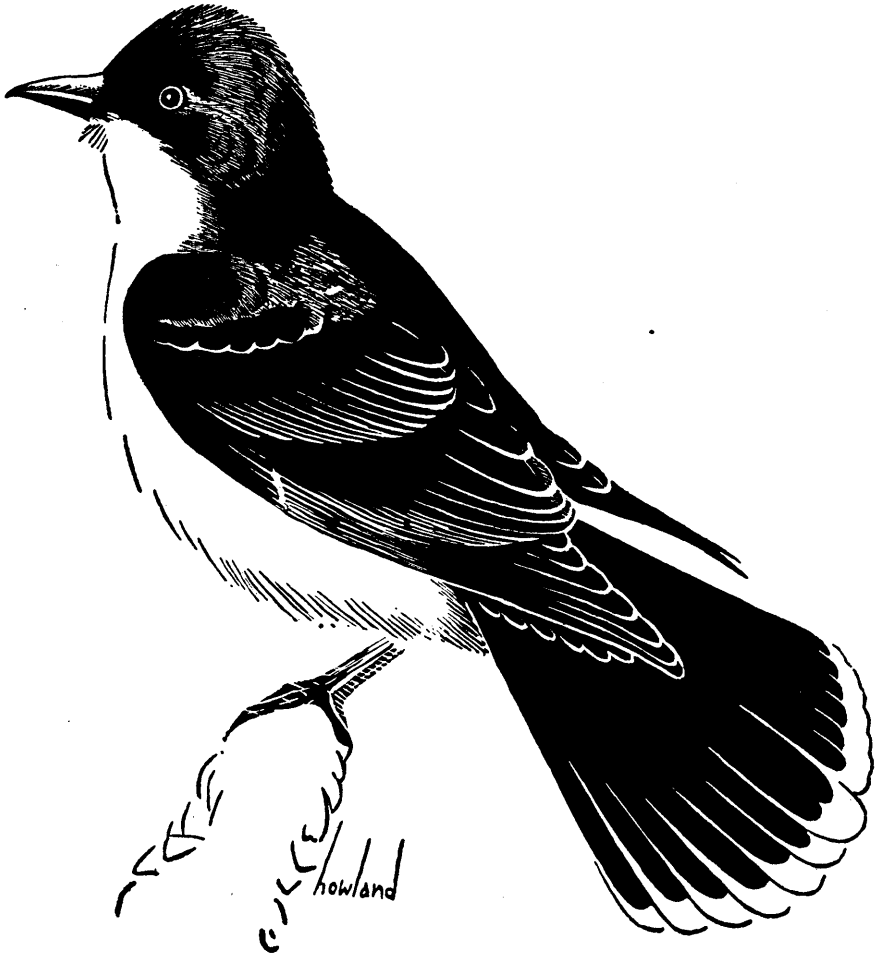


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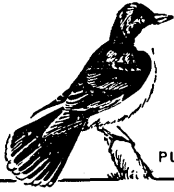
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

This page, as we analyze those of the past, has been informative, stimulating, thought provoking and sometimes controversial. If the page is worth printing, it should embody some one or all of these themes. However, at this time I feel that it is imperative that I present a different thought. The reader can consider it an appeal or an admonishment. To get to the point, the fact of the case is that the "Kingbird" can hardly be called a journal or bulletin when all it contains are some regional field notes, valuable as they may be. The Editor has informed me that in putting the July issue of the "Kingbird" together there is a complete absence, with the exception of the reports mentioned (and not all of them), the 1970 Bibliography and a few notices of material of any nature whatsoever. This is appalling!! In an organization such as ours, with all of its talented members and the potential talents which must exist, it is almost unbelievable that it should be necessary to actually have to beg for, or request material for publication. This of course, is not the duty of the Editor. This predicament is even more unbelievable when one considers the fact that serious interest in all sciences has been growing by leaps and bounds especially during the period of our existence. The "Kingbird" too, should continue to grow, but without a ready supply of material this is impossible. In this, the Federation's 25th year, we should be achieving new heights and not relaxing in our efforts toward growth and becoming more effective. Articles of general interest are just as welcome as scientific papers. Your notes or observations on the habits or unusual behavior of a common bird will be of interest to all birders. Don't be modest. You can write if you try and someone is certain to be interested in what you have to report.

In closing, it might be fitting to remind the older members and to restate for the benefit of the newer members the hopes and aspirations of one of our esteemed charter members, Winston W. Brockner, who was president of the Federation in 1950, the year the "Kingbird" was first published. I quote excerpts as follows: "I most sincerely hope that this bulletin will continue to grow. It will become what you, the readers make and want it. It will depend upon the cooperation of each and every person in the state who reads this publication. How we grow and what we can do depends upon you." Need I say more??

Kenneth D. Niven

HISTORIC NOTE ON GARDINER'S ISLAND AND ITS OSPREYS

MICHAEL GOCHFELD

Members of the Linnaean Society of New York were recently (14 Dec. 1971) privileged, though disheartened, to hear Dennis Puleston's account of the status of Ospreys on Gardiner's Island. The island, in eastern Long Island sound, has held what may be the world's largest aggregation of nesting ospreys. The decline in the fortune of osprey populations is now well known, and Ames (J. Appl. Ecol. 3 (suppl.):87-97, 1966) discussed the relationship between the decline of the Osprey and the concentration of chlorinated hydrocarbons in their eggs. This relationship is now all too familiar. Recently a hopeful note has been sounded by reports that certain Osprey populations, particularly those in Florida, appear to have stabilized (Henny & Ogden, J. Wldlf. Mgmt., 34:214-217, 1970), and also that certain populations of peregrines may be gradually recovering (Ratcliffe, B.T.O. News, no. 49, p. 1, 1972).

Unfortunately there is another threat to Ospreys and all our wildlife, which is the threat of habitat destruction. Ironically, this threat is posed to the birds of Gardiner's Island, by a proposal to make that island a National Park. At the end of the last century the proposal for a National Park in northern Wyoming (Yellowstone) assured the survival of certain game animals, particularly the bison. At present, however, when pressures for recreational use of park land exceed pressures for wildlife conservation, such a proposal for Gardiner's Island, must be viewed as a threat to the Ospreys. In view of the continuing interest in Ospreys, I am presenting below part of a letter written in 1810 by Mr. John L. Gardiner to the ornithologist Alexander Wilson. The information was incorporated in Wilson's work on *American Ornithology*. The letter sheds some light on one of the early Gardiners and on the life of the Osprey 150 years ago. The entire text of the letter has been published elsewhere (Auk 12:359-362, 1895) and I cite here only a few paragraphs from this intriguing document.

Gardiner's Island, April 30th 1810

Mr. Alexander Willson. (sic)

I have received so much instruction & amusement from reading your first and second volume of Ornithology and as a real American am so well pleased with the execution of the work particularly the 2d vol. — as to the plates — that I cannot omit giving you the trouble of hearing how much pleasure you have given a plain farmer — in publishing your works, — which as to its execution of every kind has not been exceeded in America —. . . If it will not be deemed impertinent

I will suggest to you how pleasing it will be to me & others that you add specimens of the eggs of the birds as far as you can. . . . Instead of small parts of dry limbs of trees sometimes perhaps you could place the birds on living trees or shrubs or bushes, which would have a tendency of making the birds themselves look more lively & natural — or at least my fancy suggests this. . . . Where the male and female can be placed near each other it seems more pleasing at least to the courting or married pair.

I live on an Island of 3000 acres of land at the eastern extremity of Long Island. . . . The common birds are not here interrupted by school boys & are plenty. . . .

If ten volumes will not well contain our American Birds I hope you will add volumes enough to contain the whole. It is a work in which our national character is interested and I am anxious it should be a work of as much celebrity as any European publication. . . .

With much respect & esteem I am your friend.

John L. Gardiner

Facts as to the Fish Hawk on Gardiner's Island.

1. They are regular in arriving on the 21 March & in leaving the place on 21 Sepr. . . .
3. They lay generally three eggs — hatch about 1 July. . . .
4. As soon as they arrive they wage war on the Eagle & by numbers and perseverance drive him off. . . .
10. Are so voracious that I presume when they have young they devour in 300 nests — two or three fish a day of 2 or 3 lbs. each fish —. . . .

Facts communicated by John L. Gardiner.

The above account is offered as a tribute to the Gardiners and the island they have managed to protect.

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Plan to attend the 1972 Annual Meeting

The 1972 meeting of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs will be at Cornell University's Laboratory of Ornithology at Ithaca from Friday, 22 September through Sunday, 24 September, 1972. The meeting will be sponsored jointly by the Laboratory of Ornithology, the Campus Club Bird Study Group of Cornell University, the Schuyler County Bird Club, and the Cayuga Bird Club. The chairman of the local committee for arrangements is James Tate, Jr., 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14852. Information concerning accommodations, transportation and a call for papers will be sent to all members well in advance. Ithaca, being a college town has a large number and a good variety of restaurants and accommodations. Headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn, N. Triphammer Road, Ithaca. Reservations will be on a first-come first-served basis. The Holiday Inn is less than two miles toward Ithaca from the Laboratory of Ornithology.

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Mr. Dempsey's interest in birds started in Vermont in 1957 when he and his wife saw a bird they couldn't immediately identify. It turned out to be an Eastern Kingbird. In the early 1960s he joined the Baldwin Bird Club and is a past president of it. He is also a member of the Linnaean Society, the A. O. U., the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell and Hawk Mountain. To date, his birding activities have been largely confined to Long Island, the Brigantine and adjacent areas.

BACK ISSUE WANTED

In the July 1971 issue of *The KINGBIRD* there was a request for some twenty-two back numbers for the research library of the New Jersey State Museum.

Mr. Donald S. Heintzelman, the Curator of Ornithology at the N.J. State Museum Cultural Center, has recently indicated that we have supplied all of the needed back issues except for Volume III, No. 2.

Repeating our appeal for this volume, we hope that the response of our membership will complete the whole series for the N.J. State Museum.

SANDERLING MARKING

Request for information

For the past two years, the Long Point Bird Observatory on the north shore of Lake Erie has undertaken a study on the relationship between fat deposition and fall migration in the Sanderling. In conjunction with this study, a large number of birds have been colour-marked and sightings of these marked birds away from Long Point have indicated that most of the birds fly directly from the study area to the East Coast.

During 1972, the Observatory hopes to individually colour-mark and colour-code several hundred Sanderling in order to further investigate this phenomenon. The colour-coding will involve three aspects: colour-marking with feather dye, wing-tagging and banding with the normal aluminum band.

Birds will be feather-dyed on the breast and abdomen with one of four colours: red, yellow, green, or white (no colour); according to the percent of the bird's total body weight attributable to fat.

The birds will be wing-tagged on *each* wing with semipermanent wing tags of the following colours: black, blue, brown, green, red, orange, yellow and white. The wing-tagging will individually identify each bird.

The placement of the aluminum band will indicate the age of the bird. Birds banded on the right leg will be adults and those banded on the left leg will be immatures.

The Observatory would be pleased if anyone sighting these birds would report the following information to us:

- Date of sighting
- Location (including nearest city or town)
- Colour of feather-dye on the breast and abdomen
- Colour of the wing tag on the right wing
- Colour of the wing tag on the left wing
- Leg on which the bird is banded

Co-operators will receive a short note explaining the project's application to the preservation of the Long Point peninsula in a natural state and the date on which the bird was last seen on Long Point. Reports of marked birds should be sent to:

Long Point Bird Observatory,
Long Point, Ontario,
Canada.

FIELD NOTES

Monk Parakeet in Broome County: On the morning of Feb. 11, 1972, after a telephone call from Mr. Freeman Brooks of Conklin, New York, Harriet Marsi and I observed two Monk (or Quaker) Parakeets (*Myiopsitta monachus*) in Mr. Brooks' yard. They appeared to be a pair, although the plumages were apparently identical—green head, back and tail, with dark, almost navy blue primaries that formed a blue V when the birds were perching. The breast, cheeks and forehead were light gray; the underparts behind the legs were a chartreuse yellow-green. The bill was pink. The overall length was about 15 inches, about half of the length being the slender tail which fanned out like a Mourning Dove's tail in flight. Also visible in flight was the gray color under the wings.

We observed the birds for a half hour or more from a parked car in the driveway. The birds paid very little attention to us and spent most of the time flying back and forth between an elm tree and a spruce tree, each time carrying an elm twig a foot or a foot and a half in length into the spruce tree, from which a noisy squawking emanated for several minutes. We were quite puzzled by this behavior at this time of year, as the birds appeared to be nest building. We learned later, though, that this was a roosting activity.

A telephone conversation with Mr. John Bull, Dept. of Ornithology, American Museum of Natural History, confirmed the identification of the birds as Monk Parakeets. Several have been seen wild on Long Island* and one has been reported from Michigan. They are natives of S. America and were probably imported from there by pet shops. However, since they are noisy and poor talkers, they may have been turned loose by their owners after the first novelty wore off.

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Ed. Note: See *The Monk Parrot*, by Wayne Trimm. *N.Y. State Conservationist* 26(6): 4-5.

Lark Bunting on Long Island, New York: A male Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) appeared at the feeding station of Henry Vail, Riverhead, L.I. on April 11, 1972. This is a bird of the western prairies, mainly Kansas and Colorado.

The KINGBIRD for January, 1968, lists the following records of this species in New York State; September 4, 1888 Montauk Point; September 11, 1896 Millers Place; November 27, 1937 Wainscott; August 31, 1939 Easthampton; June 6, 1959 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge; February 27, 1960 Cortland; September 6, 1964 Jacob Riis Park, Queens County; September 10, 1966 Short Beach, Nassau County; November 30, 1966 to May 13, 1967 Belmont; May 19, 1967 Ithaca. In addition, there are the following later records: September, 1967 Jacob Riis Park, Queens County; October 6-14, 1968 Jacob Riis Park, Queens County; May 12-13, 1970 Stanfordville; September 16, 1970 Orient; Sept—October 17-31, 1971 Bronx County.

Beginning April 17 I attempted to trap the Riverhead bird and continued on Apr. 19, 20, 26 and 27. On these five days the bird was feeding on the ground where Mr. Vail had been scattering his bird feed. I succeeded in trapping and banding 55 birds consisting of Mourning Doves, Grackles, Blue Jays, Redwinged Blackbirds, Rusty Blackbirds, Cowbirds, Cardinal, White-throated Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Tree Sparrows and Field Sparrows. The Bunting fed by itself, also kept to itself instead of flocking with other birds. It was singing every day, about one-half the time I was there, in early morning as well as afternoons. The bird was easily frightened by all the other larger birds. By the afternoon of Apr. 27, after five days of attempting to trap it with nine trip-doorstep traps, it became apparent that the bird

* See Region 10 Report, *Kingbird* 22(1): 57 for summary of status in the metropolitan area.

was too trap-shy. Therefore I erected three mist nets and in one and a half hours the bird finally landed in one of the nets at 5:00 P.M. It weighed 46.4 grams, wing 86mm, tail 65mm and bill 12mm. It remained in the area at least until May 5 giving an opportunity for many L.I. birders to add it to their life list.

It might be appropriate to cite my first experience in banding Lark Buntings which occurred at Separ, New Mexico. On Dec. 3, 1965 we stopped at a gift shop in this small village-population 44. I noticed about 100 Lark Buntings just back of some out buildings that formerly housed horses or cattle. A young Mexican boy, Manuel Mendoza, about ten years old, was home from school that day. I was surprised to hear the boy say he had been shooting these birds every day to feed them to his cat. His parents gave me permission to put up two mist nets alongside of a fence as there were no bushes or trees. In one and a half hours I captured two Lark Buntings and 19 Brewer's Sparrows. This presented a good opportunity for me to give the boy a simple lesson in conservation. He had never met any one who knew birds or had any interest in them so I explained some details about bird banding and that it was unlawful to shoot these birds. He seemed very impressed and as we said goodbye he promised not to shoot any more of them.

LeRoy Wilcox, Oceanic Duck Farm, Speonk, L.I., N.Y.

Chuck-will's-widow at Central Park, New York Co., N.Y.: On the morning of May 13, 1972 was walking through the famous Ramble in New York City's Central Park when I was approached by an excited birder who wanted to know if I had ever seen a Chuck-will's-widow. I replied that I had, but only once and rushed with him to a spot where a group of twenty to twenty-five people were studying a large brown goatsucker perched in the open about twenty feet from the ground.

I later learned that the bird had originally been spotted when it flew through a clearing and had then been followed from tree to tree. At the time I first saw it the bird was still disturbed, allowing us excellent views of it from all angles before it flew once more and then settled down permitting leisurely observation.

In overall bulk the bird dwarfed any Whip-poor-will we had ever seen. Its general color was a warm, rich brown, totally different from the gray brown of *Caprimulgus vociferus* and the throat was a clear brown with no hint of blackish. The tail, seen clearly from above and below, both spread and closed, was a rich buffy color narrowly banded with horizontal bars of dusky. While the outer edges of the outer tail feathers were a little lighter, the general effect was a buff tail with narrow dark bands—there being no noticeable contrast between the outer tail feathers and the rest of the tail and no noticeable contrasting band at the tip of the tail. (See Charles T. Clark — *BIRDING* Vol. 3, No. 6, Nov.-Dec. 1971)

If, however, any of the gathering band of observers had any doubt as to species identity, it was removed at midday by a means of comparison more effective than any field guide. Incredible as it may seem, photographer Sid Bahrt, going behind the tree to get a better angle, started up a Whip-poor-will which proceeded to settle two trees and twenty feet away from its larger relative. There the two birds remained until nightfall, the Whip-poor-will in the classic horizontal position along the branch, but the Chuck varying positions and perching for long periods of time in an almost vertical position. Both birds were viewed by scores of observers and recognizable color photographs were obtained by Arthur Swoger and Sid Bahrt.

The Whip-poor-will was the second individual sighted this spring in Central Park where the species is considered "Rare — Not seen every year" according to Geoffrey Carleton's *THE BIRDS OF CENTRAL AND PROSPECT PARKS*. The first individual was seen on April 22nd. The sighting of *Caprimulgus carolinensis* was, of course, the first record for the park.

I regret that I am unable to give credit for sighting and identification to any individual or individuals, but simply to "many observers."

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPRING SEASON

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April, it was agreed, passed along the wet, cold weather of March. Few days of south wind and clearing weather prevailed and April flights, particularly diurnal raptor flights, along the Lake Ontario littoral (LOL), were few in number and only fair in quality. May seemed more like a meteorological endurance contest—persistent cool, wet weather, no pushes of southern warm air, and delayed foliage and insect activity. Most species could be found on, or a few days after the standard or anticipated arrival dates but the majority of individuals of many species peaked much later than usual (cf flycatchers, vireos, warblers). Many regions reported “good migrations,” though somewhat late, but it should be emphasized that what constitutes a “good migration” for the birder may be a very hazardous and adverse migration for the birds, particularly nocturnal migrants. Though many sectors complained of low numbers of later migrants, e.g. (Yellow-bellied and Olive-sided Flycatchers, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Blackpoll Warbler), this may indicate only that the bulk of these species passed over in nocturnal migration with no requirement, either of their own physiology or of the local meteorological conditions, to put down where the geographically sedentary birder might be. High water levels widely noted rather effectively prevented accumulations of migrant shorebirds at traditional areas and, of all groups noted this spring, the information regarding the shorebirds is the most sparse.

Cattle Egrets invaded again this spring (2,3,5,6,8,9) with a total of 68 individuals reported, the majority from 8 and 9. However, Glossy Ibis, a species often paralleling Cattle Egret flights, were very scarce and such standard species as Common Egret and Black-crowned Night Heron seem scarcer each spring. Black-crowned Night Heron has reached a point of scarcity where a state-wide census might be warranted. Canada Geese staged a spectacular eastern and central New York migration (3,5,6,9) with lesser numbers of Blue and/or Snow Geese reported. The numbers of the latter have risen to the point where estimates rather than counts are being reported. Waterfowl migration was reported as very good (2,3,5,6) with many late dates, both in dabblers and divers, with some normally absent species present to swell the totals of mid-May Big Runs; exceptions to this good flight were reduced numbers of Ring-necked Duck and Hooded Merganser in Region 2 and of both teal and Common Merganser in 5.

Hawk flights (2,5) along LOL were few (lack of south winds) and what few occurred were frequently abruptly terminated by severe rain conditions. A modest array of both eagles and a few Peregrines

was noted but the Harrier away from flight areas (3,8,9) was very, very sparse. The organization of cooperative spring diurnal raptor migration in Region 9 is to be commended and at some point a cooperative watch covering the Lake Erie-Lake Ontario flight would be very useful in solving the many riddles of this observable migration, e.g. ? numbers of Osprey at Buffalo vs Rochester vs Derby Hill?

The shorebird flight produced good variety of species (cf rarities below) but the numbers were quite low (2,3,4,5,6,8,9) and predictions of poor scolopacine conditions for the fall migration have already appeared. Tardy Glaucous and Iceland Gulls (2,5,8) and, in certain areas, increased counts of late Great Black-backed Gulls reflected the very late spring.

Both cuckoos were reported as very scarce (2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9) with singles the rule rather than the exception, this even in the caterpillar-rich counties of Region 9 where better numbers had prevailed heretofore. Both Common Nighthawk (2,3,5,6,8,9) and Ruby-throated Hummingbird were similarly markedly reduced in numbers but a few editors suggested this may represent very delayed spring migration rather than population decimation.

Virtually all swallows were mentioned as lower in numbers but the species varied from sector to sector — Bank Swallow down in 2,5, and 8, Tree Swallow and Barn Swallows reduced in 5, Cliff Swallow very scarce in 6,8, and 9. How these species, reduced as migrants, survived the adverse cold, rainy weather of June 1972 during the peak of their breeding season will be interesting to study. I particularly recommend we keep close counts on all swallow species because of their weather and habitat change (cropland pesticide use) sensitivities. The Blue Jay flight along LOL brightened late May in 2 and 5; ? do such flights occur in Region 6 along the northeastern margin of Lake Ontario and along the St. Lawrence River? Long-billed Marsh Wrens seemed down in 2 and 5. In contrast, Mockingbirds appear to be increasing in 3,4,5, 7 and 9 but may be declining in Region 8. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher may be increasing in 4 and 8 and is certainly doing so in 5 and 9. Water Pipits were uniformly scarce (2,3,5,7,8,9), both in the late March — early April and the secondary early May flights, and their migratory confreres, Horned Lark, Lapland Longspur and Snow Bunting were similarly scarce.

Most sectors (2,3,4,5,9) reported good or above average warbler migration with very heavy movements of Myrtle (2,3,4,5,6,8,9), Cape May (2,3,4,5,8,9), and Black-throated Blue Warblers (2,5,9) observed. Numbers of later warblers, particularly Blackpoll and Wilson's Warblers, in contrast seemed lower than ever. Many regional editors indicated numerous species had not passed thru entirely by the end of May and that summer reports would be studded with numerous and/or record departure dates.

Winter finches presented some impressive spring return flights with Common Redpolls dominating April (2,3,4,5,6,8,9) and Evening Grosbeak and Pine Siskin dominating May (2,3,4,5,6,7,9). Both crossbills were noted but only in small scattered groups with no defined pattern evident. Indigo Bunting counts seemed low (2,5,9) but they may be increasing in 3; this paucity, like that of the cuckoos and Common Nighthawk, may be an expression of the severely delayed migration. Both Henslow's and Grasshopper Sparrows are reported as reduced in 3 and 5 and possibly decreased in 8. However, both White-crowned (4,7,8,9) and Lincoln's Sparrows (2,3,4,5,7,8,9) were reported in excess of the usual numbers.

On a negative note, the Monk Parakeet is still present in Region 4 and one was seen in Region 5; the last thing we need is a Starlingesque outbreak of a fruit-eating pest like that. Nesting attempts by this species, after being photographically documented, should be promptly destroyed.

Rarities for the season were widespread and varied — Eared Grebe (2), Louisiana Heron (3), the second one in three years, Wood Ibis (2), Stilt Sandpiper (2,3), Ruff (2,3), Black-headed Gull (5), Little Gull (3), Black-backed Woodpecker (6), Northern Three-toed Woodpecker (7), Common Raven (6), White-eyed Vireo (2,3,8), Prothonotary Warbler (9), Yellow-throated Warbler (3), Connecticut Warbler (9), Blue Grosbeak (3), and Clay-colored Sparrow (5,6,7) plus many hibernal survivors — Harlequin Duck (2), Varied Thrush (5), Black-headed Grosbeak (5), Dickcissel (9), Hoary Redpoll (3,6,8), and Harris' Sparrow (5).

The interesting geographical extremes of the state — Regions 1 and 10 — were not available for summary. My compliments to the editors of Regions 2 thru 9 for their reports and their continuing emphasis on counts of common species and careful documentation of the rarer ones.

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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As noted in the winter report, spring approached this region slowly and reluctantly this year, and it was almost mid-April before winter's grip seemed to really fall away. Not that there were no migrants in earlier, indeed the flight of waterfowl, delayed by ice in March, came on strong and lasted longer than usual, but many early migrants were not really common until considerably later than usual.

A particularly good flight occurred from the 16th to 23rd of April and again in the last few days of the month when a warm spell brought out lagging vegetation and produced a wave of new arrivals, some of which were unusually early.

May produced relatively little new until the 7th when one of the best birding days of the spring brought out both birders and rarities. None-the-less, cool nights continued to hamper leaf development and many insect eating species were slow to arrive. Myrtle Warblers were still the dominant species in mid-month and apparently reached a peak on the late date of May 23 as noted below. Some species of late migrants were still scarce at the end of the month, and it appeared that the northward flight would continue well into June. The total list of birds observed was very long and complete including almost all birds to be expected here as well as several rarities. Numbers of most species were quite good but with scattered exceptions which are hard to explain.

Thus in summary it seems accurate to describe the whole season as hesitant and fitful — not unusual for spring in this climate. In spite of this or perhaps because of it, birding was often good. Some of the rarities lingered to give many observers a chance to find them and many days produced good lists with both early and late migrants overlapping each other. Interesting and unpredictable are two words which help to describe the season. The spring as a whole was cool and north winds predominated to keep warm fronts from reaching this region repeatedly.

Precipitation was spotty but at the end of May was almost exactly normal for the year. Water levels were high along the lake and continued to rise to the point where it seems certain they will be even higher this summer than last, thus making shore birding prospects look dim for later on this year.

Positive tendencies for the season: (1) An improved showing of most ducks and geese. (2) Continued good population of Red-tailed and Sparrow Hawks. (3) A fine shore bird flight with several unusual species included. (4) Some improvement of certain rather depleted species; i.e. Bluebird, Red-eyed Vireo, Bobolink. (5) Rather good warbler flight — evidence of continued improvement for most species. (6) Increasing numbers of most resident sparrows notably Savannah but also including: Chipping, Field, and Vesper.

Negative tendencies for the season: (1) Only fair numbers of most herons. (2) Rather poor numbers of Ring-necked Ducks and Hooded Mergansers. (3) Very few migrant Bald Eagles. (4) Scarcity of both Cuckoos, Nighthawks, and Indigo Buntings — perhaps only reflecting a delayed flight. (5) Poor numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches, Short-billed Marsh Wrens and Pipits. (6) Apparent drop in Yellow-throated Vireo after a very good year in 1971.

Rarities: Wood Ibis, European Widgeon, Harlequin Duck, Golden Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Pigeon Hawk, Ruff, Stilt Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope, Northern Phalarope, White-eyed Vireo, Prothonotary Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Orchard Oriole, Western Meadowlark.

Abbreviations: BB—Braddocks Bay; CL—Canadice Lake; DEP—Durand Eastman Park; HL—Hawk Lookout; IC—Island Cottage; MB—Manitou Beach; SA—Shore Acres; WL—West Lakeshore.

Observers Cited: HA—H. Atkinson; MC—Michael Carlson; RC—Robert Clarke; J & JC—Jack and Jean Connors; GD—Gertrude Davis; RD—Robert Dobson; KD—Kay Davis; D—PD—Darrow and Patty Dutcher; JE—Jean Esley; JF—John Foster; GOS—Genesee Ornithological Society; WCL—Walter C. Listman; WL—Warren Lloyd; JM—J. Madden; m.ob.—many observers; J&TM—Joe and Thelma McNett; RO—Richard O'Hara; BO—Bernard Olin; NP—Neil Prosser; MS—Mary Ann Sunderlin; TT—Tom Tetlow; DW—Doris Wilton.

LOONS—DUCKS: The highest count of Common Loons, 75, was quite low, and they were again generally scarce as in other recent springs. Red-throated Loons were even more scarce with 3 being the best count reported. Red-necked Grebe was absent entirely in April, and only a few were noted in early May. An Eared Grebe was present at BB on May 2 (MC). Horned Grebes were common but a bit late in reaching maximum numbers this year.

The only Double-Crested Cormorant noted was at MB on May 29 (WCL). The Cattle Egret appeared on April 29 near BB and was subsequently seen off and on until May 13 (DW&KD). A Common Egret was at BB on April 30 (J&JC). Black-crowned Night Herons were scarce near Rochester again this spring.

The best record this year and a new species for the region was a *WOOD IBIS* seen by many observers after being found on May 7 by (DW&KD) at a small farm pond west of BB. This spectacular bird remained only for several hours and was last noted flying west about noon.

Two late Whistling Swan were present at SA from May 12-29 (JE et al). There were 2 Brant at the same place on May 12. A flock of 12 Snow and 6 Blue Geese was seen near Kendall on April 16 (WCL).

Most regular species of ducks seemed to occur in good numbers. Exceptions were the Ring-necked Duck and Hooded Merganser which seemed less common than in most recent springs. On the other hand Black Ducks, Gadwall, Baldpate, Buffhead and Ruddy Ducks were more common this year, and in general, the trend of water fowl numbers still seems to be upward.

Among the better records in this group were: European Widgeon April 16-18, Hamlin (WCL et al); *HARLEQUIN DUCK* 1-3, MB, all of April and until May 15 (WCL et al); White-winged Scoter 500, May 7 WL (RD); Surf Scoter 2, May 14, Webster (J&TM); Ruddy Duck 16, BB, April 18 (NP et al).

HAWKS—OWLS: Our local hawk flight was good but not as spectacular or perhaps not as well observed as it sometimes has been. On several days in May, Broad-winged Hawks were noted passing over at great heights, and many no doubt escaped detection entirely. Some of the better records are as follows:

<i>Species</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Observers</i>
Turkey Vulture	April 18	26	HL	NP et al
Broad-winged Hawk	April 18	1,552		WL
Golden Eagle	April 18	1 imm.	Hamlin	RO et al
Golden Eagle	April 18	1 ad.	Webster	WL
Golden Eagle	May 3	1	Webster	WL
Peregrine Falcon	April 1	1	Webster	WL DM
Peregrine Falcon	April 18	1	Webster	WL
Pigeon Hawk	April 1	2	Webster	WL

All other regular species were noted but not in unusual numbers this year.

The local Bald Eagle nest was again active by mid-April, but the birds were noted only off and on, and no one seems certain whether or not eggs or young birds were present this year. Both Red-tailed and Sparrow Hawks seem present in good numbers, but all other species are absent or very limited as breeding birds.

Ruffed Grouse was noted nesting in Kendall on the Lake Ontario plain (RC). This is a new breeding station for the region.

More than 20 species of shorebirds were reported, mostly from the flooded fields along the lakeshore west of BB. Most unusual of these was the Ruff (Reeve) present in Hamlin April 23 to May 2 (m.ob.). A single Knot was at Hogan Point Road near BB on May 25 (GP). Pectoral Sandpipers were common and a good count of 200 Least Sandpipers was made at Curtis Road, Parma, on May 14 (B&GP). An early Dowitcher was noted on April 22 at HL (TT), and the best count was 20 at SA May 14 (WCL). An unusual spring record of Stilt Sandpiper was one bird, April 18 in Parma (RO). Two Wilson Phalarope were present from May 6 to 21 on Chase Road, Parma (GP), and a single Northern Phalarope was seen at CL on May 30 (JF&TT).

Both Iceland and Glaucous Gull (2) were still at Summerville on May 7 (RO). Herring and Ring-billed Gulls were present by the thousands on some days this spring, but the large flocks of Bonaparte's Gulls usually noted briefly were missed and only small groups were reported this year.

Both Cuckoos were still scarce at the end of May, possibly denoting only the late season noted previously. All regular species of owls were seen except Barn and Barred but not in unusual numbers. A pair of Great Horned Owls had 3 young pretty well grown in late May at IC (m.ob.). Only a few Long-eared Owls and Saw-whet Owls were reported along the lakeshore this spring and Short-eared Owls continued scarce there also. The last Snowy Owl was at BB on April 23 (GOS).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: A few Whip-poor-wills appeared as migrants in May as usual and several were heard calling in Bergen Swamp where it is a regular breeder. Nighthawks were still very scarce at month's end with some active observers having seen none at all. No large numbers of Chimney Swifts or Humming-birds were reported, but both were regular if a bit tardy.

Woodpeckers seem to be thriving recently, and all continued to be noted in good numbers except for Yellow-bellied Sapsucker which was quite uncommon this year. Perhaps the persistent cold in much of April and early May caused a brief and hurried movement through this region.

An early Eastern Kingbird was seen near the lakeshore on April 30 (WL&MS). An early record of Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was one on May 14 at HL (J&TM). This bird later appeared in unusually good numbers for a few days at month's end. Neither Olive-sided Flycatcher nor Acadian Flycatcher was noted this spring.

The swallow flight was not particularly impressive this year and was also delayed for most species. An exception was a rather early Bank Swallow noted at BB on April 15 (BO). Cliff Swallows were particularly scarce. Local nesting populations nevertheless appear to be at good levels for all resident species of swallow.

Blue Jays were still migrating in numbers at the end of May and seem to increase yearly. The Red-breasted Nuthatch, as it was all winter, remained remarkably scarce. There was virtually no sign of any return flight of this rather erratic species.

Winter Wrens were quite common on several days in late April and early May and singing birds were noted at breeding stations in May also. Only one record was received of Short-billed Marsh Wren, a single bird in Mendon on May 21 (B&GP). Long-billed Marsh Wrens still seem to be low in numbers, too, although cool weather may have inhibited song enough to exaggerate this impression.

Hermit Thrushes showed up better than for several recent years, but neither Swainson's nor Gray-cheeked Thrushes was well-reported. Two Wood Thrushes on April 23 were very early HL (J&JC et al). Robins made an excellent showing this spring and Bluebirds seemed to be slightly better also but far below what we considered normal 25 years ago.

Pipits were absent most of the time and no good numbers were seen all spring. An unusual total of 9 Loggerhead Shrikes from WL is noteworthy April 16 (TT).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Two records were received of White-eyed Vireo, the first on May 7 in DEP (D&PD) and the second on May 16 in Webster (J&TM). This bird seems to have become somewhat more regular if still rare, in recent years. Reports of Yellow-throated Vireos were infrequent, but the others seemed normal in numbers. This represents some improvement for Red-eyed Vireo which, while never uncommon, was certainly down in numbers in recent years.

Warbler reports were quite good if not outstanding this spring. The flight was slow in getting underway, although two early Cape May Warblers were at IC on April 30 (RD) and the uncommon Pine Warbler was seen the same date at HL (WL&MS). By May 7 all the early species were widespread including Black-and-white, Nashville, Yellow, Black-throated Green and Black-throated Blue, Palm, Ovenbird and Northern Waterthrush. Even though foliage development was re-

tarded, most species had arrived by the following weekend — May 13-14, and were feeding at low levels where they were easily observed. The third weekend found a very wide range of species present from Myrtles to Blackpolls, and perhaps the heaviest flight may have occurred on May 23 when one observer noted “thousands” of migrants at SA with Myrtle Warblers still predominant. At the end of May, there were indications that the flight would continue on into early June.

Some of the more noteworthy records include:

<i>Species</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Observers</i>
Prothonotary Warbler	21-27	1	Island Cottage	JT et al
Orange-crowned Warbler	13	1	Durand Park	HA et al
Orange-crowned Warbler	13	1	Manitou	WCL
Black-throated Blue Warbler	14	35	Lakeshore	B&GP
Myrtle Warbler	23		Shore Acres	JE
Yellow-breasted Chat	27	1	Clarkson	RC

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: In the blackbird group the Bobolink and Baltimore Oriole appear to be prospering. While some of the other species such as Grackle and Cowbird may have reached a saturation point, neither of these two attractive songsters appeared to partake of the improvement until very recently, at least in this region. Let's hope it continues. Rusty Blackbirds, on the other hand, made a rather poor showing locally.

A Western Meadowlark was heard singing in Parma on April 18 (RO) but apparently did not remain. A bird of this species did, however, remain in Webster at least from May 13 to 21 (WL et al). A pair of Orchard Oriole again appeared at Carlton, near Point Breeze, on May 21 and was still present at the end of the month. This is the same area where the birds nested last year (WCL). A single Orchard Oriole was also seen at BB on May 29 (GP). At the end of the month Indigo Bunting was still scarce, and this bird appears at a low ebb just now.

The excellent showing of winter finches spilled over into spring as expected. This did not include either the Pine Grosbeak or Red Crossbill, however. The last Redpolls reported were 3 birds in Greece on April 18 (NP). The last White-winged Crossbill was noted April 9 in Webster (J&TM). A count of 300 Evening Grosbeak on May 14 along the Ontario lakeshore indicates a large movement (B&GP), and 200 Purple Finches at Dansville on May 7 seems also to represent a peak movement of this rather erratic species (TT). Pine Siskins were still visiting at least one feeder in Penfield the last week of May (GD).

A single Oregon Junco was noted in Webster from May 19-21 (WL et al). Slate-colored Junco was very common at about this same time. Three Tree Sparrows in Livonia on May 12 were late (JM).

Resident sparrows in general seem well-distributed and normal in numbers. The Savannah Sparrow in particular is apparently prospering after some rather poor years recently. Fox Sparrows were not too common this spring, but this is another species, like the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, which normally reaches a peak here during the period in April when weather conditions were unfavorable to good flights of nocturnal migrants this year. Lincoln's Sparrows were present in good numbers for a brief time in mid-May with a peak count of 6 on the 14th (B&GP).

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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Winter lingered on into one of the coldest Aprils on record, at least in the Ithaca area. Precipitation was frequent but light. Cooler temperatures continued into early May, with well above normal rainfall. The last half of May was warmer than normal with little rainfall, the period May 21–29 being especially warm and sunny.

The large numbers of geese on Cayuga Lake and Montezuma Refuge began to thin out after mid-April, but it was after May 21 when the last Blues and Snows left. A good variety of shorebirds was reported, mostly at MNWR, in spite of high water that inundated much of the small amount of available habitat. Small landbird migration was delayed by the cold. Swallows and vireos averaged 3 days to a week late. The Veery was nearly two weeks late. Many of the later arriving warblers were a few days late, but some of those expected early were very late, e.g. Louisiana Waterthrush, Pine Warbler, no Yellowthroat until May. Jack Brubaker considered warbler migration good around Watkins Glen, but they apparently by-passed Ithaca, where all expected species were reported, plus some rarities, but numbers were low. Good days were May 2, 10 and 20. Cape May Warblers and Myrtles were plentiful everywhere. Chestnut-sided Warblers were numerous in Waterloo. Unusually large numbers of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were noted, coming to many feeders.

A good selection of rarities spiced our birding: Louisiana Heron, Glossy Ibis, Peregrine Falcon (sad to have to include this here), Pigeon Hawk, Ruff, Little Gull, Yellow-throated, Connecticut and Hooded Warblers, Blue Grosbeak, Dickcissel, Hoary Redpoll and Oregon Junco.

Abbreviations: Cay L—Cayuga Lake; MNWR—Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; Sen L—Seneca Lake; SWS—Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary.

Area compilers and observers: BA—Betty Ammerman (Bath); WEB—Walter Benning; JB—Jack Brubaker (Watkins Glen); MB—Milly Briant; MC—Mildred Comar; NC—Noel Cutright; FG—Frank Guthrie (Keuka); WH—Wilfred Howard; PK—Peter Kaestner; DK—Doug Kibbs; BM—Barbara Mai; DM—Dorothy McIlroy; RN—Richard Nowak; MS—Mary Smith; OT—Ottley Tschache, Asst. Manager (MNWR); MW—Mary Welles (Elmira); JT—James Tate; JW—Jayson Walker. MNWR records were compiled by OT unless otherwise attributed.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: over 60 May 8 Cayuta L (JB), apparently grounded by heavy fog, quite a sight on the small lake only about 1.5 miles by half a mile and there were also 3 Whistling Swans and several Horned Grebes. Red-throated Loon: 2 May 9 Sen L at Geneva with at least 8 Common Loons (MCDM). Red-necked Grebe: 1 Apr 12 Cay L (MC et al); 1 Apr 18 MNWR (WEB); 1 May 10 Cayuta L. (B. Strath). Double-crested Cormorant: 1 Apr 20 Sen L (JB). Green Heron: first Apr 18 Ithaca; 30 MNWR May 31. Cattle Egret: 1 May 9 MNWR; 1 Ithaca May 10 (D. Hurd). Common Egret: 1 May 7 Danby (Allen, Williams). *LOUISIANA HERON*: 1 Apr 23 MNWR (WH et al) and Apr 24 — second record. Black-crowned Night Heron: first 1 Apr 15 MNWR, 50 there May 31. Least Bittern: first 1 Apr 20 MNWR, 10 there May 31. American Bittern: first 1 Apr 10 MNWR, 15 there May 31. *GLOSSY IBIS*: 1 May 13 MNWR (NC) and May 14. Whistling Swan: last 1 May 14 Watkins Marsh (JB).

Canada Goose: max 70,000 MNWR mid-Apr when there were still thousands on Cay L, about 300 there May 31; possible nesting along river near Chemung, pair with young reported last week May, not confirmed (MW). Snow and Blue Geese: max 500 Snow, 250 Blue first half Apr MNWR, last seen week of May 21. Max duck numbers MNWR, week of Apr 14 unless otherwise noted: Mallard 1500, Black 1200, Gadwall 500, Pintail 900, Green-winged Teal 600 (week of Apr 21), Blue-winged Teal 700, American Widgeon 900, Shoveler 500, Wood 600, Redhead 400,

Ring-necked 450, Canvasback 100, Scaup 100, Common Goldeneye 500, Bufflehead 300, Ruddy 75, Hooded Merganser 200, Common Merganser 100. Pintail: 2 males Watkins Marsh up to May 14, late (JB). White-winged Scoter: pair Eldredge L near Elmira (WH). Common Scoter: 2 males, 1 female Apr 28 MNWR (NC).

HAWKS—OWLS: Hawks scarce in Elmira area, except Sparrow Hawk—fewer Ospreys sighted on migration and no Marsh Hawks (MW). Goshawk: nest with one 10-day old young May 29 Schuyler County (Shepherds), confirmed May 30 by Spoffords. Red-tailed Hawk: good numbers; 16 MNWR as of May 31. Marsh Hawk: max 10 MNWR Apr 1, 2 there May 31. Osprey: a number of reports Ithaca; 2 still at MNWR May 31. *PEREGRINE FALCON*: 1 Apr 25 Dryden (DP). *PIGEON HAWK*: 1 May 1 Cay Inlet (S. Temple); 1 reported near Chemung, no details (MS).

Virginia Rail: 1 found partially stunned May 28 Keuka Pk, first record since '69 (FG). Common Gallinule: 1 May 14 Keuka, first record since '65 (FG). Shorebird first dates, many of them at MNWR: Semipalmated Plover Apr 30, Black-bellied Plover Apr 16, Spotted Sandpiper Apr 19, Solitary Apr 16, Lesser Yellowlegs Apr 16, Pectoral Apr 16, White-rumped May 14, Least Apr 21, Dunlin Apr 19, Short-billed Dowitcher May 10, Long-billed Dowitcher May 14, Stilt Sandpiper May 14, Semipalmated Sandpiper May 14, Sanderling May 14. *RUFF*: male in full breeding plumage Apr 29 MNWR (WEB, mob), first spring record MNWR. Bonaparte's Gull: max about 300 Apr 25 Cay L (DM). *LITTLE GULL*: adult in breeding plumage May 6 and 8 Sen L at Geneva (RN), verification report filed, seen May 8 by DM. Caspian Tern: 1 Apr 29 MNWR (WEB). Black Tern: first 2 Apr 15 MNWR, 30 there May 31.

Cuckoos were scarce; Yellow-billed: only reports 1 May 10 Ithaca, 1 Eaton Orn. Soc. census May 21; Black-billed: several Elmira reports, first May 13; one report Keuka, 1 May 7 Romulus (RN). Snowy Owl: 1 Apr 3 MNWR (WEB).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: only report May 20 Ithaca (JT). Red-headed Woodpecker: more reports than usual Elmira and Watkins Glen, several locations Cay Basin. Flycatcher first dates: Eastern Kingbird May 6 Romulus, Great Crested Apr 25 Ithaca, Traill's May 10 Waterloo, Least May 2 Dryden, Eastern Wood Pewee reported Apr 21 SWS (S. Temple) none until May 21 Keuka. *OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER*: 1 May 30 Elmira (fide WH). Thousands of swallows, mostly Tree, were observed over the entire length of Cay L Apr 25. The location of a Brown Creeper nest found late May by the Spoffords near Rte. 13 and Lower Creek Rd. corner east of Ithaca was unusual because it was neither at a high elevation nor in a cold, wet woods. Winter Wren: 1 May 21 Eaton Orn. Soc. census, late (JW). Short-billed Marsh Wren: May 12 Ithaca (DK), another report nearby a few days later; often missed. Mockingbird: our new Romulus observer (RN) reported that 2 different birds visited his feeder Nov-Mar and at least 3 others overwintered within 2 miles of his home, a colony not reported before. Swainson's Thrush: very few reports, first Apr 29 SWS (T. Lane), none seen at Elmira. No Gray-cheeked Thrush reports. First Veery not until May 1 SWS (S. Ball). Eastern Bluebird: a few more reports in Cay Basin than recently but population still very low; M. Lerch reported 28 nests at Penn Yan but clutches small, 2-5 (fide FG). Golden-crowned Kinglet: flight Apr 25, several hundred seen Romulus that day, next morning most had left (RN). Water Pipit: only one or two reports, no flocks.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: *WHITE-EYED VIREO*: two apparently good reports in Ithaca, 1 May 6 and 13 Stewart Pk (JT), 1 Cascadilla May 7 (PK); 1 probably this species Apr 29 Elmira (MW). Yellow-throated Vireo: quite a few reports in Ithaca, a welcome change from the last two or three years, first May 7 W. Danby (DK), one nest found. First dates—Solitary Vireo Apr 26 Dryden, Red-eyed

May 13 Waterloo and Ithaca (very late), Warbling May 5 Ithaca. Philadelphia Vireo: three reports—1 May 8 Ithaca (PK), 1 May 13 Waterloo (JW), May 21 Eaton Orn. Soc. census.

Using arrival dates in "Enjoying Birds in Upstate New York" as a good average, of 25 regular warbler species reported in the Cay Basin: 1 was 11 days early (Yellow Apr 13 SWS, JT, song only not sight); 4 were 3 to 6 days early; 16 species were 3 to 18 days late, average 9 days, the latest being Louisiana Waterthrush Apr 28, Pine Apr 16, Parula May 6 (perhaps too scarce now for statistics). Cerulean May 13 (missing from most former locations, MNWR-Waterloo area being only place one can be sure of finding them), Palm Apr 23, Tennessee May 14, Ovenbird May 2, Yellowthroat May 3. Myrtle Warbler: not included in above group; abundant in migration this year. Cape May: also unusually plentiful. Prothonotary: only reports were from Waterloo area, May 12 (JW), May 21 census. Cerulean: missed at Elmira, one record Keuka. *YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER*: 1 May 14 near Cayuta L (fide JB). Pine: present May 20 Harris Hill Elmira, has been absent for some years. *CONNECTICUT WARBLER*: two reports, neither accompanied by verification reports—1 May 10 Ithaca (MB,BM), 1 May 21 Eaton Orn. Soc. census. *HOODED WARBLER*: 1 May 10 Ithaca, verification report on file (MB, BM); 1 May 17 Elmira (MS).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: 2 on May 14 Ithaca census, two earlier Ithaca reports May 5 and 8 probably good. The big icterid migration continued through early Apr. On Apr 8 a flock of grackles flying north about 6 PM took 6 minutes to cross Snyder Hill Rd. east of Ithaca, width of flock varied from a quarter mile to a few yards (Prof. Walker). *BLUE GROSBEAK*: male May 10–13 Ithaca (R. Davis), verified May 13 (MB,DM)—first record for Cay Basin; apparently the bird also visited nearby feeders May 7, May 15 and 16; 1 reported near Montour several days in May "sounded good but was not verified" (JB). Indigo Bunting: numbers up in Keuka and Ithaca. *DICKCISSEL*: the imm male reported in Elmira in May *Kingbird* stayed until Apr 14; 1 Apr 12 Ithaca (T. Howe). Evening Grosbeak: most had left by mid-May; possible nesting Dundee, where Mrs. E. Pederson reported 2 young last seen about June 1, unconfirmed (FG). Purple Finch: high count of 50 May 3 Mt. Zoar Elmira (WH). House Finch: Elmira still has the only ones. Pine Grosbeak: 1 May 12 Elmira (F. Osteen) their only record this year.

HOARY REDPOLL: 1 Apr 8 and 10 Ithaca, possibly same bird (Mrs. Florence, MB,DM). Common Redpoll: Apr 15–19 flocks were moving through Ithaca, reports from feeders even in the city; last date Bath, Apr 27 (BA). Pine Siskin: numerous into May; a few still present May 31 Ithaca; last date Watkins, May 24. Red Crossbill: male Elmira mid-Apr; last Bath, May 2 & 3 (BA); last Watkins, 4 May 17 (JB). White-winged Crossbill: 1 with broken wing brought to Cornell Orn. Lab. May 11; two or three other Ithaca reports about same time. Grasshopper Sparrow: continues to decrease: MW says they are becoming scarce in Elmira as habitat is destroyed. Henslow's Sparrow: only report May 20 Elmira. *OREGON JUNCO*: 1 Apr 8 Ithaca (M & J Shepherd). White-crowned Sparrow: good migration everywhere; M. Lerch netted over 100 at Penn Yan (fide FG). Fox Sparrow: good migration in early Apr. Lincoln's Sparrow: several reports—May 10 Ithaca, May 10–13 Elmira, May 21 Eaton Orn. Soc. census.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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The weather was cold and wet for most of the period. Over 7 inches of snow fell during the first 7 days of April, half of it on the 6th and appreciable snow cover lasted until the 10th. The rest of April and May to about the 20th were for the most part cool and rainy.

Our usual modest waterfowl migration was about normal, but the shorebird migration was practically non-existent. Small land birds were generally late, none more so than the cuckoos.

Mockingbirds and House Finches continue to thrive. The Monk Parakeet at Conklin is at least holding out, and possibly the solo appearances are because the other bird is at a nest. Otherwise two Pigeon Hawks and two Hooded Warblers come close to being rarities.

Abbreviations used: Bing—Binghamton. CF—Chenango Forks; NV—Newark Valley; WP—Whitney Point.

Observers initials: LB—Les Bemont; MB—Margaret Bowman; LC—Mrs. Lynn Clark; GC—Gail Corderman; A,MD—Anna and Marilyn Davis; MD—Mary Bobinsky; SH—Shirley Hartman; EH—Elva Hawken; LH—Louise Hover; EK—Eugene Kirch; D,ML—Dwight and Margaret Lynch; HM—Harriet Marsi; JN—John New; R,RP—Robert and Rita Pantle; KS—Kay Sanford; MS—Mary Sheffield; TBC—Tioga Bird Club; MV—Marian Vanderlip; E,FV—E. and F. Vermilya; EW—Elizabeth Washburn; DW—Don Weber; CW—Cora Wellman; R,SW—Ruth and Sally White; EvW—Evelyn Williams; KW—Kathryn Wilson; IW—Irene Wright.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: numerous reports of migrants all during Apr to May 21 Owego (HM, et. al.). Horned Grebe: 1 Apr 2 Oneonta (KW); a dozen more reports to Apr 26 Milford (CW). Pied-billed Grebe: 15 reports from 2 Apr 4 Oneonta (MD,IW,KW) to Apr 29 NV (LH). Green Heron: Apr 20 Candor (DW). Least Bittern: 1 May 11 Sherburne (R,SW), rarely seen in Region. American Bittern: Apr 29 Bing area (D. Newton). Canada Goose: migrants through May 13; 2 staying along East Branch Delaware River at end of May (MB). Snow Goose: 25 Candor (A. Reed), rested on pond for about 2 hours. Gadwall: 3 Apr 8 WP (MS). Green-winged Teal: 3 Apr 16 Sherburne (R,SW), the last. Blue-winged Teal: quite common through Apr; several May 21 at Apalachin (LB, et. al.). American Widgeon: 20 Apr 9 Chenango Bridge and Upper Lisle (A,MD), high count; 1 Apr 16 Sherburne (R,SW), last. Ring-necked Duck: 150 Apr 8 WP (MS), high count; 31 Apr 28 Milford (CW), last. Canvasback: 1 Apr 20 Oneonta (MD), the last. Scaup (sp.—): 33 Apr 15 WP (A,MD), highest count; 18 Apr 20 Oneonta (MD), the last. Common Goldeneye: 4 Apr 22 Oneonta (MB,IW,CW, KW), the only ones after Apr 15. Buffhead: 10 Apr 8 WP (A,MD), highest count; Apr 27 Candor (DW), last. Oldsquaw: 2 Apr 2 Oneonta (KW); 15 Apr 15 WP (A,MD), highest count; 2 Apr 16 WP (A,MD), the last. Hooded Merganser: 12 or more Apr 8 WP (MS), high count; Apr 25 Candor (DW), last. Common Merganser: 7 still at East Branch May 25 (MB), the only ones after Apr 23; 2 Apr 4 Oneonta (MD,IW,KW); at WP until Apr 12 (HM, et. al.).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 1 Apr 12 Oneonta (KW), the only report before Apr 28, Vestal Center (HM, EW); several May reports all from Delaware and Otsego Counties. Goshawk: Apr 14 Owego (D,ML); Apr 21 Candor (R,RP); Apr 29 Bing (GC,EK). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 3 reports. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Apr and 3 May records. Broad-winged Hawk: Apr 15 Bing (W. Corderman). Bald Eagle: Apr 8 Candor (A. Reed); an immature bird Apr 11 Kirkwood, near Bing (T. Strickwald); 1 May 7 Pepacton Reservoir (KS). Marsh Hawk: 5 Apr records, the last Apr 28 at Oxford (A. Stratton). Osprey: Apr 2 Candor (R,RP); 21 reports

Apr 15 to May 23 from the whole Region. Pigeon Hawk: 1 Apr 30 Walton (SH); 1 Apalachin May 21 (HM, et. al.). Bobwhite: 34 released at Candor Apr 14 (DW). Turkey: reported in Apr at Owego (EvW), Candor (DW) and Richford (B. Gormels). Virginia Rail: Apr 6 to 9 NV (D,ML,LH). Common Snipe: 19 Apr 7 NV (D,ML,LH). Spotted Sandpiper: Apr 9 Candor (DW), early; next report Apr 29 Oneonta (KS, et. al.); in May estimated to be 1 pair per half mile of Beaverkill at East Branch (MB). Solitary Sandpiper: 5 May 12 Milford (CW). Greater Yellowlegs: Apr 16 WP (MS); 3 more reports to May 13. Dunlin: 1 May 14 Owego (TBC), early and the only one reported. Least Sandpiper: May 29 Smithville Flats (MS), the only report. Bonaparte's Gull: 26 Apr 15 Norwich (R,SW) and 20 more the same day at WP (MS, A,MD), the highest counts in the Region in years; last date Apr 26 Milford (CW). Common Tern: 2 Apr 17 Endicott (HM); 3 May 14 Owego (TBC). Black Tern: May 20 Owego (C. Howard). Monk Parakeet: at least 1 still coming to feeder at Conklin, near Bing, in mid May (HM). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: May 21 Bing, the only report. Black-billed Cuckoo: none in May.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: 1 May 4 Oneonta (E,FV); 1 May 17 East Branch (MB). Common Nighthawk: May 14 Owego (TBC), first date. Chimney Swift: Apr 27 NV (LH); 30 at Berkshire Apr 29 (D,ML); not common until May 4. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: May 4 Franklin, southwest of Oneonta (LC); no more until May 10. Yellow-shafted Flicker: migrants Apr 9 Endwell (LB). Pileated Woodpecker: 12 reports. Red-headed Woodpecker: May 11 and 29 CF (A,MD); 1 May 27 Sherburne (R,SW). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Apr 2 CF (A,MD). Eastern Kingbird: 2 Apr 30 Sherburne (R,SW), early. Great Crested Flycatcher: May 11 Delhi (LC). Traill's Flycatcher: 1 May 12 near Walton (SH). Least Flycatcher: 1 banded May 2 Vestal (EH). Wood Pewee: May 11 Delhi (LC), early. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 May 25 Milford (CW), the only report. Tree Swallow: Apr 4 Owego (R,RP), a little late. Bank Swallow: Apr 19 Milford (IW). Rough-winged Swallow: 1 Apr 24 Sherburne (R,SW). Barn Swallow: Apr 15 NV (LH). Cliff Swallow: 1 May 14 Owego (TBC); seemingly scarce. Purple Martin: Apr 24 Owego (C. and J. Baldwin). Red-breasted Nuthatch: regular in small numbers all through Apr to May 14; still at Oneonta May 20 (JN, et. al.). House Wren: Apr 25 Vestal (EH), Winter Wren: Apr 16 French Tract, south of Bing (GC); quite a few through May 1; 2 May 13 at Crumhorn Lake, near Oneonta (MD, et. al.); 4 pairs appear to be nesting at East Branch (MB). Carolina Wren: Apr 10 Oneonta (IW). Mockingbird: reported at Vestal (MV); Choconut Center (MS); Windsor (MS); CF (A,MD); Endwell (Florence Linaberry); Owego (C. and J. Baldwin); NV (D,ML); Oxford (A. Stratton); Delhi (LC); West Davenport (M. More and Laurens (E. Dyer). Brown Thrasher: Apr 4 Oneonta (E,FV), the only report before Apr 18. Wood Thrush: 2 banded Apr 30 Vestal (GC). Hermit Thrush: Apr 15 CF (A,MD). Swainson's Thrush: 1 banded May 8 Vestal (GC); 1 singing at Choconut Center May 27 (MS); only two other reports. Gray-checked Thrush: May 17 Delhi (LC), the only report. Veery: May 7 CF (A,MD). Eastern Bluebird: 17 counted May 14 Owego (TBC); some improvement in numbers over recent years. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1 Apr 26 Oneonta (E,FV); 2 May 11 Sherburne (R,SW); May 17 and 22 CF (A,MD). Golden-crowned Kinglet: last 1 May 14 Owego (TBC). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Apr 15 CF (A,MD) to May 20 Oneonta (JN, et. al.). Water Pipit: Apr 9 NV (LH). Loggerhead Shrike: Apr 8 WP (MS); in same area Apr 12, 15 and 16 but from color differences not always the same bird.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: May 13 Walton (LC). Solitary Vireo: Apr 28 Owego (D,ML). Red-eyed Vireo: May 12 near Walton (SH). Philadelphia Vireo: 2 May 14 Owego (TBC); 1 banded May 17 Vestal (GC). Warbling Vireo: NV (LH), no more until May 13. Black-and-white Warbler: Apr 26 CF (A,MD). Worm-eating Warbler: May 21 Endwell (LB), the only report. Golden-winged Warbler: May 12 CF (A,MD); May 21 Norwich (R,SW), unusual there.

Blue-winged Warbler: May 17 Delhi (LC); May 27 Choconut Center (MS). Tennessee Warbler: 1 May 16 Vestal (GC), banded; fairly numerous to May 24. Nashville Warbler: Apr 29 CF (A,MD). Parula Warbler: May 11 East Branch 2 (MB) and Oneonta 1 (D. Erbe); 5 other reports, the last at Apalachin May 21. Yellow Warbler: Apr 24 NV (LH). Magnolia Warbler: May 6 West Davenport, near Oneonta (L. Seacord, et. al.); next reports May 10. Cape May Warbler: May 9 CF (A,MD); 25 May 15 and 20 May 16 East Branch (MB), the best counts of fairly numerous reports; May 21 the last date. Black-throated Blue Warbler: May 7 Vestal (Mr. and Mrs. Warren Williams) and CF (A,MD). Myrtle Warbler: Apr 19 Candor (DW); estimated 200 May 12 Milford (CW); May 28 still at Windsor (MS). Black-throated Green Warbler: Apr 30 Oxford (MS) and CF (A,MD). Blackburnian Warbler: May 9 CF (A,MD) and Vestal (GC). Chestnut-sided Warbler: May 9 Vestal (GC), 1 banded. Bay-breasted Warbler: May 12 Walton (SH); last date May 22 East Branch (MB). Blackpoll Warbler: May 16 East Branch (MB). Prairie Warbler: 1 May 15 singing at East Branch (MB); May 31 Vestal Center (EW), 100 yards or so from site occupied the last few years. Palm Warbler: Apr 26 and 27 CF (A,MD); May 2 Candor (DW). Ovenbird: May 5 Oneonta (D. Erbe). Northern Waterthrush: Apr 25 Milford (CW). Louisiana Waterthrush: Apr 17 Hinman's Corners, north of Bing (MS). Mourning Warbler: 2 males May 16 East Branch (MB); May 21 Apalachin (LB); May 23 Walton (LC). Yellowthroat: May 2 Vestal (EH), 1 banded. Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 May 8 Vestal (EH), banded. Hooded Warbler: 1 May 14 Owego (TBC); May 17 Delhi (LC). Wilson's Warbler: 1 May 6 Sherburne (R,SW); 1 May 14 Owego (TBC); 2 May 17 East Branch (MB); no other reports. Canada Warbler: May 12 East Branch (MB). American Redstart: May 6 CF (A,MD).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: May 6 Owego (EvW). Baltimore Oriole: Apr 30 Candor (DW). Rusty Blackbird: Apr 1 CF (A,MD); Apr 30 Oxford (MS), the first and last of 5 reports. Scarlet Tanager: 1 May 6 Oneonta area (CW, et. al.). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Apr 23 Oneonta (IW), at feeder. Indigo Bunting: May 8 Bing (Mrs. Warren Anderson), early. Evening Grosbeak: last reported May 15 at Vestal (MV) and CF (A,MD). Purple Finch: plentiful from about Apr 20 to May 23. House Finch: 2 Apr 1 Oneonta (MD); 1 Apr 30 NV (LH), female; "a few" May 9 Walton (B. Carpenter, M. Combs); all of May at Endwell (Florence Linaberry); 1 May 13, 14 and 15 Vestal Center (EW). Pine Grosbeak: Apr 1 Walton (SH); 2 Apr 8 WP (C. Howard); 1 Apr 14 Oneonta (MD). Common Redpoll: 6 May 14 Owego (TBC), the only ones after Apr 30. Pine Siskin: common through May 17, last date May 21. Red Crossbill: Apr 18 and 19 Vestal (MC); 3 May 16 Vestal (GC). White-winged Crossbill: 1 Apr 12 Vestal (GC); banded; Apr 28 Vestal (MC); last date May 21. Rufous-sided Towhee: Apr 10 Candor (R,RP). Savannah Sparrow: Apr 6 Delhi (LC). Henslow's Sparrow: Apr 29 Candor (R,RP); only 2 other reports. Grasshopper Sparrow: May 2 Delhi (LC). Vesper Sparrow: Apr 6 Delhi (LC). Slate-colored Junco: bulk of migrants gone after May 3. Tree Sparrow: May 6 NV (LH), the only report after Apr 30. Chipping Sparrow: Apr 13 Vestal (MV); sharp increase in numbers Apr 20. Field Sparrow: Apr 7 NV (Warren and Louise Dean, LH). White-crowned Sparrow: Apr 30 NV (LH); numerous until May 18; May 21 the last date. White-throated Sparrow: common Apr 19 to May 13; still singing at East Branch May 31 (MB). Fox Sparrow: May 6 NV (LH), nowhere else after Apr 27. Lincoln's Sparrow: 2 banded May 8 Vestal (GC); 1 banded May 12 Endwell (LB); 1 banded May 16 Vestal (EH). Swamp Sparrow: Apr 20 Candor (DW).

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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With the last major snowsquall April 6 and no May snow, this spring seemed less tardy than some recent ones; nevertheless, the cold kept ice on Otisco Lake until April 20, the latest ever. April 15 was a flight day for both hawks and passerines; April 29-May 2 was probably the best passerine wave period, yielding several early arrival dates, but May 13 and 20-22 with their high counts were also very good. April 22 and May 14 rainstorms helped keep lakes and creeks high through the spring.

Some ornithological positives were: a record count of Red-necked Grebe (though the species wasn't as widespread as last year); some white heron sightings; good Black Duck counts (Mallard: Black Duck ratio for spring 1:4); high numbers of Gadwall, including good counts of it and Shoveler in the eastern part of the region; an encouraging count of Redhead and a record flight of Red-breasted Merganser, as well as some late diving duck departures which helped swell the regional big run list; high counts of some raptors—Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Marsh Hawk, and Sparrow Hawk; a record count of Lesser Yellow-legs in a generally mediocre shorebird flight; unusually many reports of Iceland Gull and high counts of Great Black-backed Gull; good tallies at Derby hill of Red-headed Woodpecker and Eastern Bluebird (two hole-nesters hard-pressed recently by various environmental factors; a record flight—in both numbers and locations—of Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and high counts of both kinglets; some good warbler peak counts, though, except for the very heavy flights of Cape May and Myrtle, high warbler numbers weren't sustained through the season; massive return flights of some winter finch species; heavy migration past Derby hill of Baltimore Oriole and Chipping Sparrow; and persistence into spring of the western winter feeder visitants (see rarities list below).

Negatives were: the lack of Glossy Ibis (contrasted with the presence of southern white herons); poor counts of both teal and Common Merganser; low Derby hill tallies of Goshawk, Broad-winged Hawk, and Pigeon Hawk; poor numbers of some shorebirds and terns; extreme scarcity of most swallow species; low counts of some warblers; and scarcity of Grasshopper and Henslow's Sparrows, which usually are first found here in spring on their breeding locations.

Rarities are: Snowy Egret, Willet, Wilson's Phalarope, Black-headed Gull, Monk Parakeet, Varied Thrush, Prairie Warbler, Orchard Oriole, Black-headed Grosbeak, Oregon Junco, Clay-colored Sparrow, and Harris' Sparrow.

It was of interest to have had for this report duck counts from the eastern part of the region to compare with Seneca River, Lake Ontario, and Oneida Lake counts, and Adirondack arrival dates to compare with those from down-region. Needed are more complete Derby hill counts of the more abundant passerines, e.g. black icterids: the counts given herein are probably spuriously low.

In this report are March arrival dates but not June dates. All Derby hill data were compiled by Gerald A. Smith; more detailed hawk information including June departures will appear in a field note by him.

The Lake Ontario dead bird surveys (done by walking the entire Region 5 shore—Cayuga and Oswego Counties—and checking every specimen found) have yielded some interesting comparisons, e.g. numbers of dead vs. live White-winged Scoter and other waterfowl, and Herring and Ringbilled Gull.

Abbreviations: Adir—Adirondack; Cam—Camillus Twp areas—S Cam: Ninemile Creek and tributaries from Sweets Crossing to Camillus, N Cam: Erie Canal and vicinity from Memphis to Amboy; DBS—dead bird surveys along L Ont shore of Region 5, the 1st Apr 29-30, the 2nd May 27-Jun 4; DH—Derby Hill, Sage Creek,

and vicinity on L Ont near Texas; FH—Fair Haven Beach State Park, Little Sodus Bay, and vicinity; FR—Fox Ridge impoundments area near Montezuma; HIGMA—Howland Island State Game Management Area near Port Byron; MB—McIntyres Bluff on L Ont, Sterling Valley Creek, and vicinity on L Ont near Sterling Valley; NM—Niagara Mohawk Visitors' Center on L Ont, and vicinity near Lakeview; NP—Ninemile Point on L Ont near Lycoming; NPT—NW portion of Pompey Twp; Onon—Onondaga; Ont—Ontario; PS—Peat Swamp and vicinity in Clay Twp; PSS—Peter Scott Swamp, Sixmile Creek, and vicinity near Phoenix; RC—Rice Creek and vicinity between Oswego Center and Fruit Valley; SP—North Pond, South Pond, and the sand dunes on L Ont near Sandy Pond; SRF—Seneca River flats from Montezuma to HIGMA; SSP—Selkirk Shores State Park and vicinity near Port Ontario; Syr—Syracuse; TRGMA—Three Rivers State Game Management Area near Baldwinsville; WBOC—W Branch Onon Creek and vicinity near S Onon.

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Corrigenda: *Kingbird* XXI: 2, May 1972, Region 5 report — p. 95, The editors' thanks to . . . Ferd LaFrance . . . ; p. 96, Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 ad Jan 30; Sparrow Hawk: none Feb 8 Oneida L HS . . . ; Virginia Rail: . . . 5 found huddled together dead Jan 8; Bonaparte's Gull: . . . 1 ad Jan 16 in the harbor at Oswego (Spies) is the 1st report later than Dec 21 (1969) or earlier than Mar 17, *except for Jan-Feb 1958*; p. 97, Horned Lark: max 100 Jan 21 . . . ; Baltimore Oriole: . . . at least 4 other unsatisfactory reports; p. 98, Common Redpoll: max single-party count 300 Jan 23 NPT; Pine Siskin: max 100 Dec 1–7 Dart L; *HARRIS' SPARROW*: 1 ad 1st week of Dec through period at feeder in Syr

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: arr Apr 1, 1 DH; Adir arr Apr 28, 1 Dart L near Big Moose; max 80 Apr 30 DH, NP and 77 Apr 19 DH. Red-throated Loon: only report was 1 on 2nd DBS, which had been dead 3 or 4 weeks. Red-necked Grebe: arr Apr 2, 1 Brewerton; max 18 Apr 9 Brewerton (FGS) — record high for spring; dep Apr 18, 1 Brewerton — early, especially with such high numbers; only report away from Oneida L was 1 on 2nd DBS. Horned Grebe: arr Mar 12, 1 DH; max 42 Apr 2 Brewerton. Pied-billed Grebe: arr Mar 21, 2 DH; max 10 Apr 16 SP.

Great Blue Heron: arr Mar 21, 3 DH; max 32 Apr 11 DH — seems good. Green Heron: arr Apr 23, 2 Eaton, 1 FH, 1 PSS — unusually widespread for a somewhat early arr; max 11 May 20 DH. Cattle Egret: only reports in period were 1 May 4 RC (GRM) and 1 May 14–15 Utica (J&EV) — more than usual. Common Egret: only period report 2 May 8 RC (GRM) (— fewer than usual. *SNOWY EGRET*: 1 Apr 29 PS (FGS) — 6th regional record. Black-crowned Night Heron: only reports were 1 Apr 18 Oswego and 3 Apr 30 SSSP. Least Bittern: arr Apr 20, 1 Utica (VB) — appears to be record early date; max 2 May 19 Oriskany — seems low; 1 about 1 week deceased on 2nd DBS was possibly a late migrant. American Bittern: arr Apr 19, 1 Jacksonburg near Herkimer — somewhat late; max 5s Apr 30 DH, NP, PSS and May 20 PSS, SP.

Whistling Swan: only report was 2 Apr 1 SRF — less than usual. Canada Goose: arr Mar 1, 21 Eaton — early; max 10,000 Mar 23 SRF, HIGMA and 13,630 Apr 2 Cross L near Jacks Reef, SRF to FH, of which 13,000 were at Cross L. Snow Goose: arr Mar 22, 1 Brewerton; max 100 Mar 31 DH — good; dep May 2, 1 TRGMA — late. Blue Goose: arr Mar 23, 1 FH; max 100 Apr 1 SRF; dep Apr 23, 2 SSSP. Mallard: Adir arr Apr 19 when 6 joined the 11 wintering at Dart L; max 308 Apr 1 at various Oneida L areas and the Chittenango Creek floodlands near Kirkville may not be true migrants but rather dispersal of the wintering flock at Brewerton. Black

Duck: Adir arr Apr 15, 2 Dart L; max 1330 Apr 8 PSS, SRF, HIGMA, FH is the best spring count since 1965 and much better than this winter's max. Gadwall: arr Feb 17, 1 Syr — very early, and Mar 12, 2 FH; max 55 Mar 23 FH (FGS) — record high spring count; 15 Apr 15 Utica is very good for an area E of the L Ont watershed. Pintail: arr Mar 1, 4 DH; max 1700 Mar 25 SRF, HIGMA. Green-winged Teal: arr Mar 16, 3 WBOC; max 151 Apr 29 DH, PSS, PS; max E of L Ont basin 16 Apr 18 Jacksonburg — seems low. Blue-winged Teal: arr Mar 23, 6 SRF; max 36 Apr 23 Victory, FH, PSS; max E of L Ont basin 9 Apr 23 Eaton — seems very low. American Widgeon: arr Mar 1, 1 Syr — late; max 100 Apr 2 SSSP, Brewerton, SRF. Shoveler: arr Mar 23, 2 SRF; max 12 Apr 18 PSS; 6 Apr 21 Utica, 2 May 9 Eaton, 4 May 13 Utica, and 4 May 19 Oriskany are far more reports than usual from areas E of the L Ont basin. Wood Duck: arr Mar 11, 2 Baldwinsville and Mar 12, 2 DH; max 22 Apr 18 Jacksonburg.

Redhead: arr Feb 17, 5 Syr; max 75 Mar 28 SRF — best spring count since 1961 with 1968's 70 the only comparable tally; dep May 20, 1 E of Oswego; none reported E of L Ont basin. Ring-necked Duck: arr Feb 17, 1 Syr; max 525 Apr 2 DH, SSSP, Brewerton, SRF — high; max E of L Ont basin only 8 Apr 25 Oriskany; dep May 13, 6 PSS — somewhat late. Canvasback: arr Feb 27, 3 Brewerton; max 198 Apr 2 SSSP, Brewerton, SRF — low, but the best spring count since 1968; dep Apr 23, 3 FH; none reported E of L Ont basin. Greater Scaup: arr Feb 27, 3 Brewerton; max 4020 Apr 2 DH, SSSP, Brewerton, SRF — fewer than last year but still good; dep May 24, 12 FH — late; only 5 on 1st and 8 on 2nd DBS. Lesser Scaup: arr Mar 12, 2 DH; max 370 Apr 13 DH, SSSP, Brewerton; max E of L Ont basin 26 Apr 3 Oriskany; dep May 28, 8 E of Oswego — late; none on DBSs. Common Goldeneye: arr Mar 12, 445 Brewerton, L Ont areas; max 556 Apr 2 DH, SSSP, Brewerton, SRF; dep May 24, 1 FH — late; none E of L Ont basin and only 1 on each DBS. Buffhead: arr Mar 5, 43 Oswego R, L Ont areas; max 92 Apr 1 SRF, FH, DH, SSSP; only 2 on 2nd DBS.

Oldsquaw: max 16 Apr 16 FH — low; dep May 20, 1 male SSSP — late; only 1 on each DBS. White-winged Scoter: max 100 Apr 30 DH, NP; dep May 28, 2 Oswego — very late; an amazing 173 on the 1st and 498 on the 2nd DBS were apparently victims of a disease which had little or no effect on other Aythyinae. Surf Scoter: only report was a sick female May 20–25 SP (RJS et al) — the latest ever noted in spring (previously Mar 6, 1955). Ruddy Duck: arr Apr 5, 1 Bridgeport; max 6 Apr 13 Oswego; dep May 20, 1 FR. Hooded Merganser: arr Mar 21, 4 DH and 8 Brewerton — late; max 43 Apr 2 DH, SSSP, Brewerton, SRF; E of L Ont drainage, max 18 Apr 18 Jacksonburg. Common Merganser: Adir arr Apr 19, Dart L; max 116 Apr 2 Cross L, FH — very low; max E of L Ont drainage was 31 Apr 18 Jacksonburg; dep May 22, 1 sick bird SP — late; 1 on 1st DBS. Red-breasted Merganser: max 6000 Apr 16 FH (FGS) ties record high spring count from 1957; max E of L Ont basin 8 Apr 16–23 Eaton; only 4 on each DBS.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: arr Mar 31, 1 DH; max 57 Apr 12 DH — 2nd best count ever noted there; dep May 31, 1 DH (GAS) — ties record late date if the bird is a true migrant. Goshawk: arr Feb 27, 1 DH; max 6s Mar 31 and Apr 1 DH — very low; dep Apr 30, 1 DH. Sharp-shinned Hawk: arr Mar 21, 5 DH; max 1002 Apr 15 DH — very high. Cooper's Hawk: arr Mar 12, 1 DH; max 30 Apr 1 DH; dep May 6, 1 DH. Red-tailed Hawk: arr Mar 2, 2 DH; max 803 Apr 12 DH (DWC,C&EF,GAS) — record high count. Red-shouldered Hawk: arr Mar 12, 4 DH; max 131 Mar 21 DH; dep May 20, 3 MB (CGS,MSR, et al) — record late. Broad-winged Hawk: arr Apr 15, 3 DH; max 3337 Apr 18 DH — low. Rough-legged Hawk: arr Mar 2, 1 DH; max 55 Apr 18 DH (DWC, F. LaFrance, GAS) — record high; dep May 20, 1 light phase DH (EMF,GAS) and 1 light phase FH (FGS) — ties record late. Golden Eagle: arr Mar 12, 1 ad near Fernwood (DWC) — record late; total of 7 for the spring, 1 ad and 6 imm. Bald Eagle: arr Apr 4, 1 Dart L

(BB); max 2 ad Apr 18 DH and 2 imm FR (EMF,CGS); dep May 20, 1 imm MB (FCD et al); total of 10 including 4 ad and 4 imm. Marsh Hawk: arr Mar 2, 1 DH — early; max 146 Apr 15 DH (DWC,GAS) — record high. Osprey: arr Apr 12, 2 DH and 1 TRGMA — late; max 28 Apr 29 DH. Peregrine Falcon: 3 reports, 1 ad Apr 18 DH (C&EF,GAS), 1 imm Apr 19 near SSSP (J. Propst), 1 imm May 14 DH (GAS) — the last a record late date. Pigeon Hawk: arr Apr 13, 1 DH (C&EF,GAS) — late; max and dep 3 Apr 18 DH (DWC, F. LaFrance, GAS); total of 6 birds — low. Sparrow Hawk: arr Mar 2, 1 DH (GAS) ties record early; max 296 Apr 15 DH (DWC,GAS) — record high.

Ruffed Grouse: max 6s Apr 16 Eaton and May 20 Pompey and Fabius Twps — low. Bobwhite: only report 1 May 20 FH — newly reported location. Ring-necked Pheasant: max 8 May 20 Pompey and Fabius Twps — low. Virginia Rail: arr Mar 21, 1 Oswego (CW) — record early; max 3s Apr 28 Utica and May 14 FR — low. Sora: arr Apr 30, 2 PSS; max 10 May 14 near Conquest, FR — good. Common Gallinule: arr Apr 16, 2 FH; max 10s May 14–27 Utica and May 20 DH to NM. American Coot: arr Mar 23, 6 FH; max 29 Apr 23 FH; dep May 20, 1 Syr; only 1 on 1st DBS.

Semipalmated Plover: arr May 13, 2 PSS — late; max 38 May 22 SP, PSS — good. Killdeer: arr Feb 29, 1 Oswego; max 248 Apr 13 DH (GAS) — record high. Black-bellied Plover: arr and max May 7, 2 SRF — early but a poor max. Ruddy Turnstone: arr May 20, 1 FH; max 13s May 25 SP and May 27 FH. American Woodcock: arr Mar 19, 1 NPT; max 9 Apr 1 Cicero Swamp, SSSP. Common Snipe: arr Mar 25, 1 Brewerton; max 40 Apr 8 SRF — good. Upland Plover: arr Apr 21, 4 E of Lafayette; max 5 Apr 29 DH. Spotted Sandpiper: arr Apr 20, 1 Holland Patent; max 14 May 31 W of Lakeview. Solitary Sandpiper: arr Apr 25, 2 N Cam; max 7 May 7 N Cam; dep May 28, 1 NP.

WILLET: 1 report, 1 in winter plumage May 30–Jun 1 NM (FCD,MSR, et al). Greater Yellowlegs: arr Apr 1, 1 SRF; max 20 Apr 29 DH, PSS. Lesser Yellowlegs: arr Apr 19, 2 DH — late; max 65 May 7 SRF (FGS) — record high for spring; dep May 22, 1 SP. Knot: 1 report, 1 May 25 SP. Pectoral Sandpiper: arr Apr 16, 7 PSS; max 43 Apr 30 PSS, PS; dep May 13, 4 PSS — early. White-rumped Sandpiper: arr May 22, 2 PSS; max 2 May 24 PSS. Least Sandpiper: arr Apr 30, 1 PSS; max 45 May 22 SP, PSS. Dunlin: arr May 11, 2 NM — late compared with recent years; max 11 May 20 DH. Short-billed Dowitcher: arr and max May 16, 4 NM; dep May 30, 2 NM. Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr May 16, 2 PSS; max 15 May 31 NM. Sanderling: 2 reports, 1 May 24 FH and 1 May 24 PSS — poor flight. *WILSON'S PHALAROPE*: 1 report, a male in breeding plumage May 28–31 N M (EMF,GAS, et al) is only 4th regional spring record.

Glaucous Gull: 2 reports, 1 imm Apr 6 Bridgeport and 1 imm Apr 16 FH; also 1 on each DBS. Iceland Gull: an unusual 4 reports, 1 Apr 1 FH, 1 Apr 6 Bridgeport, 2 Apr 9 Brewerton, 1 May 20 SP (F. LaFrance, FJS) — the last very late but the 3rd May record of the species. Great Black-backed Gull: Apr max 80 Apr 16 SP and May max 25 May 20 SP are very high for so late; 4 on 1st and 1 on 2nd DBS. Herring Gull: max 236 Apr 1 SRF, FH to SSSP; 28 on 1st and 17 on 2nd DBS. Ring-billed Gull: max 6235 Apr 1 SRF, FH to DH; 17 on 1st and 8 on 2nd DBS. *BLACK-HEADED GULL*: 1 ad in breeding plumage Apr 1 SRF (FGS, P. DeBenedictis) — 2nd regional record and the 1st for spring. Bonaparte's Gull: arr Mar 25, 1 FH; max 15 May 12 Lakeview. Common Tern: arr Apr 30, 7 DH and 1 SP — late; max 220 May 20 Oswego to SSSP. Caspian Tern: arr Apr 19, 2 DH — early; max 4 May 11 NM — low. Black Tern: arr May 7, 2 Onon L — late; max 16 May 14 DH — low.

Rock Dove: DH migrants — arr Mar 20, 2; max 160 May 14 (GAS) — amazingly high; dep May 20, 1; 2 on 1st and 5 on 2nd DBS may have been trans-L Ont migrants. Mourning Dove: arr Mar 1, 6 DH; max 27 Apr 1 SRF, FH, DH and 26 May 11 Cam, Onon Hill, NP, NM. *MONK PARAKEET*: the 1st regional report

was 1 Apr 29 DH (FGS) that didn't appear to be a recent escape. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: only 1 report, 1 May 23 S Cam—late. Black-billed Cuckoo: arr May 1, 1 New Hartford (VB)—record early; 6 single birds were the only reports all period.

Screech Owl: reported at only 4 sites, near Victory, NPT, and 2 at Eaton—poor. Great Horned Owl: reported at 10 sites, SSSP, DH, FH, Rams Gulch near Jamesville, NPT, N Cam, Bolivar near Kirkville, Oneida, and Eaton. Snowy Owl: 4 singles in period, the last Apr 11 Sy airport—no Apr reports from Oneida L where species usually concentrates following an incursion. Barred Owl: 3 sites, near Cato, near HIGMA, and Carpenter Pond near Fabius. Long-eared Owl: 2 reports, 1 Apr 23 Syr (G. Ward, P. DeBenedictis) and 1 Apr 30 NP (FGS); also 1 on 2nd DBS. Short-eared Owl: 1 Apr 15 DH (E. Estoff et al) is only report.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING—Whip-poor-will: arr Apr 29, 2 New Hartford; max 8 May 20 W Vienna Twp—good. Common Nighthawk: arr May 18, 2 and 1 by different parties in S Syr; max 2s through period. Chimney Swift: arr Apr 28, 1 DH—a little late; max 83 May 12 DH; dep May 29, 4 DH. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr May 11, 1 dead NP—late; max 24 May 21 SP, NM, PSS—good. Belted Kingfisher: arr Mar 21, 1 DH—early; max 7 Apr 12 DH. Yellow-shafted Flicker: arr Apr 1, 10 HIGMA, FH, DH; Adir arr Apr 13, 4 Dart L; max 420 Apr 29 DH, SSSP, PSS, PS; last passing DH May 20, 2. Pileated Woodpecker: 1–2 per day from at least 17 sites in most parts of the region. Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 6 May 4 S Cam, HIGMA; also reported from Oswego, Sterling, Jacks Reef, N Cam, Bridgeport. Red-headed Woodpecker: arr Apr 16, 1 near HIGMA—early; max 12 May 13 DH—high; DH total for May was 30 birds. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Apr 8, 1 HIGMA; max 3 per day from various places—low; dep May 13, 1 DH. Hairy Woodpecker: max 8 Apr 13–19 Dart L; few migrants noted at DH. Downy Woodpecker: max 11 Apr 25 NPT; few migrants at DH.

Eastern Kingbird: arr Apr 30, 1 SP and 1 PSS; max 50 May 24 FH, NM. Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Apr 30, 1 DH; max 10 May 22 SP, NP. Eastern Phoebe: arr Mar 26, 1 near Oswego; max 15 Apr 18 DH—low. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr May 16, 1 Oswego; only other reports were 1 May 19 Onon Hill and 1 May 21 SP. Traill's Flycatcher: "fitz-bew" type: arr May 3, 1 near Apulia—very early; max 4 May 31 Nedrow. "we-bé-o" type: arr May 12, 1 White L near Fayetteville; singles only through period. Least Flycatcher: arr May 2, 1 SSSP; max 25 May 24 FH, RC, NM. Eastern Wood Pewee: arr May 19, 1 S Cam, 1 Eaton, 2 Oriskany—very late; max 10 May 25 SP—low. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 2 reports, 1 May 12 Rams Gulch—early, and 1 May 26 near Colosse. Horned Lark: arr Jan 28, 7 NPT; max 375 Apr 15 DH; away from L Ont max were 80 Apr 22 WBOC and 35 Apr 23 NPT; dep May 23, 1 Dart L.

Tree Swallow: arr Mar 21, 2 DH; Adir arr Apr 15, 7 Dart L; max 900 Apr 20 DH, SSSP, PSS—very low. Bank Swallow: arr Apr 15, 1 DH; Adir arr May 12, 6 Dart L; max 410 May 22 SP, SSSP, NP—very low. Rough-winged Swallow: arr Apr 15, 4 DH; max 26 May 7 S Cam, FH—low. Barn Swallow: arr Apr 11, 1 Oswego; Adir arr Apr 30, 12 Dart L; max 400 May 6 S Cam, NM, NP, DH and 400 May 24 FH, NM—very low. Cliff Swallow: arr Apr 15, 9 DH; max 24s May 13 and 31 DH. Purple Martin: arr Apr 13, 3 DH and 2 Oswego; max 35 May 24 FH were breeding birds.

Blue Jay: 1st noticeable DH migration Apr 30, 5; again an impressive DH max 3653 May 13 with May DH total 7913. Common Crow: at DH 1st migrants noted Feb 27, 18; Mar total there 25,077 with peak of 7855 Mar 2 and 5800 Mar 20; Apr total there 3369. Black-capped Chickadee: max 50 Apr 1–19 Dart L and max passing DH only 39 Apr 18—indicative of virtually no migration. Tufted Titmouse: 1 May 6 at a new site Oneida is only report. White-breasted Nuthatch: max 34 Apr 18 DH—a light flight. Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 5 May 22 SSSP, NP;

max at DH only 4 May 13 — a very light flight. Brown Creeper: max 32 Apr 20 DH, SSSP and 31 Apr 30 DH, NP, PSS — good flight. House Wren: arr Apr 25, 1 NPT; max 32 May 11 S Cam, DH, NP — very high. Winter Wren: very widespread arr Apr 16 with 4 FH, 2 SP, 1 Syr, 3 Eaton; max 18s Apr 20 SSSP to NM, Apr 25 Syr, Apr 30 DH, NP. Carolina Wren: only period report is 1 Jordan (Mrs. G. Gannett). Long-billed Marsh Wren: arr May 6, 1 WBOC; max 10 May 20 FH.

Mockingbird: max 3 May 17 DeWitt; 7 other single birds reported from DH, Oswego, Makyes Rd in Onon Twp, NPT, Syr, and 2 sites in N Syr. Catbird: arr Apr 23, 2 SSSP — early; max 32 May 22 SP to NP, PSS. Brown Thrasher: arr Apr 16, 1 NPT; max 13 May 2 Syr — good. Robin: arr Feb 27, 2 Clay; Adir arr Apr 19, 50 Dart L; Mar max 570 Mar 23 FH; Apr max 3041 Apr 13 DH — very high; Apr total DH 5191. *VARIED THRUSH*: last date for the Bridgeport male (cf. winter 1971-72 Region 5 *Kingbird* report) was Apr 12. Wood Thrush: arr Apr 21, 2 Oneida — early; max 37 May 20 Pompey and Fabius Twps — good. Hermit Thrush: arr Apr 16, 2 NPT and 2 FH; max 19 Apr 30 NPT — good; dep May 11, 1 Syr. Swainson's Thrush: arr May 12, 1 Tully; max 18 May 16 NP; dep May 26, 2 Syr. Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr May 16, 1 NP; singles only reported. Veery: arr Apr 25, 1 Syr — early; max 20 May 22 SSSP, NP. Eastern Bluebird: arr Mar 18, 2 DH; max 38 Apr 15 DH; Apr total at DH 55 — very good in comparison with recent years.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Apr 24, 2 S Bay; max 14 Apr 30 DH, NP (FGS) — unprecedented count for a L Ont location; 1-5 per day widely reported from previously known locations, i.e. L Ont sites from FH to SSSP, Duck L near Spring L, HIGMA, Whiskey Hollow near Jacks Reef, PSS, N Cam, S Cam, Fayetteville, Skaneateles, NPT, and Oneida; also 2 newly reported areas, Eaton with 1 May 9 and Ilion Gorge with 2 May 3; last L Ont (presumably migrant) report May 20, 3 near Fruit Valley. Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Apr 2, 3 Brewerton; max 200 Apr 30 DH, NP (FGS) — record high, with no former spring count in excess of 100; dep May 22, 1 NP (FGS) — record late. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Mar 30, 1 Eaton (G&MC) — record early; max 120 Apr 30 DH, NP — high; dep May 27, 1 MB. Water Pipit: arr Mar 25, 18 WBOC; max 49 Mar 26 WBOC — low. Cedar Waxwing: max 800 May 30 DH — very high. Northern Shrike: no Apr reports from DH; dep Apr 12, 1 Lakeport (B&SP) — late. Loggerhead Shrike: arr Mar 26, 3 Cicero to Brewerton and 1 WBOC; max 5 Apr 18 DH; total of 4 in Mar and 16 in Apr at DH; dep Apr 21, 1 DH. Starling: 1st DH migrants Feb 12, 130; max 6255 Apr 13 DH; DH totals — 3360 in Mar, 13,455 in Apr, 788 in May — low.

VIREOS—WARBLERS : Yellow-throated Vireo: arr May 6, 1 S Cam — late; max 9 May 18 N Cam. Solitary Vireo: arr Apr 30, 1 DH and 1 NPT; max 5 May 7 Syr; dep May 21, 1 SP. Red-eyed Vireo: arr Apr 24, 1 S Bay (B&SP) — record early; max 28 May 24 FH, NM. Philadelphia Vireo: arr May 13, 1 S Cam; max 2 May 21 SP; dep May 24, 1 FH; total of 7 for season. Warbling Vireo: arr May 1, 1 Dart L where uncommon; max 20 May 20 SP, SSSP.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr Apr 29, 1 Syr; max 10 May 16 NP. Golden-winged Warbler: arr May 6, 1 S Cam; max 7 May 23 S Cam. Blue-winged Warbler: arr May 16, 1 NP and 1 N Cam; no more than 1 per day reported — very low. Brewster's Warbler: arr May 13, 1 S Cam; max 2 May 16 S Cam; away from S Cam the only report was 1 May 26 near Colosse. Tennessee Warbler: arr May 13, 1 NP — late; max 18 May 21 SP — low; dep May 27, 1 Oswego. Orange-crowned Warbler: arr May 6, 1 NP; max 4 May 11 Onon Hill, NP; dep May 21, 1 near Pompey Center. Nashville Warbler: arr Apr 30, 2 NP; max 9 May 13 Utica — low, but a wide date range for smaller numbers; dep May 25, 1 NP. Parula Warbler: arr May 2, 1 NPT (DWC) — ties record early date; Adir arr May 18, 3 Dart L; max 7 May 30 Dart L, but away from Adir max was only 2s; dep May 25, 1 NP.

Yellow Warbler: arr Apr 30, 1 Belgium and 1 DH; max 109 May 18 N Cam. Magnolia Warbler: arr May 2, 2 NPT; max 24 May 21 SP; dep May 29, 1 W of Oswego Center. Cape May Warbler: arr Apr 30, 1 NP (B. Williams et al) — record early; max 28 May 16 Onon Hill (FGS) — record high; dep May 30, 1 Dart L (bb) — record late. Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr May 2, 2 Syr, NP, 2 at another site in Syr, and 3 NPT; max 16 May 21 SP; dep May 25, 1 NP. Myrtle Warbler: arr Apr 18, 1 Holland Patent; Adir arr Apr 30, 2 Dart L; max 310 May 13 DH — very high; other high counts were 250 May 6 S Cam, N Cam, DH to NM, 250 May 7 Labrador Pond near Apulia, NPT, 116 May 7 Syr, and 100 May 2 Rainbow Shores near SP; dep May 27, 1 FH. Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Apr 30, 7 DH and 2 NP; max 32 May 21 SP; dep May 29, 1 DH. Cerulean Warbler: arr May 13, 6 S Cam, N Cam and 1 Oswego — late; max 9 May 18 N Cam — low. Blackburnian Warbler: arr May 7, 2 Syr; Adir arr May 15, 1 Dart L; max 41 May 21 SP — very high; dep May 25, 3 SP. Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr May 3, 1 NPT; max 9 May 20 SP — low. Bay-breasted Warbler: arr May 13, 6 S Cam, 2 Syr, 2 Utica, 1 Mexico Pt, and 4 DH — amazingly widespread arr; max 60 May 22 SP to NP — very good; dep May 25, 8 SP. Blackpoll Warbler: arr May 11, 2 Marcy — early; max 12 May 25 SP, SSSP — poor. Pine Warbler: arr Apr 23, 1 NP; max 5 Apr 30 DH, NP (FGS) — record high for this species more often found on territory in the region. *PRAIRIE WARBLER*: 3 reports, all males, 1 May 2 NPT (DWC), 1 May 6 DH (DWC), and 1 May 13 S Cam (T. Harland, U. Boggs fide FGS) — in past 18 years no more than 1 per spring. Palm Warbler: arr Apr 29, 2 NP — late; max 7s Apr 30, May 6, May 11 at DH, NP; dep May 14, 1 DH.

Ovenbird: arr May 2, 2 Syr; Adir arr May 18, 6 Dart L; max 30 May 16 NP (DWC) — record high. Northern Waterthrush: arr Apr 30, 2 DH; max 4s May 13 Toad Harbor near W Monroe, May 3 and May 20 NPT; dep May 24, 1 FH. Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Apr 26, 1 Cheese Factory Gulf near Delphi Falls; max 2s through period. Mourning Warbler: arr May 18, 1 N Cam; max 3 May 25 SSP, SP, Colosse area. Yellowthroat: arr May 2, 1 Syr, 1 NPT, 1 SSSP; max 22 May 24 FH, NM. Hooded Warbler: arr May 20, 1 NP; max 4 May 22 NP. Wilson's Warbler: arr May 17, 3 DeWitt — late; max 8 May 21 SP. Canada Warbler: arr May 13, 3 S Cam; Adir arr May 18, 3 Dart L; max 10 May 22 NP to SP — low; dep May 25, 9 SP. American Redstart: arr Apr 30, 1 DH and 1 NPT — early; Adir arr May 18, 7 Dart L; max 71 May 13 DH — high.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: arr Apr 30, 1 DH; max 230 May 14 DH. Eastern Meadowlark: arr Mar 1, 2 DH; max 230 Apr 30 DH, NP, PSS; flight at DH was small with only 155 in Apr and 30 in May. Western Meadowlark: 1 report from Oneida Co without sufficient details to eliminate the possibility of a hybrid. (M. Stooks). Red-winged Blackbird: arr Mar 1, 475 DH; Adir arr Mar 14 1 Dart L; max 50,000 Mar 23 SRF, FH, 59,000 Apr 12 DH, and 50,000 Apr 15 DH; DH totals by month were 7258 in Mar, 135,689 in Apr, 2809 in May. *ORCHARD ORIOLE*: an imm male May 31 NPT (DWC, C&EF) is only period report. Baltimore Oriole: arr Apr 30, 1 DH; max 574 May 13 DH — very high. Rusty Blackbird: arr Mar 7, 2 Jordan; Adir arr Mar 24, 1 Dart L; max 106 Apr 23 PSS and 50 Apr 2 SRF. Common Grackle: arr Mar 2, 4 DH, 19 Oneida, 1 New Hartford; Mar max 400 Mar 23 SRF; Apr max 12,000 Apr 15 DH; DH totals by month were 285 in Mar, 29,743 in Apr, 631 in May. Brown-headed Cowbird: arr Feb 21, 1 Ilion and Feb 26, 1 Nedrow; Adir arr Mar 24, 1 Dart L; max 6550 Apr 11 DH; DH totals by month were 20 in Mar, 14,432 in Apr, 600 in May.

Scarlet Tanager: arr May 4, 1 S Cam; max 15 May 24 FH. Cardinal: max 20 May 6 S Cam, N Cam. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr May 2, 2 Syr and 1 Oswego; max 35 May 13 DH and 24 May 24 FH, NM. *BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK*: in Oriskany the last date was Apr 7 and in Camillus May 7 (cf. winter 1971–72

Region 5 *Kingbird* report). Indigo Bunting: arr May 9, 1 Eaton; max 9 May 24 FH, NM. Dickcissel: 1 male May 24 Oswego (CW) — no details. Evening Grosbeak: the central New York feeder survey tallied 1700 per 100 feeders in the 1st week of Mar and 1400 per 100 feeders in the 1st week of Apr (B. Burtt) — both very high; field max in Apr was 350 Apr 30 DH, NP and in May 930 May 14 DH — very high; dep May 20, 4 DH — early for a flight year. Purple Finch: good counts indicative of migration were 22 May 5 Green Lakes State Park near Fayetteville, 16 May 6 Oneida, 29 May 6 N Cam, the max 31 May 13 DH, and 24 May 20 Pompey and Fabius Twps. House Finch: 1-4 per day Apr 17-May 15 at 3 sites in Syr. Pine Grosbeak: max 10 Apr 1 Dart L and dep Apr 8, 5 there (BB) — record late. Common Redpoll: the central New York feeder survey tallied 2400 per 100 feeders in the 1st week of Apr (B. Burtt) — about 5 times the previous Apr high in 1970; 1st migrants at DH were 4 Feb 27, the Mar max was 100 Mar 30, and the Apr max was 1250 Apr 15, all DH; Apr total at DH 4310; dep Apr 29, 2 Oswego. Pine Siskin: max 151 May 13 DH; non-L Ont area max 67 May 7 Syr and 60 Apr 28 Cedarville; dep May 24, 12 FH and 6 Oswego. American Goldfinch: max 1064 May 14 DH; away from L Ont no count exceeded 110. Red Crossbill: arr Mar 12, 12 NPT; max 19 Mar 18-29 NPT; dep Apr 12, 4 DH.

Rufous-sided Towhee: arr Apr 13, 1 Oswego; max 22 May 20 Pompey and Fabius Twps are probably breeding birds. Savannah Sparrow: arr Apr 1, 2 DH; max 45 Apr 23 NPT. Grasshopper Sparrow: arr May 14, 1 Emerson — late; max 2 May 25 Sandy Creek — low. Henslow's Sparrow: arr and max May 13, 3 Omara Rd near W Monroe — late and low. Vesper Sparrow: arr Apr 11, 1 near Texas — very late; max 22 Apr 23 NPT. Slate-colored Junco: max 300 Apr 13 Oswego, 310 Apr 20 DH, SSSP, PSS, 300 Apr 22 N Bay; dep May 24, 1 ad FH. OREGON JUNCO: 1 male Apr 8 FH (FGS,PAD). Tree Sparrow: max 100 Apr 12 Cedarville; dep May 10, 3 NPT (DWC), 2 Oswego (GRM) — record late. Chipping Sparrow: arr Apr 16, 1 Syr and 1 DH; Adir arr Apr 19, 3 Dart L; max 204 May 13 DH — very high. CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 report, 1 May 10 DH (J. Probst) — 4th regional record. Field Sparrow: arr Mar 31, 1 Dart L; max 46 Apr 20 PSS, DH, SSSP.

HARRIS' SPARROW: last date for the Syr ad (cf. winter 1971-72 Region 5 *Kingbird* report) was May 15. White-crowned Sparrow: arr Apr 2, 2 Rainbow Shores, but the next not until Apr 24, 2 Syr; max 30 May 7 NPT; dep May 24, 1 FH. White-throated Sparrow: Adir arr Apr 19, 1 Dart L; max 135 May 4 S Cam, N Cam, HIGMA; dep May 24, 2 Oswego. Fox Sparrow: arr Mar 23, 1 FH and 2 near Fayetteville; Adir arr Mar 31, 1 Dart L; max 6 Apr 23 NPT but no more than 2 per day elsewhere; dep May 7, 1 FH (FGS) — very late. Lincoln's Sparrow: arr May 2, 1 dead N Syr (R. Richardson fide FGS) — very early; max 3s May 22 SP and May 24 FH, also the dep; total of 13 birds reported. Swamp Sparrow: arr Apr 16, 3 HIGMA; max 24 May 11, S Cam, PSS. Song Sparrow: arr Mar 12, 1 Brewerton; 100 or more per day Apr 15-20 Dart L, L Ont, and Oneida R and Seneca R areas, with max of 160 Apr 16 — late. Snow Bunting: max 100 Mar 30 DH — poor; dep Apr 14, 75 NPT.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Spring 1972 was extremely late with near winter type conditions prevailing into May at higher elevations in the Region. Temperatures below freezing were common during April, and for May only the daylight hours seemed to warm up to any extent in the first half of the month.

Precipitation for early April and May was below normal, however, before the months were over rainfall was above normal. Snow cover was still 12 to 16 inches deep the last week in April in the western Adirondacks and Tug Hill Plateau.

Noteworthy for this spring was the lateness of many migrants, and when migration did start the rapidity with which many species moved through the Region.

Abbreviations: ED—El Dorado; PP—Point Peninsula; PIP—Pillar Point; PRWMA—Perch River Wildlife Management Area; TP—Thompson Park; WGS—Whetstone Gulf State Park; WI—Wellsley Island.

Observers: AL—Azel LaFave; LC—Lee Chamberlaine; FC—Frank Clinch; RW—Robert and June Walker.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: May 10, PIP; 3 in summer plumage, May 12, PP (RW); May 15, 12 to 14 at ED. Red-throated Loon: May 12, PP in winter plumage (RW). Cattle Egret: 1, May 10, PP. Canada Goose: 7000 Henderson Pond, April 28, (LC). Snow Goose: 1, April 23, with 2000 Canada Geese, Henderson area. Gadwall: 4, May 17, PRWMA (RW). Pintail: April 28. Shoveler: April 28, 10 at Henderson Pond; 6, May 17, PRWMA. Greater Scaup: 2000–3000, April 13 in St. Lawrence River. White-winged Scoter: May 10, PP and PIP.

VULTURES—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: April 10. *GOSHAWK*: May 20, on nest, WI (RW). Broad-winged Hawk: May 8. Bald Eagle: 2 adults, May 15, ED, (RW). Osprey: May 17, PRWMA. Gray Partridge: 2, May 29. Turkey: 4, May 20, WI. Virginia Rail: 2, May 6, PRWMA. Upland Plover: 2, May 7. Ring-billed Gull: in much greater quantities than previous 3 years especially on farm lands. Caspian Tern: May 10, PP (RW). Black Tern: May 7, PRWMA, (FC). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: May 20, Dry Hill, (RW). Black-billed Cuckoo: May 20, Dry Hill. Snowy Owl: April 1, late, Henderson area, (LC).

GOATSUCKERS—SHRIKES: Common Nighthawk: May 18. Chimney Swift: May 8. Belted Kingfisher: April 3. Pileated Woodpecker: May 4, Oxbow. Red-headed Woodpecker: 1, May 10, PP (RW); several (up to 6) in Henderson area (LC). *BLACK-BACKED THREE-TOED WOODPECKER*: 1, female, May 16, Dry Hill, (RW). Least Flycatcher: May 13, (RW). Olive-sided Flycatcher: May 27, WGS, (RW). *COMMON RAVEN*: seen 1st week in May in Grass Lake, Lake of the Woods and also May 25 on Indian River in Village of Theresa; probably all the same individual, (AL). Red-breasted Nuthatch: May 7. Hermit Thrush: April 18, (FC). Swainson's Thrush: May 17, (FC). Eastern Bluebird: May 9, Redwood. Loggerhead Shrike: April 29.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Warbling Vireo: May 7. *GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER*: May 19, Dry Hill, (RW). *TENNESSEE WARBLER*: 4, May 20, (RW). *ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER*: May 14, Thompson Park, Watertown, (RW). Parula Warbler: 4, May 14. *CERULEAN WARBLER*: 8–10, May 20, Knowlesville Road, (RW). Bay-breasted Warbler: May 14.

FINCHES—SPARROWS: Evening Grosbeaks: numbers decreased during April; last seen May 16, (FC) (RW). *HOARY REDPOLL*: Female trapped and banded April 5; compared with Common Redpolls in trap (FC). Common Redpoll: large numbers at feeders in first half of April; last seen April 25. Pine Siskin: last seen May 16 at feeder with Goldfinches. *GRASSHOPPER SPARROW*: May 28, Brownville (RW). *CLAY-COLORED SPARROW*: seen singing May 27, WGS, (RW). Field Sparrow: one banded April 4, early, (FC). White-crowned Sparrow: May 3; last seen May 23.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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This April had an all-time record low overall average temperature for the month, 32.5 degrees. The previous low, according to Bob Kampf, our local weatherman, was 34 degrees. The coldest April day was minus five on the fifth. Total snowfall for the month was a modest 8½ inches. May produced an overall average temperature of 53.3 degrees with snowfall only on the eleventh. The ice went out of Lower St. Regis Lake on this day.

Observers: GC—Geoffrey Carleton; JC—Janet Chapman; GTC—Greenleaf T. Chase; SE—Steven Everett; FL—Ferdinand LaFrance, Dorothy Crumb, Terry and Todd Farnham; TM—Ted Mack; RM—Ruth Meier; WR—William Rutherford.

Abbreviations: BTP—Browns Tract Ponds area; Br—Brandon (near Paul Smiths); FC—Fish Creek area; Mad—Madawaska; PS—Paul Smiths; TL—Tupper Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 2 May 7 TL (TM). Pied-billed Grebe: 1 May 13 Mad (SE). Great Blue Heron: at least 7 reported. American Bittern: first Apr 25 PS (WR); 1 May 1 PS (SE); 1 May 1 PS (TM); 1 May 13 Mad (SE); 1 May 17 PS (TM). Canada Goose: first Apr 6 when several landed on ice of Lower St. Regis Lake and stayed a short time before flying off to the south (WR). Black Duck: widely reported, max 30 May 13 Mad (SE); 1 May 20 Lake Colden in a small area not iced over and quacking continually (TM). Green-winged Teal: 1 May 27 BTP (FL), a noteworthy bird in the boreal zone. Wood Duck: first 2 Apr 13 Br (TM); 1 May 13 FC (TM). Ring-necked Duck: good numbers, max 8 May 1 Mad (SE). Hooded Merganser: 1 Apr 25 PS (SE); 1 May 1 Mad (SE). American Merganser: 1 Apr 25 PS (SE); 2 May 13 FC (TM).

HAWKS—OWLS: Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Apr 19 PS (SE). Red-tailed Hawk: not reported. Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Apr 25 PS (SE); 1 Apr 30 Lake Placid (TM); 1 May 1 PS (SE); 1 May 7 TL (TM). *GOLDEN EAGLE*: 1 Apr 12 and 1 Apr 14 at two locations in Franklin Co. (GTC). Bald Eagle: 1 Apr 1 Northville (GTC); 1 Apr Franklin Co. (GTC). Osprey: 1 Apr 23 Br (TM); 1 May 13 Mad (SE). Sparrow Hawk: 1 May TL (JC). Spruce Grouse: 2 May 13 Mad (SE). Ruffed Grouse: drumming birds widely reported. Sora: 1 May 1 PS (SE), seldom reported in Adirondack region. Killdeer: first 4 Apr 13 Gabriels (TM). Woodcock: first May 1 PS (SE); good numbers of birds later. Common Snipe: first May 1 PS (SE); good numbers later. Spotted Sandpiper: several reported. Mourning Dove: 2 May 13 Br (SE); 3 May 15 PS (SE); 1 May 20 Gabriels (TM); 2 May TL (JC), an uncommon bird in Adirondacks. Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 May 29 TO (RM). Screech Owl: 1 Apr 25 PS (SE). Great Horned Owl: few reports. Barred Owl: good numbers. Saw-whet Owl: 1 Apr 18 PS (SE); 1 Apr 25 PS (SE); 1 May 6 Newcomb (TM).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 May 23 TL (RM); 1 May TL (JC). Belted Kingfisher: first reported 1 Apr 23 Br (TM). Yellow-shafted Flicker: first 1 Apr 13 PS (SE). Pileated Woodpecker: a few. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: first 1 Apr 22 PS (TM). *NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER*: 1 male May 27 BTP (FL), same place as last year. Eastern Kingbird: first 1 May 13 Mad (SE). Eastern Phoebe: first 1 Apr 14 Wanakena (SE); 4 Apr 18 PS (SE). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 May 27 BTP (FL). Tree Swallow: first 1 Apr 14 TL (RM); 1 Apr 18 PS (SE). Rough-winged Swallow: first 1 May 1 PS (SE). Barn Swallow: 1 May 1 PS (SE). Cliff Swallow: first—several May 13 PS (SE). Gray Jay: several May 13 Mad (SE); 2 May 27 BTP (FL). Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 7 May 27 BTP (FL). Brown Creeper: 1 May

1 PS (SE); 1 May 13 Mad (SE); 1 May 27 BTP (FL). Winter Wren: several noted. Brown Thrasher: first 1 Apr 22 PS (SE, TM). Robin: first migrants—a few Apr 6 Plattsburgh (WR); more seen both in migration and nesting than is usual. Hermit Thrush: 2 singing May 1 PS (TM). Olive-backed Thrush: max 20 May TL (JC). Veery: first 1 May 7 Elizabethtown (GC). Eastern Bluebird: first 1 Apr 14 TL (SE); 3 Apr 18 PS (SE). Water Pipit: 1 May 11 feeding on ice of Lake Placid 200 feet from shore (GC); 2 May 13 Mad (SE). Northern Shrike: 1 Apr 6 Malone (WR); 1 Apr 11 PS (SE); 1 Apr 12 PS (Frank Graves).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: 1 May 13 Mad (SE); 1 May 15 PS (SE); 1 May 27 BTP (FL). Red-eyed Vireo: first reported May 13. Black-and-white Warbler: good numbers. Nashville Warbler: good numbers. Parula Warbler: 1 May 17 PS (SE, TM). Magnolia Warbler: only one report—1 May 27 BTP (FL). Black-throated Blue Warbler: numbers down. Myrtle Warbler: more than usual. Black-throated Green Warbler: numbers down. Blackburnian Warbler: 2 May 27 BTP (FL). Bay-breasted Warbler: 1 May 13 FC (TM). Palm Warbler: 1 May 13 Mad (SE). American Redstart: unusually common.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: 2 May 13 Mad (SE); 4 May 16 TL (RM). Eastern Meadowlark: first Apr 6 Malone (WR); 2 Apr 19 PS (SE). Baltimore Oriole: 1 May 17 PS (TM); 2 May TL (JC). Rusty Blackbird: max 15 Apr 19 PS (SE). Scarlet Tanager: 2 May 27 BTP (FL). Cardinal: 1 Crown Point, 1 Westport, 2 Elizabethtown, all in May (GC). Evening Grosbeak: max 75 May 5 TL (RM). Purple Finch: good numbers, increasing after Apr 15. Pine Grosbeak: 3 Apr 10 Upper Saranac Lake (RM). Common Redpoll: still at TL on Apr 18 (RM). Pine Siskin: several May 1 PS (SE); several May 13 Mad (SE). Red Crossbill: 6 May 5 Childwold (RM). White-winged Crossbill: several Apr TL (JC). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 May 1 PS (SE); 1 May 10 TL (RM). Vesper Sparrow: 5 Apr 14 PS (SE). Chipping Sparrow: max 65 in two flocks May 7 Newcomb (TM). *CLAY-COLORED SPARROW*: 1 May 20 Gabriels (SE, TM), face pattern and crown stripes clearly seen and bird was buzzing. White-crowned Sparrow: max 30 May 13 Mad (SE). Fox Sparrow: a few reported. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 May 13 Mad (SE); 6 May 27 BTP (FL).

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REGION 8 HUDSON-MOHAWK

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Late winter weather gripped region 8 well into mid-April with low temperature records falling on the 5th (16°), 8th (20°) and 26th (24°). April 15th saw many ponds and lakes still partly ice-bound. A surge of warm air sent the temperature climbing to a record 80° on the 19th ushering in waves of normally early arriving migrants and at the same time purged the area of its unusually large population of Redpolls and Siskins. Precipitation during the month was 0.86 inches above normal.

May temperatures were about normal (Albany Airport) but precipitation was 5.98 inches or 2.51 inches above average. In summary the spring period was a week to ten days behind normal but from the century run returns few regulars were missing with the exception of shorebird.

Rarities noted during the period: White-eyed Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, House Finch, Hoary Redpoll.

Observers: DA—D Allen; T&AB—T & A Brown; JC—J Cook; LE—L Ellis GE—G Erlenback; MF—M French; M&AG—M & A Giddings; A&DH—A & D

Hallenbeck; MK—M Kent; EME Mansell; WM—W Merritt; MM—M Mickle; RP—R Phillion; WBS—WB Sabin; LT—L Thomas; B&HTB & H Tullar; RPY—RP Yunick; ADBC—Allan Devoe Bird Club; HMBC—Hudson—Mohawk Bird Club.

Abbreviations: AP—Averill Park; BCM—Black Creek Marsh; HR—Hudson River; IL—Indian Ladder; M'ville—Mariaville; M'dale—Meadowdale; MR—Mohawk River; NWW—Niskayuna Wide Waters; NE Col Co; Northeast Columbia Co.; RS—Reist Sanctuary; SS—Stockport Station; SUNYA—State University of New York Albany; VFWM—Vischer Ferry Wildlife Management; VM—Vosburgh Marsh; Wash Pk—Washington Park, Albany; WSL—West Sand Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: fsm 25 Apr 15 NWW (A&DH); lsm May 20 CR (ADBC&HMBC). Red-throated Loon: 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Horned Grebe: fsm Apr 15, 16, 23 HR (GE & T&AB); lsm early May (ADBC). Double-crested Cormorant: 9 Apr 29 VM (HMBC). Great Blue Heron: lsm May 20 CR (HMBC). Green Heron: fsm Apr 30 ADBC. Common Egret: fsm Apr 23 Ghent (B. Gardina); 2 May 10 NWW (DA); 1 May 14 VFWM (A&DH) and 1 CR report May 20 (ADBC). Cattle Egret: 39 May 4 St. Jos. Novitiate Pond (M&AG & MM); 14 May 5 Salem (G. Gould to MK); 1 May 6 Rexford (fide WBS). Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 Apr 29 VM (HMBC). American Bittern: fsm 5 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); several reports May 20 CR (HMBC). Whistling Swan 1 Apr HR (T&AB). Canada Goose: 48 Apr 6 Berne (MK); several reports May 20 CR (HMBC&ADBC). Snow Goose: fsm 2 reports Apr 9 74 SS (A&DH) and 26 Lock 6 near Crescent (WBS); 2 Apr 20 SL (WBS). Pintail: lsm 2 Apr 28 Rensselaer (RP). Green-winged Teal: lsm May 20 CR (ADBC). Blue-winged Teal: max 40 Apr 28 Rensselaer (RP); several reports May 20 CR (ADBC&HMBC). American Widgeon: lsm 1 early May report HR (GE). Ring-necked Duck: lsm May 20 CR (HMBC). Canvasback: Apr 1, 6 HR (ADBC). Scaup: 1 report May 20 CR (HMBC). Common Goldeneye: lsm 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Bufflehead: 16 Apr 1 HR (ADBC); 1 early May HR (GE). White-winged Scoter: 1 May 18 SL (DA). Hooded Merganser: lsm 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Common Merganser: lsm 10 May 18 Sacandaga Res (DA). Red-breasted Merganser: lsm 3 May 10 MR (DA).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: 1 Apr 6 Berne (MK). Sharp-shinned Hawk: several April reports—1 banded Apr 8 "feeding on Redpolls and Siskins" (RPY). Cooper's Hawk: 1 May 13 Spencertown (EM). Red-tailed Hawk: several reports thru period. Red-shouldered Hawk: 2 reports May 20 CR (HMBC). Broad-winged Hawk: fsm Apr 16 Chatham (B&HT). Rough-legged Hawk: lsm 1 Apr 5 Chatham (M&AG). Marsh Hawk: 3 reports in April—1 Apr 2 & 18 Hudson & N.E. Col. Co. (ADBC) and 1 April 5 Rotterdam (DA). Osprey: reported in good numbers—max 11 Apr 25 VFWM (A. Peterson); fsm Apr 21 (ADBC); lsm 1 May 13 Sikuli's Swamp Medusa (MK). Bobwhite: 2 reports from May 20 CR (ADBC&HMBC). Virginia Rail fsm 1 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); max 9 May 18 BC M(DA). Sora: fsm 8 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); several reports on May 20 CR (HMBC). Common Gallinule: fsm 5 Apr 29 VM (HMBC); max 10 May 6 M'dale (HMBC). American Coot: fsm 2 Apr 29 VM (HMBC); lsm 2 reports on May 20 CR (HMBC&ADBC). Semipalmated Plover: only 1 report May 20 CR (ADBC). Upland Plover: fsm 1 Apr 26 Niskayuna (RPY). Spotted Sandpiper: fsm 1 Apr 29 Stockport (RP); several reports on May 20 CR (HMBC&ADBC). Solitary Sandpiper: fsm 1 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); 2 reports May 20 CR (ADBC&HMBC). Greater Yellowlegs: fsm 11 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Lesser Yellowlegs: fsm 1 May 6 M'dale (HMBC). Glaucous Gull: a new late record date 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Great Black-backed Gull: 2 reports on May 20 CR (HMBC&ADBC). Bonaparte's Gull: fsm 1 Apr 20 SL (WBS); lsm 3 May 10 NWW (DA). Common Tern: only 1 report on May 20 CR (HMBC). Black Tern: also 1 report May 20 CR (ADBC). No Cuckoo reports during period. Screech Owl: 1 May 20 CR

(ADBC); 1 banded May 27 VFWM (J. Covert). Great Horned Owl: several reports thru period. Barred Owl: 1 report May 20 CR (ADBC). Saw-whet Owl: 1 banded Apr 26 Schenectady (RPY).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: fsm 1 Altamont May 18 (DA). Common Nighthawk: fsm 2 reports May 20 CR (HMBC). Chimney Swift: fsm 2 Apr 29 VM (HMBC). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: fsm 1 May 14 Loudonville (MF); several reports on May 20. Yellow-shafted Flicker: 20 Apr 22 (HMBC). Pileated Woodpecker: several reports thru period. Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 May 13 Hudson (T&AB); 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 4 Apr 19 Wash Pk (RP). Eastern Kingbird: fsm 1 May 6 Hudson (T&AB); 1 May 14 Argyle (RP). Great Crested Flycatcher: fsm 1 May 13 M'ville (DA). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: fsm 1 May 22 Loudonville (MF); 1 banded May 26 VFWM — only second spring record in 6 years (RPY). Traill's Flycatcher: 1 May 13 BCM (WBS); 2 May 19 BB — normal in occurrence at VFWM (RPY). Least Flycatcher: 2 May 5 BB with total of 28 for a new spring max (RPY). Eastern Wood Pewee: 2 May 19 Wash Pk (DH). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 May 22 M'ville (DA) and 1 May 24 Reist Sanctuary (LE). Horned Lark: 3 reports May 20 CR (HMBC). Tree Swallow: fsm 4 Apr 18 M'ville (DA); max 250 Apr 26 BCM (DA). Bank Swallow: fsm Apr 28 Chatham (M&AG); several of usual colonies have very few birds this year (RPY). Rough-winged Swallow: fsm Apr 22 ADBC; 4 reports on May 20 CR (ADBC&HMBC). Barn Swallow: fsm Apr 23 (ADBC). Cliff Swallow: 6 May 13 Alcove Res (A&DH); only 2 reports on CR. Purple Martin: fsm Apr 19 Scotia (fide Bob McCullough; 18 May 1 Kinderhook (K. Endres). House Wren: 2 Apr 29 VM (HMBC) and 1 Schenectady (RPY). Winter Wren: 2 Apr 27 AP (RP); several reports May 20 CR HMBC).

Brown Creeper: only 3 reports on May 20 CR. Carolina Wren: 1 Apr 22 ADBC Sanctuary (B&HT); 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Long-billed Marsh Wren: 6 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); several reports on May 20 CR (ADBC&HMBC). Mockingbird: only 3 reports on CR — appears to be down in numbers from last year (RP). Catbird: fsm Apr 29 Castleton (JC); max 6 May 13 BB (RPY). Brown Thrasher: 1 May 8 Loudonville (MF). Wood Thrush: 1 Apr 29 VM (HMBC). Hermit Thrush: fsm 1 Apr 21 Wash Pk (RP); several reported on May 20 CR. Swainson's Thrush: fsm 2 reports on May 13 BB (RPY & M&W Ulmer). Gray-cheeked Thrush: fsm 1 May 13 and 1 May 27 — a very late date at VFWM — BB (RPY). Veery: fsm Apr 29 (ADBC). Eastern Bluebird: fsm Apr 3 Chatham (MM) 7 reports May 20 CR (HMBC). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 2 May 13 IL (A&DH) also BCM (WBS); 1 May 14 Ghent (B. Gardina); pair nesting Amsterdam May 21 (DA). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 3 Apr 21 Wash Pk (RP); max 40 Apr 25 Sacandaga Res. (DA). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 2 Apr 19 Wash Pk (RP) max 13 May 6 BB (RPY). Water Pipit: 1 report May 20 CR (ADBC). Cedar Waxwing: several reports in Apr; max 50 Apr 19 Chatham (M&AG). Loggerhead Shrike: 1 Apr 8 VFWM (A&DH).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: *WHITE-EYED VIREO*: 1 May 27 ADBC Sanctuary (ER) — first report in 19 years. Yellow-throated Vireo: 2 May 13 IL (A&DH); 2 May 27 BB VFWM (RPY.). Solitary Vireo: fsm 1 Apr 22 RS (HMBC); 1 report on CR May 20. Red-eyed Vireo: fsm Apr 30 ADBC Sanctuary (B&HT); absent from BB at VFWM (RPY). Philadelphia Vireo: 1 report May 20 CR (HMBC). Warbling Vireo: fsm 1 May 6 VFWM (A&DH); new max of 7 exceeding previous 5 (RPY). Black-and-white Warbler: fsm 1 Apr 22 ADBC Sanctuary (B&HT); 4 May 13 BB — new max at VFWM BB (RPY). Worm-eating Warbler: 2 reports May 20 CR (HMBC). Golden-winged Warbler: fsm 1 May 13 Hudson (T&AB); several reports May 20 CR. Blue-winged Warbler: fsm 1 May 6 (E. Mansell); reported on CR (ADBC&HMBC). Tennessee Warbler: 1 May 20 BB VFWM (RPY); 2 reports on May 20 CR. *ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER*: 1

banded May 13 VFWM (WM) — first time banded in spring. Nashville Warbler: fsm 1 May 5 BB VFWM; max 6 May 8 SUNYA (DH). Parula Warbler: 2 May 9 SUNYA (A&DH); several reports on May 20 CR. Yellow Warbler: fsm 1 Apr 24 Chatham (GE); max 13 May 19 BB VFWM — up in numbers from last year (RPY). Magnolia Warbler: fsm 1 Apr 29 ADBC Sanctuary (B&HT); 2 reports on May 13. Cape May Warbler: fsm 1 May 7 Loudonville (MF); several mid-May reports lsm 3 groups reporting on May 20 CR. Black-throated Blue Warbler: fsm 1 Apr 30 ADBC Sanctuary (B&HT). Myrtle Warbler: 1 Apr 22 RS (HMBC); 60 banded May 13 — a very late date for so large a number (RPY). Black-throated Green Warbler: fsm Apr 29 VM (HMBC). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 Apr 20 ADBC Sanctuary (B&HT). Bay-breasted Warbler: fsm 2 May 13 WSL (RP); 5 reports on May 20 CR. Blackpoll Warbler: fsm 1 May 13 BB VFWM (RPY). Pine Warbler: 1 Apr 1 E Greenbush (Monte Gruett); 1 May 20 ADBC CR. Prairie Warbler: 1 May 12 Spencertown (M&W Ulmer). Palm Warbler: fsm 1 Apr 19 Ghent (GE&RD); 2 May 21 Lake Luzerne (LT) — a late record for this species). Ovenbird: fsm Apr 30 ADBC Sanctuary (MM & B&HT). Northern Waterthrush: 4 May 5 BB and max 10 May 6 VFWM (RPY); lsm 1 May 21 Lake Luzerne (LT). Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 May 6 Spencertown (M&W Ulmer); several reports May 20 CR. Mourning Warbler: only report 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Yellowthroat: 2 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); max 17 May 13 BB VFWM — a new spring total of 49 exceeds 41 in 1970 (RPY). Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 report May 13 BCM (WBS). Wilson's Warbler: fsm 1 May 7 BB (VFWM); max 8 May 13 VM (A&DH). Canada Warbler: 1 May 23 Loudonville (MF); 3 reports on May 20 CR. American Redstart; 3 banded May 12 VFWM (RPY).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: 1 May 6 M'dale (HMBC). Eastern Meadowlark: 10 May 6 M'dale (HMBC). Redwinged Blackbird: a new 6 year minimum at VFWM BB (RPY). Orchard Oriole: fsm 1 May 18 West Glenville (Bob McCullough); 2 other mid-May reports. Baltimore Oriole: 1 Apr 29 Ghent (M&A Giddings). Rusty Blackbird: lsm 3 May 6 M'dale (HMBC). Scarlet Tanager: only 4 reports on May 20 CR. Summer Tanager: 1 May 9 Ghent (B. Gardina); 1 May 16 Wash Pk (DH). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 May 6 BB VFWM. Indigo Bunting: fsm 1 May 14 M'ville (DA); 1 May 19 first time banded VFWM (RPY). Evening Grosbeak: abundant thru mid-April — lsm small flocks May 13 AP (RP); breeding at Jenny Lake end of May. Purple Finch: numerous at Jenny Lake May 27, 29 (RPY). *HOUSE FINCH:* reports continue to increase — 3 reports in April 5 reports in May; 4 groups reported on May 20 CR. Pine Grosbeak: lsm 1 May 6 Hillsdale (N. Snare). *HOARY REDPOLL:* 1 bird w/stubby bill and white rump patch banded on Apr 16 at peak of Redpoll activity in yard (RPY). Common Redpoll: max 516 banded Apr 11–20 Schenectady (RPY); lsm May 7 Hillsdale (N. Snare). Pine Siskin: max 330 banded Apr 21 thru 30 Schenectady (RPY); 4 reports May 20 CR. Red Crossbill: 6 May 8 SUNYA (DH); 1 May 20 CR (ADBC). White-winged Crossbill: 1 report Apr 27 Schenectady (RPY). Rufous-sided Towhee: 3 Apr 21 Berne (MK). Savannah Sparrow: 1 Apr 10 Loudonville (MF). Grasshopper Sparrow: fsm 3 May 18 Altamont (DA). Henslow's Sparrow: 1 May 11 SUNYA (DA); 3 May 21 So of Altamont (A&DH). Vesper Sparrow: fsm Apr 9 NE Col Co (RD). Slate-colored Junco: max 105 Apr 23 Berne (MK). Tree Sparrow: lsm 5 May Berne (MK). Chipping Sparrow: fsm 2 Apr 14 Berne (MK). Field Sparrow: fsm 1 Apr 6 M'ville (DA). White-crowned Sparrow: several early May reports — best spring in 8 years at VFWM BB (RPY). White-throated Sparrow: max 85 May 1 Berne (MK). Fox Sparrow: lsm 1 May 6 M'dale (HMBC). Loncoln's Sparrow: 4 banded May 6 VFWM and 1 May 13. Swamp Sparrow: 1 Apr 29 VM (RP); max 17 May 6 BB VFWM. Song Sparrow: max 20 Apr 22 RS (HMBC).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Weather conditions this spring tended to hold back the season somewhat, but not markedly. March was cool with normal precipitation. April was quite cool with considerable snow in the early weeks. May was slightly cooler and wetter than average. Foliage was only a few days behind the expected, but flowering shrubs and trees put on a display unequaled in your reporter's memory.

Most birders in the area say the season was "like old times." There were only a few big "pushes" through the area, and these were rather well defined. Bob Deed noticed one on May 14-15 when he heard the noises of warblers and thrushes overhead throughout the night. On May 16 he "encountered the one big, old-fashioned warbler wave I've had in recent years." Another good warbler movement was noted in Rockland on May 29. Most of the bird clubs in the area carried on their censuses or "Big Day" on Saturday, May 13 with excellent results. Record numbers of species were tallied, with some individual counts many times more than the average. The period had its rarities, but less than usual.

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Abbreviations: RAC—Rockland Audubon Society Census—May 13; MCC—Mearns Bird Club Census—May 13; SAC—Sullivan Audubon Society Census—May 13; WCC—Waterman Bird Club Census—May 13.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: first Apr 19 over Hook Mt; 1 May 7 over Mine Rd, USMA. Single birds on RAC and MCC. 3 on SAC. *RED-NECKED GREBE*: unreported most years; 1 Apr 10 on Hudson R near Bannerman's Is (CT, MVW). Double-crested Cormorant: 1 Apr 22 Hudson R off Dutch, inc to 4 by May 8; 2 there on WCC; 1 May 13 in New Paltz area (unusual away from Hudson R); 5 Apr 23 Piermont Pier. Great Blue Heron: numbers improving slightly year by year; 14 nests at Tamarack Sw, Dutch; 33 birds on WCC. Green Heron: first Apr 22 Sull. *LITTLE BLUE HERON*: rarely reported in spring; 1 imm May 10 Crugers Is. (HM). *CATTLE EGRET*: 1 May 20 Port Jervis, made quite a stir in the Middletown newspaper; 7 May 3 Wassaic, Dutch. (HS,MY). Common Egret: 1 May 5 Peekskill (JD). Black-crowned Night Heron: 1, imm. Apr 15 at Tivoli; 3 on WCC. Least Bittern: 3 May 17 Cornwall; 1 May 13 thru 27 Thompson Pd Dutch. American Bittern: more than usual; 2 May 13 near Stewart Air Field, Newburgh; 2 May 18 Cornwall; 1 May 7 Pine Plains; 1 May 10 Crugers Is; 6 on WCC. *GLOSSY IBIS*: second year in a row in Oran; 1 MCC at Hamptonburgh (A,BM). Mute Swan: 5 May 10 over Bear Mt; still reluctant to spread north of Rock where there are many residents. Canada Goose: many Mar and Apr flights reported, both day and night; breeding in good numbers thru region. Brant: usual mid to late May flights reported; earliest May 18; excellent movement on May 22-23. Snow Goose: 75 Mar 29 over Hook Mt; same number, same place on Apr 8; 5 Apr 15 Crugers Is. *BLUE GOOSE*: 1 Apr 18 from Hook Mt. Gadwall: always uncommon; 6 Apr 10 Rockland L. Pintail: 5 Apr 1 and 6 Apr 15 at Crugers Is; 1 May 5 Vanderburgh Cove; all reports Dutch. Green-winged Teal remained late; May 13, 3 on MCC and 4 on WCC. Shoveler: 2 males and 1 female Apr 5 Vanderburgh

Cove; 2 Apr 15 Abels Pd, Dutch (M,JK). Wood Duck: many reports; numbers appear good. Ring-necked Duck; 6 on WCC; 1 pr thru May to June 4 at Thompson (Pd (mob). Canvasback: excellent numbers thru early April on Hudson off Dutch; rafts of up to 200 observed; 20 Apr 18; 2 on WCC. Greater Scaup: 60 on Apr. 18 and 5 on WCC. Lesser Scaup: 2 Apr 18 Hudson R at Dutch; 1 on RAC at Rockland L. Buffhead: 1 May 13 RAC in Rockland L (MH). White-winged Scoter: 2 May 8 Dutch (AJ). Ruddy Duck: last Tomahawk L, 3 Apr 23 (Mearns trip). Hooded Merganser: 2 May 10 Netherwood, Dutch, both females (MVW). Common Merganser: 3 May 13 Cornwall-on-Hudson (EDT,PJ). Red-breasted Merganser: all reports Dutch; 6 Apr 10; 3 Apr 18, and last 1 Apr 22.

HAWKS—OWLS: The Hook Mt Hawk Watch was manned a total of 22 days from Mar 26 thru Apr 30; their results are listed below:

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Date</i>
Turkey Vulture	14	6	4/23
Goshawk	1	1	4/29
Sharp-shinned	134	23	4/19
Cooper's	1	1	4/19
Red-tailed	54	8	4/12
Red-shouldered	1	1	4/4
Broad-winged	470	167	4/18
Rough-legged	3	2	4/29
Bald Eagle	5	3	4/11 2, 4/23
Marsh	21	4	4/23
Osprey	46	8	4/18
Peregrine	4	2	4/9
Pigeon	5	2	4/23 and 4/29
Sparrow	104	40	4/18
Unidentified	35		
Total	898		

Obviously the best movements seemed to be on Apr 18, 19. The observers were Ed and Lana Mills, Pete Both, John Rex, Walter Friton, Joe Richner, and Eric Single.

Goshawk: 1 SAC; 1 ad May 27 Thompson Pd, nested there in 1970; Ulst reports occ Apr 6 near Kripplebush and Apr 19 New Paltz. Sharp-shinned Hawk: sev reports of birds hunting *Fringillids* around feeders. Broad-winged Hawk: the Apr 18 movement at Hook Mt. was repeated thru area with flocks noted in all counties. Rough-legged Hawk: 1 Apr 18 migrating with Broadwings in Dutch (MVW); 3 Apr 18 near Glenham (JK); the last Dutch report Apr 23 (EP). Marsh Hawk: only reports Apr 14 Lock Sheldrake, and Apr 12 Tamarack Swamp. Osprey: very good numbers from both Hudson and inland; first Apr 12 Highland Falls. Pigeon Hawk: more reports than usual; in addition to Hook Mt reports, this species reported from Ulst (no names or dates) and 1 Apr 9 Butts Hollow Rd, Dutch (Jim Fiedler). Sparrow Hawk: a remarkable 26 on WCC which usually averages 9.

Ruffed Grouse: nest with 8 eggs obs May 22 near Doodletown, Bear Mt Pk, Rock. Bobwhite: numbers very low, but then never good; 1 Apr 19 Pleasant Valley, and another Sherow Rd., Dutch. Ring-necked Pheasant: 2 May 13 Goose Pd Mt Pk, Chester; 21 thru Apr in Dutch; 32 on WCC. Green Pheasant: 1 female Apr 6 at Verbank; and 1 Apr 1 Shunpike, Dutch. Clapper Rail: 2 Piermont Marsh on RAC. Common Gallinule: 1 RAC. Coot: 1 RAC; 1 May 29 Moodna Marsh, Oran (A,BM). Killdeer: usual numbers; nest with 2 eggs Apr 30 Pleasant Valley.

Common Snipe: more reports than usual; a few thru end of period. 1 from Feb 22 to Apr 17 Suffern; heard in courtship May 13 over Iona Marsh, and Apr 23 near Tomahawk I; more than 50 on Apr 13 Black Meadow Rd, Chester; 8-10 thru May in Dutch. Upland Plover: late returning to Hamptonburgh; first report May 6, 4 birds; 1 May 9-11 East Park, Dutch. Yellow-legs: both species May 6 at Hamptonburgh; WCC had 34 Greater and 6 Lesser; very few reports otherwise. Pectoral Sandpiper: very few; unreported most regions; 5 Apr 29 Hamptonburgh; on SAC at Monticello. Least Sandpiper: very few; 6 on WCC. Bonaparte's Gull: 1 Apr 16 near Tivoli; another same date at Ashokan Res; 3 Apr 19 Cornwall Bay. Common Tern: only report 1 May 10 Crugers Is. Mourning Dove: high numbers of last few years continue; 78 on WCC; setting on nest Apr 22 in Pleasant Valley. Cuckoos: considering the abundance of caterpillars, numbers are unusually low, especially the Yellow-billed; WCC reported only 1 Black-billed and the Yellow-billed was missed completely. Barn Owl: 1 May 18 over Orange County Comm Coll campus, (Dr. John Tramontano). Screech Owl: usual reports, perhaps a few more. Great Horned Owl: more than usual; breeding at Popolopen Gorge and at Cornwall on Hudson; heard at many other locations. Short-eared Owl: 1 Apr 10 at Hook Mt (Walter Friton). Saw-whet Owl: calling at mid-day May 25 on Slide Mt (Fred Hough).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Goatsuckers: both resident species low. Whip-poor-wills arr late with only a few reported. Nighthawks were late and few with only a few exceptions; earliest May 7 Po'kpsie; most between May 17-26. Chimney Swift: first Apr 18 Hook Mt; 3 Apr 19 Dutch; WCC usually averages 100, this year only 46. Hummingbird: early date of Apr 30 Mohonk (DS). Flicker: excellent movement Apr 19, ½ hr count had 67 at Cornwall Bay (AM). Red-bellied Woodpecker: more than usual; 3 RAC South Mt Rd area of New City; 1 pr May 12 Rhinebeck; 1 May 14-15 Red Oaks Mill; and another May 10-13 East Park. Red-headed Woodpecker: numbers down but holding its own very locally; 2 in Ulst and 1 at Standfordville from Apr thru May 9. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: avoided most birders, but not completely absent; 2 reports from Sull dur Apr, first Apr 6, last May 16. Kingbird: first 3 May 7; late and numbers down. Great Crested Flycatcher: first May 3; numbers normal. Phoebe: a unique report of one eating sumac berries with a Robin on a cold snowy Apr 7 in Dutch. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: only report 1 May 20 Dover. Traill's Flycatcher; very few; 1 on WCC; 3 May 29 Millbrook; 1 June 2 at Wawarsing. Least Flycatcher: late and numbers low; first Apr 29 Mohonk. Pewee: first May 7 somewhat early; numbers normal for season. Swallows: most species on time or early; numbers good except for Cliff Swallow, the latter species not nesting this year in Dutch. Purple Martin: continues slow inc from kill of several years ago; 3 known nesting areas in Dutch, with a total of more than 30; a second nesting site in the vicinity of Middletown discovered this year. Fish Crow: appears academically inclined; reported from the Vassar Coll campus and the New Paltz Coll campus; also reported from 3 other locations in Dutch and at Cornwall-on-Hudson. Red-breasted Nuthatch: fewer than usual; all reports from the northern part of region. Brown Creeper: nesting at Kripplebush (FH). House Wren: first Apr 26; normal to less thereafter. Winter Wren: a few more than usual; singing thru May at the Cornwall Nature Museum; also singing Apr 16 at Thompson Pd, Dutch. Carolina Wren: 1 thru period Cornwall; perhaps 2 or 3 more in Dutch. Long-billed Marsh Wren: absent from usual haunts in mid-May; numbers normal late in month. Mockingbird: numbers good; WCC reports 26, usual avg 15. Catbird: 1 Apr 1 and Apr 8 in Pleasant Valley, probably wintered; first migrant May 1 in Dutch; normal thereafter. Brown Thrasher: first migrants Apr 19; normal. Thrushes: Mabel Little reports them unusually silent around Carmel; Veery and Wood Thrush unheard there thru end of period. Hermit Thrush: EP obs 9 Apr 30 in Dutch. Swainson's Thrush:

1, early, Apr 22 Dutch (M,JK); excellent flight there May 11-15; 28 on WCC, avg usually 15. Gray-cheeked Thrush: very few; absent from most censuses. Blue-bird: numbers down, but migrants seen several times from Hook Mt hawk watch. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: numbers better than usual; many breeding pairs scattered thru region; appeared most parts Apr 22-23. Golden-crowned Kinglet: heavy movement Apr 22 at Thompson Pd; WCC reported 18, an unusually late date. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: also heavy movement on Apr 22 at Thompson Pd and Tamarack. Pipit: few scattered reports in May; 13 at Piermont Pier on RAC; 21 in Dutch on WCC; last 1 May 19 Middletown. Loggerhead Shrike: only report, 1 Apr 16 Pugsley Hill Rd, Dutch (M,JK).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: always scarce, absent from usual locations; only report 1 May 10 near Kripplebush (FH), this is the first record of its occurrence in the Rondout Valley. Solitary Vireo: unusually good numbers; first 2 Apr 22 Dutch; 27 on WCC, avg usually 2. *PHILADELPHIA VIREO*: 1 May 1-2 at Pok'psie (AJ); 1 May 13 Bashakill (EDT,PJ). Warbling Vireo: numbers down; first Apr 29 in Dutch.

Black-and-white Warbler: first Apr 19 Hook Mt. *PROTHONOTARY WARBLER*: 1 May 13 Pok'psie at IBM plant (M,JK). Golden-winged Warbler: first May 5 Red Oaks Mill (MK); numbers seem down. Blue-winged Warbler: first Apr 29 Dutch (AJ). Brewster's Warbler: only report, May 13 Dunderberg Mt (EDT,PJ). Tennessee Warbler: first May 7; common May 22 at Bashakill. Nashville Warbler: first Apr 23 Red Oaks Mill (M,JK); max of 36 on WCC. Parula Warbler: first 3 on May 1 (MK); max 42 on WCC. Magnolia Warbler: first 1 May 1 (J,MK); numbers appear down. Cape May Warbler: first May 6 several locations; max 15 on WCC. Black-throated Blue Warbler: one of the best years for this species; first May 1 several locations; max 75 on WCC. Myrtle Warbler: flight reported as "gigantic" from May 5-15; more than 500 on WCC. Black-throated Green Warbler: first May 1, several locations; good flight; 49 on WCC. Cerulean Warbler: observed near Weyant's Pd, USMA but not on usual breeding territory of last few years; late in arr and scarce thru region; first May 12; only 3 nesting pair counted in Dutch; only 2 on WCC. Blackburnian Warbler: first May 1, Bashakill; reported good there and in Dutch, but absent from most areas; none on RAC, but 22 on WCC the same day. Chestnut-sided Warbler: first 2 May 1; numbers normal; 34 on WCC. Bay-breasted Warbler: a few reported; never many; first May 7. Blackpoll Warbler: first May 7; numbers good but lower than usual; only 7 on WCC. Pine Warbler: always rare and often unreported; 1 Apr 16 and 1 Apr 27. Prairie Warbler: 1 Apr 25; 27 on WCC. Ovenbird: first Apr 26 at Hook Mt; numbers good by second week of May. Louisiana Waterthrush: generally late; first May 3. *KENTUCKY WARBLER*: 1 on WCC near Fishkill (Beedy Serra, Lou Kingsley, Dave Seymour). *CONNECTICUT WARBLER*: very rare in spring 1 on WCC north of Mt Beacon (Beedy Serra et al). Mourning Warbler: always uncommon, often missed; 1 on MCC; 1 on WCC; and 1 May 16 at Nyack. Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 on MCC at Goose Pd Mt Pk where it was found last year. Wilson's Warbler: 16 on WCC was unusually high.

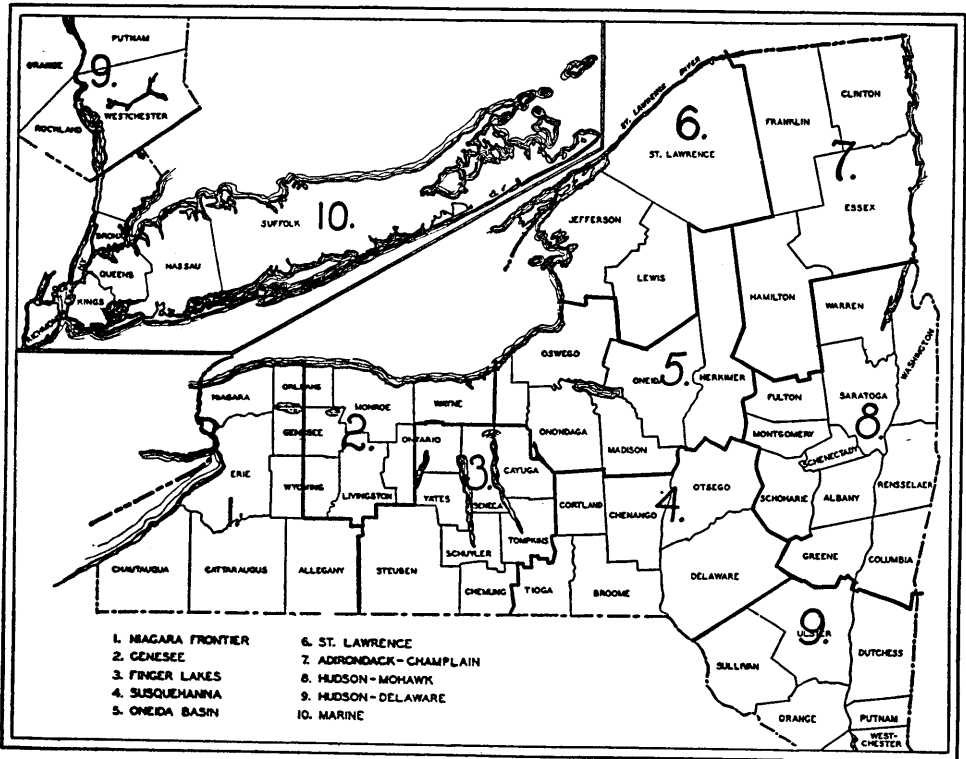
BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: absent from usual locations; 5 reported in Dutch; first May 5; majority were first year males. Baltimore Oriole: first Apr 19; good numbers from May 1 on. Rusty Blackbird: single birds on WCC and MCC were very late. Scarlet Tanager: reported late in Putn; first May 7 in Dutch; numbers normal. Indigo Bunting: sev very early dates, but numbers very low till last week of May; 3 May 3 and 1 May 4 at Chester; 2 May 5 in Dutch. *DICKCISSEL*: 1 Apr 15 in Pleasant Valley (EP). Evening Grosbeak: remained thru 3rd week of May in excellent numbers from most areas; reported on all censuses. Purple Finch: numbers better than usual; 140 on WCC; many Apr 20 in Cornwall; several flocks there with as many as 40 birds. House Finch: numbers

seem to be leveling off; 18 on WCC. Common Redpoll: from 50 to 60 on Apr 17 in Dutch; last 2 on Apr 25. Pine Siskin: continued thru third week of May in good numbers; 50 on WCC. Red Crossbill: 2 thru April (No dates) at Millbrook. White-winged Crossbill: 6 on RAC at the home of Mrs. Winston C. Perry, Sr. in Central Nyack. Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 on RAC Piermont Pier; 1 May 7 Pok'psie; and 4 on WCC at Pine Plains. Henslow's Sparrow: 1 Apr 19 and thereafter at New Paltz. (Robert Pyle) Vesper Sparrow: small numbers thru Apr and into May; first 3 Apr 8 Dutch. Slate-colored Junco: last 2 May 21 Dutch. Tree Sparrow: May dates usually discounted, but 1 on RAC by P. French who should know. Chipping Sparrow: first Apr 10 Dutch; good numbers from Apr 15 on. White-crowned Sparrow: a banner year; first Apr 21 Dutch; in excellent numbers thru May; 50 on WCC which usually averages 15. Fox Sparrow: last Apr 20 in Dutch. Lincoln's Sparrow: in better numbers than usual; P. French observed 1 May 3-4 at New City; the number rose a few days later to 3, and he was astounded to find 6 on RAC, May 13, all were gone by the next day; single birds were on WCC and several other dates in mid-May.

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