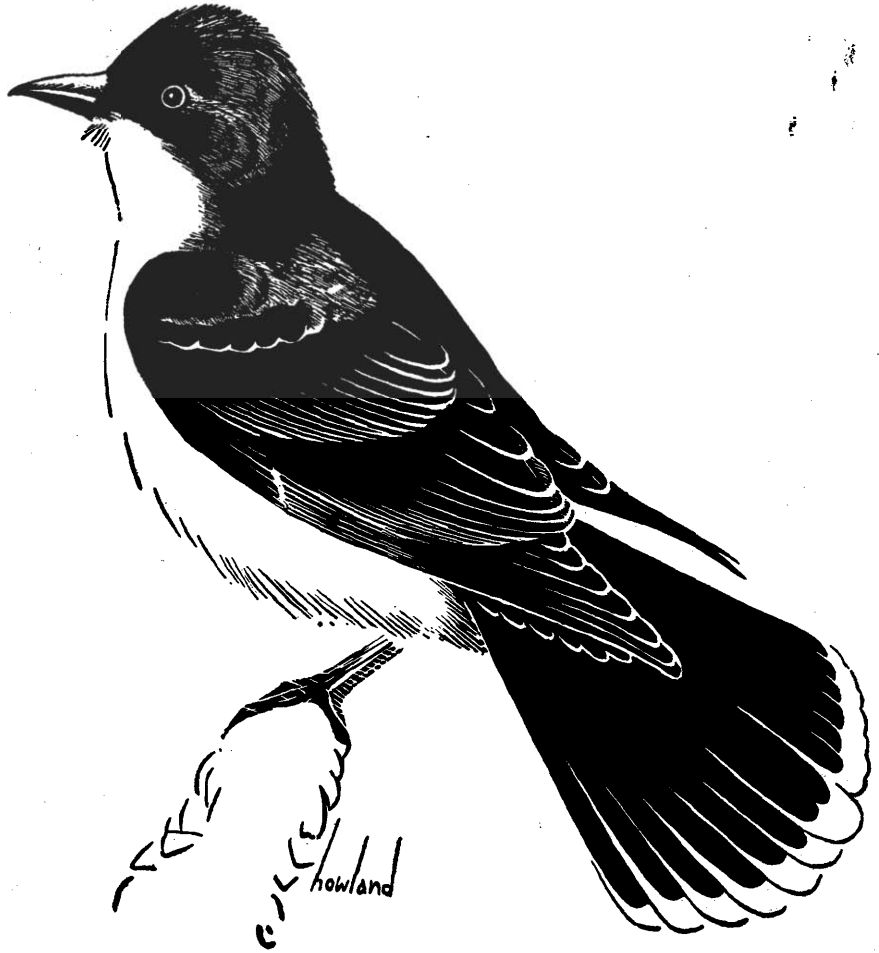


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PHOTOGRAPHS OF NEW YORK STATE RARITIES

18. Tufted Duck



Photograph by Peter W. Post

Hudson River from Fort Washington Park, New York Co., 25 January 1967

A Palaearctic species, the Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*), breeds from Iceland and the British Isles across northern and central Europe and Asiatic Russia to Siberia and the Komandorskie Islands. The species winters from the British Isles and continental Europe south to North Africa, Saudi Arabia, India, China, and the Philippines; occasionally south to Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Tanzania, the Maldives, Ceylon, Borneo, and western Micronesia [Vaurie, *The Birds of the Palaearctic Fauna* (non-Passeriformes), H. F. & G. Witherby, London, 123: 1965].

Migrant Tufted Ducks have been recorded in small numbers from the Pribilofs (Sladen, *Auk* 83: 134, 1966). Other Alaska records and recent reports from British Columbia, Oregon, California, and Wyoming have been summarized by Gochfeld (*Condor* 70: 186-187, 1968).

Six Tufted Ducks have been taken in Greenland; four birds around Godthaab, 15 and 16 October 1889; at Fiskernasset, 16 October 1889; and around Kangek, 10 November 1920 (Schioler, *Danskmarks Fugle*, Gyldendalske Boghandel, Copenhagen. Vol. 2, 1926: 94-95).

A drake Tufted Duck was present on the Merrimac River, Newburyport, Essex Co., Massachusetts, from 24 January to 15 February 1954 — the first Eastern North American record outside of Greenland (Griscom & Snyder, *The Birds of Massachusetts*, Peabody Museum, Salem, 1955: 253). "A very tame drake" present at Marshfield, Plymouth Co., was presumed to have been an escape" (Griscom & Snyder, *op. cit.*). The Newburyport bird was also relegated to the Massachusetts hypothetical list for this reason.

Single drake Tufted Ducks reappeared at Newburyport on 24 January 1958 and 1959, 29 January 1961, and 13 January 1962. Two drakes and a hen were present here from at least 20 to 28 February 1960. Departure dates were usually in the latter half of February or early March, but one year was on 20 April (various sources).

Tufted Ducks have also appeared every winter on Cape Cod, at Sider's Pond, Falmouth, Falmouth Co., since January 1962. The dates match almost exactly that of the Newburyport bird(s); usually arriving in mid or late January (25 November 1967), and departing in late February. Some years only a drake was present, others only a hen, and twice a pair was present. For the past three years single drakes have also appeared on the Cape at Red Brook Pond, Pocasset, Bourne Co.; usually during March and April. The latest date here was 30 April 1967 (various sources).

Other Massachusetts records include a pair at Carver, Plymouth Co., 24 March 1963 (*Aud. Field Notes* 17: 311, 1963) and one bird at Richmond Pond, Westport Harbor, Westport Co., 14 May 1966 (*Rec. New England Birds* 22(5), May 1966).

The first New York State Tufted Duck report was a female discovered on the Bronx-Southern Westchester Christmas Count by Walter Sedwitz and Paul A. Buckley, on the Harlem River, near Spuyten Duyvil, New York Co., 26 December 1955. This bird was present until 1 February 1956. Unfortunately, the species is not recognizable from the photographs that were taken. Both this record and a drake seen by Walter Sedwitz on Jerome Reservoir, Bronx Co., 15 March 1962 were placed on the states hypothetical list by Bull (*Birds of the New York Area*, Harper & Row, N.Y., 1964: 472) as being possible escapes.

A drake Tufted Duck discovered by Fred Lohrer on 18 February 1966 was present on the Hudson River at Fort Washington Park, New York Co., and at Edgewater, Bergen Co., New Jersey, on the opposite shore, until 1 April of that year (*Aud. Field Notes* 20: 404, 1966). A drake Tufted Duck has now appeared here for four consecutive winters. Twelve December 1966 to 21 February 1967 are the only other arrival and departure dates available; in the last two years exact dates were seldom reported, although the bird was frequently seen.

The only other New York State Tufted Duck record is that of a drake seen in the East River, off Randalls Island, New York Co., by Richard E. Harrison, Ester Swayer, and Herb Kaltman on the January 1968 statewide waterfowl count (*vide* Thomas H. Davis).

Both in Massachusetts and New York Tufted Ducks are usually seen in association with large numbers of scaup.

As noted above the early Tufted Duck records were considered escapes. Gochfeld (*op. cit.*), however, mentions several factors that support the conclusion that some birds were of wild origin, especially in the light of recent occurrences. The number of Tufted Ducks reported, for example, is greater than can be accounted for by known or postulated escapes. "Although other Eurasian species kept in aviaries have been reported occasionally in various parts of the country, the Tufted Duck has apparently been the most often recorded."

The presence of birds at great distances from aviaries and the presence of pairs also support this conclusion. In addition, a bird or birds arriving in a logical wintering place for the species at a logical time of year and disappearing again at a logical time for migration is probably a wild bird. This is contrary to the usual sedentary behavior and random seasonal distribution of escapes.

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FOOD HABITS OF OWLS ON THE NIAGARA FRONTIER

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Owls are in danger of being poisoned particularly in populated areas such as the Niagara Frontier. The danger is pollution of the environment with biocides particularly through the build up of chlorinated hydrocarbons in the prey species. With this in mind, we thought it important to make a preliminary study of owl food habits by pellet examination and what few stomach contents were available.

We should like to thank the following for helping us collect these data: L. Burton, D. C. Krieg, W. Klabunde, V. J. Lunardini, H. D. Mitchell, Rev. P. O'Connor, OFM, Sr. S. Schick, J. Thill, R. J. Werrlein.

We examined a total of 246 pellets and 7 stomachs of 7 species of owls. R. L. Sommerville (1965) has examined 26 Snowy Owl pellets from Fort Erie, Ontario and these results are added to our table.

The pellets are from Southern Ontario, Canada; Niagara, Genesee, Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties, New York and from Warren County, Pa. (map). Most pellets were collected from December to April under favorite winter roosting sites. One species, the Barred Owl, (*Strix varia*), has been studied over the four seasons in southern Cattaraugus Co. where it is the dominant resident owl.

Although most of the pellets were found from January to April, at least one resident species, the Barred Owl, has been studied over a twelve month period and the data are summarized below.

Dec.-Feb.	8 pellets }	mostly small mammals
Mar.-May	9 pellets }	
June-Aug.	6 pellets }	small mammals, insects, snakes, crayfish and fish
Sept.-Nov.	5 pellets }	

Of the eight species of owls treated here, four are now mainly migratory. These are Snowy Owl, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl and Saw-whet Owl and for the most part are only with us from about October to April. During this time these species feed mainly on *Microtus*, *Peromyscus* and *Blarina*.

The resident species feed on essentially the same prey species, but there is much more variety, especially when data throughout the year are available as with the Barred Owl.

Another thing to be considered is the type of habitat where the owl resides. If one stops for the winter on the Ontario Plain, *Microtus* will be its main fare; but if they move onto the Allegheny Plateau and stop at Waterman's Swamp, much more variety will occur in the diet. This would be of great benefit if the *Microtus* of the lake plain were becoming more and more contaminated by chlorinated hydrocarbons.

Of 570 individual mammals identified in pellets from the eight species of owls 455 or 80% were *Microtus pennsylvanicus*, the field mouse. This was also the most frequently taken prey species in all but the Barred Owl. The field mouse then would be a key prey species of owls continuously to assay for potentially dangerous levels of biocides.

A more comprehensive study of owl food habits throughout the state might well be undertaken by active, field-orientated bird clubs of the Federation.

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Barn Owl (Tyto alba). 170 pellets, 1 stomach. 4 *Microtus* and 4 *Blarina* in 2 or 3 pellets Niagara Co., Wilson Cemetery, H. D. Mitchell; 168 *Microtus*, 17 *Blarina* and 4 *Peromyscus*, Wilson Cemetery, Dec. to March; 30 April 1960—stomach contained 1 *Zapus*, 2 *Blarina*, and 1 *Microtus*, Allegany, N.Y.

Screech Owl (Otus asio). 1 pellet, 2 stomachs. 1 *Blarina* in pellet, Elm Valley, Allegany Co.; 7 moths and 1 small frog in stomach, dead on road ½ mile west of Carrollton, Cattaraugus Co.; 1 *Microtus* in stomach, dead on road ½ mile west of Carrollton, Cattaraugus Co.

Great Horned Owl (Bubo virginianus). 26 Jan. 1967, Youngstown Cem. 1 pellet with 3 *Microtus*; 4 April 1959, North Cuba Marsh, 1 *Mephitis*, 2 *Sylvilagus floridanus*, 1 *Phasianus colchicus*, 2 *Rattus*, 1 finch, 2 *Microtus*, from 6 pellets; 9 April 1961, 6 *Microtus*, 2 frogs, 1 *Ondatra*, 1 *Sylvilagus floridanus*, 1 *Condylura*; Spring 1951, North Cuba Marsh, Allegany Co., frog, *Microtus*, *Sylvilagus*, *Phasianus*, *Ondatra*; Spring 1968, St. Bonaventure Univ., 3 *Sylvilagus*, 8 *Microtus*, 1 *Peromyscus*, 2 *Rattus*, 1 *Sturnus vulgaris*, 3 *Agelaius phoeniceus*, 1 *Carpodacus purpureus*, 1 *Dendrocopos villosus*, 1 unidentified small bird; 8 April 1968, St. Bonaventure Univ., 2 *Sylvilagus*, 1 *Condylura*, 1 young *Didelphis* in pellets under nest.

Snowy Owl (Nyctea scandiaca). 26 pellets from mid-January to mid-April, R. L. Sommerville (*Prothonotary* 31:135) collected near Frenchman's Creek, Fort Erie, Ontario; see table.

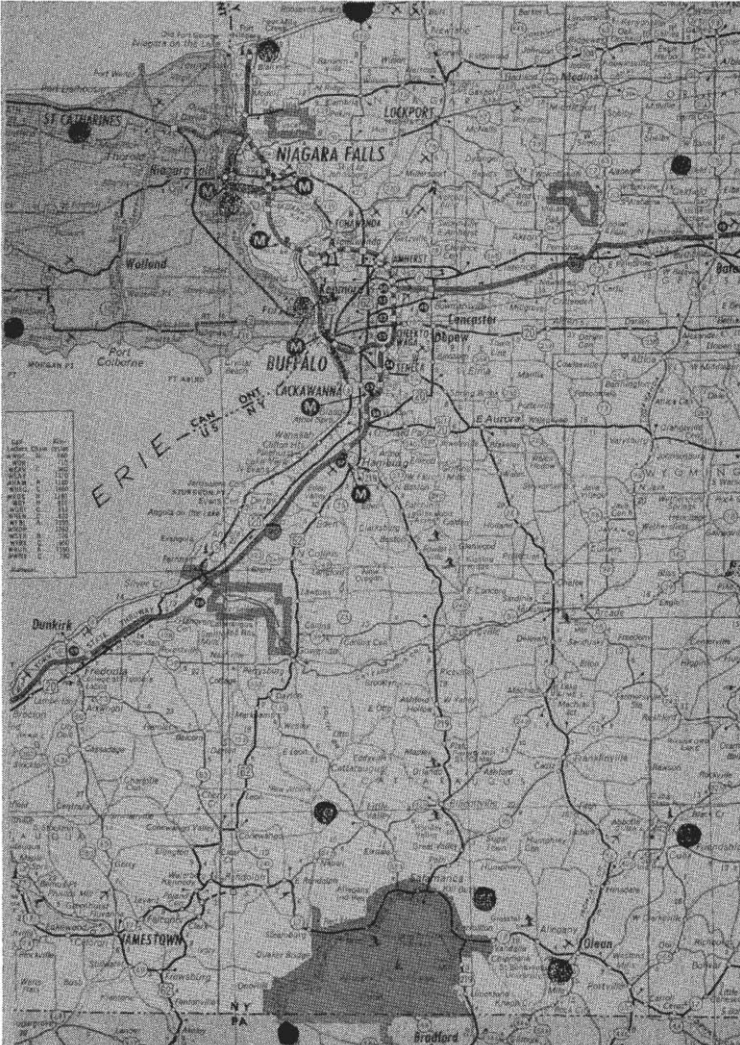
Barred Owl (Strix varia). 24 pellets, 3 stomachs. 4 Dec. 1951, 2 *Glaucomyss*, 3 *Blarina*, 1 *Microtus* in 6 pellets under hemlocks, 10 Mile Valley, Vandalia, Cattaraugus Co.; 28 Dec. 1957, 1 *Glaucomyss sabrinus*, 1 *Condylura cristata* in 2-3 pellets near Vandalia, N.Y.; 18 March 1957, 2 *Peromyscus*, 1 *Glaucomyss volans*, 1 *Microtus*, 6 *Blarina* in 5 pellets, 10 Mile Valley near Vandalia; 22 March 1957, 1 *Peromyscus*, 2 *Clethrionomys*, 10 Mile Valley, Vandalia, N.Y.; 24 April 1957, 1 *Blarina*, Vandalia; 21 May 1957, 2 *Peromyscus*, Vandalia; 15 June 1957, 1 *Blarina*, 1 *Tamias striatus* and coleopterids, Vandalia; 21 June 1959, 1 young *Peromyscus* fed to young owl by parent, Vandalia; 22 June 1954, 1 *Glaucomyss*, Vandalia; 21 June 1951, 1 young of two in vicinity had been fed by parent 2 Crayfish and 1 *Peromyscus*, Vandalia; 8 July 1962, 1 *Glaucomyss volans*, Vandalia; 23 July 1966, 1 *Peromyscus*, Vandalia; 24 Sept. 1967, 1 small rodent and 1 snake, Vandalia; 2 Oct. 1952, 5 Crayfish, 1 frog, 1 *Clethrionomys*, Vandalia; 27 Oct. 1956, 5 *Blarina brevicauda* in stomach of adult from 5 Mile Valley, Allegany, N.Y.; 23 November 1964, bones of 2 *Catostomus* (sucker) fish perhaps 8 inches long, Corydon, Pa.

Long-eared Owl (Asio otus). 46 pellets. 42 *Microtus*, 3 *Peromyscus*, 2 *Pitymys*, 7 *Blarina*, 3 *Condylura*, 6 *Zapus*, 22 April 1960, Waterman's Swamp west of Little Valley, N.Y. (in 15 plus pellets); 24 March 1967, 10 *Microtus* from 8 pellets, Youngstown Cemetery; 29 March 1967, 3 *Microtus* and 3 *Peromyscus* from 6 pellets, Youngstown Cem.

Short-eared Owl (Asio flammeus). 82 pellets contained 110 *Microtus* skulls, King's Bridge Park, Ontario, V. J. Lunardini (3 Short-eared Owls flushed). L. C. Stegeman (1957 *Amer. Mid. Nat.* 57:120-128) found 97% of *Microtus* in 1,337 pellets found

near East Syracuse; J. K. Terres and E. W. Jameson, Jr. (1943 *Wilson Bull.* 55: 131) spoke about Short-eared owls congregating in an area with high *Microtus* populations near Perry City, Schuyler Co., N.Y.

Saw-whet Owl (Aegolius acadicus). 8 pellets and 1 stomach; 20 January 1967, 2 *Microtus*, 13th Street, Louth, Ontario; 4 March 1967, 1 *Microtus*, 9th Street, Louth, Ontario; 4 March 1967, 8 *Microtus*, 2 *Peromyscus*, 1 *Blarina*, 9th Street, Louth, Ont.; 13 Dec. 1953, mouse fur in stomach, Vandalia; 3 May 1959, 2 pellets probably of this species contained 1 *Synaptomys*, 1 *Peromyscus*, Vandalia, N.Y.



Black circles are areas where pellets were collected.

Table: Prey of some owl species in the Niagara Frontier Region

Owl species Migratory and Resident	Didelphis	Condylura	Sorex cinereus	Blarina	Mephitis	Tamias	Glaucomys volans	Glaucomys sabrinus	Peromyscus	Synaptomys	Clethrionomys	Microtus	Pitymys	Ondatra	Rattus	Zapus	Sylvilagus	Birds	Crayfish, fish, frogs, snakes	Insects	Number of pellets	Stomachs
Snowy Owl*												71			5						26	
Long-eared Owl		3	1	7					6			56	2			6					46	
Short-eared Owl												110									82	1
Saw-whet Owl				1					3			11									8	
Resident																						
Barn Owl				23					4			173				1					49	1
Screech Owl				1								1								7	1	1
Great Horned Owl	1	1			1				1			19		2	4		8	9	1	1	27	1
Barred Owl		1		17		1	5	1	8		3	3						18	many	27	27	3
Species uncertain				4					1	1		11						4	1		6	
<i>Total</i>	1	5	1	53	1	1	5	1	23	1	3	455	2	2	9	7	8	15	22	8	272	7

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Correction to January, 1969, Membership List:

Mrs. Dayton Stoner is not only a Charter Member and a Life Member of the Federation, but is also its first Patron. Ed.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 22nd ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
 FEDERATION OF NEW YORK STATE BIRD CLUBS, INC. —
 Cortland, N.Y.

MAY 23-25, 1969

The 22nd Annual Meeting of the FNYSBC was held at the Holiday Inn and the State University Campus at Cortland, N.Y., with the Cortland County Bird Club as host. The Council Meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m., May 24, by Dr. David B. Peakall, president, and a quorum was declared with 30 clubs represented by delegates.

The treasurer's report, prepared by Dort Cameron for the calendar year 1967, was presented by Edward M. Somers, present treasurer, as follows:

Cash on hand 12/31/67		
Checking account	\$1,725.70	
Savings account	4,590.00	
Accrued interest	<u>215.93</u>	\$6,531.63
Net income 1968*		1,299.51
Cash on hand 12/31/68		
Checking account	2,841.14	
Savings account	<u>4,990.00</u>	7,831.14
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Income, 1968		
Dues, Individuals & Subscriptions	2,414.00	
Dues, New Members	123.00	
Dues in arrears, collected	25.00	
Dues, Member Clubs	920.90	
Life Membership Payments	400.00	
Interest on Savings account	243.39	
Transfer from Hawk Nesting fund	68.00	
Misc.	<u>197.50</u>	4,391.79
Expenses, 1968		
Kingbird	2,545.14	
Membership maintenance	225.44	
Conservation	41.27	
Annual meeting	158.98	
Hawk Program	68.00	
Misc.	<u>53.45</u>	3,092.28
Increase in operating funds	899.51	
Increase in Life Membership funds	<u>400.00</u>	1,299.51*
		\$4,391.79
<i>Hawk Nesting Fund</i>		
Balance on hand 12/31/67	--0--	
Funded 1/10/68	\$1,000.00	
Interest received 12/1/68	<u>37.11</u>	\$1,037.11

Disbursements:		
10 Hawk nests during 1968	50.00	
Expenses, postage for news releases	<u>18.00</u>	<u>68.00</u>
Balance on Hand 12/31/68		\$ 969.11

The report was accepted as presented.

Kenneth D. Niven, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Federation is in good financial condition for the first time. With an anticipated income of \$4060, he presented the following proposed expenditures:

KINGBIRD	\$2750	
Membership maintenance	250	
Conservation	300	
Annual meeting	<u>25</u>	<u>\$3325</u>

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that the allotment for Conservation be increased to \$500. The Hawk Nesting Fund is not included in this budget. The question was raised whether Life Membership funds should be invested instead of being left in a savings bank. After brief discussion on a motion that the officers of the Federation should consider whether a change can be made legally and report their findings and recommendation at the next Annual Meeting was made, seconded, and passed without opposition.

Mrs. Harriet Marsi moved that the Federation make a contribution to the Eldorado Shores project sponsored by the Nature Conservancy. This led to considerable discussion as to the advisability of setting a precedent of making contributions. Dr. Allen Benton pointed out that a contribution would not be setting a precedent for making contributions to many worthy projects inasmuch as Eldorado Shores is specifically an ornithological area and therefore probably unique. Dr. Benton then moved that the Federation donate \$100 to The Nature Conservancy for purchase of Eldorado Shores. Margaret Rusk offered an amendment that the amount of the contribution be increased to \$260. This was seconded, and on a vote being taken, was defeated. The original motion was then voted on and adopted. Maxwell Wheat suggested that the publicity value of the Federation's contribution to Eldorado Shores be exploited for the benefit of the project. Mr. Niven then called for a vote on the budget, which was accepted without further alterations.

Mrs. Dorothy McIlroy, editor of the KINGBIRD, reported as follows:

Total number of copies mailed is just about the same as a year ago—somewhat over 630. Printing and mailing costs have again stayed the same.

Articles are in short supply, my annual complaint. Please consider carefully whether you can contribute an article for publication and whether some friend of yours is "sitting on" material that should be published. Suggestions for subjects for articles, especially if accompanied by the name of a possible author, will be appreciated by the new editor, Joseph W. Taylor. Even more welcome would be a letter saying that you are willing to write an article, and stating subject and probable date when it would be submitted for publication.

I wish to thank the many people who have helped me during my editorship. It has been a most interesting experience, which I have enjoyed.

It was moved by Howard H. Cleaves and seconded by Mrs. Lillian Stoner that the Federation contribute \$25 to the Hudson Scenic Preservation Council, and the motion was ordered tabled to be considered by the Conservation Committee.

It was announced that the deadline for contributions to the State Bird Book is July 31, 1969.

Dr. Benton reported on the Hawk Reward project. Since there was payment on only ten nests in 1968 for a total expenditure of \$68, the reward has been increased to \$10 to the landowner and \$5 to the club processing the application. The anonymous donor who set up the fund of \$1000 would add the same amount should there be need. The new chairman for this project is Mr. Herb Saltford, 6 West Winding, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601.

Richard A. Sloss reported for the By-laws Committee. Tax exempt status has been granted the Federation, provided the by-laws are amended to include provision for the distribution of funds in the event of the dissolution of the corporation. On motion the amendment was approved.

Mr. Sloss also reported for the Committee on the Organization of the Federation, a committee appointed last year as the result of the suggestion made by Mrs. Lillian Stoner that a 2nd vice-president be added to the officers to assure succession in the event any vacancy occurs. The suggestion presented by Mr. Sloss for the committee was that three regional vice-presidents be chosen without provision of succession to the presidency. It was stated that perhaps this suggestion could be adopted without a change in the by-laws. The advantages resulting might be improved communication, regional meetings, and a pool of presidential timber. Dr. Benton moved that the same Committee be instructed to draw up a proposal in line with the suggestion, including the possible necessity of a change in the by-laws, to be sent to all member clubs in time for delegates to be instructed on how to vote at the next annual meeting. This motion was seconded and passed.

The proposed slate of officers was presented by Dr. Benton for the Nominating Committee. There were no other nominations, and the secretary was instructed to cast one vote for the entire slate. The new officers are as follows:

President—Dr. Edgar M. Reilly
Vice-president—Mrs. Alice Ulrich
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Mary Ann Sunderlin
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Ada Carter
Treasurer—Edward M. Somers

A vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers.

The Nominating Committee for 1970 was elected as follows, without opposition: Ruth Williams, Chairman; Kenneth Niven; John Bull.

The Auditing Committee was also elected without opposition. Its two members are Samuel Madison and Guy Bartlett.

Mrs. Ruth Williams, chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that there are 24 new members, 2 new Life members, 1 reinstated member, 55 unpaid members, 11 unpaid clubs, and 1 new club.

The new club, the Delaware—Otsego Audubon Society, was duly admitted to membership. It was also voted to extend official invitations to join the Federation to the Great South Bay Audubon Society, Moriches Bay Audubon Society and Long Island Herpetological and Ornithological Society.

Dr. Peakall brought up for discussion the Federation's affiliation with the National Audubon Society which had been approved last year. He considered that the Federation has profited by information made available to it through affiliation. Some opposition to affiliation was expressed on the grounds that it usurps the autonomy of individual organizations. The general view was that the Federation is not committed to any action of National Audubon. There was no motion for withdrawal.

Dr. Peakall next brought up for discussion the Federation's affiliation with the State Conservation Council which was also approved last year. No action has been taken because of an apparent lack of communications on the Council's part regarding the amount of the dues. It appears, however, that the minimum annual fee is \$10.00 and that the average payment is \$25.00. There followed a discussion during which it was pointed out on the one hand that the Council is opposed to gun laws and in favor of making the Mourning Dove a game bird, and on the other that

conservation has many political overtones and that the Council has much influence with the legislature on conservation matters and that we can only influence Council thinking from the inside, not by remaining outside. Following the discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Federation affiliate with the Conservation Council with the payment of a fee of \$25.00. The Federation's representative on the Council will be appointed by the president.

Mr. Wheat distributed the report of the Conservation Committee and announced his wish to resign as chairman of the committee by the end of 1969. The Conservation Platform published in the March issue of "Conservation Now" was discussed. Objection was expressed to the paragraph on atomic power plants on the shores of the Finger Lakes. It was suggested that this be amended to indicate that the Federation is opposed to any atomic or thermal pollution that would alter the environment. Mr. Wheat then moved that the Platform be accepted with an amendment on nuclear pollution to be worded by a special committee. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wheat moved that the resolutions in the Conservation Committee report be accepted as follows:

1. That Governor Rockefeller sign into law S-2708 and A-4944 prohibiting the building of any dams on the Hudson River from Luzerne to its source. (This is the so-called Gooley Dam Bill, construction of which would flood much of the Adirondacks to provide water for New York City. Failure of the Governor to sign by June 1 means that the bill fails and construction could be authorized. This is consistent with Federation policy supporting the "forever wild" concept of the Forest Preserve). It has been urged that individuals write the Governor at the State Capitol Building in Albany.

2. That Governor Rockefeller sign into law S-5694 providing that no nuclear facility be built without a permit issued by the state health commissioner. This bill was introduced by State Senator Thomas F. McGowan, chairman of the Committee on Public Utilities. Here again individuals are urged to write to Senator McGowan so that the Governor will be swamped.

3. That the voters of New York State approve the constitutional amendment, the so-called Conservation Bill of Rights.

4. That 60 acres on the south end of Mitchel Field in Nassau County be preserved as a unique glacial brook-prairie complex providing breeding ground for the Upland Plover and Grasshopper Sparrow as well as other species and serving as a migratory feeding area for many other species.

5. That the Department of Defense be restrained from dumping nerve gas 250 miles at sea until open and exhaustive studies and hearings be held to assure that there can be no damaging environmental affects.

6. That NASA take every possible precaution and restriction (not diminish them) to insure the complete quarantine of returning astronauts who have landed on the moon so that any possibility of an irreversible contamination of the earth be removed. All were accepted unanimously.

Michael Thomas presented the following resolution to make the Conservation Platform operational:

The Federation of New York State Bird Clubs urges that the State of New York pass legislation to:

1. Ban the use of persistent pesticides as additives to fertilizers, lawn dressing, etc.
2. Ban the use of persistent pesticides in generalized community spraying. Further, the Federation supports the position of the American Medical Association that this type of spraying should only be carried out to deal with a specific health hazard.

3. Ban the use of DDT for the spraying of elms in the attempt to control Dutchelm disease. Spraying of any kind should only be undertaken as a part of a program which is based largely on sanitation, and in this case, the material of choice should be methoxychlor.

4. Ban completely the use of dieldrin, aldrin, heptachlor except for specific agricultural uses where it can be shown that no other material is effective. Such licensing of exceptions would be on an annual basis with the idea that a reduction would be aimed at. This recommendation follows that put forward by the Cook Committee, which was adopted by the British government.

5. No general restrictions are suggested for the other chlorinated hydrocarbons at this time, but the use of these materials in agriculture should be reviewed at intervals of not more than two years. The aim of this review panel shall be the implementation of *recommendation five* of the President's Science Advisory Committee.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be communicated to the President, to the Governor, and to the appropriate state senators and representatives.

This resolution was also passed unanimously.

The North Country Bird Club extended an invitation to Watertown for the 1970 annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Hortense B. Knight

THE PAPER SESSION

Annual Meeting—May 24, 1969

The following papers were given on Saturday afternoon:

1. Predation by Gulls, Jaegers, Sandhill Cranes and Arctic Foxes on the Blue Goose (*Chen caerulescens*) Michael Harvey, Cornell University
2. Breeding Range Extension of Goshawk and Evening Grosbeak in New York State John Bull, Am. Museum of Natural History
3. Some of our Common Birds Seen in Distant Lands Lillian C. Stoner
4. Natural Areas of Long Island and Long-range Planning Edgar M. Reilly, Jr., New York State Museum
5. The Last Remnant of Hempstead Plains, Long Island Pictures by A. J. Dignan
..... (due to illness of Mr. Dignan this was presented by Robert Wolk)
6. The Problem in America Martin Borko, Orange Co., Community College
7. Early American Writers and Birds Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr.

JOHN J. ELLIOTT MEMORIAL PRIZE — 1969

At the annual banquet May 24, Dr. Edgar M. Reilly presented the Elliott Prize to Dr. Allen H. Benton and Herbert Tucker of the State University College at Fredonia for their article "Weather and Purple Martin Mortality in Western New York" published in the May, 1968 *Kingbird*. This prize is awarded annually to "that author of a paper published during the preceding year, in the *Kingbird*, deemed the most worthy by a panel of judges."

FIELD NOTES

Western Grebe at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge: On May 4, 1969 I was sweeping the Main Pool at the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge with a 30X Binoscope at about 7 AM Eastern Daylight time. The sun was shining brightly and was at my back so that the lighting and visibility were excellent. I spotted a large grebe which I identified as a Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*), a bird which I had previously seen in California.

The bird was much larger than any of the grebes commonly seen in this area. The neck was long and slender and held erect. The head was flattened on top with a suggestion of "ears". The overall color pattern was black and white. The top of the head was black. The black extended in a narrow band down the back of the neck to the dark gray body. The face, throat and the front and sides of the neck were white. The bright yellow bill was long and sharply pointed.

After observing the bird for a few minutes, I returned to the Refuge Headquarters where I reported the find to the Manager, Mr. Clayton Hardy, who accompanied me back on the dike and, after observing the bird, concurred with my identification of it as a Western Grebe.

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Chuck-Will's Widow at Islip, Long Island: At about 4:00 AM (EDST), May 27, 1969 my sleep was disturbed by the calling of a goatsucker outside my bedroom window. This particular call sounded unlike a Whip-poor-will's (*Caprimulgus vociferans*) so I found my portable tape recorder, stuck the microphone out the window and recorded five calls and returned to bed. Awakening the next morning, I played goatsucker calls from A *FIELD GUIDE TO BIRD SONGS* (P. Kellogg, A. Allen). Comparing these to my tape recording I decided that I had heard a Chuck-will's-widow. (*Caprimulgus carolinensis*)

I quickly spread the news via telephone and much to my relief the bird began calling that evening at 8:45 PM until midnight while Bob Budliger was present. The evening of May 29th Gilbert Raynor and Horald Wellender tape recorded its calls from 8:30 to midnight. The bird was last heard the evening of May 30th. During its stay, many birders came to hear it.

On June 6 I presented Dr. Wesley Lanyon with my tape recordings of the bird's calls. A voice spectrogram indicated that it was indeed a Chuck-will's-widow. During its stay the habitat favored by this individual was a patch of nearby oak woods with an understory of greenbrier and also bordering suburban back yards.

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[Previous state records are one collected Riverhead, L.I., May 2, 1933 (Bull, Jr. 277) and one seen and heard Braddock Bay, near Rochester June 1-July 2, 1961 by many observers. Two other records of single birds heard by single observers are very likely correct but lack corroborative evidence. Ed.]

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPRING SEASON

April 1-May 31

DAVID B. PEAKALL

Although there were no widespread major waves of migrants it was an interesting spring. Most notable were (1) the incursion of several southern species, (2) the fine return flight of Blue Jays and Evening Grosbeaks and (3) a fine flight of shorebirds.

The range of the Red-bellied Woodpecker is essentially western in this state, breeding sparsely from the Lake Erie plain to the Syracuse area. The population to the west of the Appalachians does not appear to have been involved in this spring movement although the Region 1 report was not available at the time this summary was written. On Long Island the incursion was similar in size to the previously recorded largest in 1962. There were five recorded in Region 9 and Region 8 had its second ever and one occurred in Region 4.

The Summer Tanager also invaded Long Island this spring, a total of 15 individuals were recorded. Previously the maximum for a season had been five. There were also two upstate records. There was a scattering of upstate records of the White-eyed Vireo (Regions 2, 3, 4 & 5). The over-shot of southern species also included exceptional numbers of Glossy Ibis and a fair scattering of southern herons.

The return flight of Evening Grosbeaks was spectacular this year and in contrast to the fall flight, these flights are not usually well documented. The size of the flight this year can be gauged from the count of 1300 in two hours at the south-east corner of Lake Ontario on May 7 and 1200 in four hours there on May 8. The maximum count in the Rochester area was on May 8. In the Schenectady area banding showed that migrants were moving through from May 1-16 since only 2 to 3 percent of the individuals caught were re-traps. The Blue jay flight along the shores of Lake Ontario reached a maximum in late May with 6000 recorded near Rochester on May 29 and over 2009 at Derby Hill on May 30.

A huge flight of phalaropes, perhaps three times larger than any previously recorded in the state was noted at the eastern end of Long Island on May 9-12. While this flight was purely coastal it was a good spring for shorebirding upstate. Unusual species recorded included Willet, Hudsonian Godwit, Stilt Sandpiper and Purple Sandpiper.

Rarities included the second state record of the Green-tailed Towhee and the third record of Chuck-will's-widow. After seven years I am giving up writing the "Highlights of the Seasons" and the task is being taken over by Allen Kemnitzer. I would like to thank all those who have

patiently borne my questioning and even, sometimes, my rejection of their records.

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It is regreted that the report from Region 1 was not available for this summary.

REGION 1 — NIAGARA FRONTIER

No Report. This report period will be included in the October issue.

REGION 2 — GENESEE

HOWARD S. MILLER

Temperatures for April were $1\frac{1}{2}$ degrees above average and for May 1 degree below normal. Precipitation for April was $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch above average, for May $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below. Two inches of snow fell in April, with one inch on April 19 being the last snowfall of the season.

The spring flight of loons was extremely light, partly or mostly due to lack of observation in the area of usual concentration. The goose flight seemed average. Ducks seemed below average except for Ring-necked Ducks and Hooded Mergansers. The peak hawk flight came late, on April 27. Shore birds were average in numbers and very good in species. Most of the shore birds were found about rain-water pools as the lake level was high. Long-eared and Saw-whet Owls were unreported, probably due to lack of observation. Small land birds seemed rather late until a fair flight on April 27. A modest peak was reached on May 17 with a secondary peak on May 29 which almost terminated the spring migration.

Outstanding birds reported included Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, Golden Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Hudsonian Godwit, Little Gull, White-eyed Vireo, Prairie Warbler, Summer Tanager, and Clay-colored Sparrow.

Observers cited in text: MC—Michael Carlson; JHC—Jerry H. Czech; JJD—James J. Doherty; JF—June Feder; JWF—John W. Foster; AEK—Mr. & Mrs. Allen E. Kemnitz; GWL—Gerhart W. Leubner; WCL—Walter C. Listman; WLL—Warren L. Lloyd; RGM—Robert G. McKinney; JM—Joseph McNett; TM—Thelma McNett; NSM—Dr. & Mrs. Neil S. Moon; HSM—Howard S. Miller; MO—Michael O'Hara; RTO—Richard T. O'Hara; MAS—Mary Ann Sunderlin; ST—Sarah Talpey; TET—Thomas E. Tetlow; RJW—Robert J. White.

Localities: BB—Braddock's Bay; DEP—Durand-Eastman Park; RM—Rose's Marsh (West of Braddock's Bay); WP—Webster Park; WLS—West Lake Shore.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: max 20 May 2 WP (RJW). Red-throated Loon: one May 2 WP (RJW), only report. Common Egret: one April 6 Hamlin (JM, TM), one May 25 RM (RTO). CATTLE EGRET: one April 14–15 Webster (WLL), one May 18 Long Pond (AEK). GLOSSY IBIS: SEVEN May 17 Hamlin (WCL, JM, TM). The previous high count for the region was five last spring. Mute Swan: an adult and immature May 31 at Manitou. (WCL, HSM, RTO), the status of these birds is unknown. Whistling Swan: two adults May 31 at Manitou (WCL, HSM, RTO), very late. Canada Goose: 350 May 10 Point Breeze (WCL), last large flock, only stragglers subsequently. Brant: one May 24–25 (F. Phelps et al). A flock of about 40 was reported a day or two earlier by a lakefront resident. Snow Goose: seven April 6 RM (AEK), one with Canada Geese May 10 Point Breeze (WCL). Blue Goose: 100 April 6 RM (AEK). Greater Scaup: a drake May 18 BB

(JWF, WCL), very late. Common Goldeneye: two May 29 BB (WCL). King Eider: a female May 10 BB (WCL).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: max 55 April 15 BB (TET). Broad-winged Hawk: max 6000 April 27 (several), 200 May 29 WLS (WCL). *GOLDEN EAGLE*: one April 5 Mendon Ponds (ST); this is probably the same bird seen there March 30, one April 15 BB (TET). Bald Eagle: Unreported during the entire spring along the lake. The writer can not remember this happening ever before. Marsh Hawk: max 25 April 15 BB (TET). *PEREGRINE FALCON*: one May 2 Webster (JHC), only report. American Golden Plover: one May 17 Hamlin (MC, MO, RTO), a very uncommon spring migrant. Knot: max four May 29 Hamlin (WCL). Least Sandpiper: 100 May 25 Fairport (TET). Short-billed Dowitcher: max five May 18 Hamlin (JM, TM, RJW). Stilt Sandpiper: one in breeding plumage May 18 Hamlin (JWF et al), the areas second spring record. Western Sandpiper: max four May 31 Hamlin (WCL et al). *HUDSONIAN GODWIT*: one in breeding plumage May 18 Hamlin (WLL, RGM, MAS), the area's first spring record. Wilson's Phalarope: a female in breeding plumage near Fairport May 13 (JWF, TET). Iceland Gull: one May 18 along the lakeshore (several). *LITTLE GULL*: one in summer plumage May 18 Charlotte (WCL et al). Barn Owl: one at unused silo in Greece May 31 (HSM, RTO). Short-eared Owl: five April 5 Parma (HSM, MO, RTO).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Yellow-shafted Flicker: max 200 April 14 WLS (TET). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: one all of May in Ellison Park (JJD). This may indicate a nesting pair as the species is known to nest in nearby Powder Mill Park. Eastern Kingbird: one very early record April 20 BB (WLL et al). Olive-sided Flycatcher: one May 17 DEP (HSM, MO, RTO), one May 18 Fairport (JF). Blue Jay: a very heavy spring flight along the lake, max 6000 May 29 (WCL). Long-billed Marsh Wren: one April 14 BB (TET), the very early date indicates a wintering bird. Short-billed Marsh Wren: two May 16 BB (WCL). Blue-gray Gnotcatcher: max six April 27 BB (NSM).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: *WHITE-EYED VIREO*: one May 17 near BB (WCL); this bird is rare in our area, averaging only one bird every four or five years. Solitary Vireo: max six May 18 along the lakeshore (JM, TM, RJW). Philadelphia Vireo: two May 17 BB (RGM), three May 18 along the lakeshore (WLL, MAS). Prothonotary Warbler: a singing male May 17 DEP (JJD, JM, TM et al). While this bird was very much out of its habitat there is no question as to the record. We have two previous records along the lakeshore. Blue-winged Warbler: one May 8 WP (WLL). *PRAIRIE WARBLER*: one May 18 WP (TM). An occasional migrant along the lakeshore in spring.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Western Meadowlark: two singing birds April 5 Hamlin (JWF et al), one May 18 Hamlin (JM, TM). While these birds were identified by song only this is the area where a specimen was collected in 1948 and the species has been recorded here regularly. *SUMMER TANAGER*: a female May 19 at Manitou (WCL). The bird was seen under favorable conditions. The observer noted the bright yellowish underparts, greenish (not blackish) wings, the tanager bill, lack of wing bars and the general actions of the bird. Evening Grosbeak: a heavy general spring flight, max 178 May 8 WP (WLL), two May 30 Webster (MAS). Pine Siskin: after an almost complete winter absence a few appeared during May, ten May 17 BB (WCL), three May 29 BB (WCL). *CLAY-COLORED SPARROW*: a singing bird in Irondequoit May 3-4 (GWL et al), one May 17 BB (WCL). This bird is appearing locally more regularly than the other two mid-western sparrows, the Lark and Harris'. The spring bird (especially when singing) is easily identified although the fall immature can be difficult to identify. Close watch should be kept for possible breeding, either with its own species or with the closely related, abundant Chipping Sparrow.

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

DOROTHY W. McILROY

Average April temperature at Ithaca was about 1.7 degrees above normal, for May about 2.3 degrees below. April temperature changes seemed even more erratic than usual: first week about normal, way above normal with highs of 72 degrees April 9 and 78 degrees April 17, half an inch of snow April 19 and continuing cold, three warm days with high of 84 degrees April 27, back to below normal. May temperatures were generally below normal, with record low of 27.3 for Ithaca May 6, until May 16-18 when 80 degree highs sent most migrants north. In spite of that, Geneva and Ithaca censuses May 18 were better than 1968. By May 20 temperature was back below normal where it stayed except for highs of 84 and 88 May 27 and 28.

Precipitation in Ithaca was about normal, but most of it came in a few very heavy rains. Other areas, especially Geneva-Montezuma, had much more rain than usual. Lakes and ponds remained full to overflowing, leaving minimum shorebird habitat. Jack Brubaker remarked that the shorebird migration was about nonexistent in Schuyler County.

Most migrant ducks departed early, leaving the show to the Canada Geese, whose numbers had continued to increase during early April. At Montezuma Refuge Snow and Blue Geese were present in even greater numbers than last year. In Elmira, except for geese, waterfowl seemed unusually scarce.

Purple Martins are still missing from many former locations. Blue Jays apparently just moved out for the winter, all areas reporting normal spring populations. Gray-cheeked Thrush was unreported and Bluebirds failed to return to many locations. Warbler migration was disappointing with numbers of most species low and no "waves," probably best day in Ithaca was May 7. Redwings and Grackles were superabundant, cowbirds apparently a little less so. At Ithaca, Evening Grosbeaks returned in numbers in late April and early May.

Rarities for the period were Western Grebe, Little Blue Heron, Glossy Ibis, Whimbrel, Common Raven, White-eyed Vireo, Worm-eating Warbler, Summer Tanager and Oregon Junco.

Localities: Cay—Cayuga; Conn Hill—Connecticut Hill s.w. of Ithaca; MNWR—Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; Sen—Seneca; SWS—Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: max eight Cay L; one Apr 27 Hornell RG (WG); five Apr 18, 19 Elmira (MW); one still MNWR May 30 (CH). Horned Grebe: only two MNWR in contrast to many last year (WEB); usual numbers Cay L. WESTERN GREBE: one May 4 MNWR (WEB, CH) first Cay Basin record (see Field Note this issue). Double-crested Cormorant: three reports—one MNWR Apr 27 (WEB) and May 18 (mob); two May 22 Geneva (CW). No herons or bitterns seen Hornell area (WG). Great Blue Heron: MNWR—arr two Apr 1, max 20 May 31 (CH); heronries active at Marengo Swamp (WEB) and near Reynoldsville (BS). Green Heron: arr two Apr 17 MNWR (CH). LITTLE BLUE HERON: one May 17 Spencer (Lynch *et al*)—rare. Cattle Egret: two reports—one Apr 23 MNWR

(CH); two May 18 just n. of MNWR (RG,DM). Common Egret: early arr Apr 12 MNWR (L. P. Williams), max three. Black-crowned Night Heron: arr Apr 8 MNWR, max 40, again nesting in cattails (CH). Least Bittern: arr one SWS May 11 (Euler); several sightings MNWR; one May 18 Watkins Marsh (JB). American Bittern: arr Apr 12, max six MNWR; one report Keuka (FG). *GLOSSY IBIS*: six May 20 MNWR (CH).

Whistling Swan: last, three MNWR Apr 18. Canada Goose: max MNWR 60,000 mid-Apr, 130 May 28; exodus about May 8. "White Canada": Canada Goose size, almost white back and wings, wing tips dark, slate-gray head and neck, white chin-strap; seen first (one) Cay L and MNWR several years ago, gradual increase to five this year. Brant: 60-70 Apr 23 n. end Canadaigua L (MW); over Ithaca Apr 26 (Eric Johnson). Snow Goose: max 450 Apr 30 MNWR (CH) equals 1964 high. Blue Goose: max 1000 Apr 30 MNWR (CH) highest ever.

Gadwall: 400 May 31 MNWR (CH). Pintail: 450 Apr 8, 20 May 31 MNWR. Green-winged Teal: 20 May 31 MNWR; pair May 18 Watkins Marsh (JB). Blue-winged Teal: 90 May 31 MNWR; scattered pairs on ponds and marshes. Wood Duck: 40 May 31 MNWR; scattered breeding pairs elsewhere. In general diving ducks numbers were low, except Ring-necked and Bufflehead. Redhead: 120 May 31 MNWR; none seen Elmira. Ring-necked Duck: numbers good; 250 Apr 8, eight May 31 MNWR. Canvasback: scarce; none seen Elmira; one still at MNWR May 18. Bufflehead: more numerous than usual Keuka L (FG); 100 Cay L Apr 18 including one flock of 45 (RG,DM), a few May 18. Oldsquaw: only one Elmira, Apr 10, usually migrating in numbers with Horned Grebes; reported each week Cay L thru May 18, max 24 Apr 20 (RG). White-winged Scoter: singles Apr 25 SWS, Apr 26, 27 Cay L, Apr 30 Elmira (WH); one May record Keuka L (FG). Surf Scoter: Apr 18 Keuka L (FG); one Apr 25 SWS. Common Scoter: 39 Apr 20 Cay L. (Murray Gardler). Ruddy Duck: arr eight Apr 13 (WEB), 40 May 31 MNWR. Hooded Merganser: good numbers; 440 Apr 30 MNWR.

HAWKS-OWLS: Turkey Vulture: increased sightings Watkins area, three each Apr 27, 31, scattered singles (JB); two singles Elmira; max ten MNWR (WEB). Hawks: Goshawk: two Elmira sightings Apr 14 (Al Fudge) and Apr 27 (MW), one Geneva Apr 24, one Ithaca area early Apr; Sharp-shinned: none Elmira or Keuka; one Apr 9 Conn Hill (JB), one late Apr Ithaca; Cooper's: several Apr sightings Watkins (JB), one female Apr 1 Geneva (CW), one early Apr Ithaca; Red-tailed: six or seven regularly Keuka Pk (FG); several active nests Ithaca area, all known nesting sites occupied Geneva (CW), four May 18 EBC; Red-shouldered: very scarce, one Apr 18 Ithaca (JJ), one May 4 Keuka Pk where rare (FG), two Conn Hill in May (JB); Broad-winged: one Apr 24 Etna (DBP), several May sightings Conn Hill (JB) perhaps nesting?; Bald Eagle: one Apr 21 and 29 MNWR, one imm May 15 Elmira (DeWitt); Marsh: more later sightings Watkins (three May 18) probably nesting (JB), several sightings Geneva area (CW); Osprey: last May 18 MNWR (mob); *PEREGRINE FALCON*: one Apr 4 SWS, one Apr 14 Elmira (Al Fudge); *PIGEON HAWK*: one Apr 30 near Ithaca (Mrs. Sherwood). Sparrow Hawk: numbers good.

Very few reports of rails, possibly hard to see with high water. Common Gallinule: arr one Apr 16 MNWR (WEB). Coot: 300 Apr 8, 160 May 31 MNWR. Ring-necked Pheasant: numbers high.

Semipalmated Plover: arr two May 10, max 37 May 20 MNWR (WEB); one Waterloo Dump May 18 (CW). Black-bellied Plover: max nine MNWR May 30 (JW). Woodcock: nest near Tyre Apr 20 (WEB). Upland Plover: arr two Apr 20 Elmira (M. Wingert); fewer Ithaca. Solitary Sandpiper: arr Apr 21 (RG). Yellow-legs: Greater: max 17 Apr 20 last one May 18 MNWR, Lesser: arr one Apr 20 (RG) max 66 May 3 last two May 21 (WEB) all MNWR. Knot: one May 18 Waterloo Dump (CW); two Apr 27-30 MNWR. Sandpipers: Pectoral: NONE

MNWR usual Apr max over 100 (WEB), one May 18 (EBC); White-rumped: two May 3 Elmira (mob), two May 21 MNWR last one May 30 (WEB); Least: arr and max 30 May 10, last two May 25 MNWR (WEB); Dunlin: MNWR arr ten Apr 18 (DBP,DM) max 400 May 18 and last three May 30 (WEB), one Horseheads May 1 (WH), ten Geneva May 14 (CW); Short-billed Dowitcher: arr and max nine May 18 last one May 21 MNWR (WEB); Long-billed Dowitcher: one May 18 Hog Hole Ithaca (P. Kelsey); Semipalmated: arr six May 17 max 500 May 28 & 30 MNWR (WEB); Western: one May 21 (WEB) and May 25 (JW) MNWR, one May 18 Clifton Springs (CW). Northern Phalarope: one May 10-12 MNWR (CH); one May 28 Waterloo Dump (CW,Trails).

Bonaparte's Gull: arr Apr 7, 30-40 Kanakadea Pk Recreation Area near Hornell (WG) and nine Elmira (WH); max 750 Apr 20 Cay L (RG); last 12 May 18 (EBC). Great Black-backed Gull: last one May 18 Cay L. Common Tern: arr Apr 11 Aurora (JJ). Black Tern: arr two Apr 26 MNWR (DM); about 200 MNWR (WEB); Caspian Tern: one May 7 Watkins (JB), only report. Cuckoos: Yellow-billed: arr May 12 Waterloo (JW); Black-billed: arr Apr 28 Elmira (N. Hood) early, next arr date May 12. Owls: Screech: only one May 17 Stewart Pk. Ithaca; Great Horned: two young May 18 near Clyde (WEB); Snowy: only record for year one Apr 12 MNWR (Saw Mill R Aud. Soc.); Barred: nesting SWS, present Texas Hollow and Hendershot Gulf (JB); Short-eared: three Apr reports, the last Ithaca during third week.

GOATSUCKERS-STARLINGS: Whip-poor-will: regular near Altay as for several years (JB). Common Nighthawk: scarce, none in Elmira. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: late, arr May 13 Dryden, not until May 27 Hornell (WG). Red-headed Woodpecker: at least ten pairs nesting in dead elms on Clifton Springs golf course (CW); increasing Keuka, six or seven sightings (FG). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: also late, first Apr 11 Watkins, found May 18 Conn Hill, Hendershot Gulf and several Arnott Forest S.E. of Odessa (JB). Flycatchers: Eastern Kingbird: late arr, May 4 MNWR (WEB); Great Crested: none to end of period Hornell (WG); Eastern Phoebe: general arr not until first week Apr, late; Yellow-bellied: one banded Apr 20 Penn Yan (M. Lerch); Acadian: possible one May 18 MNWR (WEB), "very green small flycatcher with eye ring and wing bars, but did not sing" so identification not definite; Eastern Wood Pewee: also late, first May 14 Ithaca and Geneva; Olive-sided: one May 27 Hinman Swamp Watkins (JB). Swallows: Bank: arr Apr 18, several traditional nesting banks empty Geneva area (CW), good numbers Tompkins Co; Rough-winged: arr Apr 18; Barn: arr Apr 12; Cliff: had returned by Apr 27 to Dryden site but colony still small after barn remodelling, two other small colonies near Ithaca, 30 nesting at regular Ferguson's Corners site s. of Geneva (CW); Purple Martin: still scarce, none nesting MNWR, SWS, Geneva.

COMMON RAVEN: one May 18 s. of Mecklenburg being harassed by crows (JB). Tufted Titmouse: unusual winter concentration at Hornell disappeared with spring (WG). Red-breasted Nuthatch: nest May 27 Conn Hill, also present Arnott Forest (JB); pair thru period Camp Ditmer B.S.A. near Geneva (CW). Brown Creeper: May reports SWS, Conn Hill, Arnott Forest, Camp Ditmer, Geneva. Wrens: House: numbers coming back up after drop of a few years ago; Winter: numbers very low; Carolina: one pair each Keuka Pk and Dresden (FG), several locations s. end Sen L and at Montour airport (JB), first pair in several years Stewart Pk Ithaca Apr 28 at least thru May 17; Long-billed Marsh: arr Apr 23 Horseheads (WH), late and scarce MNWR (WEB); Short-billed Marsh: one May 18 Camp Ditmer (EBC). Mockingbird: three and two young fledged May Ithaca; pair Mt. Zoar, Elmira feeding two young in May after two nesting failures (see Field Note May *Kingbird*). Wood Thrush: arr Apr 20 SWS; back up to normal numbers Hornell (WG). Hermit Thrush: late, first one Apr 15 Dryden (DBP). Veery: also late, first May 1 Conn Hill (JJ); regained normal numbers Hornell (WG). Eastern Bluebird: none Geneva, Clyde; one pair Waterloo (JW); missing at several last year's loca-

tions Watkins, but present several new ones especially Bardeen's (JB); ten pairs Penn. Hill Hornell (WG); six pairs Keuka Pk (FG); only one pair Trumansburg area where ten pairs 1967 (L. Proskine). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: nesting two locations Elmira; present Montour airport, Conn Hill May 6, Ithaca area. Golden-crowned Kinglet: singing Conn Hill May 6, 11, 18, 27 and Burnt Hill near Bennettsburg May 25 (JB). Cedar Waxwing: about normal; finally returned Watkins May 18 after being absent all winter (JB). Loggerhead Shrike: one Apr 19 near Ithaca (J. Haugh).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: *WHITE-EYED VIREO*: one singing Hector May 22 (BS). Yellow-throated and Solitary Vireos both late (arr May 6 and Apr 28) and scarce. Red-eyed Vireo: arr very late, May 2. Philadelphia Vireo: three reports—one May 11 Conn Hill (JB), one May 17 Keuka Pk (FG), one May 18 Ithaca (JJ, B. Jacobs).

Although all regular species of Warblers were reported, plus Brewster's and one Lawrence's (Ithaca—RG), numbers of most species were low. Many normally arriving mid-Apr to early May (cold spell) were 5 to 12 days late, arr dates: Black-and-white Apr 24 (DBP), Nashville May 3, Yellow May 2 (WEB) abundant, Magnolia May 7 (DBP), Black-throated Green May 2 (DBP), Palm Apr 26, Ovenbird May 2 (back to normal numbers Hornell—FG), Am. Redstart May 3. Oddly, species usually arriving before or during early Apr (warm spell) were even later: Myrtle Apr 12 (WEB) abundant May 1–15, Northern Waterthrush Apr 22, Louisiana Waterthrush Apr 20, Yellowthroat not until May 3. Other warbler records: *WORM-EATING*: one May 30 King Rd Waterloo, heard and seen at distance of 10–15 ft. (JW); Orange-crowned: Alpine (Mrs. Bishop), and singing on nearby Conn Hill May 6 (JB); Tennessee and Blackpoll abundant around May 18; Parula: one May 7 SWS (J. Patterson) and one, Monkey Run Ithaca (DBP) were the only records; Chestnut-sided: one very early, Apr. 22 Dryden (DBP), resident numbers seem low Ithaca; Cerulean: nest found May 18 near MNWR (RG); Prairie: reported from all locations of last year Elmira with six singing males at Comfort Hill (MW), pair back Conn Hill in May, May 7 Watkins (JB), Camp Ditmar Geneva May 18 (CW); Mourning: only reports, one near Dryden (P.Kelsey), singles May 18 near Ithaca (Kellogg) and Clifton Springs; Yellow-breasted Chat: two locations with three or four singing males total Ithaca, only one Keuka record.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: arr May 4 Ithaca (RG) and Dryden (DBP); numbers seem up. Eastern Meadowlark: normal except Keuka numbers down; finally arr Hornell Apr 4 (WG). Orchard Oriole: pair at Campbell Ave. nesting location in May (Hannan), also seen Stewart Pk May 3, 17 (mob), both Ithaca; imm male May 30 Starkey (R.Norton, mob), same location as last year—rare in Keuka area. Rusty Blackbird: last May 18, one Ithaca and 12 Geneva. Scarlet Tanager: none Hornell, normal elsewhere. *SUMMER TANAGERS* female May 12 s. of Penn Yan (Royce Nortons), (FG, M. Lerch *et al*) seen at Norton's suet feeder at distance of 30 ft. with binoculars—"could plainly note the very small contrast between wings and the rest of the body. The belly had a distinct orange-yellow cast, the bill was cream colored"—first Keuka area record. Indigo Bunting: scarce, none Hornell (WG); first May 9 Watkins (JB). Evening Grosbeak: Hornell flock of about 200 reduced to 25 by May 1, last five May 21, last sighting "all yellow" one Apr 21 and 29 (WG); large numbers returned to Ithaca area late Apr, early May but only a few remained May 18. Purple Finch: scarce—single sightings only MNWR area (two Apr 26—WEB) and Hornell (one male Apr 29—WG); good numbers Watkins after winter's absence (JB). American Goldfinch: large increase over good winter feeder population in late Apr, early May—e.g. abundant May 4 on Geneva, about 150 on Hobart Campus alone (CW). Pine Siskin: very scarce, mostly singles; a few at two or three Ithaca feeders with Goldfinches max 7 Monkey Run May 7 (DPB); Red Crossbill: one May 15 Watkins (*vide* JB).

Sparrows: flocks of Savannahs (scarce Keuka-FG) and Vespers noted second week Apr Ithaca area; Grasshopper and Henslow's: both scarce, present Baker Hill Rd location Ithaca mid-May (Pearsall), no Henslow's at any former Elmira location (MW) and only one record of Grasshopper Keuka Pk area (FG); Slate-colored Junco: large numbers last few days Mar and first two weeks Apr; OREGON JUNCO: the one reported at MNWR Mar 31 stayed until at least Apr 29; one Apr 6 Elmira (C. Runey, WH); White-crowned: arr Apr 18 Trumansburg (L. Proskine), large numbers most areas, last May 23 Hornell (WG); Fox: only one record (Apr 11) Keuka Pk as compared to numerous sightings last year (FG), more records than usual Ithaca; Lincoln's: only report one Elmira May 6 (WH); Swamp: late arr, e.g. first MNWR Apr 12 (WEB); Song: migrants and residents abundant.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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April and May averaged warm and dry. Though there was scattered frost as late as May 27 there was a lack of severe storms and prolonged cold or wet periods that would mean trouble for migrants. Apparently as a result of favorable weather conditions the small land bird migration ran ahead of schedule and quite a few early arrivals were noted. The shorebird migration, however, was next to nil.

The frequency with which southern species were reported was close to spectacular, including the almost established Mockingbird in more and more areas, seven Red-headed Woodpeckers, a Red-bellied Woodpecker, three and perhaps four White-eyed Vireos, a Kentucky Warbler, two pairs of Orchard Orioles and another possible and a possible Summer Tanager. Strangely Tufted Titmice, with a head start on the Mockingbird, seem not to keep pace with it. Of course this may be an illusion created by the fact that Mockingbirds are difficult to overlook if present. More sobering is an apparent decrease in Bluebirds.

Place name abbreviations: Bing—Binghamton; Chen—Chenango; CC—Choconut Center, a couple of miles north of Johnson City; NV—Newark Valley; WP—Whitney Point.

Observer abbreviations: DB—Donald Bemont; LB—Leslie Bemont; LC—Mrs. Lynn Clark; MC—Mitchell Cubberly; A,MD—Anna & Marilyn Davis; C,JD—Carleton & Jeanne Davis; LD—Louise Dean; EF—Elizabeth Feldhusen; CG—Clinton Gerould; CGo—Claire Gottschall; JAG—John A. Gustafson; MH—Mark Harris; FL—Florence Linaberry; ML—Margaret Lynch; HM—Harriet Marsi; JN—John New; MS—Mary Sheffield; R.S.—Robert Sheffield; HS—Harvey Spivak; AS—Anne Stratton; E,NW—Elizabeth & Newell Washburn; DW—Donald Weber; CW—Cora Wellman; MW—Mildred White; RW—Ruth Williams.

LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: one Apr 6 WP (MS); nine other reports to May 10. Horned Grebe: Apr 26 Oneonta (JN, et al.); Apr 28 Owego (ML); May 3 Oneonta; no more. Pied-billed Grebe: Apr 19 WP (ML,LD); Apr 29 and May 1 Oneonta (JN, et al.); no others. Great Blue Heron: migrants first reported Apr 6. Green Heron: Apr 18 NV (LD), very early; next ones Apr 27. American Bittern: Apr 13 Apalachin (LB,DB); seemed numerous. Canada Goose: most migrants past by May 6; a flock of about 100 May 17 flying over the Oneonta area (EF); one May 24 on river at Homer (JAG). Snow Goose: Apr 3 Tully (P.Schlenker). Green-winged Teal: one still at Apalachin May 18. Blue-winged Teal: one Apr 12 WP (MS); five Apr 16 Cortland (HS). American Widgeon: six Apr 13 Apalachin (LB,DB), the only report during the period. Shoveller: two males Apr 12 in the Oneonta area (CW); no others. Ring-necked Duck: Apr 24 Owego (ML), the last. Scaup (?): May 5 Owego (MW).

Common Goldeneye: a dozen or more Apr 4 WP (LB,DB), the latest. Bufflehead: eight reports in Apr, the last Apr 26 Owego (LD). Ruddy Duck: three females Apr 6 WP (MS), at close range. Hooded Merganser: Apr 19 WP (ML), the last. Common Merganser: 350 Apr 4 WP (LB,DB); May 19 WP (ML), the only report after Apr 12. Red-breasted Merganser: Apr 28 Oneonta (JN), the last.

HAWKS-OWLS: Turkey Vulture: eight reports, from WP, Owego, Delhi, Bestal Center, and Oneonta. Goshawk: one Apr 4 Andes (MC) where also reported in Mar. Sharp-shinned Hawk: Apr 11 Delhi (LC); two other Apr reports and also at Owego "all period." Cooper's Hawk: a pair Apr 17 Milford, north of Oneonta (CW), in same woods as last year; only one other report during period, also from Oneonta area. Red-tailed Hawk: quite common; at least 32 recorded sightings from all parts of the region. Red-shouldered Hawk: nine records from Oneonta area (JN, et al.) and six from Owego. Broad-winged Hawk: Apr 18 Milford (CW); 14 more reports to May 18. Rough-legged Hawk: two Apr records, the last Apr 26 Delhi. Marsh Hawk: three at Oxford May 30 (AS); five other dated reports plus "all period" at Owego. Osprey: Apr 14 Chen Forks (A,MD); at least 17 reported, to May 12. Pigeon Hawk: Apr 1 Richford (ML), no details. Bobwhite: May 18 Vestal Center (E,NW), the only report Turkey: one Apr 14 Cortland (Cook); also reported from Tioga County. Virginia Rail: Apalachin May 18, several observers, the only report. Sora: May 17 Homer (Wm. Breidinger), the only report. Common Gallinule: one Apr 27 Apalachin (LB,-DB), still there May 18. American Coot: two Apr 13 Apalachin (LB,DB); Apr 26 Owego (MW). Semipalmated Plover: one May 18 Apalachin (Lilly Theophanis), no others. American Woodcock: fairly common; seven counted calling in a mile Apr 10 (LB,DB). Common Snipe: at least 15 at Endicott and Apalachin Apr 13 (LB,DB); also recorded at Norwich, NV and Delhi during Apr; still at Apalachin and Norwich in the latter part of May. Upland Plover: Apr 24 Richford (ML); two May 17 Homer (JAG). Spotted Sandpiper: Apr 14 Owego (MW); Apr 20 and 22 Friendsville, in nearby Pennsylvania, (CGo); no more until May 1 when they became common. Solitary Sandpiper: May 1 CC (MS,RS); only four more reports to May 17. Greater Yellowlegs: two Apr 12 Sherburne (R,SW); four more reports to Apr 23. Herring Gull: one Apr 25 Cortland (HS), the last of the season. Ring-billed Gull: seven Apr 8 Johnson City (LB), May 3 Oneonta (JN) and one May 18 Endicott were the only ones reported; usually common around Otsego Lake during the summer but no reports from there. Bonaparte's Gull: one Mar 29 WP (MH); Apr 18 Owego (MW); May 10 WP (MS); that's all. Black Tern: May 17 Cortland (Wm. Duffy), the only one. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: May 18 several localities and observers; seemed quite common. Black-billed Cuckoo: one May 10 Oxford (AS), early; next report May 17. Screech Owl: reported at Delhi (LC), and from Cortland and Tioga Counties; missed elsewhere. Barred Owl: two calling Apr 20 Milford (CW); also at Apalachin May 18 (HM), Berkshire May 23 (ML) and Oneonta May 17 (JN). Long-eared Owl: one seen or heard three times in the latter half of Apr and again May 25 Cortland (HS). Saw-whet Owl: those in nest box at Candor gone May 13 (DW), "not sure—if there was a nest."

GOATSUCKERS-STARLINGS: Whip-poor-will: May 19 Oneonta (JN); May 24 Cortland (JAG). Nighthawk: May 17 at Bing (E. Whitson), Owego (MW) and Homer (Mrs. Shutts). Chimney Swift: Apr 27 Berkshire (ML); common after May 3. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: May 16 CC (MS,RS). Yellow-shafted Flicker: abundant from Apr 8. Pileated Woodpecker: nine reports. Red-bellied Woodpecker: one Apr 10 to 18 Deposit (Mrs. Carroll Potter, via SW), coming to a window feeder—"observed at length and at close range." Red-headed Woodpecker: May 3 (Horak) and May 24 (JAG) Cortland; May 10 CC (MS,RS); May 18 Bing (Lilly Theophanis); May 18 Berkshire (ML); May 18 Sherburne (R,SW); May 19 Oxford (AS). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Apr 6 Castle Creek (MS); particularly numerous Apr 11 to 14, but reported quite frequently all period. Eastern Kingbird:

Apr 29 Berkshire (ML). Great Crested Flycatcher: May 3 Owego (C.Gerould) and Delhi (LC). Eastern Phoebe: common from Apr 4. Traill's Flycatcher: May 17 Homer (JAG); also reported from Apalachin, Owego, Candor and CC. Least Flycatcher: May 6 CC (MS). Eastern Wood Pewee: two May 7 Cortland (HS), but no more until May 17. Olive-sided Flycatcher: May 31 Milford (CW), the only report. Horned Lark: "nested nearby, saw young May 1" Candor (DW). Tree Swallow: regular reports from Apr 3; several 100 at WP Apr 6 (MS); egg dates at Oxford May 14, 17 and 22 (AS). Bank Swallow: Apr 27 Apalachin (LB,DB). Rough-winged Swallow: one Apr 12 Sherburne (R,SW); unmixed flock of eight at Endwell Apr 22 (LB). Barn Swallow: twenty Apr 19 Bing (MH); regular after Apr 26. Cliff Swallow: Apr 26 Greene (C,JD). Purple Martin: Apr 9 Cortland (Popovich). Tufted Titmouse: two reports from Cortland, one from Deposit, from three Triple Cities area localities and from Cranberry Lake in nearby Pennsylvania. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 25 reports from Apr 13 to May 18; one still at Gilbert Lake State Park, NW of Oneonta, May 25 (R,SW); at Milford "nesting here three places" (CW). House Wren: Apr 26 Oneonta (JN, et. al.). Winter Wren: Apr 9 Delhi (LC); six more reports to at least May 25. Long-billed Marsh Wren: one May 25 Sherburne (R,SW), the only record. Mockingbird: reported from Homer, Delhi, Owego, Oxford, NV, Vestal Center and Endwell (two birds at one location); reports becoming too numerous to list individually. Catbird: Apr 15 Berkshire (ML), surely a wintering bird; migrants May 4. Brown Thrasher: Apr 10 Endwell (DB); four more reports before Apr 22 when they became common. Robin: two reports of albinos, one near Delhi Apr 15 (LC) and one at Hancock Apr 17 (SW). Wood Thrush: at Greene (C,JD) and Endwell May 3. Hermit Thrush: Apr 12 Milford (CW), and later at five different places in that area; nine other reports. Swainson's Thrush: May 15 Bing (MS), the only report. Gray-cheeked Thrush: May 17 Bing (HM), banded the only report. Veery: May 4 NV (LD). Eastern Bluebird: "started nesting" Apr 20 and four eggs May 4, Oxford (AS); at CC and Candor absent in areas where several pairs have nested for quite a few years. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: May 3 several along river between Oxford and Brisben (MS,RS); four sightings at Cortland from May 7 (HS, Wm. Duffy). Golden-crowned Kinglet: a flurry of reports Apr 9 to 19, peaking Apr 13, then none. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Apr 11 Cortland (HS) to May 25 Endwell (DB). Water Pipit: Apr 13 Friendsville in nearby Pennsylvania (CGo) and Apr 22 over 60 at the same place; Apr 29 Candor (DW); May 1 to 8 NV (ML); May 6 to 12 Greene (C,JD). Loggerhead Shrike: Apr 3 NV (ML), no details.

VIREOS-WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: one May 2 Chen Forks (A,MD), "yellow spectacles, yellow sides and two wing bars," 60 feet up in a hickory tree in good light; one May 14 Cortland (HS), all distinctive field marks, including song, at very close range; May 18 Endwell (LB, et. al.), song and all other field marks at close range—about one hour later and a couple of hundred yards away what may, on the basis of minor differences in the song, have been another individual was seen and heard; only two records in the previous 16 years. Yellow-throated Vireo: May 5 Owego (MW); no more until May 14 Bing (MS). Solitary Vireo: Apr 17 Cranberry Lake (E,NW); no more until May 1 Oneonta (JN, et. al.). Red-eyed Vireo: Apr 28 Owego (MW); regular from May 1. Philadelphia Vireo: May 17 Bing (HM), banded; May 18 Owego (RW). Warbling Vireo: Apr 28 Owego (MW); 21 along river from Brisben to Greene May 17 (MS,RS).

Warblers: Black-and-white: Apr 29 Chen Forks (A,MD). Golden-winged: May 5 Chen Forks (A,MD); 31 other reports. Brewster's: May 7 Bing (HM); May 14 Milford (CW); May 21 Candor (DW); May 25 Endwell. Blue-winged: May 4 Bing (MS,RS); eight other reports. Tennessee: May 16 Oneonta (JN) to May 25 Endwell (LB); not particularly common. Nashville: Apr 27 Apalachin (LB,DB). Parula: May 14 Bing (MS) and Cortland (HS); three more reports, the last of three at Cortland May 29 (HS). Yellow: Apr 27 NV (LD); regular from May 3. Magnolia: May 5

Chen Forks (A,MD); not particularly common, although it "nests" in "four places or more" at Milford (CW). Cape May: May 5 Candor (DW); four more reports, the last May 18 Berkshire (ML). Black-throated Blue: May 2 Chen Forks (A,MD); quite common to May 18; one at Milford May 30 (CW). Myrtle: Apr 18 Cortland (Shutts); common to May 18. Black-throated Green: Apr 28 Milford (CW). Blackburnian: May 3 Chen Forks (A,MD). Chestnut-sided: May 7 Cortland (HS). Bay-breasted: May 7 Chen Forks (A,MD); only six other reports from May 13 to 21. Blackpoll: May 12 Vestal (Gail & Warren Corderman), seemed early but other reports soon after; at Bing May 17, "scads" (HM); May 18, "lots all over" (MS) and still "lots" around May 24; at Norwich from May 15 to 30 "never heard so many before" (R,SW). Prairie: May 1 NV (LD); also returned to Vestal Center again (E,NW). Palm: two May 27 Apalachin (LB,DB); May 11 NV (LD); that's all.

Ovenbird: May 3 in several areas. Northern Waterthrush: Apr 28 Milford (CW); eleven other reports. Louisiana Waterthrush: Apr 15 Hinman's Corners, north of Bing (MS); two nests found in one ravine near Endwell (Margery & Dorothy Rutbell). Kentucky Warbler: May 24 and 25 Ingraham Hill (Claude Howard), found by song and watched for some time. Mourning Warbler: May 18 Bing (HM), banded; May 21 Milford (CW) where a nest was found last year. Yellowthroat: Apr 29 Oneonta (JN, et. al.). Yellow-breasted Chat: May 18 Endwell (LB); May 21 Bing (MS,RS). Wilson's Warbler: May 13 Conklin (M.Getman); five more reports to May 26. Canada Warbler: May 8 Chen Forks (A,MD). American Redstart: several May 3 Oxford to Brisben (MS,RS).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: May 2 NV (LD). Orchard Oriole: May 3 Bing (Mary Ryan), the pair remained in an unsprayed orchard there through the month, allowing confirmation of the identification by several other observers—the property owners report that they were there last year, too, but the male was still in the primarily green sub-adult plumage then; a pair May 13 Oxford (AS), feeding on suet; May 18 Owego (RW), tentative identification from description by another observer. Baltimore Oriole: Apr 28 NV (LD) and Chen Forks (A,MD); regular from May 3. Rusty Blackbird: seen regularly at Cortland until May 7 (HS). Brown-headed Cowbird: "terrible" at Oxford (AS). Scarlet Tanager: May 4 NV (LD) and May 7 Cortland (Shutts). Summer Tanager: May 13 Cortland (Mrs. David Chapman via JAG), "she knows these—from—the mid-west," no other details. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: a female Apr 25 Bing (MH); two Apr and five May reports before May 7 when they became regular; more common than most years. Indigo Bunting: one May 2 thru 5 Endwell (D.Rutbell, fide Fl), very early; May 14 Cortland (HS), the next. Dickcissel: May 13 Delhi (LC), found dead three days later. Evening Grosbeak: common until May 18, thinning out considerably thereafter but still at Deposit at the end of the period (SW). Purple Finch: became fairly common after Apr 19 following a lean winter. House Finch: one Apr 9 and for several weeks thereafter at Endwell (FL), at a feeder where they have been seen other years. Redpoll: still at Endwell Apr 9 (FL). Pine Siskin: May 7 NV (Louise Hover); May 17 Oneonta (JN, et. al.); no others. American Goldfinch: returned to Andes, in the Catskills, May 11 after being absent since mid-Dec (MC). Rufous-sided Towhee: migrants Apr 14. Grasshopper Sparrow: Apr 17 Oxford (AS), early with no details; May 18 at Bing the next; scarce. Henslow's Sparrow: May 5 CC (MS); six other reports. Vesper Sparrow: Apr 6 Berkshire (ML) and two at CC (MS); fairly common. Slate-colored Junco: reduced to normal small breeding population by about May 15. Tree Sparrow: Apr 30 Endwell (D.Rutbell); one May 13 at Berkshire (ML) could only be an injured bird. Chipping Sparrow: Apr 7 Endwell (FL), and regular thereafter. Field Sparrow: common after Apr 11. White-crowned Sparrow: Apr 15 Endwell (FL), early-regular there from then but next report elsewhere Apr 27; common until May 17 and last recorded May 22. White-throated Sparrow: small numbers of migrants as early as Mar 22 but common from Apr 18 to May 18. Fox Sparrow: the last of the

main body of migrants Apr 14; a very late straggler at Candor May 16 (DW). Lincoln's Sparrow: Apr 30 Berkshire (ML), skulking along in plowed furrows—detailed report on file; May 7 Bing (MH), banded. Swamp Sparrow: Apr 13 Endicott and Apalachin (LB,DB).

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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March ice still locked in most lake areas to April 10. A sudden period of warm weather April 10–12 plus stiff west winds produced rapid breakup of the ice cover coupled with extensive damage by same to dunes and to lakeshore cottages. This warm spell yielded many arrival dates, particularly swallows and early shorebirds. A cold weather hammerlock promptly subdued all migratory efforts for the next eight to ten days, and birders searched very hard but often vainly for many species, e.g. swallows, herons, shorebirds, whose initial members had already been reported. Triggering warm weather and south winds produced heavy hawk and landbird migrations April 22 and 27.

Cool cloudy weather in early May brought only a few tantalizing dribbles of migrants. May 7 and 8 saw a major wave; many birders savored this and the wave residue thru May 10–11. The next major wave occurred May 17, with many holdovers to May 18, an unbelievably cold day along Lake Ontario, for the local Big Run. May 20 saw a major wave on the Sandy Pond dunes; lesser waves, primarily of flycatchers, thrushes, and vireos, were noted May 22 and 23 at Syracuse. Extremely hot weather and strong south winds in the last four days of May sent almost all landbird migrants packing northward.

Heavy rains in late April and May 19–20 created many shallowly flooded areas on local mucklands; migrant shorebirds forced down by rain or cool cloudy weather assembled on such places and local birders enjoyed one of the best late spring shorebird flights in years.

Positives for the season include: 1) a heavy hawk migration, particularly so in Turkey Vulture, Goshawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Osprey, and Marsh Hawk, but quite deficient in Red-shouldered Hawk and Pigeon Hawk and, of course, there are never enough eagles; 2) a good early shorebird flight and superb late shorebird flight with record numbers of Solitary Sandpiper and Knot and some record departure dates; 3) heavy Ontario lakeshore migration of Blue Jay and White-breasted Nuthatch; 4) a late May irruption, invasion, or return, of Cedar Waxwing—they are everywhere!; 5) increased counts of many vireos and warblers, particularly the later migrant species; 6) heavy Ontario lakeshore flight of Evening Grosbeak and Goldfinch; and 7) a good but brief flight of Lincoln's Sparrow.

Negatives for spring are many: 1) an absence of all white herons and nearly so of Black-crowned Night Heron; 2) poor numbers of both Blue and Snow Geese and only singles of Brant; 3) a paucity of Horned Grebe, Redhead, Canvasback, Ruddy Duck, and Coot, interestingly all prairie marsh nesters; 4) poor swallow counts with no species above 2000/day, even on the Lake Ontario flyway; 5) a very poor Ontario lakeshore flight of Black-capped Chickadee, particularly disappointing after the massive fall 1968 irruption; 6) persistent low tallies on Bluebird; 7) an anemic flight of both kinglets; 8) a continued decline of Henslow's Sparrow; 9) poor flights of Vesper, White-crowned, and White-throated Sparrows.

Rarities for the period include: Glossy Ibis, European Widgeon, Barrow's Goldeneye, Whimbrel, Willet, Purple Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Forster's Tern, White-eyed Vireo, Lawrence's Warbler, Western Meadowlark, Green-tailed Towhee, and Oregon Junco.

Abbreviations: CV—Camillus Valley; DH—Derby Hill near Texas; FHBSP—Fair Haven Beach State Park; FR—sugar beet waste impoundments at Fox Ridge near Port Byron; HIGMA—Howland Island Game Management Area near Port Byron; Onon—Onondaga; SMC—Six Mile Creek near Phoenix; SP—Sandy Pond; SPI—Sandy Pond Inlet; SSSP—Selkirk Shores State Park near Pulaski; Syr—Syracuse.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: max 350 (very high but not a record) May 1 DH (FGS); heavy L Ontario flight (50-60/day); last noted two May 22 (early) SP. Horned Grebe: max 17 (very low) Apr 2 Oswego and FHBSP (FLF); last noted Apr 26 Utica (J.&E. Van Dresar)—none in May—most unusual. Double-crested Cormorant: arr and max three DH Apr 27; one May 18 SPI (S.Morgan, GS). Great Blue Heron: 20 nests now at Morrisville Swamp (GLC). Green Heron: arr Apr 26 Utica marsh (J.&E. Van Dresar); spring max only seven May 11 HIGMA (FLF,RJS). Black-crowned Night Heron: only *one* reported, an ad May 10-11 HIGMA (FGS, FLF,RJS)—now very scarce in the Region and may no longer be breeding bird here. *Glossy Ibis*: single HIGMA May 10 (FGS) is only record.

Whistling Swan: dep Apr 5 three Seneca R flats (Ken.&JWP). Canada Goose: heavy flight—max 11,000 Beaver L plus HIGMA Apr 17 (FGS); exodus Apr 26-28 with 530 still passing DH May 2 (JWP). Brant: single birds May 17 and 18 at SPI (MSR) and DH (S. Morgan & GS) respectively. Snow and Blue Geese: scarce, with max only two Snow and three Blue Apr 6 Seneca R flats; none after mid-Apr.

Mallard and Black Duck: counts of 200 and 300 respectively at Scott Swamp near Phoenix Apr 3; sharp drop in numbers at Brewerton by Apr 10. Gadwall: max 18 FHBSP Apr 2 (FLF); scattered pairs at FR and HIGMA thru May. Pintail: max about 400 Scott Swamp Apr 4-10 (JWP,mob); rapid fall-off Apr 10-20 but migrant birds around in small numbers (ten-55/day) thru last week of Apr. Green-winged Teal: spring max 250 Apr 7 FR; numbers in other areas ten-55/day but quick drop by Apr 20. *European Widgeon*: a male Apr 12-24 Headquarters Pond HIGMA (GS, F.Dittrich). *Amer. Widgeon*: max 150 Apr 22 Pennellville flats (JWP); numbers low in other areas (12-30/day). Shoveler: max 12 HIGMA Apr 17: widely reported but numbers quite low (one-four/day) at Boliver, at Brewerton on Oneida L where uncommon, and at Clay Swamp.

Diving ducks—either a quick spring flight or dismally poor numbers; few lingering birds reported. Redhead: max *seven* DH Apr 4 (C&EF). Ring-necked Duck: max 360 Brewerton, FHBSP, and FR Apr 6 (FGS); last Apr 27, a pair SSSP. Canvasback: max 140 (very low—usually 500) Apr 7 Brewerton—this and Redhead rapidly growing very scarce here. Greater and Lesser Scaup: like above *Aythya*, quite scarce—one report of 1000 Greater and 200 Lesser Apr 12 Brewerton; most counts 100-300/day even from L Ontario bays; last Greater Scaup May 10 and Lesser Scaup May 11 both HIGMA (FLF).

Common Goldeneye: dep May 1 (early) 20, DH. *Barrow's Goldeneye*: female Seneca R at HIGMA Apr 6 (W.Thurber) is second Regional record for 1969. Bufflehead: heavy early Apr flight with max 250 Apr 12 Brewerton; many lingered into May with last noted May 18 five FR (FLF,RJS). Oldsquaw: spring max 30 Apr 13 off DH (MSR); scarce at Oneida L with only one-two/day. Ruddy Duck: only two reports—one DH and two Brewerton, both Apr 10 (JWP, C&EF)—like *Aythya*s, increasingly scarce. Common Merganser: max 50 at Brewerton Apr 5 (RJS) and FR Apr 6 (FGS)—the latter probably indicates a fish population has developed in those new impoundments. Red-breasted Merganser: max 870 (very low) FHBSP plus Oswego Apr 2 (FLF); L Ontario numbers low, 200-300/day.

DERBY HILL HAWK MIGRATION—SPRING 1969

<i>Species</i>	<i>Date range</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Date range of 90% of the birds</i>	<i>Peak day(s)</i>	<i>No. on peak day (s)</i>
Turkey Vulture	Mar 28-May 10	278	Apr 3-Apr 27	Apr 10	66
Goshawk	Mar 1-May 7	141	Mar 18-Apr 27	Apr 4	23
Sharp-shinned	Mar 17-May 19	2331	Apr 4-May 2	Apr 9	605
Cooper's	Mar 16-May 4	177	Mar 17-Apr 27	Apr 4	26
Red-tailed	Mar 1-May 10	2594	Mar 19-Apr 22	Apr 9	534
Red-shouldered	Mar 17-May 4	422	Mar 18-Apr 16	Mar 18; Mar 20	69; 67
Broad-winged	Apr 4-May 30	16080	Apr 21-Apr 27	Apr 22; Apr 27	6169; 7224
Rough-legged	Mar 17-Apr 27	234	Mar 20-Apr 25	Apr 3; Apr 6; Apr 9	35; 32; 33
Golden Eagle	Apr 15-May 2	6		Apr 15	2
Bald Eagle	Apr 9-Apr 27	5		Apr 27	3
Marsh Hawk	Mar 16-May 19	420	Mar 20-Apr 27	Apr 4; Apr 9	68; 60
Osprey	Apr 6-May 19	135	Apr 9-May 7	Apr 27	46
Peregrine Falcon	Apr 4-Apr 21	4			
Pigeon Hawk	Mar 24-Apr 25	10		Apr 4; Apr 21	3 each
Sparrow Hawk	Mar 18-May 19	422	Mar 20-Apr 25	Apr 9	80
Unidentified		470			

HAWKS-OWLS: Derby Hill hawk watching tallied 23,719 birds in 48 days of observation between Mar 1 and May 30. This is the third best year in the seven consecutive years of tallying migrant raptors there. Record tallies in these years are indicated by boldface type. The tallies for Sharp-shinned Hawk and Broad-winged Hawk are the third highest for the seven-year sequence.

Red-shouldered Hawk: three individuals in vigorous courtship in disparate areas of HIGMA May 1 (W.Thurber, FGS). Bald Eagle: an ad Apr 5 Brewerton is the only record away from DH (FGS, mob). Marsh Hawk: birds regularly reported at HIGMA and SP—none in May at Scott or Clay Swamps.

Gray Partridge: pair located May 15–21 near Pompey Ctr (DC,FLF)—apparently the small population there is breeding. American Coot: very scarce—one-six/day with max for entire sector only 20 Apr 12 HIGMA.

An exciting spring for shorebirds, particularly in the latter half of May. Both counts and variety in late May were as good as any year noted in the past decade. An abundance of habitat, particularly flooded mucklands and riverside farm fields, helped, and several appropriately timed rainy days literally dumped shorebirds onto these various areas. Record departure dates were established for Semipalmated Plover and White-rumped and Semipalmated Sandpiper. Semipalmated Plover: arr May 8 Seneca R flats; max 45 SMC May 29 (FGS); last noted June 22 one SPI (Warren Lloyd). Black-bellied Plover: arr May 10, three Seneca R flats; max ten SPI plus SMC May 20; dep May 31 three SMC (JWP). Ruddy Turnstone: arr May 11 three SP; max 29 SPI May 25 (RJS); dep May 30 13 SPI (mob).

Common Snipe: max 41 Apr 27 (late for so large a number) SMC (P. & S. Paquette). *Whimbrel*: flock of eight May 19 SMC (FGS) is only report. Upland Plover: arr Apr 17 two Pompey (FLF); max five (low) DH Apr 27. Solitary Sandpiper: strong early May flight—first noted Apr 24 one Lakeland (FGS); max 27 combined CV, Lakeland, and FR, May 10 (FGS); dep May 19 one SMC. *Willet*: one May 22 SP (FGS) is first Regional spring record. Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs: arr Apr 13 FR and Apr 6 HIGMA respectively; max 20 Greater and 34 Lesser May 1, combined tally Seneca R flats and SMC; dep Greater May 27 (very late) Clay Swamp (RJS) and Lesser May 19 (early) Lakeland. Knot: best spring flight in a dozen years—first noted May 21 SPI (MSR); max 36 (all-time high) May 25 SPI (RJS); dep May 31 four SMC. *Purple Sandpiper*: one in breeding plumage, second Regional spring record, May 22 and 25 SPI (FGS,RJS). Pectoral Sandpiper: arr Apr 12 (late) seven SMC (JWP); max 69 May 1 Seneca R flats; dep May 18 (late) one SMC (JWP). White-rumped Sandpiper: one May 8 (a record arr date) Seneca R flats (M. Gardler, FGS); last noted Jun 22 two FR (FGS). Least Sandpiper: arr May 1 ten FR; max 48 May 25 SMC; dep May 29 SPI. Dunlin: arr Apr 27 two SMC; max 85 FR May 25 (S. Hosler, MSR); dep May 31 four SMC (JWP). Short-billed Dowitcher: arr and max May 17, 14 FR; also 12 May 25 Nine Mile Pt on L Ontario E of Oswego (JWP); one-four/day in many wet and flooded areas; last noted May 26 two Clay Swamp mucklands. Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr May 17 two FR; max 162 (record spring count) SMC (FLF,RJS); dep Jun 22 one SPI (Warren Lloyd). *Western Sandpiper*: one May 30–31 SMC (FLF,RJS) first spring record since 1961. Sanderling: unlike all other late shorebirds, numbers poor max seven May 29 and last noted May 30 both SPI (FLF,RJS).

Iceland Gull: an imm May 18 FHBS (MSR) is very late. Bonaparte's Gull: max 25 SPI May 22 (FGS). Arr dates for terns: Common May 2 (M. Gardler); Caspian Apr 26 (late) SP (GS); Black Apr 24 HIGMA (FGS). Common Tern max 350 May 22 SPI (FGS). Forster's Tern: an ad seen well and calling May 22 SPI (FGS) is the first Regional spring record.

Mourning Dove: max 28 Apr 10 DH (GS). Great Horned Owl: max for spring 12 Apr 26–May 3 near Eaton (GLC), undoubtedly includes young birds; nests at Frankfort Gorge (VB), Syr, Oneida (D. W. Ackley). Short-eared Owl: last noted May 5 Bridgeport (JWP), record dep date. Saw-whet Owl: only two noted, one Apr 9 Syr (T. M. Riley) and one Apr 15 Oswego (G. Maxwell).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Whip-poor-will: spring max three near Rome (B. & S. Peebles) and three Boonville May 25 (K. G. Hanson). Chimney Swift: spring max 200 May 12 Onon Indian Reservation (C&EF), a very good count away from

the L Ontario flyway. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr May 4 Utica (VB); max 20 CV May 23 (C&EF); also nine in one hour DH May 19; last migrant May 29 SPI.

Yellow-shafted Flicker: poor DH flight—max only 146 there Apr 27; still passing there May 19. Pileated Woodpecker: newly sighted at Brewerton, Marcellus (C. Meaker), and Oswego (G. Maxwell). Red-headed Woodpecker: new nest sites (single pairs) at Pompey Ctr (FLF) and Brewerton (MSR). Red-bellied Woodpecker: one in *migration* DH Apr 15 (C&EF)—usually in this area it is as sedentary as Pileated Woodpecker. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Apr 11 DH (C&EF); max nine Apr 17 SSSP; still widely reported in last week of Apr.

Eastern Kingbird: arr Apr 28 (JWP,DC) and max 45 May 19 both DH; still migrating north on SP dunes May 29. Eastern Phoebe: spring max 30 Apr 4 DH (FLF,RJS) Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: very scarce—two reports of singles only. Traill's Flycatcher: arr May 14 N Syr; counts low—max seven May 27 Clay Swamp (RJS). Least Flycatcher: 25–27/day in big wave May 19–20 along L Ontario. Eastern Wood Pewee: arr May 7 (early) Syr (D. Dawley); peak 20 May 20 SP dunes.

Swallow max for spring—Tree 2000 Apr 27 DH plus Scott Swamp; Bank 2000 May 9 Clay Swamp; Rough-winged 35 May 8 CV; Barn 1500 May 11 Scott Swamp; Cliff 25 May 4 DH. Arr—Tree Mar 20; Barn Apr 4; Bank, Rough-winged, and Cliff Apr 10; Purple Martin Apr 10 (late).

Blue Jay: first migrant passed DH Apr 10; numbers very slow to build up thereafter, with migration max mainly in late May—933 May 4, 1490 May 7, 600 May 8, 500 May 28, 330 May 29, 2062 May 30, all DH. Black-capped Chickadee: heavy flight *not* observed at DH as expected from last fall's irruption—DH max only 162 Apr 27; last migrants three DH May 30. Tufted Titmouse: one migrating by DH Apr 21 (JWP)—this species should be looked for farther north. White-breasted Nuthatch: heavy DH flight thru Apr—max 207 Apr (GS); sharp drop in numbers May 10–12. Red-breasted Nuthatch: migrants Apr 30 Syr to May 22 SPI, with max only eight May 2 (C&EF). Brown Creeper: strong Apr flight with 40 Apr 13 and 25 Apr 17, both SSSP; widely reported now from all sectors having dying elm swamps. House Wren: max 18 May 11 HIGMA (FLF,RJS). Carolina Wren: newly located near Jamesville Apr 26–30 (DC,K. Slotnick). Mockingbird: reported at Pompey Ctr (FLF) and Jamesville (DC)—may be gradually invading the higher hill country; increasingly reported in DeWitt-Fayetteville-Manlius sector, an area replete both with feeders and multiflora rose hedges. Catbird: max 35 May 20 SP dunes; widely reported with ten–18/day May 15–20.

Robin: 1000 migrating Apr 10 DH; also 380 Apr 27 (late for so large a number) and migrants (35) still passing May 19. Hermit Thrush: arr Apr 12 two Syr (JWP); max ten SSSP Apr 27 (P. & S. Paquette). Swainson's Thrush: arr May 8 one SSSP (JWP); 32 in huge landbird flight May 20 SP dunes; dep May 27 five Syr. Gray-cheeked Thrush: very poor flight—singles only, May 17–23, and most observers saw none. Veery: heavy wave May 19–21 with max 35 May 20 SP dunes plus SSSP. Eastern Bluebird: two–six/day at DH thru mid-Apr; last migrants there, however, May 19 two (record late); four pairs nesting in Taberg area (Lynes fide H. Aspinwall).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Apr 9 (record early) DH (M. L. Estoff); max ten CV May 8; completed nest CV May 15; three May 9 at Utica, where scarce (VB). Poor kinglet flight with max only 55 Golden-crowned Apr 17 SSSP and 40 Ruby-crowned Apr 28 SSSP—DH; other days much lower, with most tallies of Golden-crowned four–six and Ruby-crowned only slightly better, 12–25/day; last Golden-crowned May 20, one, and Ruby-crowned May 29, one, both SP dunes (FGS), both record dep dates. Water Pipit: max 250 Apr 20 near Eaton (GLC); small numbers lingered to mid-May with dep May 19 two DH. Cedar Waxwing: virtually no Mar and Apr reports; first birds Apr 27 in DH landbird flight; scarce thru to May 20–21;

numbers up in late May with 250 May 28 (in one hour) and 134 May 30, both DH. Northern Shrike: dep Apr 11 (somewhat late) one DH (C&EF).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: *White-eyed Vireo*: one in vigorous song CV May 11–14, only the 2nd Regional record. *Yellow-throated Vireo*: arr Apr 30 one Marietta (JWP); max ten CV May 17; widely reported in smaller numbers thru first half of May. *Red-eyed Vireo*: arr May 8 CV; max 57 May 20 SP dunes; migrants thru May 29 SP dunes. *Philadelphia Vireo*: arr May 11 CV; good numbers in heavy May 19–20 landbird flight—five each day. *Warbling Vireo*: definitely increased this year; arr Apr 27 (slightly early) DH; max 26 May 17 CV plus FR; also 20 on May 20 SP dunes plus SSSP.

Migrant warblers, in general, seemed above the average of the last several springs. Good waves occurred May 7–8, 13, 17–18, 20, and 23 with May 7–8, 17–18, and 20 as the most outstanding. Above average numbers of Tennessee, Magnolia, Bay-breasted, Palm and Canada Warblers were noted and a record spring tally of Wilson's Warbler. Particularly poor were Nashville, Parula, Black-throated Green, and Blackburnian Warblers (consult chart). Despite the lateness of the major waves May 17–18 and 20, early departure, i.e. pre-Jun, dates were universal except for the always tardy Blackpoll Warbler, and even that species was gone by Jun 3.

<i>Species</i>	<i>Arr date, No., Place</i>	<i>Peak count, Date, Place</i>	<i>Dep date, No., Place</i>
Black-and-white	Apr 27, 1, DH	6, May 3, Pompey	May 20, 2, SP
Golden-winged	May 2, 2, Rome	9, May 20, Three Rivers	----
Blue-winged Tennessee	May 4, 1, CV May 8, 3, Syr	4, May 12, CV 50, May 17, CV	May 21, 1, SP May 27, 1, Syr & 3 Cicero Twp
Nashville Parula	Apr 27, 3, Utica May 2, 1, Utica	10, May 7, Syr (low) 2, May 7, 9, 13, 15, various places	May 26, 1, Utica May 23, 1, Onon Creek
Yellow	Apr 26, 1, Skaneateles	120, May 18, HIGMA	----
Magnolia	May 7, 1 Syr & 3 Utica	55, May 20, SP	May 30, 1, SP
Cape May	May 2, 3, SSSP	5, May 11, Fish Gulf	May 21, 1, SP
Black-throated Blue	Apr 27, 1, DH	15, May 20, SP	May 29, 1, SSSP
Myrtle	Apr 15, 1, DH	122, May 15, CV + SP	May 29, 1, SP
Black-throated Green	May 2, 2, DH	17, May 20, SP—SSSP	May 29, 1, SP
Cerulean	May 8, 5, CV	12, May 17, CV	May 27, 1, SP
Blackburnian	May 3, 3, Eaton	10, May 17, CV	May 29, 2, SP
Chestnut-sided	May 3, 1, S. Herkimer Co.	26, May 20, SP—SSSP	May 29, 1, SP
Bay-breasted	May 8, 1 each, Syr & CV.	35, May 17, CV	May 26, 1, Pompey
Blackpoll	May 10, 1, CV	20, May 17, CV & May 23 Onon Creek + SSSP	Jun 2, 1, Utica
Pine	Apr 14, 1, SSSP (early)	----	----
Palm	Apr 27, 4, DH	15, Apr 29, Oswego	May 21, 2, SP
Ovenbird	May 3, 1 each, Utica & Clark Res.	10, May 15, CV	May 21, 1, SP

N. Waterthrush	Apr 30, 2, Fish Gulf	3, May 15 & 20, SP	May 23, 3, Onon Creek
La. Waterthrush	Apr 26, 1, Pompey	----	----
Mourning	May 17, 3, CV	4, May 20, SP	May 23, 1, Onon Creek
Yellowthroat	May 3, 1, Pompey	60, May 20, SP	----
Wilson's	May 8, 1, Utica	35, May 20, SP	May 30, 1, SP
Canada	May 10, 1, CV	46, May 20, SP-SSSP	May 29, 2, SP
Redstart	May 4, 1, Utica & 2 FHBSF	64, May 20, SP-SSSP	May 29, 6, SP

"Winged" warblers—Golden-winged Warbler: two at Rome May 2 (H. Aspinwall) is first local record there; one at Remsen May 30 (J. & B. Barker) probably a breeding bird. Blue-winged Warbler: one May 12 at Utica (J. & B. Barker) and one May 18 Rainbow Shores on L Ontario (JWP)—unusual in both areas but undoubtedly only the advance guard of future Blue-winged colonies in those sectors. Brewster's Warbler: two reported in period. *Lawrence's Warbler*: a female May 17 in W. Onon Co is first Regional record, but not unexpected in view of the advance of the Blue-winged Warbler with hybridization into various areas.

Other warblers—Black-throated Green Warbler: numbers low throughout migration period; for past several seasons we have noted a heavy fall flight of this species but with equal regularity a poor spring migration. Cerulean Warbler: one May 18 SSSP (JWP) and a singing male May 22 SP dunes (FGS) are probably spring "overshoots", as neither area has breeding Ceruleans and they are not known to nest in nearby areas—? however, might they be individuals from the recently detected colony near Montreal? Palm Warbler: increased numbers along L Ontario (three–15/day) with smaller numbers (one–three/day) widely reported elsewhere. Wilson's Warbler: heavy flight along L Ontario but very scarce inland—non-Ontario shoreline max only four May 17 CV.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: arr May 6 one Pompey Twp (DC); 200–250/day May 19–20 DH. Eastern Meadowlark: spring max 550 Apr 4; also 200 Apr 10, both tallies at DH. Western Meadowlark: one Apr 17 FR (FGS) and one May 16–Jun 14 near Brewerton (FGS, mob)—usually only one/spring. Red-winged Blackbird: max 75,000 Apr 4 DH (GS,FLF); small flocks, mostly females and some immature males, still migrating over DH May 19. Baltimore Oriole: arr Apr 28 N Syr; max 60 May 18 HIGMA and 80 May 22 Jamesville (GS); no heavy L Ontario flight noted. Rusty Blackbird: heavy Mar flight with many left into and thru Apr—counts of 30–100/day widely reported; max 300 Apr 24 HIGMA; dep May 20 (late) one SP dunes (FGS). Brown-headed Cowbird: spring max 5000 Apr 4 DH (FLF). Scarlet Tanager: arr May 5 Onon Hill (C&EF); counts of six–14/day in third week of May and max 43 May 20 SP-SSSP; last migrant May 30 one SP dunes (FLF,RJS).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr May 3 Clark Reservation and CV (mob); max 35 May 17 CV; many counts of ten–20/day May 10–20. Indigo Bunting: arr May 7 two Eaton (GLC); max 17 May 20 SP-SSSP; seemed scarce as migrant and many breeding sites not occupied by May 31. Evening Grosbeak: amazing L Ontario return flight—1320 (in two hours) May 7 and 1240 (in four hours) May 8, both DH (JWP); dep May 30 (late) one DH (MSR). Common Redpoll: some flocks remained into early Apr—100 Apr 6 DH and 165 Apr 7 Eaton (GLC); dep Apr 10 two DH. Pine Siskin: light spring flight with four–ten/day; max 30 May 20 DH; dep date May 30 two DH (MSR). American Goldfinch: 20–100/day thru May with max 300 in an hour May 19 DH and 600 + May 20 SP-SSSP. Red Crossbill: only one report—pair at Fayetteville first week of Apr (J. Cook). *Green-tailed Towhee*: one May 10–14 S of Cazenovia (Dr. John Morrison, mob) is first Regional record

and, more amazing, not a wintering bird but apparently an off-beat migrant. Rufous-sided Towhee: arr Apr 8 (early) Scott Swamp (C&EF); one Apr 10 at Big Moose is both early and unusual in locale (B. Barnum). Savannah Sparrow: max 200 Apr 1 DH (C&EF); other Apr counts much lower—eight—ten/day. Henslow's Sparrow: arr Apr 27 FR; only three colonies located in May—are they again in sharp decline?

Slate-colored Junco: nearly twice as many as usual on B. Burt's Apr Feeder Survey; peak migration Apr 17–19 with 150–160/day; dep May 14 (early) Oakwood Cemetery, Syr. *Oregon Junco*: one with Slate-colored Junco flock May 1 Valley Cemetery, Syr (C&EF) is only Regional record this year. Tree Sparrow: ten May 1 Pompey Twp is late and one May 7 in same area is a record dep date (both FLF). Field Sparrow: arr May 23 one DH (W. F. Minor) is early. White-crowned Sparrow: arr Apr 20 (early) two at Eaton (GLC); max 22 May 15 CV plus SP; dep May 28 (late) two Pompey Twp (DC) and one Big Moose (B. Barnum). White-throated Sparrow: spring flight frankly scant—most counts five–55/day with max 75 (very low) Apr 30 Pompey Twp (FLF); dep May 30 one SSSP (RJS). Lincoln's Sparrow: arr May 1 one Pompey Twp (FLF); max 14 (a record) in a huge land-bird flight May 20 and dep date May 22 three, both SP dunes (FGS). Song Sparrow: 130–145/day Apr 1–11; marked decline in next five days and only residents about by Apr 20. Snow Bunting: dep date Apr 10, 20 DH, about on time.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Spring was "backwards" with almost no warm weather and plenty of rain—more than the average. No spectacular small land bird migration seemed to develop in early May. Many species were several days late in arriving.

The list of unusual birds includes Mute Swan, a mutant Canada Goose, Brant, Bohemian Waxwings and a nesting record in northern New York of Golden-winged Warbler.

Abbreviations: ED—Eldorado; LGMA—Lakeview Game Management Area, 3000+ acres, near Woodville in Jefferson Co.; PRGMA—Perch River Game Management Area.

Observers: JB—John Belknap; LC—Lee Chamberlaine; FC—Frank Clinch; CD—Cecil Dake; HD—Harriet Delafield and Elizabeth Anderson; DG—David Gordon; NCBC—North Country Bird Club trip; RW—Robert and June Walker.

LOONS—DUCKS: Pied-billed Grebe; April 11. Great Blue Heron: April 6. Green Heron: May 24. American Bittern: April 12 early LGMA (FC) (RW). MUTE SWAN: PRGMA April 26–27 (DG), May 2 (FC). Canada Goose: 6000–7000 April 9 Henderson Pond and Crystal Lake (LC); a mutant of normal size with normal head and neck coloration but wings, back and sides very pale gray or white except for a little dark on wing tips and tail. Mutant still present April 27 *PRGMA (DG). BRANT: May 26 ED (HD). Snow Goose: one in with 2000 + Canada Geese April 11 PRGMA (DG); still present April 12 (RW). American Widgeon: May 24 PRGMA (FC). Shoveler: April 11. Ring-necked Duck: April 26 PRGMA (NCBC). Bufflehead: April 26. Ruddy Duck: May 28 PRGMA (CD).

* (Up to six mutants of this description have been seen at Montezuma/Cayuga Lake Area. Ed)

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: one Dry Hill April 5 (RW); April 7 (JB). Cooper's Hawk: April 30 Watertown Center (LC). Broad-winged Hawk: April 30 Lorraine (LC). Rough-legged Hawk: a few still present during April; one near

Philadelphia May 6, a *late date* (JB). Marsh Hawk: April 3–April 19, considerable migration, may be on increase again (DG). Osprey: April 12 PRGMA (RW); April 23 (JB). Virginia Rail: 3 May 24 PRGMA (FC). Sora Rail: May 31 PRGMA (RW). Common Gallinule: April 26 PRGMA (NCBC).

Semipalmated Plover: 4 May 30 ED (DG). Black-bellied Plover: 6 May 30 ED (DG). Ruddy Turnstone: May 22 ED (JB); May 30 ED (DG). Woodcock: Apr 2 Dry Hill (RW). Wilson's Snipe: 3 April 12 LGMA (NCBC). Upland Plover: April 22. Spotted Sandpiper: May 12. Greater Yellowlegs: April 12 PRGMA (RW). Lesser Yellowlegs: April 26 (DG). Knot: May 31 ED (RW). Dunlin: May 17 (DG); May 20 ED (JB); May 22 ED (FC). Short-billed Dowitcher: May 17 (DG). Semipalmated Sandpiper: May 30.

Bonaparte's Gull: May 22 ED (JB); May 26 ED (HD); 3 May 31 ED (RW). Common Tern: May 17. Caspian Tern: 2 May 3 ED (FC); one May 31 ED (RW). Black Tern: May 4 PRGMA (FC).

Black-billed Cuckoo: May 30. Great Horned Owl: one near Rutland May 4 (DG).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Common Nighthawk: May 24. Chimney Swift: May 2. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: May 17. Belted Kingfisher: April 5. Yellow-shafted Flicker: April 10. Red-headed Woodpecker: May 12. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: April 19.

Eastern Kingbird: May 4. Crested Flycatcher: May 4. Least Flycatcher: May 17 (JB). Eastern Wood Pewee: May 17. Tree Swallow: April 4. Bank Swallow: May 4. Rough-winged Swallow: May 18. Barn Swallow: April 19. Purple Martin: April 27. House Wren: May 17. Winter Wren: April 13 Pleasant Lake (RW). Catbird: May 4. Brown Thrasher: April 26 at feeder eating bread (LC). Wood Thrush: May 9. Hermit Thrush: April 20. Veery: May 18. Eastern Bluebird: 3 April 26. Golden-crowned Kinglet: April 13. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: April 13.

BOHEMIAN WAXING: 250 April 5 Dry Hill (RW). Loggerhead Shrike: April 4 (DG).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: May 19. Solitary Vireo: May 21. Red-eyed Vireo: May 20. Warbling Vireo: May 17.

Warblers: Black-and-white: May 3. *GOLDEN-WINGED*: May 9; nest located near Gouverneur late in May—this nest was parasitized by Cowbirds and then robbed—found empty and then abandoned; 3 pair are still in the area. The first recorded breeding in northern N.Y. as far as is known (JB). Tennessee: May 18. Nashville: May 3. Yellow: May 8. Magnolia: May 20. Cape May: May 21. Black-throated Blue: May 31. Myrtle: May 3. Black-throated Green: May 17. Black-burnian: May 20. Chestnut-sided: May 17. Bay-breasted: May 20. Blackpoll: May 24. Palm: May 3. Ovenbird: May 4. Mourning: May 24. Yellowthroat: May 17. Canada: May 21. Redstart: May 9.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: May 5. Baltimore Oriole: May 8. Rusty Blackbird: April 12. Scarlet Tanager: May 12. Cardinal: April 17, Henderson (LC). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 9 (JB). Indigo Bunting: May 8 (LC). Evening Grosbeak: Good numbers at several feeders. Males predominated until about May 1, then there were more females than males (FC). One wing colored (red spot) female with 2 males and one other female May 15, Henderson, no bands on this bird (LC). Last bird a single May 30 (CD). Purple Finch: seen in small numbers a few times at feeders in May. Rufous-sided Towhee: April 27. Savannah Sparrow: April 13 (LC). Vesper Sparrow: April 5. Slate-colored Junco: April 2, heavy migrations April 9–19. Tree Sparrow: last seen date May 7 *very late* (CD). Chipping Sparrow: April 13 (LC). Field Sparrow: April 13. White-crowned Sparrow: April 23, main migration May 4–18. White-throated Sparrow: April 23, heavy migration April 27. Fox Sparrow: April 27. Swamp Sparrow: April 12. Song Sparrow: April 2.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK — CHAMPLAIN

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The Hilltop Weather Station at Ray Brook sends us a record which uses the word "uneventful" for the overall picture of the month of April. We find that we cannot go along with that. Bob Kampf of the weather station records five and one-half inches of snow for the month. He does not mention the fact that four inches of this total fell on April 19th. This fact seemed to make quite a difference; certainly in our feeder-bird population.

The telephone rang all the day of April 19th. An interesting note was the overlapping of sparrow species; Tree Sparrows staying on until the Chipping and Field arrived so that we had all three in our box at one time. Even one birder who is particularly pre-occupied with the larger raptors was impressed enough to call in about 150 Slate-colored Juncos and 30 Purple Finches in his yard on this one day. All-in-all April 19th, 1969 was memorable to say the least.

For May Mr. Kampf, of the above-mentioned weather station, became a little more loquacious. Ordinarily we look down on a river valley when weather conditions are unfrozen but this year we looked down on a lake. Mr. Kampf explains this phenomenon: "Snow never completely left the ground from Nov 8 through mid-April and there was virtually no frost in the ground, hence most of the snow soaked in. Add this to the 6.07 inches of rain for May and you have the highest ground water table situation in many years."

These watery conditions made the mosquito, Black Fly situation a bane to humans but a fine thing for avifauna. Whip-poor-wills were more in evidence than usual, nighthawks came early. Swallows were a little late because of the cold but when they came they were plentiful.

Our main rarities for this period were Least Tern; Turkey Vulture; Kentucky Warbler and the gratifying numbers of Slate-colored Juncos, mostly migrants but some residents. Many observers were away during the rather late warbler migration so that picture is not complete though it seems clear that Myrtles at least were down in numbers.

Mr. Frank Schetty's observations at Elk Lake were taken on May 10 and 11. He did not try to estimate numbers as his time was so limited. Where I put the sign & between observers observations were not made simultaneously, where I put a comma between observers they were together at time of observation.

Observers: EA—Elizabeth Anderson; CC—Creta Chase; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; GTC—Greenleaf T. Chase; ED—Ethel Dyer; HD—Harriet Delafield; JK—Joseph Keji; MK—Marguerite Kingsbury; RM—Ruth Meier; HMH—Howard and Margaret Read; FS—Frank Schetty; HT—Helen Tyler; IW—Isabel Williams; DY—David Young.

Abbreviations: B'dale—Bloomingdale; Cr—Creek; E'town—Elizabethtown; L—Lake; LP—Lake Placid; M'ville—Morrisville; P—Pond; RB—Ray Brook; SL—Saranac Lake; SR—Saranac River; TL—Tupper Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon; resident pair Duck P near Loon L May 7 (GTC); one L Clear Apr 20, one TL Apr 28 (RM); one Elk L May (FS); one Jones P near Gabriels Apr 29 (HD). Great Blue Heron: four in flight Apr 10, one May 31 RB (JK); one SR near B'dale May 25 (MK); one SR M'ville Apr 23 (HMR); one Fish Cr Ponds May 31 (RM). Green Heron: one SR M'ville May 5 (HMR). American Bittern: one RB May 25 (MK). Canada Goose: 60 & 40 two flocks Fish Cr Ponds Apr 28, 500 to 1000 Kings Bay Apr–May, 500 max Apr–May, 20 resident L Alice May 16, 10 or more in flock of other waterfowl Scomotion Cr N. of Plattsburgh May 9 (GTC); 80 May 3 SL (EA,HD); 110 RB Apr 29 (MK);

two fair-sized flocks TL Apr 29 (RM); eighteen M'ville Apr 29 (HMR). Mallard: pair SR M'ville Apr (HMR); two pair Scotion Creek May 9 (GTC); two pair L Colby May 18 (EA,HD). Black Duck: seven Scotion Cr May 9 (GTC); one Elk L May (FS); two SR near B'dale Apr 19; pair Jones P Apr 29 (HD); eight SR M'ville Apr 13 (HMR); pair May 14-21 RB (JK). Green-winged Teal: one male Ellenburg Depot on pond off Route 11 May 17 (HMR). Wood Duck: four Apr 11, one male Apr 30 SR M'ville (HMR); three Scotion Cr May 9 (GTC). Ring-necked Duck: small numbers TL thru period (MK); two males, one female L Champlain (Valcour area) (HMR); two Fish Cr Ponds Apr 20 (RM); six Scotion Cr May 9 (GTC); two pair L Colby outlet May 16 (EA). Scaup: six Apr 5 off Northway near Plattsburgh (HMR). Common Goldeneye: nine wintered on SR M'ville, left mid-Apr (HMR); few Fish Cr Ponds Apr 20 (RM); 10 Westport May 9 (GC). Bufflehead: few Fish Cr Ponds Apr 20 (RM); six Westport May 9 (GC). Hooded Merganser: pair Apr 11 SR M'ville (HMR); pair Apr 17 RB (JK); pair W. Branch Ausable R Wilmington Apr 25 (GTC).

TURKEY VULTURE: "Apr 13 one only circling at 100 to 150 feet; head and neck plainly visible; contrasting grey and black wings—near Saranac R M'ville." (HMR).

HAWKS—OWLS: Red-shouldered Hawk: two M'ville, two Cadyville Apr 6 (HMR); two Apr 27 SL (HD). Broad-winged Hawk: Apr 8 thru Apr M'ville, Peru area (HMR); one May 15 thru period RB (JK&MK); one Apr 25 Chapel P, one Forest Home Rd near SL May 1 (HD). Golden Eagle: one Apr 25 hunting over Norman's Ridge near Vermontville (GTC); one May 21 eastern Essex Co, apparent migrant (GC). Marsh Hawk: one Apr 22 Plattsburgh airport (HMR); pair Mt. Pisgah Apr 30 (HD); one May 5 Malone (MK). Osprey: one Apr 25 SR at SL (GTC); one May 2 RB (MK), one May 21 RB (JK); two May 1 thru 6 M'ville, one May 6 Cadyville (HMR). Sparrow Hawk: Apr 14 thru period Peru, Peasleeville area (HMR); one LP May 17 (MK). Ruffed Grouse: TL Apr 20 (RM); two Apr thru May M'ville (HMR); one May 1 thru 16 RB much drumming heard (JK). Killdeer: one W. Chazy Apr 2 in snow (HD); one Apr 8 Malone, one Apr 20 TL (MK); one Apr 6, two to four thru period Peasleeville, Peru area (HMR). American Woodcock: average to slightly down "Singing Ground Surveys". Common Snipe: one Fish Cr Ponds Apr 28 (GTC); one May 2 SR near B'dale (MK); one Malone May 6 (HMR); one SR near B'dale May 15 (EA,HD). Spotted Sandpiper: common thru period M'ville (HMR); one May 10 SR at SL (MK). Solitary Sandpiper: two May 14 & 15, one May 20 RB (JK). Lesser Yellowlegs: one May 5 Crown Point (GC); one May 14 RB (MK). Herring Gull: Apr 6 thru period Peru (HMR). Ring-billed Gull: Elk L (FS); Apr 6 thru period M'ville (HMR). Common Tern: one May 9 TL (MK). **LEAST TERN:** one with Common Terns mile N. of Plattsburgh on Northway (GTC). Mourning Dove: two Sciota Apr 2 (EA,HD); one May 26 SR near B'dale (MK). Barred Owl: two Axton Landing, S. of Coreys (Harriestown) Apr 26 (HMR).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: one heard M'ville May 4 (HMR); one heard and seen in car headlights May 14 SL (EA,HD); one heard May 17 TL (RM). Common Nighthawk: one May 29 SL (MK); one late May Plattsburgh (HMR). Chimney Swift: May 6 thru period small numbers RB (JK); ten SL May 14 (HD). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: first May 15 SL (GTC); May 31 RB (JK); May 21 TL (RM). Belted Kingfisher: Apr 15 thru period RB (JK&MK); SR near M'ville Apr 15 thru period, four after Apr 15 Salmon R Peasleeville (HMR); one Keene Apr 25, one Jones P Apr 29 (HD). Yellow-shafted Flicker: back Apr 11 SL (EA); Apr 12 RB (JK); Apr 23 TL (RM); Apr 14 M'ville (HMR). Pileated Woodpecker: Apr 8, May 31 RB (JK). **RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:** one feeding tray Gabriels May 24 thru 29 (DY); one carefully identified Stony Cr Ponds

(Harrietstown) near Coreys (RM et al). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: back Apr 13 RB (MK); SL (HD); TL (RM); two Apr 25 Keene Valley (HD); one Apr 23 M'ville (HMR). Hairy & Downy Woodpeckers: normal all areas. Eastern Kingbird: three May 17 LP (JK,MK); two mid-Apr M'ville (HMR); one May 17 & 18 SL (EA); one May 20 TL (RM). Great Crested Flycatcher: May 12 thru period RB (JK). Eastern Phoebe: first Apr 26 SL (GTC); Apr 20 TL (MK); two Apr 5 M'ville (HMR); one Apr 6 SL (HD). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: one SR near B'dale (MK). Traill's Flycatcher: one May 28 RB (JK). Least Flycatcher: back May 24 RB (JK). Eastern Wood Pewee: one May 27 thru period RB (JK); one May 30 Stony Cr (RM). Olive-sided Flycatcher: one Fish Cr Ponds May 31 (RM). Horned Lark: one near Jones P Apr 29 (HD). Tree Swallow: two Apr 13, four Apr 30, at nest box May 1 SL (EA,HD); Apr 26 TL (RM) & RB (JK); Elk L (FS). Bank Swallow: May 1 thru period RB (JK); eight TL May 9 (MK). Rough-winged Swallow: one May 21 RB (JK). Barn Swallow: first two Apr 27 SL, Gabriels Apr 29 (HD); first Apr 28 TL (RM); May 2 RB (JK); five eggs June 16 Vermontville (HT). Cliff Swallow: Apr 17 SL, May 15 RB (JK). Blue Jay: good numbers all areas. Gray Jay: one S. if TL May 17 (RM). Common Crow: good numbers all areas from Apr 2 thru period. Black-capped Chickadee: our faithful year-round standby both in the woods and at feeders does not seem to have dwindled in numbers. Boreal Chickadee: one Apr 1 SL (ED). White-breasted & Red-breasted Nuthatches: seem to be maintaining numbers, former at feeders, latter in woods though this can be interchangeable. Brown Creeper: erratic both as to numbers and time of year, Keene Valley Apr 25 (HD), RB (JK), M'ville (HMR). House Wren: so happy to have this bird back on the list; one May 16 SL (ED); one May 17 RB (MK). Winter Wren: one Apr 25 Keene Valley (HD); one Apr 26 SL (GTC); one May 14 and 16 RB (JK&MK); Elk L (FS). **MOCKINGBIRD**: one carefully identified by JK and MK LP May 17; one back yard SL (GTC) May 22. Catbird: growing populations in RB and SL; none reported from M'ville or TL. Brown Thrasher: one Apr 25, two Apr 30 and May 1 SL (HD); one May 15 thru 25 RB (MK); one May 6 thru 16 TL (RM). Robin: 20 Apr 19, day of storm, SL (GTC); young out of nest May 29 RB (JK). Wood Thrush: first May 8 RB (JK); May 14 TL (RM); SL May 15 (HD); May 15 M'ville (HMR) seem a little up in numbers. Hermit Thrush: one Apr 21 SL (HD); one Apr 29 Fish Cr Ponds (GTC); one TL Apr 27 (RM); one May 17 RB (MK); Elk L (FS). Swainson's Thrush: one May 18 RB (JK); Elk L (FS). Gray-cheeked Thrush: one Fish Cr Ponds Apr 20 (RM). Veery: continuous commonest thrush in most areas, three M'ville May (HMR). Eastern Bluebird: late returning, arrived Keeseville Apr 17, two pair nesting M'ville May 18 (HMR); arrived SL May 21 (GTC); pair May 30, first egg June 6 Vermontville (HT); one LP May 31 RB (JK); one LP May 31 (MK). Golden-crowned Kinglet: Apr RB (JK); Elk L (FS). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: one Apr 20 RB (MK&JK); one Keene Valley Apr 25, one way to Saranac Inn May 16 (EA,HD). Water Pipit: one May 17 E'town, one May 31 summit Catamount Mt (GC); numerous May 7 thru 31 "slightly later than usual" Gabriels (DY). Cedar Waxwing: four May 16 M'ville, four mid-May Peasleeville (HMR). Starling: numerous all areas.

VIREOS-WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: first May 12 RB (JK); one way to Saranac Inn May 16 (EA). Red-eyed Vireo: first May 23 RB (JK); one Fish Cr Ponds May 31 (RM). Philadelphia Vireo: one May 17 LP, one May 25 RB (MK); one May 21 E'town (GC). Warbling Vireo: "Singing and seen; transient on mountainside" May 21 E'town (GC). Warblers: Black-and-white: May thru period RB (JK); one M'ville May 17 (HMR); Elk L (FS). Tennessee: two May 16 M'ville (HMR); one May 29 E'town (GC). Nashville: common from May 15 thru period RB (MK). Parula: one at stream on way to Saranac Inn where they usually nest May 16 (EA,HD); one May 21 E'town (GC). Yellow: one May 17 M'ville (HMR);

one May 30 LP (MK). Magnolia: one May 12, three May 27 RB (JK&MK). Cape May: one May 14 RB (JK). Black-throated Blue: first May 12 RB (JK); one way to Saranac Inn May 16 (HD). Myrtle: hope chose another fly-route as definitely down in numbers all areas reporting. Black-throated Green: first May 14, six May 17 (JK&MK); two way to Saranac Inn May 16 (EA,HD); Elk Lake (FS). Black-burnian: first May 15, five May 25 RB (JK&MK); one May 13 TL (RM). Chestnut-sided: first May 12, eight May 17 RB (JK); one May 16 SL (EA); one May 30 Stony Cr (RM). Bay-breasted: one May 17 M'ville (HMR); three May 20 RB (JK). Blackpoll: one SR near B'dale May 15 (MK); one E'town May 17 (GC); two RB May 28 (JK); one May 29 Stony Cr (RM). Ovenbird: first May 9 RB (JK); four SL May 16 (HD). Northern Waterthrush: first May 15 RB, one May 25 SR near B'dale (MK); one way to Saranac Inn May 16 (HD). *KENTUCKY* one singing and studied at 10 feet May 17 and 18 E'town (GC). Mourning: one L Clear June 1 (DY). Yellowthroat: one SL May 17 (HD); one May 14 thru period RB (JK&MK). Wilson's: female SL May 17 (HD). Canada: one E'town May 16 (GC); five RB to LP May 17 (MK). American Redstart: one May 15 SL (HD); two May 21 RB (JK); one May 29 TL (RM).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: House Sparrow: fewer than past eight years. Bobolink: four LP May 17 (MK); one SL May 19 (EA,HD). Eastern Meadowlark: back all areas early Apr. Red-winged Blackbird: peak numbers, up to 1,000 West Plattsburgh Apr 2, males, females nearly two weeks later (HD). Baltimore Oriole: one May 8 RB (JK); one May 15 SL (GTC); one May 16 TL (RM); one May 17 LP (MK). Rusty Blackbird: five Little TL (MK) Apr 20. Common Grackle: six Apr 4 thru period RB (JK); common Apr 5 thru period M'ville (HMR); six Apr 19 SL (CC); Elk L (FS)—seem to be showing increase. Brown-headed Cowbird: peaks Apr 19 & 20. Scarlet Tanager: one SL May 12 (HD); three May 17 thru period RB (JK); pair May 17 thru period M'ville (HMR). Cardinal: one female SL Apr 11 & 17 (EA), and Apr 19 B'dale (JW); pair Port Henry May 16 (GC); one female first of species seen in RB Apr 26 (JK). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: two Apr 26 thru 29 B'dale (JW); one May 10 SL (ED); one May 9 RB (JK); one May 16 M'ville (HMR); four May 18 thru period TL (MK). Evening Grosbeak: large numbers fell off third week in Apr which is late, stayed even in M'ville until feeding was stopped May 6 (HMR). Purple Finch: reported up in all areas, 30 Apr 19 GTC's yard (CC). Common Redpoll: stayed very late, up to Apr 9 SL and RB. Pine Siskin: three May 8 thru 11 SL (GTC); six May 13 RB (JK). American Goldfinch: Not many winter birds but back first week in May in normal nesting numbers. Red Crossbill: one May 12 RB, small flock SL May 21 (JK). Rufous-sided Towhee: one SL Apr 19 (ED); one Apr 30 and daily since TL (RM). Sparrow: Savannah: eight Apr 28 RB (GTC); one Apr 12 SL (EA); three May 17 LP (MK). Vesper: one Apr 9 SL (HD); three LP May 17 (MK&JK); six Peasleeville May 24 (HMR). Slate-colored Junco: gratifying increase in numbers for spring migration; 150 SL Apr 19 (GTC); numbers up to 60 mid-Apr M'ville (HMR). Tree: stayed late, three SL Apr 19 (GTC); one May 1 SL (HD). Chipping: first Apr 13 SL (HD); arrived last week in Apr other areas. *CLAY-COLORED*: one feeding tray Gabriels May 10 thru 13 (DY). Field: first Apr 13 SL (HD), RB (JK); one at feeder Apr 19 & 20 M'ville (HMR). White-crowned: small numbers May 7 thru 21 SL (HD); May 5 thru 14 TL (RM); nine May 14 RB (JK). White-throated: 30 Apr 19 at feeder SL (GTC); large flock at feeder May 4 M'ville (HMR). Fox: four Apr 19 feeder SL (GTC); one Apr 8 thru 29, high three Apr 20 RB (JK). Lincoln's: one RB May 17 (MK). Swamp: one May 15 RB, two May 17 SR way from SL to B'dale (MK). Song: 20 SL feeder Apr 19, day of great storm (GTC); first Apr 2, three singing Apr 5 SL (EA,HD); numerous thru period M'ville (HMR); three TL Apr 15, more later (RM).

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REGION 8 — HUDSON — MOHAWK

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The average temperature for the month of April was about normal. However, temperatures fluctuated widely: the first three days were cooler than usual; the next two weeks brought beautiful summer weather, with warm, dry days; then came a week of below-average temperatures, with a heavy rainfall of 1.65 inches on the 22nd and 23rd; warm, sunny weather prevailed during the last few days. Total rainfall was 0.74 inches more than average (Albany Airport weather data). May was generally warm, and drier than usual, with 0.72 inches less rainfall than average.

The early warmth produced foliage at an unusually early period, for the second consecutive year. With few exceptions the migration movement could be described as "average". Waterfowl moved through faster than usual, and were disappointingly absent on the day of the Century Run, May 17. Notable plusses included large numbers of migrating Blackpoll Warblers and a very good flight of Slate-colored Juncos. The late and heavy finch migration brought large numbers of Evening Grosbeaks, and numerous Common Redpolls and Pine Siskins. On the minus side—it seemed to several observers that the warbler migration, with the exception of Blackpolls, was incredibly poor. However, judging from the data available, the following warblers were reported a little more frequently than in the previous year: Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Blackburnian, and Prairie, with the numbers of reports of other warblers about the same.

The highlight of the period was a Wilson's Phalarope, the first ever recorded in this Region. A report of a Red-bellied Woodpecker was the second ever observed in the Region. Other observations of particular interest were a large flock of Brant at an early date, a Black-bellied Plover, and two Willet.

Observers cited more than once: GA—Gustave Angst; GB—Guy Bartlett; HFB—Hazel Bundy; L&VB—Lee and Virginia Burland; J&BB—James and Barbara Bush; JC—Juanita Cook; PC—Paul Connor; P&GE—Paul and Georgia Erlenbach; M&AG—Murray and Alice Giddings; MLG—Murray L. Gardler; MDG—Monte Gruett; EH—Esly Hallenbeck; CK—Clarissa Ketcham; MK—Marcia Kent; E&HL—Edward and Helen Long; RMcC—Robert McCullough; PMcG—Peggy McGuirk; WDM—Will Merritt, Jr.; P&MM—Philip and Mary Mickle; ER—Edgar M. Reilly, Jr.; WBS—Walton Sabin; BRS—Benton Seguin; HHS—Harvey Spivak; PPW—Peter Wickham; RPY—Robert Yunick; bsh—Guy Bartlett, Benton Seguin, Barrington Havens.

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Abbreviations: AR—Alcove Reservoir; BCM—Black Creek Marshes; CM—Castleton Marshes; CP—Central Park; EG—East Greenbush; Gr—Greenville; IL—Indian Ladder; Mdale—Meadowdale; NWW—Niskayuna Wide Waters; Nisk—Niskayuna; RL—Round Lake; Saratoga Lake; SCR—Stony Creek Reservoir; VFG—Vischer Ferry Game Management Area; GCBC—Greene Co Bird Club; HMBC—Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club.

LOONS—DUCK: Common Loon: observed throughout period in several areas; last report May 30 SL (bsh). Red-throated Loon: only one—Apr 27 SL (GB,BRS). Reck-necked Grebe: only one report—May 6 SL (GB,BRS). Horned Grebe: max seven Apr 23 (GA); last May 6 SL (bsh). Pied-billed Grebe: max 30 Apr 27 SL (GB,BRS); last report—a total of three May 17 Vosburgh and BCM (mob). Double-crested Cormorant: one report—seven Apr 19 Lock 6 Mohawk R (GB,BRS). Great Blue Heron: seemed scarce; few reports. Black-crowned Night Heron: three heard May 23 VFG (RPY). American Bittern: seemed scarce; first report Apr 20 (bsh). Least Bittern: only one—May 17 Vosburgh (PPW *et al*).

Mute Swan: one Apr 8 RL (GB,BRS). Canada Goose: max—three flocks of 300 +

Apr 29 Castleton (JC); last May 17 (GA,EH,RMc). **BRANT**: an unusually early report of 85 Apr 14 SL (MLG). Snow Goose: five Apr 2 NWW (MLG); one Apr 6 BCM, and one Apr 8 RL (GB,BRS). Mallard: a female with eight young May 30 SCR (GB,BRS). Gadwall: a pair Apr 18 SCR (WBS); three Apr 20 SL (BRS,GB); two Apr 27 SCR (GB,BRS). Pintail: throughout Apr; max 35 (MLG). Green-winged Teal: max 125 NWW Apr (MLG); seen to May 3 (bsh), with one later report of one May 22 CM (PPW). American Widgeon: reported into May, last two May 12 SCR (PPW). Shoveler: reported from Apr 1–20, with max ten Apr 5 NWW (bsh); one report SL—pair Apr 6 (MLG). Wood Duck: more numerous than usual; female and 12 ducklings on lawn May 20 Canaan (Gertrude Mapes). Redhead: three Apr 4, and one Apr 6 NWW (MLG). Ring-necked Duck: max 100 SCR (EH,RMcC); last Apr 27 (bsh). Canvasback: missed entirely! Scaup: both species observed, the Greater to May 6, and the Lesser to May 30 (bsh). Common Goldeneye: last report May 6 (bsh). Bufflehead: last observation three May 15 AR (PPW). Oldsquaw: eight Apr 27 SL, and four May 6 SL (GB,BRS). White-winged Scoter: one Apr 27, and four May 6 SL (GB,BRS). Surf Scoter: one male, two females May 17 Galway L (David Harrison, John Steadwell). Common Scoter: one May 6 SL (GB,BRS). Ruddy Duck: six Apr 5 Collins L (EH); one Apr 20 AR (CK). Hooded Merganser: Apr max 25 SCR (MLG); a female with eight young observed May 24 SCR (GB,BRS), and again May 28 (PPW). Common Merganser: several Apr reports, with max 95 NWW (MLG); last May 17 (WBS *et al*). Red-breasted Merganser: several Apr reports; last—May 17 (MDG *et al*).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: max 15 Canaan (AG). Goshawk: one Apr 5 Chatham (ER); one Apr 6 Saratoga (MLG). Sharp-shinned Hawk: singles on four dates—Apr 12 NWW (bsh), Apr 23 Kiskatom (J&BB), May 17 (J&BB), and May 30 Catskill (PPW). Cooper's Hawk: four scattered reports. Red-tailed Hawk: max nine Apr 4 (MDG). Red-shouldered Hawk: more migrants reported than for the past two springs. Broad-winged Hawk: last one May 27 EG (MDG). Rough-legged Hawk: last one Apr 24 Chatham (M&AG). Bald Eagle: one imm May 6 SCR (GB, BRS). Marsh Hawk: reported from four areas, including a pair carrying nesting material May 31 Mdale (bsh). Osprey: last one May 26 Catskill (JB). Sparrow Hawk: max 18 Apr 8 (GB,BRS). Bobwhite: reported from two areas in May. Virginia Rail: first Apr 12 BCM (bsh). Sora: first reports—Apr 26 (bsh), and two Apr 27 CM (PC). Common Gallinule: arr Apr 19 Vosburgh (HMBC); max 25 May 25 Vosburgh (PPW). American Coot: few reports—Apr 4 Gr (Clare Ketcham) to May 17 (PC *et al*).

Semipalmated Plover: one May 17 VFG (HFB,PMcG); three May 17 CM (PPW *et al*); eight May 20, and one May 24 CM (PPW). **BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER**: one May 17 VFG (HFB,PMcG). Common Snipe: max 17 Apr 6 (HHS). Upland Plover: reported from three areas, including a new locale, EG Airport (PPW). Spotted Sandpiper: arr Apr 20 (bsh). Solitary Sandpiper: first one Apr 23 Kiskatom (J&BB); many May reports up to May 17 (mob). **WILLET**: two May 4 Ghent (P&GE). Greater Yellowlegs: arr Apr 19 Coxsackie (J&BB); last May 30 Glenville Landfill, Scotia (RPY). Lesser Yellowlegs: Apr 19 (bsh) to May 11 Mdale (HMBC); few reports. Pectoral Sandpiper: reported on only one day, May 17, by two parties. White-rumped Sandpiper: May 17 (MDG *et al*). Least Sandpiper: reported from three areas May 15; max 30 May 17 CM (PPW); last May 29 CM (PPW). Semipalmated Sandpiper: six May 17 (Bill Gorman *et al*). **WILSON'S PHALAROPE**: first ever for the Region—located and identified May 23 AR (WBS *et al*), described as having a long slender bill, gray back, dark neck stripe and unmarked wings.

Great Black-backed Gull: last Apr 14 Castleton (JC). Bonaparte's Gull: Apr 13 to May 15 (bsh); max 16 Apr 23 (GA). Common Tern: Apr 20–May 24 (bsh). Black Tern: May 17 near Chatham (P&GE); May 17 (mob). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: May 17, 24, 25 (HMBC). Black-billed Cuckoo: arr May 1 Glenville (EH); re-

ported from six areas during May. Owls: Screech: reports from Columbia Co, Greene Co, and EG. Great Horned: reports from five observers, in five localities. Barred: only one report Apr 9 Chatham (ER). Short-eared: two Apr 19, and three Apr 20 Cossackie (J&BB).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: first heard May 15 SCR (HFB). Common Nighthawk: first reports May 17 (mob). Chimney Swift: first report Apr 30 Spencertown (M&W Ulmer). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Apr 27 Gr (GCBC). Pileated Woodpecker: reported from approximately ten different areas. RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: second time ever to be recorded in Region—observed daily from Apr 27 to May 4 at Peters' residence near Gr (Mr. and Mrs. George Peters, CK, Madeline Rundell). Red-headed Woodpecker: one May 10 Scotia (EH). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: several reports Apr 10, 11, 12; through May.

Eastern Kingbird: earliest Apr 26 Ghent (P&GE). Great Crested Flycatcher: arr May 4 (PPW); numerous May 10–15. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: one May 15 Canaan (E&HL); May 17–24, five banded VFG, a new spring record for the banding area (WDM,RPY). Traill's Flycatcher: May 17 (mob) to May 25 Glenville (HMBC). Least Flycatcher: first report May 1 Catskill (JB). Eastern Wood Pewee: arr May 15 Castleton (JC). Olive-sided Flycatcher: May 13 Ghent (P&GE); May 17 (Betty Hicks *et al.*).

Swallows: Tree: nesting at VFG about five days behind last year, but still ahead of 1967 or 1966 (RPY). Bank: Glenville Landfill colony of about 360 holes double that of last year; Hetcheltown Rd colony of 100 destroyed by excavating (RPY). Rough-winged: one pair on early date of Apr 6 Ballston Spa (MLG); second report six Apr 19 Vosburgh Swamp (HMBC). Barn: arr Apr 12 Gr (Marianne Werner). Cliff: arr Apr 29 Gr (CK) and Apr 30 Catskill (J&BB); nesting AR Dam (MDG,PPW). Purple Martin: 12 appeared Apr 24 at nesting site Glenville (RMCC); also, reported near Saratoga (PPW,bsh).

Brown Creeper: seems scarce. House Wren: general influx Apr 25–May 1. Winter Wren: recorded once in April—Apr 15 Castleton (JC); several May reports—to May 17 (mob). Carolina Wren: one May 23 S. Bethlehem (WBS). Long-billed Marsh Wren: arr May 11 Mdale (HMBC). Catbird: an unusually early report of Apr 9 Chatham (ER); many from May 2 on. Brown Thrasher: report of one Apr 10 at the Wilson M. Powell Wildlife Sanctuary (P&GE) possibly a wintering bird; later reports beginning Apr 21 Gr (CK).

Robin: seemed scarce, with only eight banded in yard in Nisk compared to 17 in 1968, and 19 in 1967 (RPY). Wood Thrush: a very early report of one Apr 9 Malden Bridge (George Woodward); other reports from Apr 21. Hermit Thrush: arr Apr 9 Nisk (RPY), and Malden Bridge (George Woodward). Swainson's Thrush: early report of two Apr 28 in the Helderbergs (GA); others from May 10 VFG (WDM,RPY) to May 29 Hillsdale (JC). Veery: early report Apr 30 (MM); several May 10 and 11. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Apr 27 Gr (CK); subsequently, reports from three other areas. Golden-crowned Kinglet: last seen May 15 Ghent (P&GE). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: from Apr 6 (bsh) to May 17 (mob). Water Pipit: more than usual—several Apr reports; a few May reports, with the last one May 16 Ghent (P&GE). Cedar Waxwing: Only one Apr report—several Apr 9 Chatham (ER); still scarce the first part of May, with many reports during the last third of the month; abundant in late May, with 50 on many days (PPW). Shrike: one, species undetermined, Apr 1 Nisk (HHS).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Vireos: Yellow-throated: first one May 3 Ghent (P&GE); two banded May 10 VFG, the first ever banded in five years of banding in that area (RPY). Solitary: arr Apr 26, 27 (four reports); last date May 17 (five reports). Red-eyed: first two reports—May 10 (bsh), and May 11 Castleton (JC). Warbling: first one May 1 Schodack (L&VB).

Warblers: Black-and-white: first reported Apr 27, 30 Gr (CK); max eight May 4 (PPW). Worm-eating: May 17 IL (mob); May 20 Ghent (P&GE). Golden-winged: arr May 7 Catskill (JB); reports from at least seven different areas through remainder of May. Blue-winged: first observed May 2 Gr (CK); reported by more observers and in more areas than in previous two years; one May 18 near Petersburg, elevation about 800 ft., seemed in unusual locale (PPW). Tennessee: first reports May 17 (mob), max six (HHS *et al*); only other report May 24 Glenville (HMBC). Nashville: arr Apr 26 Schodack and Chatham (L&VB,ER); last May 25 (bsh). Parula: May 3, 4 (PPW); two May 4 CP (HMBC); three reports May 17, the last. Yellow: arr Apr 27 (RPY,bsh). Magnolia: first reported Apr 26 Ghent (P&GE), unusually early; several reports during May, with last date May 31 Taborton area (MDG *et al*). Cape May: from May 9 Scotia (EH) to May 24 (bsh). Black-throated Blue: appeared Apr 26 when several were seen at Chatham (ER); a few more reports than previous year. Myrtle: arr Apr 18 Canaan (E&HL); migration peaked May 2 and 3, as evidenced by max 25 May 2 (GA), and 33 banded May 2, 44 banded May 3 VFG (WDM,RPY); throughout May. Black-throated Green: first reports—one May 4 CP (HMBC), and three May 4 (PPW); throughout month. Cerulean: at usual locale Schodack Island May 16 (PPW); also, one May 17 IL (Bill Gorman *et al*). Blackburnian: first seen May 3 (bsh); max 25 May 31 Taborton area (PPW *et al*). Chestnut-sided: arr May 6 (bsh). Bay-breasted: first reported by six groups May 17; last date, May 24 (bsh). Blackpoll: first seen May 17 (mob); many more reports than previous year; a total of six banded VFG (as contrasted to a max two any previous spring) represents a new max and corroborates observations that this species was very common this spring (WDM,RPY). Pine: two reports—one May 13 Catskill (JB); one May 17 (GB,BRS). Prairie: arr May 3 Karner Pine Barrens (bsh); subsequently reported from at least seven different areas. Palm: several reports—Columbia Co Apr 11 (P&GE), May 1, 5 (E&HL); Greene Co Apr 11, 12, 21 (CK,J&BB) and May 1, 3 (CK); only one report in addition to the two southern counties—one banded May 2 VFG (WDM,RPY). Ovenbird: arr Apr 28 Gr (CK). Northern Waterthrush: arr May 3 (bsh), and VFG (WDM,RPY); migration apparently peaked May 17, when 16 were banded VFG (WDM,RPY). Louisiana Waterthrush: first reported Apr 27 (bsh). Yellowthroat: reported frequently after first date, Apr 29 Gr (CK). Yellow-breasted Chat: one May 3, and two May 31 BCM (bsh); one banded VFG May 11, the first ever banded there (WDM,RPY). Wilson's: several reports May 17; last—May 24 Glenville (HMBC), and May 24 VFG (WDM,RPY). Canada: arr May 5 Ghent (P&GE); migrants to May 28 VFG (PPW). American Redstart: arr early—Apr 29 Gr (CK).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: arr very early date—Apr 9 Chatham (ER); second report also somewhat early—Apr 29 Gr (CK). Red-winged Blackbird: banding numbers continued decline begun last year (RPY). Orchard Oriole: reported from usual locale—Castleton May 5 (JC). Baltimore Oriole: from Apr 26 Chatham (ER); many reports May 2, 3, 4. Rusty Blackbird: max 52 Apr 5 Schodack Center (PC); last May 17 (HMBC,GCBC). Scarlet Tanager: arr May 4 CP (HMBC). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: first report—one banded May 2 VFG (WDM,RPY). Indigo Bunting: arr early date—May 4 CP (HMBC). Evening Grosbeak: large numbers of returning migrants appeared in April; the flocks in May were spectacularly large, as reported from several areas; for example, 556 were banded in one yard in Nisk, from May 1–16, high counts 52, May 3 and 51, May 15, numbers decreased rapidly after May 16. Evidently they just kept right on coming and then passing right on through as there were only 13 or 14 re-captures during the period (RPY); last report May 28 EG (PPW). Purple Finch: throughout period; max 18 Gr Apr 30 (CK). House Finch: two new areas—one male appeared Apr 9 and 10 at feeder in Westerlo (Dr. Perkins); one male in song was observed Apr 20 CP (BRS); two old areas—pair Apr 28, and one male in May Nisk (GA); two males and one female seen on

different dates, sometimes singly, from Apr 23 to May 31 Nisk (RPY). Pine Grosbeak: a small flock of six or eight, including two males, well-observed, feeding on catkins in an ash tree, Ghent, May 14, 15, 16 (P&GE). Common Redpoll: several reports; last Apr 26 Guilderland (PMcG); max 50 in yard in Nisk Apr 3 (RPY). Pine Siskin: numerous reports; most plentiful middle of Apr to middle of May; last May 18 (PPW).

Sparrows: Rufous-sided Towhee: arr Apr 6 Ghent (P&GE). Grasshopper: reported from Greene Co, Columbia Co, Mdale, and near SCR. Henslow's: one area only—May 17 Mdale (GB,BRS). Vesper: arr Apr 6 (bsh). Slate-colored Junco: migrants very numerous: big influx Apr 9–12—max 225 Apr 9 Berne (MK); next big movement Apr 21–23 (RPY). Tree: last two reports—May 17 (Betty Hicks *et al*) and (E&L Lane). Chipping: max 17 May 1 Berne (MK). White-crowned: Apr 16 Hillsdale (Natalie Snare) to May 23 Schodack (L&VB). White-throated: many reports from Apr 10; max 25 May 1 Berne (MK); migrants still moving May 17 (PPW); last May 24 VFG (WDM,RPY). Fox: max 15 Apr 14 (one singing) SCR (HFB); last Apr 27 (PMcG). Lincoln's: more reports than usual—Apr 9 Chatham (ER); Apr 20 intermittently to May 17 Ghent (P&GE); eight banded May 9–23 VFG (WDM,RPY); two banded May 18 Clifton Park (WDM).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE — HUDSON

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The spring season advanced evenly with no marked set backs. April was slightly on the cool and wet side with about 4½ inches of rainfall, whereas May was warm and dry with only about 2 inches of rain. Foliage was anywhere from a week to two weeks ahead of its usual rate of development, making spring birding all the more difficult than usual.

Most birders cannot remember a year in which wave movements were so absent. The migration advanced evenly with only two contributors even mentioning anything approaching a wave. If this phenomenon occurred at all, they said it happened on April 28–29 and May 11 when there were a few more warblers around than usual.

Most active birders when checking their lists found a good number of blank spaces where not one member of the species had been found. Iris Dean missed seven species of warblers that she got in the vicinity of her Greenville, Orange Co. home last year. Several birders reported missing altogether or only getting singles of such species of warbler as: Magnolia, Prairie, Hooded, Blackburnian, Canada, Black-throated Green, Wilson's and Nashville. All migrant species of warblers were severely reduced, with only resident birds showing anything like normalcy. Bob Deed went so far as to say that the paucity extended to most species of insectivores although the insects themselves were abundant. It would make one wonder if perhaps some catastrophe might have happened farther south.

Most waterfowl seemed to be normal with a few migrant species lingering late into the season. Broad-winged Hawks came thru much earlier than usual but most Raptors seemed to be normal. Both species of the rare winter white-winged gulls were reported later than usual, as were several species of northern finch.

Abbreviations: Dutch—Dutchess Co; Oran—Orange Co; Putn—Putnam Co; Rock—Rockland Co; Ulst—Ulster Co; Sull—Sullivan Co; West—Westchester Co; MBC—Mearns Bird Club; RAS—Rockland Audubon Society; WBC—Waterman Bird Club; USMA—United States Military Academy.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: WBC reports three in April, two in May. Latest date May 11, Rondout Res. (JK). Horned Grebe: WBC reports 10 in Apr, all on Hudson R. Latest date May 11 Rondout Res (JK). Pied-billed Grebe: Less than usual. Double-crested Cormorant: Two Vanderberg Cove, Hudson R, Dutch, May 17 (AJ); one Cornwall Bay, same date (A,BM); four Piermont Pier, June 1 (RFD). Great Blue Heron: Very few reported. Ten active nests at Tamarack Swamp, Dutch (WBC). Green Heron: numbers normal. One, early date Apr 17, Tri-Loba Hill Sanct., Katonah. *LITTLE BLUE HERON*: one Apr 17–20 Vanderberg Cove, Dutch. (AJ,DF, fide OW). Immature often seen in mid-summer, but this is first record for adult for that county. Cattle Egret: One in usual place between Congers and New City on the usual date of May 13. Has been observed there same date for the past several years (RS). Another Apr 15 at Staatsburg (JDD). *LOUISIANA HERON*: One May 19, Moodna Marsh, Cornwall (PJ, fide A,BM). Studied at 75 yds with 30x scope for over an hour until dark. Bird was gone next day. Black-crowned Night Heron: One Apr 20–27 Hudson R. at Cruger's Is. (OW, AJ, DG). One May 11–12 Millbrook Boys School, Dutch. (HM). Least Bittern: arr Moodna Marsh May 6. At least two or three pair thru rest of period. One May 18 Pine Plains (W,TS). American Bittern: Numbers good. Several reported from Bashakill thru end of period. Mute Swan: Rock concentration refuses to spread. Only one report Cornwall May 7. Canada Goose: Good flights in Apr. esp. in last week. Over 1,000 reported from Dutch. Three flocks totaling about 350 at Bashakill on May 3 (MB). Once again most lakes in Hudson Highlands have one or more pairs nesting on them. Hatching took place about the first week of May, but mortality was high by the end of period. Brant: Earliest flight May 7 Katonah, (SG). Regularly reported from May 17. Peak movement May 22 from many points thru Hudson Valley. Pintail: More Apr reports than usual. Green-winged Teal: Eighty Apr 3 Hudson R, Dutch (AJ,DF). Twenty-four Glenmere L. Apr 26. Last May 7, Dutch, (WBC). Blue-winged Teal: Max, 19 Apr 3 Hudson R. in Dutch. Mated pairs obs. at Bashakill on May 10 and May 25 (EDT, et. al.). American Widgeon: Last report Dutch Apr 27. Wood Duck: normal to better. Good nesting obs. thru region. Redhead: Only report, one Apr 3 Hudson R. at Dutch. (AJ,DF). Ring-necked Duck: Good Apr flight. Better than 400 reported from Dutch. Last report Apr 12 Dutch, and 150 same date at Bashakill (MB). Canvasback: Only report 156 Apr 3 Hudson R. in Dutch. (AJ,DF). Scaup: Greater last reported Apr 18, and Lesser last reported June 1 at Piermont Pier (RFD). One unidentified female at Cornwall Bay, May 20 (A,BM). Common Goldeneye: Last Apr 7 Dutch. Bufflehead: Last Apr 12 Dutch. Oldsquaw: Missed thru most of region. Only report, 4 Apr 16 Salt Point, Dutch (AJ, et. al.). Ruddy Duck: Only report, one Apr 27 Hudson R. Dutch (AJ). Hooded Merganser: Well reported from Dutch. Last Apr 19 (WBC). Common Merganser: Good numbers thru Apr. Last, late date of May 11 Rondout Res. (JK). Red-breasted Merganser: 6 on Hudson at Nyack Apr 1. (Alma Polhemus). Last reported late date of Apr 23 in Dutch.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: normal. Sharp-shinned Hawk: only report, one Apr 12 Hunn's L. (FG, et. al.). Cooper's Hawk: one Apr 4; two May 17; one May 8; all Dutch. Red-tailed Hawk: Obs. more often than usual in the south Rock area of Blauvelt. Normal elsewhere. One full albino obs feeding young at Verbank, Dutch (HM). Red-shouldered Hawk: Several reports, which is more than usual.

One Apr 3 Cruger's Is.; one May 10 and May 25 at Bashakill; one May 18 Pine Plains; and one May 24 Cross River. Broad-winged Hawk: spring movement poor, many reports of migrating birds in early Apr. Peak movement, 25, Apr 27, Dutch. Rough-legged Hawk: one, light phase, on RAS trip between Rockland L. and Haverstraw Apr 26 (FS). Bald Eagle: Wintering bird remained at Bashakill until Apr 3 (MM). Another observed near Esopus on June 2 (Ruth Huth). Marsh Hawk: 6 Apr reports from Dutch (WBC). Only May report, one Greenville, Oran, May 3 (Iris Dean). Osprey: first Apr 12; spring numbers normal. Peregrine Falcon: one Haverstraw Bay May 15 (F,RS). First record for Rock since 1965. Sparrow Hawk: numbers seem lower than usual. Gallinaceous birds: normal numbers for most species except Ruffed Grouse which continues low. Rails: none reported in Rock, but normal elsewhere. Common Gallinule: first obs, 5 Apr 20 Amenia (W,TS). Remained thru period. The usual breeding birds at Bashakill, Sull. Coot: continues quite scarce thru region. Semipalmated Plover: 5 May 17 Hudson R. in Dutch, 2 at Amenia, Dutch from May 13-24. Killdeer: normal to better. Woodcock: normal. Several males still courting as late as last week in May along Mine Rd. USMA. (A,BM). Snipe: local breeders in usual numbers. Upland Plover: 9 at former Van-Haaster Farm, Town of Hamptonburg, on May 3. Spotted Sandpiper: generally late thru most of region. First report May 3 in Dutch. Peak, 42 May 17 (WBC). Solitary Sandpiper: one Apr 17 (A). Good flight reported thru May. Yellowlegs: Both species low thru period. Pectoral Sandpiper: single birds Apr 18, 30, May 1, and 11. **WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER**: one at Bashakill May 11. Seen well by MB et. al. Least Sandpiper: fewer reports than usual. Peak from May 13-26. 60 birds at Amenia. (W,TS). About 30 at Piermont Pier on June 1 is a late date for Rock. (RAS). Dunlin: one Apr 14 Amenia (W,TS). **GLAUCOUS GULL**: one May 10 on Hudson R at Rhinecliff, obs in excellent light for 20 minutes with 30 x scope. In company with Herring and Black-backed Gulls. All field marks noted (EP,WO, et. al.). **ICELAND GULL**: A second year bird flying over Lake Tappan Apr 2 (EB). Great Black-backed Gull: Normal. Laughing Gull: Early date of Mar 29 at Piermont Pier (RFD). None reported up river thru end of period. Bonaparte's Gull: 7 Cornwall Bay Apr 5 (MBC). 8 more at Conn's Hook, Highland Falls, Apr 6. (EDT). 2 May 17 Cruger's Is. (EP,OW, et. al.). Common Tern: 2 May 10 Cruger's Is. (EP,OW, et. al.). Black Tern: one May 4 Amenia (W,TS). Doves: normal. Cuckoos: Reported scarce in Ulst, but excellent numbers elsewhere. Both species reported in good numbers at Bashakill May 25. Barn Owl: Usually unobserved. Reported this year at possible inaccessible nest site in Nauraushaun, Rock, and said to have been present there every year since 1963. (EB). One May 15-17 at Amenia Dutch (W, TS). First Dutch record since 1962. Screech Owl: normal. Great Horned Owl: normal. Barred Owl: normal.

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Whip-poor-will: first, late date of May 2 at Ladentown, Rock. Usual numbers thereafter. Nighthawk: first May 14 good flight last week of May, 60 May 23 in Dutch, and 15 same date, at Cornwall; a very large flight May 26 at Katonah. Chimney Swift: first Apr 21 in Dutch. Numbers normal. Hummingbird: one Kripplebush on early date of Apr 23 (Morton Miller). Numbers lower than usual thru rest of season. Kingfisher: normal. Woodpeckers: most resident species normal. Red-bellied Woodpecker: one Centenary Rock. May 2 (RS). One on Little Tor Mt. near Haverstraw on May 15 (RS). Two heard calling together from May 4 to end of period along Mine Rd. USMA. (EDT). Another May 11 at Chappaqua, West. (Mrs. John Lentz). Red-headed Woodpecker: Winter bird at Washington Hollow, Dutch, left May 7. Another May 4-5 at Millbrook (HM). New nest sites at Chester and Howells Oran. Sapsucker: very scarce all season. Only 3 reported dur Apr in Dutch, none reported in Rock all season and only a few elsewhere. Flycatchers: All species, with perhaps the exception of the Crested are on the low side. Eastern Kingbird: Apr numbers very low. More normal in May.

Crested Flycatcher: scarce early, normal after May 20. Phoebe: scarce in Rock, but average to less elsewhere. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: all reports Dutch. Single birds May 13, 17, and 22. *ACADIAN FLYCATCHER*: one, singing at Mine Rd, USMA, June 1. (EB). Traill's Flycatcher: 4 reported from Dutch dur May. One at Chester, Oran May 18 was giving the call of the western race. Another was at Iona Is. May 21. Least Flycatcher: 3 at Pomona, Rock Apr 27 and one in Dutch same date were the first reported. Numbers normal to less thereafter. Pewee: first May 10, good numbers thereafter. Good movement on May 30 weekend. Olive-sided Flycatcher: first May 14 Freedom Plains (HM). Only 2 reports thereafter. Horned Lark: usual scattered reports. One nest with three young on soccer field at Ramapo Senior High School first noted May 15. Needless to say, nesting was unsuccessful. Rough-winged Swallow: Early date of Apr 8 at Bashakill (MB). 6 at Tomahawk L. Apr 12 (MCB). Corvids: resident species normal. *COMMON RAVEN*: One May 3 Crugers Is. (DG). Observer is quite familiar with species. Fish Crow: 2 in Apr. and 3 in May in Poughkeepsie area. Another spent the spring in New Paltz across the Hudson. (Robert Pyle). Red-breasted Nuthatch: More than the usual number of spring reports. Scattered sightings continued to end of period. Brown Creeper: One May 4, late for Rock. (RAS). Residents at Bashakill reported in lesser numbers this year (MM). House Wren: Arr late thru most of region. Less in Rock but normal elsewhere. Winter Wren: Numbers scarce, but 5 birds continued in Dutch thru end of period. Long-billed Marsh Wren: late arr in most localities. Numbers normal from mid-May on. Mimids: most resident species normal. Mockingbird: numbers constant in areas where resident. Continues to spread into new areas. Thrushes: Most resident species on the normal to low side. Most migrants low or absent. Robin: normal to better numbers. Wood Thrush: normal. Hermit Thrush: far less reported than usual. One, singing on ridge back of Otisville May 3 is unusual to the area. Swainson's Thrush: very few reported. Missed completely by a number of active birders. Gray-cheeked Thrush: Only one report, May 17 Weyant's Pd. Rd. USMA. (EDT,PJ). Veery: Resident population normal. Bluebird: Usual low numbers. On May 15 a pair took over nest box recently vacated by Tree Swallows at the farm of MM in Howells. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: continues to increase yearly with a number of nesting pairs reported. Golden-crowned Kinglet: last report Apr 13, numbers unusually scarce. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: very few reports. Rarely as low as this year. Pipit: 30 in the Brown's Pd. area of Newburgh Apr 5. 5 Chester, Oran Apr 26. Peak 150 Apr 28 near Millbrook, Dutch (EP). Last report, 3 May 17 Dutch (WBC). Cedar Waxwing: Most uncommon until after mid-May. Then common.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: White-eyed Vireo: one May 4 USMA, failed to remain. Another May 10 Bashakill remained thru end of period. Yellow-throated Vireo: reported down in some areas. Solitary Vireo: very few reported. Red-eyed Vireo: numbers up from low of several years ago. *PHILADELPHIA VIREO*: one May 17 Amenia (W,TS). Seen and heard. Warbling Vireo: the only vireo which seems increased in numbers. Several pairs observed in the Bashakill area from May 10, Warblers: resident species relatively normal, but migrants reduced severely with few exceptions. Black-and-white: normal; Worm-eating: normally scarce; Golden-winged: normal locally; Blue-winged: normal locally; Brewster's: only one report at Fahnestock St. Pk. May 18 (Dave Cutler, Ted Hendersen). Lawrence's: one near New Paltz May 11 (Heinz Meng). Tennessee: numbers average to better. Nashville: numbers well below average. Parula: very few reported. Yellow: normal to better. Magnolia: very low. Cape May: less than average. Black-throated Blue: normally reported from some areas, but lower than usual through most of region. Myrtle: usual numbers, peak about May 10. Black-throated Green: very few reported. Cerulean: nesting as usual in Dutch at least 3 singing males have remained well beyond end of period in the Weyant's Pd. area of USMA, but no nests found to date. Blackburnian: very low,

unobserved by most birders. *YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER*: one at Bashakill on Apr 28 (MM). Chestnut-sided Warbler: migrant numbers low, but normal residents. Bay-breasted: very few reported. Most birders missed them. Blackpoll: less than usual, but not bad. Prairie: only reports of scattered local breeders. Palm: normal. Ovenbird: normal to below. Northern Waterthrush: few reports. Early date Apr 18 at Cornwall (A,BM). Louisiana Waterthrush: normal to below. Mourning: one May 17 Dover Plains (HM et al); another May 29 at Red Oaks Mill (MK). Yellow-throat: normal. Yellow-breasted Chat: always very low, this year only 2 reports. Hooded: numbers down, but resident in usual location. Wilson's: much less than most years. Canada: very few reported in comparison to most years when they are abundant. American Redstart: resident numbers normal.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: first Apr 28. Peak 250 May 14 Dutch. Good resident population throughout region. Orchard Oriole: more reports of breeding than usual. 2 pairs in Chester area. One a first year male. Another first year male at Stanfordville, Dutch May 31. Another first year male at Little Tor, Rock on May 15. A pair were at Centenary, Rock the same date. Two or three present at Green Haven, Dutch May 14, where they usually nest. Resident birds were reported from New Paltz and Kripplebush, Ulst. Baltimore Oriole: normal dates and numbers. Rusty Blackbird: only report thru May 10 in Dutch. Common Grackle: numbers usual to better. Scarlet Tanager: numbers down in region except in Dutch where reports are normal. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: less than usual most areas, but normal in Dutch. Indigo Bunting: normal. Evening Grosbeak: unusually heavy flights thru mid-May in Oran and Dutch. More than 50 reported from Bashakill, Sull May 10. A few birds were reported in May from Rock and Ulst. Purple Finch: usual numbers. House Finch: continues to increase especially in northern parts. Pine Grosbeak: only report 3 Apr 5 (Jim Southward). Common Redpoll: 5 in Dutch thru Apr 8. 25 on Orange Co. Community Coll. campus, Middletown Apr 18. (MB). Observed in Cornwall as late as May 7. Pine Siskin: Fred Hough reports a fair flight in Ulst in early May. Last report in Stanfordville May 5 (FG). Rufous-sided Towhee: numbers normal. Savannah Sparrow: resident populations normal. Peak Apr 23-25. Grasshopper Sparrow: first report one May 15 Dutch. Regularly reported thereafter. Vesper Sparrow: normal resident population. Slate-colored Junco: last report for Dutch, May 10. One unusually late record of May 31, a single bird on Old Storm King Highway, Cornwall (PJ). Tree Sparrow: last report Apr 28 Dutch. Chipping Sparrow: first migrant Apr 5 Dutch. Normal numbers thereafter. Field Sparrow: normal. White-crowned Sparrow: first Apr 27 Dutch. Numbers less than usual. Last May 17. White-throated Sparrow: Peak from May 1-6. Last May 17. Fox Sparrow: Last report Apr 12. Numbers unusually low for early Apr. Lincoln's Sparrow: Only two reports. One, banded in Dutch, May 17. Another observed same date at Dunderberg Mt. Rock (ET,PJ). Swamp Sparrow: normal. Song Sparrow: normal.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Easily the most interesting aspect of this spring's migration was the number of Red-bellied Woodpeckers reported. In contrast to last spring's *single* record, this year at least 29 individuals were seen from April 12 through the end of May. Following is a summary of these reports:

INDIVIDUALS	DATE(S)	LOCALITY	OBSERVER(S)	COMMENT
1	Apr 12	Forest Pk	G. Rose	
1	Apr 27-30	JBWR	MOB	
1	Apr 27	Greenwood Cem	PB, et al	
1	Apr 27	Owl's Head Pk	RC	
6	Apr 29-May 11	Jones Beach	A. Wollins, et al	total for period
1	Apr 29-May 27	Central Pk	MOB	
1	Apr 29	Atlantic Beach	R. Cohen	banded
1	Apr 29	Tobay	PB	
1	May 10-21	W. Islip	RB, et al	
2	May 10	Alley Pond Pk	HK	
1	May 11	Fire Island	fide HT	
2	May 11	Forest Pk	R. Arbib	
1	May 14	Middle Island	AD, BC	
1	May 16	Easthampton	C. McKeever	
1	May 17	Owl's Head Pk	fide RC	Apr 27 bird ?
1	May 17	Alley Pond Pk	fide HK	a May 10 bird?
pair	May 17	Prospect Pk	fide RC	
1	May 17	Breezy Pt	fide RC	
1	May 21	Roslyn	fide LLAS	
1	Jun 1	Tobay	RB, B. Ward	Apr 29 bird?
1	May 6-Jun 1	Westhampton	GR	Apr 29 bird? at feeder, joined on 24th by second bird
pair	"mid-May"- Jun 1	Setauket	MH	seen investigating an old Hairy Woodpecker hole

To date, there are no known records of breeding Red-bellied Woodpeckers in our Region. In 1964 Bull stated—"judging from its northward spread and increase locally, breeding can be expected in the near future."

Likewise did Summer Tanagers invade our Region this spring. Usually 2 or 3 are reported, sometimes none, or as many as five. This year 15 individuals were recorded as follows:

INDIVIDUALS	DATE(S)	LOCALITY	OBSERVER(S)	COMMENT
1	Apr 27	Prospect Pk	RC, E. Daly	Adult male
1	Apr 30	Central Pk	MOB	sub-adult male
1	May 3	Central Pk	P. Tozzi, et al	sub-adult male
2	May 10	Alley Pond Pk	fide LLAS	
2	May 11	High Rock	RC, K. O'Hare, et al	adult and sub-adult males
1	May 13	Babylon	K. Malone	
1	May 13-20	Atlantic Beach	R. Cohen	female, banded
1	May 14	Manorville	AD, BC	
1	May 15	Hempstead St Pk	W, E. Levine	
1	May 17	Wainscott	C. McKeever	
2	May 18	Alley Pond Pk	fide LLAS	
1	"late May"	Wading River	H. Halama, fide GR	

Other highlights of the season were Purple Gallinule, American Avocet, Chuck-will's-widow and four Yellow-throated Warblers. A phalarope "incursion" on eastern Long Island was the largest ever recorded. New early dates were recorded for Royal Tern, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Hooded Warbler and Lincoln's Sparrow.

Abbreviations used: JBWR—Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge; LLAS—Lyman Langdon Audubon Society; MOB—Many Observers; Only the first word is used for Jones Beach State Park, and Tobay (JFK) Wildlife Sanctuary.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Louisiana Heron: Apr 8 Central Pk (O. Goelet)—first Park record. European Widgeon: "mid-Apr to Apr 27 Plandome (O. Dunning). Harlequin Duck: two females were seen at Jones to May 2 (PB, MK, et al)—extremely late.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: Apr 23 Greenvale (O. Dunning); May 17 Central Pk (P. Post). *PURPLE GALLINULE*: "one picked up in Easthampton about Apr 20 and brought to Quogue Sanctuary, later released there but refuses to leave, returns to cage for food and has become very tame." (GR). Upland Plover: arr Apr 13 (3) at Mitchel Field (R. Cioffi). Ruff: Apr 12—May 26 JBWR (MOB)—early; male, May 18, Mecox (PB, C. McKeever). *AVOCET*: May 2—4 Tobay (PB, et al)—earliest Regional record, still a casual spring migrant.

Phalaropes: the largest flight in local history took place May 9—12 on eastern Long Island; *12000 plus* were estimated at Montauk by R. Ryan. He noted that Reds outnumbered Northerns 9 to 1. On May 11 B. Frech saw "thousands" of phalaropes as he drove along the beach from Westhampton to Easthampton (fide MH), and G. Raynor saw 80 Reds and 70 Northerns at Shinnecock Inlet on the evening of May 9. L. Wilcox saw none there at noon May 9, however.

Iceland Gull: imm, May 31 JBWR (GR)—late. Great Black-backed Gull: at least two nests contained one egg each at Captree on Apr 25 (D. Ford, TD)—earliest Regional egg date. Common Tern: arr Apr 27 (8) at Jones (MK). Roseate Tern: arr May 2 at Jones (PB). Least Tern: arr May 2 (3) at Jones (PB). Royal Tern: *May 12* Mecox (MH)—sitting on sandspit with Common and Roseate, winter-plumaged, the earliest Regional record by over a month. Caspian Tern: May 27 JBWR (J. Bull)—rare in spring. Saw-whet Owl: a wintering bird remained at Greenwood Cemetery to Apr 27 (M. Cashman, PB, et al)—breeding?

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: *CHUCK-WILL'S WIDOW*: May 27—30 Islip (M. Boch, et al)—voice recorded on tape. Second Regional record (see Field Note in this issue). *RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER*: see introduction. Olive-sided Flycatcher: May 2 Prospect Pk (J. Yrizarry)—earliest Regional record. Purple Martin: arr Apr 12 at Quogue (L. Wilcox). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Apr 6 Oak Beach (T. Lauro)—early.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: Apr 9 Huntington (fide W. Lanyon)—netted and banded, extremely early, see two earlier reports in winter season report. Warblers: Prothonotary: male, Apr 29—May 2 Bronx Botanical Gardens (E. Maguire, W. Friton, D. Rafferty, J. Wert). Golden-winged: May 11 Oyster Bay (O. Dunning); May 12 Caumsett St. Pk (AD, BC)—generally a rare migrant on Long Island. "Brewster's": May 8 Central Pk (J. Bull). Cerulean: female, Apr 30 Central Pk (L. Birnbaum, et al)—early; May 3 Bronx Botanical Gardens (D. Rafferty, E. Maguire, et al); male, May 15 Central Pk (R. Pasquier). Yellow-throated: 4 reports—Apr 19—21 Central Pk (R. Pasquier, D. Gleick, O. Goelet); Apr 20 Prospect Pk (Goldman, fide RC); Apr 27 Jones (MK); May 12 Belmont State Pk (K. Malone). Kentucky: May 3 Plandome Woods (O. Dunning); male, May 11 Huntington (fide W. Lanyon)—netted and banded; male, May 14 Central Pk (R. Denham); female, May 14 Prospect Pk (J. Yrizarry); male, May 21 Central Pk (MOB). Hooded: male, Apr 12—13 JBWR (MOB)—color-photographed (H. Honig), earliest Regional record.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: arr Apr 27 at Jones (imm male—MK) and at Central Pk (adult male—A. Loiseau, et al); territorial pair, late Apr through period at Orient (J. Bennett). Scarlet Tanager: Apr 20 Staten Isl. (H. Fischer)—early. *SUMMER TANAGER*: see introduction. Indigo Bunting; four on Apr 27 Jones (MK)—very early for such numbers. Same date as Yellow-throated Warbler report above. Dickcissel: May 25 E. Marion (J. Bennett, GR)—at feeder, still a rare spring migrant. Evening Grosbeak: migrating flocks of 20–30 birds noted in late Apr—early May, last seen May 22 at Prospect Pk (J. Yrizarry). Red Crossbill: 8 on May 11 Montauk (R. Ryan). White-winged Crossbill: to Apr 24 at Sea Cliff (B. Spencer). Seaside Sparrow: two May 11 Central Pk (MOB)—rare away from its normal habitat. Lincoln's Sparrow: Apr 28–30 Oyster Bay Cove (D. Kunstler—at feeder.

Addendum: the following two records have just been received—White-fronted Goose: a bird banded on Sep 28, 1962 at Mantario, Saskatchewan was shot from a flock of 18 Canada Geese on Dec 23, 1968 at Sagaponack (W. Barbour, fide J. Bull)—“frontalis” race, only extant state specimen. “Hutchin's Goose”: shot by hunter on Nov 20, 1968 at Southampton (W. Logan, fide J. Bull)—first Long Island specimen.

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