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Ohio Sparrow and Finch Migration

Sparrows, kinglets and winter finches are the bookends of the songbird year — they move before the warblers arrive and after they have gone, and several of them stay all winter. The finches are the one genuinely unpredictable group on the chart: their movements are driven by northern seed crops rather than by the calendar.

Why this group has its own gauge

It is the only songbird guild with birds present in Ohio in January. The chart above carries 7 species, sliced out of the full 67-row bird chart.

The rows on this chart

Species	Northbound	Southbound	Winters
Fox Sparrow	1 March – 15 April	5 October – 25 November	the south-eastern states
White-throated Sparrow	25 March – 15 May	20 September – 15 November	the eastern states — and a good many stay in Ohio
White-crowned Sparrow	20 April – 25 May	25 September – 10 November	the southern states
Dark-eyed Junco	15 March – 25 April	25 September – 10 November	Ohio, in every dooryard in the state
American Tree Sparrow	1 March – 5 April	25 October – 5 December	Ohio fields and hedgerows
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	30 March – 10 May	20 September – 5 November	the southern states and Mexico
Pine Siskin	20 March – 10 May	5 October – 1 December	wherever the cone crop failed — which is not the same place twice

Where this sits

The full picture is on [Ohio bird migration](#), which carries every group on one chart. Each mark on the breadcrumb strip at the top of the site links to the page for its own group.