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New York State Ornithological Association, Inc.
69th Annual Meeting, Elmira, New York
September 10, 2016

The 69th Annual Meeting of the New York State Ornithological Association, Inc. (NYSOA) was held at the Riverview Holiday Inn, 760 East Water Street, Elmira, New York on September 10, 2016. President Joan Collins called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Roll call of member clubs revealed 24 delegates from 17 clubs were in attendance and that a quorum was present. Michael Bochnik made a motion to approve the October 3, 2015 Annual Meeting minutes as published in the *The Kingbird*, vol. 65, No. 4. Mike DeSha seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

President's Report presented by Joan Collins

Joan presented her written report, which she made available to the delegates. Joan highlighted many activities over the past year beginning with the 2015 Annual Meeting. The October 2015 Annual Meeting, hosted by the Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club and co-chaired by Kathy Schneider and Jory Langer, was a great success and a memorable weekend that was enjoyed by 165 participants. The NYSOA Archive continues to be maintained by Linda Clark Benedict and is housed at the Cornell University Library. The Awards Committee, chaired by Bill Ostrander, presented the Lillian Stoner award to Joseph Hernandez and the Emanuel Levine Memorial Award was given for the year's best journal article in *The Kingbird*. The Conservation Committee, chaired by Andy Mason, continues to be one of NYSOA's strengths, by advocating for birds, their habitats and with regard to other conservation issues facing NYS. Once again, Carena Pooth did an excellent job compiling the annual County and State Bird List Report, which can be found on the NYSOA website. The NYSOA hat giveaway at the 2015 Annual Meeting, spearheaded by Tim Baird, was well received. The 2015 winter field trip in the central Adirondacks was well attended. NYSOA will soon begin work on moving its membership process to an online management system. The New York State Young Birders Club, chaired by Carena Pooth, continues to grow in membership and many young birders have gone on to study ornithology in college. The newly formed Publications Committee, chaired by Seth Ausubel, held regular conference calls with editors and committee members. The 2016 *Checklist of the Birds of New York State*, produced by Carena Pooth, included six new species accepted by NYSOA's New York State Avian Records Committee, and two American Ornithologists' Union changes. Carena also created a trifold field version of the checklist that can be downloaded from the NYSOA website. Greg Lawrence of the Research Committee (chair Kevin Griffith), announced the formation of a grant program that plans to offer grants for ornithology research. Joan reminded everyone to visit the always up-to-date NYSOA website to learn all the latest information and news about NYSOA and

thanked Carena Pooth for her commitment to the website. Joan also reminded everyone that with all the challenges facing our world, NYSOA continues to play an ever more important role in documenting the ornithology of NYS.

Treasurer's Report by Andy Mason

Andy provided the following documents: the Balance Sheet and Statement of Fund Activity and Balances through June 30, 2016, and December 31, 2015; and the Detailed Statement of General Operating Fund Activity through December 31, 2015. Andy reported that production and distribution of *The Kingbird* is the largest expense in the budget and encouraged members to renew at a higher level.

Audit Report by Andy Mason

John Cairns, Irving Cantor and Steven Chang examined the financial statements submitted by the treasurer. The final report, dated December 31, 2015, found the documents present fairly the financial condition of the association. Andy noted Irving Cantor will be retiring from the Auditing Committee in 2016. NYSOA is grateful to Irving for his dedicated service to the organization for over 30 years.

NYSOA Committee Reports

Bill Ostrander gave the **Awards Committee Report**. The following awards were to be presented at the banquet: Certificates of Appreciation to John and Marilyn Paarlberg for hosting the Harris's Sparrow and Richard Guthrie, who provided guidance to birders for visiting that property; the Prospect Park Alliance and Rob Bate for hosting and guiding birders who viewed the Painted Bunting; and, Laurie LaFond, who has been avidly raising funds to help protect the IBA in Washington County, which is often home to numerous Short-Eared Owls and Northern Harriers during the winter. Other awards would be announced at the annual dinner in the evening.

Andy Mason gave the **Conservation Committee Report**. Andy introduced the Committee members and provided a written report of some of the highlights of the year's activities. The Committee continues to be involved with the following: Participation in the Plum Island coalition to ensure Plum Island, located off Long Island, is protected rather than developed; continued involvement with the Enterprise Park at Calverton (EPCAL) coalition, which monitors development proposals for this large grassland habitat in eastern Long Island; submission of comments on the Environmental Assessment for restoration of the West Pond at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge; and submission of a letter of support to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the proposed Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge, a large area of non-contiguous parcels including lands in NYS. The refuge provides habitat for the New England cottontail rabbit, whose population has declined 86% since 1960. The Committee has plans to meet with the new Deputy Commissioner at DEC, Kathy Moser, to discuss the dangers posed by lead ammunition and submit some

ideas on how to eventually eliminate it from the environment. Andy Mason's article about lead poisoning from ammunition and its effects on Bald Eagles and other wildlife was published in *NY Birders*, July 2016.

Carena Pooth gave the **County Listing Report**. Carena reported that 17 participants submitted sightings from the recently added Pelagic Zone. The completed 2015 County Listing Report, dated April 2016, is now on the website and the deadline for submission of 2016 data is March 1, 2017. The form will be in the October issue of *NY Birders* as well as on the website.

Tim Baird gave the **Marketing & Publicity Committee Report**. Tim reported the registrants for the 2016 annual meeting were receiving a stainless steel water bottle with the NYSOA logo on it. Tim distributed a press release to media contacts titled "New York State's Bird List Approaches 500," announcing that the **New York State Avian Records Committee** added six new species to the list of birds in the new *Checklist of the Birds of New York State*.

Mary Beth Warburton reported locations and leaders for 2017 Winter and Spring field trips are being researched. 2016 field trips included a winter weekend in the Adirondacks in January and Derby Hill/Montezuma in April.

Greg Lawrence gave the **Facebook Report**. The NYSOA Facebook page is reaching a wider audience and advertising programs and services provided by NYSOA.

Joan Collins gave the **Membership Committee Report** that was submitted by Berna Lincoln and Pat Aitken. Membership has decreased slightly during 2016, with 497 individual members and 42 club and organization memberships.

Joan Collins gave the **NYSARC Committee Report** for Angus Wilson. Angus submitted a written report that stated, due to heavy travel schedules of several members, the Committee has not been especially active and has fallen behind with the publication of the Annual Report. NYSARC Secretary Gary Chapin continues to archive reports and respond to inquiries concerning past decisions. The prompt review of potential new additions (first state records) remains a priority. Angus has worked closely with Carena Pooth to enable her to keep all instances (several online and paper versions) of the *NYS Checklist* current. Angus wrote an article called "A New York Perspective on the AOU's 2016 Checklist Updates," which was been posted on the NYSOA website. The NYSARC Committee is striving to find new ways to accelerate the review process of submitted documentation and develop mechanisms to integrate better with eBird in the future.

Carena Pooth gave the **NYS Young Birders Club Report**. The total of all NYSYBC scholarships awarded since 2010 is expected to top \$23,000.00 in 2016. There was no World Series of Birding team in 2016, but nine young birders participated in their own Big Day fundraising events that were very successful. Carena thanked the clubs that are NYSYBC partners for their support and assistance with field trips, and said that she was looking for a club to host the NYSYBC kickoff event on January 15, 2017.

Seth Ausubel gave the **Publications Committee Report**. The Committee

had two conference calls this year and is working to ensure *The Kingbird* is published on time. Shai Mitra, Pat Lindsay, Carena Pooth and Joan Collins were thanked for their outstanding work on NYSOA publications. Regional editors of *The Kingbird* gathered together the previous evening to discuss ways to streamline the reporting process and help attract new editors. Bill Ostrander has helped develop a process of extracting information from eBird that has benefitted the regional editors. An electronic option for receiving *The Kingbird* is being discussed for the future.

Shai Mitra gave *The Kingbird* report. Shai reported that the time between issues of *The Kingbird* has been reduced and he thanked the Publications Committee and Pat Lindsay, Production Manager, for keeping things on track.

Joan Collins gave the *New York Birders Report*. The October issue will feature highlights from the annual weekend and information from Ron Pittaway's Winter Finch Forecast. The "Profile of a NYSOA Volunteer" column has been well received and will continue to be included in each issue. Joan encouraged all to submit articles and photos for *New York Birders*.

Carena Pooth gave the *Checklist of the Birds of New York State Report* that stated the 2017 iteration of the *Checklist* will contain the AOU re-sequencing and updates from the 57th Supplement (July 2016) to the *Check-list of North American Birds* and will be printed in the Fall of 2016.

Greg Lawrence gave the **Research Committee Report**. The Research Committee is moving forward with creating a grant program that will help supplement funding for appropriate research projects. Sources for funding and ideas from other agencies regarding projects are being explored. Recipients of a NYSOA grant will be required to present their work at the paper session during NYSOA's Annual Meetings.

Bill Ostrander gave the **NYS Waterfowl Count Report**. The dates for the 2017 Waterfowl Count are January 14–January 22, with a target date of January 15.

Joan Collins gave the **Breeding Bird Atlas Report**. The BBIII committee had two meetings in 2016 and stated that eBird will serve as the main portal for data collection during the upcoming atlas project. Wisconsin is the first state using eBird for its atlas project, which should provide valuable information for New York's BBIII. DEC is applying for a Federal Aid and Restoration grant to help fund the BBIII project. The BBIII begins in 2020.

Carena Pooth gave the **Website and Information Services Report**. Carena submitted a written report based on research using Google Analytics, showing which topics and pages received the most usage. The NYSOA home page received the most and the second most popular item was the NYS Checklist. Overall, there is more activity this year than last on both the NYSOA and NYSYBC (NYS Young Birders Club) websites.

Mike Wasilco gave the annual **DEC Report**. Mike is the Regional Wildlife Manager for Region 8. Mike presented information on the following subjects. NYS has finalized the Bald Eagle Conservation Plan; a copy can be found on the

DEC website. Lead bullets that fragment and contaminate carcasses that are discarded and then consumed by scavenging animals may be the main source of lead poisoning that has affected Bald Eagles and other wildlife in NYS. DEC is encouraging the use of non-lead ammunition and is spreading the message mostly through hunter education. This issue needs to be addressed in an ongoing manner and NYSOA will continue to be a leader in monitoring the progress of the non-lead ammunition program. No cormorants were managed in New York in 2016. The Spruce Grouse reintroduction program continued this year which relocated a total of 60 birds from Maine and Ontario to NYS. The Grassland Bird Conservation Strategy is researching a new approach for increasing habitat and developing core conservation areas that will create a landscape more conducive to maintaining a viable population of grassland birds. The Migratory Game Bird team at DEC is devising a plan to refresh and gather new data on wintering waterfowl concentration areas. The team plans to apply for a Federal aid grant in 2017 that would assist with the program. The plan will identify where the largest concentrations of wintering waterfowl exist and how to help safeguard those areas in the future; aerial surveys may be needed to assist with monitoring these areas. The goal of Young Forest Initiative (YFI) program is to convert and maintain up to 10% of forested lands in selected WMA's to young forest. Young forest habitat has declined in NYS and is required by several species, such as Ruffed Grouse, New England Cottontail, Golden-winged Warbler and American Woodcock. The YFI program has hired staff and has received approval to begin clearing and cutting at eight Wildlife Management Areas. More details on the YFI can be found on the DEC website.

Election of Officers

Bob Adamo presented the **Nominating Committee Report**. The committee nominated the following 2016-2017 slate of Officers/Directors:

Joan Collins - President
Seth Ausubel - Vice President
John Kent - Recording Secretary
Andy Mason - Treasurer
Greg Lawrence - Director (2018)
Richard Guthrie - Director (2018)
Doug Futuyma - Director (2018)
Shirley Shaw - Director (2018)
Mary Beth Warburton - Director (2018)

Mike Bochnik made a motion to elect the slate of Officers and Directors. Shai Mitra seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mary Beth Warburton resigned as a Director. The Nominating Committee nominated Bob Spahn to fill the position vacated by Mary Beth's resignation, resulting in an amended slate of Officers and Directors including:

Bob Spahn – Director (2018)

Andy Mason made a motion to accept the amended slate of Officers and Directors. Kevin Griffith seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Election of Nominating Committee

Joan Collins, on behalf of the NYSOA Board of Directors, presented the following names for election to the 2016-2017 **Nominating Committee**:

Bob Adamo (Chair), Janet Allison, and Dominic Sherony.

Andy Mason made a motion to elect the Nominating Committee as proposed. Shai Mitra seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Election of Auditing Committee

Joan Collins, on behalf of the NYSOA Board of Directors, presented the following names for election to the 2016-2017 **Auditing Committee**:

Stephen Chang (Chair), John Cairns and Tom Burke.

Kevin Griffith made a motion to elect the Auditing Committee as proposed. Bob Adamo seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: The location for the 2017 Annual Meeting is not known at this time. The Rochester Birding Association will host the 2018 Annual Meeting. Mike DeSha made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Lawrence seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Addendum: Awards presented during the Saturday evening banquet:

Certificates of appreciation were presented to:

- **John and Marilyn Paarlberg** for welcoming and assisting the birders who came to enjoy the Harris's Sparrow at their home in November 2015.
- **Richard Guthrie** for arranging access for birders to see the Harris's Sparrow in Loudonville in November 2015.
- **Prospect Park Alliance** for welcoming the birders who came to enjoy the Painted Bunting in Prospect Park in December 2015.
- **Rob Bate** for his constant communication with both the Prospect Park Alliance and the birding community to ensure birders' enjoyment of the Painted Bunting with minimal impact to the park, in December 2015.
- **Laurie LaFond** for her strong and effective advocacy of the Washington

County Grasslands IBA.

• **Chemung Valley Audubon Society** for organizing and hosting the 2016 NYSOA Annual Meeting / NYS Birders Conference.

The **Emanuel Levine Memorial Award**, which recognizes the best *Kingbird* article each year, went to Kathryn Schneider for “The case for adding Carolina Parakeet (*Conuropsis carolinensis*) to the *Checklist of the Birds of New York State*,” published in *The Kingbird*, Vol. 65, No. 3, September 2015.

The **Lillian C. Stoner Award** was presented to Kai Victor, a high school senior from New York City (nominated by the New York State Young Birders Club).

The **President's Award** was given to Irving Cantor to recognize his more than 30 years of outstanding service on NYSOA/FNYSBC's Auditing Committee. His sage advice will be greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Warburton
Recording Secretary



IN MEMORIAM

Maxwell Corydon Wheat, Jr. (1927-2016)

Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr., longtime Conservation Chairman of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, (predecessor to NYSOA), and founder and editor of *New York Birders*, the organization's newsletter, died June 7, 2016 in Alexandria, VA.

Max Wheat was born in Geneva, NY and graduated from Hobart and William Smith Colleges with a degree in English. Following service as a Marine in World War II, he went on to earn Masters degrees in English and education.

Max settled on the south shore of Long Island, where as an avid birder, he became involved with the Federation in the 1960s. In 1972 he began a periodic bulletin called *Conservation Now*. Out of this grew the now regular newsletter, *New York Birders*. He edited or co-edited this publication for 23 consecutive years. His knowledge and experience as a published writer and poet served him and the organization well in this role.

He also fully realized the importance of bird conservation and put in 12 years as chairman of the Conservation Committee. Max was so committed to this work that in 1970, then Federation President Edgar Reilly stated, "Max Wheat and conservation are synonyms."

In addition to his involvement with the Federation, Max was a prolific poet. His subjects were varied and broad and often included birds, but at times touched on controversial topics. In 2007 he was named Nassau County's first poet laureate. However there was opposition to this within the county legislature, due to the anti-war nature of some of his poems. Despite this rejection, his peers and community rallied behind him and gave him the title by acclaim.

For many Federation members, their fondest memory of Max are his readings of bird poems to close the papers session at the group's annual meetings. This was a tradition for many years and provided a thoughtful counterpoint to the scientific presentations.

Max Wheat received the Gordon M. Meade Distinguished Service Award in 1976 for his outstanding service to the Federation. In the 1998 supplement to *The Kingbird*, "Federation of New York State Bird Clubs History of the First Fifty Years", author Stanley Lincoln singled out Max Wheat for praise:

"Clearly, accolades must go to Wheat, who, in addition to his work on the Conservation Committee, produced an early publication, *Conservation Now*, and then edited *New York Birders* for nearly a quarter century. This rare combination must be viewed as fundamental to the success of our conservation focus."

Max Wheat is survived by his wife Ginger and three daughters. Our condolences go out to the Wheat family.

Warblers Outside Her Sickroom Window

A Poem for Ruth Williston Stevens Wheat
March 28, 1902-November 24, 1934

May 13, 1933, *Saw yellow warbler
and two blackburnian warblers,*
my mother pencil-dashed into her three-year diary, 1932-34,
brief space for each year, her last years

Birds listed only for April-May,
time of radiantly plumaged passerines from the South, from rain forests,
birds she enjoyed out window or bedded on back porch.
Born a “Blue Baby,” heart defect at birth,
bluish skin discoloration, heart failure comes

Doctor warns her, no school prom!
“I am going to live my life!” she declares to her mother.
Doctor warns her--no baby!
“I will have a child!”
May 10, 1933: *Saw first oriole--Hypo at night--complete ease!*

In bed in my blue-walled room upstairs,
lights blaring throughout house,
voices from living room re-arranged for her care,
Dr. Doran’s, Dr. Allen’s, my father’s

Eager for life:
riding astern my father’s motorcycle, arms firm ‘round his waist
Appleton’s restaurant, downtown Seneca Street, Geneva, cocktails, lunch
Belhurst Inn, once Under Ground Railroad refuge, evening dining
Seneca Yacht Club, covered sailing races for *Geneva Daily Times*
reporting her husband usually taking winning gun
cruising with him aboard his 32-foot cabin yawl, *Lotus*
the 38 miles of Seneca Lake,
longest of upstate New York’s Finger Lakes
And her warblers—her magnificent warblers:

Palm, Parula, Prairie, Yellow-rumped, Yellowthroat
Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green
Blackpoll, Black and White
Canada—necklace of black on yellow
Yellow—rainfall of rusty stripes down yellow breast
Blackburnian—throat flamed orange— “firethroat”
Redstart—striking orange wing and tail patches on robe of black
Chestnut-sided—flanks streaked reddish, head capped by sun
Cape May—tiger striped, face solar-eclipsed by chestnut cheek patch
Magnolia—contest of contrasts: ebony streaks race down yellow breast,
fair-weather cumulus glorifies dark wings and tail

May 14, 1934: Saw scarlet tanager and 7 warblers from my porch.

Maxwell Corydon Wheat, Jr.

Founder & First Editor, *New York Birders*

First Poet Laureate, Nassau County, New York (2007-09)



Photo by Scott Stoner

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON—SPRING 2016

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Among the many rare and regionally significant birds recorded this spring, several stand out for me, in part because they occurred in interesting groupings. The trifecta of a Western Willet, three Short-billed Dowitchers, and an American Avocet observed on 17 May in Washington County would have been an exciting find anywhere in the state; in the context of Region 8's challenging shorebirding environment, they were particularly noteworthy. The same is true regarding the duo of a Western Willet and a Marbled Godwit found via Greg Lawrence's exceptional effort and tenacity in Region 6. Had these two birds not been there on 22 May, Greg might have lost a bit of enthusiasm for such work, but following these rewards, we can be sure he'll keep at it. Furthermore, these records helped to refine our very incomplete understanding of the migratory status of Western Willet in New York State—as did the unusual number of reports from Region 3.

At another end of the Empire State, Region 1's exceptionally long and deep ornithological history was shaken up by the appearance of **two Western Tanagers**—tripling the Region's tally of documented records. And these were just part of the story of this species this season. Another continued from winter at Cornell University in Region 3, finally departing on 3 April; and another was at a Region 9 feeder 23 March-10 April, sharing similar timing with the Ithaca bird and further explaining why this and other other western vagrants are often found at migrant traps in early to mid April.

In central New York, Piping Plovers have shown an uptick in occurrence and breeding activity on the eastern shores of Lake Ontario, as shown again this spring. And one on Oneida Lake this season (just the third record there) hints at the potential for more records of upstate migrants in the future.

Region 10 always records lots of rare birds, owing to its geography and demography. Even as this pattern engenders much racing around by year-listers, it also contributes to a sort of sanguine (or is it envious?) resignation among the patch-birding purists, as well as a mesmerized (or is it stupefied?) inertia among the arm-chair birders struggling to keep up with things. Regardless, everyone had to marvel at this spring's trio of warbler megas: **Audubon's**, **Swainson's**, and **Hermit!** This writer certainly did, despite not seeing any of them, and notwithstanding certain sanguine (and stupefied) tendencies.

All of these examples of potential Birds of the Season owe part of their impact to numbers, as components of interesting groupings. This advantage

was not shared by Region 2's **Gray Kingbird**, nor by Region 9's **Bullock's Oriole**. These were simply remarkable birds.

But my choice for Bird of the Season for Spring 2016 exhibited personal qualities far beyond its rarity, which was admittedly on a slightly lower scale than some of the birds mentioned above. In terms of beauty, charisma, and cooperativeness, Broome County's long-staying **Yellow-headed Blackbird** will surely remain one of Region 4's most memorable rarities for years to come. Found by Jonathan Weeks on 2 April and seen and heard by many visitors to Boland Pond over several weeks, this was for many an unforgettable bird.



Photo © Gorge Chiu, 13 Apr 2016.

SPRING ARRIVAL DATES FOR 2016

Region	Species Reported ¹	Seasonality ² vs. 1987-15	Advance ³ (Days)	Record Early Spp.
1	92	-3.89	-1.74	10
2	93	-3.68	-2.34	4
3	93	-4.46	-2.84	6
4				
5	87	-2.04	1.65	8
6	89	-5.25	5.29	10
7				
8	90	-4.66	1.20	3
9	79	-2.77	-0.90	10
10	71	-0.10	-0.33	6

¹Maximum number of species = 93.

²Average arrival in a Region compared to that Region's 30-year average.

³Average arrival in a Region compared to the average of all Regions.

Given difficulties in estimating arrivals of some species in some Regions, estimates of Seasonality and Advance should be interpreted with caution.

Spring Arrival Dates 2016 Waterbirds

Species	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	R4	Region 5	Region 6	R7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10	Average	30-Yr. Ave
American Bittern	25 Apr	26 Mar	26 Mar		15 Apr	12 Apr		17 Apr	12 Apr		10 Apr	14 Apr
Green Heron	10 Apr	9 Apr	13 Apr		16 Apr	1 May		18 Apr	7 Apr	16 Apr	15 Apr	22 Apr
Wood Duck	7 Mar	21 Feb	1 Mar		13 Mar	12 Mar		4 Mar			4 Mar	12 Mar
Green-winged Teal	29 Feb	4 Mar	27 Feb			12 Mar		5 Mar			3 Mar	14 Mar
Northern Pintail	25 Feb	21 Feb	1 Mar			8 Mar		2 Mar			28 Feb	6 Mar
Blue-winged Teal	10 Mar	11 Mar	12 Mar			15 Mar		19 Mar	7 Mar	19 Mar	13 Mar	28 Mar
Osprey	25 Mar	7 Mar	4 Mar		24 Mar	27 Mar		25 Mar	25 Feb	10 Mar	14 Mar	27 Mar
Virginia Rail	3 Apr	3 Apr	26 Mar		22 Mar	21 Apr		24 Mar	28 Feb	2 Apr	28 Mar	16 Apr
Sora	16 Apr	22 Apr	20 May		26 Apr	22 Apr		18 Apr	1 May		26 Apr	28 Apr
Common Moorhen	17 Apr	23 Apr	14 Apr		23 Apr	22 Apr		29 Apr	9 Apr		19 Apr	26 Apr
Black-bellied Plover	18 May	19 May	20 May		3 May			3 May	2 May		10 May	14 May
Semipalmated Plover	10 May	14 May	3 May			12 May		1 May	16 May	22 Apr	6 May	9 May
Killdeer	21 Feb	20 Feb	20 Feb		23 Feb	8 Mar		25 Feb			24 Feb	5 Mar
Greater Yellowlegs	26 Mar	19 Mar	24 Mar		4 Apr	23 Apr		7 Apr	13 Mar		29 Mar	6 Apr
Lesser Yellowlegs	23 Mar	1 Apr	26 Mar		26 Mar	23 Apr		12 Apr	21 Apr	5 Apr	5 Apr	16 Apr
Solitary Sandpiper	23 Apr	9 Apr	2 Apr		6 Apr	1 May		24 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr	17 Apr	26 Apr
Spotted Sandpiper	1 Apr	18 Apr	17 Apr		13 Apr	17 Apr		22 Apr	1 Apr	21 Apr	13 Apr	22 Apr
Sanderling	30 May	25 May	25 May								26 May	17 May
Semipalmated Sandpiper	12 May	14 May	14 May		13 May			11 May	16 May	24 Apr	10 May	13 May
Least Sandpiper	1 May	18 May	2 Apr		1 May	9 May		26 Apr	26 Apr	22 Apr	28 Apr	3 May
Pectoral Sandpiper	16 Mar	20 Mar	24 Mar		4 Apr			19 May	2 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr	20 Apr
Wilson's Snipe	17 Mar	6 Mar	26 Mar		7 Mar	26 Mar		19 Mar	8 Mar		15 Mar	24 Mar
American Woodcock	7 Mar	6 Mar	1 Mar		7 Mar	8 Mar		1 Mar	3 Feb		29 Feb	11 Mar
Caspian Tern	7 Apr	9 Apr	7 Apr		9 Apr	12 Apr		24 Apr	2 May	22 Apr	15 Apr	17 Apr
Common Tern	13 Mar	17 Apr	12 Apr		21 Apr	23 Apr		2 May	3 May	29 Apr	18 Apr	26 Apr
Black Tern	30 Apr	23 Apr	30 Apr		2 May	3 May		2 May			30 Apr	7 May
Marsh Wren	25 Apr	24 Mar	2 Apr		26 Apr	22 Apr		26 Mar	22 Apr	26 Mar	10 Apr	28 Apr
	Dates in bold type are record early arrivals for the Region.											

Spring Arrival Dates 2016 Landbirds

Species	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	R4	Region 5	Region 6	R7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10	Average	80-Yr. Ave	
Black-billed Cuckoo	11 May	14 May	9 May		12 May	21 May		13 May	11 Apr	4 May	8 May	11 May	
Common Nighthawk	12 May	12 May	12 May		23 May	21 May		13 May	12 May	9 May	14 May	12 May	
Chimney Swift	19 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr		19 Apr	25 Apr		24 Apr	19 Apr	19 Apr	21 Apr	24 Apr	
Ruby-thr Hummingbird	1 May	24 Apr	4 May		5 May	4 May		30 Apr	20 Apr	22 Apr	28 Apr	2 May	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	24 Mar	20 Mar	26 Mar		4 May	26 Mar					1 Apr	2 Apr	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	30 Apr	14 May	17 May		26 May	26 May		13 May	8 May	7 May	13 May	17 May	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	12 May	12 May	8 May		11 May	13 May		13 May	30 Apr	21 Apr	7 May	9 May	
Alder Flycatcher	20 May	14 May	14 May		10 May	14 May		9 May	14 May	12 May	13 May	16 May	
Willow Flycatcher	12 May	9 May	13 May		13 May	19 May		12 May	8 May	10 May	12 May	14 May	
Least Flycatcher	30 Apr	28 Apr	27 Apr		29 Apr	2 May		29 Apr	26 Apr	27 Apr	28 Apr	1 May	
Eastern Phoebe	16 Mar	9 Mar	13 Mar		12 Mar	14 Mar		13 Mar	29 Feb	3 Mar	10 Mar	21 Mar	
Gr. Crested Flycatcher	26 Apr	3 May	28 Apr		27 Apr	3 May		5 May	4 May	22 Apr	29 Apr	30 Apr	
Eastern Kingbird	22 Apr	27 Apr	23 Apr		27 Apr	29 Apr		24 Apr	22 Apr	14 Apr	23 Apr	27 Apr	
Purple Martin	7 Apr	30 Mar	24 Mar		17 Apr	17 Apr		15 Apr	14 Apr	6 Apr	8 Apr	17 Apr	
Tree Swallow	16 Mar	9 Mar	12 Mar		9 Mar	13 Mar		9 Mar	9 Mar		11 Mar	19 Mar	
N. Rough-winged Swallow	3 Apr	26 Mar	26 Mar		5 Apr	22 Apr		24 Mar	20 Mar	22 Mar	30 Mar	13 Apr	
Bank Swallow	12 Apr	16 Apr	19 Apr		19 Apr	14 May		26 Apr	19 Apr	22 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr	
Cliff Swallow	19 Apr	3 Apr	2 Apr		17 Apr	23 Apr		29 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	17 Apr	26 Apr	
Barn Swallow	3 Apr	27 Mar	25 Mar		2 Apr	2 Apr		6 Apr	5 Apr	29 Apr	4 Apr	9 Apr	
House Wren	16 Apr	17 Apr	18 Apr		16 Apr	23 Apr		20 Apr	16 Apr	18 Apr	18 Apr	21 Apr	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	22 Mar	7 Apr	29 Mar		6 Apr	15 Apr		24 Mar			1 Apr	6 Apr	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	16 Apr	16 Apr	15 Apr		2 Apr	23 Apr		20 Apr	1 Apr	25 Mar	10 Apr	20 Apr	
Eastern Bluebird		20 Feb	8 Mar			12 Mar				3 Mar	3 Mar	9 Mar	
Veery	28 Apr	26 Apr	29 Apr		2 May	24 Apr		5 May	17 Apr	24 Apr	26 Apr	1 May	
Swainson's Thrush	9 May	9 May	8 May		8 May	20 May		10 May	5 May	10 May	9 May	8 May	
Hermit Thrush	29 Mar	22 Mar	21 Mar		28 Mar	9 Apr		31 Mar			28 Mar	7 Apr	
Wood Thrush	26 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr		27 Apr	2 May		28 Apr	24 Apr	21 Apr	25 Apr	28 Apr	
Gray Catbird	12 Apr	17 Apr	24 Apr		26 Apr	30 Apr		24 Apr			22 Apr	24 Apr	
Brown Thrasher	1 Apr	8 Apr	1 Apr		2 Apr	15 Apr		18 Apr	27 Apr		10 Apr	14 Apr	
Blue-headed Vireo	16 Apr	20 Apr	16 Apr		17 Apr	24 Apr		18 Apr	14 Apr	10 Apr	16 Apr	18 Apr	
Yellow-throated Vireo	25 Apr	27 Apr	26 Apr		30 Apr	7 May		30 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr	27 Apr	3 May	
Warbling Vireo	26 Apr	29 Apr	25 Apr		25 Apr	30 Apr		27 Apr	27 Apr	10 Apr	24 Apr	29 Apr	
Red-eyed Vireo	7 May	6 May	1 May		5 May	11 May		5 May	29 Apr	25 Apr	3 May	3 May	
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Spring Arrival Dates 2016 Landbirds

Species	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	R4	Region 5	Region 6	R5	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10	Average	80-Yr. Ave
Tennessee Warbler	5 May	6 May	8 May		5 May	13 May		15 May	8 May	30 Apr	7 May	8 May
Nashville Warbler	25 Apr	28 Apr	26 Apr		21 Apr	2 May		29 Apr	23 Apr	22 Apr	25 Apr	28 Apr
Northern Parula	16 Apr	30 Apr	26 Apr		30 Apr	7 May		8 May	29 Apr	7 Apr	26 Apr	1 May
Yellow Warbler	23 Apr	22 Apr	22 Apr		27 Apr	24 Apr		23 Apr	14 Apr	22 Apr	22 Apr	25 Apr
Chestnut-sided Warbler	30 Apr	25 Apr	30 Apr		4 May	4 May		29 Apr	28 Apr	26 Apr	29 Apr	2 May
Magnolia Warbler	1 May	7 May	3 May		3 May	8 May		9 Apr	29 Apr	27 Apr	29 Apr	4 May
Cape May Warbler	4 May	5 May	8 May		7 May	11 May		9 May	28 Apr	24 Apr	4 May	7 May
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	27 Apr	28 Apr	26 Apr		26 Apr	7 May		29 Apr	28 Apr	23 Apr	28 Apr	30 Apr
Black-thr Green Warbler	25 Apr	26 Apr	24 Apr		26 Apr	3 May		22 Apr	21 Apr	20 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr
Blackburnian Warbler	27 Apr	28 Apr	26 Apr		2 May	6 May		27 Apr	23 Apr	25 Apr	28 Apr	2 May
Pine Warbler	1 Apr	2 Apr	27 Mar		2 Apr	15 Apr		27 Mar	26 Mar	4 Mar	28 Mar	9 Apr
Palm Warbler	17 Apr	14 Apr	16-Apr		15 Apr	16 Apr		26 Mar	28 Mar	11 Mar	6 Apr	16 Apr
Bay-breasted Warbler	8 May	5 May	9 May		8 May	13 May		11 May	7 May	8 May	8 May	10 May
Blackpoll Warbler	7 May	10 May	8 May		10 May	19 May		13 May	7 May	26 Apr	8 May	11 May
Black-and-White Warbler	21 Apr	22 Apr	25-Apr		7 May	1 May		22 Apr	16 Apr	11 Apr	23 Apr	24 Apr
American Redstart	30 Apr	28 Apr	26 Apr		29 Apr	5 May		29 Apr	26 Apr	2 May	29 Apr	2 May
Ovenbird	18 Apr	28 Apr	24 Apr		26 Apr	2 May		27 Apr	16 Apr	21 Apr	24 Apr	29 Apr
Northern Waterthrush	23 Apr	21 Apr	23 Apr		21 Apr	22 Apr		24 Apr	22 Apr	14 Apr	21 Apr	25 Apr
Mourning Warbler	8 May	12 May	7-May		9 May	14 May		7 May	8 May	14 May	9 May	13 May
Common Yellowthroat	26 Apr	26 Apr	25-Apr		28 Apr	5 May		28 Apr	23 Apr	22 Apr	26 Apr	29 Apr
Wilson's Warbler	12 May	7 May	3-May		12 May	15 May		11 May	8 May	6 May	9 May	10 May
Canada Warbler	7 May	12 May	7-May		7 May	6 May		11 May	2 May	7 May	7 May	10 May
Scarlet Tanager	30 Apr	27 Apr	3 May		28 Apr	11 May		8 May	6 Apr	22 Apr	28 Apr	3 May
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	10 Apr	22 Apr	21 Apr		26 Apr	17 Apr		22 Apr	21 Apr	22 Apr	20 Apr	28 Apr
Indigo Bunting	3 May	30 Apr	30 Apr		8 May	8 May		8 May	28 Apr	22 Apr	2 May	3 May
Eastern Towhee	19 Mar	17 Mar	19 Mar		25 Mar	1 Apr		26 Mar			23 Mar	8 Apr
Chipping Sparrow	31 Mar	28 Mar	20 Mar		31 Mar	10 Apr		31 Mar	28 Mar	8 Mar	27 Mar	4 Apr
Vesper Sparrow	2 Apr	27 Mar	27 Mar		4 Apr	20 Mar		5 Apr	16 Apr	18 Apr	3 Apr	10 Apr
Savannah Sparrow	24 Mar	26 Mar	31 Mar		23 Mar	28 Mar		19 Mar			25 Mar	6 Apr
Lincoln's Sparrow	25 Apr	4 May	27 Apr		29 Apr	8 May		13 Apr	21 Apr	4 May	27 Apr	4 May
White-crowned Sparrow	16 Apr	19 Apr	13 Apr		15 Apr	29 Apr		16 Apr			18 Apr	24 Apr
Bobolink	25 Apr	3 May	30 Apr		24 Apr	4 May		5 May	17 Apr	3 May	28 Apr	2 May
Baltimore Oriole	25 Apr	27 Apr	26 Apr		12 Apr	4 May		29 Apr	23 Apr	21 Apr	24 Apr	29 Apr
Overall Average	16 Apr	15 Apr	15 Apr		19 Apr	23 Apr		19 Apr	17 Apr	17 Apr	18 Apr	22 Apr
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REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The mild winter continued into March 2016. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 39.9° F, 5.9° above normal, and temperatures hit the 70s by then end of the month. There was 2.85" of precipitation, 0.02" below average. There was only 0.9" of snowfall, 12.0" below average. Lake Erie never froze this winter, and a strong seiche event occurred on the 29th after several wind storms. April was cooler and barely distinguishable from March. The mean temperature was 43.1°, 2.8° below average. Precipitation was 1.90", 1.11" below average, with 7.1" of snowfall, 4.4" above normal. The first two weeks were cold and with occasional snow that drove migrants to roadsides and feeders. The only warm spring days occurred during the third week of the month. May was dry, with cool weather prevailing over the first three weeks and then summer-like warmth for the remainder of the month. The average temperature was 58.9°, 2.0° above normal. Rainfall was 1.21", 2.25" below normal, with a trace of snow on the 15th to dampen the spirits of those conducting the Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count.

The waterfowl migration started early with the warm winter, and geese and swans had largely passed by the end of March. A few large counts of Snow Geese continued along Lake Ontario in early March. There were five sightings of **Greater White-fronted Goose** within a small window in early March. The maximum Cackling Goose flock count was 20, and this species is becoming less noteworthy. The most unusual goose sighting this spring was a group of four **Brant** at Batavia WWTP, originally found by Greg Lawrence on the early date of 1 May. The next day, a Harlequin Duck was identified at Batavia WWTP, thought to be the first at this location. It remained through 10 May. **Harlequin Ducks** grew in number in the Niagara River off Niagara Falls SP to seven in late April, and several continued well into May. There were two **King Eider** sightings on Lake Ontario, which might have been of the same immature male. There were four to five **Eurasian Wigeon** reports, a few more than in other recent spring seasons. Other notable duck sightings included a high count of 400 Gadwall on Chautauqua Lake at Ellicott by Nathan Goldberg and Mary Margaret Ferraro, who later in the month had a nice count of 1,350 Redhead there. Blue-winged Teal numbers remain a concern, as the maximum spring count was only 12 and low numbers were recorded on both BOS counts, with only 75 in April and just eight in May.

Red-necked Grebes were sighted in good numbers on Lake Ontario in March and into mid-April. It's tough to say whether the **Eared Grebe** discovered at Batavia WWTP on 31 May was "coming or going" as that is early for when this species usually shows up in summer at this location. Bob Peterson

was delighted to find and photograph five **American White Pelicans** along Lake Erie at Wright Beach in Dunkirk during the BOS May Count. Charles and Nicholas Militello observed one flying over Buffalo a few days later on 22 May. No uncommon or rare waders or ibis were found this spring.

There were no rarities reported from the raptor migration. There were four **Golden Eagle** sightings, including Ripley and Hamburg Hawkwatch data. Rough-legged Hawks remained relatively scarce. A **Northern Goshawk** in Alfred was the only one other than a few at the hawk watches.

The spring shorebird migration was unspectacular. An early highlight was an **American Golden-Plover** at Carol Hardenburg's farm in Portland. The weather conditions on 1-2 May that brought Brant, Harlequin Duck, and more White-winged Scoters than usual for Batavia WWTP may have had something to do with putting **small groups of Willets** down. There were seven at Batavia WWTP, three at Point Breeze, and five at Dunkirk Harbor on those days. Adding one later at Chautauqua Lake made for an impressive showing. An early Short-billed Dowitcher was documented off Route 98 in Batavia.

An adult **Thayer's Gull** nicely photographed by Willie D'Anna at Niagara Falls SP was the only notable larid find this spring. D'Anna was also surprised to find and photograph a Common Tern on the pier at Wilson on the record early date of 13 March. **Forster's Terns** were notable, with four on the BOS April Count and a few sightings in May including three on Chautauqua Lake on 17 May.

A few **Snowy Owls** could be found around Buffalo Harbor in March, lasting into early April with only one other report. **Northern Saw-whet Owl** was reported on two dates in March at Wilson-Tuscarora SP. There were only two **Short-eared Owl** reports, with one a daytime migrant sighted at the Hamburg Hawkwatch.

Common Nighthawk reports were relatively few and in low numbers. An **Eastern Whip-poor-will** sighted on 6 May at Forest Lawn Cemetery allowed many birders to look at this Regional rarity during daylight. Merlin and Peregrine Falcon sightings are now too numerous to include all the records in this account. An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** photographed by Marcia Dirnberger near the University at Buffalo was remarkably early on 30 April. There were only two other reports of this species. Carolina Wrens have decreased in the last few years, as evidenced by only nine on this year's BOS April Count compared with 75 two years ago. The harsh winters of 2013-14 and 2014-15 are likely the cause of this decrease. There were higher counts of Lapland Longspurs in early April, in part as snow pushed them to roadsides. Vicki Rothman had an impressive count of 215 in Hartland on 7 April.

Birders were content with the songbird and warbler migration, especially at Forest Lawn Cemetery, where the number of birders continues to increase in this urban migrant oasis. Besides higher warbler species counts and often excellent looks, Forest Lawn Cemetery boasted two rarities, or perhaps "semi-rarities" given their increasing occurrence in spring, in **Worm-eating Warbler** and a

Yellow-throated Warbler. Another Yellow-throated was found in late May in Chautauqua. There were six **Golden-winged Warbler** sightings plus one Brewster's and one Lawrence's. This is about par or slightly above for Golden-winged in recent Mays. The only **Prothonotary Warbler** was at the regular breeding location at Tonawanda WMA. Tim Lenz described a "Yellow" or "**Eastern Palm Warbler**" on 23 April at Tiff NP. While this subspecies is infrequently reported in this Region it is likely overlooked as well.

Clay-colored Sparrows are becoming more regular. There were seven sightings in May, with many of them in Niagara County. The loyal "**Oregon Junco**" remained at the Landau feeders through at least 30 April.

Western Tanager takes claim for the biggest rarity this spring. Only documented once before in this Region, in April 2013, there were two sighted in different locations during the first week of May. Alan Baczkiewicz was greeted with quite the yard bird on the morning of 7 May when he found a male Western Tanager. He diligently used the local rare bird text system and phone alert to spread the word and many made it in time to see the bird in his Williamsville neighborhood. The tanager was rediscovered that afternoon at nearby Amherst State Park. Photos spread later of another male Western Tanager visiting Pam Bliss's feeder in Rushford, Allegany County 3-7 May, along with a female Scarlet Tanager. Nice feeder action! To complete the regional tanager hat trick, Bill and Linda Seleen found a **Summer Tanager** in Ellery, which was observed by a few others during its stay of 15-16 May.

A male **Painted Bunting** was photographed by Sue and George Anthony as it visited their feeder in the Town of Allegany near Olean over a three day period during the third week of May (I've yet to be able to determine the exact dates). This is only the fourth record for the Region, all of which have occurred in May. Rounding out the rarities was an adult male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** visiting a backyard in Buffalo for several days in April.

Similar to the winter, there were just a few Common Redpoll reports, and Pine Siskins were present but not in overwhelming numbers.

The 81st BOS April Count was held on 10 April, and totals of 144 species and 111,177 individuals were recorded. The totals were affected by the weather, as temperatures barely broke into the 30s and some light snow occurred. The most notable sighting was a Rose-breasted Grosbeak by Michael DeSha, a first in the history of the count. No record high counts were reported.

The BOS May Count was held on 15 May, with the aforementioned cold weather and trace of snow, with 202 species recorded. High counts vs. the last 50 years included Northern Shoveler (30), White-winged Scoter (224), Osprey (39), Bald Eagle (40), Cliff Swallow (337), Northern Mockingbird (46), Northern Parula (32), and Pine Warbler (21). Fifty-year low counts included Wilson's Snipe (1), Belted Kingfisher (39), Eastern Wood-Pewee (9), Wood Thrush (103), Savannah Sparrow (65), Swamp Sparrow (53), and Bobolink (241).

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP, CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP, ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BMAC – Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, WYOM; BOSAC – Buffalo Ornithological Society April Count – 10 Apr; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count – 15 May; BufH – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant, GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L, CHAU; CSWMA – Conewango Swamp WMA, CATT; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; FLC – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, ERIE; FMCSPP – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; Hamburg HW – Hamburg Hawk Watch, ERIE; INWR – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; NF – Niagara Falls, NIAG; NFSP – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; NPP – Niagara Power Project, NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE/ORLE; PB – Point Breeze, ORLE; PG – Point Gratiot, CHAU; RWNP – Reinstein Woods NP, ERIE; Ripley HW – Ripley Hawk Watch, CHAU; Tiftt NP – Tiftt Nature Preserve, ERIE; TRWMA – Tillman Road WMA, ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; WFWMA – Watts Flats WMA, CHAU; WoBSP – Woodlawn Beach SP, ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Dunkirk CHAU 4 Mar; max 5 Medina ORLE 4 Mar; 3 PB 6 Mar; 2 INWR, 4 Porter NIAG 8 Mar; sightings occurred in this small window.
Snow Goose: max 1000, 3200 Yates ORLE 7, 9 Mar (WD); 6, 5 INWR 7, 10 Mar; 12 Amherst ERIE 9 Mar; 65 Orangeville WYOM 11 Mar.
Brant: 4 BWWTP 1, 2 May (GLa), early.

Cackling Goose: 4 Yates ORLE 7 Mar; max 20 INWR 8 Mar (PY); 4 Newstead ERIE 21 Mar; 3 Hartland NIAG 26 Mar; last BOSAC.

Mute Swan: sev reports along L Ontario shore; 20 BOSAC; 9 BOSMC.

Trumpeter Swan: 2 Elba GENE 31 Mar (DB), only report.

Tundra Swan: 406 Celoron ChauL 2 Mar; max 825 Elba GENE 9 Mar (DB); 381 INWR 10 Mar; 80 TWMA 5 Apr; last BOSMC.

Wood Duck: arr 3 WTSP, 3 BWWT, 2 Dunkirk CHAU, Pomfret CHAU 7 Mar; max 71 INWR 20 May.

Gadwall: max 400 Ellicott ChauL (NG, MMF), record count; 125 TWMA 29 Mar (DB).

Eurasian Wigeon: Dunkirk CHAU 3 Mar (CH), early; 1, 1 TWMA 8, 26 Mar (PY, JW); OOWMA 19 Mar (WD); Tift NP 25 Apr (DGr).

Am. Wigeon: 275 Ellicott ChauL 25 Mar; max 407 TWMA 29 Mar (DB).

Blue-winged Teal: arr 2 Alexander GENE 10 Mar; max 12 WFWMA 27 Apr; 75 BOSAC; 8 BOSMC.

N. Shoveler: 48 OOWMA 19 Mar; max 71 Elba GENE 31 Mar.

N. Pintail: 212 INWR 5 Mar; max 1850 Elba GENE 9 Mar (DB); 500, 535 TWMA 30 Mar, 5 Apr; 2 BuSP 25 May.

Green-winged Teal: 65 TWMA 27 Mar; max 76 INWR 6 May.

Canvasback: max 100 NF 6 Mar, low; last 13 BOSAC.

Redhead: max 1350 Ellicott ChauL 25 Mar (MMF, NG); 87 BWWT 26 Mar; 300 S Dayton CATT 30 Mar; BWWT 31 May.

Ring-necked Duck: max 881, 1022 INWR 22 Mar, 6 Apr; 442 TWMA 26 Mar.

Greater Scaup: max 300 NF 6 Mar; last 4 BWWT 5 May.

Lesser Scaup: max 1300 Ellicott ChauL 25 Mar (MMF, NG); BWWT 31 May.

King Eider: Somerset NIAG 26 Mar (WD); imm m PB 9, 10 Apr (KM, GL); only reports.

Harlequin Duck: 4-7, 4, 4, 2 NFSP 23-27 Apr, 1, 17, 19 May (CK; JM; WD); BWWT 2-10 May (MT), believed to be first time at this location.

Surf Scoter: Olcott NIAG 3 Mar; BufH 4 Mar; max 12, 4 Wilson NIAG 22 Mar, 1 Apr; Somerset NIAG 26 Mar; 2 GHSP 9 May; PB 10 May.

White-winged Scoter: max 159 Wilson NIAG 22 Mar; 12 NFSP 25 Apr; 15, 20 BWWT 1, 2 May (GLa, MT), good count for location; last 8 Carlton ORLE 28 May.

Black Scoter: Wilson NIAG 1 Apr, only report.

Long-tailed Duck: max 861 Wilson NIAG 1 Apr; 45 Porter NIAG 20 May.

Bufflehead: 162 Grand I NR 1 Mar; max 185, 222, 140 BWWT 26 Mar, 11 Apr, 2 May; last 16 BOSMC.

Com. Goldeneye: max 1249 Grand I NR 11 Mar; last 2 GHSP 9 May.

Hooded Merganser: 30 DH 3 Mar; max 47 Tift NP 26 Mar.

Com. Merganser: max 1600 Grand I NR 8 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 552 Wilson NIAG 1 Apr.

Ruddy Duck: 16 Ellery ChauL 14 Mar (JBe); 20 OOWMA 19 Mar; 8 BMAC 24 Mar (TK); max 248, 400, 20 BWWT 26 Mar, 6 Apr, 30 May; 160 N Harmony ChauL 26 Apr.

Red-throated Loon: max 274, 345 Wilson NIAG 22 Mar, 1 Apr (WD); last Yates ORLE 28 May.

Com. Loon: arr 2 BufH 21 Mar; max 75 Portville CATT 4 Apr (KE); 22 Alma ALLE 12 Apr (ABr); 37 Cassadaga CHAU 13 Apr; some good inland counts.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr Dunkirk CHAU 4 Mar; 15 S Dayton CATT 15 Apr.

Horned Grebe: 67 BWWT 23 Mar; max 108 Amherst ERIE 25 Mar; 21 Ellery ChauL 14 Apr; 14 Cuba L ALLE 24 Apr; 2 GHSP 18 May.

Red-necked Grebe: 2 Somerset NIAG 9 Mar; max 135 Somerset NIAG 26 Mar; 32 Wilson NIAG 22 Mar; 657 BOSAC, good count; Ellery ChauL 14, 16 Apr; GHSP 9 May.

EARED GREBE (R1): BWWT 31 May (CM, SB), early if this was 'summer' arrival.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 1110 BufH 20 Apr; 358 Ellery ChauL 9 May; 445 Tonawanda NR 26 May.

AM. WHITE PELICAN: 5 Dunkirk CHAU BOSMC (BPe, ph.); Buffalo ERIE 22 May (C&NM); rare, but most likely to appear in May.

Am. Bittern: arr Tift NP 25 Apr; Pomfret CHAU 27 Apr; 1, 4 INWR 29 Apr, 27 May; 3 TWMA 25 May.

Least Bittern: arr 1, 4 INWR 4, 28 May; OOWMA 30 May.

Great Egret: arr Tift NP 24 Mar; max 70 Tonawanda NR 25 Apr.

Green Heron: arr 2 BOSAC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr 4 Grand I NR 16 Mar.

Black Vulture: 8, 3 Lewiston NIAG 16 Mar, 30 Apr, reg loc where resident; Hamburg HW 17 Mar (JL).

Turkey Vulture: max 2274, 1480 Hamburg HW 16 Mar, 1 Apr.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: arr 2 CSWMA 25 Mar; max 31 Hamburg HW 14 Apr.

Bald Eagle: max 33 Hamburg HW 4 Apr.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 246 Hamburg HW 4 May.
N. Goshawk: 1, 2 Ripley HW 24 Mar, 3 May; Alfred ALLE 19 Apr (RP); 1, 1, 1 Hamburg HW 16, 28, 30 Apr; only reports.
Red-shouldered Hawk: arr Alden ERIE, Cassadaga CHAU 4 Mar; max 35 Hamburg HW 16 Mar.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr BOSAC; max 1749, 1342 Hamburg HW 25, 30 Apr.
Rough-legged Hawk: max 3 CSWMA 4, 5 Mar.
Golden Eagle: OOWMA 7 Mar (WD); BOSAC; INWR 17 Apr (J&AS); Ripley HW 7 May; only reports.
Virginia Rail: arr Tift NP 3 Apr; 2 Pomfret CHAU 1 May; 2 BWWTP 21 May.
Sora: arr BWWTP 16 Apr; 2 BWWTP 1 May; max 4 Jamestown Airport CHAU 4, 7 May.
Com. Gallinule: arr INWR 17 Apr; max 26 INWR 12 May.
Am. Coot: arr TWMA 5 Mar; max 123 Celoron ChauL 27 Mar; 122 Ellery ChauL 16 Apr.
Sandhill Crane: too many to report all; 12 eleven loc Mar & Apr, 1-4 each; 11 BOSAC; 5 BOSMC; 2 Jamestown CHAU 25 May; 3 INWR 20, 28 May.
Black-bellied Plover: arr Batavia GENE 18 May; 1, 1 BWWTP 19, 30 May; only reports.
AM. GOLDEN-PLOVER (R1): Portland CHAU 7, 11 Apr (CH), rare in spring.
Semipalmated Plover: arr 3 BWWTP 10 May; max 41 BWWTP 20 May.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr Amherst ERIE 1 Apr (BM), record early; max 27 BWWTP 20 May.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr 4 Chautauqua CHAU, 2 Alexander GENE, LBSP 23 Apr; last Chautauqua CHAU 24 May.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr 8 INWR 26 Mar; max 21 BWWTP 1 May.
Willet: 7 BWWTP, 3 PB 1 May (SB; SB, GLa); 5 DH 2 May (GV); Ellery ChauL 17 May (KV); good showing.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 CSWMA 23 Mar; max 72 BWWTP 10 May.
Upland Sandpiper: arr 2, max 4 TRWMA 20 Apr, 22 May; 3 Java WYOM 22 Apr; regular loc.
Whimbrel: no reports.
Ruddy Turnstone: arr BufH 19 May, only report.
Sanderling: BWWTP 30 May (CW), uncommon inland, only report.
Dunlin: arr 6, max 12 INWR 29 Apr, 20 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr 2 BWWTP 1 May; max 449 INWR 12 May (CM).
White-rumped Sandpiper: arr Batavia GENE 18 May; 2 Chautauqua CHAU 24 May; LBSP 26 May; only reports.
Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 7 Portland CHAU 16 Mar.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 2 LBSP 12 May; max 30 CSWMA 27 May.
Short-billed Dowitcher: arr Batavia GENE 2 May (MT; JP, BH), early; LBSP 9 May; only reports.
Wilson's Snipe: arr 4 Portland CHAU 17 Mar; max 37 N Harmony CHAU 9 Apr.
Am. Woodcock: arr Ashford CATT, Forestville CHAU 7 Mar.
Bonaparte's Gull: 32 CSWMA 25 Mar; max 945 Unity 1 NR 5 Apr; 41 Ellery ChauL 10 May.
Little Gull: arr 1, 3, 4 Lewiston NR 22, 23 Mar, 2 Apr; 4 Unity I NR 28 Mar; 2 BOSAC.
Thayer's Gull: NFSP 27 Apr (WD, ph), rarely documented.
Iceland Gull: max 5 NPP 6 Mar; 2 NFSP 11 Mar; GHSP 27 Mar; last Porter NIAG 1 Apr.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 4, 2, 1 NFSP 6 Mar, 23 Apr, 1 May; Somerset NIAG 27 Mar; WoBSP 21 Apr; ad Shelby ORLE 1 May (AVK, ph.).
Glaucous Gull: WoBSP 12 Mar; 3 BOSAC; NFSP 23 Apr; FMCS 15 May; last BOSMC.
Caspian Tern: arr 2 DH 7 Apr; max 65 PB 10 May.
Black Tern: arr 17, max 31 INWR 30 Apr, 28 May; N Harmony CHAU 1 May (KV); 2 Newstead ERIE 1 May (JM); 2 BWWTP 7 May; 2, 1 Ellery ChauL 18, 19 May (WS).
Com. Tern: arr Wilson NIAG 13 Mar (WD, ph.), record early; max 180 Unity I NR 18 May.
Forster's Tern: arr 4 BOSAC, good showing; BWWTP 1-2 May; 3 Ellery ChauL 17 May (SB).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 11 May.
Black-billed Cuckoo: arr FLC 11 May.
Snowy Owl: 1-4 BufH thru 1 Apr; Somerset NIAG 24 Mar (CA); last BOSAC; only reports.
Long-eared Owl: no reports.
Short-eared Owl: 3 Hartland NIAG 17 Mar; Hamburg HW 16 Apr (RB); only reports.
N. Saw-whet Owl: 1, 1 WTSP 9, 28 Mar; only reports.

Com. Nighthawk: arr Buffalo ERIE 12 May; max 8 Orchard Park ERIE 27 May.
E. Whip-poor-will: FLC 6 May (GLi, NJ), sighted during daytime allowing many observers to see, only report
Chimney Swift: arr 4 FLC 19 Apr; max 300 Tonawanda ERIE 8 May.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Ellery CHAU 1 May.
Red-headed Woodpecker: 1, 4 PG 8 Mar, 29 May; 3 Emery Park ERIE 28 May; reg loc.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Tift NP 24 Mar.
Merlin: over 20 locations; 4 Chautauqua CHAU 29 May (TL, BW), apparent new breeding site.
Peregrine Falcon: sev reports Mar-May near known breeding sites; Somerset NIAG 14 Mar; 15 BOSAC; 21 BOSMC.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Amherst ERIE 30 Apr (MD.ph.), record early; FLC, AmSP 11 May; Emery Park ERIE 28 May; only reports.
E. Wood-Pewee: arr BuSP, Sheridan CHAU 12 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr FLC 14 May.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr Chautauqua CHAU 14 May; max 3 INWR 21 May.
Alder Flycatcher: arr Stockton CHAU, WFWMA, Alabama GENE 20 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr INWR, Forestville CHAU 12 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr FLC 30 Apr.
E. Phoebe: arr Pomfret CHAU, Porter NIAG 16 Mar.
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Hamburg ERIE 26 Apr.
E. Kingbird: arr Jamestown Airport CHAU 22 Apr.
N. Shrike: last OOWMA 22 Mar; few reports.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr AmSP 25 Apr.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr Chautauqua CHAU 16 Apr.
Warbling Vireo: arr 2 FLC, Tift NP 26 Apr.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr FLC 13 May.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr Jamestown CHAU, FLC 7 May.
Com. Raven: Tift NP 3 Mar; RWNP 3 Mar thru 17 Apr; 2 Somerset NIAG 9 Mar; NF 11 Mar; max 3 Hamburg HW 24 Apr; INWR 7, 30 May.
Purple Martin: arr INWR 7 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr 32 TWMA 16 Mar; general thought that cold snaps in Apr and May impacted local population.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr Tift NP 3 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr Tift NP 12 Apr.
Cliff Swallow: arr BufH 19 Apr.
Barn Swallow: arr 3 Tift NP 3 Apr.
House Wren: arr Clarence ERIE 16 Apr.
Winter Wren: RWNP 19, 20 Mar; 2, 1 FLC 27, 29 Mar; Tift NP 27 Mar; hard to judge if arrivals or wintered at these locations.
Marsh Wren: arr Tift NP 25 Apr.
Carolina Wren: only 9 on BOSAC and 16 BOSMC; plummeted over last two years following harsh winters of '13-'14, '14-'15; there were 75 on BOSAC just two years ago.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Tift NP 16 Apr.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Tift NP 22, 25 Mar (BF; SSe); Buffalo ERIE 5 Apr; last Attica WYOM 26 May.
Veery: arr AISP 28 Apr.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Wilson NIAG 13 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr FLC, AmSP 9 May.
Hermit Thrush: arr 2 Tift NP 29 Mar.
Wood Thrush: arr FLC, 4 WFWMA 26 Apr.
Gray Catbird: Tift NP 6, 7 Mar, 3 Apr; Westfield CHAU 20 Mar; more likely wintering than early arrivals.
Brown Thrasher: arr BeSP 1 Apr.
Am. Pipit: arr 28 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 2 Apr; last BOSMC.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: 2 Bethany GENE 19 Mar; 38 Shelby ORLE 5 Apr; max 215 Hartland NIAG 7 Apr (VR); 70 BOSAC; last Portland CHAU 15 Apr.
Snow Bunting: last Hartland NIAG 7 Apr; few reports.
Ovenbird: arr Tift NP 18 Apr (CG), early.
Worm-eating Warbler: FLC 13-16 May (AH), observed by many; less than annual in spring.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 22 Apr.
N. Waterthrush: arr FLC 23 Apr.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr BeSP 2 May; AmSP 8, 10 May; FLC 9 May; Tonawanda ERIE 13 May; 2 BOSMC; only reports.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr WFWMA 26 Apr.
"Brewster's" Warbler: GHSP 12 May (BPo, WD, CM), only report.
"Lawrence's" Warbler: Ashford CATT 4 May (JR), rare.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr Tiftt NP 21 Apr.
Prothonotary Warbler: TWMA 16 May, regular breeding location.
Tennessee Warbler: arr 3 INWR, 2 Aurora ERIE 5 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr NFSP 27 Apr.
Nashville Warbler: arr FLC, AmSP 25 Apr.
Mourning Warbler: arr 2 Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 8 May.
Com. Yellowthroat: arr WFWMA 26 Apr (JBe).
Hooded Warbler: arr 2 Sheridan CHAU, Jamestown CHAU 2 May.
Am. Redstart: arr 3 Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 30 Apr.
Cape May Warbler: arr FLC, Jamestown CHAU 4 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr INWR, Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 4 May.
N. Parula: arr Tiftt NP 16 Apr (OG, AJR); FLC 19-20 Apr, early.
Magnolia Warbler: arr 2 FLC, Ward ALLE 1 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Jamestown CHAU 8 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr AmSP 27 Apr.
Yellow Warbler: arr 3 AmSP, FLC 23 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Tiftt NP 30 Apr.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr 2 Tiftt NP 7 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Amherst ERIE 27 Apr.
“Western” Palm Warbler: arr Tiftt NP 17 Apr.
“Yellow” Palm Warbler: Tiftt NP 23 Apr (TL), rarely documented but likely more regular in spring than reported.
Pine Warbler: arr Wilson NIAG 1 Apr.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: BuSP 30 Mar; arr TWMA 9 Apr.
Yellow-throated Warbler: FLC 14 May (PY); Chautauqua CHAU 29 May (TL, BW); no reports from AISP this spring or last.
Prairie Warbler: arr Tiftt NP 15 Apr (NJ).
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr FLC 25 Apr.
Canada Warbler: arr 3 Alma ALLE, Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 7 May.
Wilson’s Warbler: arr FLC 12 May.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr Dunkirk Airport CHAU 19 Mar.

Am. Tree Sparrow: last BMAC 30 Apr.
Chipping Sparrow: arr Fredonia CHAU 31 Mar.
Clay-colored Sparrow: arr GHSP 8 May; reported from six other loc mostly in NIAG.
Field Sparrow: arr Pomfret CHAU 17 Mar.
Vesper Sparrow: arr Dunkirk Airport CHAU 2 Apr.
Savannah Sparrow: arr Sheridan CHAU 24 Mar.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr TRWMA 25 Apr.
Fox Sparrow: arr Pomfret CHAU 15 Mar; last Tiftt NP 2 May.
Lincoln’s Sparrow: arr Tiftt NP 25 Apr; last Sheridan CHAU 25 May.
Swamp Sparrow: too difficult to guess at migr arr vs. wintering; arr early Apr.
White-crowned Sparrow: four loc Mar; arr Tiftt NP 16 Apr; last BWWT 30 May.
Dark-eyed Junco (*J.h. oreganus*): Colden ERIE thru 30 Apr (J&KL); continued from winter.
SUMMER Tanager: Ellery CHAU 16-17 May (W&LS, JBe); becoming nearly annual.
Scarlet Tanager: arr Jamestown CHAU 30 Apr.
WESTERN Tanager: Rushford ALLE 3-7 May (PB, ph.), at feeder; Williamsville ERIE 7 May (ABa), observed by many; 2nd and 3rd records for Reg.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr BOSAC, early; Chautauqua Institution CHAU 21 Apr.
Indigo Bunting: arr 2 Ellery CHAU 3 May.
PAINTED BUNTING: m Allegany CATT dates uncertain but over three days in third week of May (S&GA, ph.), visiting feeder; 4th record for Reg, all May.
Bobolink: arr 2 Hinsdale CATT, 2 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 25 Apr.
E. Meadowlark: arr Kiantone CHAU 4 Mar.
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: ad m Buffalo ERIE 22-26 Apr (JBr, TK), observed by many at feeder/yard.
Rusty Blackbird: max 65 TWMA 27 Mar; last 9 BOSMC.
Orchard Oriole: arr Gerry CHAU 2 May.
Baltimore Oriole: arr Portland CHAU 25 Apr (CH), slightly early.
Com. Redpoll: four Mar reports; 3 BOSAC; 2 BOSMC, on late side.
Pine Siskin: max 63 Gaines ORLE 2 Mar; numbers in double digits in all three spring months.



REGION 2—GENESEE

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Again we see year-to-year contrasts and the birding scene heavily influenced by the weather. The warm winter spilled over into a warm start to spring in March. After a cool first week, the 8th brought the first 70° F day of the season followed by a record high 75° on the 9th and record high lows on 9, 10, and 13 March. For the month, temperatures averaged 40.1°, 5.8° above normal, for the 13th warmest March on record. Precipitation at 1.82" was 0.68" below normal, with 3.2" of snowfall the 11th lowest on record for the month. Light rain fell on two thirds of the days in the last three weeks of the month, with wind storms in the final few days. April switched gears to persistent cold for the first half and the most snowfall for an April since 1995 at 8.8", 4.9" above normal and more than each of December, January, and March this year. Mid-month saw a week of warmth and a burst of migrant arrivals, but temperatures for the month averaged 42.3°, 4.0° below normal, and precipitation at 1.56" was 1.17" below normal. There were rain and snow showers on about half the days, but only one day with over half an inch. The warm shot brought good passerine banding to BBBO in their opening week, but no break from a weak month at the hawkwatch, where only the 27th was a really good day. Late in the month trees near the lakeshore looked like it was still March. May began with cool periods for the first three weeks, with slow-moving cold fronts bringing showers and even snow pellets on the 15th. The last 10 days finally turned warmer with bursts of migrants and a taste of summer. The first 80° day was on the 12th, with a 91° day on the 28th about three weeks early. Temperatures averaged 58.5°, 1.5° above normal, and precipitation at 2.93" was just 0.06" above average, however, over half the rain fell on the 29th, with the rest of the month relatively dry.

The open winter and warm March led to a great deal of observer activity and a record-tying species count for March. All expected waterfowl were reported, the hawk count was the second highest in the past 10 years, and there was a good selection of the typical early arrivals. There were a few early April arrivals in spite of the cold, then the burst mid-month, and finally more in the last few days. For the month, approximately 43,218 eBird records was a good total after over 29,000 for March. May saw too many days with northerly components to the winds. Migration was "clumpy"; good at the right place and time, but near zero nearby at those same times. May numbers were low in most family groups, though species counts were high and eBird reports exceeded 64,000. Events like Migratory Bird Day and Global Big Day reported through eBird add to the volume of records. For the season, each month's species total exceeded the respective 10-year average for the month—March: 148 vs. 138.2; April: 203 vs. 195.8; and May: 243 vs. 233.1.

Moving along to looking at our families in detail, we start with waterfowl. This year the peak counts for Snow Goose in March exceeded those for Canada Goose, with a couple of 10,000 Snow Goose reports. With that many geese around, it was not surprising to have reports of the rarer Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross's Goose, and Cackling Goose and also reports of Snow x Canada Goose on 7 March and 31 May. However, Brant was missed for the season, contrasting with neighboring Regions 1 and 5. The Tundra Swan passage was good, with a maximum of 1300 on the Groveland Flats, a typical site historically for the bulk of their movement through the SW corner of our Region. Trumpeter Swan reports have decreased, especially later in the season when we hope to see breeding pairs. Puddle duck numbers were generally poor throughout the season and across the Region other than several good counts for Northern Pintail. By May there were almost no noteworthy sightings. The highlight of this group was record observations of Eurasian Wigeon; record early on 3, 12, and 17 March. Birds continued to 17 April, with as many as four males at a single site. Other hybrid waterfowl included a Eurasian x American Wigeon and Blue-winged x Cinnamon Teal. Diving duck peak counts were also modest at best. Only reports of 800 and 970 Long-tailed Ducks, 450 Common Mergansers, and 1100 Red-breasted Mergansers really approach historically noteworthy. Other interesting records include: the Region's sixth Tufted Duck, a male found by Mike Wasilco on Conesus Lake on 4 April and seen by many to 14 April; King Eiders from 3-8 March and 9-16 April; and good numbers of Bufflehead on Honeoye Lake on 6 March and Conesus Lake on 4 May.

Loon and grebe numbers were relatively poor, with even a maximum of 625 Common Loon historically fairly low. It is hard to tell how much of this is population change or migration related and how much is related to no regular, concerted lakewatch. Among the herons and egrets, American Bittern and Great Egret arrived toward the early end of their date ranges in late March, and two Glossy Ibis seen by many 29-30 March in the Carncross Road area of the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) were record early for our Region, though they were reported even earlier in adjacent Region 3 in the Montezuma NWR. Black Vulture made it back onto our Regional reports again on 30 March at the HANA area, then through the season at several other sites. Turkey Vulture numbers again remained very high at the Braddock Bay hawkwatch (see the hawkwatch table). 82% of the March hawkwatch total was 7588 Turkey Vultures.

Moving to the raptors, Osprey started things off with a record early Regional arrival found by Steven Benedict and Linda Clark-Benedict on 7 March at the Morgan Road area of the NMWMA. Ryan MacLean was the official hawk counter at Braddock Bay this spring. As noted above, he started out with a good March. However, after that things slowed dramatically with the cold April and then mainly northerly breezes of May. Fortunately, there were a couple of good days for Broad-winged Hawk on 27 and 30 April, pushing that species' count past Turkey Vulture to stay for the year—back to normal after

last year. May saw some good pulses on the 13th, 25th, and 27th, with the 25th bringing a Mississippi Kite and two Swainson's Hawks, one of these latter also seen on the 26th passing the Derby Hill hawkwatch to our east. By season's end, Peregrine Falcon numbers reached a record high and shortly after (actually just past month's end) the Bald Eagle count followed suit. Black Vulture, Northern Goshawk, and Red-shouldered Hawk remained at relatively low counts. The Sandhill Cranes passing the hawkwatch were not specifically tallied closely for the season. Counts overall were down across the Region and there were few reports with any details around potential breeding, though birds were seen in the usual sites.

Among the shorebirds, the expected early species all arrived during March, or earlier in the case of Killdeer. Some were very early, though none record early. In April, shorebird variety and numbers were both very low, with only 11 species recorded. May continued poor for numbers, but the Region's third spring Piping Plover was seen passing Hamlin Beach SP on 27 May by Brad Carlson, and both Willet and Whimbrel were reported, plus the less rare but relatively scarce-in-spring species: Stilt Sandpiper, Sanderling, White-rumped Sandpiper, and Long-billed Dowitcher. Wilson's Phalarope was the only expected spring species missed.

Gulls and terns continued the litany of relative scarcity, while seeing all of the regular spring species reported. The white-winged gulls of winter saw fewer than normal lingering into spring, but Iceland Gull continued to 13 May, an adult Thayer's Gull was reported on 10 May, and an Iceland x Thayer's Gull was seen and photographed in the period 8-15 March. Adult Little Gulls were reported in April and May, and Lesser Black-backed Gull numbers were high through the season, with the total on the order of 100 individuals. The terns all appeared at expected April arrival dates, and good peak counts included 222 Caspian Terns on 4 May and 34 Black Terns on 7 May, the latter in their last breeding stronghold in the Van Dyne Spoor area of the NMWMA.

Among the non-passerine landbirds, we start with reports of 1-2 Eurasian Collared-Doves, all from the Greenwell farm in the Town of Hamlin in the date ranges 12-27 March and 7-24 April. It is interesting that this species that has spread widely around the country seems to barely hang on here. Snowy Owls lingered at only the Genesee County Airport near Batavia and on the Greenwell farm in Hamlin, with the last date 12 March at the latter location. The Long-eared and N. Saw-whet Owl picture was interesting and a bit confusing this spring. The roost counts in the "Owl Woods" area along Manitou Beach Road found only low numbers from 10 March through 23 April; totals of 11 Long-eared and 18 N. Saw-whet owls were tallied. Yet N. Saw-whet Owls were banded nearby (0.2-0.4 miles ENE) at the BBBO passerine banding area from 7-29 March, and 26 had been banded by 12 March, with 12 banded on just that date, by which time only two had been found roosting. By the 29 March, 37 had been banded. Clearly there was a large difference between those trapped in the evenings and those roosting nearby. This detail was provided by Jim Adams in a

seasonal summary report of the owl roost monitoring effort (Jim Adams, "Braddock Bay Raptor Research Owl Woods 2016 Roost Survey Results," July 17, 2016, 14 pp.). The DEC Short-eared Owl monitoring effort continued with its biweekly counts to late April, with good counts through the period. A major surprise was Christina Hoh, the DEC leader of the owl monitoring project, finding a freshly dead **Barn Owl** on I-390 near the Rush Exit on 6 April. The species is very rarely reported locally anymore. Both E. Whip-poor-will and Common Nighthawk reports were low this spring, though Whip-poor-will reports were scattered from 17 April to 17 May, and there was one very good count of 142 Common Nighthawks on 27 May by Andy Guthrie at the Greenwell farm area. 53 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds is about average for recent springs at BBBO. The first Red-headed Woodpecker report for the year was not until 1 April, which is late. Reports of all three of our regular falcons were typical of recent years. Peregrine Falcon nesting was underway and being closely monitored on the downtown Rochester nesting box (see <http://rfalconcam.com> for details), but we awaited news confirming continued local Merlin nesting.

The passerine story follows along with those above for other groups. There were early arrivals of Tree Swallow, Eastern Phoebe, and Fox Sparrow in the first half of March, then ten other species later in the month, mostly in the last week and none record early. There were many early arrivals in April, six of which were prior to the record early dates of the 1985 Monroe County Checklist arrival date distributions, but all having even earlier arrival dates in years in the intervening 30-year span; we clearly need an update of the distributions. The BBBO passerine banding station started off with a great first week into the 16-22 April warm spell, with three days with more than 100 birds banded. After that banding was much slower for most of the season and no more days reached that level until 13 May. The total banded was the least in the past five years, with most species running from average to half or less for totals. The species section of this report following will include some peak and total numbers for illustration.

Still, all the fairly regular passerine species except for Kentucky Warbler and Connecticut Warbler were reported this spring. Given all this, it was interesting that Bay-breasted and Black-throated Blue Warblers jumped up a bit, but then in contrast Orange-crowned Warbler dropped from a record high 18 banded last year to a more normal one banded this spring. The season included a good number of rarer records: the Region's third Gray Kingbird found at the Conesus Lake inlet WMA on 2 May by Greg Lawrence and Ethan Gyllenhaal and seen by many through the 4th; White-eyed Vireo; Worm-eating, Prothonotary, and Yellow-throated Warblers; the Region's twelfth Harris's Sparrow at a feeder in Kendall, Orleans County, from 7-9 May; a "Gambel's" White-crowned Sparrow found by Andy Guthrie on 7 May on Center Road in Orleans County; a Summer Tanager banded at BBBO on 16 May and seen there through the 18th; and a passing Dickcissel at Hamlin Beach SP heard by both

Andy Guthrie and Chris Wood on 28 May. With people tracking the status of Rusty Blackbird, it is worth noting that we had a fairly good number of reports, with a maximum of 800 at the West Spit of Braddock Bay on 21 April. While we observe, as others do, that numbers are way down from those of the not-too-distant past, this maximum is on the high end of comparable reports going back to the early 1950s here. Winter finches included only a few Common Redpolls through a last report on 17 April and Pine Siskins in mainly small numbers but with a maximum of 166 on 18 April.

We celebrate our hawk watch and at times talk about the waterbird movement along the lake, but most people often overlook some other annual large movements, such as Blue Jays, American Crows, and American Robins as well as the general flood of passerines sampled by the banding effort. Recording these depends on someone with the time and interest taking/making the time to actually record data. A few counts will be included as illustrations.

Overall, the season was interesting, as are all for one reason or another. The general theme of good species counts with increasing numbers of reports to eBird but mainly low peak counts for many species is a concerning trend. As noted in previous Regional reports, some care is needed in examining high counts to take into account the level of aggregation—length of time and size of area covered—in the various counts. Still the concern remains, numbers of individuals of many species are are (note dropping the use of the “weasel words”, “seem to be”) seriously decreasing. Knowledgeable observers can still go to the right places at the right times and build month, year, and county lists comparable with past years, but those tallies mean little relative to tracking what is going on.

BRADDOCK BAY HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	18 Apr	1	18 Apr	1
Turkey Vulture	3 Mar	2409	1 Apr	25718
Mississippi Kite	25 May	1	25 May	1
Osprey	26 Mar	18	3 May	182
Bald Eagle	4 Mar	62	27 May	664
N. Harrier	5 Mar	48	15 Apr	587
Sharp-sh. Hawk	9 Mar	432	30 Apr	4402
Cooper's Hawk	8 Mar	25	30 Apr	311
N. Goshawk	9 Mar	1	10 dates	10
Red-shld Hawk	9 Mar	240	17 Mar	404
Swainson's Hawk	25 May	2	25 May	2
Broad-wngd Hawk	16 Apr	9835	27 Apr	32932
Red-tailed Hawk	1 Mar	154	9 Mar	2049
Rough-legd Hawk	6 Mar	12	9 Mar	60
GoldenEagle	17 Mar	4	3 May	24
Am. Kestrel	9 Mar	46	16 Apr	301
Merlin	8 Mar	3	9 Mar, 22 Apr	27
Peregrine Falcon	6 Mar	7	4 May	51
Total including unidentified raptors:				67,726

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[In addition there were over 300 other casual eBird observers.]

ABBREVIATIONS

b – indicates banded this season, usually at BBBO’s Kaiser-Manitou passerine banding station; BB – Braddock Bay, MONR; BB-H – Braddock Bay Hawkwatch; BB-WS – West Spit of Braddock Bay; BBBO – Braddock Bay Bird Observatory; CIWMA – Conesus Inlet WMA, LIVI; ConL – Conesus L, LIVI; DEP – Durand-Eastman P, Rochester; ED – off Edgemere Dr., T Greece, MONR; G – T Greece, MONR; H – T Hamlin, MONR; HANA – High Acres Nature Area, MONR; HB – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; ICW – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; IBO – Irondequoit Bay Outlet to Lake Ontario; LSP – Letchworth SP; M – Manitou Beach area, MONR; MP – Mendon Ponds P, MONR; NMWMA – Northern Montezuma WMA, T of Savannah, WAYN; NMWMA (AR) – north side of Armitage Rd.; NMWMA (CM) – Colvin Marsh area near MAC; NMWMA (CR) – along Carncross Road east of Savannah-Spring Lake Rd.; NMWMA (MT) – Marten Tract off Savannah Spring Lake Rd; NMWMA (RR) – Railroad Rd area between Morgan Rd and Van Dyne Spoor; NMWMA (VDS) – area along Van Dyne Spoor, T Savannah, WAYN; NMWMA (SCU) – Sandhill Crane Unit, T Savannah, WAYN; OB – Ontario Beach P, Charlotte, MONR; PtB – Point Breeze, Orleans County at border with Region 1; SB – Sodus Bay, WAYN; SC – Salmon Creek, T Greece, MONR; SPT – Sodus Pt, WAYN; TCEA – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, T Avon, LIVI; W – T of Webster, MONR.

WATERFOWL – VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: 2 Groveland Flats LIVI 4 Mar (MW, SBa, WD’A, CMO); last 3 PtB 6 Mar (GL).

Snow Goose: 7000 Rt 36 LIVI 2 Mar; max 10000 NMWMA (CR) 4 Mar (W&MR); max 10000 Groveland Flats LIVI 4 Mar (R&SS); last 1 NMWMA (SCU & VDS) thru 31 May (mob), injured bird.

Ross’s Goose: HB 8 Mar (ID).

Snow x Canada Goose: 1 SC 7 Mar (BriM); SB 31 May (W&MR).

Brant: none.

Cackling Goose: total approx 33 many loc 5 Mar – 23 Apr; max 10 SC 5 Mar (AGu).

Canada Goose: max 5560 HB 8 Mar, low max.

Mute Swan: max 52 SC 7 Mar; 44 Buck Pnd T Greece 21 May.

Trumpeter Swan: max 5 NMWMA 11 Mar & 13 Apr; again fewer repts across Reg than in recent years.

Tundra Swan: max 1300 Groveland Flats 4 Mar (R&SS); 583 BB 8 Mar (RM), high for loc; last 2 NMWMA (CR) & 4 Nations Rd IBA 1 Apr.

Wood Duck: max 105 CIWMA 28 May (MW), marsh survey.

Gadwall: max 100 BB 4 Apr; max 100 NMWMA (VDS) 2 Apr (JMc, LS).

Eurasian Wigeon: arr 1m Groveland Flats LIVI 3 Mar (JK), Reg record early; 1m muckland WAYN 12 Mar (W&MR, ph), before prior record early; 1m Beechwood SP WAYN 17 Mar (JW), before prior record early; 1m CIWMA 22-31 Mar (DBea, mob, ph); 1-2m E. Swamp Rd, Conesus 1-10 Apr (MW, mob); max 4m E. Swamp Rd, Conesus 4 Apr (J&BV); 1m NMWMA (MT) (1-13 Apr (GD, mob); last 1m BB-WS 17 Apr (GL, EG, AGu, RB, JeB).

Eurasian x Am. Wigeon: 1m NMWMA (CR) 27 Mar (JMcG, LS). arr 4-16 sev loc 10 Mar; max 180 BB 28 Mar, low; last Greece 25 May.

Am. Wigeon: max 300 NMWMA (VDS) 2 Apr & NMWMA (MT) 10 Apr (JMcG, LS), good counts.

Am. Black Duck: max 80 NMWMA (VDS) 2 Apr (JMcG, LS), low max.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 2 Sodus 11 Mar.

BLUE-WINGED X CINNAMON TEAL (R2): NMWMA (RR) 24 Mar (AB).

N. Pintail: max 1620 NMWMA (CR) 19 Mar (AL, NM); last 1 NMWMA (CM) & 11 NMWMA (RR) 4 May.

Green-winged Teal: arr 3-7 sev loc 4 Mar; last 3 NMWMA (VDS) 23 May.

Canvasback: max 100 ConL 19 Mar; last ConL 2 May.

Redhead: max 350 ConL 11 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: max 279 Burger P, Greece 25 Mar; 260 NMWMA (VDS) 2 Apr; last 3 NMWMA (VDS) 10 May.

TUFTED DUCK: 1 m ConL 4-14 Apr (MW, mob, ph), 4th Reg record.

Greater Scaup: max 500 off Manitou Beach, Greece 6 Mar; last 4 Cranberry Pnd, Greece 14 May.

Lesser Scaup: max 300 ConL 4 Apr; last 2 Cranberry Pnd, Greece 14 May.

King Eider: 1 f IBO 3-5 Mar (JiM, *et al.*); 1 f off Manitou Beach, Greece 6 Mar (NK); 1 f BB-WS 8 Mar (DD); 1 f PtB 9-10 Apr (KMcGa, GL); last 1 f off Manitou Beach, Greece 16 Apr (mob).

Surf Scoter: last 1 PtB 10 May, early departure.

White-winged Scoter: max 125 BB-WS 10 Mar, low max; last HB 26 May.

Black Scoter: last off Manitou Beach, Greece 2 May.

Long-tailed Duck: 970 off OB 8 Mar; max 980 ED 14 May (Ji&LB).

Bufflehead: max 165 Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye L 6 Mar (BH); 160 CIWMA 4 May (TLe, NG, SBU, JMcC); last HB 25 May.

Com. Goldeneye: last BB-WS 20 May.

Hooded Merganser: 1 ad f + 7 yng Bushnell's Basin pond 31 May (C&HH), don't receive many breeding records.

Com. Merganser: max 450 off OB 6 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 1100 ED 17 Apr (JeB).

Ruddy Duck: max 65 Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye L 12 Apr (BH); last Cranberry Pnd, Greece 28 May (sev).

Ring-necked Pheasant: max 13 Nations Rd IBA survey 29 May (MW), high for recent years.

Red-throated Loon: max 17 ED 17 Apr, low; last 4 HB 29 May (AGu), late.

Com. Loon: max 625 ED 23 Apr (Je, Ji, & LB, CW).

Horned Grebe: max 80 Silver Lake North 24 Mar; last 1 HB 19 May.

Red-necked Grebe: max 54 HB 8 Mar, low max; last 6 HB 10 May.

Double-crested Cormorant: arr 1-5 sev loc 26 Mar; max 900 IB west side boat launch 19 Apr (AGa).

Am. Bittern: arr ED 26 Mar (JeB, CW).

Least Bittern: arr HANA 30 Apr (JPow, MG), early.

Great Egret: arr BB-H 25 Mar (GL, JRy, *et al.*), early.

Green Heron: arr NMWMA (MT) 9 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr NMWMA (MT) 9 Apr.

Glossy Ibis: 2 NMWMA (CR) 29-30 Mar-2 Apr (mob, ph), Reg record early, though seen earlier nearby in Region 3.

HAWKS – LARIDS

Black Vulture: arr HANA 30 Mar (JPow); T Ontario WAYN 16 Apr (JW); BB-H 18 Apr (RM, *et al.*); 3 LSP 22-27 Apr (EK, *et al.*); T Nunda LIVI 12 May (EB); DEP 25 May (JSle).

Turkey Vulture: 1654 BB 28 Mar (RM, *et al.*); 1059 Broadway Rd, T Wolcott 27 Mar (BP); max 2409 BB 1 Apr (RM, *et al.*); 1091 Broadway Rd, T Wolcott 7 Apr (BPu); .

Osprey: arr 1 NMWMA (Morgan Rd) 7 Mar (SBe, LC-B), Reg record early.

MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 BB-H 25 May (RM, MT, ES, ph), near ad.

Bald Eagle: 117 BB +12 others many loc Mar; 81 BB + approx. 108 other many loc Apr; 472 BB + approx. 131 other many loc May; 664 for the season passing BB-H was a new record high.

N. Goshawk: 10 singles BB-H 9 Mar – 6 May; approx 6 rep away from BB.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 3 BB-H 16 Apr (RM, *et al.*).

SWAINSON'S HAWK: It morph sub ad & drk morph ad BB-H 25 May (DNI, MT, RM, *et al.*).

Rough-legged Hawk: last BB-H 7 May.

Golden Eagle: arr NMWMA (Savannah Mucklands) 12 Mar; approx 18 rep away from BB 12 Mar-21 May; last 1 HB 21 May.

Sandhill Crane: arr 2 NMWMA (Morgan Rd) 7 Mar (KK); approx 35 BB-H thru season; 59 rep of 46+ ind other loc thru season, likely some overlap across months, especially in breeding loc.

Black-bellied Plover: arr HB 19 May; last HB 27 May.

PIPING PLOVER: HB 27 (BCar), 3rd Reg spring record, flyby.

Spotted Sandpiper: max 17 BB-ES 13 May, good count now.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr south Caledonia 9 Apr, early; last 2 HANA 24 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr NMWMA 19 Mar (MG), early; last 2 Hogan Pt, Greece 18 May.

Willet: 3 PtB 1 May (SBa, GL); 1 BB 2 Apr (AGu, KS).

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 1-15 sev loc 1 Apr; last HANA 20 May.

Upland Sandpiper: arr SC 23 Apr (JeB, CW).

Whimbrel: 2 Brown Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 5 May (W&MR), ties Reg record early, only report.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr HB & Spt 19 May.

Stilt Sandpiper: arr HB 13 May (AGu), rare in spring

Sanderling: arr Spt 25-27 May (W&MR, JW, *et al.*), sometimes missed in spring.

Dunlin: arr Nations Rd 26 Mar (JPow, *et al.*), Reg record early; 2-6 NMWMA (VDS) 31 Mar (JPow, mob), very early; max 184 Spt 25 May (W&MR).

Least Sandpiper: arr.2 HANA 28 Apr; max 30 NMWMA 18 May, low.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr TCEA 20 May (MW); 2 Groveland Hill Pnd LIVI 28 May (MW).

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 4 Sand Rd, T W Bloomfield ONTA 20 Mar (MT), early; max 68 NMWMA (CR) 2 Apr (KMcGa); last Spt 27 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 3 Groveland Hill Pnd LIVI 3 May; last 3 Spt 26 May.

Long-billed Dowitcher: 4 NMWMA (CM) 3 May (JW), rare in spring.

Wilson's Snipe: max 84 Peter Smith Rd, T Kendall ORLE 26 Apr (GL).

Wilson's Phalarope: none.

Bonaparte's Gull: arr 50 HB 8 Mar; max 60 SB 4 Apr, low max.

Little Gull: arr 1 ad SB 4 Apr (W&MR, ph); 1 ad ED 27 May (CW).

THAYER'S GULL: 1 ad Martin Rd, Hamlin 10 Apr (LT).

THAYER'S GULL/ICELAND GULL: Hamlin 8-15 Mar (ID, AL, NM, AGu, ph), ID?

Iceland Gull: 7 rep, 5 ind sev loc 6-17 Mar; approx 10 ind sev loc 10-23 Apr; total 6 sev loc 1-14 May; last 1 H 14 May (AGu).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 28 rep, 23 ind sev loc thru Mar; approx 42+ ind 18+ loc thru

Apr; max 8 Hamlin 16-18 Apr & Hamlin 1 May (AGu); approx 36+ ind sev loc 1-26 May.

Glaucous Gull: 6 rep, 6 ind many loc 2-27 Mar; approx 8 at 6 loc 8-30 Apr.

Caspian Tern: arr 1 IBO & SB 9 Apr; max 222 IBO 4 May (PMar).

Black Tern: arr 2 NMWMA (VDS) 23 Apr (W&MR), early; max 34 NMWMA (VDS) 7 May, good count

Com. Tern: arr 2 ED 17 Apr (JeB).

Forster's Tern: arr 2 BB 8 Apr (FN), early; last PtB 23 May (RS, KW).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 1-2

Greenwell farm, Hamlin 12-27 Mar; 1

Greenwell farm, Hamlin 7, 12, 24 May.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr BB-WS & Oak Leaf Ln MONR 13 May; max 15 Hamlin 27 May (AGu), good count.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr sev loc 14 May; max 15 Hamlin 27 May (AGu), good count.

BARN OWL: 1 I-390 near Rush Exit 6 Apr (Cho), freshly killed, rare locally.

Snowy Owl: Genesee County Airport, Batavia 3 Mar; last Greenwell farm, Church Rd, Hamlin 12 Mar.

Long-eared Owl: total roost count 11 M (Owl Woods) 29 Feb-23 Apr, *intro*.

Short-eared Owl: max 15 DEC SEOW Survey 8 Mar, data from C. Hoh, *intro*; last NMWMA (MT) 17 Apr.

N. Saw-whet Owl: total roost count 18 M (Owl Woods) 10 Mar – 23 Apr, *intro*; 37 banded at the BBBO site 7-29 Mar; max b 12 M (Owl Woods) 12 Mar, *intro*.

Com. Nighthawk: arr Grand View Ln, Greece 12 May; max 142 Church Rd, Hamlin 27 May (AGu), good count.

E. Whip-poor-will: arr ICW 17 Apr (BB); last M (BBBO) 19 May.

Chimney Swift: arr HANA 24 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr South Conesus 24 Apr (KC), very early; total b 53 M 12-29 May (BBBO), typical of recent years.

Red-headed Woodpecker: arr CIWMA 1 Apr, late for arr; max 10 HB 21 May, still the best site locally.

Merlin: 19 rep, 20 ind sev loc 8-30 Mar; total 14 incl hawkwatch 2-27 Apr; total incl hawkwatch 21 sev loc 2-29 May; no reports of nesting in Reg.

Peregrine Falcon: total 4 BB-H + 6 sev other loc 6-30 Mar; total 13 BB-H + 6 sev other loc 2-27 Apr; total 34 BB-H + 11 sev other loc 2-

29 May; **hawkwatch total of 51** was Record high for the season; nesting in downtown Rochester, typical, see posts rfalconcam website.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Powder Mills P MONR 14 May (KS, 8 others); Riverside Cemetery, Rochester 17 May (DD); Whiting Rd NP, Webster 27 May (GF).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr BB-WS 14 May; total b 28 M 25 May thru.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr Norway Rd GENE 24 May, late arr.

“Trail’s” Flycatcher: arr 1b M 13 May; max b 37 M 27 May; total b 129 M 13 May thru.

Alder Flycatcher: max 10 ICW 27 May (RS).

Least Flycatcher: total b 48 7-30 May.

E. Phoebe: arr IB – West 9 Mar (RS), early.

GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 CIWMA 2-4 May (EG, GL, mob, ph), 3rd Reg record.

N. Shrike: 5 rep, 4 ind sev loc 5-27 Mar; last NMWMA (VDS) 10 Apr.

White-eyed Vireo: arr Highland P, Rochester 10 May (KH, 6 others), rare.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr HANA 27 Apr (BCad), early.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr Whiting Rd NP, Webster 20 Apr (EG, GL), early.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr Hamlin 12 May; last Ontario Center Greenway P WAYN 30 May, early for last.

Red-eyed Vireo: total b 63 M 21–31 May; max 29 HHSpencer SRA ONTA 30 May, indicative of forest numbers.

Blue Jay: 1450 BB-H 7 May (JPow), good count; 690 Hamlin 7 May (AGu), decent count, same day; max 1500 BB-WS 13 May (BriM, AGu), modest max; 947 HB 21 May (JN, CW, JSo); 1000 HB 27 May (BCar); numbers illustrate movement thru month.

Am. Crow: max 1000 Broadway Rd, Wolcott WAYN 8 Mar, low max.

Fish Crow: 1- 8 Charlotte area thru; max 11 Dewey Ave/Dobson Rd, Greece thru (RD); 1 downtown Rochester 13 Mar (FM); Brown Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 11 May (W&MR); showing up in more locations.

Horned Lark: max 156 Hamlin 15 Apr.

Purple Martin: arr MAC 30 Mar (CL); max 60 Hemlock L 4 May.

Tree Swallow: arr 1 BB-H 9 Mar; max 900 CIWMA 2 Apr (MT).

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr SC 26 Mar (JeB, CW), early; max 100 CIWMA 2 May.

Bank Swallow: arr 2 BB-H 2 Apr; max 650 HB 19 May (AGu).

Barn Swallow: arr 1 Burger P, Greece & 2 BB-H 27 Mar.

Black-capped Chickadee: total b 7 M 15 Apr – 7 May, illustrates a “down” year.

Brown Creeper: total b 79 M (BBBO) 15 Apr–3 May.

Winter Wren: arr 1 Beechwood SP WAYN & 2 Ellison P 19 Mar; again scarce.

SEDGE WREN (R2): 1 Mendon Pnds P 8 May (J&AH), only rep.

Marsh Wren: arr NMWMA (CR) 24 Mar (BMc), early.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 75 M (Owl Woods) 17 Apr (BCar); max b 57 M (BBBO) 17 Apr; total b 230 15 Apr–16 May.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Livonia LIVI 7 Apr; max b 77 M (BBBO) 21 Apr; total b 532 M (BBBO) 15 Apr-21 May; last 1 Church Trail, Greece 22 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr 1 Webster 13 May; total b 7 M (BBBO) 26-29 May, very low.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell’s Thrush: total b 3 M (BBBO) 25-29 May, low.

Swainson’s Thrush: arr Cobbs Hill, Rochester 9 May; max b 37 M (BBBO) 26 May; total b 112 M (BBBO) 13-31 May; **max 66** Hamlin 27 May (AGu), night calls.

Hermit Thrush: arr 2 Fields Hill Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 22 Mar; total b 35 M (BBBO) 15 Apr – 21 May.

Wood Thrush: arr LSP & South Conesus 24 Apr, early.

Am. Robin: 520 HB 8 Mar; 616 BB-WS 27 Mar; only 4 other counts over 100; max 1000 BB-WS 21 Apr (LT), low max - contrast with max 21,572 HB 2 Apr 2015.

Gray Catbird: arr BB-WS 17 Apr; total b 230 M (BBBO) 3-31 May; max b 32 M (BBBO) 25 May; max 35 HB – YC 26 May.

Am. Pipit: max 110 Church Rd, Hamlin 12 Mar; last 1 HB 26 May.

Cedar Waxwing: 760 HB 27 May (AGu); max 7230 HB 29 May (AGu); 1565 OB 29 May (CW).

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: max 41 Hamlin 26 Mar; last HB 19 May (AGu).

Snow Bunting: max 120 Hamlin 7 Mar; last Hamlin 27 Mar.

Ovenbird: arr Honoye Crk WMA 28 Apr (BH), early.

Worm-eating Warbler: Grand View Ln, Greece 22 May (KG). rare but almost annual.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 2 Jersey Hill Rd, Honeoye ONTA 27 Apr.

N. Waterthrush: total b 46 M (BBBO) 21 Apr-30 May.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr Fire House & Church Trails, Greece (KG, RM, JPow) & U. of Rochester (EG) 7 May; Fire House Trail, Greece 14 May (AGu, KS); Center Rd, T Murray ORLE 28 May (AGu, CW).

Blue-winged Warbler: arr T Bristol ONTA 27 Apr (KKi), early.

Golden-winged Warbler x Blue-winged Warbler: Highland P, Rochester 12 May (KH), f not fitting either named hybrid well.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: T Gates MONR 8 May; Mendon Pnds P MONR 15 May.

Black-and-white Warbler: max 14 BB – WS 14 May (AGa).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R2): arr HANA 3 May (JRe); 1-2 NMWMA (AR) 6 May thru (DCar, 58+ others).

Tennessee Warbler: arr Nations Rd 6 May; max 23 River Rd survey LIVI 14 May (MW); total b 24 M (BBBO) 12 May thru.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Braddock Bay P 4 May (BW); 1b M (BBBO) 1May, only one banded; 5 other rep all lakeshore loc 8-21 May.

Nashville Warbler: total b 20 M (BBBO) 4-25 May.

Mourning Warbler: arr CIWMA 12 May; total b 27 M (BBBO) 17 May thru.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr NMWMA (AR) 26 Apr (W&MR), early; max b 26 M (BBBO) 21 May; 25 M 21 May; max 26 HB-YC 26 May; total b 134 M (BBBO) 27 Apr-31 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr Mendon Pnds P 4 May.

Am. Redstart: arr TCEA 28 Apr (MW), early; max b 30 M (BBBO) 21 May; 36 HB–YC 21 May (AGu); max 54 HB–YC 26 May (RS); total b 172 M (BBBO) 9-31 May; fewer this spring.

Cape May Warbler: last Firehouse Woods, Greece 29 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr NMWMA (VDS) 3 May; found in expected sites.

N. Parula: last Church Trail, Greece 27 May.

Magnolia Warbler: max b 58 M (BBBO) 13 May; total b 246 M (BBBO) 10-30 May.

Yellow Warbler: arr Bushnell’s Basin T Pittsford 22 Apr (C&HH), very early; max 54 BB–WS 14 (AGa); max b 13 M (BBBO) 17 May; total b 91 M (BBBO) 1-30 May.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: total b 40 M (BBBO) 8-28 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: total b 35 M (BBBO) 21-31 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: total b 98 M (BBBO) 8-30 May.

Palm Warbler: arr BB 14 Apr (DTe), early; total b 35 M (BBBO) 22 Apr-22 May; last M (BBBO) 25 May (JRu); none identified as “Yellow” Palm this spring.

Pine Warbler: Rochester 8 Mar (AdM), likely overwintering; arr T Victor 2 Apr (AGa), early.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr 2 DEP 15 Mar (JSle), early; max 102 BB - WS 13 May (AGu); total b 29 M (BBBO) 18 Apr-22 May.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (R2): BB – WS 28 May (ST), rare

Prairie Warbler: arr HH Spencer SRA – South 10 May (KKi); Lake Ave, Rochester 16 May (AGa); HB 21 May (JN, JSo, CW); T Conesus 30 May (AC).

Canada Warbler: total b 18 M (BBBO) 12-28 May.

Wilson’s Warbler: total b 57 M (BBBO) 13-31 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: MP 14 May (J&AH, AGu, PMar, MG), now rare locally.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: Rochester 17 Mar (AdM), early.

Am. Tree Sparrow: last CIWMA & HANA 4 May.

Chipping Sparrow: T Pittsford 5 Mar (PMar); HANA 9 Mar (PMab); arr Hamlin 28 Mar.

Clay-colored Sparrow: arr BB – H 6 May (RM, *et al.*); 1-2 Cook Rd, T Hamlin (17 obs); MAC 12 May (CL, DG, JTh); T York LIVI 27 May (AC); T Kendall ORLE 28 May (AGu, CW).

Field Sparrow: T Ontario WAYN 28 Mar.

Savannah Sparrow: SC 26 Mar (CW), early.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr T York LIVI 20 Apr (MW).

Fox Sparrow: arr North Pnds P, Webster 14 Mar (JW); last T Ontario WAYN 3 May (JW); no high counts reported.

Lincoln’s Sparrow: Max b 21 M (BBBO) 26 May; total b 71 M (BBBO) 10-30 May.

Swamp Sparrow: max 32 CIWMA 12 May.

White-throated Sparrow: total b 126 M (BBBO) 16 Apr-24 May, low; last T York LIVI 27 May. 1b M 24 May.

HARRIS’S SPARROW: 1 ad m Center Rd, T Kendall ORLE 7-9 May (K&JR, AGu, 9 others, ph), 12th Reg record, very hospitable homeowners.

White-crowned Sparrow: last Church Trails, Greece 28 May, often found into June.

“GAMBEL’s” WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: Center Rd, T Kendall ORLE 7 May (AGu, ph).

Dark-eyed Junco: max 150 Mt Hope Cemetery, Rochester 11 Apr.

SUMMER TANAGER: 1b M (BBBO) 16-18 May, lingered to be seen by many.

Scarlet Tanager: arr Brown Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 27 Apr (W&MR), early; max 14 BB-WS 12 May (AGu), good count.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Greece 22 Apr (LB). **DICKCISSEL:** HB 28 May (AGu, CW), calling while passing.

Bobolink: max 75 Nations Rd survey 29 May (MW).

Red-winged Blackbird: max 4000 T Macedon WAYN 19 Mar.

E. Meadowlark: arr BB-H 8 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: 180 BB-WS 27 Mar; 150 CIWMA 30 Mar; 120 BB-WS 16 Apr; max 800 BB-WS 21 Apr (LT); May max 15 IB – South 2 May; last 1 & 3 HB 27 May; sample counts.

Com. Grackle: max 1095 HB 8 Mar.

Orchard Oriole: arr 2 Lakeshore Marshes, T Sodus WAYN 5 May (W&MR).

Baltimore Oriole: max 63 BB-WS 12 May (AGu); 56 BB-WS 14 May (AGa).

Com. Redpoll: last Hamlin 17 Apr.

Pine Siskin: max 166 Hamlin 18 Apr (AGu).

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REGION 3—FINGER LAKES

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Spring 2016 was dryer than normal in the Finger Lakes Region, with a warm March, cold April, and normal May. The average low temperature in Ithaca in March was 28° F, 6° above normal. The average high was 51°, 9° above normal. April was only slightly warmer with an average low of 29°, 4° below normal and an average high of 53°, 2° below normal. The average low in May was 44° and the average high was 68°, both 1° above normal. Precipitation in March was 1.36", 1.28" less than normal. There was only 0.2" of snowfall, 11.5" less than normal. April precipitation totaled 2.61", 0.68" less than normal. April snowfall was 5.4", 2.0" more than normal. There was 1.90" of rainfall in May, 1.29" less than normal. Only a trace amount of snow fell during the month, and that was on the late date of 16 May.

The mild winter and the warm month of March allowed waterfowl to pass out of the Region quickly. Consequently, the only late departures among the waterfowl were a lingering Greater White-fronted Goose on Cayuga Lake, a Greater Scaup at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge (MNWR), and a likely injured Red-throated Loon on Canandaigua Lake. Some of the dabbling duck species passing through the Region occurred in high numbers, particularly Blue-winged and Green-winged Teal and Northern Shoveler. The other species passing through in high numbers were Red-breasted Merganser and Common Loon. Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross’s Goose, Cackling Goose, and Eurasian Wigeon are all species that have become regular in recent years and

were all present again this year. Very small numbers of Brant, Surf Scoter, and Black Scoter were reported. The highlight species was a Tufted Duck that was observed for about a week in early March on Canandaigua Lake.

The most exciting wading birds of the season were Snowy Egret and Glossy Ibis. Individual Snowy Egrets appeared in Steuben County and at MNWR in late April. Two more showed up at MNWR in late May. Two Glossy Ibises lingered in the Savannah Mucklands for about a week. Another showed up at MNWR in the middle of May.

The migrant raptor watchers at Sapsucker Woods produced some Regionally good numbers: individual Golden Eagles on three consecutive days in early March, six Red-shouldered Hawks on one day in mid-March, and 45 Broad-winged Hawks and 12 Ospreys on a single day in early May. Elsewhere, Kyle Gage counted 20 Northern Harriers foraging over the wetlands of MNWR.

The status of Sandhill Crane in the Region continues to change. The 7 March arrival date was early and the count of 10 at the end of the season was a seasonal high. Conditions for American Coot were good at MNWR, where observers estimated a seasonal high of 800.

It was an exciting year for shorebird watching. Several species that are more commonly seen in the Region during fall migration made appearances. American Avocets appeared along Canandaigua Lake, unprecedented numbers of “Western” Willets were at several locations, and numerous Long-billed Dowitchers foraged at MNWR in early May. In mid-May, American Golden-Plovers, a Hudsonian Godwit, and Stilt Sandpipers were at MNWR. Another Willet and Sanderlings were on the shores of Canandaigua Lake, and a Wilson’s Phalarope was at MNWR in late May.

Little Gull reports were unusually frequent, with a half dozen scattered from early April through mid-May, including Chemung County’s first record. One Laughing Gull showed up on Cayuga Lake. A Thayer’s Gull visited the compost piles near Reynolds State Game Farm. Possibly the same bird was at Myers Point on Cayuga Lake 12 days later. A count of 33 Lesser Black-backed Gulls at the compost piles was very high for this species. The 124 Common Terns at one location on Cayuga Lake might indicate that this species is making a comeback in the Great Lakes Region. The normally much more common Caspian Tern also had a relatively high count of 54 at MNWR.

Jay McGowan and Brad Walker happened upon an Eastern Whip-poor-will in the road. In addition to the nesting pair at MNWR, Red-headed Woodpeckers were reported from Tompkins and Schuyler Counties. Observers reported high counts of all the other woodpecker species except Downy. Many observers were able to observe the Loggerhead Shrike that lingered for several days in late April near the Ontario-Yates county line.

Several species of passerines that typically arrive in April had early arrivals: Purple Martin, Cliff Swallow, Hermit Thrush, Brown Thrasher, Yellow-rumped Warbler, and Eastern Towhee. Among neotropical migrants, only Lincoln’s Sparrow and Orchard Oriole arrived early.

The only Golden-winged Warbler found this spring was in Northeast Ithaca, but many birders were able to see this bird. The only Prothonotary Warbler away from MNWR was one at Stewart Park in Ithaca. Many observers found the lone Henslow's Sparrow in Tompkins County. Clay-colored Sparrow returned to the Cornell University campus. Another was found in the Town of Dryden. The Western Tanager that spent most of February on the Cornell campus stayed there through 3 April. Logan Kahle and Tim Lenz found the Region's only Red Crossbill at Farley's Point.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CanL – Canandaigua L; CCan – City of Canandaigua; CygL – Cayuga L; CU – Cornell University; DryL – Dryden L, TOMP; ED – Elmira Dam, CHEM; FHM – Frontenac Harbor Marina, CAYU; FLNF – Finger Lakes National Forest, SCHU; HHSF – Hammond Hill State Forest, TOMP; HO – Hawthorn Orchard, TOMP; Ith – Ithaca; LF – Lott Farm, SENE; LPBP – Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve, TOMP; MH – Michigan Hollow, TOMP; MNWR – Montezuma NWR; MyPt – Myers Pt, TOMP; NE Ith – Northeast Ithaca; OBP – Ontario Beach P, ONTA; RSGF – Reynolds State Game Farm, TOMP; SPtSCH – Salt Pt, SCHU; SSP – Sampson SP; StP – Stewart P, TOMP; SW – Sapsucker Woods, TOMP; TCar – T Caroline; TDry – T Dryden; TGor – T Gorham; TLan – T Lansing; TPh – T Phelps; TSum – T Summerhill.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: max 6 MNWR 11 Mar (GaC), high; TDry 19 Mar; last FHM 29 May (mob), late.

Snow Goose: max 100,000 MNWR 5 Mar; 5 MNWR 30 May.

Ross's Goose: arr Village of Cayuga 6 Mar; 2 CU 9 Mar; TPh 11 Mar; CU 20 Mar (JMc!, LSan).

Snow X Ross's Goose (hybrid): Cayuga Castle CAYU 20 Mar.

Brant: CanL (mob) 1 May; SPtSCH 1 May (mob), only reports.

Cackling Goose: arr 4 Seneca L SP 5 Mar; max 13 SW 7 Mar (JMc, BW!), high; last ED 29 Mar.

Canada Goose: max 7160 CU 9 Mar.

Mute Swan: last Clifton Springs Hospital Pd ONTA 18 May (DSp).

Tundra Swan: max 1000 CygL, T Aurelius 5 Mar; last MNWR 7 May.

Eurasian Wigeon: last MNWR 20 May.

Blue-winged Teal: max 82 MNWR 13 Apr(JO), high.

N. Shoveler: max 400 MNWR 2 Apr (JMc, LSan), high.

N. Pintail: max 5000 Savannah Mucklands SENE 5 Mar.

Green-winged Teal: max 1200 MNWR 27-28 Mar (ID, JI, TL), high.

Redhead: max 13,000 Harris P 13 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: last CanL, CCan 24 Mar.

TUFTED DUCK: CanL at various locations 5-11 Mar (mob!).

Greater Scaup: last MNWR 24 May (DSh, MT), late.

Lesser Scaup: max 900 Harris P CAYU 13 Mar; last MNWR 27 May; MyPt 27 May (TL!, JMc!).

Ring-necked Duck X scaup (sp.) (hybrid): CygL, Ith 20 Mar-2 May.

Surf Scoter: MNWR 16 Apr (DWa); 4 DryL 19 Apr (mob), only reports.

White-winged Scoter: max 19 Willard Town P SENE 20 May; last 2 CanL, TGor 3 May; CygL, C Ith 3 May.

Black Scoter: CanL 11 Mar (WF), early; CygL 14 May (ID, JNi, JS), only reports.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 9 CU 7 Mar (MG), early; max 59 SPtSCH 4 Apr (ID), high; last 5 OBP 3 May.

Com. Goldeneye: last Mud Lock CAYU 14 May.

Com. Merganser: max 1100 Frontenac P CAYU 5 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 500 CygL SP 15 Apr (MH), high.
Ruddy Duck: max 150 MNWR 1 Apr.
Red-throated Loon: 28 Perkins Rd Gravel Pits TOMP 4 Apr; last CanL, CCan 27 Apr thru (mob!), late, possibly injured.
Com. Loon: max 255 CygL, T Varick 24 Apr (AL), high.
Horned Grebe: last Emerson P CAYU 27 May; MyPt 27 May.
Red-necked Grebe: last OBP 3 May.
Double-crested Cormorant: max 1000 FHM 18 May (JMc), high.
Am. Bittern: max 3 MNWR 10 Apr (Dnu), high.
Least Bittern: arr T Middlesex 4 May (MBr), early; MNWR 20 May (StB), only reports.
Great Egret: arr MNWR 1 Apr; last Freeville 28 May; MNWR 28 May.
SNOWY EGRET (R3): Cohocton R Environmental Easement STEU 21 Apr (JoG!); MNWR 26 Apr (mob!); 2 MNWR 28 May (mob).
Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr StP 17 Apr.
GLOSSY IBIS (R3): 2 Savannah Mucklands 26 Mar-2 Apr (mob); MNWR 14 May (JMc, MMe).

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: arr Addison High School STEU 4 Mar (LY), early; MNWR 17 Mar; max 12 SW 4 May.
Golden Eagle: arr Mt Pleasant TOMP 6 Mar; last Bluegrass Lane Natural Area TOMP 6 May.
N. Harrier: max 20 MNWR 2 Mar (KG), high.
Red-shouldered Hawk: max 6 SW 12 Mar.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr Long Pt SP 16 Apr; CU 16 Apr; Tlan 16 Apr; Bluegrass Lane Natural Area TOMP 16 Apr; max 45 SW 4 May (CF, MaSc, DrW), high; 31 Moakley House TOMP 4 May.
Rough-legged Hawk: last MNWR 7 May (EW), late.
Virginia Rail: max 7 MNWR 20 May.
Am. Coot: max 800 MNWR 10 Apr (JMc, LSan), high.
Sandhill Crane: arr 3 MNWR 7 Mar (DK), early; max 10 MNWR 30 May (JAb), high.
AM. AVOCET (R3): 2 CanL, CCan 1-2 May (mob!).
AM. GOLDEN-PLOVER (R3): 3 MNWR 20 May (mob!), high.
Solitary Sandpiper: last TDry 24 May.
WILLET (R3): CanL, CCan 1 May (mob!); MNWR 1 May (mob!); 5 Sullivanville Dam

CHEM 1 May (mob!), first county record; 8 MyPt 1 May (mob!); CanL, CCan 30 May (DD).
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 MNWR 26 Mar (mob!), early; last MNWR 26 May.
Upland Sandpiper: arr LF 16 Apr; max 3 LF 14 May.
Whimbrel: arr 2 OBP 3 May (BHo!), early; max 12 CanL, CCan 25 May (mob!); last MNWR 28 May (mob!).
HUDSONIAN GODWIT (R3): MNWR 9-12 May (mob!).
Ruddy Turnstone: arr CanL, CCan 2 May (MBr), early; max 10 CanL, CCan 25 May; last CanL, CCan 27 May.
STILT SANDPIPER (R3): MNWR 10 May (mob!); 2-3 MNWR 20-22 May (mob!).
SANDERLING (R3): 12 CanL, CCan 25 May.
Dunlin: arr MNWR 30 Mar; max 210 MNWR 18 May (mob).
Least Sandpiper: arr MNWR 2 Apr (ABu!), early; max 400 MNWR 21 May.
White-rumped Sandpiper: arr MNWR 7 May.
Pectoral Sandpiper: max 40 MNWR 30 Apr; last MNWR 26 May.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 80 MNWR 26 May.
Short-billed Dowitcher: arr MNWR 10 May; max 6 MNWR 20 May; last MyPt 25 May.
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (R3): 45 MNWR 1 May (JMc!, LSan), high; 5 MNWR 14 May (JMc, BW).
Wilson's Snipe: max 35 Savannah Mucklands SENE 1 Apr (GDa), high; last Bluegrass Lane Natural Area 10 May.
Am. Woodcock: max 5 Tlan 20 Mar; 5 T Ith 30 Apr; 5 SSP 24 May.
WILSON'S PHALAROPE (R3): MNWR 26 May (TL!).
Bonaparte's Gull: StP 18 Mar; max 261 CygL, Tlan 14 Apr.
LITTLE GULL (R3): MyPt 4 Apr (CW!); StP 25 Apr (JMc!); ED 1 May (NG!, TL), first Chemung County record; Long Pt SP 8 May (AL, JMc, NMo); 2 FHM 17-19 May (mob!).
LAUGHING GULL (R3): FHM 29 May (mob!).
Ring-billed Gull: max 6100 SPtSCH 4 Apr (ID), high.
THAYER'S GULL: RSGF 22 Mar (ID!, JMc); MyPt 3 Apr (JMc, LSan).
Iceland Gull: max 6 RSGF 21 Mar (JMc), high; last MNWR 13 Apr; ED 13 Apr.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 33 RSGF 22 Mar (JMc), high; last RSGF 28 May.
Glaucous Gull: last StP 26 Apr (JMc), late.

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Western Tanager, Amherst SP, *Erie*, 7 May 2016, © Willie D'Anna.



Summer Tanager, Chautauqua, *Chautauqua*, 17 May 2016, © Sue Barth.



Yellow-throated Warbler, Connetquot River SP, *Suffolk*, 10 Apr 2016, Ken Fuestel.



Yellow-headed Blackbird, Boland Pond, *Broome*, 13 Apr 2016, © George Chiu.



Red-necked Grebe, Buckingham Pond, *Albany*, 9 April 2016, © Scott Stoner.



This intriguing duck at Fisher's Landing, *Jefferson* (photo 5 Mar 2016, © Willie D'Anna), was thought to be a hybrid involving a small merganser species (Smew or Hooded Merganser) and a *Bucephala* species. The two most widely supported hypotheses (invoking a total of four species!) were Smew x Common Goldeneye and Hooded Merganser x Bufflehead.

Caspian Tern: max 54 MNWR 30 Apr (TB, ID, ASp), high.
Black Tern: max 27 MNWR 20 May.
Com. Tern: max 124 FHM 17 May (JMc), high.
Forster's Tern: arr DryL 8 Apr (Jay & KMcGo, CW), early; max 8 Wyers Pt SENE; 8 CanL, T Italy; last MyPt 24 May.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr TSum 14 May; MNWR 14 May; HO 14 May.
Black-billed Cuckoo: max 9 NE Ith 26 May.
Great Horned Owl: max 7 DIL Woods TOMP 4 Mar (LK), high.
Snowy Owl: last T Fayette 20 Mar; Finger Lakes Regional Airport CAYU 20 Mar.
Short-eared Owl: max 5 TPh13 Apr; last 2 TPh 29 Apr.
N. Saw-whet Owl: HHSF 5 Mar; City of Ithaca Cemetery 20 Mar; T Danby 14 May, only reports.
Com. Nighthawk: max 7 TCar 27 May.
E. WHIP-POOR-WILL (R3): T Danby 14 May (JMc, BW).
Chimney Swift: 14 CU 25 Apr; max 50 T Ledyard 8 May; 50 Owasco L Inlet CAYU 8 May.
Belted Kingfisher: max 5 LPBP 28 Apr (AM, WB), high.
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (R3): Brooktondale 10 May (MGr); 1-2 MNWR 14 May thru (mob); T Hector 21 May (AR).
Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 12 SW 12 May (MWa), high.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 20 FLNF 16 Apr (JMc, LSan); 20 MH 17 Apr (JMc, LSan), high.
Hairy Woodpecker: max 11 TDry 7 May (BMa), high.
N. Flicker: max 25 FLNF 16 Apr (JMc, LSan), high.
Pileated Woodpecker: max 6 FLNF 16 Apr (JMc, LSan), high.
Merlin: max 3 City of Geneva 11 & 24 Apr (JNo), high.
Peregrine Falcon: last & max 2 MNWR.
Olive-sided Flycatcher: last T Starkey 22 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: SW 12 May (MWa), early; MNWR 14 May (DK); TCar 20 May (SKe), only reports.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr T Locke 12 May.
Willow Flycatcher: max 14 MNWR 25 May (JAK), high.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE: TGor & T Middlesex 24-29 Apr (mob!).
N. Shrike: last T Hopewell 23-29 Mar.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr SW 8 May; TDry 8 May; last MNWR 30 May.
Red-eyed Vireo: max 30 HHSF 21 May.
Fish Crow: max 18 T Seneca Falls 29 Mar.
Purple Martin: arr Finger Lakes Community College ONTA 24 Mar (BroM), early; max 58 MNWR 14 May.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: max 160 Woodville Boat Launch ONTA 27 Apr (EGY, GL), high; 75 MyPt 1 May; 75 Dresden Overlook YATE 2 May.
Cliff Swallow: arr Big Flats Trail CHEM 2 Apr (MPo!), early.
Winter Wren: arr MH 24 Mar.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr MH 17 May.
Swainson's Thrush: max 100 NE Ith 26 May.
Hermit Thrush: arr TDry 21 Mar (CW), early; max 16 Danby State Forest TOMP 3 Apr (JMc, LSan), high.
Am. Robin: max 400 TDry 4 Apr (KMcGo).
Brown Thrasher: C Ith 17 Mar (DNu); arr C Ith 1 Apr (WLH), early; max 8 MNWR 9 May (JO), high.
Am. Pipit: arr Sullivanville Dam CHEM 3 Mar; last MNWR 21 May; Elmira Holiday Inn CHEM 21 May.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: 10 MNWR 27 Mar (ID, JI, TL); LF 24 Apr (AL, NMo), only reports.
Snow Bunting: DryL 4 Apr (JGe, CW); MNWR 29-30 Apr (DCar!), low and late.
Worm-eating Warbler: LPBP 14-18 May (mob); Ford Hill TOMP 24 May (LK, CW), only reports.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Shindagin Hollow State Forest TOMP 2 Apr (JB, CW), early.
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER (R3): NE Ith 8 May (mob!).
Blue-winged Warbler: arr 2 TDry 26 Apr.
"Brewster's" Warbler (hybrid): CU 8 May (mob!).
"Lawrence's" Warbler (hybrid): HO 13 May (JGK!); TCar 27 May (TA!).
Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler (hybrid): CU 8 May (mob!).
Black-and-white Warbler: arr T Ovid 25 Apr; TCar 25 Apr; Split Pd P YATE 25 Apr; max 10 LPBP 7 May.
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R3): 1-2 MNWR 6 May thru (mob); Seneca Trail SENE 16 May (KL!); StP 10 May (JMcl).

Tennessee Warbler: last MNWR 26 May; T Enfield 26 May; TDry 26 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr SSP 30 Apr; last HO 24 May (BMc!), late.
Hooded Warbler: arr CU 4 May.
Am. Redstart: max 22 Louis Agassiz Fuertes Bird Sanctuary TOMP 24 May.
Cape May Warbler: max 5 NE Ith 17 May; last HHSF 28 May (AM, JGK, SDa), late.
Cerulean Warbler: arr MNWR 7 May; max 8 MNWR 21 May.
N. Parula: last Uhl Woods TOMP 27 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: T Ovid 9 May; last TDry 25 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: max 12 HHSF 7 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 15 Shindagin Hollow State Forest TOMP 14 May.
Palm Warbler: max 20 SSP 30 Apr; last MNWR 20 May.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr Jetty Woods TOMP 13 Mar (TL), early; max 100 Wyers Pt SENE 29 Apr (TL), high.
Prairie Warbler: arr T Lindley 28 Apr; 2 LPBP 28 Apr; C Ith 28 Apr.
Canada Warbler: max 8 HHSF 30 May (KMcGo, LAvL), high.
Wilson's Warbler: last Ithaca Tompkins Airport 27 May; MyPt 27 May; CU 27 May; TLan 27 May.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr T Hornellsville 19 Mar (NG, GM, TL), early; max 18 Bare Hill Unique Area YATE 21 Apr (KaS), high.
Am. Tree Sparrow: max 40 MNWR 10 Mar; last MNWR 6 May.
Chipping Sparrow: max 33 CU 3May.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (R3): CU 6 May thru; TDry 23 May.
Field Sparrow: arr T Hornellsville 19 Mar.
Vesper Sparrow: max 7 Mt Pleasant TOMP 13 Apr (JMc), high.
Savannah Sparrow: T Fayette 5 Mar (NMa, DNe, ST); Ithaca Tompkins Airport 24 Mar (JMc); arr TDry 31 Mar; max 40 RSGF 26 Apr (LK, TL, ST), high.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Lake Rd fields CAYU 9 May.
HENSLOW'S SPARROW (R3): W King Rd fields TOMP 30 Apr-24 May (mob!).
Fox Sparrow: max 35 TDry 4 Apr, high (SDa); last T Starkey 30 Apr.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr 2 T Middlesex 27 Apr (EGy, GL!), early; last MyPt 27 May.
Swamp Sparrow: max 46 MNWR 16 Apr (JO), high.
White-throated Sparrow: max 100 TGor 27 Apr (TL), high; last T Ith 28 May.
White-crowned Sparrow: last Arnot Forest SCHU 23 May.
WESTERN TANAGER: CU thru 3 Apr (mob!).
Bobolink: 2 South Hill TOMP 30 Apr.
E. Meadowlark: arr T Tyre 8 Mar.
Rusty Blackbird: max 700 MNWR 1 May (JMc, LSan); last T Hopewell 11 May.
Orchard Oriole: arr SW 27 Apr (Jay & KMcGo, BW), early; max 4 Cass P TOMP 31 May.
House Finch: max 35 SW 2 Mar (TSc), high.
Purple Finch: max 18 TCar 19 Mar.
RED CROSSBILL (R3): Farley's Pt CAYU 20 Mar (LK, TL), only report.
Pine Siskin: max 35 T Prattsburgh 10 Mar.
House Sparrow: max 60 CU 4 Mar (NMa, DNe), high.

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REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

No report was received this season.

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REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Continuing where winter left off, the spring 2016 season began on a mild note. In Syracuse the average temperature for March was 39.7° F, fully 5.5° warmer than normal. Rainfall for the month totaled 2.45", which was one half inch lower than average. Snowfall in March was 5.4" in Syracuse which is more than a foot below par. Unlike last year, Lake Ontario was ice-free right from the onset of March. In Old Forge in the Adirondacks, ice-out at First Lake occurred on 17 March. The month of April was decidedly rawer, with an average temperature of 42.6°, which was 4.3° colder than normal. One birder noted that April was more like March and vice versa. In Syracuse rainfall was over an inch below normal in April, but 8" of snow provided the month with a 4.3" surplus.

Some birders noted that arrival dates for many species were earlier by at least a week. Perhaps lulled into a false sense of security by a mild March, early nesters faced incubation challenges in April and harsh weather was ultimately blamed for some nest failures. A half-foot of snow which blanketed parts of the Region on 3 April compelled Killdeer, Fox Sparrows, and American Robins (disparate companions) to take to the shoulders of roads and busy highways in an attempt to find open ground where they could forage. The latter species became an especially common casualty of vehicle impacts. The mean temperature in May was 58.2°, only 0.6° above average. Rainfall for the month amounted to 3.6" which was slightly higher than average. Persistent northerly winds along the Ontario Lakeshore inhibited leaf-out into late May. A happy consequence of this was that migrant warblers and other neotropicals could be more easily viewed in the treetops.

There was little remarkable about this spring's waterfowl migration, with the expected species found in average or below average numbers. At Derby Hill the peak flight of Snow Geese happened on 7-8 March, three weeks earlier than the previous year. **Eurasian Wigeon** had its best showing ever in the Region, being found in four places for a total of 4-5 individuals. Although species diversity was lackluster this season, a few novel hybrids helped to keep things interesting. At Howland Island on 4 May, Ken Burdick identified a **Blue-winged Teal X Cinnamon Teal** hybrid, presumably the same bird as at Montezuma in fall having successfully overwintered. On 2 March, Jason Luscier found a Mallard X Northern Pintail hybrid on Onondaga Lake. Neither bird was relocated after their initial discoveries. The first two weeks of March saw a good flight of Northern Pintail. Tim Lenz observed an estimated 6500 Pintails in the

Loop Road floodlands east of the Seneca River and one of the few parts of the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge in Region 5. Generally, counts of *Aythya* species were low and there was little significant staging noted. At Phillip's Point on Oneida Lake on 19-20 May, Bill Purcell observed the Region's only Surf Scoters for the season. Only a single Black Scoter was reported for the period.

There were widespread reports of Wild Turkey, but the small flock sizes encountered seems to confirm an already recognized downward population trend. A maximum count of 40 came from the Utica area on 28 March, but most reports were of much smaller numbers and even singles. In light of these trends the NYS DEC may want to reconsider the annual month-long turkey hunting season. Holding the hunt during the month of May, while turkeys are engaged in breeding activities seems inconsistent with sound conservation management. A closing of the spring turkey season is recommended in order to help stabilize and/or grow Wild Turkey populations. In the Adirondacks in the latter part of May, Gary Lee noted that only two of the expected five pairs of Common Loons were present at Woodhull Lake. Lee speculated that resident Bald Eagles may be hazing the loons and forcing them to leave.

American Bitterns were reported from expected areas. On 18 May, Wayne Fidler and Mary and Mark Magistro found one in the marsh at Derby Hill calling in plain sight. The marsh outlet had been temporarily blocked and the water level was two feet higher than usual, causing marsh birds to be much more visible than usual. The bittern was seen gulping air and producing its unique hiccupping call. After several days the outlet blockage cleared and the water level dropped to normal. A Least Bittern was also heard. Only one other Least Bittern was found during the period. On 19 May, Mitch Nusbaum found a **Snowy Egret** at Jamesville Beach, and Dennis Anderson and Matt Voelker relocated it there on the 21st. The bird represents the 18th spring record and 30th overall for the Region. Single Black-crowned Night-Herons were reported at a few sites, but their visits were short.

The season's hawk flight at Derby Hill was somewhat disappointing even if the final count was similar to the previous year. Observers speculated that a mild winter was responsible for the low tallies of early migrating buteos and accipiters—record low numbers in some cases. Many hawks likely wintered further north than usual and therefore had no opportunity to pass over Derby Hill. After a mild March, a conspiracy of meteorological factors served to suppress the April flight, with wintry weather early in the month and day after day of northeast winds during the second half. In his capacity as official hawk counter at Derby Hill, Dave Wheeler reported the number of raptors counted in April (17,392) was barely half that of the same month in 2015. A reversal of fortune happened for late May however, with a decent flight of "Florida" Bald Eagles (winter-breeding birds of the Deep South) and immature Broad-winged Hawks. Rarities included two **Black Vultures** and a light-morph **Swainson's Hawk**. Photos of the Swainson's Hawk (with a missing central tail feather) that passed Derby Hill on 26 May led to it being recognized as one of two that

passed over Braddock Bay the previous day. There are approximately 25 prior Derby Hill records of the species, which may not be noted but almost certainly passes every year.

A small number of Soras was reported this period, which is typical. The most interesting report came via the web cam on the Peregrine Falcon nest box in downtown Utica. There on 12 May, the adult male falcon brought in a Sora as prey to feed its nestlings. How precisely a Peregrine Falcon obtains a notoriously low-flying Sora is open to speculation. One would assume that the Peregrine would catch a rail by flushing it from cattail beds and chasing it down rather than diving after it in a stoop. Singles and small numbers of Sandhill Crane were reported mostly from expected areas, but one also came in from the Utica Marsh on 24 March. The crane may indeed constitute a first for that location.

A **Piping Plover** with an orange leg band was spotted by Dennis Anderson on 7 May at Oneida Shores County Park in Brewerton, a first for Onondaga County and third record for the shores of Oneida Lake. The plover may be one of the birds attempting to breed 35 miles north in Jefferson County. Several had returned to the Sandy Pond area by late May. A flock of 13 Whimbrels passed by Oneida Lake at Constantia on 24 May. At Ditch Bank Road on 2 May, Jerry Case observed and photographed a male **Ruff**, the fifth spring record for the Region and eighth overall. It appeared to be molting to breeding plumage or possibly a first year bird. After about five minutes, the rarity flew north along with a small flock of Lesser Yellowlegs and was not seen again. Bonaparte's Gulls arrived in late March but thereafter were found in relatively unimpressive numbers. Gull diversity was disappointing this period and numbers were generally low. In May, Gary Lee reported that for the first time in 50 years there was no Herring Gull nest at Limekiln Lake. One Forster's Tern was reported from Oneida Lake on 3 May. Kevin McGann and Wayne Fidler spotted a distant **Parasitic Jaeger** from Phillips Pt (Oneida Lake) on 8 May. Spring jaegers are represented historically by only a few records for the Region.

On 6 March a maximum of three Long-eared Owls was reported at Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville. One remained there until at least 16 March. The Short-eared Owl that flew past Derby Hill on 29 April represented the only report for that species. There were two reports of Northern Saw-whet Owls. The last one was heard calling in Williamstown on 20 April. A high count of 462 Common Nighthawks from Derby Hill was very noteworthy for a single day. Wayne Fidler kept count of the birds, which started moving earlier in the day than usual. Dave Wheeler speculated that the flight was likely a large percentage of the typical total season count compressed into a four-hour period, probably by the influence of weather. On 29 May at the Stillwater Hotel in the Adirondacks, the annual banding of hummingbirds took place. Gary Lee reported that a total of 47 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were banded that morning. Six of those captured were previously banded at the same location—four in 2014 and two in 2015. Merlin numbers were lower than usual this period,

and only one instance of possible nesting was reported. Resident pairs of Peregrine Falcons in the downtown areas of Syracuse and Utica were both confirmed as breeding. In Utica the first egg appeared on the nest scrape on 26 March, which is nearly a week earlier than the previous year. Ultimately two out of four eggs hatched in the Utica nest. Notable prey species brought back by the Utica Peregrines included the aforementioned Sora, American Woodcock (many), Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Black-billed Cuckoo, American Redstart, and Orchard Oriole.

An Acadian Flycatcher was found on 22 May at Sunset Bay Park. The species was found at two other locations, including a wooded gorge near Skaneateles Lake, but was not reported from the Whiskey Hollow spot in May. On 23 May, Gene Huggins observed a **White-eyed Vireo** at the South Meadows Nature Area in Tully. He managed to get a good look at the rarity, which apparently never sang and did not linger. The sighting is the 18th Regional record of the species for the spring season. At Derby Hill large flights of northbound migrant Blue Jays took place between 11-26 May. On 14 May close to 2,500 Blue Jays flew over. Gene Huggins reported that Tree Swallows arrived at his Tully property on 24 March, which surpassed their prior earliest arrival date by eleven days. No significant movement of Black-capped Chickadee or Red-breasted Nuthatch was noted during the period. There were only three reports of Gray-cheeked Thrushes, which is not unusual. For the second consecutive spring season, at Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary in Kirkland, a Gray-cheeked Thrush was seen keeping company with a Swainson's Thrush.

A handful of reports of Bohemian Waxwings all emanated from the Mexico area near Lake Ontario. A "Lawrence's" Warbler was observed and photographed by several birders at Great Bear Recreation Area in Fulton, presumably the same bird returning to the spot year after year. On 23 May Linda Clark-Benedict and Steven Benedict took part in a mission to find Prothonotary Warblers at Howland Island. Their efforts yielded three of the enigmatic species. The birds' locations were recorded on GPS by the DEC. On that same day their 10 mile journey also yielded 16 singing Cerulean Warblers, which was an impressive number but not unexpected given the distance and in the Region's last stronghold for the species. Several birders noted that Cape May Warblers were more plentiful this season than normal. Interestingly, Dave Cesari, who laments the absence of migrant neotropicals at his Rome property, reported that the only migrant warbler to grace his land this season was a Cape May Warbler. A maximum number of seven Cape Mays at Sunset Bay Park on 8 May can be considered quite respectable for this modern era, even if it pales in comparison to the high totals achieved in the 1970s.

Only three Clay-colored Sparrows were found this spring. One non-singing bird on the bluff at Derby Hill on 21 May was probably a female. Interestingly, a Chipping Sparrow that remained at Derby Hill through the month of May consistently sang a Clay-colored-like song. It was suggested that the song was the species' "dawn" song, but the bird consistently sang the same variation

throughout the day and was never heard producing a more typical song. Vesper Sparrows arrived in a bit stronger numbers than usual. It remains to be seen if any stayed to breed. Fox Sparrow numbers were particularly good this spring with several observers reporting more than 10 per location. It's no surprise that the high counts were concurrent with a shift to harsh weather and snow cover, which undoubtedly served to concentrate the birds. Dave and Janet Muir photographed a first summer male **Summer Tanager** at their bird feeders on 6-7 May, the sixth spring record and eighth overall for Region 5 (but second of 2016). A male Dickcissel was observed at a feeding station in Marcellus on 15 May. Photos taken by the owner of the residence where the bird occurred substantiated the sighting, but it's not known how long the bird remained at the site. This occasional stopover but likely regular passage migrant has been recorded 30 times previously in the Region but only six times for spring. Winter finches were scarce this season just as they were during the previous period. Only Pine Siskins attained respectable numbers. On 28 March, at her residence in the Southern Highlands near Sheds, Linda Salter had Pine Siskin fledglings showing up at her birdfeeders.

This season a total of 249 species and five hybrids was reported, which is three above the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights of the season included: Ross's Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, **Blue-winged Teal X Cinnamon Teal (hybrid)**, **Snowy Egret**, **Black Vulture**, **SWAINSON'S HAWK**, **PIPING PLOVER**, Whimbrel, **RUFF**, Forster's Tern, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Black-backed Woodpecker, **WHITE-EYED VIREO**, "Lawrence's" Warbler, **Prothonotary Warbler**, and **DICKCISSEL**.

Spring 2016 produced 81,495 eBird records for Region 5, and these were processed by Swan Swan Hummingbird v 4.02. Reports were contributed by 352 people.

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DERBY HILL HAWK MIGRATION TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	27 Mar	1	X	2
Turkey Vulture	6 Mar	2233	27 Mar	18301
Osprey	24 Mar	41	3 May	314
Bald Eagle	28 Feb	53	26 May	450
No. Harrier	28 Feb	95	7 Apr	409
Sharp-sh. Hawk	7 Mar	245	6 May	2031
Cooper's Hawk	28 Feb	21	27 Mar	167
N. Goshawk	15 Mar	1	X	5
Red-sh. Hawk	6 Mar	68	17 Mar	339
Broad-wng. Hawk	15 Apr	4244	3 May	18392
Red-tailed Hawk	28 Feb	223	27 Mar	2159
Rough-lgd. Hawk	28 Feb	18	9 Mar	67
Swainson's Hawk	26 May	1	26 May	1
Golden Eagle	9 Mar	3	17, 27 Mar, 7 Apr	24
Am. Kestrel	9 Mar	24	7 Apr	179
Merlin	9 Mar	4	7 Apr	36
Peregrine Falcon	9 Mar	3	9 Mar	14
Total, inc. unid.				42,952

ABBREVIATIONS

ADK – Adirondacks, n. HERK; BLNC – Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville; Brew – Oneida L at Brewerton; Bville – Baldwinsville; CM – Clay Marsh, Clay; Const – Oneida L at Constantia; DB – Ditch Bank Rd & vicinity, T Sullivan/Lenox; DH – Derby Hill, T Mexico; DL – Delta L; Dolgeville – Dolge, HERK; FH – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay, and vicinity; GB – Great Bear Rec Area, Fulton; GLSP – Green Lakes SP, Fayetteville; GSC – Great Swamp Conservancy and vicinity; HV – Happy Valley WMA, Parish; MCL – Madison County Landfill; NS – Noyes Sanctuary; OF – Old Forge; OLC – Onondaga L Creekwalk, Syracuse; OneiL – Oneida L; OnonL – Onondaga L; OswH – Oswego Harbor; PPt – Oneida L at Phillips Pt, W Monroe; Pville – Pennellville; SBP – Sunset Bay P, Scriba; SFNS – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; SH – Southern Highlands of Onondaga & Madison Co.; SHTF – Sky High Turf Farm, Chittenango, MADI; Skan – Skaneateles; SNC – Sterling Nature Center, Sterling; SP – Sandy Pd and vicinity; SSSP – Selkirk

Shores SP; SVB – Sylvan, Verona Beach, and vicinity; Syr – Syracuse; TR – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; UM – Utica Marsh; WH – Whiskey Hollow; WP – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Mexico 3 Mar (WF); DH 12 Mar (KM).

Snow Goose: 7000 Lysander 6 Mar; 5321 SSSP 6 Mar; max 14110 DH 7 Mar; last 3 DH 11 Apr.

Ross's Goose: 2 DH 7 Mar (DW, ph); DH 9 Mar (DW, ph); DH 24 Mar (DW, ph).

Brant: arr & max 140 OnonL 1 May; 50 TR 1 May; 50 Fulton 1 May; 130 PPt 17 May; 113 PPt 19 May; last 15 DH, OF 26 May.

Cackling Goose: Jamesville 6 Mar; Phoenix 10 Mar; max 2 Oriskany 13 Mar; SFNS 17 Mar; last Jamesville 14 Apr.

Canada Goose: max 4995 DH 9 Mar.

Mute Swan: max 34 SP 11 May; 22 FH 14 May.

Trumpeter Swan: max 8 Pville 10 Mar; 5 Parish 23 Mar; 5 TR 23 Apr.

Tundra Swan: max 23 Brew 6 Mar; 16 DL 7 Mar; 12 TR 7 Mar; last 2 TR 22 Mar.

Wood Duck: 34 DH 9 Mar; max 45 UM 24 Mar.

Gadwall: 12 Pville 11 Mar; 15 TR 12 Mar; 10 HI 27 Mar; last HI 12 May.

EURASIAN WIGEON (R5): Volney 10-13 Mar (KM, mob); 2 DB 11 Mar (WF); Schroepel 13 Mar (MM, MaM); HI 3 Apr (AB); *intro*.

Am. Wigeon: max 300 HI 27 Mar; 45 TR 29 Mar; last PPt 16 May.

Am. Black Duck: max 63 GSC 11 Mar; 60 HI 27 Mar.

Mallard: max 280 Pville 11 Mar; 240 DB 11 Mar.

Am. Black Duck X Mallard: max 2 OnonL 1 Mar; DB 11 Mar; only reports.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 2 Phoenix 13 Mar; max 8 TR 29 Mar; 6 SNC 21 Apr - 11 May.

Blue-winged Teal X Cinnamon Teal: HI 4 May (KRB).

N. Shoveler: 20 Canas 26 Mar; 14 Phoenix 26 Mar; max 30 HI 27 Mar; 15 CM 6 Apr; last 3 Volney 25 May; relatively good numbers.

Mallard X N. Shoveler: OnonL 2 Mar (JL).

N. Pintail: 200 DB 11 Mar; 6500 Loop Rd MNWR 5 Mar (TL); 750 Pville 11 Mar; last 2 HI 30 Apr; generally good numbers.

Mallard X N. Pintail: TR 13 Mar (GD); HI 6 Apr (AB).

Green-winged Teal: 130 DB 25 Mar; max 150

HI 27 Mar; last PPt 8 May.

Canvasback: max 18 OswH 4 Mar; 6 Brew 6 Mar; last OnonL 14 Apr; low numbers & few reports.

Redhead: 45 OnonL 4 Mar; 26 OswH 5 Mar; max 66 Brew 6 Mar; 25 FH 11 Mar; last 3 WP 5 Apr.

Ring-necked Duck: max 332 GSC 13 Mar; 215 Brew 19 Mar; 313 Tully 2 Apr; last 5 WP 7 May.

Greater Scaup: max 150 OswH 5 Mar; 140 Brew 6 Mar; 100 SP 5 Apr; last OswH 10 May.

Lesser Scaup: max 250 FH 16 Mar; 110 OneiL 27 Mar; 52 SP 5 Apr; last 2 OswH 5 May.

Greater/Lesser Scaup: max 400 OneiL 27 Mar; 300 SP 5 Apr.

Surf Scoter: arr 2 PPt 20 Apr; PPt 19 May; only reports.

White-winged Scoter: 25 OswH 5 Mar; max 268 FH 19 Mar; 161 PPt 19 May; last 26 PPt 24 May.

Black Scoter: OswH 4 Mar, only report.

Long-tailed Duck: arr & max 520 FH 19 Mar; 300 DH 24 Apr; last DH 22 May.

Bufflehead: 70 WP 12 Apr; max 300 Const 17 Apr; 56 Cazanova 2 May; last PPt 22 May.

Com. Goldeneye: 70 OnonL 1 Mar; 100 Mexico 5 Mar; max 230 Brew 6 Mar; last 3 Port Ontario 28 Apr.

Hooded Merganser: 24 SP 7 Mar; 17 Brew 6 Mar; max 36 Otisco Lake 13 Mar.

Com. Merganser: max 340 OnonL 1 Mar; 165 Brew 6 Mar; 200 FH 11 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 550 FH 19 Mar; 100 DH 11 Apr; last 4 Oswego 22 May.

Ruddy Duck: arr FH 11 Mar; 6 WP 16 Mar; max 41 BLNC 8-9 Apr; last 3 BLNC 12 May; low numbers.

N. Bobwhite: TR 23 Mar, presumed released, only report.

Ring-necked Pheasant: 2 Pulaski 9 Mar – 1 Apr; 2 Durhamville 13 Mar; many singles; most reports from west.

Ruffed Grouse: max 4 SFNS 20 Mar – 2 Apr; 4 SH 7 – 14 May; 3 HV 22 Apr; widespread reports.

Wild Turkey: 35 Dolge 10 Mar; 36 SH 25 Mar; max 40 Utica 28 Mar; many reports but low counts, *intro*.

Red-throated Loon: max 2 SBP 5 Mar; last West Eaton 16 May; 4 other reports of singles.

Com. Loon: 29 DH 11 Apr; 58 OnonL 12 Apr; max 60 PPt 25 Apr.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 9 TR 26 Mar - 11 Apr; 6 HI 10 May.

Horned Grebe: 5 SBP 5 Mar; 4 DH 4 Apr; max 20 OnonL 12 Apr; 9 WP 12 Apr; last DH 25 May.

Red-necked Grebe: 10 OnonL 12 Apr; max 27 PPt 20 Apr; last DH 23 Apr.

Double-crested Cormorant: 190 PPt 20 Apr; max 320 Fulton 16 May.

Am. Bittern: arr TR 15 Apr; max 2 West Monroe 20 Apr, 2 Phoenix 26 Apr - 22 May, 2 SP 20 May.

Least Bittern: DH 17-22 May; CM 21 May; only reports.

Great Blue Heron: 27 Albion 30 Mar; 30 Phoenix 17 Apr; max 48 SNC 12 May; 21 HI 23 May; all rookery sites.

Great Egret: arr DH 7 Apr; 2 SNC 16 Apr; 2 DH 22 Apr; max 4 Mohawk, HERK 27 Apr; several more reports of singles.

SNOWY EGRET (R5): Jamesville 19 May (MN, ph) & 21 May (DA, MV, ph), 18th spring reg rec.

Green Heron: arr CM 16 Apr; 4 TR 20 May; max 7 DH 26 May.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr DH 22 Apr; Volney 30 Apr; TR 2-5 May; SP 11 May; Oswego 11 May; only reports.

HAWKS - LARIDS

BLACK VULTURE (R5): 2 Little Falls 13 Mar (DB); DH 27 Mar (DW); DH 1 Apr (DW, JT).

Turkey Vulture: max 2233 DH 27 Mar; 1812 DH 7 Apr.

Osprey: arr OLC 19 Mar; 9 DH 7 Apr; max 41 DH 3 May.

N. Harrier: 18 DH 9 Mar; 18 DH 1 Apr; max 95 DH 7 Apr.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 88 DH 27 Mar; 78 DH 18 Apr; max 245 DH 6 May.

Cooper's Hawk: max 21 DH 27 Mar; 11 DH 7 Apr.

N. Goshawk: 2 SH 2 - 27 Apr, presumed pair; 2 DH 27 Mar.

Bald Eagle: 12 HI 20 Mar; max 53 DH 26 May; 35 DH 27 May.

Red-shouldered Hawk: arr 5 Mexico 5 Mar; 38 DH 12 Mar; max 68 DH 17 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr Brookfield 10 Apr; max 4244 DH 3 May; 1127 DH 27 May.

SWAINSON'S HAWK: DH 26 May (DW, MT, ph, mob, NYSARC), approx 25th site rec, *intro*.

Red-tailed Hawk: 150 DH 17 Mar; max 223 DH 27 Mar; 113 DH 1 Apr.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 18 DH 9 Mar; 4 TR 24 Mar; 8 DH 27 Mar; last DH 18 Apr.

Golden Eagle: max 3 DH 17, 27 Mar, 7 Apr; last DH 13 May.

Virginia Rail: arr CM 22 Mar; max 6 TR 30 Apr; 3 CM 19 May; 3 Tully 22 May; 3 Phoenix 22 May; 3 Mallory 25 May.

Sora: 2 Phoenix 26 April - 22 May; max 3 DH 27 Apr; Utica 12 May, brought in as prey by a Peregrine, *intro*; 2 OnonL 27 May; singles at 4 other locs.

Com. Gallinule: arr HI 23 Apr; 3 TR 7-18 May; max 6 Verona 21 May.

Am. Coot: arr & max 43 Skan 11 Mar; 3 FH 11 Mar; 4 Phoenix 12 Apr; 4 TR 15-16 Apr; very low numbers and few reports.

Sandhill Crane: arr Loop Rd MNWR 11 Mar; max 5 DH 21 Apr; UM 24 Mar, farthest east report; 3 Warners 30 Apr; 3 SP 1 May; 3 Port Byron 14 May.

Black-bellied Plover: arr SP 3 May; 10 HI 11 May; 4 TR 19 May; max 21 SP 25 May; last TR 27 May.

PIPING PLOVER: Oneida Shores Park 7 May (DA, ph), orange band on left leg, 1st county rec; SP late May (WF).

Killdeer: 16 DH 9 Mar; max 18 Phoenix 16 Mar; 14 Van Buren 5 Apr; 10 Oneida Shores Park 24 May.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr OnonL 13 Apr; 8 DH 7 May; max 20 SP 11 May; 10 SBP 13 May; 8 TR 18 May; 8 FH 20 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Mindenville, HERK 6 Apr; 7 SHTF 6 May; 7 West Monroe 8 May; 14 TR 12 May; max 25 HI 14 May; last TR 25 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr 6 Cedarville 4 Apr; 10 Bridgeport 17 Apr; max 12 Phoenix 2 May; last 6 TR 25 May.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr Canastota 26 Mar; max 23 Phoenix 2 May; 9 DB 7 May; 4 Hinckley Reservoir 4 May; last TR 28 May.

Upland Sandpiper: arr Fulton 17 Apr; max 2 Deerfield 21 May; singles in 2 other locs in HERK.

Whimbrel: arr & max 13 Const 24 May (KM), only report.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr and max 2 Const 22 May, Const 24 May; only reports.

RUFF: male DB 2 May (JC, ph, NYSARC), 8th reg rec, 5th for spring.

Stilt Sandpiper: Lysander 7-10 May (KM, ph), scarce in spring.

Dunlin: arr 100 FH 17 May (KM); max 130

Const 25 May (GD); 9 SP 25 May; last 2 Const 27 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr Phoenix 1 May; 54 Jamesville 12 May; max 126 HI 14 May; 27 TR 19 May; 20 Richfield 20 May; last DeWitt 30 May.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr & max 17 Verona 4 Apr (MV), early; 2 Jamesville 21 May; last Volney 25 May; singles at 4 other locs.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Jamesville 13 May; 3 Richfield 20 May; max 8 HI 23 May; 4 SP 25 May; last SP 26 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: Const 25 May, only report.

Wilson's Snipe: arr TR 7 Mar; 30 DB 26 Mar; 27 Verona 4 Apr; max 45 Pville 6 Apr.

Am. Woodcock: arr TR 7 Mar; 10 Williamstown 24 Mar; max 12 TR 24 Mar; 5 SFNS 14 Apr; common prey species for Utica Peregrine Falcons.

Bonaparte's Gull: arr 11 OneiL 27 Mar (ABu); 26 OshW 29 Mar; 24 SVB 21 Apr; max 36 PPT 23 May.

Ring-billed Gull: 403 DH 7 Mar; max 800 DB 13 Mar.

Herring Gull: 150 Bville 6 Mar; 160 DH 7 Mar; max 300 DB 4 Apr.

Iceland Gull: max 2 MCL 1 Mar & Barneveld 7 Mar; Bville 1 Mar; last DB 4 Apr, only reports.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: OshW 11 Mar; Otisco Lake 13 Mar; DH 27 Mar; max 4 DB 2 Apr (TS); Tully 13 Apr; last 2 FH 2 May.

Glaucous Gull: MCL 1 Mar; last DB 31 Mar; only reports.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 18 OnonL 1 Mar; 4 OshW 5 Mar; 4 FH 30 May.

Caspian Tern: arr WP 9 Apr; 70 OnonL 30 Apr; 62 FH 3 May; max 386 OshW 4 May, large count; 256 SP 11 May; last 10 FH 30 May.

Black Tern: FH 2 May, only report.

Com. Tern: arr 2 DH 21 Apr; 9 FH 14 – 19 May; 50 PPT 15 May; max 100 Const 25 May; low numbers.

Forster's Tern: OneiL 3 May (AVN, WF).

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Rock Pigeon: 40 Syr 1 Mar; max 232 Cicero 7 Mar; 40 Phoenix 8 Apr; 60 Bville 23 Apr.

Mourning Dove: 34 Const 3 Mar; max 61 Dolge 6 Mar.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: HI 12 May; 2 HI 19 – 23 May; 2 WH 28 May; max 4 GB 29 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr GB 12 May; max 3 GLSP 14 May; 2 Lysander 19 May; 2

Williamstown 26 – 27 May; 2 GB 29 May; 2 Bville 30 May.

E. Screech-Owl: Westvale 20 Mar; Marcellus 15 – 16 Apr; SP 19 Apr, 11 May; TR 2 May; SNC 7 May; Williamstown 12 May; only reports.

Great Horned Owl: 2 Manlius 8 – 18 Mar; 2 Pennellville 17 – 23 Mar; max 3 SNC 16 Apr – 12 May, 2 young and ad at nest in heron rookery; 3 Phoenix 3 May; virtually all reports west of OneiL.

Barred Owl: max 5 HV 4 Mar; 2 SNC 21 May; widespread reports.

Long-eared Owl: arr BLNC 5 Mar; max 3 BLNC 6 Mar (GD); last BLNS 16 Mar, only loc.

Short-eared Owl: DH 29 Apr (DW), day-migrating; only report.

N. Saw-whet Owl: Skan 6 Mar; Williamstown 20 Apr; only reports.

Com. Nighthawk: 8 TR 23 May; max 462 DH 26 May (WF, DW), great number, *intro*; most sightings from DH and vicinity.

E. Whip-poor-will: arr & max 2 Camden 7 – 31 May, 2 Const 11 – 21 May; only locs.

Chimney Swift: arr Schuyler 19 Apr; 36 OnonL 29 Apr; max 200 Little Falls 15 May; 20 Manlius 20 May; low numbers mostly.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr SH, Bville, SBP 5 May; max 5 DH 14 May.

Belted Kingfisher: 5 DH 11 Apr; 5 SBP 17 Apr; max 6 SNC 21 Apr.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 Scriba 28 Mar; max 3 FH 14 May; Frankfort 16 – 21 May; Cleveland 20 May; SNC 22 May; all but 2 reports from Lake Ontario Shoreline.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 8 GLSP 20 Mar – 17 Apr, 8 SFNS 16 Apr, 8 SNC 21-27 Mar.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: first DH 4 Mar; 7 SBP 12 Apr; max 12 SFNS 16 Apr; 10 SH 16 Apr.

Downy Woodpecker: 8 BLNS 17 Apr; max 10 SFNS 5-9 May.

Hairy Woodpecker: 5 GLSP 17 Apr; max 6 SFNS 2 Apr.

N. Flicker: 40 DH 15 Apr; max 200 DH 16 Apr; 155 DH 21 Apr; 38 SBP 17 Apr.

Pileated Woodpecker: max 4 Belgium 3 Mar; 3 HI 20 Mar; 3 GLSP 9 Apr; 3 Williamstown 13 Apr; 3 Oswego 12 May.

Am. Kestrel: 11 DH 31 Mar; 10 DH 24 Mar; max 24 DH 7 Apr.

Merlin: max 4 DH 7 Apr; 2 Bville 10 Apr – 21 May, pair at presumed nest site; 2 Lake Rondax, ADK 22 May.

Peregrine Falcon: Herkimer 3 Mar; Pville 7 Mar; HI 30 Mar; 3 DH 9 Mar; Phoenix 12 Mar; 2 BLNC 16 Apr; 4 Utica 21 May, breeding pair and 2 nestlings; Downtown Syr nest also has 2 nestlings.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr DH 26 May (KM), only report.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr Manlius & Canastota 11 May; 6 SBP 28 May; 6 WH 28 May; max 9 GB 29 May; 6 TR 31 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Eagle Bay, ADK 14 & 28 May; Rome 18 May; only reports.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr Oswego 22 May; SBP 27 May; Spafford 28 May; only reports.

Alder Flycatcher: arr Verona 10 May; 4 SFNS 26 May; max 5 TR 28 – 31 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr 2 TR 13 May; max 9 CM 21 May; 6 Tully 22 May; 5 DeWitt 30 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr 3 Williamstown 29 Apr; 8 Brew 24 May; max 9 Cicero 25 May; 7 OnonL 28 May.

E. Phoebe: arr Dolge 12 Mar; 7 DH 27 Mar; 8 NS 12 Apr; max 9 HI 15 Apr.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr BLNC 27 Apr; 5 Scriba 12 May; 10 TR 14 May; 9 CM 21 May; max 17 HI 23 May; 5 GB 28 – 29 May.

E. Kingbird: 3 TR 27 Apr; max 8 DH 12 May; 6 Lysander 19 May; 6 Tully 22 May.

N. Shrike: TR 6 – 24 Mar (last); Durhamville 13 Mar; Cazenovia 17 Mar; New Haven 17 Mar; Lysander 19 Mar; only reports.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (R5): Tully 23 May (GH), 18th spring reg rec.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr TR 30 Apr; 4 Canastota 11 May; 3 TR 14 – 23 May; 3 Williamstown 15 May; 3 CM 19 May; max 8 HI 23 May.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr SFNS 17 Apr; 4 FH 2 May; 4 SFNS 5 May; max 8 Lake Rondaxe ADK 22 May; 4 New Woodstock 25 May.

Warbling Vireo: arr Waterville 25 Apr; 10 Jamesville 22 May; max 20 HI 23 May; 7 OnonL 28 May.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr e. Syr 10 May; Phoenix 17 May; GLSP 20 May; SH 26 – 29 May; Const 27 May; only reports.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr New Haven 5 May; max 15 Canastota 23 May; 14 GLSP 27 May; 13 GB 29 May.

Blue Jay: 1270 DH 11 May; 300 SBP 14 May; max 2500 DH 26 May.

Am. Crow: 8000 DH 8 Mar; 450 TR 9 Mar.

Fish Crow: max 7 OnonL 27 Mar, 7 SBP 21 Apr, 7 Phoenix 4 May; most reports from same locs.

Com. Raven: max 4 Boyleston 5 Mar, 4 GLSP 12 Mar, 4 HI 23 May, 4 Marcellus 25 May.

Horned Lark: 4 DH 15 Mar; 4 Mexico 4 Apr; 12 Cazenovia 5 Apr; max 15 Waterville 7 Apr; low numbers.

Purple Martin: arr 2 Const 17 Apr; max 50 Loop Rd MNWR 13 May; 18 Cicero 24 May; 25 Const 25 May.

Tree Swallow: arr DH 9 Mar; max 310 Phoenix 4 Apr; 250 Brew 7 Apr; 250 SP 1 May.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr Phoenix 5 Apr; 15 Phoenix 2 May; max 24 DeWitt 4 May; 10 HI 14 May.

Bank Swallow: arr Phoenix 19 Apr; max 20 Phoenix 25 Apr, 20 FH 14 May; 12 SNC 14 May.

Cliff Swallow: arr Phoenix 17 Apr; max 14 Verona 27 Apr; 12 Mallory 4 May; 12 Phoenix 19 May.

Barn Swallow: arr Phoenix 2 Apr; max 200 Loop Rd, MNWR 13 May; 75 SBP 15 May.

Black-capped Chickadee: 40 SFNS 2 Apr; max 52 Hamilton 30 May.

Tufted Titmouse: max 10 SFNS 2 Apr; 7 Hannibal 21 May.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 6 SSSP 5 Mar; max 10 Eagle Bay, ADK 12, 18 Mar; scarce on Ont lakeshore.

White-breasted Nuthatch: 13 TR 23 Mar; max 16 SFNS 16 Apr.

Brown Creeper: 6 Williamstown 11 Mar; max 10 SBP 10 Apr.

Carolina Wren: widespread reports of pairs and singles mostly from expected areas.

House Wren: arr Pompey 16 Apr; 7 DB 3 May; 7 New Hartford 17 May; max 8 SFNS 26.

Winter Wren: arr DH 24 Mar; max 4 SFNS 2 Apr, 4 TR 19 Apr.

Marsh Wren: arr Phoenix 26 Apr; 3 Tully 22 May; 3 DH 20 – 22 May; max 11 CM 21 May; 8 TR 31 May.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr TR 2 Apr, very early; max 6 HI 30 Apr, 6 Lysander 19 May, 6 TR 22 May.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 21 SVB 26 Mar; 24 NS 2 Apr; max 25 SBP 10 Apr; 24 Williamstown 14 Apr.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Mindenville 6 Apr; max SP 19 Apr, 25 Williamstown 26 Apr, 25 SBP 8 May.

E. Bluebird: max 12 TR 12 – 13 Mar, 12 Manlius 24 May.

Veery: arr FH, Dolge 2 May; 10 Oswego 12

May; max 20 HV 28 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Oswego 12 May; FH 17 May; SFNS 21 May; only reports.
Swainson's Thrush: arr SFNS, SBP 8 May; max 5 Oswego 12 May; 3 Beaver River, ADK 28 – 29 May; reports from about a dozen locs.
Hermit Thrush: arr SFNS 28 Mar; 12 SBP 17 Apr; 8 Rice Creek Field Station 23 Apr; max 15 Williamstown 26 Apr.
Wood Thrush: arr Syr 27 Apr; 10 TR 14 May; 15 Oswego 12 May; max 16 CM 21 May; 10 GLSP 21 May; 12 HV 28 May.
Am. Robin: max 1551 DH 15 Mar; 1482 DH 27 Mar; 250 SBP 16 Apr.
Gray Catbird: arr Williamstown 26 Apr; 18 Hancock Airpark 10 May; 20 GB 11 May; 20 DH 12 May; 18 SBP 13 May.
N. Mockingbird: max 4 Syr 19 Apr; most reports in greater Syr area.
Brown Thrasher: arr GLSP 2 Apr; 4 SP 22 Apr; 7 May; max 5 GLSP 24 – 30 Apr; 4 Westvale 5 May; 4 GLSP 7 May.
European Starling: max 1844 DH 15 Mar; 525 Deerfield 30 Mar.
Am. Pipit: arr DB 7 Mar; 15 Deerfield 30 Mar; last & max 50 DB 13 May.
Bohemian Waxwing: SSSB 6 Mar; max 24 Mexico 3 Mar; about 5 other reports from Mexico area.
Cedar Waxwing: 75 Mexico 3 Mar; 75 Central Square 21 Mar; 100 DH 26 May.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Snow Bunting: max 250 Mexico 3 Mar; 5 Waterville 6 Mar; last DH 9 Mar.
Ovenbird: arr OneiL 26 Apr; 18 SH 9 May; 21 TR 10 May; max 23 GB 29 May.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Pompey, Marcellus 15 Apr; max 2 Orwell 30 May; reports from 12 other locs.
N. Waterthrush: arr 2 TR 21 Apr; max 10 TR 30 Apr; 4 HV 4 May; 5 WP 7 May; 4 Central Square 8 May; 4 Cicero 26 May.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr DH 7 May; SBP 8 May; Verona 9 May; Scriba 12 May; Oswego 20 May; GB 28 – 29 May; only locs.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr Williamstown 29 Apr; 5 Williamstown 10 May; 5 TR 14 May; max 7 GB 28 May.
“Brewster’s” Warbler: DH 19 May, only report.
“Lawrence’s” Warbler: GB 11 – 28 May (BM, mob, ph), only report.
Black-and-white Warbler: 4 GLSP 7 May; 4 SBP 8 May; 4 Williamstown 9 May; 4 TR 9 May; max 5 Oswego 12 May; 4 SFNS 13 May.

Prothonotary Warbler: 3 HI 23 May (LCB, SBd), only report, *intro*.
Tennessee Warbler: arr SH 5 May; 5 WH 18 May; max 17 GB 19 May; 5 DH 20 May; 5 SFNS 20 May; 15 SBP 21 May; last SBP 28 May; good numbers.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr DH 12 May; SBP 14 – 17 May; Waterville 18 May; only reports.
Nashville Warbler: arr DH 21 Apr; 7 TR 10 May.
Mourning Warbler: arr HI 9 May; max 7 SH 21 May; 5 WH 21 – 28 May.
Com. Yellowthroat: arr TR 28 Apr; 15 TR 10 May; 15 Oswego 12 May; max 34 CM 21 May; 14 SBP 21 May; 28 HI 23 May.
Hooded Warbler: arr WH 5 May; max 6 Williamstown 27 May; 4 WH 28 May; 4 GB 29 May.
Am. Redstart: arr BLNC 29 Apr; 15 HI 19 May; max 23 SBP 21 May; 15 CM 21 May; 19 SBP 28 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr GLSP 7 May; max 7 SBP 8 May; 4 Waterville 10 May; last DH 27 May; good numbers.
Cerulean Warbler: arr DB, Oswego 7 May; max 16 HI 23 May (LCB, SBd); singles TR, GB, Cicero and PPt.
N. Parula: arr TR 30 Apr; 5 SBP 8 May; max 8 Oswego 12 May; 5 Lake Rondaxe, ADK 22 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr WP 3 May; 5 Scriba 12 May; 5 SBP 19 May; max 8 Lake Rondaxe, ADK 22 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr TR 8 May; max 4 SBP 13 May, 4 FH 14 May, 4 Oswego 15 May; last Williamstown 27 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr FH 2 May; 7 SH 14 May; 10 Scriba 12 May; 8 Lake Rondaxe, ADK 22 May.
Yellow Warbler: arr DH 27 Apr; 30 DH 12 May; 25 SBP 21 May; 24 OnonL 27 May.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr SNC, Verona 4 May; 6 SNC 12 May; max 11 SH 21 May; 6 SFNS 23 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr 2 Rome 10 May; max 15 DH 27 May; 8 FH 27 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Williamstown 26 Apr; 11 TR 9 May; 6 SH 9 May; 8 Williamstown 12 May; 6 Forestport 21 May.
Palm Warbler: arr SFNS 15 Apr; max 50 SBP 8 May (WF); 30 DH 14 May; good numbers.
Pine Warbler: arr TR, NS 2 Apr; 6 DH 21 Apr; max 7 HV 22 Apr; 6 Lake Rondaxe, ADK 22 May; 6 New Woodstock 25 May.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr HI 26 Mar; 50 SP 21 Apr; 50 DH 27 Apr; max 150 SBP 8 May; 50 SNC 11 May.
Prairie Warbler: arr 2 DH 12 May; HV 13, 23 May; Cold Brook 24 May; only reports.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr BLNC 26 Apr; 7 TR 9 May; 7 SFNS 12 – 13 May; max 15 Forestport 21 May; 8 Lake Rondaxe, ADK 22 May.
Canada Warbler: arr Scriba 7 May; 2 Cold Brook 18 May; 2 Sangerfield 25 May; max 5 Redfield 28 May.
Wilson's Warbler: arr DH, Williamstown 12 May; max 2 Phoenix 17 May; 2 DH 26 May; last Salisbury 27 May; relatively few reports.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr SBP 25 Mar; max 12 GLSP 30 Apr; 9 SH 7 May; 9 TR 18 May.
Am. Tree Sparrow: max 31 Dolge 1 – 7 Mar; 30 SFNS 5 Mar; 23 Const 11 Mar; last Dolge 7 May.
Chipping Sparrow: arr DH 31 Mar; max 23 Syr 28 Apr; 16 SBP 1 May.
Clay-colored Sparrow: arr SBP 14 May; SFNS 21 May; DH 21 May; only reports.
Field Sparrow: arr Elbridge 31 Mar; 8 SFNS 16 Apr; max 14 GLSP 7 May; 11 TR 18 May.
Vesper Sparrow: arr DB, Van Buren, DH 4 Apr; max 5 Bville 5 Apr, 5 DH 6 Apr, 5 FH 6 Apr, 5 OswH 11 Apr; better than average numbers.
Savannah Sparrow: arr Phoenix 23 Mar; 5 Mexico 5 Apr; 5 SP 1 May; 5 SBP 4 May; max 6 Tully 6 May; 5 Deerfield 11 May.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Salisbury 24 Apr; max 2 Richland 13 May, 2 Rome 21 – 24 May, 2 New Woodstock 30 May; singles at 6 other locs.
Fox Sparrow: 11 TR 30 Mar; max 16 Minoa 3 Apr, 16 SH 6 Apr; 10 SFNS 4 Apr; 12 TR 6 Apr; last TR, SP 29 Apr.
Song Sparrow: max 77 TR 23 Mar; 75 DH 24 Mar; 45 SBP 25 Mar.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Camden 29 Apr; max 3 Oswego 12 May; 2 DH 13 May; 2 SBP 13 – 17 May.
Swamp Sparrow: arr WP 13 Mar; max 21 Manlius 16 Apr; 15 SP 29 – 30 Apr; 18 Phoenix 21 May.
White-throated Sparrow: 30 SNC 21 Apr; 30 DH 27 Apr; max 200 Deer Crk 1 May.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr DH 15 Apr; max 20 TR 9 May; 12 Fayetteville 13 May.
Dark-eyed Junco: 135 Eagle Bay, ADK 4 Apr; 74 Dolge 4 Apr; max 200 SBP 16 Apr.

SUMMER TANAGER: 1st summer male, Marcellus 6-7 May (DJM, ph, NYSARC), 8th reg rec, 6th for spring.
Scarlet Tanager: arr BLNS 28 Apr; 8 DH 12 May; 6 SFNS 16 May; 6 GLSP 20 May; 6 Williamstown 25 May; 6 GB 29 May; max 9 SH 29 May.
N. Cardinal: max 20 UM 22 Mar; 15 SFNS 2 Apr – 5 May.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr 2 Westmoreland 26 Apr; 9 DH 8 May, 9 SH 9 May; 8 DH 12 May; 8 TR 14 May; 8 SFNS 19 May; max 12 CM 21 May.
Indigo Bunting: arr Hamilton, Scriba 8 May; max 6 GLSP 15 May, 6 Baltimore Woods 20 May, 6 Clay 21 May, 6 Williamstown 25 May.
DICKCISSEL: m Marcellus 15 May (DH, ph), 6th spring rec of 30 for reg.
Bobolink: arr TR 24 Apr; max 26 TR 20 May; 11 DH 20 May; 12 Cicero 21 May.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 12467 DH 7 Mar; 3425 TR 7 Mar; 7199 DH 15 Mar.
E. Meadowlark: arr 12 DH 12 Mar; max 15 DH 27 Mar; 5 Volney 2 Apr; 4 DeWitt 16 May.
Rusty Blackbird: arr Williamstown 8 Mar; max 210 TR 2 Apr; 75 SP 29 Apr; 125 Phoenix 2 May.
Com. Grackle: 2526 TR 7 Mar; 3100 Pennellville 14 Mar; 6508 Phoenix 16 Mar; max 10350 DH 28 Mar;
Brown-headed Cowbird: 75 Clinton 2 Mar; max 500 DH 15 Apr.
Orchard Oriole: arr 2 GLSP 6 May; 2 DB 8 May; max 4 GLSP 14 May; 2 TR 22 May; 2 SBP 27 May; singles at 8 other locs.
Baltimore Oriole: arr OLC 30 Apr; 12 TR 10 May; max 40 DH 12 May; 15 HI 19 May.
blackbird species: max 5000 Pennellville 8 Mar.
Purple Finch: 12 Dolge 3 Apr; 15 Eagle Bay, ADK 4 Apr; max 20 DH 15 Apr.
House Finch: max 21 Marcellus 1 Mar; 14 Waterville 2 Mar; 15 Syr 18 May.
Red Crossbill: 6 Atwell, ADK 4 Mar; OF 8 Mar; only reports.
Com. Redpoll: max 4 SSSP 1 – 4 Mar; last Pompey 4 Apr; scarce.
Pine Siskin: max 120 SSSP 15 Mar; 15 SH 28 Mar (LS), fledglings at feeding station; 102 Dolge 7 Apr; 55 DH 21 Apr; widespread reps.
Am. Goldfinch: 85 Eagle Bay, ADK 2 Mar; max 148 Dolge 10 Mar.
Evening Grosbeak: Fairfield 30 May, only report.
House Sparrow: 20 Belgium 6 Mar; max 40 SFNS 12 Mar.

REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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March was much warmer than normal, thanks to warm spells 1-17 and 27-31 March, during which high temperatures were 10-20° F above normal most days and as high as 30° warmer than usual on 9 March. April was much more seasonable, with mean temperatures close to normal most days, but May was again unusually warm, with high temperatures exceeding 80° on five days. The 2.7" of precipitation that fell in March was slightly above normal, but both April and May saw less than 50% of normal rainfall. Below normal precipitation, combined with the low to absent snow-pack leading into the spring, resulted in very dry conditions, with few vernal pools and many normally permanent ponds low or entirely dry by mid-May.

Abundant open water in March provided plentiful resting and feeding areas for migrating waterfowl, unlike the previous two years when virtually every body of water was frozen over until well into April. As a result ducks were well reported this spring. Continuing the trend for progressively earlier spring passage, the Snow Goose migration was virtually over by 19 March. The season started with great excitement as a duck on the St. Lawrence River at Fisher's Landing was initially identified as a Smew by almost all who saw it, but was eventually deemed a hybrid, with several suggested combinations of parental species. The leading hypothesis is that this duck was a Bufflehead X Hooded Merganser cross, although that is certainly not a unanimous opinion, with many observers thinking that Smew must have been involved somehow.

Sandhill Cranes returned to known or suspected nesting sites at Lakeview and Upper and Lower Lakes WMAs during April, and a flurry of apparent migrants passed through Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties during the last few days of May. The number of crane reports in Region 6 has increased steadily for at least a decade, but the rate of increase seems to have jumped substantially over the past two or three years, and this species now seems to be a regular component of the Regional avifauna.

Somewhat paradoxically, most of the season's rarities were shorebirds despite a rather dismal shorebird migration. Two banded adult **Piping Plovers** returned to Lakeview WMA, where a pair successfully raised young last summer, although most people who made the significant effort required to get to the nesting beach in May did not see them. Greg Lawrence checked Wilson Hill WMA daily for shorebirds for most of May and was able to rack up a decent list of species given the poor shorebird flight. Highlights were a **Willet** and **Marbled Godwit** together on a mud bar on 22 May. Shorebird numbers at Wilson Hill were lower than last spring, and everywhere such typically common

species as Solitary Sandpiper and Greater Yellowlegs were unusually tough to find.

The **Varied Thrush** that visited a Canton feeder for much of the winter was last seen about a week into March and was the rarest songbird of the season. The only other passerine rarity was a **Dickcissel** Richard MacDonald found in Russell on 20 March. While rare, Dickcissel probably occurs in Region 6 more frequently than most birders realize, but most known occurrences have been during the summer, and to my knowledge a March record is unprecedented. Ben Dixon found the only Orange-crowned Warbler of the season at Jacques Cartier State Park on 11 May. Over the past decade spring Orange-crowned Warblers have been reported about two out of every three years in Region 6.

Although a good diversity of finches was present for the season, most were scarce. Red Crossbills nested in the Adirondacks, but few observers spent any time looking for them in St. Lawrence County, and the few reports I received lacked details on number or location. A White-winged Crossbill at Coles Creek State Park in late March was the only report for the season. Pine Siskins were ubiquitous, but mostly in low numbers, based on the reports I received, although I heard rumors that some feeders were being swarmed by siskins to the point where people were having trouble keeping seed in them. Common Redpolls were rather scarce all winter, but there was a fairly sizeable movement through St. Lawrence County during the first half of April.

As has been the case most recent springs, migration was earlier than historic averages. The mean arrival date for a subset of 93 species for which arrival dates are tracked annually was five days earlier in 2016 than their long-term averages. Of these species, 52 were first detected more than one day earlier than their long-term average arrival dates, and just 14 were first seen more than one day later than normal. Generally speaking, short and medium distance migrants arrived early and Neotropical migrants arrived at roughly normal dates or were late; although not all species fit this generalization. Species that tied or set new record early arrival dates included Osprey, Spotted Sandpiper, Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Veery, Northern Waterthrush, Vesper Sparrow, and Savannah Sparrow.

In addition to being early, migration was also mostly slow, with few large waves of migrants. Much like the previous spring, it seemed like songbirds appeared on territory without much visible sign of active migration. Most of my conversations with other birders focused on how slow the birding was, something that changed little for most of the season until suddenly, it seemed, all of the breeding species were back.

For the season I received reports of 237 species, besting by one the tally from 2013, which had been the record since I began compiling the Region 6 report full-time in 2005. Continued improvement in coverage, primarily fueled by eBird, is likely the primary reason for the high species tally. The highlights of the season were the Willet and Marbled Godwit at Wilson Hill, seen by several local birders thanks to Greg Lawrence getting the word out quickly. The general

sluggishness of migration was probably the biggest disappointment of the season.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AFWMA – Ashland Flats WMA; BI – Barnhart I, T Massena, STLA; BPWMA – Black Pd WMA, T Ellisburg; BRV – Black River Valley; CCSP – Coles Creek SP; CV – T Cape Vincent, JEFF; FD – Fort Drum Military Reservation, JEFF & LEWI; FL – Fisher’s Landing, T Orleans; ICNC – Indian Creek Nature Center, T Canton, STLA; JCSP – Jacques Cartier SP; KC – Kelsey Creek, T Watertown; KPSP – Kring Pt SP; LWMA – Lakeview WMA; MM – Massawepie Mire, T Colton & Piercefield, STLA; MP – Montario Pt, T Ellisburg; PRGC – Partridge Run Golf Course, T Canton, STLA; PRWMA – Perch River WMA, JEFF; PtPen – Pt Peninsula, T Lyme, JEFF; SLR – St. Lawrence Ri; StPt – Stony Pt, T Henderson, JEFF; ULLWMA – Upper & Lower Lakes WMA; WHWMA – Wilson Hill WMA; WI – Wellesley I.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

Snow Goose: heavy movement 6-19 Mar; lingering flocks to 27 Mar; scattered singles to 27 May.

Ross’s Goose: with Snow Geese over ULLWMA 23 Mar (JB, ph!).

Brant: Massena 22 May;

Mute Swan: max 80 WI 5 Mar (JM, LS).

Trumpeter Swan: max 9 ULLWMA 4 Apr; other reports from PRWMA, PtPen, BPWM & T Dekalb.

Tundra Swan: max 11 ULLWMA 26 Mar, high for STLA (BP).

Wood Duck: widespread arr 12 Mar; female apparently paired with Mandarin Duck T Lyme 25 Mar (NL).

Gadwall: max 37 PRWMA 1 Apr.

Eurasian Wigeon: 2 WHWMA 11-13 Apr (TS, HW, ph!).

Am. Wigeon: max 160 PRWMA 1 Apr.

Am. Black Duck: max 150 ULLWMA 9 Apr.

Blue-winged Teal: arr T Hounsfield 15 Mar; max 14 BRV 3 Apr.

N. Shoveler: arr ULLWMA 13 Mar; max 27 BRV 3 Apr.

N. Pintail: arr CV 8 Mar; max 46 BRV 22 Mar.

Green-winged Teal: widespread arr 12 Mar; max 72 BRV 22 Mar.

Canvasback: 2 T Ellisburg 12 Mar; max 3 LWMA 12 Mar; 6 T Dekalb 20 Mar; only reports.

Redhead: max 500 CV 11 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: max 635 ULLWMA 2 Apr.

Greater Scaup: max 500 CV 11 Mar to 22 Apr.
Lesser Scaup: max 45 PRWMA 14 Apr.
Surf Scoter: SLR T Waddington 23 Apr, only report.
White-winged Scoter: max 39 MP 12 Mar.
Long-tailed Duck: max 500 StPt 7 May.
Bufflehead: max 140 JCSP 15 Apr; 96 PtPen 7 May, high for so late (AS); last PRWMA 11 May.
Bufflehead X Hooded Merganser: hybrid duck thought to be this cross initially identified by many as Smew FL 3-7 Mar.
Com. Goldeneye: max 600 WI 5 Mar; last JCSP 1 May.
Barrow's Goldeneye: adult m FL 5-6 Mar (mob); 1st winter m FL 6 Mar (NL).
Hooded Merganser: max 56 Three Mile Bay T Lyme 13 Mar.
Com. Merganser: 250 FL 5 Mar; max 252 BI 12 Mar.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 130 FL 5 Mar.
Ruddy Duck: 3 T Lyme 27 Mar; 3 reports 1-3 PRWMA 1-14 Apr; only reports.
Red-throated Loon: StPt 21 May (JB, GL, AS), only report.
Com. Loon: Pt. Salubrious 27 Mar, only report before widespread arr early Apr.
Pied-billed Grebe: arr T Watertown 8 Mar.
Horned Grebe: CCSP 18 Mar; 2 T Waddington 10 Apr; max 4 T Waddington 23 Apr; fewer than usual.
Red-necked Grebe: JCSP 14 Apr; max 3 CCSP 1 May; StPt 21 May; only reports.
Double-crested Cormorant: arr CV 1 Apr.
Am. Bittern: arr ULLWMA 12 Apr.
Least Bittern: arr WHWMA 14 May.
Great Blue Heron: arr FD 17 Mar.
Great Egret: arr ULLWMA 23 Apr.
Green Heron: arr T Watertown 1 May.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr Murphy Islands 30 Apr.
Turkey Vulture: arr BRV 2 Mar.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: arr PtPen & T Orleans 27 Mar, record early.
N. Harrier: gradual increase started first week Mar; major arrival after 20 Mar.
Red-shouldered Hawk: arr FD 9 Mar.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr FD 19 Apr.
Rough-legged Hawk: last T Watertown 30 Apr; rare year with no May reports.
Golden Eagle: T Hounsfield 2 Mar; T Constableville 5 Mar; T Colton 13 Mar; T Pinckney 22 Mar; FD 25 Apr.

Virginia Rail: arr T Rossie 21 Apr.
Sora: arr PRWMA 22 Apr.
Com. Gallinule: arr PRWMA 22 Apr.
Am. Coot: arr PRWMA 10 Apr; max 4 PRWMA 22 Apr.
Sandhill Crane: 2 arr LWMA nesting area 16 Mar; 1-2/day ULLWMA 9 Apr thru, where nesting suspected but not confirmed; presumed migrants CV, French Creek WMA & Galop Island 27 May, PtPen 31 May; increasing.
Black-bellied Plover: WHWMA 26 May, only report!
Semipalmated Plover: arr PRWMA 12 May; max 42 WHWMA 17 May.
PIPING PLOVER: 2 banded ad returned LWMA by 14 May (MB, IM).
Killdeer: arr T Hounsfield 8 Mar.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr PRGC 17 Apr, record early.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr KC 1 May.
Greater Yellowlegs: 6 arr CV 23 Apr; unusually scarce.
WILLET (R6): WMWMA 22 May, with Marbled Godwit, ph! (GL, JB, TW, EW).
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr CV 23 Apr; max 18 CV 4 May.
Upland Sandpiper: arr FD 19 Apr (JB); T Lyme 10 May, T Hounsfield 28 May (WF) & T Clayton 29 May (AS), only reports away from FD.
MARBLED GODWIT: WHWMA 22-23 May initially with Willet, ph! (GL, JB, TW, EW, BD).
Sanderling: WHWMA 30 May (GL), only report.
Dunlin: arr CV 4 May; max 8 WHWMA 17 May; 4 WHWMA 25 May; no other reports.
Least Sandpiper: arr CWF 9 May; max 18 WHWMA 17 May.
White-rumped Sandpiper: WHWMA 25 May, only report.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 7 WHWMA 28 May; 3 other reports 14-25 May.
Short-billed Dowitcher: 2 Whitehouse Point 17 May; PRWMA 21 May; only reports.
Wilson's Snipe: arr PtPen & T Clayton 26 Mar.
Am. Woodcock: arr T Hounsfield 8 Mar.
Bonaparte's Gull: max 2000 PtPen 24-29 Apr (NL, JB).
Little Gull: 3 in large Bonaparte's Gull flock 24 Apr (NL), not seen again despite continued presence of large gull flock.
Caspian Tern: arr BRV 12 Apr.
Black Tern: arr PRWMA 3 May.
Com. Tern: arr ULLWMA 23 Apr.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr AFWMA, ICNC & PRWMA 22 May; 4 other reports more than usual.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr PRWMA & Red Lake 21 May.

E. Screech-Owl: T Norwood 21 May, only report.

Snowy Owl: 3 reports Mar; last T Brownville 23 Mar.

Short-eared Owl: 4 apparently representing pr & offspring from 2015 nest reportedly remained in same T Stockholm field over winter and departed mid-Apr.

N Saw-whet Owl: T Ellisburg 17 Apr, only report.

Com. Nighthawk: numerous FD by 21 May.

E. Whip-poor-will: arr T Clayton 28 Apr.

Chimney Swift: arr FD 25 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr T Stockholm 4 May.

Belted Kingfisher: T Canton 13 Mar, possibly overwintering bird; main arr 27 Mar.

Red-headed Woodpecker: arr FD 5 May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr KC 26 Mar.

Black-backed Woodpecker: 2 reports MM.

N. Flicker: few trickled in Mar; main arr mid-Apr.

Am. Kestrel: arr last week Mar.

Merlin: reports from 10 loc mostly known or suspected nesting sites.

Peregrine Falcon: PtPen 22 Apr, only report away from BI nesting area.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr T Massena 26 May.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr ICNC 13 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr MM 20 May.

Alder Flycatcher: arr LWMA & PRGC 14 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr T Rutland 19 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr FD 2 May.

E. Phoebe: arr T Watertown 24 Mar, ties record early date.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr FD 3 May.

E. Kingbird: arr T Orleans 29 Apr.

N. Shrike: last T Clayton 27 Mar.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr T Dekalb 7 May.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr T Canton & T Croghan 24 Apr.

Warbling Vireo: arr CV 30 Apr.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr Crooked Creek Preserve 8 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr T Canton 11 May.

Horned Lark: FD 3 & 5 May, only reports after 30 Mar.

Purple Martin: arr PtPen 17 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr ULLWMA 13 Mar, record early.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr PRWMA & PtPen 22 Apr.

Bank Swallow: arr LWMA 14 May.

Cliff Swallow: arr ULLWMA 23 Apr.

Barn Swallow: arr T Ellisburg 2 Apr, record early.

Tufted Titmouse: 8 locations T Canton where increasing.

House Wren: arr MP 23 Apr.

Winter Wren: arr FD 1 Apr.

Marsh Wren: arr PRWMA 22 Apr.

Carolina Wren: singles T Canton, ULLWMA & T Ogdensburg.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr LWMA 23 Apr.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr KPSP 5 Apr.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr KPSP 15 Apr.

E. Bluebird: arr T Ellisburg 12 Mar.

Veery: arr Sand Flats SF 24 Apr, record early.

Swainson's Thrush: arr MM 20 May.

Hermit Thrush: arr T West Leyden 9 Apr.

Wood Thrush: arr FD 2 May.

VARIED THRUSH: continued Canton feeder thru 1st week Mar (JA & MA).

Gray Catbird: arr T Watertown 30 Apr.

Brown Thrasher: widespread arr 15 Apr.

N. Mockingbird: arr T Leray 16 May.

Am. Pipit: 2 FD 5 May; 21 T Orleans 21 May; only reports, very low.

Bohemian Waxwing: max 110 T Canton 8 Mar; last PRGC 1 May (JB), late.

Cedar Waxwing: max 135 T Clayton 18 May.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Snow Bunting: last T Clayton 20 Apr.

Ovenbird: arr FD 2 May.

Louisiana Waterthrush: Morgan Gulf 14 & 21 May, only reports.

N. Waterthrush: arr FD 22 Apr, record early.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr ICNC 7 May.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr FD 4 May.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr KC 1 May.

Tennessee Warbler: arr PRGC 13 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: JCSP 11 May (BD), only report.

Nashville Warbler: arr FD 2 May.

Mourning Warbler: arr BPWMA 14 May.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr FD 5 May.

Am. Redstart: arr T Watertown 5 May.

Cape May Warbler: arr T Leyden 11 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr T Dekalb 13 May.

N. Parula: arr WHWMA 7 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr ICNC 8 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr CV 13 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr FD 6 May.
Yellow Warbler: arr T Watertown 24 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr FD 4 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr CCSP 19 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr T Watertown 7 May.
“Western” Palm Warbler: arr PtPen 22 Apr.
“Yellow” Palm Warbler: many MM 16 Apr where none found 14 Apr (JC).
Pine Warbler: arr JCSP 15 Apr.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr T Lyonsdale 16 Apr.
Prairie Warbler: arr FD & T Lyme 11 May.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr FD 3 May.
Canada Warbler: arr FD 6 May.
Wilson’s Warbler: arr PRGC 15 May.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr FD & T Theresa 1 Apr.
Am. Tree Sparrow: last 2 T Watertown 8 May (LP, DP); other early May reports CCSP & T Potsdam.
Chipping Sparrow: KC 2 Mar, possibly overwintering bird; widespread arr 13 Apr.
Clay-colored Sparrow: arr FD 5 May.
Field Sparrow: arr FD 1 Apr.
Vesper Sparrow: T Russell **20 Mar**, record early; numbers arr FD 1 Apr still early.
Savannah Sparrow: arr T Dekalb **28 Mar**, record early; most arr 15-22 Apr.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr FD 3 May.

Henslow’s Sparrow: arr PRWMA 14 May; FD 19 May, only other report.
Fox Sparrow: arr T Canton 24 Mar.
Song Sparrow: widespread arr 16 Mar.
Lincoln’s Sparrow: arr PRGC 8 May.
Swamp Sparrow: arr PRGC 13 Mar.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr T Croghan 29 Apr.
Scarlet Tanager: arr FD & T Canton 11 May.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr KC 27 Apr.
Indigo Bunting: arr T Croghan 8 May.
Dickcissel: T Russell 20 Mar (RM!), rare in spring.
Bobolink: arr T Clayton 4 May.
Red-winged Blackbird: arr T Canton 7 Mar.
E. Meadowlark: arr T Lowville 17 Mar.
Rusty Blackbird: arr T Massena 7 Mar (RM), early; most moved through early Apr.
Com. Grackle: arr CV 6 Mar.
Brown-headed Cowbird: arr T Potsdam 8 Mar.
Orchard Oriole: arr T Watertown 9 May.
Baltimore Oriole: arr CV & FD 4 May.
Red Crossbill: sev Adirondack reports lacked details on location or date; FD 5 May, only report outside Adirondacks.
White-winged Crossbill: CCSP 27 Mar (JB), only report.
Com. Redpoll: max 280 ULLWMA 12 Apr; last CCSP 13 Apr.
Pine Siskin: many reports 1-20/day thru; max 51 T Lyonsdale 4 Apr.
Evening Grosbeak: T Brasher feeder 6 Apr - 9 May; only report.

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REGION 7—ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

No report was received this season.

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REGION 8—HUDSON-MOHAWK

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March 2016 was a very warm, dry month, with the temperature at the Albany International Airport running nearly 8° F above normal, and precipitation amounting to only a third of the usual 3.2". April was 1.8° below normal, including a very cold period from the 3rd through the 10th of the month. Six inches of snow fell at Albany on 3-4 April, the highest total of the entire winter-spring period. It was drier than normal again, 1.33" below normal. May started off cool and ended downright hot, contributing to a slightly above average temperature by 1.2°. Drought-like conditions continued, with only two-thirds of the normal precipitation falling.

The abnormally warm winter-early spring period featured little snow cover, rain instead of snow, and most bodies of water never iced-over significantly. The waterfowl movement was short-lived, as the birds quickly passed through the area. Large numbers of waterfowl remained north and west of the Region all winter. Half-hardy species lingered more successfully than usual, with Brown Thrasher, Gray Catbird, Eastern Meadowlark, and Savannah Sparrow reported throughout March. A very cold and snowy first week of April probably had profound effects on early short-distance migrants, such as Tree Swallows. An unusual weather pattern during the first ten days of May held many migrants from moving into the area, but a concentrated surge followed once the conditions became more favorable.

A remarkable find for the Region was reported in Nassau, Rensselaer County on 23 April. A homeowner watched and photographed a **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** feeding in her backyard for much of the day. Unlike Black-crowned Night-Heron, which is regularly seen during migration, this is a less than annual visitor to this part of the state.

On 25 March, John Roosenberg watched four **Sandhill Cranes** flying and calling at Franklinton Vlaie, in the Town of Broome, Schoharie County. The impression seems to be that this species is gradually making inroads into the area, perhaps from the Great Lakes population.

The shorebird highlight of the season was unquestionably an **American Avocet**, discovered by Ramona Bearor on 17 May in a flooded area along the Champlain Canal near Hudson Falls, Washington County. Birders who rushed to the site found that beauty, along with a **Willet** and three **Short-billed Dowitchers**; quite a trifecta for this Region. 2 May featured an influx of terns to the area, including some impressive and widespread numbers of **Common Tern**, along with several **Black Terns**, and the more common Caspian Tern.

A hiker in the rugged Tongue Mountain range near Lake George, Warren County, came upon a female **Black-backed Woodpecker** on 19 April.

Uncommon but present in low numbers throughout the Adirondack Mountains, this species can occasionally be found in the higher elevations of northwestern Warren County.

On 29 April, Zach Schwartz-Weinstein encountered an **Acadian Flycatcher** at Rensselaerville State Forest, in the same vicinity where a small group of **Red Crossbills** had been observed breeding since January 2016. This is another species that breeds just to the south of the Region, and efforts should be made to find other pioneering birds in similar habitat along the forested ravines in Schoharie, Albany, and Greene counties.

An out-of-state visitor driving through Claverack in Columbia County on 21 May observed a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** fly past her vehicle and alight on a fence. She was unable to relocate the bird after turning around for a second look. She realized it was an unlikely occurrence in this part of the country but is very familiar with the species, having seen them in southeast Texas. Other attempts to re-find the bird turned up empty. It was likely a remarkable one-day wonder! Efforts were made to submit a report to NYSARC for this sighting.

A **Prothonotary Warbler** was seen and photographed in a swampy area along the Feeder Canal in Hudson Falls, Washington County on 11 May.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APBP – Albany Pine Bush Preserve, ALBA; AR – Alcove Res, ALBA; BCM – Black Creek Marsh, ALBA; BCR – Basic Creek Res, ALBA; BMB – Bog Meadow Brook Nature Trail, SARA; CCGP – Coxsackie Creek Grasslands Preserve, GREE; CF – Cohoes Flats, ALBA; CL – Collins L, SCHE; CRM – Cline Rd. Marsh, FULT; FR – Five Rivers EEC, ALBA; FtEG – Ft. Edward Grasslands, WASH; FV – Franklinton Vlaie, SCHO; HP – Huyck Preserve,

ALBA; OCA – Ooms Conservation Area, COLU; PRWMA – Partridge Run WMA, ALBA; SNHP – Saratoga National Historical Park, SARA; TR – Tomhannock Res, RENN; VFNHP – Vischer Ferry Nature & Historic Preserve, SARA; WMP – Wilson M. Powell Wildlife Sanctuary, COLU.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 10 Wrights Loop SARA 12 Mar.
Brant: arr 1 May; max 750 FR 12 May.
Mute Swan: max 4 Vosburgh Marsh GREE 12 Mar.
Tundra Swan: 2 Hudson R Coeymans ALBA 10 Mar (TLW), only report.
Gadwall: arr Stanton Pond ALBA 7 Mar; max 30 Stanton Pond ALBA 17 Mar.
Am. Wigeon: arr Lions Park, Niskayuna SCHE 5 Mar; max 20 VFNHP 12 Mar.
Blue-winged Teal: arr Vosburgh Marsh GREE 19 Mar; max 10 Ferry Rd, Niskayuna 25 Apr.
N. Shoveler: arr CL SCHE 3 Mar; max 6 BCR 18 Mar.
N. Pintail: arr Schuylerville SARA 1 Mar; max 90 Wrights Loop SARA 2 Mar.
Green-winged Teal: max 101 Vosburgh Marsh GREE 13 Mar.
Canvasback: arr Copake L COLU 10 Mar; BCR max 1; only reports.
Redhead: arr CL 3 Mar; max 2 Lions Park, Niskayuna SCHE 4 Mar; BCR 13 Mar, only reports.
Ring-necked Duck: max 350 Loughberry L SARA 20 Mar.
Greater Scaup: arr Saratoga L 11 Mar; max 45 Saratoga L SARA 20 Mar.
Lesser Scaup: arr CF 9 Mar; max 150 Saratoga L SARA 20 Mar.
Surf Scoter: arr Schoharie Crossing MONT 3 May; max 2 CL 4-8 May; only reports.
White-winged Scoter: arr Saratoga L 25 Apr; 2 Glenbrook Farm GREE 19 May; 2 PRWMA 23 May; 5 AR 24 May; 4 Rogers Rock Campground WARR 27 May.
Black Scoter: arr max 2 E Canada L MONT 12 Apr; Hudson R, Stillwater 5-20 May only reports.
Long-tailed Duck: arr AR 17 Mar; 2 AR 22 Apr; E Canada L MONT 17 Apr- 21; Hudson R, Coxsackie GREE 1 May.
Bufflehead: arr Tambul Pond RENN 1 Mar, AR; max 120 Saratoga L SARA 19 Apr.
Com. Goldeneye: max 160 Saratoga L SARA 11 Mar.

Hooded Merganser: max 44 Maple Pond SARA 14 Apr.
Red-breasted Merganser: arr Sacandaga Res FULT 20 Mar; max 8 Saratoga L SARA 6 May.
Ruddy Duck: arr Bells Pond COLU 9 Mar; max 142 BCR 9 Apr.
Red-throated Loon: Copake L COLU 1 Mar.
Horned Grebe: arr Mohawk R, Latham ALBA 9 Mar; max 8 Hague WARR 20 Apr.
Red-necked Grebe: arr Buckingham Pond ALBA 6 Apr; max 12 Saratoga L SARA 25 Apr.
Great Cormorant: arr Germantown Boat Launch COLU 6 Mar.
Am. Bittern: arr BCM; Corbin Hill Rd SCHO 17 Apr.
Least Bittern: arr BCM; VFNHP 10 May.
Great Egret: arr The Crossings ALBA 7 Apr.
Snowy Egret: arr CF 21 May (SB), only report.
Green Heron: arr Wrights Loop SARA 15 Apr.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr Corning Preserve ALBA 20 Apr.
YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (R8): Nassau RENN 23 Apr.

HAWKS – LARIDS

Osprey: arr Schodack Landing RENN 25 Mar.
Golden Eagle: max 2 T Berne ALBA 13 Mar; 11 reports.
Red-shouldered Hawk: arr Renn Plateau RENN 5 Mar.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr Renn Plateau RENN 9 Apr.
Rough-legged Hawk: last Schoharie Creek SCHO 7 Apr.
Virginia Rail: arr CRM 22 Mar.
Sora: arr CRM 2 Apr.
Com. Gallinule: arr CRM; Putnam WASH 29 Apr.
Am. Coot: arr Dyke Ave Pond ALBA 6 Mar.
SANDHILL CRANE (R8): 4 FV 25 Mar (JoR).
AMERICAN AVOCET (R8): Hudson Falls WASH 17 May (RB).
Black-bellied Plover: arr Wrights Loop SARA 3 May.

Semipalmated Plover: arr Wrights Loop SARA 1 May; max 30 CF 25 May.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr Buckingham Pond ALBA; Quack I RENN 22 Apr.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr VFNHP 24 Apr; max 22 Wrights Loop SARA 11 May.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr Mohawk R Lathan ALBA 7 Apr; max 13 Wrights Loop SARA 11 May.
WILLET (R8): Hudson Falls WASH 17 May.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr Wrights Loop SARA 12 Apr; max 41 Wrights Loop SARA 11 May.
Upland Sandpiper: arr W Ames MONT 27 Apr.
Least Sandpiper: arr Round L SARA 26 Apr; max 57 CF 21 May.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Wrights Loop SARA 4 May; max 6 Wrights Loop SARA 11 May.
Short-billed Dowitcher: arr Champlain Lock 2 SARA; Hudson Falls WASH 17 May; max 13 CF 20 May.
Wilson's Snipe: arr Vosburgh Swamp GREE 19 Mar; max 19 Wrights Loop SARA 19 Apr.
Am. Woodcock: arr Catskill GREE 1 Mar; max 12 Putnam WASH 27 Mar.
Bonaparte's Gull: arr Vosburgh Swamp GREE 2 Apr; max 40 Saratoga L SARA 6 May.
Iceland Gull: last Crescent Power Plant ALBA 4 Mar.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: last Fultonville MONT 9 Mar.
Glaucous Gull: last Fultonville MONT 9 Mar.
Caspian Tern: arr Mohawk R Latham ALBA 24 Apr; max 6 CF 1 May.
Black Tern: arr Waterford SARA; Coeymans Landing GREE; Mohawk R Cohoes ALBA; FV 2 May; max 3 Saratoga L SARA 14 May.
Com. Tern: widespread 2 May, 9 reports; max 21 Saratoga L 21 May.

PIGEONS – PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Schodack I SP RENN 10 May.
Black-billed Cuckoo: arr FR 13 May.
N. Saw-whet Owl: max 2 Putnam WASH 27 Mar.
Com. Nighthawk: arr Oppenheim FULT 13 May; max 14 Blockhouse Park SARA 21 May.
E. Whip-poor-will: arr Stanton Pond ALBA 30 Apr; max 8 Luther Forest SARA 14 May.
Chimney Swift: arr CF 24 Apr; max 200 Peebles I SP SARA 15 May.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Craryville COLU 5 May.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (R8): Old Valley Rd., Colonie ALBA 22 Mar- 3 May (BD), continuing bird; T Oppenheim FULT 18 May (L&BH).
BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (R8): Tongue Mt Range WARR 19 Apr.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr FR 13 May; 6 reports.
E. Wood-Pewee: arr Waterford SARA 2 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Drowned Lands Swamp COLU 12 May; 4 reports.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr Rensselaerville SF ALBA 29 May (ZSW).
Alder Flycatcher: arr Christiana NA SCHE 8 May, early; max 12 BMB 28 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr Cobleskill SCHO 11 May; max 8 CCGP 29 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr VFNHP 28 Apr; max 12 Petersburg RENN 26 May.
E. Phoebe: arr APBP 13 May; max 15 FR 30 Mar.
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr RamsHorn-Livingston Sanctuary GREE 4 May; max 6 BMB 10 May.
E. Kingbird: arr Oppenheim FULT; SNHP 24 Apr; max 10 SNHP 21 May.
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: Claverack COLU 21 May (CH), rep to NYSARC, *intro*.
N. Shrike: T Berne ALBA 6 Mar.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr CRM; Mo-He-Con-Nuck Preserve ALBA 30 Apr; max 8 Schodack I SP 10 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr T Root MONT 18 Apr; max 6 Deer Mt Nature Trail ALBA 29 Apr.
Warbling Vireo: arr Corning Preserve ALBA 27 Apr; max 21 VFNHP 9 May.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr 9 May N Petersburg RENN; 6 reports.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr Palenville GREE 7 May; max 20 Tower Rd, Hadley SARA 31 May.
Com. Raven: max 8 Mayfield FULT 5 Mar; Palenville GREE 13 Mar.
Horned Lark: max 4 Saratoga Cty Airport SARA 8 May.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr CL 24 Mar; max 35 Coveville SARA 16 May.
Purple Martin: arr Saratoga Casino and Raceway SARA 15 Apr; max 30 Saratoga Springs Waterfront Pk SARA 4 May.
Tree Swallow: arr Mohawk R Latham ALBA 9 Mar; max 2000 Mohawk R Cohoes ALBA 3 Apr.

Bank Swallow: arr Round L SARA 26 Apr; max 70 Coveville SARA 16 May.
Barn Swallow: arr Green Island ALBA 6 Apr; max 250 CF 3 May.
Cliff Swallow: arr AR 29 Apr; Cambridge WASH 29 Apr; max 16 Cairo GREE 30 May.
House Wren: arr Nassau RENN 17 Apr; max 15 FR 14 May.
Winter Wren: arr Mohawk R Latham ALBA 9 Mar; max 4 Dyken Pond EEC RENN 1 Apr.
Marsh Wren: arr VFNHP 15 Apr; max 15 BCM 21 May.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Stuyvesant COLU 18 Apr; max 7 VFNHP 8 May.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 20 FR 2 Apr.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Old Chatham COLU 24 Mar; max 40 E Chatham COLU 21 Apr.
E. Bluebird: max 12 FR 16 Mar.
Veery: arr Canaan COLU 1 May; max 20 Schodack I SP RENN 22 May.
Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: arr Buckingham Pond ALBA 16 May, only report.
Swainson's Thrush: arr T Stuyvesant COLU 2 May; max 2 multiple loc.
Hermit Thrush: arr Buckingham Pond ALBA 31 Mar.
Wood Thrush: arr BCM; Indian Kill Preserve SCHE; Craryville COLU; VFNHP 28 Apr; max 16 Clermont SP COLU 14 May.
Gray Catbird: arr VFNHP 15 Apr, early; max 30 FR 13 May.
Brown Thrasher: arr multiple loc 17 Apr; max 7 T Knox ALBA 21 May.
N. Mockingbird: max 5 the Crossings ALBA 14 May.
Am. Pipit: arr Kindethook COLU 5 Apr; max 5 Mayfield FULT 21 May.
Bohemian Waxwing: Cambridge WASH 6 May, only report.
Cedar Waxwing: max 165 Cobleskill-Richmondville HS SCHO 14 Mar.

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Ovenbird: arr Plotterkill Preserve SCHE 27 Apr; max 28 Hand Hollow Cons Area COLU 19 May.
Worm-eating Warbler: arr Craryville COLU 8 May; max 3 Craryville COLU 29 May.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr FR 31 Mar; max 4 FR 22 Apr; Deer Mt Nature Trail ALBA 29 Apr; Palenville GREE 9 May; Christman Sanctuary SCHE 29 May.
N. Waterthrush: arr Buckingham Pond 10 Apr, early; max 3 BMB 10 May; Schoharie Crossing SHS MONT 18 May.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr FR; OCA 10 May; also Hutton Square Rd, Putnam Sta WASH 16 May, only reports.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr RamsHorn-Livingston Sanctuary GREE 27 Apr; max 12 FR 14 May.
Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler (hybrid): FR 11 May.
"Brewster's" Warbler: 2 Cambridge WASH 28 May.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr Copake COLU; FR; Schoharie Crossing SHS MONT 22 Apr; max 8 Schodack I SP 22 May.
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R8): Feeder Canal, Hudson Falls WASH 11 May, *intro*.
Tennessee Warbler: arr APBP 15 May; max 2 APBP 17 May; Schodack I SP RENN 22 May.
Nashville Warbler: arr CRM 29 Apr; max 4 Lake Desolation SF SARA 14 May.
Mourning Warbler: arr Oppenheim FULT 7 May, early; max 2 APBP 17 May.
Com. Yellowthroat: arr FR; Niskayuna RR Sta SCHE 28 Apr; max 26 T Galway SARA 24 May.
Hooded Warbler: arr APBP 18 May; Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail ALBA 20 May; Ravena ALBA 21 May.
Am. Redstart: arr Normanskill Farm ALBA 29 Apr; max 40 Schodack I SP RENN 22 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr FR 9 May; max 4 APBP 15 May; Schoharie Crossing SHS MONT 17 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr Schodack I SP RENN 10 May; max 6 Schodack I SP RENN 22 May.
N. Parula: arr Glenmont ALBA; Ancram COLU; VFNHP 8 May; max 7 APBP 17 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr Oppenheim FULT; Brunswick RENN; Cambridge WASH 8 May; max 5 APBP 19 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr FR; Loughberry L SARA; Normanskill Farm ALBA 11 May; max 6 APBP 15 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr Palenville GREE 21 Apr, early; max 15 Deer Leap Trail WARR 30 May.
Yellow Warbler: arr VFNHP 23 Apr; max 32 VFNHP 11 May.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr AR 29 Apr; max 20 T Galway SARA 24 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr Oppenheim FULT 8 May, early; max 5 Normanskill Farm ALBA 22 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Albany ALBA; VFNHP 28 Apr; max 8 Long Pond FULT 25 May.

Palm Warbler: arr BCM 26 Mar, early; max 11 VFNHP 21 Apr.
Pine Warbler: arr Ravena ALBA 27 Mar, early; max 6 FR 6 May.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr VFNHP 15 Apr; max 75 VFNHP 8 May.
Prairie Warbler: arr FR 27 Apr; max 11 APBP 16 May.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr T Colonie ALBA 22 Apr, early; max 10 Long Pond FULT 25 May.
Canada Warbler: arr FR 11 May; max 3 Lake Desolation SF SARA 28 May.
Wilson's Warbler: arr Purling GREE 9 May; max 2 BMB 15 May; Kingsbury WASH 17 May; APBP 18 May.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Albany Int Airport ALBA; OCA; Ephratah FULT 7 May; max 2 Ephratah FULT 7 May; OCA 12 May; Saratoga City Airport SARA 21 May.
Am. Tree Sparrow: last FR 3 May, late.
Chipping Sparrow: arr T Stuyvesant COLU 28 Mar; max 28 Cairo GREE 10 May.
Field Sparrow: arr FR 30 Mar, early; max 17 SNHP 7 May.
Fox Sparrow: arr Copake COLU 16 Mar; max 28 Voorhees Rd FULT 4 Apr.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 277 Voorhees Rd FULT 4 Apr.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr FR 16 Apr; max 14 Oppenheim FULT 1 May.
White-throated Sparrow: max 65 Ft Ann WASH 26 Apr.
Vesper Sparrow: arr Kinderhook COLU 5 Apr; max 5 SNHP 11 May.
Savannah Sparrow: max 12 Albany Int Airport ALBA 24 Apr.

Song Sparrow: max 40 Ann Lee Pond ALBA 19 Mar.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Cambridge WASH 9 May.
Swamp Sparrow: arr BCM 9 Mar; max 40 BCM 28 Apr.
E. Towhee: arr FR 26 Mar, early; max 20 T Knox ALBA 11 May.
Scarlet Tanager: arr Olana COLU 7 May; max 6 Sprakers MONT 21 May.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Spencertown COLU; Purling GREE 22 Apr; max 15 Clermont SP COLU 14 May.
Indigo Bunting: arr Delmar ALBA 8 May; max 4 APBP 16 May.
Bobolink: arr T Florida MONT 3 May; max 71 Craryville COLU 11 May.
E. Meadowlark: arr Glenville SCHE 10 Mar; max 8 W Ames MONT 27 Apr.
Rusty Blackbird: max 18 VFNHP 22 Mar.
Orchard Oriole: arr Olana COLU 30 Apr; max 3 Ann Lee Pond ALBA 10 May; Cambridge WASH 12 May; Thacher Park South ALBA 14 May; HVCC Nature Trail RENN 18 May.
Baltimore Oriole: arr Buckingham Pond ALBA; Deer Mt nature Trail ALBA; Cambridge WASH 29 Apr; max 16 VFNHP 14 May.
Purple Finch: max 28 T Providence SARA 17 May.
Red Crossbill: max 7 Rensselaerville SF ALBA 20 Mar.
Pine Siskin: max 50 Gull Bay Preserve WASH 2 Apr.
Evening Grosbeak: 3 Stillwater SARA 8 May; 2 Lake George WARR 19 Apr; 2 Lake Luzerne WARR 1 Apr; 2 Cambridge WASH 29 Apr; three rep. of singles WARR Apr-May.

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REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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March followed the unusually warm pattern from the winter season. The month came in 9.1° F warmer than normal. Poughkeepsie reached a high of 82° on 9 March. Three other days saw highs in the seventies. There was no “ice-out” on the ponds since there was no ice to begin with. Only 1.0" of rain fell; the norm is 3.6". Dutchess County received 5" of snow in early April, and the month was best noted for temperature swings. The first day of April reached 78° and then temperatures dropped below freezing on the 4th. The low for 6 April was only 19°. Temperatures slowly climbed the next two weeks, and 22 April hit a high of 81°. Temperatures then dropped again with a low of 35° on 28 April. Rainfall totaled only 2.2", about 1.5" below normal. The wide swings in temperatures averaged out to normal. The first week of May was wet, with almost 2" of rain. The rest of the month was dry and totaled over an inch below normal for the month. Leaf-out did not occur until the end of the first week in the southern part of Westchester. This is historically average, but much later than typically seen in the last 15-20 years where earlier and earlier springs were the trend. The month ended very warm, with temps in the high eighties and low nineties for the last seven days.

Many species arrived earlier than their average dates. Ten species set new early arrival dates, and sixteen species of warblers arrived by the end of April. Osprey and Eastern Phoebe had already arrived in February. Blue-winged Teal and Northern Rough-winged Swallow arrived in March! Other species setting new arrival dates were Virginia Rail, Spotted Sandpiper, Black-billed Cuckoo, Cape May Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, and Bobolink.

A few Greater White-fronted Geese continued from their winter locations into March. An adult drake Barrow's Goldeneye was found at Glasco Mini Park on 6 March by Deb Ferguson and Frank Murphy. Another Barrow's Goldeneye was located in the same mixed flock of about 30 Common Goldeneye the next day. The two Barrow's were often seen in close proximity to each other. At least one bird remained until 13 March.

Horned and Red-necked Grebes were reported in good numbers inland, an unusual occurrence. Glossy Ibis also appeared inland at the Bashakill Deli fields for a day.

The once rare Willet is now common in spring and summer along the Long Island Sound shore. A Whimbrel in Marshlands Conservancy was a good find. An early Upland Sandpiper was discovered in the grass field at Warren Sod Farm by Matt Zeitler on 29 March.

There was a great push of terns up the Hudson River and further inland in May. It included a number of Caspian, Common, and Forster's Terns.

Red-headed Woodpecker reports are way up. The Weston Swamp Colony has branched out to other nearby locations over the last couple of years, and each county is now reporting them. Both Dutchess and Westchester Counties may soon have breeding pairs.

The Lark Sparrow that overwintered in Croton Point Park lingered well into spring and was last seen 10 April. A male **Western Tanager** appeared visiting a feeder on Lucas Avenue Extension in Hurley on 23 March and was seen by many up until 10 April. Photographs were obtained. The **Bullock's Oriole** that was found in Milton, Ulster County in February stayed until 8 March.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CIES – Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies; CPP – Croton Pt P; EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; MC – Marshlands Conservancy; RNC – Rye Nature Center; SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Blue Chip Farms 1-5 Mar; 7 Black Dirt Region 6, 7 Mar (MZ); Amenia 7 Mar (CV); 4 Black Dirt Region 10 Mar (BN); Bashakill 10-12 Mar (JH); Black Dirt Region 15-16 Mar.
Brant: 1000 over Saugerties 12 May.
Cackling Goose: Black Dirt Region 6, 7 Mar (MZ); Bashakill 8 Mar (JH).
Tundra Swan: 6 Amenia 1-7 Mar.
Eurasian Wigeon: EGR 13 Mar (GB, TBu)
Blue-winged Teal: 2 Amenia 7 Mar (CP, CV), record early arrival; 2 CPP 10 Apr; 2 Sharon Station 29 Apr.
N. Pintail: Rockefeller SP 22 Apr (EE), late.
Green-winged Teal: max 45 Bashakill 30 Mar; 11 CPP 10 Apr.
Redhead: 2 EGR 12 Mar.
Ring-necked Duck: max 160 Bashakill 5 Mar.
Surf Scoter: EGR 25 Mar; Kingston Pt 4 May (JCI).
White-winged Scoter: max 130 EGR 12 Mar; Ashokan Res 13 Apr; 10 Ashokan Res 30 Apr; Wickham L, Warwick 1-2 May; 3 Cornwall Bay 3 May; 4 Esopus Meadows Lighthouse 2,3 May.
Black Scoter: 2 EGR 11 Mar-14 Apr; 7 Ashokan Res 17 Mar; 10 Ashokan Res 30 Mar.
Barrow's Goldeneye: Glasco Mini Park 6 Mar (DFe, FM); 2 Glasco Mini Park 7 Mar (FM, SSc, BSm); Glasco Mini Park 8-13 Mar.
Ring-necked Pheasant: Bashakill 8 Mar; DUTC reports may be released birds
Ruffed Grouse: one report from DUTC, Poets Walk 18 Apr; many reports from ULST.
Red-throated Loon: Kingston 4 May.
Pied-billed Grebe: Amenia 7 May.
Horned Grebe: max 29 EGR 30 Mar; 13 Morningside P 12 Apr (JH); 5 Ashokan Res 13 Apr; Cross R Res 2 May (SeC).
Red-necked Grebe: Ashokan Res 12 Mar(PS); Swan L 12 Apr (JH); 4 Saugerties 20 Apr(AB, DC); 4 Ashokan Res 1-4 May (MD, JP, JCI); Port Ewen/Kingston Pt 4,6 May (DH, MD).
N. Gannet: 20 EGR 27 Mar, 10 Apr; max 24 EGR 14 Apr.
Am. Bittern: arr Great Vly 12 Apr; Bashakill 18 Apr; MC 14 May.
Least Bittern: 2 Great Vly 14 May.
Great Egret: arr New Rochelle & EGR 23 Mar.
Snowy Egret: arr MC 31 Mar.
Little Blue Heron: MC 26 Apr.

Green Heron: arr Six-and-a-half Station Marsh 7 Apr.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: arr Aiello Park, New Rochelle 9 Apr.

Glossy Ibis: 7 Bashakill 7 May (ReD, MGo, VF, MCol); MC 14, 27 May (MBoc, TBu).

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: arr 25 Feb, record early arrival; Cornwall 14 Mar (ST).
Mississippi Kite: Doodletown 10 May (JCo, CR); Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies 30 May (JA).
N. Goshawk: Kingston 12, 30 Mar, 23 Apr, 5 May; Saugerties 1 May.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr Hopewell Junction 31 Mar (KK).
Golden Eagle: Bashakill 4 Mar; Mashomack 30 Mar.
Clapper Rail: 1-2 MC 2, 9, 13, 16, 21,23 May.
Virginia Rail: arr 28 Feb, record early arrival.
Sora: Great Vly 1, 14 May; Bashakill 2 May.
C. Gallinule: arr Fancher Davidge Park, Middletown 9 Apr; Amenia 22 Apr; Bashakill 27 Apr; Great Vly 27 Apr; West Branch Res 3 May; max 4 Bashakill 2 May; Great Vly 14 May 3 Amenia 19 May.
Am. Coot: White Plains Reservoir 14-17 May.
Sandhill Crane: 2 Amenia 8 Mar (JRos); 2 Fishkill 12 Mar (RM); SGNWR 18, 29 Apr (KMa); Bashakill 7 May (JH, LV, SB).
Black-bellied Plover: Kingston 2 May; 1-2 MC 9-27 May.
Semipalmated Plover: arr MC 16 May.
Am. Oystercatcher: arr EGR 19 Mar; max 7 Rye 19,31 Mar, 17 Apr.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr Black Creek Preserve, Esopus 1 Apr (MGr), record early arrival date.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr Chodikee L 22 Apr.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr New Paltz 13 Mar; 20 MC 25 Apr.
Willet: MC 26 Apr, 4, 14, 23, 25, 27 May; 2 MC 29 Apr, 24 May
Lesser Yellowlegs: MC 21 Apr
Upland Sandpiper: arr early Black Dirt Region 29 Mar (MZ, BN, LSc, KMcd); arr SGNWR 29 Apr.
Whimbrel: MC 25 May (TBu, GB).
Ruddy Turnstone: 5 Rye 30 May.
Purple Sandpiper: 3-9 EGR 2, 7, 11 Apr; 2 EGR 13 May (MBoc).
Least Sandpiper: arr MC 26 Apr.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr Citgo Pond, Goshen 2 Apr.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr MC 16 May

Wilson's Snipe: Kingston Pt 8 Mar; CPP 6 Apr.

Bonaparte's Gull: Kiamesha L 17 Mar; 2 Neversink Res 3 Apr; 10 EGR 14 Apr; Round Pond 14 Apr; 7 Kingston Pt 16 Apr; 6 Kingston Pt 3, 5 May.

Iceland Gull: Kingston Pt 8 Mar (FM).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Woodbourne 2 Mar; Kingston Pt 4 May (JP, PS, MD, JCI).

Caspian Tern: widespread influx the first few days of May; 11-13 Kingston Pt 2-3 May (KMcD, CM, MD, PS); 1-5 Croton-on-Hudson 2-7 May (LT, AS, CR); 2 Kingston 5 May; MC 5 May (GB); MC 5, 10 May (JRu).

Com. Tern: 10 Kingston Pt 3 May (CM); Morningside P 4 May (JH); Mashomack, Pine Plains 5 May (DK), unusual locations.

Forster's Tern: 2 MC 26, 27 Apr, 5, 7, 10, 13 May; 6-8 Kingston Pt 4-5 May (PS, JP); 2-6 Mills-Norrie SP 4-5 May (SJ, CP, BM), unusual locations

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr 9 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Rockland SP 11 Apr (BP), record early arrival.

Barn Owl: Blue Chip Farm 14 May (JP).

N. Saw-whet Owl: 5 banded Harriman SP 6-7 Mar (DPa, TBa); 2 Willow 19, 22 Mar; 2 juv Sterling Forest 21, 31 May.

Com. Nighthawk: arr 3 Bashakill 12 May.

E. Whip-poor-will: arr Gardiner 23 Apr; 3 Wurtsboro 30 Apr, 12 May; Mamaroneck 4 May; Dover 14-31 May; 7 Gardiner 19 May.

Chimney Swift: arr New City 19 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Mt Vernon 20 Apr.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 4 Swartekill Creek 1 Mar; 6 Weston Swamp 7 Mar; pr Red Hook 20 Mar; 1-2 Rhinebeck 23 Mar-30 Apr, 10 Apr; 1-2 Fancher Davidge P, Middletown 27, 31 Mar, 9, 13 Apr; 2 Muscoot Farm 27 Apr-26 May; Peach Hill 30 Apr; East Fishkill 27 Apr; Doodletown 7 May; Annsville Creek, Peekskill 10 May; Claryville 16 May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 2 nest building Mountain Lakes Park 12 May (ER, SW, RuD), be the first breeding record for Westchester County.

Monk Parakeet: 14 Aiello Park, New Rochelle 9 Apr; 2 Rye 27 Apr; 5 Yonkers 1 May; MC 25 May.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CPP 8 May; Annandale 13 May; Harriman SP 17 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1-2 Bashakill 15, 16 May; Rye Nature Center 16-19 May; Wappingers L 17 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr Hurley 13 May

Alder Flycatcher: arr Millbrook & Woodstock 14 May

Willow Flycatcher: arr Kingston 8 May

Least Flycatcher: arr Bashakill 26 Apr.

E. Phoebe: arr 29 Feb, record early arrival; East Irvington Nature Preserve & CPP 10 Mar.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Woodstock 4 May

White-eyed Vireo: arr Peach Hill 27 Apr; Kingston 8 May, unusual location.

Warbling Vireo: max 20 Thompson P 10 May; some obs thought number up.

Philadelphia Vireo: Great Vly 14 May

Tree Swallow: 5 CPP 9 Mar; 25 Bashakill 12 Mar.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr Newburgh 20 Mar (BN), record early arrival; pr gathering nesting material Millerton 27 Mar, early.

Bank Swallow: 100 Wassaic 14 May (BB).

Marsh Wren: Vassar Farm 22 Apr; Kingston Pt 23 Apr; 2 Tivoli Bay 25 Apr; Great Vly 28 Apr; Pawling 30 Apr; 1-2 MC 13-24 May; 6 Tivoli Bays 13 May.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: thru 14 May; 9 Peach Hill 10 May (ES).

Veery: arr Warwick 17 Apr; max 21 Wassaic 25 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Bashakill 13 May; Ulster Park 14 May; RNC 16 May; 2 Tackamack P, Orangetown 22 May.

Bicknell's Thrush: 3 Slide Mt 26 May (TF); 2 Cornell Mt 26 May (TF).

Am. Pipit: 2 West Hurley 17 Mar; 52 Callicoon 18 Mar; 15 CPP 19 Mar; Sharon Station 4 Apr; 2 Walkkill 4 Apr; 20 Bashakill 4 Apr; 35 SGNWR 3 May; Kingston 5 May.

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Golden-winged Warbler: arr Peach Hill 28 April; 4 Sterling Forest 31 May.

“Brewster's Warbler”: Peach Hill 9 May (JCI).

“Lawrence's Warbler”: Kakiat 14 May (MK).

Orange-crowned Warbler: Bashakill 27 Apr (LV, SB).

Mourning Warbler: Kingston 8 May; Bashakill 15 May; Ulster P 17 May; Woodstock 17 May; Buttercup East 21 May; New Paltz 21

May; Peach Hill 22 May; LaGrangeville 27 May; RNC 28 May.
Kentucky Warbler: 1-2 Doodletown 8-27 May (SeC, DH).
Hooded Warbler: max 13 Minnewaska SP 10 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr m & f Kingston 28 Apr (MD), record early arrival; Peach Hill 8 May; 4 Kingston 9 May; 4 Saugerties 11 May; Wappingers 14 May; 2 Bashakill 14 May; Valley Farm Road 17 May; RNC 17 May; Buttercup West 19 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: Reese P 7 May; Bashakill 14 May; 2 MC 14 May; 3 Bashakill 15 May; 4 Peach Hill 20 May; RNC 25 May
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Lake Walton 21 Apr (JM), early.
Canada Warbler: max 5 Kakiat P 17 May (CW).
Yellow-breasted Chat: Bashakill 21 May; CIES 29, 30 May.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Chipping Sparrow: arr 2 Bashakill 28 Mar.
LARK SPARROW: CPP 1 Mar – 10 Apr, continuing bird from winter, mob.

Grasshopper Sparrow: max 7 SGNWR 21 May.
Saltmarsh Sparrow: MC 14, 25 May.
White-crowned Sparrow: many rep Apr & May; max 4 Cruger 1 8 May; 4 Saugerties 9 May.
Dark-eyed Junco: last migrant Peach Hill 9 May.
Summer Tanager: Rye Nature Center 18, 19 May (GB, TBU, JRot).
Scarlet Tanager: pr South Mt 6 Apr (CM), record early arrival; Hopewell Junction 10 Apr (LP).
WESTERN TANAGER: Hurley 23 Mar – 10 Apr (MCor, MBow, MDD, PS, WT, StC, FM), photos.
Indigo Bunting: arr High Falls & Mohonk 28 Apr; next High Falls & Mohonk 18 Apr (MN).
Bobolink: arr Highland lake SP 17 Apr (DPo), record early arrival; max 40 SGNWR 25 May (JH).
Boat-tailed Grackle: male singing MC 29 Apr (TBU)
BULLOCK'S ORIOLE: Milton 1-8 Mar (KMCD).
Pine Siskin: many reports from ULST Mar & Apr; 2 Red Hook 10 Apr; Ulster P 1, 14 May; 13 Parksville 3 May; 2 Milan 24 May (SJ)



REGION 10—MARINE

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Following an unseasonably warm March, temperatures in the Region were closer to normal for the remainder of the spring season. Conditions were dry throughout. Temperatures in March were around 6° F above normal. For example, the average temperature at Islip was 45.5°, 6.2° above normal. The average temperature there was 49.5° in April, 0.4° above normal, and 58.9° in May, 0.3° above normal. However, the first three weeks of May were around 3° below normal, with heat setting in around Memorial Day; temperatures roughly 15° above normal 25-30 May. Precipitation in March was as much as 3.19" below normal; only 1.17" fell at Central Park. April was also dry, with 1.61" of rain falling at Central Park, 2.89" below normal. While rainfall totals for May were closer to normal, for example 3.75" at Central Park, 0.44" below normal, much of it fell at the end of the month. For example, 1.65" fell at Central Park on 29-30 May.

The extremely warm March weather following a mild winter led to a general scarcity of lingering winter rarities. An interesting exception was several reports of Snowy Owl in early March after a winter in which there were few. There were also reports of late Snowy Owls on 30 April and 20 May on several islands off eastern Suffolk County. A Tufted Duck was reported at Patchogue Lake, Suffolk County, through 6 March, and a "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal lingered at Setauket Mill Pond, Setauket, Suffolk County, through 6 April. A winter in which numbers of Thick-billed Murres were apparently present in waters around the Region concluded with several reports on 30 March, including one inside Jamaica Bay at Little Egg Marsh, which is quite unusual. Razorbills were present in good numbers, with a maximum of 257 at Montauk Point on 6 March. Four Common Murres were seen on a pelagic trip to 20 miles south of Fire Island on 12 March, and another was found dead at Jones Beach West End on 19 March.

Overall, the timing of migrant land bird arrivals this year was very close to historical norms. The first big push of neotropical migrants through our area occurred on 22 April, soon followed by a big fallout on 25 April dominated by Yellow-rumped Warblers. Migrant diversity peaked on 7-8 May with at least 25 species of warblers recorded and was about the same the following weekend, 14-15 May. Good migrant diversity continued through 25 May, when 22 species of warblers were noted in Central Park. Overall, 298 species were reported in the Region this season.

Yellow-throated Warblers returned again to nest at Connetquot River State Park, Suffolk County, where two singing males were noted in late May. Blue Grosbeaks made a good showing in late May at the Calverton Grasslands, a.k.a. EPCAL, Suffolk County, where Grasshopper Sparrows and Eastern Meadowlarks are common and at least two Short-eared Owls lingered into early March. There were reports of Pileated Woodpecker through most of the season in Staten Island, mostly from the Mt. Loretto area, where two were reported 22 April. Given the persistent reports over several seasons, it is apparent the species is resident in the area and potentially breeding.

Common Ravens made a good showing in the Region, with about 25 reports including an adult carrying nesting material in Staten Island, a fledged juvenile at Jones Beach, another tussling with Great Horned Owls at Hempstead Lake State Park, Nassau County, and five birds at Inwood Hill Park on 2 April. But there were no reports of confirmed nests.

A report of 96 Canvasbacks at Watermill, Suffolk County, on 6 March is a large number relative to recent years but certainly not by historical standards, when rafts of hundreds were regular. Numbers of Red Knots peaked at 470 at Jones Beach West End on 24 May, a large number after years of decline.

A pelagic trip voyaging as far as 82 miles southeast of Shinnecock Inlet on 29 May found a remarkable 77 Leach's Storm-Petrels, Two Arctic Terns and a South Polar Skua, as well as the expected tubenoses and jaegers.

The season produced some other rarities, all but one for one day only. Nine Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks appeared at Marine Park, Brooklyn on 28 May and were seen by many. A Pacific Loon flew by during a sea watch at Robert Moses State Park on 22 May. A Mississippi Kite was spotted at Prospect Park on 7 May and another apparently lingered around Mt. Loretto, Staten Island for a few days at the end of the season. A fly-over Sandhill Crane was reported at the Bronx Zoo on 8 May. There were two Wilson's Plovers: at Shinnecock Inlet on 23 April and Democrat Point, Fire Island on 11 May. A Ruff showed up at Timber Point, Suffolk County on 26 April. A White-winged Dove appeared briefly at Jones Beach West End on 12 May. A Swainson's Warbler was very cooperative at Central Park on 28 April. An "Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler was seen at Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Suffolk County on 13 March. A Hermit Warbler in Central Park on 1 May caused some brief confusion as to its identity by singing a song reminiscent of Black-throated Green Warbler.

A few other unusual reports augment this brief list of rarities. A Least Bittern decided to spend the day of 15 May in a tree in Prospect Park. An Upland Sandpiper spent ten days (5-15 April) around the Ocean Parkway median at Oak Beach, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County. A "Lawrence's" Warbler was seen at Central Park on 8 May. A Common Gallinule was reported at River Road, Staten Island on 17 April, the only report in the Region this season. A Barred Owl was heard calling at Mt. Loretto State Forest, Staten Island on 18 May.

The National Park Service announced the selection of a preferred alternative for the restoration of the former West Pond at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. The plan will not only repair the breaches caused by Hurricane Sandy in 2012, but will actively seek to restore the pond to fresh water. Birders were instrumental in the Park Service's decision through the Birders Coalition for Gateway, in which NYSOA participated. Hopefully the restoration work will be completed without delay.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APEF – Avalon Pd/East Farm Pres, Stony Brook, SUFF; APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; BPP – Baisley Pd P, QUEE; BPT – Breezy Pt, QUEE; BRY – Bryant P, NEWY; CB – Cedar B, Babylon, SUFF; CCP – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; CHP – Conference House P, RICH; CIC – Coney I Cr/P, KING; CP – Central Park, NEWY; CR – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; CRSP – Connetquot R SP, SUFF; CVP – Calvert Vaux P, KING (formerly Drier-Offerman P); Ed – Sod fields on Edwards Av north of Route 25, Riverhead, SUFF; EPCAL – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), Calverton, SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; FIHW – Fire Island Hawk Watch, Robert Moses SP, SUFF; FKP – Fresh Kills P, RICH; FMCP – Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, QUEE; FP – Forest Park, QUEE; FT – Fort Tilden, QUEE; FWP – Ft. Washington P, NEWY; GBP – Goethal's Bridge Pd, RICH; GBy – Gravesend Bay, KING; GKP – Great Kills P, RICH; GwC – Green-wood Cemetery, KING; HLSP – Hempstead L SP, NASS; HP – Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF; HSP – Heckscher SP, SUFF; JBSP – Jones Beach SP, NASS; JBWE – West End, Jones Beach SP, NASS; JBWR – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; KP – Kissena Park, QUEE; Mass – Massapequa Preserve, NASS; MB – Mecox Bay/Mecox Inlet, SUFF; MLUA – Mt. Loretto Unique Area, RICH; MNSA – Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, NASS; MP – Montauk Pt SP, SUFF; NYBG – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; PBP – Pelham Bay P, BRON; PL – Patchogue L, Patchogue, SUFF; PP – Prospect P, KING; RI – Randall's I, NEWY; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; Rt 105 – Sod fields south of Sound Av between Route 105 and Doctor's Path, Riverhead, SUFF; Sag – Sagaponack Pd/Inlet, SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock Inlet, SUFF; SPCP – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; SPP –

Southards Pd P, West Babylon, SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF; VCP – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; VSh – Venetian Shores P, Lindenhurst, SUFF; VSSP – Valley Stream SP, NASS; WPP – Wolfe’s Pd P, RICH.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 9 Marine P, KING 28 May (*fide* RB, SS, mob).

Cackling Goose: 2 Southaven CP, SUFF 2 Mar (DR); 2 Merritt’s Pd, Riverhead, SUFF 6 Mar (SA, MN); CP thru 9 Mar (DA, PP, mob); 2 CP 9 Mar (PP).

Tundra Swan: 8 CR 5 Mar (DE).

Eurasian Wigeon: 2 JBWR thru 7 Mar; Marine P thru 15 Mar (RBA); Brooklyn Army Terminal Pier 4, KING thru 21 Mar (SS), Fresh Pd, Ft. Salonga, SUFF thru 19 Mar (MC, KC); Leeds Pd Pres, Plandome, NASS 30 Mar.

Am. Black Duck: max 400 JBWR 11 Mar (P. Szabo), low number.

N. Shoveler: max 355 JBWR 27 Mar (JGI), large number.

Green-winged Teal: 100 William Floyd Estate, Mastic B, SUFF 20 Mar (MLL), large number.

“EURASIAN” GREEN-WINGED TEAL

(R10): Setauket Mill Pd, SUFF thru 6 Apr (MC, KC, RT, RBA).

Canvasback: max 96 Watermill, SUFF 6 Mar (SSM, PJJ), larger number than recent years.

TUFTED DUCK (R10): fem PL thru 6 Mar (KMc, BP, SA, MN).

King Eider: fem Shinn 30 Mar (KF, SF); Orient Pt, SUFF 1 May (RBA), late.

Harlequin Duck: max 6 Jones Inlet, NASS 6-29 Mar (RBA); 5 Orient Pt, SUFF 9 Apr (JSe); m GKP 6-14 Apr (RV, mob).

Barrow's Goldeneye: PBP 7-8 Mar (Elizabeth Jamison, JRn).

Hooded Merganser: JBWE 11 Mar (RJK), unusual loc.

Com. Merganser: max 6 Lake Ronkokoma, SUFF 1 Mar (PJJ).

N. Bobwhite: only rep 2 Caleb Smith SP, SUFF 15 Apr (K. Coyle), where released.

Red-throated Loon: max 384 RMSP 7 Apr (PMo), large number; PP 26 Mar – 7 Apr (*fide* PD), unusual loc.

PACIFIC LOON: RMSP 22 May (SSM, et al).

Red-necked Grebe: max 3 Ft Pd Bay, Montauk, SUFF 5-6 Mar (SSM, PJJ).

Eared Grebe: Oak B, Babylon, SUFF thru 3 Mar (mob); JBWE 6 Mar (KF).

Cory's Shearwater: 15 pelagic to 82 mi SE Shinn 29 May (DR, JSh, AnW).

Great Shearwater: pelagic to 82 mi SE Shinn 29 May (DR, JSh, AnW).

Sooty Shearwater: 2 RMSP 21 May (TWB, GB); 53 pelagic to 82 mi SE Shinn 29 May (DR, JSh, AnW).

Manx Shearwater: RMSP 21 May (TWB, GB); 4 pelagic to 82 mi SE Shinn 29 May (DR, JSh, AnW).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: 177 pelagic to 82 mi SE Shinn 29 May (DR, JSh, AnW).

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: 77 pelagic to 82 mi SE Shinn 29 May (DR, JSh, AnW), large number.

N. Gannet: max 400 JBWE 20 Mar (DF), migr ads.

Am. Bittern: Dune Rd E Quogue, SUFF 6 Mar (SA, MN); Dune Rd E Quogue 16 Apr (MH); CLP 22 Apr (IG), unusual loc; CP 8 May (mob).

Least Bittern: 2 River Rd, RICH 14 May (ACi, MK, *et al.*); PP 15 May (*fide* RB, mob), in a tree, unusual loc.

Tricolored Heron: max 4 Ingraham Hassock, Lido Beach, NASS 25 May (BF).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 227 Ingraham Hassock 25 May (BF), large number.

Black Vulture: fewer reps than recently; max 6 IHP 2 May (NS); CP 28 May (DA, *et al.*).

Turkey Vulture: now conspicuous on L.I. and probably underreported; L.I. max 13 Calverton, SUFF 19 Mar (DR).

HAWKS - LARIDS

MISSISSIPPI KITE: PP 7 May (B. Klein, D. Gustafson); Mt. Loretto, RICH 29 May thru (NO, ACi)

Bald Eagle: 2 ad FMCP thru 16 Apr (*fide* CF, SS, CCo); pr nested William Floyd Estate (MLL); pr nested Wertheim NWR, SUFF (JO); pr nested CRSP; appx 15 addtl reps.

Am. Kestrel: max 5 EPCAL 10-22 Apr (K. Bruchhauser, SS), few.

Sora: N Mt. Loretto SF, RICH 12-13 May (ACi, et al).

Com. Gallinule: River Rd 17 Apr (ACi).

SANDHILL CRANE (R10): Bronx Zoo, BRON 8 May (TO), fly over.

WILSON'S PLOVER: m Shinn 23 Apr (TWB, GB); Democrat Pt, Fire Island, SUFF 11 May (*fide* BF), ph.

Piping Plover: max 24 JBWE 16 Apr (DF), large number.

Willet: RMSP 19 Apr (SSM), eastern race, early.
Upland Sandpiper: Oak B 5-15 Apr (RP, mob); JBWE 4 May (BA).
Whimbrel: JBWE 8 May (TH); 4 JBWE 11 May (RBA); 3 BPT 24-25 May (CCo, IG).
Marbled Godwit: RMSP 17 May (ACa).
Red Knot: max 470 JBWE 24 May (EB); 350-400 JBSP 25 May (RJK); large numbers following years of decline.
Western Sandpiper: SPCP 11 May (F. Stetler).
White-rumped Sandpiper: max 6 Captree I 15 May (PMo, JGI).
Pectoral Sandpiper: max 9 GBP 2 Apr (ACi, RV, IG); 6 Captree I, SUFF 5-6 Apr (KT, mob).
Stilt Sandpiper: 2 Captree I 17 May (SyS, et al), rare in spring.
RUFF: Timber Pt, SUFF 26 Apr (PU, SSM).
Long-billed Dowitcher: Santapogue Cr, West Babylon, SUFF 16-18 Mar (PMo).
Wilson's Phalarope: m Captree I 15 May (TWB, GB).
Bonaparte's Gull: max 250 WPP 2 Apr (RV), otherwise few.
Black-headed Gull: imm Sheepshead Bay, KING 24 Mar (RBA).
Little Gull: WPP 2 Apr (SIW, DE); Lemon Cr. Pier, RICH10 Apr (ACi).
Iceland Gull: ad JBWE 1-8 Mar (SyS, JGi, RT); DOP 25 Mar (RBA).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: ad CP 1 Mar (NS); ad Fort Pd Bay 5 Mar (AnW, SA, MN); ad GBY 13 Mar (RBA); ad Orient B SP, SUFF 14 Mar (RBA); 2 HSP 1 Apr (PIL); 1st win HSP 2 Apr (PIL); Coney I, KING 2 Apr (SS); max 13 Sag 4 Apr (KF); RMSP 4 Apr (D. Nicosia); 3 ad HSP 7 Apr (KC).
Glaucous Gull: SMSP 3 Mar (KF, SF); CP 6 Mar (mob); Kings Park, NASS 12 Mar (PPa); HSP 21 Mar (RBA); Brooklyn Army Terminal Pier 4 thru 2 Apr (RBA, SS); SPCP 2 May (RBA); GKP 12 May (IG).
Gull-billed Tern: JBWR 26 May thru (RT); Nickerson B, NASS 28 May (RBA).
Caspian Tern: Plumb B, KING 2 May (RBA); MP 3 May (RBA); JBWR 4 May (IG); PP 4-8 May (fide RJ, RB); 2 PP 5 May (RBA); Quogue, SUFF 5 May (RBA); Sag 9 May (RBA).
Black Tern: Old Inlet, Bellport Bay, SUFF 28 May (DR).
Roseate Tern: max 1500 Great Gull I, SUFF 28-29 May (A. & D. Griffiths), large number.
Com. Tern: max 4000 Great Gull I 28-29 May (A. & D. Griffiths).

ARCTIC TERN: 2 pelagic to 82 mi SE Shinn 29 May (DR, JSh, AnW); 2 CCP 29 May (PIL, SSM et al.).
Royal Tern: 3 Bellport B, SUFF 28 May (RBA); 2 Plumb B 28-31 May (RBA); CCP 29 May (RBA).
SOUTH POLAR SKUA: pelagic to 82 mi SE Shinn 29 May (DR, JSh, AnW).
Pomarine Jaeger: pelagic to 82 mi SE Shinn 29 May (DR, JSh, AnW).
Parasitic Jaeger: pelagic to 82 mi SE Shinn 29 May (DR, JSh, AnW).
COM. MURRE: 4 pelagic to 20 mi S Fire I 12 Mar (RBA); JBWE 19 Mar (RBA), found dead.
THICK-BILLED MURRE: GKP 10 Mar (MSH, mob); Shinn 30 Mar (KF, SF); Little Egg Marsh, Jamaica Bay, QUEE 30 Mar (DRi, LS), ph, unusual loc.
Razorbill: Jones Inlet 1 Mar (SyS, JGi); Ft Wadsworth, RICH 3 Mar (ACi); Jones Inlet 6 Mar (RBA); max 257 MP 6 Mar (SSM, PIL, SA, MN); GKP 10 Mar (JSI).

PIGEONS - PARROTS

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: JBWE 12 May (BF).
Monk Parakeet: max 39 Norman J. Levy P, Merrick, NASS 22 Mar (BF), large number.
Black-billed Cuckoo: 3 Stillwell Woods Pres., NASS 11 May (BF), 2 m copulating with f.
Snowy Owl: JBWE 1-5 Mar (PM, PA, P. Kaminski); Dune Rd, Hampton Bays, SUFF 5 Mar (DR, MSch), separate reps appx 0.5 mi. apart.; Quogue Village Wetlands Pres, Quogue, SUFF 5 Mar (P. & D. Paul); Fisher's I, SUFF 30 Apr (RBA), late; Great Gull I 20 May (K. Rogers), late; Great Gull I, SUFF 20 May (Kevin Rogers).
Barred Owl: N. Mt. Loretto SF 15 May (ACi), heard calling.
Short-eared Owl: 2 EPCAL thru 10 Mar (RBA, JSe, LO); EPCAL thru 31 Mar (RBA, LO).
Chuck-will's-widow: CP 8 May (mob); JBWE 14 May (fide TWB).
E. Whip-poor-will: max 4 Ama 2 May (AnW), low number; JBWE 16 May (PPa), heard calling.
Red-headed Woodpecker: Blydenburgh CP, SUFF thru 19 Mar (MC, KC); Grymes Hill, RICH thru 27 Mar (HF); Maple Swamp, Southampton, SUFF thru 2 May (RBA); Mashomack Pres., Shelter I, SUFF thru 3 May (RBA); 2 Willowbrook P, RICH thru 20 May (RV, mob); ad Todt Hill, RICH 9 Mar (MSH);

Riverdale P, BRON 17 Apr (DB); ad Flanders, SUFF 26 Apr (*fide* ES); PP 10 May (RBA); FP 11 May (CCo, DS); GwC 15 May (RBA); CRSP 26 May (PR).

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 34 Greentree Estate, Manhasset, NASS 13 Apr (SP), large number.

PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): appx 25 reps RICH, mostly Mt. Loretto area; max 2 N. Mt. Loretto SF 22 Apr (ACi).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CP 9 May (RBA); FP 14 May (*fide* PR); CP 14-15 May (PJ, mob); CP 17 May (DA, *et al.*); PP 17 May (*fide* PD); SPP 17-18 May (PJL, DF); Uplands Farm Pres, Cold Spring Harbor, SUFF 18 May (RT); CP 20 May (DA, *et al.*).

Willow Flycatcher: arr 2 May, early.

N. Shrike: imm FT/RP 3 Mar (JOS).

Philadelphia Vireo: CP 16 May (*fide* AnP); CP 18 May (*fide* TF); Trinity Church, NEWY 25 May (BC), unusual loc.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr 22 Apr, early.

Am. Crow: max 125 Hofstra Univ, NASS 29 Apr (C. Eliot)

Fish Crow: max 210 Hempstead Plains Pres, NASS 15 Mar (BF), large number.

Com. Raven: appx 25 reps throughout, but no nest locations known; notable reps: ad w nesting material, W Shore Plaza, RICH 25 Mar (JT, DE); max 5 IHP 2 Apr (NS), large number; fledged juv JBSP 13 Apr (*fide* SSM), ph (M&SB); 3 HLSP 23 Apr (TH), fighting w Great-horned Owls; poss nest Patchogue Village, SUFF (LO).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 13 Mar, early.

E. Bluebird: CP 12 Apr (TF), unusual loc.

Gray-checked Thrush: N Mt Loretto SF 12 May (ACi, *et al.*); JBWR 14 May (SA, CF, MN); CP 17 May (*fide* AnP).

BICKNELL'S THRUSH: N Mt Loretto SF 12-13 May (IG, ACi), singing & calling; PP 17-18 May (RJ, JM), singing.

Gray-checked/Bicknell's Thrush: FP 14 May (SA, CF, MN).

Gray Catbird: HLSP 23 Mar (RJK), wintering?

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Worm-eating Warbler: arr 22 Apr; 8 FP 7 May (SA), large number.

Golden-winged Warbler: PP 8-9 May (SN, mob); E 57th St., NEWY 8 May (AF); GwC 14 May (RBA).

"LAWRENCE'S" WARBLER: CP 8 May (Jared Cole, *et al.*), ph.

Prothonotary Warbler: CR 11 May (ACi); Bronx Zoo, BRON 14 May (Steve Martin); CLP 15-16 May (CB, mob); fem CLP 18 May (HF, mob); CRSP 29 May (KF).

SWAINSON'S WARBLER: CP 28 Apr (Katie Kleinpeter, AD, AR, mob).

Orange-crowned Warbler: River Rd, RICH 19 Mar (ACi); Wagner Property, RICH thru 27 Mar (HF); Oakland L, QUEE 14 Apr (CCo); CP 29 Apr – 6 May (DA, *et al.*); HLSP 7 May (TH).

Mourning Warbler: appx 10 reps, first 14 May.

Kentucky Warbler: FP 14 May (PJL); East Meadow, NASS 13-15 May (Steven Williams); CP 19 May (*fide* APE); 2 PP 19 May (*fide* RJ); VSSP 20 May (RJK, PP, mob); Muttontown Pres, NASS 29-30 May (DK, BR, PR).

Hooded Warbler: Quogue Refuge, Quogue, SUFF 8-18 Apr (KC, mob); VSSP 20-21 Apr (BF, mob); early; appx 25 addtl reps.

Cape May Warbler: arr 24 Apr, early.

Cerulean Warbler: IHP 1 May (NS); PP 2 May (*fide* DHR); Willowbrook P 5 May (RV); FP 7 May (mob); IHP 7 May (G. Sevarasse); CR 9 May (ACi); Crown Heights, KING 10 May (CF), unusual loc; Hunter's Garden, Eastport, SUFF 11 May (ES, *et al.*); CP 19 May (*fide* TF); CLP 20 May (HF).

"AUDUBON'S" YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: Bayard Cutting Arboretum, SUFF 13 Mar (JGI).

Yellow-throated Warbler: 2 High Rock P, RICH 6 Apr (IG, HF); Ft. Greene P, KING 9-11 Apr (JM, RB); arr CRSP 10 Apr, where have bred; 2 m singing there 13 May thru (RBA); CP 14-15 Apr (mob); Bayard Cutting Arboretum 15-30 Apr (MH, MY, RBA), singing m; PP 16 Apr (DHR); CP 30 Apr (*fide* TF); PP 2 May (*fide* PD).

HERMIT WARBLER: CP 1 May (Alexis Lamek, AC), ph KFu; singing song similar to Black-throated Green Warbler.

Yellow-breasted Chat: PP 13 May (RBA); GKP 19-20 May (HF, ACi); CP 25 May (*fide* TF).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Clay-colored Sparrow: FMCP thru 4 Mar (SS).

Vesper Sparrow: arr Francis Gabreski Airport, Westhampton, SUFF 18 Apr (JGI), where breeding;

Lark Sparrow: JBWE thru 23 Mar; Quogue Refuge 23 Mar (ES, MH); Captree SP 6 Apr (*fide* SSM); Ft. Greene P 11 Apr (mob); RMSP 9 May (RBA).

Savannah Sparrow: 36 RMSP 19 Mar (SSM), large number.

Grasshopper Sparrow: IHP 23 Apr (*fide* JDi), ph; Six Diamonds P, KING 29-30 Apr (AxW, mob); CP 4 May (*fide* DA); GKP 20 May (ACi).

Nelson's Sparrow: 2 Dune Rd, Hampton Bays 2 May (AnW); Plumb Beach 25 May (HL, *et al.*).

Seaside Sparrow: 3 Hudson R at 55th St., NEWY 5-6 May; 2 there thru 10 May (Adrian Burke, TF); unusual loc.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr 25 Apr; appx 10 reps.

White-crowned Sparrow: "Gambel's" form EPCAL 20 Mar (RBA).

Dark-eyed Junco: "Cismontanus" form Willowbrook P 8 Apr (RV).

Summer Tanager: GwC 30 Apr (RBA); Riverside Dr., NEWY 7 May (RBA); PP 8 May (RBA); CP 8 May (RBA); CR 9 May (ACi);

Willowbrook P 9 May (ACi, DE); CP 9 May (PJ); CLP 10-11 May (HF, *et al.*); Rocky Pt. Pres 12 May (RBA); Marcy Woods, SUFF 14 May (JGI); JBWE 14 May (RBA); CP 18 May (*fide* TF); Belmont L SP, SUFF 20 May (RJK); JBWE 26 May (MZ, RT).

Blue Grosbeak: East Quogue, SUFF 10 Apr (MH), early; SS White Field, RICH 11 May (ACi); Riverside P 12 May (RBA); GwC 12 May (RBA); Crooke's Pt., RICH 13 May (RV); CRSP 15 May (KT); 2 m EPCAL 29 May – thru (RBA).

Dickcissel: CP 27-28 May (KFu, mob).

Rusty Blackbird: max 22 VCP 20 Mar (TF); 20 APP 14 Apr (RJK), low numbers.

Boat-tailed Grackle: max 200 JBWR 6 Mar (NO).

Purple Finch: appx 15 reps, max 8 Muttontown Pres 9 Mar (BF).

Pine Siskin: appx 5 reps; max 6 Quogue Wildlife Refuge 8 Apr (E. King).

EXOTICS

European Goldfinch: 5 PP 15 Mar (K. Toomey).



STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

Regional rarities appear in **BOLD**; county names are shortened to their first four letters and appear in **UPPER CASE** letters; months are shortened to their first three letters. In species accounts: number of individuals omitted implies that one individual was reported; ! – details seen by Regional Editor; ad – adult; Alt – Alternate plumage; Am. – American; arr – arrival or first of season; BBS – Breeding Bird Survey; BOTS – bird of the season; CBC – Christmas Bird Count; CO – confirmed nesting; Com. – Common; E. – Eastern; FL – fledgling; FY – adult feeding young; I – Island; imm – immature; intro – see introduction to report; juv – juvenile; L – Lake; max – maximum; mob – multiple observers; N. – Northern; NYSDEC – New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; NWR – National Wildlife Refuge; NYSARC – report to New York State Avian Records Committee; P – park; Pd – Pond; ph – photographed; Pt – Point; Res – Reservoir; Ri – River; SP – State Park; spm – specimen; subad – subadult; T – Town of; thru – throughout period; Twn – township; W. – Western; WMA – Wildlife Management Area; y – young.

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from Bristol Center to S. Bristol Springs, and Route 21
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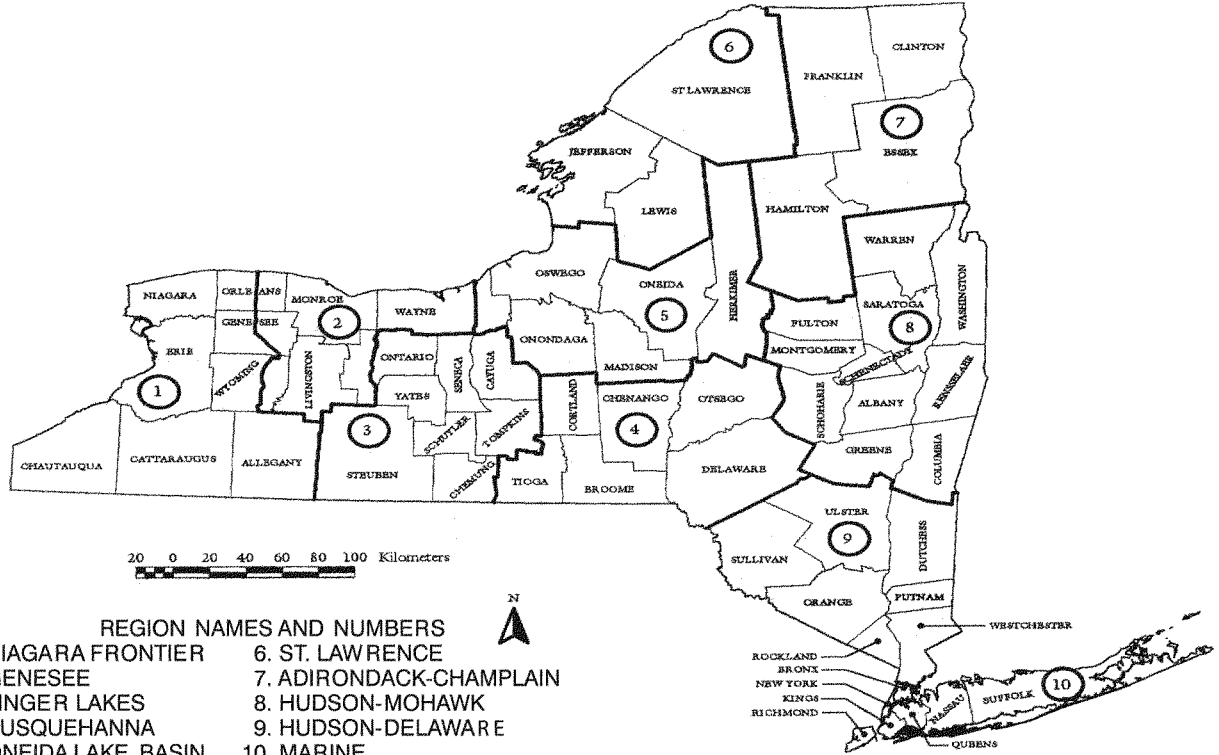
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Deadline is 7 December



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