

Birds of Ottawa County, Michigan: An Annotated Checklist

Five Year Update

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Introduction

Ottawa County has become one of the best-covered birding counties in the state (based on eBird records) due in part to a new generation of avid birders that have generated a large number of records. The first and only edition of *Birds of Ottawa County, Michigan: An Annotated Checklist* by Chip Francke, Carl Manning, and Judi Manning was published in 2015 and covered bird records through 22 April 2015. At that time, the official Ottawa County bird list stood at 328 species. As of 31 May 2020, the total number of species recorded in Ottawa County stands at 333 as shown in the list below.

List of new species (in order seen)

- 328 species Number when the book was published in 2015
- 329 species Western Tanager: a male found by Bill Martinus on 5 May 2015 at a private home in Grand Haven Twp.
- 330 species California Gull: found 6 October 2015 by Rick Brigham at Holland State Park
- 331 species Black-necked Stilt: found 15 September 2016 by Chip Francke at the Coopersville Wastewater Facility (private) in Polkton Twp.
- 331 species White-faced Ibis: found 15 May 2016 by Carl and Judi Manning at the Coopersville Wastewater Facility (private) in Polkton Twp. (NOTE: This replaces “ibis species” in the book, so it does not count as an additional species).
- 332 species Lark Sparrow: found 9 May 2017 by Emily Tornga at Harbor Island in Grand Haven
- 331 species Lost a species when Thayer’s Gull and Iceland Gull were combined (lumped) into one species in 2017
- 332 species Pomarine Jaeger: found 26 October 2017 by Carl and Judi Manning at Holland State Park
- 333 species Black-bellied Whistling Duck: found 17 May 2018 by Jess Sory near Grand River Park in Georgetown Twp.

This Update includes bird records from 22 April 2015 (when the book was published) through 31 May 2020. It is Important to note that this Update does not replace *Birds of Ottawa County, Michigan: An Annotated Checklist*, but is an addendum to the original publication. Ownership of the original book and this Update are needed to have all the information required for a full understanding of the data and information in both documents. In addition to the Five Year Update, there is also a color Photo Supplement (PDF) created by Judi Manning that includes photos of new county records as well as other uncommon to rare birds that have been seen in Ottawa County since 2015.

The authors volunteered their time in preparation of this Update and Photo Supplement. All proceeds from book sales go to Ottawa County Parks.

The main sources of data and information for the Update came from the following:

- eBird postings for Ottawa County
- *Michigan Birds and Natural History* (Volume 22 Number 1 through Volume 25 Number 4)
- Michigan Bird Records Committee's searchable database
- Personal birding records

This Update includes:

- Obvious status changes to a species abundance, distribution, and/or breeding
- High totals for selected species
- New early spring, late spring, early fall, and/or late fall migration dates
- Other information the authors deemed significant

This Update does not include revisions to the seasonal graphs.

If a comment includes "historic record," it means a record that was recently found, but occurred prior to the publication of the book in 2015. If a comment is preceded by Late addition, it is a significant record that occurred after 31 May 2020 and before this Update was published.

Records included in this Update are generally cited according to the observer that first posted the sighting on eBird. Many of these birds were subsequently seen by other birders. If you find a record that is cited incorrectly, or if you find any other errors in this Update, please send the corrections to Chip Francke at [biglakeloon\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:biglakeloon(at)gmail.com).

If there were no changes for a species, the Update states "No Changes" meaning that the information in the original book still stands. For convenience, each species has a page number that refers to where you can find that species in the original book. For species featured in the Photo Supplement, there is also a statement that reads, "See photo on page (#) of the Photo Supplement."

Although the Official Michigan Bird Checklist (<http://mibirdrecords.com>) order and taxonomy has changed in recent years, this Update follows the same order as *Birds of Ottawa County, Michigan: An Annotated Checklist* making it easy to compare this Update with the publication. A list of cited observers as well as other abbreviations used in this Update can be found on page 35 of this Update.

As you know, having a great birding day means being at the right place at the right time. An Ottawa County Parks birding trip to North Beach Park in Ferrysburg led by Curtis Dykstra hit the jackpot on 9 May 2018 for spring passerine migration as shown in the link below.

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S45494541>

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Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna autumnalis* (new species-not in book)

Status: Accidental Breeding: Non-breeding

First OC record. Three birds were seen near Grand River Park in Georgetown Twp. on 17 May 2018 (JS) and seen by MOB later in the day. The second OC record was a flyby group of six birds on 21 May 2020 (MMb) near Lake Macatawa. (See photos on page 4 of the Photo Supplement).

Greater White-fronted Goose, *Anser albifrons* (page 34)

Status: Change to Uncommon transient and winter resident

There has been a great increase in sightings and this species has now been recorded every month from October to April. Most sightings are March through mid-April and mid-October through mid-November. The new late spring departure date is 30 April 2018 (LC) in Polkton Twp. and the new early fall arrival date is 1 October 2015 (MOB) in Polkton Twp. The early spring arrival date and the late fall departure date are difficult to determine because of wintering birds. A high number of 68 birds were recorded on 19 March 2017 (LC) also in Polkton Twp.

Snow Goose, *Chen caerulescens* (page 34)

Status: Change to Uncommon transient and winter resident

The new late spring departure date is 30 April 2016 (MY) in Polkton Twp. and the new early fall arrival date is 2 October 2015 (SJ) in Polkton Twp. A total of 80 birds were seen 3 March 2017 (CD) in Olive Twp.

Ross's Goose, *Chen rossii* (page 34)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient and winter resident

This small goose has now been seen every month from October to March. The new late spring departure date is 2 March 2017 (JKz) in Olive Twp. and the new early fall arrival date is 14 October 2018 (JS) in Polkton Twp. Due to a number of recent winter records, it is difficult to determine an early spring arrival date or a late fall departure date. When found, there are typically only one or two birds. (See photo on page 5 of the Photo Supplement).

Brant, *Branta bernicla* - No Changes (page 34)

Cackling Goose, *Branta hutchinsii* (page 35)

Status: Change to Uncommon transient and fairly rare winter resident

This small goose has now been seen in OC every month from September to April except February. The new early spring arrival date is 15 March 2018 (ET) in Polkton Twp. and the new late spring departure date is 16 April 2016 (CD) in Polkton Twp. The new early fall arrival date is 23 September 2014 (CJM) at the UMNA in Zeeland Twp. The late fall departure date is difficult to determine because of birds lingering into winter. A total of 12 birds were seen on 9 November 2019 (JMa) in Polkton Twp. and a total of eight were counted on 14 December 2019 (CBC).

Canada Goose, *Branta canadensis* - No Changes (page 35)

Mute Swan, *Cygnus olor* (page 35)

A high total of 75 birds were counted 14 May 2016 (NAMC).

Trumpeter Swan, *Cygnus buccinator* (page 35)

Status: Change to Uncommon year-round resident

This species' numbers continue to increase in Michigan and Trumpeter Swans have now been seen every month in OC. The best time to look is from late fall through early spring.

Tundra Swan, *Cygnus columbianus* (page 36)

The new late spring departure date is 21 April 2018 (SV) in Park Twp.

Wood Duck, *Aix sponsa* - No Changes (page 36)

Gadwall, *Anas strepera* (page 36)

Status: Change to Fairly common transient, rare summer resident, and very uncommon winter resident

With two August records, this species has now been seen in OC every month except June. The first August record was 24 August 2015 (RB) in Park Twp. and the other 6 August 2019 (SM) in Polkton Twp. The new late spring departure date is 24 May 2020 (KWi) at HI.

Eurasian Wigeon, *Anas penelope* - No Changes (page 36)

American Wigeon, *Anas americana* (page 37)

The new early fall arrival date are four birds on 24 August 2015 (CJM) at HSP.

American Black Duck, *Anas rubripes* - No Changes (page 37)

Mallard, *Anas platyrhynchos* - No Changes (page 37)

Duck Hybrids - Mallards are known for hybridizing with Black Ducks and other duck species. There have been over 20 reports of Mallard X Black Duck hybrids in OC. Other hybrids include a Common Goldeneye X Bufflehead hybrid on 24 March 2019 (ET) and at least five reports of Common Goldeneye X Hooded Merganser hybrids from 2000 to 2018 all in Port Sheldon Twp.

Blue-winged Teal, *Anas discors* (page 37)

A high total of 289 birds were counted on 13 September 2019 (CS) at HSP.

Northern Shoveler, *Anas clypeata* (page 38)

Status: Change to Fairly common transient and uncommon summer and winter resident

The new late spring departure date is 2 June 2018 (CD) in Crockery Twp. Since 2015, this species has become more frequent in late summer as there have been numerous sightings from mid-August through the end of August. This makes determining an early fall arrival date difficult.

Northern Pintail, *Anas acuta* (page 38)

Status: Change to Uncommon transient and very uncommon winter resident

This species has now been recorded in OC every month except June and July making it difficult to determine early spring arrival or late fall departure dates. The new late spring departure date is 16 May 1996 (DM) in Polkton Twp. and the new early fall arrival date is 28 August 2016 (JKz) in Georgetown Twp. There is one summer record on 4 August 2016 (LK) in Polkton Twp.

Green-winged Teal, *Anas crecca* (page 39)

Status: Change to Fairly common transient, uncommon summer and winter resident

With two recent July records, this duck has now been recorded every month in OC. The first was 10 July 2017 (CD) and the other was 29 July 2017 (LC). Both were at the same location in Polkton Twp. and may have been the same bird. There is also another summer record on 22 June 2016 (CF) in Polkton Twp. There have been a number of recent August records with the earliest being 12 August 2017 (CJM) in Polkton Twp. A total of 22 birds were seen on 24 August 2015 (RB) in Park Twp. Because of the monthly occurrences of this duck, it is difficult to determine any early or late migration dates.

Canvasback, *Aythya valisineria* (page 39)

The new early fall arrival date is 13 October 2018 (CJM) at HI. Due to a number of winter records, it is difficult to determine an early spring arrival date or a late fall departure date.

Redhead, *Aythya americana* (page 39)

Status: Change to Fairly common transient, very uncommon summer resident, and fairly common winter resident

With a number of recent summer records, this species has now been recorded in OC every month except July. The only June record is 12 June 2019 (BMi) at HI. An additional August record is 12 August 2019 (CS) in Grand Haven. Several September records include 4 September 2015 (SJ) in Polkton Twp., 14 September 2015 (CS) in Park Twp., and a total of 20 birds on 29 September 2015 (CJM) in Park Twp. The 4 September 2015 date is also the new early fall arrival date.

Ring-necked Duck, *Aythya collaris* (page 39)

The new late spring departure date is 20 May 2018 (DH) on HI.

Greater Scaup, *Aythya marila* (page 40)

The new early fall arrival date is 15 September 2015 (CJM) in Park Twp.

Lesser Scaup, *Aythya affinis* (page 40)

Status: Change to Fairly common transient and winter resident, very uncommon summer resident

This species has now been recorded in OC every month except August and September. There are now five June records and five July records for this duck spanning from 9 June 2017 (ET) in Spring Lake Twp. to 29 July 2019 (CJM) on Lake Macatawa. With a number of recent late May sightings as well as early June sightings, it is difficult to determine a late spring departure date.

King Eider, *Somateria spectabilis* (page 40)

A first year male was seen in the Grand Haven channel near Lake Michigan from 8 March 2020 (ZF) through 22 March 2020. This bird was seen by many during its visit. This is the fourth OC record for this sea duck. (See photo on page 5 of the Photo Supplement).

Common Eider, *Somateria mollissima* - No Changes (page 40)

Harlequin Duck, *Histrionicus histrionicus* (page 40)

This duck has now been seen every month except June, July and August in OC and individuals have been seen every year from 2014 through 2020. All records are females except for one immature male, and other than a couple pairs of females, all are of single birds. Although there are many recent sightings for this species, it is hard to determine how many birds have actually been seen. Are some of the birds being counted in more than one location as they move along the lakeshore? Are some of the females the same birds that visit in subsequent years? At a minimum, we know there have been at least three individual birds. At a maximum, who knows. HSP and the west end of Lake Macatawa has the most records with birds being present the following periods: 16 October 2015 (CJM), 29 November 2015 (CJM) through 16 December 2015, two females on 29 February 2016 (CJM), 28 October 2017 (KV) through 11 January 2018, 30 September 2018 (CJM) through 16 October 2018 (CD), and 20 December 2018 (CJM). In 2019, a bird was present from 1 January (JKr) through 24 January, 18 March (CJM) through 31 May, and 31 October (CS) through 7 November. In 2020, a bird was present 30 April 2020 (EGu) through 3 May 2020 (EGr). Sightings at Grand Haven State Park include 6 December 2015 (JH) and 23 February 2016 (KS) through 4 March 2016. The Pigeon Lake area in Port Sheldon Twp. has records for 20 February 2016 (MOB), 11 January 2017 (EGu) through 22 January 2017, an immature male from 9 January 2018 (CJM) to 26 January 2018, and a bird seen on 2 February 2019 (MOB) that stayed two days. The table below shows the occurrences of Harlequin Ducks mentioned above. The sightings of all locations are combined. (See photo on page 5 of the Photo Supplement).

year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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2017	—										—	—
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2019	—	—	—	—	—						—	
2020				—								

Surf Scoter, *Melanitta perspicillata* - No Changes (page 41)

White-winged Scoter, *Melanitta fusca* (page 41)

The first and only September record for this species is 4 September 2015 (CS) at HSP. This is also the new early fall arrival date.

Black Scoter, *Melanitta nigra* (page 41)

The new late spring departure date is 13 April 2019 (JKr) at HSP.

Long-tailed Duck, *Clangula hyemalis* (page 41)

The new late spring departure date is 22 May 2020 (DWh) in Grand Haven.

Bufflehead, *Bucephala albeola* (page 42)

Status: Change to Common transient and winter resident, very uncommon summer resident

This small duck has now been seen every month in OC except July. It is hard to determine a late spring departure date as small numbers of this duck have been present through May and as late as 19 June 2019 (LC) at HI. Beginning 3 August 2019 (CJM) through 8 September 2019 (TW) up to three birds were present at a location in Polkton Twp. The new early fall arrival date is three birds on 13 October 2018 (DW) in Park Twp.

Common Goldeneye, *Bucephala clangula* (page 42)

The new late spring departure date is 18 May 2019 (MOB) in Ferrysburg. The third June record was recorded on 4 June 2019 (SM) also in Ferrysburg.

Barrow's Goldeneye, *Bucephala islandica* (page 42)

The third OC record for this duck was a male on 16-17 January 2018 (CJM) at HSP.

Hooded Merganser, *Lophodytes cucullatus* (page 43)

A high count of 68 birds were reported 16 November 2018 (EGu) in Park Twp.

Common Merganser, *Mergus merganser* (page 43)

Status: Change to Irregular year-round resident

There are now records in OC for every month except June. A female (may have been injured) was present on 21 August 2015 (LN) in Holland Twp. Up to three birds were present from 2 July 2015 (CJM) to 26 September 2015 in Lake Macatawa and at HSP. In 2018, a female was present from 23 August (CJM) to 6 September at HSP and in 2019 a male was present on 4 September (ASi) for two days at HSP.

Red-breasted Merganser, *Mergus serrator* (page 43)

Status: Change to Irregular year-round resident

With records now through June, it is difficult to assign a late spring departure date for transients. A high total of 3,870 birds were seen 24 December 2017 (NM) at HSP and on Lake Macatawa.

Ruddy Duck, *Oxyura jamaicensis* (page 43)

Status: Change to Irregular year-round resident

This duck has now been seen every month in OC. From 2016 through 2019, small numbers of birds were reported in June at several locations. A total of 1,132 birds were seen on Lake Macatawa on 23 April 2015 (CJM).

Northern Bobwhite, *Colinus virginianus* - No Changes (page 44)

Ring-necked Pheasant, *Phasianus colchicus* (page 44)

Today, some (all?) pheasants may be released birds. Any confirmed nests should be reported to local birders. A historic record was found of over 100 pheasants counted in OC during a Grand Rapids Audubon field trip on 15 February 1969 (GV).

Ruffed Grouse, *Bonasa umbellus* (page 44)

Status: Change to Fairly rare year-round resident

It has become very difficult to find this game bird in OC. There is only one eBird record since 2000. In the last 20 years there are only five reports. A bird was seen 16 October 2002 (DP) at an unknown location and a dead bird was found in spring 2004 (PB) in Robinson Twp. One (or possibly the same) bird was seen 22 February 2006 (CF) and 9 March 2006 (CF) in Polkton Twp. The most recent report were two birds in 2015 (RB) in Allendale Twp. All ruffed grouse sightings should be reported to local birders.

Wild Turkey, *Meleagris gallopavo* (page 45)

A total of 109 turkeys were seen 18 February 2017 (CJM) in Port Sheldon Twp.

Red-throated Loon, *Gavia stellata* (page 45)

The new early fall arrival date is 2 October 2018 (CJM) at HSP.

Common Loon, *Gavia immer* (page 45)

The new late spring departure date is 10 June 2018 (MP) in Grand Haven. The new early fall arrival date is 5 September 2019 (CJM) at HSP. The third summer record was recorded on 23 July 2018 (CJM) at HSP. August is the only month this waterbird has not been recorded in OC.

Pied-billed Grebe, *Podilymbus podiceps* - No Changes (page 46)

Horned Grebe, *Podiceps auritus* - No Changes (page 46)

Red-necked Grebe, *Podiceps grisegena* - No Changes (page 46)

Eared Grebe, *Podiceps nigricollis* (page 47)

There have been at least four eared grebes seen in OC since 2015 along the Lake Michigan shoreline including records in January, April, May, and December.

Western Grebe, *Aechmophorus occidentalis* (page 47)

There are two recent records for this grebe. One was seen 26 December 2016 (CJM) at Pigeon Lake and was found dead on 28 December 2016. Another bird was seen on 22 November 2017 (JKr) at HSP. (See photo on page 6 of the Photo Supplement).

Neotropic Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* - No Changes (page 47)

Double-crested Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax auritus* (page 48)

The nearest nesting colony is now in Muskegon County about 4.5 miles north of the OC line.

American White Pelican, *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* (page 48)

This species is now a regular migrant in OC. There are enough records that we can now assign early and late migration dates. The early spring arrival date is 12 April 2015 (DH) and the late spring departure date is 21 June 2019 (DH). Historical Record - The early fall arrival date is 10 August 1996 (PA) in Port Sheldon Twp. The late fall departure date is 17 November 2018 (CJM). These early and late dates are all from the Grand River in Grand Haven Twp. A high number of 36 birds were seen 12 April 2019 (DH) in the Grand River.

Brown Pelican, *Pelecanus occidentalis* (page 49)

The fourth OC record for this species was on 30 May 2020 (TM) on Lake Macatawa.

American Bittern, *Botaurus lentiginosus* (page 49)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient and summer resident, rare winter resident

There have now been a number of late summer/early fall dates for this bittern. A rare winter sighting was a bird on 2 February 2020 (JH) at the UMNA.

Least Bittern, *Ixobrychus exilis* (page 49)

The new early spring arrival date is 30 April 2020 (EGu) along the Stu Visser Trails in Park Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 6 September 2019 (LC) on HI in Grand Haven.

Great Blue Heron, *Ardea herodias* - No Changes (page 49)

Great Egret, *Ardea alba* (page 50)

The new late fall departure date is 15 November 2019 (DBu) in Polkton Twp.

Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula* (page 51)

One additional record on 16 September 2015 (DW) in Park Twp.

Little Blue Heron, *Egretta caerulea* (page 51)

Historical Record – A record was found of a bird on 12 July 1988 (MBRC) at an unknown OC location.

Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis* (page 51)

One additional record of a bird on 7 October 2019 (SMr) at HI in Grand Haven. (See photo on page 6 of the Photo Supplement).

Green Heron, *Butorides virescens* (page 51)

The new late fall departure date is 27 October 2019 (HV) in Tallmadge Twp.

Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax* (page 52)

With a record on 11 June 2019 (DW) in Park Twp., this species has now been seen every month in OC.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, *Nyctanassa violacea* (page 52)

The third county record for this night-heron was 7 April 2019 (MKW) in Park Twp. (See photo on page 6 of the Photo Supplement).

White-faced Ibis, *Plegadis chihi* (page 52 – replaces Ibis species)

Status: Accidental Breeding: Non-breeding

First OC record. This ibis was found on 15 May 2016 (CJM) in Polkton Twp. (See photos on page 2 of the Photo Supplement).

Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura* (page 52)

With a record on 9 December 2019 (LC) in Olive Twp., this species has now been seen every month in OC. With an increase in January sightings and a great increase in February sightings, it is now difficult to assign migration dates. A total of 143 vultures were present on 23 June 2018 (LA) in Polkton Twp.

Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus* (page 53)

The new early spring arrival date is 25 March 2016 (CJM) in Lake Macatawa and the new late fall departure date is 2 November 2016 (LN) at the UMNA. The osprey nest on the navigation buoy in Lake Macatawa is active in 2020.

Mississippi Kite, *Ictinia mississippiensis* (page 53)

One recent record on 18 May 2015 (CF) in Grand Haven of a bird along the Grand River.

Bald Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* (page 54)

Bald eagles continue to expand their nesting range in OC.

Northern Harrier, *Circus cyaneus* - No Changes (page 54)

Sharp-shinned Hawk, *Accipiter striatus* - No Changes (page 54)

Cooper's Hawk, *Accipiter cooperii* - No Changes (page 55)

Northern Goshawk, *Accipiter gentilis* (page 55)

There are no recent sightings for this hawk in OC.

Red-shouldered Hawk, *Buteo lineatus* (page 55)

With a number of November records, this hawk has now been reported every month in OC. There has also been an increase in winter sightings.

Broad-winged Hawk, *Buteo platypterus* (page 55)

The new early spring arrival date is 15 April 2017 (LK) in Holland.

Swainson's Hawk, *Buteo swainsoni* (page 56)

The second OC record for this raptor was on 21 September 2019 (CDe) in Ferrysburg. (See photo on page 7 of the Photo Supplement).

Red-tailed Hawk, *Buteo jamaicensis* - No Changes (page 56)

Hawk Hybrids – A red-shouldered X red-tailed hawk hybrid was found on 15 April 2017 (KGu) and seen again 4 July 2017 (CJM) in Park Twp.

Ferruginous Hawk, *Buteo regalis* - No Changes (page 56)

Rough-legged Hawk, *Buteo lagopus* (page 56)

The new late spring departure date is 13 May 2019 (TW) in Crockery Twp.

Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos* (page 57)

There are three recent sightings of this species. A bird was found on 2 November 2015 (MO) in Park Twp., a bird was found on 2 February 2016 (ED) in Grand Haven Twp., and another bird was found on 19 February 2017 (JS) in Zeeland Twp.

Yellow Rail, *Coturnicops noveboracensis* (page 57)

Status: Change to Fairly rare transient

On 28 April 2020, Caleb Putnam led a small number of birders on a search for rails at the UMNA. During this search, the third modern record of yellow rail was recorded for OC. Another (or the same) yellow rail was discovered 2 May 2020 (MOB) in another part of the UMNA. This bird remained at this location until 9 May and was heard by many people during this period. These two locations within the park are 0.7 miles apart “as the crow flies.”

Black Rail, *Laterallus jamaicensis* - No Changes (page 57)

King Rail, *Rallus elegans* - No Changes (page 57)

Virginia Rail, *Rallus limicola* (page 58)

Status: Change to Irregular year-round resident

With three recent November records, this rail has now been recorded every month in OC. It is hard to tell if these are late migrants or birds that overwintered. Because of this, it is difficult to determine a late fall departure date. The new early spring arrival date is 14 March 2020 (EGu) in Park Twp. During a rail survey on 28 April 2020 (CP), a total of 14 Virginia rails were located at the UMNA. One bird was present 16 December 2017 (CJM) thru 19 January 2018 (JM) in Park Twp.

Sora, *Porzana carolina* (page 58)

The new early spring arrival date is 2 April 2020 (LN) at the UMNA. During a rail survey on 28 April 2020 (CP), a total of 35 soras were located at the UMNA.

Common Gallinule, *Gallinula galeata* (page 58)

Status: Change to Fairly uncommon transient and summer resident, very rare winter resident

Breeding status changed to Confirmed

Breeding was confirmed on 2 August 2017 (DH) when a pair of adults with young were seen on the Grand River in Grand Haven Twp. There have been a number of additional confirmed breeding records in 2019 and 2020. The new early spring arrival date is 10 April 2018 (ET) in Crockery Twp. There are many recent sightings in September through mid-October. After that, this bird is very uncommon. Unlike much of Michigan, this species seems to be increasing in OC with regular sightings along the Grand River in Grand Haven, Crockery, and Spring Lake Twps. as well as in wetlands along the north side of Lake Macatawa. Higher water levels may be increasing suitable breeding habitat for this species. (See photo on page 7 of the Photo Supplement).

American Coot, *Fulica americana* (page 58)

Breeding status changed to Confirmed

Juvenile coots were seen on 12 June 2018 (CJM) along the Grand River in Crockery Twp. A total of 322 coots were seen 3 December 2015 (CF) at HI.

Sandhill Crane, *Grus canadensis* (page 59)

Status: Change to Fairly common transient, uncommon summer resident, and very uncommon winter resident

Sandhill cranes have now been recorded every month in OC. The first and only January record is 9 January 2019 (LN) at the UMNA. The first and only December record is 14 December 2019 (EGu) in Port Sheldon Twp. The new early spring arrival date is 17 February 2020 (FS) in Grand Haven Twp.

A note on Whooping Crane – A bird with lots of bands on its legs was found on 11 April 2018 (LC) in Crockery Twp. associating with Sandhill Cranes.

Black-necked Stilt, *Himantopus mexicanus* (new species-not in book)

Status: Accidental Breeding: Non-breeding

First OC record. This large shorebird was seen on 15-17 September 2016 (CF) in Polkton Twp. (See photo on page 2 of the Photo Supplement).

American Avocet, *Recurvirostra americana* (page 60)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient

This shorebird has been recorded every year from 2015 through 2019 primarily along the Lake Michigan shoreline. All spring records have been between 28 April 2009 (MOB) when 13 birds were seen near Lake Macatawa and 18 May 2000 (CF) at HI. All fall records fall between 3 July 2016 (RV) at the UMNA and 7 October 2019 (CJM) at HSP. Large numbers include 20 birds on 13 July 2017 (CJM) at HSP and a total of 13 birds on 13 August 2016 (EGu) at HSP. (See photo on page 7 of the Photo Supplement).

Black-bellied Plover, *Pluvialis squatarola* (page 60)

The new late spring departure date is 4 June 2020 (KSi) in Ferrysburg and the new early fall arrival date is

6 August 2018 (LN) at HSP. Historical Record - The early spring arrival date is 12 May 1973 (JP) in Grand Haven Twp.

American Golden-Plover, *Pluvialis dominica* (page 60)

The second spring record for this plover is 24 April 2018 (CJM) in Polkton Twp.

Semipalmated Plover, *Charadrius semipalmatus* (page 60)

The new late spring departure date is 19 June 2015 (EGu) at HI and the new early fall arrival date is 13 July 2019 (CJM) in Polkton Twp.

Piping Plover, *Charadrius melodus* (page 61)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient and summer resident

There are a number of recent piping plover records for OC. In Grand Haven, there was an adult bird on 23-24 July 2017 (MOB), a juvenile on 23 July 2017 (ET), and a banded female on 25-27 July 2018. The following records are all from HSP: a juvenile on 29 July 2016 (CJM), an adult female on 26 July 2017 (EGu) that remained until 29 July, an adult on 20 July 2017 (EGu) that remained until 2 August 2017, and finally a juvenile on 5 August 2019 (CJM). Birds that were banded were all traced to nesting sites in northern Lake Michigan. Except for one June record, all piping plover records have been within the 21 day period from 20 July to 9 August.

Killdeer, *Charadrius vociferous* - No Changes (page 61)

Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularius* (page 62)

The new early spring arrival date is 14 April 2016 (JKr) in Holland Twp.

Solitary Sandpiper, *Tringa solitaria* (page 62)

The new late spring departure date is 31 May 2015 (ET) at HI and the new late fall departure date is 8 October 2017 (LN) at the UMNA.

Greater Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca* (page 62)

The new early fall arrival date is 12 July 2018 (LN) in Zeeland Twp.

Willet, *Tringa semipalmata* (page 62)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient and summer resident

Since 2015, there have been over 25 sightings of this large shorebird ranging from 30 April 2019 (DW) at HSP to 14 September 2019 (LC) at HSP. Many of the sightings are from HSP and nearly half are in July. A high total of 30 willets were counted on 9 May 2020 (RD) at the UMNA.

Lesser Yellowlegs, *Tringa flavipes* (page 63)

The new early spring arrival date is seven birds on 31 March 2017 (LC) in Polkton Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 28 November 2016 (CF) in Polkton Twp.

Upland Sandpiper, *Bartramia longicauda* (page 63)

Breeding status changed to Confirmed

A great increase in recent sightings as well as a confirmed breeding record is encouraging news for this species in OC. The breeding record was 15 June 2017 (LC) of young birds in Polkton Twp. There were about five locations of sightings scattered through the county since 2016, with the majority in Polkton Twp. The early spring arrival date is 17 April 2018 (JS) in Olive Twp. and the late fall departure date is 27 August 2017 (RV) in Holland Twp.

Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus* (page 64)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient

There have been six records of this large shorebird since 2015 in OC. Ten birds were seen on 24 August 2015 (RB) at HSP. Five birds were seen on 15 May 2018 (MOB) in Georgetown Twp. and a bird was seen 22 July 2018 (GB) at HSP. One bird was seen on 27 August 2019 (CJM) at HSP and four birds were recorded on 1 September 2019 at HSP. The most recent sighting is 23 May 2020 (EGu) at HSP. (See photo on page 8 of the Photo Supplement).

Hudsonian Godwit, *Limosa haemastica* (page 64)

The second OC record was three birds on 24 August 2015 (RB) at HSP.

Marbled Godwit, *Limosa fedoa* (page 64)

The fourth and fifth OC records are of single birds on 19-22 August 2015 (CF) in Polkton Twp. and 10 July 2019 (JV) in Port Sheldon Twp. (See photo on page 8 of the Photo Supplement).

Ruddy Turnstone, *Arenaria interpres* (page 64)

The new early fall arrival date is 16 July 2018 (AK) at HSP and the new late fall departure date is 11 November 2019 (CSt) at HSP.

Red Knot, *Calidris canutus* (page 64)

All fall records are from early August through early October.

Ruff, *Philomachus pugnax* - No Changes (page 65)

Stilt Sandpiper, *Calidris himantopus* (page 65)

Status: Change to Uncommon transient

There have been a fair number of recent fall records for this shorebird in OC. The new late fall departure date is 19 September 2017 (CJM) at HSP. (See photo on page 8 of the Photo Supplement).

Curlew Sandpiper, *Calidris ferruginea* - No Changes (page 65)

Sanderling, *Calidris alba* (page 65)

The new early spring arrival date is 29 April 2020 (MS) in Grand Haven. The new early fall arrival date is 13 July 2017 (CJM) at HSP.

Dunlin, *Calidris alpina* (page 65)

The new early spring arrival date is 14 April 2016 (KS) in Polkton Twp. and the new late spring departure date is 4 June 2016 (CJM) at HSP. The new late fall departure date is 20 November 2017 (CJM) at HSP.

Purple Sandpiper, *Calidris maritima* (page 66)

The new early fall arrival date is 2 October 2015 (CS) at HSP.

Baird's Sandpiper, *Calidris bairdii* (page 66)

The new early fall arrival date is 23 July 2015 (RV) at Lake Macatawa and the new late fall departure date is 2 October 2010 (observer and location unknown). (See photo on page 9 of the Photo Supplement).

Least Sandpiper, *Calidris minutilla* (page 66)

The new late spring departure date is 31 May 2018 (NW) in Allendale Twp. The new early fall arrival date is 25 June 2016 (LG) in Blendon Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 22 October 2016 (LK) in Polkton Twp.

White-rumped Sandpiper, *Calidris fuscicollis* (page 66)

Status: Change to Uncommon transient

The new early spring arrival date is 15 May 2020 (LN) in Georgetown Twp. and the late spring departure date is 2 June 1990 (JP) in Grand Haven Twp. The early fall arrival date is 23 August 1970 (GW) in Robinson Twp. and the late fall departure date is 26 October 2015 (CF) in Polkton Twp. There was an invasion of this species from 7 October 2015 through 20 October 2015 with a maximum number of 26 birds on 16 October 2015 (CF) in Polkton Twp. Most of these sightings were in Polkton Twp.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper, *Tryngites subruficollis* - No Changes (page 67)

(See photo on page 9 of the Photo Supplement).

Pectoral Sandpiper, *Calidris melanotos* (page 67)

The new late spring departure date is 18 May 2020 (KSi) in Ferrysburg. The new early fall arrival date is 13 July 2018 (CJM) in Polkton Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 26 October 2015 (CF) in Polkton Twp.

Semipalmated Sandpiper, *Calidris pusilla* (page 67)

The new late spring departure date is 21 June 2018 (LC) at HSP and the new early fall arrival date is 10 July 2018 (CJM) at HSP.

Western Sandpiper, *Calidris mauri* - No Changes (page 67)

Short-billed Dowitcher, *Limnodromus griseus* (page 67)

Status: Change to Uncommon transient

All spring records from 2015 through 2020 have been in the narrow window of 10-19 May. A total of 66 birds were seen 15 May 2020 (TCO) in Georgetown Twp.

Long-billed Dowitcher, *Limnodromus scolopaceus* (page 68)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient

This species, although hard to find, has now been seen every month from April through October except for June. There are four recent records. A bird was seen 30 April 2015 (RV) in Holland Twp. and another on 21-22 October 2017 (LK) in Polkton Twp. A group of four birds were seen from 7 April 2018 (AR) to 12 April 2018 (KS) in Polkton Twp. and a different group of four birds at a different location in Polkton Twp. were seen from 4 April 2018 (LC) through 19 April 2018 (CJM).

Wilson's Snipe, *Gallinago delicata* (page 68)

Status Correction: Fairly common transient and uncommon winter resident

The first winter record for this species is 25 January 2018 (CK) in Holland Twp. The new early spring arrival date is 15 March 2016 (RV) at the UMNA. Historical Record – A total of 45 snipe were counted on 31 August 1972 (DM) in Grand Haven Twp.

American Woodcock, *Scolopax minor* (page 68)

The new early spring arrival date is 20 February 2017 (JLw) in Georgetown Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 2 November 2015 (PB) in Robinson Twp.

Wilson's Phalarope, *Phalaropus tricolor* (page 69)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient and summer resident

This phalarope has now been seen every month from April through September, except June. There are seven recent records in OC including five sightings in late April and May, one in early August, and one bird that remained at a site in Georgetown Twp. from 29 August 2018 (EGu) through 5 September 2018 (TG).

Red-necked Phalarope, *Phalaropus lobatus* (page 69)

There are four recent records of this phalarope in OC. The only recent spring record is 19-20 May 2020 (KS) in Georgetown Twp. A bird was present in Polkton Twp. 15-16 October 2016 (LK) and another at HSP from 27 August 2017 (AO) through 4 September 2017 (CS). Another bird was seen 3-4 October 2018 (CJM) in Georgetown Twp.

Red Phalarope, *Phalaropus fulicarius* (page 69)

Status: Change to Fairly rare transient and winter resident

One recent record of a bird 3-4 September 2019 (CS) at HSP. (See photo on page 9 of the Photo Supplement).

Pomarine Jaeger, *Stercorarius pomarinus* (new species-not in book)

Status: Accidental Breeding: Non-breeding

First OC record. This jaeger was seen on 26 October 2017 (CJM) at HSP. (See photos on page 3 of the Photo Supplement).

Parasitic Jaeger, *Stercorarius parasiticus* - No Changes (page 69)

Ancient Murrelet, *Synthliboramphus antiquus* - No Changes (page 70)

Black-legged Kittiwake, *Rissa tridactyla* (page 70)

There are two recent records of this species. A first winter bird was seen on 15 January 2017 (KV) at HSP. Another first winter bird was present from 19 December 2017 (JRo) through 25 February 2018 (CJM) roaming HSP and Lake Macatawa. (See photo on page 10 of the Photo Supplement).

Sabine's Gull, *Xema sabini* - No Changes (page 70)

Bonaparte's Gull, *Chroicocephalus philadelphia* (page 70)

Status: Change to Irregular year-round resident

This small transient gull has now been seen every month in OC making it difficult to assign early and late migration dates. The best times to look for this gull are late-March through mid-May and mid-July through mid-December.

Black-headed Gull, *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* - No Changes (page 71)

Little Gull, *Hydrocoloeus minutus* (page 71)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient and winter resident

There are only a few recent records for this gull and all are from HSP. The new range of when this bird has been seen in OC is from 12 August 2016 (CS) through 17 January 2017 (CJM).

Laughing Gull, *Leucophaeus atricilla* (page 71)

There is one recent record of a first summer bird on 19 June 2018 (CJM) at HSP. Late addition: A bird was present 13-14 June 2020 (CJM) at HSP. (See photo on page 10 of the Photo Supplement).

Franklin's Gull, *Leucophaeus pipixcan* (page 72)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient and fairly rare summer resident

It is difficult to determine how many Franklin's gulls have been seen since spring 2015 because many of the reports are close enough together that they may represent the same bird. Our best guess is that there were at least 8 birds during this period. There was one record in Ferrysburg on 4 August 2018 (KSm). All other records are from HSP on the following dates or during the following periods (there may be more than one bird per period): 15 June 2015 (CS), 25 September 2015 (CJM) through 19 November 2015 (CDe), 16 August 2016 (CJM) through 22 September 2016 (CJM), 25 May 2017 (CJM), 27 June 2017 (LN), 20 May 2018 (CD) through 14 June 2018 (CJM), and 2-3 October 2018 (CJM). Late addition - a bird was seen 5 June 2020 (OK) in Port Sheldon Twp. (See photo on page 10 of the Photo Supplement).

Mew Gull, *Larus canus* - No Changes (page 72)

Ring-billed Gull, *Larus delawarensis* (page 72)

A total of 4,500 birds were counted 7 October 2018 (FR) at HSP.

California Gull, *Larus californicus* (new species-not in book)

Status: Accidental Breeding: Non-breeding

First OC record. A second cycle bird was found on 6-7 October 2015 (RB) at HSP. (See photos on page 1 of the Photo Supplement).

Herring Gull, *Larus argentatus* (page 73)

Breeding status changed to Confirmed

Breeding was confirmed when chicks were seen on a navigation buoy in Lake Macatawa during summer 2019. Late addition: A nest with two chicks were seen at the same location on 1 July 2020 (CJM).

Thayer's Gull, *Larus thayeri* (see Iceland Gull) (page 73)

Iceland Gull, *Larus glaucoides* (page 73)

Status: Change to Uncommon winter resident

In 2017, Thayer's Gull, *Larus Thayeri* was lumped with Iceland Gull, and the combined species is now called Iceland Gull, *Larus glaucoides*. Since spring 2015, there have been about 20 reports of this gull, all from either Grand Haven or HSP. The new early fall arrival date is 28 October 2017 (CJM) at HSP. Some individuals at HSP remained in the area for long periods of time. Four birds were seen on 7 January 2018 (RB) at HSP.

Lesser Black-backed Gull, *Larus fuscus* (page 74)

Status: Change to Very uncommon year-round resident

With several recent records in August, this gull has now been seen every month in OC. Because of this, it is difficult to assign early and late migration dates.

Glaucous Gull, *Larus hyperboreus* (page 74)

Status: Change to Fairly uncommon winter resident and rare summer resident

The new late spring departure date is 24 May 2015 (MO) in Grand Haven and the new early fall arrival date is 19 September 2015 (TP) in Grand Haven. The only summer records are 5 July 2015 (EP) and 15 July 2015 (LC) both in Grand Haven, possibly the same bird.

Great Black-backed Gull, *Larus marinus* (page 74)

Status: Change to Fairly uncommon winter resident and uncommon summer resident

A high number of 21 birds (18 adults and three immatures) were seen 5 January 2019 (TLa) in Ferrysburg. Also significant for summer are 12 birds on 8 July 2015 (CS) at HSP.

Gull Hybrids - There are two recent records of Herring Gull X Great Black-backed Gull hybrids. The first was 15 November 2014 (CP) on Lake Macatawa and the other was 13-15 October 2016 (CJM) at HSP. There is also a record for a Herring Gull X Lesser Black-backed Gull hybrid on 26-30 September 2018 (CJM) at HSP.

Caspian Tern, *Hydroprogne caspia* - No Changes (page 75)

Black Tern, *Chlidonias niger* (page 75)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient

There are over 10 recent reports of this small tern in OC. With no known nesting sites in OC, this tern is now purely a transient. The best times to look for migrants are mid-May and late August through mid-September. With these new records combined with those prior to 2015, we are setting the following migration dates for this species. The early spring arrival date is 8 May 2010 (CP) in Polkton Twp. and the late spring departure date is 20 May 2017 (JKr) in Polkton Twp. The early fall arrival date is 13 August 2016 (EGu) at HSP and the late fall departure date is 27 September 2016 (CS) at HSP. A total of 28 birds were seen 28 August 2017 (CS) at HSP.

Common Tern, *Sterna hirundo* (page 75)

Status: Change to Fairly common transient and very uncommon summer resident

The new early spring arrival date is 1 May 2020 (MHi) on Lake Macatawa. With the increase in June and July sightings, it is difficult to determine a late spring departure date or an early fall arrival date. A total of 350 birds were seen 6 September 2018 (EGu) at HSP.

Forster's Tern, *Sterna forsteri* (page 76)

The new early fall arrival date is 6 July 2018 (CJM) at HSP and the new late fall departure date is 28 October 2017 (CS) at HSP.

Rock Pigeon, *Columba livia* - No Changes (page 76)

Eurasian Collared-Dove, *Streptopelia decaocto* (page 77)

Status: Change to Exotic and fairly rare summer resident

Two birds were seen 20-24 June 2019 (JKa) and 10-16 August 2019 (CD) in Zeeland Twp. Up to four birds were present from 29 January 2020 (CDo) through 13 May 2020 (CJM) in Olive Twp. where they were seen in several locations. It is unknown if these Olive Twp. locations were all the same birds or different ones. Late Addition: Single adults were seen several times in June 2020 and an immature dove was found on 10 July 2020 (CJM) all in Olive Twp.

White-winged Dove, *Zenaida asiatica* (page 77)

The second OC record is 20-21 June 2018 (CJM) in Park Twp. (See photo on page 11 of the Photo Supplement).

Mourning Dove, *Zenaida macroura* (page 77)

A total of 1,206 doves were counted 14 December 2019 (CBC).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus* (page 78)

The new late fall departure date is 24 October 2018 (MW) at the UMNA.

Black-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus* (page 78)

The new late fall departure date is 13 October 2018 (AK) in Holland.

Groove-billed Ani, *Crotophaga sulcirostris* - No Changes (page 78)

Barn Owl, *Tyto alba* (page 78)

A barn owl was present from July 2018 to early September 2018 at an undisclosed farm in OC. Identification was confirmed by photos of feathers gathered at the site. Another barn owl was seen at a different undisclosed location in OC on 5 February 2020.

Eastern Screech-Owl, *Megascops asio* (page 79)

A total of five birds were located 17 December 2016 (CBC).

Great Horned Owl, *Bubo virginianus* - No Changes (page 79)

Snowy Owl, *Bubo scandiacus* (page 79)

The new late spring departure date is 12 May 2016 (LC) in Polkton Twp. and the new early fall arrival date is 25 October 2015 (DBk) in Grand Haven. (See photos on page 11 of the Photo Supplement).

Barred Owl, *Strix varia* - No Changes (page 80)

Long-eared Owl, *Asio otus* (page 80)

Only one recent record of a bird on 15 December 2018 (CD) on private property in Port Sheldon Twp. A subsequent and more thorough search by birders of the same patch of roosting habitat at the site on 14 December 2019 was unsuccessful in finding long-eared owls. (See photo on page 12 of the Photo Supplement).

Short-eared Owl, *Asio flammeus* (page 80)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient and winter resident

There are a number of recent sightings of this owl in OC. A bird was seen 26-27 February 2017 (RB) in the farm areas in Olive Twp. The first late fall/early winter sightings for this species were recorded on 29 December 2017 (CD) and 30 November 2018 (CJM) also in Olive Twp. There was also a bird seen 21 February 2018 and 28 February 2017 (LN) at the UMNA. There were two sightings in Holland including 16 November 2019 by members of the Oakland Audubon Society and on 25 April 2020 (JKr). (See photo on page 12 of the Photo Supplement).

Northern Saw-whet Owl, *Aegolius acadicus* (page 81)

The first September record for this small owl was 28 September 2015 (CD) in Port Sheldon Twp. when it was calling during the day. All records in OC have been between 28 September 2015 (CD) and 29 March 1982 (JP).

Common Nighthawk, *Chordeiles minor* (page 81)

Status: Change to Uncommon transient and very uncommon summer resident

(See photo on page 12 of the Photo Supplement).

Chuck-will's-widow, *Caprimulgus carolinensis* - No Changes (page 82)

Eastern Whip-poor-will, *Caprimulgus vociferus* (page 82)

Status: Change to Uncommon transient and summer resident

The new early spring arrival date is 23 April 2017 (MO) in Park Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 15 October 2018 (BBe) in Holland.

Chimney Swift, *Chaetura pelagica* - No Changes (page 82)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird, *Archilochus colubris* - No Changes (page 83)

Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus* (page 84)

There is one recent record of a bird 18-19 October 2018 (HV) in Tallmadge Twp. (See photos on page 13 of the Photo Supplement).

Belted Kingfisher, *Megaceryle alcyon* - No Changes (page 84)

Red-headed Woodpecker, *Melanerpes erythrocephalus* (page 84)

Status: Change to Fairly uncommon year-round resident

Red-bellied Woodpecker, *Melanerpes carolinus* (page 85)

A high total of 43 birds were counted 14 May 2016 (NAMC).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus varius* (page 85)

Status: Change to Fairly uncommon transient, very uncommon winter resident, and rare summer resident

There are about 10 recent records for this species from December through March in a number of locations in OC.

Downy Woodpecker, *Picoides pubescens* (page 85)

A high total of 115 birds were counted 16 December 2017 (CBC).

Hairy Woodpecker, *Picoides villosus* (page 85)

A high total of 29 birds were counted 16 December 2017 (CBC).

Northern Flicker, *Colaptes auratus* (page 85)

A high total of 28 birds were counted 14 May 2016 (NAMC).

Pileated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus pileatus* (page 86)

A high total of 13 birds were counted 15 December 2018 (CBC).

American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius* (page 86)

A high total of 31 birds were counted 19 December 2015 (CBC).

Merlin, *Falco columbarius* - No Changes (page 87)

Gyr Falcon, *Falco rusticolus* - No Changes (page 87)

Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus* (page 87)

A peregrine falcon nesting platform was present on the Grand Haven Light and Power chimney from 2000 through 2019 (20 years). During this period, peregrine falcons had 17 successful nesting years, one failed nesting year, and two years with no attempted nest. At an average of three fledglings per year, this one nest produced 51 peregrine falcons. A Falcon-Cam installed at the nest gave the public an inside look at the daily activities in the nest. Because of the plant's closure, the nesting platform was removed late in 2019. There is still an active peregrine falcon nest at the J.H. Campbell Power Plant in Port Sheldon Twp. (See photo on page 13 of the Photo Supplement).

Olive-sided Flycatcher, *Contopus cooperi* (page 88)

Status: Change to Fairly uncommon transient

The new late spring departure date is 5 June 2018 (LN) at the UMNA. The new early fall arrival date is 11 August 2017 (PB) in Robinson Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 16 September 2015 (CD) in Port Sheldon Twp.

Eastern Wood-Pewee, *Contopus virens* (page 89)

The new early spring arrival date is 28 April 2020 (DHo) in Tallmadge Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 16 October 2019 (CJM) at HI.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, *Empidonax flaviventris* (page 89)

There have been about 30 sightings of this migrant scattered throughout OC since spring 2015. The new early spring arrival date is 6 May 2015 (EGu) in Park Twp. and the new early fall arrival date is 9 August 2017 (KH) in Olive Twp.

Acadian Flycatcher, *Empidonax virescens* (page 89)

The new early spring arrival date is 7 May 2019 (DBa) in Holland and the new late fall departure date is 17 August 2015 (LE) in Tallmadge Twp.

Alder Flycatcher, *Empidonax alnorum* (page 89)

The new late fall departure date is 8 August 2017 (ET) in Crockery Twp.

Willow Flycatcher, *Empidonax traillii* (page 90)

The new late fall departure date is 26 September 2015 (RV) in Holland Twp.

Least Flycatcher, *Empidonax minimus* (page 90)

Breeding status changed to Confirmed

The new late fall departure date is 10 October 2018 (CD) in Port Sheldon Twp. Late Addition - Breeding status was upgraded to confirmed when an adult was seen feeding a fledgling in Robinson Twp. on 14 July 2020 (PB).

Eastern Phoebe, *Sayornis phoebe* (page 90)

This flycatcher has now been seen every month except January in OC. The new early spring arrival date is 14 February 2020 (CJM) in Park Twp.

Great Crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus crinitus* (page 91)

The new early spring arrival date is 25 April 2016 (CD) in Georgetown Twp.

Western Kingbird, *Tyrannus verticalis* - No Changes (page 91)

Eastern Kingbird, *Tyrannus tyrannus* (page 91)

The new late fall departure date is 27 September 2017 (CJM) in Georgetown Twp.

Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus* (page 92)

A number of historical records in OC were found on the MBRC searchable database including 23 May 1969, summer 1970, 21 June 1976, 31 March 1977, and 29 March 1979.

Northern Shrike, *Lanius excubitor* (page 92)

The new late spring departure date is 13 April 2018 (BMi) in Spring Lake Twp.

White-eyed Vireo, *Vireo griseus* (page 92)

There have been six recent sightings of this southern vireo in OC and all have been in the spring. The new early spring arrival date is 23 April 2016 (EGu) at the UMNA and the latest spring record is 13 June 2015 (RV) in Georgetown Twp.

Yellow-throated Vireo, *Vireo flavifrons* (page 92)

The new early spring arrival date is 23 April 2016 (CSu) in Georgetown Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 1 October 2019 (LN) at the UMNA.

Blue-headed Vireo, *Vireo solitarius* (page 93)

The new early spring arrival date is 18 April 2015 (JWa) in Park Twp.

Warbling Vireo, *Vireo gilvus* (page 93)

The new early spring arrival date is 25 April 2017 (ET) in Robinson Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 7 October 2015 (RV) at HSP. A high total of 63 birds were counted 9 May 2015 (NAMC).

Philadelphia Vireo, *Vireo philadelphicus* (page 93)

The new early spring arrival date is 6 May 2018 (CJM) at HI and the new late fall departure date is 11 October 2018 (MOB) in Port Sheldon Twp.

Red-eyed Vireo, *Vireo olivaceus* (page 94)

The new early spring arrival date is 1 May 2007 (MSc) in Port Sheldon Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 26 October 2015 (CJM) in Park Twp.

Blue Jay, *Cyanocitta cristata* (page 94)

A high fall migration total of 1,600 birds were counted on 2 October 2018 (CJM) at HSP.

American Crow, *Corvus brachyrhynchos* (page 94)

A high total of 933 birds were counted on 19 December 2015 (CBC).

Common Raven, *Corvus corax* (page 94)

Status: Change to Fairly uncommon transient Breeding status changed to Confirmed

This large Corvid has expanded its range into OC in recent years and has now been seen every month except July. Breeding was confirmed 3 May 2020 (PH) in Grand Haven Twp. when a raven was seen at a

nest. Another possible nesting site was in Olive Twp. when on 25 Jun 2016 (CD) four birds were heard and seen flying together. It was presumed that two were adult birds and two were juveniles. Another probable nest site was in Spring Lake Twp. when three agitated adult ravens in appropriate habitat were seen on 14 May 2020 (CF).

Horned Lark, *Eremophila alpestris* - No Changes (page 95)

Purple Martin, *Progne subis* (page 96)

A high total of 120 birds were counted on 24 May 2020 (DH) in Ferrysburg at the Grand Haven north pier purple martin houses.

Tree Swallow, *Tachycineta bicolor* (page 96)

The new late fall departure date is 19 October 2016 (CJM) in Polkton Twp.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* - No Changes (page 96)

Bank Swallow, *Riparia riparia* (page 96)

The new early spring arrival date is 13 April 2019 (TW) in Crockery Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 4 September 2019 (ASi) in Polkton Twp.

Cliff Swallow, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* (page 97)

The new early spring arrival date is 18 April 2019 (JKr) in Holland.

Cave Swallow, *Petrochelidon fulva* - No Changes (page 97)

Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica* (page 97)

The new late fall departure date is 4 October 2015 (SJ) in Polkton Twp. A high total of 629 birds were counted 14 May 2016 (NAMC).

Black-capped Chickadee, *Poecile atricapillus* (page 98)

A high total of 477 chickadees were counted 15 December 2018 (CBC)

Boreal Chickadee, *Poecile hudsonicus* - No Changes (page 98)

Tufted Titmouse, *Baeolophus bicolor* - No Changes (page 98)

Red-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta canadensis* - No Changes (page 98)

White-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta carolinensis* - No Changes (page 98)

Brown Creeper, *Certhia americana* (page 99)

A high number of 22 creepers were seen 17 April 2019 (MOB) in Ferrysburg.

House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon* (page 99)

The new early spring arrival date is 24 March 2017 (KM) in Port Sheldon Twp.

Winter Wren, *Troglodytes hiemalis* (page 99)

This small wren has been seen every month in OC making it difficult to assign early and late migration dates. In addition, in recent years there have been a high number of winter sightings including birds found on four of the last five CBCs.

Sedge Wren, *Cistothorus platensis* - No Changes (page 100)

Marsh Wren, *Cistothorus palustris* (page 100)

There are three recent late fall/winter records making it hard to determine a late fall departure date. A bird was seen 22 November 2016 (LN) at the UMNA, one on 3 December 2017 (ET) in Crockery Twp., and another on 10 January 2020 (JKr) in Holland.

Carolina Wren, *Thryothorus ludovicianus* - No Changes (page 101)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, *Poliophtila caerulea* - No Changes (page 101)

Golden-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus satrapa* - No Changes (page 101)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus calendula* (page 102)

Status: Change to Fairly common transient and very uncommon winter resident

With at least 10 recent records from late December through February, determining a late fall departure date or an early spring arrival date is difficult. The new early fall arrival date is 4 September 2016 (RV) in Holland. A high total is 40 birds on 4 May 2019 (GS) in Grand Haven Twp.

Eastern Bluebird, *Sialia sialis* - No Changes (page 102)

Townsend's Solitaire, *Myadestes townsendi* - No Changes (page 102)

Veery, *Catharus fuscescens* - No Changes (page 102)

Gray-cheeked Thrush, *Catharus minimus* (page 103)

The new late spring departure date is 26 May 2017 (LN) at the UMNA.

Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus* (page 103)

The new early spring arrival date is 19 April 2019 (LC) at HI and the new early fall arrival date is 21 August 2018 (KG) in Park Twp.

Hermit Thrush, *Catharus guttatus* - No Changes (page 103)

Wood Thrush, *Hylocichla mustelina* (page 104)

The new early spring arrival date is 23 April 2020 (LN) at the UMNA and the new late fall departure date is 9 October 2016 (JS) in Tallmadge Twp.

American Robin, *Turdus migratorius* (page 104)

A high total of 741 birds were counted 14 May 2016 (NAMC).

Varied Thrush, *Ixoreus naevius* (page 104)

The fourth OC record for this thrush is 15-17 January 2018 (Ae) in Grand Haven Twp. (See photo on page 14 of the Photo Supplement).

Gray Catbird, *Dumetella carolinensis* (page 104)

Status: Change to Fairly common transient and summer resident, fairly rare winter resident

This species has now been seen every month except March in OC. The late fall departure date is difficult to determine because of a number of recent records from December through early February. The new early spring arrival date is 2 April 2017 (GB) in Holland Twp.

Brown Thrasher, *Toxostoma rufum* (page 105)

The third winter record for this species is 12 February 2018 (CJM) in Park Twp. and the fourth winter record is 4 January 2019 (TW) in Georgetown Twp. Because of a number of late fall and winter records, it is difficult to determine a late fall departure date.

Northern Mockingbird, *Mimus polyglottos* (page 105)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient and summer resident, fairly rare winter resident

This southern species has now been seen in OC every month except March, July, and August. This species is thought to be expanding its range northward and the 15 recent records in OC seem to support that idea. The majority of records are within the period of early April through early June. One bird was present from 20 December 2016 (CD) thru 12 February 2017 (JKr) in Port Sheldon Twp. Another (or the same) bird was present at this same location from 3-7 January 2018 (CD). Another winter record was a bird from 2 February 2020 (ET) through 15 February 2020 (MS) in Crockery Twp.

European Starling, *Sturnus vulgaris* (page 105)

A high total of 7,000 birds were seen on 5 September 2017 (LK) in Holland.

American Pipit, *Anthus rubescens* (page 106)

The new early fall arrival date is 3 September 2016 (RV) in Polkton Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 29 November 2017 (RV) in Port Sheldon Twp. One bird was present from early December 2016 to 1 January 2017 (MBRC) in Ottawa Co.

Bohemian Waxwing, *Bombycilla garrulus* (page 106)

There is only one recent report of a bird on 25 February 2019 (LC) in Grand Haven.

Cedar Waxwing, *Bombycilla cedrorum* - No Changes (page 106)

Lapland Longspur, *Calcarius lapponicus* (page 107)

The new late spring departure date is 19 April 2018 (CJM) in Polkton Twp.

Snow Bunting, *Plectrophenax nivalis* (page 107)

The new late spring departure date is 22 April 2018 (ET) in Polkton Twp.

Ovenbird, *Seiurus aurocapilla* (page 107)

The new early spring arrival date is 19 April 2018 (DW) in Park Twp.

Worm-eating Warbler, *Helmitheros vermivorum* - No Changes (page 107)

Louisiana Waterthrush, *Parkesia motacilla* (page 108)

The latest in the year this species has been seen is 9 July 2016 (RV) in Olive Twp.

Northern Waterthrush, *Parkesia noveboracensis* (page 108)

The new early spring arrival date is 21 April 2016 (CSk) in Park Twp. The new early fall arrival date is 15 August 2019 (CJM) in Ferrysburg and the new late fall departure date is 11 October 2017 (LN) at the UMNA.

Golden-winged Warbler, *Vermivora chrysoptera* (page 108)

The new early fall arrival date is 16 August 2016 (PB) in Grand Haven.

Blue-winged Warbler, *Vermivora cyanoptera* (page 109)

The new late fall departure date is 16 September 2019 (TW) in Georgetown Twp.

Black-and-white Warbler, *Mniotilta varia* (page 109)

The new late fall departure date is 5 October 2014 (LC) in Port Sheldon Twp.

Prothonotary Warbler, *Protonotaria citrea* (page 110)

The new early spring arrival date is 2 May 2016 (JS) in Georgetown Twp. The latest in the year this species has been recorded is 22 July 2018 (DR) at HSP. (See photo on page 14 of the Photo Supplement).

Tennessee Warbler, *Oreothlypis peregrina* (page 110)

The new late spring departure date is 31 May 2019 (DW) in Tallmadge Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 3 November 2017 (CD) in Georgetown Twp.

Orange-crowned Warbler, *Oreothlypis celata* (page 110)

The new early spring arrival date is 19 April 2019 (CJM) in Park Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 2 December 2019 (CS) at the UMNA.

Nashville Warbler, *Oreothlypis ruficapilla* (page 110)

The new early spring arrival date is 25 April 2012 (KS) in Park Twp. and the new late spring departure date is 1 June 2019 (CD) in Robinson Twp. The new early fall arrival date is 13 August 2015 (CJM) in Park Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 22 November 2015 (LN) at the UMNA.

Connecticut Warbler, *Oporornis agilis* (page 111)

There has been a slight increase in sightings of this warbler recently in OC, probably due to more birders in the field. There are now enough sightings to determine migration dates. The early spring arrival date is 10 May 2003 (NAMC) and the late spring departure date is 3 June 2020 (JSI) in Park Twp. The early fall arrival date is 11 September 2018 (CD) in Port Sheldon Twp. and the late fall departure date is 28 September 1973 (AS) in Grand Haven Twp.

Mourning Warbler, *Geothlypis philadelphia* (page 111)

The new late fall departure date is 4 October 2015 (SJ) in Holland.

Kentucky Warbler, *Geothlypis formosa* (page 111)

There is one recent record for this southern warbler in OC when a bird was found 4 May 2018 (CF) and remained through 7 May 2018 (MOB) in Grand Haven. (See photo on page 14 of the Photo Supplement).

Common Yellowthroat, *Geothlypis trichas* (page 111)

Status: Change to Fairly common transient and summer resident, very rare winter resident

The new early spring arrival date is 21 April 2019 (BMi) at HI and the new late fall departure date is 28 October 2017 (DW) in Park Twp. A high total of 116 birds were counted 9 May 2015 (NAMC) and a total of 50 birds (adults and fledglings) were counted 27 July 2018 (LN) at the UMNA. The first winter record for OC was a bird on 25 December 2015 (DS) in Holland.

Hooded Warbler, *Setophaga citrina* - No Changes (page 112)

American Redstart, *Setophaga ruticilla* (page 112)

The new late fall departure date is 13 October 2019 (EGu) in Park Twp.

Kirtland's Warbler, *Setophaga kirtlandii* - No Changes (page 112)

Cape May Warbler, *Setophaga tigrina* (page 113)

The new late spring departure date is 23 May 2019 (EGu) in Park Twp.

Cerulean Warbler, *Setophaga cerulea* (page 113)

There were eight recent sightings of this southern warbler in OC. All sightings to date have been in May, June, and July with most between 5 May and 4 June. (See photo on page 15 of the Photo Supplement).

Northern Parula, *Setophaga americana* (page 113)

The new early spring arrival date is 28 April 2020 (JS) in Tallmadge Twp.

Magnolia Warbler, *Setophaga magnolia* (page 114)

The new early spring arrival date is 13 April 2018 (RV) in Holland and the new late fall departure date is 24 October 2019 (BQ) in Park Twp.

Bay-breasted Warbler, *Setophaga castanea* (page 114)

The new late spring departure date is 27 May 2020 (DHu) in Olive Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 9 October 2016 (GB) in Grand Haven Twp.

Blackburnian Warbler, *Setophaga fusca* (page 114)

The new late departure date is 7 October 2016 (JS) in Grand Haven Twp.

Yellow Warbler, *Setophaga petechia* (page 114)

The new late fall departure date is 13 October 2018 (GB) in Holland. A high total of 168 birds were counted 9 May 2015 (NAMC).

Chestnut-sided Warbler, *Setophaga pensylvanica* (page 115)

The new early spring arrival date is 30 April 2020 (EGu) in Park Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 12 October 2018 (CD) in Port Sheldon Twp.

Blackpoll Warbler, *Setophaga striata* (page 115)

The new late fall departure date is 19 October 2019 (ET) at HI. A total of 45 birds were seen 7 October 2016 (JS) in Grand Haven Twp.

Black-throated Blue Warbler, *Setophaga caerulescens* (page 115)

The new early spring arrival date is 30 April 2020 (KSi) in Ferrysburg and the new late spring departure date is 15 June 2019 (SK) in Park Twp. The new early fall arrival date is 30 August 2015 (KH) in Port Sheldon Twp.

Palm Warbler, *Setophaga palmarum* (page 116)

The new early fall arrival date is 19 August 2018 (GB) in Port Sheldon Twp.

Pine Warbler, *Setophaga pinus* (page 116)

A bird was present at feeders in Park Twp. from 30 November 2015 (CJM) through 22 January 2016 and from 4 January 2020 (CJM) through 5 February 2020.

Yellow-rumped Warbler, *Setophaga coronata* (page 116)

This common migrant has now been seen every month in OC. The new late spring departure date is 1 June 2015 (CJM) in Port Sheldon Twp. A high total of 160 birds were counted 10 May 2018 (CP) in Park Twp.

Yellow-throated Warbler, *Setophaga dominica* (page 117)

There were two recent records for this southern warbler in OC. The third county record was a bird on 23-24 April 2019 (MOB) in Port Sheldon Twp. and the fourth county record was 16 May 2020 (JMa) in Grand Haven Twp. (See photo on page 15 of the Photo Supplement).

Prairie Warbler, *Setophaga discolor* (page 117)

Although OC seems to have plenty of suitable nesting sites along the Lake Michigan shoreline, no evidence of breeding has been found in recent years. Recent sightings include those on the following dates: 24 May 2012 (MO) in Grand Haven Twp., 10 June 2014 (MO) in Port Sheldon Twp., 11 May 2017 (DH) in Grand Haven, and 20 June 2018 (SM) in Port Sheldon Twp. (See photo on page 15 of the Photo Supplement).

Black-throated Green Warbler, *Setophaga virens* (page 117)

The new late fall departure date is 14 October 2018 (JRe) in Ferrysburg.

Canada Warbler, *Cardellina canadensis* (page 118)

The new early spring arrival date is 1 May 2007 (MSc) in Port Sheldon Twp.

Wilson's Warbler, *Cardellina pusilla* (page 118)

The new late spring departure date is 4 June 2015 (RV) in Georgetown Twp.

Yellow-breasted Chat, *Icteria virens* (page 118)

A cooperative chat was found during a Holland Audubon field trip on 28 May 2016 (MOB) and remained through 1 June 2016 (RPa) in Holland. Another bird was present 15-17 May 2015 (CJM) in Park Twp.

Green-tailed Towhee, *Pipilo chlorurus* - No Changes (page 118)

Spotted Towhee, *Pipilo maculatus* (page 119)

Historical Record - The second record for OC was a bird on 1 May 2013 (KWe) at an unknown location.

Eastern Towhee, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus* (page 119)

There continues to be scattered winter records of this bird during the winter in OC including three on 14 December 2019 (CBC). A high total of 65 birds were counted 9 May 2015 (NAMC).

American Tree Sparrow, *Spizella arborea* (page 119)

The new early fall arrival date is 12 October 2018 (HS) at the UMNA. A high total of 522 birds were counted on 17 December 2016 (CBC).

Chipping Sparrow, *Spizella passerina* (page 119)

This sparrow has been seen every month except February in OC. A high total of 148 birds were counted 9 May 2015 (NAMC).

Clay-colored Sparrow, *Spizella pallida* (page 120)

The new early spring arrival date is 26 April 2019 (CJM) in Park Twp. If this species nests anywhere in OC, it is likely on private property in Port Sheldon Twp. where birds were seen on 23 June 2018 (MOB) and 15 June 2019 (MOB).

Field Sparrow, *Spizella pusilla* (page 120)

This sparrow has now been seen every month in OC. The new early spring arrival date is 16 March 2019 (CD) in Port Sheldon Twp. Due to a number of recent sightings in November and December, it is difficult to determine a late fall departure date. One bird remained from 15 November 2018 (CD) through 22 December 2018 (TW) in Port Sheldon Twp.

Vesper Sparrow, *Pooecetes gramineus* (page 120)

The new late fall departure date is 9 November 2018 (DW) in Park Twp.

Black-throated Sparrow, *Amphispiza bilineata* - No Changes (page 121)

Lark Sparrow, *Chondestes grammacus* (new species-not in book)

Status: Accidental Breeding: Non-breeding

First OC record. This bird was found on 9 May 2017 (ET) at HI. The second OC record for this sparrow was 3 May 2018 (DW) in Park Twp., and the third OC record was 29 April 2020 (CS) at HSP. (See photo on page 3 of the Photo Supplement).

Savannah Sparrow, *Passerculus sandwichensis* (page 121)

The new early spring arrival date is 6 April 2018 (KBi) in Polkton Twp. and the new late fall departure date is 29 October 2016 (JS) in Robinson Twp.

Grasshopper Sparrow, *Ammodramus savannarum* (page 121)

The early spring arrival date is 3 May 1964 (JP) and the new late fall departure date is 11 August 2015 (DA) in Park Twp. A high total of 25 birds were counted 9 May 2015 (CCP) on private property in Port Sheldon Twp. during a NAMC.

Henslow's Sparrow, *Ammodramus henslowii* - No Changes (page 121)

LeConte's Sparrow, *Ammodramus leconteii* (page 122)

There are two recent sightings of this sparrow. The first was 1-4 October 2019 (LG) in Zeeland Twp. and the other was 6 April 2020 (JH) in Ferrysburg. (See photo on page 16 of the Photo Supplement).

Fox Sparrow, *Passerella iliaca* (page 122)

The new late spring departure date is 13 May 2020 (DHu) in Allendale Twp. and the new early fall arrival date is 30 September 2017 (CJM) in Park Twp. Due to a number of fall and winter sightings, it is difficult to determine an early spring arrival or a late fall departure date.

Song Sparrow, *Melospiza melodia* (page 122)

A high spring total of 309 birds were counted 9 May 2015 (NAMC) and a high fall total of 150 birds were counted 8 October 2005 (DS) in Georgetown Twp.

Lincoln's Sparrow, *Melospiza lincolnii* (page 123)

The new early spring arrival date is 19 April 2017 (JKr) in Park Twp. The new early fall arrival date is 7 September 2015 (LN) at the UMNA and the new late fall departure date is 13 December 2018 (CD) in Zeeland Twp.

Swamp Sparrow, *Melospiza georgiana* - No Changes (page 123)

White-throated Sparrow, *Zonotrichia albicollis* (page 123)

Status: Change to Common transient, very rare summer resident, and uncommon winter resident

The new late spring departure date is 2 June 2017 (CJM) in Park Twp. and the new early fall arrival date is 2 September 2015 (CJM) in Park Twp. The first summer record in OC for this species was 12 July 2018 (CD) in Port Sheldon Twp.

Harris's Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula* (page 123)

There are two recent records for this sparrow. One was 9 May 2016 (CF) at HI and the other was 27 April 2017 (LN) through 8 May 2017 (LN) in Zeeland Twp.

White-crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia leucophrys* - No Changes (page 124)

Dark-eyed Junco, *Junco hyemalis* (page 124)

Status: Change to Common transient and winter resident

A high total of 1,360 juncos were counted on 17 December 2016 (CBC). There are 11 recent records of dark-eyed juncos in the Oregon Group.

Summer Tanager, *Piranga rubra* (page 124)

There has been a slight increase in spring records for this southern tanager in OC. Recent sightings have occurred on the following dates: 4 May 2017 (TE) in Crockery Twp., 4-5 May 2018 (TH) in Park Twp., 30 April 2020 through 1 May 2020 (TCh) in Grand Haven, 7 May 2020 (CDo) in Grand Haven Twp., 20 May 2020 (MMb) in Park Twp. and another (possibly the same bird) on 24 May 2020 (DHo) in Park Twp. (See photo on page 16 of the Photo Supplement).

Scarlet Tanager, *Piranga olivacea* (page 125)

The new early spring arrival date is 14 April 2019 (HV) Tallmadge Twp. A high total of 33 birds were counted on 9 May 2018 (MOB) during an Ottawa County Parks field trip in Ferrysburg.

Western Tanager, *Piranga ludoviciana* (new species-not in book)

Status: Accidental Breeding: Non-breeding

First OC record. There are now three records in OC for this western species. The first OC record was an adult male on 15 May 2015 (BM) in Grand Haven Twp. The second county record was an adult male at a feeder on 15-18 May 2019 (SD) in Port Sheldon Twp., and the third county record was a first fall male/female bird first found 1 November 2019 (MOB) at the UMNA during an Ottawa County Parks field trip and last seen 5 November 2019 (JHe) at the same location. (See photo of November 2019 bird on page 1 of the Photo Supplement).

Northern Cardinal, *Cardinalis* (page 125)

A high total of 239 birds were counted 9 May 2015 (NAMC).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak, *Pheucticus ludovicianus* (page 125)

A high total of 127 birds were counted 9 May 2015 (NAMC).

Blue Grosbeak, *Passerina caerulea* (page 125)

Status: Change to Very rare summer resident Breeding status changed to Confirmed

Late addition - The second OC record for this species was a single bird reported as a female/first summer male blue grosbeak on 16 June 2020 (CJM) in Olive Twp. On the same day, a first summer male was seen and its song was recorded (TW). Later that same day, through the efforts of several birders, it was confirmed that there were two birds, a female and a first summer male at this location. On 17 June 2020 (PB), an adult was observed carrying nesting material. According to MBBA criteria, nest building is evidence of confirmed nesting. These birds were still present in early July 2020. (See photos on page 17 of the Photo Supplement).

Indigo Bunting, *Passerina cyanea* (page 126)

A high total of 159 birds were counted on 9 May 2018 (MOB) in Ferrysburg during an Ottawa County Parks field trip.

Dickcissel, *Spiza americana* (page 126)

Status: Change to Fairly uncommon transient and summer resident

The new early spring arrival date is 16 May 2019 (DH) in Grand Haven Twp. With over 30 records since spring 2015, this species appears to be expanding into OC from the south. Good places to find dickcissels in recent years include open areas in Polkton Twp., Olive Twp., and Holland Twp. A high total of 16 birds were counted 23 June 2018 (CD) in Port Sheldon Twp. on private property.

Bobolink, *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* (page 126)

The new early spring arrival date is 2 May 2020 (DH) at HI and the new late fall departure date is 7 October 2017 (MOB) at the UMNA.

Red-winged Blackbird, *Agelaius phoeniceus* (page 127)

A high summer total was 1,030 birds on 17 July 2018 (LN) at the UMNA and a high fall migration total was an estimated 15,000 birds on 8 October 2017 (CD) in Holland. Small numbers of birds have been recorded on four of the last five CBCs.

Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna* - No Changes (page 127)

Western Meadowlark, *Sturnella neglecta* (page 127)

A singing male was found 9 July 2017 (MO) in Polkton Twp. Another singing male (or possibly the same bird) was seen later in the day on 9 July 2017 (CS) about a mile south of the first bird in Polkton Twp. This bird remained in the area through 30 July 2017 (MCo).

Yellow-headed Blackbird, *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* (page 128)

Status: Change to Very uncommon transient and rare summer resident

There have been about 20 recent records for this blackbird in OC. The new early spring arrival date is 31 March 2016 (DH) in Grand Haven Twp. and the late spring departure date is 12 June 2019 (DH) also in Grand Haven Twp. There are no fall records for this species and no recent summer records. (See photo on page 17 of the Photo Supplement).

Rusty Blackbird, *Euphagus carolinus* (page 128)

The new late fall departure date is 19 November 2017 (LN) at the UMNA.

Brewer's Blackbird, *Euphagus cyanocephalus* (page 128)

The new late fall departure date is 8 October 2018 (JV) in Georgetown Twp. A high total of 60 birds were counted on 3 September 2017 (LN) in Georgetown Twp.

Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula* (page 129)

A high total of 300 birds were seen on 21 July 2017 (CD) in Port Sheldon Twp.

Brown-headed Cowbird, *Molothrus ater* (page 129)

A high total of 1,200 birds were seen on 16 October 2016 (CJM) in Polkton Twp.

Orchard Oriole, *Icterus spurius* (page 129)

The new early spring arrival date is 29 April 2017 (MOB) at the UMNA and the new late fall departure date is 19 August 2016 (CJM) in Park Twp.

Baltimore Oriole, *Icterus galbula* (page 130)

The new early spring arrival date is 6 April 2019 (PB) in Robinson Twp. A high total of 416 birds were seen on 9 May 2018 (MOB) during an Ottawa County Parks field trip in Ferrysburg.

Pine Grosbeak, *Pinicola enucleator* - No Changes (page 130)

House Finch, *Haemorhous mexicanus* (page 130)

A high number of 200 birds were seen on 8 November 2018 (CD) in Olive Twp.

Purple Finch, *Haemorhous purpureus* (page 131)

This finch has now been seen every month in OC. The new late spring departure date is 13 May 2019 (JKr) in Park Twp. and the new early fall arrival date is 28 August 2018 (CD) in Port Sheldon Twp. There is one recent summer record on 31 July 2018 (CJM) in Park Twp.

Red Crossbill, *Loxia curvirostra* (page 131)

Status: Change to Rare summer resident and irruptive winter resident

There was a mini-invasion in OC of this irruptive species in 2018. At least six reports at several locations were reported from 2 January 2018 (SJ) in Park Twp. through 30 March 2018 (CD) in Port Sheldon Twp. A high total of 30 birds were counted on 8 February 2018 (CJM) in Port Sheldon Twp. These are the only recent records for this crossbill. (See photo on page 18 of the Photo Supplement).

White-winged Crossbill, *Loxia leucoptera* - No Changes (page 131)

Common Redpoll, *Acanthis flammea* - No Changes (page 132)

Hoary Redpoll, *Acanthis hornemanni* (page 132)

There is one recent record of this species on 16-17 March 2019 (CJM) in Park Twp. (See photo on page 18 of the Photo Supplement).

Pine Siskin, *Spinus pinus* (page 132)

Status: Change to Irruptive winter resident and very uncommon summer resident

This species has now been seen in OC every month except August. With a number of recent records in June and July, the latest being 7 July 2019 (TW) in Georgetown Twp., it is difficult to determine a late spring departure date. The new early fall arrival date is 9 September 2018 (CJM) in Park Twp. A high total of 300 siskins were seen on 23 January 2018 (CJM) in Park Twp.

American Goldfinch, *Spinus tristis* (page 133)

A high total of 296 birds were counted 9 May 2015 (NAMC).

Evening Grosbeak, *Coccothraustes vespertinus* (page 133)

Single birds were seen on the following dates: 31 October 2015 (CD) in Ferrysburg, 12 November 2018 (JS) in Georgetown Twp., 25 November 2018 (CJM) in Park Twp., and 15 December 2018 (CD) in Port Sheldon Twp.

House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus* - No Changes (page 133)

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Abbreviations used in this Update

HI - Harbor Island in Grand Haven

HSP - Holland State Park in Park Twp.

CBC - Hudsonville Christmas Bird Count

MBBA - Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas (two separate studies labeled 1 and 2)

MBRC - Michigan Rare Birds Committee data

MOB - many observers

NAMC - North American Migration Count

OC - Ottawa County

Twp. - Township

UMNA - Upper Macatawa Natural Area in Zeeland Twp.