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### **Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*)**

*Photo © Mark K. Peck*

The large and powerful Great Horned Owl is one of the earliest nesting species in the Greater Toronto Area. It often initiates nesting in late February and can frequently be seen incubating eggs under the cloak of a recent snowfall. In the Toronto area, it is a typical permanent resident species of mixed forest woodlots adjacent to open fields, marshes and riparian corridors, but across its range it is a generalist that is equally well-adapted to deserts, grasslands, marshes, farmland, unbroken forest and urban settings. The sonorous nocturnal calls of the Great Horned Owl provide one of the most memorable sounds of night-time birding, an experience that can be enjoyed all across the GTA. This nest was photographed in Bronte Woods in Halton Regional Municipality.

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## GREATER TORONTO AREA BIRD REPORT – FEBRUARY 2007

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The following are largely unchecked reports, not authenticated records. Key to counties: DU = Durham R.M.; HL = Halton R.M.; PL = Peel R.M.; MT = City of Toronto; LO = Lake Ontario Pelagic; YO = York R.M. [County not specified for sites in Toronto]. Frequently cited place names in Toronto are abbreviated as follows: CSSP = Colonel Sam Smith Park; HP = High Park; HBP = Humber Bay Park (E or W); LSS = Leslie Street Spit; TI = Toronto Islands. Other abbreviations: HFR, DRF, YRF = Halton, Durham and York Regional Forests, respectively. TBO = Toronto Bird Observatory; TTPBRS = Tommy Thompson Park Bird Research Station.

Species names in **bold, underlined BLOCK CAPITALS** are OBRC rarities. These reports require acceptance by OBRC before they can be considered as part of the local records. They are qualified by [Documentation received] or [No documentation received], as applicable.

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Names in *ITALICS* indicate subspecies, hybrids, morphs or other 'recognizable forms', which may be identifiable in the field. This does not necessarily imply that the compilers agree with such designations, or accept their validity.

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MUTE SWAN - 33 at Sunnyside on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 62 at Etobicoke Lakeshore on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa).

[TRUMPETER SWAN] - 4 at HBP on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 on 9<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL;SMF;SHa). 2 at St Lawrence Park, Port Credit [PL] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (RBHS) & 124 at LaSalle Park [HL] @ 15:00hrs on 11<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (GC,GJB) would be a New record count for GTA if documented. 4 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA), 8 (2 AD, 6 imm, no tags) at Pringle Creek, Whitby Harbour [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP), 4 at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 20<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA) & 1 at Newcastle Marina [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS).

TUNDRA SWAN - 1 at HBP [W] on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL).

WOOD DUCK - 1 M at North Toronto Sewage Plant on 21<sup>st</sup> (ETB).

GADWALL - 37 at HBP [E] on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa), 35 at HBP on 21<sup>st</sup> & 32 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

AMERICAN WIGEON - 2 at HBP on 25<sup>th</sup> (GDe).

MALLARD - 200 at HBP on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 521 at Etobicoke Lakeshore on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa).

REDHEAD - 63 at Sunnyside on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL).

RING-NECKED DUCK - 1 M at HBP [W] on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 2 (M & F) there on 4<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide RBHS).

GREATER SCAUP - 1250 at HBP on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 900 on 9<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 1000 on 21<sup>st</sup> & 350 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 340 at Oakwood Ave, Port Credit [PL] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (RBHS,WP) & 800 at Thickson's Bay [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RPy fide DRBA). 13000 at Etobicoke Lakeshore on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa,Bob Hawkins). 'Present in huge numbers along the entire Etobicoke lakeshore. As we scanned with our telescope the birds went off into the horizon. It was quite a sight to behold'. Most off Prince of Wales Park. [Not a record count since not a single site; record was 16,200 on 17 Jan 2004].

LESSER SCAUP - 7 at Cell #3, LSS on 17<sup>th</sup> & 1 M at HBP [E] on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL).

HARLEQUIN DUCK - 1 M at HBP [E] on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), on 3<sup>rd</sup> (DJM,OFO, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 25<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 1 AD-M at Ashbridge's Bay Park @ 11:30hrs on 27<sup>th</sup> (JI fide ONTBIRDS).

SURF SCOTER - 3 at HBP [E] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (DJM,OFO, fide ONTBIRDS).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - 20 at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 27<sup>th</sup> (JI fide ONTBIRDS).

LONG-TAILED DUCK - 855 at Etobicoke Lakeshore on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa).

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BUFFLEHEAD - 47 at HBP on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

COMMON GOLDENEYE - 150 at HBP on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 72 at HBP [E] on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa), 150 at HBP on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 40 on 25<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 100 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 54 at LSS on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 110 at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP) & 50 at Sunnyside on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL).

HOODED MERGANSER - 6 at HBP on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 8 at HBP [E] on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa), 6 at HBP on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 6 on 25<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 12 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 1 at Humber R. Mouth, Sunnyside on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 1 F at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 14<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA) & on 18<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP). 3 at Cell #3, LSS on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 4 at LSS on 24<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

COMMON MERGANSER - 32 at LSS on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 68 at Etobicoke Lakeshore on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa), 22 at Humber Shores, HBP on 21<sup>st</sup> & 38 at HBP on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER - 27 at Etobicoke Lakeshore on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa).

RUDDY DUCK - 1 at HBP [E] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (DJM,OFO, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 on 21<sup>st</sup> & 1 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT - 2 at 14th SR N of Hwy 7 [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide RBHS) & 1 at Amos Ponds [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (TM&GR fide TH).

RUFFED GROUSE - 2 at Audley Road [DU] on 11<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide RBHS).

WILD TURKEY - 4 at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27 [YO] on 1<sup>st</sup> (JLo fide TH), 40 at Pontypool (in backyard) [DU] on 5<sup>th</sup> (S. Williams fide DRBA, 21 at Mill Rd, S of King Rd. [YO] on 17<sup>th</sup> (AA) & 1+ displaying M at just E of Keswick [YO] on 19<sup>th</sup> (Chris Dunn fide RJF). 9 at North Trail/Platform, Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA) & on 13<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA), 5 on 17<sup>th</sup> (TH) & 7 on 28<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA). 15 at Sewell's Rd N of Zoo on 19<sup>th</sup> (TM&GR fide TH), one flock at Jane St N of 15th SR [YO] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (TEt fide TH), 40 at Pickering SR28 & Elgin Mills [DU] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (TM&GR fide TH) & 28 at Jane St 3km N of King Rd. [YO] on 25<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).



Part of Wild Turkey flock on Jane St N of King SR, York R.M. – 4th March 2007. *Photo by Winnie Poon*

RED-THROATED LOON - 1 at LaSalle Park [HL] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (DJM,OFO, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide DRBA) & 1 at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 28<sup>th</sup> (MB fide DRBA).

COMMON LOON - 2 at Thickson's Bay [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide RBHS) & on 16<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide DRBA). 1 at LSS on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & on 24<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

PIED-BILLED GREBE - 2 at LaSalle Park [HL] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (DJM,OFO, fide ONTBIRDS).

HORNED GREBE - 1 at HBP [W] on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 1 at HBP on 20<sup>th</sup> (Jacques Gravel,TFN), 2 at HBP [E] on 21<sup>st</sup> & 4 at HBP on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 2 at LSS on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 1 there on 24<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 1 at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 27<sup>th</sup> (Jl fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-NECKED GREBE - 1 at CSSP on 12<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 1 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide DRBA), 1 at HBP [W] on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa) & 2 at LSS on 24<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

**EARED GREBE** - 1 at HBP [E] on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL).

GREAT BLUE HERON - 1 at HP on 10<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 1 at Bronte Rd, S of Britannia [HL] on 20<sup>th</sup> (Bill Morden fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 flying over at #4 Grenfell, Markham [YO] on 24<sup>th</sup> (CMcK fide TH).

TURKEY VULTURE - 1 flying over at Sunnybrook Hospital (Bayview & Blythwood) @ 15:00hrs on 28<sup>th</sup> (MCA).

BALD EAGLE -1 AD at Halls Rd. [DU] on 10<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA), 1 IMM on 11<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide DRBA) & 1 IMM there on 27<sup>th</sup> (R. Stephenson fide DRBA). 1 at Altona Rd & Taunton Rd. [DU] on 10<sup>th</sup> (M. Pearson fide DRBA), 1 at Taunton Rd /Pickering Townline [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (TM&GR fide TH), 1 IMM at N of HP on 13<sup>th</sup> (CSAM fide OUTON) & 2 JUV at Altona Rd & Conc 4 [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (ETB fide DRBA). 1 AD at Hwy 407 W of Pickering SL24 [DU] on 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> (B. McWalters fide DRBA). Single AD's at North Rd & Hwy 407 [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (ETB fide DRBA), Whitby Harbour [DU] on 20<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA), Thornton Rd & Hwy 404, Oshawa [DU] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (DRuch fide DRBA) & flying over at HBP [E] on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

NORTHERN HARRIER – Singles at Kennedy Rd N of Mt Albert Rd [YO] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (RJF,MvdT, fide ONTBIRDS), Altona Rd & Conc 4 [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (ETB fide DRBA), Champlain Centre (East) [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP), Victoria St W of Thicksons Rd [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (WP), at Lakefront West Pk., Oshawa [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (WP) & at LSS on 24<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 2 at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 14<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA), 3 at LSS on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 2 F at Wentworth St W, Oshawa [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP) & 2 (M & F) at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK – 5 reports from 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of single birds all in [YO] & 1 AD at Halls Rd. [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (anon [=Tyger] fide OUTON).

COOPER'S HAWK – 21 reports of singles thro' the month. 2 AD at Dixie GO Station [PL] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (RBHS,WP), "After playing NOMO tape, 2 flew into small tree, from different directions!" 2 at Hague Park, Scarb. on 24<sup>th</sup> (RLau), active and vocalizing.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK – 6 reports of singles from different location from 9<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK - 1 JUV at W side of Jeffreys Street, Whitby [DU] on 8<sup>th</sup> (Karl Jennwein fide DRBA) & 1 AD at Mearns Ave, N of Baseline [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> [Photographed] (H. Carter fide DRBA).

RED-TAILED HAWK - 1 (dark bird) with jesses at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 14<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA). 1 (dark morph) AD at Yorkton Ct, Aldershot [HL] on 24<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (RD fide ONTBIRDS). It was first found earlier in the week by Paul Smith, and has been seen by many local birders. Often nr a brick factory at end of Yorkton Ct, off N Service Rd, W of King Rd. Later seen flying S across the 403. Initially reported as Harlan's, later considered to be 'Western' (*calurus*).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK – 12 reports of singles & 3 reports of 2 thro' the month.

EAGLE SP. - 1 (which was thought to be probably a Golden) at McCowan Rd nr. Lemonville [YO] on 10<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Rob Madronich fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) was seen carrying a rabbit, landing on a wooden telephone pole, then flew off to the west. It was seen again on the 11<sup>th</sup> at McCowan 1km N of Bethesda SR [YO] (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), seen flying W for 5 secs, not enough to ID.

MERLIN - 1 at 310 St Francis Ave, Woodbridge [YO] on 17<sup>th</sup> (AA) & 1 at Hwy 2 & Salem Rd [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (J. Foster fide DRBA), feeding on a Rock Pigeon.

PEREGRINE FALCON - 2 at Clarica Centre, Islington on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> (SHa). 1 at Brock Rd & Bayly St. [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (WP).

AMERICAN COOT - 5 at HBP on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 3 or 4 on 20<sup>th</sup> (Jacques Gravel,TFN), 8 (3 W, 5 E side) on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 4 on 25<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 7 there on 8<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 6 at LaSalle Park [HL] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (GDe fide ONTBIRDS).

THAYER'S GULL - 1 1W at Sunnyside on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 1 AD at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

ICELAND GULL - 2 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA), 1 on 16<sup>th</sup> (GCarp fide DRBA) & 2 there on 21<sup>st</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA). 1 at Bond Head [DU] on 15<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA), 1 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS) & 5 at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 27<sup>th</sup> (Jl fide ONTBIRDS).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL - 1 AD at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 1<sup>st</sup> (JFa fide RBHS) & on 21<sup>st</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA).

GLAUCOUS GULL - 1 1W at Sunnyside on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL). 7 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA), 4 on 16<sup>th</sup> (GCarp fide DRBA), 5 on 18<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA), 2 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 21<sup>st</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA) & 1 AD there on 24<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

EASTERN SCREECH-OWL - 1 at HP on 9<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

GREAT HORNED OWL - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA) & on 27<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA). 1 at Millcroft area, Burlington [HL] on 11<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> (Dave Bour fide ONTBIRDS).

SNOWY OWL - 1 at Hwy 401 W of Hwy 410 (S side) [PL] on 13<sup>th</sup> (anon fide AK, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Edgeware Rd & Ironside Rd [PL] on 17<sup>th</sup> (Latafat Correa fide ONTBIRDS), 1 heavily barred bird at Centre St N of Burns, Whitby [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (JFa,JDL, fide DRBA), 1 at W. End Ravenshoe Rd. [YO] on 25<sup>th</sup> (Chris Dunn fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at 300m NE of #345 Strawberry Lane, Holland Marsh [YO] on 25<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

BARRED OWL - 1 at North Trail/Platform, Cranberry Marsh [DU] @ 09:00hrs on 16<sup>th</sup> (Karl Egressey,Mariana Egressy, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Palgrave C. A. [PL] on 18<sup>th</sup> (DJM fide TH).

LONG-EARED OWL - 29+ at Bronte Creek P.P. west side [HL] & 16+ there on east side during week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

SHORT-EARED OWL - 2 at Thickson's Rd [DU] on 5<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA), seen at dusk on W side. 1 at Leslie St Allotment Gardens on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 2 at Thickson's Point [DU] on 21<sup>st</sup> (JFa fide RBHS).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL - 1 at LSS on 24<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 1 (calling) at Pontypool [DU] on 26<sup>th</sup> (S. Williams fide DRBA) & 1 on east side at Bronte Creek P. P. [HL] during week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER - 1 IMM at Halls Rd. [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide RBHS), maybe same one staying from Dec 2006.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER – 1 F reported thro' the month at HP (SMF;NMu,MVL). 1 at Balsam Rd & Conc. 7 [DU] on 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide DRBA). 1 M at Dacre Crescent on 10<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 1 at Lambton Woods on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa), 1 at Island Road, Rouge Beach Park on 19<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide RBHS) & 1 M at 6th Line & 10<sup>th</sup> SR [HL] on 27<sup>th</sup> (DEP).

DOWNY WOODPECKER - 8 at HP on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 5 (2 M, 3F) there on 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 11 at Lambton Woods on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa).

HAIRY WOODPECKER - 5 at HP on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 7 at Lambton Woods on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa).

NORTHERN FLICKER - 1 at LSS on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 2 at Island Road, Rouge Beach Park on 19<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide RBHS).

PILEATED WOODPECKER - 1 at Bronte Rd & Hwy 407 [HL] on 1<sup>st</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Albion Trail [PL] on 2<sup>nd</sup> (GCam fide TH), 2 at Pontypool (in backyard) [DU] on 5<sup>th</sup> (S. Williams fide DRBA) & 1 at Humber Trails Cons. Area [YO] on 17<sup>th</sup> (AA). 5 reports from 6<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of 1 F at HP (SMF). Singles at Island Road, Rouge Beach Park on 19<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide RBHS), Bayview & Stouffville Rd. [YO] on 19<sup>th</sup> (Martin Chen fide TH), at Lake Wilcox [YO] on 21<sup>st</sup> (S&JB fide TH), Lambton Woods on 24<sup>th</sup> (JRC), Mill St., Bond Head [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (MJL fide SLaF, fide DRBA) & at Uplands Golf Course, Thornhill [YO] on 27<sup>th</sup> (GDe).

NORTHERN SHRIKE – 14 reports mainly from [YO] of singles thro' the month.

AMERICAN CROW - 50 at Thornhill Ladies Golf Club [YO] on 16<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

COMMON RAVEN - 1 at Holborn Rd 1.5km E of Conc 2 [YO] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (RJF,MvdT, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Duffy's Lane, Palgrave C. A. [PL] on 10<sup>th</sup> (AA fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at Hwy 115, just S of Pontypool [DU] on 17<sup>th</sup> (King Baker fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Brock St & Dundas St, Whitby [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS). 1 carrying nesting material at Durham RF - Main Tract [DU] on 21<sup>st</sup> (JKa fide DRBA), 1 at Pickering SR28 & Elgin Mills [DU] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (TM&GR fide TH) & 1 at Cold Creek C. A. [YO] on 24<sup>th</sup> (AA).

HORNED LARK - 50 at Down Rd, E of Darlington P.P. [DU] on 8<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA), 15 at Hancock Rd & Hwy 2, Courtice [DU] on 10<sup>th</sup> (P. Hogenbirk fide DRBA) & 50 at Jane St N of Hwy 9 [YO] on 10<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 125 at Hancock Rd, Courtice [DU] on 16<sup>th</sup> GCarp fide DRBA) & a few hundred at 19th Ave W of Warden [YO] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (TM&GR fide TH), with a large flock of Snow Buntings.

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 5 at HP on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 5 at Lambton Woods on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa).

BROWN CREEPER - Singles at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (RPy fide DRBA), at Nonquon Education Centre [DU] on 9<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA) & at Sheldon Creek Park, Bronte [HL] on 10<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

CAROLINA WREN – 1 at HP on 1<sup>st</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> (SMF). Singles at LaSalle Park [HL] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (DJM,OFO, fide ONTBIRDS), Caledon-King Townline [PL] from 15<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> (anon fide PG, fide TH), 54 Deep Dene, Scarborough from 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> (JFa), at Lambton Woods on 18<sup>th</sup> (SHa) & at Hendrie Valley [HL] on 27<sup>th</sup> (Walter Sobchak fide OUTON).

\* HOUSE WREN - 1 at Sheldon Creek Park, Bronte [HL] on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS), on Sheldon Creek Trail off Burloak Dr. S side of trail, in small evergreens.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD - 4 at Balsam Rd & Conc 7 [DU] on 17<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide DRBA).

HERMIT THRUSH - 1 at Darlington Prov. Park [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RPy fide DRBA) & at HP on 21<sup>st</sup> (SMF).

AMERICAN ROBIN - 106 at Hillside Gardens, HP on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 10 at Idleswift Dr, Thornhill [YO] on 12<sup>th</sup> (GDe) & 23 at Pickering SL24 & Hwy 7 [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS).

\* GRAY CATBIRD - 1 at Hendrie Valley [HL] @ 11:00hrs on 27<sup>th</sup> (Walter Sobchak fide OUTON).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD – in total there were 39 reports, broken down as: MT (13); DU (6); YO (15); PL (5); and Halton (0). Allowing for multiple reports from the same site, 'I think that about 26 individuals were involved. This number probably reflects the long cold spell, as well as almost zero fieldwork in Halton' (RBHS). Thanks to all 13 observers [Carl Apperson fide DRBA, GDe, Jacques Gravel, SHa, TH, Tho, RLau, MVL, Rob Miller fide ONTBIRDS, NMu, DEP, WP, RBHS, DW] who provided reports this month.

BROWN THRASHER - 1 at LaSalle Park [HL] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (GDe; DJM,OFO; both fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Fox St., Oshawa [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RPy fide DRBA) & on 9<sup>th</sup> (THo fide DRBA).

CEDAR WAXWING - 28 at Derry Rd E of Appleby Line [HL] on 1<sup>st</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at 54 Deep Dene, Scarborough on 2<sup>nd</sup> (JFa fide RBHS) & 50 at London Rd, Newmarket [YO] on 25<sup>th</sup> (KRS fide TH).

EASTERN TOWHEE - 1 at LaSalle Park [HL] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (DJM,OFO, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Balsam Rd & Conc 7 [DU] on 17<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide DRBA).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW - 50 at Duffy's Lane [PL] on 1<sup>st</sup> (PG,Elizabeth Morton, fide TH) & 26 at LSS on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

\* SAVANNAH SPARROW - 1 coming to feeder at 54 Deep Dene, Scarborough on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> (JFa) [No doc. seen]. 2 flushed off road at Britannia Rd E of 5th Line [HL] on week ending on 22<sup>nd</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

FOX SPARROW - 1 at Lambton Woods on 4<sup>th</sup> (JRC,VC) & at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 5<sup>th</sup> (DBar fide DRBA) & on 16<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide DRBA).

SWAMP SPARROW - 2 at South Trail/Platform, Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 on 10<sup>th</sup> (RPy fide DRBA) & 2 there on 13<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW – 10 reports from HP beginning with 4 on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & an ending with a high count of 7 on 27<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 2 at South Trail, Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 on 10<sup>th</sup> (RPy fide DRBA) & 1 there on 13<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA). 2 at 554 Deep Dene, Scarborough on 17<sup>th</sup> (JFa) & 5 other reports of singles thro' the month.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW - 1 AD at Fox St., Oshawa [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RPy fide DRBA) & again on 9<sup>th</sup> (THo fide DRBA). 1 AD at #5557 8th Line S of Britannia [HL] & 5 (4 AD, 1 imm) at #5465 8th Line S of Britannia [HL] on 25<sup>th</sup> [Documented] (RBHS,WP). [New high count for Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Mar 31<sup>st</sup> period]. 1 at Valley Inn [HL] during week ending 15<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

DARK-EYED JUNCO - 54 at HP on 1<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR - 1 at Down Rd, E of Darlington P.P. [DU] on 8<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA) & 1 at Hancock Rd & Hwy 2, Courtice [DU] on 10<sup>th</sup> (P. Hogenbirk fide DRBA).

SNOW BUNTING - 16 at W. End Ravenshoe Rd. [YO] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (RJF,MvdT, fide ONTBIRDS) & 100+ on 10<sup>th</sup> & 12 there on 25<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 50 at Kings Bay Golf Course, Seagrave [DU] on 6<sup>th</sup> (A. Johnston fide DRBA), 180 at



Conc. 10, 1km W of Brock Rd., Pickering [DU] on 7<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA), 30 at Jane St N of Hwy 9 [YO] on 10<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 100 at Hwy 7 & Cochrane, Brooklin [DU] on 10<sup>th</sup> (D. Wysotski fide DRBA). A few hundred at 19th Ave W of Warden [YO] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (TM&GR fide TH), 100 at Marsh Hill Rd S of Conc 9 (Utica area) [DU] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Carol Apperson fide DRBA) & 22 at Pickering SL24 & Hwy 7 [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN CARDINAL - 11 at North Trail/Platform, Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 13<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA) & 13 (7 M, 6F) at HP on 27<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD - 1 at Brock St & Hwy 401, Whitby [DU] on 13<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA), 1 M at Dacre Crescent on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 3 on 27<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 8 at Valley Inn [HL] on week ending 15<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK - 1 at Hwy 12 N of Sunderland [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (B. Glass fide DRBA).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD - Singles at 2nd Line & Hwy 400 [HL] on 7<sup>th</sup> (KK,IR, fide GC), at a feeder in Keswick [YO] on 15<sup>th</sup> (Chris Dunn fide RJF), at Elmhurst Beach [YO] on 15<sup>th</sup> (KDu fide TH) & at Valley Inn [HL] on week ending 15<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS). 12 at Mill St., Bond Head [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> & 10 on 15<sup>th</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS).

PURPLE FINCH - 1 at HBP [W] on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), eating maple keys near entrance.

HOUSE FINCH - 2 at Fox St., Oshawa [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA). One orange variant; one yellow variant.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL - 10 at Courtice [DU] on 10<sup>th</sup> (P. Hogenbirk fide DRBA) & 4 at Duffy's Lane, Palgrave C. A. [PL] on 20<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide RBHS).

PINE SISKIN - 30 at Duffy's Lane, Palgrave C. A. [PL] on 20<sup>th</sup> (JFa fide RBHS).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH - 150 at Bond Lake [YO] on 13<sup>th</sup> (TM&GR fide TH).

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