



Toledo Naturalists' Association Sandhill Crane Wetlands Bird List

(As of April 19, 2022)

*Excerpt from correspondence with Matt Anderson, co-author of *Birds of the Toledo Area* (2002), regarding birds that have been found at Sandhill Crane Wetlands (SCW) in recent years:*

“[SCW] is obviously an important stop for a whole lot of birds in their long migrations as the list of records below illustrates. Records since April 2020 are included. Note the impressive numbers of species like Blue and Green-winged teals, Pectoral sandpipers, Hudsonian godwits, Lapland longspurs, American pipits, and Dickcissels.”

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(Note: Particularly noteworthy birds are in bold blue print.)

Snow goose – 12/28/21 (1)

Greater white-fronted goose – 12/15/21 (12)

Tundra swan – 3/12-13/22 (229)

Blue-winged teal – 4/20/20 (130); **6/6/20 (pair – highly unusual in breeding season away from Lake Erie);** 4/17/22 (153)

Northern shoveler – 4/20/20 (14); a dozen or so present Mar-Apr 22

Gadwall – 3/5/22 (13)

American wigeon – 4/10/22 (13 max)

Mallard – 9/25/21 (600)

Northern pintail – 10/2/21 (45)

Green-winged teal – 10/2/21 (**175**); 3/6/22 (130)

Ring-necked duck 3/6/22 (11 max)

Lesser scaup 10/17/21 (40)

Bufflehead 3/19-20/22 (13 max) some present 3/19 to at least 4/17/22

Ruddy duck 4/17/22 (1 - rare in Oak Openings Region)

Pied-billed grebe – 10/24/21 (3)

Horned grebe 3/19/22 (2)

Sandhill crane - 4/16/22 (5 feeding in field); also saw 1-2 on numerous occasions in Mar-Apr 22

Black-bellied plover – 10/2/21 (2)

American golden-plover – 10/2/21 (17)

Semipalmated plover 4/13/22 (1 - earliest-ever Toledo area record by 11 days)

Semipalmated plover – 5/16/21 (17)

Killdeer – 10/10/21 (140)

**Hudsonian godwit – I first found a single 9/25 (first OO Region record); max of 33 on 10/3/21; last single on 10/17** – These attracted lots of birders!

**Stilt sandpiper – 9/27/21 (6 – probably highest OO Region count)**

**Sanderling – 9/26/21 (2 – highly unusual “inland”)**

Dunlin – 4/15/20 (14)

Least sandpiper – 5/15/21 (11)

**Baird’s sandpiper – 9/30/21 (1 – possibly first OO Region record)**

Pectoral sandpiper – 4/15/20 (290); 4/18/21 (600); 4/13/22 (450)

Semipalmated sandpiper – 9/25/21 (3)

**Western sandpiper – 10/2/21 and 10/10/21 (1 – likely first OO Region record)**

**Long-billed dowitcher - 4/12/20 – 4/29/20 (3 – maybe just second OO Region record); 9/30/21 (4)**

Wilson’s snipe – 10/24/21 (**205 – probably highest-ever local count away from Lake Erie**)

Lesser yellowlegs – 4/29/20 (210); 10/2/21 (145)

Greater yellowlegs – 10/16/21 (60)

Wilson’s phalarope – 4/29/20 (2), 5/3/20 (3 – all different than 4/29 birds)

Double-crested cormorant – 4/13/22 (51 migrating NE)

**American white pelican – 4/18/22 (95 - in pond along woods directly N of parking lot)**

**American bittern** – 10/10/21 (1)

Rough-legged hawk – 1/29/22

Merlin – 4/4/22 (1 - harassing migrating Pectoral sandpipers)  
Peregrine falcon – 11/6/21 (1)  
Horned lark 11/6/21 (70)  
Tree swallow – 4/17/22 (850, feeding over almost all wet areas in cold, windy weather)  
American pipit – 4/23/20 (47); 11/6/21 **(273)**; 4/13/22 (130)  
Common redpoll – 1/23/22 (15 - feeding in cedar trees at small parking lot)  
Lapland longspur – 4/18/21 **(1,900 – many singing and in breeding plumage)**;  
4/13/22 (650)  
Vesper sparrow – 4/17/21 (10); 6/27/21 (11)  
Savannah sparrow - 4/17/21 **(50)**; 6/27/21 (24)  
Grasshopper sparrow – 6/27/21 (3)  
Rusty blackbird – 3/27/22 (3,100 - the biggest total I've ever had in the Toledo area)  
**Brewer's blackbird – 3/27/22 (3 - feeding with Rusty blackbirds)**  
Dickcissel – 6/27/21 **(40 – 32 singing males, 8 females; probably the highest breeding season total anywhere in the Toledo area in decades)**