

2017 GREATER AKRON AUDUBON SOCIETY SUMMER BREEDING BIRD CENSUS

SPECIES	TOTAL:	
1. Canada Goose	1,477	
2. Mute Swan	10	
3. Wood Duck	176	
4. Mallard	784	
5. Hooded Merganser	1	(Area #2: Heather Berenson - C.V.E.E.C.)
6. Northern Bobwhite	4	(Area #27: Jim Reyda - Springfield Bog Metro Park)
7. Wild Turkey	55	
8. Pied-billed Grebe	1	(Area #8: Dan Toth - Kool Lake on Hardy Rd., Cuy. Falls)
9. Horned Grebe	1	(Area #19: Mike Edgington - Yellow Pond at Panzner Wetlands -
10. Rock Pigeon	133	Tied Census High from 1996)
11. Mourning Dove	783	
12. Yellow-billed Cuckoo	26	
13. Black-billed Cuckoo	4	
14. Common Nighthawk	6	(Area #3: George Novosel - 2, Area #24/#26: Ed Pierce - 1,
15. Chimney Swift	510	and Area #27: Jim Reyda - 3
16. Ruby-throat. Hummingbird	66	
17. Virginia Rail	1	(Area #2: Dwight & Ann Chasar)
18. Sora	1	(Area #28: Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus - Eastern Rd. Marsh)
19. Common Gallinule	10	(Area #30: Joanne Priest - Nimisila Reservoir)
20. American Coot	1	(Area #30: Joanne Priest - Nimisila Reservoir)
21. Killdeer	208	
22. American Woodcock	4	(Area #1: Paul Ellsworth - 3 & Hope Orr - 1)
23. Spotted Sandpiper	21	
24. Ring-billed Gull	40	
25. Herring Gull	15	
26. Common Loon	2	(Area #30: Brian Tinker - Nimisila Reservoir)
27. Double-crested Cormorant	26	
28. Least Bittern	2	(Area #30: Joanne Priest - Nimisila Reservoir)
29. Great Blue Heron	531	
30. Great Egret	5	(New Census High - previous was 4 in 2006)
31. Green Heron	52	
32. Turkey Vulture	293	
33. Osprey	33	
34. Bald Eagle	7	(Area #1: Mary Lou Hura - 1 & Hope Orr - 2; Area #3: George
		Novosel - 2; Area #5: Patrick Coy - 1 & Area #30: Brian Tinker - 1)
35. Northern Harrier	1	(Area #5: Patrick Coy - Bath Nature Preserve)
36. Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	
37. Cooper's Hawk	33	
?? Unidentified Accipiter	1	(Area #5: - P. Coy - Sharp-shinned Hawk or Cooper's Hawk)
38. Red-shouldered Hawk	48	(New Census High - previous was 47 in 2012)
39. Broad-winged Hawk	6	
40. Red-tailed Hawk	125	
41. Eastern Screech-Owl	1	(Area #27: Jim Reyda)
42. Great Horned Owl	3	(Area #10: Bill Osborne - 2 & Area #27: Jim Reyda - 1)
43. Barred Owl	9	

44. Belted Kingfisher	55	
45. Red-headed Woodpecker	6	
46. Red-bellied Woodpecker	378	(New Census High - previous was 328 in 2016)
47. Downy Woodpecker	382	(New Census High - previous was 358 in 2009)
48. Hairy Woodpecker	74	
49. Northern Flicker	163	(New Census High - previous was 159 in 2016)
50. Pileated Woodpecker	57	
51. American Kestrel	7	
52. Peregrine Falcon	3	(Area #2: D&A Chasar - 1 & Area #14: Janet Wertz - 2)
53. Eastern Wood-Pewee	303	
54. Acadian Flycatcher	181	
55. Alder Flycatcher	11	(Tied Census High from 2009)
56. Willow Flycatcher	92	
57. Eastern Phoebe	183	(New Census High - previous was 156 in 2016)
58. Great Crested Flycatcher	101	
59. Eastern Kingbird	112	
60. White-eyed Vireo	22	
61. Yellow-throated Vireo	36	
62. Blue-headed Vireo	20	(New Census High - previous was 17 in 1995)
63. Warbling Vireo	175	
64. Red-eyed Vireo	460	
65. Blue Jay	876	(New Census High - previous was 836 in 2010)
66. American Crow	523	
67. Horned Lark	6	(Area #27: Jim Reyda - 4 & Area #28: D&M Vogus - 2)
68. Purple Martin	32	
69. Tree Swallow	536	
70. N. Rough-winged Swallow	272	
71. Bank Swallow	277	
72. Cliff Swallow	12	(Area #2: Henry & Jim Trimpe - New Census High - previous was 8 in 1996)
73. Barn Swallow	453	
74. Black-capped Chickadee	648	
75. Tufted Titmouse	572	(New Census High - previous was 541 in 1995)
76. Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	(Area #2: Dwight & Ann Chasar - CVNP Tree Farm Trail)
77. White-breasted Nuthatch	383	(New Census High - previous was 342 in 2012)
78. Brown Creeper	1	(Area #2: Dwight & Ann Chasar)
79. House Wren	424	
80. Winter Wren	2	(Area #9: Bill Osborne - CVNP Ritchie Ledges)
81. Sedge Wren	1	(Area #22: Rob & Sandy Harlan - Western Star Cemetery)
82. Marsh Wren	16	
83. Carolina Wren	132	
84. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	130	(New Census High - previous was 96 in 2010)
85. Eastern Bluebird	235	
86. Veery	53	
87. Hermit Thrush	2	(Area #7: Doug Marcum - 1 - north of Blossom Music Center & Area #9: Bill Osborne - 1 - CVNP Ritchie Ledges)
88. Wood Thrush	214	
89. American Robin	2,997	
90. Gray Catbird	1,058	

91. Brown Thrasher	41	
92. Northern Mockingbird	1	(Area #9: Bill Osborne - Bellaire Lane, Cuyahoga Falls)
93. European Starling	3,172	
94. Cedar Waxwing	491	
95. House Sparrow	3,829	(New Census High - previous was 2,545 in 2016)
96. House Finch	438	
97. Purple Finch	4	(Area #1: Paul Ellsworth - 1 & Area #3: George Novosel - 3)
98. American Goldfinch	1,076	
99. Ovenbird	12	
100. Louisiana Waterthrush	5	(Area #2: D&A Chasar - 3, Jeff & Marian Kraus - 1, & Area
101. Blue-winged Warbler	21	#9: Bill Osborne - 1)
102. Black-and-white Warbler	1	(Area #30: Brian Tinker - Mt. Pleasant Rd. - first since 2013)
103. Prothonotary Warbler	4	(Area #2: D&A Chasar - 2 & Area #28: D&M Vogus - 2)
104. Common Yellowthroat	424	(New Census High - previous was 385 in 1995)
105. Hooded Warbler	177	
106. American Redstart	38	
107. Cerulean Warbler	18	
108. Northern Parula	2	(Area #5: Janet Wertz - 1 and Area #6: Marie Morgan - 1)
109. Yellow Warbler	610	
110. Chestnut-sided Warbler	4	
111. Palm Warbler	1	(Area #9: Bill Osborne, Gene & Linda Kovach - CVNP Kendall Lake -
112. Pine Warbler	10	Tied Census High from 1992)
113. Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	(Area #15: Bert Szabo & Diane Johnson - 2nd. Record on
114. Yellow-throated Warbler	14	Census - had 2 in 1999)
115. Prairie Warbler	2	(Area #2: D&A Chasar - 1 and Area #9: Bill Osborne - 1)
116. Black-thr. Green Warbler	1	(Area #9: Bill Osborne)
117. Yellow-breasted Chat	5	(Area #17: John & Judy Wilkinson - 1; Area #22: Rob &
118. Eastern Towhee	233	Sandy Harlan - 3 & Area #28: D&M Vogus - 1)
119. Chipping Sparrow	639	(New Census High - previous was 631 in 2016)
120. Field Sparrow	169	
121. Savannah Sparrow	51	
122. Grasshopper Sparrow	2	(Area #30: Brian Tinker - Canton-Akron Airport)
123. Henslow's Sparrow	15	(New Census High - previous was 8 in 2010)
124. Song Sparrow	1,189	(New Census High - previous was 1,140 in 1995)
125. Swamp Sparrow	98	
126. Dark-eyed Junco	10	(New Census High - previous was 9 in 2009, 2011, 2015 & 2016)
127. Scarlet Tanager	153	
128. Northern Cardinal	1,336	
129. Rose-breasted Grosbeak	156	
130. Indigo Bunting	325	
131. Dickcissel	7	(Area #28: Douglas W. Vogus - 4 at PPG's Lime Lake #4 and 3
132. Bobolink	52	at PPG's Lime Lake #5)
133. Red-winged Blackbird	2,306	
134. Eastern Meadowlark	55	
135. Common Grackle	926	
136. Brown-headed Cowbird	440	
137. Orchard Oriole	65	(New Census High - previous was 58 in 2016)

138. Baltimore Oriole	208
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GRAND TOTALS		
TOTAL SPECIES:	138	(<i>New Census High</i> - previous was 134 Species in 2016)
TOTAL BIRDS:	37,035	(<i>New Census High</i> - previous was 35,291 Birds in 2016)
HOURS AFIELD:	547:27	(<i>New Census High</i> - previous was 507:45 Hours in 2016)
VOLUNTEERS:	90	(<i>New Census High</i> - previous was 87 in 2010)

2017 VOLUNTEERS

Ken Andrews	Wes Krigbaum
Heather Berenson	Pat Lanese
Katya Bissell	Jo Lowther
Rob & Peg Bobel	Doug Marcum
Steve Borgis	Harold & Elaine Marsh
Steve & Sarah Buccigross	Lew Monegan
Nanette Canfield	Marie Morgan
Dwight & Ann Chasar	Marianne Nolan
Kay Clark	George Novosel
Kim Cook	Hope Orr
Patrick Coy	Bill & Tina Osborne
Vicky Croisant	Michael Pasek
Wayne Crouse	Wolfgang & Joyce Pelz
Ned DeLamatre	Ed Pierce
Keith & Kay Devlin	Joanne Priest
Fred Dinkelbach	Dave & Nancy Reinhart
Mike Edgington	Jim Reyda
Paul Ellsworth	Fred Riley
Joe Ford	Pat Rydquist (<i>plus 5 un-named</i>)
Henry Fortlage	Jay Smith
Bob Fritz	Bert Szabo
Shane Good	Brian Tinker
Bill Grant	Jim Tomko
Jeff Green	Dan Toth
Craig Griffin	Henry Trimpe
Marty & Ann Gulbransen	Jim Trimpe
Rob & Sandy Harlan	Linda Van Fossen
John Henry	Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus
Nancy Howell	Peggy Wang
Mary Lou Hura	Dave & Janet Wertz
Diane Johnson	John & Judy Wilkinson
Susan Jones	Clyde Witt
Janean Kazimir	Joe Wojnarowski
Gene & Linda Kovach	Mia Yeager
Jeff & Marian Kraus	Becca Zak

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AREA #1	<u>"VARIOUS"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	79	Dwight & Ann Chasar (21 Species, 98 Birds, 1:30); Fred Dinkelbach (38 Species, 143 Birds, 1:15); Paul Ellsworth (62 Species, 667 Birds, 16:00); Mary Lou Hura, Bob Fritz, Marianne Nolan, Michael Pasek (41 Species, 159 Birds, 13:30); Susan Jones & Clyde Witt (31 Species, 124 Birds, 5:00); Hope Orr, Wayne Crouse, Henry Fortlage, Fred Riley (51 Species, 365 Birds, 7:00)
AREA #2	<u>"CHASAR"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	98	Dwight & Ann Chasar (91 Species, 2,660 Birds, 37:15); Heather Berenson (45 Species, 240 Birds, 3:00); Rob & Peg Bobel (50 Species, 233 Birds, 5:00); Jeff & Marian Kraus (59 Species, 316 Birds, 6:15); Pat Rydquist, Ned DeLamatre, plus 5 un-named (36 Species, 76 Birds, 3:00); Henry Trimpe, Jim Trimpe (71 Species, 773 Birds, 5:00); Joe Wojnarowski (41 Species, 204 Birds, 3:34)
AREA #3	<u>"NOVOSEL"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	80	George Novosel, Jim Tomko, Peggy Wang (80 Species, 2,124 Birds, 20:36)
AREA #4	<u>"ANDREWS"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	58	Ken Andrews (58 Species, 563 Birds, 8:15)
AREA #5	<u>"JONES & WITT"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	73	Susan Jones & Clyde Witt (57 Species, 531 Birds, 14:00); Patrick Coy (59 Species, 447 Birds, 3:50); Rob & Peg Bobel, Nanette Canfield, Jeff Green, Mary Lou Hura (44 Species, 423 Birds, 4:00); Janet Wertz (1 additional: Northern Parula - 1)
AREA #6	<u>"MORGAN"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	78	Marie Morgan & Craig Griffin, Rob & Peg Bobel, Kay Clark, Bill Grant, Nancy Howell, Jo Lowther, Harold & Elaine Marsh, Lew Monegan, Bert Szabo, Dan Toth, Janet Wertz (78 Species, 2,309 Birds, 30:36)
AREA #7	<u>"MARCUM"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	74	Doug Marcum, Joe Ford, Mia Yeager (72 Species, 701 Birds, 10:24); Bill Osborne (2 additional: Wild Turkey - 1 and American Kestrel - 1)
AREA #8	<u>"OPEN"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	58	Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus (57 Species, 565 Birds, 3:15); Dan Toth (1 additional: Pied-billed Grebe - 1)
AREA #9	<u>"OSBORNE"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	94	Bill & Tina Osborne, Gene & Linda Kovach, Pat Lanese (94 Species, 2,336 Birds, 99:00); Hope Orr, Steve Borgis, Wayne Crouse, Fred Riley (42 Species, 121 Birds, 2:00)
AREA #10	<u>"OSBORNE"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	59	Bill & Tina Osborne, Gene & Linda Kovach, Pat Lanese (59 Species, 716 Birds, 20:00)
AREA #11	<u>"OPEN"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	46	Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus (46 Species, 929 Birds, 6:00)
AREA #12	<u>"OPEN"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	61	Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus (60 Species, 1,093 Birds, 5:00); Dave & Janet Wertz (29 Species, 99 Birds, 5:00)
AREA #13	<u>"REINHART"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	48	Dave & Nancy Reinhart (48 Species, 475 Birds, 17:00)

AREA #14	<u>"WERTZ"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	60
	Janet Wertz, Kay Clark, Jay Smith (53 Species, 1,039 Birds, 17:30); Katya Bissell (15 Species, 25 Birds, 2:00); Janean Kazimir, Wes Krigbaum, Becca Zak (34 Species, 166 Birds, 2:30); Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus (25 Species, 66 Birds, 4:00)		
AREA #15	<u>"SZABO"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	57
	Bert Szabo & Diane Johnson (57 Species, 1,247 Birds, 14:00)		
AREA #16	<u>"WILKINSON"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	43
	John & Judy Wilkinson (43 Species, 522 Birds, 4:30)		
AREA #17	<u>"WILKINSON"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	55
	John & Judy Wilkinson (54 Species, 835 Birds, 16:00); Ohio Birds Listserv (<i>1 additional: American Kestrel - 2</i>)		
AREA #18	<u>"GULBRANSEN"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	44
	Marty & Ann Gulbransen (44 Species, 684 Birds, 6:00)		
AREA #19	<u>"EDGINGTON"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	55
	Mike Edgington (55 Species, 968 Birds, 16:00)		
AREA #20	<u>"BERENSON"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	50
	Heather Berenson (50 Species, 653 Birds, 8:00)		
AREA #21	<u>"ZOO CREW"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	59
	Vicky Croisant, Linda Van Fossen (20 Species, 281 Birds, 2:15); Kim Cook, Steve & Sarah Buccigross (20 Species, 295 Birds, 2:00); Keith & Kay Devlin (12 Species, 92 Birds, 3:00); Shane Good (25 Species, 596 Birds, 7:15); Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus (54 Species, 946 Birds, 3:20)		
AREA #22	<u>"HARLAN"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	76
	Rob & Sandy Harlan (76 Species, 2,120 Birds, 12:30)		
AREA #23	<u>"OPEN"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	62
	Douglas W. Vogus (62 Species, 716 Birds, 5:10)		
AREA #24 and #26	<u>"PIERCE"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	69
	Ed Pierce, Jim Reyda (69 Species, 1,293 Birds, 8:00)		
AREA #25	<u>"OPEN"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	58
	Douglas W. Vogus (58 Species, 502 Birds, 4:40)		
AREA #27	<u>"REYDA"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	79
	Jim Reyda (79 Species, 2,005 Birds, 24:30)		
AREA #28	<u>"VOGUS"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	84
	Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus, John Henry (84 Species, 1,370 Birds, 16:45)		
AREA #29	<u>"PELZ"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	46
	Wolfgang & Joyce Pelz (46 Species, 419 Birds, 3:00)		
AREA #30	<u>"TINKER"</u>	<u>TOTAL SPECIES:</u>	90
	Brian Tinker, Joanne Priest (90 Species, 1,875 Birds, 28:27)		

<u>VOLUNTEERS:</u>	90	(83 in 2016)
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Thank You All for Your Time and Effort!!!

Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus

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SUMMIT COUNTY COVERAGE BY AREA

AREA #1	Dwight & Ann Chasar, Wayne Crouse, Fred Dinkelbach, Paul Ellsworth, Henry Fortlage, Bob Fritz, Mary Lou Hura, Susan Jones, Marianne Nolan, Hope Orr, Michael Pasek, Fred Riley, Clyde Witt	(14)
AREA #2	Heather Berenson, Rob & Peg Bobel, Dwight & Ann Chasar, Ned DeLamatre, Jeff & Marian Kraus, Pat Rydquist, Henry Trimpe, Jim Trimpe, Joe Wojnarowski, plus 5 un-named from Pat Rydquist's group	(17)
AREA #3	George Novosel, Jim Tomko, Peggy Wang	(3)
AREA #4	Ken Andrews	(1)
AREA #5	Rob & Peg Bobel, Nanette Canfield, Patrick Coy, Jeff Green, Mary Lou Hura, Susan Jones, Janet Wertz, Clyde Witt	(9)
AREA #6	Rob & Peg Bobel, Kay Clark, Craig Griffin, Bill Grant, Nancy Howell, Jo Lowther, Harold & Elaine Marsh, Lew Monegan, Marie Morgan, Bert Szabo, Dan Toth, Janet Wertz	(14)
AREA #7	Joe Ford, Doug Marcum, Bill Osborne, Mia Yeager	(4)
AREA #8	Dan Toth, Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus	(3)
AREA #9	Steve Borgis, Wayne Crouse, Gene & Linda Kovach, Pat Lanese, Hope Orr, Bill & Tina Osborne, Fred Riley	(9)
AREA #10	Gene & Linda Kovach, Pat Lanese, Bill & Tina Osborne	(5)
AREA #11	Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus	(2)
AREA #12	Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus, Dave & Janet Wertz	(4)
AREA #13	Dave & Nancy Reinhart	(2)
AREA #14	Katya Bissell, Kay Clark, Janean Kazimir, Wes Krigbaum, Jay Smith, Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus, Janet Wertz, Becca Zak	(9)
AREA #15	Diane Johnson, Bert Szabo	(2)
AREA #16	John & Judy Wilkinson	(2)
AREA #17	John & Judy Wilkinson	(2)
AREA #18	Marty & Ann Gulbransen	(2)
AREA #19	Mike Edgington	(1)
AREA #20	Heather Berenson	(1)
AREA #21	Steve & Sarah Buccigross, Kim Cook, Vicky Croisant, Keith & Kay Devlin, Shane Good, Linda Van Fossen, Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus	(10)
AREA #22	Rob & Sandy Harlan	(2)
AREA #23	Douglas W. Vogus	(1)
AREA #24	Ed Pierce, Jim Reyda	(2)
AREA #25	Douglas W. Vogus	(1)
AREA #26	Ed Pierce, Jim Reyda	(2)
AREA #27	Jim Reyda	(1)
AREA #28	John Henry, Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus	(3)
AREA #29	Wolfgang & Joyce Pelz	(2)
AREA #30	Joanne Priest, Brian Tinker	(2)

2017 GREATER AKRON AUDUBON SOCIETY SUMMER BREEDING BIRD CENSUS BREAKDOWN

Hello All!

Another phenomenal census season is in the books, and thanks to all of our efforts, many great birds were found, new highs were set for some species, and even more proof was added to what we already know - Summit County is one "birdy" place, no matter what the season!

An impressive, record number of 90 committed, (or should be committed), volunteers scoured the county combining for a new high for species with 138, a new high for total birds adding up to 37,035, and a new high for hours afield with 547:27!

What follows is a breakdown of all 30 areas that make up the Summit County Breeding Bird Census, the "who, what, where, and when" of birds seen over the 10-day count period. So, the "when" was June 16th. to June 25th., leaving us with the "who, what, and where"!

AREA #1 Starting in the northwest corner of the county, in the Richfield area, with Medina County as the western border and Cuyahoga County to the north, this area has many eyes and ears upon it. Fred Dinkelbach covered Summit County Metro Parks' Furnace Run Metro Park. Covering the Brushwood Area as well as the Daffodil Trail area, he amassed 38 species and 143 total birds. Highlights included 4 species of flycatchers, 2 Wood Thrush, 2 Hooded Warbler, 1 American Redstart, and 2 Scarlet Tanager. Fred usually covers the C.V.N.P.'s Coliseum Grasslands, but a bout with a kidney stone brought that to a screaming, literally, halt! Luckily, Dwight & Ann Chasar were able to cover this prairie, totalling 21 species and 98 birds, with highlights there being 1 Brown Thrasher, 20 Bobolink, and 8 Eastern Meadowlark. This year we set a new high for Henslow's Sparrow and oddly enough, none came from the Coliseum Grasslands.

Paul Ellsworth was also lending his talents to Area #1, specifically at the Eastwood Preserve and Kniss Conservation Area. Highlights from both areas include 7 Wild Turkey, 4 Cooper's Hawk, 2 Red-shouldered Hawk, 1 Broad-winged Hawk, and 3 Red-tailed Hawk, 3 American Woodcock at Eastwood Preserve, 14 Eastern Towhee, and 1 Purple Finch, always a gem to find in the summer months. These two areas gave Paul 62 species in 16 hours of time afield.

Mary Lou Hura, along with Bob Fritz, Marianne Nolan, and Michael Pasek, covered the Mt. Augustine Regina Healthcare grounds and added 1 Bald Eagle to Area #1, as well as 3 Ring-billed Gull, 5 woodpecker species, and 1 Ovenbird. Together they tallied 41 species in three and a half hours afield. Susan Jones and Clyde Witt took to the trail at C.V.N.P.'s Riding Run Area. In 5 hours of time afield they bagged 31 species with highlights of 2 Pileated Woodpecker, an impressive 10 Blue-headed Vireo, 13 Red-eyed Vireo, 4 Veery, 6 Hooded Warbler, and 4 Scarlet Tanager.

As a whole, Area #1 was tackled by 14 volunteers, tallying 79 species, and 1,556 total birds counted, and 34:15 of time afield.

AREA #2 Up next is Area #2, a large tract that includes Peninsula, Boston Heights, Northfield, and north to Sagamore Hills to the Cuyahoga County Line. More than half of the area consists of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, which means birds, birds, and more birds! It is covered by Dwight & Ann Chasar, with more than a little help from their friends. Rob & Peg Bobel covered Camp Manatoc and Camp Butler, Heather Berenson covered the Cuyahoga Environmental Education Center, Jeff & Marian Kraus covered Stanford Rd., Brandy-

wine Falls, and Hines Hills Rd. area, Pat Rydquist, Ned DeLamatre, and 5 other volunteers covered Summit Metro Parks' Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park, Henry and Jim Trimpe covered the Station Rd. area and the Towpath Trail north, Summit Metro Parks' Bike & Hike Trail into Sagamore Hills, and the surrounding neighborhoods, and, finally, Joe Wojnarowski covered the C.V.N.P.'s Oak Hill Day Use Area.

Birds? Yeah, they got 'em! Highlights for Dwight & Ann include 1 Great Egret, 1 Virginia Rail, 1 Barred Owl, 3 Red-headed Woodpecker, 1 Peregrine Falcon, 4 White-eyed Vireo, 1 Blue-headed Vireo, our only Red-breasted Nuthatch and Brown Creeper recorded on this year's census, 1 Ovenbird, 3 Louisiana Waterthrush, 5 Blue-winged Warbler, 1 Prothonotary Warbler, 4 Cerulean Warbler, 1 Pine Warbler, 7 Yellow-throated Warbler, 1 Prairie Warbler, and 2 Dark-eyed Junco, not to mention impressive numbers of summer breeding regulars like 39 Eastern Wood-Pewee, 40 Acadian Flycatcher, 55 Red-eyed Vireo, 40 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, 88 Gray Catbird, 40 Hooded Warbler, and 15 American Redstart, 29 Scarlet Tanager, and 74 Indigo Bunting. They tallied 91 species, 2,660 birds, and over 37 hours of time afield.

Highlights for Rob & Peg Bobel on the Boy Scout grounds included 2 Broad-winged Hawk, 5 species of both flycatchers and woodpeckers, 1 Blue-headed Vireo, 1 Pine Warbler, and 3 Scarlet Tanager. In 5 hours afield they tallied an even 50 species to earn their merit badge.

Heather Berenson managed this year's only Hooded Merganser, either a female or an immature bird at Meadowedge Pond, 5 species of flycatchers, 11 Barn Swallow that included 3 young in a nest, 2 Blue-winged Warbler, 1 Chestnut-sided Warbler, and 2 Orchard Oriole. In 3 hours of coverage she was rewarded with 45 species and 240 birds.

Jeff & Marian Kraus's additions to Area #2 included 1 Sharp-shinned Hawk, 4 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 1 Red-headed Woodpecker, 1 Brown Thrasher, 1 Louisiana Waterthrush, 1 Cerulean Warbler, and 5 Scarlet Tanager. Over 6 hours of time afield gave them 59 species.

Way up north in Area #2, Henry and Jim Trimpe managed 71 species, 773 birds, and 5 and a half hours of time afield. Nice finds here were 1 Wild Turkey, 5 Red-shouldered Hawk, 9 Ruby-throated Hummingbird, 1 Red-headed Woodpecker, 6 species of flycatchers, a new high for Cliff Swallow with 12, besting the previous high of 8 birds in 1996, 1 Prothonotary Warbler, 3 Cerulean Warbler, and 5 Yellow-throated Warbler.

Joe Wojnarowski hiked the Oak Hill area trails and added 41 species with such good finds as 2 Yellow-throated Vireo, 15 Red-eyed Vireo, 3 Ovenbird, 3 Blue-winged Warbler, and an even 10 Hooded Warbler.

Pat Rydquist led a Summit Metro Parks bird walk at Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park and her group that included Ned DeLamatre and five other birders tallied 36 species including two Pileated Woodpecker, 1 Veery, 1 Wood Thrush, 8 Hooded Warbler, and 1 Cerulean Warbler.

The final numbers for Area #2 were very impressive, 17 volunteers spent 60 hours of time afield and amassed 98 species of birds and over 4,500 total birds counted!

AREA #3 And on to Area #3 we go! Another very large, northern section of Summit County that includes all of Hudson along with parts of Twinsburg, Macedonia, and the east end of Northfield up to the Summit/Cuyahoga County borders. Handled by the recently retired George Novosel, along with help from Jim Tomko and Peggy Wang. Their combined efforts gave them 80 species, over 2,000 birds counted, and over 20 hours of time afield. A few of the good finds here were 5 Wild Turkey, 1 Osprey, 2 Bald Eagle, 1 Broad-winged Hawk, 7 Spotted Sandpiper, 3 Ring-billed Gull, 6 Herring Gull, 2 Barred Owl, 2 Common Nighthawk, 1 American Kestrel, 22 Wood Thrush, 77 Gray Catbird, 3 Brown Thrasher, and always difficult, 3 Purple Finch.

AREA #4 As we continue east across the northern section of Summit County, we reach the northeast corner of the county that includes east Twinsburg and Reminderville. The area includes Summit Metro Parks' Liberty Park, a unique and diverse park in which some parts are off-limits to the general public. This did not stop Ken Andrews from acquiring a permit from the park district to get into these birdy haunts. Highlights for Ken were 3 Wild Turkey, 1 Ring-billed Gull, 1 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 2 Alder Flycatcher, 5 Purple Martin, which were the only martins reported in the northern third of the county, 2 Brown Thrasher, 1 American Redstart, an impressive 16 Field Sparrow, and 1 Dark-eyed Junco. Ken also came upon a pile of Black Bear scat, which has me reconsidering my concerns over ticks, mosquitoes and deer flies! In over 8 hours Ken tallied 58 species and 563 total birds.

AREA #5 Area #5 is covered by the dynamic duo of Susan Jones and Clyde Witt, and they also had help from Patrick Coy and Rob & Peg Bobel and crew. The area in general is mostly Bath/Ghent area from near Hale Farm & Village west to the Summit/Medina County line. Susan & Clyde covered the Indigo Lake and Howe Meadow area, the bridle trails of the Perkins Trail area, and Oak Hill Rd. from the Everett Covered bridge to Ira Rd. Highlights from 3 days of coverage include 2 Wild Turkey, 2 Blue-headed Vireo, 6 Veery, 8 Hooded Warbler, 4 Scarlet Tanager, and 4 Orchard Oriole. With 14 hours of coverage they tallied 57 species and 531 total birds.

Patrick Coy covered the always interesting Bath Nature Preserve, and it did not disappoint. Nice finds here were 1 Bald Eagle, 6 species of flycatcher, 2 Marsh Wren, 22 Eastern Bluebird, 6 Wood Thrush, 3 Brown Thrasher, 18 Field Sparrow, 1 Savannah Sparrow, 5 Henslow's Sparrow, 7 Bobolink, and 10 Eastern Meadowlark. The show-stealer, however, was a single Northern Harrier calling the rolling hills home this season, always a great summer find in any part of Ohio.

Rob & Peg Bobel, along with Nanette Canfield, Jeff Green, and Mary Lou Hura, covered the Crown Point Ecology Center off of Ira Rd. This group added 44 species totaling 423 birds to Area #5. Highlights here included 2 Cooper's Hawk, 1 Red-shouldered Hawk, 2 Red-tailed Hawk, 2 Wood Thrush, 9 Bobolink, and 1 Eastern Meadowlark.

And, to prove Michelle and I are "equal opportunity birders", we added 1 Northern Parula that was reported by Janet Wertz near the Indigo Lake parking lot while she was birding there on her own time. We will take any and all sightings outside of your assigned areas during the count period. Just give us a good indication of where exactly the bird or birds in question were seen, and just like that, we'll add them to the list!

When all was said and done, 9 observers in Area #5 totaled 73 species, over 1,400 birds, and 21 and a half hours of time afield.

AREA #6 Moving on into Area #6, handled by Marie Morgan & Craig Griffin. The area consists of parts of both the Summit Metro Parks and C.V.N.P. Towpath Trail, the Akron Water Pollution Control Station in the Cuyahoga Valley, and Summit Metro Parks' O'Neil Woods Metro Park. Helping out with Marie and Craig was a small army of birders: Rob & Peg Bobel, Kay Clark, Bill Grant, Nancy Howell, Jo Lowther, Harold & Elaine Marsh, Lew Monegan, Bert Szabo, Dan Toth, and Janet Wertz.

Highlights here were 3 Wild Turkey, 252 Great Blue Heron (Bath Rd. heronry), 2 Osprey, 2 American Kestrel, 6 species of flycatchers, 68 Bank Swallow, 26 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, 36 Eastern Bluebird, 5 Veery, 8 Wood Thrush, 6 Blue-winged Warbler, 3 American Redstart, 1

Northern Parula, 11 Scarlet Tanager, 1 Eastern Meadowlark, and an impressive 38 Baltimore Oriole. All said, they combined for 78 species, over 2,300 total birds, and over 30 hours afield.

AREA #7 This area is aptly covered by Doug Marcum, and this year he had help from both Joe Ford and Mia Yeager. The area is bordered by Northampton Rd. down into the Cuyahoga Valley, bordered by the Cuyahoga River to the west, south to Bath Rd., and then east back to Northampton Rd. It may be small, but it is a mighty little area! Highlights for Doug's group include 1 Broad-winged Hawk, 7 species of flycatchers, including 2 Alder Flycatcher found at Summit Metro Parks' Hampton Hills Metro Park, a lone Blue-headed Vireo found behind Camp Mueller, 14 Veery, 11 Wood Thrush, and 1 Hermit Thrush found just north of Blossom Music Center, proving that there's more than just country music and rock 'n' roll wafting out of them there ravines! Also, 1 Brown Thrasher, 3 Ovenbird, 1 Blue-winged Warbler, 24 Hooded Warbler, 4 American Redstart, 7 Cerulean Warbler, and 4 Dark-eyed Junco. Want even more? In the grasslands south of Steels Corners Rd. and Blossom Music Center, nice finds were 1 Savannah Sparrow, 6 Henslow's Sparrow, 6 Bobolink, and 6 Eastern Meadowlark.

Bill Osborne's crew, birding neighboring Area #9, were able to add 1 Wild Turkey and 1 American Kestrel to Doug's area, pumping their total species up to 74 species and 703 total birds, proving Area #7 to be "the little area that could."

AREA #8 The first of only five "Vacant Territories" this season, Area #8 is in need of someone, anyone, to adopt it. Michelle and I did it again this year, and if anyone in the Cuyahoga Falls/Akron area is able to pick it up for 2018, just let us know as it is free to a good home!

It includes the old Northampton area, Theiss Rd., Hardy Rd., residential but still with some good pockets to bird in, including the Mud Brook drainage and the Summit Metro Parks' Hampton Hills Mountain Bike Area. In only 3:15 of limited coverage, we managed 565 total birds consisting of 57 species, in this small, yet easily birded area.

Highlights here included 21 Canada Goose, 10 Wood Duck, 5 Mallard, 13 Wild Turkey, found at the mountain bike area which consisted of 2 hens with 7 and 4 poults, respectively, 1 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 12 Bank Swallow, 4 Savannah Sparrow, and 1 Eastern Meadowlark. Hey, what do you want for three-plus hours of coverage? The best find by far was a single Pied-billed Grebe on Kool Lake on Hardy Rd., our only pied-billed this year. The bird was found by Dan Toth as he (thankfully!) wandered into Area #8 from neighboring Area #6.

AREA #9 What's in between northern Cuyahoga Falls and the southern end of Peninsula? Why it's Bill & Tina Osborne's always exciting Area #9! Bordered by the Cuyahoga River at Truxell Rd. south to Northampton Rd., south to Bath Rd., east to State Rd., north to Quick Rd. and some ambiguous boundaries east to Rt. 8, then north to Rt. 303, and dropping imaginary lines down into the Ritchie Ledges area back to Truxell Rd. Plenty of C.V.N.P. habitat such as the Wetmore Rd. area, Kendall Hills, Kendall Lake, and the aforementioned ledges area.

Joining Bill & Tina on this year's quest were Gene & Linda Kovach and Pat Lanese. Let the birds begin! Nice finds in this species-rich area were 8 Wild Turkey, 1 Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1 Broad-winged Hawk, 2 Barred Owl, 7 species of flycatchers, including 5 Alder Flycatcher, 4 Blue-headed Vireo, 2 Winter Wren (Ritchie Ledges), 6 Veery, 1 Hermit Thrush (Ritchie Ledges, again), 4 Brown Thrasher, our only Northern Mockingbird found this year, 4 Ovenbird, 1 Louisiana Waterthrush, 2 Blue-winged Warbler, 2 Cerulean Warbler, 1 Chestnut-sided Warbler, 2 Pine Warbler, 1 Prairie Warbler, our only Black-throated Green Warbler found this year, 4 Henslow's Sparrow, and 3 Dark-eyed Junco. These were all topped by a single

Palm Warbler, found by Gene, Linda, and Bill at the north end of the Kendall Lake parking lot. It's the only second record ever in the 40-year history of the summer census, the first being sighted back in 1992. Bravo!

Their impressive totals for the area read as: 94 species, 1,366 total birds counted, and 99 hours afield. Had they spent much more time afield, it would be known as the "summer into fall" census, proving retirement is more than just not going to work anymore!

Also lending their talents to Area #9 were Hope Orr and her crew of Steve Borgis, Wayne Crouse, and Fred Riley. Covering Lange's Run and the Butler Trail area, they added 121 total birds and 42 species in two hours of birding. Highlights were 1 Wild Turkey, 6 Acadian Flycatcher, 1 Yellow-throated Vireo, 1 Blue-headed Vireo, 1 Veery, 3 Wood Thrush, 2 Blue-winged Warbler, and 5 Chestnut-sided Warbler.

AREA #10 Pulling double-duty again this year, Bill & Tina Osborne covered the neighboring Area #10 this year, and they were able to brainwash Gene & Linda Kovach and Pat Lanese into tagging along here, too! A small, chewed up by "progress" area, that is bordered by Seasons Rd. to the north, State Rd. (Akron-Cleveland Rd. to us old-timers) to the west, south down to Graham Rd., east to Hudson Dr., and then north back to Seasons Rd. It is an area that is constantly under development, with the main highlight being Wyoga Lake, with few remaining pockets of the way it used to be. That being said, it still needs coverage!

Highlights included 62 Canada Goose, 4 Wood Duck, 50 Mallard, 1 Green Heron, 10 Killdeer, 2 Ring-billed Gull, 1 Herring Gull, 2 Great Horned Owl, 1 Marsh Wren at "Wyoga Swamp", the cattail swamp on Wyoga Lake Rd., 222 European Starling, and 66 Common Grackle. They pulled 59 species out of this area, totaling 716 birds, and, while you're at it, add another 20 hours of coverage time afield because we all know there's nothing on the television!

AREA #11 Another "open" area, that consists of mostly the city of Cuyahoga Falls, with the main attraction being Summit Metro Parks' The Gorge Metro Park. Anyone live in or near the city that would like to take on an easy to cover area - just let us know!

Michelle and I gave it 6 hours of our time on June 16th. and 17th. We hiked Glens Trail and The Gorge Trail, then covered city parks (Ross Park, Linden Park, Newberry Park), as well as Oakwood Cemetery, the Cuyahoga River along Front St., and finished out the area by counting common city birds, block by block, street by street, and 'cheep' by 'cheep', as we tallied an impressive 493 House Sparrows!

By far the best birds were at The Gorge, but for an almost all city area we were pleased with 46 species and 929 total birds, of course 493 House Sparrows make that total seem very high for such a small area. Other highlights were 1 Ring-billed Gull, as the Chapel Hill Mall fast-food dumpsters are just across the river, 5 Eastern Wood-Pewee, 1 Acadian Flycatcher, 4 Eastern Phoebe, 1 Great Crested Flycatcher, 1 Warbling Vireo, 6 Red-eyed Vireo, 2 Wood Thrush, 1 Scarlet Tanager, 6 Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and 4 Baltimore Oriole.

It is the perfect area for those who like to get into the woods via a well-traveled trail, but very rocky I might add, and are familiar with all the common summer birds of both small woodlands and residential areas. Act now and we'll send you your very own map!!!

AREA #12 On to Area #12 and yet another "open" area, free to anyone living in the Silver Lake/Stow area or nearby cities. It does have water, and we all know water means birds. It has both Crystal Lake and Silver Lake in the Silver Lake area, Meadowbrook Lake in the Stow area, and the north side of the Cuyahoga River from Silver Lake thru Monroe Falls, and on to

the Summit/Portage County border. Access includes the easy to cover Summit Metro Parks' Bike & Hike Trail that parallels the Cuyahoga River, many residential sidestreets, and, for grassland species, the Andrew W. Paton/Kent St. Airport.

Michelle and I totaled 60 species and almost 1,100 total birds in 5 hours of limited coverage. Highlights included 116 Canada Goose, 2 Mute Swan, 2 Wood Duck, 30 Mallard, 9 Ring-billed Gull, 2 Barred Owl (along the Bike & Hike Trail less than twenty yards from each other), 2 Wood Thrush, 119 American Robin, and 312 House Sparrow.

We talked with the staff at the Kent St. Airport and they allowed us to bird with a spotting scope near the airplane hangars (with hopes in the future they allow more access along the treeline along the runways), and we were able to add 6 Savannah Sparrow, 6 Bobolink, and 2 Eastern Meadowlark. They were very accommodating and we have names and numbers for anyone interested in giving this area a go!

Janet Wertz added some neighborhood birds, as she lives within Area #12, and added 99 more birds to the totals with highlights being 20 Wild Turkey, 1 Cooper's Hawk and 1 Red-shouldered Hawk, as well as 1 Ruby-throated Hummingbird and 5 Baltimore Oriole.

AREA #13 Staying in the Stow area, Dave & Nancy Reinhart gave 17 hours to Area #13, which includes part of the Summit Metro Parks' Bike & Hike Trail in Stow and Silver Springs Park. This small area is bordered by Norton Rd. to the north, to the Summit/Portage County line, south into Newcomer Rd. on the east, to Graham Rd. briefly, to Fishcreek Rd. to the corner of Rt. 91, and Norton Rd. again.

Highlights included 46 Canada Goose, 1 Wood Duck, 20 Mallard, 2 Red-shouldered Hawk, 3 Belted Kingfisher, 4 Eastern Bluebird, 87 American Robin, 32 Gray Catbird, 1 Hooded Warbler, 1 Chestnut-sided Warbler, and 5 Baltimore Oriole. They tallied 48 species and 475 birds.

AREA #14 Janet Wertz is the happy steward of Area #14, which includes a large part of the West Akron area from Smith Rd. west to Summit Mall, then West Market St. to downtown Akron, and the Cuyahoga River to Merriman Rd. and back to Smith Rd. It is a mostly urban area, but with help from Kay Clark and Jay Smith she managed 53 species and over 1,000 total birds counted. Together they covered the Summit Metro Parks' Towpath Trail from N. Portage Path to Cascade Plaza as well as Sand Run Metro Park, both Glendale and Mount Peace Cemeteries, Stan Hywet, and even had time to hit a couple country clubs, Fairlawn Country Club and Portage Country Club - tennis or golf, anyone?

Nice finds here were 2 Green Heron, 2 Peregrine Falcon amongst Akron's "skyscrapers", 33 Eastern Wood-Pewee, 18 Acadian Flycatcher, 3 Yellow-throated Vireo, 13 Wood Thrush, 118 American Robin, a very impressive 93 Yellow Warbler, 7 Hooded Warbler, 8 Scarlet Tanager, and impressive numbers of 26 Chipping Sparrow and 63 Northern Cardinal.

Janean Kazimir, along with Becca Zak and Wes Krigbaum, covered the always busy F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm. Let's pause for a moment and think of how different the G.A.A.S. Summer Breeding Bird Census would be if not for John Seiberling's vision. Our numbers would be incredibly lower and species less diverse if we were all birding through housing developments, condos, and gated communities throughout the Cuyahoga Valley from Bath Rd. north to the Summit County line. As my late father used to say, after another wonderful day of birding in the Cuyahoga Valley, "Thank you Mr. Seiberling, thank you Mr. Seiberling, thank you Mr. Seiberling." Why did he always say it three times? Why not!?!?

But I digress... Highlights on the well-traveled trails of everyone's favorite nature center include 2 Red-shouldered Hawk, 2 Ruby-throated Hummingbird, 1 Wood Thrush, 12 Cedar

Waxwing, 2 Hooded Warbler, and 3 Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Together this trio tallied 34 species, 166 total birds, and almost 3 hours of birding.

Two other reports came from Area #14 as well, both being yard/feeder reports. The first was from Katya Bissell on the south rim of the western end of Sand Run Metro Park. Her feeding stations added 15 species and 25 birds in about 2 hours of observation. Highlights included 1 Ruby-throated Hummingbird, 1 Red-bellied Woodpecker, 3 Downy Woodpecker, 1 Hairy Woodpecker, and 1 Northern Flicker. The highlight for her family's yard was not just a new yard bird, but a life bird as well, the always secretive Yellow-billed Cuckoo.

The other yard/feeder report came from our yard, as Michelle and I added 25 species and 66 total birds in roughly 4 hours (yes, we were actually home occasionally during the 10-day count period!) of coverage. The usual Merriman Valley birds during the summer months, (though I'm happy to say that we added our 126th. Yard Bird this year with our first Mourning Warbler on 05/29!), including 2 Ruby-throated Hummingbird, 4 Turkey Vulture, 5 Cedar Waxwing, and 1 Baltimore Oriole, that seems to like this one certain, low-hanging branch for a nest-site each year that the female apparently hates.

AREA #15 Area #15 finds us about to leave the Cuyahoga Falls/North Akron area. The area is covered by Bert Szabo and his trusty summer census sidekick, Diane Johnson, or as Bert affectionately calls her, "she's my ears." Got time for a quick story? Unfortunately, if you've made it this far - you might as well keep reading! I've known Bert since about 1974, when on a field trip from Erie Island Elementary School in West Akron we visited the F.A. Seiberling NatureRealm. I was in second-grade and I remember him leading us down the trail and him catching a little Northern Brown Snake. He told us all about the importance of snakes and to always watch where you're walking so you don't step on them. Other than my mother and father, he was the first person I'd met that made as much sense as them! He has been a treasured friend and mentor ever since. Where's the confessional line form, right?

Highlights from this area, that is parts of the North Hill section of Akron, along with Summit Metro Parks' Cascade Valley Metro Park and Schumacher Valley Metro Park, include a lone Sharp-shinned Hawk, 34 Chimney Swift, 42 Northern Rough-winged Swallow, 160 Bank Swallow, an impressive 14 Carolina Wren, 6 Wood Thrush, 1 Brown Thrasher, 4 Hooded Warbler, 3 American Redstart, 1 Pine Warbler, an impressive 14 Eastern Towhee, and good numbers of Song Sparrow (38), Northern Cardinal (43), Rose-breasted Grosbeak (16), and House Sparrow (370). The "Bird of the Area" though, was a single Yellow-rumped Warbler, the summer count's second record ever, our first since 1999 when 2 were recorded! They finished with 57 species, 1,247 total birds, and 14 hours of time afield. Good show!

AREA #16 This area is covered by the "Tallmadge Twosome" of John & Judy Wilkinson, who just so happen to cover Area #17 as well. Some of you may recognize their son's name, Brad Wilkinson, who is knee-deep in ornithology studies, from Black-capped Vireo studies in Oklahoma, to currently studying Brown Pelicans, for the love of birds. Proof that the Ohio Young Birders Club has many talented graduates. Brad used to cover these areas with them and now his proud parents continue the annual summer tradition that Carol Tveekrem started 40 years ago. Much like birds, wow, time flies.

This is another small area, bordered by the Cuyahoga River at Water Works Park at the north, following the river west, then as it drops south along Rt. 59 to Rt. 8 to Tallmadge Rd. at the southern end, east to Rt. 91 at Tallmadge Circle, then north back to the Cuyahoga.

Highlights include 92 Mallard, 2 Green Heron, 4 Osprey, which included 2 chicks at the nest,

19 Red-bellied Woodpecker, 32 Blue Jay, 34 Gray Catbird, and 1 Hooded Warbler. In over 4 hours of coverage they totaled 43 species and 522 total birds.

AREA #17 Proving that if "some is good, more is even better", the Wilkinson's tackled their "home area" of Area #17. A small, but productive, almost square block, of the Munroe Falls and northern Tallmadge area. The free-flowing Cuyahoga River to the north, Rt. 91 to the west, south to Tallmadge Circle, then east by way of East Ave. from the circle, then north along the imaginary eastern boundary that is the Summit County line.

What it lacks in size it more than makes up for with available habitat. Areas they covered included, but were not limited to, the Summit Metro Parks' Freedom Bike & Hike Trail, Tallmadge Meadows Metro Park, Munroe Falls Metro Park, and the Tallmadge Jaycees Howe Road Park, totaling 54 species, 835 birds, and 16 hours of coverage. A reliable internet report from the Ohio Birds Listserv added a pair of American Kestrel during the count period to top the total number of species out at 55.

Highlights for John & Judy were 11 Turkey Vulture, 8 Red-tailed Hawk, 6 Ruby-throated Hummingbird, 6 species of flycatcher, 26 Wood Thrush, 9 Hooded Warbler, 2 American Redstart, 1 Yellow-breasted Chat (Tallmadge Meadows Metro Park), and 2 Eastern Meadowlark.

AREA #18 This area has had the undevoted attention of Ann & Marty Gulbransen for years. It is a large area west of Copley Circle, running from Medina Rd. (Rt. 18) in Montrose west to Medina Line Rd., south to just past Stinson Rd. at the southern end, connecting to Hemphill Rd., east to Cleveland-Massillon Rd., north to Medina Rd. (Rt. 18) again in Montrose.

Highlights here for Ann & Marty include 5 Great Blue Heron, 6 Red-tailed Hawk, 9 Killdeer, 6 Red-eyed Vireo, 24 Barn Swallow, 13 House Wren, 4 Wood Thrush, 102 American Robin, 1 Brown Thrasher, 31 Chipping Sparrow, and 36 House Finch. They contributed 6 hours of time afield, amassing 44 total species and 684 total birds counted.

AREA #19 Staying in the Copley area, our host to Area #19 is Mike Edgington. The boundary runs from Cleveland-Massillon Rd. on the west, from I-77 south to Summit Rd., south to Rt. 261 east to I-77 again, north back to Fairlawn at Cleveland-Massillon Rd. The area includes White Pond, Black Pond and Yellow Pond. Yellow Pond is on the Panzner Wetland Wildlife Reserve, which is a University of Akron Field Station, much like Bath Nature Preserve, and Mike has had access to the area shortly after it's creation, from one-time family "muck farm" to outdoor college classroom. Membership has its perks! Mike found an immature/non-breeding Horned Grebe this year at Yellow Pond, our second record ever, the first being in 1996. A sensational find for Summit County in June and a reflection of this beautiful area.

Other nice finds for Mike during his 16 hours of time afield included 1 Osprey, 1 Sharpshinned Hawk, 1 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 8 Eastern Bluebird, 54 Gray Catbird, 1 Brown Thrasher, and an impressive 297 Red-winged Blackbirds. You can't beat granted access!

AREA #20 This was an "open area" last year, but thankfully Heather Berenson took it over this year, as she lives in the area. Michelle and I have done the area in the past and it is great to have someone able to devote more time to it.

The area is basically Fairlawn and West Akron, from Fairlawn at Rosemont Country Club along Cleveland-Massillon Rd. to the west, from West Market St. south to I-77, I-77 south to the central interchange, north near Dart Ave. up to W. Exchange St. to North Portage Path back to W. Market St. west back to Fairlawn.

A mostly urban area, but Heather pulled some real gems out of the area, especially along White Pond Dr. between Frank Blvd. and I-77. Nice finds for Heather were 1 Red-shouldered Hawk, 1 Spotted Sandpiper, 1 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 4 Belted Kingfisher, 4 species of fly-catcher, 1 Eastern Bluebird, 1 Wood Thrush, 111 American Robin, 22 Gray Catbird, 1 Swamp Sparrow, 95 Common Grackle, 3 Baltimore Oriole, and almost 100 House Sparrow, finishing with 96 total.

She was able to devote 8 hours of coverage, 2.5-miles on foot, and roughly 30 miles by vehicle, amassing an even 50 species of birds and 653 total birds, proving that even in a mostly urban area, all it takes is a few pockets of greenspace to find a lot of diversity!

AREA #21 This area is a large area with many hands on deck, an area Michelle and I call the "Zoo Crew", as we usually have many helpful volunteers from the Akron Zoo. If you haven't been to the Akron Zoo since the late 60's to early 70's, you owe it to yourself to see what a beautiful zoo it has become. Gone are the animals in barred cages scattered about the zoo grounds as in the past. It is beautifully landscaped, with paths that climb up to one of the best views to be found of the skyline of Akron. A nice array of exhibits that offer many people in this urban area their only chance to experience something close to wild, and it only takes one life-changing experience for our youth to create a life-long relationship with the natural world.

The Akron Zoo grounds are included in this area, but it also contains a large swath of the Akron area from downtown, east all the way to the Summit/Portage County line south of Tallmadge Circle, including Summit Metro Parks' Goodyear Heights Metro Park, as well as parts of the Ellet area north of Triplett Blvd.

Shane Good tallied 25 species and almost 600 total birds, topping out at 596. Highlights for Shane were 67 Canada Goose, 13 Mallard, 1 Turkey Vulture, 1 Belted Kingfisher, 49 Tree Swallow, 1 Yellow Warbler, and impressive numbers of both American Robin (155) and the ever-present House Sparrow (107).

Vicky Croisant and Linda Van Fossen covered the Alder Trail and Piney Woods Trail of the Goodyear Heights Metro Park, totaling 20 species and 281 total birds. Highlights included 1 Turkey Vulture, 1 Belted Kingfisher, 22 Blue Jay, 20 Tree Swallow, 14 Barn Swallow, a very impressive 26 Wood Thrush, 96 American Robin, 1 Yellow Warbler, and 30 Red-winged Blackbird.

Kim Cook, along with Steve and Sarah Buccigross, covered the Towpath Trail in the downtown Akron area south to the area border, reeling in 20 species and 295 total birds. Totals include 67 Canada Goose, 13 Mallard, 1 Killdeer, 1 Ring-billed Gull, 25 Tree Swallow, 1 House Wren, 5 Gray Catbird, 6 House Finch, and 78 House Sparrows to add to the growing total.

Kay & Keith Devlin covered East Akron Cemetery as well as Reservoir Park, adding 12 species and 92 more total birds to the Area #21 tally. Additions include 4 Tree Swallow, 2 Black-capped Chickadee and 1 Tufted Titmouse, 31 American Robin, 3 Gray Catbird, and 29 more House Sparrow to this year's record-breaking total.

Michelle and I, with nothing better to do, picked up the rest. We added 4.5-miles on foot, 6 miles by bicycle, and 50 miles by vehicle, on three separate trips. We tallied 54 species and 946 more total birds to the area totals. We covered the Summit Metro Parks' Freedom Bike & Hike Trail from Tallmadge Circle to Eastwood Ave., Home Ave. to Brittain Rd., the R.R. tracks under the Y-Bridge, at least until the homeless camps started to look a little too "iffy", Goodyear Heights Metro Park, counting any species not originally found by Vicky and Linda, Haley's Run Trail from Triplett Blvd. to the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Test Track, as well

as many sideroads and any green areas that might hold birds.

Highlights include 2 Wood Duck, 1 Ruby-throated Hummingbird (Goodyear Hts. M.P.), 3 Red-shouldered Hawk, 3 Acadian Flycatcher, 2 Willow Flycatcher, 1 White-eyed Vireo (also at Goodyear Hts. M.P.), 1 Scarlet Tanager, 5 Orchard Oriole, and 4 Baltimore Oriole, and, using a handheld clicker throughout the area, another 431 House Sparrow.

In all, the 10 volunteers of "Zoo Crew" (we like to think we're adopted members), tallied 59 species, 2,230 total birds counted, and a total time afield of 17 hours and 44 minutes.

AREA #22 The next stop on our "Tour de Summit" takes us to "Harlan Country", heading back to the western environs of the county that includes bits of southwest Akron from the former Rolling Acres Mall, bits of western Barberton, all of the Norton area, and the Summit/Medina County line including Summit Metro Parks' beautiful Silver Creek Metro Park.

Rob & Sandy Harlan know the area better than most and gave the area a proper shakedown. Highlights, and there are many, include 3 Double-crested Cormorant, 2 Osprey, 2 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 47 Chimney Swift, 5 species of woodpecker, 7 species of flycatcher, including 2 Alder Flycatcher, 2 Veery, 6 Wood Thrush, 3 Brown Thrasher, 6 Hooded Warbler, 1 Chestnut-sided Warbler, 3 of the 5 Yellow-breasted Chat discovered residing here this summer, 4 Scarlet Tanager, 1 Eastern Meadowlark, 2 Orchard Oriole, and 9 Baltimore Oriole.

But, wait! There's more! Impressive numbers of Northeast Ohio's common summer residents like 27 Red-eyed Vireo, 50 Blue Jay, 52 Black-capped Chickadee, 44 House Wren, 11 Carolina Wren, 162 American Robin, 82 Gray Catbird, 35 Common Yellowthroat, 44 Yellow Warbler, 15 Eastern Towhee, 53 Chipping Sparrow, 22 Field Sparrow, 86 Song Sparrow, 87 Northern Cardinal, and 425 House Sparrow, causing Rob to suggest that Barberton be renamed the "House Sparrow Capitol of the World" instead of the chicken capitol.

Saving the best for last, Rob & Sandy found the only Sedge Wren on this year's census, a lone bird near Western Star Cemetery along Medina Line Rd. In almost 13 hours of time afield they recorded 76 species and 2,120 total birds counted.

AREA #23 It's been awhile since we've had an "open area", so here's another! Know anyone in the South Akron/East Barberton/Coventry area that wants to take over an area? It's theirs for the taking with an asking price of "free!" It includes part of the Kenmore area west of Summit Lake, but east of the former Rolling Acres Mall, drops south to include the northern Portage Lakes area that includes both Nesmith Lake and Long Lake, and parts of Barberton east of Wooster Rd. The best part is the Summit Metro Parks' Towpath Trail from Rt. 224 southwest to Barberton, following the Tuscarawas River, to the Robinson Ave. bridge.

I was able to cover it solo on two days, giving it over 5 hours of my time. I finished with 62 species and 716 total birds. Highlights include 43 Canada Goose, 1 Mute Swan, 19 Wood Duck, 96 Mallard, 1 Ring-billed Gull, 3 Double-crested Cormorant, 4 Osprey, and 1 Great Egret - proving a little water goes a long way. The egret was in Long Lake Channel near the boat launch at the end of Cove Blvd. Other finds were 4 Ruby-throated Hummingbird, 5 species of flycatcher, 12 Purple Martin at the nesting poles off of Manchester Rd., 2 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, 2 Scarlet Tanager, 1 Orchard Oriole, 5 Baltimore Oriole, and 234 more House Sparrow.

An interesting non-bird sighting was a Mink swimming across the canal east of Manchester Rd. It promptly reached shore, snuck up on a Common Muskrat, and sunk its teeth in right behind the head. The muskrat's day was done, ended by this vicious little weasel. Birds, a couple lakes, a canal, an easily accessed trail, and Mink in action! Any takers?

AREA #24 and #26 Ed Pierce and Jim Reyda covered both of these areas again this year. The best spots in Area #24 include Summit Lake and the "Wilbeth Rd. Wetlands", and Area #26 includes Summit Metro Parks' Firestone Metro Park. In 8 hours of coverage, they tallied 69 species and 1,293 total birds.

Highlights from both areas include 151 Canada Goose, 56 Wood Duck, 99 Mallard, 5 Double-crested Cormorant, 34 Great Blue Heron, 4 Osprey, 16 Killdeer, 5 Ring-billed Gull, 2 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 2 Black-billed Cuckoo, 1 Common Nighthawk, 1 Brown Thrasher, and 2 Hooded Warbler. High numbers of Mourning Dove (54), European Starling (206), House Finch (24), and House Sparrow (132), were also found over three days of coverage.

AREA #25 The last "open area" in 2017 is this area in Mogadore, that includes the industrial but "birdy" Gilchrist Rd. area, accessed by numerous R.R. tracks, and much of the city of Mogadore east to the Summit/Portage County line, including Mogadore Lions Park. I also covered this area solo this year, giving it 4 hours and 40 minutes of coverage and tallying up 58 species and just over 500 birds counted.

Highlights here include 11 Killdeer, 2 Spotted Sandpiper, 1 Ring-billed Gull, 4 Herring Gull, which appear to still be nesting on the roof of the Rubbermaid factory on Gilchrist Rd., 1 White-eyed Vireo, 5 Wood Thrush, 1 Brown Thrasher, 2 Scarlet Tanager, 3 Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 7 Indigo Bunting, 1 Orchard Oriole, and 3 Baltimore Oriole. Another city, another batch of House Sparrows, adding 101 to the pot.

AREA #27 And down the stretch we come! Our "Tour de Summit" finds us almost at the limits of our County of Summit. Jim Reyda has covered Area #27 for years, witnessed a lot of comings and goings in the area over the life of the census, but still knows how to beat the birds out of the bush. The northwest corner of this territory is the corner of Triplett Blvd. and Arlington Rd., including the Akron-Fulton Airport (Akron's "other airport"), Arlington Rd. south to Rt. 619, east to the Portage County line, north to Sanitarium Rd., west briefly to Canton Rd. and back to Triplett Blvd.

Highlights include the grassy areas of the airport, Springfield Lake, the smaller portions of the Tuscarawas River, Summit Metro Parks' Springfield Bog Metro Park, and lots of other nooks and crannies that Jim has traversed over the years.

Nice finds here were 2 Wild Turkey, 4 Double-crested Cormorant, 3 Osprey, 4 Cooper's Hawk, 1 Sharp-shinned Hawk, 4 Ring-billed Gull, 3 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 1 Black-billed Cuckoo, our only (surprisingly) Eastern Screech-Owl on the census, 1 Great Horned Owl, 3 Common Nighthawk at Springfield High School, 4 Horned Lark at Akron-Fulton Airport, 11 Purple Martin at Springfield Lake, 10 Bank Swallow, 1 Marsh Wren, 6 Savannah Sparrow (airport again), 8 Scarlet Tanager, and 4 Orchard Oriole.

He also picked up 4 Northern Bobwhite at Springfield Bog Metro Park, proving that they're still holding steady from the park's release program a few years back, and, though not countable, found a dead American Woodcock there - a day late and a dollar short?

Jim tallied 79 species in over 24 hours of coverage, totaling an impressive 2,005 total birds. Those figures were bolstered with high numbers of the birds we come to expect each and every summer in Summit County, such as 17 Killdeer, 58 Mourning Dove, 20 Chimney Swift, 5 Ruby-throated Hummingbird, 23 Red-bellied Woodpecker, 16 Northern Flicker, 14 Eastern Phoebe, 22 White-breasted Nuthatch, 27 House Wren, 18 Carolina Wren, 17 Eastern Bluebird, 11 Wood Thrush, 234 American Robin, 34 Gray Catbird, 360 European Starling, 48 Yellow

Warbler, 103 Chipping Sparrow, 66 Song Sparrow, 42 House Finch, and 115 House Sparrow.

AREA #28 The more these remaining "open areas" get coverage, the more Michelle and I can try to achieve our goal of spending the entire count period in our area, Area #28!

A special shout-out is in order for those doing "double-duty" this year! So grab a couple of Dixon-Ticonderoga No. 2 pencils and join in on the obligatory drum-roll...

1.) Bill Osborne and crew for tackling Area #10 again this year (so Michelle and I didn't have to!) Bill sheepishly said, "Sorry about the numbers", but still gave it 20 hours! Thank you!

2.) John & Judy Wilkinson for combining (and keeping separate again, I might add), Areas #16 and #17, as they have done so very well in the past. Thank you!

3.) Heather Berenson for taking on Area #20 (so Michelle and I didn't have to!), and then covering it as though she spent all TEN days there! Consider it all "yours"!?!? Thank you!

4.) "Zoo Crew" for expanding further into Area #21 and adding a seemingly endless supply of willing, able, and dedicated volunteers! Shane, Vicky, etc., whenever you're ready to lead a zoo-sponsored birdwalk during count week, Michelle and I can make it happen! Thanks!

5.) Ed Pierce and Jim Reyda for the continued tag-team coverage of both Area #24 & Area #26, with only more access in the future as Summit Metro Parks develops Confluence Metro Park east of Long Lake, as in, nothing like a trail into more bird habitat! Thank you both!

6.) And Brian Tinker and Joanne Priest for tackling the extremely "birdy", and unbelievably rewarding, Area #30 (so Michelle and I don't have to!) And though we miss it, we are relieved to know that it is (hopefully) in good hands from here on out. And, we'd just assume spend ALL of our time in Area #28! Thank you both!

Home sweet home, Area #28! (Michelle and I don't live in Area #28, this is just a subliminal message to any would-be takers of any "open areas" that you will "see the area - be the area - count the area".) All kidding aside, Michelle and I have fallen in love with this area ever since the originator of the Summer Breeding Census handed it over to us. Carol Tveekrem started this census 40 years ago. Once Carol and her husband, Jim, moved back to Schroeder, Minnesota, I was naive enough to think that I could handle it. Whoa! Talk about biting off more than one can chew! If it wasn't for Ann Chasar guiding me, helping me, I'm not sure where this yearly summer census would be right now, but the word "Dumpster" comes to mind!

We've all had mentors, and I'm proud to say I've had some of *THE* best! We want to thank those we've known all along, those we've met along the way, and those that we've never met, yet know through your yearly participation reports. Thank you all!

I was leary about taking this over full-time, mainly because I did not know a lot of the volunteers, as many of these volunteers were people Ann & Dwight Chasar knew through their CVNP birdwalks, both spring and fall birdwalks, as well as weekly, whereas Michelle and I would just "freelance." Beautiful day? Go birding. Crappy day? Go birding. Dwight & Ann have bridged the gap, one big "birding results" family, keeping Carol's vision alive and well. Summit County is covered by an extremely talented group of Northeast Ohio's finest birders,

census after census, year after year.

Area #28 - The northern part contains the extreme southern part of the City of Barberton, Robinson Ave. west into Wooster Rd., then south from Taylor Rd. along the Summit/Wayne County line, to the Summit/Stark County line, south of Clinton, east to Manchester Rd. (Rt. 93), then north to Lockwood Rd., west to Rt. 619 north back to Robinson Ave.

Plenty of habitat down here, and as I've said before, you'd be hard-pressed to find another area in Summit County with more Orchard Orioles per square mile. Columbia Lake has both nesting Great Blue Heron and Double-crested Cormorant (difficult to access, but we're working on it!) The knife that cuts through it is the Summit Metro Parks' Towpath Trail, running from Robinson Ave. in south Barberton all the way to the Summit/Stark County line, and the PPG Lime Lakes, #4 and #5, with the possibility of Lime Lake #6, when finished. The Lime Lakes are off-limits to the general public, but thanks to Carol Tveekrem's efforts in the past, we've been granted access, and they welcome the G.A.A.S.'s results. Except when I didn't tell them I'd found a Western Meadowlark there in 2004 (the first in Summit County since 1945), and they wanted to know why the road was lined with cars and people with binoculars peering over the fence. Word travels fast!

Highlights include 1 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, this year's only Sora (in a cattail marsh along Eastern Rd. that has had Least Bittern, Great Horned Owl, and Marsh Wren in the past), 3 Double-crested Cormorant, 2 Osprey, 1 Red-headed Woodpecker (Towpath Trail south of Clinton), 3 White-eyed Vireo, 1 Purple Martin, 2 Marsh Wren, 3 Veery, 6 Wood Thrush, 3 Brown Thrasher, 2 Prothonotary Warbler (1 just south of Clinton and 1 at the Summit/Stark County line, 6 Hooded Warbler, 4 American Redstart (including 1 nest in a grapevine tangle), 2 Savannah Sparrow, 6 Scarlet Tanager, 2 Bobolink (Lime Lake #4), 5 Eastern Meadowlark, and 23 Orchard Oriole, compared to 5 Baltimore Oriole.

We were only able to spend 3 days of coverage in Area #28. On 06/23 I covered both Lime Lake #4 and Lime Lake #5, as well as limited coverage of Columbia Lake and various side-roads throughout the area. Once again, the best highlight by far, were this year's only Dickcissel sightings, as I had 4 birds at Lime Lake #4 (3 males & 1 female), and 3 birds at Lime Lake #5 (2 males & 1 female), as both of these reclaimed lands are large swaths of unbroken prairie, perfect for grassland-nesting species.

On 06/24, Michelle and I were joined by our good friend John Henry and we hiked the Towpath Trail from Snyder Ave. south to Clinton. If you've never hiked this section you owe it to yourself to hike it - "birdy" as can be, flat, and one can easily hit 65 species in just a few miles. Thick, lush floodplain, with an accessible trail paralleling a meandering river and railroad tracks. Sound familiar? It's like "Cuyahoga Valley South", except the river here is the slow-moving Tuscarawas River and the CSX trains much more frequent and noisy.

On 06/25, Michelle and I birded an old soybean field with beautiful hedgerows that is owned by Summit Metro Parks. The area is called "Sunset Ridge" off of Eastern Rd. Great views all the way to Wadsworth to the northwest. No trails, but Summit Metro Parks expedited our permission form to grant us access. Nice finds there were 1 very vocal Yellow-breasted Chat as well as a pair of Horned Lark, both male and female.

We finished the entire area with 84 species, 1,370 total birds, and 16:45 hours of coverage. Good numbers of 125 Canada Goose, 11 Eastern Wood-Pewee, 10 Acadian Flycatcher, 12 Willow Flycatcher, 19 Red-eyed Vireo, 37 Barn Swallow, 52 Gray Catbird, and 37 Chipping Sparrow helped the overall total numbers.

AREA #29 The long sliver of bird habitat that is Area #29 has been in the hands of Wolfgang

& Joyce Pelz for quite some time. Portage Lakes Area? Right in their backyard - so to speak. North Reservoir? Check. Hower Lake? Check. Grupe Pond? Check. West Reservoir? Check. Rex Lake, Mud Lake, Turkeyfoot Lake? Check, check, check!

Highlights include water-loving birds such as Canada Goose (116), Wood Duck (2), Mallard (25), Double-crested Cormorant (2), Great Blue Heron (1), Green Heron (1), Osprey (3), and Herring Gull (1). Also added to their list were 1 Barred Owl, 1 White-eyed Vireo, 22 Tree Swallow, 15 Northern Rough-winged Swallow, 20 House Wren, 1 Wood Thrush, 1 American Redstart, and 1 Yellow-throated Warbler, with the City of Akron separating the Cuyahoga Valley birds from those found in the southern third of the county.

In 3 hours of time afield on 06/25 they tallied 46 species, and 419 total birds counted. Sadly, they could not find a single Song Sparrow to reach the 47th. species, proving there may be too much water in Area #29! Woe is me!!! Just kidding, Joyce & Wolfgang!

AREA #30 And now, the curtain draws near, as we reach the final area in Summit County. This last area contains one of the best, if not the best, lakes for birdwatching in the entire county, although Summit Lake may beg to differ. The western boundary of this area has all of Nimisila Reservoir, as the boundary runs south from Rt. 619 and South Main St., to Mount Pleasant Rd. on the Summit/Stark County border, east to the same county border, then north back to Rt. 619.

For those who may not know, Nimisila Reservoir has been "taken over", so to speak, by our beloved Summit Metro Parks, relieving the cash-strapped Ohio State Parks with the responsibility of this large, man-made reservoir. For years it has had a motor limit for any and all fisherman on the lake, meaning no gas motors, only electric trolling motors, and this, along with the vision of the Summit Metro Parks, should keep this lake peaceful and "birdy" for years to come, as compared to the rest of the jet-ski riding, speedboat-loving, pontoon boat partying, upper Portage Lakes region.

A couple quick facts: my grandfather helped dig this lake in 1936-37, as the Ohio Dept. of Public Works used labor from the Works Progress Administration to supply the City of Akron with drinking water, and my father found a Native American arrowhead when he was bass fishing at Nimisila. As he brought his anchor up to the side of his boat, he noticed the arrowhead in all the muck he brought up and was able to grab it just before it slipped back into the water! And you thought this synopsis was just going to filled with boring bird results and leave you no smarter than when you started reading this! True stories, folks!

The area has more than just Nimisila Reservoir, though. It also contains the Y.M.C.A.'s Camp Y-Noah, with trails and a lake, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Singer Lake Tract, the many trails and habitat of the City of Green's Boettler Park, and the Canton-Akron Regional Airport in the southeast corner of the area.

I was able to coax Brian Tinker into taking this area over this year and he had help from Joanne Priest. As Brian gave coverage by land, Joanne gave coverage by sea, using her kayak to access the reedbeds and big island of Nimisila. Wait until you see some of the awesome photos they obtained at the end here! There will also be some of my photos, which do not even come close to comparing to Brian and Joanne's photos. My photos are what I like to call, "suitable for explanation", as in, "See that yellow speck in the middle? That's a Yellow-breasted Chat!" Or, "See that bird with its head thrown back? That's a singing, male Dickcissel!" On the other hand, their photos are what I like to call, "suitable for framing", no explanation necessary here.

Together, they were able to get coverage on all 10 days, tallying up 90 total species and

1,875 total birds, and almost 28 and a half hours of time afield. Highlights follow...

Michelle and I have done Nimisila in the past and in one trip around the entire reservoir one can easily reach 75 species in the summer. Needless to say, water-loving birds are the mainstay here. Excellent finds for Brian and Joanne were 63 Canada Goose, 5 Mute Swan, 14 Wood Duck, 18 Mallard, 6 Double-crested Cormorant, 2 Least Bittern, 65 Great Blue Heron, 3 Great Egret, 12 Green Heron, 7 Osprey, 1 Bald Eagle, 10 Common Gallinule, 1 American Coot, 3 Herring Gull, 4 Belted Kingfisher, and 10 Marsh Wren. And, once again, a pair of Common Loon are calling Nimisila Reservoir home for the summer this season! Near the Canton-Akron Airport is a heronry and that's where the majority of the Great Blue Heron and the 3 Great Egret were found. This is Summit County, right?

Well, the water birds can't get all the press, can they? Other excellent finds were 9 Wild Turkey, 2 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 1 Black-billed Cuckoo (Singer Lake), 4 White-eyed Vireo, 3 Yellow-throated Vireo, 26 Warbling Vireo, 38 Red-eyed Vireo, 3 Purple Martin (Camp Y-Noah), 10 Brown Thrasher, 1 Blue-winged Warbler, 1 Hooded Warbler, 3 American Redstart, 3 Pine Warbler, 1 Yellow-throated Warbler (Nimisila), and high numbers of summer mainstays like 98 Song Sparrow, 73 Northern Cardinal, 205 Red-winged Blackbird, 22 Baltimore Oriole, and 75 American Goldfinch.

Yet another exciting find was a single Black-and-white Warbler (our first since 2013), found by Brian along Mount Pleasant Rd. near the Canton-Akron Airport. Speaking of the aforementioned airport, how about some grassland birds to go along with your water birds?

American Kestrel (1) and our only Grasshopper Sparrow sighting (2) were found at the grassy environs of the airport, as well as other grassland nesters like 29 Savannah Sparrow, 1 Bobolink, and 9 Eastern Meadowlark.

I also want to mention a couple of species that should pop up on future censuses. Kind of a "be on the lookout for", as Karen Gray reported a single Sandhill Crane flying over Rt. 21 near Wolf Creek on June 15th., the day before the start of the census. If they continue to shoot them in Kentucky, we'll gladly take them here.

And, on my monthly Towpath Trail census on June 2nd., John Henry and I spotted a female Common Merganser in Furnace Run and she had a single, days-old chick swimming with her. Then, after the 10-day count period, Ken Andrews reported a single female in the Cuyahoga River at Stumpy Basin, followed by 4 females flying together at the same location on the August 4th. Cuyahoga Valley Towpath Trail Census, also seen by John Henry and myself.

Well, that's a wrap! If any of your names are misspelled above please let me know. As someone who has had their last name misspelled numerous times over the years (Vegas, Vargas, Vogan, Bogus, etc., etc.), I strive for accuracy whether it be birds or names! 2017 was a very good count year with new highs for bird species, total birds, total hours afield, and total numbers of volunteers!

Thank You **All** for Your Time & Effort!!!

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