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FALL 2016 SEASON

Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., and Lee McNeely

Weather conditions during fall 2016 were quite variable during the four-month period August through November. Average temperature recorded at all major stations was a bit above normal during August, but significantly warmer than normal during September through November with October being the most extreme (6.5-7.0°F above normal) state-wide. Precipitation was well above normal during August, with all major stations recording at least one-and-a-half times the normal amount and Paducah recording a record amount of rainfall (9.6 in [ca. three and a half times normal]). In contrast, September was dry across the state with most stations recording one-half to one-fourth the normal amount of precipitation. Even drier conditions took hold during October and November, when precipitation became particularly scarce and drought conditions began to appear in many areas. In fact, most major stations recorded less than an inch of rainfall during both months. It was driest during October, when Paducah recorded only about a tenth of normal precipitation.

Excessive rainfall during July and August resulted in the appearance of transient lakes, particularly across southern Kentucky, which persisted into the fall season and provided the best shorebird habitat during the period. Rarity highlights included Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Cinnamon Teal, Swallow-tailed Kite, Inca Dove, White-winged Dove, and Say's Phoebe. For the first time in three years, numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches appeared, but irruptive winter finches, particularly Pine Siskins, were very scarce.

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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Lake, *Marshall*; Spindletop Farm = University of Kentucky Spindletop Research Farm, *Fayette*; SNP = State Nature Preserve; SP = State Park; SRP = State Resort Park; Surrey Hills Farm, ne. *Jefferson*; Swallow Spring Pond, n. of Beverly, *Christian*; Van Buren = Van Buren boat ramp, Taylorsville Lake, *Anderson*; Wildcat Creek = Wildcat Creek embayment, Ky Lake, *Calloway*; WMA = Wildlife Management Area, Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell*.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck – at least 2 lingered from summer at West Paducah, *McCracken*, to 16 September (PC).

Greater White-fronted Goose – reports of interest included 1 at the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery (JSo), 60 over Bowling Green (TD), and flocks of 98 and 60 over Surrey Hills Farm (BP), all 19 October; 85 at Morgan Pond 20 October (JH) with 130 there 21 October (JH); 3000 at Sauerheber by 16 November (CC) with 4000 there by 27 November (CC); and 1 along Friendship Road, *Rockcastle*, 22 November (RD).

Snow Goose – 3000 were at Sauerheber by 27 November (CC).

Ross's Goose – 1 at Sauerheber 27 November (JM) was the only one reported.

Cackling Goose – 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 20-29 October (ph. BP et al.) represented a new early arrival date for the state by six days; 11 were at the Reformatory Lake, *Oldham*, 4 November (ph. BWu).



Cackling Goose, *Jefferson*
20 October 2016
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Tundra Swan – 15 were first observed at Sauerheber 20 November (CC).

Wood Duck – 120 at Sand Slough 31 August (BP) represented the peak count for the season.

Gadwall – the summering male at Morgan Pond was last seen 12 August (JH); otherwise, 1 at Spindletop Farm 17 September (DSv, LCo) was the earliest to be reported. Modest peak counts of interest included 100 at Morgan Pond 6 October (C&SR) with 150 there 30 October (JH), 150 at Sauerheber 23 October (JM) with 260 there 20 November (JM), 200 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 24 October (JBa et al.), 130 on Honker Lake/Honker Bay 2 November (BL), and 185 at Jonathan Creek 19 November (HC).

American Wigeon – 120 at Sauerheber 27 November (JM) represented the peak count for the season.

Blue-winged Teal – local peak counts of interest included 550 at McElroy Lake 4 September (TD) with ca. 250 there 6 September (BP); 95 at Blood River 14 September (HC); 200 at Honker Lake/Honker Bay 20 September (RCr); 166 at Camp #9 and 120 at Camp #11, both 21 September (BP); 95 at the Falls of the Ohio 20 September (DSt); and 500 at Morgan Pond 28 September (JH) with ca. 400 there 29 September (BP) and 125 still there 7 October (JH).

Cinnamon Teal – 1 was reported at Jacobson Park 10 September (ph. RO, ph. LCo, DSv). KBRC review required.

Northern Shoveler – 110 at Sauerheber 20 November (JM, RCh) represented a modest peak count for the season.

Northern Pintail – 19 at Morgan Pond 20 October (JH), 18 on Ky Lake, *Calloway*, 28 October (HC), and 20 at Sauerheber 27 November (JM) represented modest peak counts for the season.

- Green-winged Teal** – 150 at Sauerheber 2 November (CC) with 175 there 27 November (JM) represented the peak counts for the season.
- Redhead** – the summering male at Freeman Lake, *Hardin*, was reported 11 September & 22 October (JSn).
- Ring-necked Duck** – 175 at Sauerheber 20 November (JM) and 348 on Fagan Branch Lake, *Marion*, 30 November (RD) represented the peak counts for the season.
- Lesser Scaup** – a male at the Brown Power Plant, *Mercer*, 16 September (BWu, TQ, TS, BP) may have summered there; 300 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 24 October (JBa et al.) represented a modest peak count for the season.
- White-winged Scoter** – there was only one report: 3 on Barren River Lake 24 November (TB).
- Black Scoter** – there were three reports: 2 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 12 November (RD), and 7 on the Ohio River at the Falls of the Ohio 12-13 November (EHu et al.) with at least 1 at the same locale 20 November (AM, BBC).
- Long-tailed Duck** – there was one report: 2 on Lexington Reservoir #2 & #3 on 26 October (ph. DSv) that established a new early arrival date for the state by nearly a week.
- Common Merganser** – 8 on the Levisa Fork, *Pike*, 31 October (SF) were odd for the season and could possibly suggest a family group raised locally.
- Red-breasted Merganser** – 2 on Morgan Pond 20 October (JH) were the earliest to be reported.
- Ruddy Duck** – a male was on Morgan Pond 17 August (ph. SA) with a female present there 29 September+ (BP) and 4 there by 14 October (SA, TG, SG).
- Common Loon** – 2 on Cave Run Lake 3 September (RD) with 4 there 4 September (RCr) and 2 on Lake Cumberland above Wolf Creek Dam 16-18 September (BWu, TS, TQ, BP) were the earliest to be reported; modest peak counts during the season included 48 on Barren River Lake (BP) and 74 on Green River Lake, *Adair* (RD), both 20 November, and 75 on Green River Lake, *Adair/Taylor*, 26 November (RBo).
- Pied-billed Grebe** – at least 98 (including at least four family groups of chicks [some tiny]) were counted at Morgan Pond 25 September (BP et al.) with peak counts of no less than 126 (including several family groups) there 3 October (BP et al.), 165 counted there 8 October (HC, ME, JH), and 100 still there 21 October (JH).
- Horned Grebe** – 1 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, and 15 on Ky Lake, *Marshall*, both 24 October (JBa, BP) were the earliest to be reported.
- American White Pelican** – reports of interest included 1 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 5 August (BP, MMo); 31 at Blood River 20 August (HC) with dozens present on both Ky Lake and Lake Barkley by the first week of September; 1200 at Blood River 21 September (HC); 562 at Jonathan Creek 24 September (ME et al.) with 700 there 18 October (HC); 24 on Morgan Pond 22 October (ph. SA, JH); and 1 on the Walnut Creek embayment, Barren River Lake, *Allen*, 20 November (ph. BP).
- American Bittern** – there were reports from three locales: singles at Morgan Pond 1/3/15 October (JH, ph. SA/ph. JBa, TG, SA, BP/JH); 1 at Sauerheber 15 October (BP, BBC); and 1 along KY 239 at Bayou de Chien, *Hickman*, 9 November (MG).
- Least Bittern** – nesting birds continued at Sinclair into August (SG, TG, et al.) with 2 last seen there 25 August (JSO).
- Great Blue Heron** – a tally of 75 at the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery 26 August (JSO) was relatively impressive.
- Great Egret** – local peak counts of interest included 300 at Horseshoe Road 22 August (CC) with 60 at Horse Pond Slough and 370 e. of Horseshoe Road, both 31 August (BP); at least 12 at McElroy Lake 6 September (BP); 20 at Jacobson Park 12 September (DR); 45 along Binns Mill Road, *Christian*, 14 September (SB); 64 at Van Buren 30 September (BP, MMo); 52 at Morgan Pond 6 October (SA et al.); and

35 at Sinclair 3 November (CBI). Singles lingered at the Falls of the Ohio (m. ob.), at Sandy Watkins Park, *Henderson* (CC), at Jonathan Creek (ME), and e. of Morgan Pond (SA) into the last week of November

Snowy Egret – reports of interest included up to 15 [23 August] at and near Horse-shoe Road 3-31 August (ph. CC) with a few additional birds elsewhere in w. *Henderson* and n. *Union* during August to 6 September (CC); 51 at Mitchell Lake 16 August (RD, SD); 3 at the East Volunteer Mine 17 August (TG, SG) with 2 still there 22 August (TG, SG); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 19 August–15 September (BP, DSt, JBa, et al.); 1 at Melco 1-5 September (BP, JBa, et al.); and 2 at the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery 4-24 September (LCo, DSv, ph. TQ, TS, et al.) with 3 there 7 September (ph. BDe). One at Wildcat Creek 6 October (HC) was the latest to be reported.

Little Blue Heron – reports of interest included 1-3 at various locales in w. *Henderson* 3-31 August (CC et al.); 2 continuing at Wood Creek Lake, *Laurel*, 4 August (AK); 12 at Sinclair 9-19 August (ph. TG, SG) with 1 there to 25 August (JSo, DLa); 1 at the East Volunteer Mine 17 August (TG, SG) with 2 nearby in the Flat Creek Bottoms, Peabody WMA, *Hopkins*, 22 August (TG, SG); 2 at the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery 26 August (JSo); 1 along KY 200 ne. of Powersburg, *Wayne*, 27 August (RD, ph. RBo, JSc); 1 at Hays Kennedy Park, *Jefferson*, 28-31 August (JBa et al.); 1-2 e. of Richmond, *Madison*, 29 August (EWm); 4 along Uniontown-Mt. Vernon Road 2 September (KM); 2 at McElroy Lake 2 September (TD) with 7 there 4 September (TD) and 6 there 6 September (BP); and 1 along C. Cauley Road, *Logan*, 6 September (BP).

Cattle Egret – nesting birds were still present at one of the islands above Barkley Dam 25 September (BP). Reports of birds outside of the far w. portion of the state included 1 nw. of Geneva, *Henderson*, 3 August (ph. CC); 1 at Morgan Pond 27 September (ph. SA); and a tardy indiv-

idual n. of Burlington, *Boone*, 8 November (LM).

Green Heron – 1 at Oak Grove, *Christian*, 14 October (SA) was the latest to be reported.

Black-crowned Night-Heron – a juv. was at Brown's Ford, Barren River Lake, *Allen*, 12 September (BB, LCr).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – there were reports from five locales: 1-2 along Cypress Creek, *Marshall*, during August (BP, MMo, et al.); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 16 August (ph. PS); 1 at Sand Slough 28 August (ph. CC); 1 at the Highland Creek Unit Sloughs WMA, *Union*, 16 September (KM); and 1-3 at Swallow Spring Pond 17-23 September (ph. SA, JH, et al.).

Glossy/White-faced Ibis – a *Plegadis* ibis was seen at Swallow Spring Pond 19 September (†JH).

Black Vulture – 150 at the Falls of the Ohio 20 August (AM, BBC) represented the peak count for the season.

Swallow-tailed Kite – 1 was nw. of Harrodsburg, *Mercer*, 1 August (ph. KD). KBRC review required.

Mississippi Kite – reports of interest included 1 at Sinclair 2 August (BP, LM); 4 over the West Ky Pkwy n. of Dawson Springs, *Hopkins*, 5 August (MMo, BP); an ad. feeding a juv. at Cherokee Park, 14 August (BP, JSt); and 1 just ne. of St. Matthews, *Jefferson*, 15 August (RFa).

Virginia Rail – there were four reports: 2 heard at Sinclair 20 September (TG, SG); 1 found injured at Louisville 29 September (ph. LJ); singles at Morgan Pond 1/9 October (JH, SA/JBa, JW, BP, TG, SG); and 1 nw. of Powderly 12 October (TG)

Sora – reports of interest included 1 to a few seen/heard at Morgan Pond 21 September–20 October (JH, SA, et al.) with at least 10 there 25 September (BP et al.) and at least 20 seen/heard there 29 September & 3 October (BP et al.); at least 17 at Sauerheber 15 October (BP, BBC); and 2 last heard at Sauerheber 30 October (CC).

Common Gallinule – there were reports from two locales: 1 heard at Adkins Swamp, Sinclair, 25 August (JSo, DLa) and 1 heard nw. of Powderly 19 September (TG, SG).

American Coot – 1 at Ky Dam Village 21 September (RCr), 7 at Morgan Pond 25 September (BP et al.), and 4 at Camp Ernst Lake, *Boone*, 28 September (LM) were the earliest to be reported.

Black-necked Stilt – 1 at Blood River 19 September (HC, MTr) was the only one reported.

American Avocet – it was a good season with reports from eight locales: 1 at Murl Pond 20-21 August (ph. RD, ph. RBo, et al.); 1 at Sand Slough 26 August–3 September (ph. BY, JM, KM, et al.); 1 at the Grassy Pond-Powells Lake Unit Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*, 27 August (ph. CC); 4 at the Falls of the Ohio 9-10 September (TB, DSt, et al.) with 1 there 23 September (DSt); 4 at Jonathan Creek 10 September (ph. HC) with 1 continuing there to 26 September (MMi, HC, et al.); 4 at Morgan Pond 28 September–2 October (JH, ph. SA, et al.) with 5 there 3-8 October (ph. SA, JBa, TG, BP, et al.); 1 at Guthrie Swamp, *Todd*, 10-17 October (TD); and 1 at Minor Clark 23-25 October (ph. VS, ph. JSo, MW).

Black-bellied Plover – there were reports from six locales: 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 13 August (BP) with 1-2 there on several dates 15 September–3 October (JBa et al.); 1 n. of Howel, *Christian*, 17 September (ph. SA); 2 at Jonathan Creek 5 October (HC) with 1 there to 11 October (HC, ME); 1-2 at Blood River on a few dates 19 September–13 October (HC et al.); 1 at Morgan Pond 8-30 October (ph. SA, JH, et al.) with 2 there 26 October (SA); and 1 at Guthrie Swamp, *Todd*, 10 October (TD).

American Golden-Plover – reports of interest included 1 at the Grassy Pond/Powells Lake Unit Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*, 3 September (CC); 2 at McElroy Lake 4 September (TD); 2 at Chaney Lake and 7 along KY 100 e. of Middleton, *Simpson*, both 6 September (BP); at least

1 heard over Wolf Creek Dam 17 September (BP, BWu, TQ, TS); 1-2 at Melco on a few dates 18 September–25 October (TB, MA, et al.); 3 at Swallow Spring Pond 19 September (JH, TG, SG) with 1 there 21 September (JH, SA); 1 at Morgan Pond 25 September (BP et al.) with several there and nearby on numerous dates during October (JH, SA, et al.), a peak count of 14 there 9 October (JW, BP, et al.), and 7 last seen there 3 November (JH, CBI); 1 at Minor Clark 30 September (LCo, DSv); 1 at the Falls of the Ohio 3 October (TB, DSt); and a very tardy bird at Frogue Pond 26 November (ph. AT).

Semipalmated Plover – 16 at Horseshoe Road 21 August (CC) represented the peak count for the season; 1 at Morgan Pond 3 October (JH, BP, JBa) was the latest to be reported.

Piping Plover – 1 (banded with leg flags) was at Fishing Creek 22 August (ph. RD).

Killdeer – modest peak counts included 200 along J. Ferguson Road, *Simpson*, 4 August (RD); 561 at Mitchell Lake 11 August (ME, HC); 125 at Fishing Creek 24 August (RD); at least 125 at McElroy Lake, 275 at Chaney Lake, and 185 along KY 100 e. of Middleton, *Simpson*, all 6 September (BP); 250 at Swallow Spring Pond 22 September (JH); 220 at Camp #9 on 21 September (BP); 350 at Morgan Pond 21-25 October (JH et al.); and at least 475 on the Walnut Creek embayment, Barren River Lake 20 November (BP).

Upland Sandpiper – there was one report: 1 at Sinclair 9 August (ph. SG, TG).

Ruddy Turnstone – there were reports from two locales: singles at the Falls of the Ohio 28-31 August (JW, BBC, et al.), 17 September (MA), and 24/29 September (BP); and 1 at Minor Clark 31 August–3 September (ph. LH et al.).

Stilt Sandpiper – reports of interest including local peak counts included 14 at Horseshoe Road 8 August (CC); 3 at Murl Pond 18 August–5 September (RD, RBo, et al.) with 4 there 27 August (RD, RBo, JSc) and 2 there 10-16 September (RD,

RBo); 3 at Fishing Creek 22 August (RD); 13 at Sand Slough and 21 along Uniontown-Mt. Vernon Road, both 31 August (BP); 6 at McElroy Lake and 7 at Chaney Lake, both 6 September (BP); 23 at Jonathan Creek 8 September (HC); 19 at Blood River 9 September (HC); 8 at Van Buren 18 September (BWu, BP, TQ, TS); 30 at Swallow Spring Pond 19 September (TG, SG, SA); and at least 10 at Morgan Pond 9 October (BP et al.). Two at Morgan Pond 21 October (ph. SA, JH) were the latest to be reported.

Sanderling – there were reports from seven locales: 1-3 at the Falls of the Ohio on a number of dates 13 August (BP)–3 October (TB, DSt, TQ) with a peak count of 4 there 20 August (MA); 1 at Minor Clark 24 August–1 September (DM, LH, MTw, DSv, LCo, et al.); 1 at Murl Pond 18/22 September (RD); 1 at Van Buren 18 September (BP, BWu, TQ, TS) with 3 there 20 September (PG); a juv. at Melco 24 September (BP); 1 at Watson Point on the Mississippi River, *Fulton*, 11 October (GM); and 2 tardy birds on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 24 October (BP, JBa, TG, SG).

Dunlin – modest peak counts for the season included 34 at Morgan Pond 15 October (JH); 13 at Blood River 21 October (HC); 21 at Jonathan Creek 26 October/13 November (HC/HC, ME); and 15 at the Falls of the Ohio 13 November (CBl).

Baird's Sandpiper – reports of interest included 1 at Murl Pond 27 August (RD); 1-2 at the Falls of the Ohio 28 August–4 September (JW, BBC, et al.); 1 at Horse Pond Slough and 2 along Uniontown-Mt. Vernon Road, both 31 August (BP); 1-2 at Minor Clark 31 August–9 September (LH, DSv, LCo, MTw, et al.); 1 at Melco 2-5 September (MA et al.); 1 at McElroy Lake 6 September (BP); and 1 at the Brown Power Plant, *Mercer*, 16 September (BWu, TQ, TS, BP).

Least Sandpiper – generally modest peak counts included 80 at Horseshoe Road 21 August (CC); 70 at Horse Pond Slough and 55 along Uniontown-Mt. Vernon Road, both 31 August (BP); 50+ at Chaney Lake 6 September (BP); 50 at Murl

Pond 12 September (RBo); 182 at Jonathan Creek 24 September (BP et al.) with 204 there 11 November (HC) and 158 still there 26 November (ME); and 165 at Morgan Pond 15 October (JW, BBC, et al.). Reports of tardy flocks included at least 8 at Walnut Creek embayment, Barren River Lake 20 November (BP); 38 at Frogue Pond 26 November (AT); and 3 at the J.C. Jones sinkhole ponds, *Hart*, 29 November (JSo).

White-rumped Sandpiper – there were two reports: 1 at Murl Pond 5-10 September (ph. RD, RBo) and 1 at Morgan Pond 8-30 October (JH, ph. SA, et al.).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper – there were reports from nine locales: 1-2 at the Falls of the Ohio 21 August–17 September (BP, MA, et al.) with 3 there 27-28 August (BP); 1 at Murl Pond 25 August (RBo, ph. RD); 2 at Sand Slough 26/31 August (BY/BP); 1 at Fishing Creek 28 August (ph. RBo); 2 at Horse Pond Slough 31 August (BP); 1 at Spindletop Farm 31 August (LCo, DSv, MTw) with 2 there 1 September (RO); 1 at Melco 31 August–5 September (JBa, EHu, BP); 2 at Swallow Spring Pond 21 September (ph. SA, JH); and a very tardy individual at Morgan Pond 2-3 November (ph. SA, JH, ph. CBl) that represented a new late departure date for the state by three weeks.

Pectoral Sandpiper – modest peak counts included 80 at the East Volunteer Mine 13 August (TG, SG); 75 at Swallow Spring Pond 17/19 September (JH, SA); and 55 at Morgan Pond 5 October (JH, SA). Two at Morgan Pond 3 November (SA, JH) were the latest to be reported.

Semipalmated Sandpiper – 25-30 at Horse Pond Slough 31 August (BP) represented a modest peak count for the season.

Western Sandpiper – it was generally another very poor season for the species with reports of only 1-2 individuals from only seven locales: 2 at Mitchell Lake 11 August (HC); 1 at Murl Pond 18-20 August (ph. RD, RBo); 1 at Fishing Creek 28 August (ph. RBo, RD); 1/2 at Blood River 7/9 September (HC); 1 at Van Buren 18 September (BP, BWu, TQ, TS); 2 at Lake

No. 9, *Fulton*, 27 September (MG); and 1 at Morgan Pond 1 October (JH, SA).

Short-billed Dowitcher – reports of interest included 2 at the East Volunteer Mine 13 August (TG, SG); singles at Murl Pond 20 August/5 September (RD, RBo); up to 6 [22 August] at Horseshoe Road during August (CC); 2 at Minor Clark 1/3 September (MTw, DSv, LCo et al.); 1 at McElroy Lake 6 September (BP); and 1 at Swallow Spring Pond 17-18 September (ph. SA, HC, JH).

Long-billed Dowitcher – there were reports from four locales: small numbers at Morgan Pond 25 September–30 October (JH, ph. SA, BP, et al.) with peak counts of 10 on 9 October (JW, BP, et al.), 28 on 14 October (SA, TG, SG), 15 on 15 October (BP, BBC, et al.), at least 12 on 21 October (SG, TG, JH, SA), and 15 on 27 October (JH); 1 along KY 200 ne. of Powersburg, *Wayne*, 17-20 October with 2 there 18 October (ph. RBo, ph. RD); 1 at Fox Chase Pond, *Wayne* 20 October (ph. RD); and 1 at Jonathan Creek 22-26 October & 11 November (HC, ME, et al. & HC).

Wilson's Snipe – 2 at the East Volunteer Mine 11 August (TG, ph. SG) were the earliest to be reported; 53 at the J.C. Jones sinkhole ponds, *Hart*, 29 November (JSo) represented the peak count for the season.

Wilson's Phalarope – 2 at Melco 14-15 August (BP, ph. JW, JSt, et al.) were the only ones reported.

Spotted Sandpiper – 18 at Fishing Creek 24 August (RD) represented the peak count for the season; singles at the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery 22 October (TQ, RCh, GS) and at the Falls of the Ohio 23 October (BP) were the latest to be reported.

Greater Yellowlegs – 15 at Swallow Spring Pond 17 September (JH, SA) and 30 at Morgan Pond 30 September (JH) represented the peak counts for the season; 2 at Jonathan Creek to 26-30 November (HC, ME, JPo) were tardy.

Lesser Yellowlegs – local peak counts of interest included 46 along Uniontown-Mt. Vernon Road 2 September (KM); 32 at

Chaney Lake 6 September (BP); 52 at Swallow Spring Pond 17 September (JH, SA); and 60 at Morgan Pond 25 September (BP, TG, SG, et al.) with 62 there 7 October (JH). One at Morgan Pond 2 November (SA) was the latest to be reported.

Bonaparte's Gull – 1 at Jacobson Park 13 October (RO) was the earliest to be reported; local peak counts included 460 on Green River Lake, *Adair*, 12 November (RD) and more than 400 total on Barren River Lake 24/30 November (TB, CBe/JSo).

Laughing Gull – there were reports from four locales: 2 at the Falls of the Ohio 13 August (†JW) with 1 there 5 October (ph. TB, CBe); 2 at Ky Dam 3 September (†JPo); 1 at Morgan Pond 5 October (ph. SA, JH, C&SR); and 1 on Ky Lake s. of Ky Dam Village SRP 24 October (BP, JBa, TG, SG).

Franklin's Gull – there were reports from four locales: 1 at Morgan Pond 8 October (ph. SA); 2 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 24 October (SG, TG, JBa, BP); 1 at Barren River Lake 31 October (RBo); and 4 on the Ohio River at Louisville 19 November (ph. BP et al.).

Lesser Black-backed Gull – reports of interest included an ad. at Jonathan Creek by 5 September (†HC) with 2 there 19 November (HC); a first-year bird at Ky Dam by 21 September (DSi); singles on Lake Barkley near Devil's Elbow, *Trigg*, on a few dates 8 October–2 November (JH, SA, BL); and at least 6 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, and 2 at Sledd Creek, all 24 October (BP, JBa, TG, SG).

Herring Gull – an ad. was at Ky Dam by 6 August (BP, MMo) with 4 ads. there 7 August (BP, MMo).

Least Tern – reports of interest included 110 on the Mississippi River at Island No. 1, *Carlisle*, 9 August (JBa) and 21 at Mitchell Lake 11 August (HC) with 1 still there 16 August (RD, SD).

Caspian Tern – a count of 14 at Wildcat Creek 6 September (HC) represented an incredibly modest peak count for the season; 1 on Lake Barkley near Devil's El-

bow, *Trigg*, 15 October (SP) was the latest to be reported.

Black Tern – reports of interest included 2 at Mitchell Lake 11 August (HC); small numbers at Morgan Pond 12-29 August (JH, ph. SA, et al.) with a peak count of 23 there 9 September (ph. SA); 2 at Minor Clark 15 August (DSv, LCo); 10 at Wolf Creek Dam 20 August (RD); 1-2 at the Falls of the Ohio on a few dates 27 August–18 September (TB, CBe, DSt, AM, et al.); 1 on the Ohio River at the mouth of Sugar Creek, *Gallatin*, 28 August (ph. RCr); 5 at Jacobson Park 9 September (LCo, DSv, et al.) with 3 there 11 September (RCh, LCo); and 1 at Parsons Pond, *Logan*, 15 September (FL).

Common Tern – 1 at Jonathan Creek 13 September (HC) was the only one reported.

Forster's Tern – local peak counts of interest included 65 at Jonathan Creek 8 September (HC) with 100-120 there 8 November (MMi); ca. 120 on Ky Lake at the mouth of Little Bear Creek, *Marshall*, 24 September (BP, TG); ca. 100 at Sledd Creek 25 September (BP et al.); 75 on Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 24 October (JBa, BP, et al.); and 71 on Ky Lake off Bailey Hollow, *Calloway*, 16 November (HC).

Inca Dove – 1 was at Schochoh 7-9 August (ph. ST, DT, et al.). KBRC review required.

White-winged Dove – 1 was present on the se. side of Lexington 24-26 November (ph. DSv et al.). KBRC review required.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – singles at Lake Cumberland WMA, *Pulaski*, and near Kingbee, *Pulaski* (RD), and at Cherokee Park (BWo), all 19 October, and at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 20 October (RD) were the latest to be reported.

Black-billed Cuckoo – there were six reports: 1 at Adair WMA, *Boone*, 24 August (†LM); 1 at Big Bone Lick SP, *Boone*, 27 September (†LM); 1 at Beckley Creek Park 6 October (†PB, JBe); 1 at Beargrass Creek SNP, Louisville, 7 October (BWo, ph. KB); 1 s. of Murl, *Wayne*, 9 October

(RBo); and 1 at Cherokee Park 19 October (†BWo).

Barn Owl – there were four reports: 1 along Binns Mill Road, *Christian*, a few times during the season (SB); a road-killed bird at Schochoh 24 September (DT, *fide* ST) with another a little e. of Schochoh 26 November (ST); and 1 heard at Surrey Hills Farm 4 November (BP et al.).

Short-eared Owl – there were only two reports: 1 was first seen at Sinclair 10 November (P&SF) with 4 there 25 November (P&SF); and 1 along Bliss Road, *Adair*, 26 November (DC).

Northern Saw-whet Owl – it was a good season for the species with 47 new birds banded at Surrey Hills Farm 21 October–20 November (MMo et al.) with peak counts of 14 banded 3-4 November (MMo) and 10 banded 5-6 November (MMo); a bird was caught 20 November that had originally been banded at Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, *Chippewa*, MI, 29 May 2014 (MMo). Also reported was 1 on the se. side of Lexington 12-13 November (ph. DSv et al.) and an injured bird retrieved near Cherokee Park and sent to Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky 26 November (*fide* EWt).

Common Nighthawk – peak counts of migrants included 175 in ne. *Jefferson* 26 August (JW) with 125 at the same locale 8 September (JW); 60 at Berea, *Madison* (JA), and at least 55 w. of Frankfort, *Franklin* (TQ), both 29 August; and 315 ne. of Defoe, *Henry*, 31 August (RR).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – singles wnw. of Greenville, *Muhlenberg*, 22 October (TG); at Murray, *Calloway*, 23 October (ME); and at the UK Arboretum, Lexington, 25 October (ph. WM), and 2 sw. of Hubble, *Lincoln*, 29-31 October (JE) were the latest to be reported.

Rufous Hummingbird – there were two reports: an imm. female at Salt Lick Bend, *Cumberland*, 3 November into December (banded 20 November) (SJ, ba. BP) and an imm. male at Douglass Hills, *Jefferson*, ca. 13 November into December (BDa, ph. JBa).

- Merlin** – singles at Cox’s Park, Louisville, 30 August (ph. DLu, TLu) and at Jacobson Park 11 September (DSv, ph. LCo) were the earliest to be reported; singles were reported at more than a dozen additional locales during the season (mostly eBird data); also, 2 were at Spindletop Farm 13 November (DLa, MTw, ASK).
- Peregrine Falcon** – reports of birds away from known nesting territories included 1 over Ky Dam 7 August (MMo, BP); 1 along Uniontown-Mt. Vernon Road 2 September (KM); 1 at Minor Clark 9 September (RL); singles at Swallow Spring Pond 11/19 September (SA/JH); singles at Jonathan Creek 11 September (TG, SG) & 13/26 November (HC, ME/ME); singles at Morgan Pond 28 September/1 October (TG, SG/JH, SA) with 2 there 3 October (JBa, BP, TG, SA); 2 at Spindletop Farm 2 October (DLa, NB); singles at Schochoh 2/15 October (ST); 1 at Beckley Creek Park 8 October (PB, JBe); singles at Mammoth Cave 27 September (TD) and 9 October (JR); 1 at Murl Pond 17 October (RBo); 1 at Point Park, Carrollton, *Carroll*, 19 October (JSo); 1 at Sauerheber 11 November (CBl); and 1 at Lexington 18 November (DR).
- Olive-sided Flycatcher** – there were ten reports: 1 at The Strand, *Jefferson*, 25 August (DLu, TLu); 1 nw. of Powderly 26 August (TG); singles at Mammoth Cave 2/11/19 September (SK, JK/PB, ph. TB, BBC/PG); 1 along Garrison Creek Road, *Boone*, 10 September (LM); singles at the Lexington Cemetery 16/19 September (ph. LCo, DSv, et al./RO, DSv, LCo); 1 at Taylorsville Lake WMA, *Spencer*, 17 September (PG); and 1 at Reservoir Knob, *Pulaski*, 20 September (ph. RD).
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** – reports of this difficult-to-identify *Empidonax* are hard to assess from field descriptions (sometimes even photos), but there were at least 13 reports (most w/o details in eBird) 5 September (JW)–5 October (†RD); 1 at LBL, *Trigg*, 12 October that seems to be adequately documented with photos (ph. BL) established a new late departure date for the state by one day.
- Willow Flycatcher** – 2 at Mitchell Lake 22 August (JL) were the latest to be reported.
- Say’s Phoebe** – 1 was reported se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 18 September (†MB). KBRC review required.
- Eastern Kingbird** – singles at Mills Road Park, *Kenton*, 29 September (ph. RCr); on the Anchorage Trail 3 October (PB, JBe); and a very tardy bird at Barren River Lake SRP, *Barren*, 30 October (LCr, BB) were the latest to be reported.
- Bell’s Vireo** – 2 at Sinclair 14 September (TG, SG) were the latest to be reported.
- Blue-headed Vireo** – 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 30 August (RD) was quite early away from known breeding areas; singles at LBL, *Trigg*, 2 November (BL), at Jacobson Park 5 November (DR), and at Salt Lick Bend, *Cumberland*, 20 November (BP) were the latest to be reported.
- Warbling Vireo** – 1 at Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, 13 November (ph. PB, JBe) represented a new late departure date for the state by over a month.
- Red-eyed Vireo** – 1 along Pleasant Hill Church Road, *Trigg*, 23 October (BL) was the latest to be reported.
- Fish Crow** – 1 heard on the Little River embayment of Lake Barkley, *Trigg*, 24 September (BP, TG) was a local first.
- Common Raven** – there were two reports away from the Cumberland Mts.: 1 at Dewey Lake Dam, *Floyd*, 25 October (SF) and 1 along Bevins Branch, *Floyd*, 28 October (SF).
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow** – 10 at Morgan Pond (JH) and 1 along KY 200 ne. of Powersburg, *Wayne* (RD), all 20 October, were the latest to be reported.
- Purple Martin** – 5000 were estimated at the roost on the e. side of Lexington 13 August (SF). One at Murl Pond 16 September (RD) and 15 over the se. side of Lexington 18 September (DSv) were the latest to be reported.
- Tree Swallow** – at least 500 were at Morgan Pond 29 September (BP et al.). Five at the Cape Hills Unit Sloughs WMA, *Hender-*

son, 2 November (CC) were the latest to be reported.

Bank Swallow – 50 at Murl Pond 25 August (RD, RBo) was an impressive tally away from known nesting areas; 2 at Morgan Pond 1 October (JH, SA) were the latest to be reported.

Barn Swallow – 1 at Sauerheber 23 October (JM) and 1 at Barren River Lake SRP, *Barren*, 30 October (LCr, BB) were the latest to be reported.

Cliff Swallow – at least 2 at Morgan Pond 3 October (BP et al.) were the latest to be reported. Another buff-rumped swallow, “likely a Cliff,” was seen at Murl Pond 18 October (RD).

Red-breasted Nuthatch – for the first time in three years, a significant flight occurred; singles at Independence, *Kenton*, 3 September (RCr) and at Mammoth Cave 4 September (SK et al.) were the earliest to be detected with small numbers fairly widespread by mid-September.

Brown-headed Nuthatch – up to 4 continued at the Ky Dam Village nesting area through the period (m. ob.).

House Wren – several were still around into mid-November with singles at the Dry Creek Unit, Barren River Lake WMA, *Barren*, 24 November (TB, CBe); at Pope Lick Park, *Jefferson*, 26 November (JW); and at Marion County WMA 30 November (RD) being the latest to be reported.

Sedge Wren – there were reports from eight locales: 1-2 at Sinclair 2/16 August (BP, LM/TG, SG) & 25 October (HC, RD, et al.); 1 heard at Hisle Farm Park, *Fayette*, 6 August (CBI); 1 at Hays Kennedy Park, *Jefferson*, 30 September–1 October (JBa, AM); 1-2 at Morgan Pond on a few dates 1-9 October (JH, SA, RD, JW, et al.); 1 at Spindletop Farm 1-2 October (DLa, ASK); 1 at Melco 2 October (BP et al.); 1 at Big Rivers WMA, *Crittenden*, 3 October (ph. CC); and 1 at Surrey Hills Farm 18 October (BP).

Marsh Wren – it was an excellent season with numerous reports; those of most interest included 1-2 at various places on Sinclair 20 September–3 November (TG,

SG, CBI, et al.); 1-2 at Morgan Pond on several dates 27 September–15 October (SA, JH, BP, et al.) with at least 5 there 3 October (JBa, TG, SA, BP); 1-2 at several Louisville area parks and migrant traps 25 September–15 October (mostly eBird data); 1-2 at Spindletop Farm 1-2 October (DLa, ASK, et al.) with 3 there 21 October (DSv) and another on the se. side of Lexington 2/9 October (DSv); at least 10 at Melco 2 October (BP, JBa, JW, et al); 1-2 at Sauerheber 15-18 October (BP, BBC, CC); and 1 at Hematite Lake, LBL, *Trigg*, 18 October (TLa).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 5 October (RD) was the latest to be reported.

Golden-crowned Kinglet – 1 at Cherokee Park 1 October (CBs) was the earliest to be reported.

Eastern Bluebird – according to nest-box monitoring, it was a more successful year for the species at LBL and Lake Barkley SRP, *Trigg* (RP).

Gray-cheeked Thrush – 1 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 31 August (MB) was the earliest to be reported; 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 20 October (†RD) was relatively late.

Wood Thrush – 1 at the Lexington Cemetery 20 October (†CBI) was the latest to be reported.

Gray Catbird – singles at Raven Run Sanctuary, *Fayette*, 5 November (RO, LCo, DSv) and at Conservancy Park, *Boone*, 9 November (LM) were the latest to be reported.

American Pipit – 204 at Blood River 14 November (HC) represented the peak count for the season.

Lapland Longspur – up to 7 were reported at Spindletop Farm during the last week of November (DSv, LCo, DLa, JSo).

Ovenbird – singles at Bernheim Forest, *Bullitt*, 19 October (TLa) and at the Jenny Hole Unit, Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*, 22 October (KM) were the latest reported.

Northern Waterthrush – 1 at Cherokee Park 14 November (†EHO) established a new late departure date for the state by two weeks.

- Golden-winged Warbler** – it was another good season with about two dozen reports 1 September–6 October (mostly eBird data); reports of interest included 3 at Big Bone Lick SP, *Boone*, 6 September (LM); 5 at Mammoth Cave 11 September (PB, BBC) with 3 there 15 September (SK et al.) and at least 6 there 16 September (TD); 3 se. of Mt. Zion, *Allen*, 17 September (MB); and singles at Fleming County WMA (RD) and at E.P. Tom Sawyer Park, *Jefferson* (JE), both 6 October.
- Tennessee Warbler** – 1 along Pleasant Hill Church Road, *Trigg*, 3 November (BL) and 1 ne. of Lyndon, *Jefferson*, 4 November (PB) were the latest to be reported.
- Orange-crowned Warbler** – there were nearly 20 reports 27 September–10 November (mostly eBird data); singles at the UK Arboretum, Lexington, 17 November (DR) and at Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA, *Grant*, 27 November (ph. BWu) were the latest to be reported.
- Nashville Warbler** – 1 at Jacobson Park 5 November (†DR) was the latest to be reported.
- Mourning Warbler** – there were two reports: singles on the Anchorage Trail 3 September (PB, JBe) and ne. of Defoe, *Henry*, 29 September (RR).
- Common Yellowthroat** – singles just nw. of Sauerheber 20 November (†JM) and at Hardy Slough, Sauerheber, 27 November (†JM) were tardy.
- Hooded Warbler** – 1 at Lexington 27 October (†GT) was particularly tardy.
- American Redstart** – 1 at Beckley Creek Park 16 October (PB, BBC) was the latest to be reported.
- Northern Parula** – 1 at Honker Lake 15 October (SP) was the latest to be reported.
- Magnolia Warbler** – 1 at the Lexington Cemetery 28 October (CBI) was tardy.
- Blackburnian Warbler** – 2 at Big Bone Lick SP, *Boone*, 22 August (LM) were the earliest to be reported; tallies of 12 there 6 September and 10 there 8 September (LM) were impressive.
- Yellow Warbler** – 1 at Sinclair 20 September (TG) was the latest to be reported.
- Blackpoll Warbler** – there were five reports: 2 at St. Anne Woods, *Campbell*, 11 September (BWu, WH); 1 at the Bethel Mennonite Camp, *Breathitt*, 17 September (SP); 1 on the Anchorage Trail 22 September (PB, JBe); 6 at Fredericks Landing Park, *Campbell*, 5 October (†WH) that surely represents a new state high count for fall; and 1 nw. of Independence, *Kenton*, 9 October (ph. RCr).
- Black-throated Blue Warbler** – there were two reports: 1 at Raven Run Sanctuary, *Fayette*, 19 September (MTw) and 1 at Central Park, *Boone*, 5 October (LM).
- Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 1 at Minor Clark 13 September (RL) was quite early.
- Yellow-throated Warbler** – singles ne. of Defoe, *Henry*, 10 October (RR) and at Conrad Park, *Boone*, 16 October (RCr) were the latest to be reported.
- Black-throated Green Warbler** – 1 at the Lexington Cemetery 28 October (CBI) was the latest to be reported.
- Canada Warbler** – 1 at Sauerheber 14 October (ph. CC) established a new late departure date for the state by two days.
- Yellow-breasted Chat** – 1 at Big Bone Lick SP, *Boone*, 22 September (LM) was the latest to be reported.
- Dark-eyed Junco** – an “Oregon” Junco (presumably the same bird that wintered at the same location 2015-2016), was first observed at Douglass Hills, *Jefferson*, 5 November (BY, MY).
- Grasshopper Sparrow** – 3 at Spindletop Farm 4 October (AW) and 1 n. of Dot, *Logan*, 22 October/2 November (ph. FL) were the latest to be reported.
- Le Conte’s Sparrow** – 1 at Sauerheber 15 October (BP, ph. JBa, ph. JW, BBC) was the only one reported.
- Nelson’s Sparrow** – there were two reports: 1 at Morgan Pond 3 October (JBa, †BP); and 1 at Sauerheber 15 October (†BP, ph. JBa, BBC).

- Chipping Sparrow** – 50 at Devou Park, *Kenton*, 7 October (BWu) and at least 60 at Barren River Lake SRP, *Barren*, 5 November (BWu, BP) represented the peak counts for the season.
- Clay-colored Sparrow** – 1 was found along KY 200 ne. of Powersburg, *Wayne*, 17 October (†RBo). KBRC review required.
- Lark Sparrow** – there were two reports: 1 at Spindletop Farm 16 August (DSv, ph. LCo) and 1 se. of Millville, *Woodford*, 24 October (†WM).
- Vesper Sparrow** – a flock of 6 n. of Dot, *Logan*, 19 November (ph. FL) represented the peak count for the season.
- Lincoln's Sparrow** – 1 at Sinclair 10 November (CBl) was the latest to be reported.
- Summer Tanager** – 1 ne. of Lyndon, *Jefferson*, 25 October (ph. KB) was tardy.
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 1 at Berea, *Madison*, 4-5 August (ph. RFo, RBa) was unusual for so early away from known breeding areas; a flock of 40 along Sweetwater/Rock Lick Creek Road, *Pulaski*, 9 October (RD) was impressive; 1 ne. of Kings Mountain, *Lincoln*, lingered to 30 October (NK).
- Blue Grosbeak** – 1 lingered n. of Dot, *Logan*, to 30 October (ph. FL).
- Indigo Bunting** – 4 at Figgett Bend, *Hart*, 28 October (JSo); 1 n. of Dot, *Logan* 28 October (ph. FL); and 1 below Wolf Creek Dam 29 October (†RD) were the latest to be reported.
- Dickcissel** – 2 n. of Dot, *Logan*, 10 October (ph. FL); 4 at Beckley Creek Park 10 October (JBa, ph. KB, et al.) with 1 still there 12 October (TLu, DLU) and 1 at Sauerheber 14 October (CC) were the latest to be reported.
- Bobolink** – reports of interest included a flock of at least 52 below Wolf Creek Dam 18 September (BP, KOS); 1 at Murl Pond 26/29 September (RBo/RD); 2 at Morgan Pond 29 September (BP et al.); 2 at Melco 2 October (JBa, BP, et al.); and 1 at Beckley Creek Park 8 October (JW, BP).
- Rusty Blackbird** – singles at Sauerheber 22 October (ph. CC) and at Melco 25 October (MA) were the earliest to be reported. Other reports of interest included 100 at Spindletop Farm 24/25 November (DSv, LCo, et al.) and 250 at Sauerheber 27 November (JM).
- Baltimore Oriole** – 1 at Figgett Bend, *Hart*, 23 September (JSo) was the latest to be reported.
- Purple Finch** – 1 at the State Game Farm, *Franklin*, 6 October (TQ, RCh) was the earliest to be reported.
- Pine Siskin** – there were only eleven reports, all but one of single birds: 1 (very likely continuing from being reported at the same location during mid-July) ne. of Defoe, *Henry*, 11-16 August and again 20-23 September (†RR) with another or the same there 24 October (RR); 1 along Pleasant Church Road, *Trigg*, 23 October (BL); 1 at Bernheim Forest, *Bullitt*, 27 October (TB, CBe); 1 at Schochoh 4 November (ST); 1 sw. of Bronston, *Pulaski*, 6 November (JPe); 1 at Independence, *Kenton*, 9 November (DM); 1 at Evergreen Cemetery, *Campbell*, 13 November (KW); 1 nw. of Zion, *Todd* (AT), and 4 at Elizabethtown, *Hardin* (JSn), both 26 November; and 1 at Mt. Zion, *Pulaski*, 28 November (RD).

Addendum to the Summer 2016 report:

Barn Owl – an extensive survey coordinated by the Ky. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources to locate nesting Barn Owls during the 2016 breeding season resulted in the documentation of 76 confirmed nesting locations plus an additional 18 non-breeding roost locations in the following counties: Bath, Boyle, Breckinridge, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Clinton, Crittenden, Cumberland, Daviess, Edmonson, Franklin, Graves, Grayson, Green, Hardin, Hart, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan, Madison, Marion, Marshall, McCracken, McLean, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Owen, Scott, Simpson, Todd, Union, Warren, and Webster (Slankard 2016).

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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2016-2017

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Reports of 32 counts were received from across the Commonwealth. A total of 139 species was recorded on count days, with one additional species (Cape May Warbler) added by observation during count week. Sixteen species were observed on all counts, and 15 species were observed on only one count during count days.

Temperatures during the count period were higher, on average, for the second year in a row. Count-day temperatures ranged from a low of 11°F in Ballard County 19 December to a high of 76°F at Bernheim Forest 26 December. The number of waterfowl seemed to rebound from last year. Bald Eagle numbers continued to climb. Killdeer numbers were down compared with last year. The number of Sandhill Cranes increased dramatically; most of the observations were of flocks flying over. Cedar Waxwing numbers were much higher than last year, probably due to availability of fruits. 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 the following: Tundra/Trumpeter Swan (Ballard County), Surf Scoter (Land Between the

Lakes), Great Egret (Elkton, Lexington, and Louisville), Black-crowned Night-Heron (Land Between the Lakes and Louisville), Rough-legged Hawk (Sorgho), Golden Eagle (Bernheim Forest), Virginia Rail and Sora (Paradise), Spotted Sandpiper (Frankfort), Rufous Hummingbird (Louisville), Fish Crow (Land Between the Lakes), Gray-cheeked Thrush (Louisville), Gray Catbird (Western Allen County and London), Common Yellowthroat (Paradise), Cape May Warbler (count week in Hart County), Vesper Sparrow (Elkton), Henslow's Sparrow (Ballard County), and Indigo Bunting (Somerset).

Thanks to the many observers who participated in this year's count and compilers who submitted count results on the appropriate forms. Also, thanks to compilers who submitted documentation for unusual species to the editor and to the Kentucky Bird Records Committee. Records of species unusual for the count do not constitute official records until reviewed by the Kentucky Bird Records Committee.

Ballard County (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center at jct. KY 358 and Stove Corner Road; 37.12284°, -088.9518°). Habitat as described in 1984. Dec. 19; 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Mostly clear; temp. 11-27°F; wind N 5-10 m.p.h. Water mostly frozen.

Four observers in one to two parties. Total party-hours: 14.5 (7 on foot, 7.5 by car). Total party-miles: 75 (3 on foot, 72 by car). Hours owling: 1.0. Total species 92; 42,772 individuals.

Observers: Steve Graham, Teresa Graham, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), and Brian Wulker.

The day was frigid, although skies remained mostly sunny; birds stayed in cover, particularly early. The species total (92) was about average for this count. Numbers of geese were average; 17 species of waterfowl were detected in all; this included ten unidentified swans (Tundra/Trumpeter) flying north over the West Kentucky WMA at sunrise. Several uncommon songbirds including Eastern Phoebe, both kinglets, Hermit Thrush, and Brown Thrasher were all found in good numbers. Highlights included two Red-breasted Nuthatches, six Orange-crowned Warblers, three Palm Warblers, three Pine Warblers, a Henslow's Sparrow, and two Le Conte's Sparrows. 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. Natural food supplies appeared to be in good supply.

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 3; 5:40 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky overcast, foggy with intermittent mist and drizzle; temp. 46-57°F; wind W in morning shifting to NW, 6-16 m.p.h. The day started in the mid-50s, and got colder and windier during the afternoon. Overcast with almost a constant mist hanging in the air. Kentucky Lake was ten feet above normal winter pool, and all bays and shorelines were under water.

Nine observers in six parties. Total party-hours 31.5 (10.5 on foot, 21.0 by car). Total party-miles 158.0 (9.5 on foot, 148.5 by car). Total species 85; total individuals 6493.

Observers: Michael Autin, Katherine Cohen, Melissa Easley, Bob Head, Mike Miller, John Pollpeter, Josh Powell, Darrin Samborski, and Aviva Yasgur (compiler).

Land Between the Lakes (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center northern edge of mouth to Pisgah Bay, south of Pisgah Point boat ramp and near the end of Forest Service Road 1111-A; 36.936736°, -88.168328°; also extended to include Jonathan Creek embayment of Kentucky Lake). Habitat as described in 1984 in *American Birds*. Dec. 17; 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST. Sky overcast, drizzly/rainy from time to time; temp. 40-74°F; wind, S-SW in the a.m., shifting late in the day to N, 8-20 m.p.h. with gusts 25-30 m.p.h. It was over 60°F at the start of the day, rising to 74° by mid-day, and sharply dropping more than 40°F right at the end of the day. The winds were very gusty, the sky was completely overcast, and there were sporadic periods of rain and drizzle throughout the day.

Twenty-three observers in nine parties. Total party-hours 46 (15 on foot, 31 by car). Total party-miles 281 (9.5 on foot, 271.5 by car). Total species 95; total individuals 8372.

Observers: Dan Allison, Shannon Brockway, Arriane Byrum, Hap Chambers, David Chiles, Cameron Cooper, Kim Cooper, Melodie Cunningham, Melissa Easley, Sharon East, Knox Goostree, Willard Gray, Luke Hoehn, Fran Holberg, Tim Johnson, Kimberly Lilly, Sarah Moy, John Pollpeter, Elizabeth Raikes, Darrin Samborski, Tammie Smith, Monica West, and Aviva Yasgur (compiler).

This year's count benefited from the returning participation of many past observers, as well as some first-timers. It has been nice that over the past five to ten years we have built up a group of dedicated participants who return year after year to help with this count and have become familiar with the terrain. This year, 18 out of 23 participants were returnees from previous years, and five were first-timers.

The day's forecast called for thunderstorms and lightning, so we went out into the field cautiously and not knowing what to expect. However, we were happily surprised and treated to one of the most gorgeous days for a Christmas Bird Count ever, with temperatures getting into the 70s! Although we had a lot of wind, overcast skies, and light rain from time to time, the big storms held off until nighttime. It was amazing to be out doing the Christmas Bird Count and not even be wearing coats!

The odd, stormy weather might have had some effects on our bird observations. Some observers reported that it was difficult to make out waterfowl on the lake because of foggy, misty conditions, and because strong winds made the water choppy. Others felt that it was difficult to observe songbirds because they seemed to be hunkering down under cover and not easily viewable. In addition, the wind made it hard to hear bird calls. All in all, however, it was a great day with 95 species seen on count day, plus Sandhill Cranes seen the day before. We observed a slightly above-average number of species compared with recent past years. Some birds seen in higher-than-usual numbers were Snow Goose, Bald Eagle, and Wilson's Snipe. Those with a low count included Lesser Scaup, Ruddy Duck, American Coot, Mourning Dove, White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, and Northern Cardinal. We did have a few unusual species: nine Black-crowned Night-Herons (which are common in summer but unusual this time of year), a Surf Scoter, and a Fish Crow. Also, we missed seeing a few species that are usually observed on this count: American Wigeon, Cooper's Hawk, Hermit Thrush, and House Sparrow.

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. Dec. 17; 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy; misty rain and occasional heavy showers; temp. 57-70°F; wind S 14 m.p.h. After noon the weather deteriorated to heavy rain, nearby tornado warning and watch.

Twelve observers in six parties. Total party-hours 22.5 (9.0 on foot, 13.5 by car). Total party-miles 131.5 (11.5 on foot, 120.0 by car). Total species 54; total individuals 3993.

Observers: Judy Adams, Laverne Bush, Brenda Eaden, Tony Eaden, Steve Habus, Mike Henshaw, Janet Howard (compiler), Mary Kissel, Marilee Thompson, Wendell Thompson, Frances Tichenor, and Lynn Tichenor.

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. 16; 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky high altitude cloud cover; temp. 20-41°F; wind NW 5-10 m.p.h.

Six observers in three parties. Total party-hours 29 (15 on foot, 14). Total party-miles 138 (11 on foot, 127 by car). Total species 93; 26,590 individuals.

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

Paradise (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center at Hopewell Cemetery in southern Ohio County; 37.27755°, -086.95868°). Habitat as described in 1993. Jan 2; 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy; temp. 45-59°F; wind E 5-15 m.p.h. A few periods of light to heavy drizzle, mostly during the morning. Water open.

Nine observers in four to five parties. Total party-hours: 36 (21 on foot, 15 by car). Total party-miles: 132 (12 on foot, 125 by car). Hours owling: 1.5. Total species 90; 7465 individuals.

Observers: Michael Autin, Clay Bliznik, Preston Forsythe, Shari Forsythe, Steve Graham, Teresa Graham, Eddie Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), and Matt Stickel.

A dreary day with morning fog and intermittent light to heavy drizzle resulted in birding being less than optimally effective. However, the species total (90) was a little above average for this count during recent years, mostly due to a decent variety of water-fowl and the observation of several uncommon species. Highlights included six Bald Eagles, at least five Virginia Rails and two Soras (the latter a first for the state during winter) heard, a Merlin, five House Wrens, a Marsh Wren, a Common Yellowthroat, and 2 Le Conte's Sparrows. Raptor numbers were again very low this year, although weather conditions were to blame at least in part. Not included in the table are 10,000 blackbirds observed flying to roost in the evening.

Bowling Green (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center Basil Griffin Park, six miles south of Bowling Green; 36.9159°, -086.4359°). Habitat: deciduous woods 20%, fields and pastures 60%, and town and parks 20%. Dec. 19; 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy to mostly cloudy; temp. 20-31°F; wind NNE 5 m.p.h.

Five observers in two parties. Total party-hours 20 (6 on foot, 14 by car). Total party-miles 130 (5 on foot, 125 by car). Total species 80; total individuals 9825.

Observers: Valerie Brown, Lisa Dalporto, Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Aaron Hulsey, 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. 31; 6:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. CST. Sky overcast; temp. 37-40°F; wind S 10-15 m.p.h. Overcast with rain showers off and on throughout the day.

Twelve observers in seven parties. Total party-hours 32 (13 on foot, 13 by horse and buggy, 6 by canoe). Total party-miles 62 (10.5 on foot, 42.5 by horse and buggy, 9 by canoe). Total species 74, total individuals 4645.

Observers: Abraham Brubaker, Amanda Brubaker, John David Brubaker (compiler), Matthan Brubaker, Ethan Hoover, Idamae Hoover, Jonathan Hoover, Joseph Hoover, Justin Hoover, Matthew Hoover, Philemon Hoover, and Moses Weaver.

The Gray Catbird was seen in a woodlot with dense undergrowth and was seen by a trusted observer. The Red-breasted Nuthatch was a count first, at a neighbor's feeder. It has been seen since 10 December.

Eastern Allen County (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center along Rhoden Creek, 3.0 miles n. of Holland, Ky., Post Office; 36.7426°, -086.06855°). Habitat as described in 2014. Dec. 24; 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy; temp. 49-52°F; wind S 3-8 m.p.h. Rain and drizzle all day with brief dry intervals with some low fog.

Three observers in three parties. Total party-hours 20.5 (16.5 on foot, 4.0 by horse and buggy). Total party-miles 72.5 (58.5 on foot, 14.0 by horse and buggy). Total species 77; total individuals 5793.

Observers: Matthan Beachy (compiler), Matthew Brubaker, and Noah Glick.

A decent count despite the rainy weather and few observers. We had a few misses that were almost certainly present within the count circle such as Fox Sparrow, Brown Thrasher, and Pied-billed Grebe. On the other hand, there were some unexpected birds, such as the

flock of Ross's Geese, a Lesser Black Backed Gull, and two Barn Owls. It was fun!

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. 20; 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sky clear a.m.; partly cloudy p.m.; temp. 20-42°F; wind SSE 3 m.p.h.

Three observers in one party. Total party-hours 8 (6 on foot, 2 by car). Total party-miles 68 (4 on foot, 64 by car). Total species 42; total individuals 559.

Observers: Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Albert Meier, and Jeff Rose.

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. EST. Sky overcast in the morning with few clouds by mid-day, clear mid-afternoon; temp. 31-41°F; wind W 10-15 m.p.h., gusting to 20 m.p.h. Afternoon winds changed to SW and less than 10 m.p.h. Small bodies of water were ice covered at dawn.

Eleven observers in five to six parties. Total party-hours 38 (12 on foot, 26 by car). Total party-miles 250 (6 on foot, 244 by car). Total species 81; total individuals 3507.

Observers: Brooks Atherton, Lyn Atherton, Bill Friel, Terri Friel, Aeryn Grimes, Otis Meredith, Rosemary Meredith, Ross Parker, Scott Parker, Joella Spataro, Loyd Tipton, Sue Tipton, and Barbara Woerner (compiler). Two of which were feeder watchers.

Increased participation from residents of the area allowed for better coverage of the count circle. It was a record-breaking year with 81 species on count day and another seven species for the count week.

Otter Creek Park (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center just west of the jct. of KY 1238 and Pack Lane, about two miles southwest of the Park entrance; 37.91409°, -086.069836°). Habitat as described in 2001. Dec 30; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Mostly clear; temp. 32-43°F; wind NW 5-20 m.p.h. Water open.

Eight observers in four parties. Total party-hours: 24.5 (10.5 on foot, 14 by car). Total party-miles: 174.5 (5.5 on foot, 169 by car). Total species 67; 4639 individuals.

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

The day was cold and breezy, but at least the sun shined. The species total (67) was below average for this count, largely due to the absence of waterbirds on the Ohio River and Doe Valley Lake. Highlights included a significant northbound flight of Sandhill Cranes (at least 1455 total), a Loggerhead Shrike, 23 Red-breasted Nuthatches, a House Wren, a flock of 150 American Pipits, and a single flock of 35 Palm Warblers that included a very bright yellow individual that was likely an individual of the "Eastern" subspecies. Two *Accipiter* sp. are not included in the summary table.

Bernheim Forest (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center at Forest lookout tower, 2.75 mi. SE of Forest entrance; 37.902405°, -085.62752°). Habitat as described in 1974. Dec 26; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky mostly cloudy; temp. 65-76° F; wind SW 5-30 m.p.h. Water open.

Thirteen observers in seven parties. Total party-hours: 44 (23 on foot, 21 by car). Total party-miles: 212 (14.5 on foot, 197.5 by car). Total species 72; 4502 individuals.

Observers: Michael Autin, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Mike Callan, Dona Coates, Scott Dickman, Paul Hager, Eddie Huber, Jennifer Huber, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Nancy Vance, Kelly Vowells, and Barbara Woerner.

A record warm day (Louisville broke its record by six degrees!) would have been particularly nice if it had not been for the howling winds that gusted to more than 30 m.p.h. during the afternoon. The species total (71) was a bit above average for this count for recent years. Highlights of the day included a Golden Eagle, four Bald Eagles, two House Wrens, and a total of 41 Chipping Sparrows. Red-breasted Nuthatches were found, but not in as high a number as had been expected. Natural and ornamental food sources appeared to be in

short supply with number of berry-eating species notably low for this count. Not included in the table were two eagles, unidentified as to species, seen soaring at a distance over the Forest.

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. 18; 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 21-38°F; wind NW, 5-13 m.p.h.

Thirty-three observers in 12 parties. Total party-hours 63.5 (31.5 on foot, 32 by car). Total party-miles 255 (23 on foot, 232 by car). Total species 98; total individuals 75,389.

Observers: Win Ahrens, Jamie Baker, Tom Becker, Pat Bedford, Sherm Bedford, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Carol Besse, Warren Bilkey, Carl Bochmann, Karen Bonsell, Mike Callan, Dona Coates, Colleen Craven-Becker, Brehan Furfey, Rod Goforth, Charles Hatten, Bob Johnson, John Krull, JoAnn Luyster, Richard Mayfield, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Peggy Renn, Michael Riggs, Tim Ritter, Tom Sklodoski, Pam Spaulding, Jack Still, Nancy Vance, Major Waltman, James Wheat (compiler), Barbara Woerner, and Brian Wulker.

The species count (98) was the second-highest in the history of the Louisville CBC, falling behind only the 100 species tallied on the 1963 count! Rare and unusual species included a state CBC-first Gray-cheeked Thrush that was found injured, taken to a veterinarian, but sadly did not survive. A Great Egret continued at the Falls of the Ohio; only one other has ever been recorded on the count (in 2013). A Rufous Hummingbird remained in the count circle through count day. There were also single Merlin and House Wren from the Indiana portion of the count area, and a Pine Warbler. We had several new high counts this year including Wild Turkey (49; more than doubling the previous high count in 2011), Cooper's Hawk (20; matching a previous high count in 2014); Bald Eagle (8; topping a previous high count in 2014); and Sandhill Crane (2923; eclipsing previous high count of 217 in 2011). Thanks to all the 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 ft. Habitat: farmland, fallow land, suburban, woodland, and grassland. Dec. 18; 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 20-25°F; wind N 15 m.p.h.

Fifteen observers in six parties. Total party-hours 44 (7 on foot, 37 by car). Total party-miles 365 (8 on foot, 357 by car). Total species 60; total individuals 5868.

Observers: Bryan Baker, Horace Brown (compiler), Joan Brown, Sean Brown, Todd Brown, Julie Doyle, Joy Fitzgerald, Kevin Flowers, Kathy King, Walt Reichart, Jean Riddell, Josh Riddell, Benton Young, Steven Young, and Thomas Young.

Henry County (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center at end of Fern Castle Lane; 38.40382, -085.15351). Habitat: mostly open farmland with most trees along fence lines; a lot of small farm ponds. Dec 31; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 36-47°F; wind SW 10-15 m.p.h. Very windy in forenoon with a drizzling rain in the afternoon.

Five observers in three parties. Total party-hours: 43 (9 on foot, 34 by bicycle). Total party-miles: 154.50 (6.25 on foot, 148.25 by bicycle). Total species 55; 2711 individuals.

Observers: Adam Raber, Joel Raber, Moses Raber, Reuben Raber (compiler), Harry Yoder.

We had a great day all together, though it was quite miserable fighting the wind and rain. We thought it was exceptional that we found 1132 Canada Geese; otherwise waterfowl numbers were quite disappointing.

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. Jan. 4; 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 24-39°F; wind, light NW.

Nine observers in three parties. Total party-hours 19 (6 on foot, 13 by car). Total party-

miles 145 (3 on foot, 142 by car). Total species 67; total individuals 4501.

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

Better than average waterfowl species; numerous raptors including 36 Red-tailed Hawks (including one Harlan's Hawk), 57 American Kestrels, and five Bald Eagles; and five Loggerhead Shrikes were all notable. A Cape May Warbler that has been coming to a suet feeder at Horse Cave could not be found on count day but was seen during count week.

Nolin River (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center 0.5 miles south of Hill-top, eastern Grayson County; 37.38964°, -086.1137°). Habitat: woodland, farmland, river and Nolin Reservoir. Dec. 15; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky mostly sunny; temp. 17-27°F; wind SE, light breeze.

Eight observers in three parties. Total party-hours 12 (4 on foot, 8 by car). Total party-miles 177 (2 on foot, 175 by car). Total species 78; total individuals 3559.

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

This was new record for the number of species for this count. Highlights included 427 Sandhill Cranes, four Short-eared Owls, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, three Loggerhead Shrikes, and 100 Rusty Blackbirds.

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. 28; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Sky sunny to cloudy late in the day; temp. 27-55°F; wind SSE 0-10 m.p.h.

Five observers in three parties. Total party-hours 21.0 (13.5 on foot, 7.5 by car). Total party-miles 94.75 (4.75 on foot, 90.00 by car). Total species 76 total individuals 3922.

Observers: Lloyd Curry (compiler), Bob Doty, Richie Kessler, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., and Jeff Sole.

The species count was good even though several common species, including Lesser Scaup, Wild Turkey, and Red-headed Woodpecker, were absent. Total birds counted were down this year.

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. 17; 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 39-66°F; wind SW, 12-24 m.p.h. with gusts to 35 m.p.h.

Twenty-one observers in 11-12 parties. Total party-hours 49.25 (29.25 on foot, 20.00 by car, 0.50 feeder watching). Total party-miles 184.5 (30.0 on foot, 154.5 by car). Total species 61; total individuals 5094.

Observers: Robin Antenucci, Brian Baker, Jim Barnard, Robert Chadwick, Barb Cornett, Peggy Gould (compiler), Ralph Gould, Pat Hankla, Scott Hankla, Jeff Jones, Joel Jones, Robert Laursen, Susan Laursen, Rachel Peake, Tommy Quarles, Geoffrey Roberts, Edwin Shouse, Mary Shouse, Gary Sprandel, Emily Webb, and Loren Taylor.

Two Spotted Sandpipers were found foraging together at the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery where one was seen on last year's count.

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. Dec. 31; 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky overcast with rain showers; temp. 39-43°F; wind SSW, 19-35 m.p.h. Constant wind and rain.

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Gr. White-fronted Goose	5000	–	–	–	15	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–
Snow Goose	12010	2	83	–	2	–	3	–	–	–	4	–	–	–	–
Ross's Goose	14	–	–	–	2	–	1	1	9	–	–	–	–	–	–
Canada Goose	196	204	334	91	594	62	210	62	188	–	294	126	267	1292	295
Mute Swan	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Wood Duck	20	–	–	–	19	2	2	9	2	–	4	–	–	2	–
Gadwall	151	3	1220	–	9	146	22	10	5	–	30	–	1	72	5
American Wigeon	6	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	cw	–	–	1	–
American Black Duck	24	–	–	–	–	28	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	4	2
Mallard	19407	54	775	141	160	740	107	45	16	–	158	3	67	729	90
Northern Shoveler	92	–	28	–	13	5	–	–	3	–	23	–	–	35	1
Northern Pintail	8	11	–	–	–	9	–	–	–	–	4	–	–	2	–
Green-winged Teal	1300	–	41	–	24	44	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	2
Canvasback	–	–	20	–	–	50	–	–	1	–	16	–	–	5	–
Redhead	–	103	–	–	1	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2
Ring-necked Duck	47	2	41	–	4	216	–	21	–	–	4	–	–	56	–
Greater Scaup	2	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–
Lesser Scaup	–	355	501	–	3	5	–	–	–	–	10	–	–	11	2
Surf Scoter	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bufflehead	–	102	89	–	–	–	2	–	15	–	cw	–	–	20	–
Common Goldeneye	–	28	248	–	4	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	2
Hooded Merganser	60	4	115	–	–	–	23	–	18	–	6	1	–	174	1
Common Merganser	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
Red-breasted Merganser	–	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–
Ruddy Duck	2	4	10	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	8	–	1	–	cw
Wild Turkey	156	24	16	–	193	34	cw	16	80	8	49	–	8	49	33
Northern Bobwhite	–	–	–	–	11	cw	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	5
Common Loon	–	1	11	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pied-billed Grebe	3	20	73	–	1	28	2	1	–	–	8	8	–	18	1
Horned Grebe	–	21	63	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–
Double-cr. Cormorant	–	–	545	–	–	–	–	–	8	–	cw	–	–	34	–
American White Pelican	–	63	144	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Great Blue Heron	6	36	77	11	17	14	7	12	12	2	6	2	3	26	12
Great Egret	–	–	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
Black-cr. Night-Heron	–	–	9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–
Black Vulture	11	83	26	–	124	14	cw	107	4	2	33	33	80	71	76
Turkey Vulture	5	45	27	–	28	1	1	123	3	2	11	57	24	12	10

Henry County	Hart County	Nolin River	Green River Lake	Frankfort	Kleber WMA	Danville	Lexington	Burlington	Falmouth	Warsaw	Richmond	Russell-Adair County	Somerset	Wayne County	London	Cumberland Falls	Total
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1132	115	83	95	574	5	181	774	455	25	202	100	195	330	161	122	63	8827
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6	-	-	1	2	-	-	32	71	-	8	8	10	6	2	-	-	207
41	30	24	111	119	-	305	621	85	37	151	211	241	270	53	71	53	24915
2	6	3	2	-	-	5	78	-	-	-	12	-	4	-	1	-	313
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-	-	-	-	-	-	58	-	-	-	-	7	83	1	-	-	-	1036
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-	-	-	10	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	251
-	-	-	6	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	317
-	1	2	69	-	-	-	254	32	-	25	14	79	31	7	7	3	926
-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	-	7	12
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	17
-	-	3	12	cw	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	26	-	12	3	-	113
26	45	12	-	-	-	38	26	39	-	12	67	26	75	1	15	12	1060
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	3	22
-	-	5	49	-	-	-	6	-	-	1	25	3	5	5	9	9	280
-	-	-	98	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	49	cw	23	-	-	258
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	598
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	207
5	6	6	5	38	1	12	46	3	5	13	3	4	10	4	4	2	410
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
61	22	24	18	200	-	289	80	62	-	63	12	103	123	213	7	5	1946
26	98	60	25	244	-	104	96	15	-	11	5	53	62	20	2	12	1182

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Bald Eagle	50	8	80	–	5	6	1	–	5	1	2	3	4	8	2
Northern Harrier	5	3	–	3	10	18	5	1	7	–	10	1	2	–	cw
Sharp-shinned Hawk	–	1	1	1	–	2	1	cw	–	–	1	–	1	1	1
Cooper's Hawk	2	1	–	1	7	3	3	6	1	–	5	2	8	20	2
Red-shouldered Hawk	14	17	7	–	2	13	3	8	1	1	2	3	11	14	cw
Red-tailed Hawk	19	9	10	16	29	35	2	25	9	3	18	15	24	30	20
Rough-legged Hawk	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Golden Eagle	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
Virginia Rail	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sora	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
American Coot	6	98	85	2	–	–	50	–	–	–	30	–	6	16	2
Sandhill Crane	–	–	cw	–	344	–	158	–	3	50	8	1455	3	2923	206
Killdeer	13	22	67	21	31	3	3	14	98	–	23	–	8	41	4
Least Sandpiper	–	4	11	–	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dunlin	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Spotted Sandpiper	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Wilson's Snipe	–	–	23	–	39	2	–	1	–	–	cw	–	1	–	cw
American Woodcock	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bonaparte's Gull	–	62	501	–	–	–	–	–	16	–	–	–	–	5	–
Ring-billed Gull	3	291	609	8	19	–	5	–	135	–	–	–	9	315	–
Herring Gull	–	5	81	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–
Les. Black-backed Gull	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Forster's Tern	–	7	14	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Rock Pigeon	–	2	64	208	97	37	268	56	3	–	8	8	41	272	255
Eurasian Collared-Dove	–	–	–	35	42	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	–	–
Mourning Dove	29	153	23	236	524	40	50	189	109	–	313	185	265	330	325
Barn Owl	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	–	–	–	1	5	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–
Great Horned Owl	4	–	1	1	–	6	1	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	2
Barred Owl	5	–	2	–	1	5	cw	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–
Short-eared Owl	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Belted Kingfisher	2	3	12	3	5	10	1	16	8	1	4	1	9	12	8
Rufous Hummingbird	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
Red-headed Woodpecker	31	19	36	–	9	9	2	19	3	14	6	7	4	–	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	25	43	45	21	24	30	13	62	47	5	18	19	40	72	14
Yel.-bellied Sapsucker	9	10	8	1	9	3	2	22	6	5	–	1	3	17	–
Downy Woodpecker	27	31	29	15	17	23	9	16	13	5	20	20	30	88	8
Hairy Woodpecker	3	11	6	2	3	7	1	8	6	–	4	3	9	17	–

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2	5	1	7	3	-	1	1	1	-	3	2	5	2	2	-	4	214
-	4	7	2	-	1	5	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	1	-	-	91
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	21
1	7	1	2	5	-	3	8	1	-	5	-	1	3	2	3	1	104
1	4	5	3	3	-	-	3	-	2	1	1	6	8	9	17	18	177
11	36	7	5	24	4	33	58	12	4	11	6	16	30	17	8	7	553
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	-	-	19	-	-	-	45	15	-	-	64	50	3	-	-	-	491
7	108	427	7	3	-	45	-	-	-	3	-	37	6	7	-	140	5940
-	10	11	2	7	-	-	43	-	2	-	2	3	4	14	15	2	463
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1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	71
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
-	-	20	136	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	31	63	70	-	1	909
-	-	1	960	cw	-	-	30	-	13	190	1	114	12	581	-	180	3476
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	93
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
53	41	25	6	282	31	76	147	17	-	5	-	20	172	35	505	-	2734
-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
43	280	154	39	103	30	151	287	134	73	70	146	210	591	176	65	27	5350
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
-	2	2	1	-	-	-	5	4	2	1	-	3	3	1	6	1	39
-	cw	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	26
cw	2	cw	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	24
-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
2	1	1	1	13	1	2	15	3	4	3	2	3	7	1	2	2	158
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
2	6	2	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	9	2	4	5	3	198
16	28	20	32	57	1	24	67	22	11	9	8	70	64	43	25	37	1012
3	1	3	2	6	-	2	4	-	1	-	-	6	1	1	4	5	135
11	6	7	13	30	5	19	49	19	15	5	4	30	28	15	28	37	672
3	4	1	4	12	-	2	14	4	2	3	-	12	8	5	4	5	163

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Yellow-rumped Warbler	42	22	13	2	18	97	15	19	37	9	28	35	40	48	–
Eastern Towhee	15	52	21	10	15	54	7	31	19	5	15	27	64	20	cw
American Tree Sparrow	16		1	3	25	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	26	16
Chipping Sparrow	21	13	5		4	10	11	44	44	–	35	2	41	4	2
Field Sparrow	111	109	7	5	3	85	6	134	83	12	22	47	63	61	25
Vesper Sparrow	–	–	–	–	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Savannah Sparrow	24	12	1	8	94	42	25	51	47	–	8	5	–	5	–
Henslow's Sparrow	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Le Conte's Sparrow	2	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fox Sparrow	10	3	1	6	2	36	2	21	–	1	2	3	1	8	–
Song Sparrow	150	51	14	19	56	267	73	207	230	4	47	97	120	187	22
Swamp Sparrow	54	10	5	2	39	214	29	20	46	–	22	11	55	31	–
White-throated Sparrow	272	149	43	65	74	139	82	123	263	40	36	72	123	315	5
White-crowned Sparrow	53	42	3	4	38	54	–	77	15	–	53	13	4	12	52
Dark-eyed Junco	169	272	183	18	41	89	45	44	87	55	40	113	183	433	37
Northern Cardinal	171	114	80	69	71	153	71	177	165	21	70	67	143	492	129
Indigo Bunting	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Red-winged Blackbird	249	14	196	–	12814	785	285	179	213	–	–	–	6	168	–
Eastern Meadowlark	26	22	40	1	9	26	29	105	88	–	14	13	4	40	79
Rusty Blackbird	45	7	1	2	93	18	62	12	–	–	cw	3	–	517	–
Common Grackle	382	16	138	400	3924	1760	150	35	462	–	6	1	1	5752	–
Brown-headed Cowbird	375	–	4	–	154	120	210	175	210	–	150	1	20	87	30
Purple Finch	11	28	12	–	5	27	cw	4	4	7	10	4	1	8	–
House Finch	69	35	5	36	47	–	76	81	111	10	82	44	59	87	19
Pine Siskin	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–
American Goldfinch	18	54	70	66	99	95	299	240	74	45	112	54	100	179	13
House Sparrow	97	21	–	228	49	40	2	6	38	–	160	10	7	85	72
Day of count	D19	J3	D17	D17	D16	J2	D19	D31	D24	D20	D30	D30	D26	D18	D18
Number of species	92	85	95	54	93	90	80	74	77	42	81	67	72	98	60
Number of individuals	42762	6493	8372	3993	26590	7465	9825	4645	5793	559	3507	4637	4502	75389	5868
Number of observers	4	9	23	12	6	9	5	12	3	3	11	8	13	33	15

Note: "cw" denotes species seen within three days before or three days after count day, but not on count day.

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1	-	28	70	5	10	-	3	2	6	11	12	21	15	16	9	10	644
4	6	5	10	20	2	4	14	19	3	13	13	32	58	22	32	32	644
cw	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	37	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	142
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	176	13	45	64	538
6	26	1	80	11	2	2	48	35	8	16	12	74	166	66	51	36	1413
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
-	1	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	9	-	8	-	-	347
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
1	5	-	4	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	8	11	-	3	2	135
10	265	28	59	84	26	16	83	30	20	23	3	87	181	66	102	44	2671
cw	205	2	35	2	4	-	8	26	1	4	-	26	37	14	8	3	913
34	29	31	6	48	33	30	160	90	35	27	36	180	161	60	51	70	2882
59	15	17	18	26	-	56	26	-	-	2	15	30	62	15	16	3	780
19	108	72	31	55	19	49	85	72	14	8	10	116	213	47	49	393	3169
25	57	74	86	172	25	137	250	122	51	46	66	301	373	86	162	167	4193
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
-	250	4	1	-	6	2	31	-	25	4	-	38	96	-	14	1	15381
26	4	38	13	-	33	62	12	2	-	-	11	100	106	112	3	18	1036
cw	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	30	-	891
1	40	21	-	17	-	24	425	1	1	28	288	10	-	-	-	-	13883
5	-	8	-	20	6	20	10	7	-	10	-	150	640	22	-	-	2434
4	11	9	3	-	-	1	5	3	7	-	-	7	6	6	3	-	186
15	41	30	20	35	-	79	208	5	2	1	8	33	156	26	23	52	1495
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
124	100	96	23	111	27	81	123	63	17	21	11	108	187	49	22	52	2733
44	12	17	5	60	-	40	44	10	6	5	14	43	28	8	49	18	1218
D31	J4	D15	D28	D17	D31	D17	D17	D31	J2	D17	D17	D16	D31	J4	D22	D15	
55	67	78	76	60	38	56	90	61	47	62	55	88	82	78	71	64	
2711	4501	3559	3922	5094	838	7798	25468	3028	1374	1426	1996	5688	11112	4342	3920	3002	
5	9	8	5	21	2	27	50	9	5	4	4	9	13	6	12	9	

Two observers in one party. Total party-hours 9.25 (4.25 on foot, 5.00 by car). Total party-miles 44.5 (3.5 on foot, 41.0 by car). Total species 38; total individuals 838.

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

One of the most difficult count days in memory; wind and rain kept the birds on the ground and in heavy cover and made song identification difficult. Nothing was flying. The Merlin was seen at the same stop for the third year and was on the same limb in the same tree as last year!

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. 17; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 53-64°F; wind S 25 m.p.h. Gusty winds.

Twenty-seven observers in nine parties. Total party-hours 52.75 (13.50 on foot, 39.25 by car). Total party-miles 437.7 (10.0 on foot, 427.7 by car). Total species 56; total individuals 7798.

Observers: Laura Baird, Jane Brantley (compiler), J.P. Brantley, Granville Cox, Thelma Cox, Neil Eklund, Virginia Eklund, Amanda Falk, Mark Galatowitsch, Bill Garriott, Mort Hoagland, Danielle LaLonde, Tom Lamp, Ben Leffew, Gail Manning, Preston Miles, Eric Mount, Don Pelly, Rob Pandyraft, Jim Porter, Linda Porter, Jamie Powell, Milton Scarborough, Patsi Trollinger, Charles Vahlkamp, Erica Weil and John Weil.

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. 17; 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 45-63°F; wind SSW 10-23 m.p.h.

Fifty observers in 13 parties. Total party-hours 90.5 (54.0 by foot, 36.5 by car). Total party-miles 364.0 (39.5 by foot, 324.5 by car). Total species 90; total individuals 25,469.

Observers: Ramesh Bhatt, Suzanne Bhatt, Clay Bliznick, Gretchen Bolton, Rob Boncius, Tony Brusate, Lisa Combs, Eddie DeMoll, Caleb Fligor, Jim Hodge, Jessica Hollis, Marcia Hopkins, Kevin Hopper, Beverly James, Alan Kingsland, Terri Koontz, Betsy Lang, David Lang, Ben Limle, Judy Lundquist, Aaron Martin, Ian Martin, Betty Maxon, Josie Miller, Ellen Molle, Cora Mossbrook, Kay Neikirk, Teresa Noel, Jeff Noffsinger, Ronan O'Carra, Margaret Palmer, Michael Patton, Sydney Penner, Carol Pickett, Nicole Price, Doug Raybuck, Layton Register, Spencer Reinhard, Lou Shain, Nathan Skinner, Marie Sutton, Dave Svetich, Joe Swanson, Mark Tower (compiler), Charles Tremoulet, Chuck Vellios, Barbara Vellios, George Weams, Barbara Woerner, and Bernice Wood.

One *Accipiter* sp. is not included in the summary table.

Burlington (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center near Camp Michaels; 38.94932°, -084.74625°). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 31; 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST. Sky overcast; temp. 36-42°F; wind SW 10-18 m.p.h.

Nine observers in six parties. Total party-hours 27 (9 on foot, 18 by car). Total party-miles 131 (8 on foot, 123 by car). Total species 61; total individuals 3028.

Observers: Kimmy Birrer, Kathy Caminiti, Elaine Carroll, Melissa Desjardin, Ed Groneman, Lee McNeely (compiler), Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., Gayle Pille, and Tommy Stephens.

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 3:00 p.m. EST. Sky overcast; temp. 43-47°F. Light Rain.

Five observers in three parties. Total party-hours 16 (5 on foot, 11 by car). Total party-miles 97 (2 on foot, 95 by car). Total species 47; total individuals 1374.

Observers: Lisa Combs, Rodney Crice (compiler), Ed Groneman, Ron Lusby, and David Svetich.

Warsaw (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center Gallatin County Courthouse; 38.78387°, -084.90227°). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 17; 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST. Sky overcast; temp. 46-65°F; wind S, 0-15 m.p.h.

Four observers in two parties. Total party-hours 9.5 (1.0 on foot, 8.5 by car). Total party-miles 106 (1 on foot, 105 by car). Total species 62; total individuals 1426.

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

Richmond (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center ca. 0.7 air miles e. of junction of US 25 and KY 1983 (White Station Road); 37.6311N, -84.2638 W. Habitat: fencerows and roadsides (20%), woodland (20%), pasture/open fields (55%), lawns (4%) and lakes and ponds (1%). Dec. 17; 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. EST. Sky overcast; temp. 31-34°F; wind: W to SW, 0-5 m.p.h. Light rain until about 11:30 a.m.; occasional very light rain until 4:15 p.m.

Four observers in two parties. Total party-hours 9 (3 on foot, 6 by car). Total party-miles 104.6 (3.5 on foot, 101.1 by car). Total species 55; 1996 total individuals.

Observers: Rebecca Bates, Robert Foster, Paul Hager, and Gary Ritchison (compiler).

Sandhill Crane, Hairy Woodpecker, and Fox Sparrow were seen during count week. We had no access to the Bluegrass Army Depot for this count.

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 530-1140 ft. Dec. 16; 3:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy; temp. 17-39°F; wind variable, 0-8 m.p.h.

Nine observers in five parties. Total party-hours 44.25 (6.00 on foot, 38.25 by car). Total party-miles 317.35 (4.25 on foot, 313.10 by car). Total species 88; total individuals 5788.

Observers: Derek Coomer, Granville Cox, Thelma Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Gay Hodges, Arlene Morton, Sasha Rohde, and Stephen J. Stedman.

A Mallard x American Black Duck and 100 unidentified duck sp. are not included in the summary table.

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. Dec. 31; 6:15 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy; temp. 30-45°F; wind SSW, 3-20 m.p.h. Rain or drizzle occurred most of the day.

Thirteen observers (plus four feeder watchers) in six parties. Total party-hours 45.25 (6.00 by foot, 39.25 by car). Total party-miles 349.0 (4.5 on foot, 344.5 by car). Total species 82; total individuals 11,112.

Observers: Ray Bontrager, Jean Brickell, Rhonda Bryant, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Gay Hodges, James Kiser, Scott Marsh, Lynda Mills, Tom Mills, Arlene Morton, and Stephen 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; 6:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. EST. Sky overcast to clear; temp. 33-38°F; wind NW, 0-25 m.p.h.

Six observers in five parties. Total party-hours 34 (6 on foot, 28 by car). Total party-miles 218.5 (2.5 on foot, 216.0 by car). Total species 78; total individuals 4342.

Observers: Roseanna Denton (compiler), Gay Hodges, Bret Kuss, Arlene Morton, Don Pelly, 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. 22; 6:20 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky clear in a.m.; clouds moved in after 1:00 p.m.; temp. 32-47°F; wind SW, 0-8 m.p.h.

Twelve observers in five parties. Total party-hours 44.5 (4.0 on foot, 40.5 by car). Total party-miles 322.75 (1.50 on foot, 321.25 by car). Total species 71; total individuals 3920.

Observers: Wendi Allen, Clay Bliznick, Granville Cox (compiler), Thelma Cox, Roseanna Denton, Steve Denton, Abi Dixon, Tyler Fulmor, Bobbie Idol, Bret Kuss, Marie Oakley, and Tucker Robinson.

Cumberland Falls (all points within a 7.5-mile radius circle, center on upper Bark Camp Creek; 36.8900°, -084.2611°). Habitat: mostly forest (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 large reservoir (Laurel River Lake), and about 17 miles of Cumberland River/Lake Cumberland and its riparian forest. Dec. 15; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST; sky clear during a.m., overcast during p.m.; temp. 18-25°F; wind WNW, 0-10 m.p.h.

Nine observers in five parties. Total party-hours 38.50 (3.75 on foot, 34.75 by car). Total party-miles 288.25 (3.75 on foot, 279.50 by car). Total species 64; total individuals 3002.

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

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FIELD NOTE

A Kentucky “Big Year”

During 2013, Eddie Huber and I attempted to encounter as many species of birds within the state of Kentucky as we could. This effort, commonly deemed a “big year,” is an endeavor that many birders undertake within certain geographic areas (from local yards or parks to counties, states, countries, or the world). Over the course of the year, I recorded 299 species while Eddie recorded 297. The two species I encountered that Eddie did not were Black-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*), found in Lee County during an early June Breeding Bird Survey, and Snowy Owl (*Bubo scandiacus*), seen at the Louisville airport in mid-December. Almost all of the rare species we encountered were documented with photographs, although a few were documented with written summaries. All of our reports based on that documentary information have been reviewed and accepted by the Kentucky Bird Records Committee (Yandell 2016). I had a personal goal of trying to *see* all of the species I encountered, a goal at which I was pleasantly surprised to succeed.

In several prior years I had made a conscious effort to find as many birds in the state as I could. These included 2007, when I found 296 species. One other reported Kentucky big year has tallied more than 290 species, that being when 300 species were reported by David Roemer in 2002 (KOS 2017). A comparison of the different species reported on these three year lists (2002, 2007, and 2013) is presented in Table 1 (next page). A total of 317 species is accounted for among the three lists while the combined lists for 2002/2007, 2002/2013 and 2007/2013 were 312, 313, and 310, respectively.

Although there is little of bird conservation value involved in engaging in such an activity, we did contribute some useful, albeit negative, information. It was disappointing to confirm the absence of a few declining species in Kentucky during 2013. These include King Rail (*Rallus elegans*) and Bewick’s Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) that were not found despite spending a significant amount of effort to locate them in previously known areas. It also includes Bachman’s Sparrow (*Peucaea aestivalis*); this species is still known from a

small breeding population on the Ft. Campbell Military Reservation in Trigg County, but we were unable to gain access to the Base to see them and could not find any in marginally suitable habitat nearby.

A brief summary of the 2013 bird highlights would include the presence of most of the “rare” northern finches early in the year including Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*), White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*), and Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*). In fact, the presence of these species during the winter 2012-2013 was one of the motivating factors in undertaking the big year. Other rarities from the north included Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) and Northern Shrike (*Lanius excubitor*), the latter remarkably seen by us four times during the year.

Table 1. Comparison of Kentucky Big Year lists over 290 species.

Species encountered in 2002 but missed in 2013*	Species encountered in 2013 but missed in 2002	Species encountered in 2013 but missed in 2007	Species encountered in 2007 but missed in 2013
Pacific Loon	Blk.-bel. Whistling Duck	Blk.-bel. Whistling-Duck	Wood Stork
King Rail	Cinnamon Teal	Cinnamon Teal	King Rail
Hudsonian Godwit	Red-throated Loon	Anhinga	Marbled Godwit
Marbled Godwit	Anhinga	Whimbrel	Hudsonian Godwit
Ruff	Neotropic Cormorant	Red Phalarope	Red Knot
Sooty Tern	Glossy Ibis	Glaucous Gull	Little Gull
Long-billed Murrelet	Roseate Spoonbill	White-winged Dove	Black-capped Chickadee
Inca Dove	American Avocet	Snowy Owl	Bewick's Wren
Common Ground-Dove	Red Phalarope	Prairie Falcon	Snow Bunting
Black-capped Chickadee	California Gull	Say's Phoebe	Clay-colored Sparrow
Bewick's Wren	Prairie Falcon	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Scott's Oriole
Snow Bunting	Say's Phoebe	Red Crossbill	
Bachman's Sparrow	Northern Shrike	White-winged Crossbill	
Clay-colored Sparrow	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Evening Grosbeak	
	Spotted Towhee		
	Red Crossbill		
	Evening Grosbeak		

* – the 2002 list was reported as 300, but review of Kentucky Bird Records Committee Reports and Seasonal Reports in *The Kentucky Warbler* to reconstruct it yielded a total of only 296 of them.

Very rare or vagrant birds from other regions included Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*), Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*), Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*), Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*), Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*), Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*), Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*) [including the first spring record for the state], Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*), California Gull (*Larus californicus*), White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*), Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*), Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*), Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*), Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*), Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*), and Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*).

Some of the rare and typically hard-to-encounter, but regularly occurring species that we saw included Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*), Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*), Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*), Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*), Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*), Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*), Northern Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*), Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*), Nelson's Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni*), and Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*).

Six of the species we saw were introduced: Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*), Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*), Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*), European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), House Finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*), and House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). Within this category, we also observed Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*) [Hopkins County] and Trumpeter Swan (*Cygnus buccinator*) [Hardin and Muhlenberg counties].

The latter were actually “countable” as reintroduced species from the Great Lakes states (McNeely 2006). This species would represent a 300th encountered in the state during the year, but I was not completely comfortable counting it at the time.

We encountered a few “non-countable” forms and subspecies during the year. These included a white morph Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) [Hardin County] and a Harlan’s Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis harlani*) [Hopkins County]. In addition, we encountered individuals of two different call types of Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*). The individuals in Jefferson County were “Type 3” birds that were feeding primarily in Eastern hemlocks (*Tsuga canadensis*) while individuals encountered in Marshall County in western Kentucky were “Type 2” birds that were feeding primarily in introduced Loblolly pines (*Pinus taeda*). Identification of calls recorded in the field was confirmed by Matt Young with Cornell University.

Seven species were documented by others in Kentucky during 2013 that we did not get to see: White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*), Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*), Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*), Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*), Bachman’s Sparrow (*Peucaea aestivalis*), Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*), and Common Redpoll (*Acanthis flammea*).

In this era of the internet, it is possible for individuals who engage in such activities to know much more quickly about unusual sightings, and we were able to share in a number of observations reported by others in the birding community during the year. This camaraderie is an added bonus to the personal satisfaction of discovering one’s own rare birds. A list of many of the individuals who found birds that we were able to count as “firsts” during the year includes Bud & Brenda Angus, Michael Autin, Jane & Pat Bell, Carol Besse, Charlie Crawford, Tom Critchfield, Melodie Cunningham, Steve & Teresa Graham, Richard Healy, Todd Hendricks, Rob Lane, Amy Lint, Frank Lyne, Susan Neace, Carol & Jeff Sole, Mary Schmidt, Matt Stickel, Kevin Turner, Mike Wright, Brian Wulker, and Aviva Yasgur. We also enjoyed many other birds during the year that others found; gratitude is extended to the entire Kentucky birding community for sharing in our endeavor.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the contributions and companionship of Eddie Huber during our big year. Eddie found several species including Western Grebe, Anhinga, California Gull, and Spotted Towhee. When I began thinking about embarking on the endeavor late in 2012, Eddie enthusiastically joined in, and we certainly birded more in Kentucky than we ever had before. Eddie’s patience, diligence, enthusiasm, and friendship will always remain among my favorite memories of our big year in Kentucky.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

Virginia and Wendell Kingsolver Scholarship Available

The Virginia & Wendell Kingsolver Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 to honor the memory of Virginia “Ginny” Kingsolver and the legacy and contributions of Ginny and her husband, Wendell, to K.O.S. and to environmental education efforts across Ken-

tucky. The scholarship is available to a young birder between the ages of 13 and 18 who lives in Kentucky. The Scholarship will pay tuition for a young birder to attend an American Birding Association (A.B.A.) Summer Camp. To apply for a Kingsolver Scholarship, applicants should fill out the form found on the K.O.S. web site (<http://birdky.org/wendell-and-ginny-kingsolver-fund.html>), write a short essay (500 words or less) on why he or she wants to attend, and provide a brief recommendation from a parent, teacher, or mentor. Scholarship recipients will be asked to report on their Camp experience, either in person at a meeting of K.O.S. or their local bird club, or in writing.

In 2016, K.O.S. awarded a Kingsolver Scholarship to 14-year-old Tommy Quarles of Frankfort. Tommy attended Camp Colorado where he garnered 59 "life birds." He gave a report of his trip, including many excellent photographs he took, at both the fall 2016 K.O.S. meeting and at the October 2016 meeting of The Beckham Bird Club.

Applications for the 2017 Kingsolver Scholarship are due by April 1, 2017. Because the A.B.A. camps sell out very early, K.O.S. will move the deadline to apply to January 31 of each year beginning in 2018. Since the Fund was established in 2013, K.O.S. has provided Kingsolver Scholarships to five young Kentucky birders.

Anne L. Stamm Avian Education Fund Grants Available

The Anne L. Stamm Avian Education Fund supports education of children in the appreciation of birds and ornithology. For guidelines on how to apply for grants of up to \$500, please contact Scott Marsh by mail at 4401 Athens-Boonesboro Road, Lexington, KY, 40509, or via email at (scott.marsh@twc.com).

In recent months, three Anne Stamm Fund grants have been awarded. Maupin Elementary School in west Louisville used its grant to install bird feeders in an area viewed by several classrooms. The students worked with a group called People for Pollinators to plant a native flower garden around the feeders. A second grant went to one of our own, past K.O.S. president Steve Kistler, who used the money to buy several pairs of binoculars to loan to participants attending the dozens of bird and nature walks he leads at Mammoth Cave National Park each year. Many families with children get to experience birds up close and are provided a unique environmental education experience during Steve's hikes. Most recently, the Kentucky Association of Environmental Education received a grant to develop materials and train facilitators to lead workshops called *Flying Wild*. These workshops will provide hands-on, classroom and field experiences in bird biology, conservation, and natural history to middle school students across the state.

Burt L. Monroe, Jr. Avian Research Fund Grants Available

The Burt L. Monroe, Jr. Avian Research Fund supports research on birds in Kentucky with monetary awards of up to \$1000. For guidelines on how to apply, visit the K.O.S. website (<http://birdky.org/burt-monroe-jr-fund.html>) or contact Kate Slankard, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY, 40601 or via email at (kate.slankard@ky.gov).

In 2017, K.O.S. has received and funded two proposals, both for graduate students at Kentucky universities. Kaitlyn Kelly, who is advised by David Brown at Eastern Kentucky University, received a grant of \$1000 for her project titled *Development and Analysis of an Avian Index of Biological Integrity for Kentucky Wetlands*. Zach Hackworth, who is advised by John Cox at the University of Kentucky, received a grant of \$1000 for his project titled *Short and Mid-term Responses of At-risk Forest-nesting Neotropical Migratory Songbirds at Watershed-scale, Uneven-aged Forest Management*.



Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Christian Co.
2 November 2016
Sharon Arnold



Inca Dove, Logan Co.
7 August 2016
Steve Tyson



White-winged Dove, Fayette Co.
24 November 2016
David Svetich



Cinnamon Teal, Fayette Co.
10 September 2016
Ronan O'Carra



Swallow-tailed Kite, Mercer Co.
1 August 2016
Kurt Dorman



American Avocet, Wayne Co.
20 August 2016
Ray Bontrager