Dayton Audubon Society Rare Bird Alert Reports for 2011

To report rare, unusual or first of the season sightings in the Dayton area, please 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. This recording is updated as warranted. Good birding to all!

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for January 6, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.
The highlight is Long-tailed Duck and Lesser Black-backed Gull.

On January 6th seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area at the feeders were Brown Creeper and Rusty Blackbird.

This same day Long-tailed Duck and Lesser Black-backed Gull were seen from the Harveysburg Rd. ramp at Caesar Creek State Park while Pine Siskin, Purple Finch, American Tree Sparrow and Yellow-rumped Warbler were observed in the vicinity of The Youth Pond Road.

On January 3rd seen at Englewood MetroPark main park were Yellow-rumped Warbler, Eastern Bluebird, Pileated Woodpecker and Northern Flicker while Hairy and Red-bellied Woodpecker; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Carolina Wren and Golden-crowned Kinglet were observed at the West park.

Seen on January 2nd at Englewood MetroPark were White-throated, White-crowned, Song and Field Sparrow; Pileated Woodpecker, Dark-eyed Junco and Red-tailed Hawk.

Mute Swan, Common Merganser and American Gadwall were observed at Huffman MetroPark on January 1st.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for January 13, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.
The highlights are White-fronted and Snow Geese and Long-tailed Duck.
Seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area on January 11th was **Horned Grebe**. Seen at the Spring Valley feeders were **Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Rusty Blackbird** and **Brown-headed Cowbird**.

Seen that same day on the Great Miami River was **Green-winged Teal**.

Seen that same day at the feeders of the Germantown MetroPark Center were **Fox Sparrow, Purple Finch, Hairy Woodpecker, Eastern Towhee** and **White-crowned Sparrow**. (The Center is open only on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 PM.)

Observed on January 9th at the Melvin Stone Gravel Pit near Wilmington were **White-fronted and Snow Goose; Northern Pintail, Ruddy Duck** and **Cackling Goose**. The owner permits birders on site but only if you seek permission at the office first.

That same day a **Northern Shrike** was seen at Killdeer Plains along with **Red-tailed Hawk, Merlin** and **Red-headed Woodpecker**.

**American Pipits** were seen near the Spring Valley Wildlife Area on January 8th.

Seen at Caesar Creek State Park on January 5th were **Long-tailed Duck, Hermit Thrush, Red-breasted Nuthatch; Mute** and **Tundra Swan**.

Two **Sandhill Cranes** have been reported on the Northern edge of Yellow Springs over the past three weeks.

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**The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for January 21, 2011** compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights are **Bald Eagles**.

Seen on the Great Miami River today south of the UD Arena were **Northern Shoveler, Black Duck, Mallard, Ring-necked Duck, Gadwall, American Coot, Hooded Merganser** and **Canada Geese**.

On January 17th a **Bald Eagle** was observed near Deeds Park in Dayton.

That same day seen at Englewood MetroPark were one immature and one mature **Bald Eagle** flying near the nest tree visible from River Road. Please remember
not to disturb these birds by approaching closer that the fenced boundaries in the area.

Seen on the prior day on the river near Deeds Park were Common Goldeneye and Hooded Merganser.

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The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for February 18, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights are White-winged Scoter and Great Horned Owl.

A Great Horned Owl was seen at the Aullwood Audubon Center today while Canada Goose, Mallard, Canvasback, Ring-necked Duck, Northern Pintail, Pied-billed Grebe and Lesser Scaup were observed at Englewood MetroPark.

Seen on February 17th was an immature or female White-winged Scoter on the Great Miami River in Dayton. The bird was seen from the bike path in front of Carillon Park.

On February 16th seen at Sycamore State Park was Barred Owl while Red-tailed Hawks were observed at Englewood MetroPark.

Seen on February 15th at Huffman MetroPark were Hooded Merganser while Great Horned Owls; Cooper's and Red-tailed Hawks were seen at Eastwood MetroPark.

2 Bald Eagles were seen at Englewood MetroPark February 14th.

Snow Buntings and Horned Larks were seen in the Brookville area on February 13th.

12 Trumpeter and 1 Mute Swan were seen at Huffman MetroPark along with Gadwall.

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The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for February 24, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.
The highlights are **migrating waterfowl**.

**Two Bald Eagles** were seen sitting on the nest today at Englewood MetroPark. These birds can be viewed from River Road.

Seen on February 21st at Englewood MetroPark main park were **Gadwall, Canvasback; Ring-necked, Black** and **Wood Duck; Northern Shoveled, Redhead, Northern Pintail, Mallard** and **Canada Geese** while **Hooded Merganser** were seen at the North park.

Observed in the Yellow Springs area on February 19th was a flock of **48 Turkey Vultures** and **12 Black Vultures**. One of the birds was leucistic but which species could not with certainty be made.

That same day **Common Merganser** and **Belted Kingfisher** were seen at Huffman MetroPark.

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**The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for March 17, 2011** compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights are **American White Pelican, Trumpeter Swan** and **Eurasian Wigeon**.

Seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area on March 17th were **Lesser Scaup, American Coot, Gadwall, Bufflehead; Red-winged** and **Rusty Blackbird; White-crowned, White-throated** and **Chipping Sparrow; Winter Wren, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Pileated Woodpecker** and first of the season **Tree Swallow**.

The two **American White Pelicans** first seen three days ago at Cowan State Park lake continue to be seen along with a **Bald Eagle**.

On March 16th seen at Killdeer Plains were 19 species of waterfowl including **Tundra** and **Trumpeter Swan; Greater White-fronted Goose, Cackling Goose** and a drake **Eurasian Wigeon**.

That same day first of the season **American Woodcock** were observed at Aullwood Audubon Center.
17 species were seen on the water at Englewood MetroPark on February 14th including Horned and Pied-billed Grebe; Ruddy and Black Duck; Gadwall, Northern Pintail, Redhead and Lesser Scaup. A pair of Bald Eagles, one mature and one immature are being seen on the nest visible from River Rd.

That same day seen at Aullwood Gardens were Red-bellied, Downy and Pileated Woodpecker; and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.

A Sandhill Crane was seen at John Wannamacher Park on March 12th.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for March 23, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights are first of the season Marsh Wren and Ross's Goose.

On March 22nd a singing first of the season Marsh Wren was seen from the boardwalk at Spring Valley Wildlife Area.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark on March 21st were Mute Swan, Pied-billed Grebe, Tree Swallow, Belted Kingfisher and Wood Duck while Eastern Phoebe, Downy Woodpecker, White-breasted Nuthatch and Song Sparrow were observed at Eastwood MetroPark and Eastern Meadowlark, Northern Mockingbird and Eastern Phoebe were seen at Huffman MetroPark.

That same day seen at Huffman Prairie were American Coot on the fishing pond and a Red-tailed Hawk on the nest.

On March 19th observed at Aullwood Gardens were Cooper's and Red-tailed Hawk along with Carolina Wren.

A Ross's Goose and Blue-winged Teal were seen March 18th at Englewood MetroPark along with eight other species of duck. The Bald Eagles continue to be seen around and on the nest viewable from River Rd. Please be careful not to intrude beyond the restricted areas.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for April 5, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.
The highlights are first of the season Louisiana Waterthrush, Yellow-throated Warbler and Pectoral Sandpiper.

A first of the season Louisiana Waterthrush was seen at the Englewood MetroPark west park April 5th.

That same day seen at Aullwood Garden were Golden-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Dark-eyed Junco, Cooper's Hawk and Eastern Bluebird.

A first of the season Yellow-throated Warbler was observed at Eastwood MetroPark April 4th.

That same day seen at Englewood MetroPark were Wilson's Snipe, first of the season Pectoral Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Black Duck, Northern Pintail, American Wigeon, Gadwall, Northern Shoveler; Blue-winged and Green-winged Teal; Great Blue Heron and Turkey Vulture while Tree and Barn Swallow; Purple Martin, Brown-headed Cowbird, Red-winged Blackbird and Song Sparrow were seen at the North park.

Observed on March 28th at Eastwood MetroPark lake was a Common Loon.

Seen at Huffman MetroPark on March 26th was a first of the season Vesper Sparrow.

A White-winged Scoter was seen at Eastwood MetroPark lake on March 23rd.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for April 14, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights are first of the season Snowy Egret, Chimney Swift, Brown Thrasher, Black-and-white Warbler and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

On April 14th seen at Aullwood Gardens were Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher, Louisiana Waterthrush, Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Chipping Sparrow, Carolina Wren and Eastern Bluejay. This same day seen at Englewood MetroPark were Great Egret, Black Duck; Blue-winged and Green-winged Teal; Black-and-white and Yellow-rumped Warbler; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and Solitary Sandpiper.
Observed at Englewood MetroPark on April 13th were **Sandhill Crane, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Bald Eagle** and **Cooper's Hawk**.

**Wild Turkey** were seen along Martindale Rd. on April 12th. That same day **Caspian Terns** were observed at Cowan Lake. That same day a **Brown Thrasher** was seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area.

On April 11th seen at Englewood MetroPark were **Yellow-throated Warbler**, **Snowy Egret, Bald Eagle, Pied-billed Grebe; Blue-winged and Green-winged Teal;** and **Northern Shoveler** while **Caspian Tern; Tree and Barn Swallow; Chimney Swift, Ring-billed Gull** and **Song Sparrow** were seen at the North Park.

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**The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for April 21, 2011** compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights are firsts of the season **American Golden Plover, Prothonotary** and **Prairie Warbler** and **Northern Parula**.

On April 19th a large flock of **American Golden Plover** was seen at Big Island Wildlife Area.

Seen on April 18th at Aullwood Gardens were **Wood Duck, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Belted Kingfisher** and **Cooper's Hawk**.

That same day seen at Englewood MetroPark north park were **Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs** and **Red-tailed Hawk**.

Also on that same day **Yellow-throated, Yellow-rumped** and first of the season **Prairie Warbler;** and **Northern Parula** were observed at Germantown MetroPark.

Observed at Aullwood Gardens on April 17th were **Chipping Sparrow, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Yellow-throated Warbler, Eastern Towhee, and Eastern Phoebe** while a **Northern Parula** was seen at Englewood MetroPark and observed at Philips Park in Beavercreek were **Yellow-rumped** and **Black-throated Green Warbler;** and **Brown Thrasher** all that same day.

Highlighting the Audubon walk April 16th at Englewood MetroPark were **Barn and Northern Rough-winged Swallow; Bald Eagle; Blue-winged** and **Green-**
winged Teal, Great Egret, American Coot and Red-winged Blackbird were seen at the North Park.

That same day seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area were first of the season Prothonotary Warbler and Yellow-throated Warbler.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for April 25, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights are Cattle Egret, and many first of the season birds.

Seen at Caesar Creek State Park today was a Cattle Egret in the beach area while Prairie Warbler, Common Yellowthroat and Spotted Sandpiper were observed elsewhere in the park.

Seen near Sugarcreek MetroPark today were a first of the season Red-breasted Grosbeak, Baltimore Oriole and Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

A first of the season Lark Sparrow has again returned on April 24th to Oakes Quarry Park where they have been seen in recent years.

The Dayton Audubon walk at Spring Valley Wildlife Area April 23rd recorded 43 species including Pine, Palm, Prothonotary, Yellow, Yellow-throated, Yellow-rumped, Cerulean and Blue-winged Warbler; Northern Parula, Baltimore Oriole, a first of the season Warbling Vireo, a first of the season Sora; Field, Song and White-throated Sparrow.

Wild Turkey were seen at Sycamore State Park on April 21st.

That same day observed at Aullwood Gardens were Yellow-throated, first of the season Blackburnian, Pine, and Black-throated Green Warbler; and Louisiana Waterthrush.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for May 2, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights are the results of the Dayton Audubon Birdathon, Golden Eagle and many first of the season birds.
A Garganey, an old world and Asian duck has been seen over the last few days including today at the Fernald Preserve located North and West of Cincinnati.

A Golden Eagle was seen flying in the vicinity of Rt.49 and Free Pike today.

On May 1st a Eurasian Collared Dove was seen on Church Street in South Charlestown near Rt.41.

That same day observed at Buck Creek State Park were Marbled Godwit and Willet near the South end of the beach.

That same day seen at the Medlar Conservation Area were Yellow-breasted Chat, Northern Waterthrush, Ovenbird, Northern Parula; Blue-winged, Yellow-rumped, Blackburnian, Palm, Prairie and Black-and-white Warbler; Great Crested Flycatcher and Indigo Bunting.

The annual Dayton Audubon Birdathon covering 24 hours started 5 PM Friday April 29th and recorded 123 species from Caesar Creek State Park, Spring Valley Wildlife Area, Tar Hollow, Aullwood Gardens, Sycamore State Park and Germantown MetroPark. Notable sightings included 19 species of warblers with first of the seasons' Yellow, Worm-eating, and Pine Warbler as well as Ovenbird; first of the seasons' Bobolink, Eastern Wood-Peeewee; Great Crested, Willow and Acadian Flycatcher; Summer Tanager and Orchard Oriole.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for May 18, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights are many warblers still coming through and a number of unique species.

A Cattle Egret was seen at the beach area of Caesar Creek State Park today. Also present were Caspian and Common Tern; Herring, Ring-billed, and Bonaparte’s Gull.

Seen at Dull's Woods on May 16th was a Red-headed Woodpecker. This conservation area of the Five Rivers MetroPark system is accessible from US40 West of Brookville.
Observed at Killdeer Plains on May 15th were Arctic Tern, Black-necked Stilt, Trumpeter Swan, Bald Eagle, Great Egret; Blue-winged, Yellow, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, Yellow-rumped, Palm, Black-and-white, Kentucky, Wilson's and Canada Warbler; American Redstart and Common Yellowthroat.

Seen at Aullwood Gardens May 13th were Yellow-throated Vireo, Eastern Phoebe, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Baltimore Oriole, Indigo Bunting; Field, Song and Chipping Sparrow; Cooper's and Red-Tailed Hawk and House Wren.

Seen that same day at Englewood MetroPark were Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Common Yellowthroat; Prairie and Blue-winged Warbler.

On May 12th a Bell's Vireo was seen near downtown Springfield and an American Avocet was observed at the now submerged beach area of Buck Creek State Park.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for May 22, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights are first of the seasons' Bank Swallow, Willow Flycatcher, Wilson's Warbler and Savannah Sparrow.

Seven Black-bellied Plover were seen at Killdeer Plains May 21st.

That same day a Eurasian Collared-dove was observed in South Charleston on Church Street just off Route 41 on the South side of town.

Also on May 21st seen at Englewood MetroPark were Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher; Carolina & House Wren; Field Sparrow, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Eastern Towhee, Belted Kingfisher, Tufted Titmouse, Pileated Woodpecker, Prairie Warbler, Common Yellowthroat and Red-shouldered Hawk.

At Huffman Prairie on May 20th Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Meadowlark; Yellow and Wilson's Warbler; Baltimore and Orchard Oriole; Blue-gray
Gnatcatcher, Catbird, Mockingbird, Savannah Sparrow, Bobolink, Indigo Bunting, Brown Thrasher and Willow Flycatcher were observed.

The **White-rumped Sandpipers** and **Blue Grosbeaks** continue to be seen at Fernald Preserve as of May 20th.

Seen on May 19th at Englewood MetroPark North park were **Barn, Northern Rough-winged** and **Bank Swallow; Eastern Kingbird, Chimney Swift, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Yellow Warbler, Willow Flycatcher; Baltimore and Orchard Oriole; Common Yellowthroat** and **Field Sparrow. Blue Grosbeaks** continue to be seen at this park.

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**The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for June 7, 2011** compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlight is the **Dayton Audubon Walk**: details below.

Seen on June 7th at Englewood MetroPark North park were **Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-breasted Chat, Green Heron, Willow Flycatcher, American Bittern, Wood Duck and Great Crested Flycatcher**.

The Dayton Audubon Society walk on June 3rd recorded 41 species seen and 8 species heard at Spring Valley Wildlife Area. The list included **Red-shouldered Hawk, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow-billed Cuckoo; Red-headed, Red-bellied and Downey Woodpecker; a number of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds; White-eyed, Yellow-throated, Warbling and Red-eyed Vireo; Yellow and Prothonotary Warbler; Baltimore and Orchard Oriole**.

Observed at Caesar Creek Lake beach was a **Black Tern; Ring-billed** and **Herring Gull**.

That same day seen at Englewood MetroPark were **Prairie and Yellow Warbler; Louisiana Waterthrush, Scarlet Tanager, Eastern Bluebird, Carolina Wren, Red-eyed Vireo, Indigo Bunting, Green Heron; Baltimore and Orchard Oriole**.
The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for July 1, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights are the Blue Grosbeaks at Englewood MetroPark North park.

Seen over the past week at Englewood MetroPark North park were Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, Wood Duck, Willow Flycatcher, Killdeer, Eastern Kingbird, Yellow-breasted Chat; Green and Great Blue Heron; Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak and Cooper's Hawk.

During that same period observed at Englewood MetroPark main park were Eastern Phoebe, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Common Yellowthroat, Gray Catbird, Indigo Bunting; Field and Song Sparrow.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for July 8, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights will soon be in the shorebirds starting to be seen throughout the area.

On July 5th seen at Englewood MetroPark were Great Crested Flycatcher, Indigo Bunting, Summer Tanager, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, and Warbling Vireo.

That same day observed in the lagoon were Semipalmated, Spotted and Least Sandpiper; Lesser Yellowlegs, Killdeer and Great Blue Heron.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for August 19, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

Observed at the South park of Englewood MetroPark on August 17th were Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Eastern Catbird, House Finch, Baltimore Oriole, Eastern Towhee, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Double-crested Cormorant and Red-tailed Hawk.

A Forster's Tern and Ring-billed Gulls were seen at Caesar Creek Lake beach on August 16th.
Seen at Englewood MetroPark main park on August 15th were **White-eyed Vireo, Northern Parula, Summer Tanager, Great Egret, Eastern Wood-Pewee; Spotted and Solitary Sandpiper; Wood Duck and Great Blue Heron.**

Seen at the North Park that same day were **Blue Grosbeak, Green Heron., Great Blue Heron and Wood Duck.**

Seen at Englewood MetroPark from August 11th through the 18th were **Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Carolina Wren, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher, Common Yellowthroat, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Indigo Bunting and Chimney Swift.**

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**The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for August 27, 2011** compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights of this report are **Common Nighthawks and the onset of warbler migration.**

Seen at Englewood MetroPark on August 27th were **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglet; House Wren, Ruby-throated Hummingbird; Field and Chipping Sparrow; Carolina Chickadee, Broad-winged Hawk, Northern Cardinal, Downy Woodpecker, Carolina Wren, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Eastern Bluebird and Black-and-white Warbler.**

On August 26th a flight of **Common Nighthawks** were seen overhead preceding the Alter-Fairmont football game in Kettering.

Observed at Englewood MetroPark on August 25th were **Common Yellowthroat** and **American Redstart.**

At the same location on August 24th seen were **Purple Martin, Barn Swallow, Chimney Swift; Song and Field Sparrow; Eastern Bluebird, Indigo Bunting, Killdeer, Eastern Wood-Pewee and Turkey Vulture.**

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**The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for September 7, 2011** compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.
The highlight of this report is **migrating warblers**.

**Common Nighthawks** are being seen throughout the state including one group seen overhead at the Ohio State-Akron game last Saturday.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark on September 7th were **American Redstart; Black-and-white, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue** and **Pine Warbler**.

On September 6th observed at Englewood MetroPark were **Turkey Vulture, Northern Flicker, Cedar Waxwing, Belted Kingfisher, Solitary Sandpiper; Palm, Black-throated Blue, Wilson's, Nashville, Black-and-white, and Magnolia Warbler; American Redstart, Hermit Thrush, Eastern Bluebird and White-breasted Nuthatch**.

**Black-throated-Green, Kentucky, and Hooded Warbler; Indigo Bunting, Killdeer and White-breasted Nuthatch** were seen at Englewood MetroPark September 3rd.

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**The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for September 13, 2011** compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlight of this report is the many **south-bound warblers** in the area.

A **Blue Grosbeak** was seen near the exit of Englewood MetroPark on September 11th.

Observed at Englewood MetroPark on September 10th were **Prairie** and **Black-throated Green Warbler; Northern Flicker, Field Sparrow, Cedar Waxwing, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Towhee, Swainson's Thrush and Pileated Woodpecker**.

Seen on September 9th at Englewood MetroPark were **Scarlet Tanager, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, House Wren** and the following Warblers: **Orange-crowned, Nashville, Black-and-white, Magnolia, Chestnut-sided, Northern Parula and American Redstart**.
The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for September 21, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights of this report are Laughing Gull and the continuing migration.

Seen on September 21st at Englewood MetroPark North park were Great Egret, Palm Warbler, Belted Kingfisher, Wood Duck, Blue-headed Vireo, Great Blue Heron and Mallard.

Over 100 Chimney Swifts were seen at the Main park that same day.

On September 19th a juvenile Laughing Gull was seen on the beach at Buck Creek State Park along with 350 Ring-billed and 3 Herring Gulls.

Seen at that same park on September 18th on the beach was a Cackling Goose with Canada Geese, Baird's Sandpiper, Semipalmated Plover and Bonaparte's Gull. An Osprey was seen at nearby Reid's Park.

Observed at Englewood MetroPark main park on September 17th were Carolina and House Wren; Bay-breasted, Blackburnian, Yellow-throated, Chestnut-sided and Wilson's Warbler; Northern Parula, Common Yellowthroat: Red-eyed and Philadelphia Vireo.

On September 14th seen at that same location were Field Sparrow, Cedar Waxwing, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat; Magnolia, Tennessee, and Black-and-white Warbler; Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Indigo Bunting, White-breasted Nuthatch and 7 Broad-winged Hawks.

A Blue Grosbeak was seen near the exit at that same place on September 11th.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for September 29, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlight of this report is a juvenile Laughing Gull.

Seen on September 29th at Englewood MetroPark were Canada Geese, Mallards, Blue Jay, Eastern Towhee, Gray Catbird, and Tufted Titmice.

Observed on the prior day at that same location were Northern Flicker, Field Sparrow, Many Robins, Common Yellowthroat, Red-breasted Grosbeak,
Gray Catbird, Cedar Waxwing, House Wren, Palm Warbler, Red-bellied Woodpecker and Chimney Swift.

On the 27th seen at Englewood MetroPark were Osprey, Cedar Waxwing, Carolina Wren, Red-tailed Hawk, Black-throated Green Warbler, Pileated Woodpecker, Field Sparrow and Gray Catbird.

That same day seen on the beach at Caesar Creek State Park was a juvenile Laughing Gull.

Seen on September 24th at Englewood MetroPark were Yellow-throated, Blackburnian, Black-throated Green, Magnolia and Palm Warbler.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for October 17, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights of this report are a Bald Eagle and a first-of-the-season Northern Harrier.

An adult Bald Eagle is being seen on and near the nest viewable from River Road at Englewood MetroPark.

Seen on October 17th at Englewood MetroPark were a first of the season Northern Harrier, Wilson's Snipe, Swamp Sparrow, Belted Kingfisher; Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglet; Cooper's Hawk. Pileated Woodpecker and Carolina Wren.

Observed at the St. Mary's Fish Hatchery on October 14th were Golden and Semipalmated Plover; Baird's, Least, Semipalmated, Stilt and Pectoral Sandpiper; Dunlin, Killdeer; Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs.

At Englewood MetroPark that same day seen were Yellow-rumped Warbler, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Bluebird, Turkey Vulture, Blue-headed Vireo, Golden Crowned Kinglet and Red-winged Blackbird.

At that same location seen on October 13th were Pileated and Red-bellied Woodpecker; Red-tailed Hawk, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow-rumped Warbler; White-throated and Song Sparrow; Eastern Phoebe, Gray Catbird, Carolina Wren, Brown Thrasher, Red-winged Blackbird and Field Sparrow.
Again at that same place on October 11th observed were Brown Creeper, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Towhee, Belted Kingfisher, Blackburnian Warbler, Blue-headed Vireo and Cooper's Hawk.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for October 22, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights of this report are Golden Eagle and Rufous Hummingbird.

A Golden Eagle was seen flying over Englewood MetroPark October 21st.

This morning a juvenile male Rufous Hummingbird was positively identified at a residential Brookeville feeder where it has been seen for the past several days.

Seen on October 17th at Englewood MetroPark were a first of the season Northern Harrier, Wilson's Snipe, Swamp Sparrow, Belted Kingfisher; Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglet; Cooper's Hawk. Pileated Woodpecker and Carolina Wren.

Observed at the St. Mary's Fish Hatchery on October 14th were Golden and Semipalmated Plover; Baird's, Least, Semipalmated, Stilt and Pectoral Sandpiper; Dunlin, Killdeer; Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs.

At Englewood MetroPark that same day seen were Yellow-rumped Warbler, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Bluebird, Turkey Vulture, Blue-headed Vireo, Golden Crowned Kinglet and Red-winged Blackbird.

At that same location seen on October 13th were Pileated and Red-bellied Woodpecker; Red-tailed Hawk, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow-rumped Warbler; White-throated and Song Sparrow; Eastern Phoebe, Gray Catbird, Carolina Wren, Brown Thrasher, Red-winged Blackbird and Field Sparrow.

Again at that same place on October 11th observed were Brown Creeper, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Towhee, Belted Kingfisher, Blackburnian Warbler, Blue-headed Vireo and Cooper's Hawk.
The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for November 4, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights of this report are Surf Scoter, Stilt Sandpiper and Northern Pintail.

Seen near the Haines boat ramp at Caesar Creek Lake today were Surf Scoter, Canvasback, Red-breasted Merganser, American Wigeon, Gadwall, Horned Grebe, Ruddy Duck; Ring-billed and Bonaparte's Gull; Stilt Sandpiper and Black-bellied Plover.

Seen at that same lake yesterday from Harveysburg Rd. were Herring and Ring-billed Gull; and Common Loon.

Observed today at Englewood MetroPark were Dark-eyed Junco; White-crowned, White-throated and Swamp Sparrow; Red-tailed Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-winged Blackbird, Green-winged Teal, Wood Duck and Yellow-rumped Warbler.

On November 1st seen at that same park were Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Ring-billed Gull, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Phoebe; Downy and Red-bellied Woodpecker, Brown Creeper, Northern Flicker, Belted Kingfisher, Field Sparrow, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Eastern Bluebird and Carolina Wren.

A Great-horned Owl was seen at the same location October 30th.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for November 16, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights of this report are American White Pelican, Pine Siskin and Sandhill Crane.

Pine Siskins were observed at a residential feeder in Yellow Springs November 15th.

American White Pelicans were seen flying over Fairground Rd. near Xenia on November 9th.
On November 12th **Sandhill Cranes** were seen flying over Spring Valley Wildlife Area.

That same day 20 **Common Loons** as well as **Ruddy Ducks** and **Scaup** were observed at Caesar Creek Lake.

A **Red-throated Loon** was seen at Cowan Lake while **Snow Buntings** were observed at Caesar Creek Lake beach and a **Dunlin** was seen at the Young Rd. Boat ramp on November 11th.

**Snow Buntings** were seen on November 10th at Buck Creek State Park.

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**The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for November 25, 2011** compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlights of this report are many **migrating waterfowl**.

Seen at Eastwood MetroPark lake November 23rd and 25th were 2 **Bald Eagles**, 20 or more **Common Loon; Horned** and **Pied-billed Grebe**; and **Surf Scoter**. **Common Merganser** and **Swan** were seen on the 23rd.

Observed at Englewood MetroPark November 25th were **Northern Pintail**, **Ring-necked Duck**, **American Coot**, **Ring-billed Gull**, **Mallard**, **Song Sparrow** and **American Crow**.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark South Park on the 24th were **Fox**, **White-throated**, **Song**, **American Tree** and **Swamp Sparrow**.

Seen at Englewood MetroPark on November 20th were **American Coots**, **Common Loon**, **Lesser Scaup** and **Horned Grebe**.

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**The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for December 13, 2011** compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlight of this report is the upcoming annual **Christmas Bird Count on Saturday December 17th** at 12 different area locations. If you would like to join in please call Jim Williams at 342-9472. And do remember that all are welcome regardless of experience.
Seen December 13th at Aullwood Gardens were Pileated Woodpecker, Dark-eyed Junco, Great Blue Heron, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Chickadee and American Robin.

Fifty or so Tundra Swans were observed at Lake St. Mary on December 11th.

Seen that same day near Urbana were Greater White-fronted Geese, Mallards; Ring-necked and American Black Duck; Canvasback and American Wigeon,

An American Golden Plover was spotted in the beach area at Caesar Creek Lake on December 9th.

The Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert for December 30, 2011 compiled by the Dayton Audubon Society.

The highlight of this report are the results of the Christmas Bird Count.

The Dayton Audubon Christmas Bird Count held December 17th totaled 63 species including 3 Bald Eagles, 2 Kestrels, 3 Great Horned Owls, 2 Eastern Screech Owls and the unusually high number of Pied-billed Grebes, 24.

A Snowy Owl has been seen by a number of birders over this week. Today it was seen three miles north of Roundhead, a small town near Kenton.

On December 28th seen at the Englewood MetroPark lagoon (currently filled with a decent amount of water) were American Wigeon; Ring-necked and Black Duck; Green-winged Teal, Northern Pintail, Mallard, American Coot, Greater White-fronted Goose and Great Blue Heron.

Seen on December 26th were Red-necked Grebe at the West Carrolton Gravel Pits on West-Carrolton Rd. Do take the No Trespassing signs seriously and view from the road.

A number of reports have come in all over the area of occasional sightings of Sandhill Crane flyovers.