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TEMPORAL CHANGES IN HENSLOW'S SPARROW (*AMMODRAMUS HENSLOWII*) SONG RATES

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Abstract—Henslow's Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*) is a state-listed threatened species in New York State, and reliable surveys of existing populations are important for successful management. There are many accounts of Henslow's Sparrows singing at night, casting uncertainty on the efficacy of traditional point-count protocols in assessing this species' populations. Importantly, no studies have formally compared their song activity rates throughout a 24-hour (24-h) period. We examined song activity rates of Henslow's Sparrow over six 24-h periods during the breeding season, at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Perch River Wildlife Management Area, Jefferson County, New York. Seven listening stations were established in known, occupied territories of singing Henslow's Sparrows. We used one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) to compare song activity rates across eight time periods and six dates. There was no significant difference in average number of songs/time period ($P = 0.140$). However, we did confirm that Henslow's Sparrow sing throughout the entire 24-h period. Song activity rates were generally highest between 0600-1200 and 1800-2100 (Fig. 1) and later in the breeding season. Song activity rates were lower between 2100-0600. In New York State, we recommend surveying for Henslow's Sparrows at multiple locations between 0600-1200 and 1800-2100 with survey dates extending into July.

The use of auditory signals from singing male birds to estimate population abundance or species presence is very common (Bull 1981, Mayfield 1981, Ralph et al. 1993, Sauer et al. 2017). To increase the accuracy of these estimates it is ideal to survey when bird vocal activity is at its peak, typically during the dawn chorus (Robbins and Van Velzen 1967, Skirvin 1981, Kalcelnik and Krebs 1983, Ralph et al. 1993). However, within- and among-species differences in detectability via auditory signals may be substantial, due to differences in vocal conspicuousness and behavioral variability related to time of day, season, age, and sex, not to mention variation in the ability of observers to detect vocalizations (Kepler 1981, Mayfield 1981, Ralph et al. 1993, Thompson 2002).

Detection by song is an extremely important method for assessing avian distribution and abundance, especially so in the cases of threatened or endangered species, for which accurate estimates are crucial to formulate and implement effective management plans. The guild of grassland birds in New England and New York is one group that requires special attention relative to survey techniques, as it has the most species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern in the region (Vickery 1992), and populations have been declining since the 1960s (Sauer et al. 2017).

Most studies that monitor grassland bird populations have concentrated survey efforts during the morning (Herkert 1994, Vickery et al. 1994, Bollinger 1995, Norment et al. 1999, Winter and Faaborg 1999, Johnson and Igl 2001, Diefenbach et al. 2007). However, not adjusting survey techniques to account for the nocturnal behavior of some species may result in underestimating the number of birds present. For example, Walk et al. (2000) found that just 57% of all breeding species present were recorded during sunrise counts, and some nocturnally active species such as American Woodcock (*Scolopax minor*), Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*), Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*) and Henslow's Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*) were either missed or under-sampled.

One grassland species in New York State that may be underestimated by diurnal surveys alone is the Henslow's Sparrow. The Henslow's Sparrow is listed as a threatened species in New York State (NYSDEC 2016); it has been considered as a candidate for federal protection under the Endangered Species Act (Pruitt 1996); and recently was listed as a species of management concern (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2011). Although Henslow's Sparrows are considered a diurnal species, there have been references to their nocturnal singing behavior (Hyde 1939, Austin 1968, Smith 1992, Rising 1996, Herkert et al. 2002). For example, the Birds of North America species account describes Henslow's Sparrow as an inconspicuous bird and states that singing at night is fairly common, with individuals sometimes singing all night long (Herkert et al. 2002). Because they are visually inconspicuous, Henslow's Sparrows are most easily detected when males sing (Diefenback et al. 2007). Diefenback et al. (2007) examined the availability of Henslow's Sparrows and Grasshopper Sparrows (*A. savannarum*) for detection, but they focused only on the morning observation period [0600-1000 hours Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)], a practice common among researchers, as less than 4% of avian vocalization literature examines nocturnal vocalization (La 2012).

The purpose of our study was to examine 24-hour song activity rates of Henslow's Sparrows in known occupied territories throughout the breeding season. Knowing when Henslow's Sparrow song activity is highest will help determine when to best survey for this secretive, rare, and declining species and allow for better population estimates in New York State. In addition, our study will contribute to the more general understanding of nocturnal song activity in passerines.

METHODS

Song detection—We examined song activity rates of Henslow's Sparrows over six 24-h periods at New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) Perch River Wildlife Management Area (herein Perch River) in Jefferson County, New York. Perch River has approximately 205 ha of cool season grassland surrounding the periphery of a large wetland complex. The cool season grasslands of Perch River are managed for grassland birds and have supported populations of Henslow's Sparrow for at least 30 years (McGowan 2008).

Seven listening stations were established a week prior to the start of the study; these were placed at locations with ≥ 1 singing male Henslow's Sparrow present, at a minimum distance of ≥ 75 m between fields separated by hedgerows. At night, Henslow's Sparrow song seemed evenly paced and the birds appeared to be mostly stationary; singing birds seemed to move little from the location at which they first were detected. Most of the time there were no more than three males singing simultaneously at any one listening station during the monitoring periods; occasionally there were four. Thus, we could distinguish song activity amongst individuals at one listening station from that at adjacent listening stations, due to a combination of field separation and the limited movement of singing birds.

We then examined Henslow's Sparrow song activity rates over six continuous 24-h periods, between 25 May 2005 and 15 July 2005. On average, surveys were conducted every 10 days. We conducted surveys under favorable weather conditions, with winds < 10 km/hr and no or very light rain. Two observers conducted all the surveys.

We listened for Henslow's Sparrow songs at each listening station every 3 hours during each 24-h sampling day, for a total of eight observation periods: 0000-0300, 0300-0600, 0600-0900, 0900-1200, 1200-1500, 1500-1800, 1800-2100, and 2100-2400 EDT. We counted the number of complete songs during 5-min intervals at each station. Due to travel time between listening stations, it took approximately 90 min to survey all seven stations. We compared song activity rates across the eight observation periods and six sampling dates (25 May, 6 June, 15 June, 22 June, 5 July, 12 July).

We did not mark birds individually because our focus on assessing temporal variation in song detection was intended to inform the most widely used methods for estimating regional, statewide, or national population indices (e.g. the Breeding Bird Survey: Sauer et al. 2017), which generally do not require recognition of individuals. Also, we felt that the secretive nature of Henslow's Sparrows would make observations of marks difficult, and marks would not be visible at night.

Statistical analysis—To test for differences in song rates among time periods, we averaged song rates across listening stations and dates; to test for differences

in song rates among dates, we averaged song rates across listening stations and time periods. We used the Anderson-Darling test to determine if our response variables were normally distributed, with a subsequent log transformation to correct for any nonnormality; we also tested for homogeneity of variances using Minitab (2017) software. Because our response variables met the assumptions of parametric statistics we used one-way ANOVAs to compare song activity rates across the eight time periods, and the six dates. The ANOVAs were run separately, without interaction terms, due to the unbalanced design. However, we did test for an interaction effect between date and time period using a generalized linear model, with time period as a factor and date as a covariate.

RESULTS

There was no significant difference in average number of songs/time period ($F = 1.69_{[7, 40]}$, $P = 0.140$), although there was some tendency for Henslow's Sparrows to sing less frequently between 2100 and 0600 (Fig. 1). However, we did confirm that Henslow's Sparrows sing throughout the entire 24-h period, with song activity generally highest between 0600-1200 and 1800-2100 (Fig. 1). There also was no significant difference in average number of songs/day ($F = 2.05_{[5, 36]}$, $P = 0.095$), although there was some tendency for higher song rates to occur during the later survey dates, which occurred during July (Fig.2). The generalized linear model showed no significant interaction between date and time period ($P = 0.110$).

During surveys, we rarely heard only one male Henslow's Sparrow sing at a listening station; if one bird began singing, at least one neighboring male usually joined in. Males thus appeared to be stimulated by their neighbor's song, which resulted in bouts of counter-singing and localized clusters of song activity that varied with time of day across the seven listening stations.

There was no change in the number of listening stations at which singing males were present across the range of sampling dates; this figure represents the minimum number of males present in our study area (Table 1). However, assuming males did not move between listening stations, the maximum number of singing males present in our sampling area did increase as the season progressed (Table 1).

Table 1. Number of singing male Henslow's Sparrows detected during a 24-hour period.

Date	Minimum	Maximum
25 May 2005	7	15
08 June 2005	6	17
15 June 2005	7	19
22 June 2005	7	21
05 July 2005	7	24
12 July 2005	7	23

DISCUSSION

Knowing when a bird species is most likely to be detected by song will enable researchers to better design survey protocols and increase the accuracy of abundance and distribution estimates. This is especially important for relatively inconspicuous species of conservation concern, such as the Henslow's Sparrow. Because Henslow's Sparrow songs can be easily overlooked (Sibley 2000), knowing more about the species' temporal pattern will better inform survey designs. We found no significant temporal differences in the species' song rates across the 24-h day and breeding season, although there was some tendency for Henslow's Sparrows to sing more between 0600-1200 and 1800-2100, and later in the breeding season.

We anticipated that Henslow's Sparrow song activity rates would be highest early in the breeding season, when males are establishing territories and females are laying eggs, and then decline as the season progressed (Skirvin 1981, Merila and Sorjonen 1994, Gil et al. 1999). However, Henslow's Sparrow song rates did not decrease as the season progressed (Fig. 2). Holmes and Dirks (1978) observed a similar pattern in Golden-crowned Sparrows (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*) at 62° N latitude, where song activity peaked later in the season than expected. Mid-season increases in song activity could occur because Henslow's Sparrows may breed into August and September across their range (Herkert et al. 2002), including New York State (McGowan 2008); Mazur (1996) found that as many as 50% of the male Henslow's Sparrows in her study population at Saratoga National Historical Park, New York, arrived and established territories after 31 May.

Despite the large amount of variation in song rates across the 24-h day and breeding season, we found no evidence that it is better to survey Henslow's Sparrows at night, at least in our study area. This contradicts Walk et al. (2000), who found that Henslow's Sparrows in Illinois were detected more frequently at night than at sunrise. However, our study is in partial agreement with Heller and Hughes (1997), who reported that Henslow's Sparrows in Indiana were most vocal from 0500 to 0600, with high levels of song activity continuing until 1200. In addition, Heller and Hughes (1997) reported a nighttime resurgence of song activity from 2230 to 0130. Differences between our data on song activity rates and those from studies in the Midwest (Heller and Hughes 1997, Walk et al. 2000) suggest that there may be regional differences in Henslow's Sparrow song behavior and detection probabilities, as has been found for European Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*) populations in Wales and Ireland (Thomas et al. 2003). Regional differences in singing behavior appear to parallel geographic differences in grassland bird ecology (Wiens 1981), such as intraspecific differences in habitat selection between the Midwest and Northeast (Bollinger 1995, Norment et al. 1999). Regional differences in song behavior suggest that regional differences in peak detection period and factors that influence availability for detection by song probability may also vary regionally.

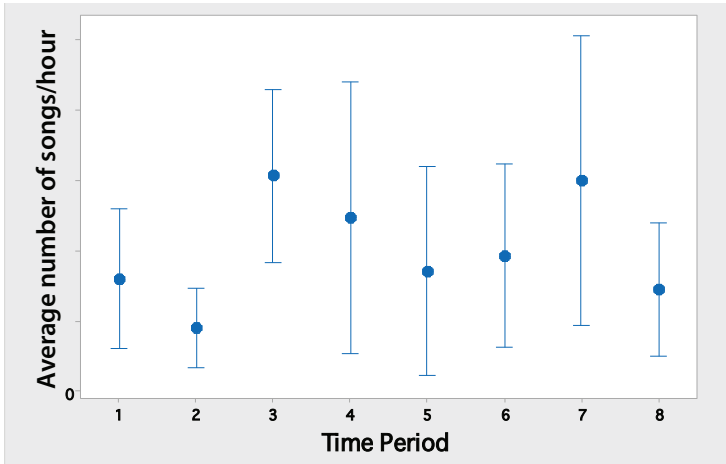


Figure 1. Variation in Henslow's Sparrow song rates across the eight time periods sampled at Perch River Wildlife Management Area, NY; bars enclose 95% confidence intervals; circles represent mean song rates. Time periods: 1 =0000-0300, 2 = 0300-0600, 3 = 0600-0900, 4 = 0900-1200, 5 = 1200-1500, 6 = 1500-1800, 7 = 1800-2100, and 8 = 2100-2400 Eastern Daylight Time.

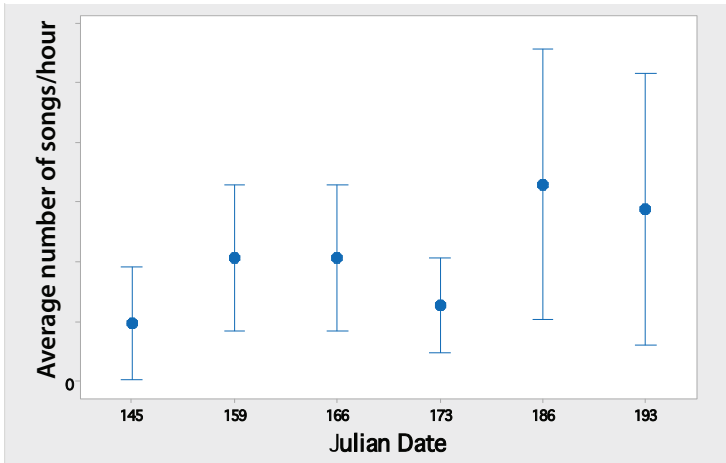


Figure 2. Variation in Henslow's Sparrow song rates across six dates at Perch River Wildlife Management Area, NY; bars enclose 95% confidence intervals; circles represent mean song rates. Julian Dates: 145 = 25 May, 159 = 6 June, 166 = 15 June, 173 = 22 June, 186 = 5 July, 193 = 12 July.

Finally, Henslow's Song activity at our study site did not follow the typical pattern of decrease in activity associated with the progression of the breeding season. Barclay et al. (1987) found no apparent association between nocturnal

song rates and nesting stage for Marsh Wrens (*Cistothorus palustris*). Perhaps establishing territories later in the season and singing more later in the season is a way to limit interspecific song competition. Additionally, it may be that the scarce distribution and ephemeral nature of Henslow's Sparrow habitat in northern New York means that it takes longer for males to locate and establish territories.

To maximize the probability of Henslow's Sparrow detection in northern New York we recommend surveying multiple locations between 0600-1200 and 1800-2100, with survey dates extending into July. Nocturnal surveys may increase detection probabilities depending upon the particular geographic location. However, given the observed variation in song activity, a better sampling design would involve methods that incorporate those of MacKenzie et al. (2004) and Diefenbach et al. (2007): temporal replication at a number of sites to simultaneously estimate availability, detection probability and occupancy.

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**AN ACANTHOCEPHALAN,
PLAGIORHYNCHUS CYLINDRACEUS,
IN EASTERN BLUEBIRDS**

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Within an eight-day period, 17-24 April 2017, three adult Eastern Bluebirds (*Sialia sialis*) were found dead within 300 yards of each other, on separate days, along a nest box trail at Mashomack Preserve on Shelter Island, Suffolk County, New York. Two of the deceased birds were found within nest boxes, and the other was on the ground near a box. All three had been banded locally as nestlings, two in 2016 and one in 2012. Outwardly, all three appeared to be well fed, normal adults with no signs of external wounds or injuries. All three had fly eggs deposited around the proximal beak and vent, and one had visible maggots in the abdomen, suggesting death had occurred several days prior to discovery. Their intestinal tracts contained no ingesta, but each had several pale yellow worms (5 mm by 1 mm) in the gut above the colic caecae. In all three birds, the worms were gathered close together, though in two birds a single worm appeared to be outside the intestinal wall on the serosal side. One of the birds had 15 of the worms gathered in one section of the gut in a clump. See photos, page 218. The ventriculus in two of the birds seemed flaccid, and remains of a beetle were found in that of the third. On 3 May, a fourth bird was found dead in a nest box, with injuries suggestive of an attack by another bird. This bluebird also had five of the same type of worm in its gut just proximal to the colic caecae. No other bluebirds were found dead in the area during weekly monitoring through 9 June 2017, nor were any of the known, color-banded breeders missing, implying that none had died and been scavenged between weekly visits.

Specimens of the worms submitted to Dr. Mani Lejeune at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory were identified as the acanthocephalan *Plagiorhynchus cylindraceus* (*Polymorphida: Plagiorhynchidae*). Commonly known as a “spiny headed worm”, its proboscis bears multiple hook-like projections which it can evert and contract to grasp its host’s tissues. Dr. Lejeune (pers. comm.) stated that he had seen *P. cylindraceus* associated with sudden death in American Robins (*Turdus migratorius*) in Alberta, Canada, presenting with only lesions in the lower gut, and he noted similarities in the case of the bluebirds. The USGS National Wildlife Health Center has also reported death of American Robins in Montana associated with this acanthocephalan:
(<https://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/publications/quarterlyreports/2009>).

Histopathology revealed features consistent with local antigen-antibody reactions in response to pathogenic organisms. The small intestine of one bird showed brightly eosinophilic radiating material (Splendore-hoeppli) surrounded by macrophages and multi-nucleated giant cells. Examination also revealed focally extensive fibrosing pyogranulomatous intestinal myositis. The presence of the latter in association with *P. cylindraceus* in our specimens is notable because this parasite has been reported in cases of necrotizing enteritis in Eastern and Western Bluebirds (Bildfell et al. 2001). Numerous adult and larval aphasmid worms (Nematoda) measuring 60 microns wide were also found within the ventriculus. These are ubiquitous organisms that are unlikely to have caused the pathologies observed in these specimens.

The acanthocephalan *Plagiorhynchus cylindraceus* has an indirect life cycle in which the vertebrate definitive host becomes infected by ingesting larval parasites, known as cystacanths, contained in the body cavity of an arthropod intermediate host. Cystacanths have been reported from terrestrial isopods (or “pillbugs”) and also, interestingly, in mammals such as hedgehogs (Moore 1983, Dimitrova and Genov 2000). Eastern Bluebirds consume many kinds of invertebrates, and it is likely the bluebirds described here contracted this infestation in their normal course of feeding. However, the highly variable life cycle of this parasite and its impacts on its hosts are not completely understood. Although unexplained bluebird deaths have been few at this site, previous years’ necropsies have never yielded any suggestion of this parasite. Thus, their appearance this year raises the question as to whether changes may be occurring in food and/or parasite distribution.

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IN MEMORIAM: IRVING CANTOR

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Irving Cantor died on June 10, 2017, at the age of 97. He was survived by his wife Jean.

Irving was a Fellow of the Linnaean Society of New York and, according to the editor of the News-Letter, a member since 1940. He was the last of the Bronx County Boys.

Irving surprised me by signing up for our Rio Grande Valley Festival birding trip for the Linnaean Society in 2006. Later he went with us to Northern California and after that Laurie and I took him to Argentina for a couple of weeks of birding in 2010. Two weeks of hard travel was almost too much for Irving at that time, but he insisted on the second week so we could go to Argentine Patagonia, where we finally saw the Magellanic Woodpecker. As always, he flew first class.

Sometime after that, Irving asked me to join him on the Audit Committee of the New York State Ornithological Association. Irving had chaired the committee for many years, and I think he saw he was coming to the end of it.

When Irving and Jean moved from East 32nd Street to North End Avenue—I think it was around 2010—Irving gave up Central Park birding, which he had begun to find unrewarding anyway, and he made it his business to know all about the birds in Nelson A. Rockefeller Park—he knew how many Am. Robins, and how many Double-crested Cormorants, were present virtually every day for several years. We would have lunch every month or so and in spring and fall I would take my binoculars along and we would spend an hour and a half in that little park.

A side of Irving not well known in the birding community was his interest in financial matters. He was a registered stockbroker, as well as an accountant, and we talked at length about investments. Another side, better known to everyone who knew him—he did not like food.

I never knew exactly how many birds Irving had seen. I don't think he knew either. He wasn't that kind of birder. (I am that kind of birder.) He kept meticulous records; he liked to see birds and keep track. In an article in the Linnaean News-Letter in 2015, Irving wrote about Central Park birding—

It was four years before I saw my first American Crow in the Park and almost six years before the first Red-tailed Hawk. The Park also bore witness to population shifts in our common water birds over those eight decades [1935-2015]. Some examples: Buffleheads unknown; Ruddy Ducks and Northern Shovelers very rare; Great and Snowy Egrets unknown; Double-crested Cormorants accidental; Great Black-backed and Ring-billed Gulls rare; but Laughing Gulls were common transients.

We will miss his careful reporting. We will miss Irving's good sense, generosity, and frequent indignation. We will miss our friend.

IN MEMORIAM: JOHN M. C. PETERSON

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It seems profoundly appropriate that as Pat and I birded along Cemetery Lane first thing this morning, walking slowly through a field of ankle-high, dew-drenched grasses splattered with cadmium yellow dandelions, and smiling widely at the unexpected songs of a Bobolink, that I should start composing in my mind a eulogy for Mike Peterson, an extremely dear friend and mentor.

As soon as we had our vacation house in Keene I called the Nature Conservancy to ask if anyone knew of a good hawk watching location in the area, and they gave me Mike's phone number. We immediately hit it off with Mike and started getting together with him every time we came to the Adirondacks, and before we knew what hit us we did a Christmas Bird Count on a bone-chilling, rainy day, and a waterfowl count on a sub-zero morning with twenty mile per hour winds in our faces. I remember Mike standing on the railroad tracks opposite Wickham Marsh, scanning a large flock of goldeneye and saying, his eyes pressed to his binoculars, "Please, Lord, don't bring me back as a duck."

Mike had a world-class sense of humor, and I remember like yesterday helping him from his daughter's car to his seat at the Crown Point bird banding station only to realize it had started to rain lightly. I dashed over to my car, grabbed the golf umbrella someone had given me but I had never used, dashed back to Mike, opened the umbrella and got lifted a few inches off my feet by a gust of wind. Mike roared so much with laughter he couldn't even speak for quite a while, and when I finally got the umbrella positioned over him I realized he had rain drops on his glasses and tears of laughter running down his cheeks.

Mike made an absolutely enormous contribution to Adirondack birding, not only in terms of his relentless field work and educational outreaches but also with regard to his editing projects and his published writings. After graduating Hobart and William Smith College, Mike served as a navy pilot for four years and then became Assistant Professor of Literature at Rochester Institute of Technology. He then taught English at Moriah Central School in Port Henry and befriended Greenleaf Chase (Greenie) and Geoffrey Carlton, two extraordinary birders and naturalists.

Mike co-founded High Peaks Audubon Society, Inc. in 1978, serving as its president for numerous terms and editing its newsletter for twenty-five years. He talked Pat and me into joining HPAS a few weeks after we met him, and within six months of knowing him we got home from climbing our forty-sixth high peak and found a letter from Mike asking us to join the board. Twenty-five years later we still sit on the board and I've been the newsletter editor for eleven years.

From 1980 to 1985 Mike served as the Region 7 Coordinator of *The Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State*, published by Cornell University Press and

from 2000 to 2005 he served as the Region 7 Coordinator of *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State*, a project undertaken by the New York State Ornithological Association, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit, Cornell University Department of Natural Resources, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Audubon New York. Mike wrote 38 species accounts for the first atlas, and for the second he served as a peer reviewer and wrote 12 species accounts.

The morning Mike found out that the second atlas was a go he called and said, “Boy oh boy am I glad you two are still backpacking and climbing High Peaks because I got some doozies for you.”

In addition to writing for the atlases Mike wrote numerous articles for NYSOA’s *Kingbird* journal, including two that won the John J. Elliot best *Kingbird* article of the year award— “First Record of Palm Warbler Nesting in New York State” (1985) and “A Common Yellowthroat Exhibiting Male and Female Plumage (Bilateral Gynandromorphy) in Essex County, NY.” I remember meeting Manny Levine, then editor of *The Kingbird*, at a NYSOA annual meeting and him saying, “Gynandromorphy? I had no idea what it meant.”

At that same NYSOA annual meeting, Mike received a special award for writing a record-setting number of *Kingbird* Regional reports, which he wrote for 26½ years. With his good friend, Gary Lee, Mike co-wrote *Adirondack Birding: 60 Great Places to Find Birds*.

One of Mike’s favorite projects, and one that he talked us into participating in, involved managing Four Brothers Islands on Lake Champlain, which involved catching and banding 1,000 Ring-billed Gulls and whatever other birds we could catch. Mike started the Crown Point Bird Banding Station and ran it for over 40 years; it hosted everyone from thousands of school children to prisoners from Moriah Shock Incarceration Facility. Over the course of his tenure at Crown Point Mike banded more than 73,000 birds, and each time I watched him band one his facial expression seemed one of never ending, childish wonder. He communicated that wonder to thousands of children and adults.

He passed away four days before the banding station opened this year.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON—SPRING 2017

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Our rapidly changing climate produces numerous effects each season. Ironically, these can be so many and so varied that it is often difficult to summarize the trends. Was spring 2017 warm, average, or cold? At least we can say that April and May were very wet in many parts of New York State, April was much warmer than average, and May featured normal to slightly cool temperatures along with its heavy precipitation. In contrast, March was cooler than average across the state, with the temperature deficit ranging from one to four degrees, depending on the Region. With these deviations largely offsetting each other, the three-month season as a whole looks less remarkable (at least in terms of temperature), but perhaps the trend to look for here is not average temperature, but rather month-to-month volatility: even more remarkable than March's cooler than normal average was the contrast this posed against not only the warm April that followed but the very warm February that preceded it. Astonishment is obvious in the tones of the Regional editors as they note that March 2017 was not only distinctly cool in an absolute sense, but actually cooler than the preceding February.

The implications of these weather effects for bird life are similarly difficult to summarize. Nobody knows which weather variables are the best predictors of over-winter survival for half-hardy species testing the limits of their tolerance for cold. Summing heating degree-days over an entire season obscures inter-month variability; the season's absolute minimum temperature might be a better predictor of mortality for some species. Another potentially useful variable might be the duration of the season's longest sustained interval below freezing. But in reflecting on spring 2017 as a coda to winter 2016-17, it occurs to me that unusual cold and snow in March might have larger impacts on birds than even worse conditions earlier, if resources have been depleted by the birds that have survived thus far. A related question is the impact of unseasonal cold and snow on early spring migrants. In this regard, exceptional numbers of American Woodcocks were observed in duress and taken into rehabilitation in New York City following a mid-March snowstorm and subsequent hard freeze. Similarly, the large numbers of Woodcocks that arrived early in Region 6 following February's warmth vanished following the return of freezing conditions in March. Region 10's Suffolk County yielded two noteworthy examples of over-winter survival: two **Rufous Hummingbirds** through at least 2 April at feeders in Aquebogue, and a Northern Waterthrush through 7 April in natural swampy woodland in Babylon. The latter date was confidently distinguishable from an

early spring arrival because of prior, mid-winter observations at the same location.

Upstate editors describe conspicuous impacts of this spring's heavy precipitation. Lake Ontario's water level was very high, and Jeff Bolsinger was not surprised that Piping Plovers were not observed on territory at the site favored during the previous two years. Remarkably, though, **Piping Plover** was recorded in Regions 1 and 2—the former the first for Niagara County and, perhaps, tellingly, found in a flooded field (the species is almost never recorded in fields even where common on Long Island). Flooded fields were mentioned repeatedly in the reports from mainland New York State. Mike Morgante's Region 1 report details a particularly rich bounty of shorebirds in this context, and **Ruff** and **Red-necked Phalarope** were spectacular highlights of this spring's shorebird bounty in Region 8, where appropriate habitat is often scarce or lacking.

The timing of migration appeared generally earlier than average, with the earliest suite of species strongly influenced by February's warmth, and a broad suite of later species influenced by April's warmth. I was struck by the many references to slightly earlier than average arrival, as opposed to record-early dates. The latter were, as one would expect, much fewer. Jeff Bolsinger, in far-northern Region 6, has an excellent vantage for viewing the timing of migration (no waterthrushes overwintering there, yet), and he has a discerning, quantitative eye for such things. Beyond the overall earlier average date and multiple record-early dates, I particularly valued the contrast he highlighted between the **71** species arriving more than two days earlier than their respective long-term averages and the mere **2** species arriving more than two days later than average. With regard to the tempo of migration, it is of course well worth reading all the Regional reports closely, as well as referring to the arrival tables.

In terms of rarities, **Pink-footed Goose** made first-Regional appearances in Regions 2 and 8, and **Barnacle Goose** and **Tufted Duck** were recorded in Region 7. Region 5 featured both **Eared Grebe** and the continuing **Clark's Grebe**. **American White Pelicans** continue to increase as spring migrants, garnering attention in Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6. During a Fire Island seawatch on 6 May, a **Pacific Loon** was mightily eclipsed by a **Yellow-nosed Albatross**. A **Black-necked Stilt** in the Montezuma area near the border of Regions 2 and 3 was an outstanding rarity inland, but consistent with its increasing occurrence coastally, where several were recorded in Region 10. The **Smith's Longspur** photographed by Gale VerHague at Dunkirk Airport on 8 March was probably the rarest bird recorded this spring, apart from the continuing Clark's Grebe.

In terms of southern species north of usual haunts, Region 6 recorded its first documented **Summer Tanager**, Region 8 recorded **Chuck-will's-widow** for the second consecutive year, and Region 10 hosted a cooperative **Swainson's Warbler**. An **Audubon's Warbler** in Region 5 and a **Townsend's Solitaire** continuing from winter in Region 10 were also highly noteworthy.

George Chiu informed me of two very important records from Region 4, which lacks a spring report. A **Little Gull** on 6 April and a **Franklin's Gull** on 6 May were potential first records for Broome County.

To mark this point in history, when an ABA Code 4 species occurred in two upstate New York Regions in the same season, I choose **Pink-footed Goose** as Bird of the Season. I predict there will be further records in the future—but that its continental rarity code will probably be revised!



Yellow-nosed Albatross, Robert Moses SP, *Suffolk*, 6 May 2017. Video-grab copyright Taylor Sturm.



Pink-footed Goose, Kinderhook, *Columbia*, 8 Apr 2017, © Naomi Lloyd.

SPRING ARRIVAL DATES FOR 2017

Region	Species Reported ¹	Seasonality ² vs. 1987-15	Advance ³ (Days)	Record Early Spp.
1	92	-4.37	-1.81	13
2	93	-4.18	-2.39	6
3	89	-2.70	-0.65	4
4	-	-	-	-
5	88	-4.80	-0.69	10
6	89	-6.92	4.99	12
7	91	-4.50	8.08	7
8	90	-4.48	1.89	7
9	81	-3.38	-1.16	3
10	91	-8.07	-8.26	15

¹Maximum number of species = 93.

²Average arrival in a Region compared to that Region's 31-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					2017 Waterbirds						
Species	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	R4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10	Average	31-Yr. Ave
American Bittern	2 Apr	29 Mar	31 Mar		3 Apr	10 Apr	18 Apr	5 Apr	8 Apr	1 Apr	5 Apr	14 Apr
Green Heron	8 Apr	15 Apr	9 Apr		23 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr	16 Apr	13 Apr	8 Apr	16 Apr	21 Apr
Wood Duck	24 Feb	25 Feb	19 Feb		22 Feb	24 Feb	2 Mar	23 Feb		26 Feb	24 Feb	11 Mar
Green-winged Teal	23 Mar	23 Feb			23 Feb	3 Mar	25 Feb	1 Feb		12 Mar	27 Feb	14 Mar
Northern Pintail	18 Feb	19 Feb			22 Feb	26 Feb	14 Feb	3 Feb			17 Feb	6 Mar
Blue-winged Teal	17 Mar	9 Mar	25 Feb		21 Mar	14 Apr	14 Apr	9 Mar	25 Mar	6 Mar	19 Mar	28 Mar
Osprey	17 Mar	26 Mar	26 Mar		25 Mar	30 Mar	3 Apr	29 Mar	25 Mar	13 Mar	25 Mar	27 Mar
Virginia Rail	1 Apr	14 Apr	10 Apr		14 Apr	10 Apr	23 Apr	9 Apr	11 Apr	1 Apr	10 Apr	16 Apr
Sora	21 Apr	15 Apr	15 Apr		15 Apr	21 Apr	13 May	20 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr	21 Apr	28 Apr
Common Moorhen	9 Apr	18 Apr	8 Apr		15 Apr	18 Apr	27 Apr	6 May	10 Apr		17 Apr	25 Apr
Black-bellied Plover	1 May	19 Apr	26 Apr		22 May	19 May	17 May	18 May	6 May	3 Mar	1 May	14 May
Semipalmated Plover	5 May	6 May	30 Apr		7 May	6 May	28 May	9 May	7 May	18 Mar	2 May	9 May
Killdeer	22 Feb	22 Feb	21 Feb		22 Feb	24 Feb	24 Feb	22 Feb		18 Feb	21 Feb	5 Mar
Greater Yellowlegs	31 Mar	30 Mar	1 Apr		4 Apr	7 Apr	16 Apr	8 Apr	5 Mar	25 Mar	31 Mar	6 Apr
Lesser Yellowlegs	24 Feb	30 Mar	2 Apr		4 Apr	7 Apr	22 Apr	10 Apr	16 Apr	5 Apr	3 Apr	16 Apr
Solitary Sandpiper	9 Apr	24 Mar	24 Apr		15 Apr	3 May	11 May	11 Apr	21 Apr	9 Apr	17 Apr	25 Apr
Spotted Sandpiper	18 Apr	12 Apr	4 Apr		10 Apr	26 Apr	29 Apr	11 Apr	7 Apr	25 Mar	12 Apr	22 Apr
Sanderling	23 May	28 Apr	2 May							6 May	7 May	17 May
Semipalmated Sandpiper	5 May	15 May	1 May		2 May		18 May	13 May	5 May	28 Apr	7 May	13 May
Least Sandpiper	17 Apr	28 Apr	28 Apr		28 Apr	12 May	12 May	29 Apr	28 Apr	11 Apr	28 Apr	3 May
Pectoral Sandpiper	17 Apr	18 Apr	18 Apr		8 Apr			22 Apr	30 Mar	25 Mar	10 Apr	20 Apr
Wilson's Snipe	3 Mar	4 Mar	4 Mar		4 Mar	28 Mar	13 Apr	1 Mar	25 Feb	18 Mar	11 Mar	23 Mar
American Woodcock	20 Feb	23 Feb	21 Feb		23 Feb	25 Feb	28 Feb	22 Feb	20 Feb	11 Feb	21 Feb	10 Mar
Caspian Tern	8 Apr	2 Apr	1 Apr		2 Apr	7 Apr	9 Apr	1 May	5 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr	17 Apr
Common Tern	9 Apr	2 Apr	10 Apr		15 Apr	13 Apr	28-Apr	6 Apr	21 Apr	29 Apr	14 Apr	25 Apr
Black Tern	24 Apr	12 May	20 Apr		8 May	29 Apr	20-May	8 May		6 May	4 May	7 May
Marsh Wren	28 Apr	3 Apr	16 Apr		29 Apr	23 Apr	23 Apr	15 Apr	23 Apr	25 Mar	17 Apr	28 Apr
	Dates in bold type are record early arrivals for the Region.											

Spring Arrival Dates 2017 Landbirds												
Species	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	R4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10	Average	31-Yr. Ave
Black-billed Cuckoo	13 May	11 May	11 May		13 May	16 May	21 May	12 May	29 Apr	3 May	11 May	11 May
Common Nighthawk	1 May	11 May	6 May		16 May	17 May	22 May	17 May	2 May	7 May	11 May	12 May
Chimney Swift	24 Apr	16 Apr	11 Apr		22 Apr	6 May	30 Apr	22 Apr	16 Apr	8 Apr	20 Apr	24 Apr
Ruby-thr Hummingbird	26 Apr	1 May	30 Apr		1 May	12 May	6 May	25 Apr	23 Apr	11 Apr	28 Apr	2 May
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	17 Mar	30 Mar			9 Mar	20 Mar	10 Apr				25 Feb	19 Mar
Olive-sided Flycatcher	12 May	18 May	17 May		9 May	18 May	11 May	23 May	17 May	7 May	14 May	17 May
Eastern Wood-Pewee	9 May	11 May	4 May		6 May	12 May	17 May	11 May	10 May	29 Apr	8 May	9 May
Alder Flycatcher	15 May	17 May	16 May		17 May	17 May	7 May	17 May	11 May	20 May	15 May	16 May
Willow Flycatcher	13 May	11 May	10 May		11 May	18 May	20 May	13 May	12 May	28 Apr	11 May	14 May
Least Flycatcher	1 May	6 May	27 Apr		27 Apr	27 Apr	29 Apr	26 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	27 Apr	1 May
Eastern Phoebe	25 Mar	13 Mar	24 Mar		26 Mar	28 Mar	31 Mar	28 Mar	8 Mar	1 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar
Gr. Crested Flycatcher	13 Apr	26 Apr	27 Apr		28 Apr	28 Apr	6 May	28 Apr	28 Apr	23 Apr	26 Apr	30 Apr
Eastern Kingbird	28 Apr	25 Apr	27 Apr		23 Apr	29 Apr	26 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	18 Apr	24 Apr	27 Apr
Purple Martin	4 Apr	8 Mar	8 Apr		17 Apr	12 Apr	27 May	27 Apr	18 Apr	9 Apr	14 Apr	17 Apr
Tree Swallow	26 Mar	23 Mar	25 Mar		24 Mar	3 Apr	2 Apr	28 Apr	21 Feb	3 Mar	24 Mar	19 Mar
N. Rough-winged Swallow	5 Apr	3 Apr	1 Apr		5 Apr	12 Apr	11 Apr	5 Apr	27 Mar	25 Mar	3 Apr	13 Apr
Bank Swallow	22 Apr	9 Apr	7 Apr		20 Apr	24 Apr	6 May	19 Apr	15 Apr	8 Apr	17 Apr	23 Apr
Cliff Swallow	10 Apr	16 Apr	1 Apr		17 Apr	12 Apr	5 May	30 Apr	13 Apr	8 Apr	15 Apr	26 Apr
Barn Swallow	5 Apr	26 Mar	30 Mar		3 Apr	10 Apr	8 Apr	9 Apr	28 Mar	26 Mar	2 Apr	9 Apr
House Wren	3 Apr	16 Apr	12 Apr		15 Apr	19 Apr	29 Apr	16 Apr	12 Apr	8 Apr	14 Apr	21 Apr
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	28 Mar	6 Apr	3 Apr		8 Apr	10 Apr	6 Apr	3 Apr		18 Mar	2 Apr	6 Apr
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	13 Apr	10 Apr	10 Apr		12 Apr	21 Apr	23 Apr	10 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr	11 Apr	19 Apr
Eastern Bluebird		19 Feb					25 Feb			25 Feb	23 Feb	9 Mar
Veery	28 Apr	29 Apr	1 May		28 Apr	1 May	12 May	28 Apr	27 Apr	23 Apr	29 Apr	1 May
Swainson's Thrush	15 Apr	10 May	9 May		9 May	17 May	20 May	4 May	30 Apr	29 Apr	5 May	8 May
Hermit Thrush	3 Apr	2 Apr	5 Apr		1 Apr	7 Apr	12 Apr	11 Apr		1 Apr	5 Apr	7 Apr
Wood Thrush	28 Apr	28 Apr	28 Apr		28 Apr	26 Apr	1 May	28 Apr	17 Apr	29 Apr	27 Apr	28 Apr
Gray Catbird	9 Apr	14 Apr	8 Apr		8 Apr	29 Apr	22 Apr	20 Apr		18 Apr	16 Apr	24 Apr
Brown Thrasher	5 Apr	10 Apr	7 Apr		10 Apr	12 Apr	14 Apr	10 Apr	30 Mar	8 Apr	8 Apr	14 Apr
Blue-headed Vireo	13 Apr	13 Apr	10 Apr		28 Mar	20 Apr	13 Apr	16 Apr	10 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	18 Apr
Yellow-throated Vireo	3 May	28 Apr	30 Apr		28 Apr	29 Apr	13 May	30 Apr	27 Apr	15 Apr	29 Apr	3 May
Warbling Vireo	25 Apr	22 Apr	25 Apr		28 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr	27 Apr	23 Apr	18 Apr	25 Apr	29 Apr
Red-eyed Vireo	9 May	29 Apr	28 Apr		28 Apr	8 May	6 May	30 Apr	28 Apr	22 Apr	30 Apr	3 May

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Spring Arrival Dates 2017 Landbirds (cont'd)												
Species	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	R4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10	Average	31-Yr. Ave
Tennessee Warbler	3 May	7 May	11 May		6 May	2 May	16 May	12 May	30 Apr	28 Apr	6 May	8 May
Nashville Warbler	24 Apr	26 Apr	22 Apr		14 Apr	20 Apr	29 Apr	29 Apr	22 Apr	18 Apr	22 Apr	28 Apr
Northern Parula	29 Apr	29 Apr	20 Apr		1 May	2 May	6 May	2 May	11 Apr	7 Apr	25 Apr	1 May
Yellow Warbler	23 Apr	16 Apr	22 Apr		23 Apr	27 Apr	28 Apr	22 Apr	16 Apr	16 Apr	21 Apr	25 Apr
Chestnut-sided Warbler	30 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr		23 Apr	2 May	11 May	28 Apr	28 Apr	27 Apr	29 Apr	2 May
Magnolia Warbler	2 May	1 May	2 May		27 Apr	10 May	11 May	30 Apr	29 Apr	5 Apr	29 Apr	4 May
Cape May Warbler	30 Apr	4 May	3 May		1 May	2 May	29 Apr	9 May	27 Apr	19 Apr	30 Apr	6 May
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	28 Apr	27 Apr	29 Apr		28 Apr	1 May	29 Apr	28 Apr	24 Apr	27 Apr	27 Apr	30 Apr
Black-thr Green Warbler	17 Apr	22 Apr	21 Apr		23 Apr	27 Apr	27 Apr	16 Apr	18 Apr	12 Apr	20 Apr	24 Apr
Blackburnian Warbler	27 Apr	1 May	28 Apr		1 May	3 May	30 Apr	28 Apr	26 Apr	22 Apr	28 Apr	2 May
Pine Warbler	28 Mar	5 Apr	4 Apr		9 Apr	10 Apr	4 Apr	8 Apr	2 Apr	6 Mar	1 Apr	9 Apr
Palm Warbler	15 Apr	15 Apr	8 Apr		15 Apr	16 Apr	11 Apr	3 Apr	29 Mar	29 Mar	8 Apr	16 Apr
Bay-breasted Warbler	1 May	12 May	11 May		13 May	12 May	18 May	8 May	1 May	29 Apr	8 May	10 May
Blackpoll Warbler	12 May	17 May	6 May		9 May	18 May	12 May	11 May	29 Apr	28 Apr	9 May	11 May
Black-and-White Warbler	26 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr		27 Apr	26 Apr	28 Apr	26 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	21 Apr	24 Apr
American Redstart	27 Apr	29 Apr	28 Apr		27 Apr	1 May	7 May	28 Apr	24 Apr	26 Apr	28 Apr	2 May
Ovenbird	29 Apr	27 Apr	26 Apr		26 Apr	25 Apr	29 Apr	19 Apr	17 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	29 Apr
Northern Waterthrush	26 Apr	13 Apr	22 Apr		12 Apr	29 Apr	29 Apr	27 Apr	24 Apr	16 Apr	22 Apr	25 Apr
Mourning Warbler	3 May	10 May	4 May		2 May	16 May	17 May	19 May	4 May	13 May	9 May	13 May
Common Yellowthroat	22 Apr	18 Apr	27 Apr		27 Apr	29 Apr	5 May	28 Apr	30 Mar	22 Apr	23 Apr	29 Apr
Wilson's Warbler	13 May	13 May	7 May		11 May	14-May	17 May	1 May	1 May	14 Apr	6 May	10 May
Canada Warbler	14 May	13 May	12 May		14 May	16 May	18 May	29 Apr	29 Apr	28 Apr	9 May	10 May
Scarlet Tanager	2 May	1 May	28 Apr		1 May	9 May	6 May	28 Apr	27 Apr	27 Apr	1 May	3 May
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	18 Apr	15 Apr	27 Apr		27 Apr	27 Apr	1 May	23 Apr	24 Apr	12 Apr	22 Apr	27 Apr
Indigo Bunting	15 Apr	4 May	2 May		29 Apr	12 May	9 May	29 Apr	28 Apr	8 Apr	28 Apr	3 May
Eastern Towhee	31 Mar	16 Mar	1 Apr		3 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	1 Apr		11 Apr	2 Apr	8 Apr
Chipping Sparrow	3 Apr	10 Mar	2 Apr		28 Mar	10 Apr	6 Apr	12 Apr	5 Mar	25 Mar	28 Mar	4 Apr
Vesper Sparrow	29 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar		2 Apr	10 Apr	6 Apr	10 Apr	3 Apr	23 Mar	1 Apr	10 Apr
Savannah Sparrow	16 Mar	3 Apr	1 Apr		4 Apr	10 Apr	3 Apr	8 Apr		12 Apr	3 Apr	6 Apr
Lincoln's Sparrow	29 Apr	30 Apr	27 Apr		25 Apr	14 May	11 May	1 May	28 Apr	17 Apr	30 Apr	3 May
White-crowned Sparrow	25 Apr	26 Apr	13 Apr		14 Mar	28 Apr	26 Apr	26 Apr	1 May	28 Apr	20 Apr	24 Apr
Bobolink	30 Apr	27 Apr	29 Apr		28 Apr	1 May	4 May	28 Apr	23 Apr	25 Apr	28 Apr	1 May
Baltimore Oriole	25 Apr	27 Apr	25 Apr		28 Apr	29-Apr	1 May	28 Apr	27 Apr	27 Apr	27 Apr	29 Apr
Overall Average	15 Apr	15 Apr	16 Apr		16 Apr	22 Apr	25 Apr	19 Apr	16 Apr	9 Apr	17 Apr	22 Apr
Dates in bold type are record early arrivals for the Region.												

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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March 2017 was colder than February for just the eleventh time in recorded history. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 33.0° F, 1.0° below normal. There was 4.36" of precipitation, 1.49" above average, with much of it falling near month's end. There was 26.8" of snowfall, 13.9" above average and mostly from a nor'easter storm at mid-month. A significant wind event on the 8th brought 60 mph gusts, a lot of damage, and was perhaps responsible for a first Regional record; more on that just below. April was warm and the wettest on record. The mean temperature was 50.5°, 4.6° above average. Precipitation was 6.38", 3.37" above average, with 2.3" of snowfall, 0.4" below normal. The longest stretch without a trace of precipitation was only three days. May continued the trend of a very wet spring. The average temperature was 56.1°, 0.8° below normal and without any lengthy warm spells. Rainfall was 6.35". 2.89" above normal.

It's possible that a warm spell 6-8 March, followed by severe wind event on the 8th may have had something to do with the finding of a Regional first. Gale VerHague ventured out to Dunkirk Airport on 8 March and photographed what turned out to be a **Smith's Longspur**. She questioned her identification as the expected Lapland Longspur when reviewing her photos at home later in the day. Alec Humann and several others determined the ID as a rare Smith's Longspur possibly blown off course on its way back north from wintering grounds.

The extremely wet spring resulted in very high water levels on Lake Ontario and a preponderance of wet fields that attracted shorebirds in good numbers and diversity. Thus, local birders paid more attention to looking for shorebirds this spring than usual and rarities ensued. Willie D'Anna found the first spring season **Hudsonian Godwit** in Region 1 since 1992 in a field in Wilson. Two days later he found Niagara County's first ever **Piping Plover** in a field in Somerset. A whopping six reports of **Long-billed Dowitcher** occurred between late March and early May, and **White-rumped Sandpipers** were sighted in greater numbers than usual, including a record early bird on 1 May. There were also plenty of shorebird sightings not necessarily linked to the wet spring, highlighted by the Region's first **Black-necked Stilt** at Iroquois NWR. It was originally found by Celeste Morien at Kumpf Marsh on 8 May and then re-sighted with some regularity through the remainder of the month and into June. Watching the Lake Erie shoreline was beneficial this spring too. There were two reports of **Willetts**, including 14 at Barcelona Harbor and one lingering for a few days at Buffalo Outer Harbor. Five **Red Knots** and a Whimbrel were sighted at

Buffalo Harbor, while Paul Hess saw a group of **27 Whimbrel** make a brief landing at Cayuga Pool at Iroquois NWR on 19 May. A **Sanderling** at a drainage pond in Amherst was an unusual location for the only spring sighting. There were three reports of **Wilson's Phalarope** and one **Red-necked Phalarope** sighting.

The waterfowl migration started during the warm February. Geese and swans had mostly passed through before the end of March. A few large counts of Snow Geese continued along Lake Ontario in early March. There were several sightings of **Greater White-fronted Goose**, including a group of 10 at Iroquois NWR on 2 March. Three **Ross's Goose** sightings were scattered throughout the Region in March. Less than annual in spring, **Brant** made a showing on 7-8 May with flocks along the Niagara River and at Buffalo Harbor. A pair of **Trumpeter Swans** took up at Cayuga Pool throughout the season; while one wing-tagged swan was less expected in Olean in March and another was sighted in Porter. **Eurasian Wigeons** were identified in Elba and Iroquois NWR in March. **Harlequin Ducks** continued off Niagara Falls SP, with one staying until at least the BOS May Count.

A few counts of Red-necked Grebes topped 100 in late March and early April along Lake Ontario. An **Eared Grebe** was photographed at Dunkirk Harbor on 29 March. **American White Pelican** has been recorded in seven of the last eight spring seasons; a clear increase in sightings. This year there were three found on Chautauqua Lake by Wendy Akin on 16 April. Much more rare is **Brown Pelican**, and Region 1 pulled off a spring season with both native pelican species when one was found in Buffalo Harbor on the morning of 27 May and then remained highly visible into early June at a nearby spot on the Niagara River. This marked the fourth Regional record, three of which have occurred in the last nine years.

Snowy Egrets appeared at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo and on Buffalo Creek in Elma in May; the first Regional sightings in five years. A **Cattle Egret** in Lewiston on 25 April was a nice find by Beverly Seyler. Sandhill Crane has reached the point of having too many sightings to report all occurrences during the spring season. A group of **14 Sandhill Cranes** that remained for just over two weeks in an Alexander corn field were notable for their number and persistence.

The spring raptor migration did not produce any rarities. There were four **Golden Eagle** sightings.

Near daily searches of the gulls roosting and foraging off Niagara Falls SP in March revealed regular presence of up to five **Thayer's Gulls** and high counts of Lesser Black-backed Gull and Iceland Gulls into the 30s and 20s, respectively. With the lumping of Thayer's Gull back into Iceland Gull, consider this the last Region 1 report where you see it reported as a stand-alone species. **Franklin's Gulls** were identified in May roosting in fields in North Collins and Somerset; these sightings represented the first spring records in more than a decade. The most unusual gull found this spring was a **Black-headed x Ring-**

billed Gull hybrid found by Derek Lovitch at Niagara Falls SP on 9 May and relocated the next day.

A few **Snowy Owls** lingered into early April. A **Long-eared Owl** was a bit of a surprise find by Sue Barth at Woodlawn Beach SP, where she saw it chased by crows out over Lake Erie. **Short-eared Owls** were found at four locations, and there were two **Northern Saw-whet Owl** reports. Common Nighthawks were scarce except for a count of 29 in Hanover late in May.

There were several Ruby-throated Hummingbirds that arrived slightly early compared with previous years. A **Great Crested Flycatcher** returned to a Virginia Elliott's property in East Otto on a record early date of 13 April. Record early dates were obtained through Gates Dupont's nocturnal flight call recording station in Amherst for Swainson's Thrush and Indigo Bunting on 15 April. A Grasshopper Sparrow call recorded that same night made for a remarkable set of data from one night.

Highlights from the spring warbler migrants included a **Worm-eating Warbler** at Forest Lawn Cemetery, a "Yellow" or "**Eastern**" **Palm Warbler** at Tift NP, a **Yellow-throated Warbler** at Amherst SP, and two reports of **Yellow-breasted Chat** along Lake Ontario. Five **Golden-winged Warbler** sightings included three migrants and two in later May that could have been looking to breed. It was unusual to have two "**Lawrence's**" **Warbler** reports while not having any "**Brewster's**" **Warblers** reported. **Prothonotary Warblers** were again reported at Tonawanda WMA.

Clay-colored Sparrows were found only in a previously documented breeding area in Niagara County. A **Summer Tanager** was a nice find at Forest Lawn Cemetery on 13 May. A **Dickcissel** made an appearance 7-9 April at a feeder at Jamestown Audubon Society. A **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was seen briefly in a blackbird flock at Tift NP on 8 April.

There were few Pine Siskin reports, and **Evening Grosbeaks** were reported at one location in Whitesville, Allegany County into mid-May.

The 82nd BOS April Count was held on 9 April with 148 species and 97,470 individual birds recorded; the number of species was around average, while it was the lowest number of individuals recorded ever, which could be attributable to participation. High counts were tallied for Gadwall (340), Northern Shoveler (316), Ruddy Duck (619), Great Egret (101), Sandhill Crane (15), Snowy Owl (2), Red-bellied Woodpecker (270), and Merlin (10).

The BOS May Count was held on 21 May on a day with locally heavy thunderstorms and rain. Two hundred four species (above average) and 59,240 individual birds (well below average) were recorded. High counts over the last 50 years included Great Egret (166), Osprey (45), Merlin (3), Peregrine Falcon (25), Caspian Tern (472), Acadian Flycatcher (11), and Alder Flycatcher (70). Golden-crowned Kinglet was surprisingly missed, which was a low count.

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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 – 9 Apr; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count – 21 May; BufH – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWTTP – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant, GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L, CHAU; CSWMA – Conewango Swamp WMA, CATT; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; EvSP – Evangola SP, ERIE; FLC – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, ERIE; FMCSP – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; HW – Hamburg Hawk Watch, ERIE; INWR – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; JAS – Jamestown Audubon Society, CHAU; LBSP -- Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; NF – Niagara Falls, NIAG; NFSP – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE/ORLE; RWNP – Reinstein Woods NP, ERIE; TBNP – Times Beach NP, ERIE; Tiff NP – Tiff 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: arr, max 10 INWR 2 Mar (CM, PH); 2 Oakfield GENE 5 Mar; 4 INWR 26 Mar; 3 Yates ORLE 30 Mar; 2 Somerset NIAG 12 Apr.

Snow Goose: max 800, 1526 Yates ORLE 3, 20 Mar (JS, WD); 336, 596 Somerset NIAG 3, 4 Mar; 22 Pomfret CHAU 31 Mar; 30 Dunkirk CHAU 1 Apr; last Waterport ORLE 21 Apr.

ROSS'S GOOSE (RI): Orchard Park ERIE 1 Mar (SH); Carlton ORLE 11 Mar (RT); Yates ORLE 20 Mar (WD, JS); good showing.

Brant: arr, max 208 BufH, 26 NFSP 7 May (PY, CK); 36 Grand I NR 8 May (MD); less than annual in spring.

Cackling Goose: 4 Oakfield GENE 7 Mar; max 14 Somerset NIAG 20 Mar; 4 N Collins ERIE 20 Mar; 10, 5 Yates ORLE 27, 30 Mar; last Cassadaga CHAU 5 Apr.

Mute Swan: 2 Grand I NR 3 Mar; Cassadaga CHAU 11 Mar, 5 Apr; Clay Pond WMA CHAU 9 Apr; TBNP 19 Apr; Cuba ALLE 6

May; only rpts away from L Ontario shore; 27 BOSAC; 25 BOSMC.

Trumpeter Swan: 2 tagged INWR 10 Mar thru; 1 tagged Olean CATT 4 Apr (KN); Porter NIAG 8 May (WD); only reports.

Tundra Swan: 325 INWR 5 Mar; max 1063 Ellery ChauL 6 Mar; 250 Carlton ORLE 11 Mar; 100 AISP 23 Mar; last JAS 3 May (JT).

Gadwall: max 90, 58 N Harmony CHAU 1, 11 Mar; 48 Celeron ChauL 20 Mar.

Eurasian Wigeon: INWR 24, 29 Mar (PH, DSh); Elba GENE 22 Apr (WD, BP); only reports.

Am. Wigeon: max 50 INWR 18 Mar.

Am. Black Duck: 33 BOSAC; 1 BOSMC; continue low.

Blue-winged Teal: arr BeSP 17 Mar; 83 BOSAC; 4 BOSMC.

N. Shoveler: max 104 BWWTP 11 Mar; 53 S Buffalo ERIE 5 Apr.

N. Pintail: max 220 OOWMA 8 Mar; 200 INWR 11 Mar; 200 Hartland NIAG 5 Apr.

Green-winged Teal: max 72 Elba GENE 17 Apr.

Canvasback: max 350 BufH 26 Mar; last 2 NF 3 May.

Redhead: max 500 Ellery ChauL 25 Mar; 90 Cuba L ALLE 26 Mar; INWR 25 May; WTSP 30 May.

Ring-necked Duck: 179 N Collins ERIE 26 Mar; max 185 N Harmony ChauL 15 Apr.

Greater Scaup: max 720 BufH 26 Mar; 80 Mayville ChauL 30 Apr (TL); INWR 25 May (PH).

Lesser Scaup: 130 Cuba L ALLE 27 Mar; 295 BufH 1 Apr; max 307 Ellery ChauL 9 Apr; 2 INWR 28 May.

King Eider: GHSP 30 Mar (WD), only report.

Harlequin Duck: 3, 2, 1 NFSP 21, 30 Apr, BOSMC; regular at this location in recent winter and spring seasons.

Surf Scoter: 4, 2 Ellery ChauL 6 Mar, 14 Apr (WS); Hamburg ERIE 28 Mar; Wilson NIAG 2 Apr; last 2 Somerset NIAG 15 Apr.

White-winged Scoter: max 100 FNPS 17 Mar; 8, 2 BWWTP 17 Mar, 6 May; Ellery ChauL 5 May.

Black Scoter: BufH 4-6 Mar; Barcelona CHAU 29 Apr; only reports.

Long-tailed Duck: max 235 Somerset NIAG 15 Apr; last BOSMC.

Bufflehead: 300 Grand I NR 5 Mar; max 350 Mayville ChauL 30 Apr; last 2 INWR 28 May.

Com. Goldeneye: max 250 Grand I NR 5 Mar; last FNPS 27 May.

Hooded Merganser: max 170 S Dayton CATT 26 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 850 Somerset NIAG 15 Apr.

Ruddy Duck: 21, 35 Cuba L ALLE 26 Mar, 16 Apr; 26 N Collins ERIE 31 Mar; 179 N Harmony ChauL 5 Apr; 151, 248 BWWTP 27 Apr, 2 May; max 600 Mayville ChauL 30 Apr; AISP 30 May, on the late side.

Red-throated Loon: 3 Shadigee ORLE, 1 BufH 20 Mar; max 104 Wilson NIAG 2 Apr; Barcelona CHAU 15-30 May.

Com. Loon: arr 8 AISP 23 Mar; max 38 Somerset NIAG 15 Apr.

Horned Grebe: max 32 AISP 26 Mar; last GHSP 23 May.

Red-necked Grebe: max 128 Shadigee ORLE, 84 Somerset NIAG 20 Mar; 101 GHSP 5 Apr; last Wilson NIAG 1 May.

EARED GREBE (R1): DH 29 Mar (GV, ph!); irregular in spring.

Double-crested Cormorant: 679 Wilson NIAG 21 Apr; max 800, 650 BufH 17, 29 May.

AM. WHITE PELICAN (R1): 3 Chautauqua ChauL 16 Apr (WA); becoming near annual in spring.

BROWN PELICAN: Buffalo NR 27-31 May (MM, mob); 4th Reg record, likely more extensively viewed than any previous report.

Am. Bittern: arr Tift NP 2 Apr; 3, 5 INWR 4, 9 May; TBNP 27 May (SS).

Least Bittern: arr 1, 1 TWMA 4, 28 May; Tift NP 10 May; OOWMA 18 May; INWR 28 May.

Great Egret: arr Hamburg HW 24 Mar; 41 Tonawanda NR 3 Apr; max 49 TWMA 26 May.

SNOWY EGRET (R1): FLC 8 May (MN, TK); Elma ERIE 21-22 May (GT); few reports in recent years.

CATTLE EGRET (R1): Lewiston NIAG 25 Apr (BS, AH), rare.

Green Heron: arr Tift NP 8 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr 3 Tonawanda NR 3 Apr, on the late side, or possibly overlooked.

Black Vulture: Porter NIAG 18 Mar; 1, 2, 5 Lewiston NIAG 24 Mar, 17 Apr, 14 May; regular location where resident all year; 2 Tift NP 3 Apr (AH, SB); Hamburg HW 3 Apr (JL).

Turkey Vulture: max 2764 Hamburg HW 3 Apr.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: arr Hamburg HW 17 Mar.

Bald Eagle: max 9 Hamburg HW 3 Apr; increasing everywhere.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 81 Hamburg HW 3 Apr.

N. Goshawk: Ward ALLE 22 Apr (JK), only report.

Red-shouldered Hawk: max 50 Hamburg HW 29 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr BOSAC; max 497 Hamburg HW 21 Apr.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 3 Hamburg HW 3 Apr; last Tifft NP 25 Apr.

Golden Eagle: arr ad BufH 12 Mar (SS, ph!); 1, 1, 2, 1 Hamburg HW 27 Mar, 3, 13, 14 Apr; Carlton ORLE 10 Apr; Sheldon WYOM 4 May.

Virginia Rail: arr Tifft NP 1 Apr; max 11 INWR 9 May.

Sora: arr TRWMA 21 Apr; max 8 INWR 9 May.

C. Gallinule: arr BOSAC.

Am. Coot: max 245 DH 9 Mar.

Sandhill Crane: rep 13 loc; max 14 Alexander GENE 7-26 Mar (DB); 7 Carlton ORLE 6 May.

BLACK-NECKED STILT: INWR 8-26 May (CM, GL, mob), 1st Reg record.

Black-bellied Plover: arr Wilson NIAG, Porter NIAG 1 May; Porter NIAG 12 May; 2, 4 Yates ORLE 22, 25 May; Somerset NIAG 22 May; only reports.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 2, max 23 Somerset NIAG 5, 23 May.

PIPING PLOVER: Somerset NIAG 22 May (WD, ph!), 1st NIAG.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Amherst ERIE 18 Apr.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr BOSAC; max 21 Brant ERIE 13 May; last OOWMA 24 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr Brant ERIE 31 Mar; max 70 INWR 11 Apr.

Willet: arr 14 Barcelona CHAU 29 Apr (TL); BufH 2-4 May (TK); only reports.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr N Collins ERIE 24 Mar (SB); max 176 Somerset NIAG 8 May.

Upland Sandpiper: TRWMA BOSMC, 30 May; regular location.

Whimbrel: arr BufH 17 May; 27 INWR 19 May (PH), brief landing at Cayuga Pool; only reports.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (R1): Wilson NIAG 20 May (WD, ph!), first spring record since 1992.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr Somerset NIAG 12, 24 May; 3, 2 BufH 17, 30 May, only reports.

Red Knot: 5 BufH 25 May (SB, ph!), increasingly rare in spring.

Sanderling: arr Amherst ERIE 23 May (DSu), uncommon inland; only report.

Dunlin: arr Wilson NIAG 11 Apr; max 75 Wilson NIAG, 75 Yates ORLE 25 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr Elba GENE 17 Apr; max 71 Brant ERIE 14 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr CSWMA 1 May (TL, ph.), early; 3, 3, 3 Wilson NIAG 8, 25, 28 May; BOSMC; Yates ORLE 22, 23 May; TWMA, Somerset NIAG 25 May; 1, 2 INWR 27, 31 May; good showing.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 6, 26 Elba GENE 17, 22 Apr; max 39 Porter NIAG 1 May; last BOSMC.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 1, 62 Somerset NIAG 5, 22 May; 100 Wilson NIAG 25 May; 100 Sheridan CHAU 30 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 2 Lewiston NIAG 7 May; 14 OOWMA 17 May; 18 Wilson NIAG 25 May.

Long-billed Dowitcher: 2 Sheridan CHAU 29, 31 Mar (GV, ph.); Elba GENE 18 Apr (MG); Porter NIAG 29 Apr (BS); CSWMA 1 May (TL); Brant ERIE 5, 6 May (SB, JM); Wilson NIAG 5 May (WD); unprecedented spring showing.

Wilson's Snipe: arr Holland ERIE 3 Mar; max 34 Hartland NIAG 15 Apr.

Am. Woodcock: max 9 Forestville CHAU 28 Mar.

Wilson's Phalarope: arr INWR 8 May (PH); BWWT 20 May (CW); Wilson NIAG 31 May (WD).

Red-necked Phalarope: 2 INWR 26 May (CM), only report.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 1000 Buffalo NR 7 Apr.

Black-headed x Ring-billed Gull: NFSP 9, 10 Mar (DL, CK, WD), very rare.

Little Gull: 2 Lewiston NR 23 Mar, only report.

FRANKLIN'S GULL: N Collins ERIE 14 May (JP, JM); Somerset NIAG 25 May (WD, JS); few spring reports in recent years.

Thayer's Gull: 5, 3 NFSP 6, 24 Mar (CK, ph.); at least one observed at this location most days thru March; will be lumped with Iceland in future reports.

Iceland Gull: max 25, 22, last 1 NFSP 4, 19 Mar, 7 May (CK).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 37, 34, 13 NFSP 6, 11 Mar, 7 Apr; Newstead ERIE 26 Mar; 2 Gaines ORLE 12 Apr; 2 Elba GENE 22 Apr; inland reports becoming more regular; six May rpts of singles.

Glaucous Gull: max 7 NFSP 6 Mar; Elba GENE 1 Apr (JS, RW), inland reports rare; last Lewiston NR 12 May.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 93 DH 4 Mar.
Caspian Tern: arr 2, 60 DH 8, 29 Apr; 120, 115 Wilson NIAG 1, 22 May; max 135 DH 2 May; 75 BufH 29 May.
Black Tern: arr 2, 36 INWR 24 Apr, 2 May.
Com. Tern: arr 18 BOSAC; 400 BeSP 2 May; 133 DH 11 May; 300 BufH 30 May.
Forster's Tern: arr 1, 1 DH 24 Apr, 5 May; 2 Somerset NIAG 5 May; Chautauqua Chaul 7 May (KV).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr INWR 11 May.
Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Bethany GENE 13 May.
Snowy Owl: 1-2 BufH thru 1 Apr; Hinsdale CATT 1 Apr (JR); Lewiston NIAG 3, 7, 14 Apr; only reports.
Long-eared Owl: 1, 2, 2 Yates ORLE 20, 27 Mar, 5 Apr; WoBSP 18 Apr (SB); only reports.
Short-eared Owl: 3, 2 Shelby ORLE 3, 19 Mar; Portland CHAU 3 Mar; 2 Yates ORLE 19 Mar; INWR 23 Mar; 2 BOSAC; only reports.
N. Saw-whet Owl: Yates ORLE 27 Mar (WD, SB); BOSAC; only reports.
Com. Nighthawk: arr Jamestown CHAU 1 May (KV); max 29 Hanover CHAU 28 May (KRy).
Chimney Swift: arr 3 FLC 24 Apr.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Jamestown CHAU (JB), Busti CHAU (WS) 26 Apr; Newfane NIAG 28 Apr (JS); all slightly early.
Red-headed Woodpecker: Albion ORLE 11 Mar; 2 EvSP 27 Apr; WoBSP 28 Apr; Ellery CHAU 28, 30 Apr; 4 Westfield CHAU 8 May; 4 FNSP 10 May; mostly regular locations.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Orchard Park ERIE 17 Mar.
Merlin: too many sightings to report; 2 West Seneca ERIE 1-30 May, apparent new breeding site.
Peregrine Falcon: reports Mar-May near known breeding sites; 8 BOSAC; 25 BOSMC.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Ellery CHAU 12 May; six other reports.
E. Wood-Pewee: arr RWNP 9 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr FLC 18 May.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr N Harmony CHAU 17 May.
Alder Flycatcher: arr WFWMA 15 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr Cheektowaga ERIE 13 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr BuSP, Jamestown CHAU 1 May.
E. Phoebe: arr AISP, WFWMA 25 Mar.
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr East Otto CATT 13 Apr (VE), record early.
E. Kingbird: arr BWWTWP, Wellsville ALLE 28 Apr.
N. Shrike: last INWR 4, 5 Apr.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr OOWMA, Hamburg ERIE 3 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr Shelby ORLE 13 Apr.
Warbling Vireo: arr AmSP 25 Apr.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr FLC 9 May.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr Chautauqua CHAU 9 May.
Com. Raven: continued increase rep n ERIE & NIAG.
Purple Martin: arr OOWMA 4 Apr.
Tree Swallow: arr mult loc 26 Mar; max 500 BWWTWP 6 May.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr 2 S Buffalo ERIE 5 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr WoBSP 22 Apr.
Cliff Swallow: arr 3 BufH 10 Apr.
Barn Swallow: arr Grand Island ERIE 5 Apr.
House Wren: arr Jamestown CHAU 3 Apr (JB), early; 2 Tiff NP 14 Apr.
Winter Wren: arr 2 FLC 28 Mar.
Marsh Wren: arr TWMA 28 Apr.
Carolina Wren: only 15 on BOSAC and 12 BOSMC.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Hamburg ERIE 13 Apr.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr AmSP 13 Mar.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr FLC 28 Mar; last Wilson NIAG 27 May.
Veery: arr WFWMA, FLC 28 Apr.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr FLC 18 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr Amherst ERIE 15 Apr (GD), recorded flight call at nocturnal flight call station; record early.
Hermit Thrush: arr WTSP, New Hudson ALLE 3 Apr.
Wood Thrush: arr mult loc 28 Apr.
Gray Catbird: 2 Sturgeon Pt ERIE 5 Apr; 5 BOSAC; difficult to tell which are migrants.
Brown Thrasher: arr Tiff NP, Buffalo ERIE 5 Apr.
Am. Pipit: arr JAS 15 Mar; max 200 Brant ERIE 31 Mar (SB).

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: 7, 4 Hartland NIAG 4, 16 Mar; 2, 4 N Collins ERIE 12, 15 Mar; max 23

Porter NIAG 15 Mar; 12 Wilson NIAG 16 Mar; last BOSAC.

SMITH'S LONGSPUR: Dunkirk Airport CHAU 8 Mar (GV, ph!), 1st Reg record; identified later by photos.

Snow Bunting: max 500 Porter NIAG 18 Mar; last 15 BufH 1 Apr.

Ovenbird: arr 2 INWR, Granger ALLE 29 Apr.

Worm-eating Warbler: FLC 1 May (HMB), rare.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr N Harmony CHAU 15 Apr.

N. Waterthrush: arr WFWMA, Tift NP 26 Apr.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr WTSP, Sturgeon Pt ERIE 13 May; Tift NP 17 May; Yorkshire CATT 27 May (TK, TJM); Middlebury GENE 27 May; last two dates suggestive of breeding; only reports.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr BuSP 29 Apr.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: no reports.

“Lawrence’s” Warbler: BMAC 3 May (TK), regular at location in recent years; Alden ERIE 5 May (JM, ph!); unusual to have more reports than Brewster’s; rare.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr FLC 26 Apr.

Prothonotary Warbler: 2 TWMA 17 May, regular breeding location.

Tennessee Warbler: arr Bethany GENE 3 May; max 15 Chautauqua CHAU 15 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Buffalo ERIE, Wilson NIAG 9 May.

Nashville Warbler: arr 2 FLC 24 Apr.

Mourning Warbler: arr 2 Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 3 May (GV, ph!), early.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr JAS 22 Apr (JT).

Hooded Warbler: arr CSWMA 1 May.

Am. Redstart: arr 2 BWWTP 27 Apr.

Cape May Warbler: arr BufH 30 Apr.

Cerulean Warbler: arr INWR 4 May; AmSP 12 May, uncommon as migrant.

N. Parula: arr BuSP 29 Apr.

Magnolia Warbler: arr 3 LBSP 2 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr FMCSP 1 May.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr WoBSP 27 Apr.

Yellow Warbler: arr 3 BWWTP, 2 Tift NP 23 Apr.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Willing ALLE 30 Apr.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr Tift NP 12 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr 2 Sheridan CHAU, FLC 28 Apr.

“Western” Palm Warbler: arr AmSP 15 Apr.

“Yellow” Palm Warbler: BuSP 21 Apr (AH), rarely documented in spring.

Pine Warbler: arr Jamestown CHAU 28 Mar.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 2 Portland CHAU 22 Mar; Newfane NIAG 28 Mar; only reports before Apr.

Yellow-throated Warbler: AmSP 25 Apr (RS); only report; no reports from AISP for three straight springs.

Prairie Warbler: arr Alfred ALLE 1 May.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr AISP 17 Apr.

Canada Warbler: arr 3 WFWMA, 2 Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 14 May.

Wilson’s Warbler: arr EvSP 13 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: WTSP 21 May (WD); Wilson NIAG 24 May (BP, WD); only reports.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr Brant ERIE 31 Mar.

Am. Tree Sparrow: last Wilson NIAG 9 May.

Chipping Sparrow: arr 2 Buffalo ERIE, Sheridan CHAU 3 Apr.

Clay-colored Sparrow: arr 4 NIAG BOSMC, only report.

Field Sparrow: arr 2 Sheridan CHAU 26 Mar.

Vesper Sparrow: arr Dunkirk Airport CHAU 29 Mar; more Apr rpts than usual.

Savannah Sparrow: arr Hartland NIAG 16 Mar (JS), slightly early, or possibly wintered.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Amherst ERIE 15 Apr (GD), recorded nocturnal flight call; 2 TRWMA 27 Apr; Lewiston NIAG 14 May; 2 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 22 May.

Fox Sparrow: Hinsdale CATT, INWR 5 Mar; 6 Whitesville ALLE 10 Mar (KRe); continued from winter; arr Portland CHAU 26 Mar; max 12 Tift NP 12 Apr.

Song Sparrow: max 70 Hamburg HW 27 Mar (MZ), hawk watchers reported numerous birds on the ground.

Lincoln’s Sparrow: arr Grand Island ERIE 29 Apr.

Swamp Sparrow: too difficult to guess at migrant arrival vs. wintering; arr late Mar.

White-crowned Sparrow: 5 loc Mar; arr late Apr; last Hamburg ERIE 27 May.

SUMMER TANAGER: FLC 13 May (TK); nearly annual in spring now.

Scarlet Tanager: arr BWWTP 2 May.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Clarence ERIE 18 Apr.

Indigo Bunting: arr Amherst ERIE 15 Apr (GD), recorded nocturnal flight call, record early.

DICKCISSEL (R1): JAS 7-9 Apr (DC; RL, JB), at feeder, rare.

Bobolink: arr N Harmony CHAU 30 Apr.
E. Meadowlark: max 20 Olcott NIAG 27 Mar.
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: Tiffit
NP 8 Apr (KRy); seen briefly with blackbird
flock.
Rusty Blackbird: max 300 INWR 9 May.
Orchard Oriole: arr Buffalo ERIE 1 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr FLC 25 Apr (DG),
slightly early.
Purple Finch: max 30 Wilson NIAG 15 Apr.
Pine Siskin: max 6 Clarence ERIE 26 Apr; few
reports.
Evening Grosbeak: 1, 1, 7, 1 Whitesville
ALLE 10 Mar, 13, 8 Apr, 14 May (KRE); only
loc.

REGION 2—GENESEE

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This spring brought water, water everywhere. Water levels were high in nearly every substantial body of water in the Region through the season. Residents of the south shore of Lake Ontario faced problems from flooded basements to damaged homes and significant loss of shoreline land. At times roads were closed. Many were sure they were victims of a new Lake Ontario water level control plan just put in place at the end of last year by the Joint Commission. This was in spite of clear facts related to there being a severe drought last year affecting decisions on flows early in the winter and then the heavy rains and snow across the upper Midwest and the Northeast over the winter and through the spring. Inflow to Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River exceeded any possible outflow, especially with Montreal and other cities along the St. Lawrence already badly flooded. Local birding impact included little or no access to some areas along the Lake Ontario shore, including several of our migrant-trap hotspots. Even farther south lakes and ponds in the Finger Lakes and in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) were high enough to inundate most regular shorebird areas and to displace waterfowl from historical gathering sites.

After a very warm February, March was a variable, cool month with several weather events. We were back to winter after a record high of 60° F on the 1st, with only two more short warm spells through the rest of the month. A major wind event on the 8th brought the second highest gust recorded locally, at 81 mph, with trees down all over and 200,000 people without power, some for more than two weeks. Next, heavy snowfall from 13 to late on 15 March totaled 26.5" officially at the airport and more elsewhere. Finally, there was a record 1.22" of rain on the 31st. Temperatures averaged 32.9°, 1.4° below normal, and it was only the ninth time the March average was below that for February. Precipitation totaled 4.66" 2.12" above normal, with snowfall 33.0", 16.7" above normal, making it the eleventh snowiest March. April returned us to warm and wet. It was the fifth warmest April on record, with temperatures averaging 51.5°, 5.2° above normal. Yet there was only one record high tied at 86° on the 27th.

Precipitation at 4.95", 2.22" above normal, made it the fourth wettest April. Much of this was due to major rain events >1" each on 6-7, 20, and 30 April. There was only one brief cold snap on 6-7 April that saw all of the month's 2.5" of snow fall. The March-April period was the second wettest on record behind only 1991. May brought tough conditions for migration, with stalled storm systems dumping heavy precipitation. Temperatures averaged 57.0°, right on normal, but precipitation at 5.29" was 2.42" above average. It was the wettest spring since 1873. Mid-month saw some favorable migration conditions, with southwest winds and a break in the rainfall, but this quickly gave way to two more low pressure systems with soaking rains.

Generally, we saw a few early arrivals in March before the weather events, then a lull with long periods of north and east winds and bad weather leaving a few migrants to trickle in or to pop through the drier gaps. Early May arrivals also tended to be delayed, but a nicer period mid-month allowed migration to catch up. For species found, all three months were above their 10-year averages: March at 147 (10-year average 139.1), April at 204 (198.6), and May at 248 (234.5). eBird lines of records were also up a bit for each month at approximately 25,910; 45,833; and 69,685, respectively, for a total of 141,428 for the season. Various birding events, e.g., the Global Big Day in May, tend to push up the number of records submitted.

Moving on to more details, we'll start with the waterfowl and other waterbirds. The season started with some flocks and some rarer waterfowl lingering. The high water in Lake Ontario backed up streams emptying into the Lake, and Sandy Creek in the Town of Hamlin flooded a field not far off N. Hamlin Road just west of the town line. With rain puddles nearby adding to the habitat, we had a new waterfowl and shorebird hotspot for the season. Each month saw essentially all expected waterfowl species found, plus rarities added. In keeping with the trend of recent years, numbers fell off early and quickly and departure dates were on the early side. But in the end, people at the "right" places and willing to count produced some decent to very good peak counts for most species. Among the geese, we started the season off with Andy Guthrie finding the Region's first **Pink-footed Goose** at the N. Hamlin Rd. site on 1 March. The word was spread and many were able to see it that day. Continuing, we have: Greater White-fronted Geese at three locations in March; Snow Goose increasing to 5000+ on N. Hamlin Rd. from 1-3 March and off Broadway Rd, Wayne County on 26 March, with a peak of 15,000 near Caledonia on 21 March; 1-2 Ross's Geese seen on N. Hamlin Rd. from 1-10 March and near Caledonia on 21 March; the usual Brant passing both early and late in the month; about 26 Cackling Geese reported through March and none after; and a Snow x Canada Goose at North Ponds Park, Webster. The regular swans were present as expected, with 300 Tundra Swans on 17 March a good count, though the species was not reported into May this year.

Puddle duck numbers seemed low, but observers visiting the N. Hamlin Rd. site and later with a "Patagonia Rest Stop Effect" accompanying rarities

from 19-29 April in the mucklands southeast of Savannah on Rt. 31 along the Region 2/3 boundary, we had some good peaks, including: 800 American Wigeon, 1500 Northern Pintail, and 600 Green-winged Teal in the Region 2 part of the mucklands on 20 April, and 161 American Wigeon and 440 Northern Pintail on N. Hamlin Rd. Rarities included nine male Eurasian Wigeon at eight sites from 1 March to 23 April and male "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal on N. Hamlin Rd. on 9 March and the mucklands on 22 April. Among the diving ducks, the movement along the south shore of Lake Ontario was especially weak in March and little better later. Yet in the end most species had at least one respectable count, including: 610 Redhead, 510 Ring-necked Ducks and 590 Lesser Scaup on Conesus Lake in March; 1200 Long-tailed Ducks off E. Manitou Rd. on 9 March and 830 passing Hamlin Beach SP on 16 May; 160 Bufflehead on Silver Lake, Wyoming County on 19 April; 140 Hooded Mergansers on Irondequoit Bay on 19 March; and 980 and 1400 Red-breasted Mergansers at Hamlin Beach SP on 26 April and 4 May, respectively. Neither regular loon species reached a count of 100 this spring. The only really high Red-necked Grebe count was 462 at Hamlin Beach on 3 April, with none of that species reported into May. Rare diving ducks were only the male Tufted Duck continuing to 19 March and female Harlequin Duck sightings continuing to 11 April.

Double-crested Cormorant numbers were high through the season after a late arrival on 26 March. An American White Pelican appeared along the Lake Ontario shore and ponds from 16-21 March, and likely the same bird was seen again on 8 & 10 April. The only early arrival among the herons was an American Bittern on 29 March on private property in Monroe County. Typical numbers of Great Egret were seen after 2 April, and other herons arrived as expected. Two rarities were a Snowy Egret found at the mouth of the Genesee River by Kim Hartquist and then seen by others on 27 May, and an adult Little Blue heron found in King's Bend park in the Town of Pittsford by Dave Spier and Donna Mason-Spier on 23 May, this seen by several other birders off and on through 25 May. Black Vulture was missed in March, but as many as seven were seen at five locations in April and one continued to be seen in Letchworth SP through much of May. Only one of these was recorded passing the Braddock Bay hawkwatch. At the hawkwatch, Turkey Vulture set a new record for the season at 28,234, with also a near record 6263 tallied on 4 April.

At the hawkwatch this year, Bob Baez was the official counter, with many of the usual hawk aficionados present most days. The table in the species section below captures the summary data. The weather produced some really slow periods each month, but monthly totals were good after a slow March. April had 10 days with > 1000 birds counted. The overall total of 73,469 was well above average. Special highlights included: an adult Mississippi Kite seen both at the hawkwatch and nearby on 18 May; a record high 1094 Bald Eagles (old high set last year 664), with 90 on 22 May and 91 on 29 May just shy of the daily record of 94 and 700 just in May this year; and Swainson's Hawk on 21 & 28 April and

14 May. Most other raptors were in fair numbers though well off record highs. Northern Goshawk at five total and Red-shouldered Hawk at only 347 remain at low levels. Very few of those species were reported from away from the hawkwatch either. Sandhill Cranes passing the hawkwatch were not carefully totaled, but the tally was > 65, and birds were seen later at several possible local breeding areas but with no young reported by season's end.

The shorebird picture this spring was complicated by the weather and the high waters. Most expected species were found plus some nice rarities, but most birds were passing or seen for brief stops by few observers. By season's end, 23 species were reported plus a lone phalarope species. Only Upland Sandpiper and Wilson's Phalarope were missed from among the expected regulars. In March we added four new species usually seen in that month to February's early arrivals. Solitary Sandpiper was found at a record early 24 March in Geneseo by Andrew Conslor. April brought eight new arrivals highlighted by the Region's second **Black-necked Stilt** in the NMWMA (Savannah mucklands), found by Gregg Dashnau on 19 April and seen and photographed by many through 29 April. This bird brought many birders to the mucklands along Rt. 31 from Rt. 89 to the Seneca River. Much of the area provided great habitat for waterfowl and shorebirds, but most of it lies in Region 3, with Region 2 in Wayne County the area to the north from close to the road at Rt. 89 to the west to ¼ mile or so north near the river at the east end. So our records were hit and miss when the "good birds" strayed north on occasion. Black-bellied Plover was a fairly early arrival in Riga Center on 19 April. Willet was recorded record early on 12-14 April on Martin Rd., Town of Hamlin by Andy Guthrie and seen by many others. A Sanderling on the Summerville Pier at the mouth of the Genesee River on 28 April was a very early spring date for the species. In May we added ten more new shorebird species, with the highlight the Region's fourth spring record for **Piping Plover**, found by Robert Buckert and Nicholas Kachala on 20 May along N. Hamlin Rd. and seen by a few others. In addition we had: the continuing Black-necked Stilt seen in the Carncross Road area of the NMWMA, Willet found at three more locations, 14 Whimbrels spotted passing Hamlin Beach SP by Andy Guthrie on 25 May (historically typical date), Ruddy Turnstone record early at Sodus Point on 3 May, Red Knot on 25 & 27 May, Sanderlings passing Sodus Point on 23 May and Hamlin Beach on 29 May, White-rumped Sandpiper arrival on 15 May along with Semipalmated Sandpiper at the DEC Pond near Avon, and a Long-billed Dowitcher at Martin Rd. on 5 May. In total a good spring showing.

Overall, the gull and tern showing this spring was relatively poor; generally relatively low numbers at the usual points of concentrations and few really special occurrences. But there were bright spots and highlights, including; 1-2 Little Gulls into our Region in the NMWMA (Savannah mucklands) on 22 & 26 April and single adults of Irondequoit Bay Outlet on 7 April and the Town of Greece on 16 April; Laughing Gull found by Mike Gullo at the West Spit of Braddock Bay on 9 May; and Franklin's Gull seen by Andy Guthrie at Hamlin

Beach SP on 22 May plus two of the last valid Thayer's Gull reports as species on 6 & 8 May. Also more on the typical end, we had Iceland Gull to 27 May, Glaucous Gull to 20 May, and over 120 Lesser Black-backed Gull reports for the season. The usual Caspian, Black, Common, and Forster's Terns were reported. Peak Caspian Tern numbers were on the order of 200 at several locations along the south shore of Lake Ontario in May. Nearly all Black Tern reports were from the NMWMA complex, with a peak count of 25 in the Van Dyne Spoor marshes on 7 May. A lone bird was seen passing Braddock Bay on 29 May.

Moving along to the non-passerine landbirds, we start with only one report of two Eurasian Collared-Doves at the usual Greenwell Farm site. Where do they spend most of their time, and why has the population not grown here? This was a good year for cuckoos in many locations. In the owls, we had only two Snowy Owls, with one at Sodus Point on 7 March and one at the Genesee County airport near Batavia last seen on 26 March. The regular DEC Short-eared Owl counts out of the Avon office were plagued by bad weather on the count days, but birders checking the same areas turned up decent numbers, with the maximum 12+ in the Nations Road IBA area. Long-eared Owls are rarely reported in the Region away from the spring migration roost site along Manitou Beach Road, so sightings in the towns of Walworth in Wayne County and Brighton in Monroe County in March were noteworthy. As usual, Jim Adams produced a nice summary of the Owl Roost Survey conducted through BBRR/BBBO, complete with dates, graphs, maps of roosting locations, and comparisons with history. The seriously interested reader would do well to seek copies of the report from Jim or from either organization. In summary, it was a good year for N. Saw-whet Owl (40 birds) and average for Long-eared Owl (28 birds). Both peaked in the first half of April. N. Saw-whet Owl persisted to a late departure date of 6 May, and Long-eared to 13 May. The nightjars were typical of recent years, with only a few E. Whip-poor-wills after a 10 April arrival, and Common Nighthawk first seen on 11 May, with the maximum 107 on 27 May along the Town of Greece lakeshore ponds.

A candidate for bird of the season was an adult male Rufous Hummingbird identified by the homeowner, Steve Calloway, at his feeder in the hills south of Rochester above Hemlock Lake on 23 April. He called up a birder neighbor and the word was passed around carefully due to location and the family to be away for several days. It was seen through 26 April and well photographed. It is the fourth Regional record and a first for spring. The date is early for any hummingbirds here; no Ruby-throated were reported until 1 May.

As usual, woodpeckers provided little news of note. The first Red-headed Woodpecker of the spring appeared a bit late on 28 April. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker continued from winter at a few sites then jumped in numbers in April. Wrapping up this grouping, the falcons were at the high end of recent normal, illustrated by about 60 Merlin and 26 Peregrine Falcons as good totals for April.

As usual, the final passerine family is hard to summarize. As in the past few years, essentially all expected species were reported; only Kentucky Warbler, an irregular rarity was missed. As expected, March was slow, with no rarities other than a flock of Bohemian Waxwings for a couple of days near Pultneyville, Wayne County found by Joe Wing on 18 March. A Purple Martin seen at the Braddock Bay hawkwatch on 8 March by Pat Martin was record early. Other relatively early arrivals were Eastern Phoebe on 13 March, Barn Swallow on 16 March, Ruby-crowned Kinglet on 28 March, Eastern Towhee on 16 March, Chipping Sparrow on 10 March, Field Sparrow on 26 March, and Vesper Sparrow on 27 March. Obviously, a couple of the sparrows are in the fuzzy realm of judgment calls of arrivals vs. overwintering birds.

BBBO banding began mid-month in April and was slow, with 2/3 of April's bands going to Black-capped Chickadee and the kinglets. Ten species were first seen at dates record early by the old (1985) Monroe County Checklist arrival distributions, but all but Cerulean Warbler on 1 May and Yellow Warbler on 16 April have been reported one or more times at earlier dates in the intervening years. Generally, counts reported were low, as expected with the weather. Yet observers going to the right places on the right dates and taking the time to count amassed some really good tallies, including: 3650 Blue Jays at the West Spit of Braddock Bay on 28 April by Dave Tetlow, 1260 Tree Swallows at the hawk banding blind off Manitou Beach Road on 27 April by Dave Tetlow, 410 Yellow-rumped Warblers at the West Spit on 28 April by Andy Guthrie, 1500 Brown-headed Cowbirds at Hamlin Beach SP on 10 April by Tim Lenz, 2160 Rusty Blackbirds at the West Spit on 10 April by Dave Tetlow, and 704 Purple Finches and the hawk blind on 27 April by Dave Tetlow. These and similar type numbers from the BBBO banding data are included in the species section as illustrations of numbers of birds passing if we take the time and use appropriate methods to find and tally them.

In May, the ugly weather in the first ten days delayed a few of the species normally arriving then, but by mid-month all was back on track. Birders remarked at times of large numbers of individuals of some species appearing to arrive all at once and to be seen over only a short date window. The BBBO banding total for the season was about 5% above the recent 6-year average, but the variance in that number and in the numbers going into the year-to-year averages for most individual species are so high that most apparent changes are not statistically significant. There were significantly high totals for "Traill's" Flycatcher, Blue Jay, Black-capped Chickadee, and Ruby-crowned Kinglet. It was interesting to note that Black-capped Chickadee was on an up year in its alternate year see-saw pattern. But then in looking at that, I noticed that Winter Wren also has an alternate year see-saw pattern but opposite to the chickadees and with the numbers and change not so large. Several species were banded in their lowest numbers for the past six years, though not statistically significantly below their averages. An interesting observation is that Song, Lincoln's, and Swamp Sparrows were all at their lowest. Rarer May passerines included:

White-eyed Vireo, Worm-eating Warbler, “Lawrence’s” Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Clay-colored Sparrow. Among the “winter” finches were only a few Common Redpolls, Pine Siskins, and scattered reports of 1-2 Evening Grosbeaks in April and May. Finally, there was a report and photos of a mega-sized American Goldfinch at the home of Bill and Mari Howe in the Town of Richmond, Ontario County on 11 March; similar to the giant White-throated Sparrow of last spring.

In summary, highlight species of the spring include: the Region’s first **Pink-footed Goose**, many Eurasian Wigeon, “Eurasian” Green-winged Teal, Tufted Duck, American White Pelican, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Mississippi Kite, Swainson’s Hawk, the Region’s second **Black-necked Stilt**, **Piping Plover**, Willet, Laughing Gull, Franklin’s Gull, Thayer’s Gull, Eurasian Collared-Dove, the Region’s fourth and first spring **Rufous Hummingbird**, White-eyed Vireo, “Lawrence’s” Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, and Yellow-throated Warbler. The total number of species reported for the season was 266 plus phalarope species, one subspecies, and four hybrids.

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ABBREVIATIONS

b – indicate banded this season, usually at BBBO's Kaiser-Manitou passerine banding station; BANC – Burroughs Audubon Nature Club Preserve, T Pittsford, MONR; BB – Braddock Bay, MONR; BB-HW – 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, T Perinton, MONR; HB – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; ICW – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; IBO – Irondequoit Bay Outlet to Lake Ontario; IB-S – Irondequoit Bay south, LaSalle Landing P and nearby; LSP – Letchworth SP; M – Manitou Beach area, MONR; MP – Mendon Ponds P, MONR; NHamRd – N. Hamlin Road, T Hamlin, MONR; NMWMA – Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area, T of Savannah, WAYN; NMWMA (AR) – north side of Armitage Rd.; NMWMA (CR) – along Carncross Road east of Savannah-Spring Lake Rd.; NMWMA (MT) – Marten Tract off Savannah Spring Lake Rd; NMWMA (MRdM) – Morgan Rd. marshes near DEC field office; NMWMA (Sav muck) – mucklands north of Rt. 31 from Rt. 89 to Seneca River WAYN; NMWMA (VDS) – area along Van Dyne Spoor, T Savannah, WAYN; NMWMA (SCU) – Sandhill Crane Unit, T Savannah, WAYN; OB – Ontario Beach P, Charlotte MONR; OCP – Oatka Creek P, 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.

BRADDOCK BAY HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	28 Apr	1	28 Apr	1
Turkey Vulture	1 Mar	6263	4 Apr	28324
Mississippi Kite	18 May	1	18 May	1
Osprey	27 Mar	16	17 May	137
Bald Eagle	1 Mar	91	29 May	1094
N. Harrier	1 Mar	53	19 Apr	519
Sharp-sh. Hawk	21 Mar	383	27 Apr	2440
Cooper's Hawk	7 Mar	43	10 Apr	396
N. Goshawk	8 Apr	1	5 dates	5
Red-shld Hawk	7 Mar	151	27 Mar	347
Swainson's Hawk	21 Apr	1	21, 28 Apr, 14 May	3
Broad-wngd Hawk	10 Apr	9433	21 Apr	37740
Red-tailed Hawk	1 Mar	207	4, 10 Apr	2009
Rough-legd Hawk	20 Mar	20	4 Apr	80
GoldenEagle	27 Mar	6	28 Apr	19
Am. Kestrel	9 Mar	47	10 Apr	290
Merlin	8 Mar	4	26 Mar, 2, 27 Apr	31
Peregrine Falcon	21 Mar	3	18 May	24

Total including unidentified raptors:

73,469

WATERFOWL – VULTURES

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: 1 imm NHamRd 1 Mar (AGu, mob, ph), 1st Reg record.

Greater White-fronted Goose: 2 HB 5 Mar (JW, ph); Bergen 10 Mar (BriM); North Ponds P, Webster 21 Mar (JW, ph, JiM).

Snow Goose: 5000+ NHamRd 1-3 Mar (mob); max 15000 T Caledonia LIVI 21 Mar (MW); 5000 Broadway Rd WAYN 26 Mar (DR); last NMWMA (Carncross Rd) 17 May (JCa).

Ross's Goose: 1-2 NHamRd 1-10 Mar (12+ obs); s of Caledonia LIVI 21 Mar (MW).

Brant: arr 10-13 H sev loc 6 May; max 35 HB 25 May (AGu).

Cackling Goose: total approx 26 at 12 loc all Mar; max 5 two loc H 3, 13 Mar (AGu).

Canada Goose: max 6000 North Ponds P, W 21 Mar, low max.

Snow x Canada Goose: 1 North Ponds P, W 21 Mar (JiM).

Mute Swan: max 90 Buck Pnd T Greece 20 May (RCO); 68 Buck Pnd T Greece 25 Mar.

Trumpeter Swan: max 18 NMWMA (CR) 27 May.

Tundra Swan: max 300 NMWMA (MRdM) 17 Mar (MH); last Genesee Valley Greenway T Avon 23 Apr.

Gadwall: max 300 NMWMA (VDS) 2 Apr (JMcG, LS).

Eurasian Wigeon: 1m NHamRd 1-28 Mar (15+ obs); 1m Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye LIVI 1-5 Mar (7 obs); 1m BB 6 Mar (DH, KS); 2m Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye LIVI 20 Mar (BH); 1m North Ponds P, Webster 21-24 Mar (9 obs); 1m CIWMA 22 Mar (KC); 1m Rts. 5 & 20 near Avon 7 Apr (JK); last 1m NMWMA (Savmuck) 22-23 Apr (LK, GL, EG, RB).

Am. Wigeon: max 800 NMWMA (Sav muck) 20 Apr (JMcG, LS, TL), good count.

Am. Black Duck: max 20 NMWMA (Sav muck) 20 Apr (JMcG, LS, TL), very low max.

Mallard: max 750 ConL 6 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: arr NHamRd 9 Mar; last NHamRd 29 May.

N. Shoveler: max 150 NMWMA (Sav muck) 20 Apr (JMcG, LS, TL), good count; last NMWMA (CR) 28 May.

N. Pintail: max 1500 NMWMA (Sav muck) 20 Apr (JMcG, LS, TL); 750 NMWMA (Sav muck) 23 Apr (EG, GL); 440 NHamRd 1 Mar (mob); good counts; last NMWMA (VDS) 18 May.

Green-winged Teal: max 600 NMWMA (Sav muck) 20 Apr (JMcG, LS, TL); last 1-3 NHamRd 29 May.

GREEN-WINGED "EURASIAN" TEAL: 1m NHamRd 9 Mar (AGu, PMar, JiM); 1m NMWMA (Sav muck) 22 Apr (W&MR), rare.

Canvasback: max 77 BB 25 Mar; last BB 7 May.

Redhead: max 610 ConL 26 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: max 510 ConL 18 Mar (EG, GL); 450 BurgerP T Greece 1 Apr (BriM); last 6 BB 7 May.

TUFTED DUCK: 1 m Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye LIVI 1, 19 Mar (JBart, BPu, BriM), continuing 5th Reg record.

Greater Scaup: max 250 IBO 19 Mar, low max; last BB 13 May.

Lesser Scaup: max 590 ConL 26 Mar (EG, GL); last Beechwoods SP WAYN 31 May.

Harlequin Duck: 1 f IBO 3-5, 27 Mar (7 obs); 1 f off Manitou Beach, Greece 7-11 Apr (MG, PMar), from win.

Surf Scoter: last 2off T Greece 5 May, early departure.

White-winged Scoter: max 40 PtB 12 Mar, very low max; last 2 HB 20 May.

Black Scoter: last 2 HB 20 May.

Long-tailed Duck: max 1200 off E. Manitou Rd end T Greece 9 Mar (KG); 830 HB 16 May (AGu, BriM).

Bufflehead: max 160 Silver L WYOM 19 Apr (RSt); last CIWMA 16 May.

Com. Goldeneye: last 2 HB 20 May.

Hooded Merganser: max 140 IB 19 Mar, good count.

Red-breasted Merganser: 980 HB 26 Apr; max 1400 HB 4 May (AGu); good counts.

Red-throated Loon: max 18 HB 20 May, low, late max; last HB 27 May (AGu).

Com. Loon: max 62 HB 16 Apr, low max; last 3 HB 29 May.

Horned Grebe: max 45 HB 10 Apr, low max; last HB 27 May.

Red-necked Grebe: max 462 HB 3 Apr (AGu), ok max; last ED 29 Apr.

Double-crested Cormorant: arr 3 H 26 Mar; 509 IB 10 Apr; max 570 Spt 11 May.

AM. WHITE PELICAN (R2): arr Buck Pnd T Greece 16-17 Apr (mob); BB 16, 21 Apr

(mob); IB 20-21 Apr (mob); BB 8 May (BWa); Sandy Creek boat launch T Hamlin 10 May (AGu); all likely same bird.

Am. Bittern: arr priv wetland MONR 29 Mar (LB).

Least Bittern: arr Church Trail T Greece 28 Apr (NK, sev), early.

Great Egret: arr Erie Canal P WAYN 2 Apr; last NHamRd 29 May.

SNOWY EGRET (R2): Genesee R mouth 27 May (KH, AGu, PMar, JiM, JW).

LITTLE BLUE HERON (R2): 1 ad Kings Bend P T Pittsford 23-25 May (DM-S, DS, mob).

Green Heron: arr T Victor 15 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr HANA 9 Apr (MG).

Black Vulture: 2, 3 LSP 1, 26 Mar (EK); N LPS LIVI 8 Mar (JSt, ph); 2 Broadway Rd T Wolcott WAYN 4 Apr (W&MR); 2 Beechwoods SP WAYN 4 Apr (MG); BB-HW 28 Apr (PR, *et al.*); DEP 28 Apr (MT, GF); LSP 28, 30 Apr (TLo); LSPin 3 loc 16, 27 May (DBea, MG).

Turkey Vulture: max 6263 BB-HW 4 Apr, near record high; 800 W 4 Apr (JiM); 800 Broadway Rd T Wolcott WAYN 4 Apr (W&MR); 1332 BB-HW 17 May, high for so late.

HAWKS – LARIDS

Osprey: arr 2 HB & 1 NMWMA (VDS) 26 Mar.

MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 ad BB-H & nearby 18 May (BBa, MT, GF)

Bald Eagle: total 77 BB Mar; 286 BB + approx 140+ other many loc Apr; 74 BB-H 28 Apr, month max; 700 BB + approx 126 other many loc May; 90 BB-H 22 May; 91 BB-HW 29 May; **1094** for the season passing BB-H, record high.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 598 BB-WS 16 Apr (DT).

N. Goshawk: 5 singles BB-H 8 Apr – 14 May; Wolcott WAYN 5 Mar (W&MR); approx 9 rep 7 loc away from BB Apr (12 obs).

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 190 BB-H 10 Apr (BBa, *et al.*); arr 24 at 5 other loc 10 Apr (sev); 6991 BB-HW 28 Apr; 7851 BB-HW 17 May.

SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 BB-H 21, 28 Apr, no details; 1 BB-HW 14 May (BBa, *et al.*).

Rough-legged Hawk: last BB-H 22 May.

Golden Eagle: arr Broadway Rd T Wolcott WAYN 8 Mar (W&MR); approx 14 rep away from BB 2-29 Apr; 2 BB-HW 2 May, last at

hawkwatch; last T Caledonia LIVI 18 May (MW).

Sandhill Crane: approx 11 BB-HW 7-29 Mar; approx 34 BB-HW 2-26 Apr; 12+ ind 8+ other loc Apr; 20 near BB May; 12 near possible breeding loc May; no pr w yng reported by season's end.

BLACK-NECKED STILIT: 1 NMWMA (Sav muck) 19-29 Apr (GD, mob, ph), **2nd Reg record;** NMWMA (CR) 18 May (KG, retired teachers group).

Black-bellied Plover: arr Riga Center Rd T Chili MONR 19 Apr (BriM), early; last NHamRd 28 May.

Semipalmated Plover: arr OB 6 May; max 45 NHamRd 20 May.

PIPING PLOVER: NHamRd 20-21 (RB, NK, sev, ph), **4th Reg** spring record.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Groveland Pnd LIVI 12 Apr (KC); max 12 SPT 5 May, good count now.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Geneseo **24 Mar** (AC), Reg RE; last Ellison P T Penfield 23 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr 4 NMWMA (VDS) & 3 NMWMA (Sav) 30 Mar; max 60 NMWMA (2 sites) 4 May (GD); last T Riga MONR 30 May.

Willet: arr Martin Rd, H **12-14 Apr** (AGu, 16 other obs), Reg RE; IBO 5 May (JiM, MG, JW); SPT 5 May (MG); NMWMA (SCU) 15 May (DS).

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 NMWMA (VDS) & NMWMA (Sav) 30 Mar; max 200 NMWMA (CR) 4 May (GD).

Upland Sandpiper: no reports.

Whimbrel: 14 HB 25 May (AGu), only report.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr SPT **3 May** (JW), Reg RE.

Red Knot: arr SPT 25 May (MG); last NHamRd 27 May (AGu).

Sanderling: arr 1 juv Summerville Pier 28 Apr (RSp), early; SPT 23 May (MG); HB 29 May (DT); sometime missed in spring.

Dunlin: arr Riga Center Rd T Chili MONR 20 Apr (BriM); max 60 NMWMA (CR) 20 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr 4 TCEA 28 Apr; max 1250 NMWMA (CR) 21 May (KMcGo, JMcG).

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr TCEA 15 May (MW).

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr NMWMA (CR) 18 Apr; last SPT 23 May.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr TCEA 15 May; max 108 HB 29 May (DT).

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr H 6 May; last 2 NHamRd 25 May.

Long-billed Dowitcher: Martin Rd, H 5 May (AGu, PMar), rare in spring.

Wilson's Snipe: arr Honeoye 4 Mar (BH)

Wilson's Phalarope: no reports.

phalarope sp: NMWMA (CR) 27 May (GD).

Bonaparte's Gull: arr 8 Sandy Bottom P Honeoye 1 Mar; max 145 SPT 28 Apr, low max.

Little Gull: arr 1 ad IBO 7 Apr (MG); 1 ad ED 16 Apr (JeB,CW); 1-2 NMWMA (Sav muck) 22, 26 Apr (sev).

LAUGHING GULL (R2): BB-WS 9 May (MG).

FRANKLIN'S GULL: HB 22 May (AGu).

Herring Gull: max 1000 Genesee R mouth piers 27 May, high count.

THAYER'S GULL: 1 1st cycl NHamRd 6 May (MG); 1st cycl HB 8 May (AGu); prob last rep as full species.

Iceland Gull: 10 ind 6 loc Mar; 15 ind 7 loc 9-25 Apr; 13 ind 7 loc 6-27 May.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 30+ ind 6 loc Mar; 46+ ind 9+ loc Apr; max 11 T Riga MONR (B&BM); 46+ ind many loc 5-29 May.

Glaucous Gull: 4 ind 4 loc Mar; 5 ind 5 loc 16-20 Apr; 8 ind 6 loc 5-20 May.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 52 IBO 19 Mar.

Herring x Great Black-backed Gull: H 6 May (AGu).

Caspian Tern: arr 2 ED 2 Apr EG, GL); 123 SPT 28 Apr; 128 Summerville Pier 28 Apr; max 200 IBO 7 May; 197 HB 10 May; 175 SPT 11 May.

Black Tern: arr 3 NMWMA (SCU) 12 May; max 25 NMWMA (VDS) 17 May, good count

Com. Tern: arr 2 ED 2 Apr (EG, GL).

Forster's Tern: arr 2 BB 11 Apr (MG, TM), early; 8 rep, 1-3 ind sev loc 19-25 May.

PIGEONS – PARROTS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 2 Greenwell farm, H 16 May (RSp), only rep.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr T Bristol ONTA 2 May (KK).

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr MP 11 May; max 6 OCP 24 May (JAd), good count.

Snowy Owl: SPT 7 Mar (MG, ph); last Genesee County Airport 26 Mar (MT).

Long-eared Owl: West Walworth WAYN 19 Mar (MG); T Brighton 21- Mar (MT, sev, ph); total roost count 28 M (Owl Woods) 25 Feb-13 May, *intro*.

Short-eared Owl: max 12+ Nations Rd IBA Apr; DEC SEOW Survey data summarized by C. Hoh, *intro*; last BB 19 Apr.

N. Saw-whet Owl: max 6 M (Owl Woods) 28 Mar; total roost count 40 M (Owl Woods) 9 Feb – 6 May, *intro*.

Com. Nighthawk: arr Lucien Morin P T Penfield 11 May; max 107 ED 27 May (RB), decent count.

E. Whip-poor-will: arr M (hawk blind) 10 Apr (DT); last M (Owl Woods) 17 May (JiM, KS).

Chimney Swift: arr North Rush 16 Apr (NK), early; arr ED 16 Apr (JeB, CW), early; max 40+ York Central School LIVI 27 Apr.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 ad m Marrowback Rd LIVI **23-26 Apr** (SC, SDo, sev, ph), 4th Reg, **1st spring**, *intro*.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr sev loc 1 May, early; total b 37 M 14-28 May (BBBO).

Red-headed Woodpecker: arr HB 28 Apr, late for arr; max 6 HB 23 May, still the best site locally.

Am. Kestrel: max Broadway Rd T Wolcott WAYN 27 Mar (W&MR).

Merlin: 21 ind 16 loc Mar; total 14 BB-HW 1-27 Apr; total 46 other loc Apr; total 9 BB-HW 1-18 May; 13 ind 11 other loc 1-18 May, no reports of nesting in Reg by season's end.

Peregrine Falcon: 15 ind 8 loc 1-27 Mar; total 10 BB-HW 5-30 Apr; 16 ind other loc Apr; total 9 BB-HW 2-27 May; 10 ind 9 other loc 1-26 May; nesting in downtown Rochester, typical, see posts rfalconcam website.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Church Trail, G 18 May (GF); T Gates 19 May (BriM); M (Owl Woods) 22 May (R&SS); last Honeoye Crk WMA 23 May (BH); last BB-WS 23 May (AK).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr BB 18 May; total b 35 M 19-30 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr NMWMA (CR) 19 May.

“Trail’s” Flycatcher: arr 4b M 17 May; max b 35 M 30 May; total **b 192 M** 17 May thru, very high number.

Alder Flycatcher: arr HHSpencer SRA-S & Honeoye Crk WMA 17 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr Lucien Morin P T Penfield 11 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr West Port Bay WAYN 6 May; total b 52 12-30 May.

E. Phoebe: arr Powder Mill P 13 Mar (PMar), early.

N. Shrike: 6 ind 6 loc 1-27 Mar; last BB & NMWMA (CR) 2 Apr.

White-eyed Vireo: Cook & Redman Rds, H 7 May (EG, GL); HB 13 May (AGu); rare.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr BANC 28 Apr (A&DS), early.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr LSP 13 Apr (KSc), early.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr sev loc 16 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr LSP 29 Apr; total b 32 M 17-31 May, low.

Blue Jay: 1000 BB-WS 27 Apr; 3650 BB-WS 28 Apr (DT); 2250 BB-WS 14 May (AGu); max 4500 BB-WS 17 May (BCar); numbers illustrate movements; total b 154 M 1-27 May, record high b.

Am. Crow: no large counts this spring.

Fish Crow: max 24 Dewey Ave/Dobson Rd, G mid Mar (BD); 11 HB 27 Apr (AGu), high for loc.

Com. Raven: nesting T Pittsford 17- Mar (STa); nesting? Webster P 20- May (R&SS); new locs.

Purple Martin: arr BB-HW **8 Mar** (PMar, MT), Reg record early; MAC 30 Mar (CL); max 60 Hemlock L 4 May.

Tree Swallow: arr 2 NMWMA (MRdM) 23 Mar; max 1260 M (hawk blind) 27 Apr (DT).

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr IB-S 3 Apr; max 35 HANA 8 May, low max.

Bank Swallow: arr CIWMA 9 Apr; max 150 HB 24 May, low max.

Cliff Swallow: arr ED 16 Apr; max 20 Hemlock L P 22 May.

Barn Swallow: arr BB-HW 26 Mar, early; max 300 BB 7 May.

Black-capped Chickadee: 235 BB-WS 10 Apr (DT); 284 BB-WS 11 Apr (DT); max b 59 M 17 May; total b 588 M 14 Apr – 30 May, illustrates an “up” year in alternate year pattern.

Brown Creeper: total b 20 M (BBBO) 14-28 Apr-3 May.

Winter Wren: total b 7 M (BBB) 15 Apr-19 May, 1/3 of last year, *intro*.

Marsh Wren: arr IB-S 3 Apr, early.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: BB-WS 10 Apr, early.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 32 MP 8 Apr; max b 24 M (BBBO) 14, 15 Apr; total b 67 14 Apr-16 May.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Bristol Hills ONTA 28 Mar (KK), early; max b 65 M (BBBO) 15 Apr; total **b 645 M** (BBBO) 14 Apr-19 May, record high spring b; 48 U. of Roch 6 May (EG, GL); last M (Owl Woods) 26 May (PMar).

Veery: arr 3 Springwater LIVI 29 Apr.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Cobbs Hill P 12 May; total b 5 M (BBBO) 22-30 May, very low.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: total b 5 M (BBBO) 23-30 May, low.
Swainson's Thrush: arr Nunda LIV1 10 May; max b 11 M (BBBO) 22 May, low; total b 67 M (BBBO) 14-31 May; max 22 Cobbs Hill P 22 May (EG).
Hermit Thrush: total b 25 M (BBBO) 15 Apr – 14 May.
Wood Thrush: arr 1 T Gates & 2 T Pavilion 28 Apr.
Am. Robin: 500 Broadway Rd T Wolcott WAYN 26 Mar; 380 Greece 4 Apr; only 5 oth rep Mar and 6 oth rep Apr over 100.
Gray Catbird: 6 rep 3 loc 5-23 Mar, likely overwintered; arr 1b M (BBBO) 14 Apr; total b 201 M (BBBO) 14 Apr-31 May; max b 45 M (BBBO) 18 May; max 34 HB – WE 24 May.
Am. Pipit: 50 BB-HW 26 Mar; max 80 NHamRd 9 Mar; last NHamRd 27 May.
Bohemian Waxwing: 20-22 Pultneyville WAYN 18-19 Mar (JW); 1 ph there 19 Mar (MG).
Cedar Waxwing: max 1421 HB 30 May (AGu), 20 % of 2016 max.

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: max 41 H 26 Mar; last 20 NMWMA (Sav muck) 20 May (LoK), good count for date.
Snow Bunting: max 250 NHamRd 18 Mar (JiM, LM); last BB 2 Apr.
Ovenbird: arr T Bristol ONTA 27 Apr (KK), early.
Worm-eating Warbler: Cobbs Hill P 19-20 May (JiM, CW), rare, audio.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Abraham Lincoln P T MONR 20 Apr (JiM, LM, MG, PMar), ph and audio, unusual loc.
N. Waterthrush: arr LSP 13 Apr (KSc), early; max 6b M (BBBO) 27 Apr; total b 27 M (BBBO) 27 Apr-28 May.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr NMWMA (AR) 7 May (LoK); Holy Sepulchre Cem ROCH 13 May (RB); Beechwoods SP WAYN 14 May (MG); M 16 May (LC); Brown T Wolcott WAYN 17 May (W&MR); 1b M (BBBO) 24 May; Norway Rd GENE 27 May (KSU, RBA field trip).
Blue-winged Warbler: arr HB 27 Apr (AGu), early.
Golden-winged Warbler x Blue-winged Warbler: Highland P, Rochester 12 May (KH), f not fitting either named hybrid well.
“Brewster’s” Warbler: arr DEP 6 May (GF); Norway Rd GENE 28 May (BCar, AGu, LM, JiM).

“LAWRENCE’S” WARBLER: 1b M (BBBO) 15 May, rare.
Black-and-white Warbler: total b 29 1-30 May.
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R2): arr NMWMA (AR) 12 May (JBr, DZ, W&MR); NMWMA (AR) 12-28 May (7+ oth obs).
Tennessee Warbler: arr South Conesus LIV1 7 May; max 50 Cobbs Hill P 18 May (DH); 46 Cobbs Hill P 22 May (EG); total b 42 M (BBBO) 17-30 May, good numbers.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Beatty Pt, G 9 May (MG, PMar); arr 2 Church Trail, G 9 May (BCar); 2b M (BBBO) 14 May; 1b M (BBBO) 17; 16 other rep 10 loc 11-17 May (12 obs).
Nashville Warbler: arr T Penfield 26 Apr (D&VH), early; total b 18 M (BBBO) 14-22 May.
Mourning Warbler: arr Webster P 10 May; total b 39 M (BBBO) 17-31 May.
Connecticut Warbler: M (Owl Woods) 23 May (AK), rare.
Com. Yellowthroat: arr BB-HW 18 Apr (BBa, *et al.*); max b 29 M (BBBO) 22 May; 27 T Galen WAYN 31 May; total b 154 M (BBBO) 1-31 May.
Hooded Warbler: arr T Bristol ONTA 2 May.
Am. Redstart: arr 2 Thousand Acre Swamp T Penfield 29 Apr A&DaS, early; 4 NMWMA (VDS) 29 Apr (MV, DA), early; 42 HB-WE 13 May (AGu), good count; max b 48 M (BBBO) 22 May; total b 190 M (BBBO) 9-31 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr W & NMWMA (CR) 4 May; last BB-WS 28 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr 2 NMWMA (VDS) 1 May (W&MR), Reg record early.
N. Parula: last Rochester 29 May (AdM), late.
Magnolia Warbler: arr 1B M (BBB) 1 May, early; arr 1 NMWMA (VDS) 1 May (W&MR), early; max b 87 M (BBBO) 22 May; total b 345 M (BBBO) 1-31 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr 1-2 sev loc 12 May; max 21 Cobbs Hill P 17 May, good count.
Yellow Warbler: arr 2 Ganondagon 16 Apr (AV), Reg record early; max 104 BB-WS 14 May (AGu); max b 22 M (BBBO) 14 May; total b 126 M (BBBO) 1-31 May.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: max b 22 M (BBBO) 22 May; total b 67 M (BBBO) 12-30 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr 1-2 many loc 17 May; total b 18 M (BBBO) 18-29 May, low.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: total b 83 M (BBBO) 1-31 May.
Palm Warbler: arr 1-2 ind 4 loc 15 Apr, early; 50 BB-WS 28 Apr (DD); max b 16 M (BBBO)

29 Apr; max 52 NW Treatment Plant T Greece 1 May (GL, CHo); total b 89 M (BBBO) 15 Apr-19 May; last HB 27 May (JiM, LM); 2b M(BBBO) 15, 16 Apr, identified as "Yellow" Palm.

Pine Warbler: arr Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye 5 Apr (JAK), early; arr LSP 5 Apr (EK), early; max 12 BB-WS 10 Apr (DT). Rochester 8 Mar (AdM), likely overwintering; arr T Victor 2 Apr (AGa), early.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 410 BB - WS 28 Apr (AGu), high count; 100 Cobbs Hill P 1 May, good count; max b 37 M (BBBO) 1 May; total b 193 M (BBBO) 15 Apr-17 May.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (R2): Ellison P T Penfield 11-14 May (JiM, 24 oth obs); Chimney Bluffs WAYN 23, 26 May (MG, JW); rare.

Prairie Warbler: arr BB 5 May (DT, JW); ICW 15 May (BCar, HS); BB 17 May (MG); 3 HH Spencer SRA – S 17 May (KK); Portage LIVI 18 May (AW); CIWMA 24 May (MW), relatively rare.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 1-5 ind 3 loc 22 Apr, early.

Canada Warbler: total b 61 M (BBBO) 16-31 May.

Wilson's Warbler: max b 21 B (BBBO) 30 May; total b 132 M (BBBO) 13-31 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: OCP 20-21 May (KB, ET, BCar, MG), now rare locally.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr H 16-19 Mar (AGu), early.

Am. Tree Sparrow: max 150 TECA 4 Apr (MW); last Ellison P, T Penfield 5 May (LM).

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

Clay-colored Sparrow: 1-3 ind Cook Rd, H 8-27 May (KSu, 20+ oth obs), only loc spring.

Field Sparrow: T Riga MONR 25 Mar.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Genesee 25 Apr.

Fox Sparrow: last BB-HE 7 May (BBa, *et al.*); no high counts reported.

Lincoln's Sparrow: total b 17 M (BBBO) 12-30 May, low.

Swamp Sparrow: max 25 CIWMA 24 May (MW), survey.

White-throated Sparrow: max 72 Holy Sepulchre Cem Rochester 13 May (RB); total b 144 M (BBBO) 15 Apr-19 May, low.

White-crowned Sparrow: last G 29 May, often found into June.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 120 HB 10 Apr.

Scarlet Tanager: arr Village of Mumford 1 May (JG), early; arr T Gates MONR 1 May (BriM).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr 1m Bushnell's Basin 15 Apr (C&HH), early.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 5000 Rts 5 & 20 near Avon 17 Mar (MG).

E. Meadowlark: arr NMWMA (VDS) 11 Mar; max 23 BB-HW 27 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: 22 North Rush 4 Mar & Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye 12 Mar, Mar max, low; max 2160 BB-WS 10 Apr (DT), high count; 8 rep of 100-300 ind 4 loc 10-30 Mar (mob), good counts, approx 170 rep many loc all Apr, good showing; 25 H 5 May, low max for May; last Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye 20 May; sample counts.

Com. Grackle: max 1750 North Rush MONR 4 Mar (NK).

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 1500 HB 10 Apr (TLc).

blackbird sp: max 10000 NMWMA (MT) 2 Apr (BMcQ).

Orchard Oriole: arr 1m BB-WS 28 Apr (AGu).

Baltimore Oriole: max 178 BB-WS 14 May (AGu).

Purple Finch: max 704 M (hawk blind) 27 Apr (DT), high count.

Com. Redpoll: singles 22, 29 Mar & 8 Apr.

Pine Siskin: monthly max: 36 H 1 Mar; 20 DEP 1 Apr; 3 Rochester & HB 13 May; low maxima.

Am. Goldfinch: large ind T Richmond ONTA 11 Mar (B&MH, ph); max 177 HB 13 May (AGu), low max.

Evening Grosbeak: 2 HB 27 Apr; 2 South Conesus 29 Apr; 1 Greece 3 May; 1 T Pittsford 3 May (PMar); 1 T Savannah WAYN 8 May; scarce in recent years.

REGION 3—FINGER LAKES

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Following a mild winter, March 2017 was cooler than normal with brief periods of wintry weather. The average low temperature was 21° F, 2° below normal. The average high temperature was 38°, 4° below normal. April was warmer than normal. The average low was 41°, 7° above normal, and the average high was 62°, 6° above normal. The average low in May was 46°, 2° above normal. The high temperature was 64°, 3° below normal. Precipitation in March was 2.58", 0.04" less than normal. April precipitation was 3.82", 0.53" more than normal. Precipitation in May was 3.80", 0.61" more than normal.

The mild winter allowed waterfowl to move into the wetlands north of the Finger Lakes by late February. The many wintering Northern Pintails and Green-winged Teal masked the arrival of migrants to the Region. Observers reported high numbers of Canada Geese, Trumpeter Swan, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Greater and Lesser Scaup, and Red-breasted Merganser. Greater White-fronted Geese were present through the winter, and individuals continued through mid-March. Individual Ross's Geese continued in the Region through late March.

Other waterbirds of note were two American White Pelicans in the Savannah Mucklands and a single bird flying over Sapsucker Woods. Snowy Egrets appeared at Seneca Lake State Park and at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. A Cattle Egret visited the Executive Links Golf Course in Seneca County for two days in April.

Black Vultures, which began an unprecedented movement through the Region in February, continued to be seen passing through the Region through mid-May. The Region's third Mississippi Kite flew by Sapsucker Woods in late May. Dale Campbell reported a Barn Owl flying low over a field while it was still daylight in the Town of Chemung in the same vicinity where he had seen one last year.

The most exciting bird of the season was the Region's second record of Black-necked Stilt, which spent ten days in the Savannah Mucklands. Several shorebird species more commonly seen in the fall migration made spring appearances this year: American Golden-Plover, Whimbrel, Stilt Sandpiper, Sanderling, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Phalarope, and Red-necked Phalarope.

Jeremy Collison and Jay McGowan caught a quick look and some quick photos of a passing Parasitic Jaeger at Myers Point on Cayuga Lake. Adriaan Dokter found a Sabine's Gull, rare in fall and rarer in spring, at the south end of Cayuga Lake. Little Gulls were reported from the Savannah Mucklands, Cayuga Lake, and Seneca Lake. Ken Rosenberg photographed a rare Franklin's Gull at

Myers Point on the last day of the season. A flock of 100 Black Terns at Montezuma NWR and a flock of 42 Common Terns on Cayuga Lake bode well for these species.

Cuckoos of both species were present in good numbers. Gates DuPont and Alex Wiebe monitored nocturnal migration over Cornell University on 17 May and counted 18 Black-billed Cuckoos. Common Nighthawks were scarce, with high counts of only two. Two was also the maximum count of Eastern Whip-poor-will, but that was a high count for this very scarce species.

Cool weather in early May slowed down the passage of neotropical migrants. A Prothonotary Warbler in Chemung County was the first report there in more than 50 years. There were five reports of Golden-winged Warbler, more than in most recent years. The Clay-colored Sparrow returned to the Cornell University campus for the second year. Kerri Ellison photographed an adult male Yellow-headed Blackbird at her feeder in Canandaigua in mid-March. Jay McGowan photographed two Evening Grosbeaks in the Town of Dryden in early May.

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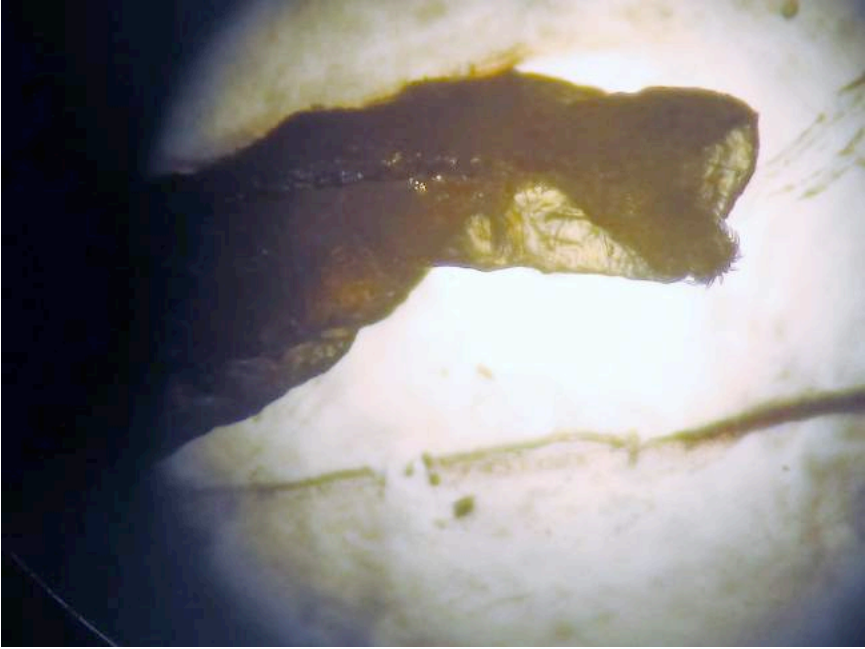
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ABBREVIATIONS

CanL – Canandaigua L; CayL – Cayuga L; CU – Cornell University; DSF – Danby State Forest, TOMP; HO – Hawthorn Orchard, TOMP; HP – Harris P, CAYU; LF – Lott Farm, SENE; LPBP – Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve, TOMP; MNWR – Montezuma NWR; MR – Monkey Run, TOMP; MyPt – Myers Pt, TOMP; NE Ith – Northeast Ithaca; QCM – Queen Catharine Marsh, SCHU; SLSP – Seneca L SP; SM – Savannah Mucklands, SENE; SPNP – Salt Pt Nature Preserve, TOMP; SSP – Sampson SP; StP – Stewart P, TOMP; SW – Sapsucker Woods, TOMP; TCar – T Caroline, TOMP; TDan – T Danby, TOMP; TDry – T Dryden, TOMP; TEnf – T Enfield, TOMP; TLed – T Ledyard, CAYU; TVar – T Varick, SENE.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

(R3): MNWR 1 Mar (BN, ph, SHan); Owasco L Inlet CAYU 4 Mar (CW); 2 MNWR 8 Mar (JSn, ph); Risser Rd Swamp ONTA 17 Mar (MBro, MG, ph, BroM, ph); Canandaigua Country Club ONTA 19 Mar (BriM!).

Snow Goose: max 50,000 Holiday Harbor, CanL ONTA 21 Mar; last 3 MNWR 28 May.

ROSS'S GOOSE (R3): MNWR 8 Mar (DK, ph); T Covert SENE 19 Mar (LK, KR!); CayL, Sheldrake SENE 23 Mar (MH, ph); CU 24 Mar (JCo!); TDry 25 Mar (mob, ph).

Brant: arr 9 StP 5 May; max 52 MNWR 22 May; last 40 MNWR 29 May.

Cackling Goose: last SW 30 Mar.

Canada Goose: max 140,000 SLSP 19 Mar (KGr), high.

Mute Swan: last Clifton Springs Hospital Pd ONTA 14 May (DSp), late.

Trumpeter Swan: max 15 SM 30 Apr (SBI, BW), high.

Tundra Swan: last SM 23 Apr.

Gadwall: max 600 MNWR 2 Apr (JMc, LSA), high.

Eurasian Wigeon: max 5 MNWR 3 Mar; last MNWR 22 May.

Am. Wigeon: max 1100 MNWR 26 Mar (JMc, LSA); 1100 SM 22 Apr (DNi), high.

Blue-winged Teal: max 60 MNWR 10 Apr (ET), high; 50 SM 23 Apr.

Green-winged Teal: max 2000 SM 20 Apr-6 May (mob), high.

N. Pintail x Green-winged Teal: QCM 3 Mar (LK, TLe, JMc, KMcGo).

Canvasback: max 7250 HP 28 Mar.

Greater Scaup: max 3600 HP 28 Mar (TC), high.

Lesser Scaup: max 2000 HP 26 Mar (JMc, LSA), high.

Surf Scoter: Weaver Creek Gravel Pit STEU 25 Mar (AWe); Keuka L, T Pulteney STEU 7 May (RK); only reports.

White-winged Scoter: arr SSP 13 Mar; max 5 East Shore P TOMP 5 May; last 5 CayL, TVar 13 May; 5 CayL Sheldrake SENE 13 May; 2 SLSP 13 May.

Black Scoter: Chemung R, T Elmira CHEM 11 Mar (BO); 5 MyPt 25 Mar (BM); only reports.

Long-tailed Duck: max 10 Minier's Pd CHEM 26 Mar; last MNWR 24 May (LHa), late.

Com. Goldeneye: max 68 Long Pt SP 5 Mar; last SLSP 30 May (TLe), late.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 320 CayL, Aurora High Banks CAYU 29 Apr (JMc, LSa), high.

Red-throated Loon: max 5 CayL, MyPt 7 Apr; 5 TDan 15 Apr, migrating over; last Seneca L, Severne Pt YATE 20 May (AG, EG, GL), late.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 30 MNWR 22 Apr (Pmc), high.

AM. WHITE PELICAN (R3): SM 17 Apr (ASt); 2 SM 20-24 Apr (mob!, ph); SW 23 Apr (JE!), flying over.

Am. Bittern: max 4 MNWR 25 May (JCa), high.

Least Bittern: arr MNWR 13 May (mob), early; max 3 QCM 29 May (CW), high.

Great Egret: arr QCM 24 Mar; max 10 MNWR 25 May.

SNOWY EGRET (R3): SLSP 8 May (mob!, ph); MNWR 21-22 May (mob!, ph).

CATTLE EGRET (R3): Executive Links Golf Course SENE 21-22 Apr (mob!, ph).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr NE lth 24 Apr; max 10 MNWR 29 May.

Black Vulture: max 4 SW 3 Apr; last CU 16 May (MGo!), late.

HAWKS – LARIDS

MISSISSIPPI KITE (R3): SW 30 May (JGe, CW,nob, ph), 3rd Reg record.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 3 TCar 10 Apr; TDan 10 Apr; 2 Plantations Restaurant TOMP 10 Apr; SW 10 Apr; Robert H Treman SP 10 Apr; max 41 Boyer Creek Farm Hawk Watch TOMP11 Apr.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 2 MNWR 29 Mar; last T Genoa CAYU 23 Apr.

Golden Eagle: last T Hornellsville STEU 13 May.

Sandhill Crane: max 6 MNWR 30 Apr; 6 MNWR 11 May.

BLACK-NECKED STILT: SM 20-29 Apr (mob!, ph), 2nd Reg record.

AM. GOLDEN-PLOVER (R3): 1-2 SM 22 Apr-6 May (DA, EC, JMc, ph, LSa).

Greater Yellowlegs: max 120 MNWR 29 Apr (JMc, LSa), high.

Upland Sandpiper: arr 2 LF 19 Apr; max 5 LF 28 May.

WHIMBREL (R3): 4 CanL, City Pier ONTA 19 May (MBro!, ph, KG!, ph, MG, BroM, ph); MyPt 22 May (mob!, ph); 4 Seneca L, Lakefront P ONTA 31 May (JA, ph, LMo!).

Ruddy Turnstone: arr 2 SM 6 May (SBI, SDA!, JMc, MDM), early; max 23 MNWR 18 May (DSc), high.

STILT SANDPIPER (R3): MNWR 29 Apr-1 May (mob!, ph); SM 12 May (Joseph Brin!).

SANDERLING (R3): 2 CayL, MyPt 2-6 May (BM!, mob, ph); CanL, Kershaw P ONTA 3-5 May (MBro!, mob, ph).

Dunlin: arr 6 SM 20 Apr; max 300 MNWR 23 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr 6 MNWR 10 May; max 7 MNWR 24 May; 7 MNWR 26 May.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 30 SM 22 Apr; last 2 MNWR 13 May; SM 13 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr CanL, City Pier ONTA 17 May; max 56 MNWR 25 May.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (R3): MNWR 29 Apr (DK!, ph, JMc, ph, LSa); 5 SM 29 Apr (KK, BM); MNWR 3 May (DNi!).

Wilson's Snipe: arr 2 Caswell Rd Grasslands TOMP 4 Mar (KMcGo, TSc), early; max 32 Bluegrass Lane Natural Area TOMP 9 Apr (JMc), high.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE (R3): MNWR 23-27 May (DNu!, mob, ph).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE (R3): CayL, MyPt 21 May (KB!, JCh, ADo, ph); MNWR 27 May (mob, ph).

PARASITIC JAEGER (R3): CayL, MyPt 3 May (JCo, JMc!, ph).

SABINE'S GULL: CayL, White Lighthouse Jetty TOMP 22 May (ADo!, TLe, ph).

Bonaparte' Gull: CayL, MyPt 26 Mar; max 250 CayL, TVar 14 Apr; last 2 SLSP 30 May; 5 Seneca L, Lakefront P SENE 30 May.

LITTLE GULL (R3): 1-2 SM 18 Apr-6 May (DDa!, JMc, ph, mob!); 2 Long Pt SP 22 Apr (SHe!, LK, ph, TLe!); SLSP 13 May (LK, AK, JMc, ph, KR!), late.

FRANKLIN'S GULL: CayL, MyPt 31

May (KR!, ph).

Ring-billed Gull: max 8000 SM 2 Apr (DWe, mob), high.

THAYER'S GULL: CayL, MyPt 17 Apr (JMc!, ph).

Iceland Gull: last CayL StP 20 Mar.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 17 CayL, MyPt 31 May (SBi, MC), high.

Glaucous Gull: last CayL, MyPt 17 Apr.

Herring Gull X Glaucous Gull: 2 CayL, StP 13 Mar (TLe); CayL, StP 20 Mar (TLe).

Caspian Tern: arr MNWR 1 Apr (MG), early; max 70 SM 22 Apr (BG, JGo, AM), high.

Black Tern: max 100 MNWR 12 May (GDa), high.

Com. Tern: max 42 CayL, East Shore P TOMP 5 May.

Forster's Tern: arr Keuka L, Champlin Beach P STEU 23 Apr; last CayL, Frontenac Harbor Marina CAYU 21 May.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr CU 17 May; T Manchester ONTA 17 May; max 3 West Elmira Riverine Forest CHEM 26 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: max 18 CU 17 May (GDu, AWi), nocturnal migrants, high.

BARN OWL (R3): T Chemung CHEM 18 May (DaC!).

Snowy Owl: max 2 LF 1-27 Mar; last T Fayette SENE 1 Apr (NBu).

Barred Owl: max 3 TDry 9 Apr (CH); 3 Roy H Park Preserve TOMP 28 Apr (SDa), high.

Short-eared Owl: max 5 T Phelps ONTA 20 Mar; last T Lodi SENE 10 Apr.

N. Saw-whet Owl: TCar 17 Mar (SKe); Hammond Hill State Forest TOMP 11 Apr (JMc); TCar 4 May (SKe); only reports.

Com. Nighthawk: max 2 CU 23 May; 2 MNWR 23 May, low.

E. Whip-poor-will: 2 NE Ith 28 Apr (mob), high.

Red-headed Woodpecker: MNWR 25 May (DDo), only report.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 10 TDan 13 May (LSe), high.

Pileated Woodpecker: max 5 Shindagin Hollow State Forest TOMP 9 Apr (LA, MDM), high.

Merlin: max 4 Boyer Creek Farm Hawk Watch TOMP 11 Apr (JGe, SKe, BS, CW), high.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: last TCar 27 May (CW), late.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr SW 17 May; MR 17 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr DSF 18 May.

N. Shrike: max 2 T Fayette SENE 2 Mar (DK), high; last TEnf 4 Apr.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr City of Corning 14 May; Jetty Woods TOMP 14 May; max 3 HO 16 May; last City of Ithaca TOMP 26 May.

Fish Crow: max 30 Riverfront P CHEM 9 Apr (EG, GL), high.

Purple Martin: max 150 MNWR 13 May (LK, AK, JMc, KR), high.

Tree Swallow: max 6000 MNWR 20 Apr (TLe, JMc, LSa), high; 4000 TVar 22 Apr.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: max 200 CayL Basin 7 May (MH), high; 50 MNWR 2 May; 50 MNWR 13 May.

Cliff Swallow: arr CayL, MyPt 1 Apr (MH!, DMo), early; max 15 CayL, MyPt 6 May.

Barn Swallow: max 800 CayL, MyPt 5 May (JMc, LSa); 800 Kipp Island Fields CAYU 6 May (SBi, JMc), high; 600 MNWR 6 May; 500 CayL Basin 7 May; 450 CayL, MyPt 7 May.

White-breasted Nuthatch: max 21 TEnf 20 May (PR), high.

Marsh Wren: max 25 MNWR 21 May (JMc, KMcGo); 25 MNWR 26 May (DK), high.

Carolina Wren: max 7 QCM 9 May (MT), high.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr CU 17 May; TDan 17 May; Fillmore Glen SP 17 May; SW 17 May; max 6 NE Ith 28 May, nocturnal migrants.

Hermit Thrush: arr MR 3 Mar (CW), early; Caswell Rd Grasslands TOMP 4 Mar; T Farmington ONTA 19 Mar; T Hector SCHU 19 Mar; max 7 CU 22 Apr.

Am. Robin: max 971 TDan 3 Apr (ID), high.

Gray Catbird: TDry 12 Mar (ABC); max 28 TDan 17 May.

Brown Thrasher: max 7 Finger Lakes National Forest SENE 23 Apr (LK, AK, ST), high.

Am. Pipit: arr CU 3 Mar (GDu); max 51 Park Station P CHEM 25 Mar; last TLED 23 May.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: max and last 20 SM 7 May.

Snow Bunting: max 100 T Farmington ONTA 18 Mar; last MyPt 22 Apr (LK, JMc, ST), late.

Worm-eating Warbler: arr DSF 21 May, late.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr MR 8 Apr; max 5 CU 22 Apr.

N. Waterthrush: arr Jetty Woods TOMP 22 Apr (ADo!), early; max 8 Dorothy McIlroy Preserve CAYU 20 May.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER (R3): arr TDan 27 Apr (ID!), early; HO 2 May (mob!, ph); MNWR 7 May (LK, KR!); TDry 13 May (JF!); last MNWR 20 May (DK, ph), late.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr Finger Lakes National Forest SENE 29 Apr; max 11 Fischer Old Growth Forest TOMP 6 May.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: SSP 31 May.

Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler: TDry 24 May.

Prothonotary Warbler: arr Andrew Sperr Memorial P CHEM 6 May (MPa!), early; max 2 MNWR 18 May thru.

Tennessee Warbler: max 10 TEnf 20 May; 10 MNWR 22 May; last QCM 29 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr LPBP 29 Apr; max 2 HO; last HO 13 May.

Mourning Warbler: arr SW 4 May (BW), early; max 3 TCar 18 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr HO 6 May; max 6 TDan 23 May; 6 Ford Hill TOMP 23 May.

Am. Redstart: max 34 DSF 18 May.

Cape May Warbler: max 5 TEnf 20 May; last QCM 29 May (CW), late.

Cerulean Warbler: arr MNWR 1 May (DK), early; max 4 CayL WMA 11 SENE May; 4 MNWR 13 May.

N. Parula: max 5 HO 11 May; last T Ovid SENE 28 May; Trumansburg Golf Club TOMP 28 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: max 7 TEnf 20 May; last Sweedler-Lick Brook Preserve TOMP 26 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: max 10 T Middlesex YATE 23 May; last SLSP 30 May.

Palm Warbler: max 14 StP 3 May; last T Newfield 20 May.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr MNWR 30 May; max 50 LPBP 8 May; 40 SW 11 May; 40 SPNP 12 May.

Prairie Warbler: arr 3 LPBP 29 Apr; 2 Roy H Park Preserve TOMP 29 Apr; max 8 LPBP 13 May.

Wilson’s Warbler: last MR 31 May.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS
E. Towhee: T Ithaca TOMP thru 15 Apr (FKa); max 14 Bare Hill Unique Area YATE 26 Apr.

Am. Tree Sparrow: max 62 QCM 5 Mar (JCo, TLe), high; last MNWR 7 May (DCar, ph), late.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (R3): CU 12-24 May (mob!, ph).

Field Sparrow: T Ithaca TOMP 2 Mar (FKa), present since 12 Feb; arr T Seneca SENE 27 Mar; max 13 SSP 11 Apr.

Savannah Sparrow: SPNP 19 Mar (mob); arr MNWR 1 Apr; max 10 Tled 11 May; 10 LF 21 May.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Tled 29 Apr; max 7 Painted Post 14 May.

Fox Sparrow: max 12 DSF 9 Apr; last TDry 25 Apr.

Song Sparrow: max 100 QCM 3 Apr (TLe), high.

Lincoln’s Sparrow: max 2 CU 11 May; last MR 24 May.

White-throated Sparrow: max 100 SW 28 Apr (BW), high.

White-crowned Sparrow: max 11 T Summerhill CAYU 10 May; 11 TDry 16 May; last 2 CU 17 May; NE Ith 17 May; TDan 17 May; TDry 17 May.

BLUE GROSBEAK: Village of Horseheads 14 May (GSI, LSI!).

E. Meadowlark: arr TEnf 8 Mar; max 10 LF 13 May.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: City of Canandaigua 15 Mar (KE, ph).

Rusty Blackbird: max 45 MNWR 31 Mar; last SW 17 May (MC!), late.

Orchard Oriole: arr Hog Hole TOMP 25 Apr (DNu!), early; max 6 SPNP 18 May.

House Finch: max 32 TEnf 14 Mar (MF), high.

Purple Finch: max 26 TDan 16 Apr (ID), high.

Pine Siskin: max 5 TCar 2 May; last DSF 18 May.

EVENING GROSBEAK (R3): 2 TDry 4 May (JMc, ph).

REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

No report was received this season.



REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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After a mild late February, the Spring 2017 season began with a resurgence of winter weather. In Syracuse the average temperature for March was 30.1° F, which is 4.1° lower than normal. A low temperature of 2.0° was recorded on 5 March. In Syracuse the snowfall for the month amounted to 30.9", which is over a foot above average. Other portions of the Region received significantly more snow. On 14-15 March, a single storm deposited over 36" on the Town of Kirkland in southern Oneida County. Ken Burdick reported that Onondaga Lake was nearly completely covered with a thin sheet of ice on 18 March. Burdick wrote that, to his knowledge, this was the most ice coverage the lake had all winter. The month of April was much milder, with an average temperature of 50.9°, which is 4° higher than the norm. Virtually all the precipitation in April came down in the form of rain. Just less than 5" of rain fell in Syracuse in April, which is 1.76" above average. May was nearly 2 degrees cooler than normal and much wetter, with 6.46" of rain falling in Syracuse. That total is 3.24" higher than average.

At the end of the previous period, favorable winds and mild weather led to a strong push of geese, raptors, blackbirds, and others into the Region. At least a portion of the early migrants had cause to regret their decision when faced with the harsh reality of March's weather. There were even some reports of waterfowl flocks backtracking by mid-month. Finding food in deep snow can be problematic especially for raptors, shorebirds, and songbirds, many of which wound up in the hands of wildlife rehabilitators. The lack of winds from the "right" direction made March the least productive month, in what was otherwise a highly productive season for raptors migrating over Derby Hill. Despite this period of doldrums, by the end of the month the migrants were flying again and some longstanding record high counts began falling by the wayside.

Although many Snow Geese had already passed through the Region in February, a healthy maximum of 33,429 flew over Derby Hill on the relatively late date of 27 March. On the same day, Wayne Fidler picked out six Ross's Geese among the skeins of Snow Geese. As is typical, the best count of Brant was over Northwestern Oneida Lake. There on 21 May, Bill Purcell counted 1,240 of them flying by. For the most part, waterfowl numbers were on the low side and unremarkable. This season two of our perennial rarities were found—Eurasian Wigeon and Harlequin Duck. Two females and a juvenile of the latter species were found in Oswego on 6 March by Greg Dashnau. All three scoter species were reported this season. Both Surf Scoter and White-winged Scoter were seen well into May.

On the early morning of 12 April, Bill Purcell counted 58 Common Loons flying by his watch site at Phillips Point on Oneida Lake. In northern Herkimer County in the Adirondacks, Gary Lee wrote that in much of his territory excessive flooding destroyed the nests of Common Loons. He also implicates Bald Eagles as predators of loon chicks on some Adirondack lakes. Lee said that in two years, five pairs of loons on Woodhull Lake have managed to produce only a single chick. He is convinced that the eagles are a primary cause of the loons' breeding failures. Besides the Region's three expected grebe species, this season brought two bonus species. The **Clark's Grebe**, continuing from the Winter Period, lingered at Oswego Harbor until 6 March and then was never relocated. An **Eared Grebe** was observed from the bluff at Derby Hill on 19 May. A student visiting Derby Hill along with a SUNY-ESF Field Ornithology Class was the first one to spot the rarity as it associated with Long-tailed Ducks on Lake Ontario. **American White Pelicans** were found at three different locations this season. One lingered at Onondaga Lake from 14-19 April. Two were found at Three Rivers WMA on 23 April, and two were spotted flying over Derby Hill on 23 May. A notable 145 Great Blue Herons migrated over Derby Hill on 24 March. On 25 April, Wayne Fidler found a **Little Blue Heron** in breeding plumage at the Maple Avenue wetland in Volney. The rarity lingered for five days, thus affording birders ample opportunity to see it. Adult Little Blues are always a treat, as the white immature version is more commonly found.

This spring the Derby Hill hawk watch experienced a much better than average season. Record high counts were attained for Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, and Peregrine Falcon. Several other raptor species surpassed the site's most recent ten-year average. A total of six **Black Vultures** was spotted; three passed on 5 April. Generally it was a better than average season for Black Vulture sightings in the Region, and the species was reported from three locations away from Derby Hill. The season's official hawk counter at Derby Hill, Anna Stunkel, reported a record total of 26,111 Turkey Vultures passing over the site. That total is several thousand birds above the site's previous record set in 2014. A total of 913 Bald Eagles were counted passing over Derby Hill this season. That total easily surpasses the previous record count of 680 (also

from 2014). On 29 May an impressive one-day count of 70 Bald Eagles flew over Derby. The Broad-winged Hawk flight, although short of record breaking, came in well above the ten-year average for the site. From their arrival on 9 April through the end of May, a total of 30,334 Broad-winged Hawks passed over Derby Hill. The number of migrating Red-tailed Hawks over the site was close to average. Two leucistic Red-tails were among the 3,852 that passed over the hawkwatch, but no dark-morph western types were seen. Rough-legged Hawk numbers over Derby Hill were relatively low, with a total season count of 118. Thirteen of those flew over on 4 April. A total of five **Swainson's Hawks** passed over Derby Hill this season. Four of them flew over particularly low, thus permitting great views to observers on the hill. Please refer to Derby Hill's annual report "The Rough Leg" for a more detailed discussion of the season.

Reports of Sandhill Crane were way up this year. Most were of single birds passing over Derby Hill. All tallied, the total number of cranes over Derby was 48! Ten flew over the site on 2 April. Although most expected shorebird types were encountered only in very modest numbers, Bill Purcell reported an impressive 75 Black-bellied Plovers on 28 May on northwestern Oneida Lake. On 14 May, Amanda Dillon found and photographed a female Wilson's Phalarope. The breeding-plumaged bird was associating with a handful of other shorebirds in a small wetland in the Town of Cato. On 18 May, Bill Purcell picked out five Whimbrels on Oneida Lake at Constantia. Other notable shorebirds observed this season included two **Red Knots** and seven Short-billed Dowitchers found in a farm field near Phoenix. Gull numbers were about average for the season, and there were few rarities or impressive high counts tallied. A maximum of 269 Bonaparte's Gull observed at Philip's Point on 15 April is a good number. Purcell also found a **Little Gull** on 13 April at the same location. An oft-photographed first cycle Thayer's Gull at Phoenix held over from the previous period. It was last reported on 1 April. This is likely to be the last record of this bird as a full species, at least for the time being. The AOS recently lumped the bird with Iceland Gull, ending its long run at species status. Three Black Terns viewed from Philip's Point on 8 May were the only ones reported in the Region.

Arrival dates for our two resident cuckoo species were separated by one day. Yellow-billed Cuckoo arrived on 12 May and Black-billed Cuckoo arrived on 13 May. Although birders had a relatively hard time coming up with either cuckoo in the field, once again it was no problem for Utica's resident male Peregrine Falcon. The tercel managed to put its talons on over 15 of them before the end of May. As was the case during the previous two breeding seasons, cuckoos (both species combined) were the third most common prey item brought back to the falcon's nest this season. Eastern Screech-Owl reports were few and came from only seven locations. Some traditional breeding grounds for screech-owls seemed to be devoid of them. The spring yielded only two Snowy Owl reports, one from Derby Hill on 16 March and one from the Syracuse airport on 4 April. The Region had a slightly better showing of Northern Saw-

whet Owls than is typical. Four individuals were reported from four different locations. Eastern Whip-poor-will numbers were down this season. The scant amount of reports came from traditional areas. An interesting dove was described from Syracuse on 18 April but not seen again. The observer thought it to be a Eurasian Collared-Dove but could not conclusively eliminate an escaped Ringed Turtle-Dove, the domesticated form of African Collared-Dove occasionally seen free-flying in North America. Intriguing pale gray flight feathers were found at the base of the tree but after some research were thought to be too large for a dove. From what bird did they come? Was the dove taken by a predator?

Red-headed Woodpecker reports were higher than usual this period although most derived from the Lake Ontario Shoreline. A maximum number of six was reported from Fair Haven on 20 May. Lower than average numbers of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported in some areas and are the cause of some concern. Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary in Southern Oneida County has consistently hosted both a large migrant and breeding population of the species. However, this spring Matt Perry noted that very few sapsuckers were heard drumming or calling in the preserve's forest. Further data collection is needed to verify the decline, to determine how widespread it is, and to determine if it's indicative of a trend. There was better news for American Kestrels. The smallest of our falcons may be in the midst of resurgence, at least one that is local in scope. Reports of kestrels in both traditional breeding sites and at new sites seem to be on the increase. A total of 500 passed over Derby Hill this season, which is well above the most recent 10-year average. A record high of 25 Peregrine Falcons flew over Derby Hill this season. The resident breeding pair in Syracuse shunned their usual downtown nest site due to the host building undergoing major renovations. Reportedly the pair attempted to nest on the porch of an apartment on a nearby tall apartment building. As far as anyone could determine their breeding attempt failed. In Utica, the resident pair began laying eggs on 1 April. Ultimately four young hatched. Among the prey species retrieved by the male falcon were: Dunlin, American Woodcock, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Black-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Screech-Owl, Northern Flicker, Great-crested Flycatcher, Eastern Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and American Goldfinch. Bats were the only non-avian prey recorded being brought back to the nest box. This spring a pair of Peregrines at Oswego were provided a nest box on the roof of a power plant located on the west side of the harbor. So far the pair failed to discover the box or chose not to use it. Perhaps they will adopt it before the next breeding season commences.

An Acadian Flycatcher arrived at its traditional breeding location at Whisky Hollow on 18 May. The species was also found at another site in Minetto. Only three Northern Shrikes were reported this season. The last shrike departed the area on 1 April. Joe Brin found an early arriving Blue-headed Vireo on 28 March at Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville. Single Philadelphia Vireos were reported from several different locations. Spring Blue

Jay migration was a remarkable event at Derby Hill this season, with tens of thousands passing over between the latter part of April and late May. On 1 May Anna Stunkel observed 10,695 migrating past the hill. 5,550 flew by on 12 May. Other days were nearly as impressive as the birds flooded back toward their Canadian breeding grounds. Fish Crows were a persistent presence at Phoenix and on Onondaga Lake but also reported in a few other places including Derby Hill. In March, Deborah Dohne watched a pair of American Crows building a nest in Syracuse. Stick-by-stick the nest grew as both male and female took turns working on it. The birds often called to each other as they changed position, as if to say “ready for you.” The pair was seen nest-building every day for a few hours after first light, thus deferring foraging for food until the day's work was done. Swallow numbers appeared to be down this spring, and there are no signs that Cliff Swallows are stemming their decline. There was only one report of Cliff Swallows that exceeded single digits. Kinglet migration was widespread and strong even though the maximum numbers reported were not remarkable. There were several reports of migrating Gray-cheeked Thrushes in the Region. Most of them emanated from the Lake Ontario Shoreline and from the town of Kirkland in Oneida County. Although they were not nearly as numerous as Blue Jays, American Robins were seen migrating over Derby Hill in large flocks. A total of 4,400 robins passed over the site on 26 March. A single Bohemian Waxwing made its way over Derby on 18 March and would be the only one of its species reported for the season.

There were two reports of Lapland Longspur, both before the end of March. Warbler migration was fairly unremarkable, with the notable exception of a few good fallout days along the Lake Ontario shoreline. Louisiana Waterthrush arrived slightly earlier than usual on 12 April and was reported from 14 locations, which represents a marginally better showing than in recent years. Golden-winged Warblers were again very scarce, which is now expected. A male “Lawrence’s” Warbler, seen on 20 May at Great Bear Recreation Area in Fulton, is possibly the same individual returning annually to that location since 2014. Prothonotary Warblers were again found at Howland Island, which remains the Region’s only reliable haven for the species. Tennessee Warblers arrived in the Region fairly early on 6 May and some respectable tallies were reported. With virtually every other warbler species’ population experiencing a decline, it’s interesting to have a species like Tennessee hopefully trending in the opposite direction. Twelve Cape May Warblers found at Sunset Bay Park on 17 May is a healthy count for this species that is sometimes only barely represented in our Region. Cerulean Warblers were found in ten locations this period. It will be interesting to see if any of the birds outside of the species’ breeding stronghold at Howland Island remain into the summer season. A rather early Chestnut-sided Warbler was found by Jessi Lyons on 23 April at the Woodford State Forest in Sangerfield. An early Yellow-rumped Warbler reported from Scriba near Lake Ontario is presumed to have overwintered. An exceptional maximum number of 1500 Yellow-rumped Warblers were counted

as they migrated over Derby Hill on 1 May. A single “**Audubon’s**” **Yellow-rumped Warbler** was photographed by Mary Magistro at the Sterling Nature Center on 24 April. Surprisingly, given the number of yellow-rumps that migrate on the Ontario Lakeshore, this is the first Region 5 spring record of the subspecies and only the third overall. There were relatively few reports of migrating Canada Warblers and Wilson’s Warblers. It’s speculated that the former species, when presented with favorable winds, may go directly to its breeding grounds, thus avoiding stopover habitats.

Reports of Clay-colored Sparrows came solely from Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary in Kirkland, which continues to be the Region’s most reliable breeding ground for the species. Vesper Sparrows were counted in somewhat higher numbers than usual. A White-crowned Sparrow on 14 March may have wintered in the Region. On 4 April, a male “Oregon” Junco began frequenting the bird feeders at David Cesari’s residence in Rome. He was able to get some great photos of the rarity before it departed five days later. A male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was seen and photographed in Phoenix on 27 May. The rarity remained for only a single day. After a winter with virtually no winter finches, we had low expectations for any manifesting themselves in the spring season. There were two reports of single Common Redpolls. Pine Siskins were in evidence, but their flock sizes were relatively low. There were only two reports of Evening Grosbeaks this season.

This season a total of 250 species was reported, which is four above the recent 10-year average for the Region. There were also four hybrids and two uncommon subspecies reported. Highlights of the season included: Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross’s Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, **Harlequin Duck**, **EARED GREBE**, **CLARK’S GREBE**, **AM. WHITE PELICAN**, **LITTLE BLUE HERON**, **Black Vulture**, **Wilson’s Phalarope**, Whimbrel, **Red Knot**, **Little Gull**, **Thayer’s Gull**, Snowy Owl, Bohemian Waxwing, “Lawrence’s” Warbler, **Prothonotary Warbler**, “**AUDUBON’S**” **WARBLER**, **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD**, and “**Oregon**” **Junco**.

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DERBY HILL HAWK MIGRATION TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	5 Mar	3	5 Apr	6
Turkey Vulture	18 Feb	4021	5 Apr	26111
Osprey	27 Mar	63	27 Apr	411
Bald Eagle	18 Feb	70	29 May	913
No. Harrier	23 Feb	76	4 Apr	623
Sharp-sh. Hawk	23 Feb	559	1 May	4271
Cooper's Hawk	18 Feb	48	26 Mar	326
N. Goshawk	29 Mar	2	27 Apr	10
Red-sh. Hawk	22 Feb	212	29 Mar	803
Broad-wng. Hawk	9 Apr	5103	21 Apr	30334
Red-tailed Hawk	X Feb	567	29 Mar	3852
Rough-lgd. Hawk	X Feb	13	4 Apr	118
Swainson's Hawk	15 Apr	2	15 Apr	5
Golden Eagle	23 Feb	7	8 Mar	36
Am. Kestrel	25 Feb	100	4 Apr	500
Merlin	28 Feb	10	26 Mar	80
Peregrine Falcon	21 Feb	4	9, 10 May	25
Total, inc. unid.				68,486

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; Dolgeville – Dolge, HERK; FH – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay, and vicinity; GB – Great Bear Rec Area, Fulton; GLSP – Green Lakes SP, Fayetteville; 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.; Skan – Skaneateles; SNC – Sterling Nature Center, Sterling; SP – Sandy Pd and vicinity; SSSP – Selkirk Shores SP; Syr – Syracuse; TR – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; UM – Utica Marsh; WH – Whiskey Hollow; WP – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: WP 19 – 29 Mar (GM), only report.
Snow Goose: max 33429 DH 27 Mar (WF); 4300 OswH 26 Mar; last West Monroe 4 May.
Ross's Goose: OswH 26 Mar; max 6 DH 27 Mar (WF); 2 Mexico 29 Mar; only reports.
Brant: arr 15 SBP 9 May; max 1240 Const 21 May (BP); 110 DH 22 May; last 130 DH 28 May.
Cackling Goose: arr Otisco Lake 18 Mar; max 2 DH 27 Mar; last SFNS 26 May (TJ), late.
Canada Goose: max 2500 Skan 25 Mar; 2100 DH 28 Mar.
Mute Swan: max 35 FH 10 Apr.
Trumpeter Swan: max 10 SNC 23 Apr (MM); 7 TR 30 Apr; pair remains at TR thru.
Tundra Swan: 7 Weaver Lake, s. HERK 9 Mar; max 51 OneiL 8 Mar; 7 DH 28 Mar; last 2 Oswego 14 Apr.
Wood Duck: max 32 Pville 25 Mar; 30 DH 27 Mar; relatively low counts.
Gadwall: 28 WP 8 Mar; max 30 TR 1 Apr; last Loop Rd MNWR 29 May.
EURASIAN WIGEON (R5): OnonL 12 – 13 Mar (PR, DA, ph); West Monroe 7-8 Mar (BP, mob, ph).
Am. Wigeon: max 112 OnonL 6 Mar; 79 West Monroe 8 Apr; last 2 FH 20 May.
Am. Black Duck: max 24 Herkimer 18 Mar; 23 OnonL 23 Mar.
Mallard: 155 Brew 13 Mar; max 600 Syr 19 Mar.
Am. Black Duck X Mallard: Ppt 11 Mar; max 2 Skan 11 Mar; Volney 4 May; only reports.
Blue-winged Teal: arr 21 Mar; max 6 SNC 14 Apr – 20 May.
N. Shoveler: 6 TR 9 Mar; max 19 UM 14 Apr; last Ppt 10 May; relatively low numbers.
N. Pintail: max 600 Phoenix 1 Mar, very high count for date; 216 Pville 1 Apr; last DH 19 May.
Green-winged Teal: 54 Pville 5 Apr; max 122 West Monroe 8 Apr; last DB 31 Mar.
Canvasback: max 38 OnonL 13 Mar (KK); 4 Brew 19 Mar; 3 OswH 28 Mar; last OswH 2 Apr.

Redhead: max 435 OnonL 6 Mar (KK); 26 Brew 20 Mar; max 195 OnonL 23 Mar; last 6 Loop Rd MNWR 29 May.
Ring-necked Duck: max 230 Fulton 1 Apr; 225 Leland Pond. MADI 1 Apr; 3 remain WP thru.
Greater Scaup: 290 OswH 19 Mar; max 780 OnonL 23 Mar; last 2 TR 7 May.
Lesser Scaup: max 215 OnonL 23 Mar; 150 OswH 23 Mar; last OswH 22 May.
Greater/Lesser Scaup: 500 OswH 23 Mar; max 2000 Ppt 10 Apr; last 2 Const 28 May.
Harlequin Duck: 3 Oswego 6 Mar (GD, ph), 2 fem & 1 juv, 7th Reg rec for Spring.
Surf Scoter: arr OswH 5 Mar; 2 SSSP 29 Apr; max 3 Ppt 2 May; 3 Ppt 15 May; only reports.
White-winged Scoter: max 180 OswH 13 Mar; 44 Ppt 11 Mar; last 22 Const 22 May.
Black Scoter: 2 OswH thru Mar; Ppt 10 Apr; last WP 28 Apr.
Long-tailed Duck: 200 OswH 12 Mar; max 248 Ppt 12 Apr; last DH 24 May.
Bufflehead: 54 OnonL 23 Mar; max 61 Const 18 Apr.
Com. Goldeneye: max 411 OnonL 13 Mar; 120 Brew 13 Mar; last 2 Ppt 30 Apr.
Hooded Merganser: max 105 Oswego 19 Mar; 92 Brew 20 Mar.
Com. Merganser: max 900 OnonL 23 Mar; 250 OneiL 26 Mar.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 175 DH 20 Apr; 87 Ppt 8 May.
Ruddy Duck: 8 Fulton 30 Apr; max 18 Loop Rd MNWR east 29 May.
Ring-necked Pheasant: max 2 GLSP 24 Apr; few reports.
Ruffed Grouse: max 4 SH 11 May, 4 Hamilton 14 May.
Wild Turkey: max 40 DB 24 Mar; 37 SP 30 Mar.
Red-throated Loon: max 2 OswH 5 – 6 Mar; last 2 OnonL 28 Apr.
Com. Loon: max 58 Ppt 12 Apr; 32 Otisco Lake 20 Apr.
Pied-billed Grebe: 6 OswH 28 Mar; max 10 Weaver Lake s. HERK 9 Mar.
Horned Grebe: max 13 Ppt 12 Apr; 10

Jamesville 13 Apr; last WP 9 May.

Red-necked Grebe: 11 Ppt 12 Apr; max 23 OnonL 18 Apr (BP); 6 Brew 10 May; last PPT 20 May.

EARED GREBE (R5): DH 19 May (AB & SUNY ESF class, mob, ph), only the 4th Reg spring rec, 14th overall.

CLARK'S GREBE: OswH thru 6 Mar, potential first State rec.

Double-crested Cormorant: 261 Bville 18 Apr; max 320 OswH 3 May.

AM. WHITE PELICAN (R5): OnonL 14 – 19 Apr (CB, DD, mob); 2 TR 23 Apr; 2 DH 23 May; 11th Reg spring rec.

Am. Bittern: arr SP 3 Apr; max 3 Pville 16 – 20 Apr; 2 SP 14 – 20 May; 2 Central Square 20 May.

Least Bittern: arr Oswego 28 Apr; 2 Volney 20 May; 2 TR 28 May; West Monroe 28 May (JS), impact casualty; reports of singles from 3 other locs.

Great Blue Heron: max 145 DH 24 Mar; 63 Port Byron 14 Apr, at active rookery.

Great Egret: arr Oswego 14 Apr; max 4 DH 4 May; 2 Elbridge 12 May; last SNC 22 May; relatively few reports.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (R5): Volney 25 – 30 April (WF!, mob, ph), 10th Reg spring rec, 18th overall.

CATTLE EGRET (R5): Bridgeport 25 Apr – 22 May (DA, mob, ph), dozens of prior Reg recs.

Green Heron: arr 2 TR 23 Apr; max 9 DH 17 May.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr TR 9 Apr; max 3 OLC 13 – 16 May.

HAWKS - LARIDS

BLACK VULTURE (R5): max 3 DH 5 Apr (DW, BP, WF); 2 Ava 23 Apr; 4 other reports of singles.

Turkey Vulture: 4201 DH 5 Apr; 2679 DH 9 Apr; record numbers over DH, *intro*.

Osprey: arr SSSP 25 Mar; max 45 DH 27 Apr (BP); 44 DH 1 May (AS).

N. Harrier: 27 DH 4 Apr; max 29 DH 1 May (AS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 350 DH 27 Apr; max 559 DH 1 May (AS).

Cooper's Hawk: max 31 DH 27 Mar; 18 DH 29 Mar.

N. Goshawk: 2 DH 27 Apr (BP); SBP 17 May; four additional individuals over DH.

Bald Eagle: 30 DH 27 Apr; max 36 DH 2 May (BP).

Red-shouldered Hawk: max 110 DH 30 Mar

(WF), 110 DH 29 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 5 DH 9 Apr; max 5103 DH 21 Apr (AS); 4951 DH 23 Apr; 4295 DH 28 Apr.

SWAINSON'S HAWK: 2 DH 15 Apr (BP, AS, mob, NYSARC); DH 16 Apr (AS, BP, mob); DH 21 Apr (AS, WF, mob); DH 26 Apr (KM).

Red-tailed Hawk: max 567 DH 29 Mar (AS); 180 DH 30 Mar; 191 DH 9 Apr (WF).

Rough-legged Hawk: 7 DH 30 Mar, max 13 DH 4 Apr; 7 DH 9 Apr; last DH 21 May.

Golden Eagle: 5 DH 8 Mar; max 6 DH 30 Mar (WF); last DH 17 May.

Virginia Rail: arr 2 UM 14 Apr; 2 WP 25 Apr; 3 Volney 25 – 29 Apr; max 6 Pville 20 Apr; 5 CM 20 May.

Sora: arr SP 15 Apr; 2 Fulton 26 Apr – 23 May; 2 West Monroe 20 May.

Com. Gallinule: arr DH 15 Apr; 6 Volney 30 Apr; max 7 Fulton 23 May; 6 HI 27 May.

Am. Coot: 11 OnonL 25 Mar; max 57 Skan 4 Apr; low numbers.

Sandhill Crane: arr SP 21 Mar; max 10 DH 2 Apr (AS); 7 DH 1 May; 2 HI 22 May; season total at Derby Hill is 48.

Black-bellied Plover: arr & max 75 Const 22 May (BP), great number; last 31 Const 28 May.

Semipalmated Plover: arr West Monroe 7 May; max 30 Phoenix 17 May; 18 Bridgeport 20 May; last 4 DB 27 May.

Killdeer: 73 DH 24 Mar; max 106 DH 26 Mar (AS); 101 DH 27 Mar.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Syr 10 Apr; 8 West Monroe 7 May; max 9 OnonL 24 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Bridgeport 15 Apr; 8 DH 1 May; max 19 DB 13 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr 4 DH 4 Apr; 18 DB 22 Apr; max 20 Bridgeport 24 Apr.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 DH 4 Apr; max 24 Bridgeport 7 May; 21 West Monroe 7 May; last Volney 22 May.

Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs: max 87 Loop Rd Montezuma 22 Apr (KM).

Upland Sandpiper: arr Volney 21 Apr; max 2 Volney 20 May; Poland 20 May; only locs.

Whimbrel: arr & max 5 Const 18 May (BP); Const 19 May; only reports.

Red Knot: arr & max 2 Phoenix 22 May, only report.

Dunlin: arr 2 DB 13 May; max 18 Phoenix 17 May; last 4 DB 28 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr 6 Bridgeport 28 Apr; max 100 Bridgeport 18 May; last 6 DB 28 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 2 Cato 14 May,

only report.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 2 DB 8 Apr; max 3 West Monroe 7 May; last Bridgeport 22 May.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Bridgeport 2 May; max & last 24 OnonL 31 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr & max 7 Phoenix 17 May (WF); last OnonL 26 – 30 May; only locs.

Wilson's Snipe: arr DB 4 Mar; max 24 DB 9 Apr; 16 Volney 10 Apr.

Am. Woodcock: 5 SFNS 20 Apr; max 12 TR 8 Apr; 5 Williamstown 26 Apr.

Wilson's Phalarope: Cato 14, 15 May (AD, mob, ph), only report.

Bonaparte's Gull: arr OnonL 1 Apr; max 269 Ppt 15 Apr (BP); 103 OnonL 19 Apr.

LITTLE GULL (R5): PPt 13 Apr (BP), at least 10 prior Reg spring recs.

Ring-billed Gull: 2600 OswH 19 Mar; max 3000 FH 20 May.

Herring Gull: 500 Phoenix 5 Mar; max 680 OswH 3 May.

THAYER'S GULL: Phoenix 3 Mar – 1 Apr (GD, mob), 1st cyc, continuing from last period.

Iceland Gull: max 5 Phoenix 18 – 20 Mar; last OswH 2 May.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 4 Fabius 26 Mar (CS); 3 DB 1 Apr (TS); 2 Phoenix 3 Apr; last OnonL 31 May.

Glaucous Gull: max 2 OswH 21 Mar; last SBP 19 May.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 20 Phoenix 20 Mar, 20 OLC 23 Mar.

Caspian Tern: arr OswH 2 Apr; 82 OLC 30 Apr; max 126 OswH 2 May.

Black Tern: 3 Ppt 8 May, only report.

Com. Tern: arr SBP 15 Apr; 50 Const 15 May; 80 Ppt 20 May; max 87 FH 22 May.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Rock Pigeon: 127 Tully 11 Mar; max 470 23 Mar.

Eurasian Collared-Dove/Ringed Turtle Dove (domestic): Syr 18 Apr (MMY), *intro*.

Mourning Dove: 55 Dolgeville 7 Mar; max 91 DH 27 Mar.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr SFNS 12 May; 2 GLSP 14 May; 2 TR 20 May; max 4 HI 28 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Scriba 13 May; max 4 GLSP 18 May; 3 BLNS 23 May.

E. Screech-Owl: max 3 FH 22 May; singles at only 6 other locs.

Great Horned Owl: 2 Waterville 22 Mar; 2 TR 11 – 22 Apr; max 3 Canastota 23 Apr.

Snowy Owl: DH 16 Mar (AS); Syr 4 Apr (JW); only reports.

Barred Owl: 3 Const 30 Apr; max 4 TR 20 May; 3 Volney 20 May; 3 Canastota 20 May.

N. Saw-whet Owl: BLNC 7 Mar – 1 Apr; DH 29 Mar; Syr 11 Apr; Cold Brook 16 May.

Com. Nighthawk: arr 2 DH 16 May; 50 DH 24 May; max 52 DH 28 May.

E. Whip-poor-will: arr Const 30 Apr; max 3 Const 18 May, 3 Salisbury 31 May; few reports.

Chimney Swift: arr 5 Oswego 22 Apr; max 50 UM 9 May; 32 DH 21 May; 30 DH 22 May.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr DH 1 May; 3 Skan 18 May; 3 Westmoreland 19 May; max 8 DH 22 May.

Belted Kingfisher: max 5 SP 10 Apr; 4 OnonL 22 Apr.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Manlius 8 May; 3 SBP 11 – 20 May; Brew 19 May; max 6 FH 20 May (JM, DWe); DH 22 May; WH 26 May; most reports from Lake Ontario shoreline.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 7 Elbridge 1 Apr; max 8 DH 16 May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Fayetteville 9 Mar; 5 SFNS 12 – 28 Apr; max 6 Hamilton 24 Apr; *intro*.

Downy Woodpecker: 6 OLC 18 Apr; max 10 CM 16 Apr, 10 SFNS 27 May.

Hairy Woodpecker: 4 Dolgeville 6 Mar; max 5 SFNS 1 May.

N. Flicker: 199 DH 9 Apr; max 215 DH 11 Apr (AS); 96 DH 15 Apr.

Pileated Woodpecker: 3 SFNS 28 Apr – 7 May; 3 Redfield 14 Apr; max 4 SH 27 May.

Am. Kestrel: max 32 DH 27 Mar; 19 DH 4 Apr; widespread reports.

Merlin: max 8 DH 24 Mar (AS); 6 DH 3 Apr; 6 DH 27 Apr.

Peregrine Falcon: max 3 Utica 29 Mar, 3 Utica 1 Apr, 3 DH 27 Apr; Syracuse nest fails; four eggs hatch in Utica nest; *intro*.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr SBP 9 May; OF 24 May; Westmoreland 31 May; only reports.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr Brookfield 6 May; max 7 FH 20 May; 6 CM 20 May; 5 GLSP 31 May; 5 SFNS 24 – 28 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr 2 OswH 22 May; max 2 Whitestown 31 May; singles at three other locs.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr WH 18 May (JB); Minetto 20 – 24 May.

Alder Flycatcher: arr 2 Scriba 17 May; 5 OF 25 May; max 8 SFNS 27 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr Brookfield 11 May;

max 9 CM 20 May; 6 Tully 20 May; 7 OnonL 22 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr DH 27 Apr; max 8 Williamstown 28 Apr; 5 Orwell 19 May.
E. Phoebe: arr SNC 26 Mar; max 23 DH 9 Apr; 10 Williamstown 12 – 21 May.
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr TR 28 Apr; 6 BLNC 16 May; max 14 CM 20 May; 7 FH 20 May.
E. Kingbird: arr Williamstown 23 Apr; max 18 FH 6 May; 10 DH 18 May.
N. Shrike: Mexico 20 Mar; TR 1 Apr; Cazenovia 1 Apr; only reports.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Richland 28 Apr; 4 Williamstown 6 May; max 5 TR 11 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr BLNC 28 Mar (JB), early; max 6 Williamstown 28 Apr; 4 OF 24 May.
Warbling Vireo: arr Volney, Tully, TR, Manlius, WP 28 Apr; 12 FH 13 May; 12 CM 20 May; max 20 OnonL 29 May.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr WP 9 May; DH 17 May; SBP 23 May; last Rome 24 May; singles at a few other locs.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr Manlius & SH 28 Apr; 20 Williamstown 12 May; 30 OF 24 May; max 37 Redfield 31 May.
Blue Jay: 2800 DH 27 Apr; max 10695 DH 1 May (AS); 4225 DH 4 May; 5550 DH 12 May; DH 14 May, leucistic individual (AS); 2375 DH 17 May; 3290 DH 18 May; *intro*.
Am. Crow: 3260 Syr 13 Mar; 1370 DH 29 Mar.
Fish Crow: 5 Liverpool 9 Mar; 3 Phoenix 29 Mar; 3 OnonL 30 Mar; max 7 Belgium 17 Apr; DH 25 – 26 Apr; persistent presence at Phoenix and OnonL.
Com. Raven: max 6 OF 28 Apr, 6 Hamilton 23 May; 5 Fulton 23 May.
Horned Lark: 150 Otisco Lake 12 Mar; 80 Fabius 19 Mar; max 165 DH 27 Mar.
Purple Martin: arr Const 17 Apr; 18 DH 2 May; 30 Const 19 May; max 36 Loop Rd MNWR 29 May.
Tree Swallow: arr Phoenix & DH 24 Mar; 550 Phoenix 7 Apr; 475 DH 21 Apr; max 1000 Otisco Lake 22 Apr.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr Bville 5 Apr; max 10 Jamesville 19 Apr, 10 Fulton 30 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr 3 DB 20 Apr; max 30 Skan 21 May; 24 Phoenix 30 May.
Cliff Swallow: arr 3 Phoenix 17 Apr; max 12 Phoenix 7 May; 9 DH 16 May.
Barn Swallow: arr 2 DH 3 Apr; 90 TR 30 Apr; max 100 Bridgeport 19 May.
Black-capped Chickadee: max 42 Moss Lake

ADK 9 Mar; 30 SP 1 Apr; 21 Salisbury Center 13 May.
Tufted Titmouse: 9 BLNC 8 Apr; max 10 SFNS 19 – 27 May.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 6 Hamilton 24 Apr, 6 Orwell 28 Apr; 4 SFNS 9 May; 4 SBP 11 – 14 May.
White-breasted Nuthatch: max 14 SFNS 4 May; 7 FH 20 May.
Brown Creeper: max 6 Williamstown 3 Mar, 6 SBP 11 – 17 Apr.
Carolina Wren: 3 Fayetteville 9 – 20 Mar; max 7 Manlius 22 – 24 May (KC), adults and young.
House Wren: arr Pompey 15 Apr; max 8 Camillus 29 Apr.
Winter Wren: 3 SH 23 Apr; max 7 Williamstown 28 Apr; 4 OF 24 May.
Marsh Wren: arr SSSP, Port Ontario 29 Apr; max 17 CM 20 May; 8 FH 20 May; 4 Pville 20 May.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr DH 12 Apr; 4 TR 27 Apr – 2 May; 4 Clark Reservation 30 Apr; max 10 CM 1 May; 4 Bridgeport 18 May, 4 GB 24 May.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 20 SP 1 Apr; 16 Williamstown 6 Apr; 18 Noyes Sanctuary 7 Apr.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr TR 8 Apr; 25 WP 22 Apr; max 30 SBP 29 Apr; last SBP 19 May.
E. Bluebird: 8 SFNS 28 Apr; 8 GLSP 16 May; max 29 DH 22 May.
Veery: arr GLSP 28 Apr; 8 Oswego 22 May; max 10 Erieville 27 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr SFNS, CM, Kirkland, 17 May; max 2 Oswego 22 – 24 May; FH 20 May; last Oswego 26 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr Oswego 9 May; 5 FH 20 May; max 10 Oswego 22 May.
Hermit Thrush: arr Syr 1 Apr; max 6 SP 15 Apr; 5 BLNC 18 Apr.
Wood Thrush: arr BLNC, SFNS WP 28 Apr; max 13 CM 20 May; 12 FH 20 May; 11 SH 20 May.
Am. Robin: 4400 DH 26 Mar; max 7133 DH 27 Mar (WF); good numbers from DH.
Gray Catbird: arr SNC 8 Apr; 20 GB 12 May; max 30 SP 17 May.
N. Mockingbird: 3 Syr 3 Mar; 2 Fayetteville 12 Mar – 7 Apr; max 4 Clay 23 May; most reports from greater Syr.
Brown Thrasher: arr SP, FH 10 Apr; max 6 SP 17 May; 4 GLSP 28 May.
European Starling: 700 Fabius 19 Mar; max 2348 DH 27 Mar (WF).
Am. Pipit: arr BLNC 9 Mar; 37 DB 13 May;

max 70 Oswego 20 May.

Bohemian Waxwing: DH 18 Mar (BP), only report.

Cedar Waxwing: max 1200 DH 22 May (AS); 18 Phoenix 28 May; 18 Syr 30 May; relatively few reports.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: Pulaski 17 Mar; DH 30 Mar; only reports.

Snow Bunting: max 200 Dolge 17 Mar; 60 Fabius 19 Mar; last OswH 2 Apr.

Ovenbird: arr Volney 26 Apr; max 26 Happy Valley 17 May, 26 Redfield 31 May; 11 SH 20 May.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr & max 2 SFNS 12 Apr; singles reported from 13 other locs.

N. Waterthrush: arr 2 TR 21 Apr; 7 TR 29 Apr; 7 Hubbardsville 20 May; max 8 Williamstown 21 May.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr DH, Brew 1 May; max 2 GB 21 May; GB 24 May; only reports.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 2 SFNS 29 Apr; max 8 GB 1 – 12 May; 6 SFNS 17 May.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: SBP 14 May; Scriba 17 May; only reports.

“Lawrence’s” Warbler: GB 20 May (DWo), only report, *intro*.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr DH 27 Apr; max 5 SFNS 11 May; 4 Williamstown 12 May; 4 FH 13 May.

Prothonotary Warbler: arr 2 HI 11 May (DC); 3 HI 22 May (CL), only reports.

Tennessee Warbler: arr 2 SFNS 6 May; max 24 GB 16 May (GD); 12 Syr 24 May; good numbers.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr TR 1 May; last SH 18 May; singles SBP, GB, & DeWitt.

Nashville Warbler: arr Chittenango 14 Apr (KK), early; 5 Brew 9 May; max 7 SBP 16 May; 5 CM 20 May.

Mourning Warbler: arr Dolge 2 May; max 6 SH 20 May; 4 WH 27 May.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr WP 27 Apr; 20 SP 13 May; 12 TR 11 – 20 May; max 28 CM 20 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr BLNC 2 May; max 7 Orwell 19 May; 5 WH 27 May.

Am. Redstart: arr OswH 27 Apr; 18 Williamstown 12 May; max 35 SSSP 20 May; 19 OnonL 28 May; 28 CM 20 May.

Cape May Warbler: arr DH 1 May; max 12 SBP 17 May (BP); 5 Bridgeport 14 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr & max 6 HI 11 May; Verona 14 May; 3 Ppt 20 May; GB 24 May; Cicero 30 May; singles 5 other locs.

N. Parula: arr CM, TR 1 May; max 6 SBP 11 May; 4 FH 20 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr & max 12 DH 27 Apr (KM), early; 4 OF 24 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr FH 13 May; max 5 DH 14 May; 4 Brew 17 May; last 2 SFNS 26 May.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr DH, TR, SFNS 1 May; 7 Orwell 19 May; max 9 OF 24 May.

Yellow Warbler: arr UM, SH 23 Apr; 24 Fulton 19 May; max 40 SP 17 May; 36 CM 20 May.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Sangerfield 23 Apr (JG), early; max 11 SFNS 6 May; 10 SH 27 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr Midland 9 May; arr TR 14 May; max 12 Brew 23 May, 12 FH 22 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Oswego, SFNS 28 Apr; max 12 Williamstown 12 May; 7 FH 13 May.

Palm Warbler: arr DH 15 Apr; 12 SP 29 Apr; max 28 1 May.

Pine Warbler: arr 2 BLNC 9 Apr; 5 DH 10 Apr; max 8 DH 11 Apr; 5 TR 30 Apr.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Scriba 20 Mar, presumed wintering; arr SBP 4 Apr; 65 WP 22 Apr; max 1500 DH 1 May (AS), great number; highest counts along Lake Ontario shore.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (AUDUBON’S): SNC 24 Apr (MM, ph), 3rd Reg rec & 1st spring rec.

Prairie Warbler: arr DH 1 May; GLSP 14 – 28 May; only reports.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr SH 23 Apr; max 7 SFNS 5 May, 7 Bridgeport 11 May, 7 OF 24 May.

Canada Warbler: arr TR, SFNS 14 May; max 3 Orwell 19 May. 3 BLNC 26 May; relatively few reports.

Wilson’s Warbler: arr Bridgeport 11 May; max 5 DH 17 May; 2 FH 20 May; relatively few reports.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr SP, BLNS 3 Apr; 8 SBP 7 Apr; 8 SFNS 28 Apr – 17 May; max 11 GLSP 15 May.

Am. Tree Sparrow: 35 SP 7 Mar; max 42 Dolge 14 Mar; last SP 29 Apr.

Chipping Sparrow: arr Dolge 28 Mar; 22 SBP 7 May; 15 Scriba 7 May; max 24 Clay 20 May.

Clay-colored Sparrow: 2 SFNS 10 – 25 May, only loc.

Field Sparrow: arr SH 21 Mar; 6 TR 14 Apr; 6 OnonL 15 Apr; max 8 GLSP 24 Apr.

Vesper Sparrow: arr DeWitt 2 Apr; 5 New

Haven 6 Apr; 2 Fayetteville 1 May; max 6 Scriba 15 Apr (BP); relatively high counts.
Savannah Sparrow: arr SP 4 Apr; 4 New Haven 6 Apr; max 6 Fulton 7 Apr; 5 GLSP 28 May.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Richland 28 Apr; Albion 29 Apr – 4 May; 2 Rome 20 May; max 3 DeWitt 26 May; singles at 3 other locs.
Fox Sparrow: max 5 Fabius 18 Mar, 5 Williamstown 7 Apr; 4 SFNS 3 Apr; last Syr 25 Apr (DD).
Song Sparrow: max 150 Scriba 4 Apr (KM); 136 SBP 4 Apr.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Elbridge 25 Apr; max 4 SBP 14 May; around 10 rep.
Swamp Sparrow: arr 2 Bridgeport 27 Mar; 14 West Monroe 18 Apr; 15 TR 30 Apr; max 41 CM 20 May.
White-throated Sparrow: max 40 DeWitt 29 Apr; 18 SFNS 4 May; 35 SBP 7 May.
White-crowned Sparrow: Clinton 14 Mar (IR); arr Syr 10 Apr; 15 DH 13 May; last SP 26 May.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 64 Dolge 7 Apr; 59 OF 7 Apr; 50 BLNC 10 Apr.
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon): Rome 9 Apr (DC, ph).
Scarlet Tanager: arr BLNC 1 May; OF 2 May (GL), early for ADK loc; 6 TR 13 – 14 May; 7 SFNS 16 May; max 12 DH 17 May.
N. Cardinal: 13 Syr 14 Mar; 13 Fayetteville 18 Apr; max 14 FH 13 May.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr WP 27 Apr; 6 Mexico 10 May; 7 SH 11 May; max 8 CM 20 May; 6 SFNS 21 May.
Indigo Bunting: arr LaFayette 29 Apr; 5 DH 22 May; max 6 GLSP 28 May.

Bobolink: arr Volney 28 Apr; max 25 TR 14 May; 20 Poland 23 May; 20 Hamilton 24 May.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 5484 DH 27 Mar; 2000 TR 1 Apr; 2400 DH 1 May.
E. Meadowlark: arr SH 16 Mar; max 22 DH 27 Mar; 8 Fulton 11 Apr.
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: ad m Phoenix 27, 28 May (ph, NYSARC), at least 10 prior Reg spring recs.
Rusty Blackbird: arr 6 Ppt 4 Mar; max 314 Phoenix 5 Apr; 160 DH 26 Apr.
Com. Grackle: Tully 4 Mar (GH), leucistic ind; max 10006 TR 2 Apr; 3000 Pville 3 Apr.
Brown-headed Cowbird: 81 Elbridge 13 Apr; max 250 DH 27 Apr.
Orchard Oriole: arr DH 1 May; 3 DB 14 May; max 5 GLSP 16 May.
Baltimore Oriole: arr BLNC 28 Apr; 12 SBP 12 May; max 36 DH 12 May (AS); 15 DH 18 May; 14 DB 23 May.
blackbird species: max 20000 New Hartford 2 Apr.
Purple Finch: 12 Dolge 21 Apr; max 125 DH 27 Apr (AS).
House Finch: max 14 Chittenango 12 Mar; 12 Syr 15 Mar; 12 DH 27 Mar.
Com. Redpoll: Oriskany 13 Mar; Cazenovia 19 Mar; only reports.
Pine Siskin: max 8 DH 15 Apr; 2 Dolge 27 Apr; few reports & small flock sizes.
Am. Goldfinch: 63 Dolge 2 Mar; max 140 DH 1 May.
Evening Grosbeak: 2 Elbridge 4 Mar (SS); max 8 SH 4 Mar (LS); only reports.
House Sparrow: 27 Westmoreland 7 Mar; max 30 Syr 4 Apr;



REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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Late February's remarkably warm weather continued briefly into March, with Watertown's temperature reaching 65° F on 1 March. During the subsequent three days temperatures steadily dropped and by the night of 5 March dipped below zero. The remainder of the month alternated between relatively mild and very cold, with an overall average monthly temperature of just 27°, well below normal and 3° colder than February's average temperature. April was much warmer, with most of Region 6 ranging between 3° and 5° above normal. May was more seasonable, with most areas being just slightly cooler than normal. Precipitation in March was about normal, but April and May were very wet, with rainfall tallies generally between 150% and 200% of normal.

Thanks to the late February warm spell, many birds that normally are scarce or absent from Region 6 during early March were present in substantial numbers. Such species included Killdeer, several species of blackbird, and most surprisingly American Woodcock. After about 5 March woodcock could not be found at any of the numerous locations where they had been heard during the previous week, and it seems likely that many starved when the ground froze for an extended period. Some of the other early arrivals seemed to fare better, but migration generally seemed on hold for most of March, quite a contrast to the burst of arrivals that preceded the beginning of the month.

Among the highlights of the season were at least two and possibly three continuing **Great Gray Owls** at Robert Moses State Park, last seen on 1 April. Apparently, one of these owls was hit by a car and is now in the collection at the park's nature center. On 30 April Eugene Nichols found an **American White Pelican** at Chaumont Bay, the only Region 6 report of the season of a species that was seen not far to the north, south, and west throughout the spring. On 2 May Kevin McGann photographed a female **Summer Tanager** at Lakeview WMA for the first documented report I am aware of from Region 6. Perhaps not a true rarity but very infrequently reported in spring, a Forster's Tern at Upper and Lower Lakes WMA on 11 May rounds out the season's most unusual sightings.

Most species arrived to Region 6 earlier than usual, and the average arrival date for 93 species monitored annually by *Kingbird* Regional editors was 22 April, about six days earlier than is average for this suite of species. Twelve species set or tied record early arrival dates, and 71 species arrived more than two days earlier than their long-term average compared to just two species that were more than two days later. Determination of arrival dates for a few species was complicated by unusual large numbers of overwintering individuals,

especially Eastern Bluebird but also including American Kestrel and Winter Wren.

Although some of this year's early arrival dates certainly represent legitimately early arrival, for instance the large number of woodcock and waterfowl that showed up in late February, at least some of the perceived early arrival could be a result of increased documentation. In past years a large percentage of arrival dates have come from just one or two observers, but with the increasing use of eBird arrival dates are now spread out among many sources, so that the likelihood of any particular species being seen soon after arrival must be higher than it has been for many years. Still, based on observations from single, long-time observers it certainly appeared that many species showed up much earlier than usual.

Golden Eagle is a good example of the radically improved coverage of Region 6 thanks to eBird. During the past decade I received reports of 2-5 Golden Eagles each spring, but during this spring no fewer than 32 were included on eBird checklists, many with supporting photos. Will Gallup merits particular mention in this regard, as he documented 20 individuals migrating over his home in Canton in March and early April during his daily counts. Will is one of a growing number of eBirders providing regular bird sightings from portions of Region 6 that were formerly rarely visited by birders.

The spring's species tally was 230, a little lower than the previous two years but about average for the past ten. The Massena Great Gray Owls thrilled many birders early in the season, but my vote for the best bird of the season is the first well-documented Summer Tanager for the Region. This year's spring migration also seemed a bit more active than it was during the past two years, another positive. On the negative side was the abundant rainfall that resulted in widespread flooding along Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, leaving virtually no shoreline habitat for shorebirds. Perhaps not surprisingly, no Piping Plovers were observed at Lakeview WMA after attempting to nest for two consecutive years.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BI – Barnhart I, T Massena, STLA; BRV – Black River Valley; CB – Chaumont Barrens Preserve; CCSP – Coles Creek SP; ChB – Chaumont Bay; CV – T Cape Vincent, JEFF; FD – Fort Drum Military Reservation, JEFF & LEWI; ICNC – Indian Creek Nature Center, T Canton, STLA; JEFF – Jefferson County; JCSP – Jacques Cartier SP; KC – Kelsey Creek, T Watertown; KPSP – Kring Point SP; LB – Lisbon Beach, T Lisbon; LWMA – Lakeview WMA; MM – Massawepie Mire, T Colton & Piercefield, STLA; PilPt – Pillar Pt; PRWMA – Perch River WMA, JEFF; PtPen – Pt Peninsula, T Lyme, JEFF; RMSP – Robert Moses SP; RRt – Remington Recreation Trail, T Canton; RWSP – Robert G. Wehle SP; SBSP – Southwick Beach SP; SLR – St. Lawrence Ri; STLA – St. Lawrence County; StPt – Stony Pt, T Henderson, JEFF; TP – Tibbetts Pt, T Cape Vincent; ULLWMA – Upper & Lower Lakes, WMA; WHWMA – Wilson Hill WMA; WISP – Wellesley I SP.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 9000-20000/day T Waddington thru 15 Mar, (*intro*); few after 2 Apr; StPt 20 May.
Brant: 7 reports migrating flocks over JEFF & STLA 17-19 May; max 1000 PRWMA 18 May (CN); only other report 55 WHWMA 28 May.
Cackling Goose: 2 LB 5 Mar (JB).
Mute Swan: max 15 LWMA 27 May.
Trumpeter Swan: T Colton 7 May & LWMA 11-13 May, only reports away from PRWMA & ULLWMA where nests.
Tundra Swan: max 7 PtPen 19 Mar; last FD 10 Apr (JB), late.
Wood Duck: max 30 T Watertown 28 Mar.
Gadwall: max 19 PRWMA 3 May.
Eurasian Wigeon: WHWMA 14 Apr (AB!).
Am. Wigeon: max 52 PRWMA 21 Apr.
Am. Black Duck: max 35 LB 23 Mar.
Blue-winged Teal: arr PRWMA & WHWMA 14 Apr.
N. Shoveler: max 31 PRWMA 26 Apr.
N. Pintail: arr ULLWMA **26 Feb**, record early; max 800+ BRV 2 Mar.
Green-winged Teal: arr BRV 3 Mar; max 128 PRWMA 7 Apr.
Canvasback: PilPt 4 Mar; CV 22 Mar; ChB 2 Apr, only reports.
Redhead: max 264 CV 5 Apr.
Ring-necked Duck: max 500 PRWMA 28 Mar.
Greater Scaup: max 4000+ PtPen 17 Mar.
Lesser Scaup: max 400+ PtPen 17 Mar.
White-winged Scoter: 3 reports; max & last 5 SLR T Waddington 20 May.

Long-tailed Duck: max 2000 PtPen 17 Mar.
Bufflehead: max 216 JCSP 23 Apr; last CV 16 May.
Com. Goldeneye: max 2500+ PtPen 17 Mar; last JCSP & WISP 7 May.
Barrow's Goldeneye: m PtPen 10 Mar (NL); m & f PtPen 17 Mar (NL, JB).
Hooded Merganser: max 128 KPSP 5 Mar.
Com. Merganser: max 67 SLR Ogdensburg 23 Mar.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 250 TP 14 Apr.
Ruddy Duck: 7 reports between 1 Apr & 18 May; max 6 T Lyme 8 Apr & PRWMA 14 Apr.
Com. Loon: arr PtPen 30 Mar.
Pied-billed Grebe: early arr FD 1 Mar; next report PilPt 26 Mar.
Horned Grebe: arr T Lyme 8 Apr; max 22 CCSP 15 Apr; only five reports from three locations, low.
Red-necked Grebe: arr CPSP 14 Apr; max 11 CCSP 15 Apr; last 7 JCSP 7 May.
Double-crested Cormorant: arr RMSP 1 Apr.
AM. WHITE PELICAN (R6): ChB 30 Apr (EN), rare R6.
Am. Bittern: arr T Croghan 10 Apr.
Least Bittern: arr French Creek WMA 16 May.
Great Blue Heron: scarce until widespread arrival 26-28 Mar.
Great Egret: arr T Hounsfield 5 Apr; max 6 T Massena 25 May; increasing.
Green Heron: arr CCSP & CV 28 Apr.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr Murphy I nesting colony 22 Apr.

Turkey Vulture: scarce until heavy movement 28 Mar.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: arr T Canton 30 Mar, early.
N. Harrier: scarce until widespread arr 29-30 Apr.
N. Goshawk: 3 N STLA 22 Mar to 9 Apr.
Red-shouldered Hawk: arr T Watertown 4 Mar; scarce until widespread arr 27-30 Mar.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr T CV 12 Apr.
Rough-legged Hawk: last PRWMA 21 Apr.
Golden Eagle: 20 over T Canton yard between 8 Mar & 2 Apr (WG, *intro*); 12 other reports last T Watertown 10 May; high.
Virginia Rail: arr FD 10 Apr.
Sora: arr PRWMA 21 Apr.
Com. Gallinule: arr FD 18 Apr.
Am. Coot: WHWMA 14 Apr; Wilson Bay CV 12 May; 2 ULLWMA 19 May; only reports.
Sandhill Crane: reports from LWMA, ULLWMA, Grand Lakes Reserve & T Louisville, all where nesting has been documented or suspected in recent years; PRWMA 15 May & T Theresa 21 May likely migrants.
Black-bellied Plover: arr Tug Hill WMA 19 May; max 2-4/day WHWMA 20 May thru.
Semipalmated Plover: arr T Lyme 6 May, record early; max 8 WHWMA 26 May.
Piping Plover: no reports LWMA, where successful nesting 2015 and failed nest in 2016.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr T Pamela 26 Apr.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr PRWMA 3 May; max 5 T Lyme 6 May.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr PRWMA 7 Apr; max 27 PRWMA 13 Apr; last 2 WHWMA 26 May.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr PRWMA 7 Apr; max 26 T Dekalb 11 May.
Upland Sandpiper: arr FD 24 Apr; 2 T Lyme 29 Apr, T Russell 29 Apr, T Lowville 1 May & T Lyme 30 May only reports away from FD.
Dunlin: 1-2/day WHWMA 20-29 May; 2 LWMA 27 May; only reports.
Least Sandpiper: arr & max 12 T Henderson 12 May; only three other reports singles thru 26 May; low.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: 17 WHWMA 29 May, only report.
Wilson's Snipe: arr PRWMA 28 Mar.
Bonaparte's Gull: arr PRWMA 7 Apr; max 205 ChB 14 Apr.
Caspian Tern: arr PRWMA 7 Apr.
Black Tern: arr ULLWMA 29 Apr, record early.
Com. Tern: arr T Hammond 11 Apr.

Forster's Tern: ULLWMA 11 May (JB), rare in spring.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Grand Lakes Reserve 11 May; 25+ reports, high.
Black-billed Cuckoo: arr T Norfolk 16 May; about 50 reports.
E. Screech-Owl: 7 reports.
Snowy Owl: last T Lowville 14 Apr.
GREAT GRAY OWL: 2 continuing RMSP last reported 1 Apr (MC, BB, mob).
Short-eared Owl: ULLWMA 14 Apr, only report.
Com. Nighthawk: arr FD 17 May.
E. Whip-poor-will: arr T Dekalb 25 Apr.
Chimney Swift: 23 arr JCSP 6 May.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr T Stockholm 12 May.
Belted Kingfisher: arr T Hounsfield 8 Mar.
Red-headed Woodpecker: arr FD nesting grounds 1 May; CV 28 May, another traditional nesting site; migrants CCSP 7 May, T Ellisburg 14 May, & KPSP 24 May.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr BRV 20 Mar; scarce before 10 Apr.
N. Flicker: widespread arr 8-15 Apr.
Am. Kestrel: arrival dates difficult to determine because of unusually large number that overwintered; gradual arr Mar & Apr.
Merlin: about 30 reports, many from known or suspected nesting areas throughout R6.
Peregrine Falcon: State Office Building T Watertown 6 & 26 Mar, possibly nesting; 6 other reports 2 Apr to 18 May away from known nesting areas likely migrants.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr MM 18 May.
E. Wood-Pewee: arr SBSP 12 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr T Edwards 17 May.
Alder Flycatcher: arr FD 17 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr FD 18 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr FD 27 Apr, tied record early.
E. Phoebe: arr FD & RWSP 28 Mar.
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr T Canton 28 Apr.
E. Kingbird: arr BI & ULLWMA 29 Apr.
N. Shrike: last RMSP 8 Apr.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr T Canton 29 Apr.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr FD & T Croghan 20 Apr.
Warbling Vireo: arr CCSP 28 Apr.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr CV 12 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr FD 8 May.
Horned Lark: max 60 T Canton 29 Mar.
Purple Martin: arr PtPen 12 Apr.
Tree Swallow: arr FD 3 Apr.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr BI 12 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr FD 24 Apr.
Cliff Swallow: at Long Sault Dam nests by **12 Apr**, record early.
Barn Swallow: arr T Canton 10 Apr.
House Wren: arr T Canton 19 Apr.
Winter Wren: wintering birds prevented certain determination of arrival date but several reports 11-16 Apr likely first arr.
Marsh Wren: arr LWMA 23 Apr.
Carolina Wren: T Potsdam 4 May; 2 RWSP 12 May; only reports.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr LWMA 21 Apr.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: migrants 2 Apr to 12 May.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr FD 10 Apr; last WISP 18 May.
E. Bluebird: arr date impossible to determine because of numerous wintering birds; numbers apparently increased by 8 Apr.
Veery: arr FD 1 May.
Gray-checked Thrush: T Clifton 26 May, only report.
Swainson's Thrush: arr FD 17 May; only 5 reports.
Hermit Thrush: arr T Ellisburg 7 Apr.
Wood Thrush: arr FD 26 Apr.
Gray Catbird: arr CV & T Canton 29 Apr.
Brown Thrasher: arr T Antwerp **12 Apr**, record early.
N. Mockingbird: T Massena 28 Mar, only report before 16 May.
Am. Pipit: only 6 reports all between 27 Apr & 10 May; max 18 T Croghan 4 May.
Bohemian Waxwing: max 85 T Canton 8 Mar; last 2 T Canton 28 Mar.
Cedar Waxwing: max 70 T Watertown 27-28 Mar; FD 2 May, only report after 20 May until widespread arr 17 May.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Snow Bunting: max 600 T Waddington 28 Mar; last FD 29 Mar.
Ovenbird: arr FD **25 Apr**, record early.
Louisiana Waterthrush: three reports, earliest Morgan Gulf T Turin 11 May.
N. Waterthrush: arr ULLWMA 29 Apr.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr T Dekalb 6 May.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr FD 4 May.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr FD & T Croghan 26 Apr.

Tennessee Warbler: arr T Edwards **2 May**, record early; max 9 RRt 21-22 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: 2 StPt 14 May (DV), only report.
Nashville Warbler: arr FD **20 Apr**, record early.
Mourning Warbler: arr CB 16 May.
Com. Yellowthroat: arr ULLWMA 29 Apr.
Hooded Warbler: Winona Experimental Forest 12 May.
Am. Redstart: arr FD 1 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr T Edwards 2 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr T Dekalb 12 May.
N. Parula: arr T Edwards 2 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr FD 10 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr StPt 12 May; max 4 FD 19 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr RRt 3 May.
Yellow Warbler: arr T Watertown 27 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr FD 2 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr WISP 18 May; max 10 RRt 26 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr FD 1 May.
"Western" Palm Warbler: 1st identified to this form FD 26 Apr.
"Yellow" Palm Warbler: arr CCSP 16 Apr.
Pine Warbler: arr FD 10 Apr.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: widespread arr 15 Apr.
Prairie Warbler: arr FD 2 May.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr T Canton 27 Apr.
Canada Warbler: arr CV 16 May.
Wilson's Warbler: arr ULLWMA 14 May; max 3 ICNC 21 May.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: PtPen 19 Mar, early, possibly winter survivor; widespread arr 9-12 Apr.
Am. Tree Sparrow: last 4 T Potsdam 3 May.
Chipping Sparrow: arr FD 10 Apr.
Clay-colored Sparrow: arr FD 15 May.
Field Sparrow: arr KC 7 Apr.
Vesper Sparrow: arr FD 10 Apr.
Savannah Sparrow: arr FD 10 Apr.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr FD 1 May.
Henslow's Sparrow: arr FD 16 May.
Fox Sparrow: arr T Brownville 15 Mar (ET), early; 11 reports 29 Mar to 23 Apr.
Song Sparrow: large numbers arr 29-30 Mar.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr T Canton 14 May.
Swamp Sparrow: arr PtPen 3 Apr.
White-throated Sparrow: arr PiPt 16 Mar.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr CCSP & T West Carthage 28 Apr.

SUMMER TANAGER: LWMA 2 May (KM, photos!).

Scarlet Tanager: arr T Canton 9 May.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr T Canton 27 Apr.

Indigo Bunting: arr StPt 12 May.

Bobolink: arr FD & T Canton 1 May.

E. Meadowlark: primary arr 28 Mar; max 11 PtPen.

Rusty Blackbird: arr T Watertown 2 Mar.

Orchard Oriole: arr T Canton 11 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr T Watertown 29 Apr.

Red Crossbill: FD 1 May.

Pine Siskin: about 12 reports 1-2 individuals 17 Mar to 10 May.

Evening Grosbeak: 4 reports between 22 Apr & 17 May; max 5 T Stockholm 25 Apr.

ADDENDUM

Wood Duck: arr T Croghan **24 Feb**, record early.

Am. Woodcock: arr T Canton **25 Feb**; many reports 26-28 Feb; record early.

Tree Swallow: BI 25 Feb, very early.



REGION 7—ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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The unusually warm winter of 2016-2017 was followed by a March that was 3° - 5° F colder than average. Rainfall equivalent for the month, due in large part to the blizzard of the 15th, was 3"-4" greater than normal in the Valley and 5"-6" in the mountains. April returned to the winter's warm trend, with temperatures 3°-5° warmer than average throughout the Region. Precipitation in April averaged 4"-5", or 1"-2" greater than normal. In rollercoaster fashion May was colder than normal by 1°-3°. Precipitation throughout the Region varied from 4"-5" in the Valley to 6"-7" in the High Peaks area to 8"-9" in a small portion of SW Essex County. Sunshine for the season (unofficial) averaged 30% less than spring 2016.

As a result of the warm winter, the broad areas of Lake Champlain did not freeze over in 2017. In the north end of the lake the "permanent" ice sheet extended only to Point au Roche. For only the second time in more than 45 years Treadwell Bay was free from permanent ice. The same was true at the south end of the lake, which was free of permanent ice from Crown Point north. The lack of ice allowed waterfowl, grebes, loons, and gulls to disperse over larger than average areas rather than concentrate at the mouths of rivers or follow the edge of the receding ice sheet. Still numbers and variety in March and early April were not adversely affected.

The lake level went from a low of 97.7' on 27 March to a high of 99.7' in the third week of April. Unfortunately it was still at 98' on 31 May. Thus there was never any exposed mudflat at the Chazy Riverlands, which accounts for the poor shorebird showing this spring. Reports from Noblewood Park were also

sparse.

This season marked the 42nd consecutive year the Crown Point Banding Station (CPBS) operated. The 2017 season opened on 5 May and closed on 20 May. Temperatures averaged lower than normal and rainfall was three inches above normal. There were only two twenty four hour periods without any rain. The station banded 59 species, down from 60 in 2016, and 601 individuals, down from 954 the previous year. Warbler species were also down from 18 in 2016 to 12 this year. This dramatic drop is reflected in several anecdotal reports that this was a disappointing year for warblers in the Champlain Valley.

The founder of the CPBS, J. M. C. “Mike” Peterson, died on 2 May 2017. *Ave atque vale Mike.*

Highlights for Region 7 included: a report of two **Barnacle Geese**, a **first for Clinton County** and only the second for Region 7, on 18 March in the town of Plattsburgh; an **Eurasian Wigeon** 15 April at the Chazy Riverlands; **Tufted Duck** at Crown Point on 1 March; two separate sightings of **Golden Eagle** on 13 March and 17 May at Plattsburgh and Peru, respectively; at least four reports of **Sandhill Crane**, including evidence that the species has bred again in the Tupper Lake region; only the second spring record of **Black-headed Gull** for the Region; the Keene **Great Gray Owl**, which stayed until 29 March; and a rare spring appearance of **Connecticut Warbler** in Owls Head.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AP – Ausable Pt; AM – Alderon Marsh; AT – Altona; BC – Belmont Center; BG – Bloomingdale Bog; BkP – Black Pd; BMR – Blue Mountain; BT – Brown’s Tract; BP – Burnum Pd, CH – Cumberland Head; CL – Clorojast; CPd Connery Pd; CN – Constable; CP – Crown Pt, CZ – Chazy; CR – Chazy Riverlands; DR – Deer Ri; DI – Dickinson; EC – Essex Co; Es – Essex; FB – Ferd’s Bog; FR – Fiske Rd, Chazy; FtC – Fort Covington Marsh; GMt – Giant Mountain; HH – Heath Hill Rd; HR – Highlands Rd; HB – Holsington Beach; JD – John Dillon Pk; Ilk – Indian L; IL – Intervale Lowlands; KN – Keene; KB

– Kings Bay; LA - Lake Alice; LAb – Lake Abanakee; LAr – Lake Arnold; LAT – Little Ausable Ri Trail; LC – La Chute; LCI– Lake Clear; LCo – Lake Colby; LP – Lake Placid; LPI – Lake Pleasant; LPd – Long Pd; MM – Maple Meadows; MD – Mount Defiance; MP – Madawaska Pd; MR – Moffitt Rd; MV – Mountain View; NP – Noblewood Pk; PU – Peru; PB – Plattsburgh; PS – Paul Smiths; PSp – Palm Springs Dr; PtF – Point au Fer; PtR – Point Au Roche SP; PH – Port Henry; PC – Putts Creek; SH – Saint Home; SR – Salmon River; SbB – Sabattis Bog; SC – Sabattis Circle; SB – Sandy Beach; SL – Saranac L; TI – Ticonderoga; TB - Trombly Bay; TL – Tupper L; Valley – Champlain Valley; WRS – Webb Royce Swamp; WI – Willsboro; WP – Westport; WMt– Whiteface Mountain; WM – Wickham Marsh.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: last CR 13 May (MMd).
Ross's Goose: 2 MR 19 Mar (SR).
Brant: 25 CH 22 May (BK).
BARNACLE GOOSE: 2 MR 18 Mar (SR, CG, ED), 1st CLIN, 2nd Reg record.
Cackling Goose: TB 12 Mar (SR, CG), early CLIN; MR 20 Mar (SR).
Mute Swan: 4 CR 18 May (BK).
Tundra Swan: 2 CN 8 May (SP).
Wood Duck: 4 AP 5 Apr (BK).
Gadwall: 3 AP 18 Mar (SR).
EURASIAN WIGEON (R7): CR 15 Apr (BK).
Am. Wigeon: 3 CP 8 Mar (SR).
Am. Black Duck: max 60 CP 8 Mar (SR).
Blue-winged Teal: arr CR 22 Apr (MB).
N. Shoveler: 2 WM 23 Apr (GC).
N. Pintail: 2 Ti 4 Apr (SR).
Green-winged Teal: 8 CR 7 May (MB).
Canvasback: 4 CP 8 Mar (SR).
Redhead: 3 CP 8 Mar (SR).
Ring-necked Duck: max 3000 KB (JB, RL).
TUFTED DUCK: CP 1 Mar (DG).
Greater Scaup: 200 CP 8 Mar (SR).
Lesser Scaup: max 800 CP 8 Mar (SR).
scaup sp: max 1500 CP 8 Mar (SR).
Surf Scoter: 2 BP 30 Apr (BM); 3 NP 7 May (SR).
White-winged Scoter: arr 2 AP 6 Mar (SR), early CLIN.
Black Scoter: 2 LCo 5 May (ABI).
Long-tailed Duck: max 7 Lab 4 Apr (MM).
Bufflehead: max 25 AP 11 Apr (BK).
Com. Goldeneye: 150 CH 24 Mar (BK).
Barrow's Goldeneye: CB 26 Mar (GC).
Hooded Merganser: max 25 ILk 29 Mar (MM).
Com. Merganser: max 800 CP 8 Mar (SR).

Red-breasted Merganser: 2 AP 12 Apr (SR); 4 WP 7 May (GC).
Ruddy Duck: AP 7 Apr (BK); max 5 WP 7 May (GC).
Ring-necked Pheasant: WRS 23 Apr (GCh).
Wild Turkey: max 12 ILk 30 Mar (MM).
Red-throated Loon: 2 HB 12 May (SB, MMd).
Com. Loon: arr AP 11 Apr (BK).
Pied-billed Grebe: arr 2 AP 11 Apr (KM).
Horned Grebe: 2 CH 29 Mar (BK); max 6 AP 20 Apr (SR).
Red-necked Grebe: TL 1 May (ABI); max 16 6 May (SR).
Double-crested Cormorant: 3 AP 7 Apr (BK); 9 AP 13 May (MMd).
Am. Bittern: WM 27 Apr (SR).
Least Bittern: 1 SC 27 May (NO).
Great Blue Heron: arr Chazy 29 Mar (BK); max 8 AP 31 Mar (BK).
Great Egret: arr loc 5 Apr.
Green Heron: PtR 6 May (KA, JH).
Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr PTR 15 Apr (KA).
Turkey Vulture: max 6 Peru 11 May (BK).

HAWKS – LARIDS

Osprey: max 6 AP 9 Apr (BK).
GOLDEN EAGLE (R7): LAb 8 Mar (MM); Pl 13 Mar (PO).
Bald Eagle: PtF 23 Apr (BK); PtF 10 May (SR).
N. Harrier: arr AP 8 Mar (SR).
Sharp-shinned Hawk: PTR 6 May (JH).
Cooper's Hawk: CH 13 Apr (SJ).
N. Goshawk: BB 1 Apr (PT).
Red-shouldered Hawk: RW 4 may (MB).
Broad-winged Hawk: RW 19 Apr (BK).
Red-tailed Hawk: MR 18 Mar (ED).

Rough-legged Hawk: MR 18 Mar (GC).
Virginia Rail: 2 FR 10 May (SR).
Sora: CR 13 May (GC, SR).
Com. Gallinule: arr CR 27 Apr (BK).
SANDHILL CRANE (R7): LC 22 Apr (ABl);
 PU 24 Apr (GC); SR 29 Apr (JS).
Semipalmated Plover: LAB 28 May (MM).
Black-bellied Plover: CR 17 May (MB).
Spotted Sandpiper: CH 17 May (SJ).
Solitary Sandpiper: 13 LA 13 May (GC, SR).
Greater Yellowlegs: arr CR 16 Apr (BK).
Lesser Yellowlegs: CR 22 Apr (IMB); max 14
 CR 18 May (BK).
Least Sandpiper: 2 MP 12 May (JP).
Semipalmated Sandpiper: CR 18 May (BK).
Short-billed Dowitcher: CR 17 May (BK).
Wilson's Snipe: WRS 23 Apr (GC).
Am. Woodcock: CP 5-16 May (CPBS).
Bonaparte's Gull: max 200 WP 7 May
 (SR,ED).
BLACK-HEADED GULL (R7): CR 17 Apr
 (BK).
Great Black-backed Gull: 2 AP 7 Apr (BK).
Caspian Tern: arr 3 AP 12 Apr (SR), early
 CLIN.
Black Tern: 16 FtC 29 May (JS).
Com. Tern: max 16 SB 7 May (GC).

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Black-billed Cuckoo: HH 23 MAY (EW).
E. Screech Owl: AP 18 Apr (GC, SR).
Great Horned Owl: IL 9 Apr (TP).
Barred Owl: LA 13 May (GC).
GREAT GRAY OWL: last Keene 29 Mar
 (mob).
Long-eared Owl: SLB 23 Apr (ABl).
N. Saw-whet Owl: SLB 23 Apr (Alb).
Com. Nighthawk: arr PH 22 May (SR).
E. Whip-poor-will: 2 EC 29 May (MC).
Chimney Swift: 4 PL 20 Apr (NO).
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: CH 12 May
 (SJ).
Belted Kingfisher: arr AP 11 Apr (BK).
Red-bellied Woodpecker: CH 15 Mar (BK),
 SJ); 2 PU 10 May (PO); AP 13 May (MMd).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: AP 11 Apr (BK).
Black-backed Woodpecker: BB 15 Apr (PT).
N. Flicker: 2AP 30 Apr (GC).
Pileated Woodpecker: CH 1 Apr (BK).
Am. Kestrel: IL 13 Apr (MM).
Merlin: RW 1 Mar (BK).
Peregrine Falcon: CP 11 Apr (SR); PU 13
 MAY (MMd).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 FB 30 May (JG).
E. Wood-Pewee: 1 CL 21 May (JH).
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: PS 18 May (BMc).
Alder Flycatcher: 2 BT 31 May (J&PT).
Willow Flycatcher: KN 21 May (J&PT).
Least Flycatcher: WF 28 May (JC).
E. Phoebe: 2 BB 10 Apr (EWf).
Great Crested Flycatcher: 2 PtF 12 May
 (BK).
E. Kingbird: PtR 6 May (JH).
N. Shrike: last DR 14 Apr (ABl).
Yellow-throated Vireo: CPd 21 May (GC).
Blue-headed Vireo: AP 30 Apr (GC).
Warbling Vireo: 2 LA 29 Apr (EB).
Philadelphia Vireo: WF 28 May (JC).
Red-eyed Vireo: WF 28 May (JC).
Gray Jay: 2 SB 3 Apr (DH); BB 15 APR
 (BMc).
Blue Jay: max 120 18 May (CM).
Fish Crow: PK 6 May (SR); RW 13 May (GC,
 SR).
Com. Raven: TB 1 Apr (BK).
Horned Lark: 12 IL 25 Mar (MM).
Purple Martin: arr 27 May.
Tree Swallow: 24 AP 7 Apr (BK).
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr AP 11 Apr
 (KMc).
Bank Swallow: LA 13 May (GC).
Cliff Swallow: LA 10 May (SR).
Barn Swallow: AP 12 Apr (SR).
Boreal Chickadee: JD 9 APR (TP).
Tufted Titmouse: CR 20 Apr (SR).
House Wren: CH 16 Apr (SJ).
Winter Wren: 2 PC 15 Apr (SR).
Carolina Wren: 1 CH 21 Mar NO; AP 13 May
 (MMd).
Marsh Wren: 2 PtF 12 May (BK).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: AP 30 Apr (GC).
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 35 PtR 12 Apr
 (SR).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 3 AP 11 Apr (BK).
Veery: LA 13 May (GC).
Gray-cheeked Thrush: CP 5-16 May (CPBS).
Bicknell's Thrush: 3 WF 28 May (JC).
Swainson's Thrush: CL 21 May (JH).
Hermit Thrush: AP 16 Apr (SC).
Wood Thrush: RW 13 May (GC, SR),
Gray Catbird: LPI 7 May (JWM).
Brown Thrasher: PSp 6 May (GC).
N. Mockingbird: PL 28 Apr (BK).
Am. Pipit: 2 LCo 10 Apr (ABl).
Bohemian Waxwing: 2 SL 4 Apr (ABl); 12 IL
 24 Mar (LM).
Cedar Waxwing: 20 SH 4 Apr (ABl).

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: last LC 2 Apr (ABI).
Snow Bunting: 5 TB 18 Mar (GC).
Ovenbird: 3 LA 13 May (GC).
Louisiana Waterthrush: WI 6 May (SR).
N. Waterthrush: WI 6 May (SR).
Golden-winged Warbler: Es 13 May (BMc).
Blue-winged Warbler: arr 12 May.
“Brewster’s” Warbler: WR 12 May (SR).
“Lawrence’s” Warbler: Es 13 May (BMc).
Black-and-White Warbler: CP 29 Apr (SR).
Tennessee Warbler: SB 20 May (MY).
Nashville Warbler: IL 1 May (MM).
Connecticut Warbler: MV 30 May (JT).
Mourning Warbler: SC 18 May (JC).
Com. Yellowthroat: PSp 6 May (GC).
Am. Redstart: 2 LA 10 May (SR).
Cape May Warbler: 2 CF 29 Apr (MB).
N. Parula: 2 PtF 13 May (GC, SR).
Magnolia Warbler: SB 20 May (MC).
Bay-breasted Warbler: PS 18 May (BMc); 2 AR 31 May (LG).
Blackburnian Warbler: early CLIN date CH 30 Apr (BK).
Yellow Warbler: max 13 LA 13 May (GC).
Chestnut-sided Warbler: LPI 27 May (JWM).
Blackpoll Warbler: LP 24 May (LW).
Black-throated Blue Warbler: HR 6 May (SR).
Palm Warbler: 3 AP 30 Apr (GC).
Pine Warbler: arr 2 11Apr (BK).
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 2 AP 16 AP (SC).
Prairie Warbler: EC 29 May (MC).

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr KN 27 Apr (J&PT).
Canada Warbler: SB 20 May (MY).
Wilson’s Warbler: K 17 May (J&PT); AP 18 May (MC); FB 23 May (J&PT).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: CH 16 Apr (SJ).
Am. Tree Sparrow: 3 AP 7 Apr (BK).
Chipping Sparrow: AP 16 Apr (SC).
Field Sparrow: 8 PtR 6 May (JH).
Vesper Sparrow: IL 7 Apr (LM).
Savannah Sparrow: 2 CR 20 Apr (SR).
Fox Sparrow: 2 TI 14 Apr (GCh); 2 PL 22 Apr (RM).
Lincoln’s Sparrow: 8 BMR 27 May (GS).
Swamp Sparrow: 3 CF 29 Apr (MB).
White-throated Sparrow: 4 AP 16 Apr (SC).
White-crowned Sparrow: max 9 CH 11 May (BK).
Scarlet Tanager: 1 LAT 21 May (MB).
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 4 max CL 21 May (JH).
Indigo Bunting: AP 13 May (MMd).
Bobolink: max 12 loc 12 May (BK).
E. Meadowlark: SL 4 Apr (ABI).
Rusty Blackbird: 12 MV 20 Apr (JT); max 53 MB 22 Apr (MB).
Brown-headed Cowbird: IL 24 Apr (MM).
Baltimore Oriole: 2 CR 12 May (BK).
Purple Finch: 2 LA 13 May (GC).
Evening Grosbeak: max 61 But 5 Apr (DH).

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REGION 8—HUDSON-MOHAWK

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March 2017 was colder (-3.3° F) and wetter (+0.86") than normal. Thoughts of an early spring were shattered by a late-season snowstorm on the 14th of the month. In Albany, 17 inches of snow fell, and there was still snow on the ground at month’s end. April was much warmer than normal (+5.2°), with about average precipitation. The high temperature reached 87° on both the 11th and 16th of the month. A persistent weather pattern kept the first half of May much cooler than expected, with a full month’s rainfall occurring in the first two

weeks. The second half of May featured warmer weather and more normal precipitation amounts, so the month ended at -0.9° cooler and $+2.37''$ wetter than the long-term average. (Data from Albany location, NWS Albany.)

Will Raup found a **Greater White-fronted Goose** among a flock of Canada Geese at the Town of Bethlehem Soccer Complex in Albany County on 24 March. It stuck around for most of the day, to the delight of many who chased it down. An even more exciting goose chase occurred on 8 April, after Naomi Lloyd discovered what may have been the Region's first-ever **PINK-FOOTED GOOSE** in an agricultural field along Eichybush Rd. near Kinderhook in Columbia County. It was embedded in a mixed flock of Canada and Snow Geese. Some excellent photos were obtained by Curt Morgan; they can be viewed by accessing his checklist on eBird.org.

Tom McClenahan located an **Eurasian Wigeon** on 8 March in a group of waterfowl foraging in a flooded field along CR 113 southwest of Greenwich, Washington County.

Another Regional rarity was seen on 8 April, when Alan Dupuis discovered a lone **GLOSSY IBIS** in a backyard along the Hudson River east of Gansevoort, Saratoga County. The bird had been present all day according to the homeowner. Alan's remarkable photos are attached to his eBird checklist.

Sightings of **Sandhill Cranes** continue to increase across the area. Small flocks of four to seven birds were seen in late March and the first week of April in Pittstown and Poestenkill, Rensselaer County, and near Kinderhook, Columbia County.

Ron Harrower visited Wrights Loop in Stillwater, Saratoga County, on the morning of 2 May and, while he couldn't stay to investigate fully, noted that the flooded field at the north end was full of shorebirds. Several birders followed up his notification to the HMBirds group and were rewarded with a **RUFF**, more specifically a Reeve. It lingered until the following day, affording good views to many observers. Liz Curley has some excellent images on her eBird checklist.

During an areawide movement of shorebirds on 26 May, Naomi Lloyd picked out a **Red-necked Phalarope** associating with a group of Short-billed Dowitchers in a flooded field along Staats Island Rd. in Schodack, Rensselaer County. This species is infrequently found in the Region; once/5-10 yrs. Observers rushed to the location for this rare encounter.

Two **Little Gulls** were embedded in a small group of Bonaparte's Gulls on Saratoga Lake on 13 May. John Hershey and Ron Harrower were the first to find them.

For the second consecutive year, **Chuck-will's-widow** was reported near West Mountain Ski Area in Warren County. This year's birds were seen and heard along Northwest Rd. near the base of the ski lift. Audio recordings were made, and some low-light photographs were captured. Several observers reported two calling birds, heard simultaneously by birders in separate locations along the road.

Stacy Robinson found and photographed a male **Kentucky Warbler** along a little-traveled dirt road north of Bolton Landing in Warren County on 7 May. This is by far the farthest north that the species has been reported in our area in recent memory, perhaps longer.

From mid-April to mid-May **Red Crossbills** were reported from three locations: Burnt-Rossman Hills SF, Schoharie Co.; Rensselaerville SF, Albany Co.; and Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Albany Co.

Zach Schwartz-Weinstein has been keeping tabs on **Merlins** in Washington Park in the City of Albany. He comments: "A pair of **Merlins** returned to Washington Park in downtown Albany for at least the second consecutive year. In 2016, the pair was observed copulating and eventually hatched two nestlings in a ginkgo tree on the western end of the park. In 2017, the pair is using a nest in a pine a few hundred yards to the east. Both nests were likely originally constructed by Fish Crows. The **Merlins** have been photographed preying on the hordes of house sparrows that frequent the overly-manicured urban park and are part of a growing trend of reports of this species nesting in urban locations well south of its usual breeding range."

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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 P, SARA; TR – Tomhannock Res, RENN; VFNHP – Vischer Ferry Nature & Historic Preserve, SARA; WMP – Wilson M. Powell Wildlife Sanctuary, COLU.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 210 Crescent Power Plant ALBA 29 Mar.
Greater White-fronted Goose: T Bethlehem ALBA 24 Mar (WR).
PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: Kinderhook COLU 8 Apr (NL), *intro*.
Brant: max 300 Sleepy Hollow Lake GREE 20 May.
Blue-winged Teal: max 5 VFNHP 15 Apr.
Gadwall: max 16 VFNHP 1 Apr.
Eurasian Wigeon: near Greenwich WASH 8 Mar (TMc).
Am. Wigeon: max 42 VFNHP 30 Mar.
N. Shoveler: max 8 Wrights Loop SARA 1 Mar.
N. Pintail: max 102 Wrights loop SARA 10 Mar.
Green-winged Teal: max 36 Staats I Rd RENN 9 Apr.
Ring-necked Duck: max 270 Saratoga L SARA 26 Mar.
Greater Scaup: max 16 Lock 7 Niskayuna SCHE 1 Apr.
Lesser Scaup: max 64 Saratoga L SARA 29 Mar.
White-winged Scoter: max 118 Saratoga L SARA 22 May.
Black Scoter: Copake L COLU 10 Mar.
Long-tailed Duck: max 10 AR 5 Apr.
Bufflehead: max 200 BCR 9 Apr.
Com. Goldeneye: max 90 Stillwater SARA 12 Mar.
Hooded Merganser: max 115 Saratoga L SARA 26 Mar.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 6 Saratoga L SARA 21 May.
Ruddy Duck: max 80 BCR 14 Apr.
Red-throated Loon: 3 reports 18 Apr-14 May.
Horned Grebe: max 4 Saratoga L SARA 8 May.
Red-necked Grebe: max 15 Mohawk R Latham ALBA 1 Apr.
Great Cormorant: Germantown COLU 19 Mar, only report.
Double-crested Cormorant: arr Corning Preserve ALBA 24 Mar.
Am. Bittern: arr Tambul Pond RENN 5 Apr.

Least Bittern: arr BCM 22 Apr.
Great Egret: arr Henry Hudson Park ALBA 25 Mar, early.
Green Heron: arr BCM & VFNHP 16 Apr.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: near Sloansville SCHO 11 Apr, only report.
GLOSSY IBIS (R8): near Gansevoort SARA 8 Apr (ADu), *intro*.

HAWKS – LARIDS

Black Vulture: max 18 Voorheesville ALBA 11 Apr.
Osprey: arr Selkirk ALBA, Stillwater SARA, Schaghticoke SARA 29 Mar.
N. Harrier: max 6 FtEG 7 Mar.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr Mo-He-Con-Nuck Preserve ALBA 9 Apr.
Rough-legged Hawk: last Fultonville MONT 16 Apr.
Golden Eagle: 5 reports 9 Mar- 1 May.
Virginia Rail: arr Tracy Rd wetlands ALBA 9 Apr.
Sora: arr BCM 20 Apr.
Com. Gallinule: arr BCM 6 May.
Sandhill Crane: 7 Poestenkill RENN 26 Mar; 4 Pittstown RENN 1 Apr; 7 Kinderhook COLU 8 Apr.
Black-bellied Plover: Coveville SARA 18 May; Wrights Loop SARA 22 May.
Semipalmated Plover: max 20 CF 26 May.
Upland Sandpiper: arr W. Ames MONT 22 Apr.
RUFF: Wrights Loop SARA 2 May, *intro*.
Dunlin: Staats I Rd RENN 10 Apr, early; max 20 CF 26 May.
White-rumped Sandpiper: max 3 Wrights Loop SARA 31 May.
Pectoral Sandpiper: max 2 Wrights Loop SARA 6 May.
Short-billed Dowitcher: max 58! CF 26 May (JC), high count.
Wilson's Snipe: arr Schaghticoke RENN 1 Mar.
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE (R8): Staats Isl Rd RENN 26 May (NL), *intro*.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr Normanskill Farm ALBA 11 Apr.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 12 Stillwater SARA 4 May.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 10 Wrights Loop 14 May.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 121 Lake George WARR 6 May.

Little Gull: max 2 Saratoga L SARA 13 May.

Iceland Gull: last Schoharie Crossing SHS MONT 15 Apr.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: last 2 Staats I Rd RENN 7 Apr.

Glaucous Gull: last Mohawk R Cohoes ALBA 29 Mar; Round L SARA 29 Mar.

Caspian Tern: Corning Preserve ALBA 1 May; Hudson R near Greenwich 7 May.

Black Tern: 4 Saratoga L SARA 8 May.

Com. Tern: 2 Saratoga Lake Marine Park SARA 6 Apr, early; max 10 Saratoga L SARA 8 May.

PIGEONS – PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Hemlock Trail SARA 9 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr W Sand Lake RENN 12 May.

Snowy Owl: FtEG thru 9 Mar; Averill Park RENN 19 Mar.

Short-eared Owl: last FtEG 15 Apr.

Com. Nighthawk: arr Schodack I SP RENN 17 May.

CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW: max 2 West Mt Ski Area WARR 30 May, *intro*.

E. Whip-poor-will: arr nr Stanton Pond ALBA 6 May.

Chimney Swift: arr Normanskill Farm ALBA 22 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr nr Craryville COLU 25 Apr.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Featherstonehaugh SF SCHE & FR 23 May.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr Buckingham Pond ALBA 11 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Hand Hollow Cons Area COLU 23 May.

Alder Flycatcher: arr FR, Albany Co Rail Trail ALBA 17 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr OCA 13 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr Guilderland ALBA 26 Apr.

E. Phoebe: arr mult loc 28 Mar.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Albany Co Rail Trail, BMB 28 Apr.

E. Kingbird: arr APBP 24 Apr.

N. Shrike: last FtEG 30 Mar.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 30 Apr.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr mult loc 16 Apr.

Warbling Vireo: arr. Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 27 Apr.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr Deer Mt Nature Trail ALBA 30 Apr.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr Selkirk ALBA 5 Apr.

Purple Martin: arr Saratoga L SARA 27 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr mult loc 28 Mar, *late arrival date*.

Bank Swallow: arr mult loc 19 Apr.

Barn Swallow: arr Staats Isl Rd RENN, Meads Ln Delmar ALBA 9 Apr.

Cliff Swallow: arr Ft Edward WASH 30 Apr.

House Wren: arr FR 16 Apr.

Marsh Wren: arr CRM 15 Apr.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr FR 10 Apr.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr near Livingston COLU 3 Apr.

Veery: arr BMB 28 Apr.

Bicknell's Thrush: Plateau Mt GREE 27 May; Sugarloaf Mt GREE 28 May.

Swainson's Thrush: arr Olana COLU 4 May, early.

Wood Thrush: arr mult loc 28 Apr.

Brown Thrasher: arr nr Craryville COLU 10 Apr.

Am. Pipit: Wrights Loop SARA 26 Mar, 2 May, only reports.

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: last FtEG 18 Mar.

Snow Bunting: max 1000 Kingsbury WASH 16 Mar; numerous reports 15-18 Mar following snowstorm.

Ovenbird: arr Gloversville FULT 19 Apr, early.

Worm-eating Warbler: arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 3 May; reports from six COLU loc & two ALBA loc during the period.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr nr Huntersland SCHO 7 Apr.

N. Waterthrush: arr Stillwater SARA 27 Apr.

Golden-winged Warbler: 2 near Putnam Sta WASH 30 May, only report.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr Greenport Cons Area COLU 23 Apr.

“Brewster's” Warbler: near Putnam Sta WASH 30 May, only report.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr Hudson Crossing P SARA 26 Apr.

Tennessee Warbler: arr APBP 12 May.

Nashville Warbler: arr multiple locations 29 Apr.
Mourning Warbler: arr FR 19 May.
KENTUCKY WARBLER (R8): near Bolton Landing WARR 7 May (SR), *intro*.
Com. Yellowthroat: arr mult loc 28 Apr.
Hooded Warbler: arr Normanskill Farm ALBA 2 May; nine reports during the period.
Am. Redstart: arr Drowned Lands Cons Area COLU 28 Apr.
Cape May Warbler: arr APBP 9 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr Harlem Valley Rail Trail COLU 4 May.
N. Parula: arr mult loc 2 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr Peebles Isl SARA, Rensselaerville ALBA 30 Apr.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr E Greenbush RENN 8 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr Albany County Rail Trail ALBA 28 Apr.
Yellow Warbler: arr near Livingston COLU 22 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr near Livingston COLU 28 Apr.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr APBP, Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 11 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Palenville GREE & APBP 28 Apr.
Palm Warbler: arr nr Livingston COLU 3 Apr.
Pine Warbler: arr Moreau Lake SP SARA 8 Apr.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr Schoharie Crossing SHS MONT 10 Apr.
Prairie Warbler: arr APBP 28 Apr.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr PRWMA 16 Apr.
Canada Warbler: arr PRWMA 29 Apr, early.
Wilson's Warbler: arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area 1 May, early.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr near Hudson COLU 28 Apr.
Am. Tree Sparrow: last 2 VFNHP 23 Apr.
Chipping Sparrow: arr Hudson COLU 12 Apr.
Clay-colored Sparrow: arr FtEG 20 May.
Field Sparrow: arr near Livingston COLU 3 Apr.
Fox Sparrow: arr Spencertown COLU 5 Mar.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr Stuyvesant COLU 26 Apr.
Vesper Sparrow: arr The Crossings ALBA 10 Apr.
Savannah Sparrow: arr Kinderhook COLU 8 Apr.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Guilderland ALBA 1 May.
Swamp Sparrow: 2 BCM 1 Mar, early or overwintered?
E. Towhee: arr Mosher Marsh Preserve MONT 1 Apr.
Scarlet Tanager: arr BMB 28 Apr.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr VFNHP 23 Apr, early.
Indigo Bunting: arr Spencertown COLU 29 Apr.
Bobolink: arr T Florida MONT 28 Apr.
E. Meadowlark: arr near Linlithgo COLU 2 Mar.
Orchard Oriole: arr near Cambridge WASH 25 Apr.
Baltimore Oriole: arr APBP, Guilderland ALBA 28 Apr.
Rusty Blackbird: max 75 Papscaene I NP RENN 6 May.
Pine Siskin: max 2 mult loc; 16 reports overall.
Red Crossbill: 2 Burnt Rossman Hills SF SCHO 19 Apr; 2 Rensselaerville ALBA 30 Apr; 8 APBP 2 May, 11 May.
Evening Grosbeak: max 3 Elka Park GREE 30 Apr; 10 reports overall.



REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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The season started out warm, with Poughkeepsie reaching 65° F on 1 March, but then plunged into one of the coldest Marches on record. A late winter freeze started on 10 March and continued for two weeks. Poughkeepsie hit a low of 6° on the 13th. During this cold snap a Nor'easter dumped 8 to 20 inches of snow and sleet on the Region on 14 March. Poughkeepsie dipped into the teens on 14 days during the month and came in 4.1° below normal. This stalled any further blooming of early plants like forsythia, as well as any early leaf-out in April. Precipitation was above normal at 5.3". April was the complete opposite, with temperatures 4.3° above normal and only 2.54" of precipitation. A good movement of migrants arrived on 28 April, with temperatures in the Region reaching the mid-eighties. May averaged out to normal temperature and precipitation but was colder than normal for the first half. Poughkeepsie saw lows in the 30s from 8 to 12 May. A blocking weather system made migration slow for early May. Leaf-out was historically on time starting 5 May in southern Westchester and proceeded quickly north. This is later than average for the past 20 years. The second half was warm, with temperatures in the 90s on 17 and 18 May.

Scott Baldinger found a distant swan at the Bashakill on 12 April. Initially identified as a Tundra Swan, Bruce Nott and Linda Scrima were able to photograph it that evening as it moved closer. After viewing the photos John Haas believed it was a Trumpeter Swan. Further discussion between birders concluded that it was indeed a Trumpeter, Sullivan County's first record of this bird. As with all Trumpeters, whether it's a wild bird, an escape, or an offspring of the birds now breeding in northern New York is anybody's guess. The bird was not marked or banded. All three scoters as well as Red-breasted Merganser made appearances inland. Glossy Ibis were found in Warwick, Otter Creel Preserve, and the Black Dirt Region in April. They were also seen in the more expected location of Marshlands Conservancy.

Jeff Gerlach spotted a Swallow-tailed Kite over Hopewell Junction on 20 May. It flew in and circled two large sycamore trees for a minute or two. It appeared to be catching insects from the tree leaves and branches before flying off. Unfortunately, no picture was obtained. Continuing the theme of inland rarities, an American Oystercatcher was at Piermont Pier 21 March and two Red-necked Phalarope were at the Camel Farm in Orange County on 30-31 May.

Red-headed Woodpecker and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker continue becoming more widespread as both were reported in nearly all counties into late

May. A Northern Shrike was a one-day wonder photographed in Rockefeller Preserve on 4 April.

The first appearances of many warblers were early although none set any record early dates. Prothonotary Warblers were found at the Cary Institute from 27 April until mid May and at D&H Linear Park on 18 May.

An Ipswich Sparrow was discovered at Croton Point Park on 8 March and was last seen on the 12th. In very encouraging news, a Henslow's Sparrow returned to Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge on 23 May and continued into June. The last time Henslow's Sparrow bred here was in 1993, and the species last appeared without breeding in 2001 and 2002. Close by in the same fields, a Dickcissel was found a few days earlier on 20 May and also continued into June.

Other notable species include: Red-necked Grebe, Little Blue Heron, Tricolored Heron, King Rail, Sandhill Crane, Lapland Longspur, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Nelson's Sparrow, Summer Tanager, Boat-tailed Grackle, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, Common Redpoll, and Evening Grosbeak.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CPP – Croton Point P; EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; MC – Marshlands Conservancy; RNC – Rye Nature Center; Stn – Station; SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 700 Bashakill 24 Mar.
Ross's x Snow Goose: Blue Chip Farm 2 Mar (DF, DO).
Cackling Goose: Tarrytown Lakes 17 Mar (EG).
TRUMPETER SWAN: Bashakill 12-18 Apr (SB, BN, JH, VF, KMcD), ph, 1st SULL record, *intro*.
Wood Duck: max 450 Bashakill 27 Mar.
Ring-necked Duck: a few lingered to late May.
Surf Scoter: Esopus 3, 9 Mar (PSc, KW); Port Ewen 18-3 Mar (MD, DF, PSc, WT); 3 Kingston Pt 1 Apr (WT); 2 Kiamesha L 21 Apr (JH,SB,BM).
White-winged Scoter: 3 Ashokan Res 26 Mar (PSc); Glenmere L 1 May (MZ, KA); 96 EGR 1 May (GB); Cornwall Bay 2 May (BN); Kiamesha L 21 Apr, 2 May (JH); 27 Neversink Res 2 May (JH); Yankee L 2 May (JH); 20 Esopus 20 May(GT).
Black Scoter: Kingston Pt 1 Apr (WT); Bannerman's I 20 Apr (KMcD).
Long-tailed Duck: EGR 1 May, late.
Bufflehead: Ashokan Res 12 May, latest?.
Red-breasted Merganser: more inland & late records than usual; Croton Falls Res 14 Apr (SC); Wickham L 1 May (MZ); 9 EGR 1 May (GB); Cornwall Bay 2 May (BN); Saugerties Lighthouse 19 May; Neversink R 29 May (JH).
Ring-necked Pheasant: Bashakill 20 Apr.
Ruffed Grouse: Bashakill 24 Apr; 2 Woodstock 29 Apr; Wolf brook 15 May; 3 Woodstock 20 May; Buttercup East 21 May.
Red-throated Loon: few lingered to late May.
Horned Grebe: 9 Bashakill 5 Apr; Croton R 22 May.
Red-necked Grebe: Staatsburgh 21 Mar (CP); 8 Saugerties 1 Apr (PSc); 3 Morningside P 8 Apr (JH); 3 Ashokan Res 14 Apr (PSc).
Least Bittern: arr 2 Amenia 30 Apr; Great Vly 5 May; 2 Sharon Stn 2 May; Tivoli Bays 29 May.

Great Egret: arr Kensico Res 25 Mar; 2 Congers 26 Mar.
Little Blue Heron: MC 2-13 May; Kingston Res 24-26 May (MD, WT, PSc).
Tricolored Heron: MC 13-23 Apr (GB, TB).
Cattle Egret: Piermont Pier 26 May (LPi).
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: arr New Rochelle 14 Apr.
Glossy Ibis: Warwick 7 Apr (LS); Otter Creel Preserve 9 Apr (SMc); 2 Black Dirt Region 9 Apr (Abu, LF, JD); 1-2 MC 13, 20, 30 Apr, 3-10 May (GB).

HAWKS - LARIDS

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: Hopewell Jct 20 May (JGe), *intro*.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr Bashakill 2 Apr.
Rough-legged Hawk: Callicoon 25 Mar.
Golden Eagle: 1-2 Dover 4, 11, 21, 22 Mar; Amenia 5 Mar; Dover Plains 13 Mar; Stanfordville 24 Mar, 1 Apr.
Clapper Rail: MC 1 May.
King Rail: Great Vly WMA 23 Apr (PSc, FM, KMcD).
Sandhill Crane: 3 Walden 5 Mar (KMcD); 3 Warwick 18 Mar (DM); 3 SGNWR 24 Mar (CS); 4 Wallkill 26-28 Mar, 1 Apr (CMc,KMcD,GB); Rhinebeck 31 Mar (JSc); 6 Fishkill 7 Apr (LPo); 2 Liberty March 9 Apr (WE); Bashakill 10 May (KF, SFe).
Black-bellied Plover: 4 Kinston 6 May; Morningside P 13 May; 3 Wallkill R NWR 20 May; 3 Piermont Pier 29 May.
Semipalmated Plover: arr 7 May.
Am. Oystercatcher: Piermont Pier 21 Mar (EE); 4 EGR 25 Mar.
Willet: MC 13, 17 Apr (TB,GB,AS).
Upland Sandpiper: arr SGNWR 13 Apr; max 1.
Ruddy Turnstone: Piermont Pier 21 May (LP).
Dunlin: 2 MC 1 May (GB).
White-rumped Sandpiper: Camel Farm 7 May (RSt, MZ, LS).

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr Fancher Davidge P, Middletown 30 Mar.
Short-billed Dowitcher: 38 Blue Chip Farm 26 May (JoB, CS).
Wilson's Snipe: max 11 CPP 26 Mar (CR).
Red-necked Phalarope: 2 Camel Farm 30, 31 May (MZ, JH, KMi)
Bonaparte's Gull: 6 EGR 11 Mar; Wickham L 27 Mar; Bashakill 6 Apr; 12 Kingston Pt 7 Apr; 2 Neversink Res 12 Apr, 12 May; 20 Piermont Pier 13 Apr; 9 Esopus 15 Apr; max 40 Ashokan Res 15 Apr; 3 CPP 20 Apr; Newburgh 20 Apr; 3 Kiamesha L 21 Apr.
Laughing Gull: arr MC 13 Apr.
Iceland Gull: 2 Millerton 2 Mar (JAs).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Beacon 5 Mar (CuM); Port Ewen 5 Apr (MD); CPP 9 Apr (AS); Newburgh 20 May (KMCD).
Caspian Tern: Bashakill 5 Apr; Sauuerties 14 Apr; CPP 17 Apr; 3 Kingston 20 Apr; Kingston 6, 7 May; CPP 30-31 May.
Com. Tern: Yankee L 21 Apr (JH); Neversink Res 5 May (JH).
Forster's Tern: MC 19 Apr.
Black Skimmer: CPP 30-31 May (AS).

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Pochuk Mt State Forest 29 Apr.
Barn Owl: New Paltz 16 Mar (LW, KMo).
Short-eared Owl: CPP 20 Mar (CR).
N. Saw-whet Owl: Callicoon 27 Mar (RC); Slide Mt 23 May (LD).
Com. Nighthawk: arr Mount Vernon 2 May; max 402 Bashakill 18 May.
E. Whip-poor-will: arr Warwarsing 11 Apr; Woodstock 28 Apr; Walkill 30 Apr; Dover 8 May; Kingston 12,13 May; Bedford 17 May; max 4 Bashakill 12 May; Esopus 23 May.
Red-headed Woodpecker: becoming more widespread especially in ULS;. Wappinger Falls 27 Mar; 2 Weston Marsh 13 Apr; Mt Kisco 30 Apr; 2 Muscoot Farm 1 May; max 3 Harcourt Sanc 8 May; Millbrook 11-13 May; Saxon Woods 16 May.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: now reported all counties to late May.
Monk Parakeet: 14 New Rochelle 23 Apr.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 2 Doodletown 17 May; Woodstock 17 May; New Paltz 21 May; Lloyd 21 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Walkill R NWR 22 May; Peach Hill 28 May.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr 17 May.

N. Shrike: Rockefeller Preserve 4 Apr (AS).
White-eyed Vireo: arr Teatown L 17 Apr; SGNWR 24 May.
Purple Martin: arr 5 Montgomery 18 Apr; max 40 New Paltz 17 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: Rockefeller SP 10 May; Rye Nature Center 11 May; Ulster Park 13 May; Esopus 18 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr Sterling Forest 30 Apr (PW.PL, SMi).
Am. Pipit: 20 SGNWR 2 Mar.

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: O'Leary Farm, Salt Point 18 Mar (BB).
Snow Bunting: max 36 Ashokan Res 19 Mar.
Worm-eating Warbler: arr Lamont Campus 25 Apr.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Woodstock 3 Apr.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr Wassaic 29 Apr.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr Peach Hill P 24 Apr.
"Lawrence's" Warbler: Esopus 2-14 May (MCor, WT)
Prothonotary Warbler: Cary Institute 27, 29 Apr, 1-2, 15 May (AP, CP, HT, CS, DK); D&H Linear P 18 May (TB, GB).
Orange-crowned Warbler: New Paltz 2 May (ZS).
Mourning Warbler: Stony Kill Farm 4 May; Woodstock 14-15 May; Doodletown 20 May; New Paltz 21 May; Warwarsing 28 May.
Kentucky Warbler: Buttercup West 20 May (BMA); Sterling Forest 19 May (KMCD).
Hooded Warbler: arr Doodletown 28 Apr.
Cape May Warbler: arr 2 Saugerties 27 Apr (SC), Reg record early.
Cerulean Warbler: arr Doodletown 28 Apr.
N. Parula: arr 11 Apr, Reg record early.
Yellow-throated Warbler: Eastchester 12 May (JaB).
Prairie Warbler: arr Bashakill & Rockefeller 25 Apr.
Yellow-breasted Chat: Doodletown 17 May; Tuxedo Park 18 May; Walkill River NWR 20-28 May; Peach Hill 22 May; Sterling Forest SP 27-28 May.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Vesper Sparrow: arr Bashakill 3 Apr; CPP 12 Apr; Amenia 5, 13 May; 2 Greig Fm 10, 28 May.
"Ipswich" Sparrow: CPP 8, 12 Mar (VH, KV, JV)

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr 2 SGNWR 26 Apr; max 12 SGNWR 27 May.

Henslow's Sparrow: SGNWR 23-31 May (FM, KMcD, MZ).

Nelson's Sparrow: SGNWR 22 May (PR), ph.

Fox Sparrow: max 13 CPP 18 Mar.

Lincoln's Sparrow: Bashakill 28 Apr.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr Bedford 1 May; Linington Manor 2 May; Yankee L 2 May; 4 Wurstboro 5 May; CPP 23 May.

Summer Tanager: Lake Grove Cemetery 9, 10 May (LS).

Dickcissel: SGNWR 20-31 May (KMa).

Boat-tailed Grackle: MC 15, 22 May (GB, DJ, TB).

Orchard Oriole: arr CPP 24 Apr.

Baltimore Oriole: Middletown ,10, 12, 14, 30 Mar (KMi), overwintered.

Red Crossbill: 8-20 Esopus 23-24, 31 May (RW).

White-winged Crossbill: 3 Hyde Park 22, 26 Apr (GP, RSe).

Com. Redpoll: 4 Kiamesha L 5 Apr

Pine Siskin: 25 Woodbourne 5 Apr; max 40 Mohonk House 16 Mar.

Evening Grosbeak: 10-15 Stone Ridge 1 Mar-24 Apr (PA, MR, JM); 2 Ellenville 5 Mar; 5 Clintondale 14 Mar (JJ); 10 Parksville 29 Mar; 18 Parksville 13, 18 May (SB, JH, KMi); 2 Salisbury Mills 14 May (LR).



REGION 10—MARINE

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After a very mild February, March took us by surprise with the return of winter. The mean temperature at Islip was 39.2° F, 2.2° below normal. Precipitation was above normal, for example 5.45" at Islip, 2.01" above normal. March also featured a large winter storm on the 13th-14th. Around 8" of snow fell and mostly turned to solid ice as melting snow and mixed precipitation froze. April temperatures were above normal and precipitation near normal. The average temperature at Islip was 53.4°, 4.3° above normal. 3.67" of rain fell, 0.67" below normal. Temperatures in May were near normal, 58.7° at Islip, 0.1° above normal. While precipitation was near normal over eastern Long Island, 4.16" at Islip was 0.38" above normal. May was wet over the western portion of Region 10. For example, 6.38" of rain fell at Central Park, 2.19" above normal. This included 3.02" on 5 May.

The aftermath of the snow and ice storm of 13-14 March was trouble for some early migrants, especially American Woodcock. The storm stranded many birds. Record numbers were found 15-16 March in several locations. For example, a single observer found 21 American Woodcocks in Central Park on 16 March, concentrated in the few areas of open ground. Another observer reported a conservative estimate of 44 birds in the park that day. The birds did not fare well, with many becoming the prey of Red-tailed and Cooper's Hawks.

Also notable is that the Wild Bird Fund received 55 American Woodcocks from Manhattan during this period.

Lingering winter rarities were few and included two **Ross's Geese**, a **Sandhill Crane** that stayed at Wainscott Pond in Southampton, Suffolk County through 20 April, and a **Townsend's Solitaire** in Southold, Suffolk County through 8 April. Dick Veit discovered a **Mew Gull** at Miller Field, Staten Island on 29 March and a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** that visited Great Kills Park, Staten Island from 2-6 March. He also found a first winter **Thayer's Gull** at Great Kills Park on 31 March. This will likely prove to be the final Thayer's Gull report in *Kingbird* Region 10 while the bird remained on the American Ornithological Union (now AOS) checklist. Two **Rufous Hummingbirds** remarkably persisted through the winter at a feeder in Aquebogue, Suffolk County until 2 April. Even more remarkably, a Northern Waterthrush overwintered at Southards Pond Park, Babylon, Suffolk County and was last recorded on 7 April.

The passerine migration was typically punctuated this season with a few nice fall-outs. Peak migration was 15-16 May, when, for example, 23 species of warblers were reported in Forest Park, Queens on 16 May, among large overall numbers of birds. Diversity was good through the season, though numbers were reduced. An early peak occurred on 29 April, when 19 species of warblers were reported in Central Park. This peak coincided with a migrant land bird fall-out, noted mostly at coastal locations, of species typically recognized as "overshoots". These are neotropical migrants of southern breeding distribution and uncommon in our area or seasonally early. For example, Hooded Warbler, Blue Grosbeak, and Indigo Bunting were unusually abundant around 29 April. Several Prothonotary Warblers, Kentucky Warblers, and Summer Tanagers were also discovered during this period, though the latter species was unusually abundant throughout late April and May. Additional examples can probably be gleaned from the eBird database. As has been discussed previously in *The Kingbird* and more recently on the NYSBirds Listserv by Shai Mitra, Peter Reisfeld, and others, this is the signature of a phenomenon that has been termed a "slingshot", in which weather events displace migrants over several days and large distances. In this event, Reisfeld reported weather radar information that may corroborate the slingshot effect. As he reported: "...on the nights of April 24 and 25 there was storm activity from the southeast which reached landfall along a broad area of the mid-Atlantic coastline. This was followed by a pattern of fairly heavy migration starting from Delaware and Maryland on the 26th, and fully reaching our area over the night of the 27th".

Common Ravens nested in at least four locations in Region 10 this season. As of the end of May, at least five fledglings were produced with an additional three or more young still nestlings. Not surprisingly, raven reports were widespread and included several from the barrier beaches, notably a remarkable five tallied by Brent Bomkamp on 30 April.

As noted above, Summer Tanagers made a great showing this year. There were over 30 reports. At least one was reported almost every day in Forest Park from 7-20 May. Yellow-throated Warblers did not return to nest at Connetquot River State Park, Suffolk County, but reports of two males at the nearby Bayard-Cutting Arboretum through the end of the season raises hopes of nesting there.

There was a fine crop of rarities this season among the 303 species reported in Region 10. The rarest was undoubtedly a **Yellow-nosed Albatross** seen by Pete Morris and Taylor Sturm at Robert Moses State Park, Suffolk County on 6 May, a day when a storm produced many seabird sightings. Taylor somehow managed to get video of the bird as it flew east. The albatross made their sighting of a **Pacific Loon** during the same sea watch seem rather hum-drum. Another Pacific Loon was seen at Timber Point, Great River, Suffolk County on 27 April by Dave Klauber, Bobby Rossetti, and Doug Futuyma. A **Mississippi Kite** was seen at Clove Lakes Park, Staten Island on 20 May. Bobby Berlinger spotted a fly-over **White Ibis** at Valley Stream State Park, Nassau County on 28 April. Tim Healy found a **White-faced Ibis** at Cow Meadow Park, Freeport, Nassau County on 30 May. A **Black-necked Stilt** was photographed at Napeague, Suffolk County on 14 May, and two were found by Steve Walter at Jones Beach West End on 30 May. Ken Feustel found a **Ruff** at Timber Point on 20 April, and a female was at Cedar Beach, Southold, Suffolk County on 10 May. A **Red Phalarope** was discovered at Randalls Island, New York County on 26 April by David Barrett. An early **Arctic Tern** was seen by Shai Mitra and Pat Lindsay at Cupsogue County Park, Suffolk County on 6 May. A **South Polar Skua** was seen offshore on 22 May. Shane Blodgett found a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** at Calvert-Vaux Park, Brooklyn on 16 April. A **Swainson's Warbler** discovered by Ed Crowne delighted many at Prospect Park 24-28 May. An adult male **Painted Bunting** was photographed at a feeder in Oakwood Heights, Staten Island, on 2 May.

The 50,000 Brant reported from Jamaica Bay on 7 May is surely a sign of the times. With the decline of their preferred food, eelgrass, the geese are feeding on the abundant alga called sea lettuce (*Ulva lactuca*). The sea lettuce is proliferating in shallow estuaries of our Region due to excessive discharges of nitrogen from sewage.

Work to close the breach in the West Pond at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge was finally completed in May 2017, almost five years after Hurricane Sandy. Time will tell whether the effort results in the restoration of freshwater habitat.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; BATP – Brooklyn Army Terminal Pier, KING; 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 P, 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 P, QUEE; FP – Forest P, 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; IHP – Inwood Hill P, NEWY; JBSP – Jones Beach SP, NASS; JBWE – West End, Jones Beach SP, NASS; JBWR – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; KP – Kissena P, 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; RP – Jacob Riis P, QUEE; 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; VSSP – Valley Stream SP, NASS; WPP – Wolfe’s Pd P, RICH.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

ROSS’S GOOSE (R10): Oregon Rd, Cutchogue, SUFF 5-11 Mar (JSe, AnW); Arthur J. Hendrickson P, Valley Stream, NASS 30 Mar (mob).

Brant: max 50,000 JBWR 7 May (SSM, PJL), large num.

Eurasian Wigeon: Marine P, KING thru 3 April (RBA); Fresh Pd, Ft. Salonga, SUFF thru 18 Mar (RBA); CVP 2 Apr (RBA); BATP 10 Apr (AB).

N. Shoveler: max 594 JBWR 2 Apr (J. Popko), large num.

Canvasback: max 32 World’s Fair Marina, Flushing, QUEE 8 Mar (SB); Cow Meadow P, Freeport, NASS 24 Apr (BB), present for at least 2 wks prior, unusual loc.

Redhead: 2 Baisley Pd P, QUEE thru 1 Apr (CF).

King Eider: 2 fem Orient Pt, SUFF 2 Mar, 1 fem thru 9 Apr (RBA, JSe).

Harlequin Duck: max 7 Pt. Lookout, NASS 7 Mar (JGi, *et al.*);

Long-tailed Duck: max 3200 Coney I, KING 7 Mar (DG), large num.

Barrow’s Goldeneye: fem Oak B, Babylon, SUFF thru 12 Mar (RBA).

Com. Merganser: 3 KP 25 Mar (J. O’Sullivan), unusual loc.

N. Bobwhite: Cedar B, Southold, SUFF 23 Apr (JSe); SMSP 3 May (BBo); max 7 Greentree Estate, Manhasset, NASS 24 May (SP), released; all reps.

Wild Turkey: CP 21-25 Apr (*fide* DA, TF, mob), unusual loc.

Red-throated Loon: Oakland L, QUEE24-25 Mar (IR), unusual loc.

PACIFIC LOON: Timber Pt, Great River, SUFF 27 Apr (BR, DK, DF); RMSP 6 May (PMo, TS).

Red-necked Grebe: 2 Coney I 25 Mar (RBA); CP thru 1 May (DA, TF), rehabbed bird released 1 Feb; max 5 GKP 12 Apr (ACi).

Eared Grebe: Oak B thru 2 Apr (PJL, SA, PR); Gravesend Bay, KING 7 Mar (DG, mob).

YELLOW-NOSED ALBATROSS: RMSP 6 May (PM, TS), ph!

N Fulmar: offshore SUFF coordinates 39.885, -72.055 NOAA Ship Gordon Gunter 22 May (J. Loch).

Cory’s Shearwater: Westhampton Dunes, SUFF 6 May (RBA).

Great Shearwater: 2 offshore SUFF coordinates 40.251, -71.624 NOAA Ship Gordon Gunter 22 May (J. Loch).

Sooty Shearwater: CCP 6 May (PJL); Westhampton Dunes 6 May (RBA); 2 RMSP 13 May (RBA); FT 13 May (RBA); 2 Shinn 24 May (RBA); RMSP 29 May (RBA); 2 RMSP 30 May (RBA).

Manx Shearwater: RMSP 6 May (RBA); RMSP 29 May (RBA).

Wilson’s Storm-Petrel: Offshore SUFF coordinates 39.885, -72.055 NOAA Ship Gordon Gunter 22 May (J. Loch).

N. Gannet: max 3000 BPT 11 Mar (AB).

Am. Bittern: Baisley Pd P 1 Apr (CF); Willow L, Flushing, QUEE 11 Apr (CF); JBWE 29 Apr (AB); CP 3 May (F. Mueller, L. Fraza, *fide* DA); unusual locs.

Least Bittern: CP 30 Apr (APe, mob); Lionhead B, East Hampton 20 May (*fide* E. Salzman), found dead, ph, rare on eastern LI.

Cattle Egret: Chelsea, NEWY 11 Apr – 9 May (K. Rosenheim, D. Kriensky, N. Tognan), unusual loc; Mecox Dairy, Bridgehampton, SUFF15-22 Apr (AnW, mob); Oak B 2 May (SSM); Cow Meadow P, Freeport, NASS 29 May thru (J. Mora, RT, AB).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: 84 Redfern Houses, Far Rockaway, QUEE 30 May (D. Kriensky, *et al.*), NYC Audubon nest survey, large num.

WHITE IBIS: ad VSSP 28 Apr (BB), fly-over.

WHITE-FACED IBIS: Cow Meadow P 30 May (TH).

Black Vulture: max 8 CR 3 Mar (ACi); 2 GwC 5 Mar (RBA); Lake Success, NASS 9 Apr (*fide* AG); Northville, SUFF 11 Apr (MLL); 6 PP 16

May (RBA); 2 Northville 20 May (MLL); rare on LI.

Turkey Vulture: 20 Riverhead 1 Mar (RA); max 24 Hendrix Creek, KING 30 Mar (SS); large nums.

HAWKS - LARIDS

MISSISSIPPI KITE: CLP 20 May (RBA).

N. Goshawk: imm PP thru 2 Apr (*fide* PD, mob); imm Mass thru 29 Mar (RBA, RT).

Red-shouldered Hawk: ad Mass 11 Mar (DF).

Broad-winged Hawk: CP 17 Mar (K. Chaya, *fide* DA), early; CP 16 May (A. Burke, *fide* DA).

Rough-legged Hawk: 2 EPCAL 21-30 Mar (DF, mob); Meadowbrook & Loop Pkwy, NASS 15 Apr (SW).

Virginia Rail: River Rd, RICH 1 Apr (ACi).

SANDHILL CRANE (R10): Wainscott Pd, Southampton, SUFF thru 20 Apr (RBA, JRo); 2 Oceanside, NASS 11 Mar (MF); GwC 21 May (RJ, *et al.*).

Piping Plover: 20 JBWE 2 Apr (RBA), large num.

BLACK-NECKED STILT: Napeague, SUFF 14 May (H. Shibasake), ph; 2 JBWE 30 May thru (SW, mob).

Whimbrel: Sag 7-8 Apr (RBA); Timber Pt 10-12 Apr (JoS, RP); JBWE 8 May (RBA).

Red Knot: max 100 JBWE 22 May (MB).

RUFF: Timber Pt 20-21 Apr (KF, JoS); fem Cedar B, Southold, SUFF 10 May (RBA).

Wilson's Snipe: 19 FBF 31 Mar (RBA); 21 Willow L, Flushing, QUEE 5 Apr (AB); large nums.

Am. Woodcock: 21 CP 16 Mar (APe), prob 40 or more there (*fide* DA); 25 CLP 16 Mar (JeS); *intro.*

Red-necked Phalarope: 2 SPCP 26 Apr (RBA); CR 25 May (ACi).

RED PHALAROPE (R10): Randall's I, NEWY 26 Apr (DBa).

SOUTH POLAR SKUA: Offshore SUFF coordinates 39.885, -72.055 NOAA Ship Gordon Gunter 22 May (J. Loch).

Parasitic Jaeger: 2 RMSP 6 May (RBA); 2 RMSP 13 May (RBA).

Dovekie: Shinn 1 Mar (G.Tvelia).

Razorbill: 61 NY Shelf Waters, SUFF 15 Apr (AnW, JSh, DR); Dune Rd, Hampton Bays, SUFF 6 May (RBA), late.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 57 Ditch Plains, Montauk, SUFF 4 Mar (AnW), few.

Black-headed Gull: 2 Owl's Head P, KING 20 Mar (P. Paul, D. Paul); Red Hook – Owl's

Head, KING thru 22 Mar (RBA); Forge R, Moriches, SUFF 26 Mar (PJJ, SSM); imm Sagg Main B, SUFF 5-11 Apr (DR, RBA); imm Sag 23 May (RBA).

MEW GULL: ad Miller Field/Midland B, RICH 29 Mar (RV, mob).

THAYER'S GULL: 1st win Miller Field 31 Mar (RV).

Iceland Gull: PP thru 19 Mar (RBA); Riverhead 15 Mar (RBA); Brooklyn Army Terminal 24 Mar (RBA); 1st cy FBF 6 Apr (AB); Oak B 8 Apr (AB); Brooklyn Army Terminal 10 Apr (AB); HSP 25 Apr (MC); Staten Island Ferry, NEWY 2 May (RZE); Shinn 24 May (RBA).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Bellport, SUFF thru 5 Mar (RBA); Riverhead 15 Mar (RBA); 2 FBF 31 Mar (RBA); Cammans Pd, Merrick, NASS 25 Mar (RBA); SMSP 25 Mar (RBA); 6 HSP 6 Apr (MC, PJJ), 5 ad, 1 imm; 7 FBF 6 Apr (AB, SB), 6 ad & 1 2nd cy; 5 HSP 25 Apr; Swindler Cove, NEWY 4 May (SC); 12 RMSP 7 May (PM, SSM); max 16 JBWE 13 May (RBA); 3 Shinn 24 May (RBA); max 25 RMSP 22 May (SSM).

Glaucous Gull: Bellport thru 11 Mar (RBA); imm GKP 3 Mar (CB); CP 19 Mar (PP); CP 10-11 Apr (PP, RBA), same bird; CP 29 Apr (B. King), different bird; 1st cy FBF 6 Apr (SB); 1st sum MB 27 May (DS); Brighton B, KING 28 May (I. Sanoff).

Gull-billed Tern: JBWR 12 Apr (AB).

Caspian Tern: Sag 9 April (BH); Orient Pt 8 Apr (RBA); Meadow L, Flushing, QUEE 26-27 Apr (CF, PPa).

Black Tern: 4 SPCP 6 May (RBA).

ARCTIC TERN (R10): ad CCP 6 May (SSM, PJJ), early.

Royal Tern: Sag 9 Apr RBA, ph; 2 MB 11 Apr (RBA).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

Snowy Owl: JBSP 20 Mar (KF, *et al.*).

Barred Owl: CP 26 Apr (JDi, mob).

Long-eared Owl: CP 4 Mar (APe, mob).

Short-eared Owl: 1-2 Marine Park 1-5 Apr (RBA); Dune Rd, Hampton Bays 4 Apr (AG); Dune Rd, Hampton Bays 12 Apr (RKe).

N. Saw-whet Owl: 6 Birch Creek Owl Pd CP, Southampton, SUFF 18 Mar (TS, BBo).

Com. Nighthawk: max 2 sev loc 8-xx May; few.

Chuck-will's-widow: Quogue, SUFF 21 May (ES); 2 Quogue 23 May (MH).

E. Whip-poor-will: 38th St. & 6th Av., NEWY 7 Apr (D.Alperin, *fide* DA), early; brought to rehabber, died. CP 7 May (B. Yolton, *fide* DA).
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 2 Aquebogue thru 2 Apr (JSe, mob).

Red-headed Woodpecker: many from winter; Blydenburgh CP, Smithtown, SUFF thru 5 Mar (RBA); 2 Mashomack Pres, Shelter I, SUFF thru 19 Mar (RBA); Caumsett SP, SUFF thru 21 Mar (RBA); Hendrickson P, Valley Stream, NASS thru 1 Apr (TH, RBA); KP thru 1 Apr (RBA); Makamah Pres, Northport, SUFF thru 1 Apr (RBA); SMSP thru 19 Apr (VP, MH); imm CP thru 5 May (*fide* TF); PBP thru 21 May (JRo); ad Garden City, NASS 1 May (BF); ad Gilgo B, SUFF 1 May (DL); HISP 15 May (RBA); CLP 20-23 May (EJ); CR 24 May (ACi).

Pileated Woodpecker: IHP 25 Mar (RBA); Ft. Tryon P, NEWY 9 Apr (*fide* APe); High Rock P, RICH 21 Apr (J. Ramirez-Garofalo); CLP 16 May (HF).

Monk Parakeet: CP 30 Apr (RD, mob), unusual loc.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: appx 15 reps.

Acadian Flycatcher: Greentree Estate, Manhasset, NASS 24 May (SP); CP 27 May (DA, et al); 2 PP 27 May (RBA).

Alder Flycatcher: PP 20 May (HL, *et al.*); HSP 23 May (KF, SF, DK); 2 Fresh Kills P, RICH 24 May (RV); SMSP 24 May (VP).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: CVP 16 Apr (SB).

Warbling Vireo: 19 Greentree Estate 24 May (SP), large num.

Philadelphia Vireo: CP 20 May (R.Zucker); CLP 24 May (SIW, IG).

Blue Jay: JBSP 4 May (SSM); JBWE 9 May (DK); rare on barrier island.

Com. Raven: nested Otsego P, Dix Hills, SUFF 8 Mar thru, 2 young fledged (M.Vedder, *fide* PJJ); nested Brookhaven National Laboratory, SUFF for 2nd year (E.Lewis, *fide* PJJ); nested Syosset, NASS, 3 nestlings thru (SM); nested Bethpage, NASS, 3 nestlings thru (*fide* SM); Rocky Pt., SUFF 25 Mar (MC); Brooklyn Army Terminal 10 Apr – 3 May (AB), prob present beyond these dates; 2 CP 23 Apr (DA, *et al.*); 5 Ocean Pkwy Oak B to Gilgo B, SUFF 30 Apr (BBo), large num, unusual loc Shelter I 25 May (OB), noted attacking Purple Martin colony.

House Wren: CP 11 Apr (PS, *fide* DA), early.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: CP 6 May (J.Sepulveda, *fide* DA), late.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE: Southold, SUFF thru 8 Apr (RBA, JSe).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Great Gull I, SUFF 29 Apr (JDi), unusual loc; 10 PP 30 Apr (G. Keri), large num; 4 Greentree Estate 17 May (SP), large num; appx 12 addtl reps.

BICKNELL'S THRUSH: PP 17 May (JM, EC), singing; CP 19 May (DBa, RD, DA), singing; FP 24 May (CC); PP 27 May (RBA).

Swainson's Thrush: 25 Greentree Estate 17 May (SP), large num.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: RMSP 15 Mar (RBA).

Ovenbird: 2 IBM Atrium at 56th and Madison, NEWY (R. Zucker), wintered indoors.

Louisiana Waterthrush: Northville 4 Apr (MLL), rare on eastern LI.

N. Waterthrush: Southard's Pd, Babylon, SUFF thru 7 Apr (PJJ, SSM, PMo), overwintered.

Golden-winged Warbler: not reported.

Black-and-white Warbler: 34 Greentree Estate 4 May (SP), large num.

Prothonotary Warbler: Marine P 12-15 Apr (GW, mob), foot caught in a blue mussel and released by EM; Lido Pres, NASS 15-20 Apr (PPa, mob); PP 29 Apr (mob); Elizabeth Morton Wildlife Sanctuary, Noyack, SUFF 30 Apr (C. Goldman); fem Strack Pd, Woodhaven, QUEE 6-7 May (CF, mob); NYBG 6 May (DH, mob); CHP 11 May (RV); SMSP 18 May (JGI).
SWAINSON'S WARBLER: PP 24-28 May (EC, mob).

Orange-crowned Warbler: GwC 11 Mar (RBA); KP 26 Mar – 5 Apr (AB); Marine P 5 Apr (RBA); Lido Pres 15 Apr (SW); CP 15 Apr (RD, DA, *et al.*); PP 17 May (RBA); 2 CP 26 Apr (JGi, *et al.*); CP 30 Apr (RD, DA, *et al.*).

Mourning Warbler: CP 13 May (SC, *et al.*), first; 2 CLP 16 May (HF); appx 10 addtl reps.

Kentucky Warbler: Bronx Zoo, BRON 18 Apr (*fide* TO); PP 29 Apr (RB); APP 30 Apr – 3 May (PR, JR, mob); CP 30 Apr (*fide* DA); Blue Heron P, RICH 3 May (IG); Washington Square P, NEWY 12 May (D. Dancis), unusual loc; CP 14-16 May (SC, JR, mob); FP 15 May (KM); CLP 19 May (IG).

Hooded Warbler: 2 CP 29-30 Apr (mob); 2 PP 29-30 Apr (mob); 2 RMSP 29 Apr (mob); 6 addtl distinct reps 29 Apr-1 May, *intro*; 4 Greentree Estate 24 May (SP), large num; appx. 12 addtl. reps.

Am. Redstart: 36 Greentree Estate 17 May (SP), large num.
Cerulean Warbler: CVP 29 Apr (AxW, SB); PP 3-4 May (*fide* SS); PP 16 May (RBA); FP 17 May (*fide* KM, CCo).
N. Parula: 33 Greentree Estate 4 May (SP), large num.
Magnolia Warbler: Marine P 5 Apr (RBA), early.
Blackpoll Warbler: 24 Greentree Estate 17 May (SP), large num.
Yellow-throated Warbler: PP 8-9 Apr (*fide* PD), RB; CP 12 Apr (*fide* DA); CP 27 Apr (DA, et al); CP 28 Apr (TF, APe, mob), *S.d. albifrons*; CP 27-30 Apr (RD, DA, et al); PP 3 May (RJ, mob); 2 Bayard-Cutting Arboretum, Great River, SUFF 20 May thru (CCo, BBo, JGI), poss breeding.
Yellow-breasted Chat: JBWR 8 Apr (T. Winston, *et al.*); GKP 18 May (HF); William Floyd Estate, Old Mastic, SUFF 21 May (MLL); 2 GKP 23 May (DE).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Clay-colored Sparrow: CP 28 Apr (RD, KFu, mob), rare in spring.
Vesper Sparrow: 3 Calverton, SUFF 23 Mar (RBA); 2 JBWE 5 Apr (RBA).
Grasshopper Sparrow: max 16 EPCAL 28 May (RT).
Lincoln's Sparrow: BRY thru 28 Mar (TH); 3 PP 16 May (R. Payne); appx 12 addtl reps.
Summer Tanager: at least 33 reps, incl: fem King's Park, SUFF 7 Apr (RBA), early; 3 GwC

14 May (E. Norman); at least 7 indiv. FP 7-20 May.
Blue Grosbeak: JBWE 14 Apr (RP); PP 27-28 Apr (RB, mob); 4 JBWE 29 Apr (TH, AB, MSch), large num; *intro*; CP 30 Apr (T. Collins, *fide* DA); 2 CP 4 May (*fide* DA); 2 APP 7 May (MN, SA); The Battery, NEWY 8-10 May (GW, *et al.*); JBWE 11 May (DF); CLP 15 May (CB); CP 15-16 May (*fide* DA).
Indigo Bunting: 7 CVP 29 Apr (SB); 7 RMSP 29 Apr (KF, SF); 6 JBWE 29 Apr (EB); 8 RP/FT 30 Apr (CF, SA); 9 CVP 3 May (AxW); large nums; *intro*.
PAINTED BUNTING: ad m Oakwood Heights, RICH 2 May (L.Casale), ph!
Dickcissel: Biltmore Shores, Massapequa, NASS, 21 Mar – 10 Apr (M.Cooke, GB, RBA).
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: fem GKP 2-6 Mar (RV, mob).
Rusty Blackbird: max 75 APP 8 Apr (P.Dennehy).
Boat-tailed Grackle: PBP 5 Apr (GW).
Orchard Oriole: ad m CP 7 Apr (M.Passman, *fide* DA), ph, early; 10 Greentree Estate 24 May (SP), large num.
Purple Finch: 35 CP 27 Apr (*fide* TF), large num; CP 21 May (DBa, *et al.*), last; otherwise few.
Red Crossbill: 2 Edgewood State Pres, Deer Park, SUFF 24-26 Mar (VP, mob).
Pine Siskin: CP 23 Mar (E. Piik, *fide* DA); CP 29 Apr (JRo, et al), ph; 2 CP 10 May (J. Garcia); late.



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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Region 2-Region 3 in Ontario County:

the boundary is Mud Creek to NY Route 64, NY Route 64
from Bristol Center to S. Bristol Springs, and Route 21
from S. Bristol Springs to the Yates County line.

Region 3-Region 5 in Cayuga County:

the boundary is NY Route 31.

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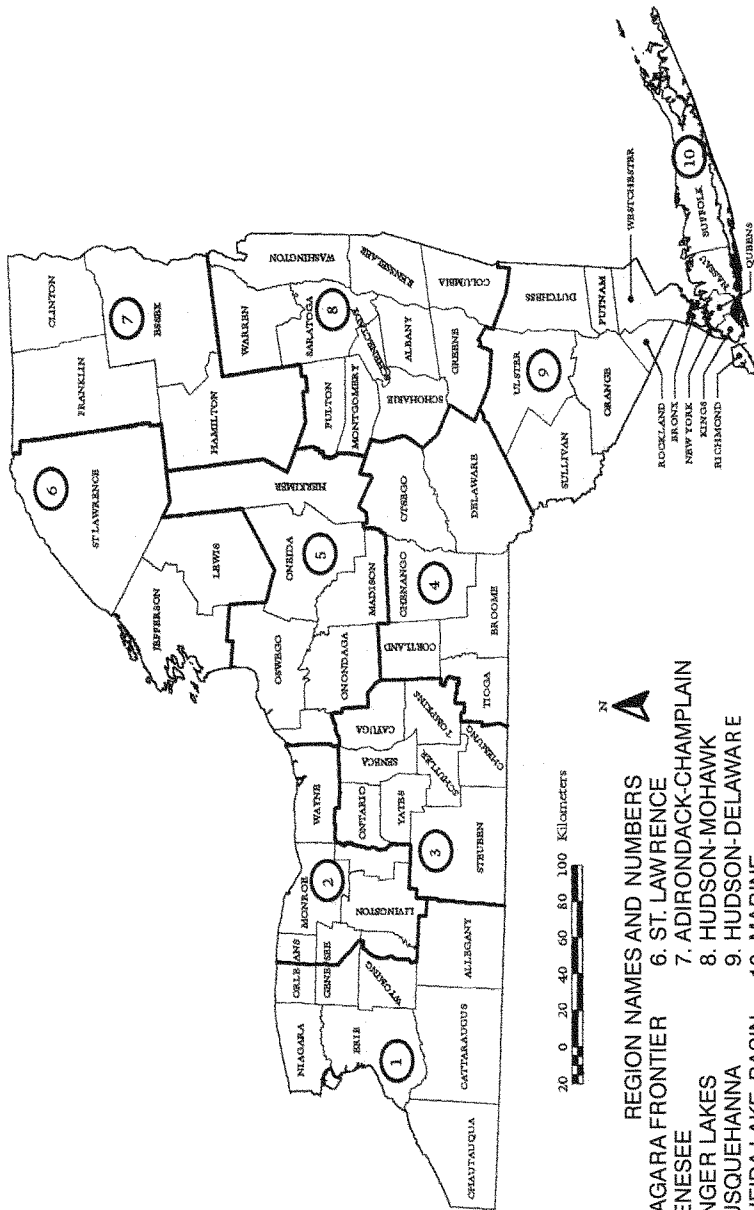
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Deadline is 7 September

Fall Season: September, October, November

Deadline is 7 December



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 - 3. FINGER LAKES
 - 4. SUSQUEHANNA
 - 5. ONEIDA LAKE BASIN
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