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**New Jersey and Texas Have Nothing on Us
Birdathon 2014 is one for the BOOKS!
Our Cumulative Birdathon Total is 201 Species**

Well, we finally did it. After several years of 199 or 198 cumulative species from all the teams, this year we hit 200 and one extra for good measure to reach 201. There were 19 teams in the field contributing to the total count. Ten of those teams found a species no other team found. 27 species were seen (or heard) by only one team while 33 species appeared on all 19 lists. There were a lot of other exciting details during the 2014 Birdathon. There were three teams of 18-and-under birders, one of which came in third in the overall competition for most species seen. A new team to the competition (a young couple) birded with their 3 year-old in tow and contributed 2 species to the 201 total that no other team reported. Nine of the competitors were under 18 with the youngest being 7. And we all (most of the competitors) showed up for the Tally Party which filled the office to overflowing. We consumed a lot of pizza and had a great time sharing our findings and our Birdathon stories. This is the real beauty of the Birdathon, bringing people of all ages together for great birding and great fun.

First up is the photography competition: (both competitors are in the 18 and under category)

- Alex Byrd - photographed 44 species
- Maddie Varias - Winner for the Photography category with 51 species photographed.

In our 18 and Under competition

- Madeleine Lippert with adult buddies Jerry Lippert & Rick Lisi - 61 species
- Maddie Varias, Caroline Cassidy, Mathew Hildeman, Alex Byrd & Colin Hasting (7) - 125 species
- Tyler Ficker, Cassidy Ficker & Ethan Rising - 151 species—Winner of the 18 and under competition

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2014 Oxbow Nature Study Scholarships

In 2011 the Board of Oxbow, Inc. decided to present scholarships of \$500 each to college bound seniors from each of the three Dearborn County high schools. The following year the scholarships were expanded to cover the two additional Hamilton County high schools adjacent to the Oxbow. The winning student must be heading for extended education in a field related to the study of the natural world. We give the high schools our criteria and ask that each school pick a deserving award recipient. 2014 was our fourth year of presenting scholarships which have now helped 18 young people begin their post high school studies. Our 2014 winners are:

Zach Wilson of East Central High School lives in Lawrenceburg with his mother and step-father, Michele and Matt Kenton. His father Ron Wilson also lives in the area. Zach writes: "Throughout High School (3 years) I have been involved in activities such as the band program (3 years), football program (2 years, cut short by an injury), National Honor Society (2 years), and a year in Spanish Club. I participated in my church's youth program and went on mission trips. To relax I enjoy playing/listening/writing music, playing sports, and hanging with friends and family.

My dream is to work and bond with the exotic animals of the world and to spread awareness about their situations using those bonds. I am going to Ivy Tech for a two year start and transfer to a larger university. I am majoring in Zoology and Animal Behavior/Psychology."

Sam Lawless of Taylor High School lives with his parents Jamie and Dawn. Sam plans to attend Mississippi State University and major in Landscape Architecture studying both the science and design. Sam writes: "My goal is to become a landscape architect and bring pieces of the world, in my mind, into reality. I will help make those pieces of the world a cleaner and more beautiful place where everyone will smile when they look out their window and see the world around them."

Laura Smith of Lawrenceburg High School lives with her parents Mike and Renee Smith of Greendale, Indiana. Laura writes: "I plan on attending Ball State University

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Solitary Vireo Competition: (Solo birders)

- Erich Baumgardner – 100 species (only birded one day)
- Jon Seymour – 108 species
- Bill McGill - winner of this year's solo competition – 121 species

Most Bird Species Team Competition

- Madeleine Lippert with adult buddies Jerry Lippert & Rick Lisi (Birding Buddies) – 61 species
- Jason Gantt & Alexandra Robinson-Gantt (baby Jean, Team Jean) – 65 species
- Jon Seymour & Denis Conover (First timers partial Day, The Dog Walkers) – 72 species
- John Eckles (Barb), Vicky & Dave Tozier (Birds EludeUs) – 74 species
- Sr. Marty Dermody, Lois Shadix, Chris Moran, & Katherine Miller (Ladyhawks) – 101 species
- Jerry Lippert & Rick Lisi (Finneytown Fabulous Flying Fortune Seekers) – 108 species
- Mark Gilsdorf & Harris Abramson – 112 species
- Chris & Suzanne Clingman (Clermont County Parks Team) – 114 species
- George Farnsworth, Nick Baker, Scott Gula, Molly & Sean Kirby (Xavier Team the X-perts) – 117 species
- Don & Mark Koller – 122 species
- Kirk Westendorf & Eric Burkholder – 124 species
- Steve Bobonick & Dave Helm (Cincinnati Nature Center Team, Close 'N' Counters) – 125 species
- Maddie Varias, Caroline Cassidy, Mathew Hilderman, Alex Byrd & Colin Hasting (age 7) (Miami Valley Christian Academy, Birds of Prey Team 2) – 125 species
- Gary & Jeremy Stegner (Fernald Preserve Team) – 131 species
- Evan, John & Sarah Leon (Team DeLeon) – 146 species
- Tyler Ficker, Cassidy Ficker & Ethan Rising (Miami Valley Christian Academy Team 1) – 151 species
- Josh Eastlake, Bill Hull, Bill Zimmerman, Brian Wulker – 155 species
- **And our winner for the most bird species found by a team in the Birdathon area for 2014 is:**
- Joe Bens & Jack Stenger (Beasts of Birdin') – 159 species

This is just the beginning of the contest as now the competition heats up to see which team can raise the most money for Oxbow, Inc. from their Birdathon results. You are the key. **Pick your favorite team and send in a donation in support and honor of their efforts in the field. Make your check payable to Oxbow of Indiana, Inc., and send it to Oxbow of Indiana, Inc., P.O. Box 4172, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025.**

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and pursuing the Pre-Vet course of study. Once I complete the Pre-Vet program I want to learn the practice of Veterinary Medicine on marine animals. Since I was four I knew I wanted to work with animals. When I lived in Texas as a child, I would go to Sea World almost every week, and what I saw there inspired me to help preserve the ocean in any way I could. As I got older I decided the way to help would be to learn how to care for the animals that live there. My interest in marine animals has increased dramatically knowing effect that global warming will have on marine life. I will use the scholarship from Oxbow, Inc. to help reach my goal of helping marine mammals and to aid in the prevention of their extinction."

Joe Rector of South Dearborn High School lives with his parents Bill and Kim Rector in Dillsboro. Joe was also the class valedictorian. Joe writes:

"I have always enjoyed being outdoors. I spent a lot of time in the woods and going fishing with my dad. It was through this constant exposure to the outdoors and nature that I decided I wanted to make a career involving such. This fall, I plan to attend Hanover College to study biology. After I graduate from Hanover, I would like to pursue a Master's or Doctorate degree. I hope to find a job doing research out in the field, specifically studying invasive species."

Jillian Campagna of Harrison High School lives with her parents, Al and Tracey Campagna. She is headed for Ohio University in Athens to study Wildlife Biology and Conservation with a minor in Environmental Science. Jillian is passionate about protecting the environment and writes, "Everyday more and more species are added to the endangered species list for reasons ranging from deforestation, poaching, and habitat loss to climate change and pollution. I cannot just sit back and continue to watch species become extinct. I have to do something! I feel that people are very misinformed and are not educated enough about the destruction of wildlife and how it not only affects species within a specific ecosystem, but how it can affect all living organisms, including ourselves. It is very important to protect our environment and to start doing it now. I know that even as much as I would love to, I cannot save every species or every animal, but if I know that I contributed to saving even just one species, then that in itself is worth my effort."

Join the Board of Oxbow, Inc. as we wish these graduating seniors success in their future endeavors.

Contributions to Oxbow, Inc. High School Nature Scholarships can be made to Oxbow, Inc., P.O. Box 4172, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025. On the note line, let us know your gift is dedicated to the student scholarships.

Spring Clean Up in the Oxbow

.....by Kani Meyer



For once our clean-up day (April 26) dawned clear and sunny with the promise that it would stay that way. Nineteen people showed up, the largest crowd in recent history, so

we got a lot done.

First on the list was to man-handle an old, very heavy, cement sink from the ground and onto Chris Powell's low bed trailer. It was rolled up the slope and shimmied onto the trailer then shimmied off into the open back door of the dumpster. That sink had been laying there for several years now so what a relief to finally take it out!

Then Chris and his girls, Rileigh and Alex, set off with Mike Kluesner to gather tires along the road. They collected well over 30 tires. Mike Miller brought his canoe and he and Tom Wick collected several tires, a car seat, a car fuel tank, and an old TV set among other things. Jon and Jackie Seymour, Vicki Shepherd, and John Klein set off to collect trash from along the Oxbow side of the levee. Luckily Jon had arranged permission to take a truck onto the bike path.

Jim Wilgenbusch and I pulled garlic mustard, while Carol Wick, John Martens, Phil Summersell, Bob Schlegel, and Lily, Jane and Ron Jardacek collected along the roadways and into the woods. Three dead deer, a dead Canada goose and a goose egg were seen and a truck load of trash came off the levee just in time for pizzas. Every year Rumpke has donated a dumpster for our clean up and Oxbow, Inc. and we very much appreciate of their support.

Thanks to all the volunteers who put some sweat equity into the Oxbow!

The New Oxbow T-Shirts Are Here – A Must for the Spring Birding Season

Do not be the last – be the first to get your new Oxbow T-shirt featuring the iconic design of Ann Geise, local nature artist. It is a lovely outdoors design featuring an Oxbow scene surrounded by important components of nature protected within the Oxbow area. The shirt cost \$15 at the Oxbow office. We can mail it to you but we have to charge an extra four dollars to cover the cost of the shipping. This is not a fundraiser as we will only break even on the shirts if we sell them all but it is an ADVERTISER where we want all of Oxbow's supporters to proclaim their love for the Oxbow area and to be ready to recruit a new member when your friends (or total strangers) ask you about your great t-shirt.

Oxbow T-shirts come in M, L, XL and XXL only. If there is a large order for another size, we may be able to have them printed. If you would like to purchase a T-shirt and have us send it to you, here are the instructions:

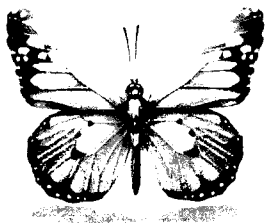
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include your
return mailing
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Or simply come to an Oxbow meeting and purchase one in the office for \$15.00





MORE THAN BIRDS!!

Join us for the 3rd Annual Oxbow Butterfly Count!

Trip Leader: Bob Nuhn

August 16th, 2014 11:00 AM

Meet at the East end of the Oxbow parking lot

This trip will last approximately 2 hours. If there is time, we may visit Shawnee Lookout to look for more butterflies. Bob Nuhn, a retired naturalist with the Hamilton County Park District, has been a compiler for the North American Butterfly Counts in SW Ohio, and his passion for butterflies is contagious. This is the 3rd year he has led a count for Oxbow, Inc. We hope to see some interesting species in this area with diverse habitat along the riverbank, in the prairies and crop fields. Most of the walking will be on flat dirt roads, but may be rocky at times. Water and Sunscreen are recommended. Please RSVP to Kathy McDonald at mkmcdonald@me.com or call 513-748-0281. Hope to see you there!



Hot Songs of Summer

Trip Leader: Steve Pelikan

Sunday, August 24, 1:00 pm

Meet at the East end of the Oxbow parking lot

Join Steve to explore the fascinating world of Insect sounds. As the temperature heat up, so does the rhythm of the various buzzes and trills of insect song. We will most likely hear songs of common insects, including katydids, cicadas and beetles. Steve has been recording bird and insect song for many years, and will demonstrate some field techniques and talk about the science of bug music. We will walk at a leisurely pace while listening and identifying the varied and interesting insect and bird songs found in August.

Please bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Most paths are level, but can be rocky or uneven. Free, open to the public. contact Kathy McDonald at Kathy@cincinnatibirds.com or 513-748-0281.



Oxbow Needs

If you can help. Call Jon at 513-851-9835 or send an email to jlsjks@hotmail.com

Consider giving a gift to Oxbow, Inc. of yourself, your time and talent. The kinds of gifts that Oxbow needs are listed below and you may be able to think of others.

We need a gift of time and effort for someone to document the amazing efforts of our volunteers and ensure their stories are told in *Wetland Matters*. This would mean interviewing a volunteer or two every two months and writing their story for publication in *Wetland Matters*.

Oxbow Inc. PROGRAMS—submitted by Kani Meyer

To reach the Oxbow, Inc. office take Highway US 50 west from the #16 exit off I-275. Pass the Hollywood Casino exit and turn left at the second stop light onto Walnut St. 301 Walnut is on the right side at the second stoplight at the corner of Walnut and Center Streets. Free parking is available on Walnut St., Center St., and in the parking lot behind the building. All meetings are at The Oxbow, Inc. Office, 301 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg unless otherwise noted

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 @ 7:30pm

301 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg

The Oxbow, Inc. Office

Cool Trees, Reforestation and the Taking Root Campaign: Tom Borgman, Hamilton County Parks will inform us about some great, uncommon trees to plant on your property and how the Great Parks of Hamilton County accomplishes large scale reforestation projects. We will also learn how and why Taking Root is encouraging people to plant 2,000,000 trees by 2020.

Tuesday, August 12, 2014 @ 7:30pm

301 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg

The Oxbow, Inc. Office

Views and Thoughts of Today's Alaska: Oxbow President Jon Seymour's daughter moved to Alaska in 2010 and he has since visited her 3 times taking different excursions each time. Jon will discuss Seward, Denali, Fairbanks, Homer and Valdez to get a picture of modern Alaskan industry and the current state of the climate and the wildlife in these areas. Hopefully he can bring a little Alaskan chill into a steamy, Cincinnati area, in August. Many people have visited Alaska and have many stories so don't be shy to bring a story to share.

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 @ 7:30pm

301 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg

The Oxbow, Inc. Office

84 Years and still Growing! Jack Sutton, Executive Director of Great Parks, will present the history of Great Parks of Hamilton County, including its mission and key focus on conservation of natural resources, outdoor recreation and nature education. The talk will also include an update on Oak Glen Nature Preserve and the restoration efforts underway following the March, 2014 oil pipeline spill.

Giving to Oxbow

As part of charitable giving, think of Oxbow, Inc. We are seeking donations specifically to our endowment fund for the future stability of the organization or for donations to our education fund that is used to support local educators teaching nature to children. Donations may be made to Oxbow, Inc. and marked on the envelop or on the check, endowment or education fund. Send those donations to Oxbow, Inc., P.O. Box 4172, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025. If you are interested in making a large donation or naming Oxbow in your will, contact us and we will help make the necessary arrangements. Contact Jon Seymour, 513-851-9835 or send an email to jlsjks@hotmail.com.

Thanks for thinking of us!



Jillian Campagna is pictured with her parents Tracey and Al Campagna. Our 2014 winner from Harrison High School, Jillian is headed for Ohio University to Study Wildlife Biology and Conservation. (photo by Ed Gemperle)



Zach Wilson, the 2014 winner from East Central High School, is pictured here with his step-father Matt Kenton. Zach's mother Michele and biological father Ron Wilson are not pictured. (photo by Velda Miller)



Sam Lawless the 2014 winner of a \$500 Oxbow, Inc. Scholarship is pictured with his father, Jamie, and mother, Dawn. Sam will attend Mississippi State University majoring in Landscape Architecture. (photo by Ed Gemperle)



Joe Rector of Aurora, our winner from South Dearborn High School and South Dearborn valedictorian, is shown with his mother Kim and father Bill. Joe will be attending Hanover College majoring in Biology. (photo by Jon Seymour)

Laura Smith, our winner from Lawrenceburg High School, with her sister Samantha, father Mike and mother Renee Smith of Greendale. Laura plans to attend Ball State to pursue a Pre-veterinarian course of study. (photo by Jon Seymour)





John Klein, Christopher Patton, Bob Schlegel, and Mike Kluesener wrestle a concrete double sink into the dumpster after collecting it from the edge of Juno Pond during our April 26th Clean-up of the Oxbow. The sink started the Clean-up but we all finished the Clean-up with pizza and drinks organized by leader Kani Meyer (photo by Jon Seymour).



Rileigh Powell and Alex Nicole Powell, Christopher Lee Powell and Bob Schlegel led the tire haul from Oxbow Lake and Juno Pond. Mike Miller, not pictured, organized a canoe round up of some tires we had never been able to reach. (photo by Jon Seymour)

Oxbow Inc. FIELD TRIPS—submitted by Jay Stenger

***Revised Directions for Oxbow Inc Field Trip Meeting Location — Unless otherwise indicated, all trips start at the upper Oxbow parking lot.** To reach the upper Oxbow parking area, go south on US Hwy 50 from the I-275 #16 exit. In about 200 yards, turn left (east) at the edge of the Shell/Subway and go over the levee to where the road T's with a fence directly in front of you. Turn right and go to the Oxbow entrance sign. Turn left into the Oxbow. The upper parking area is immediately on the right.

Date & Time: Sunday, July 13, 2014, 8:00 a.m.

Where: Meet in the upper Oxbow parking lot at the main entrance to the Oxbow.

Leader: Jack Stenger, (513) 503-3389, jackstenger@gmail.com

Join skilled birder Jack Stenger for what should prove to be a pleasant summer morning visit into the Oxbow. For many breeding birds in the tri-state area mid-July represents late summer and the winding down of the nesting season. In fact, for some species, fall migration is already starting to get under way by this time. On the other hand, even though the nesting season is drawing to a close many species are still around. So in addition to our summer residents we can expect a few early migrants such as shorebirds, egrets and herons. By the time our morning ends we should have found an interesting number of species. Jack has a wide interest in all aspects of nature and in addition to birds he says plants, butterflies, insects and other wildlife will not be ignored.

Since this is the middle of summer, Jack suggests bringing sunscreen, insect repellent and water to make your visit more comfortable. This trip will entail some walking but will be relatively flat and at a leisurely pace. The trip will end around 11:00 AM before the afternoon heat sets in full force; unless the birding is excellent of course. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jack.

Friday Evening, August 15, 2014, 6:30 PM

Meet in the upper Oxbow parking lot at the main entrance to the Oxbow.

Leader: Jay Stenger, (513) 522-8147, jaystenger@cinci.rr.com

Note that this is an evening field trip. The focus of this trip will be birds, specifically early fall migrants through the Oxbow. That's right, I did say fall. While the calendar and temperature tells us it is still late summer, the southbound fall migration of shorebirds and herons begins early and will be well under way by this date. Come out and join board member and skilled birder Jay Stenger on what should be a pleasant evening in the Oxbow area.

Shorebirds (sandpipers and plovers) need exposed mudflats and shorelines and during most years the Oxbow provides good to great habitat for them. The nearby Great Miami River usually has exposed sand bars at this season as well. In addition to several species of shorebirds, Jay expects that we will find numerous Great Egrets and herons including Great Blue, Green and Black-crowned Night-Herons. A few rare species such as Little Blue Heron and Snowy Egret are always possible at this season. Purple Martins and other migrating swallows stage in the Oxbow in large numbers during this month and a diversity of other species such as terns, Osprey, Bald Eagle and many others species are quite likely. This is also a great time of year to find an unusual or rare species.

Jay plans to hit several spots in and around the Oxbow including Lost Bridge over the Great Miami. The trip will end around dusk. Come out and join Jay on what should be a pleasant evening visit to the Oxbow area. It will likely be hot at this season so Jay suggests bringing sunscreen, insect repellent and water to make your visit more comfortable. Feel free to contact Jay if you have any questions.





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by Dave Styer



The Piping Plover

On May 8th Evan Dalton and Bill Buskick saw two Piping Plovers in the Oxbow area on the mudflats by Lost Bridge. They quickly got the word out, and a few other fortunate people got a Piping Plover sighting. Were these birds found while Dalton and Buskick were scouting for Oxbow's Birdathon? We might say that Piping Plovers are doubly rare in the Greater Cincinnati area. For one thing, they were always rare in this area. Then there was the population crash in the 1970s.

Birds of Southwestern Ohio, by Kemsies and Randle, 1953, states that there were only 2 records, one in Hamilton County on May 4, 1879 and one at Gilmore Ponds on May 12, 1951. That is something like two records in 150 years! At that rate of Piping Plover sightings, the Cincinnati area is no place to know if the birds were going extinct. I should mention the 2 individuals that Don Wright and I saw at the Oxbow in early September 1973. Technically, these birds were in Dearborn County, Indiana, not Ohio. I continue to think of the entire Oxbow area as part of the Greater Cincinnati area. The Piping Plover sighting this spring was definitely in Hamilton County, Ohio.

By some luck, I was in a position to see one aspect of the Piping Plover population crash in the late 1970s. Starting in the mid-1970s my parents spent the winter in Clearwater, Florida, and I visited them during the U.C. Christmas break. For the first couple of years I could go to the Courtney-Campbell Causeway and see wintering flocks of Piping Plovers. Then, suddenly, was that 1978 or 1979 (?), there were none. Poof! After that I had to go to Honey Island to see Piping Plovers in the area. In *A Birder's Guide to Florida* (1984), James Lane wrote that Honeymoon Island "may not live up to its name for lovers, but birders find it a great spot." I have seen as many as 19 species of shorebird, i.e., plovers and sandpipers, there at a time. I used to go there to see Snowy

Plovers, always a rare bird on the Florida peninsula. After the Piping Plover population crash I might see more Snowy Plovers than Piping Plovers. I have never experienced another bird population decrease as dramatic as that.

Piping Plovers nest on beaches, and human activity is associated with their loss of breeding habitat. According to Susan Haig in the Piping Plover article in *The Birds of North America* (1992) "its coexistence with human use of beaches is increasingly dependent on management: fencing nests, restricting off-road vehicle access, and predator control." Well organized conservation efforts seem to be working, and, for now, the Piping Plover does not seem to be following the Passenger Pigeon into extinction.

Does the new sighting of Piping Plovers in the Oxbow area indicate a resurgence of the population? I would like to think so, but Ohio records provide no indication of one. I looked on eBird, Cornell University's web site for all bird records. The only Piping Plover record for this year for the entire State of Ohio seems to be the one at Lost Bridge. That's pretty impressive.

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Tributes are also enrolled permanently in the records of the Corporation. Some tributes are birthday or anniversary remembrances, holiday greetings or gratitude acknowledgements. If so desired, "Happy Birthday!" or the like can be inscribed in the tribute notice.

*Contributions should be sent to: Oxbow, Inc.,
 P. O. Box 4172, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025. Be sure to enclose the names and addresses of those who are to receive the acknowledgement.*

Number of Teams Reporting Each Species CinCheck

Cincinnati Birding Checklist
cincinnatibirds.com

Date: May 11, 2013

Birders: Listed Teams

Location: Oxbow Birdathon
Area

Notes: 201 Identified
Species

27 Species seen by one
one team

33 Species seen by
all teams

10 Teams found species
not seen by any other
team.

4	BCD	Hermit Thrush
19	AAAAA	Wood Thrush
19	AAAAA	American Robin
18	BAAAA	Gray Catbird
19	BBBBB	Northern Mockingbird
16	ABBBB	Brown Thrasher
19	AAAAA	European Starling
17	EEE	American Pipit
16	DCBBB	Cedar Waxwing
19	BBBBB	Blue-winged Warbler
2	DDODE	Golden-winged Warbler
17	BAAAD	Tennessee Warbler
19	DDD	Orange-crowned Warbler
13	BABC	Nashville Warbler
17	CCDDD	Northern Parula
18	AAAAA	Yellow Warbler
10	CBBD	Chestnut-sided Warbler
18	DCBBB	Magnolia Warbler
12	CBBC	Cape May Warbler
9	DDCD	Black-throated Blue Warbler
15	AAABE	Yellow-rumped Warbler
10	AAABD	Black-throated Green Warbler
10	CBBD	Blackburnian Warbler
17	BBBBB	Yellow-throated Warbler
4	CCDDD	Pine Warbler
13	CCOC	Prairie Warbler
19	BBBCD	Palm Warbler
10	DCBBB	Bay-breasted Warbler
14	DCBBB	Blackpoll Warbler
14	BBBBB	Cerulean Warbler
7	BBBCD	Black-and-white Warbler
19	DCBBB	American Redstart
19	CCOCB	Prothonotary Warbler
5	DDDDD	Worm-eating Warbler
11	BBABC	Ovenbird
10	CCDDD	Northern Waterthrush
8	BCCCC	Louisiana Waterthrush
12	CBBBB	Kentucky Warbler
1	EEE	Connecticut Warbler
1	DDCD	Mourning Warbler
10	BAAAA	Common Yellowthroat
18	BBBBC	Hooded Warbler
4	EDDDD	Wilson's Warbler
1	DDCC	Canada Warbler
17	DCBBB	Yellow-breasted Chat
17	CBBBB	Summer Tanager
17	BAAAB	Scarlet Tanager
19	AAAAA	Eastern Towhee
10	BBBBB	Chipping Sparrow
18	AAAAA	Field Sparrow

1	EEEE	Vesper Sparrow
19	CCDDD	Savannah Sparrow
3	DDDDD	Grasshopper Sparrow
3	EEEE	Henslow's Sparrow
19	AAAAA	Song Sparrow
4	EDDDE	Lincoln's Sparrow
4	BCCE	Swamp Sparrow
19	AABCD	White-throated Sparrow
15	CBBC	White-crowned Sparrow
19	DDD	Dark-eyed Junco
19	AAAAA	Northern Cardinal
13	BBBBB	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
19	EEDDD	Blue Grosbeak
19	BAAAA	Indigo Bunting
13	EDDD	Dickcissel
13	ECCDD	Bobolink
19	AAAAA	Red-winged Blackbird
18	BBBBB	Eastern Meadowlark
19	DDE	Rusty Blackbird
19	AAAAA	Common Grackle
19	AAAAA	Brown-headed Cowbird
18	BBBBB	Orchard Oriole
19	BAAAA	Baltimore Oriole
1	DDE	Purple Finch
17	AAAAA	House Finch
19	DDDDD	Pine Siskin
19	AAAAA	American Goldfinch
19	EE	Evening Grosbeak
19	AAAAA	House Sparrow
1		Greater Scaup
1		Sunf. Scoter
1		Sanderling
1		Common Merganser
2		Ruffed Grouse
1		Eared Grebe

[Key xxxxx (spaces for the 5 weeks of May)]
A → E is abundant (A) to rare (E)

1	EEE	Snow Goose
19	AAAAA	Canada Goose
15	DD	Mute Swan
17	BBBBB	Wood Duck
3	DDD	Gadwall
5	CCDE	American Wigeon
3	DDEEE	American Black Duck
18	AAAAA	Mallard
16	BBCCC	Blue-winged Teal
8	CCDDD	Northern Shoveler
1	DD	Northern Pintail
1	CD	Green-winged Teal
1	E	Redhead
1	CCDDD	Ring-necked Duck
2	CCDE	Lesser Scaup
1	DDE	Bufflehead
12	DDDDD	Hooded Merganser
2	DDDE	Red-breasted Merganser
1	DDDDD	Ruddy Duck
1	EEEE	Ring-necked Pheasant
17	CCCC	Wild Turkey
4	CCOCB	Northern Bobwhite
6	DDDDD	Common Loon
9	BCCCC	Pied-billed Grebe
2	EE	Horned Grebe
15	CCCCC	Double-crested Cormorant
1	DDDDD	American Bittern
1	DDDDD	Least Bittern
19	BBBBB	Great Blue Heron
12	DDDDD	Great Egret
1	EE	Snowy Egret
1	EEEE	Little Blue Heron
1	EEEE	Cattle Egret
15	CBBBB	Green Heron
9	CCOC	Black-crowned Night-Heron
1	EEEE	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
17	DDDDD	Black Vulture
19	AAAAA	Turkey Vulture
1	CCDDD	Osprey
9	DDDEE	Bald Eagle
1	DDDEE	Northern Harrier
1	DDDEE	Sharp-shinned Hawk
13	CCOCD	Cooper's Hawk
9	CCOCC	Red-shouldered Hawk
3	CCOCC	Broad-winged Hawk
17	BBBBB	Red-tailed Hawk
16	BBBBB	American Kestrel
1	EE	Merlin
9	DDDDD	Peregrine Falcon
4	DDDDD	Virginia Rail

13	CCOCD	Sora
3	DDDDD	Common Moorhen
13	BCCOC	American Coot
1	EEE	Sandhill Crane
8	DDOCC	Black-bellied Plover
1	EEE	American Golden-Plover
12	DDOCC	Semipalmated Plover
18	AAAAA	Killdeer
1	EE	American Avocet
19	BBBBB	Spotted Sandpiper
17	BBOCE	Solitary Sandpiper
14	BCCDD	Greater Yellowlegs
1	EEE	Willet
17	BCCDD	Lesser Yellowlegs
1	EEEE	Upland Sandpiper
1	EEE	Ruddy Turnstone
11	DDCB	Semipalmated Sandpiper
14	CCOCC	Least Sandpiper
5	DDD	White-rumped Sandpiper
10	CCOCD	Pectoral Sandpiper
1	DDDDD	Dunlin
3	EDDD	Stilt Sandpiper
1	DDDDD	Short-billed Dowitcher
1	E	Long-billed Dowitcher
2	DD	Wilson's Snipe
6	CCOCD	American Woodcock
1	EEEE	Wilson's Phalarope
1	DDDEE	Bonaparte's Gull
12	CCOCC	Ring-billed Gull
1	DDDDD	Herring Gull
5	DDDEE	Caspian Tern
1	DDDD	Black Tern
1	DDDEE	Common Tern
5	DDDD	Forster's Tern
18	AAAAA	Rock Pigeon
19	AAAAA	Mourning Dove
19	DCBBB	Yellow-billed Cuckoo
1	DDDEE	Black-billed Cuckoo
2	EEEE	Barn Owl
5	CCOCC	Eastern Screech-Owl
7	CCOCC	Great Horned Owl
7	CCOCC	Barred Owl
11	EDOCC	Common Nighthawk
1	EEEE	Chuck-will's-widow
1	DDDEE	Whip-poor-will
19	AAAAA	Chimney Swift
17	DCBBB	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
16	BBBBB	Belted Kingfisher
2	CCOCC	Red-headed Woodpecker
19	AAAAA	Red-bellied Woodpecker

1	CDE	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
18	AAAAA	Downy Woodpecker
1	BBBBB	Hairy Woodpecker
18	AAAAA	Northern Flicker
17	BBBBB	Pileated Woodpecker
1	DDD	Olive-sided Flycatcher
18	DCAAA	Eastern Wood-Pewee
1	EEE	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
15	ECBBA	Acadian Flycatcher
1	EE	Alder Flycatcher
15	DDCBB	Willow Flycatcher
7	CBBCD	Least Flycatcher
16	BCCOC	Eastern Phoebe
18	BAAAA	Great Crested Flycatcher
14	BBBBB	Eastern Kingbird
1	EEEE	Loggerhead Shrike
14	BBBBB	White-eyed Vireo
16	EEE	Belt's Vireo
15	BBBBB	Yellow-throated Vireo
6	BBCDE	Blue-headed Vireo
15	BBBBB	Warbling Vireo
7	DDOCD	Philadelphia Vireo
18	BAAAA	Red-eyed Vireo
19	AAAAA	Blue Jay
9	AAAAA	American Crow
9	CCOCC	Horned Lark
10	CCOBB	Purple Martin
19	BBBBB	Tree Swallow
19	BBBBB	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
13	CCOCC	Bank Swallow
16	DDDDD	Cliff Swallow
19	BBBBB	Barn Swallow
19	AAAAA	Carolina Chickadee
19	AAAAA	Tufted Titmouse
1	DDOCC	Red-breasted Nuthatch
17	BBBBB	White-breasted Nuthatch
1	DD	Brown Creeper
18	AAAAA	Carolina Wren
1	EEEE	Bewick's Wren
19	AAAAA	House Wren
1	EE	Winter Wren
1	EEEE	Sedge Wren
1	DDDDD	Marsh Wren
1	DD	Golden-crowned Kinglet
1	ABCD	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
19	BBBBB	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
17	BBBBB	Eastern Bluebird
1	ECOC	Veery
9	CCOCC	Gray-cheeked Thrush
16	BBAAB	Swainson's Thrush

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