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- Hermit Thrush
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Birds seen on January 20th along the Great Miami River were Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Hooded Merganser, Ring-necked Duck, Pied-billed Grebe, and American Coot. Birds seen at Caesar Creek State Park were Red-shouldered Hawk and Yellow-rumped Warbler.

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Southwestern Ohio (Dayton) Rare Bird Alert

January 30, 2008

Compiled by Ralph Dennler

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- Red-throated Loon
- Marsh Wren
- Sandhill Crane

Sandhill Cranes were seen flying over Town & Country Shopping Center today and several hundred Snow Buntings were observed on Walnut Grove Rd. near Troy.

Seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area on February 12th were Marsh Wren; White-throated, White-crowned, American Tree and Song Sparrow; Purple Finch, American Wigeon, American Coot and Northern Harrier.

A Red-throated Loon was observed at Caesar Creek Lake February 9th.

At Killdeer Plains that same day seen were Long-eared Owl, Greater White-fronted Goose, Snow Geese in both phases, Trumpeter Swan, American Black Duck, Northern Pintail, Hooded Merganser, Lesser Scaup, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Rough-legged Hawk, Horned Lark and Red-winged Blackbird.
The highlights of this report are:

- **Red-shouldered Hawk**
- **Black and Turkey Vultures**
- **Surf and White-winged Scoters**

A White-winged Scoter was seen at Cowan Lake on February 17th, as well as Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, and Bufflehead.

On February 16th seen at Aullwood Gardens were Eastern Bluebird, Turkey Vulture, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; Downy and Red-bellied Woodpecker; Belted Kingfisher, and Tufted Titmouse.

On February 16th, observed at the gravel pit on Roxanna-New Burlington Rd. were Tundra Swan, Canvasback, American Wigeon, Black Duck, Northern Pintail, Common Merganser, and Sandhill Crane.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark on February 15th were an immature Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Pintail, Black Duck, Hermit Thrush, and Brown Creeper.

Observed at a private feeder in Centerville on February 15th was a Red-shouldered
Hawk.

On February 15th, seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area were Sandhill Crane, Red-shouldered Hawk; Swamp and White-crowned Sparrow; and Blue Jay.

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- **Northern Goshawk**
- **First-of-season Tree Swallows**

On March 5, first of the season Tree Swallows were seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area, while Common Grackles were observed at the gravel pit on Roxanna-New Burlington Rd.

A immature Northern Goshawk continues to be seen at an Englewood residence.

Observed at Killdeer Plains on March 3rd were 46 species, including Eastern Meadowlark, Horned Lark, Northern Shrike, Lesser Scaup, Hooded Merganser; Ringnecked and Black Duck; Mallard, Redhead, American Wigeon, Gadwall, Canvasback, Green-winged Teal, and Northern Bobwhite.

On March 3rd, Lesser Scaup and Common Goldeneye were seen at Eastwood MetroPark, while Eastern Bluebirds were observed at Englewood MetroPark and Aullwood Gardens.

On March 3rd, Killdeer were seen overhead at Spring Valley Wildlife Area.

On March 2nd, seen at Buck Creek State Park were White-fronted Goose, Tundra Swan; Common, Hooded and Red-breasted Merganser; Lesser and Greater Scaup; and Northern Pintail.

On March 2nd, observed at Killdeer Plains were Tundra, Mute and Trumpeter Swan;
Bald Eagle, Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Harrier; Long-eared and Short-eared Owl; Lapland Longspur, Horned Lark and Snow Bunting.

A Yellow-rumped Warbler was seen at Hills & Dales MetroPark on February 24th.

On February 23rd, seen at Englewood MetroPark were Hermit Thrush and Canvasback.

On February 23rd, Pine Siskins were seen at a private feeder in Trotwood.

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- Wilson's Snipe
- Great Egret
- Eastern Phoebe

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Seen at Big Island Wildlife Area on March 17th were Great Egret, Tundra Swan, Bald Eagle, Rough-legged Hawk, Wilson's Snipe, Rusty Blackbird, and many waterfowl.

On March 17th, large numbers of Tundra Swan were seen at Killdeer Plains, as well as Short-eared Owl, Sandhill Crane, and many Blue-winged Teal.

On March 17th, observed at Aullwood Gardens were Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Towhee, Eastern Bluebird, and Carolina Wren, while an Eastern Phoebe was also seen at Hills & Dales MetroPark.

On March 17th, seen at Englewood MetroPark north park were Eastern Meadowlark, Hooded Merganser, Common Goldeneye, Lesser and Greater Scaup, Bufflehead and Common Loon. (The Common Loon was seen on the pond opposite the park).

Observed on March 16th at C.J. Brown Reservoir were 16 species of ducks, including White-winged Scoter as well as Greater White-fronted Goose.
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Southwestern Ohio (Dayton)
Rare Bird Alert

March 25, 2008

Compiled by Ralph Dennler

The highlights of this report are:

- First-of-the-Season Field Sparrow
- First-of-the-Season Osprey
- American White Pelican
- Common Loon

Large numbers and types of waterfowl continue to be seen through the Miami Valley.

A Great Horned Owl is nesting at Charleston Falls.

On March 25th, a first-of-the-season Field Sparrow was seen at Englewood MetroPark.

Observed March 24th at a Germantown residential feeder were Pine Warbler, Pine Siskin, and a Purple Finch.

On March 24th, 3 American White Pelicans were seen at C.J. Brown Reservoir.

On March 24th, observed at Englewood MetroPark north park were Great Egret, Redhead, Lesser Scaup, and Mallard; Ruddy and Black Duck; and Blue-winged and Green-winged Teal.

On March 23rd, the Merlin at Germantown MetroPark was again seen near the entrance to the Nature Center. It has also been seen in the vicinity of the picnic shelters.

On March 23rd, Hooded, Common, and Red-breasted Merganser; Common Loon; and Horned, Eared, and Pied-billed Grebe as well as Eastern Meadowlark, Double-crested Cormorant, and Sandhill Crane were seen at Grand Lake St. Marys, while 2 female Surf Scoters were observed at the Fish Hatchery.

Seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area on March 21st were 2 Bald Eagles, Osprey, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Meadowlark, Yellow-rumped Warbler, and Red-shouldered Hawk.
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- First-of-the-Season Golden-crowned Kinglet
- First-of-the-Season Brown Thrasher
- Eastern Bluebird

A white Common Grackle continues to be seen in a field bordering Dog Leg Rd. near Jackson Rd.

On April 3rd Brown Thrasher, Eastern Meadowlark, and Northern Mockingbird were seen at Germantown MetroPark.

Observed at Aullwood Gardens on April 2nd were 37 species, including Golden-crowned Kinglet; Barn and Tree Swallow; Yellow-rumped Warbler, Dark-eyed Junco, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and Field Sparrow.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark north park on April 1st were Lesser Scaup, Hooded Merganser, and Pied-billed Grebe, while Double-crested Cormorants were observed at the main park.

Seen at Eastwood MetroPark on March 29th and 30th were Horned Grebe.
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Rare Bird Alert

April 8, 2008

Compiled by Ralph Dennler

The highlights of this report are:

- First-of-the-Season Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Palm Warbler
- Yellow-throated Warbler
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- American Golden Plover

On April 8th seen at Englewood MetroPark were Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Winter Wren, Yellow-throated Warbler, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and Field and Song Sparrow.

Palm Warbler and Ruby-crowned Kinglet were seen at Woodland Cemetery on April 7th.

On April 7th at Spring Valley Wildlife Area, seen were Swamp Sparrow, Marsh Wren, Red-shouldered Hawk, and Purple Finch, while Sora were heard.

On April 7th, seen near Ansonia were American Golden Plover, Pectoral Sandpiper, Horned Lark, and Tundra Swan.

Observed at Spring Valley Wildlife Area on April 5th were first-of-the-season Northern Rough-winged Swallow and Winter Wren.

The highlights of this report are:

- **First-of-the-Season Northern Waterthrush**
- **Green Heron**

On April 11th seen at Englewood MetroPark were Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Double-crested Cormorant, Cackling Goose, Yellow-rumped Warbler; Field, and Song Sparrow; and a nesting Eastern Phoebe.

Observed at Englewood MetroPark on April 10th were Double-crested Cormorant, Great Egret, and Green Heron.

Seen at Aullwood Gardens on April 9th were Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-throated warbler, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Northern Waterthrush, and Chipping Sparrow.

A Louisiana Waterthrush was heard singing at Brukner Nature Center April 8th.

On April 8th, a Barn Swallow was seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area.
Compiled by Ralph Dennler

The highlights of this report are:

- Blue Grosbeak
- Horned Grebe
- Osprey

On April 14th seen at Brukner Nature Center were Winter Wren, Eastern Towhee, Yellow-throated Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

On April 14th observed at Englewood MetroPark north park were Barn, Tree and Northern Rough-winged Swallow.

Horned Grebe were seen at Englewood MetroPark on April 13th.

On April 13th a male Blue Grosbeak was photographed eating corn meant for the squirrels at a residence in the Englewood area.

During the Dayton Audubon Society walk on April 12th seen were Pine, Yellow-throated, and Yellow-rumped Warbler; Northern Parula, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Osprey, Black Vulture, Swamp Sparrow, Sora, Virginia Rail and Forster's Tern.

On April 12th observed at Community Golf Course were Pine Warbler, Hermit Thrush and Ruby-crowned Kinglet.
Male Blue Grosbeak in an Englewood area backyard April 13th.
Photo by Cheryl McCoy

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- **First-of-the-season Prothonotary Warbler**
- **White-eyed Vireo**
- **Greater Yellowlegs**
- **Black-crowned Night-Heron**

A White-eyed Vireo was heard singing at Spring Valley Wildlife Area on April 17th, while 3 Osprey were seen.

Seen on April 16th at Spring Valley Wildlife Area were Prothonotary, Yellow-throated, and Yellow-rumped Warbler; Louisiana Waterthrush, Mute Swan, Sora, Virginia Rail, Pileated Woodpecker, and Osprey.

On April 16th, Black-crowned Night-Heron and Greater Yellowlegs were seen at Englewood MetroPark north park.

On April 16th, an immature Bald Eagle was observed flying over the meadow at Englewood MetroPark.

Blue-winged Warblers were observed at the Aullwood Audubon Center feeder on April 15th.
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The highlights of this report are:

- Migrating Warblers
- First-of-the-season Baltimore Oriole
- First-of-the-season Ruby-throated Hummingbird

The following warblers are being seen throughout the Miami Valley in places such as Spring Valley Wildlife Area and Englewood MetroPark: Yellow, Yellow-rumped, Yellow-throated, Blue-winged, Prothonotary, Palm, and Northern Parula.

A first-of-the-season Baltimore Oriole was observed at Spring Valley Wildlife Area this evening, while a first-of-the-season Ruby-throated Hummingbird was seen at a private residence on Martindale Road today.

Caspian Terns were seen at Caesar Creek Lake beach today.

Black-and-white, Nashville, and Black-throated Green Warblers were seen at a residence in Butler Township north of Dayton.

A Black-crowned Night-Heron continues to be seen at Englewood MetroPark north park.

On April 21st, a female Purple Martin was seen at Aullwood Gardens.

On April 22nd, a Solitary Sandpiper was observed at Englewood MetroPark.

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- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Migrating Warblers

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On April 27th a Lark Sparrow was seen at Oakes Quarry Park. This Fairborn city park is located just east of the intersection of IR675 and SR 235 on 235.

On April 27th, seen at Hills and Dales MetroPark were Worm-eating, Bay-breasted, and Chestnut-sided Warblers.

On April 27th, American Pipits were seen in the spillway of Caesar Creek Lake dam.

On April 18th, seen at Ronald Reagan Park (also known as Voice of America Park) were Bobolink and Henslow's Sparrow.

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- Warblers
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Dunlin

Indigo Buntings and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are being seen throughout the area.

On May 16th seen at Englewood MetroPark were Northern Parula; Magnolia and Blue-winged Warbler, and Yellow-breasted Chat, while a Wilson's Warbler was seen at a Butler Twp. residence.

On May 15th a Summer Tanager was observed at Aullwood Audubon Center, while Green Heron, Eastern Kingbird, Blue Grosbeak, Willow Flycatcher, Common Yellowthroat, and Yellow Warbler were seen at Englewood MetroPark north park. Hooded Warbler was seen at John Bryan State Park.

On May 15th Long-billed Dowitcher and Dunlin were observed at the corner of Olinger Court and David's Drive near Wilmington.

On May 13th seen at Shawnee Prairie Reserve in Darke County were Red-headed Woodpecker, Northern Parula, Common Yellowthroat; Nashville, Yellow, Magnolia, Yellow-rumped, and Palm Warbler; Chipping, Swamp and Song Sparrow, and Great-crested Flycatcher.

Seen at Buck Creek State Park on May 12th were Sanderling, Spotted Sandpiper; and Caspian, Forster's, Common, and Least Tern.
Blackburnian Warbler at Englewood MetroPark 5/10/08
Photo by Stan Lessig
The highlights of this report are:

- Wilson's Phalarope
- Black-necked Stilt

Bobolinks are being observed regularly at Huffman Prairie. A pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers is nesting on the edge of the Prothonotary clearing next to the bike path at Spring Valley Wildlife Area.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark on May 29th were Mourning Warbler, and Acadian and Willow Flycatcher.

On May 28th Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoo, Red-eyed and White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated and Prothonotary Warbler, and Yellow-breasted Chat were seen at Englewood MetroPark.

On May 28th, observed at Aullwood Gardens was Palm Warbler.

On May 28, seen at Englewood MetroPark north park were Blue Grosbeak; Orchard and Baltimore Oriole, Eastern Kingbird, Green Heron, Willow Flycatcher, Yellow Warbler, and Common Yellowthroat.

Observed at Caesar Creek Lake beach on May 27th were Laughing Gull and Spotted Sandpiper.

A Dickcissel was seen south of Blanchester at Garrison Corner's Cemetery on May 26th.
On May 26th seen at Big Island Wildlife Area (which is between Kenton and Marion) were Black-necked Stilt, Spotted Sandpiper, Great Egret, Trumpeter Swan, and Wilson's Phalarope.

On May 26th observed at Indian Lake State Park were Black Tern, Laughing Gull, Ruddy Turnstone, and Sanderling.

On May 25th a Blue Grosbeak was seen at Twin Valley MetroPark in the scenic view area.

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The highlights of this report are:

- Wilson's Phalarope
- Black Rail

Blue Grosbeaks continue to be seen at Twin Valley MetroPark and Englewood MetroPark north park.

Many birders have seen or heard a Black Rail at Charlie's Pond in Pickaway County.

Both male and female Wilson's Phalarope were seen at Big Island Wildlife Area June 2nd.

On June 2nd, 49 species were observed at Aullwood Gardens, including Red-eyed, Warbling and Yellow-throated Vireo; Prothonotary, Yellow-rumped and Yellow Warbler; Northern Parula, Acadian Flycatcher, Scarlet Tanager, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Cedar Waxwing.

On May 30th a Cerulean Warbler was reported at John Bryan State Park.
The highlights of this report are:

- Burrowing Owl
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Dickcissel

A Burrowing Owl has been seen in the Greenville area by several observers over the past week.

On June 24th, 28 species were seen at Hobart Urban Nature Preserve in Troy, including Grasshopper and Field Sparrow; Dickcissel, and Baltimore and Orchard Oriole. This 80 acre grassland park is accessed by taking the Route 55 exit off of IR 75 east and then turning left at the first street which is Dorsett. Just continue until you see park sign on right side of road.

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- **Common Nighthawk**
- **Shorebirds**

On July 29th Semipalmated Plover and Lesser Yellowlegs were seen at Englewood MetroPark.

Seen at that location July 27th were Wood Duck, Cedar Waxwing, Semipalmated Plover; Solitary, Spotted and Least Sandpiper.

That same day observed at the Mercer County Wildlife Area were Semipalmated Plover, Lesser Yellowlegs, Short-billed Dowitcher; Solitary, Spotted and Least Sandpiper:

Observed at Englewood MetroPark on the 26th through the 28th was a Great Egret while a Yellow-billed Cuckoo was seen at Englewood MetroPark north park.

On the 26th Common Nighthawks were seen flying over an Englewood residence while at the Englewood MetroPark north park immature Blue Grosbeak, Common Yellowthroat, Willow Flycatcher; Bank, Barn and Tree Swallows were observed.

At Huffman Prairie seen on the 24th were 35 species including Dickcissel, Least Flycatcher, Blue Grosbeak and Eastern Meadowlark.
The highlights of this report are:

- **Peregrine Falcon**
- **Merlin**

An American White Pelican continues to be seen at Old Reid Park in Springfield and nearby Buck Creek State Park.

On August 6th a singing male Blue Grosbeak and a female were seen at Englewood MetroPark north park.

On August 6, observed at Englewood MetroPark were: a Peregrine Falcon, Great Egret, Solitary Sandpiper, and an immature Red-tailed Hawk.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark on August 4th were Great Horned Owl, Great Egret, Lesser Yellowlegs; Least, Pectoral, Spotted and Solitary Sandpiper; Semipalmated Plover, and Double-crested Cormorant.

On August 4th, a Merlin was observed at Englewood MetroPark, as well as many Killdeer; and Spotted, Solitary, Least, and Pectoral Sandpiper.
The highlights of this report are:

- Caspian Tern
- Black Tern

Seen August 12th at Englewood MetroPark were Pileated Woodpecker, Great Egret, Cedar Waxwing, Eastern Towhee, Indigo Bunting, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and Catbird.

Numbers of Baltimore Orioles and Dickcissels were observed at Brukner Nature Center on August 11th.

On August 11, seen at Englewood MetroPark were 22 species including Great Egret, Short-billed Dowitcher; Least, Pectoral, Spotted, and Solitary Sandpiper; Semipalmated Plover, Black Tern and large numbers of Chimney Swifts; and Barn, Tree and Northern Rough-winged Swallow.

Both a Caspian and a Black Tern were seen at Englewood MetroPark on August 10th.
The highlights of this report are:

- **Migrating Hawks**

  Seen August 15th at Englewood MetroPark north park were Red-shouldered, Red-tailed, Broad-winged, and Sharp-shinned Hawks.

  Seen at Englewood MetroPark main park August 15 were Spotted, Least, Solitary, and Pectoral Sandpiper; Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs; and Great Egret. A Great Horned Owl continues to be seen near the lagoon.

  Observed August 15 at Sycamore State Park near the intersection of Sebolt and Snake Rds. were Sedge Wren, Northern Harrier, and Purple Martin.

  A Krider’s Hawk was reported near New Carlisle on August 13th.

  On August 13, a Bonaparte’s Gull in winter plumage was observed at Caesar Creek lake beach.
The highlights of this report are:

- Bald Eagle
- Migrating Shorebirds

Seen August 26th at Englewood MetroPark were Canada Warbler, Warbling Vireo, immature Bald Eagle; Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plover; Pectoral, Solitary and Least Sandpiper; and Great Egret and Pileated Woodpecker.

On August 26th, Blue Grosbeak was observed at Englewood MetroPark north park.

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On August 25th a Bald Eagle was seen near the gravel pit on Roxanna-New Burlington Rd. There have been reports of an Eagle in this area over the past week. Also observed along the bike path there were Blue Grosbeak, and Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawk.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark north park on August 22nd were Osprey and Green Heron.

On August 22nd seen on the Great Miami River near the Carillon Park were Semipalmated, Least, Western, White-rumped, and Pectoral Sandpiper.

On August 20th Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Great Egret were seen at Englewood MetroPark.
The highlights of this report are:

- American Golden Plover
- Wilson's Phalarope

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September 3, 2008

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The highlights of this report are:

- Peregrine Falcon
- Wilson's Phalarope
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper

On September 2nd seen at Englewood MetroPark were American Golden-plover; Buff-breasted, Stilt, Western, Solitary, Semipalmated, Pectoral, Least and Spotted Sandpiper; Wilson's Phalarope, Lesser Yellowlegs, Great Egret, Blue Heron, and Great Horned Owl.

A Peregrine Falcon was seen September 1st at an Englewood residence.

On September 1st observed at Hills and Dales MetroPark were Canada, Chestnut-sided, Black-and-white, Nashville, Mourning, and Magnolia Warblers and American Redstart.

On August 30th seen at Englewood MetroPark were Least Flycatcher, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Wood-Peevee, American Redstart, and Magnolia Warbler.

Blue Grosbeak continue to be seen at Englewood MetroPark north park.
The highlights of this report are:

- **Migrating Warblers**

Ruby-throated Hummingbirds continue to be seen throughout the area.

On September 22nd seen at Aullwood Gardens were Cooper's Hawk, Gray Catbird, Cedar Waxwing, White-eyed Vireo, and Field Sparrow.

On September 22nd observed at Spring Valley Wildlife Area were Cape May Warblers and Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark north park on September 21st was Osprey, while observed at the main park were Black-throated Green, Magnolia, and Chestnut-sided Warbler; Pileated Woodpecker, House Wren, Cooper's Hawk, Field Sparrow, Cedar Waxwing, Chimney Swift, Eastern Towhee, Gray Catbird, and White-eyed Vireo.

On September 21st at Germantown MetroPark seen were Yellow, Magnolia, Yellow-rumped, Blackburnian, Yellow-throated, and Black-and-white Warbler; American Redstart, Yellow-breasted Chat, Barred Owl, Yellow-billed Cuckoo; and Warbling and Red-eyed Vireo.

A Red-breasted Nuthatch was seen at Woodland Cemetery on September 13th, while a Swainson's and Gray-cheeked Thrush were observed at Hills and Dales MetroPark.
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August 29, 2008

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- American Golden Plover
- Wilson's Phalarope

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October 1, 2008

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The highlights of this report are:

- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Wilson's Snipe
- Scarlet Tanager

Seen at Englewood MetroPark on September 30th were Ring-billed Gull, Northern Parula; Yellow-rumped, Black-and-white, Black-throated Green, and Magnolia Warbler; American Redstart, and numerous Red-winged Blackbirds.

At Englewood MetroPark on September 29 observed were Black-and-white Warbler, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird; White-eyed and Red-eyed Vireo; Common Snipe, Long-billed Dowitcher, and Great Horned Owl.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark on September 28th were Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Snipe, Lesser Yellowlegs; Solitary, Spotted, Pectoral, Least, and Stilt Sandpiper; Semipalmated Plover, Green-winged Teal, numerous Cedar Waxwings, and Sharp-shinned Hawk; while Osprey and Great Egret were observed at the north park.

A Scarlet Tanager was seen at Aullwood Gardens on September 27th.

On September 27th seen at Englewood MetroPark were Brown Thrasher and Gray Catbird.

On September 24, 44 species were observed at Spring Valley Wildlife Area, including Double-crested Cormorant; Philadelphia, Warbling and Red-eyed Vireo; Swainson's Thrush; Magnolia, Cape May, Yellow-rumped, and Wilson's Warbler; Common Yellowthroat, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Yellow-billed Cuckoo.
The highlights of this report are:

- Ruddy Duck
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow

A Bonaparte's Gull was seen at Caesar Creek Lake beach on October 15th.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark north park on the 14th were Chimney Swift and Swamp Sparrow.

Seen on October 13th at Englewood MetroPark north park were a female Blue Grosbeak and two immatures.

Observed at Grand Lake St. Mary's on October 12th were American Coot: Franklin's, Ring-billed and Herring Gull; Osprey, 3 immature Bald Eagles, Double-crested Cormorant, and Great Crested Flycatcher.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark north park on October 12th were Osprey, Palm Warbler, American Coot, Wood Duck, White-crowned Sparrow, and numerous Red-winged Blackbirds.

White-crowned Sparrows were seen north of Brookville on October 11th.

Observed on October 10th at Englewood MetroPark were Ruddy and Ring-necked Duck; Pied-billed Grebe; Blue-winged and Green-winged Teal; Long-billed Dowitcher, Eastern Wood-Pewee, and numerous Yellow-rumped Warblers.
The President of the Dayton Audubon Society has been informed by the Greene County Game Warden that a pair of Swans were shot at Spring Valley Wildlife Reserve on or around Oct 6th or 7th. If anyone saw anything odd or out of the ordinary or has any information that would help them find out who did this, then please call 1-800-poacher (1-800-762-2437).

The highlights of this report are:

- Wild Turkey
- Waterfowl

Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers and Dark-eyed Juncos are being reported throughout the area.

Pine Siskins have been seen at an Englewood residence's feeder since October 29th.

Seen on November 2nd at Buck Creek State Park was Wild Turkey.

On November 2nd seen at Englewood MetroPark north park were Bald Eagle and Horned Lark. Just east of the park a quarter mile, a Snow Goose was observed on a small farm pond.

On November 2nd seen at Rocky Fork Lake were Least and Pectoral Sandpiper; Dunlin, Wilson's Snipe, American Pipit, Mute Swan, Northern Shoveler, Lesser Scaup; Hooded and Red-breasted Merganser; Ruddy Duck, Common Loon; Pied-billed and Horned Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant and American Coot.
On November 2nd a Surf Scoter was seen at Caesar Creek Lake.

On November 2nd observed at Oakes Quarry Park were White-crowned, White-throated and Song Sparrow; Carolina Wren, House Finch, and Killdeer.

On November 1st, Canvasback, Horned Grebe, and Rusty Blackbird were seen at Grand Lake St. Mary, while Bressler Reservoir contained American Wigeon, American Black Duck, Northern Shoveler, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck; Common and Hooded Merganser; Pied-billed and Horned Grebe, and American Pipit.

Seen at Aullwood Audubon Center on October 23rd was a Winter Wren, while Gadwall, Ruddy Duck, and Redhead were seen at C.J. Brown Reservoir.

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November 21, 2008

Compiled by Ralph Dennler

The highlights of this report are:

- Sandhill Cranes
- Cave Swallows

Larger than usual numbers of Eastern Bluebirds, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, and Pileated Woodpeckers are being seen at Englewood MetroPark.

A Prairie Warbler and a Red-breasted Nuthatch were observed at a residential feeder near the Dayton airport over the last two days.

Four Snow Geese were seen November 19th at Melvin Gravel Pit, seven miles east of Wilmington on Route 22. This is private property so permission at the office is required to enter. They are friendly to birders.

Flocks of Sandhill Cranes were observed flying over C.J. Brown Reservoir and the city of Kettering on November 18th.

On November 17th, Cave Swallows were seen, two at the North shore and two at the East end of Rocky Fork Lake. Tree and Northern Rough-winged Swallow were seen as well.

On November 17th, observed at Englewood MetroPark were Green-winged Teal, American Black Duck, Red-tailed Hawk; Red-bellied, Pileated, and Downy Woodpecker; Golden-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Eastern Bluebird, Carolina Chickadee, and Tufted Titmouse. Seen at the north park were Song, American Tree, White-crowned, and White-throated Sparrow; and Northern Flicker and Red-bellied Woodpecker.
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The highlights of this report are:

- Cackling Goose
- Canvasback
- American Pipit

On November 22nd, Canvasback, Snow Goose, and 3 Cackling Geese were seen on the pond opposite the entrance to Englewood MetroPark north park.

On November 22nd, Common Snipe and Snow Geese were observed on the Great Miami river near the former St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

On November 22nd, seen on the river at the entrance to Sunwatch were Peregrine Falcon, American Pipit, Green-winged Teal, Hooded Merganser, and Herring Gull.

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The highlights of this report are:

- **Snowy Owl**
- **Red-throated Loon**

A Snowy Owl was seen November 24th on Route 35 approximately 18 miles east of Xenia between Jamestown and Jeffersonville in the median area of the road. Please contact us if you have any further information.

At Caesar Creek Lake on November 23rd an Eared Grebe was observed from the Furnas Boat Ramp, and a Red-throated Loon was seen from the Harveysburg Road area.

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The highlights of this report are:

- Purple Finch
- Fox Sparrow
- Horned Lark

Numerous birders sought the reported Snowy Owl on Interstate 70 near Rt.40 this past weekend with the last sighting November 29th. While looking for this bird, Horned Lark, Red-tailed Hawk, and Kestrel were observed. American Pipits were seen on nearby Orangeburg Rd.

On November 26th, Sandhill Cranes in quantities from 25 to 300 were seen flying over Englewood MetroPark, Aullwood Audubon Center, Trotwood, and Brookville.

During the Aullwood Feeder Watch November 26th, observed were Purple Finch and Fox Sparrow.

On November 26th, Purple Finch was seen at Englewood MetroPark.
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Please reply to this e-mail if you'd like to participate (also let me know if you'd be willing to lead a group of birders). I would like to request those returning for another year of the count continue to cover the areas they have covered in previous years. Of course, if you have a preference for a location or team just let me know.

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To report rare, unusual, or first-of-the-season sightings in the Dayton area, call Betty Berry at 937-836-3022 or Ralph Dennler at 937-294-5086.

If you choose to email your report, please send your NAME, DATE, LOCATION and SIGHTING to: audubon@dayton.net

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