

## FIELD NOTES

### FALL 2004

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Bill Whan wrote in the Autumn 2004 *Ohio Cardinal*: "The world's ten warmest years in recorded history have all occurred since 1990, with 2004 ranking fourth; this October ranked as the warmest ever. Inuktitut tribes living north of the Arctic Circle were puzzled this year by the appearance of insects they'd never seen; it turned out they were the vespid wasps we know familiarly as yellowjackets." Strange weather patterns that began with the advent of the latest El Niño are continuing through this decade, bringing with them odd records of disoriented birds. Or are they perhaps the first wave of displaced species seeking suitable replacement habitat?

The season began with unusually cool and wet weather in the north, whereas the s.w. and w. portions of the state remained fairly warm with low-to-average precipitation. Cold fronts were few and far between, with no real fallouts or good hawk flights. Waterfowl and songbird numbers throughout the state were frighteningly low. On a positive note, unprecedented numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches, Pine Siskins, and Red Crossbills were noted rather early in the season in this non-flight year. Regular species observed more frequently than normal included Pied-billed Grebe, Northern Harrier, Bonaparte's Gull, Common Nighthawk, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and Chipping Sparrow. The 2004 season was the best fall for Rough-legged Hawks in more than 10 years (Alan Bruner).

Indiana also hosted a number of rarities during the period, including Pacific Loon, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Northern Gannet, American White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Tricolored Heron, Swallow-tailed Kite, Piping Plover, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Marbled Godwit, Little Gull, Black Skimmer, Snowy Owl, Rufous Hummingbird, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Varied Thrush, and Black-throated Gray Warbler. As the latter species has been observed recently in several Midwestern states, examination of every Black-and-white Warbler is recommended to increase the possibility that additional individuals of this western species will be discovered.

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Localities appear in **bold**, county names appear in **bold italics**, and underlined species are those on the Indiana review list.

### Abbreviations:

\*doc = documentation submitted

\*photo = photograph submitted

Boot L. = Boot Lake Nature Preserve in *Elkhart*

Chinook = Chinook Mine in *Clay*

Cutright = Cutright State Recreation Area just across the causeway on L. Monroe in *Monroe*

Eagle Cr. = Eagle Creek Park in *Marion*

Fairfax = Fairfax State Recreation Area on L. Monroe in *Monroe*

Flatwoods = Flatwoods Preserve off SR 46 in w. *Monroe*

Forsythe = Forsythe Park Wolf L. in *Lake*

Friendship = Friendship Rd. approx. 6 mi. e. of Bloomington just n. of Hoosier National Forest in *Monroe*

FWA = Fish & Wildlife Area

HammGeoLk&Wds = Hammond George L. & Woods in *Lake*

Hawthorn = Hawthorn Mines in *Sullivan*

HNF = Hoosier National Forest

IRBC = Indiana Rare Bird Committee

Little Africa = Little Africa Wildlife Viewing Area e. end of L. Lemon in *Brown*

MichCtyHarb = Michigan City Harbor in *LaPorte*

NP = Nature Preserve

North Fork = North Fork Refuge where No. Fork Salt Ck. empties into L. Monroe in *Monroe*

Paynetown = Paynetown State Recreation Area on L. Monroe in *Monroe*

Pine Creek = Pine Creek Gamebird Habitat Area in *Benton*

Pine Grove = Pine Grove State Recreation Area on L. Monroe in *Monroe*

Stillwater = Stillwater Marsh in *Monroe*

SF = State Forest

SP = State Park

WakWWTrPlant = Wakarusa Waste Water Treatment in *Elkhart*

Willow Slough = Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area in *Newton*.

### SPECIES ACCOUNTS

**Greater White-fronted Goose** Earliest report was of 8 at a pond on SR 67 0.8 mi. s. of **Switz City** in *Greene* 12 Nov (Michael Clarke, Bob Kissel, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead). High count was 20 off SR 67 s. of **Switz City** 30 Nov (Don Whitehead). Other reports were of 5 at the **Brazil sewage lagoons** in *Clay* 6 Nov (Alan Bruner), 8 at **Hurshtown Res.** in *Allen* 7 Nov (Stockbridge Aud. Soc. field trip), and 8 off SR 67 s. of **Switz City** 12 Nov (Michael Clarke, Bob Kissel, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

**Snow Goose** Breaking the fall arrival date in n.e. Indiana by 5 days was 1 at **Pigeon R.** in *Lagrange/Steuben* 19 Sep (Jim Haw). High count was 40 incl. 6 blue-morph birds at **Paynetown** in *Monroe* 4 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Ross's Goose** 1 white-morph adult was at the pond on SR 67 0.8 mi. s. of **Switz City** in *Greene* 6 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg \*doc).

**Cackling Goose** 4 were at the **Lebanon Business Park** in *Boone* 13-14 Nov and 17 Nov (Lee Casebere, Roger Hedge \*doc, Tom Hulvershorn, Dan Scheiman, Karl Werner). Roger Hedge noted that the Cacklings stayed together in a fairly tight group.

**Canada Goose** High counts of this urbanized Indiana resident included 340 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 10 Nov (Carolyn Marsh), 258 at **Dugger** in *Sullivan* 12 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg), and 220 on **L. Lemon** primarily in *Monroe*, 22 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Mute Swan** High counts included 30 in the **L. Webster** area in *Kosciusko* 18 Nov (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht) and 13 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 2 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). Interesting was a report of 1 adult present at **County Line Marsh** in *Greene* from at least 10 Jun through 13 Aug that built and frequently sat on what appeared to be a nest. However, no second swan ever materialized (Lee Sterrenburg).

**Trumpeter Swan** Neck bands on 2 birds in *Allen* 29 Nov (Ed Powers) and 30 Nov (Jim Haw, Doug Rood) indicated they had been released in Wisconsin.

**Tundra Swan** Earliest report was of 3 at **Miller Beach** in *Lake* 3 Nov (Michael Topp). High count was 55 at **MichCtyHarb** in *LaPorte* 28 Nov (Ken Brock, Brendan Grube, Pete Grube, Jeff McCoy). Other reports included 1 at **MichCtyHarb** in *LaPorte* 6 Nov (Barny Dunning, Sycamore Aud. Soc. field trip), 7 at **Hurshtown Res.** in *Allen* 7 Nov (Stockbridge Aud. Soc. field trip) with 2 still present the next day (Jim Haw), and 2 adults at **Browning Wetland** in *Boone* 12 Nov (Roger Hedge \*doc, Steve Housefield).

**Ducks** Ken Brock's description of the season's duck flight as dismal was echoed widely. Brock noted disturbingly low counts of Canvasback, Common Merganser, and Hooded Merganser, with the strongest flights (using the term loosely) by Green-winged Teal and Wood Duck. Most species were not seen at all on most days afield, although **Stillwater** in *Monroe* in November must have been alive with ducks.

**Dabbling duck sp.** The 5000 seen at **Paynetown** in *Monroe* 4 Nov (Don Whitehead) included more individuals than in all other reports combined.

**Wood Duck** High counts included 100 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 21 Sep and 27 Sep (Jed Hertz) and 125 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 19 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Gadwall** Earliest report was of 2 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). Alan Bruner had the two high counts, both at the **Brazil sewage lagoons** in *Clay*, with 196 on 6 Nov and 170 on 25 Nov. Noteworthy were 22 at **Pine Grove** in *Monroe* 22 Oct (Don Whitehead), 70 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 1 Nov (Frank Prosser), 120 at **Stillwater** 18 Nov (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead), 65 at **Pigeon R.** in *Lagrange/Steuben* 23 Nov (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht), and 80 at **Stillwater** 29 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**American Wigeon** Earliest report was of 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 8 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). Jed Hertz found 2 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 27 Sep, one month ahead of his early date for that area. High counts included 21 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** 3 Oct (Carolyn Marsh) and 60 at the **Brazil sewage lagoons** in *Clay* 25 Nov (Alan Bruner).

**American Black Duck** Earliest reports were of 2 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 3 Sep (Carolyn Marsh) and 1 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in *Elkhart* 4 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus, South Bend/Elkhart Audubon Soc. field trip). High count was 60 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 18 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Mallard** Reported statewide in high numbers, feral birds no doubt accounting for a high percentage of the totals. High counts included 200 **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead) and 240 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 29 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Blue-winged Teal** High counts included 26 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 27 Aug (Jed Hertz), 46 at **Miller Beach** in *Lake* 31 Aug (Jed Hertz), and 100 at **Fairfax** in *Monroe* 17 Oct (Ken Burton, Michael Clarke). Latest report was of 12 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in *Elkhart* 8 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus).

**Northern Shoveler** High counts were all at the **WakWWTrPlant** in *Elkhart* with 41 on 11 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus, Ruth Mallory), 32 on 18 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus), 54 on 21 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus), 41 on 3 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus, Drew Weber), and 22 on 24 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus). Latest report was of 5 on **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 30 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

**Northern Pintail** Very low numbers reported, mostly individuals at the **WakWWTrPlant** in *Elkhart*. Earliest report was of 2 on **Tannanbaum L.** in *Parke* 30 Aug (Alan Bruner). High counts failed to reach double digits: 9 at the **WakWWTrPlant** 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus) and 8 at **Miller Beach** in *Lake* 4 Oct (Jed Hertz).

**Green-winged Teal** Fairly widespread; greatest numbers reported from n.w. Indiana. Earliest report was of 1 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in *Elkhart* 2 Aug (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus); the next report was more than two weeks later, 2 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 18 Aug (Jed Hertz). High counts included 100 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 27 Sep (Jed Hertz), 210 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 18 Nov (Don Whitehead), and 150 at **Stillwater** 29 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Canvasback** Two reports, with a maximum of 9 individuals reported for the period: 1 at **MichCtyHarb** in **LaPorte** 17 Oct (Jeff McCoy), 2 males at **Dunes SP** in **Porter** 26 Oct (Ken Brock), 1 at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 7 Nov (Jeff McCoy) and 2 there 26 Nov (Michael Topp), and 3 on **L. Wawasee** in **Kosciusko** 18 Nov (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht).

**Redhead** Sparsely and spottily distributed, with 4 reports: 3 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 3 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 1 at **Paynetown** in **Monroe** 5 Nov (Don Whitehead), 26 at **L. Papakeechee** in **Kosciusko** 18 Nov (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht), and 6 at **Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon)** in **Monroe** 28 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Ring-necked Duck** Relatively common and widespread during the period. Earliest report was 1 female on **L. Lemon** in **Brown** 4 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). High counts included 60 at **Stillwater** in **Monroe** 30 Oct (Greg Hess, Frank Prosser) and 270 at **Stillwater** 5 Nov (Don Whitehead), 26 at **Lieber NP** in **Putnam** 11 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus), 500+ at the **Brazil sewage lagoons** in **Clay** 25 Nov (Alan Bruner), 140 at **Stillwater** 29 Nov (Don Whitehead), and 44 at **Lieber NP** 29 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus).

**Greater Scaup** Very few reports, a maximum of 9 individuals reported for the period. Earliest report was of 3 at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 4 Oct (Jed Hertz). All other reports were in Nov: 2 at **Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon)** in **Monroe** 5 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 4 on **L. Lemon** in **Monroe** 15 Nov (Don Whitehead), 1 on **L. Lemon** in **Brown** 29 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 2 at **Stillwater** in **Monroe** 29 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Lesser Scaup** Relatively low numbers with highest concentrations on **L. Monroe** in **Brown/Monroe**. Earliest report was of 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 17 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). All other reports were in Nov, with high counts at **Paynetown** in **Monroe** of 200 on 25 Nov, 50 on 3 Nov, and 76 on 4 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Scaup sp.** 500 at **Paynetown** in **Monroe** 25 Nov (Don Whitehead)

**Surf Scoter** Three reports, a maximum of 5 individuals reported for the period, all in Nov: 1 adult male at **Summit Lake SP** in **Henry** 21 Nov (Don Gorney, m.ob.), 2 on **Adams L.** in **Lagrange** 11 Nov (Jim Haw, Casey Ryan, Sandy Schacht), and 2 juv at **Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon)** in **Monroe** 26-29 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, John Lawrence, Don Whitehead).

**White-winged Scoter** Ken Brock noted that this sea duck executed the weakest flight of the scoters, with a mere 31 counted in the Dunes area. The only sighting away from L. Michigan was 1 female at the **Brazil sewage lagoons** in **Clay** 6 Nov (Alan Bruner).

**Black Scoter** Two reports, a maximum of 3 individuals reported for the period: 2 imm or females on **L. Waveland** in **Montgomery** 27 Oct (Alan Bruner) and 1 female or juv at **Paynetown** in **Monroe** 14 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Long-tailed Duck** 1 at **Paynetown** in **Monroe** 16 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Bufflehead** Earliest report was of 1 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 1 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus). High counts were all at **L. Lemon** primarily in **Monroe** with numbers

increasing toward the end of the period: 15 on 5 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 32 on 23 Nov (Don Whitehead), and high count of 43 on 29 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Common Goldeneye** A single report of 3 in **Steuben** 11 Nov (Jim Haw, Casey Ryan, Sandy Schacht).

**Hooded Merganser** Ken Brock noted that only 40 were reported from the Dunes area. Earliest report was 26 Oct at **Eagle Cr.** in **Marion** (Larry Peavler), with high counts of 17 at **Stillwater** in **Monroe** 8 Nov (Don Whitehead), 16 in s.e. **Elkhart** 12 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus), 23 at **Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon)** in **Monroe** 15 Nov (Don Whitehead, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 32 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 29 Nov (Carolyn Marsh).

**Common Merganser** 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 29 Nov (Carolyn Marsh).

**Red-breasted Merganser** A very early individual was reported at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 4 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus, South Bend/Elkhart Audubon Soc. field trip). Possibly the same individual was there 3 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus, Drew Weber). Other reports included 9 at **Hurshstown Res.** in **Allen** 8 Nov (Jim Haw), and at **Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon)** in **Monroe** were 2 on 13 Nov and (the high count) 35 on 23 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

**Ruddy Duck** Earliest report was 29 Sep at **Eagle Cr.** in **Marion** (Larry Peavler). High counts included 49 on **Hurshstown Res.** in **Allen** 24 Oct (Stockbridge Aud. Soc. field trip), 50 on **L. Gage** in **Steuben** 4 Nov (Jim Haw), 33 at **Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon)** on 5 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 45 at the **Brazil sewage lagoons** in **Clay** 25 Nov (Alan Bruner), and 41 at **Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon)** in **Monroe** on 28 Nov (Don Whitehead). All other counts were single-digit.

**Ring-necked Pheasant** All sightings were restricted to **Newton**. High counts included 9 at **Kankakee Sands** 11 Oct and 4 at **Willow Slough** 21 Sep (Jed Hertz).

**Ruffed Grouse** John Castrale reported 1 bird found dead at **Wiley Park**, Bedford, in **Lawrence** 21 Sep (specimen).

**Wild Turkey** With the exception of reports of singles at **Willow Slough** in **Newton**, all reports were from the southern third of the state. High counts included 12 (a family group consisting 2 adults and 10 half-grown juvs) on **Lampkins Ridge Rd.** in **Monroe** 12 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 23 at **North Fork** in **Monroe** 16 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead), 16 in **Unionville** in **Brown** 8 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 17 on **Tower Ridge Rd.** in s. **Monroe** 17 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), and 14 at the n. end of **Chinook** in **Clay** 27 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

**Northern Bobwhite** Four reports of this threatened species: 2 at **Flatwoods** in **Monroe** 3 Aug (Scott Evans), 3 in **Newton** 10 Sep (Jed Hertz), and 1 at **Kankakee Sands** in **Newton** 3 Nov (Jed Hertz). High count was 28 at **Beehunter** in **Greene** 17 Sep (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead).

**Loons & grebes** With the major exception of Common Loon, it was a superb season for loons and grebes (Ken Brock).

**Red-throated Loon** Some 56 birds were reported for the season (Jim Haw). High count was 11 at two **L. Michigan** sites on 7 Nov (Ken Brock, John Cassady). Other reports included 1 at **Fairfax in Monroe** 23 Nov (Michael Clarke) and 1 at **Paynetown in Monroe** 25 Nov (same bird?) (Don Whitehead).

**Pacific Loon** It was a banner year for this species. The season's remarkable records constitute the first fall Dunes-area reports since 1997 and the first autumn ever in which more than one Pacific Loon was reported (Ken Brock). All reports involved lone birds: 1 flying past **Miller Beach in Lake** 7 Nov with two Common Loons (Jeff McCoy), 1 adult at **MichCtyHarb in LaPorte** 9 Nov (Ken Brock), 1 about 150 yards off **Beverly Shores in Porter** 16 Nov (Nila Grube, Pete Grube), 1 with a chinstrap off **Beverly Shores** 26 Nov (Jeff McCoy, Larry Peavler, Andy Sigler), and 1 juv lacking a chinstrap off **Beverly Shores** 30 Nov (Michael Topp \*photo).

**Common Loon** Ken Brock noted that a paltry 446 Common Loons were reported on the lakefront this fall and that last year 2608 were logged, adding that this year's showing marks the lakefront's lowest fall total since 1990, when observer effort was far below today's standards, and that this year lacked a single triple-digit daily count. High count for the period on the **L. Michigan** lakefront was 77 on 25 Nov (Brendan Grube, Jeff McCoy *et al.*). Away from the lakefront, high counts included 78 at **Paynetown in Monroe** 9 Nov (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead), 82 on **L. Lemon** primarily in **Monroe** 22 Nov (Don Whitehead), 168 at **Fairfax in Monroe** 23 Nov (Michael Clarke), and 226 at **Paynetown** 26 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg). Larry Peavler observed an individual at **Eagle Cr. in Marion** during the entire reporting period, and a basic-plumaged individual at **Fairfax** 21 Aug-3 Sep probably was the same bird that had summered there (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Don Whitehead *et al.*).

**Pied-billed Grebe** High counts included 40+ at **L. Waveland in Montgomery** 23 Oct (Alan Bruner, Wabash Valley Aud. Soc. field trip), and on **L. Lemon** primarily in **Monroe** 32 on 3 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld) and 28 on 22 Nov (Don Whitehead). Jim Haw reported that on 14 Aug at a pond near **Orland in Steuben** he and Sandy Schacht watched an adult feed a juv a large frog, which the juv swallowed whole with some difficulty. Commented Haw, "I didn't know a Pied-billed Grebe could eat something that large."

**Horned Grebe** A banner year for this species along the lakefront, with a total of 345 on 25 Nov (Brendan Grube, Jeff McCoy *et al.*), the fourth largest tally ever for the lakefront (Ken Brock). Earliest reports were both on 31 Oct with 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake** (Carolyn Marsh) and 5 at **L. Lemon** primarily in **Monroe** (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). High counts included 12 at **Paynetown in Monroe** 5 Nov and 57 on **L. Lemon** primarily in **Monroe** 26-28 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Red-necked Grebe** All seen on 7 Nov were 2 at **Miller Beach in Lake** (Ken Brock, John Cassady, Jeff McCoy *et al.*) and 1 at **Paynetown in Monroe** (Don Whitehead).

**Eared Grebe** Four reports, three of them likely of the same bird, judging by plumage (Jim Haw): on **Hursttown Res. in Allen**: 24 Oct (Stockbridge Aud. Soc. field trip), 7 Nov (Stockbridge Aud. Soc. field trip), and 8 Nov (Jim Haw); and 1 in open water off

**Miller Beach in Lake** 28 Nov (John Cassady, Ed Hopkins). Ken Brock noted that although this species occasionally appears in lakefront harbors and yacht basins, it almost never is observed in open water.

**Western Grebe** Reported from two disjunct locations: 1 off the **Miller Beach** picnic shelter in **Lake** the morning of 6 Nov, the first lakefront record since 2002 (Nila Grube, Pete Grube, Jeff McCoy, Michael Topp); 1 on **L. Lemon** primarily in **Monroe** 13 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Bob Kissel \*photo, Don Whitehead); 1 off the **Miller Beach** picnic shelter 25 Nov that showed some characteristics of Clark's Grebe (Brendan Grube, Pete Grube, Jeff McCoy, Andy Sigler); and 1 off **Beverly Shores in Porter** 28 Nov (Pete Grube; also seen by John Cassady, Brendan Grube, and Jeff McCoy). Pete Grube studied the bird at very close range and thought that it might have been the same bird seen at **Miller Beach** on 25 Nov (Ken Brock).

**Northern Gannet** Ken Brock observed 1 juv flying east about 50 yards offshore past **Marquette Park (Miller Beach in Lake)** on balmy, windless 26 Oct for Indiana's first October record.

**American White Pelican** One report per month: 3 at **Potato Creek SP in St. Joseph** 31 Aug (Tom Stankus); 1 at **Forsythe Park/Wolf L. in Lake** in high N winds 8 Sep (Ed Smutniak); and 8 flying over **LaPorte** at dusk on 10 Oct (Jeff McCoy).

**Brown Pelican** Almost certainly the same very confused imm was found on the outer breakwater at **MichCtyHarb in LaPorte** 6 Sep (Brendan Grube) and then at **Miller Beach in Lake** 7 Sep (Ken Brock, Jeff McCoy, Michael Topp), 12 Sep (John Cassady), 30 Sep (Andy Sigler), and 6 Oct and 11 Oct (Michael Topp).

**Double-crested Cormorant** High counts included 100+ at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake** on 28 Aug and 600+ there on 3 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 50 on **Gibson L. in Gibson** 19 Oct (John Castrale), 275 on **L. Lemon** primarily in **Monroe** 26-27 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Don Whitehead), and 70 on **L. Waveland in Montgomery** 27 Oct (Alan Bruner).

**Bitterns, herons & egrets** Ken Brock noted that it was the best season for this group since 1996, except for the absence of Cattle Egret for the fourth consecutive fall.

**American Bittern** Six reports: 1 at the pond on Light St. at **Chinook in Vigo** 8 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg) and 1 at **Kankakee Sands in Newton** the same day (Lee Sterrenburg); 1 at **Willow Slough in Newton** 29 Aug (Jed Hertz); 2 at **Willow Slough** 30 Aug (Jed Hertz \*photo); 1 at **MichCtyHarb in LaPorte** 25 Sep (Jeff McCoy), which was only the second autumn record in the last eight years (Ken Brock); and 1 at **Kankakee Sands** 9 Oct (Jed Hertz).

**Least Bittern** Two reports, both from **North Fork in Monroe**, possibly the same individual 14 Aug (Jim Hengeveld, Chris Wood) and 27 Aug (Don Whitehead).

**Great Blue Heron** No reports were submitted for Indiana's largest rookery, in **Johnson**, but double-digit numbers were reported at three sites. At **Willow Slough in Newton** Jed Hertz had 14 on 10 Sep, 20 on 13 Sep, 15 on 17 Sep, 15 on 21 Sep, and 13 on 27 Sep. Carolyn Marsh had 15 at **HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake** 9 Sep. A consistent count of 11

was made at **Pine Grove** in **Monroe** on 24 Aug (Ken Burton, Don Whitehead), 11 Oct and 22 Oct (Don Whitehead).

**Great Egret** 10 were reported at **Willow Slough** in **Newton** 27 and 29 Aug (Jed Hertz), 50 at Clinton in **Vermillion** 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench), 23 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 14 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), and 13 at Crooked Cr. area of **L. Monroe** s. of Belmont in **Brown** 28 Sep (Michael Clarke). Latest report was 1 on 5 Nov at **Eagle Cr.** in **Marion** (Larry Peavler).

**Snowy Egret** Two reports. One of the summer birds at the **Chase Street wetland** in **Lake** remained until 21 Aug (John Cassady *et al.*), establishing the first autumn record for the Dunes area since 1997 (Ken Brock), and 1 imm was seen at **Fairfax** in **Monroe** 21-23 Aug (Michael Clarke, Dan Leach).

**Little Blue Heron** 1 was at the **WakWWTrPlant Elkhart** 4 Aug (Ruth Clouse, Kathy Marquee, Dan Stoltzfus), 1-2 individuals at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 3-14 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), 1 imm at **Chinook** in **Clay** 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench), and 1 imm at the **Chase Street wetland** in **Lake** 4 Sep (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassady, Darel Heitkamp, Lynea Hinchman, Randy Pals), the second September record for the Dunes area in the last seven years (Ken Brock).

**Tricolored Heron** Highly unusual was 1 imm at **George L.** in **Lake** 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh).

**Cattle Egret** Not reported in the Dunes area for the fourth consecutive autumn (Ken Brock).

**Green Heron** High counts included 5 at **Lingle Rd.** near Paragon in s.w. **Morgan** 6 Aug (Scott Evans), 6 at **Willow Slough** in **Newton** 27 Aug (Jed Hertz), 4 at **North Fork** in **Monroe** 29 Aug (Don Whitehead), 8 at **Willow Slough** 30 Aug (Jed Hertz), and 6 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 4 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). Latest report was a lone bird at **Potato Creek SP** in **St. Joseph** 11 Oct (Marge & Vic Riemenschneider).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** At **Willow Slough** in **Newton** were 1 subadult and 1 imm 10 Sep (Alan Bruner), 1 adult and 1 imm 21 Sep (Jed Hertz), and 6 incl. at least 2 juv 27 Sep (Jed Hertz).

**Black Vulture** Jim Hengeveld noted that this species is obviously increasing dramatically. All reports were of single-digit numbers except for 12 at the **L. Monroe** dam in **Monroe** 12 Sep (Dan Leach, Dan Kaiser), about 10 s.e. of **Mitchell** in **Lawrence** 16 Sep (John Castrale), and 17 n. of **Spring Mill SP** in **Lawrence** 2 Nov (John Castrale).

**Turkey Vulture** High counts included 50 at the **L. Monroe** dam in **Monroe** 12 Sep (Dan Leach, Dan Kaiser), 50 at **Cutright** 18 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 102 along SR 446 in **Monroe** 13 Nov (Don Whitehead), 90 at **Paynetown** in **Monroe** 25 Nov (Don Whitehead), and 120 at **Paynetown/Cutright** in **Monroe** 27 Nov (Don Whitehead). Latest report was 1 imm. photographed at **Kankakee Sands** in **Newton** 12 Nov (Jed Hertz \*photo).

**Diurnal raptors** In the Dunes area Ken Brock noted that hawks staged a strong flight except for Sharp-shinned Hawk (only 4) and Rough-legged Hawk (only 5), whereas in the southwest Sterrenburg noted that the fall movement of diurnal raptors in the strip mine grasslands probably ranked as good.

**Osprey** Ken Brock noted that only 5 were reported on the lakefront this fall, while from Ft. Wayne Jim Haw reported 6 sightings, which is average. Unexpected was seeing 3 of them in August. High counts elsewhere were 4 at the **lookout tower** in s. **Monroe** 17 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 5 at nearby **L. Monroe** sites the next day (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 4 at **Eagle Cr.** in **Marion** 26 Sep (Bill Murphy, April Sterling). Reports of late birds in Nov included 1 w. of **L. Waveland** in **Montgomery** (Alan Bruner \*photo), 1 imm on w. **L. Lemon** in **Monroe** the same day (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 1 on w. **L. Lemon** 23 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Swallow-tailed Kite** Ken Brock wrote: "This apparent 'bird of the season' (but see Black Skimmer) spent some 13 days just 2 mi. outside the **Dunes** area. Tim Martin, who saw the kite from the Indiana Toll Road (between mile markers 42 and 43) on 15 Aug, first reported it on IN-BIRD. Pete and Nila Grube conducted an unsuccessful search on 16 Sep, and it was assumed that the bird had been a transient. Then on 17 Aug Kenn Kaufman, who by chance was transiting the state on the Toll Road, again spotted the bird at mile marker 42. Kenn passed his observation on to Lynea Hinchman, who quickly spread the word. The bird was seen and photographed by scores of observers until at least 28 Aug (Seth Keller)... Based on a rather shallow tail-fork, this bird was believed to have been a juvenile." (Ken Brock; also seen by Brendan Grube, Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Roger Hedge, Carolyn Marsh, Sandy Schacht, and Randy Thompson).

**Bald Eagle** As usual, most reports as well as the highest numbers came from **L. Monroe**, where Don Whitehead found an incredible 23 (19 imm and 4 adults) at **Paynetown** in **Monroe** 25 Nov. Jeff Riegel found 15 remaining there the next day. Three days later (28 Nov) Don Whitehead could find "only" 9 at **Paynetown/Cutright** in **Monroe**. Elsewhere, Jed Hertz found 11 incl. 1 juv at **Willow Slough** in **Newton** 21 Sep (\*photo).

**Northern Harrier** This species apparently had an excellent breeding season, generating 35 reports from across the state, with Jed Hertz reporting them throughout the period from **Newton**. Alan Bruner noted that the species was seen in **Parke** on almost every outing throughout the period, with a high of 6 on 20 Oct; normally a total of 4-5 are seen during the season. Lee Sterrenburg thought that the arrival of fall Northern Harriers seemed a bit early, with 12 on Aug 29 in **Sullivan/Greene**, considerably more than had been there all summer. **Sullivan/Greene** were hotspots throughout Nov, with reports of 23 on 6 Nov (Jason Arenstein, Lee Sterrenburg), 23 on 8 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg), 28 on 12 Nov (Michael Clarke, Bob Kissel, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead), 22 on 13 Nov (Scott Evans, Lee Sterrenburg), the season high count of 33 on 13 Nov (Scott Evans, Lee Sterrenburg, and British birders Kim Mann and Nigel Mann), and 27 on 27 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** A species in precipitous decline across the continent. Reports of this species spanned the period. Earliest report was of 1 at **Stillwater** in **Monroe** 5 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead). Latest was 1 on 27 Nov at **Hawthorn** in **Sullivan**

(Lee Sterrenburg). High counts included 16 over the e. end of **L. Lemon** in **Brown** 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg), 6 at **Eagle Cr.** in **Marion** 26 Sep (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), 5 from the **lookout tower** in s. **Monroe** 29 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), and 19 over the e. end of **L. Lemon** in **Brown** 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

**Cooper's Hawk** Reported in small numbers throughout the period from around the state, especially from urban and suburban areas. Miles Zevin surmised that it had become the most common urban raptor in **Indianapolis** [in **Marion**]. High counts included 4 (2 adults 2 juv) at **North Fork** and **Stillwater** in **Monroe** 5 Aug (Don Whitehead, Lee Sterrenburg), 5 at the **lookout tower** in s. **Monroe** 17 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 4 at **Eagle Cr.** in **Marion** 26 Sep (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), 6 over the e. end of **L. Lemon** in **Brown** 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg), and 7 there 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

**Northern Goshawk** Definitely noteworthy was 1 imm at **Ft. Harrison SP** in **Marion** 31 Oct (Nancy Baney, Don Gorney, Sue Gregg, Mike Mulcahy, Jan Schmidt *et al.*).

**Red-shouldered Hawk** Groups of 3-4 birds, probably family groups, were reported from several locations: 3 (1 adult 2 juv) flying near the **Hickory Ridge fire tower** in the HNF in **Monroe** 5 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg); 3 over the e. end of **L. Lemon** in **Brown** 18 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 4 there 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 3 there 3 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). Latest sighting was 1 at **Beehunter Marsh** in **Greene** 6 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

**Broad-winged Hawk** Thinly reported with three double-digit counts: 14 at the **lookout tower** in s. **Monroe** 17 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 10 at **Eagle Cr.** in **Marion** 26 Sep (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), and 10 at **North Fork** in **Monroe** 21 Sep (Michael Clarke). Latest reports were 1 at **Merom** in **Sullivan** 16 Oct (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench) and 1 imm over **Indianapolis** in **Marion** 24 Oct (Miles Zevin).

**Red-tailed Hawk** High count in the north was 6 at **Willow Slough** in **Newton** 8 Nov (Jed Hertz). High counts elsewhere included 12 at **Hawthorn** in **Sullivan** 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 20 at **Chinook** in **Clay** 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench), 20 in **Greene/Sullivan** 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 21 in **Greene/Sullivan** 7 Nov (Jason Arenstein, Mike Clarke, Bob Kissel, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead), 18 over the e. end of **L. Lemon** in **Brown** 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead), and 28 there 24 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld)

**Rough-legged Hawk** The consensus was that this was the best fall in years for this species. Hotspots were **Kankakee Sands/Willow Slough** in **Newton** and the **strip mines** in the s.w. part of the state. Alan Bruner found the first bird, 1 imm light morph somewhat early on 19 Oct in **Brown's Valley** in **Montgomery**. High counts in **Greene/Sullivan** included 11 on 6 Nov (Jason Arenstein, Lee Sterrenburg), 11 on 12 Nov (Mike Clarke, Bob Kissel, Don Whitehead, Lee Sterrenburg), and 23 on 13 Nov (Scott Evans, Kim Mann, Nigel Mann, Lee Sterrenburg).

**Golden Eagle** A second-year male in **Whitley** on 14 Oct was the earliest record for n.e. Indiana by 4 days. It was struck by a car and taken to a raptor rehabilitator, where it remains as of April 2005 (John Winebrenner). Other reports included 1 imm in **Allen** 7 Nov (Jim Seely, Galen Yordy), 1 in possibly fourth-year basic plumage over the e. end of **L. Lemon** in **Brown** 13 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 1 imm in **Wabash** 14 Nov (Galen Yordy).

**American Kestrel** One of the earliest migrating raptors, reports included 13 at the US Steel breakwater at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 8 Aug (Brendan Grube, Lee Sterrenburg), 7 at **Hawthorn** in **Sullivan** 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 16 at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 14 Aug (John Cassady *et al.*) that set a record fall tally for the Dunes area, and 9 in **Greene/Sullivan** 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg).

**Merlin** Reported sparsely throughout the season with no peak noted. Earliest report was of 1 over **Bloomington** in **Monroe** 13 Aug (Don Whitehead). Peak count was 3 over **Brown/Monroe** 10 Oct (Lee Sterrenburg). Six were reported on the **L. Michigan lakefront**, 5 in Oct and 1 in Nov (Ken Brock).

**Peregrine Falcon** Singles reported statewide throughout the period from **Beehunter Marsh** in **Greene**. (Lee Sterrenburg), a pair near a nest site at BP Amoco in **Whiting** in **Lake** (John Castrale), **Eagle Cr.** in **Marion** (Scott Evans, Kim Mann, Nigel Mann, Bill Murphy, Larry Peavler, April Sterling), **East Chicago** in **Lake** (Skip Ghering, Carolyn Marsh), **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** (Carolyn Marsh), **Indianapolis** in **Marion** (John Castrale, Miles Zevin), **Hickory Ridge fire tower** in **Monroe**. (Lee Sterrenburg), **Kankakee Sands** in **Newton** (Jed Hertz), the **lookout tower** in s. **Monroe** (Michael Clarke, Lee Sterrenburg), **Miller Beach** in **Lake** (Jed Hertz, Jeff McCoy), **Paynetown** in **Monroe** (Don Whitehead), **Pine Grove** in **Monroe** (Don Whitehead), US Steel breakwater at **Miller Beach** (Brendan Grube, Lee Sterrenburg), and the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** (Dan Stoltzfus)

**Virginia Rail** Two reports, both of lone birds at **North Fork** in **Monroe** 1 Aug (may have nested) (Don Whitehead) and 19 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

**Sora** Five reports: 2 at **Willow Slough** in **Newton** 30 Aug (Jed Hertz); 1 juv at the **Lebanon Business Park** in **Boone** 17 Aug (Roger Hedge), 22 Aug (Cloyce Hedge) and 1 Sep (Roger Hedge); 1 at **Lower Woodall Rd.** in n.w. **Monroe** 28 Sep (Michael Clarke); and 1 at **Fairfax** in **Monroe** 14-17 Oct (Ken Burton, Michael Clarke).

**Common Moorhen** 1 adult and 3 juv at **Pigeon R.** in **Lagrange/Steuben** 5 Aug furnished the only nesting evidence in n. Indiana (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Sandy Schacht). 1 near **Orland** in **Steuben** 5 Aug was at a traditional nesting location, but no nesting evidence was seen; 2 adults and 5 juv at **Chinook** in **Vigo** 8 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg); 1 at **Beverly Shores** in **Porter** 12 Aug (Jeff McCoy); 1 adult 4 juv at **Chinook** in **Vigo** 3 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg); 5 at **Chinook** n. and s. of I-70 in **Clay/Sullivan** 4 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg); 1 adult and 3 juv at **Chinook** in **Clay** 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench); 1 juv at **Pine Creek** in **Benton** 24 Sep (Don Gorney, Mike Mulcahy); **Willow Slough** in **Newton** (all reports Jed Hertz) were 2 juv 27 Aug, 1 adult and 1 juv 29 Aug, 1 on 30 Aug, 1 adult and 1 juv 10 Sep, 1 juv 13 Sep, 1 adult and 1 juv 17 Sep, and 1 juv 21 Sep.

**American Coot** 1 at **Fairfax** in **Monroe** from Aug-2 Sep probably summered there (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Don Whitehead). Numbers at **Willow Slough** in **Newton** built up from 3 on 29 Aug to 500 by 8 Nov (Jed Hertz). Other high counts included 550 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 3 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 110 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in **Brown** 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead), 250 at **Paynetown** in **Monroe** 1 Nov (Don Whitehead), 500 on **L. Lemon** primarily in **Monroe** 5 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 200 there 22 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Sandhill Crane** No reports were received of the tens of thousands that staged as usual in November at Jasper-Pulaski FWA. Elsewhere small flocks were reported throughout Indiana except in the eastern third of the state. High counts included 25 at **Boot L.** in **Elkhart** 6 Oct (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory), 225 at **Pigeon R.** in **Lagrange/Steuben** 26 Oct (Jim Haw); 65 at **Boot L.** 28 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus); 150 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in **Brown** 7 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld); 100 over **Bloomington** in **Monroe** 8 Nov (Dawn Hewitt); 2000 at **SR 446** in **Monroe** 9 Nov (Jim Brown); 75 s. of **Spring Mill SP** in **Lawrence** 8 Nov at 3:45 p.m. and 175 on the e. side of **Spring Mill SP** at 4:15 p.m. (John Castrale); ca. 25 over **Indianapolis** in **Marion** 20 Nov (Miles Zevin); 155 over **Lampkins Ridge Rd.** in **Monroe** 25 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg); and 1700 over **Unionville** in **Brown** 28 Nov (Jean Furlong). On 5 Nov James Cole observed a flock of 52 cranes flying south over **Cool Creek Nature Center** in **Hamilton** that were spotted 5 min. later by Bill Murphy as they flew over **Lawrence** in **Marion** and spotted 14 min. later by Janet Creamer as they flew over **Southeastway Park** in **Marion**, a total tracked distance of about 15 air miles.

**Shorebirds** Ken Brock wrote, "A pleasant surprise for autumn shorebird watchers was the unexpected lowering of water in the north basin at **George L.** [in **Lake**], which exposed an enormous mudflat. The last time this occurred was 20 years ago. For a brief period excellent habitat also occurred at the **Chase Street wetland** in Gary [in **Lake**]. This year 31 shorebird species were recorded in the Dunes area... the poorest lakefront showing since 2000... White-rumped Sandpiper and Wilson's Phalarope both made strong showings."

**Black-bellied Plover** Earliest report was of 2 at **Grand Kankakee Marsh** 10 Aug (Josh Christian, Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht). High counts included 20 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** (Carolyn Marsh) and 22 at the **George L.** mudflats in **Lake** 14 Oct (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus).

**American Golden-Plover** Surprisingly few reports were received of this common fall migrant, the earliest of which were from the **Red Hen Turf Farm** in **St. Joseph**, where Chuck Gooding had 1 on 28 Aug and Marge and Vic Riemenschneider had 12 on 29 Aug. Other reports included 8 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh), 5 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 1 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus), 6 at **George L.** 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh), 1 at the **Engle Rd. wetland** in **Allen** 14 Sep (Jim Haw, Doug Rood, Marisa Windell), and 1 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 23 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus). Latest report was 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** 11 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).

**Semipalmated Plover** Modest numbers reported, beginning with 5 at **Loblolly Marsh** in **Jay** 3 Aug (Josh Christian, Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht). High counts included 18 at

**HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 11 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 18 on the **George L.** mudflats in **Lake** 9 Oct and 22 there 10 Oct (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassady, Lynea Hinchman, Ed Hopkins, Jeff McCoy, Randy Pals, Dan Stoltzfus).

**Piping Plover** Three individuals of this endangered species were reported: 2 banded juv on **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 3 Aug (Brendan Grube) and 1 unbanded juv (fourth latest ever) there 25 Sep (Jim Zervos) and 26 Sep (Jeff McCoy \*photo).

**Killdeer** Widely reported, with high counts of 170 at **Hawthorn** in **Sullivan/Vigo** 5 Aug (Scott Evans, Dawn Hewitt, John Lawrence, Lee Sterrenburg), 100 (Jim Spier) and 500 (Marge Riemenschneider, Vic Riemenschneider) at **Red Hen Turf Farm** in **St. Joseph** 29 Aug, and 224 at **Eagle Cr.** in **Marion** 19 Nov (Lou Anne Barriger, Larry Peavler).

**Black-necked Stilt** Unexpected were 2 juv at the **Goose Pond lowland area** in **Greene** 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg; \*photos provided the first physical documentation of juv Black-necked Stilts in Indiana) and 1 discovered by Ed Hopkins at **Pine Creek** in **Benton** 23 Sep and corroborated 24 Sep (Brad Bumgardner, Barny Dunning, Don Gorney \*photo, Mike Mulcahy).

**American Avocet** Ken Brock noted that this was the poorest lakefront flight in six years. 1 seen by m.ob. at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 20 Aug (Brendan Grube) and 1 at **Engle Rd. wetland** in **Allen** the same day (Steve Ekblad, Jim Haw, Jeff Moore, Roger Rang, Dave Reichlinger).

**Greater Yellowlegs** Earliest reports were 3 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 25 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus). High counts included 4 at **Moore's Creek** on w. side of **L. Monroe** in **Monroe** (Michael Clarke) and 8 at **Fawn R. Fish Hatchery** in **Steuben** (Jim Haw *et al.*), both 26 Oct, and 4 at **Beehunter Marsh** in **Greene** 13 Nov (Scott Evans, Kim Mann, Nigel Mann, Lee Sterrenburg).

**Lesser Yellowlegs** Recorded in good numbers, beginning with 52 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 2 Aug (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus). High counts included 12 at **Red Hen Turf Farm** in **St. Joseph** 29 Aug (Marge Riemenschneider, Vic Riemenschneider), 13 at **North Fork** in **Monroe** 11 Sep (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 31 at **North Fork** 12 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead), and 13 there 29 Sep (Ken Burton, Scott Evans). The latest report was 1 at **Kankakee Sands** in **Newton** 27 Oct (Jed Hertz).

**Solitary Sandpiper** An early migrant, 1 was at **Fairfax** in **Monroe** 1 Aug (John Lawrence). High count was 8 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** the next day (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus). Latest report was 1 at **Willow Slough** in **Newton** 27 Sep (Jed Hertz).

**Willet** The earliest and the high count were 16 at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** and 28 at **MichCtyHarb** in **LaPorte** 9 Aug (Brendan Grube), followed by 4 at **MichCtyHarb** 19 Aug (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Sandy Schacht) and 20 Aug (Brendan Grube, Roger Hedge) and 1 at **Marquette Park** in **Lake** 11 Sep (Alan Bruner).

**Spotted Sandpiper** Migration began before the beginning of the period and continued in relatively small numbers until 1 Oct with 1 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** (Dan

Stoltzfus). High counts, all at the **WakWWTrPlant**, included 14 on 2 Aug (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), 20 on 14 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 6 on 21 Aug (Howard Kauffman, Merlin Miller, Perry Miller, Dan Stoltzfus), 7 on 25 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), and 6 on 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus).

**Whimbrel** All reports were from the lakefront. Birders at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** found 3 on 3 Aug (Jeff McCoy), 1 on 17 Aug (Ken Brock), 1 on 21 Aug (John Cassady), 1 on 26 Aug (Jeff McCoy), 4 on 28 Aug (Pete Grube), and 2 on 30 Aug (Jeff McCoy). Birders at **MichCtyHarb** in **LaPorte** found 1 on 3 Aug (Brendan Grube) and 1 on 20 Aug (Brendan Grube, Roger Hedge).

**Marbled Godwit** 3 at **MichCtyHarb** in **LaPorte** 25 Aug (Brendan Grube) and 1 flyby at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 1 Sep (Michael Topp).

**Ruddy Turnstone** 2 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 9 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), and 28 – the largest fall tally in 10 years – on the outer breakwall at **MichCtyHarb** in **LaPorte** 9 Aug (Brendan Grube).

**Red Knot** Ken Brock noted that the best fall flight in a decade was logged on the lakefront, with **Miller Beach** in **Lake** hosting 5 on 25 Aug (Michael Topp) and 4 on 17 Sep (Ken Brock, Joel Greenberg, Larry Peavler, Jeff McCoy). Unusual away from the lakefront, Lou Anne Barriger and Larry Peavler found 4 alt plumage adults at the **Lebanon Prairie Creek Sod Farm** in **Boone** 26 Aug (corroborated by Lee Casebere, Mike Clay, Don Gorney \*photo, Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge, Ed Hopkins, and Brian Tabor); 3 birds were relocated there 27 Aug (Curt Bradburn and family, Roger Hedge, Kamal Islam), and 3 were there 29 Aug (Bob Buskirk, Dale Halbeck, Mike Halbeck, Roger Hedge).

**Sanderling** 2 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), 24 at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 31 Aug and 1 there 4 Oct (Jed Hertz).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** An early migrant. High counts included 18 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 2 Aug (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus) and 12 on 25 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus) as well as 17 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 6 Sep (Carolyn Marsh) and 2 there 9 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).

**Western Sandpiper** Total of 3 reported: 1 juv at the **Lebanon Business Park** in **Boone** 12-15 Sep (m.ob.), 1 at **Perrysville Marsh** in **Fountain** 18 Sep (Alan Bruner), and 1 on the **George L.** mudflat in **Lake** 10 Oct (Ken Brock, John Cassady, Brendan Grube, Lynea Hinchman, Jeff McCoy) through 14 Oct (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), tying the latest Dunes-area record.

**Least Sandpiper** High counts included 9 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 2 Aug (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), 15 at the **Lebanon Business Park** in **Boone** 18 Sept (Lee Casebere, Bill Murphy), 16 at **North Fork** in **Monroe** on 19 Aug (Dawn Hewitt, Don Whitehead) and 9 there 11-16 Sep (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Don Whitehead). The latest report was 1 in **Eagle Cr.** in **Marion** 19 Nov (Lou Anne Barriger, Larry Peavler).

**White-rumped Sandpiper** Seen on 16 Oct were 1 juv at **George L.** in **Lake** (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassady, Ed Hopkins), the first fall record for the Dunes area in 8 years (Ken Brock) and 2 at **Fawn R.** in **Steuben** (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Sandy Schacht). 1 was at **Fawn R.** 26 Oct (Jim Haw *et al.*), tying the latest date for n.e. Indiana.

**Baird's Sandpiper** Ken Brock noted that it was a below average flight for this species, with only 8 reported for the season in the Dunes area. Earliest report was of 1 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 25 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus). High counts included 4 at the **Red Hen Turf Farm** in **St. Joseph** 29 Aug (Jim Spier) and 4 at the **Lebanon Business Park** in **Boone** 18 Sept (Lee Casebere, Bill Murphy, Terry Walsh). Latest report and all-time latest record for n.e. Indiana by 18 days was 1 at **Engle Rd.** in **Allen** 6 Nov (Jim Haw).

**Pectoral Sandpiper** Widely reported. High counts included 70 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 2 Aug (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), 70 at **Engle Rd.** in **Allen** 14 Aug (Jim Haw), and 30 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 6 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). Last report was 2 at **Boot L.** in **Elkhart** 28 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus).

**Purple Sandpiper** 1 juv was on the **MichCtyHarb** jetty in **LaPorte** 20 Nov (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassady, Brendan Grube, Jeff McCoy, Randy Pals).

**Dunlin** Almost all reports were in Oct. Earliest report was of 12 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 4 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 70 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** 24 Oct, 21 on 31 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), and 125 at **Morse Reservoir** in **Hamilton** 22 Oct (Don Gorney). Latest reports, both on 13 Nov, were 1 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in **Brown** (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld) and 3 at **Morse Reservoir** (Don Gorney).

**Stilt Sandpiper** An excellent season for this species, according to many observers: 4 at **Engle Rd.** in **Allen** 1 Aug (Jim Haw), 9 at the **Chase St. wetland** in **Lake** 17 Aug (Ken Brock, John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), 6 at **North Fork** in **Monroe** 19 Aug (Don Whitehead), 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh) and 1 at **George L.** in **Lake** 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh), 13 juv at the **Lebanon Business Park** in **Boone** 15 Sep (m.ob.), 20 at **Engle Rd.** 17 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 4 at **North Fork** 18 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 23 at **Engle Rd.** 20 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 1 juv at the **Lebanon Business Park** 24 Sept (Roger Hedge), 12 at **North Fork** 27 Sep (Ken Burton) and 14 there 28 Sep (Don Whitehead). Setting n.e. Indiana's latest date by 7 days were 2 at **Engle Rd.** 16 Oct (Roger Rang).

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** Scarce migrant during the period: 5 at the **Lebanon Prairie Creek Sod Farm** in **Boone** 26 Aug (Lou Anne Barriger, Larry Peavler), with 4 seen later that day (Lee Casebere, Roger Hedge); 2 at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 11 Sep (Jeff McCoy); 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** and 1 at **George L.** in **Lake** 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh); 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** 9 Oct (Carolyn Marsh); and 1 juv on the **George L.** mudflats 9-10 Oct (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassady, Lynea Hinchman, Ed Hopkins, Jeff McCoy, Randy Pals, Dan Stoltzfus).

**Long-billed Dowitcher** Interesting were 2 at **Engle Rd.** in **Allen** 23 Oct and 1 there 31 Oct (Jim Haw), the latest for n.e. Indiana by 5 days. Haw noted that the birds were



in basic plumage and that species ID was an assumption based on time of year, as Short-billed Dowitcher should have been gone by then.

**Wilson's Snipe** Earliest report was of 1 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus). High count was 6 at **Kankakee Sands** 11 Oct (Jed Hertz). Latest report was 1 at **Kankakee Sands** in **Newton** 12 Nov (Jed Hertz).

**American Woodcock** Earliest report was of 1 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in **Lake** 13 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 2 at **Willow Slough** in **Newton** 21 Sep (Jed Hertz). Latest report was 1 on the **State Capitol grounds** in **Indianapolis** in **Marion** 5 Nov (Roger Hedge *et al.*).

**Wilson's Phalarope** Recorded in the Dunes area for the third time in the last 15 years, 1 juv was at **Chase Street, Gary** in **Lake** 10 Aug (Ken Brock, John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus). Other reports included 1 at **North Fork** in **Monroe** 15-16 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead) and 1 at **Engle Rd.** in **Allen** 26 Aug (Jim Haw).

**Red-necked Phalarope** 1 juv at the **Lebanon Business Park** in **Boone** 17 Sep (Don Gorney \*photo).

**Red Phalarope** Three reports: 2 at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 25 Sep (John Cassady), 1 at **MichCtyHarb** in **LaPorte** 2 Oct (Brendan Grube), and 1 first-year bird was at a sewage pond on **Bottom Rd.** in **Monroe** 12-15 Oct (Michael Clarke, Scott Evans, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld \*photo, Greg Hess *et al.*).

**Jaegers** Ken Brock noted, "Lakefront observers enjoyed an above average jaeger flight with 56 birds... For the fourth consecutive year the greatest numbers occurred in September. All reports were from **Beverley Shores** [in **Porter**], **Dunes SP** [in **Porter**], **MichCtyHarb** [in **LaPorte**], and **Miller Beach** [in **Lake**]."

**Parasitic Jaeger** The season's first bird, discovered at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 19 Aug (Jeff McCoy) tied the all-time early date set in 2002. Other sightings included 1 juv at **Miller Beach** 19 Aug (Jeff McCoy), 2 juv at **MichCtyHarb** in **LaPorte** 28 Aug (Jeff McCoy), 4 juv at **Miller Beach** 7 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 1 at **Miller Beach** 8 Sep (Michael Topp), 1 at **Miller Beach** 11 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 1 subadult at **MichCtyHarb** 15 Sep (Brendan Grube), 1 juv at **MichCtyHarb** 15 Sep (Brendan Grube), 2 juv at **Miller Beach** 18 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 1 juv. at **Miller Beach** 25 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 3 juv at **Miller Beach** 28 Sep (Pete Grube), 1 adult at **Miller Beach** 28 Sep (Pete Grube), 1 adult at **Dunes SP** in **Porter** 14 Oct (Jeff McCoy), 1 adult at **Miller Beach** 20 Oct (Michael Topp), 1 juv at **MichCtyHarb** 24 Oct (Brendan Grube), 2 adult at **Miller Beach** 25 Oct (Brendan Grube), 1 juv at **Miller Beach** 25 Oct (Brendan Grube), 1 subadult at **Miller Beach** 7 Nov (Jeff McCoy), and 1 subadult at **Miller Beach** 10 Nov (Michael Topp).

**Pomarine Jaeger** A relatively close juv was seen at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 7 Nov (Ken Brock, John Cassady, Ed Hopkins, Jeff McCoy, Don Gorney, Brendan Grube, Pete Grube *et al.*).

**Long-tailed Jaeger** Jeff McCoy saw 1 juv at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** on the 7 Sep cold front (Ken Brock).

**Laughing Gull** 1 juv at **Fairfax** in **Monroe** 10 Aug (Don Whitehead), 1 juv over **L. Lemon** primarily in **Monroe** 9-11 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 1 over **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 6 Oct (Michael Topp \*photo)

**Franklin's Gull** Earliest report was of 1 in basic plumage at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in **Brown** 9 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The 2 found by Larry Peavler at **Eagle Cr.** in **Marion** 24 Oct remained until 7 Nov. On 26 Oct, Pete Grube logged an excellent count of 15 off **Miller Beach** in **Lake**, the lakefront's largest tally since 1998. Jim and Sue Hengeveld reported the last for the season the next day, at **L. Lemon** primarily in **Monroe**.

**Little Gull** For the second consecutive year a beautiful juv in fresh plumage appeared 28 Aug at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** (Michael Topp, Brendan Grube, Jeff McCoy).

**Bonaparte's Gull** Earliest report was of 1 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in **Elkhart** 4 Aug (Ruth Clouse, Kathy Marquee, Dan Stoltzfus). They were present daily at **Tannanbaum L.** in **Parke** 1 Oct-30 Nov. High counts include 90 at **Paynetown** in **Monroe** 4 Nov (Don Whitehead), 100 at **Hursttown Res.** in **Allen** 7 Nov (Stockbridge Aud. Soc. field trip), 110 at **Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon)** in **Monroe** 12 Nov (Don Whitehead), 114 at **Eagle Cr.** in **Marion** 19 Nov (Lou Anne Barriger, Larry Peavler), and 90 at **Riddle Point Park** 23 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Ring-billed Gull** High counts included 250 at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 31 Aug (Jed Hertz), 225 at **MichCtyHarb** in **LaPorte** 4 Oct (Jed Hertz), 300 at **Miller Beach** 4 Oct (Jed Hertz), 200+ at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 20 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 360 at **L. Lemon** primarily in **Monroe** 22 Nov (Don Whitehead), 520 there 26 Nov (Don Whitehead), and 840 there Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Herring Gull** High counts included 25 at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 31 Aug (Jed Hertz), 10 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 20 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 25 at **Miller Beach** 4 Oct (Jed Hertz), and 25 at **MichCtyHarb** in **LaPorte** 4 Oct (Jed Hertz).

**Odd black-backed gull** Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassady, and Ed Hopkins observed a strange adult gull on the beach at **Dunes S.P.** in **Porter** 16 Oct. Mantle, bill, and head were similar in tint to a Great Black-backed but the bird was Herring Gull in size, lacked a white termination on p10, and the legs were cadaver gray, tinged lightly with blue. It also had a narrow white secondary bar visible on the upper wing. There was a band on the left leg. John Cassady obtained excellent photos. This individual was seen again in the **MichCtyHarb** yacht basin (**LaPorte**) on 28 Nov (Jeff McCoy *et al.*).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** 1 in basic plumage at **L. Lemon** primarily in **Monroe** 7 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Don Whitehead).

**Great Black-backed Gull** 1 at **Miller Beach** in **Lake** 10 Aug (Josh Christian, Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht), 1 first summer(?) at **Miller Beach** 31 Aug (Jed Hertz \*photo), 1 adult(?) at **MichCtyHarb** in **LaPorte** 4 Oct (Jed Hertz), and 1 at **Miller Beach** 4 Oct (Jed Hertz).

**Black-legged Kittiwake** Total of 5 reported: At **Miller Beach** in *Lake* 1 juv 4 Nov, 1 on 7 Nov, 1 juv on 24 Nov, and at **Dunes SP** in *Porter* were 2 on 25 Nov (Ken Brock).

**Caspian Tern** An early migrant. High counts included 30 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** 16 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 13 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 29 Aug (Jed Hertz), 8 at **Miller Beach** in *Lake* 31 Aug (Jed Hertz), and 10 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** 8 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). Latest report was 2 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 20 Sep (Carolyn Marsh).

**Common Tern** Reported from the beginning of the period through 7 Nov, when Stockbridge Aud. Soc. members found 1 at **Hursttown Res.** in *Allen*, the latest for n.e. Indiana by 30 days. High count was 600 at **Miller Beach** in *Lake* 28 Aug (Jeff McCoy).

**Forster's Tern** Both the earliest and latest records were by Jim and Sue Hengeveld at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown*, with 1 on 22 Aug and 1 from 2-7 Nov, respectively. High count was 19 at **Miller Beach** in *Lake* 31 Aug (Jed Hertz \*photo).

**Black Tern** High count was 700+ at **MichCtyHarb** in *LaPorte* 25 Aug (Brendan Grube). The state's previous high count was 650 at the same location 5 Sep 1980. Latest report was 3 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg).

**Black Skimmer** Extremely rare in Indiana, 1 was 0.5 to 0.75 miles off **Miller Beach** in *Lake* 29 Sep (Brendan Grube) provided the first Dunes-area record since 1913. At least 1 and possibly 2 other individuals were reported for the period. Carolyn Marsh submitted documentation to the IRBC for 1 that she found at **Forsythe Park** in *Lake* 9 Oct. The next day Jim Zervos independently discovered the bird there and alerted the birding community. M.ob. viewed the bird through 12 Oct. Kevin Wyckoff located what might have been the same individual on **Morse Reservoir** in *Hamilton* 16 Oct (James Cole, Don Gorney \*photo, Kevin Wyckoff, m.ob.).

**Rock Pigeon** Reported only by Jed Hertz, who had 6 at **Miller Beach** in *Lake* 31 Aug and 1 at **MichCtyHarb** in *LaPorte* 4 Oct.

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** 2 at the traditional site in **Whiting** in *Lake* 28 Aug (John Cassidy), 1 there 11 Sep (Jeff McCoy), and 1 flyby at **West Beach** in *Porter* 26 Oct (Jeff McCoy).

**Mourning Dove** High counts included 120 at **Beehunter** in *Greene* 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 150 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 27 Aug (Jed Hertz), 250 in the **Goose Pond lowland area** in *Greene* 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 200 in n.e. **Bloomington** in *Monroe* 1 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 110 in *Newton* 10 Sep (Jed Hertz).

**Monk Parakeet** 2 in Highland in *Lake* 1 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 7 on **Sheffield St. in Hammond** in *Lake* 6 Nov (Andy Sigler), and 5 there later the same day (Nila Grube, Pete Grube).

**Black-billed Cuckoo** 1 at **Pigeon R.** in *Lagrange/Steuben* 14 Aug (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht), 1 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 29 Aug (Jed Hertz), and 1 at **Salamonie** in *Huntington/Wabash* 16 Sep (Jim Haw).

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** Thinly reported, with high counts of 2 in **Dunes SP** in *Porter* 7 Aug (Randy Pals), 4 at **Pigeon R.** in *Lagrange/Steuben* 14 Aug (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht), 4 at **Fox Is.** in *Allen* 15 Aug (Jim Haw), and 3 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 29-30 Aug (Jed Hertz). The latest report was 1 at **North Fork** in *Monroe* 28 Sep (Michael Clarke).

**Barn Owl** John Castrale reported 3 nearly fledged young near **Derby** in *Perry* 14 Sep, 3 in a church steeple at **Derby** 15 Oct, and 3 imm at a ground nest in a silo near **Lexington** in *Scott* 17 Nov.

**Eastern Screech-Owl** 2 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* 31 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead), 1 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 21 Sep (Jed Hertz), 1 near **Mitchell** in *Lawrence* 26 Sep (John Castrale), and 2 at **Cutright** 18 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

**Great Horned Owl** High counts included 14 at **Hawthorn** in *Sullivan* 5 Aug (Scott Evans, Dawn Hewitt, John Lawrence, Lee Sterrenburg), 15 in *Sullivan/Greene* 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), and 6 along **Tower Ridge Rd.** in the HNF in *Monroe*. Nov 22 (Lee Sterrenburg).

**Snowy Owl** One report only, 1 injured by car in *Decatur* 15 Nov (*vide* Terry Davis).

**Barred Owl** 2 at the end of **Friendship Rd.** in *Monroe* 1 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 1 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 10 Sep (Jed Hertz), 3 there 17 Sep (Jed Hertz), 3 at **Willow Slough** 27 Sep (Jed Hertz), and 4 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Scott Evans, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg).

**Long-eared Owl** 2 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 14 Nov (Becky Lomax) and 1 at the **West Beach** pinery in *Porter* 18 Nov (Pete Grube, Larry Peavler) and 30 Nov (Michael Topp).

**Short-eared Owl** Locally common at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* and the reclaimed strip mines in *Greene*, *Sullivan*, and *Vigo*. First report was 1 at **MichCtyHarb** in *LaPorte* 31 Oct (Jeff McCoy). High count was 8 at **Chinook** in *Clay* 27 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** Jim Hengeveld reported that 53 were banded in **Yellowwood SF** in *Brown* in Nov by Ross Brittain, Jeff Riegel, Jeff Hammond, and Vicki Meretsky; 3 along **Tower Ridge Rd.** in the HNF in *Monroe* 22 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

**Common Nighthawk** High counts included 42 in **Indianapolis** in *Marion* 25 Aug (Miles Zevin), 44 at **Chinook** in *Vigo/Clay* 3 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 38 at **Chinook** 4 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), and 50 between **Guion** and **Marshall** in *Parke* 13 Sep (Alan Bruner). The latest report was 2 at **L. Lemon** in *Monroe* 10 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg). Alan Bruner noted, "Although there were no very large flocks seen, this species was seen more frequently this fall than usual. Rarely did I go

anywhere from the last week of Aug through mid-Sep without seeing a few migrating southward.”

**Chuck-will's-widow** Apparently bred successfully in *Monroe*. Sterrenburg established the latest record for this species in Indiana, as 2-4 remained at the end of **Friendship Rd. in North Fork** in *Monroe* until at least 25 Aug.

**Whip-poor-will** High count was 4 at **Friendship in Monroe** 5 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg). Latest report was 1 at **Friendship** 25 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg).

**Chimney Swift** High counts included 100+ at the **Brazil sewage lagoons** in *Clay* 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench), 115 at **North Fork** in *Monroe* 12 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 110 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 19 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 190 there 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg), 150 at **Forsythe** 27 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), and 100 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in *Elkhart* 1 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus). The latest report was of 7 in w. *Monroe* 13 Oct (Scott Evans).

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** High counts included 7 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 30 Aug (Jed Hertz), 7 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 2 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), and 20 at **Miller Beach** in *Lake* 4 Sep (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassady, Darel Heitkamp, Lynea Hinchman, Randy Pals). An all-white hummingbird with a hint of brown smudging on some feathers and a dark pupil in **Evansville** in *Vanderburgh* 28-29 Aug was thought to be a Ruby-throated (Katherine Fuchs \*photo, John Jones, Sandy Jones). The latest record was 1 in **Lafayette** in *Tippicanoe* 3-5 Nov (Laura Lah).

**Rufous Hummingbird** An amazing number of reports for the season. 1 adult female in **Lebanon** in *Boone* 29 Aug-3 Sep was banded by Allen Chartier (Roger Hedge, Cloyce Hedge, Don Gorney \*photo, Clint Murray \*photo, *et al.*; record accepted by IRBC). 1 adult female in **Gas City** in *Grant* 15 Oct-15 Dec was banded by Allen Chartier (Jim Cox, Onda Cox, Don Gorney \*photo, *et al.*); 1 imm female in **Newburgh** in *Warrick* 6-30 Nov was banded by Cathie Hutcheson (Chuck Mills, Charles Sorenson \*photo, *et al.*); 1 imm female in **Indianapolis** in *Marion* late Oct-end of period was banded by Allen Chartier \*photo (Don Gorney, Earl Miller, Leng Miller *et al.*); 1 adult female in **Boonville** in *Warrick* late Oct-end of period was banded by Cathie Hutcheson (Mike Newlin, Pam Newlin \*photo); and 1 imm female at **Tell City** in *Perry* 5 Nov-end of period was banded by Cathie Hutcheson (Debby Taylor \*photo).

Astoundingly, the Lebanon adult female was recovered several months later in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. On 14 Apr 2005, N. Newfield posted the following information on BIRDCHAT: "...the most exciting find was an immature female Rufous in Baton Rouge that had been banded in Lebanon, Indiana, in early September 2004. This was the first time a Rufous banded in migration outside the Deep South was captured the same season in Louisiana. The record is but a single data point demonstrating a migration route by which a Rufous arrived in Louisiana. While there are likely several routes by which Rufous reach the Gulf Coast, this record lends strength to the theory that some migrate eastward through the Great Lakes region before traveling southward to their ultimate destinations.”

Regarding the age discrepancy (“adult female”/“immature female”), Newlin later emailed this compiler: “The problem is an error on my part. My data sheet ages the bird as

AHY [after hatching year], which could include young birds when the age is not able to be ascertained. The data gives the maxillar corrugations as 20%. We use the extent of maxillar corrugations to age hummingbirds. Adults usually have less than 20%, while immatures have more. It is not impossible for a young bird to loose all corrugations by late January nor is it impossible for an adult to retain as much as 20% into March. The sequence of molt of the primaries and rectrices also does not give an absolute answer. However, it seems most likely to be an adult rather than an immature. I am afraid I looked at the 20% maxillar corrugations and inferred a young bird. Sorry for the confusion.”

**Selasphorus hummingbird sp.** 1 in **Evansville** in *Vanderburgh* 31 Aug-1 Sep (Don Goodaker, Pat Goodaker).

**Belted Kingfisher** High counts included 3 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 21 Sep (Jed Hertz) and 4 at **Potato Creek SP** in *St. Joseph* 6 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus, Aud. field trip, m.ob.)

**Red-headed Woodpecker** High counts included 15 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 11 Sep (Alan Bruner), 18 incl. 2 juv at **Willow Slough** 13 Sep (Jed Hertz), and 58 migrating past the **Hickory Ridge fire tower** in s. *Monroe* 17 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg). The latest report was 13 at **Willow Slough** 8 Nov (Jed Hertz).

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** High counts included 8 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 10 Sep and 13 Sep, 11 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 28 Sep (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), and 7 at **Willow Slough** 19 Oct and 8 Nov (Jed Hertz).

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** Earliest report was of 2 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 15 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 19 at the **Hammond-Whiting lakefront** in *Lake* 2 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 on **Headley Rd. n. Bloomington** in *Monroe* 26 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Downy Woodpecker** High counts, 3 birds each, were at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 30 Aug, 13 and 17 Sep, 19 Oct, and 8 Nov (Jed Hertz).

**Hairy Woodpecker** High counts included 2 at **Ft. Harrison SP** in *Marion* 21 Sep and 2 in **Indianapolis** in *Marion* 25 Nov (both Miles Zevin).

**Northern Flicker** High counts included 13 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 28 Sep (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), 7 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 13 Sep (Jed Hertz), 10 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 21 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), 8 at **Flatwoods** in *Monroe* 28 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 8 at **Little Africa** in *Brown* 3 Oct (Michael Clarke).

**Pileated Woodpecker** 1 male at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 28 Nov (Miles Zevin).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** Extremely early and tying the state’s fall arrival date was 1 on **Henderson Creek Rd.** in *Lawrence* 5 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg). Other reports included 1 at **Flatwoods** in *Monroe* 22 Aug (Don Whitehead), 2 (1 juv and 1 adult) at **Forsythe** in *Lake* 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 2 sitting on the same limb at **Chinook** in *Clay* 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench), 1 at **Fox Is.** in *Allen* 12 Sep (Jim Haw), and 1 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy).

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** High counts included 5 at **Turkey Cr./Elkhart R.** in *Elkhart* 16 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 5 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 24 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 5 at **Waterford Church/Elkhart R.** in *Elkhart* 30 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 5 in w. **Monroe** 31 Aug (Scott Evans), and 4 at **Goshen Dam** in *Elkhart* 1 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus). The latest reports were on 9 Oct: 2 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* (Michael Clarke) and 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 9 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** Earliest report was of 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 16 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 3 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 27 Aug (Jed Hertz). The latest report was 1 harassing Least Flycatchers at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy).

**Alder/Willow Flycatchers** High count was 6 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy).

**Acadian Flycatcher** High count was 3 in w. **Monroe** 31 Aug (Scott Evans). Latest report was 1 at **Griffy L.** just n. of **Bloomington** in *Monroe* 30 Sep (Ken Burton, Dawn Hewitt).

**Alder Flycatcher** Alan Bruner observed 1 at **Tannanbaum L.** in *Parke* 20 Sep giving its “*bic*” call note.

**Willow Flycatcher** Latest report was 1 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 16 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory).

**Least Flycatcher** High count was 5 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy). Latest report was 1 at **Yellowwood SF** in *Brown* 23 Sep (Michael Clarke).

**Eastern Phoebe** High count was 7 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 10 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory). Latest report was 1 at **Pigeon R.** in *Lagrange/Steuben* 26 Oct (Jim Haw *et al.*)

**Great Crested Flycatcher** High counts included 3 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 13 Sep (Jed Hertz) and 3 at **Turkey Cr./Elkhart R.** in *Elkhart* 16 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus). Latest report was 1 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 16 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory).

**Eastern Kingbird** The highest count by far was 26 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 27 Aug (Jed Hertz). Other high counts included 8 at **Willow Slough** 30 Aug (Jed Hertz) and 6 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 2 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus). The latest record was 27 Nov, about which Ken Brock noted, “Without doubt the season’s most surprising flycatcher was a rather worn Eastern Kingbird found at **Marquette Park** on a dark rainy 27 Nov day (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, Jeff McCoy, Perry Miller, Randy Pals, Dan Stoltzfus *et al.*). Shocked observers, who expected that any late November kingbird would be more exciting than an Eastern, were consoled by the fact that this was Indiana’s first ever November record. The state’s previous late record was also at **Miller Beach** [in *Lake*], where D. H. Boyd reported one 28 Oct 1943.”

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** A fascinating find was 1 at **Mulberry** in *Clinton* and *Dayton* in *Tippecanoe* 11-12 Sep (Kyle Arvin, Lee Casebere, Don Gorney \*photo, Brendan

Grube, Nila Grube, Pete Grube, Roger Hedge, Tom Hulvershorn, Jeff McCoy \*photo, Mike Mulcahy, Dianne Packett, Steve Pancel, Dan Scheiman \*photo, Craig Seward \*photo; record accepted by IBRC). A second discovery was 1 adult s.e. of **Huntingburg** in *Dubois* 31 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld \*photo, Tom Stankus *et al.*).

**Loggerhead Shrike** Only 1, at **New Lebanon** in *Sullivan* 16 Oct (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench).

**Northern Shrike** All reports were in Nov. Found on 20 Nov were 1 in **DeKalb** (Casey Ryan), 1 adult in w. **Beverly Shores** in *Porter* (Brendan Grube, Jeff McCoy), and 1 imm at **Cowles Bog** in *Porter* (Jeff McCoy, Brendan Grube). On 23 Nov 1 was found in n.e. **Elkhart** (Dan Stoltzfus, Perry Miller) and 1 imm in **Steuben** (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht). The latest report was 1 in central **Beverly Shores** 27 Nov (Brendan Grube).

**White-eyed Vireo** High counts included 5 singing at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 11 Sep (Alan Bruner), 6 at **Friendship** in *Monroe* 11 Sep (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 6 at **Fairfax** in *Monroe* 21 Sep (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead), 6 at **Yellowwood SF** in *Brown* 23 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 6 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 26 Sep (Don Whitehead). Latest reports were 2 Oct with 2 at **Fairfax** (Michael Clarke) and 1 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* (Larry Peavler).

**Bell's Vireo** Two reports: 1 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 27-28 Sep (Ken Burton, Frank Prosser) and 10 at **Hawthorn** in *Sullivan* 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

**Yellow-throated Vireo** High counts included 5 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 11 Sep (Alan Bruner), 3 at **Friendship** in *Monroe* 11 Sep (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 3 in w. **Monroe** 12 Sep (Scott Evans), 3 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), and 3 at **Fairfax** in *Monroe* 15 Sep (Michael Clarke, Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead). The latest record was 1 at **Fairfax** 14 Oct (Michael Clarke).

**Blue-headed Vireo** Earliest report was of 4 at **Franke Park** in *Allen* 21 Sep (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings). High count was 4 in the **lakefront traps** 25 Sep (Susan Bagby, John Cassady, Lynea Hinchman, Ed Hopkins *et al.*) and 4 at **Dunes SP** in *Porter* 30 Sep (Randy Pals). The latest report was 1 at **Cool Creek Nature Center** in *Hamilton* 5 Nov (Becky Lomax).

**Warbling Vireo** Widely reported, with high counts of 7 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 2 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus) and 8 at **Boot L.** 10 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory). Latest report was 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 4 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).

**Philadelphia Vireo** Earliest reports were 12 Sep with 1 at **Forsythe** in *Lake* (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh) and 4 in n.w. *Lake* (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh); the latter tied the high count with 4 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy). The latest report was 1 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 31 Oct (Charles Keller, Larry Peavler).

**Red-eyed Vireo** The highest count by far was 24 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* 17 Aug (Don Whitehead). Other high counts included 6 at **Cutright** 10 Aug (Don Whitehead), 7 there 31 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead), 6 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 7 Sep (John

- Cassady, Ruth Mallory, Dan Stoltzfus), 5 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 19 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 6 at **Hammond** in *Lake* 26 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 11 Oct (Becky Lomax).
- Blue Jay** High counts included 232 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 458 at the **lookout tower** in s. *Monroe* 29 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), and 400 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).
- American Crow** Staging a fair recovery from the West Nile epizootic, this species was reported statewide. High counts included 50 at **North Fork** in *Monroe* 14 Sep (Michael Clarke), 54 at the **lookout tower** in s. *Monroe* 29 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 150 at **Flatwoods** in *Monroe* 9 Oct (Cathy Meyer), and 65 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 24 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).
- Horned Lark** High counts included 72 at **Hawthorn** in *Sullivan* 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 45 there 17 Sep (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead), 25 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 10 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg), 38 there 7 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 15 there 13 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). An oddity was an albino bird, all white except for a pale brownish wash on the head, with a small flock of its kind in *Allen* 25 Nov (Jim Haw).
- Purple Martin** Most reports were from Aug, with a high count of 75 at **Salamonie Dam** in *Wabash* 26 Aug (Jim Haw). The latest report was 1 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 17 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).
- Tree Swallow** High counts at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* included 350 on 29 Aug, 125 on 30 Aug, 170 on 21 Sep, and 500 on 27 Sep (Jed Hertz). Other high counts included 450 at **Fairfax** in *Monroe* 17 Oct (Ken Burton, Michael Clarke), and 250+ at **Muscatatuck NWR** in *Jackson/Jennings* 30 Oct (Indiana Aud. Soc. field trip). The latest report was 4 at **Goose Pond** in *Greene* 6 Nov (Jason Arenstein, Lee Sterrenburg).
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow** High counts included 100 at the **Elkhart Waste Water Treatment Plant** in *Elkhart* 26 Aug (Ronda DeCaire), 200 at **Shanklin Park, Goshen** in *Elkhart* 15 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus), and 150 at **Perrysville Marsh** in *Fountain* 18 Sep (Alan Bruner). The latest report was 1 at the **WakWWTrPlant** 3 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus, Drew Weber).
- Bank Swallow** High count was 20 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 20 Aug (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The latest report was 1 there 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).
- Cliff Swallow** High counts included 15 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in *Elkhart* 4 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus, Aud. field trip, m.ob.), 100+ at **Russellville** in *Putnam* 13 Sep (Alan Bruner), and 30 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 20 Aug (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The latest report was 5 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).
- Barn Swallow** High counts included 60 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in *Elkhart* (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus) and 70 at **Paynetown** in *Monroe* (Don Whitehead) on 2 Aug ,
- and 150 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 20 Aug (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The latest report was 1 at **Muscatatuck** in *Jackson/Jennings* 4 Nov (Don Gorney, Mark Trabue).
- Carolina Chickadee** High count was 10 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy).
- Black-capped Chickadee** High count was 3 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 5 Sep (Carolyn Marsh).
- Tufted Titmouse** High count was 5 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 8 Nov (Jed Hertz).
- Red-breasted Nuthatch** Very high numbers poured through the state in mid-Sep. Earliest report was of 2 at **Pigeon R.** in *Lagrange/Steuben* 2 Sep (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings). Warren Zevin found 1 dead by a window in downtown **Indianapolis** in *Marion* 26 Sep. By far the highest count was 23 in the **Dunes-area pinery** in *Porter* 19 Sep (Brendan Grube).
- White-breasted Nuthatch** High count was 3 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 27 Aug (Jed Hertz).
- Brown Creeper** Earliest report was of 1 at **Cool Creek Nature Center** in *Hamilton* 18 Sep (Becky Lomax). High count was 6 in **Whiting-Hammond** in *Lake* 29 Sep (Carolyn Marsh).
- Carolina Wren** High count was 8 at **North Fork** in *Monroe* 10 Sep (Don Whitehead).
- House Wren** High counts included 5 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 21 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 7 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 7 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory, Dan Stoltzfus), and 6 at **Boot L.** 22 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory). The latest report was 1 at **Pine Grove** in *Monroe* 25 Oct (Michael Clarke).
- Winter Wren** Earliest report was of 1 at the **Cool Creek Nature Center** in *Hamilton* 18 Sep (Becky Lomax). High count was 16 there 10 Oct (Jim Zervos).
- Sedge Wren** High counts included 9 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 8 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 11 at **Goose Pond** in *Greene* 13 Aug, 11 at **Kankakee Sands** 18 Aug (Jed Hertz), 10 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 31 Aug (John Cassady), and 9 at **Boot L.** 2 Sep and 20 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus). Extremely late was 1 at **Browning Wetland** in *Boone* 2 Nov (Roger Hedge, Steve Housefield).
- Marsh Wren** Earliest report was of 1 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 19 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg). High count was 3 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 27 Oct (Jed Hertz). The latest reports were of 1 at the **Lebanon Business Park** in *Boone* 26 Oct (Roger Hedge) and 1 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Monroe* that was seen last on 26 Dec (Becky Lomax).
- Golden-crowned Kinglet** Earliest reports were all on 29 Sep with 1 at **Whiting Park** in *Lake* (Carolyn Marsh), 2 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory), and 1 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* (Bill Murphy). High counts included 4 at **Boot L.** (John Cassady, m.ob.) and 4 at **Ritchey Woods** (Bill Murphy) on 11 Oct, 5 at **Fairfax** in

**Monroe** 26 Oct (Michael Clarke), and the latest report, 10 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 29 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** Earliest report was of 2 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy). High count was 20 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 9 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 28 Nov (Lou Anne Barriger, Becky Lomax, Larry Peavler).

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** High counts were all at **Cutright** in *Monroe*: 22 on 17 Aug (Don Whitehead), 14 on 21 Aug (Don Whitehead), and 10 on 31 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead). The latest report was 1 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 2 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

**Eastern Bluebird** High counts included 33 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg) and 30 there 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

**Veery** Earliest report was of 2 at the **Hammond lakefront** in **Lake** 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 3 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 19 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The latest report was 1 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* 4 Oct (Michael Clarke).

**Gray-cheeked Thrush** Earliest report was of 1 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in **Lake** 5 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 3 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 19 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The latest report was 1 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* 6 Oct (Ken Burton).

**Swainson's Thrush** Good numbers of this species were recorded during the period. Earliest report was of 1 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in **Lake** 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 100+ at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh) and 100+ at **George L.** in **Lake** 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh). Lee Sterrenburg heard 68 in e. *Monroe* 19 Sep. The latest report was 1 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* 22 Oct (Don Whitehead).

**Hermit Thrush** Earliest report was of 2 at **Whiting Park** in **Lake** 2 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 50 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 4 Oct (Carolyn Marsh) and 10 at the **South Shore Cultural Center** in **Lake** 25 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* 9-10 Nov (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead).

**Wood Thrush** Surprisingly few reports of this species were received. High count was 7 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 19 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The latest report was 1 at the **Wapehani Mt. Bike Park** in w. **Bloomington** in *Monroe* 30 Sep-1 Oct (Ken Burton, Michael Clarke).

**American Robin** High counts included 550 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 11 Sep (Alan Bruner), 1500 at **Flatwoods** in *Monroe* 28 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 1800 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

**Varied Thrush** A prodigious surprise for Jim Haw was 1 male in his **Ft. Wayne** yard in **Allen** 24 Nov (Josh Christian, Jim Haw \*photo, Frannie Headings, Ted Heemstra, Doug Rood, Casey Ryan and his dad, Sandy Schacht). This was the fourth record for n.e. Indiana and the earliest by 13 days.

**Gray Catbird** High counts included 12 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 16 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 25 at **Waterford Church/Elkhart R.** in *Elkhart* 30 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 22 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 11 Sep (Alan Bruner), and 30 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy). The latest report was 1 at **Salamonie Res.** in *Huntington/Wabash* 9 Nov (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Sandy Schacht).

**Northern Mockingbird** Uncommon in n. Indiana, 1 was at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in **Lake** 7 Aug (Ken Brock, Susan Bagby, John Cassady, Ed Hopkins, Lee Sterrenburg), 1 was at **Cowles Bog** in *Porter* 31 Oct (Randy Pals), and very late was 1 in e.-central *Elkhart* 26 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus, Drew Weber).

**Brown Thrasher** High count was 4 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in **Lake** 16 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 at **Upper Woodall Rd.** in n.w. *Monroe* 13 Oct (Michael Clarke).

**European Starling** High counts included 500 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 20 Aug (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 1000+ at s. **Wolf L.** in **Lake** 16 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), 500 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 3100 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 21 Sep (Jed Hertz).

**American Pipit** Earliest report was of 1 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 20 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus). High counts included 35 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in *Elkhart* 4 Oct (Michael Bender, Dan Stoltzfus), 34 there 11 Oct (Ruth Mallory, Dan Stoltzfus), 32 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 6 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and the latest report, 150 at **Hollandsburg** in *Parke* 25 Nov (Alan Bruner).

**Cedar Waxwing** High counts included 95 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 30 Aug (Jed Hertz) and, all at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown*, 80 on 17 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 85 on 19 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 322 on 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg), and 55 on 6 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

**Warblers** Ken Brock noted that the lakefront's first movement was recorded 28 Aug when 15 species, incl. Golden-winged, Mourning, and Connecticut, were recorded in the **Lake** traps. The overall warbler flight was slightly below average. The most serious shortfall occurred with Cerulean Warblers, which was missed this fall. Numbers of Black-throated Blue Warblers were also down significantly. On a positive note, both Louisiana Waterthrush and Canada Warbler made excellent showings.

**Blue-winged Warbler** 1 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 24 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 1 at **Waterford Church/Elkhart R.** in *Elkhart* 30 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 1 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in **Lake** 15 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), in **Forsythe Park** in **Lake** 16 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 1 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy), and 1 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 19 Sep (Bill Murphy).

**Golden-winged Warbler** Surprisingly, more reports were received for this species than for the previous species: 1 male at **Fox Is.** in *Allen* 5 Sep (Jim Haw), 1 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 6 Sep (Larry Peavler), 1 male at **Franke Park** in *Allen* 7 Sep (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings), 1 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 8 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory), 1 imm at **Mengerson Preserve** in *Allen* 12 Sep (Jim Haw), 2 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh), 1 at **Boot L.** 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), 1 imm at **Franke Park** 14 Sep (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings), 1 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** 15 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), 1 male at **Salamonie River SF** in *Wabash* 16 Sep (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings), 1 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy), 1 at **Yellowwood** in *Brown* 23 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 2 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 28 Sep (Bill Murphy).

**Brewster's Warbler** 1 brightly colored bird at Chain O' Lakes SP in *Noble* 12 Aug (Jim Haw).

**Tennessee Warbler** Earliest report was of 2 at the **Morgan-Monroe SF** primarily in *Monroe* 25 Aug (Doug Johnstone). High counts included 15 on 12 Sep at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh) and in w. *Monroe* (Scott Evans), 12 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy), and 20 in w. *Monroe* 25 Sep (Scott Evans). The latest reports included 1 at the **Westin Hotel** in downtown **Indianapolis** in *Marion* 19 Oct (Cary Floyd, Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge), 1 at **Oak Hill Cemetery, Lebanon** in *Boone* 22 Oct (Cloyce Hedge), and 1 in **Unionville** in *Brown* 24 Oct -1 Nov (Jean Furlong, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

**Orange-crowned Warbler** Earliest report was of 1 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy). High count was 5 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 9 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). The latest reports included 1 at **Pigeon R.** in *Lagrange/Steuben* 4 Nov (Frannie Headings, Doug Rood) and 1 at **Browning Wetland** in *Boone* 2 Nov (Roger Hedge, Steve Housefield).

**Nashville Warbler** Earliest reports were 31 Aug: with 1 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* (Carolyn Marsh) and 1 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* (John Cassady). High counts included 5 at **Boot L.** 7 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory, Dan Stoltzfus), 7 at **Boot L.** 10 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory), and 9 at **Boot L.** 29 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory). The latest reports included 1 at **Metea Park** in *Allen* 24 Oct (Roger Rang) and 1 at **Fairfax** in *Monroe* 26 Oct (Michael Clarke).

**Northern Parula** A scattering of reports: 1 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* 21 Aug (Don Whitehead), 1 at **Fairfax** in *Monroe* 23 Aug (Michael Clarke), 3 in w. *Monroe* 31 Aug (Scott Evans), 1 at **Fairfax** 21 Sep (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead), 1 at **Yellowwood SF** in *Brown* 23 Sep (Michael Clarke), 1 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 26 Sep (Larry Peavler), 1 at **Paynetown** in *Monroe* 28 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 1 at **Fox Is.** in *Allen* 7 Oct (Roger Rang).

**Yellow Warbler** High count was 3 at **State Line/Eggers Woods IN-IL** in *Lake* 1 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). The latest reports were 1 at **Ft. Harrison SP** in *Marion* 26 Sep (Don Gorney, Mike Mulcahy *et al.*) and 1 adult 22-27 Sep at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* (Bill Murphy, Larry Peavler *et al.*).

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** Earliest report was of 1 at **Ft. Harrison SP** in *Marion* 21 Aug (Don Gorney). High count was 5 at the **Hammond lakefront** in *Lake* 15 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Jo Kelly, Phil Kelly, Lee Sterrenburg).

**Magnolia Warbler** Earliest report was of 2 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 20 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy). The latest report was 1 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 10 Oct (Larry Peavler).

**Cape May Warbler** Earliest report was of 1 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 7 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** 26 Sep (Carolyn Marsh) and 12 at **Yellowwood** in *Brown* 23 Sep (Michael Clarke). The latest report was 2 at **Whiting Park** in *Lake* 11 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** Ken Brock noted that the 4 birds reported this autumn constitute the lowest lakefront total in 15 years. Earliest report was of 1 female at **State Line Rd.** in *Lake* 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 2 males at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 26 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 female at **Newark** in e. *Greene* 6 Oct (Jess Gwinn).

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** Earliest report was of 1 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 14 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus). High counts included 90 at **Hammond-Whiting** in *Lake* 2 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 45 at **Fairfax** in *Monroe* 14 Oct (Michael Clarke), and 90+ at **Shades SP** in *Montgomery* 19 Oct (Alan Bruner). The latest report was 5 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 6 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** Accidental in Indiana, Steve Hossler discovered 1 male in his yard in **Aboite Township** in *Allen* 31 Aug (Barb Clark, Jim Haw \*doc and \*photo to IBRC, Frannie Headings, Roger Rang, Sandy Schacht, Marisa Windell). It also put in brief appearances on 1, 2, 7, 15, 24, and 29 Sep. This is the only second documented occurrence of the species in Indiana.

**Black-throated Green Warbler** Earliest report was of 1 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 30 Aug (Frank Prosser). High counts included 8 at the **Hammond lakefront** in *Lake* 26 Sep (Carolyn Marsh) and at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy), 4 in w. *Monroe* 12 Sep (Scott Evans), 4 at **Stillwater** 28 Sep (Michael Clarke), 6 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* 1 Oct (Michael Clarke), and 4 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 2 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was of 1 on the **State Capitol grounds/Westin Hotel** in **Indianapolis** in *Marion* 24 Oct (Becky Lomax).

**Blackburnian Warbler** Exceptionally early was 1 adult female and 1 imm female in w. **Beverly Shores** in *Porter* 12 Aug (Jeff McCoy). High count was 3 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 2 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus). The latest report was 1 in **Bloomington** in *Monroe* 7 Nov (Dawn Hewitt).

**Yellow-throated Warbler** High count was 4 at **Paynetown** in *Monroe* 3 Sep (Don Whitehead). The latest report was 1 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* 1 Oct (Michael Clarke).

**Pine Warbler** High counts included 4 at the **lookout tower** in s. *Monroe* 19 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 3 at **Yellowwood SF** in *Brown* 23 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 3 at the

- lookout tower** in s. *Monroe* 29 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg). The latest report was 1 dinky imm female at **Pigeon R.** in *Lagrange/Steuben* 5 Oct (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Marisa Windell).
- Prairie Warbler** High counts included 2 at **Friendship** in *Monroe* 16 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead) and 30 Aug (Michael Clarke). The latest reports were both on 23 Sep with 1 at **Little Africa** in *Brown* (Michael Clarke) and 1 at **Yellowwood SF** in *Brown* (Michael Clarke).
- Palm Warbler** Earliest report was of 2 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 41 at the **Hammond lakefront** in *Lake* 2 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 20 at **Little Africa** in *Brown* 3 Oct (Michael Clarke), 14 at **Fairfax** in *Monroe* 5 Oct (Michael Clarke), and 18 at **Fairfax** 17 Oct (Ken Burton, Michael Clarke). The latest report was 1 on 5 Nov near **Thorntown** in *Boone* (Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge). Don Gorney identified an individual of the subspecies *hypochrysea* at **Ft. Harrison SP** in *Marion* 31 Oct (Nancy Baney, Don Gorney \*doc, Sue Gregg, Mike Mulcahy, Jan Schmidt *et al.*)
- Bay-breasted Warbler** Earliest report was of 1 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 8 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 19 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The latest report was 2 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 12 Oct (Don Whitehead).
- Blackpoll Warbler** Earliest report was of 1 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 27 Aug (John Cassady). By far the highest count was 35 at the **Hammond lakefront** in *Lake* 26 Sep (Carolyn Marsh); all other counts were of 3 or fewer. The latest report was 1 first-winter bird on the **State Capitol grounds** in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 20 Oct (Michael Brown, Cary Floyd, Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge).
- Cerulean Warbler** A declining species in desperate trouble throughout its range. Sadly, only a single report, 1 probable at **Griffy L.** just n. of **Bloomington** in *Marion* 30 Sep (Ken Burton). Not reported in the Dunes area (Ken Brock).
- Black-and-white Warbler** Earliest report was of 1 at **Pigeon R.** in *Lagrange/Steuben* 14 Aug (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht). High counts included 4 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy) and at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 female or imm on the **State Capitol grounds** in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 20 Oct (Cary Floyd, Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge).
- American Redstart** Earliest report was of 1 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 22 Aug (Larry Peavler). High count was 50+ in n.w. *Lake* incl. 30 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was of 1 on the **State Capitol grounds/Westin Hotel** in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 24 Oct (Becky Lomax).
- Prothonotary Warbler** Few reports: 1 at **North Fork** in *Monroe* 5 Aug (Don Whitehead), 6 at **Chain O' Lakes SP** in *Noble* 12 Aug (Jim Haw), and 2 at **Turkey Cr./Elkhart R.** in *Elkhart* 16 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus).
- Worm-eating Warbler** Two reports: 1 w. *Monroe* 22 Sep (Scott Evans) and 1 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* 1 Oct (Michael Clarke).
- Ovenbird** A trickle only. Earliest report was of 1 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 3 there 15 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). Exceptionally late was 1 on the **State Capitol grounds** in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 5 Nov (Roger Hedge).
- Northern Waterthrush** Earliest report was of 1 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 4 at **George L.** in *Lake* 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 19 Oct (Miles Zevin).
- Louisiana Waterthrush** Ken Brock noted that for the first time since 1994, 4 fall birds were logged. High count was 2 at the **Heron Rookery Unit** of the **Indiana Dunes Natl. Lakeshore** in *Porter* 1 Aug (Randy Pals).
- Kentucky Warbler** Two reports: 1 at **Little Africa** in *Brown* 14 Aug (Don Whitehead) and 1 at **Griffy L.** just n. of **Bloomington** in *Monroe* 31 Aug (Michael Clarke).
- Connecticut Warbler** All singletons: **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 28 Aug and 13 and 15 Sep (Carolyn Marsh); **State Line Rd./William W. Powers Conservation Area** 10 Sep (Carolyn Marsh); **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 21 Sep (Michael Clarke); and **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy).
- Mourning Warbler** A total of 6 reported. Earliest report was of 1 imm at **Chain O' Lakes** in *Noble* 17 Aug (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Sandy Schacht), the earliest fall record for northern Indiana by 3 days. Other reports: 1 at **Franke Park** in *Allen* 30 Aug (Jim Haw), 1 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 22 Aug (Larry Peavler), 1 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 28 Aug and 5 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), and 1 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus).
- Common Yellowthroat** High counts included 11 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 3 Sep (Jed Hertz), 12 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 7 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory, Dan Stoltzfus), 10 at **Boot L.** 10 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory), 12 at **Boot L.** 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), and 32 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 11 Sep (Alan Bruner). The latest reports were both 24 Oct with 1 on the **State Capitol grounds/Westin Hotel** in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* (Becky Lomax) and 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* (Carolyn Marsh).
- Hooded Warbler** Few reports: 1 at **North Fork** in *Monroe* 29 Aug (Don Whitehead), 1 in w. *Monroe* 31 Aug (Scott Evans), 1 in **Yellowwood SF** in *Brown* 23 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 1 on **Bryant's Creek Rd.** in n. *Monroe* 28 Sep (Ken Burton).
- Wilson's Warbler** Earliest report was of 1 in **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 22 Aug (Larry Peavler). High counts included 2 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 30 Aug and 3 there 5 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 at the **Wapehani Mt. Bike Park**, w. **Bloomington** in *Monroe* 1 Oct (Ken Burton).
- Canada Warbler** Several observers commented that numbers were very good. Earliest report was of 1 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 22 Aug (Larry Peavler). High count along the **lakefront** was 11, primarily in the traps, on 28 Aug (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John



Cassady, Howard Kauffman, Randy Pals, Larry Peavler, Dan Stoltzfus), an all-time high fall daily total for the lakefront (Ken Brock). The latest records were both 29 Sep with 1 at **Whiting Park** in *Lake* (Carolyn Marsh) and 1 at **Grippy L.** just n. of **Bloomington** in *Monroe* (Jerry Downs).

**Yellow-breasted Chat** A single report of 1 at **Friendship** in *Monroe* 19 Aug (Dawn Hewitt, Don Whitehead).

**Summer Tanager** Earliest report was of 1 at **Beverly Shores** in *Porter* 12 Aug (Jeff McCoy), described as all green except for red on the face. Jim Haw heard 1 at **Fox Is.** in *Allen* 15 Aug in the area where a pair was on territory in 2003 and a male was singing in May 2004; Haw thought that it was probably on territory for the second summer. High count was 3 in w. *Monroe* 12 Sep (Scott Evans). The latest report was 1 in w. **Bloomington** in *Monroe* 3 Oct (Michael Clarke).

**Scarlet Tanager** High count was 3 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* 31 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead), **Cutright** 18 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), **Ft. Harrison SP** in *Marion* 21 Sep (Miles Zevin), and in the **Morgan-Monroe SF** primarily in *Monroe* 25 Sep (Michael Clarke, Jerry Downs). The latest report was 2 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 3 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

**Eastern Towhee** Reported widely throughout the state. The earliest record was 4 at **Little Africa** in *Brown* 14 Aug (Don Whitehead), tying the high count with 4 at **Fairfax** in *Monroe* 1 Sep and 4 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 22 Sep (Don Whitehead). The latest report was 1 at **Spicer L. NP** in *St. Joseph* 7 Nov (Marge Riemenschneider, Vic Riemenschneider).

**American Tree Sparrow** Earliest report was of 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 17 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 50 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 17 Nov (Jed Hertz) and 33 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 29 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus).

**Chipping Sparrow** High counts included 50+ at **Marshall** in *Parke* 13 Sep (Alan Bruner), 50+ at **Tannanbaum L.** in *Parke* 20 Sep (Alan Bruner), and 81 at **Salamonie Res.** in *Huntington/Wabash* 21 Oct that included 75 in one flock (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings). The latest report was 1 at an **Allen** feeder 25 and 28 Nov (Ed Powers); the latest previous fall record for n.e. Indiana (other than records of several overwintering birds) was 16 Nov (Jim Haw).

**Clay-colored Sparrow** Ken Brock noted that the lakefront's total of 6 was the best fall flight ever. 1 juv was at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 4 Oct (Ken Brock, John Cassady), 1 was at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 19 Oct (Jed Hertz), and on the **State Capitol grounds** in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 1 was found 13 Oct (Roger Hedge), 2 on Oct 14 (Cary Floyd, Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge, Tom Hulvershorn, Mike Homoya, Brian Tabor) 2 on 16 Oct (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), and 1 on 20 Oct (Lou Anne Barriger, Michael Brown \*photo, Cary Floyd, Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge, Larry Peavler).

**Field Sparrow** High counts included 13 at **Hawthorn** in *Sullivan* 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 11 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 10 Sep, 18 at **Flatwoods** in *Monroe* 28 Sep

(Michael Clarke), and 10 at **Boot L.** 29 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory). The latest report was 6 at **Fairfax** in *Monroe* 26 Oct (Michael Clarke).

**Vesper Sparrow** Ken Brock noted that for the second consecutive year this species was not recorded on the lakefront. High counts included 5 at **Pigeon R.** in *Lagrange/Steuben* 14 Aug (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht) and 19 Sep (Jim Haw) and 5 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 11 Oct and 13 Oct (Jed Hertz). The latest report was 2 in the **Big Springs** area in e.-central *Boone* 2 Nov (Roger Hedge, Steve Housefield).

**Lark Sparrow** 1 was at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 9 Oct (Jed Hertz)

**Savannah Sparrow** High counts included 20 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 6 Oct (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory), and, at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton*, 21 on 9 Oct, 22 on 11 Oct, and 24 on 25 Oct (Jed Hertz).

**Grasshopper Sparrow** Few reports: 6 in the **Goose Pond** area in *Greene* 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 3 in *Greene* 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 3 incl. 2 juv at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 3 Sep (Jed Hertz), and 1 juv at **Forsythe Park** in *Lake* 4 Oct (Ken Brock, John Cassady). This species is quite rare on the lakefront in fall (Ken Brock).

**Henslow's Sparrow** High counts included 10 at **Hawthorn** in *Sullivan* 5 Aug (Scott Evans, Dawn Hewitt, John Lawrence, Lee Sterrenburg) and 7 in *Sullivan* 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg). The latest report was 2 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 9 Oct (Bronson Ratcliff, Jed Hertz).

**LeConte's Sparrow** A total of 4: 1 at **Whihala Beach** in *Lake* 9 Oct (John Cassady), 1 at **Wolf L.** in *Lake* 10 Oct (Brendan Grube, Jeff McCoy), 1 at the **Lebanon Business Park** pond in *Boone* 21 Oct (Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge) for the second Boone record, and 1 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 25 Oct (Jed Hertz \*photo).

**Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow** At least 7 were reported: 3+ at the **Lebanon Business Park** in *Boone* 27-28 Sep (Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge, m.ob.), 2 there 2 Oct (Dan Scheiman), 2 at **Whihala Beach** in *Lake* 9 Oct (John Cassady, Ed Hopkins), and 2 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 10 Oct (Sandy Belth, Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg *et al.*).

**Fox Sparrow** Earliest report was of 1 at **Spicer L. NP** in *St. Joseph* 29 Sep (Marge Riemenschneider, Vic Riemenschneider). High count was 6 at **Bottom Rd.** in the **Restle Unit** of **Muscatatuck NWR** in *Jackson/Jennings* 31 Oct (Don Whitehead).

**Song Sparrow** High counts included 40 at the **Hammond lakefront** in *Lake* 8 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 25 on the **State Capitol grounds** in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 16 Oct (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), and 23 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 11 Oct (Jed Hertz).

**Lincoln's Sparrow** Earliest report was of 1 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 15 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** 26 Sep (Carolyn Marsh) and 10 on the **State Capitol grounds** in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 16 Oct (Bill Murphy, April Sterling). Randy Pals tied the latest Dunes area record with 1 at **Cowles Bog** in *Porter* 6 Nov; the previous record was set

- 6 Nov 1926 in Gary (Ken Brock). The latest report was 1 at the **Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis** in *Marion* 8 Nov (Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge, Lee Casebere).
- Swamp Sparrow** Earliest report was of 2 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 2 Sep (Don Whitehead). High counts included 40 at the **Hammond lakefront** in *Lake* 8 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 18 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 9 Oct and 17 there 11 Oct (Jed Hertz), 14 at **Fairfax** in *Monroe* 14 Oct (Michael Clarke), and 15 on the **State Capitol grounds** in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 16 Oct (Bill Murphy, April Sterling). The latest report was 1 at **Kankakee Sands** 3 Nov (Jed Hertz).
- White-throated Sparrow** Earliest report was of 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 16 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 80 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 4 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 20 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 11 Oct (Bill Murphy), and 14 at **Spicer L. NP** in *St. Joseph* 15 Oct (Marge Riemenschneider, Vic Riemenschneider).
- White-crowned Sparrow** Exceptionally early was 1 adult at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). The next sighting, nearly a month later, was 8 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 27 Sep (John Cassady). High counts included 40 at the **Hammond lakefront** in *Lake* 8 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 15 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 19 Oct (Jed Hertz), 13 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 25 Oct (Jed Hertz \*photo), and 100+ at **Atterbury FWA** in *Johnson* 30 Oct (Alan Bruner, Kathy Feldman).
- Dark-eyed Junco** Earliest report was of 2 in *Allen* Sep 15 (Ann Walton), the earliest record for n.e. Indiana by 2 days (Jim Haw). High counts included 50 at **Whiting Park** in *Lake* 23 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 30 at **Paynetown** in *Monroe* 28 Oct (Don Whitehead), 50 at **Paynetown** 10 Nov (Don Whitehead), and 27 at Riemenschneider's house in **South Bend** in *St. Joseph* 30 Nov (Marge Riemenschneider, Vic Riemenschneider).
- Lapland Longspur** Few reports, the earliest of which was 4 in flight past the **Dunes SP** lakewatch in *Porter* 4 Oct (Ken Brock, John Cassady). Other reports were 8 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 12 Nov (Jed Hertz), 7 over the **Woodburn sewage ponds** in *Allen* 20 Nov (Jim Haw), 20 at **Hollandsburg** in *Parke* 25 Nov (Alan Bruner), and 3 in e.-central *Elkhart* 26 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus, Drew Weber).
- Snow Bunting** Earliest report was of 4 at the **Lebanon Business Park** in *Boone* 20 Nov (Roger Hedge). High counts included 370 at **Miller Beach** in *Lake* and **West Beach** in *Porter* 6 Nov (Jeff McCoy), the lakefront's fifth largest daily tally (Ken Brock); 24 at the **WakWWTrPlant** in *Elkhart* 24 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus); 40 at **Woodburn sewage ponds** in *Allen* 25 Nov (Jim Haw); and 30 at **Paynetown** in *Monroe* 25 Nov (Don Whitehead).
- Northern Cardinal** High counts included 11 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy) and 8 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 8 Nov (Jed Hertz).
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak** Earliest report was of 1 female on **Headley Rd., n. Bloomington** in *Monroe* 19 Aug (Don Whitehead). High counts included 12 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 11 Sep (Alan Bruner), 25 at **Cutright** in *Monroe* 18 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 12 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 22 Sep (Don Whitehead), and 65 at **Flatwoods** in *Monroe* 28 Sep (Michael Clarke). The latest report was 2 in w. *Monroe* 11 Oct (Scott Evans).
- Blue Grosbeak** An early departing species, a pair that summered at **Miller Beach** in *Lake* was last recorded 6 Aug (Michael Topp). This constitutes the first fall record for the Dunes area (Ken Brock). High count was 17 in *Greene/Sullivan* 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg). The latest report was 5 at **Universal Mine** in *Vermillion* 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench).
- Indigo Bunting** High counts included 31 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 13 Aug (Don Whitehead) and 33 at **Stillwater** 6 Sep and 41 there on 19 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), and 43 at **Ritchey Woods** in *Hamilton* 29 Sep (Bill Murphy). The latest report was 4 on the **State Capitol grounds** in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 16 Oct (Bill Murphy, April Sterling).
- Dickcissel** An early migrant. High count was 8 in the **Goose Pond** area in *Greene* 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg). The latest report was 1 at **Boot L.** in *Elkhart* 9 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus).
- Bobolink** The high count by far was an impressive migrating flock of 140 in basic plumage at **Goose Pond** in *Greene* 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg). The latest report was 2 at **Goose Pond** 17 Sep (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead).
- Red-winged Blackbird** High counts included 2000 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 20 Aug (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 1100 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 27 Oct (Jed Hertz), and on 6 Nov flocks of 3200 at **Goose Pond** in *Greene* and 1400 at **Hawthorn** in *Sullivan* (Lee Sterrenburg).
- Eastern Meadowlark** High counts included 21 in *Newton* 10 Sep (Jed Hertz), 22 at **Goose Pond** in *Greene* 17 Sep (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead), and 22 at **Hawthorn** in *Sullivan* 6 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).
- Western Meadowlark** 1 probable at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 13 Oct (Jed Hertz).
- Rusty Blackbird** Earliest report was of 5 at **Eagle Cr.** in *Marion* 19 Oct (Larry Peavler). High counts included 50 at **Stillwater** in *Monroe* 30 Oct (Greg Hess, Frank Prosser), 80 at **Stillwater** 1 Nov (Frank Prosser), 150 at **Stillwater** 5 Nov (Don Whitehead), and 60 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 6 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).
- Brewer's Blackbird** Two reports: 6 at the former **Shamrock Turf Farm** in *Laporte* 10 Aug (Josh Christian, Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht) and 70 at the **Red Hen Turf Farm** in *St. Joseph* 26 Aug (Jim Spier).
- Common Grackle** High counts included 7000 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 17 Sep (Jed Hertz), 14000 at **Willow Slough** 21 Sep (Jed Hertz), 3700 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 11 Oct (Jed Hertz), and 7500 at **New Lebanon** in *Sullivan* 16 Oct (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench).

**Brown-headed Cowbird** High counts included 50 at **Flatwoods** in *Monroe* 9 Oct (Cathy Meyer), 3000 at **New Lebanon** in *Sullivan* 16 Oct (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench), 75 at **Kankakee Sands** in *Newton* 27 Oct (Jed Hertz), and 65 at **Goose Pond** in *Greene* 6 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

**Orchard Oriole** Two reports: 2 at **Pigeon R.** in *Lagrange/Steuben* 5 Aug (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Sandy Schacht) and 1 at **Fox Is.** in *Allen* 22 Aug (Jim Haw); the **Fox Is.** bird was, oddly enough, a first fall record for Fox Is. (Jim Haw).

**Baltimore Oriole** The latest report was 1 at **West Beach** in *Porter* 11 Sep, described as so bright orange that the observers at first thought it was a male Scarlet Tanager (Alan Bruner, Brendan Grube). High count was 3 at **Turkey Cr./Elkhart R.** in *Elkhart* 16 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus).

**Purple Finch** Earliest report was of 1 at **Fox Is.** in *Allen* 9 Sep (Roger Rang). High counts included 7 at **Waterford Church/Elkhart R.** in *Elkhart* 27 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus), 10 at **Potato Creek SP** in *St. Joseph* 28 Oct (Colin Downey), 10 at **Salamonie Res.** in *Huntington/Wabash* 21 Oct (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings), and 12 at **Fairfax** in *Monroe* 29 Oct (Don Whitehead).

**House Finch** 5 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 16 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 6 at **Whihala Beach** in *Lake* 8 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), and 2 at the **Hammond Bird Sanctuary** in *Lake* 29 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).

**Winter finches** Ken Brock noted that this was a most surprising autumn, with unexpected numbers of Pine Siskins and Red Crossbills (based on previous patterns) and with no redpolls reported.

**Red Crossbill** Exceptional in every way was 1 captured on video at a feeder in n. **Bloomington** in *Monroe* 17 Aug (Patrick White, *fide* Jim Hengeveld). Jim Hengeveld commented, "We have had a previous local record of Red Crossbill early in the fall (from Chris Wood a number of years ago) so there must occasionally be an early movement of these birds." The next report was 3 on **Headley Rd.** in n. **Bloomington** in *Monroe* 2 Nov (Don Whitehead). Ken Brock reported that lakewatchers at the **Miller Beach** picnic shelter in *Lake* 6 Nov observed 3 males in the adjacent leafless deciduous trees, the first Dunes-area report since 2001 (Nila Grube, Pete Grube, Jeff McCoy, Michael Topp). The following afternoon a flock of 7, incl. at least 1 adult male, flew east past the shelter (Ken Brock, John Cassady). This was topped by a flock of 11 flying west past the site 18 Nov (Pete Grube, Jeff McCoy, Larry Peavler, Michael Topp). The season total in n. Indiana was 23, the best flight in the Dunes area since 1987 (Ken Brock).

**Pine Siskin** Earliest report was of 11 in **Unionville** in *Brown* 11-12 Sep (Jean Furlong). High counts included 10 in s. **Bloomington** in *Monroe* 14 Oct and 14 in **Unionville** in *Brown* 18 Oct (John Lawrence), 22 at the e. end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 24 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 45 at **West Beach** in *Porter* 25 Nov (Jeff McCoy). Ken Brock noted that the season total for n. Indiana was a hefty 172.

**American Goldfinch** High counts included 40 at **HammGeoLk&Wds** in *Lake* 16 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 45 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 27 Aug (Jed Hertz), 60 at **Stillwater**

in *Monroe* 28 Sep (Don Whitehead), 50 at the east end of **L. Lemon** in *Brown* 24 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld) and 77 at **Goose Pond** in *Greene* 6 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

**House Sparrow** One report of 10 at **Willow Slough** in *Newton* 29 Aug (Jed Hertz).