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## A COMMON GREENSHANK (*Tringa nebularia*) ON LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK, 5-6 MAY 2019

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**Abstract**—A Common Greenshank at Timber Point Golf Course in Great River, Suffolk County, New York, established the first definitive record for New York State, the third for the eastern United States, and the eleventh for the western North Atlantic.

The Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*) is a widespread Palearctic species, breeding mainly below the Arctic Circle, from northern Scotland east across northern Europe and Asia, to the Kamchatka Peninsula. It winters widely in southern Africa, southern Asia (including the Philippines), and Australia, with a few remaining in Europe as far north as the British Isles. It is regular in spring in the Bering Sea region but is an extremely rare vagrant elsewhere in North America.

Mlodinow (1999) reviewed the species' known occurrence in the New World, listing 54 records. The great bulk of these, 47 records involving 93 individuals, came from the Bering Sea region (western Aleutian Islands, Pribilof Islands, and St. Lawrence Island), from 1962 to 1997, mostly during spring. It should be noted that many of these line item records represent spring season totals or maxima for favorable sites (e.g., 15 at Shemya 16-31 May 1976 and a seasonal max of 6 at Attu 22-31 May 1981).

Away from this region, he noted just seven records: four from Barbados (12 Mar 1980, 3 Oct 1980, 9 Oct 1990, and 18-19 Nov 1996) and three from eastern Canada (Riverhead, NL, many dates 3 Dec 1983 through 2 Feb 1985; Cherry Hill, NS, 24 Sep through 1 Oct 1988; and St. Gedeon, QC, 1-3 May 1983). Not covered by Mlodinow but relevant to the present record are historical records from Bermuda (18 Oct to 21 Dec 1965, A. Dobson, pers. comm.); Puerto Rico (near Guanica 22 Jul 1993: *Field Notes* 49: 204); and sight records from Tobago (Buccoo Jul 1977) and Trinidad ("early 1987"), "in each case beside a pool on a flooded savannah" (ffrench 2012).

More recent records include two new records from Alaska away from the Bering Sea islands (Kodiak Island, 13-19 Jun 2008: NAB 62: 602; and Nome, 30 May 2016: Hajdukovitch 2016) and also California's first state record, a juvenile,

at Mad River Estuary, Humboldt County, 27 Aug through 15 Sep 2001 (NAB 56: 101-102). This was followed by an adult the next year (18-25 Oct 2002), believed to represent the same returning individual (Cole and McCaskie 2004). In eastern North America/northwestern Atlantic, there have been additional records from Newfoundland (27-29 May 2001, from the same site as the first!), Bermuda (23-31 May 2009: NAB 63:518-521), and three more from Barbados: 1 Nov 2003, 11 Feb-9 Apr 2007 (both Buckley et al. 2009), and 4 Apr 2013 (Julian Moore, fide P. A. Buckley).

And, at long last, the eastern USA has finally produced confirmed records in the last decade. The first involved a photo of a shorebird initially identified as a Greater Yellowlegs. This was fortuitously reevaluated and identified as a hatching-year Common Greenshank, and the date (8 Dec 2014) and location (Gloucester, Essex County, MA) were confirmed by the photographer, finally establishing a record for the Atlantic coast of the United States (Williams and Trimble 2018). Just two weeks after this re-discovery, New Jersey added another, an adult in basic plumage at Edwin B. Forsythe NWR which remained from 23 Oct to 11 Nov 2017 (Brown et al. 2019).

In addition to these, there is also a sight report from Onondaga Lake, NY 30 Aug 1962 (Propst and Peakall 1962). Although the documentation associated with this report was not adequate to support definitive acceptance of such an extraordinary occurrence (Able et al. 1992), this report was published by Bull (1974), under his *Hypothetical* category, and regarded by Mlodinow (1999) as likely correct. We have reviewed the original documentation for this report and agree with these authors, and also the NYS Avian Records Committee reviewers, regarding its plausibility but also its limitations. We also wish to clarify the correct date of this report: it was 30 August 1962, as originally published, not 30 October, as stated in the NYSARC report.

## **PJL'S ACCOUNT**

On the stormy morning of 5 May 2019, Shai and I were patrolling our usual haunts in coastal southwestern Suffolk County, NY. Noting the prolonged and blustery northeast winds and bouts of intense rain, we were deliberately searching for rare birds. Late in the morning we decided to execute what Shai calls our “pincers maneuver” wherein we divide our efforts to cover both edges of the western Great South Bay: while he scoured the outer beach for Lesser Black-backed Gulls and other mobile, oceanic species affected by the storm, I focused on the rain puddles and marsh edges at Heckscher State Park and Timber Point Golf Course, across the bay. At Timber Point, the storm had resulted in puddling and ponding on the fairways and—importantly—no golfers on the course. It was the perfect scenario for detecting migrating shorebirds put down by the weather. Activity and turnover were even more dynamic than I had hoped, and this kept my anticipation high for the better part of an hour. A few Lesser Yellowlegs and Willets and a Short-billed

Dowitcher were moving around, and the number of Greater Yellowlegs was building slowly.

As I was about to call it quits I made one more circuit—and spied a large, very pale shorebird, resting on its belly with its bill tucked, at the edge of a puddle that had for the past half hour hosted only a few Greater Yellowlegs and Willets. This was the very puddle where, a year earlier, I had found a Wood Sandpiper under similar stormy conditions! After an interminable wait, the bird finally awakened and showed its legs and bill. Suspecting its identity, I called SSM, describing the bird but not yet naming it. Unprompted, he queried me about several points that I understood were intended to distinguish Common Greenshank from Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, and Bar-tailed Godwit. As I scribbled notes and consulted Mullarney et al., I became more confident this was in fact a greenshank, but I felt puzzled by what appeared to be pinkish legs—and paralyzed by the improbability of finding another Palearctic *Tringa* at this very puddle! Shai arrived and the pincers closed. Scoping from our separate cars in the rain, we were in contact by phone. He asked me to look at the book as he studied the bird and independently described several specific details of the plumage, apart from the most familiar ones associated with recognizing a greenshank—for instance, the size, shape, and configuration of the black ventral markings; the shape and irregular spacing of black-centered alternate-plumaged feathers on the back; and the intensity and pattern of streaking on the head and face. As I confirmed that each of his impressions of these secondary features matched the reference materials, he declared it a Common Greenshank! For me, the pinkish legs were unexpected, but Shai was quite sure that the legs looked greenish enough. At this point we reported the bird to the birding community. Almost 100 observers saw the Common Greenshank that afternoon, and, like the Wood Sandpiper a year earlier, this bird remained overnight into the morning of the second day.

## DISCUSSION

Whereas Spotted Redshank (*T. erythropus*) has occurred numerous times in the eastern United States, Mlodinow (1999) specifically noted the absence of such records for Common Greenshank, through 1999. The few records then known from the western North Atlantic involved three records at widely varying dates from eastern Canada and four records from late fall through early spring from Barbados. The over-representation of records from this one small island is notable, as Barbados is famed as a locus for vagrants straying from the southbound Palearctic to Africa route. Among the nine western North Atlantic records from north of the West Indies, no fewer than four have been from May, over a very wide latitudinal range (Bermuda, NY, QC, NL), suggesting that these, and possibly also the three records from September and October, pertain to birds that crossed the Atlantic at low latitudes in fall, wintered at low latitude, then resumed migratory movements with (or at least similar to those of) their Nearctic

congeners. The role of Long Island birders in the early recognition of this model of occurrence is worth noting here. Eisenmann (1960) and Bull (1964) articulated the model to explain the preponderance of spring vs. fall records, and of adults vs. juveniles, among what were then regarded as surprisingly large numbers of records of Curlew Sandpiper and Ruff on Long Island. The hatching-year greenshank in MA in Dec is an exception that hints at future discoveries.

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## **A GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*) IN DELAWARE COUNTY: NEW YORK'S FOURTH**

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On the morning of 30 December, 2018 I left my Livingston Manor home for Delaware County to scout for our CBC on 5 January. The snow had started a little earlier in the morning and continued as I headed to my car. I debated whether I should wait until the snow stopped. There is a long climb on Route 206 going over the mountain prior to Downsville and I was afraid of getting stuck. I decided to try to make it. Per my usual, I left just prior to sunrise to reach Downsville early, when the birds would be most active.

My ride was largely uneventful. By the time I arrived in Downsville there were a couple of inches of snow under clear skies. I drove down River Road and looked for birds feeding by the edge of the fields and road such as Horned Larks, Snow Buntings or Lapland Longspurs. Other than some Mourning Doves and a Red-tailed Hawk it was very quiet. After a mile or so I turned around and headed back toward the usually-productive Bridge Street. I was hoping to find American Tree Sparrows for the CBC as I hadn't seen any for a few weeks.

Driving with my window down, I come upon the intersection with Depot Road. I heard sparrows in a tangle to my left. I pulled to the roadside and noticed movement in the vegetation. There was a mix of sparrow species present. In all, there were approximately a dozen birds made up of Dark-eyed Juncos, White-throated Sparrows and American Tree Sparrows. As I watched them, a large sparrow flew to a branch adjacent the American Tree Sparrows.

Initially, its size and structure appeared to be an immature White-crowned Sparrow but something didn't look correct. The face was more uniform brown and lacked the gray nape of a White-crowned Sparrow and the bill was bi-colored, not pink. The stripes on the crown didn't look correct, either. The stripe through the eye wasn't as prominent as on a White-crowned Sparrow. As I was looking at the head stripes the bird lowered its head slightly and I could see the small patch of gold between the stripes. I then realized I was looking at a first-year Golden-crowned Sparrow. Upon checking my Sibley Guide I felt confident of the ID.

I then called my friend John Haas and told him I was 99 percent sure I was looking at a Golden-crowned Sparrow. I told him to meet me for observation and to bring his camera, as my photographs were inadequate. John confirmed he would meet me. Knowing John's trip was an hour, I searched my phone for west coast bird photographer blogs to find pictures of Golden-crowned Sparrows in different plumages. I found one blog that had many pictures of this species including many of first-year birds. I became sure the bird I found was a Golden-crowned Sparrow. When John arrived we were able to locate the bird within



approximately 15 minutes in a bush next to a porch on Depot Street where the owner had put out seed on the railings. John was able to get good pictures of the bird.

At this point we called Tom Burke and Gail Benson to inform them of the find. We also contacted Shai Mitra and Patricia Lindsay. John sent them his pictures for feedback. Shai also had a work colleague review the photos, as he is very familiar with west-coast bird identification. After approximately an hour, Tom called to tell us the bird looked good for a Golden-crowned Sparrow. They were all on their way up. The bird left at this point and we attempted to relocate it prior to everyone's arrival. Once everyone arrived we searched until dusk but were never able to find the bird again that day.

I decided not to disclose the bird's location that evening, having not been able to speak with the area residents. I wanted to give them to opportunity to decide if they were willing to host a large number of birders and photographers on their tiny street before I made the location public. As word leaked about the bird many people were understandably frustrated the location wasn't made public. The next morning, I met with two of the homeowners on Depot Street. I spoke with the woman who owned the aforementioned porch and the bush where we had seen the bird the prior day. I also spoke with the couple across the street as they had many bird feeders. I knew if the bird favored the bush across the road many people would be in front of their property. Finally, I spoke with the homeowner on River Road directly across from Depot Street as it was the property on which I discovered the bird originally.

I explained what species the bird was and where its normal range was. I explained it was only the fourth record of this species in New York State, and the first since November 1995. It was also the only inland record of this species in New York. All the previous accepted records had been from Long Island. I explained once the location was made public they could expect anywhere from 20-50 people at once on their street looking for, or viewing the bird. They were thrilled about the bird and had no objections to making the location public.

Later that day, John posted the information on the New York listserv and mentioned my blog site so people could stay informed on the bird. The next morning I called the local police department and started my conversation with "This maybe one of the stranger calls you may ever get..." I explained they may start getting calls from nearby residents concerning people walking up and down River Road and Depot Street with binoculars, scopes and camera equipment. The officer asked me about the bird and thanked me for the call.

In the days and weeks ahead, as expected, many birders came to see the bird. For the first month, the bird had a regular morning routine. It was almost always in the presence of White-throated Sparrows. They roosted overnight in the tangle where I first discovered the bird. Amazingly, you could be there at first light and swear there wasn't a bird in the tangle, but then it was alive with sparrows. Often the bird would first be found in the tangle or weeds around it. After it was done it would fly, along with the White-throated Sparrows, to Depot Street and could be

found on the porch railing eating seed or in the bush next to the railing. Sometimes it would feed on the ground near the porch as well. For the bird's entire stay it was extremely hard to find after 11:00 a.m. Where the flock went is a mystery.

During its stay it was almost always found in the vegetation on River Road across from Depot Street or in the yard with the porch on Depot Street. A couple of times it was also located on Bridge Street. The last time the bird was seen, to my knowledge, was by me on 6 April on Bridge Street. It had been two weeks since I had last seen the bird. It was a pleasant surprise to find it once again. Based on the date, I knew it was likely this would be the last time seeing the bird. I believe over 200 people saw the bird. People from Buffalo to the Adirondacks were among them. I also met people from New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Upon reflection, this was likely the most exciting and satisfying birding experience I've had. Yet, it wasn't only due to the bird. It was because of the many birders I met whom I'd only known previously through seeing their eBird reports.

Spending time with many other birders. Finding out where they were from. In some cases, helping them find the bird and seeing their excitement. Those were the best moments associated with the discovery.

I received zero complaints from residents about birders trespassing or creating disturbances. Everyone behaved well and I'd like to extend my thanks to those who saw the bird in a respectful manner. Additionally, this experience showed the town of Downsville what birders can do for their local economy as many used the hotels, restaurants and gas stations during their visit.

Almost everyone I spoke to in the community heard about the bird. The local paper even did a story about it. Most of all, I realized how lucky I am to be part of the New York State birding community. Hopefully one day I can share another rarity.

As I conclude this, the CBC is a little over a month away. I better start scouting.



## PATCH BIRDING—HOME PATCH, PITTSFORD MENDON CENTER ROAD

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Coming four years now, the hubby and I (he conceived during a WWII leave, me a somewhat younger baby boomer) upsized (gasp!) to a sprawling ranch on three acres, the better to host a growing family now containing three grandkids. The house is in southeastern Monroe County, Town of Mendon, in an outer suburb of Rochester. More to the point, it sits across the street from an under-birded piece of the largest county park in the system, Mendon Ponds, henceforth MPP. I promptly created an eBird “patch” that includes my yard and the county land. There are shrubby fields, three small cattail marshes, an old pine plantation, deciduous woods. The patch list is up to 112 species. Below are some of the highlights of these last four years.

There is an overwintering flock of Turkey Vultures in this part of the county, perhaps two dozen or so. This past winter, we were privileged to have some of them roost in the yard’s Norway Spruce. On cold winter mornings, walking out to fetch the morning papers, I’d be startled by an explosion of wing beats as they flushed and struggled to gain altitude in the cold, still air. On sunny afternoons, they would drop into these spruce to catch the last rays of warmth; we would watch amazed as the spruce swallowed up their hulking bodies as they settled in.

Woodcock is another favorite first-thing-in-the-morning bird. On warm mornings in early spring, often with snowy remnants lingering, I walk across the road and down into the field a bit to minimize traffic sounds and am greeted with woodcock peents. A bit later in the spring, I am serenaded by Eastern Phoebes and House Wrens, sometimes even the first ones in the county for the year.

Regulars include Screech and Great Horned Owls (and once a jealousy-provoking Barred!), all the expected woodpeckers except Red-headed (a Pileated Woodpecker swinging on a 5 x 5 wire suet feeder is a sight to behold), the three regular falcons, seven flycatcher species, year-round Red-breasted Nuthatches, Tree Swallows and Eastern Bluebirds breeding in provided boxes, all three mimics, 12 species of sparrows, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and Indigo Buntings. Accipiters visiting the feeders in winter provide drama.

The warbler list is up to 14 species. Blue-winged Warblers, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warblers and Chestnut-sided Warblers breed in the shrubby field across the street, with American Redstarts and Hooded Warblers favoring the deciduous woods. In late winter/early spring there have been Pine Warbler visits to the suet. Not actually on my home patch but within the boundaries of MPP, my regular hilly-walk-for-exercise route includes four Hooded Warbler territories. A note of caution as we all get ready for the Breeding Bird Atlas: On any given day during breeding season the number of HOWAs that I actually hear ranges from 0 to 4 on the same exact route at roughly the same time of day.

A report from my home patch would not be complete without mentioning Chukar. In 2018 several escaped from the nearby private hunting preserve where they are raised and one ended up in my yard. It was a daily presence for several weeks, rooting about under the bird feeders. Every garden should have a Chukar. Or not. If the holes dug in mine are any indication, their means of escape is likely by digging. I've already seen some escapees just recently, despite their rearing pens having been extensively renovated earlier this year. OK, I know Chukar is a NYSOA unmentionable, but one can hold out hope that one day a Chukar would come by being followed by baby Chukars, and then who would be laughing?

One-time only sightings of Bald Eagle, Northern Shrike, Swainson's Thrush and Fox Sparrow keep me glued to the windows overlooking the bird feeders far longer than I'd care to admit. But the best thing is that the hubby, finally retired, is sometimes actually looking at birds and occasionally actually uses binoculars to do so. Hope springs eternal....

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

On behalf of all contributors, sub-Regional compilers, Regional Editors and others who have contributed or vetted data for this publication, as well as all the readers and researchers who study and enjoy the Regional Reports, we extend a long-overdue note of gratitude to Bob Spahn for his immense contributions to Region 2 and to New York State as a whole, in his roles as Regional Editor, Spring Arrival Dates compiler, and Regional Reports Editor. Similarly, we wish to express our gratitude to the folks at Cornell who facilitate eBird data-mining, and to Bill Ostrander and David Wheeler for formatting and sharing seasonal databases for Regional use. The Regional reports, arrivals charts, and other kinds of data preserved in *The Kingbird* have benefited greatly from their work.

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# WINTER WATERFOWL COUNT, JANUARY 2019— CORRECTED

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**[Editor's Note—**Due to slight variations in the template files used in compiling the January 2019 Waterfowl Count, some of the species totals for Region 10 were incorrect as published in the original version of this report (*The Kingbird* 69: 119-123). These errors affected the summary as well, so the entire corrected report is republished here.]

About 387 volunteers went into the field 12-27 January 2019 and conducted the New York State Ornithological Association's January Waterfowl Count (JWC). The volunteers logged 1025.5 party-hours and counted 394,243 waterfowl. Swift (2007) described the methodology of the count.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS

The only significant snow in the state leading up to and during the waterfowl count period was in the western part of the state. Buffalo recorded a 13-inch snow cover on January 20, the count's target date, and 15-inch snow cover on January 26. The snow in Buffalo was accompanied by sub-zero weather on January 20, as well. The target date's weather did lead to some changed plans for participants, but the count's overall coverage of the state was good.

## RESULTS

In this summary, I will compare the 2019 numbers with the average annual numbers from the decade 2001-2010. The total number of waterfowl counted this year, 394,243, was 10,537 (3%) more than the average for the 2001-2010 decade. The difference was primarily due to an overall larger count of geese, primarily Canada Geese, which was 43,433 (25%) more than the decade average. This larger count of geese more than offset the lower count of ducks and miscellaneous other waterfowl than the decade average. The 2019 count of swans was 247 (10%) more than the decade average, a higher count of Tundra Swans overcoming a lower count of Mute Swans.

Lingering Wood Ducks and Northern Shovelers accounted for the only counts of dabbling ducks that were higher than the 2001-2010 average. Among diving ducks, the counts of Redheads, Ring-necked Ducks, Greater Scaup (unless all the unidentified scaup from 2001-2010 were this species and none of the

unidentified scaup in this count were), Common Eider, Black Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, and Hooded Merganser were all higher than the decade average. All the non-Anseriformes waterfowl species counts were lower in the 2019 count than the average for the 2001-2010 decade.

## **LONG-TERM TRENDS**

We have been watching for many years the long-term trend of increasing numbers of Tundra Swans wintering in New York State, the number peaking at 4,065 in 2016. That number dropped to 1,443 in 2017 and to 655 in 2018. The number rebounded somewhat in the 2019 count to 1,317. We have also been watching Canvasbacks. While their numbers vary widely from year to year, their two highest counts, 24,584 and 25,718, both occurred in the 2001-2010 decade. Their two lowest counts, 3,771 and 4,514, occurred in the current decade.

By comparing the averages for the periods 1973-2000, 2001-2010, and 2013-2019, possible long-term trends in New York State's winter waterfowl populations can be identified. Possible long-term increases can thus be seen for Snow Goose, Brant, Trumpeter Swan, Tundra Swan, Wood Duck, Gadwall, Eurasian Wigeon, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Common Eider, Harlequin Duck, Long-tailed Duck, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, and Red-breasted Merganser. Long-term decreases may be happening to American Wigeon, American Black Duck, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, scaup, White-winged Scoter, and Common Merganser.

## **FUTURE COUNTS**

You can help with the 2020 count by contacting your Regional compiler. Compiler contact information and historical data are available online at:

<http://nybirds.org/ProjWaterfowl.htm>

For planning purposes, the January Waterfowl Count is conducted in a period that begins the Saturday before Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (the third Monday in January). The next two count periods will be:

2020 – January 18-26 (target date Sunday, January 19)

2021 – January 16-24 (target date Sunday, January 17)

Table 1. Regional totals for the 2019 January Waterfowl Count.  
 Note: these data have been corrected and replace those published in *The Kingbird* 69: 120-121.

Species/Region	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Goose, Gr. White-fr.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	7
Snow	0	49	12,058	0	0	0	0	1	9	602	12,719
Ross's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canada	5,286	15,741	42,879	5,118	4,873	1,191	0	23,840	31,011	55,920	185,859
Cackling	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	8	21
Brant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	550	17,420	17,970
Swan, Mute	9	176	25	0	18	103	0	17	317	803	1,468
Trumpeter	0	16	20	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	42
Tundra	196	0	1,060	0	33	28	0	0	0	0	1,317
not to species	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wood Duck	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	28	38	70
Gadwall	12	1	62	3	16	0	0	0	72	1,160	1,326
Wigeon, Eurasian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
American	5	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	51	228	326
Am. Black Duck	64	168	661	277	63	78	42	96	611	5,893	7,953
Mallard	2,042	2,424	4,946	1,393	1,600	522	1,404	1,611	5,478	8,430	29,850
Mallard X Black	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	72	79
Blue-winged Teal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Shoveler	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	530	538
Northern Pintail	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	4	108	119
Green-winged Teal	1	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	149	162
Canvasback	4,255	14	964	3	3	0	0	3	90	174	5,506
Redhead	1,143	2,649	15,738	345	156	7	0	1	9	45	20,093
Ring-necked Duck	9	84	301	5	19	0	0	1	417	993	1,829
Tufted Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scaup, Greater	16,817	397	403	31	132	0	0	0	1,128	19,001	37,909



Species/Region	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Lesser	3	17	104	3	20	2	0	0	35	1,185	1,369
not to species	130	10	243	0	50	0	100	0	1	1,226	1,760
Eider, King	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Common	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,607	5,607
Harlequin Duck	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Scoter, Surf	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	658	659
White-winged	99	34	20	1	42	0	0	0	1	1,446	1,643
Black	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3,690	3,691
not to species	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,369	4,369
Long-tailed Duck	1,182	2,565	46	13	475	539	0	0	207	3,291	8,318
Bufflehead	925	24	201	4	33	16	22	0	830	4,911	6,966
Goldeneye, Co.	2,234	1,098	1,982	139	670	1,504	359	467	538	989	9,980
Barrow's	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Merganser, Hooded	57	9	98	133	47	1	5	59	253	1,334	1,996
Common	1,058	410	3,323	364	1,560	762	241	431	1,547	131	9,827
Red-breasted	702	3,523	486	2	163	65	0	0	89	1,846	6,876
Ruddy Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	2,115	2,133
Loon, Red-throated	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	94	104
Common	0	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	43	258	308
Grebe, Pied-billed	3	1	6	0	3	0	0	0	5	17	35
Horned	0	3	3	1	0	0	2	0	16	217	242
Red-necked	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Eared	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cormorant, D.-cr.	16	17	1	0	26	0	0	0	2	102	164
Great	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	49	96
American Coot	0	29	240	46	2	0	0	0	23	153	493
Other/Unidentified	1,297	3	901	0	0	41	0	0	21	170	2,433
<b>TOTALS</b>	37,550	29,481	86,822	7,890	10,012	4,862	2,177	26,528	43,482	145,439	394,243

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Region	Compiler	Region	Compiler
1	Jim Landau	6	Jeff Bolsinger
2	Robert Spahn	7	Gary Lee
3	Thomas Bell	8	Bryan Swift
4	Gail Kirch	9	Bill Ostrander
5	Bill Purcell	10	Clifford Hagen

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON—SPRING 2019

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Winter's icy grip continued into March across most of the state, barely moderating as spring progressed. Early spring was drier than normal and most Regions saw increased precipitation levels by late April and May. Many Regional editors felt that the prolonged cool weather kept early migrants away or in low numbers, but locally, mini warming spells brought bursts of migratory activity.

Upstate, returning waterfowl included a decent showing of geese, common and rare. Greater White-fronted Geese put up good numbers in Regions 1, 2, 3, and 6, where nine were reported at Fort Drum on 14 March. Ross's Geese were reported from seven Regions, and Cackling Geese were reported from nine, with up to 87 individuals reported in Region 2. Pink-footed Goose appeared for the third consecutive year in Region 7, the only report for the state this spring. Snow Geese made strong appearances in Regions 2 and 6. In Region 5, over 75,000 passed Derby Hill on 21 March, following up on 66,000+ the previous day.

A flock of eight Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks appeared in Steuben County, Region 3, on 19 May, followed by a flock in Region 10 that eventually numbered as many as 12 and lingered beyond the end of the period. Eurasian Wigeons were reported from all but two Regions. In Region 9, an early April weather event resulted in a significant grounding of waterfowl and grebes. At Bashakill and Orange Lake, up to 37 Horned and seven Red-necked Grebes and 27 Long-tailed Ducks were tallied along with good numbers of other, less surprising migrants. Long-tails also made waves in Region 4, with multiple reports and a high count of 36.

A King Rail in Region 9 was heard calling at a location where it has appeared in the past. Sandhill Cranes were reported from every Region. Over 100 were tallied at the Braddock Bay hawk watch.

Unusual shorebird species were well represented, with American Golden-Plover in at least three Regions, a surprisingly cooperative Wilson's Plover in Region 10, Black-necked Stilt in three Regions, and Ruffs in Regions 2, 3 and 9. In addition, a Long-billed Dowitcher was noteworthy in Region 5. Also in Region 5, the extremely vulnerable Piping Plover nested again, a hopeful sign for this tiny remnant inland population. A single bird was reported in Region 2. Otherwise, the more regular shorebird species were generally found in decent numbers, with Regions 1 and 2 reporting Ruddy Turnstone counts in the 60s, for example, and good numbers of Dunlin and Semipalmated Sandpipers away from the coast.

Gull numbers were generally mixed, some Regions seeing low to average counts, with a few scattered Little Gulls, a Laughing Gull in Region 5 and an unidentified Franklin's/Laughing in Region 2 being among the highlights. A Least Tern was photographed at Seneca Lake in Region 3, and another at Braddock Bay provided a first spring record for Region 2. Down in Region 10,

Nickerson Beach in Nassau has established itself as a reliable location for Arctic Tern.

Surely one of the most surprising records for the spring season came from Hamlin Beach in late April, when a Magnificent Frigatebird was photographed. This was the first record for Region 2 for this wanderer from the tropics. Is the American White Pelican moving out of the “unexpected” category for New York? It’s now considered regular in Region 1, but was also reported from Regions 2, 5 and 9. Brown Pelicans in Regions 1 and 5, however, are still considered to be another level of rarity. A Pacific Loon was identified from photographs, and later refound, at Saratoga Lake in Region 8, while two were found in Region 10.

American and Least Bitterns received some favorable mentions, both for some good numbers and a few early arrival records. Glossy Ibis was widely reported away from coastal areas, but otherwise, long-legged waders apparently were not well represented, with a few scattered Snowy and Great Egrets mentioned.

Black Vultures continue their increase throughout the state. Both Braddock Bay in Region 2 and Derby Hill in Region 5 reported excellent numbers of Broad-winged Hawks and Bald Eagles, with Derby Hill also mentioning good numbers of Osprey and Golden Eagle but low numbers for Red-tailed and Rough-legged Hawk. Rarities included Swainson’s Hawks in Regions 1 and 2, and Mississippi Kites in Regions 2, 4 and 10. Strong numbers were noted for our three normally occurring falcons, and once again Peregrines in Region 5 showed a taste for cuckoos, with 11 brought to one nest through the month of May.

Few Snowy Owls lingered into the spring season, but good numbers of Short-eared and Saw-whet Owls were found, again in Region 2. A Barn Owl recorded in Region 1 was locally rare, but the best bird of this group was undoubtedly the Burrowing Owl found at a Queens (Region 10) construction site and watched by a lucky few in the gloaming. Apparently this bird represented the seventh state record.

Passerine migration was generally given high marks by Regional editors, with a number of interesting early reports, some noteworthy fallouts and more than a few outstanding rarities. A sampling of comments from around the state: “Warblers put on a big show in May as large numbers dazzled birders during the second week of May...” (Region 1); passerines provided “so many interesting observations that only a sampling can be provided here.” (Region 2); “record early arrival dates were tied or set for five species” (Region 6); and “southern passerines such as Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, and Yellow-throated and Prothonotary Warblers were widely encountered across the Region this season” (Region 10).

A quick mention of some interesting species which were not part of the wave of southern arrivals—a Townsend’s Solitaire in Region 8 lingered into early April, Boreal Chickadees were found in Regions 5 and 6, and a Hoary Redpoll lingered into early March in Region 2. By far the standout in this category was the Golden-crowned Sparrow, first identified in December of 2018. My apologies

for overlooking this bird in the winter report, but, determined not to be ignored, the sparrow lingered into spring, demanding its place on these pages!

Summer Tanagers were reported from six Regions, including four from Region 1, with Western Tanager reported from Regions 9 and 10. Among the many other noteworthy records, Prothonotary Warblers were reported from six Regions, a Swainson's Warbler was a one-day wonder at Central Park and 35 Orange-crowned Warblers were reported from Region 2. With its saturation coverage, it's now very difficult for Central Park to add new species to the park list, but in April, White-winged Dove made it onto the cumulative list. A Townsend's Warbler entertained lucky birders at Fairhaven in Region 5, and two days later another turned up at Bashakill in Region 9. Continuing with the "rare birds in multiple Regions" theme, Yellow-headed Blackbirds turned up in Regions 7 and 9, Painted Buntings in Regions 5 and 6, the latter a first Regional record, and Yellow-breasted Chat in Regions 2 and 6. No doubt the most surprising passerine migrant of the season was Sage Thrasher. What isn't so clear is whether the thrasher that spent several days in the gardens at Jamaica Bay (Region 10) was as surprising as the one that turned up two weeks later on Fire Island (also Region 10). These represented the fifth and sixth state records, after an absence of 46 years. Six Regions mentioned Clay-colored Sparrow, including "a whopping ten locations" in Region 1.

After a mixed bag of winter finch sightings last winter, a few interesting reports made it into these pages. Common Redpolls, Pine Siskins and Evening Grosbeaks, which provided most of the "finch" entertainment last winter, lingered in a number of locations, even persisting into May in Region 6. Evening Grosbeak numbers apparently improved in many areas as spring progressed. See the Region 5 report for Gerry Smith's comments regarding historical timing of this species' movements. In Region 8, a late winter incursion of Pine Grosbeaks was noteworthy. Red Crossbills were not a significant part of the winter finch incursion, so it was surprising when a small flock turned up on eastern Long Island. At least one pair built a nest.

The spring of 2019 produced a number of remarkable rarities. In any normal spring season, easy contenders for Bird of the Season would include the Region 4 Golden-crowned Sparrow (which could easily have been BOTS for the Winter Report), Magnificent Frigatebird in Region 2, Black-bellied Whistling Ducks from two Regions, upstate Brown Pelicans, and multiple Townsend's Warblers. This year, though, what could top a seventh state record Burrowing Owl or fifth and sixth state records of Sage Thrasher? In this remarkable spring season, there is an answer to this question. On 5 May, Pat Lindsay visited the rain puddles where last year she found a mega rare Wood Sandpiper. Not one to rest on her laurels, Pat managed to pull a **Common Greenshank** out of a small flock of yellowlegs! This first NYS record, one of very few for North America outside of Alaska, is the clear shoo-in for BOTS for spring 2019. I'm pretty sure that the puddles at Timber Point County Park will be well attended next spring!

**Corrigenda:** In Highlights of the Season—Winter (*The Kingbird* 69: 131) a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was incorrectly attributed to Region 4; it was actually the “bird of the season” for Region 3.



Common Greenshank, Timber Point Golf Course, *Suffolk*, 5 May 2019, © Tim Dunn.

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### SPRING ARRIVAL DATES FOR 2019

Region	Species Reported <sup>1</sup>	Seasonality <sup>2</sup> vs. 1987-15	Advance <sup>3</sup> (Days)	Record Early Spp.
1	91	-2.90	-1.80	2
2	93	-3.22	-2.86	2
3	92	-2.53	-1.94	2
4	-	-	-	-
5	88	-0.64	3.33	2
6	91	-4.13	5.23	5
7	88	-2.98	8.17	3
8	91	-5.88	-1.32	3
9	90	-5.15	-4.47	8
10	81	-2.54	-4.34	2

<sup>1</sup>Maximum number of species = 93.

<sup>2</sup>Average arrival in a Region compared to that Region’s 33-year average.

<sup>3</sup>Average 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 2019 Waterbirds												
Species	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10	Average	33-Yr. Ave
Wood Duck	26 Feb	9 Mar	2 Mar			14 Mar	7 Mar	5 Mar	18 Feb		3 Mar	10 Mar
Blue-winged Teal	18 Mar	19 Mar	15 Mar		16 Mar	26 Mar		19 Mar	12 Mar	14 Mar	17 Mar	27 Mar
Northern Pintail	9 Feb	10 Feb	2 Mar			30 Mar	3 Mar	2 Mar	9 Feb		25 Feb	5 Mar
Green-winged Teal	19 Feb	1 Mar	1 Mar			14 Mar	17 Mar	13 Mar		8 Mar	6 Mar	13 Mar
Virginia Rail	8 Apr	6 Apr	3 Apr		13 Apr	12 Apr	8 May	4 Apr	25 Mar	8 Apr	9 Apr	15 Apr
Sora	18 Apr	17 Apr	21 Apr		17 Apr	30 Apr	25 May	18 Apr	16 Apr	14 Apr	22 Apr	27 Apr
Common Gallinule	22 Apr	30 Mar	13 Apr		15 Apr	19 Apr	22 May	23 Apr	19 Apr		20 Apr	24 Apr
Black-bellied Plover	15 May	4 May	1 May		17 May	27 May	4 May	4 May	10 May		11 May	13 May
Semipalmated Plover	11 May	27 Apr	23 May		27 Apr	11 May	22 May	9 May	7 May	28 Apr	8 May	8 May
Killdeer	10 Feb	10 Mar	16 Feb		23 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar	4 Mar	15 Feb	<b>15 Feb</b>	1 Mar	4 Mar
Sanderling	28 May	<b>8 Apr</b>	12 May		15 May				17 May		10 May	18 May
Least Sandpiper	3 May	1 May	5 Apr			11 May	27 May	<b>13 Apr</b>	20 Apr	15 Apr	27 Apr	2 May
Pectoral Sandpiper	28 Mar	29 Mar	4 May		13 Apr		9 May		7 Apr	17 Apr	15 Apr	18 Apr
Semipalmated Sandpiper	23 May	13 May	13 May		16 May	26 May	27 May	12 May	8 May	2 May	15 May	13 May
American Woodcock	9 Mar	14 Mar	14 Mar			17 Mar	27 Mar	12 Mar	26 Feb		13 Mar	10 Mar
Wilson's Snipe	14 Mar	24 Mar	14 Mar		12 Apr	5 Apr	9 Apr	24 Mar	4 Mar		24 Mar	23 Mar
Spotted Sandpiper	19 Apr	17 Apr	13 Apr		20 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr	2 Apr	16 Apr	17 Apr	16 Apr	22 Apr
Solitary Sandpiper	6 Apr	19 Apr	18 Apr		<b>31 Mar</b>	8 May	4 May	4 Apr	<b>9 Apr</b>	20 Apr	16 Apr	25 Apr
Lesser Yellowlegs	12 Apr	3 Apr	31 Mar		12 Apr	6 Apr	19 Apr	17 Apr	13 Apr	12 Apr	10 Apr	14 Apr
Greater Yellowlegs	24 Mar	22 Mar	24 Mar		2 Apr	1 Apr	20 Apr	10 Apr	31 Mar		1 Apr	4 Apr
Caspian Tern	11 Apr	7 Apr	7 Apr		7 Apr	12 Apr	<b>7 Apr</b>	7 Apr	6 Apr	26 Apr	10 Apr	15 Apr
Black Tern	26 Apr	27 Apr	30 Apr		<b>17 Apr</b>	5 May		12 May	4 May	23 May	3 May	7 May
Common Tern	8 Apr	12 Apr	31 Mar		9 Apr	25 Apr	23 Apr	30 Apr	30 Apr	28 Apr	18 Apr	24 Apr
American Bittern	14 Apr	30 Mar	16 Apr		6 Apr	9 Apr	31 Mar	24 Mar	3 Apr	31 Mar	4 Apr	12 Apr
Green Heron	13 Apr	19 Apr	13 Apr		22 Apr	<b>3 Apr</b>	7 May	15 Apr	12 Apr	4 Apr	15 Apr	21 Apr
Osprey	27 Mar	24 Mar	14 May		27 Mar	31 Mar	21 Mar	24 Mar	18 Mar	14 Mar	29 Mar	27 Mar
Marsh Wren	18 Apr	16 Apr	14 Apr		21 Apr	2 May	3 May	21 Apr	15 Apr	15 Apr	20 Apr	26 Apr

Dates in **bold** type are record-early arrivals for the Region.



Species	Spring Arrival Dates 2019										Average	33-Yr. Ave
	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10		
Black-billed Cuckoo	1 May	10 May	6 May		8 May	19 May	21 May	9 May	4 May	27 Apr	8 May	11 May
Common Nighthawk	7 May	7 May	15 May		18 May	12 May	11 May	18 May	6 May	19 Apr	9 May	11 May
Chimney Swift	21 Apr	18 Apr	13 Apr		18 Apr	3 May	7 May	19 Apr	13 Apr	13 Apr	20 Apr	24 Apr
Ruby-thr Hummingbird	28 Apr	1 May	1 May		2 May	4 May	4 May	19 Apr	19 Apr	18 Apr	27 Apr	1 May
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	29 Mar	29 Mar	17 Mar		19 Mar	1 Apr	28 Mar	<b>16 Mar</b>	26 Apr	25 Mar	28 Mar	2 Apr
Oliv-sided Flycatcher	9 May	15 May	20 Mar		18 May	4 May	20 May	17 May	7 May	6 May	12 May	17 May
Eastern Wood-Pewee	8 May	2 May	10 May		8 May	11 May	20 May	2 May	2 May	29 Apr	6 May	9 May
Alder Flycatcher	17 May	13 May	13 May		15 May	14 May	11 May	4 May	11 May	24 May	13 May	16 May
Willow Flycatcher	8 May	9 May	11 May		6 May	11 May	14 May	5 May	8 May	11 May	9 May	14 May
Least Flycatcher	<b>25 Apr</b>	2 May	<b>19 Apr</b>		2 May	5 May	4 May	29 Apr	25 Apr	28 Apr	28 Apr	1 May
Eastern Phoebe	15 Mar	15 Mar	18 Mar		15 Mar	29 Mar	21 Mar	19 Mar	<b>23 Feb</b>	2 Mar	14 Mar	21 Mar
Gr. Crested Flycatcher	1 May	2 May	30 Apr		2 May	2 May	7 May	30 Apr	24 Apr	27 Apr	30 Apr	30 Apr
Yellow-throated Vireo	27 Apr	2 May	2 Apr		28 Apr	3 May	4 May	28 Apr	24 Apr	21 Apr	27 Apr	27 Apr
Blue-headed Vireo	2 May	2 May	2 May		21 Apr	2 May	18 May	29 Apr	23 Apr	14 Apr	29 Apr	3 May
Warbling Vireo	14 Apr	19 Apr	14 Apr		19 Apr	21 Apr	19 Apr	14 Apr	13 Apr	10 Apr	15 Apr	18 Apr
Red-eyed Vireo	24 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr		1 May	3 May	5 May	23 Apr	25 Apr	19 Apr	26 Apr	29 Apr
Purple Martin	2 May	2 May	2 May		25 Apr	4 May	8 May	2 May	27 Apr	21 Apr	30 Apr	3 May
Tree Swallow	30 Mar	9 Apr	7 Apr		9 Apr	12 Apr	12 Apr	13 Apr	3 Apr	10 Apr	7 Apr	15 Apr
N. Rough-winged Swallow	13 Mar	14 Mar	14 Mar		14 Mar	24 Mar	13 Mar	15 Mar	13 Mar	12 Mar	14 Mar	19 Mar
Bank Swallow	4 Apr	3 Apr	7 Apr		9 Apr	<b>7 Apr</b>	20 Apr	6 Apr	27 Mar	28 Mar	5 Apr	12 Apr
Cliff Swallow	14 Apr	12 Apr	15 Apr		19 Apr	30 Apr	22 May	18 Apr	21 Apr	16 Apr	21 Apr	23 Apr
Barn Swallow	16 Apr	18 Apr	19 Apr		15 Apr	14 Apr	12 May	30 Apr	13 Apr	20 Apr	20 Apr	25 Apr
House Wren	30 Mar	<b>14 Mar</b>	3 Apr		6 Apr	12 Apr	<b>5 Apr</b>	7 Apr	28 Mar	27 Mar	31 Mar	8 Apr
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	14 Apr	18 Apr	12 Apr		19 Apr	22 Apr	21 Apr	16 Apr	21 Apr	3 Apr	16 Apr	20 Apr
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	14 Apr	13 Apr	13 Apr		13 Apr	28 Apr	20 Apr	13 Apr	6 Apr	31 Mar	13 Apr	19 Apr
Eastern Bluebird	29 Mar	3 Apr	23 Mar		6 Apr	13 Apr	10 Apr	3 Apr	1 Apr	5 Apr	3 Apr	6 Apr
Veery	13 Mar	13 Mar	13 Mar		24 Mar	11 Mar	11 Mar	1 Mar	1 Mar	12 Mar	12 Mar	9 Mar
Swainson's Thrush	1 May	30 Apr	1 May		3 May	3 May	6 May	1 May	25 Apr	16 Apr	29 Apr	1 May
Hermit Thrush	5 May	4 May	3 May		4 May	16 May	14 May	4 May	2 May	<b>17 Apr</b>	4 May	7 May
Wood Thrush	4 Apr	2 Apr	1 Apr		4 Apr	8 Apr	2 Apr	23 Mar	2 Apr	25 Mar	2 Apr	7 Apr
Gray Catbird	25 Apr	30 Apr	30 Apr		1 May	2 May	5 May	30 Apr	26 Apr	14 Apr	28 Apr	28 Apr
Brown Thrasher	<b>5 Apr</b>	10 Apr	19 Apr		25 Apr	26 Apr	4 May	14 Apr	29 Mar	7 Apr	16 Apr	23 Apr
	7 Apr	10 Apr	2 Apr		31 Mar	17 Apr	<b>30 Mar</b>	10 Apr	7 Apr	28 Mar	5 Apr	13 Apr

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Species	Spring Arrival Dates 2019										Landbirds (cont'd)		
	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10	Average	33+ Yr. Ave	
Eastern Towhee	21 Mar	27 Mar	24 Mar		1 May	20 Mar	19 Apr	2 Apr	30 Mar		2 Apr	7 Apr	
Chipping Sparrow	18 Mar	30 Mar	13 Mar		26 Apr	8 Apr	12 Mar	30 Mar	28 Mar		28 Mar	3 Apr	
Vesper Sparrow	6 Apr	6 Apr	21 Mar		31 Mar	8 Apr	9 Apr	13 Apr		10 Apr	5 Apr	9 Apr	
Savannah Sparrow	31 Mar	7 Apr	7 Mar		6 Apr	9 Apr	12 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr		3 Apr	6 Apr	
Lincoln's Sparrow	1 May	30 Apr	3 May		1 May	4 May	23 Apr	4 May	2 May	19 Apr	29 Apr	3 May	
White-crowned Sparrow		30 Mar	16 Apr		3 May	3 May	3 May	14 Apr	10 Apr	14 Apr	19 Apr	23 Apr	
Bobolink	1 May	30 Apr	30 Apr		10 May	3 May	5 May	29 Apr	1 May	2 May	2 May	1 May	
Baltimore Oriole	27 Apr	1 May	23 Apr		1 May	3 May	3 May	30 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr	
Ovenbird	1 May	23 Apr	<b>21 Apr</b>		1 May	3 May	5 May	26 Apr	21 Apr	15 Apr	26 Apr	28 Apr	
Northern Waterthrush	<b>19 Apr</b>	19 Apr	23 Apr		18 Apr	<b>19 Apr</b>	3 May	21 Apr	21 Apr	14 Apr	20 Apr	25 Apr	
Black-and-White Warbler	27 Apr	18 Apr	21 Apr		26 Apr	20 Apr	30 Apr	20 Apr	31 Mar	31 Mar	18 Apr	23 Apr	
Tennessee Warbler	2 May	2 May	5 May		2 May	7 May	8 May	7 May	<b>27 Apr</b>	29 Apr	3 May	7 May	
Nashville Warbler	23 Apr	26 Apr	23 Apr		25 Apr	3 May	5 May	2 May	27 Apr	17 Apr	26 Apr	28 Apr	
Mourning Warbler	7 May	7 May	7 May		15 May	17 May	20 May	13 May	15 May	6 May	11 May	13 May	
Common Yellowthroat	1 May	12 Apr	22 Apr		28 Apr	5 May	8 May	24 Apr	12 Apr	15 Apr	24 Apr	28 Apr	
American Redstart	1 May	2 May	30 Apr		29 Apr	5 May	5 May	29 Apr	<b>19 Apr</b>	23 Apr	29 Apr	2 May	
Cape May Warbler	1 May	1 May	3 May		2 May	2 May	5 May	2 May	4 May	28 Apr	2 May	6 May	
Northern Parula	29 Apr	14 Apr	3 May		2 May	2 May	6 May	3 May	<b>9 Apr</b>	13 Apr	25 Apr	30 Apr	
Magnolia Warbler	1 May	2 May	2 May		3 May	7 May	3 May	3 May	2 May	28 Apr	2 May	3 May	
Bay-breasted Warbler	4 May	7 May	4 May		5 May	17 May	20 May	7 May	3 May	2 May	7 May	9 May	
Blackburnian Warbler	30 Apr	1 May	30 Apr		2 May	3 May	4 May	1 May	28 Apr	24 Apr	30 Apr	2 May	
Yellow Warbler	25 Apr	23 Apr	19 Apr		<b>19 Apr</b>	29 Apr	7 May	21 Apr	18 Apr	19 Apr	23 Apr	25 Apr	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	30 Apr	2 May	3 May		2 May	6 May	8 May	3 May	28 Apr	28 Apr	2 May	2 May	
Blackpoll Warbler	15 May	10 May	12 May		5 May	<b>5 May</b>	15 May	4 May	4 May	27 Apr	7 May	11 May	
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	1 May	1 May	2 May		28 Apr	3 May	3 May	25 Apr	23 Apr	23 Apr	28 Apr	30 Apr	
Palm Warbler	17 Apr	13 Apr	5 Apr		10 Apr	2 May	16 Apr	1 Apr	30 Mar	29 Mar	10 Apr	15 Apr	
Pine Warbler	27 Mar	2 Apr	25 Mar		8 Apr	16 Apr	15 Apr	1 Apr	<b>15 Mar</b>	13 Mar	30 Mar	7 Apr	
Black-thr Green Warbler	22 Apr	23 Apr	20 Apr		26 Apr	2 May	2 May	21 Apr	<b>4 Apr</b>	21 Apr	22 Apr	25 Apr	
Canada Warbler	9 May	9 May	2 May		6 May	6 May	16 May	7 May	3 May	29 Apr	6 May	9 May	
Wilson's Warbler	9 May	7 May	3 May		5 May	7 May	19 May	4 May	<b>17 Apr</b>	2 May	4 May	10 May	
Scarlet Tanager	29 Apr	1 May	2 May		2 May	5 May	7 May	28 Apr	30 Apr	24 Apr	30 Apr	3 May	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	19 Apr	20 Apr	26 Apr		24 Apr	2 May	23 Apr	20 Apr	25 Apr	18 Apr	23 Apr	27 Apr	
Indigo Bunting	1 May	3 May	3 May		3 May	7 May	7 May	3 May	22 Apr	16 Apr	30 Apr	3 May	
Overall Average	16 Apr	15 Apr	16 Apr		22 Apr	23 Apr	26 Apr	17 Apr	14 Apr	14 Apr	18 Apr	21 Apr	

Dates in **bold** type are record-early arrivals for the Region.

## REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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Winter's cold continued for the start of March. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 31.5°F, 2.5° below normal, with 2.73" of precipitation, 0.14" below average. There was 10.5" of snowfall, 2.4" below average. Warm weather on the 13<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> prompted an increase in migration. April's weather oscillated between cooler periods and warm-ups. The mean temperature was 44.8°, 1.1° below average. Precipitation was 3.07", 0.06" above average, with 0.5" of snowfall, 2.2" below normal. Lake Erie was frozen through March and ice remained in the eastern basin near Buffalo until late April. May brought steady weather patterns and was overall cooler than usual. The average temperature was 55.4°, 1.5° below normal. Rainfall occurred on more than half the days at 3.53", 0.07" above normal.

There were two Ross's Goose reports in March with one at Olean and another, or possibly the same bird, at Dayton Gravel Ponds. Greater White-fronted Geese continued their good showing from February with reports from seven locations in March. A Trumpeter Swan was found by Sue Barth at Winter's Pond in North Collins on 28 March, and then up to five Trumpeter Swans were seen around Iroquois NWR and Tonawanda WMA in April and May. Tundra Swans made a heavy migration push 13-19 March. Gale VerHague photographed a putative **Cinnamon x Blue-winged Teal** hybrid at a pond in Pomfet on 18 March. A Eurasian Wigeon continued at Celoron until 14 March, while another was at Tonawanda WMA in March. Late sightings of a drake Eurasian Wigeon were made at Iroquois NWR on 18 and 27 May. Two to three Harlequin Ducks continued off Niagara Falls SP into early May.

A second Regional record of **Black-necked Stilt** was the highlight of spring shorebird migration. Robert Deleon found one at Tonawanda WMA on 19 May and two were found at the same location the next day by Bill Wolanske. Gale VerHague found two American Avocets at Dunkirk Harbor on 28 April. There were two Whimbrel reports in late May. Memorial Day weekend brought many shorebirds to the breakwalls of Buffalo Harbor including a good count of 67 Ruddy Turnstones and the only Sanderling report of the spring. Four Willets at Buffalo Harbor on 13 May were a good find. The only reports for Upland Sandpiper were at the regular breeding location adjacent to Tillman Road WMA.

There were several reports of Iceland, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous Gulls beyond March, and no rare gull sightings for the season. Caspian Terns again bred in Buffalo Harbor. Up to 35 Black Terns were found at Iroquois NWR, the only breeding location in the Region. Four Black Terns going to roost at Grass Island in Buckhorn Island SP on 10 May was an interesting report from Alec

Humann. While these were probably migrating birds roosting for the night, it is easy to wonder if Black Terns might be able to breed at Grass Island if the location wasn't surrounded by recreational boaters all summer. There was one report of Forster's Tern, with three found in Olean on 28 April.

American White Pelican was sighted at Times Beach Nature Preserve 7 April, at Iroquois NWR on 17 April and 26 May, and in Buffalo Harbor on 8 and 11 May. This makes nine of the last ten spring seasons it has been recorded. A **Brown Pelican** was sighted in Buffalo Harbor on 19 May by Jen Starr and others; this was the fifth record for the Region. The same bird was photographed four days later in nearby Jordan Harbour, Ontario. Sandhill Cranes were reported from 13 locations, presumably all in migration, in addition to up to 10 at Iroquois NWR and eight at Conewango Swamp WMA. American Bittern was reported from seven locations beyond Iroquois NWR with a good count of eight seen at Tiffitt Nature Preserve on 5 May. Least Bittern was reported from four locations. No rare herons or egrets were sighted this spring.

The highlight of the spring raptor migration was a **Swainson's Hawk** at the Hamburg Hawkwatch on 8 April as observed by Alec Humann, Sue Barth, and Kevin Rybczynski; this was the first record for the hawkwatch and for Erie County. There were two Golden Eagle sightings at the Hamburg Hawkwatch in April and another was observed over Forest Lawn Cemetery on 3 May. The only Northern Goshawk report came from Swain in May. Black Vultures were sighted in seven locations beyond their regular haunt of Lewiston, which made for their best spring showing ever.

**Barn Owl** calls were recorded by Bill Evans at an acoustic station in Yates on 12 April, making for a rare Regional record. A few Snowy Owls were reported in March on the breakwalls around Buffalo Harbor and the last report was one in Batavia in mid-April. Long-eared Owl was reported from three locations including a roosting bird at Tiffitt NP on 13 April that many birders were able to see. Short-eared Owls were found at three locations, and there were four Northern Saw-whet Owl reports.

A White-eyed Vireo in Jamestown on 18 May was a good find. Fish Crows were reported each month from Unity Island along with one other report from Buffalo and one at Four Mile Creek SP in May. Two to three Sedge Wrens were reported from Conewango Swamp WMA in May. There were very few reports and low numbers of American Pipits this spring; only ten eBird reports and a max count of 11 were surprising.

Evening Grosbeaks continued their good showing from the fall and winter seasons. There were just a few Common Redpoll reports, as expected since it was not a flight winter for them. David Crowe discovered Red Crossbills at Hanging Bog WMA with up to 12 seen 12-23 April; this made for a rare spring report. Pine Siskins were around each month with maximum reports in the dozens.

Clay-colored Sparrows were reported from a whopping ten locations; it will be interesting to see how many will be documented breeding in the upcoming

Atlas project. Grasshopper Sparrow was found at a few migration locations, which is an uncommon occurrence.

Warblers put on big show in May as large numbers dazzled birders during the second week of May, especially at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo and Amherst SP. Cape May, Nashville, Northern Parula, and Black-throated Blue were around in unusually large numbers during this period. Shelly Seidmann found a Worm-eating Warbler near her Buffalo home for the only report this spring. There were six Golden-winged Warbler sightings plus two Brewster's and one Lawrence's Warbler report. Prothonotary Warbler and Prairie Warbler were found in migration more often than usual, away from regular breeding locations. Prothonotary Warbler reports came from Tiffit NP, Forest Lawn Cemetery, and Buckhorn Island SP.

**Summer Tanager** reports have increased in recent years and this spring brought an impressive four sightings. David Crowe started things off with one at Gargoyle Park in Olean. Betsy Kegelmeyer reported one from her feeder in Hamburg. Kirk Vanstrom found one at Long Point SP on 11 May. Willie D'Anna, Betsy Potter, and Josh Ketry then found one at Wilson on 19 May.

The 84<sup>th</sup> BOS April Count was held on 14 April on a rain-filled morning. The species count (145) was slightly below and the 98,038 birds recorded was more than 20% lower than the 10-year averages. These were influenced by one of the lowest participation rates in recent decades. Record high counts were tallied for Green Heron (4), Common Raven (35), House Wren (8), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (7), Brown Thrasher (63), and Chipping Sparrow (668). Record low counts, some likely attributable to the lower participation, included Canada Goose (4,590), Blue-winged Teal (60), Lesser Scaup (120), Killdeer (176), Herring Gull (351), Northern Harrier (15), American Crow (1,166) and House Sparrow (992).

The BOS May Count was held on 19 May. A total of 198 species was tallied and 65,995 birds (both below average) were recorded. High counts over the last 50 years included Red-breasted Merganser (2,764), Great Egret (188), Bald Eagle (54), Osprey (61), Sandhill Crane (14), Pileated Woodpecker (60), Olive-sided Flycatcher (15), and Northern Parula (53). Lowest counts in the last 50 years included only American Crow (796).

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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 – 14 Apr; **BOSMC** – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count – 19 May; **BufH** – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; **BuSP** – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; **BWWTP** – Batavia Wastewater 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; **FMCS** – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; **FNSP** – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; **GHSP** – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; **Hamburg 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; **PB** – Point Breeze, ORLE; **RWNP** – Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, ERIE; **SPWS** – Sinking Ponds Wildlife Sanctuary, ERIE; **TBNP** – Times Beach Nature Preserve, Buffalo, ERIE; **Tift NP** – Tift 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-HUMMINGBIRDS

**Snow Goose:** 17 DH 1 Mar; 22 BufH 13 Mar; 57, 85 Yates ORLE 14, 24 Mar; max 200 PB 17 Mar; 29 Wilson NIAG 19 Mar.

**Ross's Goose:** Olean CATT 19 Mar (KH); Dayton Gravel Ponds CATT 23-25 Mar (ID, SD et al); possibly same bird?

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** 9, 2 Celoron ChauL 3, 14 Mar; Newstead ERIE 10, 12 Mar; max 10 Carlton ORLE 10 Mar; 2 PB 12 Mar; 2 Yates ORLE 14 Mar; 2 Newfane NIAG 18 Mar; N Collins ERIE 23-29 Mar.

**Cackling Goose:** 10 Wilson NIAG 12, 17 Mar; 4 Newfane NIAG 18 Mar; 10 Lyndonville NIAG 24 Mar; last Hartland NIAG 1 Apr.

**Mute Swan:** 2 BeSP 8 Mar; DH 1 Apr, 4, 31 May; max 6 Lyndonville NIAG 26 May.

**Trumpeter Swan:** N Collins ERIE 28 Mar-5 Apr (SB); 1-4 INWR 6 Apr-31 May, was regular at location last year; 5, 5 TWMA 30 Apr, 5 May.

**Tundra Swan:** 255 BuSP 1 Mar; 370 WoBSP 13 Mar; max 500, 847 Wilson NIAG 16, 19

Mar; 625 Shelby ORLE 19 Mar; 334 INWR 20 Mar; last 5 Wilson NIAG 3 Apr.

**Wood Duck:** max 50 Pomfret CHAU 19 Mar.

**Blue-winged Teal:** arr 2 Pomfret CHAU 18 Mar; max 15 Fredonia CHAU 23 Mar; 60 BOSAC; numbers remain down.

**CINNAMON x Blue-winged Teal:** Pomfret CHAU 18 Mar (GV ph!), first occurrence in Reg.

**Northern Shoveler:** max 40 INWR 19 Apr.

**Gadwall:** max 52 OOWMA 10 Apr.

**Eurasian Wigeon:** Celoron ChauL 3-14 Mar (RSti), continuing since Feb; TWMA 24 Mar (PY); INWR 18, 27 May (RSt, MM).

**American Wigeon:** max 276 OOWMA 7 Apr.

**American Black Duck:** max 35 CSWMA 17 Mar.

**Northern Pintail:** max 230 TWMA 24 Mar.

**Green-winged Teal:** max 47 CSWMA 9 Apr.

**Canvasback:** 300 Celoron ChauL 2 Mar; max 1050 BuSP 3 Mar; last BWWTP 12 May.

**Redhead:** max 360 Celoron ChauL 8 Mar; 150 DH 23 Mar; 8, 2 INWR 25, 30 May.

**Ring-necked Duck:** max 250 TWMA 24 Mar; INWR 27 May.

**Greater Scaup:** max 510 BufH 24 Mar.

**Lesser Scaup:** max 75 Celoron ChauL 3 Mar.

**Harlequin Duck:** 2-3 NFSP thru 5 May, regular location.

**Surf Scoter:** BufH 9, 26 Mar; 4 Clarence ERIE 22 Apr (RG), unusual location; only reports.

**White-winged Scoter:** max 65 FNFP 24 Mar; BufH 16 May; INWR 30 May, unusual location.

**Black Scoter:** BufH 5, 29 Mar, 4 Apr (KR, SS); only reports.

**Long-tailed Duck:** max 425 BufH 24 Mar; last 7 Olcott NIAG 24 May.

**Bufflehead:** max 70 BuSP 10 May.

**Common Goldeneye:** max 210 BufH 24 Mar; last 3 Porter NIAG 10 May.

**Hooded Merganser:** max 44 Celoron ChauL 14 Mar.

**Common Merganser:** max 120 Celoron ChauL 2 Mar.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 1067 Wilson NIAG 1 Mar; 450 Barcelona CHAU 3 Apr; 450 BufH 12 Apr.

**Ruddy Duck:** 67, 108 BWWTP 6 Apr, 3 May; max 350 Mayville ChauL 27 Apr (TL); 33, 15 INWR 29 Apr, 27 May.

**Horned Grebe:** max 25 Mayville ChauL 27 Apr; BMAC 16 May (TK), unusual location.

**Red-necked Grebe:** 3 Celoron ChauL 3 Mar (TL); max 75 GHSP 29 Mar; 7 Wilson NIAG 30 Mar; N Harmony CHAU 27, 28 Apr; last 2 GHSP 4 May.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr AmSP 11 May.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr FLC 1 May (JF), slightly early.

**Common Nighthawk:** arr Forestville CHAU 7 May; 9 RWNP 21 May; 13, 12 Lakewood CHAU 22, 27 May; max 33 N Harmony CHAU 25 May; 8 Newfane NIAG 27 May; 29 Buffalo ERIE 29 May.

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** arr Hamburg ERIE 18 Apr; Clarence ERIE 2 May; FLC, GHSP 3 May; Lancaster ERIE 5 May; Porter NIAG 8 May; good showing.

**Chimney Swift:** arr FLC, AmSP 21 Apr.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr Andover ALLE 28 Apr.

#### RAILS-LARIDS

**Virginia Rail:** arr 2 Pomfret CHAU 8 Apr; 4 TBNP 2 May; max 5 Lockport NIAG 6, 11 May; Swain ALLE 18 May; CSWMA 20, 25

May; AISP 31 May; only reports away from INWR & vicinity.

**Sora:** arr INWR 18 Apr; CSWMA 21 May; GHSP 26, 27 May (MK, JoS), unusual location.

**Common Gallinule:** arr Tift NP 22 Apr; max 15 INWR 10 May; Hanging Bog WMA ALLE 18 May.

**American Coot:** max 38 INWR 30 Mar.

**Sandhill Crane:** arr 2, 4 INWR 8, 24 Mar; max 10 INWR 4 Apr; 5, 8, 2 CSWMA 8, 12 Apr, 20-31 May; reported from 13 other locations presumably in migration.

**BLACK-NECKED STILT:** 1, 2 TWMA 19, 20 May (RD, BW); second Reg record.

**American Avocet:** 2 DH 28 Apr (GV), rare in spring.

**Black-bellied Plover:** arr 2, 12 Wilson NIAG 15, 26 May; 4 CSWMA 20 May; 8 Somerset NIAG 28 May.

**Semipalmated Plover:** arr 11 Sheridan CHAU, Somerset NIAG 11 May; 31 French Creek CHAU 21 May; max 78 CSWMA 24 May (CW).

**Upland Sandpiper:** arr 3 TRWMA BOSMC; only report.

**Whimbrel:** BufH 27 May; DH 28 May; only reports.

**Ruddy Turnstone:** arr BeSP 9 May; 6 Wilson NIAG 26 May; max 67, 34 BufH 28, 30 May (SB, JK), high counts for spring.

**Sanderling:** 5 BufH 28 May (SB), only report.

**Dunlin:** arr INWR 18 Apr; max 45 CSWMA 20 May.

**Least Sandpiper:** arr Java WYOM 3 May; max 61 CSWMA 24 May; 50 INWR 26 May.

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** arr BWWTP 12 May; 2 CSWMA 24 May; 2 Somerset NIAG 31 May.

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** arr Wilson NIAG 28 Mar; max 20 Wilson NIAG 29 Apr.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** arr, max 80 Sheridan CHAU 23 May; 79 CSWMA 24 May (CW); 60 INWR 26 May.

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** arr 3 Sheridan CHAU 11 May; Buffalo ERIE 16 May; 3 Somerset NIAG 17 May; Brant ERIE 18 May; 2, 3 CSWMA 20, 21 May.

**American Woodcock:** arr 2 Forestville CHAU 9 Mar; max 11 Hanging Bog WMA ALLE 7 May.

**Wilson's Snipe:** arr Somerset NIAG 14 Mar; max 35 CSWMA 9 Apr.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** arr DH 19 Apr; max 21 BWWTP 3 May.



**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr Sheridan CHAU 6 Apr; max 14 Brant ERIE 14 May (SB).  
**Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr 9 CSWMA 12 Apr; max 34 Brant ERIE 4 May.  
**Willet:** 4 BufH 13 May (JK, KR); only report.  
**Greater Yellowlegs:** arr 3 CSWMA 24 Mar; max 45 INWR 23 Apr.  
**Bonaparte's Gull:** max 500 Buffalo NR 13 Apr.  
**Little Gull:** max 2 Lewiston NR 20 Mar.  
**Ring-billed Gull:** 3500 Jamestown CHAU 17 Mar (JB), good inland count.  
**Iceland Gull:** last Barcelona Harbor CHAU 27 Apr; only 3 other reports.  
**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** 2, 1 Celeron ChauL 2, 14 Mar; N Collins ERIE 30 Mar; last DH 25 May (CW); four other reports.  
**Glaucous Gull:** max 2 DH 17 Mar; last WoBSP 29 May (SB); six other reports.  
**Caspian Tern:** arr 2 DH 11 Apr; 37 INWR 6 May (PH), good inland count; max 160 Wilson NIAG 4 May; 116 BufH 29 May, bred at this location again.  
**Black Tern:** arr 9 INWR 26 Apr; Tonawanda NR 29 Apr (MR); 4 BuSP 10 May (AH), at Grass Island to roost; max 35 INWR 25 May.  
**Common Tern:** arr BeSP 8 Apr; max 220 Unity I Buffalo NR 13 May.  
**Forster's Tern:** 3 Olean CATT 28 Apr (JR); only report.

### LOONS-FALCONS

**Red-throated Loon:** BuSP 8 Mar; 2 BufH 17 Mar; 17 Wilson NIAG 3 Apr; INWR 22 Apr; max 20 Olcott NIAG 27 Apr; last Wilson NIAG 19 May.  
**Common Loon:** arr 5 NFSP 21 Mar; max 30 Mayville CHAU 27 Apr.  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** 842 BufH 22 Apr; 840 Wilson NIAG 30 Apr; max 1000 NFSP 29 Apr.  
**American White Pelican:** TBNP 7 Apr (SB); 1, 1 INWR 17 Apr, 26 May (MMC, CM); BufH 8, 11 May (DK); has become annual in spring.  
**BROWN PELICAN (R1):** BufH 19 May (JeS; PY); 5<sup>th</sup> Regional record.  
**American Bittern:** arr Alma ALLE 14 Apr; GHSP 3 May; FNSP 4 May; max 8 Tift NP 5 May; LBSP, Olcott NIAG 5 May; Newfane NIAG 8 May; more locations than usual away from INWR.  
**Least Bittern:** arr Tift NP 11 May; Pomfret CHAU 14, 30 May (GV); CSWMA 25 May; INWR 27 May.

**Great Blue Heron:** 129, 156 Motor I Tonawanda NR 29 Mar, 6 Apr; heronry counts.  
**Great Egret:** arr BeSP 17 Mar; 30 NF 23 Apr; max 126 Motor I Tonawanda NR 2 May; 49 TWMA 21 May.  
**Green Heron:** arr Pomfret CHAU, Carlton Hill MUA WYOM 13 Apr.  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** arr 4 NF 9 Apr; max 111 NFSP 29 May (JW), at heronry.  
**Black Vulture:** Orchard Park ERIE 14 Mar (SB); Carlton ORLE 20 Mar; 2, 1 Lewiston NIAG 30 Mar, 21 Apr; regular location; Batavia GENE 6 Apr (DB); DH 7 May (GV); N Harmony CHAU 7 May (TL); Tift NP 11-15 May (SC); Youngstown NIAG 29 May; increasing reports.  
**Turkey Vulture:** max 2091 Hamburg HW 3 Apr.  
**Osprey:** arr Amherst ERIE, Buffalo ERIE 27 Mar; max 20 Hamburg HW 1 May.  
**Golden Eagle:** arr 1, 1 Hamburg HW 1, 17 Apr; FLC 3 May (PY, JF); only reports.  
**Northern Harrier:** max 10 Hamburg HW 8 Apr.  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** max 62 Hamburg HW 5 May.  
**Northern Goshawk:** Swain ALLE 18 May (CW, TA); only report.  
**Bald Eagle:** max 25 Hamburg HW 1 May.  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** arr Hamburg HW 13 Mar; max 18 Hamburg HW 8 Apr.  
**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr 6 Hamburg HW, Arkwright CHAU 13 Apr; max 753 Hamburg HW.  
**SWAINSON'S HAWK:** Hamburg HW 8 Apr (AH, SB, KR), first ERIE record.  
**Red-tailed Hawk:** max 46 Hamburg HW 27 Mar.  
**Rough-legged Hawk:** 11 reports; last INWR 23 Apr.  
**Barn Owl:** Yates ORLE 12 Apr (BE), nocturnal recording; rarely documented in Region.  
**Snowy Owl:** 2 BufH 6 Mar; last Batavia GENE 17 Apr.  
**Long-eared Owl:** BMAC 1 Mar (TK); Tift NP 13 Apr (CG, mob); WTSP 14 Apr; only reports.  
**Short-eared Owl:** 2, 1 Shelby ORLE 19 Mar, 14 Apr; Dunkirk Airport CHAU 23 Mar; New Hudson ALLE 8 Apr; only reports.  
**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** Yates ORLE 24 Mar (BP); 1, 1 WTSP 28 Mar, 3 Apr (BP, WD); BOSAC; only reports.  
**Red-headed Woodpecker:** reported from 8 locations.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** arr BufH 29 Mar.  
**Merlin:** Lakewood CHAU 10 May thru (TS),  
apparent breeding again.

#### FLYCATCHERS-SNOW BUNTING

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr 4 locations 1 May.  
**Eastern Kingbird:** arr Ischua CATT 27 Apr; max 22 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 16 May.  
**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr Porter NIAG 9 May; five other May reports; good showing.  
**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** arr FLC, Clarence ERIE 8 May.  
**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr LBSP 16 May.  
**Acadian Flycatcher:** arr Hunter's Creek CP ERIE 14 May.  
**Alder Flycatcher:** arr Ischua CATT, Machias CATT 17 May.  
**Willow Flycatcher:** arr INWR 8 May.  
**Least Flycatcher:** arr Darien Lakes SP GENE 25 Apr.  
**Eastern Phoebe:** arr Batavia GENE 15 Mar.  
**Northern Shrike:** last Hamburg HW 7 Apr.  
**White-eyed Vireo:** Jamestown CHAU 18 May (TL), infrequent in spring in recent years.  
**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr FLC 2 May.  
**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr BOSAC.  
**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr FLC, Olean CATT 7 May.  
**Warbling Vireo:** arr Wilson NIAG 24 Apr.  
**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr FLC 2 May.  
**Fish Crow:** 2, 2, 1 Unity I Buffalo NR 17 Mar, 13 Apr, 13 May (JK, SS); 2, 1 Buffalo ERIE 23 Mar, 7 May (PY, JF); FMCSP 10 May; good showing.  
**Common Raven:** becoming more regular throughout Reg.  
**Horned Lark:** max 52 Bethany GENE 4 Mar.  
**Purple Martin:** arr Yates ORLE 30 Mar; max 75 Long Pt SP CHAU 18 May.  
**Tree Swallow:** arr TWMA 13 Mar; max 500 INWR 18 Apr.  
**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr Buffalo ERIE 4 Apr.  
**Bank Swallow:** arr 2 BOSAC; max 125 BWWTP 3 May.  
**Cliff Swallow:** arr AmSP 16 Apr.  
**Barn Swallow:** arr 2 INWR 30 Mar; max 500 BWWTP 3 May.  
**House Wren:** arr 8 BOSAC.  
**Winter Wren:** arr SPWS 24 Mar.  
**Sedge Wren:** 2-3 CSWMA 20-25 May (TL), only report.  
**Marsh Wren:** arr INWR 18 Apr.  
**Carolina Wren:** 18 BOSAC; 27 BOSMC.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr 7 BOSAC.  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr Tifft NP 29 Mar; last Unity I NR 31 May.  
**Veery:** arr multiple locs 1 May.  
**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** arr FLC 8 May.  
**Swainson's Thrush:** arr JAS, Buffalo ERIE 5 May.  
**Hermit Thrush:** arr Scio ALLE 4 Apr.  
**Wood Thrush:** arr AISP 25 Apr.  
**Gray Catbird:** RWNP 25 Mar, wintered; arr TBNP 5 Apr.  
**Brown Thrasher:** arr multiple locs 7 Apr.  
**American Pipit:** arr N Collins ERIE 31 Mar; very few reports and low numbers.  
**Evening Grosbeak:** 27 BOSAC; max 30, 16 Arkwright CHAU 16 Apr, 1 May; 15 Machias CATT 4 May; last 2 BOSMC; reported from six other locs; good showing.  
**Purple Finch:** max 45 Porter NIAG 3 May (VR).  
**Common Redpoll:** Newfane NIAG 9, 26 Mar; max 25, 22 Wilson NIAG 17 Mar, 6 Apr; 2 LBSP 24 Mar.  
**Red Crossbill:** 7-12 Hanging Bog WMA ALLE 12-23 Apr (DC); only reports.  
**Pine Siskin:** 44 E Aurora ERIE 22 Mar; max 47 Orangeville WYOM 3 May; 35 S Wales ERIE 16 May.  
**Lapland Longspur:** last Jamestown Airport CHAU 31 Mar; five other reports of singles in Mar.  
**Snow Bunting:** max 300 Sheldon WYOM 1 Mar; 200 Bethany GENE 9 Mar; 100 Randolph CHAU 5 Mar; last Hartland NIAG 12 Apr.

#### NEW WORLD SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS

**Eastern Towhee:** arr EvSP, N Harmony CHAU 21 Mar.  
**American Tree Sparrow:** last TBNP 2 May.  
**Chipping Sparrow:** Newfane NIAG 2 Mar; arr Portland CHAU 18 Mar.  
**Clay-colored Sparrow:** arr FLC 1 May; reported from nine other locs.  
**Field Sparrow:** arr 2 AmSP 14 Mar.  
**Vesper Sparrow:** arr 3 Evans ERIE 6 Apr; more reports in Apr than usual.  
**Savannah Sparrow:** arr Jamestown Airport CHAU 31 Mar.  
**Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr TBNP 2 May; AmSP 3 May; 2 Lockport NIAG 16 May; 2 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 17 May.  
**Fox Sparrow:** Rushford ALLE 3, 6 Mar, wintered; arr Ashford CATT, Brocton CHAU 16 Mar; max 5 FLC 12 Apr; last Ashford CATT, Tifft NP 2 May.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr Jamestown CHAU 1 May.  
**Swamp Sparrow:** arr Tift NP 20 Mar.  
**White-crowned Sparrow:** last Shelby ORLE 25 May.  
**Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco:** 1-2 Wilson NIAG 9-17 Apr (WD, BP), rare.  
**Yellow-breasted Chat:** no reports.  
**Bobolink:** arr Ischua CATT 1 May.  
**Eastern Meadowlark:** arr Dunkirk Airport CHAU 13 Mar; 11 Yates 30 Mar.  
**Orchard Oriole:** arr Portland CHAU, Orchard Park ERIE 1 May.  
**Baltimore Oriole:** arr Hamburg ERIE 27 Apr.  
**Red-winged Blackbird:** max 500 Pomfret CHAU 10 Mar.  
**Rusty Blackbird:** BuSP 1-9 Mar, wintered; max 80 INWR 13 Apr; 75 Shelby ORLE 20 Apr; last 2 BuSP 18 May.  
**Common Grackle:** max 12000 Buffalo ERIE 29 Mar (KR), high count; 3500 Tift NP 2 Apr.  
**Ovenbird:** arr multiple locs 1 May.  
**Worm-eating Warbler:** BufH 4-6 May (SS), only report.  
**Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr AmSP 12 Apr; max 4 Hunter's Creek CP ERIE 25 Apr.  
**Northern Waterthrush:** arr JAS 19 Apr.  
**Golden-winged Warbler:** arr Knox Farm SP ERIE, Amherst ERIE 1 May; 1, 1 AmSP 5-9, 16 May; BeSP 7 May; FLC 9 May; BuSP 11 May.  
**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr Jamestown CHAU 30 Apr.  
**"Brewster's" Warbler:** OOWMA 6 May; GHSP 22 May; only reports.  
**"Lawrence's" Warbler:** INWR 20 May (TM); regular location in recent years.  
**Black-and-white Warbler:** arr JAS 27 Apr.  
**Prothonotary Warbler:** arr Tift NP 24, 25 Apr (DS, GR, PY); FLC 10 May (RA); INWR 15 May; BuSP 17 May (TK, AN); OOWMA 22 May; three reports in migration more than usual; others breeding locs.  
**Tennessee Warbler:** arr 3 Alexander GENE 2 May; max 25 CSWMA 20 May.  
**Orange-crowned Warbler:** arr Lancaster ERIE 9 May; FLC 17 May; AmSP 17, 22 May; WTSP 20 May.  
**Nashville Warbler:** arr AmSP 23 Apr.  
**Mourning Warbler:** arr AmSP 7 May.

**Common Yellowthroat:** arr multiple locs 1 May.  
**Hooded Warbler:** arr Wellsville ALLE, Harmony CHAU 3 May.  
**American Redstart:** arr multiple locs 1 May; max 31 LBSP 19 May.  
**Cape May Warbler:** arr FNNSP 1 May; max 50 FLC 14 May (AH); good numbers.  
**Cerulean Warbler:** arr INWR 5 May; BMAC 6 May; AISP 16, 25 May.  
**Northern Parula:** arr AmSP 29 Apr; max 40 FLC 14 May.  
**Magnolia Warbler:** arr multiple locs 1 May.  
**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr JAS 4 May.  
**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr 2 Jamestown CHAU 30 Apr.  
**Yellow Warbler:** arr NF 25 Apr; max 65 BuSP 29 May.  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr AmSP 30 Apr.  
**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr Chautauqua CHAU 15 May.  
**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr multiple locs 1 May; max 45 FLC 14 May (MD), good numbers.  
**Palm Warbler:** arr Evans ERIE 17 Apr; max 60 AmSP 8 May.  
**Pine Warbler:** arr 2 Hanging Bog WMA ALLE 27 Mar.  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** arr Fredonia CHAU 27 Mar; max 220 GHSP 3 May (WD).  
**Yellow-throated Warbler:** arr Buffalo ERIE 27 Apr (HF, LL); AmSP 8-11 May (WD).  
**Prairie Warbler:** arr Amherst ERIE, LBSP, FLC 3 May; more migrant reports than usual.  
**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr Persia CATT 22 Apr.  
**Canada Kingbird:** arr WFWMA, FLC 9 May.  
**Wilson's Warbler:** arr Ischua CATT, FLC 9 May.  
**SUMMER TANAGER (R1):** arr Olean CATT 29 Apr-2 May (DC); Hamburg ERIE 7 May (BK); Long Pt SP CHAU 11 May (KV); Wilson NIAG 19 May (WD, BP, JK); good showing.  
**Scarlet Tanager:** arr Jamestown CHAU 29 Apr.  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr Chautauqua Institution CHAU 19 Apr.  
**Indigo Bunting:** arr Persia CATT 1 May.

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## REGION 2—GENESEE

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Overall, the spring of 2019 was relatively benign; no major snow events and most of the serious weather missing us to our south. Spring seemed slow arriving. The impacts on birds and birding are, as usual, in the details. March started cold for eight days followed by 14 of the last 22 days at above normal temperatures, with a spike to 70°F on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Temperatures averaged 33.5°, 0.8° below normal. Precipitation totaled 1.72", 0.78" below normal, with 13.9" of snow, 2.4" below normal. There was not much problem other than some snow events during commuting periods. April brought a typical spring-like month, with a bit of snow to start and end and periods of cool alternating with warm spells throughout. The more severe weather passed south of the Region. Temperatures averaged 46.9°, 0.6° above normal, and precipitation totaled 2.74", 0.01" above normal. Snowfall at 2.2" was 1.7" below normal but kept alive the history of all but one year seeing some snowfall in April since record keeping began in 1884. Lake Ontario remained cool, with persistent north winds, keeping leaf-out near the lakeshore delayed and bird arrivals seeming late. The lake level was back to very high again. May was a wet, cool month, with spring phenology, especially for local flora, continuing delayed. Temperatures in May averaged 56.5°, 0.5° below normal. No temperature records were set, and only two days reached above 80°. Precipitation totaled 2.60", 0.27" below normal. The first half of the month saw see-saw temperatures and passing showers, then things warmed up and dried out. There were thunderstorms with high winds on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The major weather feature affecting migrants was persistent areas of major storms to our south and west, between us and the origins of most of our later migrants.

Generally, most of March was not conducive to migration. Arrivals were slow, but those noted were mainly in the interquartile range of their historical arrival date distributions. On into April, nearly all expected species were found, and the total species for the month and year to date were well above their 10-year averages. May continued with things seeming late due to delayed leaf-out, but arrivals were still biased to the first quartile of their distributions. eBird data downloads for these months were 32,156, 56,542, and 104,840, all up substantially from last year. In May, with Global Big Day, there were 470 distinct observers posting to eBird. Going forward, recall that we are using the new (2018) checklist order, though waterfowl still come first.

In all three months, essentially all expected waterfowl species were reported. In March, we start with Snow Goose reported in good numbers to 23,000 at the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA after this) (Carncross Rd.) on 24 March and lingering through the season, with one still in the NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) area on 26 May. The rarer geese were: five Greater White-fronted Geese from 18-24 March, a Ross's Goose in the NMWMA

(Savannah Muckland) on 24 March, and at least 87 Cackling Geese, with a maximum of 23 on 16 March on Jacobs Rd. in the Town of Hamlin, Monroe County, and the last three on 6 April in Hamlin. Mute Swans continued in large numbers on the ponds along the south shore of Lake Ontario west of Rochester, Trumpeter Swans continued in small numbers mainly in the NMWMA, and a good movement of 850 Tundra Swans was tallied passing the Braddock Bay hawk watch on 14 March, with 430 in Livingston County on 19 March and 500 at NMWMA (Carncross Rd.) on 24 March also good counts. Puddle ducks had some good counts, including: 450 Gadwall on Braddock Bay on 19 March, 769 American Wigeon on Braddock Bay 26 March, 1,455 Mallards at NMWMA (Deep Muck) and 1,115 at NMWMA (Marten Tract) on 29 March, 5,000 Northern Pintail at NMWMA (Carncross Rd.) on 20 March, and 573 Green-winged Teal at NMWMA (Morgan Rd. marshes) on 29 March, with some additional good counts into April. Eurasian Wigeon was missed in February this year but reported at three sites in March and one more site in April. Departure dates for the puddle ducks were typical late May dates. Diving duck counts were more modest, but good tallies included: 275 Canvasback at Sodus Point on 16 March, 2,000 Redhead on Conesus Lake on 28 March, 667 Ring-necked Ducks at NMWMA (Morgan Rd. marshes) on 29 March, 1,000 scaup on Conesus Lake on 2 April, 150 Bufflehead on Braddock Bay on 16 March, 500 Common Mergansers off Edgemere Dr. (Greece) on 9 March, 3,000 Red-breasted Mergansers off West Port Bay Rd., Wayne County on 2 March, and 71 Ruddy Ducks on Silver Lake, Wyoming County on 10 April. Rarer diving ducks were: an adult male King Eider photographed at Sodus Point on 9 and 10 March and a Barrow's Goldeneye photographed at Irondequoit Bay and seen on 3, 5, and 14 April. Grebes were generally low, but there were good counts of 367 and 1,136 Red-necked Grebes at Hamlin Beach SP on 26 and 29 March, respectively.

Common Nighthawk was reported in better than usual numbers, with 58 in Greece on 25 May the best (though with rumor of a much higher count by a credible observer not submitted). Eastern Whip-poor-will was again scarce but at least reported from 3-19 May along the Lake Ontario shore. 57 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were banded at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO) from 9-30 May, near the average for the recent eight years. Common Gallinule was reported early at the Braddock Bay hawk watch on 30 March and with a peak count of 100 at the NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) on 16 May, where very large numbers were found last summer. Sandhill Crane numbers were good both passing the Braddock Bay hawk watch (~105) and at several sites scattered about the Region (> 40), some of which were breeding locations from recent years.

The shorebird story was again impacted by high Lake Ontario water levels, rising to record high by late May, and limited wet field habitat. The wet fields increased later in the season but were largely unused (or not visited by birders) locally. March saw even the typically early species arriving later, with Killdeer on 10 March, American Woodcock on 14 March, Wilson's Snipe on 24 March, and only five species by month's end. April improved a bit, with some decent

counts for Pectoral Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, and both yellowlegs at NMWMA (Carncross Rd.). Early arrivals included: American Golden-Plover, relatively rare in spring, on 19 April at Carncross Rd.; rare in spring and record early Sanderling on 8 April at Irondequoit Bay Outlet; six Dunlin on 3 April at Carncross Rd.; and Willet on 26 April, with five at Irondequoit Bay Outlet from 12:16 to 3:47 PM and six passing off Edgemere Dr. in Greece (9.6 miles northwest) at 4:30 PM. Other rarities were: American Avocet at Sodus Point on 26 April and a **Ruff** found and photographed by Greg Lawrence at Carncross Rd. on 10 April and remaining to the 15<sup>th</sup>. In May we rose to 24 shorebird species reported, with rare in spring American Golden-Plover, our sixth spring Piping Plover at the East Spit of Braddock Bay on 10-11 May, and a Hudsonian Godwit at Carncross Rd. on 24 May. In the scarce but annual category, we had records for Whimbrel, more Sanderlings, another Willet, and Wilson's Phalarope at two locations. Upland Sandpiper arrived in April, but none were reported in May. Good counts in May were few, but the best were: 60 Ruddy Turnstones at Sodus Point on 26 May; 300 Dunlin and 250 Least Sandpipers on the 24<sup>th</sup> at Carncross Rd.; 1,290 Semipalmated Sandpipers at the East Spit of Braddock Bay on 26 May; 70 Lesser Yellowlegs at Carncross Rd. on 4 May; and 23 Short-billed Dowitchers, high for recent years, at Hamlin Beach SP on 17 May. Departure dates for most species were typical.

Moving on to the larids, we were back to more normal numbers to a bit low after the huge gatherings of 2018. The first spring Bonaparte's Gull was not until 15 March, with a maximum of only 377 on 18 April. Ring-billed Gull maxima were only 2,000 in both March and April, Herring Gull 3,500 on 23 March, and Great Black-backed Gull a low 35 on 16 March. The only rarer gull reports were a partially hidden Laughing/Franklin's Gull photographed by Greg Lawrence on the East Spit of Braddock Bay on 19 May and three reports of adult Little Gull on 3, 14, and 28 April. Lesser Black-backed Gull numbers totaled about 32 in March, 47 at 15 locations in April, and only about four at three locations in May. The usual white-winged gulls of winter, Iceland and Glaucous, were relatively low in number in March and April and unreported in May. In April, the usual terns arrived at typical to slightly late dates. By May, Caspian Tern peaked with 286 at Irondequoit Bay Outlet on 12 May, and 80 Black Terns were counted in the NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) area on 8 May. A first Regional spring record for **Least Tern** was a passing bird at the East Spit of Braddock Bay on 27 May seen by Andy Guthrie and Chris Wood.

In the loons to waders grouping, we start slow with Red-throated Loon never reaching double digits and the Common Loon maximum a low 134 on 28 April. After that we jump to the Bird of the Season, the Region's first **Magnificent Frigatebird**, seen and photographed passing the Hamlin Beach SP lakewatch by Andy Guthrie and Brian Morse on 27 April. There were a number of good counts of Double-crested Cormorant at Braddock Bay through April and May and at Sodus Point in May. Also rare were: American White Pelican, with 1-2 from Braddock Bay to Sodus Bay from 8-24 April and again at Braddock Bay from 15-

17 and 26 May, and a Glossy Ibis in the NMWMA (Carncross Rd.) area 7-17 April plus three Glossy Ibis seen flying over Edgemere Drive (Greece) on 29 May by Mitchell Barry. Additionally, there were a relatively early American Bittern on 30 March and Great Egret on 28 March from the Braddock Bay hawk watch and a record early Least Bittern on 17 April found at the West Spit of Braddock Bay by Mike Gullo.

The official hawk counter at Braddock Bay this spring was David Brown, who also brought a broad interest in documenting the overall migration and in posting data to eBird. Overall numbers of hawks were well ahead of last year through the season. The final tally at 63,763 was about 1/3 above last year's total. The season began slow and lumpy in March, with 4,017 birds by month's end and a typical 77% of those Turkey Vultures. April improved with the arrival of Broad-winged Hawks and some good days; 11 days produced counts of > 1,000 hawks. Highlights were 5,473 Broad-winged Hawks on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and an adult light morph **Swainson's Hawk** on the 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a very good year for Black Vulture both at the hawk watch and elsewhere. There were seven by the hawk watch in March, with a high of four on 21 March, then four again on 20 May. A subadult **Mississippi Kite** was recorded on 20 May. The hawk watch also recorded a good-for-recent-years six Northern Goshawks. Another highlight was the Bald Eagle passage, with a new single-day high of 124 on 16 May surpassed by 128 on 20 May. The old record for the season of 1,094 was equaled on 25 May and the month ended with season's total of Bald Eagles at 1,194. Broad-winged Hawk peaked at 7,478 passing the hawk watch on 5 May. A summary can be found in this report and more daily details at the hawkcount website.

Wrapping up the non-passerine landbirds, there were only two Snowy Owls reported, and the Short-eared Owl surveys out of the DEC's Avon office logged a very high 44 individuals on the late March survey but then dropped to none reported after the second week in April. The roost count of owls in the Owl Woods area on the west side of Manitou Beach Road tallied 85 Northern Saw-whet Owls and 30 Long-eared Owls for these three months, bringing the full season's count total to 96 (just short of record high) and 31 (just below the recent average), respectively. Adding interest to that count was a Barred Owl first found roosting on 28 March, photographed by many, and seen off and on after through May. For Red-headed Woodpecker, most sightings were in Durand-Eastman Park (Rochester) until numbers jumped in May to ~ 30 at 20 locations. Observers at the East Spit of Braddock caught a good spring movement of 152 Northern Flickers on 13 April. The regular three falcons were all tallied in good, typical numbers both at the hawk watch and around the Region.

Passerines accounted for over half of the reports for the season, and there are so many interesting observations that only a sampling can be provided here. The RBA noteworthy records and the BBBO banding tables provide more detailed information for those seriously interested. March started slowly, with only Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow (record early), American Pipit, Yellow-headed Blackbird, and Rusty Blackbird new-for-the-year arrivals. Other species

considered arrivals by data study and judgment call, since they also overwintered, were: Eastern Phoebe, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, and Eastern Meadowlark. With even stronger wintering presence were: Winter Wren, Eastern Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, and Fox Sparrow. Most of those “arrival” dates were not especially early. April continued the slow start, with only 684 birds banded for the month at BBBO, only four warbler species banded, and only 12 warbler species reported. In April and May there were several species early to record early relative to the 1984 arrival-date distributions, but none record early after looking at all the data since then to date. Several of the species that are noted for large spring movements produced good counts: Blue Jay – 5,350 at Hamlin Beach SP and 5,000 at the Braddock Bay hawk watch on 10 May; American Crow – a relatively low maximum 650 at the hawk watch on 27 March; and American Robin – 1,500 at the hawk watch on 31 March. As we move into May, we build a more complete picture of the passerines. All regularly reported species were recorded, with only the rare White-eyed Vireo, Worm-eating Warbler, and Connecticut Warbler, almost regulars, missed. Blocking weather systems to our south and west resulted in some exciting bursts of arrivals and high counts. For some of the common species there were large numbers of reports, best indicated as numbers of lines in the Regional eBird download for May. Examples are Baltimore Oriole – 2,422 lines, Red-winged Blackbird – 3,044, Common Grackle – 2,485, Yellow Warbler – 539, Yellow-rumped Warbler – 1,249, and Northern Cardinal – 3,126.

Continuing to look through the data, my choices for interesting items to note start with the rarities: a Bohemian Waxwing on 18 April; about five Clay-colored Sparrows; one Yellow-breasted Chat banded on 19 May and hanging around to be seen or heard on 25-26 May; “Lawrence’s” Warbler at the hawk watch on 10 May and in Mendon Ponds Park on 11 and 31 May; Prothonotary Warbler again nesting along Armitage Road in the NMWMA; a Kentucky Warbler found dead and photographed in Penfield on 3 May; Yellow-throated Warbler at Hamlin Beach SP on 18 May and in the NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) area on 16 May; at least 14 reports for Prairie Warbler; and an immature male Summer Tanager at a feeder in Webster from 12-14 May. Many often track Golden-winged Warbler as a species of special concern—eight reports—and Orange-crowned Warbler as a scarcer migrant—32 reports plus three banded at BBBO. It is hard to avoid a sea of numbers, so let’s just toss in that several of the flycatchers, Red-eyed Vireo, and several of the thrushes were late arriving and seen in only low numbers. Yet there was a good number of 5-6 Olive-sided Flycatcher reports and many Least Flycatchers were banded.

Back to numbers, while most counts were relatively low, there were actually many high counts, examples being: 3,000 Tree Swallows at the hawk watch on 1 May; 4,000 Barn Swallows at Braddock Bay on both 1 and 3 May; 50 Hermit Thrush at Sodus Point on 2 May; 2,610 Common Grackles in Wolcott, Wayne County, on 19 April; 47 American Redstarts at the west end of Hamlin Beach SP on 26 May; 91 Palm Warblers banded at BBBO on 10 May; and 500 Yellow-



rumped Warblers in the Greece firehouse woods on 4 May. More details are in the species section that follows. Digging into the BBBO banding data a bit more, we find this year's total about 20% above last year's even with 5% fewer net hours. This is only slightly above the average total for the past seven years. Looking at the specifics, we find numbers for eight species significantly (two standard deviations) above their seven-year averages: Least Flycatcher, Blue-headed Vireo, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Black-and-white Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, and White-throated Sparrow. Only two species, Red-eyed Vireo and Common Yellowthroat, were banded in significantly lower numbers. Once again, Black-capped Chickadee was on the up side of its alternate-year see-saw, with 232 banded vs. six last year, and Winter Wren was down, continuing its annual see-saw opposite to the chickadees, though also in lower total numbers.

This had been a year of high hopes for winter finches that did not live up to expectations. Still, several species were present each month, though typically in small numbers. Evening Grosbeak still had the best showing in many years, Pine Grosbeak produced only scattered singles, a Hoary Redpoll continued to 3 March, the Common Redpoll maximum was a decent 275 on 9 March, and Evening Grosbeak and Common Redpoll both lingered to typical May departure dates.

The usual monthly statistical summary gives us totals of species seen: March – 146 vs. a prior 10-year average of 140.2, April – 199 vs. 200.4, and May – 244 vs. 237.9. Rarities were a bit low, but we did top them off with the Regional first spring Least Tern and the Regional first Magnificent Frigatebird.

To end on a lighter note, from my own back yard we have observations to wonder about. Typically we have only sporadic and very brief visits by warblers in recent years and almost no window strikes near our bird feeders. On one May morning a surprise was several thumps and a dead Common Yellowthroat and an American Robin plus two Ovenbirds lying upside down. We moved the Ovenbirds to safe spots, and one recovered very quickly, the other slowly. We had Ovenbirds around the yard singing for more than a week following. In only very recent years we have put out a jelly feeder now frequented mostly by Baltimore Orioles and Gray Catbirds. This year on that same window-strike day we had Black-throated Blue Warbler arrive to become “addicted” to the jelly and to stay, with another male and a female joining in, for 10 days. The warblers would even drive the orioles off the jelly. Through the month other birders also posted that warbler species fed at their jelly feeders.

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### BRADDOCK BAY HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	3/15	4	3/21, 5/20	11
Turkey Vulture	3/4	3,529	4/8	25,813
Osprey	3/28	47	4/12	429
Golden Eagle	3/10	4	4/21	30
No. Harrier	3/10	89	4/18	780
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3/8	702	4/18	3,256
Cooper's Hawk	3/9	28	4/8	221
No. Goshawk	3/22	1	6 dates	6
Bald Eagle	3/2	128	5/20	1,194
Mississippi Kite	5/20	1	5/20	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	3/11	72	3/15	325
Broad-winged Hawk	4/13	5,473	4/18	29,699
Swainson's Hawk	4/13	1	4/13	1
Red-tailed Hawk	3/1	154	4/13	1,400
Rough-legged Hawk	3/9	8	4/18	63
Am. Kestrel	3/15	75	4/18	428
Merlin	3/18	10	5/1	56
Peregrine Falcon	3/3	13	5/1	48
Unidentified				0
<b>Total including unidentified:</b>				<b>63,763</b>

### ABBREVIATIONS

**b** – indicates banded this season, usually at BBBO's Kaiser-Manitou passerine banding station; **BB** – Braddock Bay, MONR; **BB-ES** – East Spit at mouth of Braddock including newly constructed barrier beach island just off spit; **BB-HW** – Braddock Bay Hawkwatch; **BB-WS** – West Spit of Braddock Bay; **BBBO** – Braddock Bay Bird Observatory; **CIWMA** – Conesus In 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; **HB-W**

– Hamlin Beach SP, West end trails; **HB-YC** – Hamlin Beach SP, Yanty Creek trails at east end; **ICW** – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; **IBO** – Irondequoit Bay Outlet to Lake Ontario; **IB-S** – Irondequoit Bay south, LaSalle Landing P and nearby; **IB-W** – west side of Irondequoit Bay water and parks; **LSP** – Letchworth SP; **M** – Manitou Beach area, MONR; **M-OW** – Owl Woods area west of Manitou Beach Rd, MONR; **MAC** – Montezuma Audubon Center, T Savannah, WAYN; **MP** – Mendon Ponds P, MONR; **NHamRd** – N. Hamlin Road, T Hamlin, MONR; **NMWMA** – Northern Montezuma WMA, T of Savannah, WAYN; **NMWMA (AR)** – north side of Armitage Rd.; **NMWMA (CR)** – along Carncross Road east of Savannah-Spring L Rd.; **NMWMA (MT)** – Marten Tract off Savannah Spring L Rd; **NMWMA (MRdM)** – Morgan Rd. marshes near DEC field office; **NMWMA (VDS)** – area along Van Dyne Spoor, T Savannah, WAYN; **NMWMA (SCU)** – Sandhill Crane Unit, T Savannah, WAYN; **OB** – Ontario Beach P, T Charlotte MONR; **PtB** – Point Breeze, Orleans County at border with Region 1; **SalCrk** – Salmon Creek, T Greece, MONR; **SPT** – Sodus Pt, WAYN; **TCEA** – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, T Avon, LIVI; **W** – T of Webster, MONR; **WP** – Webster P.

#### **WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS**

**Snow Goose:** 10000 MAC 15 Mar (AJ); max 23000 NMWMA (CR) 24 Mar (GD); last NMWMA (VDS) 26 May (JBoe).  
**Ross's Goose:** NMWMA (Savannah Mucklands) 24 Mar (JWi).  
**Greater White-fronted Goose:** 2 Hemlock L P 18 Mar (RSt); NMWMA (CR) 19 Mar (MG); Jacobs Rd, H 23 Mar (AGu); SalCrk 24 Mar (CW).  
**Brant:** arr 2 IB-W 23 May; last off Edgemere Dr., G 28 May.  
**Cackling Goose:** 37 rep, 87 ind 17 loc 1-24 Mar; max 23 Jacobs Rd., H 16 Mar (AGu); last 3 Church Rd, H 6 Apr (AGu).  
**Canada Goose:** max 27,500 BB-HW 14 Mar (DBro).  
**Snow x Canada Goose:** N Ponds P, Webster 20-23 Mar (GF, JW, NK).  
**Mute Swan:** max 150 BB-HW 13, 14 Mar (DBro, DBru); 107 Buck Pd, G 9 May; 47 South Port Bay WAYN 142 May.  
**Trumpeter Swan:** max 19 NMWMA MRdM 16 Apr; still mainly in the NMWMA and nearby.  
**Tundra Swan:** max 850 BB-HW 14 Mar (DBro); 430 Jones Bridge & Perry Rds LIVI 19 Mar (NK); 500 NMWMA (CR) 24 Mar (GD); last Buck Pd, G 6 May.  
**Wood Duck:** max 56 CIWMA 28 Mar.  
**Blue-winged Teal:** arr 2 BB-HW 19 Mar.

**Northern Shoveler:** arr BB-HW 10 Mar; max 45 BB-HW 15 Mar; last 3 NMWMA (CR) 26 May.  
**Gadwall:** max 450 BB-HW 10 Mar (MBa); 300 NMWMA (VDS) 13 Apr (JMcG, LS).  
**Eurasian Wigeon:** arr Jacobs Rd, H 21 Mar (AGu); 1m BB-HW 24-31 Mar, 8 Apr (DBro, mob); 1m NMWMA (CR) 24-30 Mar (MG); 1m CL 3 Apr (BCar).  
**American Wigeon:** max 769 BB 26 Mar (KB), many reports of >600 there in late Mar; 400 NMWMA (VDS) area 3; 13 Apr (DDa; JMcGo, LS).  
**Mallard:** max 1455 NMWMA (MRdM) 29 Mar (MW); 1115 NMWMA (MT) 29 Mar (MF).  
**American Black Duck:** max 220 NMWMA (MT) 29Mar (MF).  
**Northern Pintail:** 5000 NMWMA (CR) 20 Mar (MH); max 6025 NMWMA (MRdM) 29 Mar (MW); last NMWMA (VDS) 26 May (JBoe).  
**Green-winged Teal:** max 573 NMWMA (MRdM) 29 Mar (MW); last Burger P, G 27 May.  
**Canvasback:** max 275 SPT 16 Mar (NK).  
**Redhead:** max 2000 ConL 28 Mar (MW), low max.  
**Ring-necked Duck:** max 667 NMWMA (MRdM) 29 Mar (MW).  
**Greater Scaup:** max 730 Sodus Bay 10 Mar; last off Edgemere Dr, G 18 May.

**Lesser Scaup:** max 250 BB-HW 24 Mar; last BB-HW 30 May.  
**King Eider:** 1 ad m SPT 9; 10 Mar (SBI, BWal; DDo, MG, LoK, ST), ph both dates.  
**Surf Scoter:** last HB 6 May.  
**White-winged Scoter:** max 250 SPT 9 Mar, low max; last 2 HB 18 May.  
**Black Scoter:** last off OB 4 Apr.  
**Long-tailed Duck:** max 1410 HB 5 May (AGu); last HB 28 May.  
**Bufflehead:** max 150 BB 16 Mar; last 2 BB-HW 23 May.  
**Common Goldeneye:** max 200 BB 16 Mar; last HB 24 May (AGu).  
**BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (R2):** imm m Irondequoit Bay – NE 3; 5, 14 Apr (JiM; MG), ph.  
**Hooded Merganser:** max 120 CIWMA 19 Mar.  
**Common Merganser:** max 500 off Edgemere Dr, G 9 Mar (MBa).  
**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 3000 West Port Bay Pt WAYN 2 Mar (JMcG, LS); 950 HB 13 May (AGu), good later count.  
**Ruddy Duck:** max 71 Silver L WYOM 10 Apr (RSt).  
**Ring-necked Pheasant:** max 19 Nations Rd survey 5 May (MW), good count for recent years.  
**Horned Grebe:** max 49 HB 18 Apr, low max; last BB-ES 15 May.  
**Red-necked Grebe:** 367 HB 27 Mar (BCar); max 1136 HB 29 Mar (AGu), good count; last BB-ES 27 May.  
**EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE:** no reports.  
**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr Honeoye Falls, MONR 5 May.  
**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr BB-WS & MAC 10 May.  
**Common Nighthawk:** arr 2 G 7 May; max 58 G 25 May (CW).  
**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** arr 2 M–OW & 1 HB-YC 3 May; last G 19 May.  
**Chimney Swift:** arr BB-ES 18 Apr (GL), early; max 60 IB-W 11 May (TL).  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr 4 loc 1 May; total b 57 M 9-30 May (BBBO), near 7-yr average.

#### RAILS – LARIDS

**Virginia Rail:** arr HANA 6 Apr (AGa).  
**Sora:** arr NMWMA (Deep Muck) 17 Apr.  
**Common Gallinule:** arr BB-HW 30 Mar (DBro), early; max 100 NMWMA (SCU) 16 May (JR).

**Sandhill Crane:** arr Allen Rd, Savannah 2 Mar; total 21 BB-HW 21-31 Mar; total 28+ at 4+ oth loc Mar; total ~50 BB-HW 1-25 Apr; max 19 NMWMA (MRdM) 8 Apr; total 34 BB-HW 5-30 May; 29 ind sev oth loc May.  
**AMERICAN AVOCET (R2):** SPT 26 Apr (MG, KGa, KMcGa, W&MR, JWi), many ph.  
**Black-bellied Plover:** arr 1 BB-ES & 2 NMWMA (CR) 4 May.  
**American Golden-Plover:** arr 3 NMWMA (CR) 19 Apr (MMi), early; 1 alt NMWMA (CR) 25-27 May (JMcGo, LS, mob, ph); rare in spring.  
**Semipalmated Plover:** arr Chimney Bluffs WAYH 27 Apr; max 75 NMWMA (CR) 24 May (SP).  
**PIPING PLOVER (R2):** BB-ES 10-11 May (GL, 17+ oth obs, ph), 6th Reg spring record.  
**Killdeer:** arr T Perinton MONR 10 Mar.

**Upland Sandpiper:** arr Wiler Rd, H 21 Apr (AGu, PMar), only rep.  
**Whimbrel:** arr HB & Moscow Rd, H 24 May (AGu); HB 28 May (DT, AGu, ph).  
**Hudsonian Godwit:** NMWMA (CR) 24 May (GD, MG), rare in spring.  
**Ruddy Turnstone:** arr BB-ES 11 May (BriM, mob), early; max 60 SPT 26 May (MG).  
**Red Knot:** arr BB 26 May (AGu, CW); only 3 rep.  
**RUFF:** arr 1 f NMWMA (CR) 10-15 Apr (GL, mob), many ph, 17<sup>th</sup> Reg record.  
**Sanderling:** arr IBO 8 Apr (JiM, ph), Reg record early; max 16 BB-ES 26 May (CW), usually scarce in spring.  
**Dunlin:** arr 6 NMWMA (CR) 3 Apr (DDa), early; max 300 NMWMA (CR) 24 May (SP).  
**Least Sandpiper:** arr 2 Redman Rd, Brockport 1 May; max 250 NMWMA (CR) 24 May.  
**White-rumped Sandpiper:** arr 5 Moscow Rd, H 23 May; 6+ ind 4 loc 24-31 May.  
**Pectoral Sandpiper:** arr Jones Bridge & Perry Rds LIVI 29 Mar; max 44 NMWMA (CR) 16 Apr.  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** arr 5 Jones Bridge & Perry Rds LIVI 13 May; max 1290 BB-ES 29 May (CW), good count.  
**Short-billed Dowitcher:** arr sev loc 10 May; max 23 HB 17 May.  
**American Woodcock:** arr 1-2 ind 3 loc 14 Mar.  
**Wilson's Snipe:** arr 2 NMWMA (CR) 24 Mar; max 37 NMWMA (CR) Nations Rd 11 Apr.  
**Spotted Sandpiper:** arr TCEA 17 Apr.  
**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr 2 TCEA 19 Apr (JK); last Jones Bridge & Perry Rds LIVI 23 May.

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr 8 NMWMA (CR) 3 Apr; max 70 NMWMA (CR) 4 May (SBI, JMcG); last 1-2 BB-ES & NMWMA (CR) 26 May.

**Willet:** arr 5 IBO 26 Apr (JiM, LM, 11 oth obs, ph), 12:16 – 3:47 PM; 6 off Edgemere Dr., G 26 Apr (MBa), 9.6 mi NW of IBO, headed NW, 4:30 PM; OB 10 May (GL, ShG, BCar, JiM).

**Greater Yellowlegs:** arr 4 NMWMA (CR) 22 Mar (BMcG, KKe); max 105 NMWMA (CR) 27 Apr (JMcG, LS); last 3 NMWMA (CR) 27 May (AGu).

**Wilson's Phalarope:** Jones Bridge & Perry Rds LIVI 10-13 May (JK, DBea, *et al.*); 1-2 NMWMA (CR) 18-22 May (JMcG, LS, 12+ oth obs).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** arr 2-4 BB-HW 15 Mar; max 377 HB 18 Apr.

**Little Gull:** arr 1 ad Sodus Bay 3 Apr (JWi); 1 ad HB 14 Apr (AGu); 1 ad HB 28 Apr (AGu).

**LAUGHING/FRANKLIN'S GULL:** 1 ad BB-ES 19 May (GL, ph), mostly hidden, so ID not certain to species.

**Ring-billed Gull:** 1800 Jacobs Rd, H 6 Apr; IB-S 11 Mar; max 2000 IB) 23 Mar; max 2000 Church Rd, H 7 Apr.

**Herring Gull:** max 3500 IB-W 23 Mar (TL).

**Iceland Gull:** 12+ ind 10 loc Mar; total 5 ind 3 loc 6-18 Apr; none May.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** max 6 IB-NE 20 Mar (RRe); 32+ ind 14 loc 8-31 Mar; ~ 47 ind 15 loc Apr; max 6 Church Rd, H 8 Apr (AGu); 1 1<sup>st</sup> sum HB 23-24 May (AGu, ph); 1 1<sup>st</sup> sum OB 23 May (AGu, ph).

**Glaucous Gull:** total 5 ind 5 loc 1-23 Mar; 4 ind 4 loc Mar; 6 ind 5 loc 4-30 Apr; none May.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** max 35 IBO 16 Mar, low max.

**LEAST TERN (R2):** BB-ES 27 May (AGu, CW), 1<sup>st</sup> Reg spring, passing bird.

**Caspian Tern:** arr 1-2 5 loc 7 Apr; 170 SPT 1 May (MG); max 286 IBO 12 May (AGu).

**Black Tern:** arr 3 BB 27 Apr; HB 27 Apr; max 80 NMWMA (VDS) 8 May (MG), good count.

**Common Tern:** arr 2 BB-HW 12 Apr; max 44 OB 12 May.

**Forster's Tern:** arr IB-S 14 Apr.

### LOONS - FALCONS

**Red-throated Loon:** max 6 HB 18, 20, 28 Apr, 18 May, very low; last 4 HB 28 May.

**Common Loon:** max 134 HB 28 Apr, low.

**MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD:** imm HB 27 Apr (AGu, BriM), photo, 1<sup>st</sup> Reg record.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** arr Genesee R, Charlotte 8 Mar; max 900 BB-HW 23 Apr (DBro).

**American White Pelican:** arr 2 BB area 8, 18 Apr (mob); 1-2 IB-S 9-22 Apr (mob); N Pnds P, Webster 22 Apr (JWi); Sodus Bay area 22-24 Apr (8 obs); 1 BB-HW & nearby 15-17, 26 May (DBro, BWat, mob); hard to assign number of birds involved.

**American Bittern:** arr BB-HW 30 Mar (DBro), early.

**Least Bittern:** arr BB-WS 17 Apr (MG), Reg record early.

**Great Blue Heron:** max 100 NMWMA (VDS) 18 May.

**Great Egret:** arr BB-HW & SalCrk 28 Mar (DBro, *et al.*, RSp), early.

**Green Heron:** arr Old Duck Inn, T Tyre WAYN 12 Apr.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** arr Edgemere Dr, G 12 Apr.

**Glossy Ibis:** NMWMA (CR) 7-15 Apr (MAP, JWi, mob), many ph; 3 over Edgemere Dr, G 29 May (MBa).

**Black Vulture:** first Cornwall Pres WAYN 14 Mar (MG, ph); total 7 non-hawk watch 5 loc 14-24 Mar; M-OW 13 Apr (JiM, LM, 8 oth obs, ph); 2 Mareeta Rd, Rochester 5 May (B&BM, LH). **Turkey Vulture:** total 3112 BB-HW Mar, 77% of total raptors for Mar.

**Osprey:** arr 3 loc 24 Mar.

**Golden Eagle:** arr Fairport MONR 3 Mar (CWh); 5 ind 5 non-HW loc 3-28 Mar; 11 ind 9 non-HW loc 2-26 Apr; ~5 ind 4 non-HW loc 4-10 May.

**Northern Goshawk:** M-OW 16 Apr (MN); Broadway Rd WAYN 18 Apr (MG); M-OW 5 May (NPu); Newark WAYN 27 May (W&MR).

**Bald Eagle:** 396 lines eBird Mar; 464 lines eBird Apr; 622 lines eBird May; **124** BB-HW 6 May, new 1-day high; **128** BB-HW 20 May, new 1-day high; total **1194** BB-HW thru 31 May, new season high..

**MISSISSIPPI KITE:** 1 subad BB-HW 20 May (DBro, MBer).

**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr 45 BB-HW 13 Apr (DBro, *et al.*); 5473 BB-HW 18 Apr; 3000 Fields Hill Rd WAYN 21 Apr (W&MR); max 7478 BB-HW 5 May.

**SWAINSON'S HAWK:** 1 ad light morph BB-HW 13 Apr DBro, JPow, MG).

**Rough-legged Hawk:** last BB-HW 15 May.

**Snowy Owl:** Brooks Ave, Rochester 6 Mar (MDen); Rt 414 nr WAYN line 24 Mar (JSI).

**Barred Owl:** M-OW 28 Mar, roosting, many ph, seen off and on thru 17 May.

**Long-eared Owl:** total 6 M-OW 14-27 Mar; WP 22 Apr; max 4 M-OW 13 Apr; total 18 M-OW 1-20 Apr; total 5 M-OW 1-17 May; BBBO 25 May (CW); season's total of 31 only slightly below recent average.

**Short-eared Owl:** 2 BB-HW 24 Mar, flying in from crossing the lake; max 44 DEC Avon office survey 16 Mar, new high total; last HB 18 Apr.

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** total 49 M-OW Mar; max 8 M-OW 13 Apr; total 31 M-OW 3-21 Apr; Sherburne P, Walworth WAYH 9 Apr (MG, JWi); Webster 20 Apr (AGw); total 6 M-OW 1-5 May; season total of 96 just short of record high.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** 1-2 DEP 3 Mar, 17-30 Apr; nr Turning Pt P 7, 23, 26 Apr; total ~30 20 loc May.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** arr Cornwall Pres WAYN 29 Mar.

**Northern Flicker:** max 152 BB-ES 13 Apr (AGa, LoK, GL); oth counts 45-59 sev loc 12-18 Apr.

**American Kestrel:** BB-HW totals: Mar - 65, Apr - 285, & May - 78; 63+ ind many non-HW loc May.

**Merlin:** BB-HW totals: Mar - 6, Apr - 21, & May - 29; total ~28 at 20 non-HW loc Mar; 25 ind 22 non-HW loc 8-28 Apr; 42 ind many non-HW loc May.

**Peregrine Falcon:** BB-HW totals: Mar - 3, Apr - 7, & May - 38; ~24 ind 14 non-HW loc Mar; 29 ind 20 non-HW loc 4-27 Apr; 32 ind many non-HW loc May; nesting in downtown Rochester, typical, see posts rfaalconcam website.

## FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Recall, for species where the only notable record is arrival and that is in the date table, there will be no entry in this section.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr 2 Whiting Rd Nat Pres, Webster 15 May (JSI), 1 still there 16 May (KGa); BB-WS 19 May (JIM, LM, DSh, KDe) & 23 May (BCar, PMar, RRe); 1 Beechwood SP WAYN 26 May (DDa).

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr M & Grandview Heights, G 19 May; total b 25 BBBO 20-31 May.

**Acadian Flycatcher:** arr Bergen Swamp GENE & Briscoe Cove, North Rose WAYN & Zurich Bog WAYN 17 May.

**“Trail’s” Flycatcher:** arr 4b BBBO 19 May; max b 22 BBBO 30 May; total b 118 BBBO 19 May thru, good number.

**Least Flycatcher:** arr 1 b BBBO 2 May; total b 79 BBBO 2-30 May, high number b.

**Eastern Phoebe:** arr Purcell Rd, Canadice ONTA 15 Mar.

**Northern Shrike:** 9 ind 8 loc Mar; last BB 12 Apr.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr 2 HB & Highland P, Rochester 2 May.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr Canadice L Trail-W 19 Apr; total B 23 BBBO 20 Apr-2-30 May, high number b.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr BANC Pres, T Mendon MONR 13 May.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr 1 & 3 Cobbs Hill P, Rochester 2 May; total b 21 M 10-31 May, low.

**Blue Jay:** 1000-5000/day, 7 days BB-HW 5-20 May; 3875 BB-ES 17 May (GL); 3870 BB-ES 26 May (CW); max 5350 HB 10 May (AGu); 3230 HB 19 May (AGu); total b 167 BBBO 2 May thru.

**American Crow:** max 650 BB-HW 27 Mar, low max.

**Fish Crow:** still mostly along the Genesee River from Lake Ontario to Rochester, but spreading west into T Greece and scattered other reports; max 15 Broad St bridge, Rochester 24 May (JPow).

**Horned Lark:** max 250 BB-HW 30 Mar.

**Purple Martin:** arr BB & ICW 9 Apr; arr 3 NMWMA (MRdM) 9 Apr; max 50 MAC 8 May.

**Tree Swallow:** arr 4 BB-HW 14 Mar; max 3000 BB-HW 1 May (DBro, *et al.*).

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr CIWMA 3 Apr; max 150 NMWMA (VDS) 4 May.

**Bank Swallow:** arr 5 Brown Rd, Wolcott WAYN 12 Apr; max 500 NMWMA (VDS) 4 May.

**Cliff Swallow:** arr 1+ 5 loc 18 Apr; max 41 SPT 18 May (LoK).

**Barn Swallow:** arr BB & Cornwall Pres WAYN 14 Mar (DBro, ph, MG), Reg record early; max 4000 BB 1 May & 3 May (DBro, DTe, GL). ConL 19 Apr.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** total b 232 BBBO 12 Apr -31 May, contrasted with 6 b in 2018, *intro*.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** total b 16 BBBO 12, 28 Apr, 11-19, 31 May, high number b.

**Brown Creeper:** total b 79 BBBO 12 Apr-8 May.

**Winter Wren:** arr 2 Buck Pnd, G 23 Mar (LC, RN), early; max 11 DEP 7 Apr (NK). BB-WS & Harter Rd, T Sparta LIVI 31 Mar; total b 16 M (BBB) 19 Apr-7 May, an “up” year, *intro*.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** max 28 M-OW 13 Apr; max b 32 BBBO 14 Apr; total b 102 BBBO 12 Apr-15 May.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr HB-YC 3 Apr; 45 Maplewood P, Rochester 16 Apr (RB); 96 b BBBO 3 May; max 130 M-OW 4 May (MM-C); max b 130 BBBO 4 May; total b 632 BBBO 14 Apr-19 May; last 2 M-OW 25 May.

**Veery:** arr DEP & Powder Mills P 30 Apr.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** arr firehouse woods, G 10 May (mob, ph); arr Webster 10 May (R&SSp); total b 2 BBBO 19, 21 May, very low.

**Gray-cheeked/Bicknell’s Thrush:** total b 3 BBBO 19, 26, 29 May, very low.

**Swainson’s Thrush:** arr 4 loc 4 May; max b 13 BBBO 30 May, low; total b 50 BBBO 12-31 May.

**Hermit Thrush:** max 50 SPT 2 May (LoK); total b 37 M (BBBO) 23 Apr-8 May.

**Wood Thrush:** arr 2 Genesee Valley WMA 30 Apr.

**American Robin:** max 1500 BB-HW 31 Mar; only 3 oth rep Mar & 7 oth rep Apr over 100.

**Gray Catbird:** arr Brown Rd, Wolcott WAYNE 10 Apr (W&MR); max 31 CIWMA 23 May (WW); max 31 HB-W 24 May (AGu); max b 23 BBBO 19 May; total b 231 BBBO 2-31 May.

**Bohemian Waxwing:** BB-WS 18 Apr (BCar, WD’A, *et al.*), only report, Reg record late.

**Cedar Waxwing:** max 270 HB 19 May (AGu).

**Am. Pipit:** arr Jacobs Rd, H 15 Mar; last T Rush MONR 22 May.

**Evening Grosbeak:** max 10 BB-WS 17 Apr; last HB 17 May (AGu).

**Pine Grosbeak:** last 1 f MP thru 6-8 Mar (mob).

**Com. Redpoll:** 120 Jacobs Rd, H 9 Mar (AGu); max 275 Jacobs & Redman Rds, H 9 Mar (RCi, RRy); last T Wolcott WAYN 2 May (W&MR).

**HOARY REDPOLL (R2):** last Jacobs Rd, H thru 2-3 Mar (AGu, 9 oth obs).

**Pine Siskin:** max 25 BB-HW 9 May (DBro, *et al.*).

**Am. Goldfinch:** max 400 BB-HW 9 May (DBro, *et al.*), good count.

**Lapland Longspur:** max 42 H 9 Apr (AGu); last NMWMA (CR) 25 May (JMcG, LS).

**Snow Bunting:** max 215 T Groveland LIVI 1 Mar (J&KGo); max 215 Jacobs Rd, H 5 Mar (KGr); last BB-HW 20 Mar.

## NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

**Eastern Towhee:** arr T Mendon MONR 27 Mar.

**American Tree Sparrow:** last Lucien Morin P, Penfield 5 May.

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** arr Jacobs Rd, H 2-4 May (AGu, CGu); Chimney Bluffs WAYN 3 May (MG); HB 5 May (AGu); 1-2 Cook Rd, H 11, 26-30 May (AGu, 20+ oth obs).

**Field Sparrow:** arr 2 Honeoye MONR & Bear Creek WAYN 30 Mar; max 23 Caledonia bird survey 2 May (MW).

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr Nations Rd IBA LIVI 23 Apr.

**Fox Sparrow:** arr CIWMA 24 Mar; last Mendon MONRO 6 May (CGo).

**Lincoln’s Sparrow:** arr Purcell Rd, Canadice ONTA 30 Apr; total b 24 BBBO 10-26 May; last BB-ES & firehouse woods, G 26 May.

**Swamp Sparrow:** max 35 CIWMA 23 May (MW), survey.

**White-throated Sparrow:** max 640 SPT 2 May (LK); 180 SPT 3 May (LK); max b 101 BBBO 3 May; total b 252 BBBO 19 Apr-19 May, high number b.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** max 50 BB-HW 12 May; last I b BBBO 29 May, often found into June.

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** 1b BBBO 19 May, heard and seen by sev obs 25-26 May.

**YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (R2):** 1m T Byron GENE 26Mar (JBeg, ph).

**Bobolink:** arr MAC 30 Apr; max 350 BB-HW 9 May (DBro, *et al.*).

**Eastern Meadowlark:** arr BB-HW & MAC 14 Mar; max 24 Nations Rd IBA 5 May (MW), survey.

**Orchard Oriole:** arr Genesee LIVI 1 May. Baltimore Oriole: arr 1-3 ind 6 loc 1 May; max 28 HB 17 May (AGu); 2422 lines in eBird May.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 5000 BB-HW 28 Mar (DBro, *et al.*); 5000 NMWMA (CR) 7 Apr (DDo); max 8430 Broadway Rd, Wolcott WAYN 18 Apr (LoK); 3044 lines in eBird May.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** max 260 Broadway Rd, Wolcott WAYN 18 Apr (LoK).

**Rusty Blackbird:** arr Jacobs Rd, H 14 Mar (AGu); max 335 BB-HW 8 Apr (GL); last MP 18 May (CGo).



**Common Grackle:** max Broadway Rd, Wolcott WAYN 18 Apr (LoK); 2485 lines in eBird May.

**Ovenbird:** arr Fawn Ridge, T Bristol ONTA 23 Apr (KKi), early; total B 34 BBBO 2-26 May, high number b.

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr LSP 17 Apr.

**Northern Waterthrush:** arr 1b BBBP 19 Apr; max b 21 BBBO 2 May; total b 70 BBBO 19 Apr-30 May, high number b.

**Golden-winged Warbler:** arr firehouse woods, G 3, 10 May (GL, KDe); G 4 May (KGr); Clover St, Rochester 5 May (JiM, LM); Clover-Mercy dog-walk 5 May (RN); 1 b BBBO 16 May; Lyons WAYN 17 May (TBa); Whiting Rd Nat PRES, Webster 18 May (LC).

**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr Church Trail, G & Dalton Rd, Nunda LIVI 2 May.

**“Brewster’s” Warbler:** arr DEP 4 May (GL); Rochester 5 May (LM); 1b BBBO 15 May.

**“LAWRENCE’S” WARBLER:** BB-HW 10 May (LBr); MP 11, 21 May (J&AH, CGo); rare.

**Black-and-white Warbler:** arr HANA 18 Apr (LBer, JaG, RRe), early; total b 64 BBBO 21 Apr, 1-18, 30 May, high number b.

**PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R2):** 1-2 NMWMA (AR) 4 May thru (SBi, JMcG, mob), ph, nesting, using nest boxes, also south of road in SENE, Reg 3; T Hunt LIVI 26 May (DBea).

**Tennessee Warbler:** arr 2 Spt 2 May (LK), early; max 19 Norway Rd ORLE 26 May (RBA Field Trip); total b 13 BBBO 10-26 May.

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** arr TCEA & Chimney Bluffs WAYN 2 May (MW & JWo); total 29 ind 14 loc 2-23 May, large number; total b 3 BBBO 4, 15, 15 May.

**Nashville Warbler:** arr Cobbs Hill P 26 Apr; total b 60 BBBO 1-20 May.

**Mourning Warbler:** total b 17 BBBO 20-31 May.

**Kentucky Warbler:** Parkview Dr, Penfield 3 May (R&JP, ph), found dead on porch, rare.

**Com. Yellowthroat:** arr BB-WS 13 Apr (MG), early; max 20 Beatty Pt, G 22 May (PMar); max b 18 BBBO 18 May; total b 99 BBBO 2-30 May, low number b.

**Hooded Warbler:** arr Cobbs Hill P & West Port Bay WAYN 3 May.

**American Redstart:** arr 1-2 ind 3 loc 2 May; max 47 HB-W 26 May (AGu, CW); max b 23 BBBO 19 May; total b 165 BBBO 4-31 May.

**Cape May Warbler:** arr firehouse, G 1 May; last HB-YC 29 May.

**Cerulean Warbler:** arr Henrietta MONR 4 May.

**Northern Parula:** arr BB 14 Apr (PMar), early; max 25 IB-W 11 May (TL), good count; last Wood Rd, Holley ORLE 29 May (DBem), late.

**Magnolia Warbler:** arr Holy Sepulchre Cemetery 2 May (AGa), early; max b 45 BBBO 26 May; total b 270 BBBO 10-31 May.

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr Penfield 7 May; last HB-YC 29 May.

**Yellow Warbler:** arr NMWMA (AR) 23 Apr (LC-B, SB, early; max 100 BB-WS 10 May (BHew); max b 56 BBBO 10 May; total b 162 BBBO 2-31 May; 539 lines in eBird May.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr SPT 2 May; max b 17 BBBO 10 May; total b 59 BBBO 4-30 May.

**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr N Pnds P, Webster 10 May; total b 16 BBBO 10-30 May, low.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr Genesee LIVI 1 May; total b 71 M (BBBO) 2-26 May.

**Palm Warbler:** arr BB-WS 13 Apr (MG), early; max 40 BB-HW 10 May (DBro, *et al.*); max 40 BB-WS 10 May (BHew); max 40 IB-W 11 May (TL); max b 91 BBBO 10 May; total b 175 BBBO 30 Apr--19 May; last BB-WS 26 May.

**Pine Warbler:** arr T Pittsford MONR 2 Apr (LWa), early.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 1-2 Caledonia Fish Hatchery 9-23 Mar, overwintering, typical site; arr H 8 Apr; 43 b BBBO 30 Apr; max 500 firehouse woods, G 4 May (JaG, RRe); 300 HB-YC 4 May (AGu); max b 74 B 10 May; total b 35 BBBO 13, 29-30 Apr-2-19 May, high number b; 1249 lines in eBird May.

**Yellow-throated Warbler (R2):** NMWMA (VDS) 16 May (W&MR); HB 18 May (AGu).

**Prairie Warbler:** arr Genesee LIVI 1 May (JSt); total 14 ind 11 loc 1-27 May, high number, relatively rare in Reg.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr Broadway Rd, Wolcott WAYN 23 Apr (LoK), early.

**Canada Warbler:** arr Canadice L Trail-S 9 May; total b 48 BBBO 10-30 May.

**Wilson’s Warbler:** arr TCEA 7 May (TBo), early; max b 15 BBBO 27 May; total b 97 BBBO 11-31 May.

**SUMMER TANAGER (R2):** 1 imm m Lake Rd, Webster 11-14 May (PMab, mob), coming to feeder, many ph.

**Northern Cardinal:** 3126 lines in eBird May.

## REGION 3—FINGER LAKES

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At Ithaca, March was cooler and drier than normal. The average daily low temperature was 18.4°F, 4.5° below normal. The average high was 39.7°, 2.3° below normal. Total precipitation was 1.44", 1.20" less than normal. Total snowfall was 5.7", 6.0" less than normal. Maximum snow depth of 5.0" accumulated early in the month. Warm fronts passed through the Region on 2, 9, 14, 20, 28, and 31 March.

April temperature was normal, but the month was a little wetter than normal. The average high temperature was 56.1°, 0.6° above normal, and the low was 33.5°, 0.4° below normal. Total precipitation was 3.75", 0.46" more than normal. Total snowfall was only 0.1", 3.3" less than normal. Warm fronts passed through 3, 7, 13, 18, 24, and 27 April.

May was cooler and wetter than normal. Average high temperature was 64.9°, 2.5° cooler than normal, although average low temperature at 44.8° was 1.3° warmer than normal. Total precipitation was 4.85", 1.66" more than normal. Warm fronts passed through 2, 7, 10, 16, 20, 23, and 26 May.

Species of ducks that normally leave the Region for the winter—Wood Duck, Northern Pintail, and Green-winged and Blue-winged Teal—all returned a few days earlier than their respective averages. Observers recorded spring high counts for many waterfowl species: Greater White-fronted Goose, Cackling Goose, Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, and Long-tailed Duck. Two Greater Scaup, three Surf Scoters, and a Common Goldeneye lingered into late May. Ken Reichman photographed a flock of **Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks** in Steuben County. Chris Wood spotted a **Tufted Duck** on Cayuga Lake in early March and many observers observed and photographed one on Canandaigua Lake in mid-March.

Matthew Janson reported a high number of Pied-billed Grebes at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. Betty Beckham reported late Red-necked Grebes on Seneca Lake. An Eared Grebe was on Seneca Lake in late May.

Logan Kahle and Tim Lenz found two Whip-poor-wills in the Hawthorn Orchard in Ithaca. Another was at Wells College. Observers reported high counts for Sora, American Coot, and Sandhill Crane.

Arrival dates for shorebird species compared to average arrival dates were well mixed, some earlier and some later. Whimbrel, Red Knot, and Wilson's Phalarope had unusually early arrival dates. Observers turned in high counts for Semipalmated Sandpiper, American Woodcock, Lesser Yellowlegs, Willet, and Greater Yellowlegs. Unusual species were **Black-necked Stilt** in late May,

American Golden-Plover in mid-May, **Ruff** in early May, Stilt Sandpiper in early and mid-May, and Red-necked Phalarope in late May, all at Montezuma NWR.

Observers reported high counts for Lesser Black-backed Gull, Glaucous Gull, and Common Tern. Chris Wood found a Franklin's Gull at the Owasco Lake Inlet in late May. Shyla and Tonya Luna photographed a rare **Least Tern** on Seneca Lake at Lakefront Park in mid-May.

Two counts of 500 Double-crested Cormorants were high counts. One of the counts was at Jetty Woods at the south end of Cayuga Lake in mid-April. The other was farther north on the lake at the Frontenac Park Marina in mid-May.

Jay McGowan found an early Least Bittern on 20 April at Montezuma NWR. A Snowy Egret in mid-May and three Glossy Ibises in late May at Montezuma NWR were the most unusual waders of the season.

Black Vultures were scarce in the Region with just four sightings. High counts for Osprey and Bald Eagle came from Montezuma NWR and for Broad-winged Hawk in the Town of Dryden.

Five Eastern Screech-Owls in Ithaca's Cascadilla Gorge was a spring high count for that species. Seven Hairy Woodpeckers in the Town of Caroline was also a high count. Two Peregrine Falcons at Cornell University and at Montezuma NWR also constituted high counts. A Peregrine at Taughannock Falls on 24 May was a late report.

Chris Wood observed a record early Least Flycatcher at Dryden Lake on 19 April. Observers reported high counts for Olive-sided Flycatcher, Northern Shrike, Purple Martin, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, and Barn Swallow.

Lynn Braband heard a Sedge Wren sing at a site in the Town of Phelps in early May. A high count of Marsh Wrens came from Montezuma NWR at the end of May. High counts for Brown Thrasher came from the Hanley Biological Preserve and from Sampson State Park. A high count for House Sparrows came from the Finger Lakes National Forest.

Several winter finch species lingered into the season: Evening Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, Hoary Redpoll, and Pine Siskin. One Evening Grosbeak was in Freeville on the late date of 18 May. The lone Hoary Redpoll was also in Freeville on 10 March. A high count of Purple Finches came from the Town of Dryden in early May.

Observers reported high counts for Field Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, and Eastern Towhee. Jay McGowan photographed a Nelson's Sparrow at the Cornell Research Ponds.

Warbler arrival dates were generally within a few days of average. A Prothonotary Warbler arrived early at the unusual location of Myers Point on 3 May and a Prairie Warbler arrived early on 21 April at Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve. The only high count was for Bay-breasted Warbler. There were seven reports of Golden-winged Warbler at five locations. Yellow-throated Warblers were reported from five locations.

Wendy Fuller photographed a **Summer Tanager** in her yard in the Town of Ulysses. Many observers were able to see a Dickcissel in the City of Ithaca in mid-May.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**CP** – City Pier, ONTA; **CLSP** – Cayuga L SP; **CU** – Cornell University; **CygL** – Cayuga L; **FLNF** – Finger Lakes National Forest, SENE; **Fv** – Freeville; **HP** – Harris P, CAYU; **Ith** – Ithaca; **LPBP** – Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve, TOMP; **LPO** – Lakefront P, ONTA; **LPS** – Lakefront P, SENE; **MNWR** – Montezuma NWR; **MyPt** – Myers Pt, TOMP; **OLI** – Owasco L In, CAYU; **OP** – Ontario Pathways, ONTA; **SLSP** – Seneca L SP; **SSP** – Sampson SP; **StP** – Stewart P, TOMP; **SW** – Sapsucker Woods, TOMP; **TCan** – T Canandaigua, ONTA; **TCar** – T Caroline, TOMP; **TDry** – T Dryden, TOMP; **TSF** – T Seneca Falls, SENE; **TVE** – T Van Etten, CHEM.

### WATERFOWL-HUMMINGBIRDS

**BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK:** 8 T West Union STEU 19 May (KRe, ph).

**Ross's Goose:** last MNWR 1 Apr.

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** max 22 CP 3 Mar (ID), high; last 2 Montezuma Heritage P CAYU 2 Apr.

**Cackling Goose:** max 70 SW 13 Mar (JMcG), high; last Risser Road Swamp ONTA 26 Mar; StP 26 Mar.

**Canada Goose:** max 150,000 SW 13 May (TH), high.

**Mute Swan:** max 15 CP 3 Mar (ID), high.

**Blue-winged Teal:** max 110 MNWR 20 Apr (JMcG), high.

**Northern Shoveler:** arr 2 SLSP 11 Mar; max 3000 MNWR 13 Apr (JMcG, LSa), high.

**Gadwall:** max 700 MNWR 20 Apr (JMcG), high.

**Eurasian Wigeon:** arr 2 CygL, TSF 16 Mar; MNWR 16 Mar; last MNWR 5 May.

**American Wigeon:** max 2000 CygL, TSF 17 Mar (PRo, KRo), high.

**Am. Wigeon x Mallard:** CygL, TSF 16 Mar (JMcG, ph).

**Green-winged Teal:** max 3000 MNWR 4 May (Sbi, JMcG), high.

**Canvasback:** max 10,000 CygL, TSF 16 Mar (JMcG, KMcGo), high.

**Redhead:** max 30,000 CygL, TSF 16 Mar (TLe, BW), high.

**Ring-necked Duck:** max 9000 CygL, TSF 16 Mar (JMcG, KMcGo), high.

**TUFTED DUCK (R3):** ESP 5-6 Mar (CWo!); Canandaigua L ONTA 15 Mar (mob, ph).

**Greater Scaup:** last 2 LPO 22 May (DDa), late.

**Lesser Scaup:** max 4000 CygL, TSF 17 Mar (PRo, KRo), high.

**Surf Scoter:** arr SSP 8 Mar; max 5 MyPt 11 Apr; last 3 LPS 22 May (LK), late.

**White-winged Scoter:** max 27 Seneca L, T Lodi SENE 14 Mar; last 15 MyPt 17 May.

**Long-tailed Duck:** max 72 SLSP 16 May (TLe, JMcG), high; last 11 LPS 22 May.

**Common Goldeneye:** max 235 Aurora Bay Boathouse CAYU 10 Oct; 235 HP 16 Mar; last SLSP 30 May (BB!), late.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** max 50 MNWR 8 Apr (Matthew Janson), high.

**Red-necked Grebe:** max 8 LPO 25 Apr; 8 Seneca L, T Varick SENE 6 May; last 2 SLSP 30 May (BB!), late.

**Eared Grebe:** LPS 21 May (mob!), late.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr Salt Pt Natural Area TOMP 17 May; max 3 TEnf 24 May.

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** arr 2 SSP 6 May (LK, TLe), late and high; HO 9 May; Wells College TOMP 14 May.

## RAILS-LARIDS

**Sora:** max 3 MNWR 5 May (MH); 3 MNWR 11 May (DL, JMcG), high.  
**American Coot:** max 1200 MNWR 13 Apr (JMcG, LSa), high.  
**Sandhill Crane:** max 20 MNWR 31 Mar (CP), high.  
**BLACK-NECKED STILT:** MNWR 22-25 May (mob, ph).  
**American Golden-Plover:** TCan 17 May; MNWR 26-27 May.  
**Upland Sandpiper:** arr & max 4 Lott Farm SENE 18 Apr.  
**Whimbrel:** arr 2 MNWR 19 May (MMi, ph), early; max 34 LPO 23 May; last MNWR 28 May.  
**Ruddy Turnstone:** arr MNWR 13 May; max 24 CP 26 May.  
**Red Knot:** arr & max 31 Finger Lakes Welcome Center ONTA 21 May (PS, ph), early & high; 1-7 MNWR 24-29 May (mob); LPO 26 May.  
**RUFF:** MNWR 4 May (Sbi, JMcG!,ph).  
**Stilt Sandpiper:** MNWR 4 May; MNWR 13 May.  
**Sanderling:** max 10 CP 26 May.  
**Dunlin:** arr 7 MNWR 4 Apr; max 800 MNWR 22 May.  
**White-rumped Sandpiper:** arr MNWR 11 May; max 7 MNWR 31 May.  
**Pectoral Sandpiper:** max 30 MNWR 4 May; last 2 TCan 22 May.  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** max 1470 MNWR 31 May (CWo), high.  
**Short-billed Dowitcher:** arr MNWR 13 May; max 4 CP 20 May; 4 TCan 23 May; 4 CP 26 May.  
**American Woodcock:** max 25 Summerhill State Forest CAYU 17 Ap (LK), high.  
**Lesser Yellowlegs:** max 400 MNWR 4 May (Sbi, JMcG), high.  
**Willet:** 41 LPO 30 Apr (TLu!, ph), high.  
**Greater Yellowlegs:** max 200 MNWR 4 May (Sbi, JMcG), high.  
**Wilson's Phalarope:** arr MNWR 3 May (DDa), early; last MNWR 27 May.  
**Red-necked Phalarope:** arr MNWR 30 May, late; last MNWR 31 May (mob), late.  
**Bonaparte's Gull:** arr StP 16 Mar; max 105 Aurora Bay CAYU 16 Apr.  
**Franklin's Gull:** OLI 29 May.  
**Iceland Gull:** max 5 ESP 5 Mar; last 4 StP 27 Mar.  
**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** max 24 StP 14 Mar (JMcG, LSa), high; last Paines Creek mouth CAYU 11 May.

**Herring X Lesser Black-backed Gull:** StP 14-19 Mar.  
**Glaucous Gull:** max 3 ESP 9 Mar (JMcG, LSa); 3 StP 12 Mar (TLe); 3 StP 19 Mar (PРо), high; last HP 24 Apr.  
**Herring X Glaucous Gull:** Ith 2-19 Mar.  
**Herring X Great Black-backed Gull:** StP 6 Mar.  
**LEAST TERN (R3):** LPS 19 May (SL, TLu, ph).  
**Common Tern:** max 82 OLI 31 May (CWo), high.  
**Forster's Tern:** arr StP 14 Apr; max 8 CLSP 27 Apr.

## LOONS-FALCONS

**Red-throated Loon:** max 4 CLSP 20 Apr; last Canandaigua L, TCan 23 May.  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** max 500 Jetty Woods TOMP 17 Apt (TLe); 500 Frontenac P Marina CAYU 11 May (DL, JMcG), high.  
**Least Bittern:** arr MNWR 20 Apr (JMcG), early.  
**Great Blue Heron:** max 161 MNWR 30 May (BB), high.  
**Great Egret:** arr SW 31 Mar; max 28 MNWR 4 May (DB, JTo, STor), high.  
**Snowy Egret:** MNWR 11-13 May.  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** arr Allan H Treman State Marine P 11 Apr; max 6 MNWR 25 May.  
**Glossy Ibis:** 3 MNWR 27 May.  
**Black Vulture:** arr & max 5 W Elmira 17 Mar; last CU 8 May.  
**Osprey:** max 26 MNWR 6 Apr (LFr), high.  
**Golden Eagle:** arr Myrers Pt TOMP 10 Mar; max 2 CU 11 Mar; 2 Palmer Woods TOMP 13 Mar; last T Erin CHEM 19 Apr.  
**Bald Eagle:** max 50 MNWR 22 May (JMcG), high.  
**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr TVE 13 Apr; max 62 TDry 21 Apr (JMcG, LSa), high.  
**Rough-legged Hawk:** last FLNF 13 Apr.  
**Eastern Screech-Owl:** max 5 Cascadilla Gorge Trail TOMP 11 May (RK, KV), high.  
**Snowy Owl:** max 3 Finger Lakes Regional Airport SENE 16 Mar; last Finger Lakes Regional Airport SENE 23 Mar.  
**Long-eared Owl:** TCar 12 Mar; TDry 11 May.  
**Short-eared Owl:** max 3 FLNF 17 Mar; last 3 T Phelps ONTA 20 Mar, early.  
**Red-headed Woodpecker:** arr Ith 3 May; max 2 T Hector SCHU 9 May; 2 OP 17 May.  
**Hairy Woodpecker:** max 7 TCar 21 Apr (SKr), high.

**Peregrine Falcon:** max 2 CU 13 Mar (KV); 2 MNWR 20 Mar (AMi), high; last Taughannock Falls SP 24 May (PD), late.

#### FLYCATCHERS-SNOW BUNTING

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** max 2 TDry 20 May (JF), high.  
**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr CU 19 May; max 2 Northeast Ith 25 May.  
**Acadian Flycatcher:** arr Mark Smith Pd SCHU 18 May.  
**Northern Shrike:** max 2 T Seneca ONTA 25 Mar (NJ), high; last T Tyre SENE 10 Apr (SG), late.  
**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr Louis Agassiz Fuertes Bird Sanctuary TOMP 9 May; HO 9 May; Fall Creek TOMP 9 May.  
**Fish Crow:** max 50 Ith 17 Mar (ADo), high.  
**Purple Martin:** max 350 Aurora Bay CAYU 24 Apr (EHe), high.  
**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** max 50 MyPt 19 Apr (LCh, PRo, STon); 50 Ladoga Pt TOMP 20 Apr (KK, BMcG); 50 Beebe L TOMP 14 May (KE, VV), high.  
**Barn Swallow:** max 700 MNWR 13 May (LK), high.  
**Sedge Wren:** T Phelps ONTA 9 May.  
**Marsh Wren:** max 47 MNWR 31 May (CWo), high.  
**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** arr Monkey Run TOMP 17 May; max 2 T Ith TOMP 28 May.  
**Brown Thrasher:** max 8 Hanley Biological Field Preserve SENE 2 May (JN); 8 SSP 4 May (BW), high.  
**Cedar Waxwing:** max 70 Palmer Woods TOMP 11 Marl 70 Louis Agassiz Fuertes Bird Sanctuary TOMP 24 Apr, low.  
**House Sparrow:** max 50 FLNF 14 Mar (LK), high.  
**American Pipit:** arr Ith Tompkins Airport TOMP 14 Mar; max 30 TEnf 26 Mar.  
**Evening Grosbeak:** max 75 TCar 14 Mar; last Fv 18 May, late.  
**Purple Finch:** max 35 TVE 24 April (JCor); 35 TDry 4 May (LCh, PRo), high.  
**Common Redpoll:** max 150 Mt Pleasant TOMP 31 Mar; last TDry 20 Apr.  
**Hoary Redpoll:** Fv 10 Mar.  
**Pine Siskin:** max 45 Fv 10 Mar.  
**Lapland Longspur:** max 28 Mt Pleasant TOMP 24 Mar; last MNWR 17 Mar.  
**Snow Bunting:** max 200 T Veteran CHEM 3 Mar; last 20 King Ferry Winery CAYU 16 Mar; 2 HP 16 Mar.

#### NEW WORLD SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS

**American Tree Sparrow:** max 26 T Bradford STEU 1 Mar; last MNWR 27 Apr.  
**Field Sparrow:** arr LPBP 24 Mar; max 20 SSP 4 May (BW), high.  
**Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr T Ovid SENE 28 Apr; max 2 T Ledyard CAYU 4 May.  
**Nelson's Sparrow:** Cornell Research Pds TOMP 31 Mar (JMcG, ph).  
**Fox Sparrow:** arr Bluegrass Lane Natural Area TOMP 16 Mar; 4 TCar 16 Mar; 3 Boggy Bottom TOMP 16 Mar; 2 Monkey Run 16 Mar; Factory St Pd CAYU 16 Mar; T Catlin CHEM 16 Mar; TDry 16 Mar; TEnf 16 Mar; max 13 Hammond Hill TOMP 1 Apr.  
**Lincoln's Sparrow:** max 2 Ith Beer Company TOMP 8 May; 2 HO 16 May; 2 MNWR 17 May; last MNWR 25 May.  
**Swamp Sparrow:** max 70 MNWR 20 Apr (JMcG), high.  
**White-throated Sparrow:** max 50 T Farmington ONTA 4 May (JP); 50 Edwards L Cliff Preserve TOMP 5 May (BW), high.  
**White-crowned Sparrow:** max 15 Soaring Eagles Golf Course CHEM 12 May; last OP 24 May.  
**Eastern Towhee:** max 55 SSP 4 May (BW), high.  
**Orchard Oriole:** arr TCan 1 May; max 6 MyPt 17 May; 6 Salt Pt Natural Area TOMP 20 May.  
**Baltimore Oriole:** max 20 Ith 18 May (DN), high.  
**Rusty Blackbird:** arr 3 Caswell Rd Grassland TOMP 13 Mar; max 100 SW 8-13 Apr.  
**Worm-eating Warbler:** arr LPBP 11 May; max 3 Newtown Battlefield SP 23 May.  
**Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr Hi Tor WMA YATE 9 Apr; max 4 Cayuta Creek SCHU 5 May.  
**Northern Waterthrush:** arr SW 23 Apr; 5 Cayuta Inlet SCHU 4 May; 5 Ridgeway Road Rail Trail TOMP 16 May; 5 OLI 23 May.  
**Golden-winged Warbler:** Sixteen Falls Creek SENE 4 May; Ith City Cemetery TOMP 4 May; T Danby TOMP 4 May; LPBP 4 May; SW 8 May; 2 LPBP 11 May; SW 11 May.  
**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr Queen Catharine Marsh SCHU 30 Apr; max 7 LPBP 11 May.  
**"Brewster's" Warbler:** TEnf 3 May; SW 6 May.  
**Prothonotary Warbler:** arr MyPt 3 May (BMcG!), early; max MNWR 10-27 May.

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** arr MNWR 4 May; LPBP 4 May; last CLSP 18 May.  
**Hooded Warbler:** arr Salo Drive Conservation Area TOMP 2 May; max 5 Keuka L SP 15 May; 5 T Ulysses TOMP 23 May; 5 T Danby TOMP 26 May.  
**Cape May Warbler:** max 12 SW 26 May; last MNWR 27 May.  
**Cerulean Warbler:** arr MNWR 4 May; Hammond Hill State Forest TOMP 4 May; max 4 MNWR 19 May; 4 MNWR 22 May.  
**Northern Parula:** max 8 TVE 8 May; 8 Risser Road Swamp ONTA 10 May; last MNWR 23 May; FLNF 23 May; TCar 23 May; Dryden L 23 May.

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** max 50 OP 19 May (KG), high; last Pine City 25 May; Bluegrass Lane Natural Area 25 May.  
**Palm Warbler:** max 8 MNWR 6 May; 8 Queen Catharine Marsh SCHU 7 May; 8 T Middlesex YATE 8 May; 8 MNWR 13 May; last SLSP 22 May; MNWR 22 May.  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** arr StP 14 Mar (BMcG), early.  
**Yellow-throated Warbler:** Willard T P SENE 21 Apr; MNWR 23-25 Apr; T Ovid SENE 5 May; SLSP 15-16 May; LPO 17 May.  
**Prairie Warbler:** arr LPBP 21 Apr (SBI!), early; max 10 Arnot Forest TOMP 25 May.  
**SUMMER TANAGER (R3):** T Ulysses TOMP 9 May (WF!, ph).  
**Dickcissel:** Ith 11 May.

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## REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

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There were no archived weather data for the month of March. There was a high of 75° on 19 April and a low of 19° on 2 April. This was 0.1° below average. April totaled 5.88" of precipitation, 2.88" above average. May had a high temperature of 86° on 26 May and a low of 37° on 9 May, 2.6° above average. There was 4.81" of precipitation, 1.20" above average.

There were some nice records of waterfowl during the spring period. A Ross's Goose was found in Norwich on 24 March by Logan Kahle and Augie Kramer. Cackling Geese were reported in both Tioga and Delaware Counties, the latter a holdover from the winter period. As many as two Eurasian Wigeon were found at Murphys Pits in Broome County and remained for an extended period. There were several reports of White-winged and Surf Scoters in Broome and Chenango Counties.

A flyover **Sandhill Crane** was seen at Upper Lisle County Park on 3 May by David Nicosia, rare for the Region.

A nicely photographed Glossy Ibis was an excellent find in Tioga County on 7 April by Sandy Covington. Also nicely photographed was a **Mississippi Kite** found by Steven Gorgos on 31 May in Broome County. Neither bird continued after the initial sighting.



The “Winter Finch Irruption” continued into the spring period with Evening Grosbeaks seen in many locations. Common Redpolls lingered as well, though slightly less plentiful. Pine Siskins continued throughout much of the area. There were two reports of Lapland Longspur, one in Chenango County, the other in Cortland.

A Grasshopper Sparrow at Russell Hill Farm in Delaware County was a great find by Whitney Mortimer. The bird of the season was the ongoing **Golden-crowned Sparrow** in Delaware County. Found by Lance Verderame during the winter period, it continued well into the spring, last seen the first week of April (see article on pp. 206-208).

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**ALk** – Allen L, OTSE; **AqPk** – Aquaterra P, BROO; **BCBC** – Binghamton CBC, BROO; **BPd** – Boland Pd, BROO; **BUNP** – Binghamton University Nature Preserve, BROO; **CaHo** – Cannon Hole, T Barton, TIOG; **CanL** – Canadarago L, OTSE; **CannR** – Cannonsville Res, DELA; **CG** – Carantouan Greenway, T Barton, TIOG; **ChenL** – Chenango L, T New Berlin, CHEN; **ChRB** – Chenango Ri, Greater Binghamton, BROO; **CoPk** – Confluence P, Owego, TIOG; **CRes** – Cannonsville Res & outflow, DELA; **CVSP** – Chenango Valley SP, T Fenton, BROO; **DeLR** – Delaware Ri, Deposit, DELA; **DorP** – Dorchester P, Whitney Pt, BROO; **FMHW** – Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch, DELA; **FMT** – Franklin Mt., T Davenport, DELA; **GrwP** – Greenwood CP, BROO; **HCP** – Hillcrest Pits, Port Dickenson, BROO; **LHNC** – Lime Hollow Nature Center, T Cortlandville, CORT; **LPSF** – Long Pd State Forest, CHEN; **MHL** – Michigan Hollow L, TIOG; **NSpM** – N Spencer Marsh, T Spencer, TIOG; **OnCBC** – Oneonta CBC, OTSE/DELA; **OtsL** – Otsego L, OTSE; **OwCBC** – Owego CBC, TIOG; **Pres** – Pepacton Res & outflow, DELA; **SCBC** – Sherburne CBC, CHEN (mostly);

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Two major rarities at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, *Queens*: Burrowing Owl, 16 May 2019, © Jennifer Kepler; and Sage Thrasher, 17 May 2019, © Corey Finger.



Townsend's Warbler, West Barrier Bar County Park, *Cayuga*, 2 May 2019, © David Wheeler.



Yellow-headed Blackbird, Black Dirt Region, *Orange*, 23 Mar 2019, © Matt Zeitler.



Evening Grosbeak, Northville, *Suffolk*, 23 Apr 2019, © MaryLaura Lamont.



Summer Tanager, Guilderland, *Albany*, 29 Apr 2019, © Christine Bishop.





Magnificent Frigatebird, Hamlin Beach SP, *Monroe*, 27 Apr 2019, © Andrew Guthrie.



Black-necked Stilt, Nickerson Beach, *Nassau*, 21 Apr 2019, © Steve Walter.



White-winged Dove, Central Park, *New York*, 14 Apr 2019, © Peter Post.



Wilson's Plover, Cupsogue County Park, *Suffolk*, 15 May 2019, © Nick Giordano.



A Common Greenshank at Timber Point Golf Course, *Suffolk*, 5-6 May 2019 (here 5 May) was the first for NYS and one of very few records for the eastern USA. See article pp. 202-205; photos © S. S. Mitra.





Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks, Rexville, *Steuben*, 19 May 2019, © Ken Reichman.



Ruff, Marshlands Conservancy, *Westchester*, 10 May 2019, © Sean Camillieri.





White-faced Ibises in southwestern *Suffolk*, spring 2019: top left Timber Point Golf Course 15 Apr; top right and bottom left Heckscher SP 1 May; bottom right Heckscher SP 13 May; photos © S. S. Mitra.



Red Crossbill, Manorville, *Suffolk*, 15 Apr 2019, © Lisa Nasta.

**SkaL** – Skaneateles L, (SE), T Scott, **CORT**; **StPd** – Stupke Pd, T Cortlandville, **CORT**; **SusRB** – Susquehanna Ri, Greater Binghamton, **BROO**; **UL** – Upper Lisle, **BROO**; **ULCP** – Upper Lisle CP, T Triangle, **BROO**; **WPRes** – Whitney Pt Res, **BROO**.

#### **WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS**

**Snow Goose:** 2800 **ULCP** (JW); 730 Harold Moore P **BROO** 14 Mar (JH); 4000 14 Mar Castle Creek (JW); North Sanford Rd **BROO** 14 Mar (PP); 120 County Highway 8 **OTSE** 20 Mar (LG); 90 Norwich **CHEN** 24 Mar (LK).

**Ross's Goose:** Norwich 24 Mar (LK, AK), *intro*.

**Cackling Goose:** NSpM 14 Mar (CW); Laurel Bank Rd **DELA** 16 Mar (LV), *intro*.

**Eurasian Wigeon:** max 2 Murphys Pits **BROO** 19 Mar-4 Apr (DL, DN, mob); River Rd Endwell **BROO** 25 Mar-3 Apr (DN, SR, JH, mob), *intro*.

**Canvasback:** max 9 River Road Endwell 3-24 Mar (VL, SR, DN, mob); max 9 Murphys Pits 11-25 Mar (DW, VL, WM, mob).

**Redhead:** max 7 River Rd Endwell (DN, VL, JH, mob); Cincinatus L **CHEN** 20 Mar (LK, AK).

**Surf Scoter:** 2 Lisle P 14 Apr (DN, DW); 2 DorP 14 Apr (JW, LK, mob); 2 River Rd Endwell 17 Apr (GW, FT), *intro*.

**White-winged Scoter:** Lisle P 8 Apr (DN); River Road Endwell 11 Apr (MJ); 20 **ULCP** 6 May (DN); 26 Dor P 6 May (SR), *intro*.

**Long-tailed Duck:** max 36 Lisle P 3-17 Apr (DN, MDW, DW); max 3 River Rd Endwell 10-31 Mar (DN, SR, VL, mob); 4 **CRes** 7 Apr (LV); max 4 Whitney Pt **BROO** 8-10 Apr (DW, DN); Plymouth Res 20-26 Apr (LK, AK, mob); 7 **Pres** 26 Apr (LV).

**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 4 **ULCP** 29 Mar-16 May (DN, JH, ID, mob); 15 **UL** 8 Apr (DN).

**Ruddy Duck:** 11 **ULCP** 26 Apr (DN); 9 DorP 26 Apr (LK).

**Horned Grebe:** 2 **Pres** 30 Mar (LV); max 3 River Rd Endwell 30-31 Mar (JC, GW, DN, mob); max 14 **UL** 31 Mar-1 May (DN, JH, ID, mob); max 4 Lockheed Martin P **TIOG** 17 Apr (DM, DG).

**Red-necked Grebe:** Harold Moore P 9 Mar (DN, GW); **ULCP** 22-24 Apr (DN); 5 DorP 6 May (SR, DN).

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** AqPk 20-25 May (DW, VL); Richford **TIOG** 22 May (DM).

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** Houck Mountain **DELA** 25 May (LV); Thornridge Lane **CHEN** 16 May (AT); AqPk 18-31 May (VL, WK, SO).

**Common Nighthawk:** max 6 Covered Bridge Road **DELA** 22-31 May (RS); 3 River Road **DELA** 27 May (LV); 10 Owego River Walk **TIOG** 30 May (RD).

#### **RAILS – LARIDS**

**Virginia Rail:** **ULCP** 5 May (JH); **ULCP** 21 May (JW); BpD 4 Apr-27 May (VL, JH, DW, mob); Waterman Conservation Education Center 8 May **TIOG** (DG).

**Sora:** NSpM 19-29 May (SC); **ULCP** 30 Apr (DN); max 2 **BUNP** 30 Apr – 2 May (AB); **ULCP** 4 May (JH).

**American Coot:** BpD 30 Mar (DN); max 2 **ULCP** 4 Apr-3 May (DN, AB, TL); Murphys Pits **BROO** 30 Apr-3 May (VL, SB).

**Sandhill Crane:** **ULCP** 3 May (DN), *intro*.

**Semipalmated Plover:** max 6 **ULCP** 19 -27 May (JH, JW, VL, mob); 4 River Rd Endwell 20 May (DN); max 2 NSpM 17-23 May (SCo).

**Dunlin:** 3 DorP 27 Apr (DN, WK, JW); 2 Smith Kingsman Rd Wetlands **CHEN** 26 May (MDW); 8 Deposit Farm P **DELA** 26 May (LV).

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** BpD 28 May (DW).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** 2 **ULCP** 24 May (DW); max 7 BpD 26-27 May (JH, WK, DN); Kinney Road **TIOG** 14 May (DG).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** max 10 DorP 31 Mar-16 May (ID, AB, DN, mob).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** River Rd Endwell 10 Mar (SR, AB); 5 **ULCP** 14 Apr (LK, AK); 5 Lisle P 14 Apr (DN, DW).

**Caspian Tern:** max 5 **ULCP** 8 Apr-11 May (DN, JH); 2 DorP 6 May (DN, SR).

**Common Tern:** 10 **ULCP** 26 Apr (LK, DN); DorP 11 May (JH).

**Forster's Tern:** **ULCP** 14-26 Apr (LK, DN, AK); 4 Lisle P 17Apr (WM).

#### **LOONS – FALCONS**

**Red-throated Loon:** 21 **ULCP** 6 Apr (DN, AB, JAM); DorP 4 May (DN).

**Least Bittern:** **BUNP** 13 May (AB).

**Great Egret:** **ULCP** 26 Apr (LK); **ULCP** 9 May (VL); **ULCP** 18 May (DN); Long Pd **SF** 25 May (MD).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** White Church Rd Trail 21 Apr (TA); Killawog Hill Rd Pd 9-16 May (DG, DN).

**Glossy Ibis:** NSpM 7 Apr (SCo), *intro*.

**Black Vulture:** Murphys Pits 22 Mar (DN); 2 BPd 2 Apr (DN).

**Golden Eagle:** Hillcrest Pits BROO 22 Mar (DW); 2 Confluence P TIOG 26 Mar (KH); Glen Aubrey BROO 20 Apr (JH); Downsville DELA 3 Mar (LV, KB, SC); ULCP 6 May (DN).

**MISSISSIPPI KITE:** Hawlyton BROO 31 May (SG), *intro*.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** Cortland 3 Mar (JG, AVK); Kerrigan Rd BROO 10 Mar (JH); ULCP 16 Mar (JH); Oxford CHEN 13 Mar (MDW); Bainbridge CHEN 21 Mar (MJ); Catskill Turnpike Rd DELA 2 Mar (LV); 2 Catskill Turnpike Rd 9 Mar (LV, AW).

**Eastern Screech-owl:** Newark Valley TIOG 3 Mar (DG); Arabia DELA 28 Apr (PP); ULCP 4 May (JH); Sherburne CHEN 21-28 Mar (FvM).

**Great Horned Owl:** NSpM 24 Mar (SCo); AqPk 22 Apr (DW); ULCP 3 May (DN).

**Barred Owl:** ULCP 17 Mar (MR); 2 AqPk 28 Apr (WK); 2 Mackey Rd Treadwell DELA 7 Mar-25 May (PP); max 2 Moran Rd Oxford CHEN (MDW).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** Shepard Rd Waverly TIOG 8 Mar (SCo).

**Merlin:** ULCP 14 Apr-11 May (DN, LK, JW, mob); DorP 20 Apr (LK, AK, DB).

**Peregrine Falcon:** ULCP 31 Mar (DN); Cortland Gravel Pits 8 Apr (JC); Cheri A. Lindsey P and R Walk BROO (AB, RD, MH).

#### FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTINGS

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** AqPk 18 May (VL, SO).

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** ULCP 18 May (DN); Lockheed Martin Pd 31 May (DG).

**Northern Shrike:** Turnpike Rd DELA 2 Mar (CWo); Home OTSE 9 Mar (AD); Kilroy and Owlville Rd Oxford CHEN 13 Mar (MDW); Sherburne Railroad Grade Marsh CHEN 4 Apr (JC).

**Philadelphia Vireo:** max 3 ULCP 18-22 May (DN, VL); King Street BROO 18 May (DN); Hickories P TIOG 19 May (DG).

**Horned Lark:** 7 State Route 221 CORT (AVK); 7 Edwards Hill Rd 10 Mar (JH); 150 Arnold Rd BROO 9 Mar (DN); 20 Moran Rd

CHEN 15 Mar (MDW); 13 Deposit Farm Pd 31 Mar (LV).

**Purple Martin:** ULCP 20 Apr (LK, DB, AK).

**Swainson's Thrush:** NSpM 11 May (CW); Lake Delaware 12 May (RP); Ellis L 21 May (SB); Johnson City BROO 28 May (DN); Riverfront Vestal BROO 17 May (AB); 2 BUNP 21 May (VL).

**American Pipit:** 5 Spencer L Tamarac Marsh 14 Mar (CW); max 45 NSpM 14 Mar-16 May (CW, SCo); Pd Barton TIOG 15 May (DM); 2 Hickories P 30 Mar (CW); 2 Kinney Rd Campville 7 May (DG); Binghamton Plaza 1 Apr (JW); Cheri A. Lindsey P 1 Apr (DW); Hillcrest Pits 2 Apr (SB).

**Evening Grosbeak:** 3 Oneonta Susquehanna Greenway OTSE 2 Mar (CW); max 14 Home Feeders DELA (RP); 9 West River Rd Marathon CORT 7 Mar (CW); Mackey Rd Treadwell 23 Mar (PP); Tubs Hill Rd Richford TIOG 10-16 Apr (DM); max 15 Smith Kingsman Rd CHEN 28 Mar-8 May (MDW), *intro*.

**Common Redpoll:** max 25 Johnson City BROO 1-31 Mar (JH); 45 Masonville DELA 2 Mar (CW); Moran Rd Oxford CHEN 10-13 Apr (MDW); max 9 Tubbs Hill Rd Richford 21-27 (DM), *intro*.

**Lapland Longspur:** Hunsicker-Lawrence Rd Sherburne CHEN 8 Mar (MDW); 2 Cornell Lane Harford 3-7 Mar (KMcGo, KMcGa, CWo, JC), *intro*.

**Snow Bunting:** 63 NSpM 1 Mar (SCo); 100 Arnold Rd BROO 9 Mar (SR); max 350 Cornell Lane Harford CORT 3-7 Mar (KMcGo, KMcGa, JC, CW).

#### NEW WORLD SPARROWS - CARDINALIDS

**Vesper Sparrow:** max 2 Klecha Farm Coventry CHEN 1-6 Apr (MDW); 2 Knapp Rd Johnson City 5 Apr (DN); BPd 9 Apr (VL); Victory Street Johnson City 19 May (MJ).

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** Russell Hill Farm DELA 2 Jun (WM), *intro*.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** River Rd Downsville 4 May (LV); Death Valley Rd Johnson City 7 May (JH); Moran Rd Oxford 13-14 May.

**GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW:** Downsville DELA 1 Mar- 6 Apr (LV, SCa, KB, mob), from winter; *intro*.



## REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Early March was harsh and lion-like, but conditions moderated by mid-month. In Syracuse the mean temperature was 32.4°F, which is 1.8° lower than the historic average for the month. Total rainfall for March was 1.6", 1.35" below normal. Snowfall in Syracuse was 14.8", 3.2" below normal. The average temperature in April was 48.2°, which is one degree above average. Rainfall for the month was 3.45", which matches the historical average. Only 2.5" of snow fell in Syracuse in April, which is one inch less than normal. May seemed seasonably cool to many of us experiencing it in the field, but according to the data, temps were only slightly below average. Precipitation in Syracuse measured 6.5" for May, which is a significant 3.28" higher than normal. Even higher rain totals were tallied in other places around the Region, particularly in northern areas.

According to most accounts, the bulk of early songbird migration was delayed this spring, presumably due to persistent blustery conditions and unfavorable winds. Blackbirds didn't return to the Region in significant numbers until the middle of March, which is late by recent standards. At the Derby Hill hawk watch, raptor migration didn't begin ramping up until mid-March. Bill Purcell began his Phillip's Point lake watch on the morning of 8 April when wind and warm temperatures began dispersing ice on the west end of Oneida Lake. In May, Neotropical songbird migration happened in fits and starts. Few observers experienced many productive days in the second half of the month. Interestingly, mixed flocks of warblers and vireos were often observed concentrating foraging efforts in Eastern Hemlock trees. One observer thought the birds were gleaning insect larva off hemlock foliage. Several observers reported that foraging flocks often contained Red-breasted Nuthatches, which had vacated the region in fall due to the lack of mast in northern coniferous forests. In May, high rainfall totals in northern and northwestern parts of the Region likely had a negative impact on species breeding in and around marshes, lakes, and rivers.

The Hawk Counter at Derby Hill this season was Karl Bardon, who presided over a record raptor migration at the site. During the three-month season, 101,834 raptors were tallied. This is 32,000 birds higher than any previous season count, the difference mostly coming from a few days with excellent Broad-winged Hawk flights. New high counts for Turkey Vulture (27,981), Bald Eagle (1,252), Broad-winged Hawk (63,639), and Peregrine Falcon (32) were achieved. Additionally, above average tallies were achieved for Osprey, Golden Eagle, American Kestrel

and Merlin. Bardon was also diligent in recording every other bird species migrating over Derby and entering most of it in eBird. His combined total for all families of birds passing over the site was just shy of one million. At Bill Purcell's Phillip's Point Oneida Lake watch, waterfowl and seabird migration was often slow. However, there were some mornings when the conditions were just right. Highlights included 195 White-winged Scoters that passed by on 8 May and 972 that flew by on 17 May. A good diversity of species on the former day included a **Little Gull**.

For the most part spring waterfowl migration was unremarkable, but there were some good tallies in expected locations. The biggest movement of Snow Geese occurred in the third week of March, with 75,243 flying over Derby Hill on the 21<sup>st</sup> and an excellent total of 308,963 for the season. 50 Northern Shovelers was a good tally on Onondaga Lake on 15 March. Two **Eurasian Wigeons** were found during the period—both in the Cayuga County portion of the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. The first one was a male found and photographed at Howland Island on 14 March. The rarity (likely the same bird) traveled widely around the complex and passed between adjacent Regions for over a month. A respectable 1,607 Northern Pintails were counted at Howland Island on 30 March. In late March through early April, *aythya* species were found in reasonably good numbers in expected locations. An adult male **King Eider** continued from winter and a **Harlequin Duck** was seen, both at Oswego Harbor in the last days of March. Neither lingered into April. All three scoter species were found this period, although only White-winged Scoter was observed in significant numbers. An adult male **Barrow's Goldeneye** was found on Onondaga Lake on 2 March by Dennis Anderson. It was seen there for nearly two weeks. Perhaps the same individual or a second male was observed on Oneida Lake on 24 March. A curious-looking Common Goldeneye X Hooded Merganser hybrid originally found by Matthew Brown during the previous period remained at Port Ontario until 4 March.

The number of migrant grebes in the Region wasn't particularly impressive this spring. However, a maximum count of 23 Red-necked Grebes was tallied on Oneida Lake on 7 April. Utica's male Peregrine Falcon again displayed a penchant for bringing cuckoos to the nest. He caught the first one on 9 May, only one day after the Black-billed Cuckoo's arrival date in the Region. By the end of May at least 11 cuckoos of both resident species were ultimately seen brought to the nest. On the evening of 23 May, Chris Spagnoli looked into his Pompey yard and saw what he thought were bats flying around but soon realized they were Common Nighthawks. He counted at least eight before an approaching storm dispersed them. A maximum of 50 was counted at the same location on 27 May. Reports of Sora increased this spring. Multiples were found at several locations. On 6 April in Pompey two pairs of Sandhill Cranes were observed in a field performing courtship rituals. According to a credible source, for the first time a pair successfully bred in West Monroe.

The authors are pleased to report that Piping Plovers again nested at Sandy Pond. The single nest (as well as other local resident birds) was closely monitored by a small team of biologists led by Alivia Sheffield of NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, with Zoe Hutchins maintaining a spreadsheet of bird sightings. The female was first to arrive in late April followed by the male bird in early May. The banded pair was observed incubating a clutch of four eggs by 26 May. Tune in to the next edition of this report for more on the recovery of this wonderful bird. In other shorebird news, most of the expected species were found this period although only a few in significant numbers. 21 Black-bellied Plovers passed by Derby Hill on 26 May. Reports of Upland Sandpipers all emanated from the same location in northern Oneida County near the Village of Poland. No Whimbrel were found this period, but 22 Ruddy Turnstones and 384 Dunlin were observed on Oneida Lake at Constantia on 23 May. 13 Short-billed Dowitchers and a notable high count of 45 Solitary Sandpipers were seen at Ditch Bank Road on 14 May. The season's only report of a Wilson's Phalarope also came from Ditch Bank Road. The bird was seen and photographed by several birders on 14-15 May. These same days also produced a very rare for the Region **Long-billed Dowitcher** found by Dennis Anderson at the nearby Gerber Top Soil wet spot.

Gull diversity was lacking this period. Besides the Little Gull mentioned above, the only other rare gull species was a single adult **Laughing Gull** photographed by Matthew Brown at Sandy Pond on 28 April. Black Terns were reported from seven locations around the Region, which is an improvement over recent spring seasons. The high count for the species was five tallied at Onondaga Lake on 6 May. **Forster's Terns** were found at three locations this period, a better than average showing for that rarity. Two were observed in Fulton on 14 May and two at Woodman Pond in Central Madison County on 14-15 May. The occurrence likely represented a first for the latter location. A maximum number of 89 Common Loons migrated by Phillip's Point on 17 April. 64 were counted on Otisco Lake on 20 April. Single **White Pelicans** were observed at Derby Hill (21 April) and on the northern shore of Oneida Lake at Constantia (21-25 May). A very rare to the Region **Brown Pelican** was seen and photographed by an anonymous visiting birder, at Sunset Bay Park on 20 May. The editors of this report were unable to view the photo, but Joseph Brin (a veteran birder and administrator of the Syracuse Rare Bird Alert) was able to vouch for its legitimacy. The report is also bolstered by the existence of concurrent eBird records of a Brown Pelican frequenting locations on the western end of Lake Ontario. This is the first spring record for Region 5 and the fifth overall. Per Marge Rusk's records, a report exists from the 1920s! Both expected species of bittern were encountered more frequently than usual this period. Reports of American Bittern came from more than a dozen locations and reports of Least Bittern came from nine sites. David Wheeler found one deceased on the beach at Sandy Pond. There were only two reports of Black-crowned Night-Herons this period, one from Fair Haven on 24 May and the other from Sandy Pond two days later.

A total of two Black Vultures flew over Derby Hill during the season, which is not considered unusual in the modern era. The species was also observed in Jamesville (19-20 March), Gray (23 May), and Frankfort (25 May). According to the Derby Hill hawk counter, 8 April would likely have been a record Turkey Vulture flight, if not for a strong northwest wind that pushed kettles containing at least a thousand TVs out of range. As mentioned above, several raptor species migrated over Derby Hill in record numbers this season. It was a fantastic season for Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Broad-winged Hawk, and Peregrine Falcon. Above average numbers were tallied for a few other species as well, but some raptors didn't fare as well, and their totals were near or below the ten-year average for the site. A season total of 2,769 Red-tailed Hawks is significantly below average. 111 Rough-legged Hawks was also below average but with Rough-legs, steeper year-to-year variations are expected. Single Snowy Owls were encountered in Bridgeport, Syracuse, Liverpool, and Clay. The last one of the season was found at Sunset Bay Park on Lake Ontario on 3 May. The season's only Short-eared Owl was observed at the Bishop Road Hawk Watch site on 15 March. There were reports of single Northern Saw-Whet Owls from five locations. Unfortunately, the 20 March report from Kirkland involved a road-killed individual. As is typical, most Red-headed Woodpecker reports came from the Lake Ontario Shoreline and near Oneida Lake. A single report of a Black-backed Woodpecker came from Old Forge in the Adirondacks on 30 May. Syracuse's resident pair of Peregrine Falcons continue to hold territory in downtown, but they were not confirmed breeding for the third consecutive year. Four eggs were laid in the Utica nest between 29 March and 5 April. All hatched between 6-9 May. Wildlife Photographer, Tom Durr, discovered a new Peregrine nest site in a quarry outside of Cazenovia. It's likely that more Peregrine nests will be discovered in the Region as the species' population continues its recovery and as nest sites outside of "traditional" downtown areas are adopted.

Few Olive-sided Flycatchers traversed the Region during migration. On 23 May, Acadian Flycatcher arrived on the species' only reliable breeding site at Whiskey Hollow. Reports of Philadelphia Vireos came from 18 locations around the Region. Large numbers of Blue Jays migrated along the shore of Lake Ontario this season, and a high count of 9,014 was observed at Derby Hill on 19 May. One Boreal Chickadee visited a feeding station at Eagle Bay in the Adirondacks on 16 May. The species is expected there, but along with other boreal specialties, they are infrequently reported. An appreciable movement of Black-capped Chickadees was most observable along the Lake Ontario shoreline. On 11 April 94 passed by Derby Hill. Although maximum numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches were relatively unimpressive, the species was widely encountered well outside traditional breeding areas. As mentioned above, in May, they were commonly seen moving in mixed foraging flocks along with warblers and vireos. At Fair Haven, a Sedge Wren found by Reuben Stoltzfus was seen and photographed by several observers on 2 May. Gregg Dashnau contributed a Carolina Wren, very rare for the Region 5 lakeshore (being found only a few times a decade there).

Given its rarity, Dashnau and David Wheeler embarked in hot pursuit. They wanted better looks to eliminate the similar-looking Bewick's Wren (but ultimately confirmed Carolina). Thrush migration was unremarkable and featured relatively low tallies. American Robin was the exception. Along the Lake Ontario shoreline and the north side of Oneida Lake, March and April saw good flights and 4,270 flew by Derby Hill on 8 April. Evening Grosbeaks continued to visit feeding stations almost exclusively in the Region's highlands until 20 May. Gerry Smith reminded us that up until the early 1990s, the movement of Evening Grosbeaks through the Region would occur in May during the height of Neotropical songbird migration. Only a single Red Crossbill was reported this period. The report came from Boonville in northern Oneida County on 26 March. Like most of the other winter finches, numbers of Pine Siskin were not notable this season. However, in early May, the species was confirmed breeding in the Southern Highlands.

Clay-colored Sparrow arrived at Ditch Bank Road on 28 April. The species was detected at only three other locations. On 18-22 May, a maximum number of three males were singing on their traditional breeding grounds at Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary in Kirkland. There was a slight resurgence of Vesper Sparrows in the Region this period. A maximum number of five was counted in Williamstown on 30 April. Reports of the species came in from numerous locations. Grasshopper Sparrows were reported at nine sites. A few observers noted that Fox Sparrows arrived later and remained later than is typical. A maximum count of 17 came from Toad Harbor on 1 April. The last Fox Sparrow reported in the Region was at Sunset Bay Park on the late date of 10 May. There were relatively few reports of migrant Lincoln's Sparrows. Many birders mentioned encountering especially large flocks of White-throated Sparrows—mostly along the Lake Ontario Shoreline. Most notable were the 275 reported at Sunset Bay Park on 3 May and 200 at Utica's Proctor Park on 7 May. 110 Baltimore Orioles migrated over Derby Hill on 17 May. Birders around the Region noted an abnormally high number of Baltimore Orioles frequenting suet feeders and nectar feeders in May. In much of the Region the blossoming of apple trees and other fruit-bearing trees was delayed this season. Since tree blossoms weren't available upon the orioles' arrival, we surmise that they were forced to seek out other resources such as those provided at feeding stations. Interestingly, even after the apple trees did bloom, orioles continued utilizing food provided by human benefactors. As mentioned above, the bulk of spring blackbird migration took place later than it has in recent years. A decent high count of 1,020 Rusty Blackbirds flew by Derby Hill on 26 April. On 7 April, 42,641 Common Grackles were counted over Derby Hill.

Reports of single Golden-winged Warblers came from only four locations, likely migrants rather than breeders, including one at Oakwood Cemetery in Syracuse found by Deborah Dohne. Mickey Scilingo located a singing male Prothonotary Warbler at the Peter Scott Swamp on 21 May. In this Region, the species is rarely found outside its traditional breeding area along the Seneca River



around Howland Island. Tennessee Warblers continue to migrate in relatively strong numbers though Wheeler noted very few at Fair Haven. A maximum of 23 was reported from Syracuse on 25 May. Reports of Orange-crowned Warblers came from four locations. Cerulean Warblers have become rare in the Region away from Howland Island, but there was a spattering of reports from some of the species' former breeding grounds near Oneida Lake and Kirkland. A maximum of 11 Bay-breasted Warblers was tallied at Three Rivers WMA on 17 May, an excellent number for an inland site. A notable 2,367 Yellow-rumped Warblers went by Derby Hill on 8 May. On 1 May, Adrienne Whiteley got excellent looks at a male **Yellow-throated Warbler** in a spruce tree in her Syracuse yard. The rarity didn't linger and wasn't relocated.

While birding the West Barrier Bar at Fair Haven on 2 May, David Wheeler found a first-year male **Townsend's Warbler** at eye level associating generally with a Cape May Warbler and two Palms. The bird moved around West Spit but was usually conspicuous even though it never sang. Wheeler noted that it suggested the similarly-plumaged Black-throated Green Warbler much less than he would have expected. He remained at the site all day keeping track of the bird and all those who tried for it were able to see it. No evidence that it might be a hybrid with Hermit Warbler was found and good quality pictures document the sighting. This is (surprisingly) the third time the species has occurred in Region 5 and only the twelfth documented occurrence in New York State. Wheeler searched diligently for the bird the next day, but favorable overnight weather had caused most migrants to leave. There were relatively few reports of Wilson's Warblers this period. Last but not least, Ashley Chiu hosted an adult male **Painted Bunting** at her Syracuse birdfeeder on 21 May. She was able to get some good close photos of this unmistakable species. In keeping with the tradition of rarities this period, that bird too didn't linger, and no one was able to relocate it. The Region's prior spring record for Painted Bunting was in 2015 and there are four records overall.

This season a total of 260 species was reported, which is ten above the recent 10-year average for the Region. There were also four hybrids reported. Highlights of the season included: Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross's Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, King Eider, **Harlequin Duck, Piping Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, Wilson's Phalarope, Little Gull, Laughing Gull, Forster's Tern, Am. White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Black Vulture, Snowy Owl, Black-backed Woodpecker, Boreal Chickadee, Prothonotary Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, and Painted Bunting.**

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### DERBY HILL HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
<b>Black Vulture</b>	25 Mar	1		2
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>	8 Mar	4,143	8 Apr	27,981
<b>Osprey</b>	27 Mar	70	9 May	595
<b>Golden Eagle</b>	3 Mar	12	27 Mar	68
<b>No. Harrier</b>	10 Mar	50	19 Apr	568
<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>	9 Mar	478	5 May	3,654
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>	8 Mar	13	15 Mar, 2 Apr, 18 Apr	215
<b>No. Goshawk</b>	15 Mar	2	23 Apr	15
<b>Bald Eagle</b>		136	6 May	1,252
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>	13 Mar	69	2 Apr	427
<b>Broad-winged Hawk</b>	12 Apr	14,862	21 Apr	63,639
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>		382	12 Apr	2,759
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>		30	14 Mar	111
<b>Am. Kestrel</b>	13 Mar	53	18 Apr	421
<b>Merlin</b>	14 Mar	12	1 May	94
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>	15 Mar	5	9 May	32
<b>Unidentified</b>				
<b>Total including unidentified:</b>				<b>101,834</b>

### ABBREVIATIONS

**ADK** – Adirondacks, n. HERK; **BLNC** – Beaver L Nature Center, Baldwinsville; **Brew** – Oneida L at Brewerton; **BRH** – Bishop Road Hawk Watch, T Richland; **Bville** – Baldwinsville; **CM** – Clay Marsh, Clay; **Const** – Oneida L at Constantia; **DB** – Ditch Bank Rd & vicinity, T Sullivan/Lenox; **DH** – Derby Hill, T Mexico;

**Dolge** – Dolgeville, HERK; **FH** – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay, and vicinity; **GB** – Great Bear Rec Area, Fulton; **GLSP** – Green Lakes SP, Fayetteville; **Hast** – Hastings; **HI** – Howland I WMA; **HV** – Happy Valley WMA, Parish; **LOS** – Lake Ontario Shoreline; **MNWR** east – Montezuma NWR, CAYU; **MW** – McKoons Road Wetland, Colombia Center, s. HERK; **OF** – Old Forge; **OneiL** – Oneida L; **OnonL** – Onondaga L; **OswH** – Oswego Harbor; **PPt** – Oneida L at Phillips Pt, W Monroe; **PSS** – Peter Scott Swamp, Phoenix; **SBP** – Sunset Bay P, Scriba; **SFNS** – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; **SH** – Southern Highlands of ONON & MADI; **Skana** – Skaneateles; **SNC** – Sterling Nature Center, Sterling; **SP** – Sandy Pd and vicinity; **SSSP** – Selkirk Shores SP; **SVB** – Sylvan & Verona Beach; **Syr** – Syracuse; **TR** – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; **UM** – Utica Marsh; **VBSP** – Verona Beach SP; **WH** – Whiskey Hollow; **WP** – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

#### **WATERFOWL-HUMMINGBIRDS**

**Snow Goose:** 66030 DH 20 Mar; max 75243 DH 21 Mar; last 3 Port Byron 12 May.  
**Ross's Goose:** 2 DH 22 Mar (KBa); Syr 24 Mar (DD); max 3 Port Byron 30 Mar (DW, ph, mob); DH 7 Apr (KBa).  
**Greater White-fronted Goose:** max 31 GLSP 2 Mar, 25 remain thru 9 Mar (mob); VBSP 16 Mar (MV); only reps.  
**Brant:** 740 PPt 17 May; 480 Const 23 May; max 835 DH 25 May; last 115 DH 31 May.  
**Cackling Goose:** 3 WP 15 Mar; max 12 DH 20 Mar; 4 Jamesville 27 Mar; last DH 28 Mar.  
**Canada Goose:** max 11010 DH 27 Mar.  
**Snow Goose X Canada Goose (hybrid):** GLSP 1-20 Mar (mob).  
**Mute Swan:** max 62 FH 2 Mar; 13 Brew 11 Mar.  
**Trumpeter Swan:** 4 SNC 27 Mar; 5 Port Byron 5 May; max 7 TR 31 May.  
**Tundra Swan:** max 21 Brew 18 Mar; 8 HI 20 Mar; last Brew 24 Mar; relatively few reps.  
**Wood Duck:** max 122 DH 15 Mar, 122 MNWR east 25 Apr; 120 SSSP 23 Mar.  
**Blue-winged Teal:** arr 2 OnonL 16 Mar; max 10 TR 12 Apr; HI 16 Apr; low numbers.  
**Northern Shoveler:** arr 8 OnonL 14 Mar; max 50 OnonL 15 Mar, good number; 25 MNWR east 2 Apr; 20 UM 7 Apr; last 2 Bridgeport 20 May.  
**Gadwall:** 18 Skana 20 Mar; max 38 OnonL 29 Mar.  
**Eurasian Wigeon:** HI 16-30 Mar (CW, mob); MNWR east 24 Apr.  
**American Wigeon:** max 160 HI 16 Mar; 60 Skana 15 Mar; 68 OnonL 21 Mar.  
**Mallard:** max 650 MNWR east 16 Mar; 500 DB 30 Mar.

**American Black Duck:** 59 DH 15 Mar; max 125 MNWR east 16 Mar; 60 Brew 30 Mar.  
**Mallard X American Black Duck (hybrid):** OnonL 14 Mar; max 2 HI 16 Mar; only reps.  
**Northern Pintail:** max 1607 HI (BPa) 30 Mar, good number; 221 Port Byron 30 Mar.  
**Green-winged Teal:** 48 DB 23 Mar; 40 OnonL 17 Mar; max 50 DB 3-13 Apr.  
**Canvasback:** 118 OnonL 12 Mar; max 800 Skana 18 Mar, good number.  
**Redhead:** 360 OswH 8 Mar; 640 OnonL 16 Mar; max 3000 Skana 17 Mar.  
**Ring-necked Duck:** max 600 SSSP 16 Mar; 590 HI 16 Mar; 300 Sylvan Beach 31 Mar.  
**Greater Scaup:** 1480 OswH 8 Mar; 1800 FH 26 Mar; 1300 Bridgeport 30 Mar.  
**Lesser Scaup:** 200 OnonL 2-17 Mar; 200 OswH 16 Mar; max 350 Brew 29 Mar.  
**Greater Scaup/Lesser Scaup:** max 3000 OnonL 21 Mar; 1600 PPt 17 Apr.  
**Aythya species:** max 3500 OneiL 9 Apr.  
**King Eider:** max 2 OswH 29 Mar (GP, mob), one remains thru 31 Mar.  
**Harlequin Duck:** OswH 30 Mar (DB, JTo, ST), only rep.  
**Surf Scoter:** max 4 OswH 14 Mar; 3 PPt 26 Apr; last 2 PPt 18 May.  
**White-winged Scoter:** max 972 PPt 17 May, good number; last OneiL 27 May.  
**Black Scoter:** max 3 OswH 28 Mar; last PPt 7 May; few reps.  
**Surf Scoter/Black Scoter:** 2 TR 17 May.  
**Long-tailed Duck:** max 1800 OswH 8 Mar; 1040 FH 21 Apr; 377 DH 19 Mar; last Const 23 May.  
**Bufflehead:** 144 SSSP 23 Mar; max 202 FH 1 Apr; 150 Const 21 Apr; last OnonL 21 Mar.

**Common Goldeneye:** max 400 OnonL 1 Mar; 175 OswH 8 Mar; last Belfort, ADK 25 May.  
**Barrow's Goldeneye:** OnonL 2-16 Mar (mob); OneiL 24 Mar (TSc); 8 Mar (KBa); only reps.  
**Hooded Merganser:** max 64 SP 14 Mar; 55 OnonL 21 Mar.  
**Common Goldeneye X Hooded Merganser (hybrid):** Port Ontario 3-4 Mar (MB, ph).  
**Common Merganser:** max 3500 OnonL 2 Mar.  
**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 511 DH 3 Mar; 130 FH 23 Apr  
**Ruddy Duck:** arr OnonL 15 Mar; max 9 OneiL 29 Apr; 7 WP 6 May; low numbers.  
**Ring-necked Pheasant:** singles from 12 locs.  
**Ruffed Grouse:** max 5 SH 13 Apr, 5 SFNS 31 May.  
**Wild Turkey:** max 112 Orwell 1 Mar; 90 Boonville 17 Mar.  
**Pied-billed Grebe:** max 4 OnonL 16-29 Mar, 4 MNWR east 28 Apr.  
**Horned Grebe:** max 8 OnonL 29-30 Mar; 7 Brew 29 Mar; 7 Hinckley Reservoir 5 May; last 2 Mexico 12 May.  
**Red-necked Grebe:** max 23 OneiL 7 Apr; 10 Hinckley Reservoir 5 May; 13 Ppt 7 May; 2 OneiL 27 May, late.  
**Rock Pigeon:** max 125 Tully 2 Mar; 100 Manlius 8 Mar.  
**Mourning Dove:** max 64 Dolge 1 Mar; 51 DH 7 Apr.  
**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr Elbridge 17 May; max 2 HI 28 May; singles from 7 other locs.  
**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr GLSP 8 May; max 2 SP 19 May & 2 SH 20 May & 2 HI 28 May.  
**Common Nighthawk:** arr Verona, TR, Port Ontario 18 May; 11 WP 23, 27 May; max 50 SH 27 May (CS); 15 SP 29 May.  
**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** arr 29 Fairfield 29 Apr; max 2 Camden 18 May; 2 other reps.  
**Chimney Swift:** arr DH 18 Apr; max 35 OnonL 4 May; 25 UM 8 May; 25 DH 9, 18 May.  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr Manlius, Marcellus 2 May; max 8 DH 19 May.

#### RAILS-LARIDS

**Virginia Rail:** arr TR 13 Apr; 4 TR 19 – 21 Apr; arr TR 13 Apr; max 6 Palermo 18 May; 4 CM 18 May.  
**Sora:** arr MW 17 Apr; 3 Palermo 4 May; max 5 Verona 5 May; 3 CM 18 May; more reps than usual.  
**Common Gallinule:** arr West Monroe 15 Apr; 7 TR 12 May; max 31 HI 19 May.

**American Coot:** 13 Skan 6-7 Apr; max 50 MNWR 2, 22 Apr.  
**Sandhill Crane:** arr 2 DH 27 Mar; max 14 DH 7 Apr; 7 Noyes Sanctuary 7 Apr; 7 HI 26 May; 3 West Monroe 1-30 May, br, *intro*.  
**Black-bellied Plover:** arr FH 17 May; 14 Const 23 May; max 21 DH 26 May.  
**American Golden-Plover:** DB 25 Apr, only rep.  
**Semipalmated Plover:** arr 2 DB 27 Apr; 16 Port Byron 12 May; max 23 DB 19 May.  
**PIPING PLOVER (R5):** arr SP 21 Apr (MB, ph); max 2 SP 4 May thru, br, see *intro*.  
**Killdeer:** 17 Bridgeport 23 Mar; max 119 DH 30 Mar; 15 HI 26 May.  
**Upland Sandpiper:** arr Poland 30 Apr; max 4 Poland 5 May; all reps from same loc.  
**Whimbrel:** no reps.  
**Ruddy Turnstone:** arr 5 OneiL, 2 Kirkville 14 May; max 22 Const 23 May.  
**Red Knot:** arr & max 5 Const 23 May; FH 24 May; only reps.  
**Sanderling:** arr 5 SP 15 May; FH 24 May; max 30 OnonL 28 May; only reps.  
**Dunlin:** arr 2 DB 29 Apr; max 384 Const 23 May; 45 OnonL 26 May; 44 DB 26 May.  
**Least Sandpiper:** arr HI, DB 5 May; max 175 DB 20 May; best numbers south of OneiL.  
**White-rumped Sandpiper:** max 3 Bridgeport 7 May, 3 SP 28 May; 2 WP 31 May; only reps.  
**Pectoral Sandpiper:** arr 2 Remsen 13 Apr; max 8 Remsen 15 Apr; 3 Bridgeport 8 May; singles at 2 other locs.  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** arr 6 DB 16 May; max 175 DB 26 May; 88 OnonL 26 May; 75 WP 31 May; relatively good numbers.  
**Short-billed Dowitcher:** arr & max 13 DB 14 May; 3 HI 16 May.  
**Long-billed Dowitcher:** Bridgeport 14-15 May (DA, ph, mob), rare in Reg.  
**American Woodcock:** 10 TR 12-22 Apr; 10 Poland 4 May; max 14 OnonL 7 May; good numbers.  
**Wilson's Snipe:** 10 Pennellville 12 Apr; 8 HI 20 Apr; max 17 Phoenix 15 Apr.  
**Spotted Sandpiper:** arr DB, Fabius, OnonL, 20 Apr; 18 OnonL 4 May; max 25 DB 14 May; 12 FH 17 May.  
**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr Bridgeport 31 Mar (TL, AD, ph), early; 3 SNC 8 May; max 45 DB 14 May.  
**Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr DH 12 Apr; max 35 DB 14 May; 15 Verona 18 May.  
**Greater Yellowlegs/Lesser Yellowlegs:** max 26 DB 4 May.

**Greater Yellowlegs:** arr 3 Port Byron 2 Apr; 23 HI 18 Apr; max 35 DB 25 Apr.  
**Wilson's Phalarope:** DB 14-15 May, only rep.  
**Bonaparte's Gull:** arr Skan, OswH, DH 29 Mar; 83 Skan 12 Apr; max 171 Ppt 12 Apr; 75 WP 26 Apr.  
**LITTLE GULL (R5):** Ppt 7 May (BP).  
**LAUGHING GULL (R5):** SP 28 Apr (MB, ph).  
**Ring-billed Gull:** max 7594 DH 11 Mar; 3393 Richland 16 Mar.  
**Herring Gull:** max 200 SP 28 Apr; 200 OswH 30 Apr.  
**Iceland Gull:** max 2 Mexico 12 Mar, 2 DB 16 Mar; singles at 4 other locs.  
**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** 4 Skan 20 Mar; max 7 DB 28 Apr; 4 OswH 29 – 30 Apr; last FH 30 May.  
**Glaucous Gull:** max 2 SSSP 16 Mar; last SP 15 May; singles at 3 other locs.  
**Great Black-backed Gull:** 42 Syr 2 Mar; max 46 OnonL 12 Mar.  
**Gull species:** 300 DH 14 Mar; max 400 OneiL 8 May.  
**Caspian Tern:** arr Great Swamp Conservancy SP 7 Apr; 300 SP 28 Apr; max 350 OswH 15 May.  
**Black Tern:** arr OneiL 17 Apr; max 5 OnonL 6 May; singles at 5 other locs.  
**Common Tern:** arr OnonL, Otisco Lake 9 Apr; 25 DH 9 May; max 130 Const 25 May.  
**FORSTER'S TERN (R5):** arr SP 28 Apr (MB, ph); max 2 Fulton 14 May (RS), 2 WP 14-15 May (RC, GM, ph); none after 15 May.

### LOONS-FALCONS

**Red-throated Loon:** max 3 OswH 30 Mar; 2 Skan 1 Apr; 2 OnonL 4 – 29 May; 2 FH 11 May.  
**Common Loon:** max 89 Ppt 17 Apr; 53 DH 8 Apr; 64 Otisco Lake 20 Apr.  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** 813 DH 2 May; 500 OswH 2 May.  
**AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R5):** DH 21 Apr (KBa, BP); Const 21 – 25 May (mob).  
**BROWN PELICAN (R5):** SBP 20 May (via JB, ph), 4<sup>th</sup> Reg rec, *intro*.  
**American Bittern:** arr Phoenix 6 Apr; max 4 CM 18 May; 3 SP 25 May; 3 Phoenix 4 May; 3 MNWR east 28 Apr; reps from more than a dozen other locs.  
**Least Bittern:** arr DH 18 Apr; 2 HI 19 May; 2 DeWitt 21 May; singles at 6 other locs.  
**Great Blue Heron:** 38 DH 7 Apr; 37 SNC 10 Apr, nest colony; max 60 Great Swamp

Conservancy 4 May, nest colony; 43 CM 18 May; 59 Pennellville 20 May, nesting colony.  
**Great Egret:** arr SNC 8 Apr; 6 Port Ontario 18 May; max 12 HI 26 May; widespread reps.  
**Green Heron:** arr Clay, TR 22 Apr; 7 DH 17 May; max 11 DH 19 May;  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** FH 24 May; SP 26 May; only reps.  
**BLACK VULTURE (R5):** Jamesville 19-20 Mar (DD, GD); DH 25 Mar (KBa); DH 25 Apr (DW); Gray 23 May (BLH); Frankfort 25 May (JP).  
**Turkey Vulture:** 2625 DH 3 Apr; max 4143 DH 8 Apr.  
**Osprey:** arr 2 OnoL 27 Mar; 44 DH 3 May; 44 DH 5 May; max 70 DH 9 May;  
**Golden Eagle:** max 12 DH 27 Mar; 10 DH 23 Apr.  
**Northern Harrier:** 49 DH 18 Apr; max 50 DH 19 Apr.  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 407 DH 1 May; max 478 DH 5 May.  
**Cooper's Hawk:** max 13 DH 2 Apr, 13 DH 18 Apr.  
**Northern Goshawk:** Hawkinsville 26 Mar (DD); 15 DH season, see chart.  
**Bald Eagle:** 121 OnonL 8 Mar; max 136 DH 6 May; 84 DH 20 May.  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 36 DH 14 Mar; max 69 DH 2 Apr.  
**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr Syr 10 Apr; max 14862 DH 21 Apr; 12276 DH 6 May.  
**Red-tailed Hawk:** 198 DH 27 Mar; max 382 DH 12 Apr.  
**Rough-legged Hawk:** max 30 DH 14 Mar; 16 DH 15 Mar; last Syr 8 May; low numbers.  
**Eastern Screech-Owl:** singles at 20 locs.  
**Great Horned Owl:** 2 Fabius 1 Mar; 2 West Monroe 3 Apr; 2 Brew 21 Apr; 2 SNC 14 Mar – 18 May; max 3 Canastota 19 May.  
**Snowy Owl:** Bridgeport 3-9 Mar; Syr 3-8 Mar; Liverpool 4 Apr; Clay 7 Apr; last SBP 3 May.  
**Barred Owl:** max 3 GLSP 4 May, 3 TR 18 May; 2 Fulton 9 May; 2 New Haven 22 May; widespread reps.  
**Long-eared Owl:** no reps.  
**Short-eared Owl:** BRH 15 Mar, only rep.  
**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** Pulaski 1 Mar; BLNC 5 Mar; Utica 8 Mar; Cazenovia 13 Apr; SFNS 20 Mar, roadkill; only reps.  
**Belted Kingfisher:** max 7 DH 9 Apr; 7 DB 22 May.  
**Red-headed Woodpecker:** 2 Kirkland 13 May; max 3 SBP 15 May, 3 DH 19 May, 3 FH 22 May; most reps from LOS and near OneiL.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 6 HI 16 Mar; max 11 TR 21 Apr; 6 FH 5 May; 6 TR 31 May.  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** max 6 SBP 7 Apr, 6 SH 13 Apr.  
**Black-backed Woodpecker:** OF 30 May, only rep.  
**Downy Woodpecker:** 7 Port Byron 10 Mar; 7 SNC 27 Mar; 7 Fayetteville 3 Apr; max 9 DH 5 May.  
**Hairy Woodpecker:** 4 Syr 25 Mar; max 5 HI 16 Mar, 5 WP 12 Apr; 4 Dolge 30 Apr.  
**Northern Flicker:** max 179 DH 13 Apr; 127 DH 19 Apr.  
**Pileated Woodpecker:** 3 GLSP 30 Mar; 3 SBP 23 Apr; max 4 MNWR 25 Apr; 3 SNC 9 May.  
**American Kestrel:** 46 DH 12 Apr; max 53 DH 18 Apr;  
**Merlin:** 2 Ohio 21 Apr; 2 Elbridge 23 Apr; max 12 DH 1 May; 11 DH 9 May.  
**Peregrine Falcon:** 3 DH 9 May; max 5 DH 9 May; pair Utica thru, br (4 nestlings); pair Cazenovia, br (at least two nestlings); pair Syr thru, *intro*.

#### FLYCATCHERS-SNOW BUNTING

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr 2 DH, SBP 2 May; max 10 DH 19 May, 10 HI 26 May.  
**Eastern Kingbird:** arr Canastota 28 Apr; max 52 DH 10 May, 42 DH 19 May.  
**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr GB 18 – 29 May; Syr 25 May; OF 29-30 May; only reps.  
**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** arr 2 Rome 8 May; max 12 MNWR east 25 May; 12 Syr 25 May, 12 GLSP 29 May.  
**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr SBP 18 May; max 2 SP 28 May; reps from 4 other locs.  
**Acadian Flycatcher:** arr 23 May WH, only loc.  
**Alder Flycatcher:** arr Hamilton 15 May; max 8 OF 29 May; 5 SFNS 30 May; 6 TR 31 May.  
**Willow Flycatcher:** arr OnonL 6 May; 9 OnonL 29 May; max 15 TR 31 May.  
**Alder Flycatcher/Willow Flycatcher:** arr Ohio 4 May.  
**Least Flycatcher:** arr FH 2 May; max 20 OnonL 6 May; 8 Verona 29 May.  
**Eastern Phoebe:** arr Syr 15 Mar; max 6 SBP 3 Apr, 6 Salisbury 19 Apr, 4 May.  
**Northern Shrike:** max 2 TR 20 Mar; last Oswego 7 Apr (DW, ph); singles from 10 other locs.  
**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr TR 21 Apr; max 6 SBP 18 May; 5 Verona 29 May.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr Forestport 19 Apr; max 7 SFNS 4 May; 6 SH 8 May.  
**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr VBSP 5 May; max 2 SP 26 May; reps from 16 other locs.  
**Warbling Vireo:** arr Skan 1 May; 14 WP 7 May; max 20 HI 26 May.  
**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr SFNS 25 Apr, early; max 21 SH 22 May; 16 VBSP 26 May.  
**Blue Jay:** 7223 DH 5 May; 2200 SBP 10 May; max 9014 DH 19 May; large numbers migrate along LOS.  
**American Crow:** 3580 DH 13 Mar; max 7242 DH 14 Mar.  
**Fish Crow:** max 12 Syr 15 Mar, relatively high number; 2 Phoenix 25 Mar-25 May; 2 Belgium 7 Apr.  
**Common Raven:** max 6 DH 18 Mar, 6 Fulton 19 May; 5 Hamilton 31 May.  
**Horned Lark:** max 140 2 Mar; 80 MW 5 Apr; 85 DH 8 Apr; last WH 25 May.  
**Purple Martin:** Otisco Lake 9 Apr; 20 MNWR east 14 Apr; max 30 Const 27 May.  
**Tree Swallow:** arr DH 14 Mar; max 750 Belgium 6 Apr, 750 Phoenix 15 Apr; 400 SSSP 4 May.  
**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr OnonL 9 Apr; max 15 Kirkville 20 Apr, 15 Phoenix 24 Apr; 14 SNC 4 May.  
**Bank Swallow:** arr 4 SNC 19 Apr; 49 DH 9 May; 25 OnonL 11 May; max 130 Phoenix 13 May (GD).  
**Cliff Swallow:** arr 4 Phoenix 15 Apr; 9 Phoenix 24 Apr; max 20 DH 9 May; 10 OneiL 18 May.  
**Barn Swallow:** arr DH 6 Apr; 150 SP 29 Apr; max 291 DH 1 May; 225 OnonL 4 May.  
**Swallow species:** max 668 DH 9 May.  
**Black-capped Chickadee:** max 94 DH 11 Apr; 89 DH 13 Apr; 30 Ohio 14 Apr.  
**Boreal Chickadee:** Eagle Bay, ADK 16 May, only rep.  
**Tufted Titmouse:** 6 Rome 14 Mar; 6 BLNC 29 Apr; max 8 SFNS 18 May.  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 8 SNC 11 May; max 10 SFNS 11 May, 10 Scriba 18 May; noticeable movement.  
**White-breasted Nuthatch:** 12 SNC 20 Mar; max 36 DH 9 Apr.  
**Brown Creeper:** 6 SNC 7-18 Apr; max 7 Noyes Sanctuary 18 Apr; 6 SSSP 10 May.  
**House Wren:** arr DH, Const, Rome, Syr 19 Apr; 9 DH 25 Apr; max 10 SFNS 18 May.  
**Winter Wren:** 5 SBP 7 Apr; max 6 SNC 7 Apr, 6 OF 5 May.  
**Sedge Wren:** FH 2 May (RSt, mob, ph), only rep.

**Marsh Wren:** arr Brew 21 Apr; max 5 Phoenix 15-18 May; 4 TR 21 May; 4 SP 27-29 May.

**Carolina Wren:** max 3 Syr 18 Mar; 2 Cazenovia 11-16 Mar; 2 Hinckley Reservoir 4 May; FH 2 May (GD, DW), very rare on LOS.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr DH, TR 13 Apr; max 15 MNWR east 25 Apr; 7 DH 25 Apr.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** arr Elbridge 9 Mar; 14 Syr 1 Apr; max 20 SNC 7 Apr; 12 SFNS 10 Apr.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr Belgium 6 Apr; 42 Oneil 4 May; max 53 DH 6 May; 30 SP 10 May.

**Eastern Bluebird:** 8 Rome 1 Mar; 7 SBP 1 Apr; max 37 DH 9 May.

**Veery:** max 18 SBP 3 May; 10 WH 27 May; 8 Verona 29 May; 8 TR 31 May.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** arr Ohio 8 May; DH 17 May; Fulton 17 May; 12 Cicero 18 May; SFNS 22 May; only 3 other reps.

**Swainson's Thrush:** arr SP 4 May; 3 SFNS 17-19 May; 4 Fulton 18 May; max 6 SP 26 May.

**Hermit Thrush:** arr 2 SFNS 4 Apr; max 20 SBP 2-3 May; 6 Happy Valley WMA 22 May.

**Wood Thrush:** arr Whitesboro 1 May; 6 GLSP 8-27 May; 9 SFNS 18 May; max 24 Cicero 18 May; 18 MNWR 25 May.

**American Robin:** 3307 DH 30 Mar; 2238 Const 1 Apr; max 4270 DH 8 Apr; notable migration along LOS

**Gray Catbird:** arr Camillus 25 Mar; 23 Fulton 17 May; max 45 CM 18 May; 19 DH 27 May.

**Brown Thrasher:** arr Elbridge 31 Mar; 6 TR 21 Apr; max 10 GLSP 8 May; 6 SP 11 May.

**Northern Mockingbird:** max 3 Syr 27 Mar, 4 May; 2 DeWitt 11 May.

**European Starling:** 2736 DH 14 Mar; max 3250 DH 30 Mar.

**Cedar Waxwing:** max 881 DH 19 May; 45 Syr 23 May; 291 DH 25 May.

**House Sparrow:** max 30 Syr 4 Mar-24 Apr.

**American Pipit:** arr 3 Skan 15 Mar; 21 Barneveld 7 May; 16 Bridgeport 7 May; max 50 Kirkville 14 May.

**Evening Grosbeak:** 60 SH 3 Mar; max 63 Dolge 27 Apr; last Dolge 20 May.

**House Finch:** max 39 DH 14 Mar; 15 Manlius 7 Mar; 16 Jordan 17 Mar.

**Purple Finch:** 80 DH 19 Apr; max 111 DH 26 Apr; 21 Dolge 4 May.

**Common Redpoll:** max 235 SH 8 Mar; 56 HI 16 Mar; 105 DH 8 Apr; last 4 Dolge 26 Apr.

**Red Crossbill:** Boonville 26 Mar, only rep.

**Pine Siskin:** 35 Pompey 3 May; max 197 DH 8 May; SH 9 May, breeding; 18 Cold Brook 17 May.

**American Goldfinch:** 68 Dolge 15 Mar; 1839 DH 8 May; max 2063 DH 9 May.

**Lapland Longspur:** 2 Fabius 2 Mar; last & max 3 Dolge 1 Apr; singles at 2 other locs.

**Snow Bunting:** max 208 Canastota 2 Mar; 100 Fabius 2 Mar; 100 Cazenovia 8 Mar; last 50 Dolge 1 Apr.

## NEW WORLD SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS

**Eastern Towhee:** 11 TR 1 May; 7 SFNS 18 May; max 12 GLSP 29 May; 8 GB 29 May.

**American Tree Sparrow:** max 18 Verona 2 Mar; 14 OnonL 3 Mar; 13 DeWitt 17 Mar; last OswH 2 May.

**Chipping Sparrow:** max 40 SBP 26 Apr; 15 OswH 4 May; 25 Syr 25 May.

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** arr DB 28 Apr; SNC 3-5 May; max 3 SFNS 18-22 May; Syr 21-28 May; only locs.

**Field Sparrow:** arr Elbridge 28 Mar; max 18 TR 21 Apr; 15 GLSP 8 May; 11 TR 31 May.

**Vesper Sparrow:** arr Hast 31 Mar; 3 DB 20 Apr; max 5 Williamstown 30 Apr; 4 Richland 20 May; relatively good numbers.

**Savannah Sparrow:** arr Fabius 6 Apr; 8 SP 7 Apr; max 9 Syr 10 Apr; 6 SBP 3 May.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr Poland 30 Apr; GLSP 4-5 May; Rome 18 May; SBP 18 May; TR 23 - 31 May; reps from 4 other locs.

**Fox Sparrow:** max 17 Toad Harbor 1 Apr, good number; 10 Const 1 Apr; 9 Hast 1 Apr; 9 CM 17 Apr; last SBP 10 May (DD, BP), late.

**Song Sparrow:** 50 OnonL 29 Mar; 75 Oswego 7 Apr; max 250 SBP 8 Apr.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr TR 1 May; max 4 SBP 10 May; 3 DH 6 May, 12 May; 3 Oswego 10 May; relatively few reps.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 15 West Monroe 19 Apr; max 20 Phoenix 4 May; 13 Tully 5 May.

**White-throated Sparrow:** max 275 SBP 3 May; 200 Proctor Park, Utica 7 May.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 35 Syr 3 May; max 80 SBP 10 May; 25 Scriba 10 May.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** max 1151 Const 1 Apr (MS); 109 SBP 7 Apr; 200 Ohio 14 Apr.

**Bobolink:** 34 DH 10 May; 20 Oswego 22 May; max 45 TR 31 May.

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 13 DH 18 Mar; max 15 DH 20 Mar; 11 BRH 22 Mar.

**Orchard Oriole:** arr DH 2 May; max 4 GLSP 8-27 May; 3 SP 17-18 May; 2 Verona 18 May; 2 DB 25 May.

**Baltimore Oriole:** arr Skan 1 May; 10 WP 7 May; max 110 DH 17 May; 103 DH 19 May; 12 HI 19 May.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** max 35409 DH 14 Mar; 3000 SP 15 Mar; 27770 DH 8 Apr.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 200 Mexico 30 Mar; max 1414 DH 2 Apr; 100 TR 6 Apr; 510 DH 8 Apr.

**Rusty Blackbird:** arr Dolge 15 Mar; max 1020 DH 26 Apr; 650 Clay 30 Apr; 997 DH 3 May.

**Common Grackle:** 24734 DH 27 Mar; max 42641 DH 7 Apr; 34890 DH 8 Apr.

**Blackbird species:** max 100000 Clay 25 Mar.

**Ovenbird:** arr SFNS 1 May; max 18 SH 22 May, 18 HV 22 May; 15 BLNC 25 May.

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr Pompey 13 Apr; max 3 Orwell 19 Apr; 2 Richland 19 Apr; 2 Chittenango 4 May; relatively few reps.

**Northern Waterthrush:** arr Syr 18 Apr; 6 Brew 4 May; max 10 TR 19 May; 7 HI 26 May.

**Golden-winged Warbler:** arr Syr 10 May; Oswego 11 May; TR 14 May; SFNS 15 May; only reps.

**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr Erieville, GLSP, SFNS, Brew 4 May; max 6 GB 18 May, 6 MNWR east 25 May; 5 SP 19 – 27 May.

**“Brewster’s” Warbler:** New Haven 22 May, only rep.

**Golden-winged/Blue-winged Warbler:** HI 8 May.

**Black-and-white Warbler:** arr Jamesville 26 Apr; 6 GLSP 4 May; max 10 SBP 10 May; 5 FH 19 May.

**Prothonotary Warbler:** PSS 21 May; max 4 HI 26 May, br; Port Byron 27 May; only reps.

**Tennessee Warbler:** arr 2 Verona 2 May; 10 SFNS 20 May; 11 BLNC 21 May; max 23 Syr 25 May.

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** arr CM 9 May; Syr 11 May; GB 16-22 May; DH 16 May; only reps.

**Nashville Warbler:** arr DH 25 Apr; max 4 GLSP 4 May; 4 DH 6 May; max 5 SFNS 11 May, 5 WH 13 May, 5 GB 16 May.

**Mourning Warbler:** arr Hamilton, SH 15 May; max 5 SH 17, 22 May; 2 WH 16-25 May.

**Common Yellowthroat:** arr Clay 28 Apr; max 30 CM 18 May; 16 TR 25 May; 14 GLSP 29 May.

**Hooded Warbler:** arr Marcellus 4 May; 4 SH 17 May; 4 SSSP 19 May; max 5 SNC 22 May, 5 GB 27 May.

**American Redstart:** BLNC 29 Apr; 20 FH 17 May; max 36 CM 18 May; 25 Fulton 18 May, 25 Scriba 18 May.

**Cape May Warbler:** arr FH 2 May; 3 Camillus 16 May; max 4 DH 17 May; 3 Syr 18 May;

**Cerulean Warbler:** arr HI 9 May; 3 PPt 18 May; 2 New Haven 22 May; max 22 HI 25 May.

**Northern Parula:** arr SBP 2 May; max 6 SFNS 11 May, 6 WH 13 May; 5 Scriba 18 May.

**Magnolia Warbler:** arr Brew 3 May; 4 Waterville 17 May; 6 FH 19 May; max 12 TR 24 May.

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr OF 5 May; 4 SFNS 11 May; 3 Brew 17 May; max 11 TR 19 May; 6 Lake Julia 26 May.

**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr Ohio, Oswh, SBP 2 May; 6 Brew 16 May; max 8 SH 27 May; 5 OF 29-31 May.

**Yellow Warbler:** arr Rome 19 Apr; 37 Brew 4 May; 35 OnonL 6 May; 40 FH 17 May; max 50 Scriba 18 May; 43 CM 18 May.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr Verona 2 May; max 8 SBP 10 May, 8 Syr 17 May, 8 GB 18 May.

**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr HI 5 May; max 30 FH 27 May; 7 DH 28 May; 14 Verona 29 May.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr 2 Mexico 28 Apr; 7 SFNS 11 May; max 8 Ohio 12 May, 8 SBP 10 May, 8 Brew 16 May.

**Palm Warbler:** arr 2 WP 10 Apr; 24 DH 3 May; 22 DH 5 May; 20 SP 5 May; max 28 SBP 10 May.

**Pine Warbler:** arr Manlius 8 Apr; 5 SNC 18 Apr; 6 Mexico 28 Apr; max 7 SSSP 4 May.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** arr 2 Belgium 6 Apr (GD); 1168 DH 3 May (KBa); 150 SSSP 4 May; 80 SP 5 May; max 2367 DH 8 May (KBa).

**YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (R5):** Syr 1 May (AW).

**Prairie Warbler:** arr SBP 2 May; FH 18 May (DW); singles from 5 other locs.

**TOWNSEND’S WARBLER:** fy m FH 2 May (DW!, ph, mob), 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg rec, *intro*.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr SFNS 26 Apr; max 10 OF 5 May; 8 Eagle Bay 26 May; 7 Lake Julia 26 May.

**Canada Warbler:** arr Barneveld 6 May; max 3 HV 22 May, 3 HI 26 May, 3 OF 31 May.

**Wilson’s Warbler:** arr Tully 5 May; 2 Belgium 18 May; max 6 DH 20 May; SP 28 May; relatively few reps.

**Scarlet Tanager:** arr OnonL, SBP 2 May; 8 SFNS 11 May; 32 DH 17 May; 26 DH 19 May.

**Northern Cardinal:** max 18 Clay 13 Mar, 18 Brew 4 May; 16 CM 18 May.



**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr SH 24 Apr; Poolville 29 Apr; 10 SBP 3 May; 9 SSSP 13 May; max 14 SP 20 May.

**Indigo Bunting:** arr Dolge, Cazenovia, Bville, Pompey, Marcellus 3 May; 8 Const 16 May; max 13 DH 19 May; 8 Little Falls 21 May.  
**PAINTED BUNTING:** m Syr 21 May (AC!), ph), 4<sup>th</sup> Reg rec.

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## REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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Overall the spring was cool and wet, but weather patterns varied somewhat across the Region. Watertown's mean March temperature of 28.0°F was 2.6° below normal, but temperatures in parts of the Tug Hill and Adirondacks were much colder relative to normal. The 2.08" of precipitation Watertown received was 0.22" shy of normal, but some parts of the St. Lawrence Valley were very wet, with locations near the St. Lawrence River receiving up to 150% of normal precipitation. April's mean temperature of 43.2° was 0.7° below normal, and May's mean temperature of 52.4° was 2.2° below average. April precipitation was very close to average, but May was very wet, as the 5.3" of rain that fell that month was nearly twice normal precipitation.

For the second spring in three years, water levels on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River were extremely high, and shorebird habitat was virtually nonexistent. With one exception, migratory shorebirds were very scarce and mostly seen or heard flying overhead but not using habitat. Given the lack of habitat it was therefore a big surprise when scores of Dunlin and Semipalmated Sandpipers were found at Upper and Lower Lakes WMA on 26 May, mostly flying around or perching on logs and stumps, as mudflats were nowhere to be found.

Unlike the previous two years, late February and early March saw no large waves of early migrants, and the species that made up these waves arrived this spring on dates closer to long-term averages. For instance the first Killdeer and American Woodcock were documented on 14 and 17 March, respectively, compared to 28 February for both species in 2018. Except for this lack of an early wave, this year's overall spring migration was very similar to last year's: mostly slow until early May when suddenly it seemed like everything came back all at once.

Of the species for which *The Kingbird* compares arrival dates annually, reasonable arrival dates were recorded for 92 species this spring. The mean arrival date for this suite of species was 24 April, five days earlier than the long-term average arrival date going back to 1961, but almost exactly the average date for the previous ten years. Record early arrival dates were tied or set for five species:

Olive-sided Flycatcher, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Eastern Towhee, Northern Waterthrush, and Blackpoll Warbler.

After a couple of disappointing seasons for waterfowl this spring was pretty good, with heavy goose flights during the last half of March. Geese started moving in good numbers on 14 March, and on that date nine **Greater White-fronted Geese** and three **Cackling Geese** were seen among hordes of geese over Fort Drum. Goose numbers peaked on the weekend of 23-24 March, when numerous large Snow Goose and Canada Goose flocks lined long stretches of the St. Lawrence River. Steve Kelling, Chris Wood, and Brian Sullivan happened to visit the area that weekend, picking out **Ross's Geese** at Point Peninsula and Waddington, a Greater White-fronted Goose in Henderson, and Cackling Geese at Point Peninsula, Waddington, and Coles Creek State Park. Another Cackling Goose was in Canton on 31 March for a high seasonal tally of this rare but increasing species.

As is so often the case in Region 6, none of this season's rarities lingered for any length of time and few birders were able to see any of these birds. Rare in Jefferson County, a **Boreal Chickadee** was among an apparently migrating group of Black-capped Chickadees, but could not be relocated later that day. Probably the most cooperative rarity was a **Glossy Ibis** Steve Kelling found at Perch River WMA on 21 April that was still present on 22 April but not seen again. The greatest rarity of the season was a Regional first **Painted Bunting** at a Norwood feeder on 7 May, but this bird was a one-day wonder and unknown to the birding community until photos showed up on eBird the following day. A **Prothonotary Warbler** Jay Sheppard found at Southwick Beach State Park on 20 May and relocated 24 May was in a swamp sandwiched between a construction site and a very busy campground, making for difficult access that appears to have foiled all subsequent efforts to locate this bird. A **Yellow-breasted Chat** I found at Indian Creek Nature Center on 27 May was particularly uncooperative, not even sticking around for several birders who showed up 20 minutes after the initial detection.

The winter's finch and waxwing irruption continued into the spring, with Common Redpoll, Evening Grosbeak, and Pine Siskin persisting at many locations well into May. The four Hoary Redpolls documented in March was one more than were reported all winter. Although Bohemian Waxwings came down this winter they were never common, and the year's highest tally of 70 on 29 April came the day before the season's last report.

For the season I received reports of 232 species, about two species more than average for the previous 10 years but virtually identical to the most recent five-year mean. Probably the biggest disappointment of the season was the almost total lack of shorebirds, which seems like something Region 6 birders should be used to by now but the situation seemed even more dire than usual. The Norwood Painted Bunting was certainly the rarest bird documented this season, but as with all of the spring's rarities, it was unfortunate that more people couldn't see it.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**BI** – Barnhart I, T Massena, STLA; **BPWMA** – Black Pond WMA; **BRB** – Black River Bay; **BRV** – Black River Valley; **CCSP** – Coles Creek SP; **CLBS** – Cranberry L Biological Station; **CV** – T Cape Vincent; **ED** – El Dorado Shores Preserve, T Ellisburg; **FD** – Fort Drum Military Reservation, JEFF & LEWI; **FL** – Fisher’s Landing, T Alexandria; **GLR** – Grand Lakes Reserve, T Redwood; **ICNC** – Indian Creek Nature Center, T Canton, STLA; **JCSP** – Jacques Cartier SP; **JEFF** – Jefferson County; **KC** – Kelsey Creek, T Watertown; **LBSF** – Lonesome Bay State Forest, T Hammond; **LEWI** – Lewis County; **LWMA** – Lakeview WMA; **MM** – Massawepie Mire, T Colton & Piercefield, STLA; **MP** – Montario Pt, T Ellisburg; **PRWMA** – Perch River WMA, JEFF; **PtPen** – Pt Peninsula, T Lyme, JEFF; **RRT** – Remington Recreation Trail, T Canton; **SBSP** – Southwick Beach SP; **SLR** – St. Lawrence Ri; **STLA** – St. Lawrence County; **StPt** – Stony Pt, T Henderson, JEFF; **ULLWMA** – Upper and Lower Lakes WMA, T Canton; **WEF** – Winona Experimental Forest T Lorraine; **WHWMA** – Wilson Hill WMA; **WISP** – Wellesley I SP.

### WATERFOWL-HUMMINGBIRDS

**Snow Goose:** max 10000 SLR T Waddington 23 Mar.

**Ross’s Goose:** PtPen 23 Mar (CW, BS, SK); SLT T Waddington 23 Mar (CW, BS, SK).

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** 9 over FD 15 Mar (JB); T Henderson 24 Mar (CW, BS, SK).

**Brant:** 6 reports between 11 & 29 May; max 200 over FD 25 May.

**Cackling Goose:** 3 over FD 15 Mar (JB); PtPen 23 Mar (CW, BS, SK); CCSP 23 Mar (CW, BS, SK); SLR T Waddington 24 Mar (JB); T Canton 31 Mar (JB, BD); more than usual.

**Canada Goose:** max 35000 SLR Waddington 23 Mar (CW, BS, SK).

**Mute Swan:** max 116 FL 1 Mar.

**Trumpeter Swan:** up to 15/day ULLWMA where increasing; up to 5/day PRWMA; T

Hounsfield 31 Mar & FD 20 May only other locations.

**Tundra Swan:** max 6 FL 15 Mar; last T Lyme & SLR T Waddington 24 Mar.

**Wood Duck:** arr FL 14 Mar.

**Blue-winged Teal:** arr Watertown airport 26 Mar.

**Northern Shoveler:** arr ULLWMA 14 Mar.

**Gadwall:** max 30 PRWMA 6 May.

**Eurasian Wigeon:** WHWMA 4 May (JB) only report.

**American Wigeon:** max 90 PRWMA 12 Apr.

**Mallard:** max 107 T Hounsfield 18 Mar.

**American Black Duck:** max 165 Ridge Road T Lowville 30 Mar.

**Northern Pintail:** max 103 Ridge Road T Lowville 30 Mar.

**Green-winged Teal:** arr ULLWMA 14 Mar; max 82 PRWMA 12 Apr.

**Canvasback:** 2 FL 1-9 Mar (JB, mob) only report.  
**Redhead:** max 167 FL 12 Mar.  
**Ring-necked Duck:** max 790 LWMA 12 Apr.  
**Greater Scaup:** max 390 JCSP 7 Apr.  
**Lesser Scaup:** max 106 PRWMA 12 Apr.  
**White-winged Scoter:** LWMA 29 Apr (DD) only report.  
**Long-tailed Duck:** max 192 StPt 17 May.  
**Bufflehead:** max 102 StPt 12 Apr.  
**Common Goldeneye:** max 532 FL 3 Mar.  
**Barrow's Goldeneye:** FL 1-14 Mar (JB, mob); BRB 24 Mar (NL); only reports.  
**Hooded Merganser:** max 80 StPt 12 Apr.  
**Common Merganser:** max 440 SLR Ogdensburg 3 Mar.  
**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 85 Henderson Bay 12 May.  
**Pied-billed Grebe:** arr FD 19 Mar.  
**Horned Grebe:** widespread arr 31 Mar; max 5 T Brownville 31 Mar.  
**Red-necked Grebe:** arr T Watertown 31 Mar.  
**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr FD 6 May.  
**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr T Canton 19 May.  
**Common Nighthawk:** arr CLBS 12 May.  
**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** no reports before FD 6 May; late or arr missed?  
**Chimney Swift:** no reports before 3 May when 75 T Carthage; actual arr certainly missed.  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr T Alexandria 4 May.

#### RAILS-LARIDS

**Virginia Rail:** arr PRWMA 12 Apr.  
**Sora:** arr T Watertown 30 Apr.  
**Common Gallinule:** arr FD 19 Apr.  
**American Coot:** arr ULLWMA 4 Apr; only other location PRWMA 5 Apr to 16 May.  
**Sandhill Crane:** 2 arr ULLWMA 4 Apr where last seen 28 Apr; max 6 over KC 7 Apr & T Potsdam 21 Apr; last apparent migrant T Fine 26 May.  
**Black-bellied Plover:** 8 arr ULLWMA & 1 PRWMA 27 May; only reports.  
**Semipalmated Plover:** 3 T Canton 11 May only report.  
**Killdeer:** widespread arr 14 Mar.  
**Upland Sandpiper:** arr FD 6 May; different locations FD 11 & 12 May only other locations.  
**Dunlin:** max 70 ULLWMA 26 May where single still present 31 May; 31 AFWMA 26 May only other report.  
**Least Sandpiper:** only 3 reports of singles 11-29 May.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** max 85 ULLWMA 26 May; 7 PRWMA 31 May only other report.  
**American Woodcock:** arr CV 17 Mar.  
**Wilson's Snipe:** arr T Dekalb 5 Apr.  
**Spotted Sandpiper:** arr PRWMA 22 Apr.  
**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr T Dekalb 8 May; max 4 T Dekalb 9 May; only 2 other reports.  
**Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr PtPen 6 Apr.  
**Greater Yellowlegs:** arr T Watertown 1 Apr.  
**Bonaparte's Gull:** arr T Watertown 3 Apr.  
**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** CCSP 23 Mar & WHWMA 14 Apr only reports.  
**Caspian Tern:** arr PRWMA 12 Apr.  
**Black Tern:** arr ULLWMA 5 May.  
**Common Tern:** 2 arr very early Massena 2 Apr (NM); next arr ULLWMA 25 Apr.

#### LOONS-FALCONS

**Common Loon:** arr WHWMA 30 Mar.  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** arr T Watertown 28 Mar.  
**American Bittern:** arr T Watertown 9 Apr.  
**Least Bittern:** arr ULLWMA 6 May.  
**Great Blue Heron:** arr ULLWMA 2 Mar.  
**Great Egret:** arr T Morristown 7 Apr.  
**Green Heron:** arr PRWMA 3 Apr.  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** arr Murphy I 14 Apr.  
**GLOSSY IBIS (R6):** PRWMA 21-22 May (SK, BM, AB, photos!).  
**Osprey:** arr T Brownville 31 Mar.  
**Golden Eagle:** 6 reports of 8 ind 3-23 Mar.  
**Northern Harrier:** many reports PtPen throughout Mar; widespread arr 20-25 Mar.  
**Northern Goshawk:** FD 4 Mar & 11 Apr only reports.  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** arr T Adams & BRV 17 Mar.  
**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr FD 18 Apr.  
**Rough-legged Hawk:** last T Orleans 3 May.  
**Eastern Screech-Owl:** 8 reports of 9 ind more than usual.  
**Snowy Owl:** last T Lyme 23 Mar.  
**Long-eared Owl:** T Leray 16 May (LK) only report.  
**Short-eared Owl:** FD 30 May only report.  
**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** CV 2 Mar (SK) only report.  
**Belted Kingfisher:** arr PRWMA 27 Mar.  
**Red-headed Woodpecker:** arr FD 6 May.  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** increasing away from W JEFF stronghold.  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** arr FD & T Canton 1 Apr.  
**Northern Flicker:** increasing by 2 Apr.

**American Kestrel:** widespread arr starting 18 Mar.

**Merlin:** reports from 34 locations as increase continues.

**Peregrine Falcon:** FL 9 Mar to 13 Apr; T LeRay 22 Mar; T Dekalb 26 Mar only reports away from known nesting areas.

#### FLYCATCHERS-SNOW BUNTING

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr T Croghan 2 May.

**Eastern Kingbird:** arr T Watertown 3 May.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr MM 4 May.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** arr T Lyme & ULLWMA 11 May.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr CLBS 14 May.

**Alder Flycatcher:** arr CLBS 14 May.

**Willow Flycatcher:** arr T Lyme 11 May.

**Least Flycatcher:** arr T Croghan & ULLWMA 5 May.

**Eastern Phoebe:** widespread arr 29 Mar.

**Northern Shrike:** last T Canton 4 Apr.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr CLBS 2 May.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr T Parishville 21 Apr.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr StPt & T Leyden 17 May.

**Warbling Vireo:** arr T Watertown 3 May.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr MM 4 May.

**Purple Martin:** arr LWMA 12 Apr.

**Tree Swallow:** arr T Potsdam 24 Mar.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr PRWMA 7 Apr.

**Bank Swallow:** arr FD 30 Apr.

**Cliff Swallow:** 100 arr BI 14 Apr.

**Barn Swallow:** arr LWMA 12 Apr.

**Boreal Chickadee:** FD 8 Mar (JB), rare JEFF.

**Tufted Titmouse:** gradually increasing St. Lawrence Valley.

**House Wren:** arr T Potsdam 22 Apr.

**Winter Wren:** arr LBSF 31 Mar.

**Sedge Wren:** arr FD 13 May.

**Marsh Wren:** arr PRWMA 2 May.

**Carolina Wren:** reports from 7 locations Apr-May.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr LBSF 28 Apr.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr T Canton 13 Apr.

**Eastern Bluebird:** apparently increasing 24-30 Mar.

**Veery:** widespread arr 3 May.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** FD 22 May only report.

**Swainson's Thrush:** arr T Croghan 16 May.

**Hermit Thrush:** very early ind FD 8 Mar; main arr FD & T Croghan 8 Apr.

**Wood Thrush:** widespread arr 2 May.

**Gray Catbird:** arr T Potsdam 26 Apr.

**Brown Thrasher:** arr FD 17 Apr.

**Northern Mockingbird:** arr FD 17 Apr.

**Bohemian Waxwing:** max 70 RRT 29 Mar; last T Pinckney 30 Apr.

**Cedar Waxwing:** scarce & local before May but max 109 T Lisbon 3 Mar; gradual increase starting early May; major arr 24-31 May.

**American Pipit:** arr PtPen 23 Mar.

**Evening Grosbeak:** last T Stockholm 23 May.

**Pine Grosbeak:** last T Croghan 20 Mar.

**Purple Finch:** scarce & local before 20 Apr.

**Common Redpoll:** last T Parishville 6 May.

**Hoary Redpoll:** T Potsdam 2 Mar (JB); T Croghan thru 14 Mar (MR); CCSP 21 Mar (BD); PtPen 23 Mar (SK, CW, BS, photos!).

**Pine Siskin:** widespread in small numbers thru; max 15 T Potsdam 9 May.

**Snow Bunting:** last T Massena 24 Mar.

#### NEW WORLD SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS

**Eastern Towhee:** early ind arr T Watertown 20 Mar; next MP 29 Mar; main arr 2 Apr.

**American Tree Sparrow:** last T Stockholm 3 May.

**Chipping Sparrow:** arr FD 8 Apr.

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** arr FD 9 May.

**Field Sparrow:** arr KC 30 Mar.

**Vesper Sparrow:** arr FD 8 Apr.

**Savannah Sparrow:** arr T Pameilia 9 Apr.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr FD 6 May.

**Henslow's Sparrow:** arr FD 23 May.

**Fox Sparrow:** arr T Croghan 18 Mar.

**Song Sparrow:** arr FD & PtPen 15 Mar.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** on terr MM by 4 May.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 2 presumed winter survivors PRWMA 1 Mar; arr FD & T Watertown 3 Apr.

**White-throated Sparrow:** last T Stockholm 3 May.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** widespread arr 3 May.

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** ICNC 27 May (JB) only report.

**Bobolink:** arr PRWMA 3 May.

**Eastern Meadowlark:** arr CV 17 Mar.

**Orchard Oriole:** arr T Croghan 11 May.

**Baltimore Oriole:** arr T Croghan 3 May.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** arr PRWMA 13 Mar.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** arr FD & RRT 14 Mar.

**Rusty Blackbird:** arr T Canton 23 Mar.

**Common Grackle:** arr T Massena 12 Mar.

**Ovenbird:** widespread arr 3 May.

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** WEF 17 & 26 May; T Pinckney 31 May; only reports.

**Northern Waterthrush:** arr FD 19 Apr.  
**Golden-winged Warbler:** arr FD 6 May.  
**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr FD 6 May.  
**Black-and-white Warbler:** arr LBSF 28 Apr.  
**PROHONOTARY WARBLER (R6):** SBSB  
 20 & 24 May (JS, JB).  
**Tennessee Warbler:** arr FD 7 May.  
**Orange-crowned Warbler:** T Fine 9 May  
 only report.  
**Nashville Warbler:** arr T Watertown 3 May.  
**Mourning Warbler:** arr T Pinckney 17 May.  
**Common Yellowthroat:** widespread arr 5  
 May.  
**Hooded Warbler:** arr WEF 17 May.  
**American Redstart:** arr T Dekalb 5 May.  
**Cape May Warbler:** arr FD 2 May.  
**Cerulean Warbler:** arr GLR 11 May.  
**Northern Parula:** arr FD 2 May.  
**Magnolia Warbler:** arr FD 7 May.  
**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr T Croghan & StPt  
 17 May.  
**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr RRT & T  
 Watertown 3 May.

**Yellow Warbler:** arr LWMA 29 Apr.  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr FD 6 May.  
**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr WISP 5 May.  
**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr RRT & T  
 Watertown 3 May.  
**Palm Warbler:** “Western” arr FD 2 May;  
 “Yellow” arr on Adirondack breeding grounds  
 unreported.  
**Pine Warbler:** arr FD & T Watertown 16 Apr.  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** arr BPWMA 12  
 Apr.  
**Prairie Warbler:** arr ED 5 May.  
**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr FD 2  
 May.  
**Canada Warbler:** arr FD 6 May.  
**Wilson’s Warbler:** arr FD 7 May.  
**Scarlet Tanager:** arr T Dekalb 5 May.  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr FD 2 May.  
**Indigo Bunting:** arr FD 7 May.  
**PAINTED BUNTING:** at T Norwood feeder 7  
 May (JM, photos!).



## REGION 7—ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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The clipper system that began in February continued into March with winter storms Scott and Taylor hitting in the first ten days of the month. Bomb cyclones Ulmer and Vaughn only brushed Region 7 in the second half of the month. Even so snowfall totals for the month ranged from only 8" in the Champlain Valley to 26+" in the Adirondacks. Precipitation (liquid equivalent) overall was only 1 to 2 inches in most areas. March temperatures were 1 to 3 degrees colder than normal in the bulk of Region 7 except for the northern portions of Clinton and Franklin Counties where the deviation from normal was -3 to -5 degrees.

The last named winter storm, Wesley, in mid-April was mainly a rain event. Rainfall was heaviest in the southern portions of Hamilton and Essex Counties. Totals diminished to 3 to 4 inches in northern Clinton and Franklin Counties with a narrow band of from 4 to 5 in. in the middle of Region 7. For almost all of Clinton and Franklin Counties temperatures did not deviate from normal by more than a degree either way. Most of Essex and all of Hamilton Counties were 1 to 3 degrees colder than normal.

May was cold and wet everywhere. The driest areas in Region 7, most of Clinton County and the northern third of Franklin County, got 4 to 5 inches of

rain. Rainfall totals increased from north to south in the rest of the Region to as much as 7 to 8 inches in several pockets including the extreme southwest corner of Hamilton County. Average temperatures were well below normal, though there was some disagreement just how great the deviation was. One website claimed it was three degrees below normal while another listed the deviation at six degrees. Anecdotal evidence inclines toward the latter value. Flowering crabapple trees in Clinton County bloomed two weeks later than the recent average.

As noted in the Winter 2018 Report, Lake Champlain froze solid this year for the first time since 2015, leaving only the channel at the Cumberland Head Ferry crossing and the mouth of the Saranac River, warmed by the sewage treatment plant effluent, with any open water. The waterfowl and gulls concentrated in these areas included Tufted Duck, Barrow's Goldeneye and Iceland Gull. As the month warmed the open area increased until at the end of the month the lake was open from Cumberland Head to Port Kent except for the sheltered bays. At the south end of the lake the ice sheet had broken up by the end of the first week of April. Ice out was complete by the middle of the month. The ice at north end of the lake followed suit but with a delay of three or four days.

The Lake Champlain water level began the season at just over 97' and moved downward to its low of 96.3' on 15 March. Then there began a halting, almost stepwise, increase to the official flood stage of 100' on 22 April. Uncharacteristically it stayed above flood stage for the rest of the season, reaching a maximum of 100.9' on 30 April. At this level the prime habitat for migrating shorebirds in Region 7 was underwater. This accounts for the low numbers of individuals and of species reported. The largest single day's count was from the tires of a marina's breakwater, not from one of the usual areas. This is the second year in a row for unusually high lake levels in May.

The Crown Point banding station was opened on 10 May for the 44<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Despite the cold wet weather, the station banded 1,089 individuals (fourth highest total) of 69 species and types, easily surpassing the 485 individuals and 54 species and types of 2018. Species not often banded but listed this season included Northern Parula (1), Bay-breasted Warbler (5), Canada Warbler (4) and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (1).

After its simultaneous first ever Region 7 appearance at two widely separated locations in the fall of 2017, **Pink-footed Goose** has become a near regular with sightings in the fall of 2018 and now the spring of 2019 (a seasonal first). **Tufted Duck** continued to be an almost annual visitor to the Champlain Valley. It began an extended stay in the Crown Point area and moved north as the ice cover diminished. It was seen on both sides of Lake Champlain until it was last reported from the Cumberland Head Ferry. **Sandhill Crane** was recorded twice, once from Vermontville and once from Bloomingdale Bog. **Golden Eagle** logged a total of four sightings, at least one in each of the three months. An uncommon spring sighting of **Iceland Gull** for Clinton County was recorded on the open water at the Cumberland Head Ferry in March. Once again there was a significant presence of **Lesser Black-backed Gull**; sightings were listed from

Crown Point to Rouses Point, all between 7 and 20 April. Found (and photographed) for only the third time in Clinton County, **Yellow-headed Blackbird's** discovery and rarity was documented in an article in the local newspaper.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**AIC** – Adirondack Interpretive Center; **AF** – Ausable Forks; **AK** – Akwasasne; **AP** – Ausable Pt; **BB** – Bloomingdale Bog; **BHT** – Blueberry Hill Trails; **BL** – Bloomingdale Rd; **BR** – Bull Rock Rd; **Cgy** – Chateaugay; **CH** – Cumberland Head; **CHF** – Cumberland Head Ferry; **ChR** – Chapman Rd; **CMR** – Cemetery Rd; **CP** – Crown Pt; **CR** – Chazy Riverlands; **DR** – Delano Rd; **DRd** – Dudley Road; **EAW** – Eight Acre Wood; **EC** – Essex Co; **EF** – Essex Ferry; **Es** – Essex; **FB** – Ferd's Bog; **FtC** – Fort Covington Marsh; **GB** – Gilbert Brook Marina; **HS** – Hogback Swamp; **KVe** – Keeseville; **Lab** – Lake Abanakee; **LC** – Lake Clear; **LCR** – La Chute Ri; **LGO** – Lake George Outlet; **LL** – Long L; **MA** – Malone Airport; **MDT** – Meadow Lake-Debar Meadows Trail; **MM** – Maple Meadows; **New** – Newcomb; **NF** – N. Farm Rd; **NP** – Noblewood P; **OH** – Owls Head; **PAFB** – Old Base Plattsburgh; **PC** – Putts Creek; **PCW** – Putnam Creek Wetland; **PK** – Port Kent; **PS** – Paul Smiths; **PtR** – Point Au Roche SP; **PyR** – Pyramid Rd; **RF** – Rogers Farm; **RHR** – Rand Hill Rd; **RRd** – Reynolds Rd; **RW** – Rugar Woods; **SBy** – Stevenson Bay; **SRd** – Sulpher Rd; **VTV** – Vermontville; **WC** – Wild Center; **WF** – Whiteface Mt; **WM** – Wickham Marsh; **WP** – Westport; **WRS** – Webb Royce Swamp.

### WATERFOWL-HUMMINGBIRDS

**Snow Goose:** arr, 100 LGO 14 Mar (MC).  
**Greater White-fronted Goose:** AP 30 Mar (SC, JS).  
**PINK-FOOTED GOOSE:** MR 28 Mar (AB).  
**Cackling Goose:** arr, 3 MR 28 Mar (AB).  
**Wood Duck:** arr, Jay 7 Mar.

**Blue-winged Teal:** no reports  
**Northern Shoveler:** arr, CHF 15 Mar.  
**Gadwall:** arr, 2 SRM 21 Mar (SR).  
**American Wigeon:** arr, 4 CHF 15 Mar (BK).  
**Northern Pintail:** arr, EF 3 Mar (SR).  
**Green-winged Teal:** arr, 3 EF 17 Mar (BMc).  
**Canvasback:** no reports.



**Redhead:** CHF 28 Mar (AB).  
**Ring-necked Duck:** 115 CP 11 Apr (SR).  
**TUFTED DUCK (R7):** CHF 7 Mar (M&SR); AP 1-7 Apr (mob).  
**Greater Scaup:** 300 CHF 21 Mar (SR).  
**Lesser Scaup:** 14 EF 17 Mar (SR).  
**Scaup sp:** 400 KB 27 Apr (BK).  
**Long-tailed Duck:** arr, 8 LAb 31 Mar (MM).  
**Bufflehead:** 26 AP 13 Apr (DRg).  
**Common Goldeneye:** 400 CH 15 Mar (BK).  
**Barrow's Goldeneye:** 5 CHF 7 Mar (M&SR).  
**Hooded Merganser:** arr, 2 AP 7 Mar (M&SR).  
**Common Merganser:** 350 SBy 2 May (SR).  
**Red-breasted Merganser:** arr, 5 CHF 7 Mar (M&SR).  
**Ruddy Duck:** 3 CP 2 May (SR).  
**Ring-necked Pheasant:** Es 2 May (SR).  
**Ruffed Grouse:** 3 PS 4 May (BMc).  
**Wild Turkey:** Es 6 May (BMo), CO-NE.  
**Pied-billed Grebe:** arr, LAb 27 Mar (MM).  
**Horned Grebe:** arr, EF 12 Mar (LM); 33 WM 23 Apr (SR).  
**Red-necked Grebe:** arr, CHF 17 Mar (DR).  
**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr, CP 21 May (SR).  
**Common Nighthawk:** arr, New 11 May (RH).  
**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** arr, 3 BR 7 May (GCh).  
**Chimney Swift:** arr, 3 MM 7 May (SR).  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr, EAW 4 May (GL).

#### RAILS-LARIDS

**Virginia Rail:** arr 8 PCW May (SR).  
**Sora:** FiC 25 May (JSh).  
**Common Gallinule:** arr, CR 22 May (BK).  
**SANDHILL CRANE (R7):** arr, 2 LC 9 Apr (ED); 2 BB 17 Apr (SMc).  
**Black-bellied Plover:** no reports.  
**Semipalmated Plover:** arr, 59 GB 22 May (BK).  
**Ruddy Turnstone:** arr, 2 GB 22 May (BK).  
**Dunlin:** arr, 41 GB 22 May (BK).  
**Least Sandpiper:** arr, 11 ChR 27 May (HW).  
**Pectoral Sandpiper:** arr AB 9 May (BK).  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** arr, ChR 27 May (HW).  
**Killdeer:** arr, 3 CP 15 Mar (SR).  
**Am. Woodcock:** arr, 4 DR 27 Mar (SR).  
**Wilson's Snipe:** arr, 2 LC 9 Apr (SMc).  
**Spotted Sandpiper:** arr, PH 23 Apr (SR).  
**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr, TI 4 May (MMr).  
**Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr, AK 19 Apr (HW).  
**Greater Yellowlegs:** arr, CP 20 Apr (SR).  
**Bonaparte's Gull:** arr, 2 SRM 10 Apr (SR).  
**Iceland Gull:** CHF 12 Mar (LM), only report.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** AP 7 Apr (GC); PH 20 Apr (SR).  
**Great Black-backed Gull:** 3 KB 10 Apr (SR).  
**Caspian Tern:** 2 PH 7 Apr (SR); 63 PH 20 Apr (SR).  
**Black Tern:** no reports.  
**Common Tern:** arr, 3 PK 23 Apr (SR).

#### LOONS-FALCONS

**Common Loon:** arr, LAb 30 Mar (MM).  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** arr, 8 CP 23 Mar (SR); 350 PH 20 Apr (SR).  
**American Bittern:** arr, PtR 31 Mar (EG).  
**Great Blue Heron:** arr, TI 16 Mar (SR).  
**Great Egret:** arr, 2 CR 17 Apr (BK).  
**Green Heron:** arr, 2 Es 7 May (SR).  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** 2 FiC 25 May (JSh), only report.  
**Black Vulture:** arr, 2 TI 8 Mar (SR).  
**Turkey Vulture:** arr, Es 13 Mar (SR).  
**Osprey:** arr, WM 3/21 (DR).  
**GOLDEN EAGLE (R7):** LAb 15 Mar (M&WM); LC 2 Apr (SMc); PV 5 Apr (BMc); PAFB 19 May (MB).  
**Northern Harrier:** arr, EC 18 Mar (SR).  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 2 CMR 20 May (J&PT).  
**Cooper's Hawk:** WP 25 Apr (SR).  
**Northern Goshawk:** 2 MDT 21 Apr (BB).  
**Bald Eagle:** 3 AP 7 Apr (GC).  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** arr, MM 16 Mar (SR).  
**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr, BB 2 Apr (JS).  
**Red-tailed Hawk:** 2 BB 9 Apr (JS).  
**Rough-legged Hawk:** AP 2 Apr (SR), last.  
**Eastern Screech Owl:** no reports.  
**Great Horned Owl:** CP 18 May (G&MC).  
**Snowy Owl:** MA 2 Mar (TL).  
**Barred Owl:** 3 WC 4 Apr (AV).  
**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** no reports.  
**Belted Kingfisher:** arr, LCR 24 Mar (EG).  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 3 AP 13 Apr (BB).  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** arr, Keene 28 Mar (J&PT).  
**Black-backed Woodpecker:** 2 VTV 21 Apr (DRg).  
**Northern Flicker:** 4 Ptr 30 Apr (JH).  
**Pileated Woodpecker:** 2 BB 2 May (JS).  
**American Kestrel:** arr, WP 19 Mar (SR).  
**Merlin:** 2 CH 26 Apr.  
**Peregrine Falcon:** 2 SRM 16 Mar (AB).

#### FLYCATCHERS-SNOW BUNTING

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr, MM 7 May (SR).  
**Eastern Kingbird:** arr, SRd 4 May (JSh).  
**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr, FB 20 May (PF).

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** arr, BR 20 May (G&MC).  
**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr, VTV 20 May (BMc).  
**Alder Flycatcher:** arr, Cgy 11 May (MC).  
**Willow Flycatcher:** arr, 2 CMR 14 May (DRg).  
**Least Flycatcher:** arr, SRd 4 May (JSh).  
**Eastern Phoebe:** arr, BR 21 Mar (LW).  
**Northern Shrike:** AF 2 Apr (DRg), last.  
**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr, PC 18 May (RB).  
**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr, MM 19 Apr (SR).  
**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr, CMR 20 May (J&PT).  
**Warbling Vireo:** arr, WM 5 May (JP).  
**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr, LA 8 May (BK).  
**Canada Jay:** 3 BB 27 May (EGt).  
**Fish Crow:** arr, AP 13 Apr (KMc).  
**Common Raven:** 2 VTV 18 Mar.  
**Horned Lark:** NF 6 Apr (BK).  
**Purple Martin:** no reports.  
**Tree Swallow:** arr, CH 13 Mar (BK).  
**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr, AP 20 Apr (SC); 4 CH 25 Apr (NO, MS), CO-ON.  
**Bank Swallow:** arr, GB 2 May (SR).  
**Cliff Swallow:** arr, CP 12 May (SR).  
**Barn Swallow:** arr, TI 5 Apr (SR), early.  
**Boreal Chickadee:** 5 TL 20 Apr (AV).  
**Tufted Titmouse:** 4 PtR 11 Mar (AB).  
**House Wren:** arr, MM 21 Apr (SR).  
**Winter Wren:** 3 LL 9 Apr (PJ).  
**Marsh Wren:** arr, RW 3 May (KA).  
**Carolina Wren:** WP 27 Apr (SR).  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr, AP 20 Apr (SC).  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 8 PtR 21 Apr (JS).  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr, KVe 10 Apr (JP).  
**Eastern Bluebird:** arr, PH 11 Mar (SW).  
**Veery:** arr, PtR 4 May (RC).  
**Bicknell's Thrush:** WF 31 May (LK).  
**Swainson's Thrush:** arr, 2 BHT 14 May (SR).  
**Hermit Thrush:** arr, 3 BL 14 Apr (BMc).  
**Wood Thrush:** arr, TI 5 May (MMr).  
**Gray Catbird:** arr, 2 LL 6 May (SH).  
**Brown Thrasher:** arr ,EAW 30 Mar (GL); early Fran date.  
**Northern Mockingbird:** PL 21 Mar (SR).  
**Bohemian Waxwing:** TI 13 Apr (SR).  
**Cedar Waxwing:** 52 Es 1 May (SR).  
**American Pipit:** CR 15 Apr (BK).  
**Evening Grosbeak:** 52 EAW 17 Mar (GL), max.  
**Purple Finch:** 14 AIC 10 May (RH).  
**Common Redpoll:** 12 PK 6 Mar (DR).  
**Hoary Redpoll:** EAW 27 Mar (GL).  
**Lapland Longspur:** 5 RRd 11 Mar (DH), last.  
**Snow Bunting:** 4 PtR 13 Mar (MC), last.

## NEW WORLD SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS

**Eastern Towhee:** arr, CMP 19 Apr (GC).  
**American Tree Sparrow:** 2 AP 12 Apr.  
**Chipping Sparrow:** arr, KVe 12 Mar (JP).  
**Field Sparrow:** arr, LC 31 Mar (MM).  
**Vesper Sparrow:** arr, DRd 9 Apr (SR).  
**Savannah Sparrow:** arr, 2 LC 11 Apr (MC).  
**Fox Sparrow:** arr, MM 29 Mar (SR).  
**Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr, RF 23 Apr (NR).  
**Swamp Sparrow:** arr, 3 CMR 14 Apr (J&PT).  
**White-throated Sparrow:** 12 AP 11 May (AB).  
**White-crowned Sparrow:** PH 3 May (SR).  
**YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (R7):** RHR 5-7 May (MK).  
**Bobolink:** arr, 2 CP 5 May (SR).  
**Eastern Meadowlark:** arr, LAb 15 Mar (M&WM).  
**Orchard Oriole:** 2 OH 17 May (JT); CP 21 May (GH).  
**Baltimore Oriole:** arr, TI 3 May (GC).  
**Red-winged Blackbird:** arr, ES 13 Mar (SR).  
**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 4 PtR 30 Apr (JH).  
**Rusty Blackbird:** arr, EC 17 Mar (SR).  
**Common Grackle:** arr, CP 15 Mar (SR).  
**Ovenbird:** arr, 2 MM 5 May (SR).  
**Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr, BR 18 Apr (GCh).  
**Northern Waterthrush:** arr, LC 3 May (SMc).  
**Golden-winged Warbler:** arr, WRS 18 May (DRg).  
**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr, WRS 19 May (DRg).  
**"Brewster's" Warbler:** 2 WRS 19 May (DRg).  
**Black and White Warbler:** arr, PtR 30 Apr (JH).  
**Tennessee Warbler:** arr, PC 8 May (SR).  
**Nashville Warbler:** arr, MM 5 May (SR).  
**Mourning Warbler:** arr, BR 20 May (SR).  
**Common Yellowthroat:** arr, PC 8 May (SR).  
**American Redstart:** arr, LP 5 May (JWM).  
**Cape May Warbler:** arr, 2 LC 5 May (SMc).  
**Northern Parula:** arr, 2 PS 6 May (BMc).  
**Magnolia Warbler:** arr, MM 3 May (SR).  
**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr, SL 20 May (BMc).  
**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr, PS 4 May (JS).  
**Yellow Warbler:** arr, MM 7 May (SR).  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr, CP 9 May (SR).  
**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr, CP 15 May; 21 AP 28 May (KMc), max.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr, MM 3 May (SR).  
**Palm Warbler:** arr, LC 16 Apr (SMc).  
**Pine Warbler:** arr, PS 15 Apr (JO).  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** arr, WP 17 Apr (J&PT).  
**Prairie Warbler:** MtD 25 May (GC).

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr, NP 2 May (SR).  
**Canada Warbler:** arr, HS 16 May (SR).  
**Wilson’s Warbler:** arr, CP 19 May (GH).  
**Scarlet Tanager:** arr, LP 7May (EJ).  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr, TI 23 Apr (MMr).  
**Indigo Bunting:** arr. SL 7 May (EGt).

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## REGION 8—HUDSON-MOHAWK

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	Albany			Glens Falls		
<b>Temp</b>	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Mar	35.2°	35.1°	+0.1°	30.8°	31.3°	-0.5°
Apr	49.8°	47.8°	+2.0°	45.3°	44.6°	+0.7°
May	58.5°	58.3°	+0.2°	55.7°	55.3°	+0.4°

	Albany			Glens Falls		
<b>Precip</b>	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Mar	1.35"	3.21"	-1.86"	1.22"	2.94"	-1.72"
Apr	4.32"	3.17"	+1.15"	5.88"	3.00"	+2.88"
May	3.08"	3.61"	-0.53"	4.81"	3.61"	+1.20"

The March-May period featured near normal temperatures. Albany averaged less than 1.0° above normal. March and May had below normal precipitation amounts at Albany, while April was wetter than the norm. There was still snow on the ground in valley areas through mid-March. River ice that had thickened during a cold snap in early March began receding rather rapidly from mid-month onwards. Leaf-out seemed ahead of typical levels by 1 May, especially compared to spring 2018.

The bird of the season was a **Summer Tanager**, reported on Facebook and eBird with photographs, from a homeowner in Guilderland, Albany County on 29 April. It was frequenting a suet feeder that day and was not seen subsequently.

Two Greater White-fronted Geese were observed in March. One spent the first nine days of the month along the Mohawk River in Fultonville, Montgomery County. The other was seen on the Hudson River in Ft. Miller, Washington County on 24 March. Brant made their usual quick passage through the area in mid to late May, with 25-26 May having large numbers reported.

Wrights Loop in Saratoga County continued to produce large gatherings of ducks in early April, with snowmelt and rainfall flooding the fields there to a proper depth and breadth for dabbling. Diving duck numbers seemed to be down this spring. *Aythya* sp. counts were solid, however, with even hard to find Canvasback and Redhead reported, albeit in low numbers. White-winged and Black Scoters were seen in a few places at the end of April and early May. Red-breasted Mergansers were present in their typically small groups.

A **Pacific Loon** was observed and photographed by Ron Harrower from the Silver Beach area of Saratoga Lake on 29 April. He had originally reported the bird as a Red-throated Loon, but the images that he posted online were viewed by several other birders with experience in separating the two species. They concluded that it fit better for the former. It was refound the following day by several other observers who documented their sightings of plumage and behavior. This would be only the second report of Pacific Loon in Region 8 in the last ten years.

Three reports of Glossy Ibis were received this season. The first was seen wading in a farm pond near Pittstown, Rensselaer County on 20 April. Another was foraging at Round Lake Preserve in Saratoga County on 2 May. Finally, two birds were observed in a flooded field south of Schuylerville in Washington County on 9 May.

A group of eight Long-eared Owls roosted in a section of the Fort Edward Grasslands for at least the first half of March. As many as seven Short-eared Owls were still being seen in that same area in early March.

Songbird migration seemed on schedule for most species, with some early arrivals as a result of a warm spell from 19-23 April. Four very cool days at the end of April held back migrants temporarily, but the first two weeks of May saw a large influx of most of the expected species around their typical arrival dates.

An adult Red-headed Woodpecker was observed briefly and photographed as it moved through a rural area east of Cambridge in Washington County on 23 May. Acadian Flycatcher continues to make inroads at the margins of Region 8, with two detected in southern Columbia County. Will Yandik observed one for the second year in a row near Livingston, on 10 May. Another was heard in New Forge SF south of Taghkanic on 30 May. The **Townsend's Solitaire** first discovered in February 2019 near Copake Falls in Columbia County continued to be seen through early April. Pine Grosbeaks made an incursion into northeastern sections of the Region in late winter, with as many as 40 birds in Salem, Washington County. Two birds were also photographed in Hoosick Falls in Rensselaer County on 1 March. Clay-colored Sparrows were reported from Normanskill Farm on 12 May and The Crossings of Colonie on 13 May. Both of those sightings were from Albany County. An additional Clay-colored Sparrow was noted from Canajoharie in Montgomery County on 21 May.

A Prothonotary Warbler was photographed foraging in a downed tree along the towpath canal at Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve by Gregory Hamlin on 11 May. This is only the fourth sighting of the species in Region 8 in

the last decade. Some impressive warbler high counts were recorded around the area this spring, including Ovenbird (70!) at Schodack Island SP on 15 May; American Redstart (70!) also at Schodack Island SP on 15 May; Yellow Warbler (57!) at Vischer Ferry NHP on 22 May; and Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle) (110!) at Vischer Ferry NHP on 2 May.

234 species were reported during the period.

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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** – Cossackie 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-HUMMINGBIRDS

**Snow Goose:** max 300 Ft Miller WASH 25 Mar.  
**Greater White-fronted Goose:** Mohawk R Fultonville MONT 1-9 Mar; Ft Miller WASH 24 Mar.

**Brant:** max 1125 BCM 25 May.  
**Canada Goose:** max 6000 Easton WASH 17 Mar.  
**Mute Swan:** max 7 Vosburgh Swamp WMA 24 Mar.  
**Wood Duck:** max 240 Wrights Loop SARA 3 Apr, high number.

**Blue-winged Teal:** arr Round L Pres SARA 19 Mar.  
**Northern Shoveler:** arr Wrights Loop SARA 16 Mar.  
**Gadwall:** max 22 Vosburgh Swamp WMA GREE 3 Apr.  
**American Wigeon:** max 57 Wrights Loop SARA 8 Apr.  
**American Black Duck:** max 450 Stillwater SARA 21 Mar, high number.  
**Northern Pintail:** max 47 Wrights Loop SARA 28 Mar.  
**Green-winged Teal:** max 175 Wrights Loop SARA 4 Apr, high number.  
**Canvasback:** 3 Schaghticoke RENS 7-9 Mar; 3 Fultonville MONT 12-16 Apr.  
**Redhead:** 7 Fultonville MONT 12 Mar.  
**Ring-necked Duck:** max 225 Hudson Pointe NP WARR 30 Mar.  
**Greater Scaup:** max 24 Saratoga L SARA 16 Apr.  
**Lesser Scaup:** max 178 Saratoga L SARA 2 Apr.  
**White-winged Scoter:** max 12 Saratoga L SARA 4 May.  
**Black Scoter:** Saratoga L SARA 30 Apr- 2 May, only report.  
**Long-tailed Duck:** max 12 Saratoga L SARA 30 Apr.  
**Bufflehead:** max 65 BCR 4 Apr.  
**Common Goldeneye:** max 180 Stillwater SARA 12 Mar.  
**Hooded Merganser:** max 34 VFNHP 24 Mar.  
**Common Merganser:** max 206 Schaghticoke RENS 16 Mar.  
**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 5 Saratoga L SARA 6 Apr.  
**Ruddy Duck:** arr T Saratoga SARA 28 Mar.  
**Ruffed Grouse:** max 4 Warrensburgh WARR 4 May.  
**Wild Turkey:** max 220 Coeymans ALBA 5 Mar.  
**Pied-billed Grebe:** arr Stillwater SARA 15 Mar; max 7 TR 20 Apr.  
**Horned Grebe:** arr Albany ALBA 3 Mar; max 22 Saratoga L SARA 30 Apr.  
**Red-necked Grebe:** arr Corning Riverfront P ALBA 3 Mar; max 14 L George WARR 5 May.  
**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr Schaghticoke RENS 18 May.  
**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr VFNHP 9 May.  
**Common Nighthawk:** arr RamsHorn-Livingston Sanctuary GREE 14 May; max 12 Yankee Hill Lock Mont 22 May.

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** arr Burnt Hills SARA 1 May; 5 Malta Tech P SARA 18 May; 5 APBP 18 May; 3 Coeymans Hollow ALBA 18 May.  
**Chimney Swift:** arr RamsHorn-Livingston Sanctuary GREE 19 Apr; max 100 CF 28 May.  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr Hillsdale COLU 19 Apr; max 5 Elka P GREE 26 May.

## RAILS-LARIDS

**Virginia Rail:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 4 Apr; max 10 BCM 29 Apr.  
**Sora:** arr VFNHP 18 Apr; max 5 BCM 28 Apr.  
**Common Gallinule:** arr Sharon Springs SCHO 23 Apr; max 4 BCM 7 May.  
**American Coot:** 2 Franklinton Vlaie SCHO 8 Apr, only report.  
**Sandhill Crane:** Clifton Park SARA 30 Apr; Staats Island Rd RENS 6 May.  
**Black-bellied Plover:** Staats Island Rd RENS 4 May; 4 Stillwater Riverfront P SARA 10 May.  
**Semipalmated Plover:** max 13 Easton WASH 10 May.  
**Killdeer:** arr Richmondville SCHO 4 Mar; max 22 Staats Island Rd RENS 21 Mar.  
**Upland Sandpiper:** Ames MONT 29 May; Dowmont Rd, Ft Edward WASH 30 May.  
**Dunlin:** 7 The Crossings ALBA 10 May; Schoharie Crossing SHS MONT 14 May; 2 Schaghticoke RENS 17 May; Wrights Loop SARA 26 May.  
**Least Sandpiper:** arr Easton WASH 13 Apr; max 33 Schaghticoke RENS 12 May.  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** arr Wrights Loop SARA 12 May; max 10 Schaghticoke RENS 29 May.  
**American Woodcock:** arr Ancram COLU 12 Mar; max 9 Warrensburgh WARR 4 May.  
**Wilson's Snipe:** arr Catskill GREE 24 Mar; max 25 Wrights Loop 19 SARA Apr.  
**Spotted Sandpiper:** arr Saratoga L SARA 2 Apr; max 10 Schaghticoke RENS 10 May.  
**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr Ancram COLU 4 Apr; max 27 Wrights Loop SARA 21 May.  
**Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr Stillwater Riverfront P SARA 17 Apr; max 45 Easton WASH 15 May.  
**Greater Yellowlegs:** arr Easton WASH 10 Apr; max 20 Easton WASH 15 May.  
**Bonaparte's Gull:** arr AR 6 Apr; max 41 Saratoga L SARA 1 May.  
**Ring-billed Gull:** max 3500 T Northumberland SARA 26 Mar.  
**Herring Gull:** max 1000 T Northumberland SARA 26 Mar.  
**Iceland Gull:** max 2 Fultonville MONT 2 Mar.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** Crescent Power Plant ALBA 2 Mar; Corning Riverfront P ALBA 4 Mar; Fultonville MONT 12 Mar; Schaghticoke RENS 12 Mar; T Northumberland SARA 14 Mar.  
**Great Black-backed Gull:** max 53 Saratoga Springs Waterfront P SARA 7 Apr.  
**Caspian Tern:** arr Athens GREE 7 Apr; max 3 Corning Riverfront P ALBA 10 Apr.  
**Black Tern:** Ferguson Pd, Coxsackie GREE 12 May; 2 Saratoga L SARA 27 May; Schaghticoke RENS 28 May.  
**Common Tern:** 3 Saratoga L SARA 2 May; Papsconee 1 SP RENS 6 May; Coeymans Landing ALBA 20 May.

### LOONS-FALCONS

**PACIFIC LOON:** Saratoga L SARA 29-30 Apr, *intro*, NYSARC.  
**Common Loon:** max 19 Saratoga L SARA 2 May.  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** arr TR 16 Mar.  
**Great Cormorant:** Germantown COLU 24 Mar, only report.  
**American Bittern:** arr New Baltimore GREE 24 Mar, early; max 10 BCM 29 Apr.  
**Least Bittern:** arr VFNHP 25 Apr; mx 2 BCM 8 May.  
**Great Blue Heron:** max 32 TR 11 Apr.  
**Great Egret:** arr Vosburgh Swamp WMA GREE 7 Apr.  
**Green Heron:** arr Woodlawn Pres SCHE 15 Apr.  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** BCM 18 Apr; Lions P, Niskayuna SCHE 25 Apr; Woodlawn Pres SCHE 26 Apr; Amsterdam MONT 6 May.  
**GLOSSY IBIS (R8):** Pittstown RENS 20 Apr; Round L Pres SARA 2 May; Easton WASH 9 May.  
**Black Vulture:** max 45 Guilderland ALBA 20 Mar.  
**Turkey Vulture:** max 120 Guilderland ALBA 20 Mar.  
**Osprey:** arr Cohoes ALBA 23 Mar.  
**Golden Eagle:** Kinderhook COLU 8 Mar; Schaghticoke RENS 16 Mar; Austerlitz COLU 2 Apr.  
**Northern Harrier:** max 5 FtEG 2 Mar.  
**Northern Goshawk:** Hillsdale COLU 15 Apr; Livingston COLU 25 Apr.  
**Bald Eagle:** max 29 TR 29 Mar.  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** max 3 Stillwater SARA 17 May.  
**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr Grafton RENS 13 Apr.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** max 9 RamsHorn-Livingston Sanctuary GREE 31 May.  
**Rough-legged Hawk:** last Greenfield Ctr SARA 3 Apr.  
**Eastern Screech-Owl:** max 4 Albany ALBA 19 May.  
**Snowy Owl:** last Malta SARA 3 Mar.  
**Long-eared Owl:** max 8 FtEG 2 Mar.  
**Short-eared Owl:** max 7 FtEG 2 Mar; 2 Sprakers MONT 2 Mar; Coxsackie GREE 25 Mar; 2 Minden MONT 26 Mar; last CCGP 27 Mar.  
**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** Hudson Pointe NP WARR 1 Apr, only report.  
**Belted Kingfisher:** max 6 FR 13 Apr; Hoosick Falls River Trail RENS 21 Apr.  
**Red-headed Woodpecker:** ad White Creek WASH 23 May, only report.  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** max 13 VFNHP 5 May.  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** max 8 Overmountain Cons Area COLU 4 May; Stillwater Sch Nature Trail SARA 4 May.  
**Downy Woodpecker:** max 12 Normanskill Farm ALBA 14 Apr.  
**Hairy Woodpecker:** max 5 Pittstown SF RENS 21 Apr.  
**Northern Flicker:** max 13 Schaghticoke RENS 23 Apr.  
**Pileated Woodpecker:** max 5 Schaghticoke RENS 29 Mar.  
**American Kestrel:** max 5 Hoosick RENS 17 Apr.  
**Peregrine Falcon:** max 3 Dunn Mem Br RENS 20 May.

### FLYCATCHERS-SNOW BUNTING

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr RamsHorn-Livingston Sanctuary GREE 30 Apr; max 7 Deer Mt Nature Trail ALBA 26 May.  
**Eastern Kingbird:** arr Middleburgh SCHO 28 Apr; max 8 BCM 22 May.  
**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr BMB 17 May.  
**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** arr Glenville SCHE 10 May; max 14 New Forge SF COLU 30 May.  
**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr Elka P GREE 19 May.  
**Acadian Flycatcher:** Livingston COLU 10 May; New Forge SF COLU 30 May.  
**Alder Flycatcher:** arr APBP 16 May; max 7 BMB 22 May.  
**Willow Flycatcher:** arr APBP 5 May, early; max 5 BMB 22 May; BCM 27 May.

**Least Flycatcher:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 29 Apr; max 7 VFNHP 4 May.

**Eastern Phoebe:** arr FR 19 Mar; max 13 VFNHP 5 Apr.

**Northern Shrike:** last Bob & Betty Cummings Mem P WASH 30 Mar.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr 29 VFNHP Apr; max 8 VFNHP 20 May.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr Livingston COLU 14 Apr; max 16 SNHP 5 May.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** Ann Lee Pd ALBA 14 May; Lost Valley SF MONT 21 May; L Desolation Rd SARA 22 May; Plotter Kill Pres SCHE 25 May. All reports well documented by observers, nice work.

**Warbling Vireo:** arr VFNHP 25 Apr; max 22 VFNHP 22 May.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr Hudson Crossing P SARA 2 May; max 22 APBP 29 May.

**Blue Jay:** max 150 Austerlitz COLU 6 May, migrating north in groups.

**American Crow:** max 500 Athens GREE 11 Mar.

**Fish Crow:** max 24 Round L Pres SARA 29 Mar.

**Common Raven:** max 10 Westerlo ALBA 3 Apr.

**Horned Lark:** max 80 Fultonville MONT 9 Mar.

**Purple Martin:** arr Saratoga L SARA 13 Apr; max 19 Charlton SARA 4 May.

**Tree Swallow:** arr 15 Mar, mult reports; max 600 Tambul Pd RENS 15 Apr.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr CL 6 Apr; max 32 Schaghticoke RENS 25 May.

**Bank Swallow:** arr Schaghticoke RENS 18 Apr; max 100 Kinderhook COLU 25 May.

**Cliff Swallow:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 30 Apr; Saratoga L SARA 30 Apr.

**Barn Swallow:** arr Niskayuna SCHE 7 Apr; max 80 TR 1 May.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** max 37 VFNHP 30 Mar.

**Tufted Titmouse:** max 18 BMB 6 Apr.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** max 5 FR 4 May; Dyken Pd RENS 18 May; Rensselaerville SF ALBA 23 May.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** max 9 BMB 6 Apr.

**Brown Creeper:** max 5 Hudson Pointe NP WARR 1 Apr.

**House Wren:** arr Clifton P SARA 16 Apr; max 11 Glenmont ALBA 12 May.

**Winter Wren:** max 14 Plateau Mt GREE 20 May.

**Marsh Wren:** arr BCM 21 Apr; max 19 Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 22 May.

**Carolina Wren:** max 6 Normanskill Farm ALBA 26 May.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 13 Apr; max 20 VFNHP 4 May.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** max 30 BMB 13 Apr.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr Vosburgh Swamp WMA GREE 3 Apr; max 30 VFNHP 5 May.

**Eastern Bluebird:** max 12 Glenville SCHE 13 Mar.

**TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE:** cont vagrant, Copake Falls COLU 8 Mar- 5 Apr, *intro*.

**Veery:** arr Schodack I SP RENS 1 May; max 16 Schodack I SP RENS 15 May.

**Bicknell's Thrush:** 3 Plateau Mt GREE 20 May.

**Swainson's Thrush:** arr Vale P SCHE 4 May, early; max 9 Plateau Mt GREE 20 May.

**Hermit Thrush:** max 5 Cherry Plain SP RENS 18 May; Plateau Mt GREE 18 May.

**Wood Thrush:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 30 Apr; max 50 Schodack I SP RENS 15 May.

**American Robin:** max 265 TR 4 Apr.

**Gray Catbird:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 21 Apr; max 40 Schodack I SP RENS 15 May.

**Brown Thrasher:** arr Glenville SCHE 10 Apr; max 5 Schaghticoke RENS 5 May.

**Northern Mockingbird:** max 4, mult reports.

**European Starling:** max 3500 Crescent Power Plant ALBA 9 Mar.

**Cedar Waxwing:** max 70 Ghent COLU 13 Mar.

**American Pipit:** max 7 E Greenbush RENS 3 May.

**Evening Grosbeak:** max 220 Summit SCHO 20 Apr., minor irruptive season.

**Pine Grosbeak:** max 40 Salem WASH 9 Mar., minor irruptive season.

**Purple Finch:** max 45 Pittstown RENS 15 May.

**Common Redpoll:** max 100 Lions P, Niskayuna SCHE 16 Mar, major irruptive season; last Lock 7 SCP SCHE 31 Mar.

**Pine Siskin:** max 18 Schodack RENS 7 May, minor irruptive season.

**Lapland Longspur:** White Creek WASH 1 Mar, only report.



**Snow Bunting:** max 30 White Creek WASH 1 Mar; last Hoosick RENS 11 Mar.

### NEW WORLD SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS

**Eastern Towhee:** arr Corning Riverfront P ALBA 2 Apr; max 18 APBP 30 Apr.

**American Tree Sparrow:** last Saratoga Springs SARA 23 Apr.

**Chipping Sparrow:** arr Round L Pres SARA 30 Mar; max 28 Warrensburg WARR 20 May.

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** Normanskill Farm ALBA 12 May; The Crossings ALBA 13 May; Canajoharie MONT 21 May.

**Field Sparrow:** arr Livingston COLU 15 Mar; max 23 Claverack COLU 23 Apr; SNHP 27 May.

**Vesper Sparrow:** arr Brunswick RENS 26 Mar, early; max 3 Putnam Sta WASH 13 Apr; Hillsdale COLU 4 May.

**Savannah Sparrow:** max 8 Glenville SCHE 30 Apr.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr Overmountain Cons Area COLU 9 May; max 3 Saratoga Co Arpt SARA 29 May.

**Fox Sparrow:** arr E. Greenbush RENS 15 Mar; 9 Copake Falls COLU 5 Apr.

**Song Sparrow:** max 52 Schaghticoke RENS 31 Mar.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr White Creek WARR 7 May.

**Swamp Sparrow:** arr FR 28 Mar; max 52 BMB 13 Apr.

**White-throated Sparrow:** arr OCA 6 Apr; max 11 The Crossings ALBA 5 May.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** max 45 FR 9 May.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** max 130 Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail ALBA 17 Apr.

**Bobolink:** arr BCM 29 Apr; max 25 Fultonville MONT 21 May.

**Eastern Meadowlark:** arr Coxsackie GREE 10 Mar; max 8 OCA 22 Apr.

**Orchard Oriole:** arr E Greenbush RENS 2 May; max 4 SNHP 23 May.

**Baltimore Oriole:** arr APBP 30 Apr; Schodack RENS 30 Apr; max 17 VFNHP 22 May.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** max 2500 Coveville SARA 25 Apr.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** max 300 Livingston COLU 24 Mar.

**Rusty Blackbird:** arr Ames MONT, Round L Pres SARA 19 Mar; max 109 BMB 13 Apr.

**Common Grackle:** max 6100 Saratoga Waterfront P SARA 7 Apr.

**Ovenbird:** arr Averill P RENS 26 Apr; max 70 Schodack I SP RENS 15 May.

**Worm-eating Warbler:** arr 4 May, mult loc; max 4 Alander Mt Trail COLU 25 May.

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr Ancram COLU 7 Apr; max 5 Wolf Hollow SCHE 23 Apr.

**Northern Waterthrush:** arr Pittstown SF RENS 21 Apr; max 7 VFNHP 6 May.

**Golden-winged Warbler:** White Creek WASH 4 May; FR 9 May; Putnam WASH 25 May.

**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr Schaghticoke RENS 3 May; max 15 FR 9 May.

**"Brewster's" Warbler:** Putnam WASH 26 May.

**Black-and-white Warbler:** arr Saratoga Spa SP SARA 20 Apr; max 17 Schodack I SP RENS 6 May.

**PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R8):** VFNHP 11 May.

**Tennessee Warbler:** arr Ft Plain MONT 7 May; max 17 Saratoga Co Arpt SARA 26 May.

**Nashville Warbler:** arr Albany ALBA 2 May; max 10 Schodack I SP RENS 20 May.

**Mourning Warbler:** arr Louise E. Keir WMA ALBA 13 May; max 2 Normanskill Farm ALBA, North River WARR 26 May.

**Common Yellowthroat:** arr Great Flats NP SCHE 24 Apr; max 33 SNHP 27 May.

**Hooded Warbler:** arr Hand Hollow Cons Area COLU 6 May; max 2 OCA 18 May.

**American Redstart:** arr VFNHP 29 Apr; max 70 Schodack I SP RENS 15 May.

**Cape May Warbler:** arr Spring Run Trail SARA 2 May; max 4 Schaghticoke RENS 18 May; Spectacle L FULT 21 May.

**Cerulean Warbler:** arr Ancram COLU 6 May; max 6 Alander Mt Trail COLU 26 May.

**Northern Parula:** arr Schaghticoke RENS, Schodack RENS 3 May; max 10 Livingston COLU 8 May; APBP 15 May.

**Magnolia Warbler:** arr mult loc 3 May; max 13 Plateau Mt GREE 20 May.

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr Livingston COLU 7 May; max 15 Normanskill Farm ALBA 20 May.

**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr Copake COLU 1 May; max 15 Spruceton Trail GREE 18 May; Spectacle L FULT 21 May.

**Yellow Warbler:** arr Zim Smith Trail SARA 21 Apr; max 57 VFNHP 22 May.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr mult loc 3 May; max 12 Harlem Valley Rail Trail COLU 16 May.

**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr Warren Co Bikeway WARR 4 May, early; max 35 Plateau Mt GREE 20 May.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr OCA 25 Apr; max 12 Fox Hill Rd SARA 17 May.

**Palm Warbler:** arr Pittstown RENS 1 Apr; max 7 BCM 19 Apr.

**Pine Warbler:** arr Chatham COLU 1 Apr; max Moreau L SP SARA 2 May.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** arr Greenwich WASH 6 Apr; max 110 VFNHP 4 May.

**Prairie Warbler:** arr Ghent COLU 3 May; max 16 Deer Mt Nature Trail (power line ROW) ALBA 26 May.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr Grafton RENS 21 Apr; max 12 mult loc.

**Canada Warbler:** arr VFNHP 7 May; max 6 Berlin RENS 20 May.

**Wilson's Warbler:** arr Stillwater Sch Nature Trail SARA, VFNHP 4 May; max 2 FR 11 May, VFNHP 22 May.

**SUMMER TANAGER (R8):** Guilderland ALBA 29 Apr, *intro*, NYSARC.

**Scarlet Tanager:** arr Staats I Rd RENS 28 Apr; max 8 Deer Mt Nature Trail ALBA 26 May.

**Northern Cardinal:** max 22 New Baltimore GREE 28 Apr.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr TR 20 Apr; max 16 VFNHP 5 May.

**Indigo Bunting:** arr Catskill GREE 3 May; max 7 Deer Mt Nature Trail (power line ROW) ALBA 26 May.

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## REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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The period was cooler and wetter than normal overall. March was cold early in the month and was slow to warm even by the end of the month. As had become the norm this winter, the cold temperatures warmed with weather events and most of the precipitation was in the form of rain. No archived data were available for March. April was just about average temperature wise. There was a high of 78° F 19 April, 4° above normal, and a low of 20° on 2 April, 2° below normal. Precipitation totaled 3.85", .7" above normal. May continued cool and wet with a high of 88° on 26 May, and a low of 40° 15 May. This averaged out to 71.3°, 1.7° below normal. There was 4.77" of precipitation, .36" above normal.

As one might expect, spring was an active period throughout the Region, with exceptional birds being found in many areas.

On 5 March Curt McDermott found an adult Ross's Goose on Bruyn Turnpike, Town of Wallkill, Ulster County. The bird was seen for five days moving between Lippencott Road, Blue Chip Farms and Shawangunk Grasslands NWR, allowing many birders to track it down.

On 6 March an adult Greater White-fronted Goose that had been seen throughout the winter period was again found at Edith G. Read Nature Sanctuary in Rye, Westchester County, relocated by Gail Benson and Tom Burke.

The **Trumpeter Swan** found by the author in February on the Rondout Reservoir continued throughout March, allowing many to enjoy it through its last day on 1 April.

On 4 March Gail Benson and Tom Burke relocated an adult male Eurasian Wigeon in Rye, which they had originally found in February. More cooperative this time around, the bird was seen by several observers over the next two weeks.

A “**Eurasian**” **Green-winged Teal** discovered 20 March on Round Pond in Amenia by Chet Vincent was cited as a first record for Dutchess County in the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club’s newsletter, *Wings Over Dutchess* April 2019 edition. This sighting was followed by **two** Eurasian Green-winged Teals found by Carena Pooth and Barbara Butler on 26 March at the Strever Farm pond in Pine Plains. Photos were obtained from both locations.

On 8 April, a front from the south was accompanied by a rain event from the southwest. The rain began in the middle of the night with migration well under way, and this put down many birds throughout our Region, resulting in a good fallout. The Bashakill State Wildlife Management Area seemed to get the highest number of birds: Horned Grebe (37), Red-necked Grebe (7), Red-breasted Mergansers (13), Long-tailed Duck (2), Lesser Scaup (7) and Bufflehead (36) joined the already abundant waterfowl present. Ruddy Ducks were found at Swan Lake and Bonaparte’s Gulls were in three locations around the county. Neighboring Orange County had similar results in somewhat lower numbers, except for Long-tailed Duck, 27 of which were found on Orange Lake.

On 11 May, Wendy Tocci found a calling **King Rail** at Great Vly in Ulster County, a good location for this vagrant in the past.

Sandhill Cranes made a good showing in the Region this spring. On 16 March during a Mearn’s Bird Club field trip, Bruce Nott found a pair at the Bashakill. The birds remained most of the morning, eventually lifting off and heading over the ridge into Orange County. On 20 March a Sandhill Crane was seen on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail on a Waterman Bird Club Field Trip. On 27 March, one was seen flying over Sturgeon Pool in Ulster County, but not seen again. On 30 March a pair of cranes, possibly the same birds seen earlier in the month at the Bashakill, were found in the Black Dirt Region. They moved back and forth into New Jersey, returning regularly to the Orange County side as the period progressed. These birds were observed performing a courtship display and they mated. Near the end of April, one was found on a nest in the Wallkill River NWR just across the state line in New Jersey. As of this writing, three eggs have been confirmed in the nest. (The nesting ultimately failed.) Additional cranes were also seen. On 11 May Scott Baldinger’s “Big Day” team had a flyby at the Bashakill, and as many as five were seen on 18 May in the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge.

On 10 April, Heather Perusini found and photographed a basic plumaged American Golden-Plover at Croton Point Park. This species is rarely seen in the Region in spring, this being only the second Regional record for this time of year.

On 10 May, Sean Camillieri found a beautiful alternate plumaged black and white **Ruff** at Marshland Conservancy in Rye. It remained just long enough for a few more lucky birders to see it.

On 11 May Sean Camillieri found a pair of Black Terns at the Bashakill State Wildlife Management Area. Historically fairly common there, this was the first record in many years. They were found in the middle of a “Big Day” weekend and many birders got to see them. These were followed three days later by two more Black Terns, one of which continued the following day.

Jim Yates found an **American White Pelican** at Sleightsburg Spit on 2 May. The bird was seen by many observers from several vantage points around the area. It was also recorded for Dutchess County from Grimmel Street in Rhinecliff when it flew across the river briefly.

A Tricolored Heron was found at Tivoli Bays Wildlife Management Area on 21 April and remained for several days. On 22 April it was joined by a Little Blue Heron, these both seen by several observers.

Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were found early in the season at two locations. Aiello Park in Westchester County was a location where one might expect to find this species, but finding one, and later a pair, at a small stillwater pond in Orange County was most unexpected. First found by Joyce Depew and her grandson, they were ultimately seen by many observers. Only one bird had been seen since, but breeding is suspected, and continued observation of the site may yet confirm it (two birds again being seen in early June). An article containing details of the discovery and subsequent observations of this pair will be published in the next issue of *The Kingbird*.

On 20 April, Bruce Nott found five Glossy Ibis at the Route 207 Marsh in Montgomery. This was to be the first of many sightings in the Region throughout the period. On 4 May Jim Tuman found two at Croton Point Park, followed by three found by Matthew Strobino on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Two more were found by the author and his “Big Day” team at the Bashakill State Wildlife Management Area on 10 May. Finally, Matt Zeitler found a Glossy Ibis at Walkkill River National Wildlife Refuge on 12 May. This bird remained in the area through 21 May and was seen by many.

On 11 May, Mark DeDea found a singing Clay-colored Sparrow at Scenic Hudson on Kukuk Lane in the Town of Ulster. The bird was reported several times over the next two weeks.

On 23 March Matt Zeitler found an adult male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** on Lynch Avenue in the Orange County Black Dirt Region. The bird was in striking alternate plumage. Matt got the word out quickly and after some searching the bird was relocated and viewed by several birders. The bird could not be found the next day. On 31 March Tom Crepet and Jane Vechionne were having breakfast at their home in Gardiner when they looked out at their feeders as an adult male Yellow-headed Blackbird flew in with a group of Red-winged Blackbirds. They were able to get many photos of the bird in the half hour it remained, but unfortunately, the bird took off before any other birders could arrive. A search of the area failed to relocate the bird.

On 6 May Matthew and Barbara Strobino reported a Prothonotary Warbler at Rockefeller State Park. This was followed shortly thereafter on 7 May by another

found by Linda Scrima at the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Port Jervis, where it was seen by several people. Yet another Prothonotary was found by Anne Swaim at the Oscawana Island Nature Preserve on 13 May and remained until the following day.

On 4 May Curt McDermott, Tom Burke and Gail Benson found an adult male **Townsend's Warbler** at the Bashakill State Wildlife Management Area. The bird was seen and described well by the group but did not linger for additional birders who came to see it. This is a first record for Sullivan County. On 9 May Wilma Amthor spotted an adult female **Summer Tanager** feeding on the oranges in her yard. She had prolonged looks at the bird and managed some nice photos as well. This is only the second record for Sullivan County. On 28 May Melinda Cormier discovered an adult male **Western Tanager** at her feeders. She got some excellent photos of the bird, but it was not seen after that day. This is a first record for Sullivan County. A Blue Grosbeak was found by Bob Shriber at Marshland Conservancy on 6 May, only lingering a short time.

Notable this spring were record-setting early arrival dates for several passerines including Wilson's Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Cerulean Warbler and Yellow-throated Vireo.

**Addendum:** On 5 May 2018 Chris Chappell was birding along Haven Road at the Bashakill in Sullivan County, New York. He came upon a sparrow foraging in the undergrowth along the road. It caught his attention and he immediately began to video the bird. At that time, he couldn't identify the bird. He later reviewed his video and created still photos from that video. Upon extensive review the only identification he could come up with was **Seaside Sparrow!** He completed an eBird report identifying the bird as such and welcoming input from the regional reviewers to further aid in a conclusive identification. The report was ultimately confirmed and accepted by eBird. This is an amazing, rare, inland record of this species and a remarkable addition to the Sullivan County list. We congratulate Chris on his astute observation and follow up to confirm this unprecedented find.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**AP** – Apollo Plaza, SULL; **BCF** – Blue Chip Farm, ULST; **BFAS** – Buttercup Farm Audubon Sanctuary, DUTC; **BMSP** – Bear Mountain SP, ROCK; **BP** – Browns Pd, ORAN; **BSWMA** – Bashakill State WMA, SULL; **CFSP** – Clarence Fahnestock SP, PUTN; **CIOES** – Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, DUTC; **CMACS** – Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary, DUTC; **CPP** – Croton Pt P, WEST; **DHCLP** – D and H Canal Linear P, SULL; **DR** – Doodletown Rd, ROCK; **DRT** – Dutchess Rail Trail, DUTC; **EGR** – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, WEST; **EMLH** – Esopus Meadows Light House, ULST; **FPNC** – Forsythe P and Nature Center, ULST; **GL** – Glenmere L, ORAN; **GMP** – Glasco Mini P, ULST; **GV** – Great Vly WMA, ULST; **HS** – Harcourt Sanctuary, ULST; **HVRT** – Harlem Valley Rail Trail, DUTC; **I** – Iona I, ROCK; **KL** – Kiamesha L, SULL; **KP** – Kingston Pt, ULST; **LGC** – Laurel Grove Cemetery, ORAN; **LM** – Liberty Marsh, ORAN; **LNP** – Lenoir Nature Preserve, WEST; **LR** – Larchmont Res, WEST; **MC** – Marshlands Conservancy, WEST; **MF** – Muscoot Farm, WEST; **MP** – Morningside P, SULL; **MPHW** – Mount Peter Hawk Watch, ORAN; **NCR** – New Croton Res, WEST; **NR** – Neversink

Res, SULL; **NW** – Newburgh Waterfront, ORAN; **OCBDR** – Orange County Black Dirt Region, ORAN; **OINP** – Oscawana I Nature Preserve, WEST; **OMRLMSP** – Ogden Mills and Ruth Livingston Mills SP, DUTC; **PHP** – Peach Hill P, DUTC; **PITN** – Pine Island Turf Nursery, ORAN; **PP** – Piermont Pier, ROCK; **RL** – Rhinecliff Landing, DUTC; **RLSP** – Rockland L SP, ROCK; **RNC** – Rye Nature Center, WEST; **RR** – Rondout Res, SULL; **RSP** – Rockefeller SP, WEST; **SFSP** – Sterling Forest SP, ORAN; **SGNWR** – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR, ULST; **SHSR** – Six and a Half Station Road, ORAN; **SS** – Sleightsburg Spit, ULST; **SSF** – Stewart State Forest, ORAN; **TBWMA** – Tivoli Bays WMA, DUTC; **THMUA** – Taconic-Hereford Multiple Use Area, DUTC; **WL** – Wickham L, ORAN; **WRNWR** – Wallkill Ri NWR, ORAN.

#### **WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS**

**Snow Goose:** 500 WRNWR 14 Mar (RAuthorier); 82 NR 31 Mar (JHaa); 15 OCBDR 24 Mar (SHernandez, APerkins). Unusually low numbers.

**Ross's Goose:** Bruyn Turnpike-Lippencott Rd, ULST 5-10 Mar (CMc, JHaa, BNo, KMcd, mob).

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** LR 3 Mar (MBo); EGR 6-7 Mar (GB, SCam, KMcGr); Rye Brook, WEST 12 Mar (GB, TBu).

**Brant:** 8008 II 18 May (GB, TBu). 24 migrating flocks.

**Cackling Goose:** Stissing Pd DUTC 3 Mar (SMit, PLi, PMo, DvZ); Wisner Rd ORAN 6 Mar (JCI); BCF 9 Mar (DHuessy, JPr); Tarrytown L P WEST 13 Mar (SK); BSWMA 14 Mar (JHaa); FPNC 15 Mar (MD); SS 15 Mar (JU, JJ); Millerton DUTC 16 Mar (BM).

**TRUMPETER SWAN (R9):** RR continuing 1 Mar-1 Apr (JHaa, TBu, GB, mob).

**Tundra Swan:** Stoneridge ULST 1 Mar (PD, GB, LTa, DHayes); HVRT 11 Apr (MNI, MSO); 4 Amenia 13 Mar (DFI); 3 Ryder Pd DUTC 15 Mar (DK); Tamarack L DUTC 18 Mar (JAs).

**Eurasian Wigeon:** Rye, WEST 4-18 Mar (BSh, GB, TBu, mob).

**“Eurasian” Green-winged Teal:** m Round Pd, Amenia DUTC 20 Mar (C. Vincent, ph) and 26 Mar (CP); 2 males Strever Farm pond, Pine Plains DUTC (CP, BB, T. Macchiarola ph, mob); first record for county; unclear whether one was the same as the Round Pd bird.

**Canvasback:** NCR 1-19 Mar (CR, Swa, GB); 2 BP 4-11 Mar (BNo, JHaa, KMi); LR 4 Mar (KMcGr); 2 CPP 9 Mar (ASw, CR, DM); max 9 PP 10-31 Mar (VH, KR, ME); 2 Hudson Highland SP PUTN 11 Mar (RB); Beacon Waterfront 13 Mar (AMac); GL 14 Mar (KA).

**Redhead:** max 18 Lake Mahopac 1-7 Mar (KMcGr, SMit, PLi, mob); 3 BP 7-11 Mar (BNo, JHaa, KMi); 2 GMP 10-18 Mar (MD, FM, mob); 4 KP 14 Mar (FM).

**Surf Scoter:** 2 EGR 2 Mar (GB, TBu); 2 Ashokan Res. 18 Apr (SCam).

**White-winged Scoter:** Kensico L 11 Mar (DSi); max 23 EGR 11 Apr (GB, TBu); 2 WL 22 Apr (KA, KMi, MZe, BNo); 4 Orange L 24 Apr (BNo); 3 EMLH 26 Apr (DO); 3 KL 3 May (JHaa).

**Long-tailed Duck:** 2 BSWMA 3 Apr (SBa, JHaa); KL 8 Apr (JHaa, KMi); WL 8 Apr (KA); 2 BSWMA 8 Apr (BNo, KMi, SBa, JHaa); max 85 EGR 12 Mar (GB, TBu); 6 Sylvan L DUTC 14 Mar (BM); 3 KP 15 Mar (MD); 11 Walton L DUTC 5 May (MZe).

**Bufflehead:** 3 RR still present 31 May (RSt, SBa) very late.

**Barrow's Goldeneye:** GMP 12-30 Mar (MD, PD, KMcd, mob); KP 16 Mar (DH).

**Red-breasted Merganser:** 2 Lake Mahopac 1-5 Mar (KMcGr, SMit, PLi, mob); 4 CPP 9 Mar (ASw, LTr); 3 EMLH 31 Mar (DT); 3 NW 1 Apr (BNo); max 16 EGR 6 Apr (GB, TBu); max 13 BSWMA 8 Apr (BNo, SBa, JHaa, KMi, PD); 3 TBWMA 11 Apr (DO); KP 2 May (PSch, WTo, NM, MCors, mob).

**Ruddy Duck:** PP 8 Mar (KR); max 16 LR 7 Apr (SO); 4 Swan L 8 Apr (JHaa, SBa); 3 Rhinebeck Landing 15 Apr (CP); max 26 Lake Carmel 19 Apr (AMac); 6 WL 28 Apr (MZe); 5 MP 3 May (JHaa).

**Ruffed Grouse:** Minnewaska SP 30 Apr (NM, SBa); BSWMA 3 Apr (SBa); Harriman SP 7 Apr (LD); Slide Mountain 19 Apr (LD).

**Horned Grebe:** max 37 BSWMA 8 Apr (BNo, SBa, JHaa, KMi, PD); 25 SS 8 Apr (DFe, FM); 30 Orange L 8 Apr (BNo); max 63 EGR 11 Apr (GB, TBu), *intro*.

**Red-necked Grebe:** Rondout Creek 8 Mar (KMcD); 3 KP 8 Mar ((DWe); 7 BSWMA 8 Apr (BNo, SBA, JHaa, KMi, PD); 5 KL 8 Apr (JHaa, KMi); 3 GL 8 Apr (KA); 6 EGR 6 May (GB, TBu), *intro*.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** RNC 4 May (PCI, JClA); CMACS 15 May (KBa, CR); CPP 16 May (KBa, LG); 2 OMRLMSP 25 May (DLu); 3 SFSP 25 May (AMar, EZM); 2 HS 26 May (DWe). 2 BSWMA 27 May (CWo).

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** LGC 9 May (KA, LScr, MBu); DRT 13 May (MK, DvZ); 2 Mine Rd 17 May (BNo); RSP 18 May (JAb); max 3 SFSP 22-26 May (GB, KFu, SMit); HS 26 May (DWe); Prun Sanctuary WEST 27 May (ASw).

**Common Nighthawk:** 3 BSWMA 10 May (JHaa, LV, KMi); 2 MC 11 May (AMac); PHP 15 May (JAs, DvZ, BM); 4 CPP 16 May (CR); 2 TBWMA 16 May (SRo, AF); BMSP 25 May (PR); 30 BSWMA 24 May (SMit, PLi).

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** KP 4 May (WTo); max 6 SFSP 10 May (MZe); max 6 Mine Rd 17 May (BNo); Cooperstown Rd DUTC 18 May (CP); max 5 BSWMA 18 May (SSi, JDi).

#### RAILS – LARIDS

**Clapper Rail:** max 8 MC 29 Apr-31 May (GB, MBo, MSt, SWr, mob).

**KING RAIL:** GV 11 May (WTo), *intro*.

**Virginia Rail:** max 4 BSWMA 12 Apr (SBA, JHaa, GL, KMi); 2 BFAS 27 Apr (BM, MK, LMar, SRo); 4 SFSP 4 May (BSh, GB, TBu); 2 HS 11 May (DHu); 3 Humpo Marsh ULST 15 May (PSch); 2 KP 16 May (DHu); 2 Thompson Pd 17 May (SRo); 2 SGNWR 19 May (KFe, SF).

**Sora:** SHSR 27 Apr (KFe, SF); Mudder Kill Swamp DUTC 6 May (SJ); 2 CIOES 9 May (DvZ, mob); Humpo Marsh 10-15 May (PSch); BSWMA 10-21 May (JHaa, LV, mob); max 4 WRNWR 15 May (KA, mob); DHCLP 16 May (BG, JPa).

**Common Gallinule:** max 10 BSWMA 7 May (GB, TBu, mob); max 4 WRNWR 26 May (JS, DWa); 2 DRT 20-21 May (DvZ, MK).

**American Coot:** max 35 Lake Mahopac 3 Mar (SMit, PLi, PMo); Sylvan L 1 Apr (CP); 2 RLSP 10 Apr (CCo, AW, mob); max 3 GV 7-25 Apr (DH, PSch, mob); DRT 20-21 May (BM, MK, DvZ); 3 WRNWR 26 May (JS, DWa).

**Sandhill Crane:** 2 BSWMA 16 Mar (BNo, SBA, JHaa, KMi, RSt, mob); HVRT 20 Mar (MK, mob); max 5 WRNWR 30 Mar-31 May

(LScr, mob); SGNWR 4 May (LTa); BSWMA 11 May (SBA, MBu, JDi, SA), *intro*.

**American Oystercatcher:** max 5 EGR 27 Mar-31 May (GB, DvZ, ASw, mob); 2 CPP 20 May (CCo); max 7 MC 2 Apr-31 May (KA, MSt, BSt, mob).

**Black-bellied Plover:** max 3 MC 10-20 May (BSh, GB, KMcGr); 2 OCBDR 15-16 May (BNo, KA, mob); 3 PP 28 May (BKenny).

**American Golden-Plover:** CPP 10 Apr (HPerusini), *intro*.

**Semipalmated Plover:** max 6 Rt. 207 Marsh ORAN 11-28 May (BNo, MZe); max 5 CPP 10-12 May (MSt, EB, mob); max 6 EGR 15-29 May (GB, MSt, BSt); max 2 AP 16-29 May (JHaa, SBA, NH); 3 Camel Farm ORAN 18 May (JHaa, KMi); max 11 WRNWR 26 May (LScr, JS, DWa).

**Ruddy Turnstone:** MC 26 May (SRA, SK, MStr, BSt), only report.

**RUFF** MC 10 May (SCam, BSh, TBu, GB).

**Sanderling:** EGR 17 May (MBo), only report.

**Dunlin:** 2 MC 10 May (GB, ASw); SSF 18 May (BF); 2 Rt 207 Marsh 18-19 May (BNo); CMACS 23 May (JCollis).

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** 3 MC 10 May (GB, BSh, TBu); WRNWR 15 May (KA).

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** AP 4-9 May (JHaa, SBA, KMi, PD); Pine Hill Rd ORAN 6 May (KA); WRNWR 17 May (KA, SBA, MBu); BMSP 19 May (CMi, JVG).

**Solitary Sandpiper:** max 21 AP 3-26 May (JHaa, SBA, mob), unusually high number.

**Willet:** max 4 MC 15 Apr-30 May (GB, SCam, BNi, mob).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** 3 BSWMA 8 Apr (BNo, SBA); 8 RL 13 Apr (JAs); 7 NR (JHaa, SBA); max 39 CPP 15 Apr-16 May (GB, ASw, DvZ, mob); 26 KP 5 May (NM); 33 Kowawese Unique Area, Plum Pt ORAN (BNo); 5 Norrie Pt 17 May (SR, RMa).

**Laughing Gull:** 30 CPP 20 Apr (LTr); max 2 MC 21 Apr-13 May (MSt, BSt, GB, MV, SCam); max 5 EGR 28-30 May (GB); CPP 1 May (BSt, SCam, SWr).

**Iceland Gull:** Beacon Waterfront 2-3 Mar (KBa, ASw, CR); Hunter Plaza WEST 6 Mar (VH).

**Least Tern:** Five Islands P WEST 30 Apr (VH); max 2 MC 10-27 May (GB, MSt, BSt).

**Caspian Tern:** 2 CPP 13 Apr (LTr, GB, mob); Orange L 15 Apr (BNo); 2 CMACS 17 Apr (DvZ, KBa, CR); 2 CPP 1 May (SWr, BSt, SRA, PCI); PP 2 May (KR, SCo); 3 KP 11 May (WTo, JPr, JCli).



**Black Tern:** GV 4 May (PSch, SRo, SSc); max 2 BSWMA 11-15 May (SCam, KBa, JHaa, LV, mob); EGR 29 May (GB, TBu).  
**Common Tern:** 3 Ashokan Res 30 Apr (PSch, DH); 4 Cornwall Bay (BNo, MZe); 4 Long Dock P 5 May (CP, MZe, BNo); High Banks Preserve 5 May (MD); KP 11 May (WTo, JPr, JCLi); 5 RL 17 May (RMa).  
**Forster's Tern:** max 9 MC 15 Apr- 17 May (GB, SCam, ASw, mob).

### LOONS – FALCONS

**Red-throated Loon:** max 3 EGR 2 Mar-20 Apr (GB, KMcGr, SCam); max 2 MC 15 Mar-4 May (DJ, ASw, SWr, mob); 13 KL 31 Mar (JHaa, PD, RDe, KMi, KMCD, SBa); KP 31 Mar (PSch, RMi, WTo, NM); GMP 5 Apr (RMi, DT).

**Northern Gannet:** max 33 EGR 26 Mar- 20 Apr (GB, KMcGr, SWr, mob).

**Great Cormorant:** max 7 EGR 2 Mar- 12 Apr (GB, TBu, VH, mob); 30 Fleishman's Pier P 3 Mar (CR); KP 7-8 Mar (DH, NM, DWa, mob); 2 Steamboat Riverfront P WEST 10 Mar (SRo); Cornwall Bay 19 Mar (KMCD); max 2 Hudson Highlands SP 20-24 Mar (CP, MRy, AMac, mob); CPP 27-28 Mar (KBa, CR, LG); RSP 16 Apr (VH).

**AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R9):** SS 2 May (JY, DH, WTo, mob); Rhinecliff 2 May (DK).

**American Bittern:** max 2 WRNWR 4 Apr-31 May (LScr, KA, BNo, mob); max 4 BSWMA 11 Apr- 31 May (JHaa, SBa, SSi, JDi, mob); SHSR 14 Apr- 26 May (KA); Pine Cliff Sanctuary 13 Apr (VH); CPP 26 Apr (VH); Kendrige Farm ORAN 7 May (BT); SFSP 29 May (CH).

**Least Bittern:** GV 4 May (PSch, SRo); BSWMA 13 May (JHaa, SMit, PLi, SBa, mob); TBWMA 15-16 May (MGra, SRo, AF); WRNWR 20-31 May (LScr, JS, DWa, mob); 2 CMACS 23 May (JAn); SHSR 27 May (KA); PP 31 May (ME); TBWMA 31 May (DvZ, SRo, BM).

**Great Egret:** KP 12 Apr (CP, PSch); WRNWR 13 Apr (BNo, KMi); CPP 13 Apr (SK, GB, MSt, mob); TBWMA 17 Apr (SRo); 2 CMACS 21 Apr (KBa); BSWMA 4-11 May (JHaa, KMi, SBa, BNo, mob); PP 5 May (ME); GV 11 May (WTo, JPr, JCLi, DT); WRNWR 16 May (KMCD, AA, LA, LScr); SSF 22 May (KA, BNo, MBu); 6 II 25 May (KFu).

**Snowy Egret:** max 4 EGR 5 Apr- 29 May (GB, KA, NG, mob); max 3 CPP 13-17 Apr (LTr, SWr, mob); 2 PP 22 Apr (KR).

**Little Blue Heron:** TBWMA 22 Apr (CP, SeC), *intro*.

**Tricolored Heron:** TBWMA 21-22 Apr (BM, SRo, mob); Titus Millpond WEST 17-31 May (MBo, SWr, CP, BNi, BSt), *intro*.

**Cattle Egret:** 2 WRNWR 15-20 May (BNo, JHaa, KMi, LScr, mob).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** max 4 EGR 6 Apr- 31 May (GB, KA, MBo, mob); 2 CPP 13-15 Apr (SK, GB, mob); Saugerties 14 Apr (PSch, RMi); TBWMA 17-18 Apr (SRo); Lents Cove P 19 Apr (SRo); Quassaic Creek ORAN 20 Apr (BNo, JHaa); BMSP 4 May (RGo, mob); RL 31 May (JAs).

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:** max 2 VanBurenville Rd ORAN 15 Apr-31 May (JD, BNo, KMCD, mob); 2 EGR 22 Apr (GB, TBu); *intro*.

**Glossy Ibis:** 5 Route 207 Marsh 20 Apr (BNo); HVRT 28 Apr (M. Nicosia); 2 KP 4 May (WTo); 2 CPP 4 May (JT); 2 BSWMA 10 May (LV, JHaa, KMi); 3 CPP 17 May (MStr); WRNWR 12-21 May (MZe, LScr, RSt, KMCD, BNo, mob), *intro*.

**Golden Eagle:** Dover 3 Mar (SMit, PLi, PMo); OCBDR 9 Mar (DK); Goshen 13 Mar (KA); Millbrook 17 Mar (DK); Gibson Hill Rd ORAN 2 Apr (JS); FPNC 5 Apr (MD).

**Peregrine Falcon:** max 2 CPP 5 Mar-31 May (SRo, CR, mob); KP 13 Mar (DWe, DH); Dockside P 27 Mar (CR, KBa); BSWMA 25 Apr (SA); DR 27 Apr (KFe, SF); 2 Hawks Nest 18 May (KMi, MZe, JHaa); WRNWR 20-21 May (LScr, AB, AC).

### FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** max 2 BMSP 18-31 May (UM, MBK, mob); SFSP 19-26 May (SMit, PLi, LK, mob); Gumaer Falls Rd SULL 25 May (PRi).

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** WRNWR 19 May (JG, PA, FP); max 2 PHP 19 May (JAs, DST); BSWMA 25 May (SMit, PLi, SBa, mob); RNC 31 May (GB, KMcGr).

**Acadian Flycatcher:** max 4 SFSP 11-30 May (GL, MBK, SMit, PLi, mob); BMSP 14-31 May (AC, mob); Dug Hill Rd ULST 17-19 May (MCors, PSch, WTo); max 2 Port Orange Rd ORAN 17-20 May (JHaa, KMi, mob); Gumaer Falls Rd SULL 18-31 May (GB, JG, PD, mob); Quacker L Rd 21 May (CP, BP); Glazier Preserve and Arboretum WEST 25 May (BNI).

**Alder Flycatcher:** BSWMA 17 May (JHaa, mob); max 5 CIOES 18-28 May (JAs, CP, ASw); 2 SSF 22 May (KA, BNo, MBu);

SGNWR 25 May (KA, mob); 2 OMRLMSP 26-28 May (JCl, GB, SRo); TBWMA 31 May (BM, SRo, DvZ).

**White-eyed Vireo:** PHP 20 Apr (ASw, DvZ); RSP 2 May (MGro, TW); MC 3 May (GB, BSt); Dover 6-18 May (CP, SJo, mob); SFSP 11 May (GL); CIOES 20 May (CP, BP); SSF 22 May (KA, BNo, MBu); BFAS 26-27 May (CP, MRy); BSWMA 31 May (EB).

**Purple Martin:** max 15 Gibson Hill Rd 9 Apr-31 May (JS, mob); BSWMA 15-17 Apr (JHaa, SA); 20 Glynwood Farm PUTN 17 Apr (CR); max 10 Paradies Lane ULST 25 Apr-31 May (DO, MF, mob); North Highland P PUTN 1 May (DvZ); 4 EMLH 28 Apr (APa); Esopus Meadows P ULST 3 May (DT); PHP 15 May (JAs); SSF 15 May (BF).

**Cliff Swallow:** 4 Cross River Res 13 Apr Beacon Waterfront 23 Apr (DvZ); max 8 BSWMA 28 Apr-21 May (GL, JHaa, SBA, mob); 12 KP 15 May (PD); 12 CPP 22 May (DvZ, ASw); 4 RR 23 May (SBA); 60 Cross River Res WEST 23 May (GB, TBu).

**Marsh Wren:** max 3 TBWMA 15 Apr-31 May (SRo, BM, mob); CMACS 21 Apr-31 May (KBa, LG, CR, mob); GV 24 Apr -27 May (RMI, AC, AG, mob); max 6 SHSR 27 Apr-31 May (KFe, SF, mob); max 4 BSWMA 29 Apr-31 May (JHaa, SBA, mob); max 3 MC 10-31 May (BSt, GB, SWr, mob); max 3 WRNWR 15-31 May (JS, JHaa, LScr, mob); 2 II 17-19 May (CR, IR, SeC). Conservative numbers, range continues to expand in Region.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** BSWMA 9-21 May (SBA, SA, MBu, mob); Nuclear L DUTC 10 May (CP, BP); CIOES 12 May (AMac); PHP 15 May (JAs); Ulster P 15 May (DT); BMSP 24 May (MStr); MF 25 May (SO). Low numbers this season.

**Swainson's Thrush:** max 4 RNC 3-31 May (GB, SO, KMcGr, mob); max 6 BSWMA 4-25 May (SBA, JHaa, KMi, mob); max 4 BMSP 4-31 May (ME, AC, CR, mob); 2 PHP 8-15 May (BM, LMar, mob); SSF 22 May (BNo, MBu, KA).

**Brown Thrasher:** max 18 PHP 6 Apr-31 May (JAs, CP, mob); max 4 BSWMA 7Apr-31 May (SBA, JHaa, BNo, mob); 2 MC 8 Apr-31 May (DJ, GB, ASw, mob); max 3 Kukok Lane ULST 14 Apr-11 May (MD, FM, mob) max 11 Beechwoods Area SULL 30 May (JHaa).

**Evening Grosbeak:** max 42 Smith Rd SULL 1-24 Mar (JHaa, SBA, mob); 4 Olivebridge, ULST 1 May (MZi); 2 Willow General Store, ULST 15 May (MLa); Kingston, ULST 5 May

(MD, PSch, mob); West Point, ORAN 5 May (BT).

**Common Redpoll:** max 21 Aden Rd SULL 1-24 Mar (SSu, JHaa, SBA, GL, mob); Fehr, ULST 1 Mar (RMI); Ulster P 2 Mar (DT); Carmel 2 Mar (EJ); 8 Cross River Res WEST 13 Mar (SCam).

**Pine Siskin:** max 33 BSWMA 1Mar-19 May (SBA, JHaa, KMi, mob); max 10 Peel Lane DUTC 7 Mar-15 May (SI, CP); max 8 FPNC 24 Apr-9 May (MD); max 7 Gibson Hill Rd ORAN 27 Apr-19 May (JS). Widespread, late in good numbers.

**Lapland Longspur:** max 3 OCBDR 9-10 Mar (KA, EF); OCBDR 23 Mar (PSch).

### NEW WORLD SPARROWS - CARDINALIDS

**Vesper Sparrow:** 2 CPP 13 Apr-28 May (NG, SRo, ASw); PHP 14 Apr (JAs); 2 SSF 16 Apr (KMcD, BNo, BF); WRNWR 20 Apr (LScr); Ward Pound Ridge 21 Apr (BNi) OCBDR 22 Apr (BNo); BSWMA 29 Apr (JHaa, SBA, KMi).

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** max 10 SGNWR 1-31 May (PSch, SA, BNo, mob); 2 OCBDR 4-31 May (BNo, LScr, CCha, MCh); SSF 15-30 May (BF); CPP 24-31 May (LTr, ASw, BStr, mob); 4 Grieg Farm 31 May (DvZ, BM, SRo).

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** MC 2 May (GB, TBu); CMACS 3 May (KBa); max 2 PHP 4-24 May (JAs, BM, DvZ, mob); BSWMA 11-17 May (JHaa, KMi, PD); OMRLMSP 17 May (SRo, RMa).

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** Cranberry L P 6 May (MJ); OMRLMSP 25-31 May (CP, JAs, GB, mob); New Paltz 31 May (DO).

**YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (R9):** OCBDR 23 March (MZe, JHaa, BNo, GB, TBu, mob); Gardiner, Ulster County 31 March (TC, JV), *intro*.

**Bobolink:** max 7 MF 4-27 May (PLe, ASw, DvZ, mob); max 6 BFAS 7-27 May (BM, SRo, mob); max 25 Drayton Grant P 10 May (LW); max 35 SGNWR 19 May (KFe, SF); 6 RSP 27 May (VH); max 50 Beechwoods Area 30 May (JHaa).

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 2 Strever Farm 25 Mar-29 May (DK, CP, CV, mob); max 4 OCBDR 22 Mar (Dbr); 3 Knapp's View 4 May (CCha, MCh, mob); max 10 SGNWR 29 May (JR, JM, mob); max 7 Beechwoods Area 30 May (JHaa).

**Boat-tailed Grackle:** MC 2-18 May (GB, TBu, MBo). Rare in Region.

**Worm-eating Warbler:** SFSP 4-20 May (FP, BSh, LK, mob); max 5 DR 4-31 May (JCI, KSch, GB, mob); max 4 High Banks P 5-19 May (MD, DO, PSch, FM); max 5 Mohonk Preserve 7-27 May (PCa, DWe, mob).

**Golden-winged Warbler:** RSP 2-11 May (BNI, TK); 2 DR 17-25 May (FP, WTe); max 4 SFSP 4-31 May (SeC, KBa, KMcGr, mob).

**Prothonotary Warbler:** RSP 6 May (MStr, BStr); LGC 7 May (LScr, JHaa, KMcd, KMi, GB); OINP 13-14 May (RMa, ASw, PCI),

**Tennessee Warbler:** max 5 RSP 27 Apr- 20 May (MStr, BStr, BNI, mob); max 15 DR 6-31 May (IR, AG, ASw, mob); max 2 BSWMA 5-25 May (Sba, PD, SCam, KBa, mob); max 4 CMACS 10-28 May (DvZ, DK, CP, mob); 2 THMUA 19-24 May (AMac, MK, SCam); 14 High Banks Preserve 19 May (MD).

**Nashville Warbler:** SFSP 30 Apr- 29 May (MCha, CCh, GL, mob); MC 2-10 May (TJ, GB, BSt, RMa); max 6 PHP 2 May (CP, DvZ, BM, mob); max 4 BSWMA 2-8 May (JHaa, Sba, KMi, mob); Minnewaska SP 7-14 May (KA, Sba, MBu, mob).

**Mourning Warbler:** TBWMA 17 May (SRo, RMa); 2 SFSP 19-29 May (SMit, PLi, PA, JG); SSS 22 May (KA, BNo, MBu); BFAS 24-27 May (LW, CP, AL); Tymor Forest P 24-28 May (AMac); max 3 BSWMA 24-26 May (SMit, PLi, JHaa, Sba, mob); DR 25 May (MGro, mob); MC 27-30 May (GB, TBu).

**Kentucky Warbler:** SFSP 3 May (MZe); Phillis Bridge Road 6 May (PCa); PHP 15 May (JAs, CF); Mine Road 19 May (JG, PA); RNC 21 May (GB, TBu).

**Hooded Warbler:** max 13 DR 29 Apr- 31 May (AW, ME, BNo, mob); max 6 SFSP 1-31 May (MZe, CCha, SCam, mob); MC 2 May (TJ, GB); 2 BSWMA 4 May (JHaa, Jcli, mob); max 9 Dover 5-18 May (CP, BP, DK, mob); max 11 Minnewaska SP 7-31 May (Sba, KA, NM, AL, mob); 7 Pawling Nature Reserve 11 May (KH, BB, mob); Ferncliff Forest 14 May (BM, DvZ, ASw, SRo); 2 MF 18-20 May (EG, SWr, LTr, SK).

**Cap May Warbler:** max 3 BSWMA 4-26 May (JHaa, GB, CMc, KMcd, mob); max 5 LGC 7-19 May (KMcd, JHaa, KMi, MZe, mob); max 3 DR 9-18 May (KSch, GB, GL,

mob); max 8 OINP 13-16 May (CR, ASw, LTr, mob); 2 RSP 15-18 May (MSt, mob); 2 Gibson Hill Road 19-30 May (JS).

**Cerulean Warbler:** max 6 BSWMA 26 Apr- 31 May (JHaa, Sba, KMi, mob); max 7 SFSP 30 Apr- 31 May (GB, MZe, KBa, SCam, mob); max 18 DR 2-31 May (GL, CShe, KMcGr, mob); 4 Mohonk Preserve 7 May (DWe); 2 TBWMA 9 May (BM, SRo, AF).

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** max 3 RNC 8-22 May (SO, PCI, GB); BSWMA 8-18 May (JHaa, Sba, LV, mob); max 6 Ferncliff Forest 14-17 May (ASw, DvZ, BM, mob); GV 15-19 May (PP, PSch, KMcGa, mob); 2 CPP 16 May (KBa, LTr, mob); max 4 DR 18 May (ASw, CR, KMcGr, mob); max 5 THMUA (JAs, AMac, BM, mob).

**Yellow-throated Warbler:** RNC 6-7 May (KMcGr, PCI), only report.

**TOWNSEND'S WARBLER:** BSWMA 4 May (CMc, TBu, GB). First Sullivan County record, *intro*.

**Canada Warbler:** max 3 BSWMA 4-26 May (JHaa, KMi, KMcd, mob); max 5 LGC 7-19 May (KMi, KMcd, JHaa, mob); max 3 DR 9-18 May (ME, GL, mob); max 8 OINP 13-16 May (CR, ASw, LTr, mob); 2 RSP 15-18 May (MSt, mob).

**Wilson's Warbler:** max 5 BSWMA 17 Apr-27 May (BNo, Sba, JHaa, mob); max 3 CPP 4-16 May (NZ, KBa, LG, mob); 2 Kukok Lane (MD, ASc); GV 13-14 May (PSch, AG); 2 OINP 14-15 May (SK, KMcGr, SCam). Early date, widespread reports.

**SUMMER TANAGER (R9):** Bloomingburg, SULL 9 May (WAmthor) second county record, *intro*; DR 31 May (AKopitov, YHoffman).

**WESTERN TANAGER:** Jeffersonville, SULL 28 May (MCormier), first county record, photos, *intro*.

**Blue Grosbeak:** MC 6 May (BSh, GB, TBu).

#### ADDENDUM FOR 2018

**SEASIDE SPARROW (R9):** BSWMA 5 May 2018 (C. Chappell, ph, vid), first SULL record.



## REGION 10—MARINE

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	Central Park			Islip		
<b>Temp</b>	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Mar	41.7°	42.5°	-0.8°	38.7°	39.3°	-0.6°
Apr	55.4°	53.0°	+2.4°	51.9°	49.1°	+2.8°
May	62.2°	62.4°	-0.2°	59.8°	58.6°	+1.2°

	Central Park			Islip		
<b>Precip</b>	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Mar	3.87"	4.36"	-0.49"	3.19"	4.44"	-1.25"
Apr	4.55"	4.50"	+0.05"	5.95"	4.34"	+1.61"
May	6.82"	4.19"	+2.63"	5.05"	3.78"	+1.27"

If I had to summarize the spring of 2019 in one adjective, it would be “Texan”. However, that would fail to capture the interesting finch flight leftovers from the prior winter, and the new peak season for mega shorebirds.

March 2019 was slightly colder and drier than average, while April and May were warmer and wetter, by 2.8° in Islip April and 2.63" in Central Park in May. The largest snowfall during this period was the evening of 3 March into the next morning, which accumulated to several inches along the North Shore of Long Island but was distinctly lesser elsewhere. The relative lack of snowfall this March was a welcome relief from the previous March, in which there was at least one significant snowstorm each week. A slingshot event on 21 April, per notes from Patricia Lindsay, brought a variety of migrants north and east rapidly, including some southern species that otherwise would not have travelled so far.

Following an autumn that brought a large population of Evening Grosbeaks south, it was not surprising that a few more individuals of that species were sighted into spring. The most notable was a single male that was found in Riverside Park on the Upper West side on 15 December, 2018, and continued there for nearly a third of the year—all the way through 28 March, 2019. Several transient grosbeaks were seen as well, including a cooperative bird in Prospect Park in mid-April and several disparate feeder visitors in mid-May. The other interesting finch observed in this period was a more expected irruptive, the Red Crossbill. Despite a poor southbound flight in the latter half of 2018, a flock was discovered along the Paumanok Trail near Upton, Suffolk County, in late March. One pair was seen gathering nesting material and repeatedly visiting a nest site. Reports continued into mid-April, but the success of the nesting attempt was not confirmed. Like Pine Siskins, which were also seen moving late through this period, Red Crossbill is known for unexpected nesting activity, even well south of its expected range.

While the beginning of spring is traditionally associated with movements of common birds, a few surprises appeared before the main Neotropical waves. The first was a **Western Tanager** that began visiting a feeder in Bohemia in late March. This bird may well have been displaced for some time, recently having abandoned its makeshift wintering territory that was somewhere else in our general region. The same may have happened to a Dickcissel that was found singing in a highly urban setting a half mile west of Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Forest Hills, Queens, on 6 April.

It would be a stretch to call the push of Black Vultures into Region 10 “Texan”, but for Long Island birders it felt like it. All Region 10 counties got a healthy dose of sightings, even though sightings are usually concentrated to Richmond, New York, the Bronx, and less frequently western Brooklyn and Queens. In 2016, the only eBird record east of Queens was an October migrant along the barrier beach in Suffolk. In 2017, there were some single Black Vulture sightings around central Nassau County and a few small groups along the North Fork. In 2018, the Riverhead roost was discovered, but outside of the Peconic River area, there were only two other sight records in Central Suffolk. This spring, the East End had records as far as Orient on the North Fork and Springs on the South Fork, and several individuals were seen over western Nassau and Queens in early April. A mid-May record from Charles Memorial Park in Queens broke this pattern, and Flushing Meadows Corona Park produced a high count of four in one visit. Hawkwatching from Alley Pond in Queens produced this species on many occasions in April, with up to three seen at once.

In mid-April, the Texan theme was gaining ground. Central Park is well-visited and thus it rarely records new species for its park list, but a **White-winged Dove** found in mid-April was an exception. Nickerson Beach in Nassau had a cooperative **Black-necked Stilt** around this time. **White-faced Ibis** began showing up at Timber Point and adjacent Great River sites in Suffolk as well, and were seen irregularly throughout the entire period. Repeated visits by local birders with cameras proved there were at least four individuals (per Shai Mitra’s notes) around. A group of **Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks** was observed in Nassau County beginning on 21 May; originally four were seen at Cow Meadow, but the group moved between that site, the Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, Nickerson Beach, and the Ocean Parkway/Bay Parkway cloverleaf at Jones Beach West End. During that time the flock swelled to twelve individuals, as counted in the air at the Jones Beach cloverleaf on 3 June, just past this report’s coverage period. That was a new high count for New York State. Everything is bigger in Nassau (sic). This incursion follows their recently-minted trend of northeastern spring dispersal, something akin to what Cave Swallows suddenly began doing in late autumn.

The writers of the Regional reports are tasked with determining arrival dates for a select number of species that have been tracked in a separate report through the years. The criteria for determining the true arrival is somewhat subjective, but my arrival dates were consistently earlier than the 30-year average, usually on the

order of a few days. One individual Swainson's Thrush beat its average arrival by two weeks. The only notable exception to this trend was Black Tern, which went unreported in Region 10 until 11 days after its average arrival of 12 May. The shift forward in arrival dates of our migrants is well-studied and better described elsewhere, and the connection to rising temperatures in the eastern United States will be only mentioned briefly now; not that it isn't important, rather it will probably be the most profound trend mentioned in any *Kingbird* Regional narrative for the next century.

In addition to earlier arrivals, certain species have continued trends of occurring more frequently. Common Ravens and southern passerines such as Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, and Yellow-throated and Prothonotary Warblers were widely encountered across the Region this season.

May brought some rarity highlights. For shorebirds, a Wilson's Phalarope on 25 May at Nickerson Beach was notable, especially as this species is recorded with much lower frequency in Nassau County than its neighbor counties. Another highlight was a **Wilson's Plover** that spent seven days around Cupsogue Beach starting on 15 May. This is a species that tends not to linger, so many birders were thrilled with a Wilson's Plover that fit their schedule. An offshore surveying vessel picked up a **South Polar Skua** on 24 May. A **Mississippi Kite** was observed moving across Brooklyn on 20 May. Jamaica Bay had a wonderful **Sage Thrasher** that cooperated in the South Garden over two days in mid-May. The bird was the fifth record for New York State, and the first in 46 years. This record was not diminished, but rather made more extraordinary, when New York's *sixth* Sage Thrasher record occurred 13 days later at Watch Hill on Fire Island.

Another highly celebrated New York City find this spring was a **Burrowing Owl** at Big Egg Marsh. The bird was found by Jennifer Kepler perching on poles in a small construction area right in the parking lot from its discovery in the late afternoon of 16 May through nightfall, when it was observed flying off into the marsh. Substantial efforts to relocate the bird the following morning, once its access had been better detailed, did not produce any further sightings. Interestingly, five days prior, a Burrowing Owl was photographed in central Quebec, about 730 miles north of Queens. It is worth noting that the western populations of Burrowing Owl, such as the two aforementioned vagrant individuals, breed at comparable latitudes near the Canadian border in the Great Plains. With only six prior records of Burrowing Owl in New York State and Sage Thrashers verging on routine, it is hard to imagine that there was an even greater rarity this season, albeit one that broke the Texan mold.

After Pat Lindsay's stellar find of a Wood Sandpiper amongst a small group of shorebirds at the Timber Point Golf Course last April, one may have perceived a perverse inevitability when she found a **Common Greenshank** at the same location and under the same circumstances on 5 May. Given that Common Greenshank had only been recorded in the Lower 48 three times previously (in California, Massachusetts, and New Jersey—see article elsewhere in the present issue), and that the Great River shorebird spots do not seem to be stopover sites

for any great volume of shorebirds, this latest find seems even more spectacular. Both this bird and the Wood Sandpiper spent most of their stays feeding at the same ephemeral puddle on the green itself, along with yellowlegs and other common shorebirds. The weather was particularly unpleasant for migration, with fits of rain and a considerable east wind. It is worth noting that Common Greenshank, like Wood Sandpiper and several other Old World shorebirds, has also been recorded in the Lesser Antilles and Bermuda. Even when migrating along the wrong continent, these species tend to keep a similar pace, so we know when to look for next year's Great River headliner. The question is: why there?

298 species were reported in the Region this spring, one fewer than last spring.

The editors of Region 10 note with sadness the passing of Robert G. May on 8 April 2019. Dave Klauber, long-time friend of Bob's contributed the following:

Bob was a familiar face to many New York birders over the last four decades, especially in the Long Island area. He co-led field trips for Huntington Audubon for 10 years, and continued to lead big days and participate in Christmas counts for many years afterwards. Bob was born in Brockton, Massachusetts and, although he resided in New York for most of his adult life, never lost his strong Massachusetts accent. One day years ago, Bob left a message on the answering machine to meet him at the hawk watch. His accent was interpreted by my mother to say Bob would meet me at the 'hog wash'—seriously.

He was a teacher and a natural educator which carried through to birding. Many a new birder was encouraged and educated through birding outings with Bob. He was an excellent mentor, a passionate birder and lister, and chased birds all over the region and country. His memory was excellent. Bob would run into a birder in the field and would remember their name and where they had met from years earlier. You could not want a better birding buddy than Bob—always good-natured and easy going no matter what the circumstances. He will be deeply missed by those who knew him.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**APEC** – Alley Pond Environmental Center, Bayside, QUEE; **APP** – Alley Pd P, QUEE; **BBrP** – Brooklyn Bridge P, KING; **BBYC** – Bellport Bay Yacht Club, SUFF; **BNL** – Brookhaven Nat'l Lab, Upton, SUFF; **BPt** – Breezy Pt, QUEE; **CCP** – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; **CMP** – Cow Meadow P, NASS; **CP** – Central P, NEWY; **CRSP** – Connetquot Ri SP, SUFF; **CVP** – Calvert Vaux P, KING (formerly Drier-Offerman P); **DR** – Dune Rd, CCP to Shinn, SUFF; **EPCAL** – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), Calverton, SUFF; **FBF** – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; **FKP** – Fresh Kills P, RICH; **FP** – Forest P, QUEE; **FT** – Fort Tilden, QUEE; **FWP** – Fort Washington P, NEWY; **GwC** – Greenwood Cemetery, KING; **HP** – Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF; **HSP** – Heckscher SP, SUFF; **IHP** – Inwood Hill P, NEWY; **JBWE** – West End, Jones Beach SP, NASS; **JBWR** – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; **Mon** – Montauk, T of



East Hampton, SUFF; **MPB** – Marine P Brooklyn, KING; **Nap** – Napeague, SUFF; **NB** – Nickerson Beach, NASS; **NYBG** – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; **OMNSA** – Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, NASS; **PBP** – Pelham Bay P, BRON; **PL** – Point Lookout, NASS; **PlumbB** – Plumb Beach, KING; **PP** – Prospect P, KING; **RI** – Randall’s I, NEWY; **Riv** – Riverhead, SUFF; **RMSP** – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **RP** – Jacob Riis P, QUEE; **SC** – Santapogue Creek, SUFF; **Shinn** – Shinnecock Inlet, SUFF; **SPCP** – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; **SPP** – Southards Pd P, West Babylon, SUFF; **TP** – Timber Point Golf Course and marinas, SUFF; **VCP** – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; **WPP** – Wolfe’s Pd P, RICH.

#### **WATERFOWL-HUMMINGBIRDS**

##### **BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK:**

4, CMP, 21 May (JLa, mob), likely same flock also seen at JBWE and OMNSA thru June, flock incr to 12 at JBWE by 3 Jun, *intro*.

**Snow Goose:** max 600, JBWR, 17 Mar (SSi).

**Barnacle Goose:** Cherry Creek Golf Course, SUFF, 1 Mar (R&G Dean), cont from winter.

**Cackling Goose:** VCP, 17-39 Mar (mob); Arthur Hendrickson P, NASS thru 9 Mar (mob); Caumsett SP, SUFF, 27 Mar (SF, KFe); HP, 3 Mar (ACo).

**Tundra Swan:** 2, Georgica Pd, SUFF, thru 9 Mar (mob).

**Eurasian Wigeon:** MPB, thru 27 Mar (mob); Bush Terminal Piers Pk, KING, thru 8 Apr (mob).

**“Eurasian” Green-winged Teal:** SC, thru 6 Apr (PMo, mob)

**Redhead:** max 54, Avon L, SUFF, 9 Mar (mob), declining in Region but increasing over whole range.

**Harlequin Duck:** dep PL, 14 Apr (A. Milillo, C. Braut); 2 SPCP, 14-24 Mar (KCa).

**Bufflehead:** max 600, TP, SUFF, 14 Apr (SSM), uncommon in large flocks.

**Wild Turkey:** 2, Ft Tryon Pk, NEWY, 11-17 Apr (mob), unusual loc; 2, IHP, 13 Apr (D. Karlson), likely same pair as Ft Tryon; 6, along Long Island Expwy in Syosset, NASS, 16 Mar (JGa), unusual loc.

**WHITE-WINGED DOVE:** CP, 14 Apr (JDi, mob), first for New York County.

**Common Nighthawk:** first rep 19 Apr IHP; many widespread reports throughout May, but all single birds except max 4 Wildwood SP SUFF 22 May (C. Fernandes).

**Chuck-will’s-widow:** arr Quogue, SUFF, 16 May (V. Glasser); CP, 18 May (mob).

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** migrants singing in 3 urban neighborhoods, Jackson Heights, QUEE, 4 May (J.Beirne); Clinton Hill, KING,

6 May (N. Mindos); Highbridge Park, NEWY, 10 May (AF), max 12, Nap, 26 May (AnW).

#### **RAILS-LARIDS**

**Sora:** Mon, 14-30 Apr (CG, TS); 2, Oakwood Bch, RICH, 25 Apr-19 May (mob).

**SANDHILL CRANE (R10):** Nap, 27-31 May (mob), unusual upland habitat.

**BLACK-NECKED STILT:** NB, 21 Apr-7 May (S. Walter, mob).

**American Golden-Plover:** NB, 20-24 Apr (mob), only report.

**WILSON’S PLOVER:** CCP, 15-21 May (R. Erin, reported by Nick Giordano; mob).

**Piping Plover:** max 39, JBWE, 19 Apr (M. Holquist).

**Western Sandpiper (Spring):** 3, Shinn, 30 Apr (mob).

**Spotted Sandpiper:** 21 FKP 8 May (RG), breeding birds.

**COMMON GREENSHANK:** TP, SUFF 5-6 May (PjL, mob), 1<sup>st</sup> state record, *intro*.

**Wilson’s Phalarope:** NB, 25 May (mob), rarely encountered in Nassau.

**SOUTH POLAR SKUA:** pelagic coordinates 38.882, -73.073, 24 May (J.Loeh), rarely sought or encountered in spring.

**Razorbill:** PlumbB, 1 Mar (T. Preston); from ferry off Coney Island, KING, 3 Mar (JMa); dep 2, RMSP 30 May (SF, KFe), late.

**Black-legged Kittiwake:** imm JBWE, 11 Mar (G. Farley).

**Black-headed Gull:** Georgica Pd, SUFF, 10 Mar (DF); Conscience Bay, SUFF, 13 Mar (M. Schrimpf), Bush Terminal Piers and area, KING, thru 26 Mar (mob).

**Little Gull:** RP, 12 May (SA).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** max 61, RMSP, 5 May (PjL, SSM).

**Glaucous Gull:** RI, 13 Mar (B. Sadock), scarce in NYC; RI, 19 Apr (D. Barrett).

**Gull-billed Tern:** arr JBWR, 17 May (R.Bate).

**Black Tern:** arr NB, 23-26 May (JGa, mob), 11 days later than 30y avg.

**ARCTIC TERN (R10):** NB, 27 May-9 Jun (SSM, PJL; mob), slightly early at reliable (since ~2014) site.

#### LOONS- WOODPECKERS

**PACIFIC LOON:** Oyster Bay Marine Center, 3 Feb thru 3 Mar (mob); RMSP, 30 May (KFe, mob).

**Sooty Shearwater:** singles CCP 19 May, pelagic 24 May, RMSP 29 and 30 May, 10 Napeague 26 May; very low numbers this season.

**Wilson's Storm-Petrel:** off shore coordinates 39.882, -73.073 24 May (J. Loch), with note that >100 seen earlier on same track by other obs, only report.

**Northern Gannet:** max 4,400, BPT, 17 Mar (L. Kahle).

**American Bittern:** CP, 31 Mar-15 May (mob), unusual loc, likely more than one ind; Cunningham Pk, QUEE, 14 Apr (mob), unusual loc; Pier 44 Waterfront Garden, KING, 2 May (JMa, R. Fleming), unusual loc; SPP, 5 May (PMo).

**Least Bittern:** Mon, 30 Apr (TS).

**Little Blue Heron:** Hillview Res, BRON, 24 Apr (SCa), unusual loc.

**Tricolored Heron:** 2, PBP, 16-20 May (mob), unusual loc.

**Cattle Egret:** 2, Miller Field, RICH, 22-30 Apr, (mob); 2, Oakwood Bch, RICH, 5-13 May (mob), likely same birds as Miller; BBYC, 19 May (V. Vila)

**Glossy Ibis:** max 114, HSP, 14 May (J. Watson)

**WHITE-FACED IBIS:** TP, SUFF, 15 Apr (SSM, KT, KFe), distinct indiv addl to following obs; 3, HSP, 30 Apr-20 May (mob), 1-2 seen on any given day.

**Black Vulture:** max 6, NYBG, 25 Apr (J. Schuler), elevated sightings and counts this year.

**MISSISSIPPI KITE:** Ceasar's Bay Bazaar, 20 May (ShB); GwC, 20 May (SSi, JMa), 20 minutes after ShB's sighting and likely same bird.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** nest CRSP, 3 yg, thru; pr photographed in Patchogue, SUFF 3 May (fide M. Cooper), poss breeders?

**Rough-legged Hawk:** EPCAL, thru 18 Mar (R, Shea).

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** IHP, thru 18 Apr (mob), unusual loc.

**Snowy Owl:** BPT, thru 20 Mar (mob); JBWR, thru 7 Apr (mob); JBWE, thru 12 Mar; DR, thru 16 Mar (mob); Great Gull Is, 13 Apr (P. Paton), unusual loc.

**BURROWING OWL:** Big Egg Marsh, QUEE, 16 May (J. Kepler, mob), 7<sup>th</sup> state record; *intro*.

**Short-eared Owl:** BFB, 11 Mar (ShB).

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** JBWE, 24 Apr (SCa); Lido Passive Preserve, NASS, 25 Apr (SMe); PP, 29 Apr (RCR); Robert Cushman CP, SUFF, 8 May thru summer; nest (TS, mob); CRSP, 11 May thru summer, appeared to be feeding y by one obs but no confirmed breeding (mob); Speonk, SUFF, 15 May (E. Schwinn); JBWR, 17 May (D. Lichter, L. Meyers); 4, BNL, 23 May (E. Lewis); SUFF 2, HSP, 25 May (A. Blanchard).

#### FLYCATCHERS-LONGSPURS

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** Fire Island Pines, SUFF, 26 May (V. Witmer), scarce on barrier beaches in spring.

**Least Flycatcher:** max 30, CP, 16 May (L. Musher).

**Common Raven:** many records across Region, increasing.

**Cliff Swallow:** max 6 at colony, APEC, 23 May (BF, mob), rare R10 breeder away from BRON.

**BICKNELL'S THRUSH (R10):** PP, 24 May (RyM). CP, 28-30 May (mob).

**Swainsons Thrush:** arr Mattituck residence, 17 Apr (JSep), 2 weeks earlier than 30y avg.

**SAGE THRASHER:** JBWR, 17-18 May (CF, mob), 5<sup>th</sup> state record; Watch Hill, SUFF, 31 May (D. Swamback), 6<sup>th</sup> state record, *intro*.

**Evening Grosbeak:** all singles; Riverside Pk, NEWY, winter thru 28 Mar (mob); PP, 17 Apr (mob); f Riv residence, SUFF, 23 Apr (MLL, RA); Riv residence, SUFF, 7 May (C. Montalbano); CP, 8 May (RBA); Sag Harbor residence, SUFF, 12 May (CG).

**Common Redpoll:** 1 GwC, 11-18 Mar (mob).

**Red Crossbill:** various numbers 25 Mar thru, Robert Cushman CP, SUFF (K. Klecan, mob), max at least 28 24 May, breeding behavior observed but not confirmed, last 10 Jun (K. Klecan).

**Pine Siskin:** dep, CP, 29 May (E. Schumann, A. Burke, M. Klein).

**Lapland Longspur:** dep NB, thru 27 Mar, (mob).

## NEW WORLD SPARROWS- CARDINALIDS

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** Quogue, SUFF, winter thru 29 Mar (mob).

**Lark Sparrow:** East Hampton property, SUFF, winter thru 4 Mar (D. Rogers).

**Savannah Sparrow:** flock of 23 Suff Co Farm and Environmental Center 6 May (PJJ), large number of migrs; 42 FKP 8 May (JRG), breeding; 3 EPCAL 24 May and 2 here 31 May prob breeders.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** max 31 FKP 8 May (JRG), known breeding site; 21 EPCAL 24 May (JSep), max for this site and adjacent Calverton grasslands, known breeding area.

**Nelson's Sparrow:** marsh near Oceanside, NASS, 29 May (A. Kocek), banded and rarely detected in spring in R10.

**Song Sparrow:** max 403, JBWE, 25 Mar (EB), exceptional count.

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** CP, 18 May, (mob); CP, 26 May (EG, DBa).

**Eastern Meadowlark:** BBrP, 25 Mar (H. Wolf), unusual loc.

**Baltimore Oriole:** max 60, CP, 16 May (L. Musher).

**Boat-tailed Grackle:** max 350, JBWR, 17 Mar (D. Lichter).

**Worm-eating Warbler:** max 4, PP, 2 May (P. Linden-Brams).

**Golden-winged Warbler:** Clove Lakes Pk, RICH, 29 Apr (CBa, mob); CP, 30 Apr-2 May (mob); FP, 5-7 May (mob).

**Black-and-white Warbler:** max 125, CP, 16 May (L. Musher).

**Prothonotary Warbler:** many records across Region, particularly to the west, increasing.

**SWAINSON'S WARBLER:** CP, 16 May (BVD, mob).

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** MPB, 20 Mar (anon); W Babylon residence, 21 Mar (J. Christopher); SPP, 13 Apr (PMo); PP, 25 Apr (JMa); CP, 25 Apr-16 May (mob), likely multiple ind; RMSP, 4 May (TD, PMo).

**Mourning Warbler:** max 5, CP, 29 May (A. Burke).

**Kentucky Warbler:** Jones Pd, Calverton SUFF 29 Apr (K. Klecan); PP, 2 May (mob); NYBG, 4 May (D. Rodriguez); CP, 7-9 May (mob); FP, 9 May (E.Miller); JBWR, 13 May (P. Henson); Greentree Estate, NASS, 16 May (SP); APP, 16-21 May (CeC, EB); Laurel Hollow, NASS, 18 May (R. Taylor); PP, 25 May (mob); FP, 26 May (CF).

**Cerulean Warbler:** Willowbrook Pk, RICH, 2 May (JRG); PP, 2-6 May (mob); FP, 2-5 May (CF, SA, MN); CP, 3-8 May (mob), likely multiple inds; CVP, 4 May (AxW); Greentree Estate, NASS, 4 May (SP), scarce east of Queens; SPP, 4-8 May (mob), scarce east of Queens.

**Yellow-throated Warbler:** many records across Region, particularly to the west, increasing.

**Summer Tanager:** many records across Region, particularly to the west, increasing.

**WESTERN TANAGER:** Bohemia residence, SUFF, thru 26 Mar (R. Brenn).

**Blue Grosbeak:** numerous reports of 1-2 birds (migrs) from all counties 21 Apr-19 May; 2 FKP 20 May, known breeding loc; 2 (m & f) Preston Pds 29 May thru, and 1-3 birds VOR near EPCAL 24 May thru, suspected breeders at these known sites in Calverton.

**Dickcissel:** OMNSA, thru 5 Mar (mob); Forest Hills, QUEE, 6 Apr (RBA), bizarre record of bird singing in urban residential area; JBWE, 25 May (GK).



## 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.

## REPORTING REGIONS

Regional boundaries coincide with county lines, except at:

Region 1-Region 2 in Orleans, Genesee and Wyoming Counties:

the boundary is NY Route 98 from Pt. Breeze to Batavia;  
NY Route 63 from Batavia to Pavilion, and NY Route 19  
from Pavilion to the Allegany County line.

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.

## REPORTING DEADLINES

Winter Season: December, January, February

Deadline is 7 March

Spring Season: March, April, May

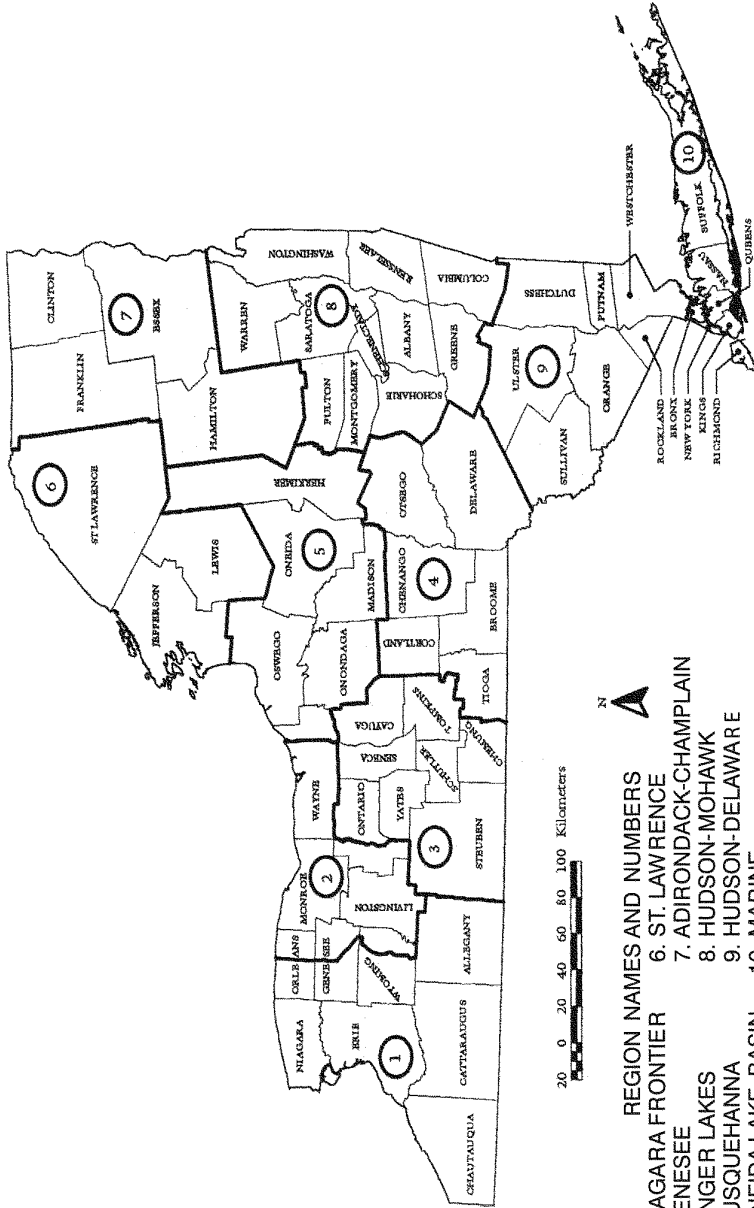
Deadline is 7 June

Summer Season: June, July, August

Deadline is 7 September

Fall Season: September, October, November

Deadline is 7 December



**REGION NAMES AND NUMBERS**

- 1. NIAGARA FRONTIER
- 2. GENESEE
- 3. FINGER LAKES
- 4. SUSQUEHANNA
- 5. ONEIDA LAKE BASIN
- 6. ST. LAWRENCE
- 7. ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN
- 8. HUDSON-MOHAWK
- 9. HUDSON-DELAWARE
- 10. MARINE

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