

THE 2020 G.A.A.S. SUMMIT COUNTY BREEDING BIRD CENSUS IN REVIEW

THE WEATHER

Wow! This one was a summer census for the ages! First, I hope you all enjoyed the weather we ordered up for this year's count! Not much in the way of rain during the count period, and what rain did fall was either short-lived or happened overnight - just the way we planned it! This resulted in sunny, clear days for censusing and pleasant temperatures in the mid-70's to low-80's. We can't recall such a pleasant stretch of ideal weather during this census. We didn't want it to end! We were wondering what type of weather we would end up with after the extremely crazy weather we had experienced earlier this year. March was cold and wet. Then April one-upped it by feeling more like March than March did! Then May's migration seemed well overdue, like it would never reach Summit County, including snowfall well into mid-May! But alas, our feathered friends carried on and we continue to marvel at their cycle of life.

VOLUNTEERS

And how about volunteers? Oh, yeah, we got volunteers! A hardy army of 113 strong were committed (or, should be committed) to traipsing all over Summit County! Many did double-duty by manning their yards and bird-feeding stations to add to the final tally. In fact, we bested the previous high for volunteers by an even two dozen - proving that not only do "birds of a feather flock together", but birdwatchers do as well! As for Michelle and I, we were able to spend 9 days out of the 10-day count period solely in our area, resulting in much habitat that we'd never had time to venture into. To all of the current and new volunteers that made that possible, we say, "Thank you!"

It is so great to see so many familiar names from Northeast Ohio's talented birding community! Many of you have been volunteering on this yearly census since it was started by Carol Tveekrem in the late 1970's! Many of the old vanguard are still birding strong and have continued to bird the same areas for decades, knowing what to expect and where to find it, as well as the yearly surprises that keep you on your toes. A tip of the hat to you old stalwarts - you know who you are!!!

We had all 30 areas within the County of Summit covered by many talented birders. We also had many "newbies" to the census this year, which is absolutely great! Just remember, all of us started out as novices to this thing we call "birding." So, for all the newcomers, may you find comfort in knowing that I've never met a birdwatcher that gets hooked on this passion that ended up being less educated about the habits of birds by continuing this obsession! Whether it be identifying birds by song or call, or what types of birds to expect in which habitat, how species look while in flight, which birds are to be expected from season to season, which birds constitute a rarity, or, if you just like to "watch birds", trust me - you will only get better at it! As Roger Tory Peterson once said, "starlings are birds, too."

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C.V.N.P. & S.M.P.

Although the loss of quality habitat continues to be a problem, we are blessed with a phenomenal duo of park systems. The thousands of acres that make up the Cuyahoga Valley National Park continue to be some of the most productive habitat one could ask for in the County. Rich woodlands, old farm fields, wetlands, and riverbottom waterways with a network of trails throughout all habitats just add to the variety of species here.

Summit Metro Parks continues to add land to their arsenal of quality habitat and access to these areas via a well-maintained trail system makes censusing these areas a breeze. They are the gold standard and have laid the template that other counties, though well behind the power curve, strive to achieve. Think of all the land lost in the surrounding counties, especially counties like Medina and Portage, to the ebb and flow of the housing market. As farms fold, quality habitat gets gobbled up by the unsightly "block Monopoly houses" that end up as a repeat of this cookie-cutter landscape.

Look no further than these two recent examples by Summit Metro Parks. Nimisila Reservoir was dysfunctional when being run by the Ohio State Parks. Under-staffed and under-policed, it is now a birdwatchers dream. One could spend a whole day out there and tally a phenomenal list that would rival any Ohio inland site. It is still open to any and all fishermen, and keeping it that way ensures that no feathers are ruffled on the sportsmen's side of things. It has been, and continues to be, electric motors only, which explains its waterfowl-friendly bird habitat. No jet-ski's or party boats here!

They also recently purchased the former Valley View Golf Course in Akron, that will eventually connect a continuous trail system from The Gorge in Cuyahoga Falls, down to Cascade Valley, and on to the Towpath Trail, eventually hooking up with the section maintained by the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The whole area has been re-planted, and once the trails are developed, will be yet another feather in their ever-growing cap. They even had a pair of Bald Eagles nest there this year. The possibilities are endless with the right leadership.

The Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, maintained by the Cuyahoga Valley National Park from the Cuyahoga/Summit County Line south to Akron, then by Summit Metro Parks from Akron to the Summit/Stark County Line, continues to be an amazing artery of birding bliss. I will now officially trademark that phrase: Welcome to "The Amazing Artery Of Birding Bliss!", sounds a little better than, "Ohio. The Heart Of It All." Anyway, from the towering cottonwoods and sycamores along the Cuyahoga River in the northern section, through the birdy, urban areas of Akron, (you'd be surprised what you can find Downtown), to the wet, hidden backwaters of the Portage Lakes region, then on to the Tuscarawas River watershed, with trees not found in the northern section like bur oak and basswood, one would be hard-pressed to find such birding variety anywhere along just one continuous section of trail!

WATERFOWL

Thirteen species of geese, swans, and ducks were recorded, with new highs for Canada Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Common Merganser, and Red-breasted Merganser. We also tied a high with our second sighting ever of a Bufflehead, a female found by Brian Tinker and Joanne Priest at the aforementioned Nimisila Reservoir. They also added a new species to the census with our first record of a Gadwall, and our only American Black Duck, and an injured Ring-necked Duck, hampered by a fish hook and line, that may have kept it from flying, but did not affect its ability to fish and dive, as Joanne could not net the bird to free it from this hindrance. Rounding out their duck bonanza were a Hooded Merganser family.

Jim Reyda had a pair of Blue-winged Teal at a wetlands spot in Springfield Township. This pair, according to Jim, may have been the same pair that were calling Firestone Metro Park home through mid-May. Or, maybe the fact that it was snowing in mid-May made this pair think that they already by-passed their destination! Their sightings have decreased over the years as occasional summer finds. I used to find them in the E. Steels Corners Rd. area back in the mid- to late-80's. You can go look now if you want, just don't mind the Rt. 8 extension! Ah, progress...

Common Mergansers seem to be on the increase as a breeding species in the County as the water quality in the Cuyahoga River continues to improve. Setting a new census high were the 10 birds found by Dwight & Ann Chasar in the "Crooked River" at the Vaughn Rd./Highland Rd. bridge near Red Lock in the C.V.N.P. This was a family group of a female with nine almost fully grown juveniles. As fish-eaters, this tells you all you need to know about this river - it is on fire - and birds and wildlife are the fuel!

Rounding out enough waterfowl to make one think it was early March, were the two female Red-breasted Mergansers found by Rob & Sandy Harlan at Lake Dorothy in the Norton area. Lake Dorothy was the location of last year's Black Tern sighting by Mike Edgington and Kathy Mock. It is a private lake owned by PPG Industries and permission has been granted the last three years.

As "citizen scientists" you just can't beat building good relationships with lands held by private ownership or private companies. By going through the proper channels, you would be surprised by how many embrace your intentions. You're not there to ride noisy dirt bikes or quads all over their property. You're not there to poach the fish that they want their grandkids to catch. You're not there to steal their crops. You're not there to vandalize their property. Many are very enthusiastic about knowing what exactly is on their property and are just as excited about the finds as you are! If given permission, please think about giving them a list of what you've found. Birds, mammals, butterflies, dragonflies, beneficial species, harmful species, etc. Heck, anything you see, whether it be a questionable deer stand, illegal dumping, cut fences, etc. You can and will build relationships that can last a lifetime!

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TURKEYS, RAILS, AND CRANES, OH MY!

After setting a new high for Wild Turkey in 2019 with 107, it was a little disappointing to fall short this year. This was probably a product of the cold and wet spring with a direct correlation to a ground-nesting species. The two hens we found in Area #28 had no poults in tow. A normal spring next year can easily fix that. We got our first turkey on our 8th. day, making that our 100th. bird. A "June Century" in only eight days!

A good showing for rails, with seven Virginia Rails and one Sora, both difficult species to get once their vocalizations dwindle down after their initial spring arrivals. All eight American Coots were found in Area #30 at Nimisila Reservoir. Have I mentioned anything about this reservoir? Hmmm... Let me check. Really good numbers of Common Gallinules this year, found in various locations. To many, this bird is kind of ho-hum, but as for me, I can't get enough of seeing good reports for this species in Summit County.

Joining the Gadwall in the new species department is our first record of Sandhill Crane on the census. This family group was found at the Benner Rd. Wetlands in Franklin Twp. This species almost made the list back in 2014, when Michelle and I observed a pair at this rich wetlands area on April 26th. The pair were in the process of building a nesting mound. Then the rains came and when Nimisila Creek floods - it floods! The high water goes completely over Benner Rd. and spreads out into the marsh. This, of course, wiped out the nesting attempt, but I've gone back every year just hoping. When I went back in 2014 there was no sign of them, the nesting attempt totally aborted, but I did have a Virginia Rail family there. A mother with eight young in tow, swim/walking over the flooded roadway. Last year the area flooded as well, so much so that it knocked the large green gas well tank located there off it's foundation!

I was just re-telling this story to my birding buddy John Henry, when I noticed the head of an adult intently watching us, peering over the tall cattails. I clambered up the brand new ladder to the new gas well in an attempt to get some photographic proof when John announced that there was a second bird. I got a less than stellar photo of the one adult and decided to text Brian Tinker in the adjacent area and let him know of this find. I wonder how John James Audubon would contact a fellow birder in another county about an interesting find back in the day? By horseback, the birds may have been fledged and gone by then! Ah, technology. Brian got the word out and sure enough, Susan Carpenter made her way down there, and showing the patience of a Great Blue Heron, waited out the pair as they moved out of the cattail marsh and into an adjacent farmer's field. Sure enough, there was an about two-thirds grown young bird with them!

SHOREBIRDS, GULLS, TERNS, LOONS & CORMORANTS

We set a new high for Killdeer with 355 reported, besting the previous record by 86 birds. We just missed new highs for American Woodcock and Spotted Sandpiper by 2 and 3 birds, respectively.

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Gulls continue to be a county breeder, specifically in Area #25 on the industrial roof-tops, where Dusty and Erin Samples reported 38 out of a new high of 57, for Herring Gull. A nice addition to David Hochadel's Area #21 were a vocalizing fly-over of a pair of Caspian Terns, a yard bird most anyone would take.

Susan Carpenter found the only Common Loon in the county, a nice find at Silver Lake, and Double-crested Cormorants are proving that if the Ohio Division of Wildlife culls the flocks in one area, they'll just take over another, by almost doubling last years high of 159 by tallying 312 this year, being reported in 11 out of the 30 areas censused.

HERONS

We doubled the previous record for Least Bittern as 6 birds were found this year. Four of these were found at Summit Metro Parks' Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park in Area #30. Joanne Priest and her trusty kayak providing the hidden water birds to Brian Tinker's terra firma birding. By land and by sea, this duo racked up 102 species in Area #30. Great Blue Heron numbers continue to impress, as all these returning birds from each breeding season set up their own nests. Although this species' numbers, much like the Turkey Vulture, are probably much lower due to the amount of "ground" they cover. With nesting colonies along Bath Rd. and southwest of the intersection of Wetmore Rd. and Akron-Peninsula Rd. in the Cuyahoga Valley, and the Waterloo Rd. heronry and the Wilbeth Rd. Wetlands heronry, there's no telling where the next big colony will pop up. Speaking of the Waterloo Rd. heronry in Area #24, Aimee Phillips found a Great Egret, tending a nest no less, amongst the many great blue's there. Rob & Sandy Harlan's fly-by at the Maco Rd. Wetlands in the Norton area of Area #22 provided the other.

But, stealing the thunder from the Sandhill Crane family, was the striking adult Yellow-crowned Night-Heron found by Jeff Carpenter on June 13th. at Summit Metro Parks' Firestone Metro Park in Area #26! This was the third new species added to the census in 2020, which now stands at 197 species. Be sure to check out the photo by Brynda Ivan on the G.A.A.S. website, as well as the other fine photographs submitted this year. You need no more proof than this species that you just never know what is calling Summit County home during the June census!

BIRDS OF PREY

Let us prey! New highs were set for Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, and Barred Owl. We missed tying the high for Cooper's Hawk by only three birds and Peregrine Falcon by only one. American Kestrel is still a species of concern as their numbers continue to plummet, especially to those of us that remember "the good old days."

Osprey numbers continue to climb, so much so that we could re-name the Indians' Double A team the Akron Ospreys instead of the Akron Rubber Ducks. This has been quite the success story and a healthy dose of good news in the birding world is always welcome.

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Are there really 17 Bald Eagles in Summit County? Doubtful. But the goal is to count what is seen in each area and it certainly beats zero! The pair with a juvenile that Jim Reyda found in Area #27 at Springfield Lake may have had a nest just over the border in Portage County in the Wingfoot Lake area. I have yet to hear any word on the nesting success of the new nest at Summit Metro Park's Valley View site.

The highly adaptable Red-shouldered Hawk is doing well no matter what the habitat, conquering both rural and urban environments. Owls are always tough when dealing with their habits of keeping hid and the amount of summer tree foliage, but at least the Barred Owl has never been shy about being vocal! Great Horned Owls were found in Area #13 by Susan Carpenter, Wolfgang & Joyce Pelz in Area #29, and a juvenile bird found in Area #28 by myself and Anthony Ziehler, but true credit goes to the robins that found it for us first!

WOODPECKERS to FINCHES

We set new highs for all species of woodpeckers commonly found in Summit County, and tied a high for Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Good numbers of Red-headed Woodpecker is always an encouraging sign. The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker found by Lisa Shiner at Firestone Metro Park tied a previous high of single birds found in 1993 and 1999.

A good showing of tyrant flycatchers, with numbers slightly down for Great Crested Flycatcher and Eastern Kingbird, but higher for the others, with new highs for Eastern Wood-Pewee, Acadian Flycatcher, Willow Flycatcher, and Eastern Phoebe. The always site-specific Alder Flycatcher had only two sightings and the seven Least Flycatchers were a welcome sight, instead of the typical one or none.

Vireos were well-represented with White-eyed Vireo and Blue-headed Vireo holding steady, while new highs were set for Yellow-throated Vireo and the always vocal Warbling Vireo and Red-eyed Vireo, with the new high for the latter showing an increase of 277 more birds recorded than the previous high!

A new high was set for Blue Jays, finally breaking the 1,000 mark. In our area, we were lacking American Crows at the start, but by the second half of the count period we were seeing families of newly fledged crows making the rounds and learning on the fly.

The small Akron-Fulton International Airport out near the Goodyear Airdock in Area #27 had 5 of the 7 Horned Larks tallied this year. The grassy areas between there and the old Akron Rubber Bowl continues to harbor decent grassland birds, with Jim Reyda finding a pair of American Kestrels there as well. The only other Horned Larks were found in a soybean field off of Eastern Rd. in Norton in Area #28. It took me three visits there, but I finally found a male doing his courtship display flight for an attentive female. This area was held by Summit Metro Parks and called Sunset Ridge, but they sold the property to Norton and commercial property has taken over. These may be the last of my Horned Lark sightings here.

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Swallow species appear to be holding steady and seem to be where they have been historically, other than possibly Bank Swallow, which has lost suitable nesting sites recently. No large dirt banks in the old Hardy Rd. Landfill area as they used all of them to create a cap for the now defunct landfill, and Jim Reyda lost another such bank in Area #27 last year. The majority of this year's numbers came from Summit Metro Parks' Cascade Valley Metro Park's Overlook Area in Area #15, where Bert Szabo and Diane Johnson tallied 170 of the 189 reported this year at the nesting colony above the Cuyahoga River. Larry Hunter's results on the Portage Lakes' Purple Martins are always a welcome addition, right down to the yet-to-hatch eggs! Cliff Swallows nested once again under the Station Road Bridge in the Cuyahoga Valley. This could end any time, though, as this species continues to be more miss than hit.

Tufted Titmouse numbers continue to surpass Black-capped Chickadee numbers, a reverse of how it has been historically. A new high was set for White-breasted Nuthatch, and difficult to find summer residents like Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, and the always hard to find Golden-crowned Kinglet, continue to only be found in the rich woodlands in and around the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Fred Dinkelbach's coverage of the new Richfield Heritage Preserve in Richfield and Wayne Crouse's yard in Bath added two of the 7 Red-breasted Nuthatches, just outside the boundaries of the park. The Cuyahoga Valley National Park's Tree Farm Trail off of Major Rd. continues to harbor these rare finds, and that is where Dwight & Ann Chasar found this year's only Golden-crowned Kinglets as well as 2 more Red-breasted Nuthatches. As always, evergreens are the key for this species, with the spruces and white pines of the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center adding one to Heather Berenson's list and the Scotch pines and red pines of the Camp Butler/Camp Manatoc Boy Scout property garnering two more for Henry Trimpe.

The cool, dark recesses of Ritchie Ledges, also known as "Kendall Ledges", held the only Winter Wren this breeding season for Bill Osborne's crew, and we set new highs for House Wren by 161 birds and Carolina Wren by 178 birds. The recent mild winters have definitely helped the Carolina Wren, and both of these wren species were found in 27 of the 30 Areas in Summit County. We also set a new high for Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

Henry Trimpe found the only Hermit Thrush this season, once again in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, in the Pine Lane Trailhead Area just east of Peninsula. Nice to see a new high set for Wood Thrush, and American Robins are prolific as ever. Holding steady were Gray Catbird and Brown Thrasher, and we were just two birds shy of tying the Northern Mockingbird high of seven set back in 2012.

New highs were set for European Starling and House Sparrow. Leading the pack in the "cheep-cheep" department were the 794 total House Sparrows tallied by Aimee Phillips in the Summit Lake/south Akron city landscape of Area #24! Cedar Waxwings were found in 29 out of 30 Areas in the county, and the "northern woods" of the Richfield Area held this season's only Purple Finch, found by Paul Ellsworth at the Eastwood Preserve.

SPARROWS, CHATS & BLACKBIRDS

The only Grasshopper Sparrows were found by the Brian Tinker and Joanne Priest duo in the Nimisila Reservoir area. The new high for Chipping Sparrow that was reached was by almost 200 birds, but numbers for both Field Sparrow and Savannah Sparrow continue to trend to the low side. For the second year in a row, Area #28 held a singing White-throated Sparrow. This was in an area John Henry and I had previously never ventured into - a rich, thick bog along a cornfield that eventually trickles into a marsh, habitat we did not know existed, as it was a good half-mile off of West Turkeyfoot Lake Rd. Last year's new high for Dark-eyed Junco lasted but one year, as the northern section of the county held them all, with highs of 7 in Area #2 between Dwight & Ann Chasar and Henry Trimpe, and 7 as well in Area #9 by Bill Osborne's merry band of birders, followed by three seen by die-hard "ravine rats" Doug Marcum and Chia Chiappone, scouring the hidden hollows around Blossom Music Center in Area #7. We just missed tying the high for Henslow's Sparrow by one, with 9 tallied this year, at the usual spots in the fields at Bath Nature Preserve in Area #5 by Patrick Coy & Karin Tanquist, and the hay fields across from the Blossom Music Center in Area #7 by Doug Marcum and Chia Chiappone. But also in a new area this year, the field north of Summit Metro Parks' Hampton Hills Metro Park's Mountain Bike Area off of Theiss Rd., where Betsy Mac-Millan, Ned DeLamatre, and Amy Longley found four in Area #8. New highs were also reached for Song Sparrow and Eastern Towhee.

The much sought after Yellow-breasted Chat continues to be found in some reliable areas - like along the Summit Metro Parks' Bike & Hike Trail in Sagamore Hills for Henry Trimpe, Summit Metro Parks' Tallmadge Meadows Metro Park near Munroe Falls for John & Judy Wilkinson, Summit Metro Parks' Silver Creek Metro Park's Cross Country Trail in Norton for Rob & Sandy Harlan, and Southgate/Boettler Park in Green for Brian Tinker - but others are present one year, gone the next. Such was the case in Area #28. No longer present along Eastern Rd. at the aforementioned Sunset Ridge property (I believe the massive new Clinton Aluminum factory played a part in that), only to be found in areas previously absent - along Rex Hill Rd. and the Towpath Trail north of Clinton. And so it goes on this annual treasure hunt for bird species.

The only surprises in the blackbird world continues to be the Common Grackle. Some areas had really good or expected numbers of grackles, whereas in other areas, including ours, they were as hard to find as a chat! For us, ten grackles in an area as large as ours just left us scratching our heads. An average of one per day!? We had more grackles at our feeders in Janet Wertz's Area #14! Others though, had plenty of them. Heather Berenson led the way with 188 in Area #20, followed by 132 in Area #27 by Jim Reyda, and 116 in Area #30 by Brian Tinker and Joanne Priest. I just feel that there is some overlooked phragmite swamp holding a thousand or so birds out there somewhere! We did set a new high for the ever-present Red-winged Blackbird, and Ken Andrews had some really good numbers of Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark in Area #1 at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park's Coliseum Grasslands, with 33 birds and 28 birds, respectively. Overall, though, numbers for all were steady.

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WARBLERS WELCOME HERE!

Once again, Summit County proved it has the habitat and one can find some really good warbler species here. We ended up with 17 species of warblers in 2020, with some real nice rarities such as the single Worm-eating Warbler found in Bill Osborne's Area #9, a couple of Northern Parula in Area #2, a robust total of five of the always difficult Prairie Warbler, which was one away from tying the all-time high of 6 set way back in 1980, and Fred Dinkelbach's Canada Warbler sighting in Area #1 at the Richfield Heritage Preserve. Collectively, we just missed tying the high for Pine Warbler and Chestnut-sided Warbler by two birds each, and we set new highs for Hooded Warbler, Yellow Warbler, and Yellow-throated Warbler. So, for all you yearly listers, if you missed a certain warbler species during May's migration, don't wait for late summer or early fall, as June in Summit County may just be your best bet!

TANAGER, CARDINAL, GROSBEAK & BUNTING ~ ATTORNEYS AT LAW

The star here, of course, was Dennis Mersky's find of a male Summer Tanager in Area #28 along Summit Metro Parks' Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail north of Clinton. This was only our second record of this species, with the first being seen back in 1985. This find in our area upped our total to 103 species for Area #28. This gave us three areas that topped the century mark this year, proving the conditions were perfect and the experienced birders many. Besides Brian Tinker and Joanne Priest hitting 102 species in Area #30, Dwight & Ann Chasar's super-productive Area #2 led the way with 106 total species, covered by an army of sixteen total volunteers - divide and conquer! Scarlet Tanagers were just 19 birds below the all-time high set in 2016.

Our State Bird was well-represented in 2020, setting a new high by a whopping 255 birds! 1,755 Northern Cardinals! Folks, that's a lot of redbirds! Numbers for both Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting were below the all-time highs, but right about where they should be. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, no Dickcissels were found at either of the PPG Lime Lakes. The areas are getting a bit choked out with Canada thistle and PPG is looking for ways to control it, although I'm not sure if this has a direct link to their absence.

Well, there you have it! An amazing 2020 census, highlighted by 3 new species added to the master list, as well as an impressive 52 new all-time highs and four species that tied the all-time highs! I'm not sure how much the COVID-19 pandemic contributed to the record number of volunteers, as some cancelled vacations and birding trips, but that was nice to see, resulting in new highs for species, total birds, and hours afield. This could not be achieved without each and every one of you! Your commitment and dedication should be applauded and we hope to see all of you as well as many new faces in 2021!

Thank You All!

Douglas W. Vogus

2020 GREATER AKRON AUDUBON SOCIETY SUMMER BREEDING BIRD CENSUS

RECORD	SPECIES - TOTAL	CENSUS NOTES
2,126 in '20	1. Canada Goose - 2,126	(New Census High - previous was 2,089 in 2016: Reported in 27 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
48 in 2005	2. Mute Swan - 7	(2 in Area #8 - B. MacMillan & A. Longley; 1 in Area #22 - R. & S. Harlan; 2 in Area #26 - A. Phillips; 2 in Area #27 - J. Reyda)
11 in 2020	3. Trumpeter Swan - 11	(Third Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 6 in 2018: 5 in Area #5 - Bath Nature Preserve - P. Coy & K. Tanquist; 2 in Area #19 - Panzner Wetlands, Copley - M. Edgington & K. Mock; 1 in Area #22 - Lake Anna, Barberton, and begging for hand-outs with the wing-clipped Mute Swans - R. & S. Harlan; 3 in Area #28 - Benner Rd. Wetlands, Franklin Twp. - D.W. Vogus & J. Henry)
229 in 2016	4. Wood Duck - 227	(Reported in 13 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
25 in 1989	5. Blue-winged Teal - 2 (1m,1f)	(Area #27 - Pickle Rd. Wetlands, Springfield Twp. - J. Reyda)
NEW!	6. Gadwall - 1 (male)	(Area #30 - S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
20 in 1989	7. American Black Duck - 1	(Area #30 - S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
1,058 in '91	8. Mallard - 955	(Reported in 27 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
3 in 2001	9. Ring-necked Duck - 1 (injured)	(Area #30 - S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
1 in 2008	10. Bufflehead - 1 (female)	(Second Record on Census & Tied Census High - Area #30 - S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
11 in 2016	11. Hooded Merganser - 6 (1 female & 5 juv.)	(Area #30 - S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
10 in 2020	12. Common Merganser - 10 (1 female & 9 juv.)	(New Census High - previous was 6 in 2018. Area #2 - family group was found in the Cuyahoga River at the Highland Rd. bridge near Red Lock in the C.V.N.P. - D. & A. Chasar)
2 in 2020	13. Red-breasted Merganser - 2 (females)	(Second Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 1 in 1980: 2 in Area #22 - Lake Dorothy, Barberton - R. & S. Harlan)
107 in 2019	14. Wild Turkey - 76	(Reported in 11 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
16 in 1988	15. Pied-billed Grebe - 13	(1 in Area #13 - Darrow Lake, Stow - S. Carpenter; 12 total in Area #30: 10 at S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park and 2 juveniles at Boettler Park in Green - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
582 in 1984	16. Rock Pigeon - 225	(Reported in 17 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
1,042 in '20	17. Mourning Dove - 1,042	(New Census High - previous was 1,031 in 1995: Reported in 29 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
118 in 2016	18. Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 48	(Reported in 13 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
16 in 1999	19. Black-billed Cuckoo - 2	(1 in Area #3 - O'Brien Cemetery, Hudson - S. Carpenter; 1 in Area #5 - C.V.N.P. Perkins Bridle Trail - S. Jones & C. Witt)
46 in 1983	20. Common Nighthawk - 2	(1 in Area #27 - Springfield High School - J. Reyda; 1 in Area #28 - south of downtown Barberton - D.W. & M. Vogus)
652 in 2004	21. Chimney Swift - 626	(Reported in 26 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
88 in 2020	22. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 88	(New Census High - previous was 85 in 2019: Reported in 21 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)

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10 ~ 3 times	23. Virginia Rail - 7	(1 in Area #1 - C.V.N.P. Coliseum Grasslands - K. Andrews; 1 in Area #21 - Alder Pond at S.M.P. Goodyear Heights Metro Park - D. Hochadel; 2 total in Area #27: 1 in Lakemore & 1 at Pressler Rd., Springfield Twp. - J. Reyda; 3 total in Area #28: 1 at Benner Rd. Wetlands - D.W. Vogus & J. Henry & 2 at Kepler Rd. Wetlands, both Franklin Twp. - D.W. & M. Vogus)
4 in '78 & '89	24. Sora - 1	(Area #19 - Fairlawn Park Soccer Fields Area - M. Edgington & K. Mock)
22 in 1990	25. Common Gallinule - 15	(1 in Area #19 - Fairlawn Park Soccer Fields Area - M. Edgington & K. Mock; 1 in Area #22 - Maco Rd. Wetlands, Norton - R. & S. Harlan; 1 in Area #23 - Long Lake Wetlands, Coventry - L. Pinkus; 1 in Area #24 - Wilbeth Rd. Wetlands, Akron - A. Phillips; 1 in Area #28 - Eastern Rd. Swamp, Barberton - D.W. & M. Vogus and J. & L. Henry; 10 in Area #30 - S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
36 in 1988	26. American Coot - 8	(Area #30 - S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
NEW!	27. Sandhill Crane - 3 (2 adults with 1 colt)	(Area #28 - Benner Rd. Wetlands, Franklin Twp. - D.W. Vogus & J. Henry. This family group was later photographed by Susan Carpenter)
355 in 2020	28. Killdeer - 355	(New Census High - previous was 269 in 2007: Reported in 26 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
10 in '12&'15	29. American Woodcock - 8	(1 in Area #1 - P. Ellsworth; 2 in Area #2 - D. & A. Chasar; 3 in Area #22 - R. & S. Harlan; 2 in Area #23 - L. Pinkus)
37 in 2016	30. Spotted Sandpiper - 34	(Reported in only 4 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
313 in 2019	31. Ring-billed Gull - 73	(Reported in 12 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
57 in 2020	32. Herring Gull - 57	(New Census High - previous was 49 in 2019: Reported in 6 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
4 in 1995	33. Caspian Tern - 2	(Area #21 - a fly-over & calling in Ellet - D. Hochadel)
3 in 2003	34. Common Loon - 1	(Area #12 - Silver Lake in Silver Lake - S. Carpenter)
312 in 2020	35. Double-crested Cormorant - 312	(New Census High - previous was 159 in 2019: 262 were at Nimisila Reservoir in Area #30 - Reported in 11 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
6 in 2020	36. Least Bittern - 6	(New Census High - previous was 3 in 1988: 1 in Area #3 - Northfield Park Area, Northfield - S. Carpenter; 1 in Area #28 - Eastern Rd. Swamp, Barberton - D.W. & M. Vogus and J. & L. Henry; 4 in Area #30 - S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
710 in 2009	37. Great Blue Heron - 560	(Reported in all 30 Areas in Summit County)
5 in 2017	38. Great Egret - 2	(1 in Area #22 - a fly-by at the Maco Rd. Wetlands, Norton - R. & S. Harlan; 1 in Area #24 - Waterloo Rd. Heronry, South Akron, and the bird was tending a nest amongst the Great Blue Herons - A. Phillips)
73 in 2018	39. Green Heron - 73	(Tied Census High from 2018: Reported in 22 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
NEW!	40. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 1 (adult)	(An adult bird was found by Jeff Carpenter at S.M.P. Firestone Metro Park in Area #26 on 06/13/20. This "one-day wonder" was seen by the lucky, photographed, and gone within the same day)
468 in 2020	41. Turkey Vulture - 468	(New Census High - previous was 351 in 2019: Reported in 25 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
71 in 2020	42. Osprey - 71	(New Census High - previous was 57 in 2019: Reported in 15 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)

RECORD	SPECIES - TOTAL	CENSUS NOTES
6 ~ 3 times	43. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 2	(1 in Area #3 - G. Novosel; 1 in Area #6 - M. Morgan & C. Griffin)
41 in 2002	44. Cooper's Hawk - 38	(Reported in 17 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
17 in 2020	45. Bald Eagle - 17	(New Census High - previous was 13 in 2018: Reported in 12 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
82 in 2020	46. Red-shouldered Hawk - 82	(New Census High - previous was 55 in 2019: Reported in 20 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
16 in 2020	47. Broad-winged Hawk - 16	(New Census High - previous was 14 in 2009 & 2018: Reported in 7 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
177 in 2020	48. Red-tailed Hawk - 177	(New Census High - previous was 149 in 2016: Reported in 26 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
	?? Unidentified Hawk Species - 1	(Area #1 - K. Andrews)
15 in 2002	49. Eastern Screech-Owl - 4	(2 in Area #14 - yard bird near S.M.P. Sand Run Metro Park, Akron - D. & K. Bissell; 1 in Area #28 - Rex Hill Rd., Franklin Twp. - D.W. Vogus & J. Henry; 1 in Area #30 - S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
11 in 1995	50. Great Horned Owl - 3	(1 in Area #13 - Darrow Lake, Stow - S. Carpenter; 1 in Area #28 - PPG Lime Lake #4, Barberton - D.W. Vogus & A. Ziehler; 1 in Area #29 - Portage Lakes Area - W. & J. Pelz)
20 in 2020	51. Barred Owl - 20	(New Census High - previous was 17 in 2019: Reported in 9 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
63 in 2009	52. Belted Kingfisher - 28	(Reported in 16 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
23 in 2020	53. Red-headed Woodpecker - 23	(New Census High - previous was 19 in 2018 & 2019: Reported in 6 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
601 in 2020	54. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 601	(New Census High - previous was 405 in 2019: Reported in 29 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
1 in '93 & '99	55. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1	(Tied Census High from 1993 & 1999: Area #26 - S.M.P. Firestone Metro Park - D. & L. Shiner)
443 in 2020	56. Downy Woodpecker - 443	(New Census High - previous was 358 in 2009: Reported in 25 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
116 in 2020	57. Hairy Woodpecker - 116	(New Census High - previous was 88 in 2006: Reported in 18 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
249 in 2020	58. Northern Flicker - 249	(New Census High - previous was 223 in 2019: Reported in 23 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
101 in 2020	59. Pileated Woodpecker - 101	(New Census High - previous was 85 in 2019: Reported in 19 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
15 in 1998	60. American Kestrel - 6	(1 in Area #1 - C.V.N.P. Coliseum Grasslands - K. Andrews; 1 in Area #2 - Hines Hill Rd. & Rt. 8, Boston Hts. - D. & A. Chasar; 1 in Area #3 - S.M.P. Wood Hollow Metro Park, Hudson - S. Carpenter; 2 in Area #27 - Akron-Fulton International Airport, Akron - J. Reyda; 1 in Area #30 - Global Gateway, Green - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
8 in 2012	61. Peregrine Falcon - 7 (3 adult, 4 young)	(1 in Area #2 - C.V.N.P. at the Ohio Turnpike Bridge, Boston Hts. - D. & A. Chasar; 6 in Area #21 - 2 adults & 4 young in Downtown Akron - D. Hochadel)
181 in 2008	62. Great Crested Flycatcher - 146	(Reported in 17 of 30 Areas in Summit County)
139 in 2010	63. Eastern Kingbird - 103	(Reported in 19 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)

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RECORD	SPECIES - TOTAL	CENSUS NOTES
490 in 2020	64. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 490	(New Census High - previous was 339 in 2019: Reported in 27 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
275 in 2020	65. Acadian Flycatcher - 275	(New Census High - previous was 209 in 2019: Reported in 17 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
11 in '09&'17	66. Alder Flycatcher - 2	(1 in Area #28 - swamp east of Rex Hill Rd., Franklin Twp. - D.W. & M. Vogus & J. & L. Henry; 1 in Area #30 - S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park Campground Area - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
171 in 2020	67. Willow Flycatcher - 171	(New Census High - previous was 132 in 2008: Reported in 18 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
14 in 1995	68. Least Flycatcher - 7	(1 in Area #2 - C.V.N.P. Spicy Lamb Farm, Peninsula - D. & A. Chasar; 1 in Area #4 - S.M.P. Liberty Metro Park, Twinsburg - K. Zeleznik; 3 in Area #9 - C.V.N.P. along Akron-Peninsula Rd. between Wetmore Rd. and Northampton Rd. - B. Osborne; 1 in Area #15 - S.M.P. Cascade Valley Metro Park Chuckery Area near The Signal Tree, Akron - B. Szabo & D. Johnson; 1 in Area #28 - PPG's Lime Lake #4, Barberton - D.W. Vogus & A. Ziehler)
197 in 2020	69. Eastern Phoebe - 197	(New Census High - previous was 183 in 2018: Reported in 27 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
32 in 2009	70. White-eyed Vireo - 20	(Reported in 7 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
79 in 2020	71. Yellow-throated Vireo - 79	(New Census High - previous was 54 in 2019: Reported in 13 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
17 in 1995	72. Blue-headed Vireo - 12	(Reported in only 3 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
241 in 2020	73. Warbling Vireo - 241	(New Census High - previous was 180 in 2016: Reported in 22 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
761 in 2020	74. Red-eyed Vireo - 761	(New Census High - previous was 484 in 2016: Reported in 26 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
1,256 in 2020	75. Blue Jay - 1,256	(New Census High - previous was 910 in 2018: Reported in 29 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
707 in 1999	76. American Crow - 604	(Reported in all 30 Areas in Summit County)
37 in 1985	77. Horned Lark - 7	(5 in Area #27 - Akron-Fulton International Airport, Akron - J. Reyda; 2 in Area #28 - male doing courtship flight for the female at an Eastern Rd. soybean field, Norton - D.W. Vogus)
947 in 1994	78. Bank Swallow - 189	(Reported in only 7 out of 30 Areas in Summit County with 170 of these found at S.M.P. Cascade Valley Metro Park Overlook Area's nesting colony, Akron - B. Szabo & D. Johnson)
565 in 2012	79. Tree Swallow - 469	(Reported in 25 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
341 in 2020	80. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 341	(New Census High - previous was 335 in 2019: Reported in 21 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
1,279 in '19	81. Purple Martin - 785	(Reported in 6 out of 30 Areas in Summit County: see Larry Hunter's nesting results in the Portage Lakes Area under W. & J. Pelz's Area #29 totals)
592 in 2020	82. Barn Swallow - 592	(New Census High - previous was 558 in 2018: Reported in 26 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
22 in 2019	83. Cliff Swallow - 13	(12 in Area #2 - C.V.N.P. Station Rd. Bridge - H. Trimpe; 1 in Area #28 - following tractor during hay harvest - D. W. Vogus & J. Henry)
878 in 2010	84. Black-capped Chickadee - 660	(Reported in 29 of 30 Areas in Summit County)
691 in 2020	85. Tufted Titmouse - 691	(New Census High - previous was 541 in 1995: Reported in 29 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)

RECORD	SPECIES - TOTAL	CENSUS NOTES
10 in 2010	86. Red-breasted Nuthatch - 7	(1 in Area #1 - Richfield Heritage Preserve, Richfield - F. Dinkelbach; 5 total in Area #2: 2 at C.V.N.P. Tree Farm Trail, Peninsula - D. & A. Chasar, 1 at C.V.N.P. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Boston Twp. - H. Berenson, and 2 at C.V.N.P. Camp Butler/Camp Manatoc Area, Peninsula - H. Trimpe; 1 in Area #5 - yard bird in Bath - W. Crouse)
450 in 2020	87. White-breasted Nuthatch - 450	(New Census High - previous was 342 in 2012: Reported in 26 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
12 in 2007	88. Brown Creeper - 3	(Area #2: 2 at C.V.N.P. Tree Farm Trail, Peninsula - D. & A. Chasar and 1 at C.V.N.P. Pine Lane Trailhead Area, Peninsula - H. Trimpe)
713 in 2020	89. House Wren - 713	(New Census High - previous was 552 in 2008: Reported in 27 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
3 ~ 6 times	90. Winter Wren - 1	(Area #9 - C.V.N.P. Ritchie Ledges Area - B. Osborne)
29 in 1988	91. Marsh Wren - 13	(Reported in only 6 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
384 in 2020	92. Carolina Wren - 384	(New Census High - previous was 206 in 2019: Reported in 27 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
163 in 2020	93. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 163	(New Census High - previous was 122 in 2019: Reported in 16 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
4 in 1991	94. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 2	(Area #2 - C.V.N.P. Tree Farm Trail, Peninsula - D. & A. Chasar)
247 in 2020	95. Eastern Bluebird - 247	(New Census High - previous was 242 in 2010: Reported in 23 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
85 in 1995	96. Veery - 64	(Reported in 8 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
7 in 1984	97. Hermit Thrush - 1	(Area #2 - Pine Lane Trailhead Area, Peninsula - H. Trimpe)
260 in 2020	98. Wood Thrush - 260	(New Census High - previous was 223 in 2010: Reported in 24 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
4,484 in '20	99. American Robin - 4,484	(New Census High - previous was 3,613 in 2010: Reported in all 30 Areas in Summit County)
1,181 in '10	100. Gray Catbird - 1,158	(Reported in all 30 Areas in Summit County)
43 in 2015	101. Brown Thrasher - 38	(Reported in 11 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
7 in 2012	102. Northern Mockingbird - 5	(1 in Area #27 - Massillon Rd. Industrial Park, Springfield Twp. - J. Reyda; 2 total in Area #28: 1 at B&W Factory in south Barberton - D.W. & M. Vogus and J. & L. Henry and 1 at PPG Lime Lake #4 - D.W. Vogus & A. Ziehler; 2 in Area #30 - Canton-Akron Airport, Green - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
4,523 in '20	103. European Starling - 4,523	(New Census High - previous was 3,739 in 2004: Reported in all 30 Areas in Summit County)
964 in 2009	104. Cedar Waxwing - 625	(Reported in 29 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
4,756 in '20	105. House Sparrow - 4,756	(New Census High - previous was 3,683 in 2017: Reported in all 30 Areas in Summit County)
1,035 in '95	106. House Finch - 577	(Reported in 28 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
32 in 1988	107. Purple Finch - 1	(Area #1 - Eastwood Preserve, Richfield - P. Ellsworth)
1,320 in '07	108. American Goldfinch - 1,253	(Reported in all 30 Areas in Summit County)
97 in 2001	109. Grasshopper Sparrow - 2	(Area #30 - S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
831 in 2020	110. Chipping Sparrow - 831	(New Census High - previous was 638 in 2018: Reported in 29 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
314 in 1995	111. Field Sparrow - 197	(Reported in 19 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)

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RECORD	SPECIES - TOTAL	CENSUS NOTES
18 in 2020	112. Dark-eyed Junco - 18	(New Census High - previous was 16 in 2019: 1 in Area #1 - Richfield Heritage Preserve, Richfield - F. Dinkelbach; 7 total in Area #2: 5 in C.V.N.P. Blue Hen Falls/Buttermilk Falls Area, Boston Twp. - D. & A. Chasar and 2 in C.V.N.P. Camp Butler/Camp Manatoc Area, Peninsula - H. Trimpe; 3 in Area #7 - C.V.N.P. in the wooded ravines behind Blossom Music Center, Cuyahoga Falls - D. Marcum & C. Chiappone; 7 total in Area #9: 6 at C.V.N.P. Ritchie Ledges Area, Boston Hts. And 1 along C.V.N.P. Wetmore Rd. Area, Cuyahoga Falls - both by B. Osborne)
6 in 2002	113. White-throated Sparrow - 1	(Area #28 - singing in a bog along a corn field west of West Turkeyfoot Lake Rd. in southeast Barberton - D.W. Vogus & J. Henry)
10 in 2017	114. Henslow's Sparrow - 9	(1 in Area #5 - Bath Nature Preserve, Bath - P. Coy & K. Tanquist; 4 in Area #7 - hay fields across from Blossom Music Center, Cuyahoga Falls - D. Marcum & C. Chiappone; 4 in Area #8 - S.M.P. Hampton Hills Metro Park Mountain Bike Area, Cuyahoga Falls - B. MacMillan, N. DeLamatre, & A. Longley)
102 in 2009	115. Savannah Sparrow - 22	(Reported in only 6 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
1,605 in '20	116. Song Sparrow - 1,605	(New Census High - previous was 1,176 in 2018: Reported in 29 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
139 in 1995	117. Swamp Sparrow - 125	(Reported in 14 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
	???. Unidentified Sparrow Species - 1	(Area #1 - K. Andrews)
354 in 2020	118. Eastern Towhee - 354	(New Census High - previous was 300 in 2010: Reported in 23 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
23 in 1995	119. Yellow-breasted Chat - 6	(1 in Area #2 - S.M.P. Bike & Hike Trail, Sagamore Hills - H. Trimpe; 1 in Area #17 - S.M.P. Tallmadge Meadows Metro Park, Tallmadge - J. & J. Wilkinson; 1 in Area #22 - S.M.P. Silver Creek Metro Park's Cross Country Trail, Norton Twp. - R. & S. Harlan; 2 total in Area #28: 1 along Rex Hill Rd., Franklin Twp. and 1 along S.M.P. Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, north of Clinton - both by D.W. Vogus & J. Henry; 1 in Area #30 - Southgate/Boettler Park, Green - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
158 in 2004	120. Bobolink - 56	(Reported in 5 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
111 in 2008	121. Eastern Meadowlark - 61	(Reported in 12 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
61 in 2018	122. Orchard Oriole - 50	(Reported in 10 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
319 in 2003	123. Baltimore Oriole - 312	(Reported in 25 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
3,245 in '20	124. Red-winged Blackbird - 3,245	(New Census High - previous was 2,548 in 2019: Reported in all 30 Areas in Summit County)
564 in 1995	125. Brown-headed Cowbird - 506	(Reported in 27 of 30 Areas in Summit County)
5,678 in '90	126. Common Grackle - 1,346	(Reported in 27 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
52 in 1998	127. Ovenbird - 38	(14 in Area #2: 3 by D. & A. Chasar, 7 by H. Trimpe, and 4 by J. Wojnarowski; 1 in Area #3 - J. Tomko; 3 in Area #7 - D. Marcum & C. Chiappone; 18 in Area #9 - B. Osborne; 1 in Area #15 - B. Szabo & D. Johnson; 1 in Area #29 - W. & J. Pelz)
2 in 2009	128. Worm-eating Warbler - 1	(Area #9 - C.V.N.P. north side of Truxell Rd. across from Kendall Lake, Boston Twp. - B. Osborne)
14 in 2019	129. Louisiana Waterthrush - 9	(1 in Area #9 - F. Dinkelbach; 4 total in Area #2: 1 by D. & A. Chasar and 3, with one feeding a juvenile - B. & S. Burns; 2 in Area #6 - M. Morgan & C. Griffin; 2 in Area #9, with one feeding a juvenile Brown-headed Cowbird - B. Osborne)
103 in 2004	130. Blue-winged Warbler - 38	(Reported in 10 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)

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RECORD	SPECIES - TOTAL	CENSUS NOTES
21 in 2010	131. Prothonotary Warbler - 5	(4 total in Area #28: 1 along S.M.P. Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail south of Clinton - D.W. & M. Vogus; 1 along S.M.P. Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail north of Clinton - D.W. Vogus & J. Henry; 1 at the Benner Rd. Wetlands, Franklin Twp. and 1 along Rex Hill Rd., Franklin Twp. - D.W. Vogus & J. Henry; 1 in Area #30 - S.M.P. Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
389 in 2017	132. Common Yellowthroat - 379	(Reported in 24 of 30 Areas in Summit County)
209 in 2020	133. Hooded Warbler - 209	(New Census High - previous was 187 in 2018: Reported in 17 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
57 in 2008	134. American Redstart - 25	(Reported in 6 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
57 in 1998	135. Cerulean Warbler - 27	(17 total in Area #2: 2 by D. & A. Chasar, 4 by B. & S. Burns, 10 by H. Trimpe, and 1 by P. Wright & B. Taylor; 2 in Area #5 - S. Jones & C. Witt; 3 in Area #7 - D. Marcum & C. Chiappone; 4 in Area #9 - B. Osborne; 1 in Area #14 - D.W. & M. Vogus - their 136th. Yard Bird!)
7 in 2019	136. Northern Parula - 2	(2 in Area #2: 1 along the C.V.N.P. Towpath Trail near the Peninsula Tunnel, Peninsula - D. & A. Chasar and 1 along the C.V.N.P. Towpath Trail at Mile-Marker #26, Boston Twp. - B. & S. Burns)
724 in 2020	137. Yellow Warbler - 724	(New Census High - previous was 632 in 2010: Reported in 29 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
18 in 2011	138. Chestnut-sided Warbler - 16	(1 in Area #2 - H. Trimpe; 2 in Area #4 - K. Zeleznik; 5 total in Area #5: 2 by S. Jones & C. Witt and 3 by N. Canfield & J. Green; 1 in Area #6 - M. Morgan & C. Griffin; 3 in Area #9 - B. Osborne; 3 in Area #22 - R. & S. Harlan; 1 in Area #28 - D.W. & M. Vogus & J. Henry)
12 in 2010	139. Pine Warbler - 10	(4 total in Area #2: 1 by H. Berenson and 3 by H. Trimpe; 1 in Area #9 - B. Osborne; 5 in Area #30 - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
21 in 2020	140. Yellow-throated Warbler - 21	(New Census High - previous was 19 in 2015. Reported in 6 out of 30 Areas in Summit County; 10 total in Area #2: 3 by D.A. Chasar and 7 by H. Trimpe; 1 in Area #5 - S. Jones & C. Witt; 2 in Area #6 - M. Morgan & C. Griffin; 1 in Area #9 - B. Osborne; 1 in Area #14 - J. Wertz; 5 in Area #15 - B. Szabo & D. Johnson; 1 in Area #30 - B. Tinker & J. Priest)
6 in 1980	141. Prairie Warbler - 5	(2 in Area #2 - C.V.N.P. Camp Butler/Camp Manatoc Area, Boston Twp. - H. Trimpe; 3 total in Area #9: 2 in C.V.N.P.'s Kendall Hills Area at Crow Foot Gully, Boston Twp. And 1 at C.V.N.P. Wetmore Trailhead, Boston Twp. - B. Osborne)
30 in 1998	142. Black-throated Green Warbler - 7	(1 in Area #2 - S.M.P. Bike & Hike Trail in the Boston Ledges Area, Boston Twp. - D. & A. Chasar; 2 total in Area #7: 1 in the C.V.N.P. in the wooded ravines behind Blossom Music Center, Cuyahoga Falls and 1 at S.M.P. Hampton Hills Metro Park in the Top O' The World Area, Cuyahoga Falls - both by D. Marcum & C. Chiappone; 4 total in Area #9: 3 in the C.V.N.P. Ritchie Ledges Area, Boston Twp. and 1 in the C.V.N.P. in the woodlands above Kendall Lake, Boston Twp. - B. Osborne)
3 in 1981	143. Canada Warbler - 1	(Area #1 - Richfield Heritage Pres., Richfield - F. Dinkelbach)
1 in 1985	144. Summer Tanager - 1 (male)	(Second Record on Census & Tied Census High from 1985: Area #28 - S.M.P. Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail north of Clinton - Dennis Mersky, with photos)
180 in 2016	145. Scarlet Tanager - 161	(Reported in 20 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)
1,755 in '20	146. Northern Cardinal - 1,755	(New Census High - previous was 1,500 in 2010: Reported in all 30 Areas in Summit County)

RECORD	SPECIES - TOTAL	CENSUS NOTES
203 in 2010	147. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 186	(Reported in 23 of 30 Areas in Summit County)
401 in 2008	148. Indigo Bunting - 323	(Reported in 25 out of 30 Areas in Summit County)

KEY:	NEW! = New Species on Census	C.V.N.P. = Cuyahoga Valley National Park
	new high = New High for Species	S.M.P. = Summit Metro Parks
	tied high = Tied High for Species	

TOP 10 RECORDED SPECIES

4,756	1. House Sparrow (introduced)
4,523	2. European Starling (introduced)
4,484	3. American Robin
3,245	4. Red-winged Blackbird
2,126	5. Canada Goose
1,755	6. Northern Cardinal
1,605	7. Song Sparrow
1,346	8. Common Grackle
1,256	9. Blue Jay
1,253	10. American Goldfinch

TOTAL SPECIES RECORDED IN SUMMIT COUNTY ON THIS CENSUS SINCE 1978: 197 Species

2020

TOTAL SPECIES:	148	New Census High - previous was 138 Species in 2017.
TOTAL BIRDS:	50,043	New Census High - previous was 37,554 Birds in 2019.
TOTAL HOURS:	785:35	New Census High - previous was 568:30 Hours in 2019.
VOLUNTEERS:	113	New Census High - previous was 87 Volunteers in 2010.

A LOOK BACK AT 2019's RESULTS...

TOTAL SPECIES:	137
TOTAL BIRDS:	37,554
TOTAL HOURS:	568:30
VOLUNTEERS:	85

RECORD SPECIES SEEN IN 2019 BUT MISSED THIS BREEDING SEASON

5 in 1989	Ruddy Duck	One was found in Area #30 at Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park by B. Tinker & J. Priest.
3 in 2015	Wilson's Snipe	One was found in Area #27 at Springfield Bog Metro Park by J. Reyda.
2 in 1997	Black Tern	One was found in Area #22 at Lake Dorothy, Norton by M. Edgington & K. Mock.
3 in 2018	Common Tern	2 were found in Area #30 at Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park by B. Tinker & J. Priest.
3 in 2004	Northern Harrier	One was found in Area #23 at the Long Lake Channels Wetlands Area by L. Pinkus.
3 in '03&'05	Black-and-white Warbler	One was found in Area #30 at Southgate Boettler Park in Green by B. Tinker.

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2020 GREATER AKRON AUDUBON SOCIETY SUMMER BREEDING BIRD CENSUS (Areas #1 thru #8)

AREA #1	"DINKELBACH"	SPECIES	74	BIRDS	1,396	HOURS	21:15
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- *** Fred Dinkelbach (53 Species, 362 Birds, 4:55)
- *** Ken Andrews (52 Species, 487 Birds, 7:20)
- *** Paul Ellsworth (58 Species, 547 Birds, 9:00)

AREA #2	"CHASAR"	SPECIES	106	BIRDS	5,761	HOURS	80:53
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- *** Dwight & Ann Chasar, Marianne Nolan (98 Species, 2,160 Birds, 37:00)
- *** Heather Berenson (43 Species, 292 Birds, 3:00)
- *** Bob & Sherilyn Burns, Ned DeLamatre (50 Species, 217 Birds, 7:30)
- *** Jeff & Marian Kraus, Russ Young (59 Species, 370 Birds, 7:00)
- *** Henry Trimpe, Jim Trimpe, Sarah Coleman (87 Species, 2,352 Birds, 16:02)
- *** Joe Wojnarowski (54 Species, 223 Birds, 5:21)
- *** Phyllis Wright, Bill Taylor (42 Species, 147 Birds, 5:00)

AREA #3	"NOVOSEL"	SPECIES	80	BIRDS	4,578	HOURS	48:12
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- *** George & Kathy Novosel (74 Species, 2,695 Birds, 30:42)
- *** Susan Carpenter (62 Species, 1,687 Birds, 14:30)
- *** Jim Tomko (45 Species, 196 Birds, 3:00)

AREA #4	"ZELEZNIK"	SPECIES	65	BIRDS	2,069	HOURS	25:10
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- *** Karen Zeleznik, Alan & Deb Casanova, Kate Jones-Orr (65 Species, 2,069 Birds, 25:10)

AREA #5	"JONES & WITT"	SPECIES	81	BIRDS	1,573	HOURS	38:20
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- *** Susan Jones & Clyde Witt (58 Species, 529 Birds, 12:20)
- *** Rob & Peg Bobel (42 Species, 270 Birds, 4:00)
- *** Nanette Canfield & Jeff Green (41 Species, 215 Birds, 5:00)
- *** Patrick Coy & Karin Tanquist (59 Species, 386 Birds, 5:00)
- *** Wayne Crouse (26 Species, 42 Birds, 2:30)
- *** John Landis (33 Species, 73 Birds, 6:00)
- *** Hope Orr (22 Species, 58 Birds, 1:30)

AREA #6	"MORGAN"	SPECIES	71	BIRDS	2,126	HOURS	31:00
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- *** Marie Morgan, Craig Griffin & Lew Monegan (65 Species, 1,844 Birds, 28:04)
- *** Tom & Mary Anne Romito, Jennifer Allison, Bill Grant, Mary Lou Hura, Harold Marsh, Jerry Miller, Kathy Neubauer (53 Species, 282 Birds, 2:56)

AREA #7	"MARCUM"	SPECIES	66	BIRDS	590	HOURS	6:00
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- *** Doug Marcum, Cory "Chia" Chiappone (66 Species, 590 Birds, 6:00)

AREA #8	"MacMILLAN"	SPECIES	68	BIRDS	550	HOURS	14:30
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- *** Betsy MacMillan, Ned DeLamatre, Amy Longley (62 Species, 485 Birds, 10:30)
- *** Dan Toth, Anthony Signorino (50 Species, 256 Birds, 4:00)

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2020 GREATER AKRON AUDUBON SOCIETY SUMMER BREEDING BIRD CENSUS (Areas #9 thru #19)

AREA #9	"OSBORNE"	<u>SPECIES</u>	90	<u>BIRDS</u>	1,307	<u>HOURS</u>	82:30
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*** Bill Osborne, Gene & Linda Kovach, Elaine Kunka, Pat Lanese, Dale & Rosemary McCain, Michelle Schisler (90 Species, 1,087 Birds, 78:30)

*** Hope Orr, Claudia Anders, Wayne Crouse, Jerry Miller (44 Species, 220 Birds, 4:00)

AREA #10	"KOVACH"	<u>SPECIES</u>	40	<u>BIRDS</u>	469	<u>HOURS</u>	17:00
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*** Gene & Linda Kovach (40 Species, 469 Birds, 17:00)

AREA #11	"BOBEL"	<u>SPECIES</u>	51	<u>BIRDS</u>	575	<u>HOURS</u>	9:00
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*** Rob & Peg Bobel (51 Species, 575 Birds, 9:00)

AREA #12	"CARPENTER"	<u>SPECIES</u>	67	<u>BIRDS</u>	1,076	<u>HOURS</u>	14:23
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*** Susan Carpenter (54 Species, 626 Birds, 7:38)

*** Sheri Petrosek & Beth Schluep (9 Species, 26 Birds, 2:00)

*** Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus (44 Species, 172 Birds, 1:45)

*** Janet Wertz (33 Species, 252 Birds, 3:00)

AREA #13	"REINHART"	<u>SPECIES</u>	51	<u>BIRDS</u>	852	<u>HOURS</u>	25:00
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*** Dave & Nancy Reinhart, Susan Carpenter (51 Species, 852 Birds, 25:00)

AREA #14	"WERTZ"	<u>SPECIES</u>	65	<u>BIRDS</u>	2,151	<u>HOURS</u>	81:00
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*** Janet Wertz, Robert Barrett, Susan Bielinis, Kay Clark, Ned & Jodie DeLamatre, Rosemary Herbert, Mike Kosmos, Jo Lowther, Jay Smith, Katherine Trettel (62 Species, 1,666 Birds, 27:00)

*** Susan Bielinis (25 Species, 75 Birds, 10:00)

*** David & Katya Bissell (23 Species, 103 Birds, 20:00)

*** Ned DeLamatre (40 Species, 231 Birds, 4:00)

*** Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus (29 Species, 76 Birds, 20:00)

AREA #15	"SZABO"	<u>SPECIES</u>	48	<u>BIRDS</u>	1,004	<u>HOURS</u>	8:47
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*** Bert Szabo & Diane Johnson (48 Species, 1,004 Birds, 8:47)

AREA #16	"WILKINSON"	<u>SPECIES</u>	43	<u>BIRDS</u>	438	<u>HOURS</u>	4:30
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*** John & Judy Wilkinson (43 Species, 438 Birds, 4:30)

AREA #17	"WILKINSON"	<u>SPECIES</u>	55	<u>BIRDS</u>	821	<u>HOURS</u>	13:00
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*** John & Judy Wilkinson (55 Species, 821 Birds, 13:00)

AREA #18	"GULBRANSEN"	<u>SPECIES</u>	46	<u>BIRDS</u>	1,141	<u>HOURS</u>	6:00
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*** Ann Gulbransen (46 Species, 1,141 Birds, 6:00)

AREA #19	"EDGINGTON"	<u>SPECIES</u>	65	<u>BIRDS</u>	1,044	<u>HOURS</u>	25:50
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*** Mike Edgington & Kathy Mock (65 Species, 1,044 Birds, 25:50)

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AREA #20	"BERENSON"	<u>SPECIES</u>	45	<u>BIRDS</u>	1,054	<u>HOURS</u>	6:00
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*** Heather Berenson (45 Species, 1,054 Birds, 6:00)

AREA #21	"HOCHADEL"	<u>SPECIES</u>	72	<u>BIRDS</u>	2,021	<u>HOURS</u>	21:00
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*** David Hochadel (72 Species, 2,021 Birds, 21:00)

AREA #22	"HARLAN"	<u>SPECIES</u>	86	<u>BIRDS</u>	2,705	<u>HOURS</u>	19:30
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*** Rob & Sandy Harlan (86 Species, 2,705 Birds, 19:30)

AREA #23	"PINKUS"	<u>SPECIES</u>	37	<u>BIRDS</u>	513	<u>HOURS</u>	6:00
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*** Larry Pinkus (37 Species, 513 Birds, 6:00)

AREA #24	"PHILLIPS"	<u>SPECIES</u>	44	<u>BIRDS</u>	3,198	<u>HOURS</u>	27:00
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*** Aimee Phillips (44 Species, 3,198 Birds, 27:00)

AREA #25	"SAMPLES"	<u>SPECIES</u>	26	<u>BIRDS</u>	307	<u>HOURS</u>	7:30
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*** Dusty & Erin Samples (26 Species, 304 Birds, 7:30)

AREA #26	"SHINER"	<u>SPECIES</u>	52	<u>BIRDS</u>	1,077	<u>HOURS</u>	19:00
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*** David & Lisa Shiner, Steve & Brenda Davison (51 Species, 1,076 Birds, 19:00)

*** Jeff Carpenter - **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** (*adult*) on 06/13/20 at Summit Metro Parks' Firestone Metro Park - photos obtained.

AREA #27	"REYDA"	<u>SPECIES</u>	81	<u>BIRDS</u>	2,715	<u>HOURS</u>	29:00
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*** Jim Reyda (81 Species, 2,715 Birds, 29:00)

AREA #28	"VOGUS"	<u>SPECIES</u>	103	<u>BIRDS</u>	2,820	<u>HOURS</u>	58:15
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*** Douglas W. & Michelle Vogus, John & Loretta Henry; Anthony Ziehler (*at PPG Lime Lakes*) (102 Species, 2,819 Birds, 58:15)

*** Dennis Mersky - **Summer Tanager** (*adult male*) on 06/19/20 at Summit Metro Parks' Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail just north of Clinton - photos obtained.

AREA #29	"PELZ"	<u>SPECIES</u>	38	<u>BIRDS</u>	1,047	<u>HOURS</u>	4:30
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*** Wolfgang & Joyce Pelz (37 Species, 342 Birds, 4:30)

*** Larry Hunter (Purple Martin nesting data from the Portage Lakes Purple Martin Association: 456 adults, 249 hatchlings, and as of 07/08/20 there were 956 eggs yet to hatch!)

AREA #30	"TINKER & PRIEST"	<u>SPECIES</u>	102	<u>BIRDS</u>	3,065	<u>HOURS</u>	36:00
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*** Brian Tinker & Joanne Priest (102 Species, 3,065 Birds, 36:00)

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