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THE COVER

We thank Clay Bliznick for his photograph of a California Gull (*Larus californicus*) at the WastePath / Clean Earth Facility, Marshall County, 8 February 2019.

KENTUCKY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (KOS) SPRING MEETING**John James Audubon State Park, 26-28 April 2019****Linda Craiger, KOS Secretary**

John James Audubon State Park is located on U.S. Route 41 in Henderson, Kentucky, just south of the Ohio River. Its inspiration is John James Audubon, the ornithologist, naturalist, and painter who resided in Henderson from 1810 to 1819.

Friday, 26 April

Clay Bliznick, trip leader, along with about 30 people, birded the John James Audubon State Park, identifying a variety of migrants as well as year-round resident birds.

6:00 p.m Steve and Janet Kistler conducted registration for the meeting.

7:00 p.m. Jeff Sole, President, welcomed attendees to the meeting. He described the objectives of KOS as promoting birding and bird conservation and emphasized the importance of introducing young people to birding. Jeff had Board members introduce themselves. Steve Kistler, Treasurer, announced that KOS has 22 new members so far this year and that the new memberships resulted mostly from the introduction of electronic enrollment via the KOS web page.

The evening meeting presentations began with Steve Kistler's bird quiz, a highly anticipated tradition at recent meetings. Steve challenges attendees to identify birds from photos that show only tiny portions of each bird. He then reveals the entire photo and asks for a final identification.

Pam Spaulding presented "Birding Kentucky with a Camera, 2018," a compilation of photos sent to her from members. Pam's beautiful presentation included a wide variety of birds, including some with sound added.

Sunni Carr, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) Non-game Program Coordinator, presented an informative program on Kentucky Wild. She reviewed how KDFWR is funded. She then stated how all money donated to Kentucky Wild will be used for conservation, habitat restoration, and the promotion of wildlife diversity. She showed a video on how Kentucky Wild works for non-game wildlife. She presented information on Recovering America's Wildlife Act legislation. If the legislation is passed, KDFWR will receive additional federal money. She also shared Monarch Butterfly information and flower seeds for interested folks to take with them.

Jeff reviewed field trips for Saturday morning and afternoon, adjourning the meeting at 8:40 p.m. A social time with refreshments followed.

Saturday, 27 April**8 a.m. Field Trips included:**

Henderson Sloughs WMA - Sauerheber Unit - led by Greg Buckart

Big Rivers WMA - led by John Zimmer (KDFWR)

John J. Audubon State Park Beginner's Walk - led by Teresa Noel and Jennifer Snyder

Higginson-Henry WMA - led by Curt Devine

Green River State Forest and WMA - led by Jeff Sole
 Henderson County Big Day - led by Brainard Palmer-Bell
 Cane Ridge FWA (IN) - led by Clay Bliznick

1:00 p.m. Field Trips included:

West Henderson Shorebird Spots - led by Jeff Sole
 Audubon Wetlands - led by Teresa Noel and Jennifer Snyder
 Wildflower walk - Steve and Janet Kistler

7:00 p.m. Evening meeting

President Jeff Sole opened the meeting and advised the attendees of the KOS information available at the registration desk. Linda Craiger tallied birds from the Friday and Saturday observations. A total of 156 species had been noted for the two days, with a discrepancy of whether there were Greater and Lesser Scaup, or just Lesser, in Indiana. Decision was to leave the identification as Greater/Lesser.

Clay announced Sunday morning Field Trips:

Sloughs WMA-Sauerheber Unit - led by Clay Biznick
 Sandy Watkins Park and Recreation Area - led by Teresa Noel

The feature presentation was "Conserving Birds through a Full Life-Cycle Approach" by Andrew Roth, Migratory Bird Program Director for the American Bird Conservancy (ABC). He discussed ABC's efforts to eliminate threats, conserve and restore habitat, and provide links between birds and people throughout the Americas. He discussed the decline of migratory bird numbers and Forest Management Guidelines developed to slow the decline. He presented an overview of BirdScapes within functional landscapes. He stated ABC was providing incentives to improve farming practices and avoid negative impacts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25. A social time followed.

Spring KOS Meeting Bird List

There were intermittent periods of sun and drizzle during the weekend. Daytime temperatures were in the 50-70° range. The following birds were reported: from in the greater Henderson County area, including Hancock County, Kentucky, and Vanderburgh County, Indiana.

Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall+, American Wigeon+, Mallard, Greater Scaup+, Bufflehead+, Common Goldeneye+, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser+, Ruddy Duck+, Northern Bobwhite, Wild Turkey, Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe+, Rock Pigeon, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Mourning Dove, Black-billed Cuckoo, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Sora, American Coot+, Black-necked Stilt, Killdeer, Long-billed Dowitcher, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs, Greater Yellowlegs, Ring-billed Gull+, Caspian Tern+, Forster's Tern+, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Green Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, American Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Wood-

Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe, White-eyed Vireo, Bell's Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Bank Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Carolina Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, Veery, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, House Sparrow, American Pipit, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Eastern Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Rusty Blackbird, Common Grackle, Worm-eating Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Northern Waterthrush, Golden-winged Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Hooded Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Palm Warbler, Pine Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Summer Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel.

The final tally for the weekend was 146 species in Kentucky and 11 species plus an indeterminate scap in Indiana for a total of 158.

Attendance at the Spring 2019 KOS Meeting

Win Ahrens	Prospect
Bonnie Avery.....	Upton
Gage Barnes.....	Murray
Tom Becker.....	Floyds Knob, IN
Jane Bell.....	Louisville
Pat Bell.....	Louisville
Sarah Bell.....	Hopkinsville
Joyce Bender.....	Frankfort
Carol Besse.....	Louisville
Clay Bliznick.....	Hartford
Nancy Braun.....	Lexington
Fred Busroe.....	Morehead
Katie Busroe.....	Morehead
Hap Chambers.....	Murray
Linda Craiger.....	Glasgow
Colleen Craven-Becker.....	Floyds Knob, IN
Rodney Crice.....	Independence
Bruce Cryder.....	Nicholasville
Roseanna Denton.....	Science Hill
Blaine Ferrell.....	Bowling Green
Preston Forsythe.....	Browder
Shari Forsythe.....	Browder
Joyce Fry.....	Frankfort
Steve Graham.....	Greenville
Teresa Graham.....	Greenville

Bettina Ivy.....	Mayfield
Janet Kistler.....	Munfordville
Steve Kistler.....	Munfordville
Rob Lane.....	Louisville
Betsy Lang.....	Georgetown
David Lang.....	Georgetown
David Lusk.....	Louisville
Terri Lusk.....	Louisville
Teresa Noel.....	Lexington
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.....	Louisville
Josh Powell.....	Benton
Phil Powell.....	Madisonville
Tommy Quarles.....	Frankfort
Rickey Shive.....	Bowling Green
Jennifer Snyder.....	Elizabethtown
Jeff Sole.....	Frankfort
Charles Sorensen.....	Mt. Vernon, IN
Sharon Sorensen.....	Mt. Vernon, IN
Pam Spaulding.....	Louisville
Annie Sqro.....	Bardstovne
Frank Sqro.....	Bardstovne
Jan Stogner.....	Murray
Sunil Thirkannad.....	Prospect
Debby Tyson.....	Adairville
Steve Tyson.....	Adairville
James Wheat.....	Louisville
Brian Wulker.....	Cincinnati, OH
Ben Yandell.....	Louisville
Mary Yandell.....	Louisville

54 people attended the meeting.



Trumpeter Swan – *Fulton*, 9 January 2019, Ben Yandell

THE WINTER SEASON, DECEMBER 2018 - FEBRUARY 2019

Ben Yandell

This winter was warmer and wetter than usual, both overall and month by month, and followed a similar pattern across the state. The season's overall average temperature was 3.4°F (1.9°C) warmer than the historical average. January was only slightly above the norm, but December was 4.4°F (2.5°C) and February was 4.9°F (2.7°C) warmer than average. Precipitation totals averaged 67% above average. February was especially wet, with stations averaging 9.2 inches of precipitation for the month, compared to 3.6 inches in an average February. In many locations across Kentucky, 2018 was the wettest year on record. (Based on National Weather Service monthly averages in Louisville, Lexington, Bowling Green, Paducah, and Jackson compared to 1981-2010 averages and all-time records.)

Review species reported for the season were TRUMPETER SWAN, CALIFORNIA GULL, BROWN PELICAN, SAY'S PHOEBE, EVENING GROSBEAK (multiple), and a long-staying HARRIS'S SPARROW. Other noteworthy reports include White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Red-necked Grebe, Eared Grebe, Whooping Crane, Glaucous Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Red-throated Loon, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Western Meadowlark, and Summer Tanager.

Publication of any unusual sightings in eBird or in this seasonal report does not imply that these reports have been accepted for inclusion in the official list of Kentucky birds. Reports of rare and out-of-season birds should be accompanied by written and, whenever possible, photographic documentation for review 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*. The most recent KBRC decisions were reported in the November 2018 issue (Yandell 2018).

Details of many of the following reports were posted at the time on birdky.org and are available at eBird.org. December-February eBird reports covered 116 of Kentucky's 120 counties, totaled 168 species, 624 reporting observers, 9275 reports, 101,500 lines of data, 2,300 unduplicated attached photographs or audio files, and 1,361,000 individual birds reported (eliminating duplicate counts by groups and entries with an "x" instead of a number). Observer and photographer names are not always clear in eBird, so the following summary may misidentify observers and roles.

The following highlights summarize locations, dates, and observer initials. Unless noted otherwise, these highlights are based only on eBird data. Documentation method may be noted as follows: wr = written documentation, ph = photograph, vd = video recording, and au = audio recording. Species order is based on AOS 2018. Comments about previous Kentucky bird records rely on the *Annotated Checklist* and updates (Palmer-Ball 2019).

TRUMPETER SWAN – Accepted by KBRC. 2 adults and 1 immature in agricultural fields n. of Long Point, 20 December-25 February (wr ph BY, m.ob.).

White-winged Scoter – 1 continued at Lake Liberty, *Casey*, 5 December (RD). At KY Dam, *Marshall*, 1 on 16 January (wr ph CBz, MM) and 6-7 on 2 February (wr RB, LyB). 1 at Lexington Reservoir #2 & 3, *Fayette*, 1-27 February (ph ROC, ph TrN,

wr NBr, m.ob.). 1 at Lower Douglas Lake, *Hardin*, 9 and 27 February (ph MrL). 3 at Owsley Fork Reservoir, *Madison*, 10 February (ph TrN, ph CBz). 1 at Fishing Creek Recreation Area, *Pulaski*, 11 February (ph RD, RB). 1 at Poplar Creek, *Lyon*, 8 February (ph RD).

Black Scoter – 1 continued at Lake Liberty, *Casey*, 5 December (RD). 2 at Freeman Lake, *Hardin*, 1 December (ph JnS,

JrS). 1 continued on the Ohio River in Louisville 1-4 December (m.ob.); 1 there 16 December (wr ph TB, m.ob.).



Black Scoter – *Jefferson*, 2 December 2018,
Tommy Quarles

Long-tailed Duck – 1 at Paintsville Lake State Park, *Johnson*, 7 December (ph RyR). 1 at the KY Dam Marina, *Marshall*, 15-16 December (ph HC, ME, JrT, m.ob.). 1 at Lake Peewee, *Hopkins*, 2-6 February (wr ph RcS, m.ob.). 1 at Lexington Reservoir #4, *Fayette*, 8 February (GSm, ph TrN, ph ROC, m.ob.). 1 at Morgan Pond, 24-26 February (DL, JSO, m.ob.).



Red-necked Grebe – *Marshall*, 12 January 2019,
Sharon Arnold

Red-necked Grebe – 1 at KY Dam, *Marshall*, 23 December and then scattered dates between 16 January and 8 February (ph CBz, TrN, m.ob.). 3 at Kenlake Marina, *Marshall*, 12-24 January (wr ph ShA, wr ph JoH, Wings of Winter, m.ob.) with 1-2 continuing through 9 February.

Eared Grebe – Continued at Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell*, with 1-3 birds reported through at least 21 February (m.ob.). 1 at KY Dam, *Marshall*, 15 December (wr ph HC, ME, JrT).

Virginia Rail – Rare in winter. 1 at Beckley Creek Park, Grand Allee Section,

Jefferson, 5 December (ph PS, JB, ph PB). 1 in marsh along CR-1005, near Drakesboro, *Muhlenberg*, 30 December (ph TQ, BPB). 2 heard at Adkins Swamp, Peabody WMA, *Muhlenberg*, 6 January (TG, SG).



Virginia Rail – *Jefferson*, 5 December 2018,
Pam Spaulding

Whooping Crane – [Species shown in italics. Not established and therefore not countable in Kentucky. Exact location withheld.] 6 in *Hopkins*, 12 February (ph CBz), with 1 present on 16 February (CBz, m.ob.).

Pectoral Sandpiper – Unusual for February, 1 along Wash Gunn Road, *Logan*, 27 February (ph FL).

Lesser Yellowlegs – Unusual for February, singles reported at McElroy Lake, *Warren*, 15 and 26 February (ph RcS) and Morgan Pond, 26 February (JoH, TmD).

Franklin's Gull – A few lingered into early December (m.ob.). Very unusual in winter, 1 at WastePath/Clean Earth Facility, 31 January (wr GrD).

CALIFORNIA GULL – Accepted by KBRC. 1 at WastePath/Clean Earth Facility, 8 and 25 February (ph CBz, ph EH, wr ph DL, BPB, m.ob.), with 2 present 1 March.

Lesser Black-backed Gull – A state record high count of 17 (8 adults, 4 first cycle, 5 second cycle) at WastePath/Clean Earth Facility, 4 December (ph CBz, DnR, BPB, JrT).

Glaucous Gull – As many as 4 first-cycle through the season in *Livingston/Marshall*



Great Black-backed Gull – *Marshall*,
20 January 2019, Graham Gerdeman

near KY Dam and, beginning 21 January, at the WastePath/Clean Earth Facility (ph HC, ph JrT, ph AnL, BPB, CBz, m.ob.).

Great Black-backed Gull – 1 adult at WastePath/Clean Earth Facility, 20-26 January (wr ph MT, wr ph GrG, AbO, m.ob.) and 1 first-cycle bird, 31 January - 2 February at KY Dam (wr GrD, wr LyB, RB).

Forster's Tern – Small numbers were reported throughout the season in the KY Lake area, *Marshall/Calloway* (m.ob.).

Red-throated Loon – 1 at Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell*, 9 January (wr LyB) and 1-3 reported 4-25 February (ph RD, m.ob.). 1 at Sledd Creek Boat Ramp, *Marshall*, 18 and 25 February (ph CBz, JBa, wr ph DL, ph SG, TG, JSo).

BROWN PELICAN – Accepted by KBRC.

1 at Green Turtle Bay, *Livingston*, 5-8 January (ph CBz, m.ob.).

American Bittern – 1 at Long Point, 15 December (ph CBz, BPB).

Golden Eagle – Several reports. An unusually high count of 5 reported in and near Bernheim Forest, *Nelson*, 3 January (ph MY, ph BY).

SAY'S PHOEBE – Accepted by KBRC. 1 along Bradshaw Road, *Barren*, 18-22 December (ph LyB, wr ph DL, RD, m.ob.); found during the Eastern Allen County CBC.

White-eyed Vireo – Very rare in winter, 1 at Kevil, *McCracken*, 17 December (wr CBz, BPB, MM, BWu).

Blue-headed Vireo – Very rare in winter, 1 at KY Dam Village SRP, Airport Road, *Marshall*, 5 January (ph CBz).

Brown-headed Nuthatch – [Not a review species at these locations.] 2-3 continued through the season at London Ranger District Office, *Laurel* (ph RD, m.ob.). 2 at the KY Dam Airport Road location, *Marshall*, 19 January (Wings of Winter field trip, DSi, m.ob.).

House Wren – Reports continued into January. The latest was 1 in the Lower Hickman Bottoms, *Fulton*, 16 January (ph BPB, ph CBz, MM).



Marsh Wren – *Henderson*, 6 January 2019,
Tommy Quarles

Marsh Wren – All reports included. 1 in *Allen*, 18 December (wr JBe, m.ob.). 1-2 at various locations in *Muhlenberg*,

30 December, 6 January, 12 February (wr ph, TG, SG, wr CBz, BPB). 2 at the Sauerheber Unit, 6 January (ph TQ, ph RbC, m.ob.). 1 at WastePath/Clean Earth Facility, 2 February (wr ph RB, LyB).

EVENING GROSBEAK – Accepted by KBRC: 1 at Surrey Hills Farm, *Jefferson*, 23 December (ph BPB). 2 in *Pulaski*, 30 January (ph RD). 2 in *Franklin*, mid-February (ph KMF). Details and KBRC review pending; non-eBird reports: 1 in *Magoffin*, 14-16 December. 1 in *Hart*, 19 December.

Vesper Sparrow – Rare in winter, 1 w. of Rossington, *McCracken*, 31 December (wr KIM, TdW, part of Mermet Lake [Illinois] CBC).

Grasshopper Sparrow – Extremely rare in winter, 1 at Louisville Landfill, *Jefferson*, 31 January (ph SmF).

LeConte's Sparrow – All reports included. 5 at Ballard WMA, *Ballard*, 17 December (ph AnL, DnR, BPB, m.ob.). 1 at Peabody WMA, Ken Unit, *Ohio*, 30 December (wr BPB, wr TQ, Paradise CBC) and 15 January (ph CBz).

Lincoln's Sparrow – 1 at Long Point, 15 December (ph CBz, BPB). 1 at Lake Barkley Dam, *Lyon*, 5 January (wr CBz).



Harris's Sparrow – *Logan*, 13 January 2019,
Stephen Tyson

HARRIS'S SPARROW – Accepted by KBRC. 1 continued through the season at Schochoh, *Logan*, 1 December (ph ST, DT, m.ob.).

Western Meadowlark – 1 near Long Point, 15 December (wr BPB, ph CBz).



Summer Tanager – *Franklin*, 1 December 2018,
Angela Wilkins Ellis

2 at Running Slough, *Fulton*, 14 January (wr ph RbS, DnR). 1 at Lower Hickman Bottoms, *Fulton*, 16 January (wr BPB, MM, CBz).

Black-and-white Warbler – Third winter record. 1 at Papa John's Headquarters Lake, *Jefferson*, 16 December (wr ph MiC; part of Louisville CBC).



Black-and-White Warbler – *Jefferson*,
16 December 2018, Michael Callan

Common Yellowthroat – 1 at Long Point, 15 December (ph CBz, BPB). 1 at the Sauerheber Unit, 6 January (wr ph TQ, RbC).



Western Meadowlark – *Fulton*, 15 December
2018, Clay Bliznick

Cape May Warbler – Third winter record. 1 in s. *Oldham*, 4-5 December (wr ph JCl).

Palm Warbler – Reports continued through December. None in January. 1 at William Whitley House State Shrine, *Lincoln*, 18 February (wr DL, ph TQ, JSO). 2 at Freeman Lake, *Hardin*, 26 February (wr JnS).

Summer Tanager – Second winter record. 1 at Frankfort, *Franklin*, late November - mid-January (ph AWE; Facebook).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak – Unusual to have three in December. 1 at Slaughters, *Hopkins*, 7 December (ph ChA). 1 near Lakeview Park, *Fayette*, 10 December (ChV, BaV). 1 west of Burnside SP, *Pulaski*, 14 December (wr JmP).

Indigo Bunting – Very rare in winter, 1 at Bugtussle, *Monroe*, seen 29 January, but found dead 31 January (ph ErS).

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LOCATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS (*Italics indicate a county name.*)

CBC = Christmas Bird Count

KBRC = Kentucky Bird Records Committee

KY = Kentucky

KY Dam = Kentucky Dam, *Livingston/Marshall*

Lexington, *Fayette*

Long Point = KY portion of the Long Point Unit, Reelfoot NWR, *Fulton*

Louisville, *Jefferson*

Morgan Pond, nw. of Oak Grove, s. *Christian*

RA = Recreation Area

SP = State Park

Sauerheber Unit = Sauerheber Unit, Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*

WastePath /Clean Earth Facility, Shar-Cal Road, w. of Calvert City, *Marshall* [Must have your own safety vest to visit this location.]

WMA = Wildlife Management Area



Barn Owl – *Wayne*, 5 January 2019, Ray Bontrager

OBSERVERS

multiple observers (m.ob.)	Angela Wilkins Ellis (AWE)	Ray Reeder (RyR)
	Samantha Fluke (SmF)	Rickey Shive (RcS)
Charles Andrews (ChA)	Graham Gerdeman (GrG)	Damien Simbeck (DSi)
Sharon Arnold (ShA)	Steve Graham (SG)	Eric Smith (ErS)
Jamie Baker (JBa)	Teresa Graham (TG)	Greg Smith (GSm)
Tom Becker (TB)	Joseph Hall (JoH)	Jennifer Snyder (JnS)
Jane Bell (JB)	Eric Hope (EH)	Jerry Snyder (JrS)
Pat Bell (PB)	David Lang (DL)	Jeff Sole (JSo)
Carol Besse (CB)	Marjorie Lehman (MrL)	Pam Spaulding (PS)
Clay Bliznick (CBz)	Andrew Lydeard (AnL)	Ruben Stoll (RbS)
Lyle Bontrager (LyB)	Frank Lyne (FL)	Jeremy Teague (JrT)
Ray Bontrager (RB)	Karen McFarland (KMF)	Michael Todd (MT)
Nancy Braun (NBr)	Kelly McKay (KIM)	Debby Tyson (DT)
John Callahan (JCI)	Mark Monroe (MM)	Steve Tyson (ST)
Michael Callan (MiC)	Teresa Noel (TrN)	Barbara Vellios (BaV)
Robert Chadwick (RbC)	Ronan O'Carra (ROC)	Charles Vellios (ChV)
Hap Chambers (HC)	Abra Osorio (AbO)	Brian Vigorito (BrV)
Roseanna Denton (RD)	Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (BPB)	Ted Wolff (TdW)
Tammy Devine (TmD)	James Perlowski (JmP)	Brian Wulker (BWu)
Gary Dorman (GrD)	Tommy Quarles (TQ)	Ben Yandell (BY)
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**SUMMARY OF eBIRD REPORTS
DECEMBER 2018 - FEBRUARY 2019**

Ben Yandell and Teresa Noel

This table summarizes eBird reports by species and month. Column headings are as follows:

Species	Common name. ALL CAPS if the species requires KBRC review. Species name in bold , if reported on fewer than 20 lists.
#cos.	Number of counties with a report of the species
earliest	Date of the first report of the season; blank if the species is usually present before the season begins.
latest	Date of the last report of the season; blank if the species is usually present after the season ends.
max	Maximum count in a single report.
[month]	Number of reports [not number of birds] that listed the species during the month, counting grouped reports only once. Comparing across the season's months may give a rough idea of arrival and departure patterns for species that migrate.
counties	If species reported in five or fewer counties, lists the counties with a report. Counties listed from most to fewest number of reports.

Example of how to interpret the table

species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Dec	Jan	Feb	counties
Tundra Swan	3			11	4	2	10	Hopkins, Henderson, Butler

Tundra Swan was reported from 3 counties, and the last column lists those counties. Earliest and latest dates are not shown, because the species had been reported in late November, and Tundra Swan typically continues to be reported after February. The highest count of individual birds was 11. Most of the reports were in February.

December 2018 - February 2019: Summary of eBird reports

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Dec	Jan	Feb	Counties
Snow Goose	24			12000	33	57	24	
Ross's Goose	15			40	18	14	13	
Greater White-fronted Goose	21			2500	28	57	24	
Cackling Goose	14			43	6	16	17	
Canada Goose	85			800	406	642	736	
Mute Swan	10			3	11	28	23	
TRUMPETER SWAN	1	20 Dec	25 Feb	3	2	5	3	Fulton
Tundra Swan	3			11	4	2	10	Hopkins, Henderson, Butler
Wood Duck	42			55	35	27	76	
Blue-winged Teal	5	30 Jan		2		1	10	Puls, Jeff, Warr, Hard, Larue
Northern Shoveler	33			230	69	101	119	
Gadwall	49			400	126	179	172	
American Wigeon	27			200	25	41	61	
Mallard	73			5000	442	579	546	
American Black Duck	34			38	53	60	30	
Northern Pintail	30			250	27	46	69	
Green-winged Teal	30			200	46	58	73	
Canvasback	41			150	18	41	131	
Redhead	46			152	32	103	152	
Ring-necked Duck	52			500	84	80	150	
Greater Scaup	28			64	17	34	87	
Lesser Scaup	41			1215	53	100	139	
White-winged Scoter	7		27 Feb	7	1	1	18	
Black Scoter	3		16 Dec	2	6			Jefferson, Casey, Hardin
Long-tailed Duck	5	7 Dec	26 Feb	1	3		11	Hopk, Fayt, Chrs, Mrsh, John
Bufflehead	38			160	102	130	160	
Common Goldeneye	38			450	69	119	115	

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Hooded Merganser	50			400	136	181	130	
Common Merganser	14			8	16	23	13	
Red-breasted Merganser	20			85	20	11	41	
Ruddy Duck	25			85	49	46	67	
Northern Bobwhite	15			20	11	15	8	
Ruffed Grouse	1			1	1			Wolfe
Wild Turkey	55			164	77	69	85	
Pied-billed Grebe	52			52	185	175	140	
Horned Grebe	28			135	95	69	96	
Red-necked Grebe	1	23 Dec	9 Feb	3	1	15	5	Marshall
Eared Grebe	3		21 Feb	3	7	6	11	Russell, Marshall
Rock Pigeon	67			600	135	230	184	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	22			35	11	48	39	
Mourning Dove	97			365	626	966	936	
Virginia Rail	2	5 Dec	6 Jan	2	2	1		Muhlenberg, Jefferson
American Coot	34			75	68	70	109	
Sandhill Crane	41			6000	126	66	74	
Whooping Crane	1	12 Feb	16 Feb	6			2	Hopkins
Killdeer	72			352	132	222	389	
Least Sandpiper	1	10 Dec		1	1			Todd
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	27 Feb		1			1	Logan
American Woodcock	17			40	4	2	31	
Wilson's Snipe	25			94	28	31	26	
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	15 Feb		1			3	Warren, Christian
Bonaparte's Gull	27			1056	88	87	59	
Franklin's Gull	2		31 Jan	2	6	1		Marshall, Jefferson
Ring-billed Gull	49			18000	198	272	227	
CALIFORNIA GULL	1	8 Feb	25 Feb	1			2	Marshall

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Herring Gull	22			1500	57	77	50	
Iceland Gull	3		18 Feb	4	3	20	7	Marshall, Livingston, Lyon
Lesser Black-backed Gull	4			17	25	22	13	Mrsh, Lyon, Livn, Hard
Glaucous Gull	2		25 Feb	4	5	10	8	Marshall, Livingston
Great Black-backed Gull	1	20 Jan	2 Feb	1		4	1	Marshall
Forster's Tern	2			35	7	7	6	Marshall, Calloway
Red-throated Loon	3	9 Jan	25 Feb	3		1	13	Russell, Marshall
Common Loon	18			25	69	38	35	
Double-crested Cormorant	23			1000	37	33	22	
American White Pelican	6			200	27	42	41	
BROWN PELICAN	1	5 Jan	8 Jan	1		4		Livingston
American Bittern	1	15 Dec		1	1			Fulton
Great Blue Heron	76			67	381	432	342	
Great Egret	11		5 Feb	6	30	18	1	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3		17 Feb	2	13	8	2	Marshall, Jefferson, Madison
Black Vulture	78			150	296	354	330	
Turkey Vulture	88			1200	361	412	504	
Golden Eagle	8	9 Dec	19 Feb	5	10	6	2	
Northern Harrier	51			18	91	111	70	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	38			2	44	41	18	
Cooper's Hawk	60			3	132	120	94	
Bald Eagle	57			21	178	204	140	
Red-shouldered Hawk	65			9	201	230	184	
Red-tailed Hawk	94			12	360	444	394	
Barn Owl	6			2	5	5	1	
Eastern Screech-Owl	24			4	17	27	9	
Great Horned Owl	32			3	40	40	23	
Barred Owl	38			7	36	27	13	

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Short-eared Owl	12	10 Dec		4	16	24	7	
Belted Kingfisher	69			7	231	218	190	
Red-headed Woodpecker	47			18	83	90	57	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	97			21	737	845	703	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	57			11	138	135	64	
Downy Woodpecker	95			13	773	902	700	
Hairy Woodpecker	59			7	154	166	125	
Northern Flicker	80			22	406	374	255	
Pileated Woodpecker	87			10	207	209	163	
American Kestrel	89			14	285	405	336	
Merlin	17			2	26	20	7	
Peregrine Falcon	9			2	6	8	10	
Eastern Phoebe	48			7	68	67	47	
SAY'S PHOEBE	1	18 Dec	22 Dec	1	11			Barren
Loggerhead Shrike	19			2	19	15	13	
White-eyed Vireo	1	17 Dec		1	1			McCracken
Blue-headed Vireo	1	5 Jan		1		1		Marshall
Blue Jay	99			132	874	969	813	
American Crow	108			1000	749	824	814	
Fish Crow	4	6 Jan		18		3	13	Mrsh, Clwy, Lyon, Fult
Common Raven	4	28 Jan	13 Feb	2		3	1	Floy, John, Lawr, Morg
Horned Lark	38			200	54	121	92	
Tree Swallow	4	25 Feb		8			5	Logn, Fult, Muhl, Warr
Barn Swallow	1	17 Feb		1			1	Christian
Carolina Chickadee	103			41	903	1055	878	
Tufted Titmouse	102			81	727	892	746	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	53			69	252	222	150	
White-breasted Nuthatch	94			32	529	549	431	

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BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH	2			3	1	2	4	
Brown Creeper	51			6	165	147	85	Laurel, Marshall
House Wren	7	7 Dec	16 Jan	1	7	4		
Winter Wren	37			11	61	35	16	
Marsh Wren	3	30 Dec	12 Feb	2	2	2	3	Muhlenberg, Marshall, Henderson
Carolina Wren	95			24	720	864	656	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	72			22	208	150	102	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	39			16	74	74	34	
Eastern Bluebird	94			59	380	394	416	
Hermit Thrush	43			14	78	58	35	
American Robin	95			5000	490	849	927	
Gray Catbird	4			2	6	9	6	Jeff, Adair, Mads, Laurel
Brown Thrasher	35			9	44	46	23	
Northern Mockingbird	86			14	434	550	513	
European Starling	97			25000	652	1080	944	
Cedar Waxwing	38			60	60	40	10	
House Sparrow	70			53	226	410	386	
American Pipit	13			200	5	24	14	
EVENING GROSBEAK	3	23 Dec	18 Feb	2	1	1	1	Franklin, Jefferson, Pulaski
House Finch	69			53	474	651	531	
Purple Finch	52			40	111	98	109	
Pine Siskin	23			52	50	79	50	
American Goldfinch	96			100	625	689	480	
Lapland Longspur	17			100	11	29	4	
Eastern Towhee	80			28	247	298	269	
American Tree Sparrow	31			15	20	37	46	
Chipping Sparrow	33			35	39	45	40	
Field Sparrow	65			58	164	175	113	

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Vesper Sparrow	1		31 Dec	1	1			
Savannah Sparrow	33			50	35	53	36	McCracken
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	31 Jan		1		1		Jefferson
LeConte's Sparrow	2	17 Dec	15 Jan	5	3	1		Ballard, Ohio
Fox Sparrow	39		28 Feb	13	46	63	49	
Song Sparrow	99			72	608	748	732	
Lincoln's Sparrow	2	15 Dec	5 Jan	1	1	1		Fulton, Lyon
Swamp Sparrow	58			50	140	144	79	
White-throated Sparrow	91			86	613	767	492	
HARRIS'S SPARROW	1			1	3	4	11	Logan
White-crowned Sparrow	57			42	122	181	127	
Dark-eyed Junco	85			100	574	675	453	
Eastern Meadowlark	57			100	132	189	241	
Western Meadowlark	1	15 Dec	16 Jan	2	1	3		Fulton
Red-winged Blackbird	71			20000	109	184	503	
Brown-headed Cowbird	47			1000	45	94	106	
Rusty Blackbird	31			400	28	36	38	
Brewer's Blackbird	6	29 Dec	25 Feb	250	1	1	5	
Common Grackle	64			100000	78	123	307	
Black-and-white Warbler	1		16 Dec	1	1			Jefferson
Orange-crowned Warbler	6	4 Jan		1		3	4	
Common Yellowthroat	2	15 Dec	6 Jan	1	1	1		Fulton, Henderson
Cape May Warbler	1	4 Dec	5 Dec	1	2			Oldham
Palm Warbler	8			2	7		2	
Pine Warbler	9			4	6	23	20	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	63			37	96	126	100	
Northern Cardinal	107			116	1049	1414	1188	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3	7 Dec	14 Dec	1	3			Fayette, Hopkins, Pulaski
Indigo Bunting	1	29 Jan		1	1	1		Monroe



Trumpeter Swan – *Fulton*, 1 February 2019, Timothy Jones

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Virginia and Wendell Kingsolver Scholarship Award

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1. Long-tailed Duck – Johnson Co., 7 December 2018, Ray Reeder; **2. Say's Phoebe** – Barren Co., 19 December 2018, Rickey Shive; **3. Eared Grebe** (2) with Horned Grebes – Russell Co., 26 December 2018, Roseanna Denton **4. Evening Grosbeak** – Pulaski Co., 30 January 2019, Roseanna Denton; **5. Brown-headed Nuthatch** – Laurel Co., 9 February 2019, James Wheat