97	69	154	2244
-	1	2	3	1	-	-	1	-	4	7	1	3	1	wk	5	126
6	3	2	1	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	4	2	6	-	-	78
4	3	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	wk	-	-	-	32
4	5	-	2	1	1	4	9	-	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	85
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
-	10	2	3	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	15	12	4	12	9	188
38	9	11	14	17	13	41	40	14	13	7	16	26	11	10	5	553
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
2	-	-	35	-	-	-	6	45	-	-	-	5	1	1	1	405
wk	2	138	-	53	-	58	-	-	-	-	wk	-	155	-	-	940
-	60	5	5	9	-	20	93	2	5	17	41	13	5	22	11	1696
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
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-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
-	-	20	72	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	250	2	6	-	3	889
-	-	132	121	14	-	-	-	7	6	175	28	41	13	-	386	2977
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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
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223	2	3	2	315	72	146	187	51	36	23	20	341	22	501	29	4027
9	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	-	111
268	76	60	117	90	49	224	312	27	39	25	259	737	246	151	22	5946
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-	2	1	-	-	-	4	16	3	2	1	1	1	1	-	3	42
wk	5	5	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	6	2	1	-	1	52
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22	10	7	19	23	8	25	56	11	13	12	59	54	30	16	18	888
-	7	7	-	3	1	2	5	2	-	3	7	2	3	-	2	109

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Downy Woodpecker	30	23	32	18	31	20	16	42	16	7	19	23	28	123
Hairy Woodpecker	11	6	6	5	6	6	1	5	3	2	7	13	5	18
Northern Flicker	36	13	36	8	34	17	8	30	5	1	5	14	23	32
Pileated Woodpecker	8	7	50	2	13	11	2	11	21	3	6	16	14	17
American Kestrel	12	10	9	48	45	25	29	17	7	-	19	14	11	10
Merlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Eastern Phoebe	4	6	6	-	3	2	1	8	21	4	2	-	2	3
Loggerhead Shrike	1	-	-	1	3	-	1	5	-	-	1	2	-	-
Blue Jay	86	54	137	59	112	223	67	112	117	5	42	43	24	246
American Crow	22	100	241	19	69	310	965	68	696	15	95	245	103	262
Fish Crow	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Horned Lark	31	5	-	104	856	-	150	69	20	-	105	3	-	-
Carolina Chickadee	85	32	98	20	32	83	52	55	67	12	44	93	85	245
Tufted Titmouse	70	40	123	16	48	108	43	95	96	15	51	88	78	191
Brown-headed Nuthatch	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
White-breasted Nuthatch	19	21	68	15	22	10	10	28	40	11	15	21	29	61
Brown Creeper	8	6	2	1	-	2	6	2	-	2	3	8	1	37
Winter Wren	9	2	-	-	3	3	2	4	-	1	-	2	1	9
House Wren	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Marsh Wren	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Carolina Wren	31	11	8	8	23	10	19	24	20	3	3	27	33	85
Golden-crowned Kinglet	33	2	14	6	9	12	10	12	2	3	21	45	40	43
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	14	1	-	1	5	6	1	1	2	-	1	8	5	18
Eastern Bluebird	30	55	42	2	70	32	26	130	49	5	16	29	83	35
Hermit Thrush	11	4	1	-	1	2	2	-	3	2	-	3	3	5
American Robin	86	315	10	139	96	265	165	440	814	37	531	175	376	2773
Northern Mockingbird	16	23	2	22	30	11	20	34	8	3	13	12	22	49
Brown Thrasher	20	-	2	-	4	3	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	2
European Starling	74	825	68	6687	9215	842	3259	875	392	6	6170	1565	1295	2812
American Pipit	-	-	-	-	280	-	1	209	392	-	66	-	-	-
Cedar Waxwing	8	6	18	1	16	17	20	98	50	5	wk	25	15	372
Lapland Longspur	-	25	-	-	52	-	250	-	-	-	6	3	-	-
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
American Redstart	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palm Warbler	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	10	-	-	2	-	-	2

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19	12	2	9	20	9	16	61	14	9	11	25	37	20	14	17	723
3	2	2	1	5	-	3	5	1	-	2	5	13	3	3	4	146
13	14	4	9	6	1	16	31	6	7	7	17	32	17	6	6	454
4	10	3	2	5	5	3	9	3	2	2	10	11	12	10	5	277
55	23	24	17	6	3	48	35	13	5	10	45	70	51	18	4	683
1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	wk	-	-	-	6
-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	10
1	7	1	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	17	9	10	4	6	121
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39	52	47	40	38	6	63	59	30	18	30	169	219	171	68	34	2410
129	176	99	136	307	30	115	378	53	73	220	214	608	286	998	159	7191
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128	26	50	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	14	-	-	1613
46	29	14	24	110	15	67	205	31	8	34	81	92	91	85	47	1982
28	30	26	36	71	9	61	91	34	15	34	82	88	91	69	44	1871
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23	16	16	13	21	5	26	22	11	13	9	42	39	28	42	45	741
2	1	-	1	6	2	-	8	-	2	1	-	3	2	2	4	112
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8	9	4	4	29	5	28	37	6	5	7	20	31	29	23	8	558
5	7	7	1	6	2	4	22	2	3	10	31	42	41	20	26	481
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9	77	50	26	14	13	63	69	13	19	16	91	140	52	80	77	1413
-	1	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	6	2	5	3	6	68
414	750	205	233	180	246	116	2014	499	84	56	866	292	746	121	44	13088
13	10	10	9	5	-	52	29	6	6	11	43	55	33	35	4	586
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3138	950	2200	2460	936	565	5064	11333	569	340	448	3657	5249	6605	2000	208	79807
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Pine Warbler	3	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	2	1	2
Yel.-rumped Warbler	17	–	7	–	7	78	21	30	15	13	35	42	72	30
Eastern Towhee	47	20	8	5	33	31	11	33	19	1	6	33	22	15
Amer. Tree Sparrow	8	–	3	3	1	11	–	–	–	–	6	7	9	24
Chipping Sparrow	2	5	–	20	24	–	2	17	–	4	4	–	20	–
Field Sparrow	72	16	3	7	36	54	55	119	13	10	44	188	53	28
Vesper Sparrow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Savannah Sparrow	72	–	–	–	36	42	8	37	4	–	6	–	–	–
Le Conte's Sparrow	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fox Sparrow	11	1	2	–	4	27	1	25	10	–	1	43	1	wk
Song Sparrow	76	27	10	39	85	194	63	114	60	8	50	214	104	177
Swamp Sparrow	126	4	10	3	39	140	31	24	6	4	14	37	24	32
White-thr. Sparrow	210	124	52	18	76	195	172	141	91	8	61	162	108	328
White-cr. Sparrow	14	3	3	23	59	19	7	173	8	–	43	21	18	8
Dark-eyed Junco	106	262	267	22	34	107	69	30	117	38	49	107	292	289
Northern Cardinal	171	129	126	105	163	154	107	280	116	6	100	159	224	423
Red-wg. Blackbird	612	6142	513	115	10631	880	160	196	67	–	24	2	31	409
Eastern Meadowlark	8	15	2	–	104	15	30	147	70	–	7	16	16	–
Rusty Blackbird	15	3	14	–	8	20	–	–	–	–	wk	13	20	253
Common Grackle	200	7513	58	75	7711	10200	450	55	1062	–	723	10	320	1587
Brown-hd. Cowbird	1	25	–	4	179	82	100	15	750	–	42	–	–	1
Purple Finch	4	1	2	2	1	5	2	–	33	31	wk	–	–	–
House Finch	19	19	–	10	34	1	33	67	3	–	50	21	32	99
Pine Siskin	55	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
American Goldfinch	84	88	108	65	46	57	60	134	365	38	55	51	59	187
House Sparrow	6	4	4	93	135	28	47	44	26	–	163	105	20	140
Day of Count	D22	J04	D19	J01	D22	J03	D15	D26	J02	D17	D30	D26	D27	D20
Number of Species	87	74	90	58	83	83	77	71	64	38	71	76	66	87
No. of Individuals	15277	16752	7313	8540	32982	16226	8020	5557	6448	349	9690	4937	4588	16330
No. of Observers	5	10	38	15	4	10	4	20	16	3	9	6	10	42

Shelbyville	Hart County	Nolin River	Green River Lake	Frankfort	Kleber WMA	Danville	Lexington	Burlington	Falmouth	Warsaw	Russell-Adair County	Somerset	Wayne County	London	Cumberland Falls	Total
-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	12
-	39	20	19	7	8	-	54	14	21	19	102	46	127	10	6	859
2	11	1	2	2	-	3	10	5	-	6	55	23	31	3	-	438
14	2	-	-	8	2	1	2	28	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	135
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	8	58	29	8	13	215
16	35	20	30	-	1	6	17	32	11	9	30	77	24	20	11	1037
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	4	-	1	-	5	4	-	-	-	6	-	2	-	-	227
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	2	-	-	8	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	12	-	-	-	153
34	187	24	13	80	29	32	61	44	22	23	95	126	77	84	19	2171
-	112	2	-	6	2	-	2	6	1	-	3	13	2	7	2	652
21	220	20	11	74	17	78	239	8	36	13	72	128	95	26	30	2834
90	106	31	wk	19	8	56	29	21	-	9	8	121	43	14	2	956
13	47	125	26	51	20	43	127	26	4	44	115	300	125	89	186	3130
82	49	40	45	180	23	185	245	38	26	62	214	390	195	128	64	4229
4	1000	150	50	3	-	-	30	wk	3	-	11	-	2	-	11	21046
63	6	117	10	1	1	75	15	-	-	-	76	43	49	7	4	897
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	13	-	-	360
-	500	1	250	wk	-	2	57	-	-	2	408	1	3	1	-	31189
20	-	-	21	-	-	9	103	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	1392
-	3	-	2	6	-	15	-	-	4	1	4	3	-	-	-	119
33	6	7	43	21	-	77	84	19	7	5	41	158	115	53	8	1065
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	17	95
28	105	61	93	122	19	76	117	67	15	56	73	151	96	58	45	2579
317	32	12	15	49	-	42	192	4	2	8	39	55	38	50	1	1671
J02	D13	D19	D29	D19	J02	D19	D19	J01	J02	D19	D16	J01	J04	D15	D19	
57	69	64	59	63	37	60	77	56	51	58	79	79	77	60	69	
6397	5106	4159	4404	3667	1201	7717	17934	2504	1125	2099	8107	10817	10483	5421	1979	
23	9	6	6	21	2	26	37	11	3	3	6	12	7	11	7	



**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. 19; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 28-44°F; wind N 10 m.p.h.

Twenty-six observers in nine parties. Total party-hours 47.5 (6.5 on foot, 41.0 by car). Total party-miles 478.58 (6.18 on foot, 472.40 by car). Total species 60; total individuals 7717.

Observers: Jane Brantley (compiler), JP Brantley, Lauren Clontz, Granville Cox, Thelm Cox, Neil Eklund, Virginia Eklund, Stephanie Fabritius, Mark Galowitsch, Bill Gariott, Michael Hamm, Mort Hoagland, Emma Kagan-Moore, Mike Lauer, Anne Lubbers, Gail Manning, Preston Miles, Eric Mount, Don Pelly, Jim Porter, Linda Porter, Milton Scarbough, Kate Slankard, Scott Slankard, Patsi Trollinger, and Charles Vahlkamp.

**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. 19; 6:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 28-42°F; wind NE 10 m.p.h.

Thirty-seven observers in 13 parties. Total party-hours 70 (22 by foot, 48 by car), with 8 hours at feeders and 3.50 hours owling. Total party-miles 280.5 (19.0 by foot, 261.5 by car). Total species 77; total individuals 17,934.

Observers: Laura Baird, Nancy Barnett, Ramesh Bhatt, Suzanne Bhatt, Nancy Braun, Lisa Combs, John Cox, Chris DeMoll, Eddie DeMoll, Mike Flynn, Stratton Hatfield, Jim Hodge, Marcia Hopkins, Kevin Hopper, Ian Horn, Beverly James, Allen Kingsland, Betsy Lang, David Lang, Ben Limle, Judy Lundquist, Teresa Noel, Sydney Penner, Pep Peppiat, Carol Pickett, Layton Register, Spencer Reinhard, Lou Shain, Jeff Sole, Marie Sutton, Dave Svetich, Joe Swanson, Mark Tower (compiler), Sally Wasielwski, George Weams, Jim Williams Bernice Wood, and Suzanne Zivari.

**Burlington** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center near Camp Michaels; 38.94932°, -084.74625°). Habitat as described in 1992. Jan. 1; 6:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 29-37°F. All water was open.

Eleven observers in five parties. Total party-hours 23 (9 on foot, 14 by car). Total party-miles 141 (5 on foot, 136 by car). Total species 56; total individuals 2504.

Observers: Linda Altevers, Joe Caminiti, Joey Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Katie Caminiti, Elaine Carroll, Pat Carroll, Melissa Desjardin, Lee McNeely (compiler), Gayle Pille, and Tommy Stephens.

A leucistic Red-tailed Hawk was observed near the East Bend Power Plant.

**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. 2; 7:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Sky sunny; temp. 29-38°F. All water was open.

Three observers in two parties. Total party-hours 14 (3 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 118 (1 on foot, 117 by car). Total species 51; total individuals 1125.

Observers: Rodney Crice, Lee McNeely (compiler), and Tommy Stephens.

**Warsaw** (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center Gallatin County Courthouse; 38.78387°, -084.90227°). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 19; 6:45 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. Sky partly cloudy, some light rain; temp. 29-41°F; wind SW, 3-15 m.p.h. All water was open.

Three observers in two parties. Total party-hours 14.5 (2.0 on foot, 12.5 by car). Total party-miles 206 (2 on foot, 204 by car). Total species 58; total individuals 2099.

Observers: Ed Groneman, Lee McNeely (compiler), and James Wheat.  
Seven Bald Eagles represented a new count high.

**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; 5:20 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. Sky foggy in the morning, mostly clear in the afternoon; temp. 37-67°F; wind S, 0-25 m.p.h.

Six observers in four parties. Total part-hours 38.75 (3.00 on foot, 35.75 by car). Total party-miles 334.0 (1.5 on foot, 332.5 by car). Total species 79; total individuals 8107.

Observers: Ray Bontrager, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Arlene Morton and Stephen J. Stedman.

**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; 6:05 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky cloudy to partly cloudy; temp. 32-42°F; wind NW, 0-5 m.p.h. All water was open.

Twelve observers in six parties. Total party-hours 48.50 (8.25 by foot, 40.25 by car). Total party-miles 439.5 (5.5 on foot, 434.0 by car). Total species 78; total individuals 10,811.

Observers: Rhonda Bryant, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Gay Hodges, James Kiser, Scott Marsh, Lynda Mills, Tom Mills, Arlene Morton, Sasha Rhode, and Stephen J. Stedman.

**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. Jan. 4; 6:50 a.m. to 6:25 p.m. Sky cloudy to partly clear; temp. 31-38°F; wind N, 0-15 m.p.h. Morning snow showers.

Seven observers in five parties. Total party hours 45 (7 on foot, 38 by car). Total party-miles 345 (3 on foot, 342 by car). Total species 77; total individuals 10,483.

Observers: Michael Autin, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Gay Hodges, Bret Kuss, Arlene Morton, Sasha Rhode, 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. 15; 6:30 a.m. to 5:20 p.m.; sky clear; temp. 40-67°F; wind SW, 0-5 m.p.h.

Eleven observers in five parties. Total party hours 43.5 (1.5 on foot, 42.0 by car). Total party miles 421.5 (1.5 on foot, 420.0 by car). Total species 60; total individuals 5421.

Observers: Wendi Allen, Granville Cox (compiler), Thelma Cox, Roseanna Denton, Steve Denton, Gay Hodges, Bobbie Idol, Bret Kuss, Linda McClendon, Marie Oakley, and Becky Whittemore.

**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. 19; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST; sky clear.; temp. 24-43°F; wind NW, 5-10 m.p.h.

Seven observers in four parties. Total party hours 31 (5 on foot, 26 by car), with 1.75 hours owling. Total party miles 332 (5 on foot, 327 by car), with 6 miles owling. Total species 69; total individuals 1979.

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

The Green Heron was photographed along Rock Branch Road, sse. of Sawyer, McCreary County, by Lynda and Tom Mills.

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### FIELD NOTE

#### Another 19<sup>th</sup> Century Report of Golden Eagle in Kentucky

While researching some historical ornithological literature, I ran across the following account of a 19<sup>th</sup> Century report of a Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) from Kentucky. The following is the text of a short note in *The Cincinnati Enquirer* from November 6, 1898:

#### GOLDEN EAGLE KILLED

##### SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE ENQUIRER

RICHMOND, KY. Nov. 5 — While hunting on Lies Knob, near Berea, John Garrett killed a golden eagle which measured six feet from tip to tip. It was engaged in a furious battle with crows when the hunter brought it down. It was bought by Berea College for its ornithological collection.

— Bob Foppe, 6080 Weber Oaks Drive, Loveland, OH, 45140.

*[Editor's Note: Unfortunately, this specimen apparently no longer resides (presuming it was ever accepted) in the Berea College collection (G. Neil Douglas, 2016 personal communication)].*



American White Pelicans, Green River Lake, Adair Co.  
13 October 2015  
Roseanna Denton

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White-faced Ibis, Jefferson Co.  
21 October 2015  
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.



Black-necked Stilt & American Avocet  
Hickman Co., 8 August 2015  
Rodney Crice



Golden Eagle, Hardin Co.  
14 November 2015  
Marjorie Lehman



Dunlin (molting juv.), Henderson Co.  
14 September 2015  
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.



Red Phalarope (ad.), Ballard Co.  
11 August 2015  
Hap Chambers



Nelson's Sparrow, Fayette Co.  
18 October 2015  
David Lang