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COLONIZATION OF THE ROCKAWAY PENINSULA, LONG ISLAND BY BANK SWALLOWS (*RIPARIA RIPARIA*)

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Abstract— Bank Swallows (*Riparia riparia*) are Neotropical migratory birds that are in steep decline throughout North America. In 2016, we began monitoring a small colony in the sand dunes on the western end of the Rockaway Peninsula, Long Island, New York at Breezy Point Tip. Although we did not find that Bank Swallows at the Breezy Point colony reproduced successfully from 2016–2018, the number of pairs grew from one in 2016 to approximately 10 in 2019. At least three pairs reproduced successfully in 2019. This colonization event suggests that Bank Swallows may be attempting to breed in suitable habitat in coastal New York more regularly than is currently appreciated, even in locations frequented by birdwatchers. Further study and population assessment of Bank Swallows in coastal New York is needed, which can be facilitated by community science participation in research.

Bank Swallows are trans-hemispheric migrants that nest colonially in burrows dug into steep slopes comprised of fine-grained sediment (Turner and Rose 1989, Garrison 1999). In suitable habitat, they display high site fidelity (Freer 1979), though they often nest in ephemeral sites such as eroding cliff faces (Garrison 1999), which may be destroyed by hydrological processes. They are also known to nest in anthropogenic sites such as sand and gravel pits (Burke *et al.* 2019), and drainpipes (Ramírez-Garofalo pers. obs.; Buckley *et al.* 2018). In ocean-facing areas, Bank Swallows are likely vulnerable to sea-level rise as a result of climate change, which is causing degradation of suitable nesting habitat such as steep dune faces (IPCC 2019).

Bank Swallows reach their highest worldwide abundances in northeastern North America (Turner and Rose 1989), but are generally considered sensitive species throughout this region (e.g. they are listed as threatened in Ontario; Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry 2017). In New York, they are widespread but localized breeders (McGowan and Corwin 2008), and do not currently have any protected status outside of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act,

despite steeply declining trends statewide (McGowan and Corwin 2008) and throughout the region (Nebel *et al.* 2010, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry 2017). Historically, Bank Swallows were found in their highest numbers in the coastal regions, the shores of Lake Ontario, and in the Genesee and Hudson valleys (Eaton 1914, Griscom 1923). On Long Island, they were once found to be most abundant as summer residents along the south shore (Griscom 1923), but by the 1940s were considered to be more abundant and localized on the eastern end of the Island, and no longer common on the south shore (Cruickshank 1942). By later assessment, they were widespread local breeders upstate, and less numerous on Long Island (Bull 1974). Most recently, Long Island breeding colonies have been most numerous in bluffs on the east end and north shore, although sporadic nesting activity involving small numbers of birds has been observed on the Atlantic Ocean-facing beach near Moriches Inlet, Suffolk County (S. Mitra, pers. comm.). By the mid-1980s, colonies of more than 100 pairs were no longer being reported in New York (Levine 1998, McGowan and Corwin 2008), which coincided with a significant decline in the population of aerial insectivores in northeastern North America (Nebel *et al.* 2010, Smith *et al.* 2015, Imlay *et al.* 2018).

Bank Swallows bred sporadically in New York City during the early twentieth century, with colony-sites being found chiefly in the Bronx (Hix 1905, Eaton 1914, Kuerzi 1927, Buckley *et al.* 2018). By the 1940s, however, Bank Swallows were no longer found breeding within the city (Cruickshank 1942; Bull 1964, 1974), and were still absent by the time of the first New York State Breeding Bird Atlas Survey (1980–1985; Andrlé and Carroll 1988). During the second atlas survey (2000–2005), they were found breeding on Hart Island in the Bronx, and on the south shore of Staten Island (McGowan and Corwin 2008, Buckley *et al.* 2018). They currently persist on Hart Island in small numbers, and have remained breeding birds since at least 2002 (Ramírez-Garofalo, unpubl. data).

Here, we describe the recent colonization of Breezy Point Tip on the Rockaway Peninsula, Queens, New York by Bank Swallows. Failed breeding attempts from 2016–2018 were followed by success in 2019, with at least five juveniles from at least three burrows being fledged by July. This suggests that management policies allowing natural erosion to occur unimpeded will benefit Bank Swallows on Long Island and coastal areas more generally.

METHODS

Study Area—Breezy Point Tip (40°55'58"N, -73°95'96"W), the western terminus of the Rockaway Peninsula, is a 200-acre area administered by the Jamaica Bay Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area (GNRA). Established in 1972, GNRA was the first urban national park in the United States and encompasses important natural and cultural resources, as well as recreational areas, in metropolitan New York and New Jersey (GNRA 2014). Breezy Point Tip is separated into two distinct sections: the Jamaica Bay-facing beach (hereafter “bayside”), and the

Atlantic Ocean-facing beach (hereafter “oceanside”). The bayside beach is relatively narrow and lined with steep sand dunes that are densely vegetated with American Beachgrass (*Ammophila breviligulata*), while the oceanside beach is wide, more sparsely vegetated, and lacks steep dunes. On both beaches, symbolic string fencing blocks public access to most of the backshore, foredune and backdune, which are designated as critical habitat for federally and state protected breeding birds such as the Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), and both the Common (*Sterna hirundo*) and Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*). The symbolic string fencing also helps minimize disturbance to species like the American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*), which do not currently have special protected-status, but regularly occupy the same habitat as species that do. Daily monitoring of the breeding birds at the Breezy Point Tip is conducted by GNRA volunteers and staff, who keep detailed notes and lists of other species found in the area.

Monitoring—From 2016–2019 we monitored Bank Swallows on the bayside beach at Breezy Point. Observations were made each year from May–August, with daily coverage from May–July, and weekly coverage during August. Burrow occupancy was determined by counting the number of burrows that appeared active. Active burrows generally had visible scratch marks at the entrance of the burrow, and appeared dark and un-ending to the naked eye. Since the number of burrows was small (< 20 per season), we were able to make an exact count of active burrows, unlike in a large colony where estimates are more common (e.g. Wright *et al.* 2011).

RESULTS

In June 2016, SS observed several Bank Swallows excavating burrows in the sand dunes on Breezy Point’s bayside beach (Figure 1a, p. 264). Throughout June and into July, one pair occupied a single burrow, and did not appear to fledge any young. The following June, SS again found Bank Swallows nesting in the area, this time farther back behind the symbolic fencing where the dunes were steepest. The colony peaked at four pairs in 2017, and like the previous year there was no evidence that they had fledged any young. On 24 May 2018, we found five active burrows, one of which was determined to be active based on fresh claw-marks and loose sand at its entrance. During the months of June and July, we monitored the small colony, which peaked at 10 active burrows and about 10 partially dug burrows in mid-June. On multiple occasions, swallows were observed carrying nesting material into the burrows, but no young were found. On 21 July, a nor’easter brought heavy rainfall, flooding, and wind gusts upwards of 40 mph to the area, causing the dune faces to be reshaped. Following the storm, none of the remaining swallow burrows were occupied, although some swallows did seem to remain in the area for the following week. In 2019, we found ten active burrows by 10 June, with a total of five young being fledged from at least three of the

burrows by 1 July. The COVID-19 pandemic prevented us from surveying the Bank Swallow colony during the 2020 breeding season due to National Park Service (NPS) research policies, however, three pairs were observed on 30 May, and on 1 July, at least 10—and potentially up to 20—individuals were seen at the colony, though the number of active burrows were not counted (S. Sime, pers. comm.).

DISCUSSION

The Breezy Point Bank Swallow colony appears to have benefited from the closure of the area surrounding the dunes to foot traffic and off-road vehicles during the breeding season. Regulations put in place to protect critical habitat for nesting threatened and endangered species restricts access to the dunes within the Jamaica Bay Unit of GNRA (GNRA 2018), indirectly protecting species that are susceptible to human disturbance like Bank Swallows. NPS policy also requires natural shoreline processes like erosion to be allowed to take place unimpeded in most circumstances (NPS 2006). This policy ultimately allows for the natural creation of suitable habitat for Bank Swallows, which rely on freshly eroded slopes to dig their nesting burrows (Freer 1979, Garrison 1987, 1999; Turner and Rose 1989, Heneberg 2001). On Long Island, where Bank Swallows were historically very abundant, areas along the south and north shores are frequently subject to bank stabilization measures to protect private property. Throughout North America, Bank Swallows are threatened by erosion mitigation measures (Garrison 1999, Moffatt *et al.* 2005, McGowan and Corwin 2008, Silver and Griffin 2009), and it is likely that these measures will continue to limit their success on Long Island and along the coast, particularly as sea levels rise throughout the 21st century.

The data reported in this paper give the first records of Bank Swallows breeding in Queens County, New York. Although Bank Swallows were first found nesting at Breezy Point in 2016, it is possible that they have nested there in the past and have gone undetected. For example, on over 100 consecutive days of observations from both the bayside and oceanside beaches during the 2018 breeding season, we rarely detected Bank Swallows outside of the immediate vicinity of their colony site. The issue of colony detectability has also come up in surveys of Bank Swallows in The Bronx and on Staten Island. For example, during the 2018 survey period there was one colony on Staten Island's east shore that was not found until late in the breeding season when most Bank Swallows had already left their colony-sites (Ramírez-Garofalo, unpubl. data). Similarly, in The Bronx, Bank Swallows were found nesting on Hart Island during the second New York State Breeding Bird Atlas, but were not explicitly reported again until 2021, when surveyors were able to view the colony from a boat.

Surveys of known Bank Swallow colonies should be undertaken to further determine their population status on Long Island and throughout New York. Specifically, counting the number of burrows, as opposed to just the number of

swallows, would be particularly useful for status assessment. During the third New York State Breeding Bird Atlas, participants have the opportunity to collect these data, though the Atlas itself does not require it. A more in-depth and geographically widespread study of Bank Swallows in New York may be the perfect opportunity for increasing participation by both atlasers and interested parties in scientific study of New York's avifauna. Monitoring programs in Canada and the state of California provide us with ample direction and information on estimating colony size via the number of apparently active burrows. Current efforts on Staten Island, New York are investigating colony site fidelity and colony persistence (longevity of a colony at a specific site), which are now being expanded to include other colony sites in New York City and Long Island (Ramírez-Garofalo unpubl. data).

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PATCH BIRDING DISCOVERING NEW PATCHES WHILE ATLASING

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You might be a patch birder if... you know that the first American Woodcock begins his flight display in the hawthorn grove on or about the 15th of March. If you have located the resident fox den and know how many kits they will be feeding this spring and when the wild columbine is expected to be in full bloom. You will be certain you have established your own patch when you have subdivided it and given portions of the property names like Red Bird Lane, Indigo Corners, and the Bobolink Field. I became a “patch birder” before I had ever heard that expression. As a budding new birder, I began birding the same locations in and around Crown Point State Historic Site on a very regular basis back in 2012. Initially, I was attracted to the variety of habitats the property offered and its proximity to my home. Before I knew it, I was adding to the eBird database for this hotspot and secretly celebrating each new species found.

Were there any other benefits to my returning over and over to the same location? I became familiar with each species’ chosen habitat, desired food sources, and nesting locations. I learned where to find certain birds in a given area of the property and began to make the all-important connections between habitat, vocalizations, and field marks for each resident bird. I grew as a birder by simply birding my patch with regularity. I began to formulate expected dates for migrants passing through and the returning nesters. I enjoyed seeing the impressive consistencies in arrival dates and grieved the egress of birds as they moved southward each fall. Although I will never claim to keep records of each species’ departure dates, their absences were quickly realized because I had formed a connection to my patch and its nesting birds.

Additionally, if I missed out on a Philadelphia Vireo sighting in spring migration I knew where to hunt for one after Labor Day. In the second week of October, I should position myself out in front of the main parking lot and scan for flocks of Brant flying down Lake Champlain. In mid-May checking the apple trees on the property will be rewarded with sweet blossoms humming with bees and Tennessee Warblers alike. An evening walk in late August might offer a Common Nighthawk flyover. From August thru November the standing waters under the Champlain Bridge become a stopover for shorebirds and as the fall migration progresses Coffin Point will become a gathering spot for diving ducks. Even before I had read about last season’s Red-breasted Nuthatch irruption, I was already taking note of their marked increase throughout the grounds. During last winter’s super flight, the cone bearing spruces on the property successfully attracted both Red and White-winged Crossbills, and small groups of Pine Grosbeaks. Additionally, cheery Redpolls flitted over the open areas with flocks of Snow Buntings. Yes, even winter birding in one’s patch can be rewarding.

With the third NYS Breeding Bird Atlas in full swing the opportunity to find a patch of your own has been simplified. Last spring, I signed up for a priority block twenty minutes from my home. Atlasing this block has been a truly wonderful experience and a new patch within the block has emerged. I find myself returning to my newfound patch hoping to glean a new species and to observe breeding successes. This isn't an isolated experience. Living in the northeast corner of the state where birders are few and unclaimed priority blocks numerous, I have spread myself around a fair bit, exploring and observing breeding behaviors in unassigned atlas blocks in both Essex and Clinton Counties. In every block I've visited inevitably there is an appealing patch deserving of a dedicated patch birder.

So, here's a suggestion: if you haven't yet submitted a checklist for the Breeding Bird Atlas we have three full years left to do so. It's easy, fun, and rewarding! During the upcoming quieter winter months take the opportunity to check out the BBA website <https://ebird.org/atlasny/home>. You may already be enjoying a patch of your own or are thinking of laying claim to a patch. So, consider this—why not add your sightings to the data being collected for this citizen science project? The birds give us so much, this is a great way for us to give back!



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON—SPRING 2021

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The spring season of 2021 saw a rebound from late winter's below average temperatures, as March came through with unseasonable warmth across the state. April temps were also above average, while nearly everyone reported a slightly cooler than average May. April was a bit wetter than usual, otherwise it was a fairly dry spring.

Many species which normally move through in the early days of spring were present in good numbers and on early dates, and quite a few others which normally arrive later in April or May were also well ahead of schedule. Several observers noted that the May movement was less impressive, some mentioning advanced leaf-out or cooler May temperatures. Overall, it seemed that there were more positive comments about the birding in the first two months, while May didn't really monopolize the birding reports as it usually does. Jeff Bolsinger in Region 6 mentioned two periods, one beginning 30 March and ending 10 April, and the other from about 28 April to 5 May, that accounted for all of their record early dates this spring.

The western Regions provided a good waterfowl showing, with Snow Goose and Tundra Swan numbers eliciting positive comments. A high one-day count of

151,400 Snows at Derby Hill must have provided a dazzling spectacle. Ross's and Greater White-fronted Geese were widely reported, and Cackling Geese seem to be achieving "expected" status in western Regions. Two Pink-footed Geese, one in Region 8, the other in Region 10, were nice rarities, but were outdone by a Tundra Bean Goose found in two locations in Region 8 in mid-March. This may have been the same individual that birders in Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the northeast detected this spring. Pending acceptance by NYSARC, this will constitute a first New York State record. Good numbers of Tundra and Trumpeter Swans were reported, concentrated as expected in the more western Regions.

Some high counts for ducks included 1500 Northern Pintail at Northern Montezuma WMA in Region 2, 20,000 Canvasback and 60,000 (!) Redhead at Cayuga Lake SP in Region 3. The "regular" rarities were well represented, with Tufted Ducks in Regions 3 and 7, and scattered Barrow's Goldeneye, Harlequin Ducks and King Eiders. Guesstimating from reports, it appears that there were about 15-20 Eurasian Wigeon statewide.

A Eurasian Collared-Dove spent several days in mid-March in the same Region 1 yard that last year hosted a White-winged Dove. Over in Region 2, a White-winged Dove was photographed on 8 May for a fifth Regional record. Decent numbers of both cuckoos were scattered across the state, with an early Black-billed recorded at Central Park in Region 10 on 19 April. Common Nighthawks and Eastern Whip-poor-wills were widespread, but in low numbers. Chimney Swifts put in April appearances across the state, but birds on 21 March in Region 10 and 29 March in Region 2 were exceptionally early.

Sandhill Cranes continue to colonize the state, with multiple birds in just about every Region. Shorebird numbers were a mixed bag, with some Regions, like Region 7, reporting good habitat but disappointing numbers. Meanwhile David Wheeler in Region 5 mentioned that 20 species was around the maximum variety to be expected there. Region 1 also had a nice selection of shorebirds—highlights there included a Black-necked Stilt and a Ruff, and several Wilson's Phalaropes, including a pair that seemed to be getting ready to nest before they eventually moved on. Region 5, meanwhile, provided the only Hudsonian Godwit report for the state. Three non-coastal Regions reported Piping Plovers, including what was considered to be three different birds in Region 2. Also away from the tidewater regions, there were widespread reports of Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, Sanderling, and Willet. Six Regions reported Wilson's Phalaropes, while three reported Red-necked Phalaropes.

Laughing Gulls were scattered across the upstate areas, but a Franklin's in Region 3 was a bit more surprising. Winter gulls lingered in decent numbers in several Regions, with May records for Iceland in Region 1, and both Iceland and Glaucous lingering into May in Regions 2 and 5. Little Gulls were reported from two upstate Regions, while Region 10 recorded the only Black-headed Gulls—at least seven different individuals. Lesser Black-backed Gulls continue to take their place among the "normal" avifauna of the state, with most Regions reporting multiples. A Common Gull lingered in Brooklyn (Region 10) into early March.

A Least Tern in Region 2 was just the second spring record for that species. Caspian Terns were early arrivals in several Regions, with Region 2 recording its first on 28 March, and several Regions seeing them within the first 10 days of April. A high count of ten Arctic Terns on 31 May was exceptional, even for Cupsogue County Park, one of the most reliable sites to find them in New York. The only tubenoses reported were all seen from an offshore research vessel on 15 May, highlighted by a Northern Fulmar.

An immature Wood Stork found in Westhampton (Region 10) on 4 May was part of a widespread irruption of southern waders into the northeast and upper midwest and provided the first Long Island record since 1962. A few Snowy Egrets were scattered around upstate, and one Little Blue Heron was “poached” by Region 1 birders as it made an appearance on the Canadian side of the Niagara River.

Ospreys generally arrived around the third week of March as expected. Golden Eagles were found in nine Regions, including one on Long Island where it is still quite a rarity. Mississippi Kites seem to be on their way as regular visitors to the state, with two birds in Region 2 passing the Braddock Bay Hawk Watch, and singles in Regions 8 and 10. A Swainson’s Hawk was also noted at the Braddock Bay watch. A bird that was photographed as it passed Derby Hill in Region 5 appears to have been an extremely rare Red-tailed x Red-shouldered Hawk hybrid. The fantastic Ferruginous Hawk mentioned in the Region 9 winter report was noted as late as 13 March. Snowy Owls were scattered across the state, with two birds lingering into late May, one in Region 6 and the other in Region 8.

Two Pileated Woodpeckers were video-recorded at a private home in Mattituck in early spring, an exceptionally rare species in Suffolk County. White-eyed Vireos showed up in several upstate Regions, where rare, and what was apparently a Yellow-throated x Blue-headed Vireo hybrid in Region 5 provided an exceptionally rare observation. A Boreal Chickadee in Albany County in Region 8 was well outside of its expected range.

A record was set this spring when eight species of *Hirundinidae* were recorded in the state, including two (!) additions to the state list! On 22 April a Violet-green Swallow was photographed at the Vischer Ferry Nature & Historic Preserve in Region 8 but could not be relocated afterwards. Although this species seems as if it should be a regular vagrant to the east, in fact there are just a handful of records. This record came a few weeks after a neotropical martin was located at Prospect Park in Brooklyn, Region 10. This bird was considerably more cooperative, and remained at that location for four days, during which it was seen and photographed by hundreds of birders. At this point, it seems that the identification has been made as Gray-breasted Martin, apparently the third North American record, and obviously a New York State first.

Just to touch again on early arrivals, there were many reports of record-setting passerines. To mention a few, a Cliff Sallow at Montezuma NWR in Region 3 on 31 March was about two weeks ahead of any others in the state; a Lincoln’s Sparrow in Region 1 on 19 March was about a month ahead of schedule; and an

Olive-sided Flycatcher on 6 May in Region 3 and another on 29 April in Region 10 were exceptional. Jeff Bolsinger in Region 6 mentions eight species of passerines setting or equaling record early dates. Region 10 also recorded its first March record for Northern Parula and a Veery on 31 March is early enough to suggest that it may have wintered somewhere in the states.

As would be expected during any migration period, there were many exciting rarities to be found among the passerines. A Harris' Sparrow in Region 1 was the only one reported in the state, while a Black-throated Gray Warbler there was matched by one at the opposite end of the state on eastern Long Island (see photos, p. 264 and p. 314). A male Painted Bunting at a Chenango County feeder in Region 4 was the top bird in that area. A Western Tanager lingered on in Region 10, a holdover from the winter season as was a Varied Thrush, also in Region 10. A Western Meadowlark was audio recorded in Region 4.

Adding to the spice of the spring season, a nice selection of winter finches continued on beyond February. Red Crossbills and Common Redpolls were especially widespread and numerous, and seven Regions reported Hoary Redpolls as well. Smaller numbers of White-winged Crossbills were found, and even some Pine Grosbeaks made it into early March. The ever popular Evening Grosbeak was well represented, with counts of over 100 in Regions 5 and 8 right into May.

In spite of these moments of excitement, the overall picture of the spring landbird migration was pretty mixed. David Wheeler in Region 5 says "Most long-time observers agreed it was an epically poor warbler migration year, with small numbers and few good days." In Region 9, John Haas called this "a prolonged migratory season with lower numbers of birds in at least some areas." Generally, news regarding breeding birds in decline is considered dire, as in the case of three open-country species mentioned in the Region 6 report, but Brendan Fogarty's report on declining numbers of Mute Swans in Region 10 will probably be greeted as a positive by most birders.

Anyone not familiar with the use of MOTUS tags for wildlife tracking may want to have a look at the Region 5 report. The information presented is pretty fascinating. Surely these recent technologies will be expanding our knowledge of bird movement in ways that seemed impossible until now.

I think it's safe to say that the presence of four different state firsts in one season was unprecedented. The Tundra Bean Goose, Violet-green Swallow and Gray-breasted Martin constitute three additions to the state list (W. D'Anna, pers. comm.), and the lingering Ferruginous Hawk was still available to be ticked for spring 2021. Clearly in any normal year, any of these should qualify as Bird of the Season. But since I'm under strict orders to make a selection, I think I have to go with Gray-breasted Martin. Only two previous ABA area records exist, both of birds collected in south Texas in the 1880s. This extremely cooperative bird made itself available to hundreds of people over several days and generated a ton of discussion among birders and some good publicity in the non-birding community. A great find by one of our most talented local birders, and a great

learning opportunity for those lucky enough to be present as the identification points were worked over.

Thanks for reading and check out those Regional reports!

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Much of the data in the Regional reports is sourced from eBird: eBird Basic Dataset. Version: EBD_relMay-2021. Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York. May 2021.

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SPRING ARRIVAL DATES FOR 2021

Region	Species Evaluated ¹	Region vs. NYS ²	2021 vs. Avg 1987-2020 ³	Region vs. Prev. Year	Record Early Spp.
1	91	-2.30	-5.23	-0.08	6
2	93	-1.27	-3.19	-0.91	4
3	92	-1.58	-3.92	1.26	6
4	92	-0.43	-7.42	-0.93	10
5	92	-0.09	-4.27	-1.54	6
6	91	5.68	-4.67	-0.60	9
7	88	7.11	-4.73	-1.07	9
8	89	2.45	-3.92	0.80	0
9	92	-4.64	-8.48	-0.04	2
10	83	-4.94	-6.83	0.78	7

¹Maximum number of species = 93; a species might not be evaluated in a Region if over-wintering birds obscured the arrival of migrants, or if the species was not detected at all during the season.

²Average arrival in a Region compared to the average of all Regions, in 2021 (days).

³Average arrival in a Region compared to that Region's long-term average, 1987-2020 (days).

Given difficulties in evaluating arrivals of some species in some Regions, comparisons among Regions should be undertaken with caution.

Spring Arrival Dates 2021. Dates in bold font indicate record-early arrivals for the Region.												
Species	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10	NYS Avg	Avg 1987-2021
Wood Duck	23 Feb	8 Mar	25 Feb	1 Mar	28 Feb	3 Mar	6 Mar	28 Feb	12 Feb	24 Feb	27 Feb	9 Mar
Blue-winged Teal	21 Mar	24 Mar	23 Mar	9 Mar	22 Mar	2 Apr	22 Apr	12 Mar	19 Mar	21 Mar	23 Mar	27 Mar
Northern Pintail	28 Feb	26 Feb	28 Feb	5 Mar	26 Feb	9 Mar	1 Mar	24 Feb	16 Feb		27 Feb	5 Mar
Green-winged Teal	1 Mar	12 Feb	7 Mar	5 Mar	10 Mar	9 Mar	11 Mar	3 Mar	24 Feb		2 Mar	12 Mar
Black-billed Cuckoo	15 May	15 May	4 May	16 May	5 May	16 May	16 May	10 May	4 May	19 Apr	9 May	11 May
Common Nighthawk	16 May	15 May	17 May	25 May	20 May	19 May	14 May	15 May	14 May	5 May	16 May	12 May
Chimney Swift	27 Apr	29 Mar	17 Apr	27 Apr	25 Apr	2 May	5 May	17 Apr	20 Apr	21 Mar	18 Apr	24 Apr
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	27 Apr	1 May	30 Apr	28 Apr	30 Apr	4 May	3 May	29 Apr	25 Apr	19 Apr	28 Apr	1 May
Virginia Rail	8 Apr	2 Apr	10 Apr	19 Mar	4 Apr	25 Apr	10 Apr	3 Apr	13 Mar	10 Apr	4 Apr	14 Apr
Sora	17 Apr	13 Apr	11 Apr	25 Apr	17 Apr	18 Apr		13 Apr	19 Apr	27 Apr	17 Apr	27 Apr
Common Gallinule	6 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	30 Apr	10 Apr	10 Apr	13 May	19 Apr	18 Apr	12 May	19 Apr	24 Apr
Black-bellied Plover	6 May	29 Apr	11 May	15 May	4 May	27 May	29 May	29 May	17 May		15 May	14 May
Semipalmated Plover	10 May	12 May	9 May	10 May	5 May	18 May	13 May	12 May	11 May	2 May	10 May	9 May
Killdeer	24 Feb	27 Feb	5 Feb	3 Mar	23 Feb	1 Mar	20 Feb	22 Feb	13 Feb	17 Feb	21 Feb	3 Mar
Sanderling	22 May	25 May	22 Mar								2 May	16 May
Least Sandpiper	11 Apr	3 Apr	29 Apr	4 May	5 May	14 May	13 May	3 May	3 May	10 Apr	27 Apr	2 May
Pectoral Sandpiper	21 Mar	30 Mar	9 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr			6 May	9 Apr	14 Apr	8 Apr	19 Apr
Semipalmated Sandpiper	16 May	16 May	11 May	25 May	10 May	18 May	15 May	14 May	11 May	22 Apr	12 May	13 May
American Woodcock	1 Mar	3 Mar	9 Mar	10 Mar	15 Mar	11 Mar	20 Mar	27 Feb	27 Feb	21 Feb	6 Mar	10 Mar
Wilson's Snipe	10 Mar	21 Mar	20 Mar	22 Mar	22 Mar	23 Mar	31 Mar	28 Mar	27 Feb	14 Mar	19 Mar	23 Mar
Spotted Sandpiper	12 Apr	19 Apr	14 Apr	20 Apr	7 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr	14 Apr	15 Apr	11 Apr	16 Apr	21 Apr
Solitary Sandpiper	9 Apr	3 Apr	23 Apr	21 Apr	29 Apr	1 May	2 May	24 Apr	7 Apr	13 Apr	19 Apr	25 Apr
Lesser Yellowlegs	25 Mar	30 Mar	10 Apr	5 Apr	9 Apr	8 May	8 May	19 Apr	8 Apr	3 Apr	12 Apr	15 Apr
Greater Yellowlegs	24 Mar	21 Mar	28 Mar	19 Apr	25 Mar	1 Apr	19 Apr	13 Apr	6 Apr	10 Mar	1 Apr	5 Apr
Caspian Tern	8 Apr	28 Mar	8 Apr	21 Apr	9 Apr	8 Apr	2 Apr	11 Apr	7 Apr	19 Apr	9 Apr	15 Apr
Black Tern	28 Apr	7 May	3 May	5 May	30 Apr	4 May		6 May	4 May	19 May	5 May	7 May
Common Tern	8 Apr	9 Apr	21 Apr	21 Apr	23 Apr	23 Apr	20 Apr		29 Apr	18 Apr	19 Apr	24 Apr
American Bittern	13 Apr	13 Apr	11 Apr	20 Apr	11 Apr	7 Apr	2 Apr	7 Apr	26 Mar		8 Apr	13 Apr
Green Heron	11 Apr	28 Mar	13 Apr	14 Apr	11 Apr	4 May	29 Apr	13 Apr	19 Mar	16 Apr	12 Apr	21 Apr
Osprey	21 Mar	22 Mar	20 Mar	26 Mar	23 Mar	30 Mar	22 Mar	26 Mar	9 Mar	6 Mar	20 Mar	26 Mar
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	20 Mar	20 Mar	27 Mar	7 Mar	21 Mar	3 Apr	20 Mar		25 Mar		21 Mar	1 Apr

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Gr. Crested Flycatcher	1 May	28 Apr	30 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr	3 May	5 May	28 Apr	28 Apr	23 Apr	29 Apr	30 Apr	
Eastern Kingbird	24 Apr	26 Apr	24 Apr	29 Apr	28 Apr	4 May	8 May	24 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	27 Apr	27 Apr	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	13 May	18 May	6 May	26 May	15 May	23 May	24 May	15 May	11 May	29 Apr	15 May	17 May	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	8 May	11 May	8 May	8 May	1 May	15 May	16 May	2 May	6 May	2 May	7 May	9 May	
Alder Flycatcher	16 May	14 May	16 May	3 May	12 May	9 May	13 May	12 May	13 May	20 May	12 May	16 May	
Willow Flycatcher	11 May	9 May	14 May	12 May	6 May	13 May	19 May	15 May	11 May	3 May	11 May	14 May	
Least Flycatcher	27 Apr	30 Apr	27 Apr	1 May	29 Apr	3 May	5 May	24 Apr	28 Apr	27 Apr	29 Apr	30 Apr	
Eastern Phoebe	18 Mar	15 Mar	11 Mar	11 Mar	10 Mar	23 Mar	25 Mar	11 Mar	10 Mar	10 Mar	14 Mar	21 Mar	
Yellow-throated Vireo	1 May	28 Apr	29 Apr	2 May	24 Apr	2 May	7 May	28 Apr	21 Apr	12 Apr	27 Apr	2 May	
Blue-headed Vireo	8 Apr	19 Apr	10 Apr	13 Apr	12 Apr	26 Apr	18 Apr	17 Apr	8 Apr	13 Apr	14 Apr	18 Apr	
Warbling Vireo	27 Apr	27 Apr	27 Apr	24 Apr	27 Apr	2 May	28 Apr	28 Apr	24 Apr	22 Apr	26 Apr	29 Apr	
Red-eyed Vireo	3 May	2 May	3 May	27 Apr	1 May	4 May	28 Apr	4 May	2 May	27 Apr	1 May	3 May	
Purple Martin	10 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr	24 Apr	22 Apr	17 Apr	8 May	19 Apr	3 Apr	27 Mar	13 Apr	16 Apr	
Tree Swallow	10 Mar	11 Mar	11 Mar	12 Mar	21 Mar	21 Mar	12 Mar	11 Mar	26 Feb	12 Mar	11 Mar	19 Mar	
N. Rough-winged Swallow	5 Apr	30 Mar	30 Mar	30 Mar	1 Apr	14 Apr	27 Mar	3 Apr	24 Mar	27 Mar	31 Mar	12 Apr	
Bank Swallow	11 Apr	16 Apr	11 Apr	16 Apr	23 Apr	28 Apr	8 May	21 Apr	25 Apr	12 Apr	20 Apr	23 Apr	
Cliff Swallow	18 Apr	16 Apr	31 Mar	25 Apr	21 Apr	1 May	29 Apr	26 Apr	18 Apr	5 Apr	18 Apr	25 Apr	
Barn Swallow	30 Mar	24 Mar	1 Apr	27 Mar	1 Apr	17 Apr	2 Apr	7 Apr	26 Mar	15 Mar	30 Mar	8 Apr	
House Wren	17 Apr	11 Apr	13 Apr	17 Apr	10 Apr	25 Apr	1 May	18 Apr	11 Apr	2 Apr	15 Apr	20 Apr	
Marsh Wren	14 Apr	11 Apr	11 Apr	17 Apr	12 Apr	10 Apr	27 Apr	14 Apr	28 Mar	10 Apr	12 Apr	26 Apr	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	17 Apr	12 Apr	22 Apr	17 Apr	12 Apr	29 Apr	8 May	10 Apr	30 Mar	27 Mar	15 Apr	19 Apr	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	27 Mar	7 Apr	22 Mar	28 Mar	31 Mar	30 Mar	24 Mar	1 Apr	1 Apr		29 Mar	5 Apr	
Eastern Bluebird		8 Mar		1 Mar	11 Mar	22 Mar			1 Mar	10 Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar	
Veery	1 May	28 Apr	1 May	2 May	2 May	4 May	7 May	1 May	14 Apr	31 Mar	27 Apr	1 May	
Swainson's Thrush	28 Apr	4 May	7 May	13 May	4 May	13 May	13 Apr	6 May	3 May	28 Apr	2 May	7 May	
Hermit Thrush	20 Mar	17 Mar	1 Apr	4 Mar	16 Mar	1 Apr	6 Mar	30 Mar	2 Apr		21 Mar	6 Apr	
Wood Thrush	29 Apr	28 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr	28 Apr	28 Apr	1 May	27 Apr	23 Apr	15 Apr	26 Apr	28 Apr	
Gray Catbird	10 Apr	4 Apr	15 Apr	11 Mar	26 Apr	25 Apr	29 Apr	23 Apr	24 Mar	28 Apr	13 Apr	23 Apr	
Brown Thrasher	2 Apr	6 Apr	1 Apr	27 Mar	6 Apr	9 Apr	2 Apr	8 Apr	6 Apr	15 Mar	2 Apr	13 Apr	
Eastern Towhee	21 Mar	28 Mar	17 Mar	1 Apr	3 Apr	22 Mar	14 Apr	4 Apr	29 Mar		29 Mar	7 Apr	
Chipping Sparrow	11 Mar	24 Mar	13 Mar	24 Mar	28 Mar	1 Apr	24 Mar	28 Mar	23 Mar		23 Mar	3 Apr	

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

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March 2021 was dry and much warmer than average. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 40.3° F, 6.3° above normal, with just 1.92" of precipitation, 0.95" below average. April started out warm for the first half and turned cold for the second half of the month. The mean temperature was 48.3°, 2.3° above average. Precipitation was 2.77", 0.24" below average with rain falling on more than half the days. The dry spell continued into May with a total of 1.63" of precipitation, 1.74" below normal. The average temperature was 57.2°, 0.7° below normal.

Waterfowl made a nice showing in March and April with several high counts coming from Iroquois NWR. Snow Geese were seen in several parts of the Region with a seasonal high count of 85 from Chautauqua County and the last being seen on 7 April. There were two records of Ross's Goose in early March, which has become a near-annual spring occurrence. There were three reports of Greater White-fronted Geese in the spring and no Brant reported. Cackling Geese were seen in several locations including a seasonal high count of 25 on 21 March. Celeste Morien had a nice count of 546 Tundra Swans at Iroquois NWR, the highest count for the season. An impressive 1,116 Northern Pintails were also counted at Iroquois NWR and large numbers were seen there from Cayuga Pool for an extended period in late March. A long-staying Eurasian Wigeon provided ample opportunity to birders during its stay at Tiff Nature Preserve from 11 March to 26 April. An additional individual was also reported from Iroquois NWR on 18 March. A Harlequin Duck was only reported once this season from its usual location at Niagara Falls SP. All three expected scoters were reported with both Surf and White-winged being reported from inland locations, while a report of a Black Scoter was unusual for late May. A seasonal high count of 650 Ruddy Ducks was reported from Chautauqua Lake.

A count of 92 Wild Turkey in Forestville was a seasonal high and very large tally for the Region. Golden Hill SP produced the highest Horned Grebe and Red-necked Grebe counts of the season with 22 and 175, respectively. Carol Hardenburg hosted yet another rare dove in her yard; this time a **Eurasian Collared-Dove** from 15-22 March, after hosting a White-winged Dove in December 2020. The arrival of Chimney Swifts and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds was first reported on 27 April.

There were several shorebird highlights this spring, in part thanks to the temporary lowering of water levels at some Iroquois NWR pools which attracted good numbers of shorebirds, and subsequently, birders. This included a **Black-necked Stilt** found by Terry Bohling at Iroquois NWR on 30 May. This represents the fourth Regional record, all of which occurred in the past five years. Additionally, the first spring record of a **Ruff** since 2013 was found by Celeste Morien at the Iroquois NWR pools on 11-12 May, as well as a single Long-billed Dowitcher from 9-12 May. American Avocets showed up at Dunkirk Harbor on 29 April with a passing rain event. Buffalo Harbor has proven to be a reliable shorebird location, producing up to 38 Whimbrel and the Region's only Red Knot of the season, both on 25 May, as well as overwintering Purple Sandpipers that continued until 5 April. It was an exceptional year for Wilson's Phalarope within the Region, including reports from three counties. A long-staying, amorous pair that was repeatedly observed mating in Amherst had locals hopeful they would nest in a local retention pond, but after a one-week stay, they moved on.

On the evening of 30 May while at Iroquois NWR for the Black-necked Stilt, Peter Yoerg identified a **King Rail** at Kumpf Marsh. A few birders had it the next day as well, and then after it was mentioned on a Regional text alert on 1 June, many birders chased after it. Sandhill Cranes put on a nice showing throughout the Region including a nice count of 11 in Oakfield.

Winter gulls remained well into spring with Iceland Gull last reported on 25 May, Lesser Black-backed Gull into the end of May, and Glaucous Gull reported as late as 17 April. A high count of five Little Gulls was made on 11 March in Lewiston, the most reliable location for this species in the Region and probably the state.

Golden Hill SP produced nice counts of 198 Red-throated and 82 Common Loons, both on 25 April and representing high counts for the season. The only report of American White Pelican was from Iroquois NWR on 18 April. Beaver Island SP produced two rare waders this spring. A Little Blue Heron was first found on the Canadian side of the Niagara River on 15 April late in the day and stuck overnight so that New Yorkers could catch glimpses of it from the US side throughout the day on the 16th. Bruce Hoover later found a Snowy Egret at the park on 15 May. Another surprise was a Cattle Egret photographed at a local vineyard in Lockport on 29 April. Black Vultures were reported from Sheridan and Bethany, in addition to their usual location in Lewiston. Two Golden Eagles were reported this spring, including one that was scavenging in a field and eventually escorted from the area by American Crows. Joel Strong photographed a juvenile "**Krider's**" Red-tailed Hawk at Tonawanda WMA on 1 April. This population of Red-tailed Hawk is from the Great Plains Region of the US and rarely ventures this far east into NY.

There were few reports of Snowy Owls in the spring, all single birds and no Long-eared Owls reported. Conewango Swamp WMA produced some nice counts of up to eight Short-eared Owls as well as a handful of other locations throughout the Region. Only two Northern Saw-whet Owls were reported this

spring. Red-headed Woodpeckers arrived on 21 April and were well-represented throughout the Region. Both Amherst and Buffalo produced healthy counts of five Peregrine Falcons, a species that is on the rise in the Region.

Passerine migration mostly followed the weather as movement seemed a little ahead of schedule during the warm start to April, then slowed in the colder second half, and picked up to regular schedule in May with a noted decline in activity after the third week.

Six Olive-sided Flycatcher reports made for a decent showing. Steven Pitt found a White-eyed Vireo at Tiff Nature Preserve on 28 April and several birders reported two there a few days later. Another White-eyed Vireo was found in Olean. A Blue-headed Vireo in Olean on 8 April was slightly early, but not surprising in a warm period and warming globe. Up to four Fish Crows continued at the winter roost in Buffalo in March. A flyby Fish Crow was identified along Lake Ontario shoreline in Olcott in May while two in Olean in May made for a good sighting in the same location as the Region's first record back in 2012. A record count of Common Ravens on the BOS May Count is indicative of their recent spread through the northern half of the Region. A Sedge Wren was found at Conewango Swamp WMA which is perhaps the most regular location for this species known for its irregular habits. A record count for Carolina Wrens on the BOS May Count is evidence they are on the upswing of a cycle or just flat out increasing; mild winters always help this species as well.

Evening Grosbeaks were reported in double digits at a few locations, and there was an increase in reports in May as small groups or single birds passed through. A few groups of 40 to 50 Common Redpolls were reported in March, although like the grosbeak, this species was present but not widespread. Birders scrutinized the redpoll flocks that resulted in three reports of individual Hoary Redpolls in March. Birders hoping for a strong return flight of crossbills following the irruption last fall were disappointed. Red Crossbills were found in three scattered locations and a lone White-winged Crossbill visited at a feeder in Newfane in March. The maximum count for Pine Siskin reached 60 in May but there were only several reports in double digits throughout the season.

Clay-colored Sparrows were reported from six locations including a maximum of seven in late May at Krull County Park, which is the best-known breeding location. Fox Sparrows made a good showing in migration with up to 11 in Wellsville in late March. Nathan Johnson photographed a record early Lincoln's Sparrow on 19 March at Stiglmeier Park; this is only the second March report and very early for a species with first arrivals in late April. Gale VerHague photographed a **Harris's Sparrow** on 19 May at Point Gratiot and got the word out for other birders to observe this one-day wonder. Gale also found two Yellow-breasted Chats at Canadaway Creek WMA, marking the first Regional report of this species since 2018. On the morning of 23 April, Paul McQuillen was puzzled by a bird in his Hamburg yard. After sending a photo to a local birding social media site, he welcomed many to come see the male Yellow-headed Blackbird.

Orchard Orioles have been on the increase in recent years and the record count on the BOS May Count provides good evidence of this trend.

The highlight of the spring season was a **Black-throated Gray Warbler** found by John Barton on 20 April at Amherst SP. The chase was then on! The warbler stuck around until 24 April but was not always an easy find in the woods and it was observed during a late season snowfall on one of the days. Over 150 eBird entries were made for this western rarity over the five days. This is the fourth Regional record and first since 2004. On 28 April at Tiff Nature Preserve, Steven Pitt had a brief sighting and took two quick photos in the understory of the Region's first Kentucky Warbler since 2013. A Worm-eating Warbler found by Vicki Rothman at Niagara Falls SP on 5 May drew many subsequent observers that day. An Eastern Palm Warbler was found by Joel Farwell at Four Mile Creek SP in late April. A Western Palm Warbler found and photographed by Matt Nusstein during a field trip at Evangola SP was stunning for the early date of 16 March! Like the very early Lincoln's Sparrow it is possible that these birds did not winter as far south as typical in this mild winter and made their way north earlier. There were five Golden-winged Warbler reports in May. Prothonotary Warbler was found at Tonawanda WMA and Iroquois NWR in traditional breeding locations, while one at Tiff Nature Preserve on 24 May was either late as a migrant or possibly a male prospecting in suitable habitat.

The 86th BOS April Count was held on 11 April on a mild and cloudy day and compiled by Joel Strong. There was a species count of 143 with 81,016 birds recorded, well below average. Highest counts in the period since 1966 were tallied for Trumpeter Swan (8), Virginia Rail (13), Black Vulture (7), Red-bellied Woodpecker (362), Merlin (11), Brown Thrasher (66), Northern Mockingbird (68), and Northern Cardinal (1,369). The lowest counts in the same period included Lesser Scaup (30), Long-tailed Duck (25), Ring-necked Pheasant (2), American Coot (18), and Northern Harrier (15).

The BOS May Count was held on 16 May and compiled by Robert Deleon. A total of 206 species was tallied, and 68,146 birds (below average) were recorded. Record high counts since 1965 included Mute Swan (43, most in Ontario), Trumpeter Swan (6), Hooded Merganser (53), Great Egret (232), Black Vulture (6), Cooper's Hawk (29), Virginia Rail (14), Wilson's Phalarope (5), Eastern Screech-Owl (12), Fish Crow (9), Common Raven (64), Tufted Titmouse (173), Red-breasted Nuthatch (122), Carolina Wren (74), Pine Warbler (33), Clay-colored Sparrow (9), and Orchard Oriole (40). Lowest counts over the same period included Ring-necked Pheasant (2) and Purple Finch (47).

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACNC – Audubon Community Nature Center, Jamestown CHAU; **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 – 11 Apr; **BOSMC** – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count – 16 May; **BuffH** – 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; **DHSP** – Devil’s Hole SP, NIAG; **EvSP** – Evangola SP, ERIE; **FLC** – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, ERIE; **FMCSP** – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; **FNSP** – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; **GHSP** – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; **Hamburg HW** – Hamburg Hawk Watch, ERIE; **INWR** – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; **JDSP** – Joseph Davis SP, NIAG; **JWWMA** – John White WMA, GENE; **Krull CP** – Krull CP, NIAG; **LBSP** – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; **LESP** – Lake Erie SP, CHAU; **NF** – Niagara Falls, NIAG; **NFSP** – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; **NR** – Niagara R; **OOWMA** – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE/ORLE; **PB** – Point Breeze, ORLE; **PG** – Pt Gratiot, CHAU; **RWNP** – Reinstein Woods NP, ERIE; **SPWS** – Sinking Ponds Wildlife Sanctuary, ERIE; **TBNP** – Times Beach NP, Buffalo, ERIE; **Tift NP** – Tift Nature Pres, 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: 43 Fredonia CHAU 3 Mar; 43 TRWMA 9 Mar; max 85 Pomfret CHAU 10 Mar; last Somerset NIAG 7 Apr.
Ross’s Goose: Olean CATT 2, 3 Mar (BG); CSWMA 4, 7 Mar (BR, PMi); nearly annual in spring.
Greater White-fronted Goose: Yates ORLE 10 Mar; max 5 INWR 12 Mar (TJM); 2 Porter NIAG 14 Mar.
Brant: no reports.
Cackling Goose: 11 Yates ORLE 10 Mar (JSt); 4 BuSP 14 Mar; 15 Somerset NIAG 16

Mar (WD); max 25 Oakfield GENE 21 Mar (PY).

Mute Swan: 2 Tonawanda ERIE 6 Mar; 4 Olcott NIAG 16 Mar; 5 N Collins ERIE 9, 27 Apr, 1 May; 4 Tift NP 10 Apr, 1, 31 May; max 9, 10 PB 24 Apr, 27 May; 7 GHSP 25 Apr; 1, 1 BeSP 4, 24 May.

Trumpeter Swan: 5, 5, 4 INWR 14 Mar, 27 Apr, 13 May, regular at this location in recent years.

Tundra Swan: 295 Long Pt SP CHAU 3 Mar; 198 BuSP 9 Mar; 178 Hamburg HW 10 Mar; max 546 INWR 15 Mar (CM); last NF BOSMC.

Wood Duck: max 80, 80 Cuba ALLE 22 Mar, 6 Apr.

Blue-winged Teal: arr CSWMA 21 Mar; max 18 INWR 14 Apr.

Northern Shoveler: max 60, 73 INWR 21 Mar, 23 Apr.

Gadwall: max 60, 72 INWR 16 Mar, 6 Apr; 43 Dayton CATT 27 Mar.

Eurasian Wigeon: Tift NP 11 Mar – 26 Apr (TD, mob); INWR 18 Mar (SS); annual in spring.

American Wigeon: max 299, 354 INWR 23 Mar, 6 Apr; 200 OOWMA 30 Mar.

American Black Duck: 36 CSWMA 6 Mar; max 131, 66 OOWMA 22, 30 Mar.

Northern Pintail: msx 625, 974, 1116 INWR 13, 23 Mar, 6 Apr (CM), impressive numbers at Cayuga Pool.

Green-winged Teal: max 224 OOWMA 30 Mar; 180, 203 INWR 23 Mar, 6 Apr.

Canvasback: 150 DH 2 Mar; max 760 BeSP 2 Mar; last BeSP 16 Apr.

Redhead: 250, 250 Celoron ChauL 2, 15 Mar; 250 DH 2 Mar; max 700 BeSP 6 Mar; 32, 5 INWR 17 Apr, 31 May.

Ring-necked Duck: 200 WFWMA 22 Mar; 357 TWMA 25 Mar; max 375 Chautauqua ChauL 17 Apr.

Greater Scaup: 300 DH 2 Mar; max 1500 BufH 7 Mar; last DH 28 May.

Lesser Scaup: 90 BufH 25 Mar; 66 BWWTP 18 Apr; max 100 Chautauqua ChauL 24 Apr; last BWWTP 28 May.

Harlequin Duck: NFSP 26 Apr (TK), only report.

Surf Scoter: 3 BufH 25 Mar; 2 DH 30 Mar, 6 Apr; GHSP 14 Apr; 2 SPWS 24 Apr (JBa); max 9 BuSP 2 May (AH); Amherst ERIE 7 May (JSa); 3 Dayton CATT 11 May (JK).

White-winged Scoter: max 100 FNPS 9 Mar; 3 Cuba ALLE 26 Apr (JRo); 2 Dayton CATT 30 Apr; 2 AISP 8 May (KB); 2 Lewiston Res NIAG 17 May; 5 BufH 26 May (KR).

Black Scoter: BufH 26 May (KR), late; with White-winged Scoters.

Long-tailed Duck: max 277 GHSP 25 Apr.

Bufflehead: max 400 Jamestown ChauL 7 Apr; 275 BWWTP 24 Apr.

Common Goldeneye: max 300 Buffalo NR 7 Mar; 160 Celoron ChauL 11 Mar; max 300 BufH 20 Mar; last DH 26 May.

Hooded Merganser: max 38 Bird Swamp CATT 14 Mar.

Common Merganser: max 229 BeSP 3 Apr.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 500 DH 28 Mar; 325 LBSP 27 Apr.

Ruddy Duck: 78, 368, 250 BWWTP 25 Mar, 17 Apr, 1 May; 12, 5 Dayton CATT 27 Mar, 31 May; max 650 N Harmony ChauL 17 Apr.

Wild Turkey: max 92 Forestville CHAU 6 Mar (GV).

Pied-billed Grebe: max 14 TWMA 12 Apr.

Horned Grebe: 15 Dayton CATT 27 Mar; max 22 GHSP, 20 Yates ORLE 14 Apr; last INWR 12 May.

Red-necked Grebe: 54, 80, 74 Somerset NIAG 20, 27 Mar, 14 Apr; max 175 GHSP 27 Mar; BeSP 17 Apr; N Harmony ChauL 24 Apr; BWWTP 1 May; last Gerry CHAU 7 May (WS).

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: Portland CHAU 15-22 Mar (CH, mob), rare, first report since 2015.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Fredonia CHAU 9 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Shelby ORLE, Buffalo ERIE, Gerry CHAU 15 May.

Common Nighthawk: arr 2 BOSMC; 9 TRWMA 25 May; max 34 INWR 30 May (AGU).

Eastern Whip-poor-will: arr Newfane NIAG 1 May; BeSP 2 May; Ellicott Creek CP ERIE 6 May; GHSP 17 May.

Chimney Swift: arr 3 Attica WYOM, Buffalo ERIE 27 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Forestville CHAU 27 Apr.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

KING RAIL: INWR 30 May thru (PY, WD! CM!), very rare; first Reg record since 2010.

Virginia Rail: arr ACNC, Orchard P ERIE, BuSP, Tift NP 8 Apr.

Sora: arr BWWTP 17 Apr.

Common Gallinule: arr TWMA 6 Apr.

American Coot: max 60 TWMA 16 Apr.

Sandhill Crane: 3, 4 CSWMA 6 Mar, 8 May; max 11 Oakfield GENE 21 Mar; 8 WFWMA 25 Mar; 4 ACNC 2 Apr; 7, 6 INWR 17 Apr, 5 May; Dayton CATT 30 May (PMi).

BLACK-NECKED STILT: INWR 30-31 May (TB, mob), 4th Reg record, all in last five years.

American Avocet: 1, 2 DH 29 Apr (GV, BR), reports increasing in spring.

Black-bellied Plover: arr CSWMA, BufH 6 May; 1, 3 INWR 15, 31 May; Somerset NIAG 23 May; BWWTP 28 May.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 4, max 32 INWR 10, 19 May.

Killdeer: max 50 Ripley HW CHAU 22 Mar.

Upland Sandpiper: 1-2 TRWMA 12 May thru; regular breeding location.

Whimbrel: arr 5 BeSP 13 May; 4, max 38 BufH 22, 25 May (KR).

Ruddy Turnstone: arr 1, max 12 BufH 14 May, 22 May; 2-3 INWR 16 May; 2 BWWTP 28 May.

Red Knot: BufH 25 May (KR, AGa), only report.

RUFF: INWR 11, 12 May (CM, mob), first spring report since 2013.

Sanderling: arr 2, max 7 BufH 22, 25 May.

Dunlin: arr 3 INWR 10 Apr; max 32 BufH 22 May.

Purple Sandpiper: 2, 2, 1 BufH 11, 25 Mar, 5 Apr, continued from winter.

Least Sandpiper: arr 2 INWR 11 Apr (DG), record early; 2 DH 4 May; max 62 Alexander GENE 17 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr CSWMA 29 May (JM), only report.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr CSWMA 21 Mar; max 33 INWR 12 May.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 20 BOSMC; 14 Dayton CATT 29 May; 18 INWR 31 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 1, 11 INWR 16, 18 May; 8 Dayton CATT 29 May; CSWMA 29 May.

Long-billed Dowitcher: INWR 9-12 May (MR, WD, BP), increased spring reports last two years.

American Woodcock: arr Forestville CHAU 1 Mar.

Wilson's Snipe: arr CSWMA 10 Mar; max 45 Hartland NIAG 12 Apr.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr West Seneca ERIE 12 Apr.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Porter NIAG 9 Apr; max 17 INWR 12 May (PY).

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 INWR 25 Mar; 21 Hartland NIAG 28 Apr; 47 CSWMA 4 May; max 71 INWR 15 May.

Willet: no reports.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr INWR 24 Mar; 23 INWR 6 Apr; 23 BWWTP 1 May; max 75 INWR 5 May (VR).

Wilson's Phalarope: arr 1, 1, 1 INWR 10, 13, 28 May; 3 Somerset NIAG 13-18 May (JSt); Hartland NIAG 15, 16 May; CSWMA 16 May; Forestville CHAU 16 May; 2 Amherst ERIE 21-27 May (JSa, mob), pair observed mating but did not stick around; excellent showing.

Red-necked Phalarope: 3, 1 BWWTP 24, 29 May (DB, PMi), only reports.

Black-legged Kittiwake: juv Barcelona Harbor CHAU 1 Mar (GV), rare for date.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 600 Buffalo NR 31 Mar.

Little Gull: max 5 Lewiston NR 11 Mar.

Iceland Gull: 2 Celoron ChauL 12 Mar (TS); 2 WoBSP 3 Apr; reported from 5 other locs; last Olcott NIAG 25 May.

"THAYER'S" ICELAND GULL: imm Krull CP NIAG 25 Apr (JSt ph!); ad Olcott NIAG 29 Apr (JSt ph!); nicely documented by photos.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 3 NFSP 13 Mar; Dayton CATT 21 Mar; Collins ERIE 27 Mar; N Collins ERIE 28 Mar; Olcott NIAG 11 May; WoBSP 18 May; PB 28 May (AGu, CW).

Glaucous Gull: BufH 3 Mar; 2 NPP 14 Mar; Collins ERIE 27 Mar; max 2, 5, 1 WoBSP 30 Mar, 3, 17 Apr.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 14 BufH 2 Mar.

Caspian Tern: arr Barcelona Harbor CHAU 8 Apr; 114 Wilson NIAG 7 May; max 204 BuH 24 May.

Black Tern: arr 3 INWR 28 Apr; BMAC 1 May (SA, unusual location; max 21 TWMA 9 May; BWWTP 29 May).

Common Tern: arr 3 Buffalo NR 8 Apr; 158 Olcott NIAG 11 May; max 250 BufH 29 May.

Forster's Tern: Silver Creek CHAU 4 May (GV); 2 Allegheny Res CATT 6 May (JK); only reports.

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: 19 Krull CP NIAG 20 Mar; Dayton CATT 23 Apr (BR, JK); max 198 GHSP 25 Apr (WD); last 7 GHSP 18 May.

Common Loon: arr Somerset NIAG, Franklinville CATT, 2 Dayton CATT 27 Mar; max 82 GHSP 25 Apr.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 1000 Grand I NR 27 May.

American White Pelican: INWR 18 Apr (RT, NL); only report for this species after multiple reports in recent springs.

American Bittern: arr INWR 13 Apr.

Least Bittern: arr 1, max 3 Tift NP 28 Apr, 21 May; West Seneca ERIE 8 May; 2 TWMA 9 May.

Great Blue Heron: max 172, 171 Motor I NR ERIE 23 Mar, 3 Apr.

Great Egret: arr BeSP 21 Mar; max 96 INWR 19 May.

Snowy Egret: BeSP 15 May (BH), not found after initial sighting.

Little Blue Heron: BeSP 16 Apr; bird on Canadian side of NR, but visible at distance with scopes from US side.

Cattle Egret: Lockport NIAG 29 Apr (DR), surprise find in a vineyard.

Green Heron: arr 2 BOSAC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr 3 Motor I NR ERIE 27 Mar.

Black Vulture: Sheridan CHAU 22 Mar (GV); Bethany GENE 8 Apr (DB); 2, 2, 1 Lewiston NIAG 10, 23, 30 May, regular location.

Turkey Vulture: max 801, 878 Hamburg HW 22 Mar, 8 Apr.

Osprey: arr CSWMA 21 Mar.

Golden Eagle: OOWMA 7 Apr (CM); Somerset NIAG 20 Apr (JSt), scavenging until chased off by crows.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 32 Hamburg HW 23 Apr.

Northern Goshawk: no reports.

Bald Eagle: 11 Ripley HW 22 Mar; max 12 Hamburg HW 6 May.

Red-shouldered Hawk: arr 2, max 40 Hamburg HW 8, 17 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 4 Orchard Park ERIE 7 Apr; max 293, 319 Hamburg HW 24 Apr, 1 May.

Red-tailed Hawk: TWMA 1 Apr (JSt ph!), "Krider's" form, rarely documented in Reg.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 7 Hamburg HW 20 Mar; last CSWMA, 2 Hamburg HW 1 May.

Snowy Owl: BufH 2, 13, 20 Mar; Jamestown Airport CHAU 5-10 Mar (RS; Tift NP 10 Mar; only locations with reports.

Long-eared Owl: no reports.

Short-eared Owl: max 8, 5 Conewango CATT 7 Mar, 12 Apr (PMi, JK); 2 INWR 16 Mar; 5 Shelby ORLE 22 Mar; Tift NP 22 Mar; Freedom CATT 25 Mar; Jamestown Airport CHAU 14 Apr.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Kiantone CHAU 3 Mar (JBe, JRa); Tift NP 7 Mar (CA, MM); only reports.

Red-headed Woodpecker: arr ACNC 21 Apr; Shelby ORLE 24 Apr; 2, 4 PG 29 Apr, 8 May; Fredonia CHAU 30 Apr; 3 Tift NP 14 May; 4 Como Lake CP ERIE 18 May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: AmSP 2 Mar; Bethany GENE 6 Mar; reported from nine other locations in March, with increased winter reports cannot determine first arrival.

Merlin: max 3, 3 Hamburg HW 21, 27 Mar.

Peregrine Falcon: max 5 Amherst ERIE 22 May; max 5 Buffalo ERIE 25 May.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr 3 RWNP, INWR, BMAC 1 May.

Eastern Kingbird: arr INWR 24 Apr.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Jamestown CHU 13 May; five other reports.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr Irving ERIE, Tift NP 8 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr AmSP, PG 19 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 16 May.

Alder Flycatcher: arr 2 BOSMC.

Willow Flycatcher: arr Forestville CHAU 11 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr Jamestown CHAU 27 Apr.

Eastern Phoebe: arr RWNP, Amherst ERIE 18 Mar.

Northern Shrike: reported from six locs in Mar; last Krull CP NIAG 20 Mar.

White-eyed Vireo: arr 1-2 Tift NP 28 Apr – 1 May (SP, mob), two birds reported 1 May; Olean CATT 10 May (BC).

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr RWNP, INWR 1 May.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr Olean CATT 8 Apr (BG), early; Cassadaga CHAU 10 Apr.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr AmSP, FLC, Tift NP 15 May.

Warbling Vireo: arr Cherry Creek CHAU 27 Apr.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr FLC, AISP 3 May.

Blue Jay: max 1023 GHSP 2 May.

Fish Crow: 4, 3 Buffalo ERIE 8, 11 Mar, most sightings at or near crow roost; 2 Olean CATT 2-10 May (JM), in an area with historic sightings; Olcott NIAG 22 May (JSt).

Common Raven: 64 BOSMC, record high for count.

Horned Lark: max 35 Stockton CHAU 2 Mar.

Purple Martin: arr 12 BeSP, 2 TWMA 10 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr 2 INWR 10 Mar; max 400, 750 BWWT 30 Apr, 1 May.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr Buffalo ERIE, Tift NP 5 Apr.

Bank Swallow: arr BOSAC.

Cliff Swallow: arr Tift NP 18 Apr.

Barn Swallow: arr Tift NP 30 Mar; max 250, 400 BWWT 30 Apr, 1 May.

House Wren: arr Amherst ERIE 17 Apr.

Winter Wren: arr INWR 12 Mar.

Sedge Wren: 1, 1 CSWMA 10, 29 (BR, JM), regular at this location in recent years.

Marsh Wren: arr 2 TWMA 14 Apr.
Carolina Wren: 74 BOSMC, record high count.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Chautauqua CHAU 17 Apr.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr GHSP 27 Mar.
Veery: arr Orangeville WYOM 1 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr INWR, BufH 15 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr RWNP 28 Apr (MG); East Amherst ERIE 30 Apr (KLL ph!); slightly early.
Hermit Thrush: DLSP 13 Mar; arr Sturgeon Pt ERIE 20 Mar; Jamestown CHAU 28 Mar.
Wood Thrush: arr Buffalo ERIE, Tift NP, INWR 29 Apr.
Gray Catbird: 1, 1 Tift NP 3, 29 Mar; S Buffalo ERIE 12 Mar; arr Buffalo ERIE 10 Apr.
Brown Thrasher: arr S Buffalo ERIE 2 Apr.
American Pipit: arr Olean CATT 3 Mar (BC); 56 Pomfret CHAU 22 Mar; max 69 Shelby ORLE 3 May; last Amherst ERIE 17 May.
Evening Grosbeak: 15 Gerry CHAU 7 Mar; 10, 12, 8 Andover ALLE 14 Mar, 10 Apr, 9 May; max 24 Machias CATT 26 Mar; 1, 7 BMAC 27 Apr, 2 May; 2 Holland ERIE 30 Apr; 16 Bethany GENE 2 May; 6 LBSP 3 May; 8 Wellsville ALLE 6 May; 5 Wethersfield WYOM 28 May; plus additional reports of 1-2 in May.
Purple Finch: max 11 Jamestown CHAU 28 Apr.
Common Redpoll: max 50 Holland ERIE 4 Mar; 45 OOWMA 6 Mar; 52 Yates ORLE 11 Mar; 41 Ashford CATT 16 Mar; 40 Cambria NIAG 18 Mar; 40 N Tonawanda NIAG 20 Mar; last Newfane NIAG 3 May (JSt).
Hoary Redpoll: Newfane NIAG 7, 14 Mar (JSt); Lockport NIAG 11 Mar (PMi); Wilson NIAG 13 Mar (WD); all among Commons.
Red Crossbill: 15 BMAC 17, 24 Apr (TK); Krull CP NIAG 19 Apr (WD, BP); 8 Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 30 May (BC); expected more following fall irruption.
White-winged Crossbill: Newfane NIAG 28, 30 Mar (JSt), at feeder; only report.
Pine Siskin: 23 Jamestown CHAU 28 Mar; 16 Wilson NIAG 27 Apr; 18 Newfane NIAG 28 Apr; 19, 27 Busti CHAU 29 Apr, 3 May; 35 Fredonia CHAU 11 May; max 60 Orchard P ERIE 14 May.
American Goldfinch: max 158 Shelby ORLE 14 Mar.
Lapland Longspur: last 3 Forestville CHAU 24 Mar.

Snow Bunting: max 100 Sheldon WYOM 13 Mar; last BufH 27 Mar.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: arr Tift NP 21 Mar.
American Tree Sparrow: last 4 Orchard P ERIE 25 Apr.
Chipping Sparrow: arr Attica WYOM 11 Mar.
Clay-colored Sparrow: arr BuSP 2 May; Buffalo ERIE 3 May; JWWMA 8 May; max 2, 7 Krull CP 8, 29 May, regular breeding loc; 2 LBSP 12 May; 2 Porter NIAG 19 May.
Field Sparrow: arr Portland CHAU 5 Mar.
Vesper Sparrow: arr Tift NP 23 Mar; 4 BeSP 14 Apr (DS); max 7 Sheridan CHAU 14 Apr (GV); 6 Shelby ORLE 13 May (VR).
Savannah Sparrow: Dunkirk Airport CHAU 14 Mar; arr Sheridan CHAU 20 Mar.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Orchard P ERIE 28 Apr; max 4 JWWMA 16 May; reported from nine other locations.
Fox Sparrow: 1, 6 Tift NP 5 Mar, 5 Apr; max 11 Wellsville ALLE 25 Mar; 5 DLSP 27 Mar; 7 LESP 3 Apr; last Jamestown CHAU, Stiglmeier P ERIE, Tift NP 2 May; good showing.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Stiglmeier P ERIE 19 Mar (NJ), record early; last 2 GHSP 24 May.
Swamp Sparrow: 2 CSWMA, 2 TRWMA 9 Mar, both possible wintering locations; uncertain first arrival.
White-throated Sparrow: max 85 Tift NP 27 Apr.
HARRIS'S SPARROW: PG 19 May (GV, mob), rare.
White-crowned Sparrow: 9 Porter NIAG 11 Mar; 4 Portland CHAU 29 Mar; Unity I NR 31 Mar; only Mar reports; uncertain arrival date for Apr; last Wilson NIAG 30 May.
Yellow-breasted Chat: 2 Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 27 May (GV), has become scarce in recent years.
Yellow-headed Blackbird: Hamburg ERIE 23 Apr (PMC, mob), in residential yard.
Bobolink: arr 2 Knox Farm SP ERIE 29 Apr.
Eastern Meadowlark: arr Kiantone CHAU 3 Mar; 11 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 13 Mar; max 18 Knox Farm SP ERIE 18 Apr.
Orchard Oriole: arr Tift NP 29 Apr.
Baltimore Oriole: arr Orangeville WYOM 27 Apr.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 2000 Dunkirk CHAU 6 Mar.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 160 Villenova CHAU 17 Mar.
Rusty Blackbird: 40 Cuba ALLE 22 Mar; max 120, 125 Tiftt NP 22 Mar, 8 Apr; 100 BuSP 4 May; last INWR 19 May.
Common Grackle: max 300 Tiftt NP 21 Mar.
Ovenbird: arr AmSP, 2 INWR 28 Apr.
Worm-eating Warbler: NFSP 5 May (VR, mob), good find.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Wales ERIE, Emery CP ERIE, Hunters Creek CP 10 Apr.
Northern Waterthrush: arr ACNC, WFWMA 24 Apr.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr Ripley CHAU 7 May; TRWMA 9 May; FLC 11 May; FMCSP 15 May; Great Valley CATT 16 May, heard only.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr Knox Farm SP ERIE, Stiglmeier P ERIE 28 Apr.
“Brewster’s” Warbler: arr AISP 28 Apr (JK); LBSP 16 May; Attica WYOM 31 May.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr 3 Wilson NIAG, AmSP 27 Apr.
Prothonotary Warbler: arr TWMA 15 May, regular breeding location; INWR 19 May; Tiftt NP 24 May (SH), late migrant or prospecting male?
Tennessee Warbler: arr AISP 2 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr AmSP 8 May; four other reports.
Nashville Warbler: arr AmSP, Tiftt NP, Buffalo ERIE, 2 Wilson NIAG, BMAC 27 Apr.
Connecticut Warbler: no reports.
Mourning Warbler: arr AmSP, Jamestown CHAU 3 May.
Kentucky Warbler: Tiftt NP 28 Apr (SP ph!), rare.
Common Yellowthroat: arr AISP 28 Apr.
Hooded Warbler: arr Cassadaga CHAU 1 May.

American Redstart: arr AISP 28 Apr.
Cape May Warbler: arr WTSP 28 Apr.
Cerulean Warbler: arr INWR 8 May.
Northern Parula: arr AISP 24 Apr.
Magnolia Warbler: arr AISP 1 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr West Seneca ERIE 5 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr Tiftt NP, AISP 28 Apr.
Yellow Warbler: arr 2 INWR 27 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr AISP 28 Apr.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr CHMUA 9 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr East Amherst ERIE 29 Apr.
“Western” Palm Warbler: arr EvSP 16 Mar (MN ph! mob), shockingly early.
“Eastern” Palm Warbler: FMCSP 27 Apr (WD, JF ph!), rare.
Pine Warbler: arr FLC 25 Mar; max 10 GHSP 27 Apr.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 71, 200 GHSP 27 Apr, 1 May; 157 LBSP 4 May.
Yellow-throated Warbler: Ripley CHAU 5 May (JC), rare.
Prairie Warbler: arr GHSP 1 May.
BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER: AmSP 20-24 Apr (JBa, mob), 4th Reg record; *see intro*.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr AmSP 24 Apr.
Canada Warbler: arr HBWMA, Ripley CHAU 12 May.
Wilson’s Warbler: arr Bird Swamp CATT 8 May.
SUMMER TANAGER (R1): FLC 12 May (CK), annual in spring recently.
Scarlet Tanager: arr Porter NIAG 28 Apr.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Ripley CHAU 24 Apr.
Indigo Bunting: arr Orangeville WYOM 24 Apr.



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Overall, this was a warm and relatively dry season other than May being the third year in a row with the temperature average below normal. It started with a nice, quiet March; in and out like a lion, but only briefly at either end and long stretches of quiet with lots of sunshine between. It was a mild month, with little snow and only one wind event, on the 26th. Temperatures averaged 39.3° F, 5.0° above normal, while precipitation totaled 1.02", 1.48" below normal. Snowfall at 1.4" was 14.9" below normal. It was the eleventh warmest March on record. Record highs occurred at 68° on 10 March and 71° on 11 March plus a record high low of 50° on the 25th. It was the eighth driest March with the sixth least snow. April followed as a typical see-saw month, the first half warm and the second cooler. Only a few days with measurable snow were scattered through the month. Even winds were a bit less than usual for a spring month. Temperatures averaged 47.2°, 0.9° above normal. The warmest day was 79° on the 10th. Precipitation totaled 3.38", 0.65" above normal, with some rainfall on 16 of the 30 days. Snowfall at 4.7" was 0.8" above normal. Leaf-out was advanced and was coated with 2.8" of snow over 20-21 April. May 2021 continued the cool of late April and moved back to dry. Temperatures averaged 56.9°, 1.9° below normal. It was the third consecutive May with a below normal average. Precipitation totaled 1.28", 1.58" below normal, the seventeenth driest May on record. The only significant rain events were 0.24" on the 7th and 0.57" on the 28th. There was an official trace of snow at the airport and some more on the hilltops south of Rochester through the 9th. The first half of the month and the last five days were cool, with some summer warmth between. One record high was tied at 88° on 26 May.

Looking quickly at the season in general, we start with a record high species count of 149 for March, reflecting most of the lingering half hardies making it into this month and many of the irruptive species also still to be found. There were two species arriving record early, Chimney Swift on the 29th and Yellow-rumped Warbler on the 5th, and a tie record early Caspian Tern on the 28th. The eBird download was about 53,759 lines, up about 20% from last March. April continued with a good number of reports, about 66,401 eBird lines only a few % down from last year. The species count and year-to-date total were right on last year. Spring was well advanced until April cooled later in the month. May's 139,389 eBird lines was <5% down from last year. With the cool late April extending into May, a number of arrivals expected then were delayed, but really only back toward historically average dates. Breeding Bird Atlas work and special May bird counts resulted in 716 unique observers in the eBird download. As usual, the more interesting information lies in the details.

Jumping right into the waterfowl, we find essentially all expected species reported each month. Following recent trends, most peak counts, especially for diving ducks, were low; the bulk of the waterfowl passage seemed to be over by early April; and departure dates for most species were on the early end of their historical distributions. Lake Ontario water levels were on the low side, and levels in much of the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) were also low. Most peak counts were from the general Lake Ontario and its bays and ponds area or from a very few NMWMA locations. By late April, the Braddock Bay barrier beach island off the East Spit (BB-ES) was becoming an increasingly interesting hotspot. Looking at more specifics, we find good Snow Goose counts in March, lingering small numbers into mid-April, and an individual to late May. Greater White-fronted, Ross's, and Cackling Geese were found into much of March, with a total of about 86 Cackling Geese at 29+ locations. Decent Trumpeter Swan numbers were reported, mostly in the NMWMA and dropping as nesting progressed and vegetation filled in. Tundra Swan was reported in decreasing numbers through a typical May departure, and Mute Swan remained too abundant in the Lake Ontario bays and ponds. Among puddle ducks, the main stories are numbers lingering around the BB-ES site through season's end and low counts from the NMWMA. Eurasian Wigeon had a good showing, with adult males reported from six locations and least three of these certainly different individuals, possibly more. Among the diving ducks, generally low numbers is the major message. In March it was interesting to have a female Harlequin Duck, likely one present most of the winter on the lakeshore, and two immature male Barrow's Goldeneyes in the Genesee River only a short distance in from the mouth to Lake Ontario. One of the goldeneyes is likely an individual reported late in the month in Irondequoit Bay. Among the grebes, numbers were also generally low, though there were a couple of good Red-necked Grebe counts, 192 and 236, in early April and a report of a rare **Eared Grebe** off the Town of Greece on 24 March. A bit out of order, we can note the usual paucity of rail and related marsh bird reports, but, typical of recent years, good numbers of Sandhill Cranes, both migrating and in the expected breeding areas.

Quickly looking at the doves, cuckoos, nightjars, to hummingbirds, we note: the Region's fifth **White-winged Dove** seen and photographed by David Brown as it passed the Braddock Bay Hawkwatch on 8 March; cuckoos at typical arrival dates and in good numbers in gypsy moth caterpillar outbreak areas; Common Nighthawk reports poor; Eastern Whip-poor-will as the usual scattered few; Chimney Swift records early as noted earlier; and many comments around Ruby-throated Hummingbird late to arrive and scarce, though good numbers were reported later.

Shorebirds were off to an uninspiring start in March, though there were a few decent Killdeer counts and the usual early arrivals were reported, American Woodcock on the 3rd and the others in the last third of the month. Later, the BB-ES site, the NMWMA (Carncross Rd.) site, and a scattering of other places produced good shorebird reports, many with photos, for 24 species. The Region's

eighth, ninth, and tenth spring records for **Piping Plover** on 20-21 April, 15 May, and 23 May and **Marbled Godwit** reports on 14, 21, and 31 May plus a spring Stilt Sandpiper, were the rarest. Whimbrel, Red Knot, and Willet are always interesting. Finally, there was an influx of Wilson's Phalaropes, at least 11, with up to three at a pond on Hogan Point Road, Greece on 14 May and up to four at NMWMA (Carncross Rd.) on 19 May; part of a widespread occurrence in the Northeast.

The gull and tern picture was generally on the weak side. Much of this is due to a lack of the usual late-winter ice edges on the bays and ponds and near shore on Lake Ontario, where the gulls usually congregate. Regular species were all reported except Little Gull, a close-to-regular; arrival dates were typical; and "winter gulls" persisted well into May and even beyond. Bonaparte's Gulls arrived as expected, but peak counts, either passing or at resting sites, were low, and none of the rarer gulls often found with them were reported until 1-3 **Laughing Gulls** were observed, first one passing off Greece on 14 May and later at the BB-ES site from 20-28 May. Iceland Gull was seen off and on through the season and Glaucous Gull to 13 May. Lesser Black-backed Gull was especially noteworthy, with good numbers all season and counts to 15 at BB-ES and to 10 at Ontario Beach in May. The terns saw a record-tying arrival for Caspian Tern on 28 March, a few decent counts for that species and Common Tern, a few Black Tern reports, and the second Regional spring report for **Least Tern** at the BB-ES site on 23 May with many observers and photos.

Echoing the diving duck story, loons too were scarce this spring, with the Red-throated Loon peak only 12 in April and Common Loon peaks of 115 and 110 for April and early May, respectively. Double-crested Cormorant had departed in late winter and returned in March and increased through the season as expected. Among the regular species in this grouping up to the vultures, we have relatively early arrival dates for Great Egret and Green Heron and other species' arrivals and counts typical. Then we can turn to a host of fun records. First, there was a very rare spring, **adult Northern Gannet** on 13 May passing the hawkwatch at 7:18 AM and off Sodus Point in Wayne County about 38 miles to the east at 9:42 AM. Next, there were several American White Pelican records from 22 April to 27 May, with a group of **nine** in the Braddock Bay area and nearby on 26 May. Moving on we have a Cattle Egret in that general area on 2 May and **Snowy Egret** there on 28 April and passing off Greece on 13 May (same, or two?). Then, Glossy Ibis in the NMWMA (Carncross Rd.) area on 8 April, Braddock Bay on 10 April, and the Town of Ogden in western Monroe County 12-14 April; up to **22** in the Beechwood State Park area and nearby in Wayne County on 19 May; and one back at the BB-ES site on 24 May. Finally, toss in **White-faced Ibis** at NMWMA (Carncross Rd.) on 18 May and at BB-ES and nearby from 22-23 May, both records with photos. We can then wrap up this grouping with Black Vulture at the Braddock Bay Hawkwatch on 2 April and 22 May and at the NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.) area on 2 May. Lots of "good" birds!

With the hawks, we have much data, including lots of notes with the daily counts for the Braddock Bay Hawkwatch at the hawkcount website. Looking at some detail, we start with the official counter again David Brown, who adds good notes on both the raptors and non-raptor species seen, and captures many photos, with posting to eBird as well. The season was off to a good start, with 8506 birds tallied in March. This was down about 1/3 from the 2020 tally, but this just serves to illustrate the variability year to year due to many factors. As usual, Turkey Vulture accounted for 77% of that total. Golden Eagle and Rough-legged Hawk numbers were good, but no Northern Goshawk was tallied, and that would hold for the whole season. In April, most species were up 20-50% over 2020 numbers, except for Golden Eagle flat, Rough-legged Hawk notably up, Broad-winged Hawk way down, and all the regular falcons down a bit. May continued the mixed news, with peak counts and totals down and only 12,804 raptors total for the month, about half of those Broad-winged Hawks. As at least a little compensation, May saw the passage of two **Mississippi Kites** on 25 and 26 May and a light morph immature **Swainson's Hawk** on 26 May, this latter bird also seen passing points to the east. Quickly looking to the falcons, while down some, the numbers were good through the season.

Next, the non-passerines not covered earlier are now mainly owls and woodpeckers. There were only two Snowy Owls, one at the Genesee County Airport near Batavia on 9 March and the second on a road sign along the Lake Ontario Parkway to the west of Braddock Bay on 23 March. Short-eared Owl numbers on the biweekly DEC surveys out of the Avon office remained in double digits through April, and individuals were still noted in the Braddock Bay area into early May. The owl roost monitoring in the Manitou area summarized by Jim Adams added 40 Northern Saw-whet Owls in March and eight more in April for a count season total of 58. Long-eared Owl was found, with 11 in March, 14 in April, and five more to the 13th in May for a total of 31 for the count season. Among the woodpeckers, we note a first Red-headed Woodpecker on 6 April and later about 35 individuals at 25 locations reported in May. They are often resident year-round in the Region, if their winter food supplies are good. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker numbers remained far above typical for late winter into March, with about 31 birds at 21 locations, where normally one would not need to take off even one glove to tally all for the month on your fingers. Finally in this grouping, we again had good Northern Flicker movements noted passing the hawkwatch and farther east passing Beechwood State Park in Wayne County in April.

On to the passerines, our largest group. Way too much data now to address all the interesting observations in great detail. The Noteworthy Records tables on the Rochester Birding Association (RBA) website and banding data with BBBO will have a good deal more, including many detailed records as illustrations, and some will also appear below in the species section. Again, for all three months the many birders out searching and reporting have recorded all the expected passerine species and a few others besides. A warm, open March encouraged the usual early arrivals, and a couple record-early as noted above. Most of this winter's lingering,

half-hardy species were still reported, though at fewer sites and in reduced numbers. Among the full set of winter finches starting this winter, Evening Grosbeak, Hoary Redpoll, and both crossbills were not found in March, but, of these, all but the redpoll were noted again in return flights later and on into May, a typical occurrence after irruption winters. There were actually few real rarities among the passerines all season, with the most notable being **White-eyed Vireo** in late April and May, Clay-colored Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat, Prothonotary Warbler, and Prairie Warbler, all species close to being regularly expected. Only Worm-eating Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, and Yellow-throated Warbler, also close to being “expected” species, were missed. In April, banding numbers increased by about 20% over 2020, but net hours also increased about 20% and the total of new bands was close to the average for the prior nine years. With the cool temperatures in late April, only seven species of warblers were banded then and only Yellow-rumped Warbler saw more than five individuals captured (at 22). But overall, 18 species of warblers were reported by all observers in April, the same as in 2020. The cool late April and first half of May led to many comments around late arrivals, especially among flycatchers, some vireos and warblers, and hummingbird, but these generally caught up later. Banders also added a feeling, largely backed up by daily data, that the bulk of their bands were added in the 14-22 May period of a bit warmer weather. Looking at banding totals by species and comparing with their prior 9-year averages, only Cape May Warbler and Northern Parula numbers were two standard deviations or more above their averages. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, “Traill’s” Flycatcher, and Wilson’s Warbler seemed significantly below their averages, but in those three cases peak banding is often in the first week of June, and when those data were included none were two standard deviations or more below their averages. Black-capped Chickadee continued its annual see-saw, with totals for the most recent five years 593, 6, 232, 3, and this year 745.

The usual monthly statistical summary gives us totals of species seen: March – 149 vs. a prior 10-year average of 141.3, April – 198 vs. 200.4, and May – 249 vs. 241.1. Rarities included: Barrow’s Goldeneye, Eared Grebe, **White-winged Dove**, **Piping Plover**, **Marbled Godwit**, Laughing Gull, **Least Tern**, **Northern Gannet**, American White Pelican, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, **White-faced Ibis**, Mississippi Kite, Swainson’s Hawk, White-eyed Vireo, Clay-colored Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat, Prothonotary Warbler, and Prairie Warbler.

As time goes by, the increase in data available makes selection for treatment and inclusion in these summary reports more and more difficult. Feedback relative to your, the readers’, thoughts and interests is virtually nonexistent and would be much appreciated at any time.

BRADDOCK BAY HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	4/2	1	4/2, 5/22	2
Turkey Vulture	3/3	2343	4/9	25,778
Mississippi Kite	5/25	1	5/25, 5/26	2
Osprey	3/28	16	4/9	164
Golden Eagle	3/10	5	3/11	20
No. Harrier	3/1	75	4/9	572
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3/10	327	4/9	1785
Cooper's Hawk	3/8	31	4/9	343
No. Goshawk		0		0
Bald Eagle	3/2	73	5/25	830
Red-shouldered Hawk	3/10	85	3/22	390
Broad-winged Hawk	4/9	1705	4/24	11,587
Swainson's Hawk	5/26	1	5/26	1
Red-tailed Hawk	3/3	161	3/11	1956
Rough-legged Hawk	3/3	14	3/11	97
Am. Kestrel	3/10	147	4/9	384
Merlin	3/3	3	4/24	33
Peregrine Falcon	3/11	4	5/15	26
Unidentified		0		0
Short-eared Owl	4/3	1	4/3	1
Total incl unidentified				43,971

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ABBREVIATIONS

b – indicate 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; **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; **ICW** – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; **LSP** – Letchworth SP; **M** – Manitou Beach area, MONR; **M-OW** – Owl Woods area west of Manitou Beach Rd., MONR; **MP** – Mendon Ponds P, MONR; **NMWMA** – Northern Montezuma WMA, T of Savannah, WAYN; **NMWMA (AR)** – north side of Armitage Rd.; **NMWMA (CR)** – along Carncross Rd. east of Savannah-Spring Lake Rd.; **NMWMA (GBM)** – Guy Baldassarre Marsh, T Savannah; **NMWMA (MRdM)** – Morgan Rd. marshes near DEC field office; **NMWMA (SCU)** – Sandhill Crane Unit, T Savannah, WAYN; **NMWMA (VDSR)** – area along Van Dyne Spoor Rd., 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 just inland from BB; **SPt** – Sodus Pt, WAYN; **TCEA** – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, T Avon, LIVI; **W** – T of Webster, MONR; **WP** – Webster P., MONR.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: 10,000 Penfield Rd, T Macedon WAYN 19 Mar (BCar, DSh, MT, JWi); max 12,000 NMWMA (West Shore Trail) 21 Mar (KBard); last NMWMA (CR) 30 May (JMcG, GC).

Ross’s Goose: off Edgemere Dr, G 11 Mar (MBa); 2 NMWMA (CR) 11 Mar (W&MR); 1-2 Carey Lake, T Macedon WAYN 18-20 Mar (MG, BCar, DSh).

Snow x Canada Goose: SalCrk, G 7 Mar (MBa).

Greater White-fronted Goose: N Hamlin Rd nr Westphal Rd, H 12-14 Mar (AGu, 16+ oth obs), only reports.

Brant: arr 31 BB-ES 27 May (MBa), only rep.

Cackling Goose: max 13 BB-HW 10 Mar (DBr); total ~86 ind 29+ loc Mar, good showing.

Canada Goose: max 63000 BB-HW 10 Mar (DBr).

Mute Swan: max 250 IB-W 3 Mar; 175 Buck Pd, G 15 Mar; 134 Buck Pd, G 28 Apr, Apr max; 192 IB-W 12 May.

Trumpeter Swan: max 29 NMWMA (CR) 9 Apr.

Tundra Swan: max 700 BB-HW 11 Mar (DBr); last SalCrk 6 May.

Wood Duck: max 47 CIWMA 27 May, low max.

Blue-winged Teal: arr NMWMA (CR) 24 Mar; BB-ES 29 May, species present all month in areas nr Lake Ontario, unusual in recent years.

Northern Shoveler: max 250 Sodus Bay at Old Ridge Rd 3 Apr (TL); 1-4 BB-ES all May, unusual in recent years.

Gadwall: max 200 BB-HW 12 Mar (DBr); 9 Beatty Pt, G 29 May (CW), late for loc.

Eurasian Wigeon: arr 1m IB-W 10-21 Apr (GF, mob, ph); 1m BB-HW 11 Apr (DBr, GLaw); 1m NMWMA (CR) 11Apr (GDa, W&MR); 1m NMWMA (SCU) 12-17 Apr

(W&MR, 5+ oth obs); 1m Buck Pd, G 15-24 Apr (CMit); 1m Northrup Crk area, G 23 Apr (CMit).

American Wigeon: 900 Buck Pd, G 23 Apr (CMit).

Mallard: max 300 NMWMA (CR) 11 Mar, low max.

American Black Duck: max 55 NMWMA (VDSR) 17 Mar.

Northern Pintail: max 1500 NMWMA (West Shore Trail) 21 Mar (KB); last BB-ES 24 May.

Green-winged Teal: max 200 Sodus Bay 3 Apr (TL); last 2 HB 25 May (AGu).

Canvasback: max 150 SPT 1 Mar (W&MR); last BB-HW 25 Apr.

Redhead: max 600 SPT 1 Mar (W&MR), low max; last HB 22 May.

Ring-necked Duck: max 350 BB 15 Mar, low max; 2 DEP 15 May.

Greater Scaup: max 345 BB 9 Mar, low max; BB-ES 26 May, ph.

Lesser Scaup: max 250 SPT 3 Mar, low max.

Harlequin Duck: last 1f ED 10-11 Mar (MBa).

Surf Scoter: last 3 HB-YC 28 Apr.

White-winged Scoter: max 42 OB 6 Mar, low max; last 2 HB 14 May.

Black Scoter: last 1m off Dewey Av, G 1 May (R&SSp).

Long-tailed Duck: max 1460 HB-YC 25 Apr (AGu); 890 HB-YC 8 May (AGu).

Bufflehead: max 158 Castile WYOM 7 Apr (LMou).

Common Goldeneye: max 125 sev loc 7-10 Mar; last 4 off Lakeshore Dr, W 8 May.

Barrow's Goldeneye: 1-2 imm m Genesee R mouth area 1-8 Mar (mob, ph); last 1 imm m IB-S 18 Mar (NU, ph).

Common Merganser: max 250 IBO 7 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 1116 HB 20 Apr (RSp); 530 ED 8 May (MBa), late for number.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr 1-2 sev loc 12 Mar; max 55 NMWMA (CR) 24 May.

Horned Grebe: max 41 Bear Crk Harbor WAYN 8 Mar, low max; last sev loc 9 May.

Red-necked Grebe: arr 12 Centenary Shores WAYN 9 Mar (BHac, ArJ, JH, MJ, GH); 361 HB 6 Apr (AGu); last 2 Lac de Ville, T Brighton HB 6 May.

EARED GREBE (R2): ED 24 Apr (MBa).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: BB-HW 8 May (DBr, ph), 5th Reg record.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Letchworth SP 9 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Abraham Lincoln P, W & Wynn's Wood, T Brighton 15 May.

Common Nighthawk: arr Indian Fort NP & 2 G 15 May; max 104 ED 21 May (MBa).

Eastern Whip-poor-will: arr 2 M-OW (KS) & T Gates MONR (B&BM) 28 Apr; last Pond View Heights, ROC 18 May (NR).

Chimney Swift: arr BB-HW 29 Mar (DBr), Reg record early; max 55 Cobbs Hill P ROCH 6 May; 54 Park Ave ROCH 3 May.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr sev loc 1 May; total b 37 BBBO 10-30 May.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: arr Ellison P, T Penfield 2 Apr.

Sora: arr NMWMA (Deep Muck) & GBM) 13 Apr.

Common Gallinule: arr NMWMA (GBM) 10 Apr.

American Coot: max 71 IB-S 15 Apr, low max.

Sandhill Crane: total 24 BB-HW 3-30 Mar; max 12 NMWMA (MRdM) 27 Mar (MG);

total 40 ind 20+ loc 2-30 Mar; total ~42 ind 13+ loc Apr; max 14 NMWMA (MRdM & CR) 3 & 23 Apr (5 obs); total 9 BB-HW 1-30

May; 40+ ind 17+ oth loc May; max 22 NMWMA (Savannah mucklands) 23 May

(W&MR).

Black-bellied Plover: arr BB-ES 29 Mar (DBr, MG, PMar, AGu, ph); max 18 BB-ES 25 May.

Semipalmated Plover: arr Peter Smith Rd, T Kendall ORLE 12 May; max 76 Hemlock L – S 21 May (BCar, MG).

PIPING PLOVER (R2): BB-ES 20; 21 May (MBa; JaG, RR), 8th Reg spring record, record early; BB-ES 15 May (MBa, 28+ oth obs phs),

9th Reg spring record; BB-ES 23 May (DBr, 49+ oth, phs), 10th Reg spring record,

previously banded.

Killdeer: max 50 BB-HW 11 Mar.

Upland Sandpiper: no reports.

Whimbrel: arr BB-ES (MBa, sev oth obs) & IB-S (15+ obs) 26 May; 1-2 BB-ES 27 May (RB, 6 oth obs).

MARbled GODWIT (R2): arr 14 Hogan Pt Pd 14 May (RCi, 38+ oth obs, phs); BB-ES 21

May (DBr; BB-ES 31 May (B&LSpr, RSp)).

Ruddy Turnstone: arr 1-2 BB & SPT 19 May.

Red Knot: 1-2 BB-ES 27 May thru (CGI, 41+ oth obs, phs).

Stilt Sandpiper: BB-ES 25 May (MBa, 18+ oth obs, phs), rare in spring

Sanderling: arr 2 BB-ES 25 May thru (mob, phs), often scarce in spring.
Dunlin: arr BB-WS 27 Mar (D&ER), early; max 189 BB-ES 22 May (AGa).
Least Sandpiper: arr 3 NMWMA (CR) 3 Apr (R&SSp), early; 250 Hemlock L – S 15 May (BHo); max 350 NMWMA (CR) 18 May (TL).
White-rumped Sandpiper: arr BB-ES & SalCrk, G 14 May.
Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 2 NMWMA (CR) 30 Mar; max 22 NMWMA (CR) 9 Apr, low max.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 3 BB-ES 16 May; max 144 BB-ES 25 May (MBa, GLaw, AGu).
Short-billed Dowitcher: arr BB-ES & NMWMA (CR) 16 May.
American Woodcock: arr Sand Rd, T W. Bloomfield ONTA 3 Mar.
Wilson's Snipe: arr 3 N Hamlin Rd fields & 1 T Walworth WAYN 21 Mar; max 37 Peter Smith Rd, T Kendall ORLE 27 Apr (AGu).
Spotted Sandpiper: arr Hemlock L – N 19 Apr; max 15 BB-ES 22 May (JaG, RR), high.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr Buttonwood Crk, G 3 Apr (CGi, ET, ph), early.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr SalCrk, G 30 Mar; max 52 CIWMA 10 May (MW).
Willet: arr NMWMA (CR) 2 May (MT); OB 5 May (JiM); BB-ES 23 May (Dbr, 7 oth obs).
Greater Yellowlegs: arr BB–Burger P 21 Mar (MBa), early; max 40 NMWMA (CR) 11 Apr (W&MR), low max.
Wilson's Phalarope: arr Moscow Rd puddle nr West Fork 14 May (RSp, 8 oth obs, phs); arr 1-3 Hogan Pt Pd, G 14-16 May (HSw, 32+ oth obs, phs); 1-2 BB-ES 17-25 May (27+ obs, phs); 2 Berg Rd, T Ontario WAYN 15 May (DE); NMWMA (CR) 17 May (W&ME); 3; 4 NMWMA (CR) 19 May (MG; NK, RB); flooded field nr Piffard LIVI 20 May (JK); major incursion.
Large shorebird sp.: 35 headed W over I-90 nr Victor ONTA 25 May (BroM), likely Whimbrel.
Bonaparte's Gull: arr 4 OB 5 Mar; max 63 SalCrk, G 2 Apr (NU), low max.
LAUGHING GULL (R2): 1 ad ED 14 May (MBa); 1 ad BB-ES 20-28 May (Dbr, GLaw, phs, mob); 3 BB-ES 23 May (FL, TC).
Ring-billed Gull: max 1750 BB-HW 26 May (Dbr).
Herring Gull: max 1500 BB-HW 1, 4, 6 Mar (Dbr).
Iceland Gull: total 10 ind 8 loc 5-16 Mar; total 9 ind 9 loc 3-28 Apr; BB-HW 2 May (Dbr,

mob, phs); 3 OB 5 May (JiM); last OB 28 May (AGu).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 7 ind 6 loc 2-21 Mar; ~ 30 ind 16 loc Apr; 253 eBird lines May; 10 OB 8 May (AGu); 14 BB-ES 27 May (AGu); max 15 BB-ES 31 May (Dbr); large numbers, especially late in the season.
Glaucous Gull: total 10 ind 7 loc 1-20 Mar; 6 ind 6 loc 2-28 Apr; last Lakeshore Marshes WMA WAYN (W&MR) & Sodus Bay (MG) 13 May.
Larus species: 5000 BB-HW 6 Mar (Dbr).
LEAST TERN: BB-ES 1 May (Dbr, 19+ oth obs, phs), 2nd Reg spring record.
Caspian Tern: arr Sodus Bay 28 Mar (W&MR), tie Reg record early; max 250 BB-ES 2 May (SG).
Black Tern: arr BB-ES 7 May (GLaw).
Common Tern: arr 3 HB 9 Apr (AGu); max 85 BB-ES 30 Apr (Dbr, GLaw).
Forster's Tern: arr BB-ES 28 Apr (Dbr, GLaw).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: max 12 ED 9 Mar, very low max; last 3 HB 17 May.
Common Loon: max 115 HB 19 Apr, low max; 110 HB-YC 8 May.
NORTHERN GANNET (R2): 1 ad BBBO 13 May (MGrey), flyover at 7:18 AM; 1 ad Spt 13 May (MG), flyby at 942 AM, rare in spring.
Double-crested Cormorant: max 700 BB-HW 1 May, low max.
American White Pelican: arr BB area 22 Apr (Dbr, MBa, SG); 9 BB-HW (Dbr, *et al.*) & Greece ponds farther east later (mob, phs) 26 May; 2 BB area 27 May (mob).
American Bittern: arr NMWMA (GBM) 13 Apr (GD, KGa, AnM).
Least Bittern: arr BB-WS 2 May.
Great Egret: arr Sandra L. Frankel NP, T Brighton 27 Mar (J&TV), early.
SNOWY EGRET (R2): arr BB to SalCrk 28 Apr (GLaw, 24+ oth obs, phs); ED 13 May (MBa), passing, rare.
Cattle Egret: 1 ad alt Manitou to BB area 2 May (KMcG, 26+ oth obs, phs), rare in spring.
Green Heron: arr Nunda-Dalton Rd, LIVI 28 Mar (JGo, ph), early.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr Ellison P, T Penfield 23 Apr (JiM).
Glossy Ibis: arr BB-HW 10 Apr (KGa, AA, ph); Rt 531, T Ogden MONR 12-14 Apr (BBR, 40+ oth obs, phs); 22 Beechwood SP WAYN area 19 May (RB, NK, MG, JWi); 7

Beechwood SP WAYN area 19 May (HN, JSh); BB-ES 24 May (BCar, 10+ oth obs).
WHITE-FACED IBIS: NMWMA (CR) 18 May (KGa, MG, W&MR, phs); BB-ES 22-23 May (AGu, 48+ oth obs, phs), rare.
Black Vulture: BB-HW 2 Apr, 22 May (DBr, phs); NMWMA (VDSR) 2 May (W&MR).
Turkey Vulture: total 6618 BB-HW 3-30 Mar; max 1980 BB-HW 30 Mar; total 14363 BB-HW Apr; 1151 Broadway Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 10 Apr (GWO); *intro*.
Osprey: arr NMWMA (VDSR) 22 Mar (W&MR), early.
Golden Eagle: max 5 BB-HW 11 Mar; total 12 BB-HW 10-25 Mar; total ~13 ind 9 oth loc 1-25 Mar; total 6 BB-HW 5-19 Apr; Beechwood SP WAYN 3 Apr (TL); Broadway Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 10 Apr (GWO); BB-HW 1,12 May.
Northern Goshawk: no reports.
Bald Eagle: 632 lines eBird Mar; 520 lines eBird Apr; 667 lines eBird May; down some from 2020; max 73 BB-HW 25 May; total 506 BB-HW May.
MISSISSIPPI KITE: BB-HW 25 May (DBr, MG); ED 25 May (MBA); BB-HW 26 May (DBr, MG).
Broad-winged Hawk: arr 14 BB-HW 9 Apr, early; max 1705 BB-HW 24 Apr, low max.
SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1b lt morph imm Manitou & seen at points east 26 May (BBRR, 14 oth obs).
Rough-legged Hawk: total 64 BB-HW Mar; total ~72 ind many oth loc Mar; total 28 BB-HW 1-24 Apr; last BB-HW 15 May (DBr, *et al.*).
Eastern Screech-Owl: Bushnell's Basin MONR Apr (C&HH), red morph, rare.
Snowy Owl: 1 f Genesee County Airport 9 Mar (CCh); Lake Ontario State Parkway, T Parma 23 Mar (R&SSp, ph, GLaw, BWat).
Long-eared Owl: total 11 M-OW 7-31 Mar; total 14 M-OW 9-30 Apr; total 5 M-OW 1, 2, 5, 6, 13 May, ph, surprise late burst.
Short-eared Owl: max 28 DEC Owl Survey, sev loc 16 Mar; total 13 ind DEC Owl Survey, sev loc 27 Apr; last 1-2 BB area 1 May (CGa, R&SSp), late.
Northern Saw-whet Owl: total 40 M-OW Mar; 18b & 1 recap BBBO 17 Mar (AP); total 8 M-OW 1-2, 28 Apr.
Red-headed Woodpecker: arr HB 6 Apr; total ~35 ind 25 loc May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: total ~31 ind 21 loc 3-31 Mar, most potentially overwintering; 264 eBird lines Apr, high number.
Northern Flicker: 51 BB-HW 8 Apr (DBr); max 80 Beechwood SP WAYN 28 Apr (TL).
American Kestrel: 154 eBird lines Mar; 328 eBird lines Apr, high; 34 BB-HW 1-25 May; 141 eBird lines many oth loc May.
Merlin: total ~78 ind 25 loc Mar; total 17 BB-HW 4-30 Apr; ~32 ind many oth loc 4-30 Apr; 6 BB-HW 2-21 May; total ~28 ind 20+ oth loc May; pr nesting 19th Ward ROCH May (LBra).
Peregrine Falcon: total ~24 ind 20 loc 4-31 Mar; total 5 BB-HW 7-27 Apr; total ~20 ind 13 oth loc Apr; total 16 BB-HW 1-25 May; ~19 ind 16 oth loc May; nesting in downtown Rochester, see posts rfalconcam website & *intro*.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

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

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Beatty Pt, G 28 Apr (KH).
Eastern Kingbird: arr CIWMA 26 Apr (AF).
Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Hamlin 18 Apr (AGu); total 3 ind 3 loc 18; 30; 31 May.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr Highland P ROCH 11 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Firehouse Wood, G 17 May; total b 14 BBBO 20-26 May.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr Dishmill Crk, LSP 16 May.
Alder Flycatcher: arr Nations Rd IBA LIVI 14 May (TB), early.
Willow Flycatcher: arr 2 Dishmill Crk, LSP 9 May (TBo, LH).
“Traill’s” Flycatcher: max b 20 BBBO 26 May; total b 69 BBBO 17 May thru.
Least Flycatcher: arr Ellison P, T Penfield 30 Apr; total b 38 BBBO 3, 14-27 May.
Eastern Phoebe: arr Ganonadagan SHS 15 Mar.
Northern Shrike: 6 rep, 4 ind 2 loc 1-20 Mar, early dep.
WHITE-EYED VIREO (R2): MP 29 Apr (NU, ph); 1b M 12 May (BBBO).
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Cobbs Hill P, ROCH 28 Apr, early.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr Mission Rd, T Conesus 19 Apr; Persimmon P, T Brighton

MONR 9 Apr (RB, JWa), Reg record early; total B 6 BBBO 27 Apr-22 May.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr Ellison P, T Penfield 13 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr Dishmill Crk, LSP 2 May; total b 32 M 15–30 May; 914 eBird lines May.

Blue Jay: max 4300 BB-WS 11 May (GLaw), good count; total b 136 BBBO 18 & 19 Apr, 1-24, 31 May.

American Crow: max 2000 NMWMA (CR) 9 Mar (W&MR), low max; typically max nr BB.

Fish Crow: 13 HB 14 Apr (AGu), many for loc; max 14 Beechwood SP WAYN 2 May (TL), new loc.

Horned Lark: max 90 BB-HW 11 Mar, low max.

Purple Martin: arr BB-HW 4 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr BB-HW 11 Mar; max 525 Beechwood SP WAYN 3 Apr, low max.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr BB-HW 30 Mar; max 200 Beechwood SP WAYN 30 Apr.

Bank Swallow: arr 2 IB-W & West Port Bay, T Huron WAYN 16 Apr; max 200 IB-W 4 May & HB-W 22 May, low max.

Cliff Swallow: arr West Port Bay, T Huron WAYN 16 Apr.

Barn Swallow: arr BB-HW 24 Mar (DBr); max 250 Hemlock L – S 11 May.

Black-capped Chickadee: 1988 eBird lines Mar; 2018 eBird lines Apr; max b 106 BBBO 17 Apr; total b 745 BBBO 25 Mar- 28 May; 2525 eBird lines May.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 682 eBird lines Mar; 414 eBird lines Apr; 653 eBird lines May.

White-breasted Nuthatch: 1161 eBird lines Mar; total b 0 season.

Brown Creeper: total b 23 BBBO 25 Mar–5 May.

Winter Wren: 15 ind 14 loc 3-31 Mar, most overwintered.

Marsh Wren: arr NMWMA (CR) 11 Apr; max 20 BB – Buttonwood Crk 15 May (D&ER) & Turning Point P ROCH 30 May (CW), good counts.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max b 22 BBBO 27 Apr; total b 70 BBBO 7 Apr–16 May.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Highland P ROCH 7 Apr (KW); max b 101 BBBO 27 Apr; 30 sev loc 29 Apr; max 89 Beechwood SP WAYN 1 May (EBS); 82 HB-W 1 May (AGu); 32b BBBO 1 May; total b 534 BBBO 8 Apr-18 May; last M-OW 29 May (CW).

Veery: arr 2 Oatka Crk P MONR 28 Apr (JGu); total b 15 BBBO 16-25 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Oatka Crk P 18 May; total b 4 BBBO 22-27 May, low.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: total b 4 BBBO 20-29 May, low.

Swainson's Thrush: arr Highland P ROCH 4 May (KH); max b 13 BBBO 25 May, low; total b 65 BBBO 16-31 May.

Hermit Thrush: 9 ind 7 loc Mar; total b 18 BBBO 25 Apr–19 May.

Wood Thrush: arr 1-2 ind 3 loc 28 Apr.

American Robin: max 645 BB-HW 25 Mar; 2142 eBird lines Mar.

Gray Catbird: 9 ind 8 loc 8-27 Mar; arr Sandra L. Frankel NP, T Brighton 4 Apr; max 33 HB_W 19 May (AGu); max b 45 BBBO 16 May; total b 325 BBBO 5-31 May.

Cedar Waxwing: max 1375 HB 26 May (AGu).

American Pipit: arr 2 Hamlin 10 Mar; max 200 BB-HW 3 May (DBr); Jacobs Rd, H 26 May (PMar).

Evening Grosbeak: max 30 nr Linwood, T York LIVI 9 May (NG); last ED 29 May (CW), historically typical.

Pine Grosbeak: last MP 7 Mar (JiM, LMa).

Common Redpoll: max 95 BB-HW 12 Mar (DBr); 60 Nations Rd IBA 6 Apr (RSp); last Lake Rd, W 18 Apr (PMab).

Red Crossbill: max 45 Holy Sepulchre Cemetery ROCH 13 Mar (BriM); last 9 Grandview Heights, G 22 May (KGr).

White-winged Crossbill: last 6 Beechwood SP WAYN 15 May (TL).

Pine Siskin: max 70-71 Beechwood SP WAYN 3 May (BCar, MG).

American Goldfinch: max 75 BB-HW 9 May, low max.

Lapland Longspur: max 25 BB-HW 26 Mar (DBr); last NMWMA (AR) 8 May (Team Sapsucker 2021).

Snow Bunting: last NMWMA (Railroad Rd.) Mar, early dep.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: arr 1 Cornwall Pres WAYN & 2 Beechwood SP WAYN 28 Mar.

American Tree Sparrow: last Moscow Rd., H 29 Apr.

Clay-colored Sparrow: arr Cook Rd, H 2 sites 8 May; 1-2 Cook Rd, H sev sites 8-31 May.

Field Sparrow: arr T Canadice ONTA 22 Mar.

Savannah Sparrow: arr N Hamlin Rd 23 Mar.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr T Henrietta MONR 3 May (MW).
Fox Sparrow: max 20 Highland P ROCH 5 Apr (JBal, DHe); last Thousand Acre Swamp, T Penfield & CIWMA 2 May.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Church Trail, G 1 May; total b 29 BBBO 15-29 May.
Swamp Sparrow: max 40 CIWMA 2 May (BCar).
White-throated Sparrow: max 43 BB P 2 May, low max; max b 18 BBBO 15 May, low; total b 115 BBBO 19 Apr-26 May, low.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 80 Highland P, ROCH 9 Apr, ok count.
Yellow-breasted Chat: HB-W 21 May (AGu).
Bobolink: arr 1-3 sev loc 2 May; max 45 Nations Rd IBA 20 May.
Eastern Meadowlark: arr Doran & Townline Rds, T Lima LIVI 10 Mar (BHo).
Orchard Oriole: arr Marrowback Rd, T Conesus LIVI (SM) & Lagrange Rd WYOM (RSt) 1 May.
Baltimore Oriole: arr 1-2 ind 4 loc 28 Apr; max 31 BB-WS 11 May (GLaw) & HB 14 May (AGu); 3147 eBird lines May.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 2000 Church Rd, H 13 Mar & NMWMA (West Shore Trail) 21 Mar; 4382 eBird lines May.
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 325 NMWMA (West Shore Trail) 21 Mar.
Rusty Blackbird: arr 3 BB-WS 3 Mar (MG); max 150 BB-HW 9 Apr & NMWMA (AR) 8 May; last 2 CIWMA 19 May.
Common Grackle: max 1000 NMWMA (West Shore Trail) 21 Mar, low max; 3535 eBird lines May.
Ovenbird: arr 4 loc 28 Apr; total b 23 BBBO 5-26 May.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Jersey Hill Rd, Honeoye 23 Apr.
Northern Waterthrush: arr 1b BBBO 25 Apr; total b 36 BBBO 25 Apr-31 May.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr Firehouse Woods, G 2 May (MBa, GLaw), early; 1b BBBO 20 May; 8 ind 8 loc 2-31 May.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr 1-3 Mendon, sev loc 29 Apr.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr 4 T Victor ONTA 27 Apr; total b 26 BBBO 29 Apr-24 May.
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R2): NMWMA (AR) 3 May thru (GDa, 67 oth eBird lines); Abraham Lincoln P, T Penfield 12 May (D&VH); NMWMA (CR) 20 May (BBe).

Tennessee Warbler: arr T Penfield 6 May; max 22 DEP 18 & 24 May (JSJ); max b 14 BBBO 18 May; total b 49 BBBO 15-27 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Cranberry Pd Nature Trail 2 May (BriM); 1b BBBO 22 May; total ~10 ind 9 loc 2-27 May, typical number for species.
Nashville Warbler: arr 2 Nunda-Dalton Rd LIVI 27 Apr (JGo), early; total b 34 BBBO 29 Apr-22 May.
Mourning Warbler: arr Hemlock L - S & NMWMA (AR) 15 May; total b 14 BBBO 20-27 May.
Common Yellowthroat: arr MP & NMWMA (AR) 29 Apr; max 20 MP 13 May (RW) & Lakeshores Marshes WMA 14 May (DW); total b 93 BBBO 5-31 May.
Hooded Warbler: arr Highland P ROCH 28 Apr (KW).
American Redstart: arr 3 loc 2 May; max 30 HB-YC 21 May (AGu); max b 24 BBBO 21 May; total b 163 BBBO 6-31 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr Beechwood SP WAYN 28 Apr; total b 13 BBBO 14-19 May; last Cemetery Mountain Bike Trail ROCH 29 May (CW).
Cerulean Warbler: arr 2 NMWMA (VDSR) 3 May.
Northern Parula: arr Whiting Rd NP, W 18 Apr (JaG, JeG, RR), early; total b 19 BBBO 3, 14-21 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr BB-ES (LBe) & BB (D&JC) & Honeoye Falls (BCar) 2 May, early; max b 65 BBBO 21 May; total b 189 BBBO 10-31 May; low numbers.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Genesee River Trail 5 May; 28 M-OW 21 May (CGo); max b 15 BBBO 20 May, total b 47 BBBO 15-25 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr 1b BBBO & LSP 28 Apr; total b 13 BBBO 15-26 May.
Yellow Warbler: arr 4 Lakeshore Marshes WMA WAYN 23 Apr (LCB, SBe), early; max 43 HB-W 19 May (AGu); max b 21 BBBO 18 May; total b 153 BBBO 28 Apr-29 May; 1307 eBird lines May.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr 1-2 Cobbs Hill P ROCH 29 Apr (7 obs); max 13 BB-WS 17 May (DF); max b 10 BBBO 20 May; total b 47 BBBO 11-31 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr 1-2 ind 3 loc 15 May; total b 20 BBBO 19-31 May, low.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Greece River Trail 28 Apr; max b 21 BBBO 15 May; total b 69 M BBBO 3-31 May.

Palm Warbler: arr HB 10 Apr (AGu, BriM), early; max 44 BB-ES 4 May (MBa); max b 23 BBBO 15 May; total b 76 BBBO 18 Apr-18 May; last Church Trail, G 26 Mar.

Pine Warbler: arr 2 Hemlock L – S 28 Mar (BHo), early.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr 2 Corbetts Glen, T Penfield 5 Mar (KMU), early; 100 ICW 27 Apr (PMar); 125 BB-HW 3 May (DBr); max 650 Beechwood SP WAYN 3 May (BCar); max b 73 BBBO 15 May; total b 254 BBBO 20 Apr-21 May, good numbers; 1307 eBird lines May.

Prairie Warbler: arr Wetmore & Townline Rds, T Wayland LIVI 4 May (TB); total~6 ind 6 lov 4-24 May (17+ obs).

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Cobbs Hill P 24 Apr (PMar); max 33 IB-W 19 May (LBe); total b 14 BBBO 5-27 May.

Canada Warbler: arr nr Dansville LIVI 8 May (OA); total b 33 BBBO 17-27 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr HB-YC 14 May; max b 11 BBBO 20 May; total b 39 BBBO 17-31 May.

Scarlet Tanager: arr 2 Dishmill Crk, LSP 3 May.

Northern Cardinal: 2351 eBird lines Mar; 2751 eBird lines Apr; 4109 eBird lines May.

Indigo Bunting: arr South Conesus LIVI 5 May; max 18 HB 26 May (AGu); total b 14 BBBO 14-31 May, low.



REGION 3—FINGER LAKES

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March 2021 was warmer and drier than normal. April was warmer and wetter than normal. May was cooler and wetter than normal. In Ithaca, the average low temperature in March was 24.1° F, 2.3° above normal. The average high temperature was 47.0°, 6.2° above normal. Total precipitation was 1.19", 1.59" less than normal. Snowfall totaled 1.9", 10.1" less than normal. Snow depth peaked at 3" on 1 March. Measurable amounts of snow were on the ground from 1 to 9 March. In April, the average low temperature was 34.5°, 1.6° above normal and the average high was 55.1°, 0.6° above normal. The 3.88" of precipitation was 0.48" more than normal. Total snowfall was 4.1", 1.3" more than normal. May had an average low temperature of 54.3°, 1.3° below normal and average high temperature of 66.2°, 1.1° below normal. Precipitation was 4.05", 0.85" more than normal. Warm fronts passed through the Region on 4, 9, 18, 21, 26, and 31 March; 4, 11, 14, 18, 24, and 28 April; and 3, 5, 13, 18, and 26 May.

The peak of migrating Canada Geese occurred 9-10 March. Snow Goose numbers peaked 17 March. Most of the Ross's Goose observations were of individuals spotted among flocks of Snow Geese flying overhead. The only White-fronted Goose report was at Geneva in mid-March. Brant passed through the Region in a narrow 5-day window in mid-May. Cackling Geese made an early departure with the last seen 22 March. Barnacle x Snow and Snow x Canada Goose hybrids appeared again at Seneca Lake State Park in early March. The latter hybrid was also reported from Cayuga Lake and from Ithaca. Tundra Swans

peaked 10 March and made an early departure with the last reported 20 March. Observers reported high counts for Mute and Trumpeter Swans.

There was nothing extraordinary to report regarding dabbling ducks, except the high count of 100 Wood Ducks from Queen Catharine Marsh. Single Eurasian Wigeons were at the north end of Seneca Lake and the south end of Cayuga Lake. Reports of two came from Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge (MNWR). *Aythya* ducks were abundant with high counts reported for Canvasback, Redhead, and both scaup species. A **Tufted Duck** was on Canandaigua Lake during the first three weeks of March. Myers Point hosted the high count of 100 White-winged Scoters.

Fifty Mourning Doves at a location in the Town of Van Etten and 22 migrating Common Nighthawks at the Bluegrass Lane Natural Area were high counts. Encouragingly, Eastern Whip-poor-will reports came from five different counties in the Region. The first reports from Chemung and Steuben on 28 April were early arrivals.

Three constitutes a high spring count for the elusive Sora and that was the count in the Town of Lansing, at the Etna Fringed Gentian Area, and at MNWR. The count of 21 Sandhill Cranes at MNWR was also high for spring.

Arrival dates for shorebirds were generally normal. Observers reported high counts for several species: Whimbrel, Least Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs, Greater Yellowlegs, and Wilson's Phalarope. A **Ruff** was at MNWR on 22 May. The Region's only Long-billed Dowitcher was at MNWR on 12 May.

A Bonaparte's Gull at Canandaigua Lake on 3 March was early. Unusual gulls were a Black-legged Kittiwake at Seneca Lake Camp in mid-April, Little Gulls at Canandaigua, Cayuga, and Seneca Lakes from early April to early May, a Laughing Gull at Seneca Lake in late May, a Franklin's Gull at Myers Point in mid-April, and Glaucous Gull at Cayuga Lake in early March. Tern arrival dates were normal for all four species that regularly occur in the Region. The count of 85 Common Terns at Long Point State Park in early May was high.

Bittern and heron arrival dates were normal. High counts were reported for American Bittern, Great Blue Heron, and Black-crowned Night-Heron. Three Glossy Ibises arrived at MNWR in mid-April and continued into early May. A **White-faced Ibis** appeared there for one day in mid-May.

The last Golden Eagle in the Region was spotted on 3 April, an early departure date. Bald Eagles were abundant with a new high count of 77 at MNWR in mid-May. The only Northern Saw-whet Owl report came from the Town of Ithaca in mid-March. A nest full of Peregrine chicks with their parents at Taughanock Falls State Park produced a spring high count of six.

Stewart Park attracted a high count of Belted Kingfishers and Sapsucker Woods produced a high count of Red-bellied Woodpeckers. The Regionally scarce Red-headed Woodpecker occurred in five counties.

Except for an early arriving Olive-sided Flycatcher at Breesport Park on 6 May, arrival dates and maximum counts of flycatchers were normal. An estimated 5000 American Crows at Stewart Park was a new high.

A Cliff Swallow at MNWR on 31 March was early. There was a high count of Northern Rough-winged Swallows at the Horseheads Marsh and of Barn Swallows at Lake Road Bluff in the Town of Ledyard.

Observers found individual Sedge Wrens in the Town of Starkey and in the Town of Caroline in early May. A Ruby-crowned Kinglet in Ithaca on 6 March was early. Twenty Eastern Bluebirds in the Town of Ithaca in late March was high. A Brown Thrasher in the Town of Elmira on 1 April was early. The maximum count of 42 Cedar Waxwings was low. The count of 50 House Sparrows at Stewart Park was high.

The Region had an almost complete assortment of winter finches lingering. One Evening Grosbeak lingered through the end of the season in the Town of Van Etten where the peak number had reached 84 in early May. There was a high count of Purple Finches in the Town of Erin. Common Redpolls had their peak in the Town of Van Etten in mid-March. The last one was in the Town of Romulus on the late date of 4 May. The last reported Hoary Redpoll was in the Town of Ovid 9 March. Red Crossbills peaked at Summerhill State Forest in mid-April and some lingered in the Region through the end of the season. The last White-winged Crossbill was in the Town of Potter on 20 April. The maximum count of Pine Siskins was in early May and some were still in the Region through the end of May.

The only report of Clay-colored Sparrow was from the Town of Danby on the early date of 17 April. Otherwise, arrival dates and maximum counts of sparrow species were normal.

The Region's only Yellow-breasted Chat appeared at MNWR on 19 May and continued through the end of the season. Arrival dates for icterids were normal. Observers reported high counts for Baltimore Oriole at Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve and, surprisingly, for Rusty Blackbird at MNWR.

Early arriving warblers were a Northern Waterthrush on 19 April, a Prothonotary Warbler at MNWR on 3 May, a Hooded Warbler in the Town of Van Etten on 28 April, and a Yellow-rumped Warbler on 14 March. A high count of nine Mourning Warblers came from the Town of Avoca. The Town of Jerusalem produced a high count of 11 Hooded Warblers. An Orange-crowned Warbler was at the Durland Preserve on the late date of 23 May. Golden-winged Warblers appeared at seven different sites, one in Chemung County and six in Tompkins County. A Yellow-throated Warbler was in the Town of Caroline 29 April through 2 May.

Lastly, 34 Northern Cardinals at Kendal at Ithaca was a high count.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AF – Arnot Forest; **BL** – Beebe L, TOMP; **BLNA** – Bluegrass Lane Natural Area, TOMP; **CanL** – Canandaigua L, ONTA; **CLSP** – Cayuga L SP; **CygL** – Cayuga L; **DSF** – Danby State Forest, TOMP; **GCC** – Geneva Country Club, ONTA; **HH** – Hog Hole, TOMP; **HO** – Hawthorn Orchard, TOMP; **IR** – Ithaca Res, TOMP; **LPBP** – Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Pres, TOMP; **LPSP** – Long Pt SP; **MNWR** – Montezuma NWR; **MtP** – Mt Pleasant, TOMP; **MyPt** – Myers Pt, TOMP; **OP** – Ontario Pathways, ONTA; **QCM** – Queen Catharine Marsh, SCHU; **RRRP** – Ridgeway Road Rail Trail, TOMP; **SenL** – Seneca L; **SLSP** – Seneca L SP; **SPNA** – Salt Pt Natural Area, TOMP; **StP** – Stewart P, TOMP; **SW** – Sapsucker Woods, TOMP; **TCar** – T Caroline, TOMP; **TDry** – T Dryden, TOMP; **TFay** – T Fayette, SENE; **Tith** – T Ithaca, TOMP; **TJer** – T Jerusalem, YATE; **TMor** – T Moravia, CAYU; **TOv** – T Ovid, SENE; **TPot** – T Potter, YATE; **TRom** – T Romulus, SENE; **TTyr** – T Tyre, SENE; **TVE** – T Van Etten, CHEM.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Ross's Goose: arr Tith 9 Mar; last CygL SENE 22 Mar.

Greater White-fronted Goose: T Geneva SENE 13 Mar (TLe, rec).

Brant: arr LPBP 16 May (mob, ph); max 31 MNWR 16 May (MMi, ph, early); last 5 MNWR 20 May; T Throop CAYU 20 May.

Cackling Goose: max 36 SLSP 7 Mar; last BL 22 Mar, early.

Barnacle x Cackling Goose (hybrid): SLSP 9 Mar (BCL, ph); SLSP 19 Mar (TLe, ph).

Snow x Canada Goose (hybrid): SLSP 7-9 Mar (mob, ph); CygL SENE 7 Mar (JM, ph); Ecology House TOMP 9 Mar (THE!).

Mute Swan: max 30 CygL SENE 7 Mar (JM, SO), high; last MNWR 23 May (FM), late..

Trumpeter Swan: max 20 MNWR 20 Mar (RCo, JP), high.

Tundra Swan: max 1000 Cyg L SENE 10 Mar; last TDry 20 Mar, early.

Wood Duck: max 100 QCM 16 Mar (BCA, DD), high.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 8 MNWR 23 Mar; max 100 MNWR 11-24 Apr. **TJer**

Eurasian Wigeon: arr East Shore P TOMP 5 Mar; max 2 Seneca Trail SENE 15 Mar; last 2 MNWR 23 Apr.

Green-winged Teal: arr 4 SPNA 7 Mar; max 950 MNWR 8 May.

Canvasback: max 20,000 CLSP 20 Mar (SB, BWal!), high; last 2 MNWR 24 Apr.

Redhead: max 60,000 CLSP 21 Mar (JM!), high.

Redhead x Ring-necked Duck (hybrid): MNWR 5 May (TLe!).

TUFTED DUCK: CanL 3-20 Mar (mob, ph).

Greater Scaup: max 4000 CLSP 21 Mar (JM!), high; last 3 MNWR 13 May.

Lesser Scaup: max 8000 CLSP 21 Mar (JM!), high; last 4 MNWR 30 May.

Redhead x Scaup (sp.) (hybrid): Hi Tor WMA YATE 6 Mar (JM, LiS, ph).

Ring-necked Duck x Scaup (sp.) (hybrid): StP 27 Mar (THE, DaH!).

Surf Scoter: arr CanL 8 Apr; max 6 GCC 19 Apr; last 2 Aurooa High Banks CAYU 8 May; 2 MyPt 8 May.

White-winged Scoter: arr MyPt 3 Mar; max 100 MyPt 8 May (mob), high; last 2 MyPt 20 May.

Black Scoter: arr Waterloo Treatment Plant SENE 13 Apr; max 2 SenL SENE 14 Apr; last Waterloo Treatment Plant SENE 20 May; SenL SENE 20 May.

Long-tailed Duck: max 135 SenL SENE 13 Apr; last 4 SenL SENE 20 May.

Common Goldeneye: max 200 SLSP 7 Mar; last 2 SLSP 16 May.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr 2 MNWR 13 Mar; max 33 MNWR 13 Apr.

Horned Grebe: arr 3 Lake Road Bluff CAYU 8 Mar; max 20 Aurora Bay Boathouse CAYU 20 Mar; SenL SENE 19 Apr.

Red-necked Grebe: max 6 SenL SENE 19 Apr; last 5 SenL SENE 17 May.

Mourning Dove: max 50 TVE 4 Mar (JCorc), high.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr TMor 8 May; max 5 TVE 24 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr HO 4 May; max 7 MNWR 20 May.

Common Nighthawk: arr Monkey Run TOMP 17 May; max 22 BLNA 20 May (BWal!), high.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: arr TVE 28 Apr (JCorc, MPe, rec); T Erwin STEU 28 Apr (AK), early.

Chimney Swift: arr 2 StP 17 Apr; max 150 One Franklin Square ONTA 30 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Ithaca 30 Apr; max 5 MNWR 21 May.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: arr Hile School Road Wetland TOMP 10 Apr; max 6 QCM 1 May.

Sora: arr Hile School Road Wetland TOMP 11 Apr; max 3 T Lansing TOMP 8 May (JM, TSa); Etna Fringed Gentian Area TOMP 8 May (JM, TSa); 3 MNWR 16 May (SB, JM), high.

Common Gallinule: arr MNWR 11 Apr; max 12 MNWR 9 May.

Sandhill Crane: arr 3 QCM 7 Mar; max 21 MNWR 19 Mar (DK), high.

Black-bellied Plover: arr 3 MNWR 11 May; max 21 MyPt 25 May.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 2 MNWR 9 May; max 180 MNWR 16 May.

Upland Sandpiper: arr Lott Farm SENE 18 Apr.

Whimbrel: arr 4 TVE 21 May, nocturnal; max 45 MyPt 25 May (PH, THE), high; last 3 City Pier 26 May; SenL SENE 26 May.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr 2 MNWR 21 May; max 17 Geneva Lakefront P ONTA 26 May.

Red Knot: arr & max 3 MNWR 29 May, late.

RUFF: MNWR 22 May (mob, ph).

Sanderling: arr StP 22 Mar (LeSa, ph, LSu, SSu).

Dunlin: arr 2 MNWR 10 Apr; max 250 MNWR 22 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr MNWR 29 Apr; max 3700 MNWR 16 May (TLe!), high.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr 2 MNWR 8 May; max 5 MNWR 28 May.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr MNWR Apr 9; max 19 MNWR 13 Apr.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr MNWR 11 May; max 175 MNWR 28 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 2 MNWR 13 May; max 25 TVE 21 May, nocturnal; last 20 MNWR 29 May.

Long-billed Dowitcher: MNWR 12 May (JM!).

American Woodcock: arr 2 TRom 9 Mar; T Canandaigua ONTA 9 Mar; max 18 Dryden Rail Trail TOMP 20 Mar; 18 T Veteran CHEM 27 Apr.

Wilson's Snipe: TDry 20 Mar; max 30 MNWR 26 Apr.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Canvasback Camp SENE 14 Apr; max 10 MNWR 12 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr 2 MNWR 23 Apr; max 15 TTyr 2 May; 15 Goetchicus Wetland Pres TOMP 8 May.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 10 MNWR 10 Apr; max 1200 MNWR 12 May (JM!), high.

Willet: arr & max 9 SenL YATE 2 May.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr 3 MNWR 28 Mar; max 400 MNWR 12 May (JM!), high.

Wilson's Phalarope: arr MNWR 12 May; max 6 MNWR 24 May (GD!), high.

Black-legged Kittiwake: SenL Camp SENE 13 Apr (TLe!).

Bonaparte's Gull: arr CanL 3 Mar (MBR, ph, FKD, ph), early; max 260 LPSP 8 May.

Little Gull: arr CanL 8 Apr; last LPSP 8 May.

Laughing Gull: SenL SENE 26 May (BCa, KyG, ph).

Franklin's Gull: MyPt 19 Apr (JM, ph).

Iceland Gull: last 2 Lighthouse Pt Natural Area TOMP 3 Mar.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 12 StP 14 Mar.

Glaucous Gull: CygL SENE 7 Mar; StP 12 Mar.

Caspian Tern: arr 2 MNWR 8 Apr; max 46 MNWR 23 Apr.

Black Tern: arr 26 MNWR 3 May; max 80 MNWR 14 May.

Common Tern: arr 42 SenL SENE 21 Apr; max 85 LPSP 8 May (JM!, TSa), high.

Forster's Tern: arr MyPt 2 May; max 3 LPSP 8 May; last LPSP 20 May.

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: max 4 GCC 19 Apr; last Atwater Meadows P ONTA 12 May.

American Bittern: arr MNWR 11 Apr; max 4 TVE 27 Apr (JCorc, MPe), nocturnal, high..

Least Bittern: arr Sperr Memorial P CHEM 8 May; Van Etten Wildlife Sanctuary CHEM 8 May; max 2 QCM 22 May.

Great Blue Heron: max 202 MNWR 9 May (EMu!, ph), high.

Great Egret: arr Sunset P TOMP 6 Apr; max 24 MNWR 20 May.

Green Heron: arr IR 13 Apr; max 9 Ecology House TOMP 5 May, nocturnal.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr MNWR 11 Apr; max 47 MNWR 14 May (TLe!, RSt, AdT), high.

Glossy Ibis: arr 3 MNWR 10 Apr (RSi, ph), early; max 3 MNWR 10 Apr–6 May.

WHITE-FACED IBIS: MNWR 15 May (mob, ph).

Osprey: arr MNWR 20 Mar; max 13 MNWR 31 May.

Golden Eagle: max 4 BLNA 10 Mar; 4 MtP 10 Mar; last T Ulysses TOMP 3 Apr, early.

Bald Eagle: max 77 MNWR 18 May (TLe!), high.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr T Canandaigua ONTA 8 Apr; max 19 BLNA 19 Apr; 19 BL 27 Apr.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 2 MNWR 2 Apr; last MNWR 26 Apr.

Snowy Owl: max 2 Finger Lakes Regional Airport SENE 14 Mar; last Finger Lakes Regional Airport SENE 17 Mar.

Short-eared Owl: max 2 T Phelps ONTA 29 Mar; 2 TOv 25 Mar; last MNWR 12 Apr.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Tith 15 Mar (JGK).

Belted Kingfisher: max 9 StP 7 May (JAb), high.

Red-headed Woodpecker: arr Mulholland Wildflower Pres TOMP 19 Apr; max 2 TPot 14-27 May.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 12 SW 3 May (WvH), high.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr 2 LPBP 27 Mar.

Peregrine Falcon: max 6 Taughannock Falls SP 16 May (SB, JM!), high.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Dryden Rail Trail 30 Apr; max 7 SW 21 May.

Eastern Kingbird: arr Dryden L TOMP 24 Apr; max 8 SW 21 May; 8 QCM 10 May; 8 Canandaigua L YATE 31 May.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Breesport P CHEM 6 May (AC!), early.last TVE 24 May; Tlth 24 May.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr HH 8 May; DSF 8 May; max 10 LPBP 31 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr IR 21 May; max 2 HO 23 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr Hi Tor WMA YATE 20 May; max 4 Cayuta Creek SCHU 27 May.

Alder Flycatcher: arr T Hector SCHU 16 May; TCar 16 May; TDry 16 May; max 11 SW 27 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr MNWR 14 May; max 9 MNWR 22 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr Keuka L Outlet Trail YATE 27 Apr; max 6 T Wheeler STEU 22 May.

Eastern Phoebe: arr Palmer Woods TOMP 11 Mar; max 9 T Venice CAYU 8 Apr.

Northern Shrike: last Steam Mill Fen TOMP 4 Apr.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr TVE 29 Apr; max 9 Kashong Conservation Area ONTA 9 May.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr TVE 10 Apr; Texas Hollow State Forest SCHU 10 Apr; SW 10 Apr; TDry 10 Apr; max 8 Robert Treman SP 13 May.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr TTYr 7 May; max 2 Robert Treman SP 15 May.

Warbling Vireo: arr T Venice CAYU 27 Apr; Cayuga Heights 27 Apr; max 15 SPNA 7 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr MNWR 3 May; Goethicus Wetland Pres TOMP 3 May; max 46 DSF 17 May.

American Crow: max 5000 StP 10 Mar (JM), high.

Purple Martin: arr 6 MNWR 5 Apr; max 50 MNWR 3-24 May.

Tree Swallow: arr 5 LPSP 11 Mar; 3 MNWR 11 Mar; 3 T Seneca Falls SENE 11 Mar; max 1246 MNWR 11 Apr.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr 2 Cornell Research Ponds TOMP 30 Mar; max 55 Horseheads Marsh CHEM 8 May (JCorc, MPe), high.

Bank Swallow: arr MNWR 11 Apr; max 80 SenL SENE 8 May; 80 MyPt 8 May.

Cliff Swallow: arr MNWR 31 Mar (GD!), early; max 10 T Erwin STEU 11 May; 10 Grove Street Fishing Access CHEM 30 May
Barn Swallow: arr StP 1 Apr; max 1200 Lake Road Bluff CAYU 8 May (JM!, TSa), high.
House Wren: arr Ithaca 13 Apr; max 10 HO 9 May.
Winter Wren: arr TDry 23 Mar; max 6 AF 24 May.
Sedge Wren: T Starkey YATE 2 May (KR, rec); TCar 4 May (HAD, THo!).
Marsh Wren: arr MNWR 11 Apr; max 27 MNWR 31 May.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr GCC 22 Apr; max 5 Frontenac Pt SENE 6 May.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Ithaca 6 Mar (Dave Nutter!), early; max 25 RRRT 20 Apr.
Eastern Bluebird: max 20 Tlth 25 Mar (PH), high.
Veery: arr BL 1 May; max 17 DSF 22 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr TVE 20 May; BL 20 May; max 5 BL 24 May; 5 TVE 26 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr TMor 7 May; Tlth 7 May; max 62 TVE 20 May, nocturnal.
Hermit Thrush: arr TDry 1 Apr; TCar 1 Apr; max 7 Gleason Meadows CHEM 24 Apr.
Wood Thrush: arr Summerhill State Forest CAYU 28 Apr; T Veteran CHEM 28 Apr; max 10 IR 21 May.
Gray Catbird: arr T Erin CHEM 15 Apr; max 25 Dryden L TOMP 9 May; 25 RRRT 16 May.
Brown Thrasher: arr T Elmira CHEM 1 Apr (Anita Seaberg!), early; max 6 Catharine Valley Trail SCHU 25 Apr.
Cedar Waxwing: max 42 Tlth 18 May, low.
House Sparrow: max 50 StP 15 Mar (THE, SO), high.
American Pipit: arr BLNA 9 Mar; max 250 T Benton YATE 18 Apr. last Tlth 21 May.
Evening Grosbeak: max 84 TVE 8 May.
Purple Finch: max 42 T Erin CHEM 8 May (WBl), high.
Common Redpoll: max 250 TVE 18 Mar; last TRom 4 May (MiPa!), late.
Hoary Redpoll: max 2 TPot 6 Mar; last TOv 9 Mar.
Red Crossbill: max 20 Summerhill State Forest CAYU 14 Apr.
White-winged Crossbill: max 5 Cornell University 1 Mar; last TPot 20 Apr.
Pine Siskin: max 36 TDry 9 May.
Lapland Longspur: arr 35 TFay 10 Apr; last TFay 22 Apr.
Snow Bunting: max 400 Savannah Mucklands SENE 8 Mar; last T Seneca ONTA 2 Apr.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: arr TMor 17 Mar; max 16 TJer 15 May.
American Tree Sparrow: max 27 MNWR 20 Mar; last Geneva 25 Apr; QCM 25 Apr.
Chipping Sparrow: arr Richard Outhouse Memorial P ONTA 13 Mar; max 22 Cornell University 16-22 Apr; BL 20 Apr.
Clay-colored Sparrow: T Danby TOMP 17 Apr (mob!), early.
Field Sparrow: arr TOv 4 Mar; max 17 Sampson SP 24 Apr.
Vesper Sparrow: arr TDry 28 Mar; max 5 BLNA 7 Apr; 5 TFay 14 Apr.
Savannah Sparrow: arr 2 MNWR 25 Mar; max 24 T Seneca Falls SENE 20 Apr.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr TOv 2 May; max 4 TOv 5 May.
Fox Sparrow: arr Ithaca 11 Mar; TCar 11 Mar; 2 Palmer Woods TOMP 11 Mar; 2 Tlth 11 Mar; max 17 TCar 3 Apr; last OP 4 May.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr HO 2 May; SW 2 May; Finger Lakes National Forest SCHU 2 May; max 2 QCM 8 May; 2 LPBP 8 May; last MNWR 22 May; T Wheeler STEU 22 May.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr 3 TPot 18 Apr; max 20 Sperr Memorial P CHEM 8 May; last AF TOMP 22 May.
Yellow-breasted Chat: MNWR 19 May thru (mob, ph).
Yellow-headed Blackbird: TTyr 9 Mar (DK, ph).
Bobolink: arr QCM 25 Apr; max 40 T Ledyard CAYU 7 May.
Eastern Meadowlark: arr 3 Watkins Glen 9 Mar; TCar 9 Mar; max 13 TDry 20 Mar.
Orchard Oriole: arr MyPt 30 Apr; max 5 Ithaca Farmers Market TOMP 3 May; 5 SPNA 7-14 May.
Baltimore Oriole: arr T Newfield TOMP 27 Apr; max 40 LPBP 10 May (LeD, PH), high.
Rusty Blackbird: max 300 MNWR 8 May (JM!, TSa), high; last 4 SW 14 May; 2 Ithaca Tompkins Airport TOMP 14 May.
Ovenbird: arr BL 27 Apr; max 26 DSF 17 May.
Worm-eating Warbler: arr & max 2 LPBP 8 May.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Six Mile Creek Natural Area TOMP 8 Apr; max 5 Bald Hill TOMP 23 Apr.
Northern Waterthrush: arr Mulholland Wildflower Garden TOMP 19 Apr (ED, LeD!), early.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr & max 2 TVE 4 May; last Monkey Run TOMP 14 May.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr TVE 28 Apr; T Catharine SCHU 28 Apr; TCar 28 Apr; max 14 LPBP 10 May.

Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler (hybrid): HO 15 May; Etna Fringed Gentian Area TOMP 25 May.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: Newtown Battlefield SP 8 May; Gleason Meadows CHEM 11 May.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr Geneva 25 Apr; max 8 TVE 4 May; 8 LPBP 16 May.

Prothonotary Warbler: arr MNWR 3 May (DK, ph), early; max 2 MNWR 10 May thru.

Tennessee Warbler: arr HH 29 Apr (KP!), early; max 6 TVE 19 May; 6 Black Diamond Trail TOMP 19 May; 6 MNWR 20 May; last TVE 25 May; T1th 25 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr SW 4 May; max 3 HO 8 May; last Durland Pres TOMP 23 May (JF!, YHS), late.

Nashville Warbler: arr TRom 27 Apr; max 11 HO 8 May.

Mourning Warbler: arr TDry 6 May; max 9 T Avoca STEU 22 May (CW!), high.

Common Yellowthroat: arr 2 TJer 23 Apr; max 20 QCM 8 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr TVE 28 Apr (JCorc, MPE!), early; max 11 TJer 15 May (LyD, NJ, BWi!), high; 11 DSF (JM!), high.

American Redstart: arr T1th 28 Apr; T Lansing TOMP 28 Apr.

Cape May Warbler: arr Ithaca 2 May; max 6 BL 15 May; last MNWR 23 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr 2 OP 4 May; max 6 MNWR 20 May.

Northern Parula: arr 2 T Enfield TOMP 28 Apr; max 14 Lake View Cemetery TOMP 5 May; last MNWR 25 May; Sweedler-Lick Brook Pres TOMP 25 May; Edwards Lake Cliffs Pres TOMP 25 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr 2 Roy H Park Pres TOMP 2 May; Northeast Ithaca 2 May; TCar 2 May; max 6 TVE 18 May; 6 HO 18 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Lake View Cemetery TOMP 5 May; max 12 Shindagin Hollow State Forest TOMP 18 May; last MNWR 30 May.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr Ithaca 30 Apr; max 12 TVE 26 May.

Yellow Warbler: arr HH 20 Apr; max 32 SLSP 11 May; 32 MNWR 15 May.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Birdseye Hollow State Forest STEU 1 May; T Danby TOMP 1 May; max 35 AF TOMP 16-22 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr Ithaca 8 May; max 6 MtP 22 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr TCar 28 Apr; TDry 28 Apr; max 16 Shindagin Hollow State Forest TOMP 9 May.

Palm Warbler: arr SW 8 Apr; max 16 StP 8 May; last Kashong Conservation Area ONTA 22 May.

Pine Warbler: arr T Prattsburgh STEU 27 Mar; max 8 RRRT 20 Apr.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr Ithaca 14 Mar (Dave Nutter!), early; max 70 TOv 4 May.

Yellow-throated Warbler: TCar 29 Apr-2 May (mob, ph).

Prairie Warbler: arr 2 LPBP 1 May; max 8 LPBP 14-22 May.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Ithaca 24 Apr; max 14 Connecticut Hill WMA SCHU 10 May.

Canada Warbler: arr T Ulysses TOMP 3 May; max 15 AF SCHU 24 May.

Wilson’s Warbler: arr Fall Creek North Natural Area TOMP 2 May.

Scarlet Tanager: arr OP 28 Apr; max 12 MtP 17 May.

Northern Cardinal: max 34 Kendal at Ithaca TOMP 25 Apr (GF), high.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr 2 TDry 20 Apr; max 19 T Summerhill CAYU 8 May.

Indigo Bunting: arr TVE 28 Apr; max 9 AF SCHU 23 May.



REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

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Weather data obtained from the Binghamton Station showed a high of 71° F on 25 March and a low of 8° on 2 March. The average temperature for the month of March was 35.8° which was 3.5° above normal. March precipitation was 1.98" which was 1.07" below normal. The high temperature for the month of April was 77° on 28 April and the low was 17° on 2 April. The average temperature for the month of April was 45.3°, 0.7° above normal. April precipitation was 4.86" which was 1.23" above normal. The high temperature for the month of May was 86° on 21 May and the low was 30° on 1 May. The average temperature for the month of May was 55.1° which was 1.1° below normal. May precipitation was 5.29", 1.51" above normal.

The Region, once again, was well represented as far as waterfowl species were concerned. There were multiple records of a thousand plus Snow Geese migrating through. A Cackling Goose was reported during the period, as were all three species of swan. This included two Trumpeter Swans in Broome County. The expected duck species such as Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal and Ring-necked Duck were reported in good numbers. There were scattered reports throughout the Region of "sea ducks" such as White-winged Scoter, Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck and Red-breasted Merganser.

There were two reports of Eastern Whip-poor-will in the Region. Any reports of this declining species are notable. Virginia Rail is a species that seems to slowly be increasing in the Region and was reported in five of the six counties. Both Sora, Common Gallinule and American Coot were reported multiple times as well. In addition to the expected shorebird species, Black-bellied Plover, Dunlin, and Short-billed Dowitcher were reported.

The tern species reported included Caspian, Black, Common, and Forster's Tern. There were multiple reports of both bittern species. There was only one report of Northern Goshawk in the entire Region for the period. This report was from Otsego County. While never common, this species has been exceedingly hard for the author to find over the past decade. In my experience in Delaware County there are many areas that seem to provide good habitat, as well as a good population of squirrels and Ruffed Grouse for this species to prey upon. Hopefully this species can increase its population in the Region.

It was a good finch year as far as species diversity was concerned. Evening Grosbeaks were reported throughout the entire Region, as were Purple Finch. Common Redpolls and Pine Siskins were mostly reported in small numbers, also throughout the entire Region, as were Red Crossbills which were reported in all six counties. A single report of a Hoary Redpoll was an excellent find by Sandy

Covington on 9 March and 13 March. Very good pictures of the bird can be seen in her eBird report.

There were some excellent rare sightings in the Region this period. A Little Gull was found at Dorchester Park in Broome County on 5 May and was seen by many lucky observers. For the second consecutive spring a Snowy Egret was reported. It was found and photographed by Derek Green at Lockheed Martin Pond in Tioga County on 21 April. Pete Fenner found and recorded a **Western Meadowlark** in Springfield Center in Otsego County on 28 April. An immature male Summer Tanager was discovered by David Tanner and photographed by Jay McGowan in Cortland on 10 May.

The bird of the period, however, was an adult male **Painted Bunting** reported to Rick Bunting (no relation to the Painting Bunting) that was at a private feeder station in Bainbridge in Chenango County. The owner did get pictures of the bird which are included in the eBird report.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ALk – Allen L, OTSE; **AqPk** – Aquaterra P, BROO; **BCBC** – Binghamton CBC, BROO; **BMF** – Birdsong Meadow Farm, Candor, TIOG; **BPd** – Boland Pd, BROO; **BUNP** – Binghamton University Nature Pres, 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; **DeIR** – Delaware Ri, Deposit, DELA; **DorP** – Dorchester P, Whitney Pt, BROO; **FMHW** – Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch, DELA; **FMT** – Franklin Mtn, 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); **SkaL** – Skaneateles L, 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: 5,000 ULCP 10 Mar (DN); 1,000 Binghamton BROO 14 Mar (AS,CT); 2,000 Binghamton 14 Mar (GW); 4,000 BMF 20 Mar (ATro).
Ross's Goose: flyover BMF 20 Mar (ATro).
Cackling Goose: 5 flyovers BMF 5 Mar (ATro); Brick Pd. Wetland Pres TIOG 17 Mar (WB).
Mute Swan: Oneida Street Ponds OTSE 9 May (BW).
Trumpeter Swan: Chenango Forks BROO 3 Apr (mob); site max 2 E. Hill Rd. 26-28 May.
Tundra Swan: MHL 30 Mar - 15 Apr (mob).
Wood Duck: 40 HCP 20 Mar (RA,MMc); 21 Deposit DELA 10 May (LVe).
Blue-winged Teal: site max 5 Murphys Pits BROO 19 Apr; site max 9 Brick Pd Wetland Pres 30 Apr (JR); site max 6 ULCP 30 Apr (DN,SO).
Northern Shoveler: site max 4 BPd 4 Apr (JW); site max 7 UCLP 19 Apr (DN); 7 Cortland Gravel Pits CORT 21 Apr (JMc).
Gadwall: 9 CRes 12 Mar (LVe); site max 8 ULCP 28 Mar (VL); site max 12 Lisle P BROO 8 May (RA,MMc).
American Wigeon: 7 Clinton P CHEN 9 Mar (MDe); max site 8 ULCP 14 Mar (JH,DN); max site 15 BPd 21 Mar (RA).
American Black Duck: 30 BPd 5 Mar (DN,LVi); 42 Barton TIOG 8 Mar (MB); 34 PRes 12 Mar (LVe).
Northern Pintail: 10 PRes 27 Mar (LVe); site max 10 ULCP 30 Mar (DN).
Green-winged Teal: site max 22 BPd 16 Mar (VL); site max 15 ULCP 21 Mar (JH); site max 31 30 Mar (DG); 16 Willet Line Rd CHEN 23 Apr (MDe,ATa).
Canvasback: site max 3 Chugnut River Walk BROO 6 Mar (MSt).
Redhead: site max 5 Chugnut River Walk 7 Mar (DN); site max 21 HCP 11 Mar (LVi); 2 ULCP 30 Mar (DN).

Ring-necked Duck: site max 120 Downsville DELA 14 Mar (MSe); site max 46 StPd 23 Mar (DG); site max 67 27 Mar (JMc).
Greater Scaup: small numbers (2 max) of scattered reports throughout Region.
Lesser Scaup: reported in all counties in Region.
Surf Scoter: 2 CannRes 25 Apr (LV); 2 Cortland Gravel Pits 5 May (JMc); 2 Murphys Pits 6 May (mob); Lisle P 8 May (mob).
White-winged Scoter: 6 CannRes 1 May (LVe); 16 UCLP 5 May (JMc); 24 ChenL 8 May (MDe); site max 400 Lisle P 8 May (DN,JH).
Long-tailed Duck: Region max 18 Lisle P 7 Apr (DN,DW); other scattered reports throughout Region.
Bufflehead: site max 100 Lisle P 21 Apr (DN); site max 92 Cortland Gravel Pits 21 Apr (JMc); 30 Fly Creek OTSE 3 May (TB).
Common Goldeneye: Region max 20 Downsville 7 Mar (LV); 9 Owego TIOG 11 Mar (DG).
Hooded Merganser: many reports throughout Region.
Common Merganser: many reports throughout Region.
Red-breasted Merganser: region max 13 Lisle P 26 Mar (DN).
Ruddy Duck: site max 6 Lisle P 5 May (DN,GW,ATri); 3 Murphys Pits 8 May (VL); site max 6 Lockheed Martin Pd TIOG 10 May - 12 May (DG,WB).
Ring-necked Pheasant: scattered reports in all counties in Region, almost all single birds.
Ruffed Grouse: many reports throughout entire Region.
Wild Turkey: many reports throughout entire Region.
Pied-billed Grebe: site max 8 ULCP 3 Apr (JC).

Horned Grebe: 3 Plymouth Res CHEN 11 Apr (CM); 7 ULCP 13 Apr (DW); site max 8 Cortland Gravel Pits 21 Apr (JM).
Red-necked Grebe: CannR 17 Apr (LV); Murphys Pits 19 Apr (Dn,GW,DW); Millbrook Town Pk CHEN 21 Apr (MDe); site max 4 Lisle P 8 May (DN,RA).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 2 ULCP 23 May (VL, DN); 2 LHNC 25 May & 29 May (BM,EL); 2 CG 25 May & 26 May (MB,DG); 2 Cortland CE CORT 26 May (CW).
Black-billed Cuckoo: scattered reports throughout entire Region.
Common Nighthawk: 21 BMF 21 May (ATro); 10 Owego TIOG 25 May (KH); 4 Ball Flats P CHEN 27 May (MDe); 3 Greene CE 31 May (ATri).
Eastern Whip-poor-will: Goey Pd Rd OTSE 5 May (ML); Newark Valley TIOG 8 May (SD).

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: site max 5 Sherburne Marsh CHEN 13 Apr (MDe); site max 2 CG 13 Apr (NH); 2 Richfield Springs OTSE 27 Apr (CSt); 2 Tully CORT 15 May (SD).
Sora: Homer CORT 6 May (JJ); Daisy Hollow Rd CORT 6 May (JM); Sherburne Marsh 8 May (MDe); BPd 8 May (DN,RA,MMc); Waverly 9 May (DG).
Common Gallinule: site max 3 Sherburne Marsh 8 May (MDe); Brick Pd Wetland Pres 8 May (DG); BPd 10-14 May (SD,JH,DW,RA,GW).
American Coot: 38 Lk Front P OTSE 19 Mar (HH); 16 Cooperstown OTSE 24 Mar (LP).
Sandhill Crane: Portlandville OTSE 8 May (LP); Sherburne Marsh 13 May (MDe); site max 3 Round Pd CHEN 24 May (MDe).
Black-bellied Plover: Tully L CORT 15 May (CW); Dorchester P BROO 28 May (VL,GW,DW,RAMMc).
Semipalmated Plover: 3 Deposit 10 May (LV); site max 2 Murphys Pits 24 May (VL); site max 8 Otselic River Overlook BROO 24 May (DN); 2 Greene CHEN 26 May (MDe).
Dunlin: Cheri A. Lindsey P BROO 10 Apr (RA,MMc); Baton Pavillion TIOGA 28 Apr (DG); 2 Dorchester P 26 May (ATri).
Least Sandpiper: site max 35 ULCP 14 May (JH); 6 Deposit 23 May (LV); 12 Murphys Pits 24 May (VL).
Pectoral Sandpiper: Otselic River Overlook 9 Apr (GW); ULCP 9 Apr - 11 Apr (DN,JH,RA,VL); ULCP 30 Apr (SO); Sherburne Marsh 14 May (MDe).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: Dorchester P 25 May (DN); site max 3 Murphys Pits 25 May (DN); Harford CORT 26 May (JM).
Short-billed Dowitcher: ULCP/Otselic River Overlook 21 May (GW,DW,VL,RDe, DN,RA,MMc).
Wilson's Snipe: many reports throughout all counties in Region.
Lesser Yellowlegs: Region max 12 Deposit 10 May (LV); scattered reports throughout most of Region.
Greater Yellowlegs: Region max 7 Deposit 10 May (LV); reported in all counties in Region.
Bonaparte's Gull: site max 67 Lisle P 7 Apr (DN); 37 CannR 10 Apr (LV); reported in all counties in Region.
Little Gull: Dorchester P 5 May (DN,DW,ATri,GW,JH, JM,JC,LC).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 2 UCLP 21 Mar (DN); Cortland Gravel Pits 1 Apr (JC); 2 Cortland Gravel Pits 6 Apr (JM).
Caspian Tern: Region max 14 Dorchester P 21 Apr (DW); 5 Lisle P 21 Apr (GW,JH, DN); 8 MHL 21 Apr (SC); 3 Plymouth Res 27 Apr (CM).
Black Tern: Dorchester P 5 May (DN, JM, DW, JC, LC); Glimmerglass SP OTSE 6 May (PFe); Norwich CHEN 8 May (MDe); ULCP 13 May (GW,AS,BF).
Common Tern: 8 MHL 21 Apr (SC); 7 Chenango L CHEN 8 May (MDe); reports also in DELW and BROO counties.
Forster's Tern: Goodale L CORT 29 Apr (JC,LC).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: 2 Long Pd CHEN 24 Apr (MDe); 1 Lisle P 21 Apr (JH, DN, GW, SR, RDe); 3 CannR 24 Apr (LV); Murphy Pits 14 May (DW).
Common Loon: 28 PRes 21 Apr (LV); 16 Genegantslet L CHEN 21 Apr (MDe); 145 Lisle P 21 Apr (SR, RDe, DN, JH).
Double-crested Cormorant: site max 31 Cannon Hole TIOG 10 Apr (MB); 45 Owego 18 Apr (KH); site max 200 Lisle P 20 Apr (DN); 53 Cincinnatus L CHEN 21 Apr (MDe); 36 Cortland Gravel Pits 21 Apr (JM).
American Bittern: 2 Sherburne Marsh 25 Apr (MMe); Moran Rd CHEN 1 May (MDe); Daisy Hollow Rd 6 May (JM, JC, LC); 2 Lk Delaware Pd DELA 8 May (RP).
Least Bittern: ULCP 7 May (VL, RA); BPd 9 May (VL, GW, DN, JW, RDe); Ely Rd CORT 26 May (CW).

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Gray-breasted Martin, Prospect Park, *Kings*, 1-4 Apr 2021. Top: 2 Apr, © Doug Gochfeld;
bottom: 1 Apr, © Timothy Healy.



Tundra Bean Goose, *Saratoga*, 14 & 16 Mar 2021. Top: Saratoga Lake Marine Park, 14 Mar, © Jim de Waal Malefyt; bottom: Fish Creek Marina, 16 Mar, © Glenn Wilson.



Wood Stork, Beaverdam Creek, *Suffolk*, 8 May © Gail Benson/Thomas W. Burke.



Black-throated Gray Warbler, Amherst State Park, *Erie*, 22 Apr 2021, © Tony Dvorak.



Figure 1. Bank Swallows at Breezy Point Tip, *Queens*, New York, 2016 – 2018. Photos clockwise from top left: (a) 7 Jun 2016 and (b) 12 Jun 2017 taken by Scott Solberg, (c) 14 Jun 2018 and (d) 18 Jun 2018 by José R. Ramírez-Garofalo. See pp. 210-215.

Great Blue Heron: many reports throughout entire Region.

Great Egret: Region max 3 Lockheed Martin Pd 21 Apr (DG); scattered reports in DELA, CHEN, BROO, CORT, and TIOG counties.

Snowy Egret: Lockheed Martin Pd 21 Apr (DG).

Green Heron: many reports throughout Region.

Black Vulture: 10 Vestal BROO 27 Mar (RA); 2 BMF 28 Mar (ATro); 9 Vestal 29 Mar (RM); 4 Hancock DELA 25 Apr (LV).

Osprey: many reports throughout entire Region.

Golden Eagle: 2 flyovers BMF 5 Mar (ATro).

Northern Harrier: many reports throughout entire Region.

Northern Goshawk: Betty & Wilbur Davis SP OTSE 10 Mar (JBa).

Red-shouldered Hawk: scattered reports in all counties in Region.

Rough-legged Hawk: Region max 3 Plymouth CHEN 3 Mar (MDe); other scattered records, throughout most of Region.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 2 Binghamton 11 May (JBU); 2 Upton OTSE 25 May (MY); 3 Sherburne 26 May (FvM).

Great Horned Owl: scattered reports in BROO, CORT, DELA, OTSE & TIOG counties.

Barred Owl: many reports in all counties in Region.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Maryland OTSE 9 Apr (CSc, SBri).

Red-headed Woodpecker: Richford TIOG 31 May (DMc).

American Kestrel: many reports throughout entire Region.

Merlin: scattered reports in all counties in Region.

Peregrine Falcon: reported in small numbers in CORT, BROO & TIOG counties.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Ely Rd CORT 26 May (JMc); Lash Rd CORT 26 May (CW); Chenango Ri, Greene CHEN 27 May (MDe); Richford TIOG 31 May (DMc).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Griggs Gulf SF CORT (CW); Lime Hollow CORT 26 May (JMc); Harford 29 May (JC).

Acadian Flycatcher: Griggs Gulf SF 27 May (JC, JK).

Northern Shrike: Hoag-Childes Rd CHEN 3 Mar (MDe); Vestal 1 Mar (RA).

Philadelphia Vireo: Castle Creek BROO 21 May (DW); Castle Gardens BROO 21 May (MJ); Bovina Ctr DELA 23 May (RP); Kellogg Rd CORT 26 May (CW); Shafer Rd CHEN 31 May (MDe).

Fish Crow: many reports along the Chenango Ri and Susquehanna Ri in BROO and TIOG counties. A few scattered reports in CORT and CHEN counties.

Common Raven: many reports throughout entire Region.

Horned Lark: 60 Flat Iron Rd CHEN 5 Mar (MDe); 100 Smith Hill Rd BROO 6 Mar (DN, MJ); 34 Delancey DELA 7 Mar (LV); 50 Tri-City Airport BROO 8 Mar (GW); 50 Cherry Hill Rd BROO 10 Mar (DW).

Purple Martin: 6 Bainbridge CHEN 8 May (BO); Ely Rd 26 May (JMc).

Bank Swallow: Region max 50 Sherburne Marsh 23 May (MDe); other scattered records throughout entire Region.

Marsh Wren: ULCP 6-10 May (DN, JW, GW); site max 3 Sherburne March 23 May (MDe).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Owego Hill Rd CORT 27 May (JC, JK).

Swainson's Thrush: Lime Hollow 17-18 May (DG, OB); Marathon CORT 18 May (CW); BUNP 20 May (VL); Coventry SF CHEN 21 May (MDe); Johnson City BROO 25 May (DN).

Northern Mockingbird: scattered reports in BROO, CORT, DELA, OTSE and TIOG counties.

American Pipit: Region max 37 Dorchester Pk 1 Apr (DW); 30 Moran Rd CHEN 10 May (MDe).

Evening Grosbeak: 33 Stoller Hill Rd OTSE 1 Mar (SS); Region max 60 S. Otselic CHEN 29 Apr (MF); a nice scattering of records throughout the entire Region.

Purple Finch: many reports throughout the entire Region.

Common Redpoll: 80 Scott CORT 8 Mar (PH); 42 Stroller Hill Rd 17 Mar (SS); 30 Otsiningo P BROO 19 Mar (WK); other scattered reports throughout the Region.

Hoary Redpoll: MHL 9 & 13 Mar (SC); Blodgett Rd, Owego TIOG, cont from winter to 2 Mar (ATro).

Red Crossbill: Region max 35 Richford TIOG 14 May (DMc); reported in all counties in Region.

Pine Siskin: many reports of this species throughout the Region in small numbers with the exception of the Region max of 75 Chenango Valley SP 30 Apr (DN).

Snow Bunting: 8 Fly Creek 4 Mar (DD); 20 Carrigan Rd BROO 5 Mar (JH); 26 Smith Hill Rd 6 Mar (MJ); 6 Delancey 7 Mar (LV).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Clay-colored Sparrow: 2 Huizinga Farm TIOG 23 May (DG).

Vesper Sparrow: 4 Whitney Pt BROO 7 Apr (DW); Cortland 15 Apr (JMc); Binghamton 16 Apr (JW,GW); site max 2 Murphys Pits 19 Apr (DN); Downsville 21 Apr (LV); Tom Dunn Rd CHEN 25 Apr (MDe).

Grasshopper Sparrow: Huizinga Farm 23 May (DG); site max 2 Harford 19 May (CW) & 26 May (JMc).

Fox Sparrow: many reports throughout entire Region.

White-crowned Sparrow: scattered reports throughout entire Region.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Helen Ave CORT 30 Apr (SBro).

Bobolink: many reports throughout entire Region.

WESTERN MEADOWLARK: Springfield Center OTSE 28 Apr (PFe,CSt) audio recordings on eBird.

Eastern Meadowlark: 5 Downsville 20 Mar (LV); Region max 7 Mt. Hunger Rd 7 Apr (DW); 6 Standish Rd CHEN 3 May (ATri).

Orchard Oriole: reports of single birds in BROO,CORT,DELA and TIOG counties.

Rusty Blackbird: Region max 12 Brick Pd Wetland Pres 23 Apr (DH); other scattered reports throughout entire Region.

Golden-winged Warbler: 2 LHNC 11 May (JMc,DG,PH).

“Lawrence’s” Warbler: King St BROO 9 May (DN).

Tennessee Warbler: Region max 5 ULCP 18 May (ATri); scattered reports throughout entire Region.

Mourning Warbler: scattered reports throughout entire Region.

Hooded Warbler: Region max 4 Griggs Gulf SF 21 May (CW); isolated reports in all counties in Region.

Cape May Warbler: Region max 5 Treadwell DELA 3 May (PP); isolated reports in all counties in Region.

Cerulean Warbler: Dorchester P 5 May (DN); Lordville DELA 23 May (LV).

Bay-breasted Warbler: reports of one or two birds in 12 locations in BROO,CHEN,CORT and TIOG counties.

Blackpoll Warbler: Region max 12 Kellogg Rd 26 May (CW); scattered reports throughout entire Region.

Wilson’s Warbler: Dorchester P 9 May (ATri); site max 2 ULCP 10 May (DN); Aquaterra BROO 11 May (DW); BUNP 11 May (AS); BUNP 15 May (JD); Bovina Ctr 20 May (RP); Kellogg Rd 26 May (CW).

SUMMER TANAGER (R4): Cortland 10 May, immature male (DT,JMc).

PAINTED BUNTING: Bainbridge 15 May, adult male (Chenango Bird Club record).



REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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2021 continued the theme of winter and by the end of the snow season was the fifth lowest total since record-keeping of this began in 1949. March average high temperature of 50.3 °F was 7.1° (!) above normal with only 1.36" of rain and 4.6" of snow, both much less than typical. Both metrics were top-ten low. April average high was 59.5°, 2.3° above normal with 2.5" of rain and 4.3" snow. May continued the trend with an average maximum of 70.4°, 1.2° over the usual and 2.55" rain. All three months had 17-19 days that were partly-sunny or better.

Water levels on inland lakes were typical of the season but exceptionally low on Lake Ontario, pointing to a dryer than normal winter on the other Great Lakes which feed Ontario through the Niagara River. Sand beach was still present at West Barrier Bar in Fair Haven, while the Carl Island shoal at Sandy Pond was exposed almost to the channel, perhaps unprecedented in modern times at least for spring.

An excellent Snow Goose flight passed Derby Hill in mid-March, the best day being 151,400 birds on 12 March. Several Ross's Geese were noted and a Greater White-fronted spent two days at the Biddlecum Road floodlands. A rare hybrid of this species with Canada Goose was noted there by Gregg Dashnau and Mickey Scilingo, while Santos Rodriguez photographed a Snow x Canada. The Loop Road floodland in western Cayuga county again hosted many Pintail and other dabblers. Another unusual hybrid continued from winter at Oswego Harbor, a Mallard x Northern Pintail. Three King Eider were noted there also plus good counts of White-winged Scoter (720) and Long-tailed Duck (1500). An excellent count of 200 Bufflehead came from Onondaga Lake with 2000 Common Merganser estimated there. A Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser, seemingly regular at Port Ontario, was noted there on 17 March. Eighteen Sandhill Cranes passing Derby Hill on 18 March may be a new record for the spot but no substantial Common Nighthawk flight was noted in late May.

Matt Brown predicted an excellent shorebird season with so much sand bar available at Sandy Pond for passing birds and indeed 20 species were found there, close to the theoretical limit for spring at the site. Brown's regular trips to the channel and shoal area were rewarded with a seventh Regional record **Marbled Godwit** present from 21-29 May and enjoyed by many as its large size and favorite sand-patch allowed it to be seen by spotting scope from Greene Point Road. Other highlights were 20 Black-bellied Plover on 26 May, Piping Plover returned to breeding, Whimbrel, **Hudsonian Godwit** (scarce in spring), Red Knot, and **Willet**. **Laughing Gulls** were found on 10, 13, and 22 May, possibly the same bird lingering. Always hard to come by, Forster's Tern was seen there between 22 and 25 May. Meanwhile on Oneida Lake, morning re-orientation flights produced a Regional record 345 Whimbrel for Drew Weber from Oneida Shores Park and a likely record 80 Red Knots. Upland Sandpiper was absent from the long-standing Fulton airport spot and was reported only from the Deerfield grasslands in Oneida County. An **American White Pelican** passed Derby Hill on 30 March and was present in the Pine Grove Road spot at Selkirk Shores from 31 March to 1 April. Gregg Dashnau saw a **Glossy Ibis** at Fair Haven on 27 April. A **White-faced Ibis** present a few hundred yards outside the Region boundary at the usual spot on Carncross Road (Wayne county) was observed flying over Howland Island by Mike Gullo before flying out of sight to the south-south-east. This represents a first record for Region 5 and Cayuga County.

Black Vulture was missed at Derby Hill but reported from expected locations. Official counts were down substantially for several species including Osprey, Kestrel, and Merlin. Weather, however, has such a strong influence on totals that

it is difficult to draw conclusions from any single year's numbers. A new count record-low was set for Northern Goshawk with only one bird passing. A putative **Red-shouldered x Red-tailed Hawk** was spotted by Bryce Robinson at Derby Hill on 10 March. Excellent photos of the bird's underside were obtained and available on eBird. The hawk is superficially most like an adult Red-shouldered with reddish breast and underwing coverts but a tail pattern with vague, narrow dark bands, wrong for an adult of the species. The bird shows other features of Red-tailed influence including an obvious belly band of dark streaks (rather than bars) and pale primaries/secondaries instead of the usually bold and heavy dark markings of Red-shouldered. No photos of the bird's upperside were obtained but presumably would show a reddish tail and a mixture of traits on the back and upperwing. This rare hybrid was the raptor highlight of a season with no other rarities.

A good Northern Flicker movement was noted at Derby Hill on 28 April with 750 of these colorful birds. Olive-sided Flycatcher, always scarce, was especially so this season. Acadian Fly again returned to the woods of Sterling Nature Center but was seen only one day at the usual Whiskey Hollow location. Will this be the first year in many it does not breed there? Like a few other species, central New York is just out of range of **White-eyed Vireo** but that did not stop one from being banded on 31 May at Baltimore Woods. Will it eventually reach us as a breeder in this age of climate change? Barbara Barker added another report from Sauquoit on 16 April.

On 18 May Matt Brown found and photographed an apparent **Yellow-throated x Blue-headed Vireo** hybrid in one of the upland areas of Deer Creek Marsh. The next day Jay McGowan observed it nest-building with a singing Yellow-throated Vireo, thus implying the bird to be female. This very rare hybrid was previously unknown to the eBird taxonomy and indeed a new taxon was created in response. Species accounts in *Birds of the World Online* discuss a specimen from the 1800s thought to be this combination but at the time taken to be a distinct species. References also describe several observed nesting attempts between Yellow-throated and members of the 'Solitary Vireo' complex, its closest genetic relative. An actual hybrid vireo—thus evidence of successful nesting—is an exceptional discovery. Was the bird hatched locally and thus it is returning 'home'? Was nesting successful?

Good lakeshore flights of Black-capped Chickadee were reported from Derby Hill, where 332 were seen on 10 April doing their typical jump from tree to tree along the bluff. An excellent flight of Blue Jays occurred during May with 7809 counted at Derby Hill on the 10th. These low-passing diurnal migrants are a highlight of any visit. Early-season migration of American Crows peaked on 10 March with 10,416. Movements north begin in late February. Sedge Wren was found at Three Rivers 19 May on, while a new location in West Monroe hosted two birds from 22 May. Will they nest at either location?

A flock of 49 **Bohemian Waxwings** was seen by Kevin Topping in Salisbury, a good number given it did not appear to be a strong invasion year for

the species. Ditto four **Pine Grosbeaks** at the same place as it was a disappointing year for them as well. Winter's great irruption of redpolls and Evening Grosbeaks wound down as the species made their way north. A number of **Hoary Redpolls** were photographed or well-described, perhaps not surprising considering the number of Common flocks about. Derby Hill noted 169 Evening Grosbeaks on 3 May, an awesome finale to the best irruption in years. Both crossbills continued in the Southern Highlands of Onondaga County with 12 Reds passing Derby on 10 March and 162 Pine Siskins passed on 3 May. Lapland Longspur is often missed in spring but not this year, while 800 Snow Buntings were seen by Matt Brown at the always-productive Bishop Road spot near Pulaski on 6 March. Clay-colored Sparrow made its only appearance of the season at Sunset Bay Park on 16 May and another was photographed near Alder Creek by David Chandler on the same date. Vesper Sparrow continues to be scarce but can still be found along the fields of Scriba during migration. Orchard Oriole returned to territory on Ditch Bank Road and at Green Lakes State Park. Peak day for Red-winged Blackbirds passing Derby Hill was 11 March with 27,100 estimated, while for Common Grackles it was 26 March with 18,700 birds. The 8th of April gave 1,047 Rusties.

Most long-time observers agreed it was an epically poor warbler migration year, with small numbers and few good days. David Wheeler awaited the 'big one' at West Barrier Bar but it never came. Normally abundant in the cozy confines of the park, Blackburnian, Northern Parula, and Cape May Warblers were absent most days and Wheeler noted only 1-2 decent days at the nearby much-bigger Sterling Nature Center. Sunset Bay Park perhaps fared better but still yielded only one really good day. Wheeler heard many Tennessee singing there on 15 May only to find few at the Cayuga County lakeshore spots but was consoled by two Prairie Warblers. Was the poor showing an illusion, influence of weather, or population changes? Ken Burdick found Prothonotary Warblers at Cross Lake, and at least some returned to the Seneca River around Howland Island. Early-arriving Warblers like Yellow-rumped fared better with 1,404 passing Derby Hill on 27 April. 'Rumps winter in North America. Was this a factor or was May weather?

Region 5 hosts five MOTUS receivers (motus.org) located at Derby Hill, Three Rivers WMA, Rome WMA, Utica Zoo, and Amboy Center. Tagged birds passing within range of the receivers (15 miles in some directions) are logged and can be seen at the website above. Several interesting detections this spring included a Ruddy Turnstone tagged on 27 May near Savannah, GA detected on 29 May by the Derby, Three Rivers, and Amboy Center stations, implying the bird was attracted to Oneida Lake before heading to the Ontario lakeshore. A Common Nighthawk tagged on 10 May 2020 near Gravenhurst, Ontario was heard on 22 and 23 May by the Utica station, then a few days later back near Gravenhurst (along the east shore of Georgian Bay) where it presumably will nest. At least some of the bird's adventures so far have been captured by 18 different receivers throughout eastern North America. Three Canada Warblers tagged at Braddock Bay's banding operation to our west were picked up several days later

by Derby Hill, while two birds tagged on Presque Isle, PA (Red-eyed Vireo and Blackpoll Warbler) were heard at Three Rivers, Amboy Center, and Derby. Several Rusty Blackbirds, Horned Larks, and American Pipit tags were heard at multiple stations, having been tagged near Tadoussac, Quebec in 2020. Finally, an Evening Grosbeak tagged near Marienville, PA on 17 February passed Derby Hill on 14 May. What is the ultimate destination of these birds?

This season a total of 255 species and eight hybrids was reported, which is four above the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights of the season included: Ross's Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, Piping Plover, Whimbrel, **Hudsonian Godwit**, **Marbled Godwit**, Red Knot, **Willet**, **Laughing Gull**, Forster's Tern, **American White Pelican**, **Glossy Ibis**, **White-faced Ibis**, Black Vulture, **Red-shouldered x Red-tailed Hawk (hybrid)**, **White-eyed Vireo**, **Yellow-throated x Blue-headed Vireo (hybrid)**, Sedge Wren, Bohemian Waxwing, **Pine Grosbeak**, Hoary Redpoll, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, and Clay-colored Sparrow.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADK – Adirondacks, n. HERK; **BLNC** – Beaver L Nature Center, Baldwinsville; **Brew** – Oneida L at Brewerton; **BRH** – Bishop Rd Hawk Watch, T Richland; **Bville** – Baldwinsville; **CM** – Clay Marsh, Clay; **Const** – Oneida L at Constantia; **DB** – Ditch Bank Rd & vicinity, T Sullivan/Lenox; **DC** – Deer Creek Marsh, T Richland; **DH** – Derby Hill, T Mexico; **DL** – Delta L; **Dolge** – Dolgeville, HERK; **FH** – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay, and West Barrier Bar; **Fult** – Fulton area including Oswego Ri, Indian Pt, L Neatahwanta; **GB** – Great Bear Rec Area, Fulton; **GLSP** – Green Lakes SP, Fayetteville; **HF** – Highland Forest CP; **HI** – Howland I WMA, CAYU; **HV** – Happy Valley WMA, Parish; **KK** – Kindred Kingdom Wildlife Center, Pennellville; **LH** – Labrador Hollow Unique Area; **LOnt** – L Ontario; **LoopR** – Loop Rd, Montezuma NWR, CAYU; **MCL** – Madison County Landfill; **MexPt** – Mexico Pt SP; **MH** – Morgan Hill State Forest, Fabius; **MSI** – Madison St Impoundment, Hamilton; **MW** – McKoons Rd Wetland, Colombia Center, s. HERK; **OakC** – Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse; **OF** – Old Forge; **OLC** – Onondaga L Creekwalk; **OLP** – Onondaga Lake P; **OneiL** – Oneida L; **OnonL** – Onondaga L; **OSP** – Oneida Shores P, Brewerton; **OswH** – Oswego Harbor; **Phx** – Phoenix dam area; **PPt** – Oneida L at Phillips Pt, W Monroe; **PSS** – Peter Scott Swamp, Phoenix; **RCFS** – Rice Creek Field Station, Oswego; **RRP** – Radisson Ri P, Three Rivers confluence, Phoenix; **SBP** – Sunset Bay P, Scriba; **SFNS** – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; **Sithe** – trails at Independence P, formerly Sithe Energy, Scriba; **SH** – Southern Highlands of ONON & MADI; **SHTF** – Sky High Turf Farm, Chittenango; **Skani** – Skaneateles; **SNC** – Sterling Nature Center, Sterling; **SP** – Sandy Pd and vicinity; **S SSP** – Selkirk Shores SP; **SVB** – Sylvan & Verona Beach; **Syr** – Syracuse; **TNP** – Tuscarora Nature P, MADI; **TR** – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; **UM** – Utica Marsh; **VBSP** – Verona Beach SP; **WH** – Whiskey Hollow; **WP** – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

DERBY HILL HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arr*	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	-	-	-	0
Turkey Vulture	2 Mar	2800	8 Apr	28,069
Osprey	28 Mar	40	4 May	273
Golden Eagle	3 Mar	26	11 Mar	79
No. Harrier	4 Mar	34	9 Apr	365
Sharp-shinned Hawk	10 Mar	272	4 May	2188
Cooper's Hawk	3 Mar	23	11 Mar	286
No. Goshawk	9 Mar	1	9 Mar	1
Bald Eagle	1 Mar	66	3 May	839
Red-shouldered Hawk	10 Mar	89	11 Mar	517
Broad-winged Hawk	Apr	3946	24 Apr	21,911
Swainson's Hawk	-	-	-	0
Red-tailed Hawk	3 Mar	510	11 Mar	3379
Rough-legged Hawk	4 Mar	16	10 Mar	112
Am. Kestrel	9 Mar	28	28 Apr	263
Merlin	3 Mar	3	30 Mar	36
Peregrine Falcon	3 Mar	4	27 Apr	24
Unidentified	-	-	-	0
Total incl unidentified				58,348

*first migrants at the Hawkwatch

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: 20550 DH 11 Mar; 32625 DH 21 Mar; 33410 DH 17 Mar; max 151400 DH 12 Mar; a few stragglers noted after end of Mar.

Ross's Goose: OakC 11 Mar (AP); SBP 17 Mar (GD); 2 DH 21 Mar.

Greater White-fronted Goose: Biddlecum Rd Phx 14-15 Mar (MS).

Brant: arr 2 OnonL 24 Apr; max 835 Ppt 14 May.

Cackling Goose: 5 OnonL 9 Mar; 6 Biddlecum Rd Phx 15 Mar; last DH 22 Mar.

Canada Goose: 13895 DH 20 Mar; max 17860 DH 11 Mar.

Greater White-fronted x Canada Goose (hybrid): Biddlecum Rd Phx 14-15 Mar (GD, MS).

Snow x Canada Goose (hybrid): Phx 14-15 Mar (SR).

Mute Swan: max 68 FH 5 Mar; smaller nums typ locs.

Trumpeter Swan: small nums typ locs; max 12 HI 24 Apr.

Tundra Swan: max 32 OnonL 3 Mar; last 6 Ppt 24 Mar.

Wood Duck: max 48 Port Ont 1 Apr.

Blue-winged Teal: arr SkanL 22 Mar; max 14 DC; small nums to late May.

Northern Shoveler: max 48 FH 26 Mar; last 2 SP 22 May.

Gadwall: max 34 OnonL 8 Apr.

Eurasian Wigeon: Canastota 30 Mar; Volney 28 Mar – 14 Apr.

American Wigeon: max 84 FH; last 2 SP 27 May.

Mallard: common, widespread throughout Reg; max 750 LoopR 11 Mar.

American Black Duck: max 62 SSSP 9-11 Mar.

Mallard x Am. Black Duck (hybrid): max 2 SSSP 9 Mar.

Northern Pintail: max 1600 LoopR 11 Mar; last LoopR & 4 SP 10 May.

Mallard x Northern Pintail (hybrid): OswH 7 Mar, unusual.

Green-winged Teal: arr 2 Hannibal 10 Mar; max 75 WP 21 Apr.
Canvasback: max 36 OnonL 20 Mar; last 2 OnonL 23 Mar.
Redhead: max est 1000+ OnonL 9-15 Mar; last 8 LoopR 1 May
Ring-necked Duck: 277 WP 11 Mar; 300 OnonL 11 Mar; 370 DL 6 Apr; max 400 SP 24 Mar.
Greater Scaup: max 960 OswH 5 Mar; last 5 PPt 10 May.
Lesser Scaup: max 300 OnonL 17 Mar; last WP 25 May.
Greater/Lesser Scaup: max 1400 PPt 26 Mar.
King Eider: max 3 OswH 3-9 Mar; only rep.
Surf Scoter: 1-2 OswH 3-10 Mar; 2 PPt & WP 2 May; max 3 PPt 8 May; Rome 19 Apr.
White-winged Scoter: max 720 OswH; last 45 Const 21 May.
Black Scoter: 1-3 OswH 3-19 Mar; WP 30 Apr; last 2 OnonL 1 May.
Long-tailed Duck: 1100 DH 3 May; 1500 OswH 7 Mar; max 1930 DH 25 Apr; last OSP 30 May.
Buffhead: max 200 OnonL 7 Apr; last OnonL 31 May.
Common Goldeneye: max 300 SP 24 Mar; last Const 22 May.
Hooded Merganser: max 75 OnonL 17 Mar.
Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser (hybrid): Port Ont 17 Mar (MB, ph).
Common Merganser: max est 2000 OnonL 23 Mar.
Red-breasted Merganser: max est 500 LOnt 8 May.
Ruddy Duck: 5 OnonL 7 Apr; 11 CazL 24 Apr; 18 WP 30 Apr; max 21 BLNC 7 Apr.
Ring-necked Pheasant: max 2 DH thru; few other reps.
Ruffed Grouse: max 11 Fabius 21 May.
Wild Turkey: max 55 DB 13, 25 Mar.
Pied-billed Grebe: max 9 HI 5 Apr.
Horned Grebe: max 12 PPt 20 Apr; last WP 5 May.
Red-necked Grebe: arr OnonL 2 Apr; max 10 PPt 13 Apr; last OnonL 14 May.
Rock Pigeon: flocks widespread.
Mourning Dove: max 42 Camillus 6 Mar; small groups common & widespread.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr SBP 9 May; max 2 SBP 26 May.
Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Fayetteville 5 May; max 5 DC 16 May.
Common Nighthawk: arr Pennellville 20 May; max 8 Manlius 26 May; no big lakeshore flight noted.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: arr WH 4 May; singles typ locs.
Chimney Swift: arr DH 25 Apr; max 60 DeWitt 9 May.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Osw 30 Apr; max 51 Stillwater Hotel banding op (GL) 29 May.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: arr WP 4 Apr; max 7 Verona 18 May.
Sora: arr Verona 17 Apr; max 6 Verona 4 May.
Common Gallinule: arr WMonroe 10 Apr; max 8 DeWitt 9 May.
American Coot: max 23 Forestport 26 Mar, unusual loc; 20 OnonL 8 Apr.
Sandhill Crane: arr 3 DH 10 Mar; max 18 DH 23 Mar; small nums var locs, some possibly remain to nest.
Black-bellied Plover: arr 5 WMonroe 4 May; max 20 SP 26 May.
Semipalmated Plover: arr 2 IH 5 May; max 44 SP 26 May.
Piping Plover: arr SP 24 Apr (CN, MB); SP 22 May; early season reports suppressed.
Killdeer: max 19 DH 10 Mar.
Upland Sandpiper: 2 Deerfield 9 May; only rep.
Whimbrel: arr Const 21 May; 3 SP 27 May; 40 PPt 25 May; 113 Const 25 May (MS); max 345 OSP 25 May (DWe), morning re-orientation flight on OneIL, *intro*, known phenomenon but rec num.
Hudsonian Godwit: Biddlecum Rd Phx 6 May (KM, BP); SP 15 May (MB).
MARbled GODWIT (RS): SP 21-29 May (MB, ph, mob), 3rd county rec, 7th Reg rec.
Ruddy Turnstone: arr Biddlecum Rd Phx 12 May; max 15 SP 26 May.
Red Knot: arr 6 Const 22 May (MS); 21 SP 22 May (JM); 20 PPt 25 May (JCo, LC); max 80 OSP 25 May (DWe); 2 Const 27 May.
Sanderling: no reports.
Dunlin: arr SP 3 May; max 83 Const 26 May.
Least Sandpiper: arr 3 IH 5 May; max 51 SP 15 May.
White-rumped Sandpiper: arr MSI 14-15 May; Biddlecum Rd Phx 15 May; 1-2 SP 21-26 May.
Pectoral Sandpiper: arr MSI 6 Apr; max 3 Biddlecum Rd Phx 20 May.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Munnsville 10 May; max 60 SP 26 May.
peep sp.: 100 Const 25 May; 120 Const 26 May; sev reps smaller flocks.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr FH 18 May (BC); 3 - max 4 SP 21-26 May (MB, CN)
American Woodcock: arr TR 15 Mar; max 12 LH 26 Mar.
Wilson's Snipe: arr 2 Salisbury 22 Mar; max 37 WMonroe 31 Mar.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr Kirkville 7 Apr (TM, ph), early, next 2 OnonL 21 Apr; max 20 OnonL 7 May.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr OnonL 29 Apr; max 16 Brookfield 15 May.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 PSS 9 Apr; max 9 Biddlecum Rd Phx 9 May.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr Little Falls 25 Mar; max 23 LoopR 13 Apr.
Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs: max 25 LoopR 16 May.
Willet: SP 25-27 May (MB).
Bonaparte's Gull: arr OnonL 26 Mar; max 149 Ppt 6 May.
LAUGHING GULL (R5): SP 10, 13 May (MB); SP 22 May (DDu, TMe, JMa).
Ring-billed Gull: max est 4500 OswH 5 Mar.
Herring Gull: max est 1000 OswH 6 Mar.
Iceland Gull: max 3 OswH 5 Mar; last 2 OswH 10 May.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 6 SP 27 Apr (MB); 5 OswH 15 Apr; FH 27 May (DWh).
Glaucous Gull: max 3 SP 27 Apr (MB); last OswH 8 May (GD).
Great Black-backed Gull: max 37 IH 2 Mar.
Caspian Tern: arr 11 SP 9 Apr; max 263 OswH 8 May.
Black Tern: arr OSP 30 Apr; singles 4 typ locs incl OnonL 6, 10, 15 May; nums down & not reported from SSSP.
Common Tern: arr OnonL 23 Apr; max 52 OSP 23 May.
Forster's Tern: 2 SP 22 May (JM); 4 SP 23 May (MB); 3 SP 25 May (MB).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: WP 7 Apr; DC 11 Apr; only reps.
Common Loon: max 43 Ppt 29 Apr; mig flight DH mid-Apr to mid-May.
Double-crested Cormorant: max 600 FH 15 May; best nums mid-Apr to early May.
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R5): DH 30 Mar; SSSP 31 Mar – 01 Apr (MB).
American Bittern: arr TR 11 Apr; max DC 16 May.
Least Bittern: arr DC 14 Apr; max 5 Brew 30 May.

Great Blue Heron: max 100 est LoopR 1 May; 63 Biddlecum Rd Phx 10 Apr; 46 SNC 14 May; widespread throughout Reg.
Great Egret: arr 2 West Leyden 27 Mar; max 20 LoopR 16 May.
Green Heron: arr CM 11 Apr; max 4 DH 28 Apr.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: SkanL 16 May; WP 18 May; only reps.
GLOSSY IBIS (R5): FH 27 Apr (GD).
WHITE-FACED IBIS: HI 18 May (MG), flew from Carncross Rd, Wayne county, across Cayuga county line and over HI before disappearing in SSE direction. 1st Reg & county rec.
Black Vulture: OakC 11 Mar (AP); 3 Little Falls 19 Mar (KT); 1-2 Jville area sev dates 24 Mar – 19 May; Clinton 22 Mar (EW); 2 MH 25 Apr (SP), very unusual loc; 2 New York Mills 3 May (LM); 2 Rome 12 May (WR).
Turkey Vulture: max 2800 DH 8 Apr.
Osprey: arr Pulaski 23 Mar; max 40 DH 4 May.
Golden Eagle: arr DH 3 Mar; max 26 DH 11 Mar, rec num; SNC 10 Mar (DWh); 4 BRH 11 Mar (MB); last DH 9 May.
Northern Harrier: max 34 DH 9 Apr.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 272 DH 4 May.
Cooper's Hawk: max 23 DH 11 Mar.
Northern Goshawk: DH 9 Mar, rec low, *intro*; only rep.
Bald Eagle: 66 DH 3 May; max 78 OnonL 9 Mar.
Red-shouldered Hawk: arr DH 8 Mar; max 89 DH 11 Mar.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr DH 8 Apr; max 3946 DH 24 Apr.
Red-tailed Hawk: max 510 DH 11 Mar; dark morph 5 Apr, rare.
Rough-legged Hawk: max 17 DH 11 Mar; last DH 8 May.
Eastern Screech-Owl: singles typ locs but few reps.
Great Horned Owl: singles/nesting pairs widespread typ locs.
Snowy Owl: T Fenner MADI 14 Mar; Salisbury 21 Mar; Eaton 6 Apr; only reps.
Barred Owl: singles/nesting pairs widespread typ locs.
Long-eared Owl: no reports.
Short-eared Owl: Oneida 17 Mar; DH 23, 24 Mar; 2 LoopR 29 Mar; only reps.
Northern Saw-whet Owl: no reports.
Belted Kingfisher: max 6 DH 24 Apr.
Red-headed Woodpecker: pairs at established locs Ont & Onei lakeshore; max 5 FH 17 May.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: common & widespread throughout Reg.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 6 Pratts Falls 25 Apr.
Downy Woodpecker: common & widespread throughout Reg.
Hairy Woodpecker: common & widespread throughout Reg.
Northern Flicker: max 750 DH 28 Apr.
Pileated Woodpecker: widespread resident most places in Reg.
American Kestrel: max 28 DH 28 Apr.
Merlin: max 3 DH 30 Mar.
Peregrine Falcon: max 5 Utica May thru, incl 3 young.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr TR 29 Apr; max 13 HI 23 May.
Eastern Kingbird: arr TR 28 Apr; max 21 DH 3 May.
Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr HF 15 May; Rome 26 May; WH 27 May; only reps.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr WP 1 May; max 10 Kirkland Woods 25 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Salisbury 16 May; DC 19 May; FH 30 May; only reps.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr 2 SNC 19 May; singles 4 known locs; only reps.
Alder Flycatcher: arr GB 12 May; max 5 GLSP 28 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr Dolge 6 May; max 10 OLP 20 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr OLP 29 Apr; max 15 OLP 7 May.
Eastern Phoebe: arr Mexico 10 Mar; DH 22 Mar; max 10 FH 4 Apr.
Northern Shrike: few reps singles; last Ohio & Oneida 5 Apr.
WHITE-EYED VIREO (R5): Sauquoit 16 Apr (BaB); BW 31 May (MSt, AK) at banding station.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr HV 24 Apr; max 6 Brookfield 15 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr TR 12 Apr; max 6 MH 24 Apr.
YELLOW-THROATED x BLUE-HEADED VIREO (hybrid): DC 18 May (MB, ph) & 19 May (JM, ph), first record for eBird, *intro*.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr Syr 12 May; singles 8 locs.
Warbling Vireo: arr Eagle Bay 27 Apr; max 15 HI 23 May.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr 2 Osw 1 May; max 25 DL 24 May.

Blue Jay: 4290 DH 3 May; 4565 DH 16 May; 7499 DH 4 May; max 7809 DH 9 May.
American Crow: 2257 DH 22 Mar; 4531 DH 11 Mar; max 10416 DH 10 Mar, migratory flight.
Fish Crow: max 12 DH 11 Apr; 11 Clay 3 Mar; continuing reps mostly from known locs and mostly ONON.
Common Raven: many reps throughout Reg; max 18 Fulton 23 May.
Horned Lark: max 115 DH 30 Mar.
Purple Martin: arr SkanL 22 Apr; max 25 OneiL 5 May & SkanL 30 Apr.
Tree Swallow: arr Biddlecum Rd, TR 21 Mar; 300 DH 20 Apr; max 500 Phx 1 Apr.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr Phx 1 Apr, early; max 25 Phx 21 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr 12 SNC 23 Apr; max 100 Phx 11 May.
Cliff Swallow: arr Phx 21 Apr; max 14 Bridgeport 9 May.
Barn Swallow: arr Port Ont 1 Apr; max 200 OnonL 9 May.
Black-capped Chickadee: 236 DH 8 Apr; 244 DH 13 Apr; max 332 DH 10 Apr, migratory flight on lakeshore; else widespread resident throughout Reg.
Tufted Titmouse: widespread resident throughout Reg.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 12 SBP 13 May.
White-breasted Nuthatch: widespread throughout Reg.
Brown Creeper: max 14 SBP 15 Apr.
House Wren: arr 2 Munnsville 10 Apr; max 12 New Hartford 2 May.
Winter Wren: arr Hamilton 14 Mar; max 5 Sithe 29 Apr.
Sedge Wren: TR 19, 26, 31 May (GD); 2 WMonroe 22, 25, 26 May (BP, MS, mob); only reps.
Marsh Wren: arr DC 12 Apr; max 18 Brew 29 May.
Carolina Wren: typ nums/locs mostly ONON, resident.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr TR 12 Apr; max 8 HI 14 May.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr DH 8 Mar; max 24 Osw 1 May.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Fville 31 Mar; max est 160 DC 30 Apr.
Eastern Bluebird: max 20 Clinton 10 Mar.
Veery: arr Pleasant Valley Pr 2 May; max 14 Camden 25 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr HF 13 May; SBP 18, 21, 25, 28 May; MPSP 21 May; max 2 Sithe 21 May; only reps.

Swainson's Thrush: arr OLC 4 May; max 6 FH 17 May.

Hermit Thrush: arr Syr 16 Mar; max 8 Syr 22 Apr.

Wood Thrush: arr 3 TR 28 Apr; max 11 Canastota 31 May.

American Robin: max 1440 26 Mar, migration; else common & widespread in Reg.

Gray Catbird: arr 5 OakC 26 Apr; max 38 DC 16 May.

Brown Thrasher: arr OLP 6 Apr; max 12 Scriba 29 Apr.

Northern Mockingbird: singles/pairs typ locs, mostly ONON.

European Starling: max est 2000 DH 10 Mar.

Bohemian Waxwing: max 49 Salisbury 18 Mar (KT); Salisbury 28 Mar (KT); MSI 10 Apr (GM).

Cedar Waxwing: max 113 DH 11 Mar.

House Sparrow: flocks widespread throughout Reg.

American Pipit: arr DH 10 Mar; 80 BRH 1 Apr; max 127 DH 28 Apr.

Evening Grosbeak: 28 DH 3 Mar; 36 Erieville Apr – 14 May; max 169 DH 3 May; last Rome 16 May; end of irruption winter.

Pine Grosbeak: 4 Salisbury 9 Mar (KT); only rep.

House Finch: max 19 DH 10 Mar; small groups widespread throughout Reg.

Purple Finch: 19 Dolge 4 May; max 26 DH 28 Apr; typ nums/locs.

Common Redpoll: 53 DH 11 Mar; 78 DH 28 Mar; max 152 DH 24 Mar; last Alder Crk 11 May; end of irruption winter.

Hoary Redpoll: Salisbury 3, 16 Mar (KT); Dolge 6-15 Mar (EF); Marcellus 6 Mar (KF); Pulaski 10 Mar (MB, BiB); Palermo 16 Mar (JoM); Syr 6 Apr (TM); Alder Crk 9 Apr (DC); most rees well documented.

Red Crossbill: 12 DH 10 Mar; max 50 HF 21 Mar; flocks to 25 MH thru, permanent residents?

White-winged Crossbill: 1-5 MH from winter thru 24 Apr; mild irruption year for sp.

Pine Siskin: max 162 DH 3 May; small flocks usual locs.

American Goldfinch: max 188 DH 4 May; widespread resident throughout Reg.

Lapland Longspur: BRH 4, 6, 12 Mar (MB, BP); max 2 Fenner 12 Mar; Salisbury 24 Mar (KT); last Waterville 22 Apr (RW); only reps.

Snow Bunting: max est 800 BRH 6 Mar (MB); last BRH 1 Apr.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: several in Mar likely wintered nearby; arr DC 3 Apr; max 10 Memphis 9 May, GLSP 28 May.

American Tree Sparrow: max 40 OLP 10 Mar; last DeWitt 11 May, late.

Chipping Sparrow: a few wintering birds through Mar; arr early/mid Apr; max 50 SBP 28 Apr.

Clay-colored Sparrow: SBP 16 May (mob); Alder Crk 16, 19 May (DC, ph); only reps.

Field Sparrow: arr Pulaski 23 Mar; max 12 GLSP 17 May.

Vesper Sparrow: arr Mexico 24 Mar, early; max 6 SBP 9 Apr; best nums Apr, only a few in May.

Savannah Sparrow: SNC 2 Mar, likely wintered nearby; arr OLP 28 Mar; max 8 'Honeywell grasslands' 28 Apr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Manheim 29 Apr; max 6 Camillus 19 May; small nums typ locs.

Fox Sparrow: arr Fville 11 Mar; max 12 TR 4 Apr; last Osw 6 May (ph).

Song Sparrow: max 150 SBP 28 Mar.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Clinton 28 Apr; max 7 FH 17 May; last OLC 23 May.

Swamp Sparrow: small num Mar typ locs; arr late Mar/early Apr; 14 PSS 4 Apr; max 23 PSS 2 May.

White-throated Sparrow: max 154 DC 30 Apr.

White-crowned Sparrow: a few wintering birds through Mar-Apr; arr late Apr/early May; max 25 Osw & SNC 15 May; last Salisbury 27 May.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 61 OakC 9 Apr.

Bobolink: arr Salisbury 28 Apr; max 50 TR 19 May & Lacona 27 May.

Eastern Meadowlark: arr Memphis 10 Mar; 9 BRH 12 Mar; max 23 DH 28 Apr.

Orchard Oriole: arr Clinton 3 May; max 4 GLSP 15 May & DB 16 May; scarce in Reg.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Lafayette 18 Apr, early; Bridgewater 21 Apr, early; max 50 DH 17 May.

Red-winged Blackbird: 9330 DH 17 Mar; 11240 DH 10 Mar; max 27100 DH 11 Mar.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 465 DH 30 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 4 OLP 11 Mar, early; 200 DC 8, 12, 14, 18 Apr; 547 DH 30 Mar; 660

DH 28 Apr; 670 DH 4 May; max 1047 DH 8 Apr.
Common Grackle: 14290 DH 8 Apr; max 18700 DH 26 Mar.
Ovenbird: arr TR 28 Apr; max 22 GB 30 May.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Pratts Falls 14 Apr; max 4 MH 24 Apr.
Northern Waterthrush: arr WP 24 Apr; max 6 PPt.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr SBP 5 May; singles rep at 9 locs.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr five locs 3 May; max 4 typ locs 7-18 May.
Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler (hybrid): DC 19 May.
“Brewster’s” Warbler: Const 3 May.
“Lawrence’s” Warbler: Memphis 9 May.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr TR 27 Apr; max 12 SBP 5 May.
Prothonotary Warbler: 2 HI 15 May; 2 WP 17 May (GM, RC); 2 Cross Lake 21 May (KB); 4 HI 23 May; Cato 24 May (KB); only reps.
Tennessee Warbler: arr Syr 5 May; max 9 SBP 15 May; last SP 27 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: SBP 17 May; only report.
Nashville Warbler: arr HI 30 Apr; max 6 SBP 15 May.
Mourning Warbler: arr SBP 10 May; max 5 WH 26 May & MH 24 May & HF 22 May.
Common Yellowthroat: arr Marcellus 18 Apr; max 20 PSS 15 May.
Hooded Warbler: arr Syr 2 May; max 6 Clinton 21 May.
American Redstart: arr TR 29 Apr; max 60 DC 16 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr FH 1 May; max 14 SBP 15 May, good num; last DH 26 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr 2 HI 3 May; max 13 HI 14 May; scarce away from known locs.

Northern Parula: arr TR 29 Apr; max 7 Sithe, SBP, DC 15-16 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr OakC 2 May; max 4 DC 19 May, low.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Oneida 7 May; max 4 SFNS 17, 19 May; last 30 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr Spafford 29 Apr; max 12 Bubb Lake 29 May.
Yellow Warbler: arr DC 21 Apr; max 35 DC 17 May.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Verona 28 Apr; max 13 GLSP 28 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr SBP 15 May; max 13 FH.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr TR 2 May; max 10 Moss Lake 25 May.
Palm Warbler: arr LH 15 Apr; max 75 DH 5 May; last FH 21 May.
Pine Warbler: arr TR, Salisbury, Rome 30 Mar; max 8 DC 29 Apr.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: RRP 1 Mar; several other Mar recs poss wintered; arr DH 7 Apr; 125 FH 4 May; 260 DH 4 May; max 1404 DH 27 Apr.
Prairie Warbler: arr Scriba 8 May; 2 FH 15 May; GLSP 18-28 May; Georgetown 9 May; New Woodstock 11 May; only reps.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Syr 28 Apr; max 11 SFNS 3 May.
Canada Warbler: arr 2 Williamstown 2 May; max 2 var locs 17-25 May.
Wilson’s Warbler: arr Syr 14 May; max 2 DC 18 May; last FH 26 May.
Scarlet Tanager: arr TR 1 May; max 11 Camden 24 May.
Northern Cardinal: widespread resident throughout Reg.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr 2 Cross Lake 28 Apr; max 16 DH 17 May.



REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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Spring was generally mild and dry. Watertowns's mean monthly temperature was 3.0° F and 1.7° F above normal respectively for March and April, but 2.2° below normal for May. Precipitation was within 0.2" of normal in April, but the 1.9" of precipitation that fell in March was 0.7" below normal, and the 1.8" that fell in May was 1.9" short of average. Coming on the heels of a dry winter with little snowpack, the cumulative precipitation deficit resulted in abnormally dry conditions throughout the Region, with moderate drought in the St. Lawrence Valley.

Arrival dates were obtained for 91 species that are tracked by *Kingbird* Regional Editors annually to assess the relative timing of migration. Of these species, 61 arrived more than two days earlier than long-term average arrival dates, 26 within two days of average, and just four species later than the long-term mean. The average arrival date for this suite of species was 22 April, which ties this spring with 2017 as the second earliest arrival on record. However, many of the species that arrived earlier than normal were first seen on dates typical of the recent past. For instance, the season's first American Woodcock was heard on 11 March, ten days earlier than the long-term average but later than four of the last five years. Similarly, the first Ruby-throated Hummingbird was at a Cape Vincent feeder on 4 May, six days earlier than average but on the same date as four out of the last six years. Nine species set or tied early arrival dates: Common Gallinule, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Tennessee Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Pine Warbler, and Palm Warbler.

Waterfowl and waterbird numbers and diversity were fairly typical for Region 6. The spring's usual handful of rare geese consisted of one Ross's Goose over Fort Drum on 21 March, and reports of single Cackling Geese at three locations between 19 and 22 March. A group of Greater Scaup Karl Bardon estimated to contain 4500 individuals, high for recent years, was off Point Peninsula on 4 March, where the last Barrow's Goldeneye of the season was seen during that same week. Common Loons usually arrive in Region 6 during the last few days of March or the first week of April, so one at Robert Wehle State Park on 17 March was early but not totally unexpected given the relative abundance of open water following the mild winter.

Shorebirds were surprisingly scarce given that low water on many ponds and rivers resulted in more exposed shoreline than is typical, and Lake Ontario was lower than it has been for several years. Such regularly seen migrants as Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Dunlin, and Least Sandpiper were barely reported, some with just one observation for the season. Despite the general lack of shorebirds several rarities turned up. A pair of **Piping Plovers** attempted to nest

at Lakeview WMA, but the nest failed and the plovers apparently abandoned the site by the end of May. For Global Big Day on 8 May Tom Auer visited Upper and Lower Lakes WMA, where he saw a **Wilson's Phalarope** fly by, a species infrequently recorded in spring anywhere in Region 6. Raymond Spahn found a Willet at El Dorado on 15 May, but as with most Regional Willet sightings it did not linger.

On 21 May Dick Brouse and Brian Miller observed a **Glossy Ibis** at Perch River WMA. At about the same time late reports started coming in of at least one *Plegadis* ibis roaming around Point Peninsula and adjacent areas for more than a week in May, although the nonbirders who saw it did not provide sufficient information to determine whether it was a Glossy or White-faced Ibis, and the poor photographs that eventually turned up were no help in making a definitive identification. The Point Peninsula observations reportedly came right before the Perch River bird was found, so perhaps they were all of the same individual, although it is equally possible that two or more ibis were present in Jefferson County.

The passerine migration was more active than during the previous couple of years, especially during two periods, one beginning 30 March and ending 10 April, and the other from about 28 April to 5 May. All of the record early arrivals mentioned above fell within these two periods, in addition to several other very early arrivals not tracked by *Kingbird*, such as Field and Vesper Sparrows, which arrived on 31 March. Also included in this latter window was the season's only true songbird rarity, a **Prothonotary Warbler** on Fort Drum 29 April.

A nice mix of irruptives continued well into the spring. Bohemian Waxwings were generally scarce and mostly restricted to northern St. Lawrence County, with only about half a dozen reports of more than 10 individuals. Of the suite of Northeastern irruptive finches only White-winged Crossbill was unreported this season. There were just three Red Crossbill reports, and if nesting occurred in the Adirondack portion of St. Lawrence County as seems likely, it went undetected. Four reasonable Hoary Redpoll reports continued the high rate of occurrence of this usually rarely detected finch from the winter, perhaps because of increased reporting.

Grassland birds of high conservation concern were scarcely reported by the end of May. Upland Sandpiper seems to barely be holding on in Jefferson County, with just two sightings away from the Fort Drum stronghold. The only Sedge Wrens were 2-3 individuals at Lakeview WMA first found on 17 May by Greg Lawrence, Robert Buckert, and Jules Wagner. The paucity of Sedge Wren sightings was expected given how very dry fields were throughout Region 6. For the first time in memory no Henslow's Sparrows were reported by the end of May, leading to speculation that we are approaching the perhaps inevitable extirpation of this species from Region 6 and possibly New York State.

For the season I received reports of 235 species, a little more than one above the spring average for Region 6 in the eBird era. The early and active songbird migration was appreciated by many, especially given the sluggish passage of

neotropical migrants during the previous two springs. Once again there was no real standout as bird of the season, given that as so often happens in Region 6, no rarity was seen by more than a very few birders. The continued increase in Regional birding activity is welcome, although it is a little disappointing that most birders are going to the same places when there is a vast area of Region 6 getting little to no attention for the Breeding Bird Atlas.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AFWMA – Ashland Flats WMA; **BI** – Barnhart I, T Massena, STLA; **BPWMA** – Black Pd WMA; **ChB** – Chaumont Bay; **CCSP** – Coles Creek SP; **CLBS** – Cranberry L Biological Station, T Clifton; **CV** – T Cape Vincent; **CWF** – Canton Wastewater Treatment Facility; **ED** – El Dorado Shores Pres, T Ellisburg; **FD** – Fort Drum Military Reservation, JEFF & LEWI; **ICNC** – Indian Creek Nature Center, T Canton, STLA; **JCSP** – Jacques Cartier SP; **JEFF** – Jefferson Co.; **KC** – Kelsey Creek, T Watertown; **LBSF** – Lonesome Bay State Forest, T Hammond; **LEWI** – Lewis Co.; **LSB** – Little Sucker Brook P; **LWMA** – Lakeview WMA; **MM** – Massawepie Mire, T Colton & Piercefield, STLA; **MP** – Montario Pt, T Ellisburg; **MT** – Munter Trail Clarkson University, T Potsdam; **PiIPt** – Pillar Pt, JEFF; **PRWMA** – Perch River WMA, JEFF; **PtPen** – Pt Peninsula, T Lyme, JEFF; **RLT** – Richards Landing Trail, T Massena; **RMSP** – Robert Moses SP, T Massena; **RRT** – Remington Recreation Trail, T Canton; **RS** – SUNY ESF Ranger School, T Fine; **RWSP** – Robert Wehle SP; **SBSP** – Southwick Beach SP; **SLR** – St. Lawrence Ri; **STLA** – St. Lawrence Co.; **StPt** – Stony Pt, T Henderson, JEFF; **ULLWMA** – Upper and Lower Lakes WMA, T Canton;

WBSP – Westcott Beach SP; **WHWMA** – Wilson Hill WMA; **WP** – Whalen P, T Louisville.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: arr T Watertown 3 Mar; heaviest movement 12-22 Mar; a few widely scattered singles to 21 May.

Ross's Goose: with Snow Geese over ULLWMA 21 Mar (JB).

Brant: 21 LSB & 14 WHWMA 16 May; multiple nocturnal flocks heard T Dekalb 18 May; 30 Sixberry L 20 May;

Cackling Goose: T Watertown 19 Mar (BM); LSB 20 Mar (JB); FD 22 Mar (JB).

Canada Goose: heaviest migration 12-22 Mar.

Mute Swan: max 47 Blind Bay T Alexandria 9 May.

Trumpeter Swan: max 17 ULLWMA 11 Mar.

Tundra Swan: max 165 PtPen 21 Mar; last 6 ChB 30 Mar.

Wood Duck: arr PtPen 3 Mar; max 48 ULLWMA 18 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: arr WHWMA 2 Apr; max 8 AFWMA 3 Apr.

Northern Shoveler: arr PtPen 13 Mar; max 31 CWF 30 Mar.

Gadwall: max 27 LWMA 9 Apr.

American Wigeon: arr PtPen 10 Mar; max 175 WHWMA 4 Apr.

Mallard: max 245 SLR T Waddington 20 Mar.

American Black Duck: max 48 T Dekalb 3 Apr.

Northern Pintail: arr PilPt 9 Mar; max 250 WHWMA 11 Apr.

Green-winged Teal: arr PilPt 9 Mar; max 143 WP 4 Apr.

Redhead: max 300 PtPen 4 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: max 1260 WHWMA 4 Apr.

Greater Scaup: max 4500 PtPen 4 Mar high for recent years (KB).

Lesser Scaup: max 300 PtPen 7 Mar.

White-winged Scoter: max 2 SBSP 8 May; last ED 17 May.

Black Scoter: JCSP 9 May only report.

Long-tailed Duck: max 225 SBSP 8 May; last ED 17 May.

Bufflehead: max 107 JCSP 9 May; last RLT 16 May.

Common Goldeneye: max 1200 PtPen 14 Mar; last 26 JCSP 9 May.

Barrow's Goldeneye: last PtPen early Mar.

Hooded Merganser: max 30 PtPen 14 Mar.

Common Merganser: max 110 WHWMA 27 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 82 RLT 4 Apr.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr ULLWMA 13 Mar.

Horned Grebe: arr CCSP 4 Apr; max 29 T Watertown 20 Apr; last 11 Whetstone Gulf Reservoir 27 Apr.

Red-necked Grebe: arr T Watertown 20 Apr; max 9 ULLWMA 12 May; last ULLWMA 13 May.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr T Copenhagen 12 May; 8 additional reports more than usual.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr RLT 16 May; max 6 FD 28 May.

Common Nighthawk: arr FD 19 May.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: arr T Gouverneur 4 May.

Chimney Swift: arr T Potsdam 2 May.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr CV 4 May.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: arr T Potsdam 25 Apr.

Sora: arr ULLWMA 18 Apr.

Common Gallinule: arr PRWMA 10 Apr.

American Coot: multiple reports 1-2 PRWMA 24 Mar to 27 May; Beaver Meadows T Watertown 9-11 Apr.

Sandhill Crane: arr ULLWMA 25 Mar where pair nested; another probable pair PRWMA 14 Apr to 14 May; migrants WBSP 4 Apr, FD 14 Apr, 2 T Massena 29 Apr & LBSF 2 May.

Black-bellied Plover: 3 LWMA 27 May only report.

Semipalmated Plover: 2 PilPt 18 May; max 5 LWMA 27 May; FD 29 May only reports.

PIPING PLOVER (R6): pr LWMA mid-May abandoned after nest failed.

Killdeer: arr T Canton 1 Mar.

Upland Sandpiper: arr FD 28 Apr; two locations T Orleans 9 May (RB) & 29 May (JM, LS) only reports away from Fort Drum.

Dunlin: 2 ED 21 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr RS 14 May; max 19 FdIP 24 May.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr & max 8 PilPt 18 May.

American Woodcock: arr FD 11 Mar.

Wilson's Snipe: arr T Canton 23 Mar.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr LWMA 28 Apr.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr T Croghan 1 May.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr MP 8 May.
WILLET (R6): ED 15 May (RS).
Greater Yellowlegs: arr PRWMA 1 Apr.
Wilson's Phalarope: ULLWMA 8 May (TA).
Bonaparte's Gull: max 31 ChB 6 Apr.
Ring-billed Gull: scarce before 11 Mar.
Herring Gull: max 300 BI 13 Mar.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: BPWMA 6 May only report (AK).
Great Black-backed Gull: max 8 BI 13 Mar.
Caspian Tern: arr SBSP 8 Apr.
Black Tern: arr ULLWMA 4 May.
Common Tern: arr WHWMA 23 Apr.

LOONS – PARAKEET

Common Loon: arr RWSP 17 Mar; scarce before 3 Apr.
Double-crested Cormorant: arr PtPen 27 Mar.
American Bittern: arr FD 7 Apr.
Least Bittern: arr PRWMA 7 May.
Great Blue Heron: arr ULLWMA 13 Mar.
Great Egret: arr Murphy Is 4 Apr.
Green Heron: arr ULLWMA 4 May.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr Murphy Is 11 Apr.
GLOSSY IBIS (R6): PRWMA 21 May (RB, BM); multiple late reports with poor photos of *Plegadis* ibis PtPen mid-late May lacked details for id to sp.
Black Vulture: L Ozonia 20 May (AM).
Turkey Vulture: arr CV 4 Mar.
Osprey: arr T Lyme 30 Mar.
Golden Eagle: imm T West Turin 9 Mar; 2 T Canton 11 Mar; 4 T Canton 12 Mar; ad FD 22 Mar.; T Canton 25 Mar; imm MM 14 Apr.
Northern Harrier: arr difficult to determine because of unusually large number overwintering birds.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 42 reports.
Cooper's Hawk: 42 reports.
Northern Goshawk: T Colton 22 Apr only report.
Bald Eagle: 2nd consecutive year pr on WHWMA nest platform displaced by Osprey; 6 other active nests reported to BBA.
Red-shouldered Hawk: arr T Madrid 11 Mar.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr T Croghan 18 Apr.
Rough-legged Hawk: last Grindstone Is 29 May (MB) only report after 12 May.
Eastern Screech-Owl: PtPen 13 Mar; CV 21 Mar; T Dekalb 8 Apr; T Oswegatchie 4 May; T Orleans 25 May; more than usual.
Snowy Owl: last FD 14 May bird picked up with wing injury and taken to rehabilitator; only report after 10 Apr.

Short-eared Owl: 5 PtPen 7 Mar; FD 25 Mar; Massena 7 Apr where 2 interacting 17 Apr (AR); only reports.
Long-eared Owl: Pinkney SF 26 May (RS) only report.
Northern Saw-whet Owl: FD 8 May only report.
Belted Kingfisher: arr CV 7 Mar; scarce before 25 Mar.
Red-headed Woodpecker: arr WBSP 2 May day before first noted on FD breeding grounds; T Brasher Falls 14 May only other location.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: overwintering bird KC to at least 6 Mar; arr FD 31 Mar.
American Kestrel: arr date obscured by unusually large number than successfully overwintered; apparent arr T Watertown 10 Mar.
Merlin: 50+ reports; increase continues.
Peregrine Falcon: Watertown 20 Apr; WHWMA 23 Apr; KC 27 Apr; T LWMA 28 Apr; ULLWMA 1 May; tearing apart Ring-billed Gull in center Murphy Is colony 8 May; only reports away from known or suspected nesting sites BI & downtown Watertown.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr FD 3 May.
Eastern Kingbird: arr FD 4 May.
Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr CLBS 23 May.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr T Hermon 15 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr MT 22 May.
Alder Flycatcher: arr CLBS 9 May (NG, RP) early, only report before 16 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr Murray Trail T Rodman 13 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr FD 3 May.
Eastern Phoebe: arr T Stockholm 23 Mar.
Northern Shrike: last T Lawrence 11 Apr.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr ICNC 2 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr Clarkson Univ 26 Apr.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr RS 7 May; only 2 other reports.
Warbling Vireo: arr ICNC & WBSP 2 May.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr RS 4 May.
Canada Jay: max 6 MM 9 May.
Blue Jay: max 97 T Watertown 4 May.
Horned Lark: max 30 T Lowville 9 Mar.
Purple Martin: arr ULLWMA 17 Apr.
Tree Swallow: arr RRT 21 Mar.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr FD 14 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr LWMA 28 Apr.
Cliff Swallow: arr T Waddington 1 May.

Barn Swallow: arr ULLWMA & T Madrid 17 Apr.
House Wren: arr RWSP & ULLWMA 25 Apr.
Winter Wren: arr FD 30 Mar.
Sedge Wren: 2 LWMA 17 May (RB, GL, JWr) where 3 present 21-22 May (JB, JM, LS); only reports.
Marsh Wren: arr PRWMA 10 Apr; 3 T Clayton 14 Apr only other report before 25 Apr.
Carolina Wren: reports from 15 locations more than recent years.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr RWSP 29 Apr.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr FD 30 Mar record early; last away from Adirondacks ED & FD 17 May.
Eastern Bluebird: first obvious migrants FD 22 Mar.
Veery: arr FD 4 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr ULLWMA 13 May.
Hermit Thrush: arr T Colton 1 Apr record early.
Wood Thrush: arr T Glenfield 28 Apr.
Gray Catbird: arr LSBP 25 Apr.
Brown Thrasher: arr PRWMA 9 Apr.
Northern Mockingbird: arr FD 14 May.
Bohemian Waxwing: max 175 T Waddington 27 Mar; last 10 RRT 10 Apr; only 10 other reports.
Cedar Waxwing: max 60 RMSP 6 Mar.
American Pipit: arr FD 8 Apr; max 27 FD 4 May.
Evening Grosbeak: max 65 T West Turin feeder 12 Apr where last 19 May.
Pine Grosbeak: last ULLWMA 19 Mar.
Purple Finch: widespread low numbers thru.
Common Redpoll: last T Parishville & T West Turin feeders 28 Apr.
Hoary Redpoll: PtPen 3 Mar (MD); T Massena 7 Mar (DB); T Stockholm 13 Mar (AM); last T Canton 14 Mar; all at feeders.
Red Crossbill: T Canton 1 Apr (JA); ICNC 10 Apr (JB); RS 8 May (SS); only reports.
Pine Siskin: max 12 T Lowville 3 May; last T West Carthage 21 May.
Lapland Longspur: last 2 CV Mar.
Snow Bunting: max 350 CV 5 Mar; last 50 T Hammond 13 Mar.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: arr Red Barn Pres T Morristown 22 Mar (EW, early); scarce before 10 Apr.
American Tree Sparrow: last Black L & ICNC 2 May.

Chipping Sparrow: arr T Croghan 1 Apr; scarce before widespread arr 9 Apr.
Clay-colored Sparrow: arr FD 4 May.
Field Sparrow: arr FD 31 Mar.
Vesper Sparrow: arr FD 31 Mar.
Savannah Sparrow: arr T Hammond 3 Apr.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr FD 4 May.
Henslow's Sparrow: no reports.
Fox Sparrow: arr T Watertown 14 Mar; last RS 5 May.
Song Sparrow: unclear whether several reports thru mid-Mar winter survivors or new arr; first widespread influx 19-20 Mar.
Lincoln's Sparrow: no migrants noted before 6 May when 6 at MM nesting site.
Swamp Sparrow: arr AFWMA 28 Mar.
White-throated Sparrow: max 50 MT 11 May.
White-crowned Sparrow: continuing T West Carthage feeder thru at least 13 Mar; arr T Lowville 22 Apr.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 65 FD 8 Apr.
Bobolink: arr T Canton 1 May.
Eastern Meadowlark: arr RRT 11 Mar.
Orchard Oriole: arr CV 12 May.
Baltimore Oriole: arr T Lawrence 30 Apr.
Red-winged Blackbird: arr RRT 3 Mar.
Brown-headed Cowbird: arr T Canton 13 Mar.
Rusty Blackbird: arr T Orleans 14 Mar.
Common Grackle: arr RWSP 7 Mar.
Ovenbird: arr FD 29 Apr.
Louisiana Waterthrush: T Colton 13 May thru (EW); T Lorraine 16 May; LBSF 21 May (GS); Murray Trail T Rodman 29 May (SB, LCB); good showing.
Northern Waterthrush: widespread arr 28 Apr.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr FD 3 May.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr FD 3 May.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr FD & T Croghan 29 Apr.
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R6): FD 29 Apr.
Tennessee Warbler: arr BPWMA 2 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: FD 4 May.
Nashville Warbler: arr ICNC 2 May.
Mourning Warbler: arr T Lorraine 16 May.
Common Yellowthroat: arr LWMA 30 Apr.
Hooded Warbler: StPt 17 May & Winona Expt Forest 21 May only reports.
American Redstart: arr T Watertown 3 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr KC 12 May; scarce.
Cerulean Warbler: arr T DeKalb 9 May.
Northern Parula: widespread arr 4 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr T Henderson 2 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr FD 4 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr FD 4 May.
Yellow Warbler: arr Lost Pond T Clifton 25 Apr; scarce before 2 May.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr T Henderson 2 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr PRWMA 13 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr RWSP 2 May.
“Yellow” Palm Warbler: arr MT & Sabattis Bog 9 Apr.
“Western” Palm Warbler: arr KC 28 Apr.
Pine Warbler: arr T Watertown 31 Mar.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr T Watertown 29 Mar.
Prairie Warbler: arr FD 4 May.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr RWSP 28 Apr.
Canada Warbler: arr Peavine Swamp 12 May.
Wilson’s Warbler: arr FD 4 May; only report before 22 May.
Scarlet Tanager: arr T Canton 8 May.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr RSI 28 Apr.
Indigo Bunting: arr T Canton 8 May.



REGION 7—ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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Precipitation (melted equivalent) in March was between 1-2" for most of Region 7. The exceptions were the High Peaks Region, a large area astride the Clinton/Franklin County border, and the western edge of Hamilton County, all of which averaged from 2-3". Also excepted was the lower Champlain Valley which received no more than 1". Temperatures for the month were generally above average especially in the northern quarter of Region 7 and the northern Champlain Valley where they were 3-5° higher than normal. The central portion of the Region was 1-3° above average while the rest deviated from normal by less than a degree either way. Only the High Peaks were below normal by -1-3°.

These warm temperatures were reflected in the behavior of Lake Champlain’s ice sheet. Again the lake did not freeze solid this year, which has become the norm rather than the exception. Significant reopening was noted from 10-12 March when the daytime temperatures reached 50°. This caused the ice in the north end of the lake to retreat from the Cumberland Head ferry dock to Treadwell Bay and almost disappear completely from Plattsburgh Bay. In the south, Willsboro seemed to go ice free overnight. From then on large patches of new open water appeared almost daily, notably north to Ile La Motte and the Chazy Riverlands. The lake was essentially ice free by the end of the month. Waterfowl concentrations were observed at Willsboro in the south but large stretches of open water discouraged concentration in the north.

April was generally a wet month. Overall most of Region 7 received 3-4" of

precipitation. The exceptions were the southern portion of the Region which received 4-5" and the northwestern section of Franklin County which was drier, averaging only 1-3". Overall April was a warm month in which the temperature averaged 1-3° above normal. However, much of Franklin County, a western segment of Clinton County, and the southeast corner of Hamilton County averaged 3-5° above normal.

In contrast May was a cold month. Most of Region 7 was 1-3° below normal. The only departure from this was an area in the west central section of the Region which was still colder at 3-5° below average. Precipitation for the month was heavy in the first week to ten days of the month, but overall averaged 2-3" for most of the Region. There were scattered areas that saw a heavier rainfall of 3-4" and two areas that were drier with 1-2", the northern Champlain Valley and the southern quarter of the Region.

The water level of Lake Champlain remained steady and unusually low at 94.5' for the first 10-12 days of March. Then the warm temperatures cited above caused significant snow melt which raised the level to 95.1' by 13 March where it leveled off once again. Rains at the end of the month into the beginning of April increased the level to 96.7' where it stayed with modest fluctuations until the first week of May, when heavy rains sent it to a high of 97.5'—a notably lower-than-normal springtime high. From there it began an almost linear decline to 96.1' on 31 May. At those levels in May the Laurin's Pool mud flats were exposed during the best part of the shorebird migration. Nonetheless, the variety and numbers of individuals reported were disappointing.

After being reported from Lake Alice over a ten week period in 2020, **Trumpeter Swan** returned to that lake in April this year, stayed to be photographed and then wasn't seen again. **Tufted Duck** was present at Ausable Point for almost three weeks in March. Though still a NYSARC reportable species, it has almost become a spring regular, having been seen in Region 7 in eight of the last ten years. And while not a species level rarity, an apparent **Tufted Duck x scaup sp. (hybrid)** was found and photographed in the large congregation of waterfowl off the Westport boat launch—a very rare hybrid combination and the first documented record, in eBird, in the Lake Champlain Basin. Three scoters were reported this season. Though this is not unusual for White-winged Scoter, **Surf and Black Scoters** are rare here in spring. The former appeared on eBird only twice in the past ten years and the latter not at all. (It is also possible that Black Scoter overwintered since it was seen in both January and February.) Two **Ruddy Ducks** seen in May added to the six sightings recorded on eBird since 2011. Two **Wilson's Phalaropes** discovered along Pardy Road in Clinton County marks the first detection of this species in Region 7 since 2011, which in turn was the first since 2002. A confirmed breeder in four separate years between 1993 and 2002, this phalarope was all but extirpated when the introduction of intensive farming practices destroyed its breeding habitat in 2003. There were two reports of **Snowy Egret** separated by over four miles and almost four weeks. Whether or not they were of the same bird was not determined. Sandhill Crane returned to its

breeding sites in the Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake areas. In addition, a single individual was photographed in the open farm fields just south of Crown Point State Historic site on 2 May. **Golden Eagle** was reported from three separate locations.

As expected, redpolls lingered following the past winter's historic irruption.

Two **Grasshopper Sparrows** were found at distinct locations in the vast hayfields along Whallons Bay Road, the same general vicinity in which a single individual with a swollen brood patch was found during summer 2020. The sparrows were regularly detected throughout the spring season, strongly indicating a viable breeding location in Region 7. Two sightings of **Orchard Oriole**, of one and two individuals respectively, doubled the number of spring sightings in the past decade. A **Prairie Warbler**, seen carrying food, was most likely the first confirmation of breeding for this species in Region 7. It was not confirmed in either of the two previous atlas periods. This quote from *Birds of Essex County, New York* (Carlton, Peterson), which suggests the possibility of breeding but does not claim it, is the only indication that it may have bred previously: "A small colony was discovered at Port Douglas in 1955." The **Dickcissel** found in May was the first spring report for the Region and only the fourth overall. All of the six additional records collected in the various Region 7 county publications were prior to 1976 and none was from Clinton or Hamilton Counties.

Winged warblers and their associated hybrid forms continued to be fairly well reported in Essex County's Champlain Valley region for a second year in a row. Informal, targeted detection efforts in areas of young, regenerating forest have turned up more reports since the 2020 spring season and 2021 was no exception. Golden-winged Warbler was found at three distinct locations and Blue-winged Warbler was located at four locations.

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ABBREVIATIONS

4MR – 4 Mile Rd; **AFB** – former Air Force Base; **AFk** – Ausable Forks; **AFR** – Altona Flat Rock; **AFT** – Art Farm Trail; **AM** – Ausable Marsh; **AP** – Ausable Pt; **APN** – Ausable Pt north of entrance; **BaR** – Barnaby Rd; **BB** – Bloomingdale Bog; **BBB** – Bulwagga Bay Beach; **BC** – Bellmont Center; **BHR** – Breed Hill Rd; **Bom** – Bombay; **BPNT** – Brewster Peninsula Nature Trails; **BRR** – Bull Rock Rd; **CB** – Cumberland Bay SP; **CF** – Carpenters Flats; **CH** – Cumberland Head; **Che** – Chesterfield; **CLk** – Charley L; **CP** – Crown Pt; **CR** – Chazy Riverlands; **DaR** – Davern Rd; **DMFT** – DaCY Meadow Farm Trail; **DRd** – Dunn Rd; **EC** – Essex Co; **EFP** – Everton Falls Pres; **ERT** – East River Trail; **Es** – Essex; **EWH** – Edgar Wadhams Homestead; **FCR** – Franklin Co. Rt 40; **Gab** – Gabriels; **GBM** – Gilbert Brook Marina; **HB** – Holsington Beach; **IL** – Intervale Lowlands; **ILk** – Indian L; **KB** – Kings Bay; **LA** – Lake Alice; **LCI** – Lake Clear; **LCTM** – Lower La Chute Ticonderoga Marsh; **LL** – Long L; **LPI** – Lake Pleasant; **LTL** – Little Tupper L; **McR** – MacAdam Rd; **MF** – Madawaska Flow; **MM** – Maple Meadows; **MRd** – Middle Rd; **NCCC** – North Country Community College; **NP** – Noblewood P; **OB** – Oseetah Bog; **OBa** – Oseetah Bay; **OH** – Owls Head; **PaR** – Pardy Rd; **PB** – Plattsburgh; **PC** – Putts Creek; **PCg** – Pond Cottage; **PD** – Port Douglas; **PH** – Port Henry; **Pi** – Piseco; **PiL** – Piseco L; **PL** – Paradox L; **PP** – Peent Palace; **PS** – Paul Smiths; **PtR** – Point Au Roche SP; **Put** – Putnam; **RL** – Raquette L; **RR** – Raquette Ri; **RRd** – Reynolds Rd; **SbB** – Sabattis Bog; **SC** – Sabattis Circle; **SCI** – Santa Clara; **SL** – Saranac L; **SP** – Speculator; **SRM** – Saranac Ri Mouth; **TG** – The Gulf; **TI** – Ticonderoga; **TL** – Tupper L; **VMt** – Vanderwhacker Mt; **VV** – Vermontville; **WA** – Whallonsburg; **WB** – Willsboro Bay; **WBR** – Whallons Bay Rd; **WD** – Wilcox Dock; **WM** – Wickham Marsh; **WMt** – Whiteface Mt; **WOF** Wild Orchard Farm; **WP** – Westport; **WPt** – Willsboro Pt; **WRS** – Webb Royce Swamp; **WRT** – Willsboro Riverside Trail.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: 410 RRd 11 Mar (NO); 2 .
Brant: 35 WD 20 May (SR).
Cackling Goose: WPt 21 Mar (DHR, ph)
TRUMPETER SWAN (R7): LA 26 Apr (BK, ABd), ph.
Wood Duck: arr, 5 LCTM 6 Mar (SR).
Blue-winged Teal: arr, 4 AP 22 Apr (SR).
Northern Shoveler: 5 LCI 5 May (SMc).
Gadwall: 3 SRM 4 Mar (SR).
American Wigeon: arr, 3 SRM 11 Mar (SR).
Northern Pintail: arr, MM 1 Mar (SR).
Green-winged Teal: arr, LCTM 11 Mar (EG).
Canvasback: LCTM 9 Mar (SR).

Redhead: 3 WP 4 Mar (SR); KB 15 May (SR, CV).
Ring-necked Duck: 40 KB 24 Mar (JMi).
TUFTED DUCK: AP 13-31 Mar (MB, mo).
TUFTED DUCK X SCAUP SP. (hybrid): WP 3-4 Mar (DHR, ph).
Greater Scaup: 1,300 KB 19 Apr (SR).
Lesser Scaup: 15 KB 19 Apr (SR).
Greater/Lesser Scaup: 4,000 WP 3 Mar (DHR).
Scaup sp: 1,800 KB 19 Apr (SR).
Surf Scoter: 2 LA 25 Apr (JO).
White-winged Scoter: 4 HB 5 May (DHR); 54 CB 15 May (DF).

Black Scoter: HB 23 Mar (RB), continuing.
Long-tailed Duck: arr, WP 4 Mar (SR), early;
12 BBB 5 May (SR).
Bufflehead: 50 AM 10 Apr (GH).
Common Goldeneye: 875 CP 28 Mar (SR); 14
GBM 20 May (SR), Co-FL.
Barrow's Goldeneye: 3 AFB 4 Mar (SR); 3
WP 9 Mar (SR); CH 20 Mar (BK).
Hooded Merganser: 34 AP 4 Mar (SR); IL 24
May (LM), Co-ON.
Common Merganser: 53 KB 24 Mar (JM).
Red-breasted Merganser: 19 NP 8 Apr
(DHR).
Ruddy Duck: 2 KB 13 May (SR).
Ring-necked Pheasant: PtR 13 May (SR).
Ruffed Grouse: 6 DaR 23 May (JHo).
Wild Turkey: 35 Gab 12 Mar (EGr).
Pied-billed Grebe: arr, AFk 30 Mar (AS).
Horned Grebe: ILk 27 Mar (MMo); 13 WP 19
Apr (DHR).
Red-necked Grebe: WP 19 Apr (DHR).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: BaR 31 May (SR).
Black-billed Cuckoo: arr, TI 16 May (NF,
DE).
Common Nighthawk: arr, 2 AFR 14 May
(ABd).
Eastern Whip-poor-will: arr, WP 12 May
(SR).
Chimney Swift: arr, BBB 5 May (SR).
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr, Peru 3
May (DL).

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: BHR 10 Apr (SR).
Common Gallinule: arr, APN 13 May (SR).
SANDHILL CRANE: arr, 2 OB 12 Apr
(MG); CP 2 May (JMc); 2 TL 12 May (GD).
Black-bellied Plover: arr, NP 29 May (PL,
SM), only report.
Semipalmated Plover: arr, 2 PaR 13 May
(SR); CB 21 May (NO, MS).
Dunlin: arr, FCR 25 May (HW).
Ruddy Turnstone: CR 27 May (BK).
Least Sandpiper: arr, 7 PaR 13 May (SR).
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr, PaR 15 May
(CV).
Short-billed Dowitcher: 10 RL 19 May (CD).
American Woodcock: arr, WP 20 Mar (SR).
Wilson's Snipe: TL 31 Mar (GC).
Spotted Sandpiper: arr, PH 29 Apr (SR).
Solitary Sandpiper: arr, LCI 2 May (SMc)
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr, 3 PaR 8 May (AB).
Greater Yellowlegs: arr, 4 PaR 19 Apr (SR).
Wilson's Phalarope: 2 PaR 17 May (DHR).
Bonaparte's Gull: max, 127 BBB 6 May
(DHR); arr, 2 BBB 11 Apr (SR).

Iceland Gull: WD 3 Mar (BMc).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: SRM 4 Mar (SR).
Glaucous Gull: WD 11 Mar (SR).
Great Black-backed Gull: 18 WD 3 Mar
(BMc).
Caspian Tern: arr, 5 SB 1 Apr (SR).
Common Tern: arr, AP 19 Apr (JM).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: WP 19 Apr (DHR).
Common Loon: TL 31 Mar (AD).
Double-crested Cormorant: arr, WP 22 Mar
(RB); 500 BBB 24 Apr (SR).
American Bittern: arr, BB 2 Apr (AD).
Great Blue Heron: 28 EWH 22 May (CV).
Great Egret: RR 3 Apr (AR).
SNOWY EGRET (R7): PB 18 -21 Apr (TF,
mo); PaR 15 May (SR, CV).
Green Heron: arr, MM 29 Apr (SR).
Black-crowned Night-Heron: 2 AM 2 May
(DL).
Black Vulture: 3 MM 27 Apr (SR).
Turkey Vulture: 50 NCCC 30 Mar (JHo).
Osprey: arr, AP 22 Mar (JM).
GOLDEN EAGLE (R7): EFP 10 Apr (TW);
CF 20 Apr (DR); WB 20 Apr (LS).
Northern Harrier: 4 MRd 30 Mar (SR).
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 2 BRR 21 Mar (MC).
Cooper's Hawk: AM 31 Mar (JB).
Northern Goshawk: 2 TI 18 Mar.
Bald Eagle: 8 LCTM 11 Mar (EG); 2 OH 19
Mar (JT).
Red-shouldered Hawk: AP 27 Mar (AB).
Broad-winged Hawk: arr, BB 19 Apr (CV).
Red-tailed Hawk: 3 LCTM 9 Mar (EG).
Rough-legged Hawk: 3 Es 14 Mar (DHR).
Eastern Screech Owl: PC 2 Apr (SR).
Great Horned Owl: 2 TI 29 May (SR).
Barred Owl: 3 BB 8 May (JS).
Northern Saw-whet Owl: BRR 20 Mar
(G&MC).
Belted Kingfisher: 3 LA 2 May (KA).
Red-bellied Woodpecker: 3 Es 15 May (OS).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr, CP 20 Mar
(SR).
Black-backed Woodpecker: 2 Sbb 7 Apr
(GD).
Northern Flicker: 12 IL 10 Apr (SK).
Pileated Woodpecker: 3 WM 31 Mar (DHR).
American Kestrel: 2 Peru 14 May (KC); KB
30 May (NO, MS).
Merlin: 2 PB 4 Apr (KMc).
Peregrine Falcon: 2 Che 21 May (TD).

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr, CP 5 May (OS).
Eastern Kingbird: arr, WA 5 May (DHR).
Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr, 4 Vmt 24 May (BC).
Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr, TI 16 May (NF, DE).
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr, 5 ERT 20 May (DS).
Alder Flycatcher: arr, VV 13 May (JP).
Willow Flycatcher: arr, TI 19 May (G&MC).
Least Flycatcher: arr, Pi 5 May (CK).
Eastern Phoebe: arr, WPt 25 Mar (DHR).
Northern Shrike: AP 20 Mar (VR).
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr, PiL 9 May (GC).
Blue-headed Vireo: arr, TI 17 Apr (GC).
Philadelphia Vireo: arr, TG 8 May (BB).
Warbling Vireo: arr, CLK 28 Apr (JWM).
Red-eyed Vireo: arr, EAW 28 Apr (GL).
Canada Jay: 4 MF 28 May (CB).
Fish Crow: arr, 4 ScL 12 Mar (G&MC).
Common Raven: 5 Gab 27 Apr (EGR).
Horned Lark: 12 AP 4 Mar (DvZ).
Purple Martin: arr, LA 8 May (AB).
Tree Swallow: arr, 12 AP 27 Mar (AB).
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr, LCTM 27 Apr (SR).
Bank Swallow: arr, BBB 5 May (SR).
Cliff Swallow: arr, 3 WP 29 Apr (DHR).
Barn Swallow: arr, TFBL 2 Apr (SR).
Boreal Chickadee: 4 Gab 28 May (GB).
Tufted Titmouse: 5 DMF 1 Apr (RB).
Brown Creeper: DaR 13 May (SR), Co-CN.
House Wren: arr, 2 CP 1 May (SR).
Winter Wren: 5 BPNT 25 Apr (CP).
Marsh Wren: arr, 4 LCTM 27 Apr (SR).
Carolina Wren: MM 24 May (SR), Co-NB.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr, WM 8 May (SR).
Golden-crowned Kinglet: 9 WM 31 Mar (DHR).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr, WP 24 Mar (OS).
Veery: arr, CP 7 May (SR).
Gray-cheeked Thrush: BB 13 May (EK).
Bicknell's Thrush: arr, 4 Wmt 26 May (RH).
Swainson's Thrush: arr, SCI 13 Apr (TW).
Hermit Thrush: arr, CP 6 Mar (SR).
Wood Thrush: arr, WP 1 May (ML).
Gray Catbird: arr, PiL 29 Apr (JWM).
Brown Thrasher: arr, LPI 2 Apr (SF).
Northern Mockingbird: 3 SRM 17 May (MCt).
Cedar Waxwing: 23 WP 29 Mar (JS).
American Pipit: arr, EC 13 Mar (RB).
Evening Grosbeak: 33 SL 2 May (JS).

Purple Finch: 16 PP 8 May (RC).
Common Redpoll: 90 SL 26 Mar (AB); last, 4 May SL (JP).
Common Redpoll (rostrata/islandica): 5 BB 13 Mar (DY, CY).
Hoary Redpoll: CP 3 Mar (SR); BB 13 Mar (DY).
Red Crossbill: 15 CP 16 Mar (SR).
Red Crossbill (type 10): CWCC 7 Mar (JB); 13 CP 20 Mar (SR).
White-winged Crossbill: PtR 12 May (KA).
Snow Bunting: SC 7 Apr (GD).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: arr, AFR 14 Apr (KA).
American Tree Sparrow: 7 LCTM 9 Mar (SR).
Chipping Sparrow: arr, 2 AFk 24 Mar.
Field Sparrow: SL 29 Mar (AB).
Vesper Sparrow: arr, 5 SC 7 Apr (GD).
Savannah Sparrow: arr, WRS 8 Apr (RB).
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW (R7): max 2 WBR 18 May thru (DHR, ph).
Fox Sparrow: arr, PL 24 Mar (EG).
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr, OBa 9 May (JS).
Swamp Sparrow: arr, LCTM 9 Mar (SR).
White-throated Sparrow: 20 DMFT 29 Apr (RB).
White-crowned Sparrow: arr, SL 28 Apr (JP).
Bobolink: arr, CP 7 May (SR).
Eastern Meadowlark: arr, CP 20 Mar (SR).
ORCHARD ORIOLE (R7): WP 13 May (RB); 2 Put 22 May (G&MC).
Baltimore Oriole: arr, CP 7 May (SR).
Brown-headed Cowbird: 8 CP 8 May (BMc, JB).
Red-winged Blackbird: arr, LCTM 9 Mar (SR).
Rusty Blackbird: arr, ILk 11 Mar (MMo).
Ovenbird: arr, MM 3 May (SR).
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr, PC 3 May (SR).
Northern Waterthrush: arr, MM 28 Apr (SR).
Golden-winged Warbler: AFT 22-27 May (DHR, mo); WRS 22 May (SR, CV); WOF 25 May (DHR).
Blue-winged Warbler: arr, WRS 18 May (SR); WOF 25 May (DHR); 2 WRT 21 May (DHR); AFT 22 May (DHR).
Brewster's Warbler: arr, WRS 18 May (SR).
Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler (hybrid): WP 10 May (DHR).
Black and White Warbler: arr, MM 1 May (SR).
Tennessee Warbler: arr, MM 16 May (SR).

Nashville Warbler: arr, BBB 29 Apr (SR).
Mourning Warbler: arr, PCg 20 May (JP).
Common Yellowthroat: arr, ILk 24 Apr (MMo).
American Redstart: arr, PD 6 May (OS).
Cape May Warbler: arr, LC1 9 May (SMc).
Cerulean Warbler: 4MR 30 May (BB), rare.
Northern Parula: arr, OB 5 May (MG).
Magnolia Warbler: arr, CP 8 May (JS).
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr, BC 7 May (N&WR).
Blackburnian Warbler: arr, MM 2 May (SR).
Yellow Warbler: arr, 3 LA 2 May (BK, KA).
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr, McR 8 May (SR).
Blackpoll Warbler: arr, LL 16 May (EW).

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr, WP 4 May (RB).
Palm Warbler: arr, PS 9 Apr (BMc).
Pine Warbler: arr, MM 1 Apr (SR), early.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr, AP 3 Apr (JD).
Prairie Warbler: AFR 28 May (DHR), ph.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr, SP 28 Apr (JWM).
Canada Warbler: arr, MM 16 May (SR).
Wilson's Warbler: arr, LTL 17 May (GD); KB 28 May (DL).
Scarlet Tanager: arr, Bom 8 May (TW).
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr, Es 1 May (GC).
Indigo Bunting: arr, Peru 15 May (KC).
DICKCISSEL (R7): WBR 18 May (SR).



REGION 8—HUDSON-MOHAWK

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	Albany			Glens Falls		
Temp	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Mar	36.4°	35.0°	+1.4°	34.1°	31.3°	+2.8°
Apr	46.7°	47.8°	-1.1°	45.8°	44.6°	+1.2°
May	55.6°	59.6°	-4.0°	55.8°	56.5°	-0.7°
Precip	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Mar	1.79"	3.21"	-1.42"	1.19"	2.94"	-1.75"
Apr	3.92"	3.17"	+0.75"	3.64"	3.00"	+0.64"
May	3.07"	3.41"	-0.34"	1.96"	3.35"	-1.39"

The weather in March 2021 was warmer and drier than normal. Unlike many years when temperatures are slow to warm and snowfall lingers on the ground, there was a warm spell before mid-month, and a prolonged well-above normal period during the fourth week of the month. Most remarkably, less than one inch of snow fell, that on the first day of March, and it was gone two days later with no more to come at Albany. The first half of April continued the warmer than normal pattern, but a reversal occurred thereafter, resulting in an upside-down feel to the period. The first ten days of May were downright dismal, with well below average temperatures. Precipitation fell on most days. This weather pattern clearly affected northward migration by many species, and only after more normal conditions returned mid-month were some first-of-season birds reported. Even the

end of the month was not immune to the wild swings back-and-forth as temperatures over the last four days of May averaged seventeen degrees below normal.

There were two ‘birds-of-the-season’ this spring. On 12 March, David DiSiena found an odd-looking goose among a large group of Canada Geese along the Hudson River in Melrose, Rensselaer County. He carefully observed and photographed the bird and concluded that it was a Pink-footed Goose, which is a rare but regular visitor to the Atlantic coast of New England, and adjacent inland areas. Two days hence, several birders were scanning goose flocks in nearby fields when Cathy Graichen found what she initially considered to be a Pink-footed Goose, and photographs were taken and shared among the birding community. It then became apparent that this was a bean-goose, and the consensus was **Tundra Bean-Goose**. Subsequent images documented by multiple observers confirmed the identification, and NYSARC has accepted this first state record (w. D’Anna, pers. comm.). The bird was last seen on 16 March. Based on analysis of the many photographs obtained of the goose, some astute observers concluded this was likely the same individual seen in Ontario, Canada in November 2020, which then moved south and overwintered in and around Philadelphia, Pennsylvania into early 2021. Ironically, with all the goose scrutiny that followed the initial sighting, a **Pink-footed Goose** was in fact found in the same area on 15 March.

John Hershey found New York State’s first **Violet-green Swallow** on 22 April, but only by follow up photo-analysis of many images he had made earlier in the morning. Once he viewed the bird on his computer screen, he immediately got the word out to the birding community, and birders near and not-so-near arrived for the next twenty-four hours to relocate the swallow, which unfortunately was not sighted again.

Waterfowl were able to arrive earlier than normal and move through quite quickly to points north and west of the Region this season. Canvasback and Redhead ducks continue to be hard to find in Region 8, perhaps due to population shifts or migration routes. White-winged Scoter and Long-tailed Duck sightings remain infrequent but apparently stable compared to recent seasons. Horned Grebe and Red-necked Grebe were observed in higher numbers and at more locations than usual.

Eastern Whip-poor-will was reported from a few locations outside their remaining strongholds in the area, which is encouraging. Sandhill Cranes were seen in four different counties; perhaps there is already a small group of breeders present? Seems like it will just be a matter of time before that is confirmed. A **Red-necked Phalarope** was observed at a farm pond in Ghent, Columbia County, on 20 May. Unfortunately, a dog found it as well and it was deceased within an hour. Identification was documented with photos. Migrating Black Terns were seen at Hudson, Columbia County on 6 May, and at Black Creek Marsh, Albany County on 15 May.

Glossy Ibis continue to find their way up the Hudson River corridor. They seem to be found annually in recent years. Two were discovered foraging in the flooded farm field between Stillwater Riverfront Park and Wrights Loop in Saratoga County on 18 April. A single bird was present at Bog Meadow Brook on 18 May, also in Saratoga County. On that same day, a single Glossy Ibis was seen flying south down the Hudson River from Henry Hudson Park in Albany County. A very interesting and well documented observation of a **Mississippi Kite** was received from eastern Columbia County on 20 April. Snowy Owls were present in two locations, the longest staying of which was the bird near Summit, Schoharie County. The farm property owner stated that the bird had been present since March, and it was still being seen at the end of May. Another Snowy Owl was observed in Hampton, Washington County, just inside the New York State border with Vermont. It was moving around that locale from mid-March until early April.

A Red-headed Woodpecker was photographed at a suet feeder in Tannersville, Greene County on 16 May. T. Lloyd Williams recorded a **Boreal Chickadee** in Partridge Run WMA, Albany County, over two weekends in late March/early April. This appears to be part of a small irruption of the species in southern Vermont and New Hampshire, as well as northwestern Massachusetts, since last November. A singing Gray-cheeked Thrush spent the day in a backyard in Westmere, Albany County on 21 May. The irruptive winter finches continued to be seen into April and even early May in some areas, although Pine Grosbeak was the first to retreat towards their normal range. Clay-colored Sparrows were noted in two locations in Montgomery County, including a spot where at least two spent the breeding season last year. A **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was discovered in a large flock of migrating icterids in Saratoga County, in farm country between the City of Saratoga Springs and the Village of Schuylerville, but it was a one-day wonder on 17 March. Another Yellow-headed Blackbird was present at Albany International Airport on 16 May and was viewed on the ground and the perimeter fence, from close range, by multiple observers. Good find there by Frank Mitchell.

There were Golden-winged Warblers reported in two locations this season. There continues to be an apparent enclave of 'pure' birds in the northern portion of Washington County northeast of Whitehall, along with hybrids/intergrades nearby. A migrating Golden-winged Warbler was also observed on 3 May at the Albany Pine Bush Preserve-Great Dune unit. Hooded Warbler was reported from three counties in the Region in May, including likely returning breeders in Altamont, Albany County. This Regional reporter encountered a singing **Kentucky Warbler** on 21 May, at the previously mentioned Albany Pine Bush Preserve-Great Dune location. Sound recordings were made to confirm the identification.

242 species were reported during the period.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APBP – Albany Pine Bush Pres, ALBA; **AR** – Alcove Res, ALBA; **BCM** – Black Creek Marsh, ALBA; **BCR** – Basic Creek Res, ALBA; **BMB** – Bog Meadow Brook Nature Trail, SARA; **CCGP** – Coxsackie Creek Grasslands Pres, 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 Pres, 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 Pres, SARA; **WMP** – Wilson M. Powell Wildlife Sanctuary, COLU.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: max 110 Schodack RENS 25 Mar.

Greater White-fronted Goose: Stillwater SARA 11-20 Mar; Glen MONT 30 Mar- 22 Apr.

TUNDRA BEAN-GOOSE: Melrose RENS 12 Mar (DD); presumably same bird Saratoga L Marine P SARA 14 Mar (CG), *intro*, *NYSARC*.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: Stillwater SARA 15 Mar. (JMcG), *intro*.

Brant: max 250 Coeymans Landing ALBA 15 May; Selkirk ALBA 24 May.

Canada Goose: max 10,000 Schaghticoke RENS 15 Mar.

Mute Swan: max 5 BCR 8 May.

Wood Duck: max 45 Fish Creek Marina SARA 16 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: max 14 Coveville SARA 30 Mar.

Northern Shoveler: max 5 Glen MONT 1 Apr.

Gadwall: max 25 VFNHP 15 Mar.

American Wigeon: max 28 Wrights Loop SARA 3 Apr.

Mallard: max 398 Champlain Canal Lock 2 SARA 8 Mar.

American Black Duck: max 115 Hudson Pointe NP WARR 16 Mar.

Northern Pintail: max 35 Cambridge WASH 2 Apr.

Green-winged Teal: max 200 Coveville SARA 30 Mar.

Canvasback: max 2 Clermont COLU 9 Mar.

Redhead: max 5 Rexford SARA 11 Mar.
Ring-necked Duck: max 276 Clermont COLU 9 Mar.
Greater Scaup: max 75 Saratoga L SARA 18 Mar.
Lesser Scaup: max 60 Saratoga L Marine P SARA 17 Mar.
Surf Scoter: Coxsackie Boat Launch GREE 10 Mar, only report.
White-winged Scoter: max 8 Ballston L SARA 4 May.
Long-tailed Duck: 5 Saratoga L SARA 28 Apr; 4 Schaghticoke RENS 29 Apr; 2 Round L SARA 26 Apr; 2 Collins L SCHE 12 Apr.
Bufflehead: max 92 BCR 4 Apr.
Common Goldeneye: max 100 Blockhouse P SARA 13 Mar.
Hooded Merganser: max 50 Collins L SCHE 16 Mar.
Common Merganser: max 846 TR 23 Mar.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 5 TR 24 Mar.
Ruddy Duck: max 56 BCR 11 Apr.
Ruffed Grouse: max 3 Hague WARR 12 Apr; 3 Berne ALBA 24 Apr.
Wild Turkey: max 90 Schaghticoke RENS 16 Mar.
Pied-billed Grebe: max 2 mult loc.
Horned Grebe: max 20 Saratoga L SARA 28 Apr.
Red-necked Grebe: max 12 Saratoga L SARA 28 Apr.
Rock Pigeon: max 230 SUNY Cobleskill SCHO 6 Mar.
Mourning Dove: max 45 Coveville SARA 30 Mar.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr VFNHP 8 May; max 3 Deer Mt Nature Trail ALBA 21 May, Hague WARR 27 May.
Black-billed Cuckoo: arr APBP 10 May; max 3 Ancram COLU 18 May.
Common Nighthawk: arr Consaul Rd, Colonie ALBA 15 May; max 13 Ancram COLU 26 May.
Eastern Whip-poor-will: arr Loughberry L SARA 28 Apr; max 8 Malta Tech P SARA 8 May.
Chimney Swift: arr Normanskill Farm ALBA 17 Apr; max 100 Amsterdam MONT 1 May.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Spencertown COLU 29 Apr.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: arr Drowned Lands Cons Area COLU 3 Apr; max 9 BCM 5 May.
Sora: arr BCM 13 Apr; max 8 Drowned Lands Cons Area COLU 13 May.

Common Gallinule: arr BCM 19 Apr; max 3 Clemons Marsh WASH 15 May.
American Coot: arr Fish Creek Marina SARA 6 Mar.
Sandhill Crane: 3 Claverack COLU 7 Apr; Ft Edward State Boat Launch SARA 16 Mar; BCM 24 Apr; Grafton RENS 15 May.
Black-bellied Plover: 2 CF 29 May, only report.
Semipalmated Plover: arr Schoharie Crossing Boat Launch MONT 12 May; max 8 CF 19 May.
Killdeer: max 16 Staats Island Rd RENS 28 Mar.
Upland Sandpiper: Glen MONT 3 May, only report.
Ruddy Turnstone: Schodack I SP RENS 22 May, only report.
Dunlin: Stillwater Riverfront P SARA 19 Apr; Fultonville MONT 19 May.
Least Sandpiper: arr Ghent COLU 3 May; max 26 Stillwater Riverfront P SARA 15 May.
Pectoral Sandpiper: 3 CF 17 May; 2 Wrights Loop SARA 6 May.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 3 BMB 20 May.
Short-billed Dowitcher: 2 Babcock L RENS 19 May; Fultonville MONT 18 May.
American Woodcock: max 10 Ancram COLU 20 Mar.
Wilson's Snipe: arr Drowned Lands Cons Area COLU 24 Mar; max 26 Wrights Loop SARA 8 Apr.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr Betar Byway SARA 14 Apr; max 8 mult loc.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr Staats Island Rd RENS 24 Apr; max 28 Ida L RENS 13 May.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr Wrights Loop SARA 18 Apr; max 10 CF 19 May.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr Charleston MONT 13 Apr; max 21 Stillwater Riverfront P SARA 4 May.
Red-necked Phalarope: Ghent farm pond COLU 20 May.
Bonaparte's Gull: arr Henry Hudson P ALBA 27 Mar; max 75 Saratoga L SARA 12 May.
Ring-billed Gull: max 400 Saratoga L Marine P SARA 14 Mar.
Herring Gull: max 173 Cohoes ALBA 3 Mar.
Iceland Gull: 2 Fultonville MONT 15 Mar.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 2 Fultonville MONT 15 Mar; Saratoga L Marine P SARA 16 Mar.
Glaucous Gull: Fultonville MONT 11 Mar; Cohoes ALBA 15 Mar.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 40 Cohoes ALBA 5 Mar.
Caspian Tern: TR 11 Apr; Fish Creek Marina SARA 18 Apr.
Black Tern: 2 BCM 15 May; Stockport COLU 6 May;

LOONS – PARAKEET

Common Loon: max 35 Saratoga L SARA 2 May.
Double-crested Cormorant: arr Coxsackie Boat Launch GREE 12 Mar; max 213 South Bay WASH 21 Apr.
American Bittern: arr BCM 7 Apr; max 5 Clemons Marsh WASH 15 May.
Least Bittern: arr Drowned Lands Cons Area COLU 29 Apr; max 3 VFNHP 15 May, BCM 15 May.
Great Blue Heron: max 30 Surrender March Trail (heronry) SARA 3 Apr.
Great Egret: arr Drowned Lands Cons Area COLU 8 Apr; max 4 mult loc.
Green Heron: arr Woodlawn Pres SCHE 13 Apr; max 5 FR 22 May.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr Schodack I SP RENS 20 Apr; max 2 Clemons Marsh WASH 15 May.
Glossy Ibis: 2 Stillwater Riverfront P SARA 18 Apr; Henry Hudson P ALBA 18 May; BMB 18 May.
Black Vulture: max 32 Hudson COLU 26 Apr.
Turkey Vulture: max 53 Copake COLU 10 Mar.
Osprey: arr Schaghticoke RENS, Putnam Sta WASH 26 Mar.
Golden Eagle: Hague WARR 9 Mar; Glen MONT 15 Mar; Stillwater SARA 15 Mar; Knox Wetland ALBA 21 Mar; Guilderland ALBA 27 Mar; Oppenheim FULT 1 Apr; L George WARR 2 Apr; Stuyvesant COLU 3 Apr.
Northern Harrier: max 4 FtEG 21 Mar.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 2 mult loc.
Cooper's Hawk: max 2 mult loc.
Northern Goshawk: No reports.
Bald Eagle: max 23 Germantown Boat Launch COLU 2 Apr.
MISSISSIPPI KITE: Hillsdale COLU 20 Apr (JA), *intro*.
Red-shouldered Hawk: arr Schodack RENS 9 Mar.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr Grafton RENS 9 Apr; max 9 Landis Arboretum SCHO 24 Apr.
Red-tailed Hawk: max 5 Kingsbury WASH 21 Mar.

Rough-legged Hawk: last Sprakers MONT 23 Mar.
Eastern Screech-Owl: max 2 Henry Hudson P ALBA 22 Mar.
Great Horned Owl: max 4 Sleepy Hollow L GREE 27 Apr.
Snowy Owl: Hampton WASH 20 Mar-17 Apr; E Worcester SCHO 27 May.
Barred Owl: max 5 Greenfield SARA 13 Apr.
Short-eared Owl: 10 FtEG 3 Mar; 4 W Coxsackie GREE 10 Mar; Glen MONT 3 Apr; Overmountain Cons Area COLU 8 Mar; Livingston COLU 15 Mar; Stuyvesant COLU 8 Mar.
Northern Saw-whet Owl: Bolton Landing WARR 3 Mar; Clemons WASH 27 Mar; Pandanarum Swamp WARR 4 Apr.
Belted Kingfisher: max 4 mult loc.
Red-headed Woodpecker: Tannersville GREE 16 May, only report.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 11 VFNHP 6 May.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 11 SNHP 19 Apr, Rankan Grove Swamp MONT 16 May.
Downy Woodpecker: max 10 Stillwater SARA 13 Mar.
Hairy Woodpecker: max 6 mult loc.
Northern Flicker: max 10 Pineview Cem WARR 4 Apr.
Pileated Woodpecker: 6 Overmountain Cons Area COLU 12 May.
American Kestrel: max 6 FtEG 24 Apr.
Merlin: max 3 Silver Bay YMCA WASH 19 Apr.
Peregrine Falcon: max 2 mult loc.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr SNHP 28 Apr; max 9 SNHP 29 May.
Eastern Kingbird: arr Niskayuna SCHE 24 Apr; max 15 TR 15 May.
Olive-sided Flycatcher: OCA 15 May; Overmountain Cons Area COLU 16 May; Mt Tom SF WASH 18 May; Livingston COLU 19 May; Colonie ALBA 20 May; Boice Fam P SARA 22 May; Kinderhook COLU 24 May; Hague WARR 27 May; HH Rail Trail ALBA 31 May.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr BCM 8 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Hillsdale COLU 17 May.
Alder Flycatcher: arr BMB 12 May; max 6 BMB 17 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr Poestenkill RENS 8 May; max 8 BCM 31 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr Stillwater Riverfront P SARA 24 Apr; max 13 Hague WARR 27 May.
Eastern Phoebe: arr Guilderland ALBA 11 Mar; max 11 FR 3 Apr.
Northern Shrike: Putnam WASH 8 Mar; Ft Plain MONT 20 Mar; Clemons Marsh WASH 4 Apr.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Saratoga Springs SARA 25 Apr; max 8 Overmountain Cons Area COLU 15 May, VFNHP 20 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr Ann Lee Pd ALBA 17 Apr; max 13 Wilton Wildlife Pres SARA 29 Apr.
Philadelphia Vireo: Mt Tom SF WASH 17 May; Warren Co Bikeway WARR 19 May; Stratford FULT 31 May.
Warbling Vireo: arr Collins L SCHE 28 Apr; max 24 Hudson Crossing P SARA 11 May.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr CRM 4 May; max 31 Taconic SP COLU 27 May.
Blue Jay: max 80 BCM 2 May.
American Crow: max 403 FtEG 1 Mar.
Fish Crow: max 73 Consaul Rd, Colonie ALBA 11 May.
Common Raven: max 22 North-South L Campground GREE 10 Apr.
Horned Lark: max 150 Valley Falls RENS 4 Mar.
Purple Martin: arr SNHP 19 Apr; max 8 Saratoga Springs Waterfront P SARA 31 May.
Tree Swallow: arr Schaghticoke RENS 11 Mar; max 990 Schaghticoke RENS 2 Apr.
VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW: VFNHP 22 Apr (JH), *intro*, NYSARC.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr VFNHP 22 Mar; max 50 Round L SARA 1 May.
Bank Swallow: arr Schaghticoke RENS 21 Apr; max 60 Schaghticoke RENS 29 May.
Cliff Swallow: arr Round L SARA 26 Apr; max 15 W Fulton SCHO 7 May.
Barn Swallow: arr New Scotland ALBA 7 Apr; max 250 Saratoga L SARA 4 May.
Black-capped Chickadee: max 48 Hand Hollow Cons Area COLU 7 Apr.
BOREAL CHICKADEE (R8): Partridge Run WMA ALBA 4 Apr.
Tufted Titmouse: max 28 Dwaas Kill NP SARA 14 Apr.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 28 Anchor Diamond P SARA 9 Apr.
White-breasted Nuthatch: max 11 Grafton RENS 11 Apr.
Brown Creeper: max 12 Bozenkill Pres ALBA 19 Apr.

House Wren: arr Saratoga Spa SP SARA 18 Apr; max 13 SNHP 14 May.
Winter Wren: max 4 mult loc.
Marsh Wren: arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 14 Apr; max 24 BCM 15 May.
Carolina Wren: max 5 mult loc.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Mo-He-Con-Nuk NP ALBA 10 Apr; max 10 VFNHP 14 May.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 24 FR 1 May.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr FR 1 Apr; max 50 SNHP 28 Apr.
Eastern Bluebird: max 20 TR 10 Mar.
Veery: arr Henry Hudson P ALBA 1 May; max 24 Schodack I SP RENS 19 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: Guilderland ALBA 21 May, only report.
Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: RamsHorn-Livingston Sanc GREE 13 May; Olana SHS COLU 21 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr Mountain Top Arboretum GREE 2 May; max 3 Plateau Mt GREE 28 May.
Hermit Thrush: arr Bear Swamp Pres ALBA 30 Mar; max 7 Veteran's Mem P SARA 22 Apr.
Wood Thrush: arr Guilderland ALBA 27 Apr; max 15 Schodack I SP RENS 9 May.
American Robin: max 140 Coeymans Hollow ALBA 2 Apr.
Gray Catbird: arr Burden Pd RENS 23 Apr; max 60 Schodack I SP RENS 19 May.
Brown Thrasher: arr FR 8 Apr; max 6 FR 5 May.
Northern Mockingbird: max 7 APBP 20 May.
European Starling: max 600 Glen MONT 7 Mar.
Bohemian Waxwing: 15 L George WARR 2 Apr, only report.
Cedar Waxwing: max 80 Richmondville SCHO 1 Apr.
House Sparrow: max 70 HH Rail Trail ALBA 6 Mar.
American Pipit: arr Glen MONT 7 Apr; max 50 Gerald B.H. Solomon Nat Cem SARA 17 May.
Evening Grosbeak: max 108 Summit SCHO 2 May.
Pine Grosbeak: max 19 Burnt Hills SARA 1 Mar.
House Finch: max 45 Hillsdale COLU 5 Mar.
Purple Finch: max 20 Ghent COLU 21 Apr.
Common Redpoll: max 150 Summit SCHO 5 Mar.

Red Crossbill: max 40 Schodack RENS 16 Mar.
White-winged Crossbill: max 20 Clifton P SARA 5 May.
Pine Siskin: max 73 Summit SCHO 30 Apr.
American Goldfinch: max 82 Ft Plain MONT 9 May.
Lapland Longspur: 3 Valley Falls RENS 4 Mar, only report.
Snow Bunting: last 2 FtEG 19 Mar; max 150 Hartford WASH 1 Mar.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: arr APBP 4 Apr; max 31 SNHP 18 May.
American Tree Sparrow: last Hudson Falls WARR 9 May.
Chipping Sparrow: arr Albany ALBA 28 Mar; max 47 Glens Falls Cem WARR 30 Apr.
Clay-colored Sparrow: Albany ALBA through 14 Apr, overwintered; FT Plain MONT 2 May; Florida MONT 31 May.
Field Sparrow: arr Ghent COLU 24 Mar; max 23 SNHP 28 Apr.
Vesper Sparrow: arr Normanskill Farm ALBA 8 Apr; max 5 Halfmoon T P SARA 22 Apr.
Savannah Sparrow: max 20 Halfmoon T P SARA 22 Apr.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Minden MONT 28 Apr; max 4 FtEG 8 May.
Fox Sparrow: arr Hillsdale COLU 11 Mar; max 6 FR 3 Apr.
Song Sparrow: max 91 Kingsbury WASH 8 Apr.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Hoosick RENS 2 May.
Swamp Sparrow: arr VFNHP 23 Mar; max 94 BMB 11 Apr.
White-throated Sparrow: max 250 FR 29 Apr.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr WMP 2 Mar; max 18 John Boyd Thacher SP ALBA 2 May.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 100 Saratoga Springs SARA 21 Apr.
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (R8): Saratoga Springs SARA 17 Mar (SSu); Albany Int Arpt ALBA 16 May (FMi), *intro*.
Bobolink: arr Overmountain Cons Area COLU 1 May; max 50 Overmountain Cons Area COLU 16 May.
Eastern Meadowlark: max 16 Amsterdam MONT 11 Apr.
Orchard Oriole: arr Nassau L RENS 30 Apr; max 4 APBP 29 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Ancram COLU 28 Apr; max 15 Schodack I SP RENS 9 May.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 12,000 Saratoga Springs SARA 17 Mar.
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 4,000 Schuylerville Boat Launch SARA 4 Mar.
Rusty Blackbird: max 61 VFNHP 27 Apr.
Common Grackle: max 30,000 Saratoga Springs SARA 17 Mar.
Ovenbird: arr 28 Apr, mult loc; max 35 Schodack I SP RENS 24 May.
Worm-eating Warbler: arr New Forge SF COLU 3 May; max 5 Deer Mt Nature Trail ALBA 19 May.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr FR 7 Apr; max 6 FR 7 May.
Northern Waterthrush: arr 26 Brant L WARR 26 Apr; max 7 BMB 20 May.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr APBP 3 May.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr FR 28 Apr; max 16 SNHP 15 May.
"Brewster's" Warbler: Whutehall WASH 23 May.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr 23 Apr, mult loc; max 14 Schodack I SP RENS 16 May.
Tennessee Warbler: arr Ballston SARA 5 May; max 7 Schodack I SP RENS 19 May.
Nashville Warbler: arr Delmar ALBA 28 Apr; max 6 Coopers Pd RENS 7 May.
Mourning Warbler: arr Normanskill Farm ALBA 9 May; max 2 Hague WARR 27 May.
KENTUCKY WARBLER (R8): APBP 21 May (TW), *intro*.
Common Yellowthroat: arr Knox Wetland ALBA 27 Apr; max 57 SNHP 18 May.
Hooded Warbler: arr Overmountain Cons Area COLU 4 May; max 3 Overmountain Cons Area COLU 3 May.
American Redstart: arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 28 Apr; max 70 Schodack I SP RENS 16 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr FR 2 May; max 5 RamsHorn-Livingston Sanc GREE 14 May, Selkirk ALBA 15 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr Hillsdale COLU 9 May; max 6 Schodack I SP RENS 22 May.
Northern Parula: arr Mayfield FULT 25 Apr; max 9 Overmountain Cons Area COLU 10 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr Deer Mt Nature Trail ALBA 2 May; max 6 Schodack I SP RENS 19 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr L Nancy SARA 9 May; max 4 mult loc.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr Schor Cons Area COLU 24 Apr; max 9 Taconic SP COLU 27 May.

Yellow Warbler: arr RamsHorn-Livingston Sanc GREE 27 Apr; max 48 VFNHP 15 May.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr 2 May, mult loc; max 22 Boice Fam P SARA 21 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr APBP 8 May; max 8 Normanskill Farm ALBA 22 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Schaghticoke RENS 22 Apr; max 8 Anchor Diamond P SARA 6 May.

Palm Warbler: arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 4 Apr; max 20 VFNHP 16 Apr.

Pine Warbler: arr APBP 25 Mar; max 10 Wilton Wildlife Pres SARA 3 May.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr Schaghticoke RENS 6 Apr; max 60 Schaghticoke RENS 28 Apr, VFNHP 23 Apr.

Prairie Warbler: arr Ballston Creek Pres SARA 28 Apr; max 9 APBP 8 May.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Guilderland ALBA 10 Apr, early; max 10 BMB 2 May.

Canada Warbler: arr Albany ALBA 4 May; max 5 BMB 20 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 7 May; max 2 Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 15 May.

Scarlet Tanager: arr Overmountain Cons Area COLU 4 May; max 12 Overmountain Cons Area COLU 15 May.

Northern Cardinal: max 22 FR 21 Mar.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Catskill GREE 24 Apr; max 16 APBP 13 May.

Indigo Bunting: arr Glenville SCHE 27 Apr; max 8 Deer Mt Nature Trail ALBA 19 May.



REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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March was warmer than normal with near record high temperatures. Most precipitation fell as rain, with just a few inches of snow, mostly in the higher elevations. Precipitation was again below normal with only 2.15" falling, 1.42" below average. There was a high of 80° F on 26 March and a low of 14° on 8 March, an average of 4.5° above normal. April was warmer and dryer than normal. There was a high of 84 ° on 28 April and a low of 20° on 3 April, resulting in an average of 60.8°, 1.53° above normal. There were 2.25" of precipitation, 1.53" below normal. May was dry through mid-month, with heavy rain on Memorial Day weekend. There was a high of 92° on 26 May and a low of 34° on 13 May (higher elevations experienced lower temps), the average temperature being 71.3°, 0.3° below normal. There were 4.33" of precipitation, 0.86" above normal. For the second year in a row, after a relatively mild start to the season, temperatures fell in late April and May. The recurring northwest winds made for only brief periods of migration with little movement between fronts, all resulting in a prolonged migratory season with lower numbers of birds in at least some areas.

On 4 March Claudius Feger spotted two Cackling Geese at James Baird State Park in Dutchess County and on 10 May Rob Stone located a late Cackling Goose at the Camel Farm in Orange County. On 9 March Linda Scrima identified a

Greater White-fronted Goose in the Orange County Black Dirt Region; the bird was seen for three days, but not thereafter. On 3 March Peter Schoenberger picked out an adult drake Barrow's Goldeneye off Kingston Point in Ulster County. This bird was among a flock of Common Goldeneye that already contained an adult female Barrow's Goldeneye continuing from the winter period.

Sandhill Cranes again visited our area with several reports from around the Region. The breeding pair returned to the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge and once again nested. A chick was confirmed late in May, and we anxiously awaited news of a successful fledging.

We had some interesting shorebirds around the Region this spring. On 27 May Jonathan Gold discovered two Whimbrel at Milton Point in Westchester County, rare in the Region; this was an excellent find. The two Purple Sandpipers that spent the winter at Piermont Pier continued at least until 10 March. Lastly, on 31 May the author was surprised by an adult male Wilson's Phalarope at Morningside Park, this only the second county record in his nearly thirty years of birding. This extremely cooperative bird remained the entire day and was viewed by all who came to see it.

An adult alternate Laughing Gull at Croton Point Park on 26 March was an early date. Another was seen at Edith G. Read on 9 April, a more typical arrival date. On 10 April Bruce Nott discovered a first basic Iceland Gull at the Newburgh Waterfront. The bird continued between there and the Beacon Waterfront through at least 17 April. There were several reports of Lesser Black-backed Gulls along the Hudson through the period. Terns had a nice showing this spring with five species recorded in the Region.

On 25 May Joyce Depew once again spotted the returning Yellow-crowned Night-Heron on VanBurenville Road in Orange County. This is the third year in a row that this species has been found there, attempting to breed. Will they be the successful this time? On 28 April Jimmy Gondek spotted three Glossy Ibis flying over Croton Point Park and was able to photograph them. On 29 April Mike Usai discovered a Glossy Ibis in Putnam Valley; this bird remained for several days and was seen by many. These were among the first of several reports during the period.

The long-staying **Ferruginous Hawk** in the Orange County Black Dirt Region was last reported 13 March.

The Northern Shrike seen sporadically during the winter in Sullivan County became easier to find in early March, remaining at least through the 14th.

The winter finch irruption continued well into spring with a concentration of Evening Grosbeaks in Sullivan County through 13 March. The unprecedented numbers of **Hoary Redpolls** in Sullivan, Ulster, and Dutchess Counties remained through at least mid March occurring among the many Common Redpolls. Red Crossbills came to light again at the Ashokan Reservoir in March continuing well into April, while Evening Grosbeaks moved through the Region well into May.

On 27 April Ginger Bernardin had a Clay-colored Sparrow make a brief visit to her yard.

On 11 March Karen Miller and Renee Davis spotted an adult male Yellow-headed Blackbird among a huge flock of blackbirds at the Camel Farm in the Orange County Black Dirt Region. The bird departed all too quickly and was not seen again.

On 20 May Scott Graber came upon a **Kentucky Warbler** on the Stop Sign Trail at the Bashakill. Typical of the species, it disappeared in the undergrowth and could not be found again. On 23 May the author spotted a Kentucky Warbler in the Orchard at the Bashakill, it too eluding further detection. It is quite likely the same bird Scott had seen previously.

On 4 May, Dawn Hannay saw a **Summer Tanager** in Rockefeller State Park. It was not seen thereafter.

On 20 April Debbie van Zyl had good views of an immature male Blue Grosbeak at her home in Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County. The bird remained only that day.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AP – Apollo Plaza, SULL; **AR** – Ashokan Res, ULST; **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, PUTN; **CPP** – Croton Pt P, WEST; **CRS** – Croton Railroad Station, 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; **II** – Iona I, ROCK; **KL** – Kiamesha L, SULL; **KP** – Kingston Pt, ULST; **LGC** – Laurel Grove Cemetery, ORAN; **LM** – Liberty Marsh, ORAN; **LNP** – Lenoir Nature Pres, WEST; **LR** – Larchmont Res, WEST; **MC** – Marshlands Conservancy, WEST; **MF** – Muscott Farm, WEST; **MP** – Morningside P, SULL; **MPHW** – Mount Peter Hawk Watch, ORAN; **MRCC** – Mariondale Retreat and Conference Center, **NCR** – New Croton Res, WEST; **NR** – Neversink Res, SULL; **NW** – Newburgh Waterfront, ORAN; **OCBDR** – Orange County Black Dirt Region, ORAN; **OINP** – Oscawana I Nature Pres, 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; **RLP** – Rhinecliff Landing Park, 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; **VFEP** – Vassar Farms and Ecological Pres, DUTC; **WL** – Wickham L, ORAN; **WFPF** – West Pt Foundry Pres, PUTN; **WRNWR** – Wallkill Ri NWR, ORAN.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: max 56 OCBDR 1-20 Mar (LS, BN, GBen, mob); BSWMA 20 Apr (JCa, KMcd); Wurtsboro SULL 21 Apr (SB, JH, PD, RDe, KMi).

Greater White-fronted Goose: Rye Brook 1-2 Mar (GBen); OCBDR 9-11 Mar (LS, BN, RDa, KMi, mob), *intro*.

Brant: 85 Esopus ULST 7 May (DWe); 136 New Hamburg Yacht Club DUTC 13 May (DvZ); 4055 MRCC 13 May (CR).

Cackling Goose: 2 James Baird SP DUTC 4 Mar (CFe); Camel Farm ORAN 10 May (RSt, LS), *intro*.

Blue-winged Teal: max 2 SHSR 19-21 Mar (KA, RH, YH, mob); Esopus Bend Nature Pres ULST 21 Mar (LWei); max 2 Hurley ULST 24-25 Mar (DO, RG); 3 BSWMA 26 Mar (JH); 2 Lake Walton DUTC 29 Mar (MBh).

Northern Shoveler: max 10 EGR 1-25 Mar (GBen, KMCG, ASw, mob); 3 Steamboat Riverfront P WEST 3 Mar (LT, SR, GBer); max 3 CPP 6, 24 Mar (IW, KL, mob); max 6 BSWMA 7 Mar–20 Apr (SB, JH, KMi, mob); Wappingers L DUTC 12 Mar (LK); 2 Haverstraw Bay County P ROCK 15 Mar (AWel, LG); 4 Orange L ORAN 24-25 Mar (BN, YH); 3 CMACS 12 Mar (SSi).

Canvasback: max 28 PP 1-10 Mar (CW, ME, AWel, mob); NCR 1-7 Mar (KMCG, GBen, LT, mob); max 3 KP 3-5 Mar (BMi, SCam, FB, mob); 7 River Rd ULST 7 Mar (MO); BSWMA 10-21 Mar (JH, SB, KMi, SGr, mob); 2 Washington L ORAN 18 Mar (BN, Jcav).

Redhead: 3 NCR 2-7 Mar (GBen, TBu, LO, mob); 5 Downing P Newburgh ORAN (KK, BN, MBu); Glenmere L ORAN 19 Mar (KA); Orange L 20 Mar (BN).

King Eider: EGR 8 May (KB, GBen, TBu).

Surf Scoter: max 2 EGR 5-6 Mar (GBen, KMCG, mob); Orange L 12 Apr (BN, KMi, KMcd, mob); EGR 10 Apr (GBen, TBu); 2

AR 19 Apr (PS, DO); max 5 WL 10 May (JCim, MZ, LS).

White-winged Scoter: 5 EGR 23 Mar (TBu, GBen); Cornwall Bay ORAN 15 Apr (YH); 4 AR 16 Apr (PS); 9 KL 5 May (MVD); 5 Toronto Reservoir SULL 5 May (SGr); 2 Wolf L SULL 5 May (JH); 8 AR 8 May (WT); Washington L 5 May (BN, Jcav, KMi, JCim); 55 EGR 7 May (GBen, TB).

Barrow's Goldeneye: 2 KP 3-10 Mar (PS, BMa, BN, mob), *intro*.

Long-tailed Duck: CPP 1-9 Mar (SCam, SR, MM, mob); 112 EGR 24 Mar (GBen, TBu); max 20 Washington L 26 Mar (BN, Jcav); 6 Orange L 26 Mar (BN, YH, JCim); EGR 29 Apr (GBen, TBu); EGR 8, 20 May (KB, GBen, TBu).

Red-breasted Merganser: max 23 EGR 1-20 Mar (GBen, KMCG, SCam, mob); 2 CPP 4 Mar (RLe); 4 KP 5 Mar (CAI); max 3 NCR 5-10 Mar (CR, LG, GBen); NW 3-8 Mar (YH); 2 Lake Carmel WEST 13 Mar (MBR, ASE, mob).

Ruddy Duck: WRNWR 12-13 Mar (CALb, KMCG); max 4 GL 13-22 Mar (JCim, DWa, KA, mob).

Northern Bobwhite: Walden ORAN 18 May (JCim).

Ruffed Grouse: Kenneth Wilson Campground ULST 27 Mar-8 Apr (LQ, LWei, RG, mob); Minnewaska SP ULST 4 Apr (EH); Brook Rd SULL 8-9 Apr (PM).

Pied-billed Grebe: max 2 Kensico Res WEST 11-13 Mar (SCam, LWel); max 8 NCR 1-10 Mar (GBen, LT, CR, mob); SHSR 12-13 Mar (KA, RH); max 5 BSWMA 12 Mar-31 May (SB, KMi, PD, mob); Beaver Pd ORAN 13 Mar (KMi).

Horned Grebe: max 3 Beacon Waterfront DUTC 9-12 Mar (BN, BL); EMLH 9 Mar (MS, DH); Dockside P PUTN 11 Mar (KB, RSea, CR); max 2 BSWMA 14-20 Mar (JH, SB, KMi, mob); 2 EGR 29 Apr (JGol).

Red-necked Grebe: 2 Orange L 12-13 Apr (BN, KMcD, KA, mob); Washington L 13 Apr (BN); Orange L 18 Apr (BN).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: RNC 5 May (SR); SFSP 14-31 May (SCam, AWei, RMc, mob); max 3 BSWMA 15-31 May (GBen, TBu, JH, mob); max 3 Mohonk Pres ULST 26 May (SB, MBu).

Black-billed Cuckoo: SFSP 7-8 May (JGr, AVK, mob); Ulster P ULST 8 May (DT); PHP 9 May (SCar).

Common Nighthawk: Tuxedo ORAN 14 May (EF, TF); 3 BSWMA 15-18 May (SM, PL, JH, mob); 2 Irvington Woods WEST 15 May (JW); Somers Marsh WEST 15, 21 May (SCam, KB, MM, JAm); Long Dock P DUTC 17 May (KB, RSea); 27 BSWMA 25 May (SGr).

Eastern Whip-poor-will: 3 Harriman State P ORAN 23 Apr (LP); Mine Rd ORAN 29 Apr (YH); max 3 SFSP 29 Apr-8 May (JCim, SK, SR, mob); max 2 BSWMA 8 May (JH, LVe).

Chimney Swift: 2 Kingston ULST 20 Apr (NM); 12 Madame Brett P DUTC 21 Apr (MV); 3 Hillview Reservoir WEST 26 Apr (SCam).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Gibson Hill Rd ORAN 25 Apr (JS); Mount Airy WEST 26 Apr (KD).

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Clapper Rail: max 4 MC 8 Apr-31 May (DJ, GBen, TBu, mob).

Virginia Rail: CPP 13 Mar (TS); Warwick ORAN 14 Mar (JS); 2 BSWMA 31 Mar (JH, PD); Somers Marsh 18 Apr-22 May (SCam, CR, MM, mob).

Sora: SHSR 19 Apr-24 May (JF, KA, MF, mob); max 2 WRNWR 24 Apr-31 May (MZ, BN, LS, mob); max 2 BSWMA 27 Apr-15 May (JH, BN, SB, mob); max 2 GV 28 Apr-9 May (RMi, PS, DT, mob); Yorktown Bike Path Wetlands WEST 21 May (ASw); Somers Marsh 22 May (SCam, SR, SK).

Common Gallinule: max 4 BSWMA 18 Apr (JH, SB); 4 WRMWR 18 Apr (CALb); Somers Marsh 8 May (SCam, MM, CR, SR).

American Coot: max 220 NCR 1-23 Mar (GBen, CR, ASw, mob); Sylvan L DUTC 12 Mar (CP); 4 RLSP 22-23 Mar (GC, YA); max 8 BSWMA 20 Mar-8 Apr (SGr, SB, KMi, mob); max 2 SHSR 20-22 Mar (KH, KMi, RH, mob).

Sandhill Crane: BSWMA 10 Mar (JH); 3 Walden ORAN 11 Mar (RDu, LD); max 3 WRNWR 20 Mar-31 May (LS, DS, PR, mob); Peekskill PUTN 26 Mar (MU); 5 Wappingers

Falls DUTC 26 Mar (DvZ); Nannahagan P WEST 4 Apr (ADr); Kingston 18 Apr (MD); 2 Salt Point DUTC 12 May (JJ), *intro*.

Black-bellied Plover: PP 17, 24 May (ASH, LP); MC 25-27 May (ASw, BS, KMcG, mob); 38 PP 28 May (ME); max 27 OCBDR 30 May (MZ, KMcD, LS, KMi, mob); 2 WRNWR 30 May (BW, HJK).

Semipalmated Plover: 2 CPP 18 May (RLe, GBen, BS, TWarr); PP 18 May (AWei); max 2 MC 19 May (TS, SCam); max 7 OCBDR 30 May (MZ, KMcD, LS, KMi).

Whimbrel: 2 Milton Pt WEST 27 May (JGol), *intro*.

Ruddy Turnstone: CPP 26 May (LO).

Dunlin: 5 Gardnertown Marsh ORAN 28 Mar (BN); Camel Farm 9-10 May (MZ, LS, JCim, KMi); 4 MC 15 May (MBo); OCBDR 30 May (MZ, KMcD, LS, KMi).

Purple Sandpiper: PP 1-10 Mar (CW, SCo); max 17 Rye WEST 2-28 Mar (KMcG, JD, SR, mob), *intro*.

Least Sandpiper: max 2 MC 3 May (MBo, GBen, SK); Pine Hill Rd ORAN 3 May (BN, JCim); 2 AP 6 May (RDa, SB, JH).

Pectoral Sandpiper: OCBDR 9-11 Apr, 5 May (KA, MZ, KMi, mob); CPP 4 May (ASw, KL); MC 25 May (KMcG).

American Oystercatcher: 2 Milton Pt 22 Mar (GBen, TBu, KMcG); max 4 EGR 25 Mar-31 May (GBen, TBu, BS, mob).

Solitary Sandpiper: Beaver Swamp DUTC 7 Apr (SJ, CP).

Spotted Sandpiper: Garrison Landing PUTN 15 Apr (KB, CR); WRNWR 19 Apr (LS); Cross River Res WEST 19 Apr (SCam).

Wilson's Snipe: WRNWR 13 Mar (CALb); CPP 10, 19 Mar (CR, KL); max 5 Strever Farm DUTC 21-23 Mar (KF, CFr, CP, mob); Fireman's P SULL 28 Mar (RDa).

Wilson's Phalarope: PP 31 May (JH, SGr, BN, PD, RDe, RDa, KMi, MZ, SB, KMcD).

Greater Yellowlegs: 2 MC 6 Apr (GBen, TBu, JCh).

Willet: max 3 MC 6 Apr-31 May (GBen, TBu, ADr, mob).

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 6 MC 27 Apr-4 May (JGol, GBen, MBo).

Bonaparte's Gull: 3 NW 7 Apr (BN); 6 SS 7 Apr (JY); max 9 BSWMA 4-6 May (PD, SB, JH, SGr); max 12 The Landing Dobbs Ferry WEST 4 May (TWarr, SCam); 4 Dockside P 7 May (KB, CR); 3 Long Dock P 10 May (KB, DvZ, DCh).

Laughing Gull: CRS 26 Mar (SCam, KMcG, TS, KL); EGR 9 Apr (SCam, GBen, SR, mob).

Iceland Gull: NW 10-17 Apr (BN, DB, MZ, mob).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: CRS 1 Mar (SR, RLe); Plum Pt ORAN 4 Mar (BN); PP 7 Mar (KO); NW 25 Apr (BN, MZ, BT, mob).

Least Tern: max 5 MC 14-31 May (SCam, GBen, KMcG, mob).

Caspian Tern: SS 7 Apr (JY); BSWMA 21 Apr (JH, SB, SGr); CPP 2 May (SR, SCam, KB, mob); SS 30 Apr (DWe); KP 10 May (DO).

Black Tern: WL 4 May (MZ); KL 6 May (RDa, SGr, SB, mob).

Common Tern: max 11 EGR 29 Apr-31 May (GBen, BS, SR, SCam, mob); MC 1,5 Apr (JGol, RH); BSWMA 5 May (SB, PD, JH, KMi); max 20 MC 1-31 May (GBen, JS, KMcG, mob); Long Dock P 10 May (KB, DvZ).

Forster's Tern: max 7 MC 11 Apr-31 May (GBen, TBU, SCam, mob); SS 4 May (JY).

Black Skimmer: 2 MC 30 May (GBen, TB).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: max 4 EGR 1 Mar-30 Apr (GBen, KMcG, mob); max 2 Kensico Res 1-30 Mar (KS, JAm); Steamboat Riverfront P 10-21 Mar (SR, GBer, CR, mob).

Common Loon: max 6 Kensico Res 1-31 Mar (KS, LWel, JAm); Orange L 26-28 Mar (YH, BN, JcIm); NCR 24-25 Mar (GBen, TBU).

Northern Gannet: max 7 EGR 30 Mar- 4 Apr (SCam, GBen, TBU); 5 Davenport P WEST 2 Apr (KMcG).

Great Cormorant: max 12 Steamboat Riverfront P 1-21 Mar (SR, CR, GBer, mob); max 6 EGR 1-23 Mar (GBen, KMcG, SCam, mob); Breakneck Ridge Train Station DUTC 1 Apr (BMi, CP, BN); 2 Dockside P 13 Apr (CR); New Hamburg Yacht Club 13 Apr (DvZ); 2 Hyde Park Train Station DUTC 16 Apr (DCh).

Double-crested Cormorant: Mills-Norrie SP DUTC 12, 21 Mar (SK, BMi, MK, DCh); 3 KP 26-28 Mar (JY, AM); BP 12, 27-28 Mar (BN, KMi, KA, mob); max 3 WL 26-28 Mar (KA, MZ); max 25 CPP 24-28 Mar (CR, GBer, ASw, mob); 2 MP 28 Mar (JH, RDa).

American Bittern: Mountain Lakes P WEST 26 Mar (PL); WRNWR 15 Apr (LS); max 2 BSWMA 16 Apr-31 May (JH, KMi, SB, mob); Somers Marsh 8 May (SCam, MM, SR, CR).

Least Bittern: High Banks Pres ULST 6 May (SGa); MC 23 May (KC, DH, MCA); BSWMA 24 May (JH).

Great Egret: II 26 Mar (ME); EGR 27 Mar (GBen, TBU); 3 LR 29 Mar (SO); Willow Tree P ROCK 31 Mar (AWei); BSWMA 28 Apr-5 May (SB, JH, KMi, RDa, PD, mob); Phillipsport Marsh SULL 22-31 May (DD, JH, SB, mob).

Snowy Egret: EGR 27 Mar (GBen, TBU); II 21 Apr (AWei); 2 CRS 8 May (BS, LT, CR, mob); Long Dock P 27 May (KB).

Little Blue Heron: MC 30 Apr, 9 May (KMcG, GBen, SCam, SK, RH); Yorktown Heights WEST 3 May (SA).

Green Heron: Tivoli DUTC 19 Apr (RR); BSWMA 21 Apr (DD); LR 22 Apr (LT).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: LR 29 Mar (SO); RLSP 3 Apr (LD); Lents Cove WEST 25 Apr (SK, SR, GBer, NZ); Quassaic Creek ORAN 28 Apr-1 May (BN, KMi, BT, mob); 5 KP 1 May (PS); Wappingers L 30 May (CFe, CP, DvZ).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: TBWMA 11 Apr (PS); Titus Mill Pd WEST 18-19 Apr (KB, TWarr, PC, mob); VanBurenville Rd ORAN 25-29 May (JD, KMi), *intro*.

Glossy Ibis: Leonard P WEST 19 April (TS); 3 CPP 28 Apr (JGon); Putnam Valley PUTN 29 Apr-5 May (MU, SK, CR, mob); Somers Marsh 2 May (SCam, SR, KB); GV 13 May (DCa); Saugerties 13-14 May (DCa, PS, AB); 3 WRNWR 16 May (FP).

Osprey: Kensico Res 20 Mar (LWel); CPP 23 Mar (KH); CFSP 23 Mar (MR); WRNWR 10 May (JcIm, RSt, KMi, LS).

Golden Eagle: Verbank DUTC 1 Mar (AM); Stissing Pd DUTC 20 Mar (SCar, DCh); Pine Plains DUTC 21 Mar (KF, CFr).

Rough-legged Hawk: max 3 OCBDR 1-6 Mar (ADa, AF); max 2 SGNWR 2-5 Mar (AWel, SLen, ASm); 2 Beechwoods SULL 5 Mar (JH).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK: OCBDR 2-13 Mar (FP, SA, SCam, mob), *intro*.

Snowy Owl: Woodstock ULST 20 Mar (PS); Hommocks School Larchmont WEST 22 Mar (DB, GBen, TB, AS).

Short-eared Owl: max 3 SGNWR 1-10 Mar (PC, MO, mob).

Northern Saw-whet Owl: River Rd SULL 11 Mar (RC); Phoenicia ULST 27 Mar (LQ).

Red-headed Woodpecker: max 3 Weston Rd ULST 4-22 May (WT, GF, mob); RSP 21-22 May (ASw, SCam, BS, mob).

Peregrine Falcon: Dockside P 9 Mar (CR, KB); Hawks Nest ORAN 13 Mar (WE); PHP 20 Mar (BMi, DvZ); SGNWR 22 Mar (LG); BSWMA 31 Mar (JH); widespread reports.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: BSWMA 11-13 May (JH, SG, SB, EB); Hillview Res 12 May (SCam); Dodge Rd DUTC 15 May (KF, CFr); OMRLMSP 15 May (RMI).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: CPP 14 May (JW); Willowemoc Creek SULL 24 May (PH); Hudson Highlands SP DUTC 29 May (AR).

Acadian Flycatcher: Callicoon SULL 7 May (RK); Old Ford Rd ULST (SGa); Black Rock Forest ORAN 7-14 May (RSI, YH, SH); Sand Dock Rd Trail DUTC 14 May (CC); BSWMA 21-31 May (JH, SB, SGr, mob).

Alder Flycatcher: Kenneth Wilson SP ULST 13 May (PS); max 5 Fir Brook SULL 24-28 May (SB, SGr).

Least Flycatcher: EGR 29 Apr (BS); CPP 5-11 May (ASw, LT, KB, mob); max 3 WRNWR 28 Apr-11 May (LS, KA); max 3 PHP 29 Apr-11 May (SCar, JAs, CP, mob).

Great-crested Flycatcher: CPP 28 Apr (GC); Heritage Trail ORAN 28 Apr (KA), Hopeland Sanctuary DUTC 28 Apr (CV).

Eastern Kingbird: RSP 24 Apr (JW, DH, JAm, mob); BSWMA 28 Apr (JH); WRNWR 28 Apr (LS).

White-eyed Vireo: BSWMA 23 Apr-24 May (JH, KM, RDa, MCol, SB, mob); WFPF 23 Apr (CR); Jilco Bike Trail WEST 24 Apr (JAi); max 2 BMSP 3-23 May (AWei, AWel, RLe, mob); Wappingers Falls 28 Apr (Bmi); Hyde P DUTC 29 Apr (BE); Goosepond Mountain SP ORAN 5, 22 May (BN, BT, DA); Tarrytown L P WEST 6 May (PC); PHP 9-20 May (MR, Bmi, DCh, mob); Bowdin P DUTC 21 May (KH).

Yellow-throated Vireo: BSWMA 28 Apr (JH).

Blue-headed Vireo: Lapla Rd ULST 8-11 Apr (AG); Deep Hollow Rd DUTC 11 Apr (DK); 2 BSWMA 16-23 Apr (SB, JH, KM).

Philadelphia Vireo: Annsville Creek WEST 8 May (SLan); Wynkoop Rd ULST 13 May (DO); Ulster P 13 May (DT); RSP 15 May (RLe); BMSP 15 May (RLo).

Warbling Vireo: RSP 24 Apr (BS, DH, JW, mob); 4 WRNWR 24 Apr (KA).

Northern Shrike: Muhlig Rd SULL 3, 8 Mar (RDi, JH, TBU, GBen); Aden Rd SULL 7-8 Mar (SSu); Bradley Rd SULL 13-14 Mar (SGR, PC, PR, MS), *intro*.

Horned Lark: BSWMA 1-4 Mar (JH, SB); max 6 OCBDR 1-5 Mar (BN, SA); 14 Beechwoods 5 Mar (JH).

Purple Martin: 4 Coleman Rd ORAN 3 Apr (JK); max 2 CPP 7-9 Apr (MGe, GBen, LT, mob); max 2 Gibson Hill Rd 9-13 Apr (JS).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: max 4 CPP 24 Mar-9 Apr (GBen, TBU, SR, mob); max 5 WFPF 31 Mar (CR, KB); 2 NW 8 Apr (BN); BSWMA 9 Apr (JH).

Tree Swallow: max 45 SHSR 21-24 Mar (KM, PR, BN, mob); max 175 CPP 1-24 Mar (SK, LT, SR, mob).

Barn Swallow: CPP 29 Mar (GBen, TBU); BSWMA 1 Apr (LVE); max 4 KP 18 Apr (TWarn, DO).

Bank Swallow: WRNWR 25 Apr (BN, LS); 3 BSWMA 4 May (JH, SB).

Cliff Swallow: max 3 Cross River Res 18-19 Apr (SR, JP, SCam).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: RSP 30 Mar (KR); max 3 CPP 1-5 Apr (Gber, KMcG, KL).

House Wren: Sparrow Bush ORAN 11 Apr (SR); MC 14 Apr (GBen, TBU); Stoney Kill Farm DUTC 14-15 Apr (CP, DvZ).

Sedge Wren: Hurley Mountain Rd ULST 25 May (ABl, mob).

Marsh Wren: WRNWR 12 Mar (KA); max 16 SHSR 13 Mar-31 May (KA, KM, Jc, mob); Red Bridge Area WEST 28 Mar (FG); max 6 BSWMA 28 Apr-31 May (JH, SB, SGr, mob).

Veery: BSWMA 16 Apr (LVE); CPP 29 Apr (LO, JW); max 14 BSWMA 30 Apr-6 May (LVE, MBo, KM).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Woodbury ORAN 9 May (ME); Great Swamp DUTC 12 May (CC); West Saugerties Rd ULST 13 May (PS).

Swainson's Thrush: max 2 CPP 4-31 May (LT, BS, CR, mob); max 3 BSWMA 8-24 May (JH, LVE, SB, SGr, mob); PHP 15, 26 May (KB, DvZ, Gber, mob).

Wood Thrush: Fancher Davidge P ORAN 23 Apr (DB); max 10 BSWMA 28 Apr-31 May (JH, SB, SGr, mob); max 7 VFEP 4-31 May (DvZ, DCh, SCar, mob).

Brown Thrasher: CMACS 6 Apr (SSi); max 5 PHP 7-11 Apr (DCh); SGNWR 8 Apr (GT); max 4 BSWMA 9 Apr-31 May (JH, SB, SGr); WRNWR 10-11 Apr (LS, NS).

American Pipit: CPP 7 Mar (CR, LT, KMcG, mob); MC 22 Mar (ASw); 14 Toronto Res 5 May (SGR).

Evening Grosbeak: max 42 Blue Hill Rd SULL 1-13 Mar (JH, RDa, KM, mob); Kingston 24 Apr (NW); Mount Tremper ULST 24-25 Apr (JS); High Falls ULST 28 Apr (KP); max 2 Millbrook DUTC 5-6 May (CP, DCh, AM, mob); max 2 Kentview Dr PUTN 6 May (SR, AM); max 2 Farmers Mill Rd PUTN 6-7

May (SCam, MM); Kenneth Wilson Campground ULST 8 May (WT); Montebello ROCK 8-9 May (JS); *intro*.

Purple Finch: 3 CPP 8 Apr (RK); 13 BSWMA 15 Apr (SB, JH), widespread thereafter.

Common Redpoll: max 24 Blue Hill Rd 1-13 Mar (JH, RDa, KMi); max 16 BSWMA 1-19 Mar (SB, JH, SGr); 30 Bradley SULL 4 Mar (JH); 18 Salt Pt DUTC 5 Mar (BMi); max 28 Port Ewen ULST 1-7 Mar (FB, SCam, MM, mob), *intro*.

HOARY REDPOLL (R9): Blue Hill Rd 1-13 Mar (JH, PD, RDe, TBu, GBen, mob); max 2 Port Ewen 1-17 Mar (FB, LWel, KMi, DH); Salt Pt 8-19 Mar (BMi, KF, CFr), *intro*.

Red Crossbill: max 29 AR 5-28 Mar (AG, SCam, LWel, KMcD, mob); 9 Kingston 6 Mar (NW); 6 Mount Community ULST 2 Apr (BS); CPP 20 Apr (LT); 7 Ashokan Rail Trail ULST 24 Apr (NW, RLu, MA), *intro*.

Snow Bunting: max 9 BSWMA 1-8 Mar (JH, SB, mob); 28 AR 2 Mar (AC); 6 Hunter Rd SULL 3 Mar (SSu).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Grasshopper Sparrow: SGNWR 8 May (DO); 2 Redhook DUTC 23 May (CP).

Clay-colored Sparrow: Montrose WEST 27 Apr (GBer).

Vesper Sparrow: 2 Lenape Ln ULST 4 Apr (MN); Sullivan County Community College SULL 5 Apr (JH); WRNWR 5 Apr (LS); Stoney Kill Farm EEC 13-14 Apr (KB); WPPF 14 Apr (CR).

Lincoln's Sparrow: Madam Brett P DUTC 3 May (KB); CPP 3 May (LT); WRNWR 5 May (LS); BSWMA 7 May (PD, RDe).

Yellow-breasted Chat: OMRLMSP 15 May (JClm); Bloomingburgh ORAN 20 May (KMcG).

Bobolink: Hillview Res 27 Apr (SCam); 3 Millbrook DUTC 29 Apr (JAs); Westown ORAN 1 May (KMi).

Eastern Towhee: Wappingers Falls 29 Mar (DvZ); Bull Mill Rd ORAN 30 Mar (KA); RSP 31 Mar (FG); BSWMA 31 Mar (JH).

Yellow-headed Blackbird: Camel Farm 11 Mar (RDa, KMi), *intro*.

Eastern Meadowlark: max 6 SGNWR 1-25 Mar (TBe, MZ, LWei, mob); OCBDR 3-20 Mar (LS, JM); CPP 11-18 Mar (GBer, KMcG, SR, mob); 4 Beechwoods 5 Apr (JH).

Orchard Oriole: max 3 BSWMA 7-31 May (JH, SB, SGr, mob); max 2 DHCLP 14-31 May (DD, JH, SB, mob); 2 SGMWR 22-23 May

(NS, AM, mob); max 2 OMRLMSP 2-27 May (BMi, DvZ, GBen, mob); max 2 CPP 28 Apr-31 May (ASw, LO, LT, mob).

Baltimore Oriole: RSP 24 Apr (SK, BS).

Rusty Blackbird: max 3 Prun Sanctuary WEST 3-11 Mar (PC, GBer, PH); max 11 BSWMA 9-14 Mar (SGr, PD, SB, mob); 6 Beaver Pd 12 Mar (KA); 4 HS 14 Mar (LZ); 6 Ulster P 16 Mar (DT).

Boat-tailed Grackle: MC 13-20 Apr (TWarr, GBen, TBu, mob).

Ovenbird: Zena Farm ULST 20 Apr (LVV).

Louisiana Waterthrush: max 5 BSWMA 30 Mar-16 Apr (JH, PD, SB, KMi).

Northern Waterthrush: 3 Carmel Hamlet PUTN 18 Apr (HB); GV 21 Apr (RMi); 6 Great Swamp 21 Apr (CC).

Blue-winged Warbler: RSP 23-26 Apr (SK, BS, JW, mob).

Worm-eating Warbler: BMST 1-5 May (CC, AWei); PHP 1-2 May (MGa, MK); CPP 3 May (LT, ASw, SK); WRNWR 5 May (KA, LS).

Golden-winged Warbler: max 3 SFSP 1-7 May (JClm, BN, CW, mob); West Saugerties Rd 8 May (PS).

Tennessee Warbler: Pleasant Valley DUTC 30 Apr (SCar); 2 BSWMA 8 May (LVe, JH); BSWMA 15 May (SB, KMi, SA, mob).

Orange-crowned Warbler: Dobbs Ferry WEST 11 Apr (JAm).

Nashville Warbler: BSWMA 28 Apr (JH).

Mourning Warbler: max 3 BSWMA 7-23 May (AWel, SB, SGr, mob); High Banks Pres 15 May (NW, PS, DS, mob); Briscoe Rd SULL 21 May (NF); Woodstock 21 May (PS); Cliffdale Farm WEST 23 May (KB, CR).

Kentucky Warbler: BSWMA 20, 23 May (SGr, JH).

Common Yellowthroat: MC 21 Apr (GBen, SK, GBer, mob); 2 BSWMA 25 Apr (JH).

Cape May Warbler: O & W Rail Trail ULST 28 Apr (KP); max 2 LGC 9-13 May (MZ, LS, JClm); max 3 CPP 9-13 May (BS, KL); max 4 FPNC 3-18 May (NW).

Cerulean Warbler: max 4 BSWMA 29 Apr-31 May (JH, SB, SGr, mob); max 18 BMSP 1-31 May (CC, BT, MBo, mob); max 2 Hudson Highlands SP 7-24 May (SCar, AM, DCh, mob).

Bay-breasted Warbler: CPP 5 May (KB, CR, LT); LGC 7 May (DB); BSWMA 15 May (RB, SB, KMi, SA, mob).

Black-and-white Warbler: West Pt ORAN 12 Apr (BT); Hillside Woods and Childrens Village WEST 19 Apr (SLev); max 3 BSWMA 20-23 Apr (SGr, LVe, SB, JH).

Hooded Warbler: Rye Nature Center 28 Apr (GBen, TB); BSWMA 29 Apr (RDa, JH, KMi, mob); CPP 29 Apr (SK, LO, JW); BMSP 1 May (AV).

American Redstart: max 4 BSWMA 28 Apr (LVe, SB, KMi, RDa, mob); RSP 28 Apr (PC, LT, SW).

Northern Parula: max 4 BSWMA 28 Apr-1 May (JH, SB, DB, mob); max 4 MC 29 Apr (GBen, JG, BS, mob).

Magnolia Warbler: Teatown Lake Reservation WEST 30 Apr (CR); BSWMA 1 May (MVD); 3 BMSP 1 May (BT); OMLMSP 1 May (CP).

Blackburnian Warbler: Mohonk Mountain House ULST 29 Apr (SB); CPP 29 Apr (BS); Georges Island WEST 29 Apr (GBer); BSWMA 30 Apr (JH).

Yellow Warbler: Black Creek Rd ULST 17 Apr (JG); Crawford Walking Trail ULST 18 Apr (DB).

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 3 SHSR 29 Apr (KA); CPP 29 Apr-1 May (CR); EGR 29 Apr (BS); BSWMA 30 Apr (LVe).

Black-throated Blue Warbler: Pelham Manor WEST 19 Apr (TK); max 40 BSWMA 7 May (JH, SB, SGr, mob).

Palm Warbler: Bucolic Acres ULST 28 Mar (ER); max 10 BSWMA 29-31 Mar (JH, SB, KMi, SGr, mob).

Pine Warbler: Monroe ORAN 1 Mar (HB); Yonkers WEST 5-21 Mar (MBo); max 10

BSWMA 29-30 Mar (SB, KMi, SGr); 3 HVRT 31 Mar (Bmi); max 2 CIEOS 31 Mar (CP, JAs).

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 2 Twin Lakes P WEST 27 Mar (LT); Binnewater Rd ULST 27 Mar (MCoR); SHSR 28 Mar (KA); 3 BSWMA 31 Mar (JH).

Yellow-throated Warbler: Staatsburg DUTC 28 Apr (MGe).

Prairie Warbler: SFSP 26 Apr (RA); max 2 BSWMA 28 Apr (JH, SB, GBen, TBu); CIOES 28 Apr (JAs).

Canada Warbler: Cranberry L Pres WEST 5 May (MGr); BSWMA 7 May (PD, RDe, SB, mob).

Black-throated Green Warbler: Deep Hollow Rd DUTC 20 Apr (DCh, SCar); GV 21 Apr (RMi).

Wilson's Warbler: Putnam Valley 2 May (PG); BSWMA 8-18 May (SB, KMi, mob); Cliffdale Farm 14 May (KB, CR); PHP 14 May (JCo, JAI); Woodstock 31 May (PS).

SUMMER TANAGER (R9): RSP 4 May (DH, MM).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Rosendale ULST 22 Apr (DWe); Verbank 23 Apr (BB).

Blue Grosbeak: Wappingers Falls 20 Apr (DvZ, CP, Bmi, mob), *intro*.

Indigo Bunting: Kingston 20 Apr (SGa); WFPF 23 Apr (KB).



REGION 10—MARINE

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Precipitation totals were lower than average for the city for March and April. Long Island was a half inch below normal during that period but had a wetter than usual May. Temperatures across Region 10 (R10) deviated over three degrees Fahrenheit from the mean in March, then less than two in April, and finally approached normal in May.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect birding behavior in R10, but to a much lesser degree than the prior spring. The pattern of cases was actually similar to the prior year, with a spike into the thousands in early April before declining sharply into June, but more evenly spread out across the state. Thankfully, year-on-year deaths improved drastically. An intense vaccine rollout

began in early 2021, but eligibility was expanded greatly during the period of this report. Vaccine pessimism united with vaccine optimism to deliver many people back to a fairly familiar grind. Regardless, birding had been long established to be a particularly safe escape. The pandemic did not seem to cause any major coverage issues like last year; the only possibly surprising miss for this period was the nomadic Long-eared Owl, although it was reported from a few R10 locations in the first two months of 2021. Paulagics, the little but influential company organizing pelagics to New York waters, had been on hiatus through the pandemic, but a few critical reports came in from offshore waters.

	Central Park			Islip		
Temp	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Mar	45.8°	42.5°	+3.3°	42.4°	39.3°	+3.1°
Apr	54.6°	53.0°	+1.6°	50.9°	49.1°	+1.8°
May	62.9°	63.2°	-0.3°	59.7°	59.5°	+0.2°
Precip	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Mar	3.41"	4.36"	-0.95"	3.83"	4.34"	-0.51"
Apr	2.69"	4.50"	-1.81"	3.92"	4.44"	-0.52"
May	4.36"	3.96"	+0.40"	5.12"	3.28"	+1.84"

Some population trends for introduced species are likely worth mentioning in these reports periodically. Maximum Mute Swan counts have continued declining in recent years. **Ring-necked Pheasant** remains in a few overgrown areas and even city landfills, but is on the brink of extirpation where not restocked. This period, they were reported from Brooklyn to Suffolk, as well as on Staten Island. Northern Bobwhite are being bred and released in more and more Long Island parks, but few seem to thrive. Lately, they have been primarily reported from the East End and the North Shore as far west as Port Washington. **European Goldfinch** continue to hold on confidently to the partial greenbelt stretching from Green-Wood Cemetery to Forest Park, with occasional individuals possibly from this population seen around the greater Region. Some were reported from Floyd Bennet Field as well as an individual at a feeder in Syosset.

Overwintering individuals of note that remained into this period included a **Pink-footed Goose** in Northport, a **Mew Gull** (of the Eurasian taxon which, at the time of writing, has been split as “Common Gull” from the American taxon, “Short-billed Gull”) in western Brooklyn, **Western Tanager** in a micropark in Manhattan, and a **Variied Thrush** at a private residence in Ridge. Both eiders have been lingering into the warmer months lately. Common Eider now retains little armadas throughout the coast through the summer molt, which may not be so surprising given that their regular breeding range reaches our Region at the Long Island Sound and Block Island Sound convergence. **King Eider** sometimes sticks to these groups as in winter, but camaraderie is not solely retaining them as some are seen independent of other ducks, like the two seen around Great Kills this

period. A Harlequin Duck on **27 May** at Cupsogue was also impressively unseasonal, but not part of any obvious trend.

Early spring tends to produce a few sightings of scarce birds beginning to reposition before the migration rush. A **Golden Eagle**, which is always exceptional in the Region, was photographed migrating over Hempstead Lake in March. A **Northern Shrike** at Floyd Bennet Field was the first and only reported in R10 in 2021 up to that point. A hybrid **Eastern x Spotted Towhee** from the middle of the country was a very rare find in Northport in late April.

A few neotropical migrant songbirds beat their previous early arrival records, and Wilson's Warbler matched its previous record of **14 April**. An Olive-sided Flycatcher made its **second ever April debut on the 29th** in Central Park, beating its old record by a day. Northern Parula made its **first March appearance**, showing up on the 31st and beating its record by five days. Veery also snuck in a **record-setting March date**, beating its 15 April record by 16 days. All of the few Veery records outside of the tropics in late winter have occurred in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic areas, so perhaps this bird never left the United States. Perhaps most dramatic of all was a Chimney Swift recorded on **21 March**, eleven days before its previous early date, and one day after the official beginning of spring.

Most of the expected offshore species were tallied during transects of a NOAA vessel traversing the continental shelf edge from Hudson Canyon east on a single day in May. A nice mix of summer and winter seabirds were seen. **Northern Fulmar**, Sooty and Manx Shearwater, Wilson's Storm-Petrels, flocks of Red-necked Phalarope, Razorbill, Dovekie, and **Atlantic Puffin** were all recorded over a few hours. In addition, a **Brown Booby** was recorded, one of two noted in this report. The other spent some time around the mouth of Newark Bay, first seen from the New Jersey side before becoming visible from Staten Island. This species seems to be increasingly seen in our Region both moving offshore and lingering in quiet bays and marinas.

Regarding later arrivals, **Arctic Terns** have been findable across barrier beaches as far west as New York City in most recent years, particularly in June. On the last day of May a single bird was seen at Nickerson Beach, as were an astounding ten individuals that were carefully counted at Cupsogue. A **Black-throated Gray Warbler** was a spectacular find in the Pine Barrens near EPCAL in May, on the same day that a **Western Grebe** was being seen in Brooklyn. A beautiful male **Ruff** was a lucky sighting for an observer in Moriches a few days later. There were few Breeding Bird Atlas highlights for this period, but **Chuck-will's-Widow** continues to breed in selected areas of Suffolk County, including a stronghold of territorial birds on Fire Island. A video recording of **two Pileated Woodpeckers** taken by a non-birder at a private home in Mattituck in early spring made its way into MaryLaura Lamont's hands and hence into the official record here; this is an exceedingly rare species in Suffolk County. Unfortunately, there were no further reports.

A well-celebrated find was a **Wood Stork** at Westhampton that eventually developed a routine that allowed many to see it. It preceded a number of

interesting southern waders that dispersed later in the summer. However, no rarity was more thought-provoking than one that showed on April Fool's Day in Brooklyn. Doug Gochfeld reported a female "martin sp." from his morning walk around Prospect Lake. The author inquired about his unusual choice of words. It was still a bit early for Purple Martin, so had he perhaps had a candidate for that species seen poorly? The only other martin recorded in the Northeast previously had been Brown-chested, which is not likely to cause confusion and inspire use of "martin sp." It was quickly clarified that the bird resembled a Purple Martin but a few features were off, suggesting one of many neotropical candidates. Suddenly things were more serious. The bird ended up cooperating for five days, during which time it was documented by hundreds of observers. All *Progne* martins were considered, but **Gray-breasted Martin** was widely agreed to be most consistent. Neotropical martin identification is likely not fully developed and is certainly more challenging without physical forensics. Many photographs and audio samples were taken in case this identification ever needs to be revisited, but for now we will give it a name. Going forward, the community will surely find "martin sp." a rather exciting label in itself.

301 species were recorded this period.

It is with sadness that we report the death of long-time Region 10 birder, Lore Schore. The following remembrance from her son, Robin Schore of Hopewell, NJ, was conveyed to us by Lore's close friend, Mary Normandia.

Lore J. Schore died on May 14, 2021 at the age of 97. She had been a driven birder for more than 65 of those years. In her quest to populate her life-list, she traveled to all seven continents, including Antarctica. She held various positions with the Queens County Bird Club including serving as president and editing its "News & Notes". She faithfully participated in the annual NY Christmas bird counts and considered the Jamaica Bay Refuge a second home. She was most proud when her sightings were cited in the RBA. Lore spent her later years sitting at her kitchen table in New Jersey, binoculars in hand, with a broad view of her bird feeder, birdbath and wren house. Her family often quoted her eternal line, "One can never have enough owls." Her vast collection of bird books has been donated to the Bucks County (PA) Audubon Society.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; **Bpt** – Breezy Pt, QUEE; **CIC** - Coney Island Creek P, KING; **CP** – Central P, NEWY; **CR** – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; **FBF** – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; **FMCP** – Flushing Meadows-Corona P, QUEE; **FP** – Forest P, QUEE; **GKP** – Great Kills P, RICH; **GwC** – Green-Wood Cemetery, KING; **HLSP** – Hempstead L SP, NASS; **JBSP** – Jones Beach SP, NASS; **JBWR** – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; **MF** – Miller Field, RICH; **PeIT** – pelagic transects near continental shelf, SUFF; **PBP** – Pelham Bay P, BRON; **PL** – Point Lookout, NASS; **PlumbB** – Plumb Beach, KING; **PP** – Prospect P, KING; **RI** – Randall’s I, NEWY; **RMSP** – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **Sag** – Sagaponack Pd, SUFF; **SCSP** – Shirley Chisholm SP, KING; **TP** – Timber Pt, SUFF; **VCP** – Van Cortlandt P, BRON.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Cackling Goose: Belmont L SP, SUFF 2 Mar; Great Pd, SUFF 7 Mar (JSep).

Greater White-fronted Goose: Sag 9 Mar (M. Doyle, D. Quinn).

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: Northport, SUFF 1 Mar (TS, BBo).

Mute Swan: max 100 JBWR (I. Conte), declining.

Eurasian Wigeon: Bush Terminal Piers P, KING thru 14 Mar (mob); Pepperidge L, SUFF thru Mar 27 (mob).

Canvasback: max 340 Water Mill, SUFF 6 Mar (PJL, SSM), dep TP 18 Apr (mob).

Common Eider: *intro*.

King Eider: many; max 3 PL 9-10 Apr (mob), 2 GKP thru end of period (mob), *intro*.

Harlequin Duck: MSP 13 Mar (A. Paret); 3 PL thru 1 May (mob); dep 27 May Cupsogue CP (M. Obmascik), late.

Northern Bobwhite: *intro*.

Ring-necked Pheasant: *intro*.

Wild Turkey: outside of traditional areas in RICH, eastern BRON, SUFF: Woodlawn Cemetery, BRON 30 Mar, 28 Apr (J. Burland, RA); VCP 21-28 Apr (RA); IHP 5 May thru end of period (mob).

Red-necked Grebe: PBP thru 27 Mar (RA); 2 PL 14 Mar (DCh); PB 7 May (PPau), late.

WESTERN GREBE: CIC 11-14 May (A. Ferino, mob), seen from various vantages.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr CP 19 Apr (A. Burke), early.

Chuck-will’s-Widow: max 6 Fire I, SUFF 21 May (PSw); PP 1 May (mob); Quogue, SUFF 6 May thru end of period (mob); BPT 18-21 May (R. Ellard); Ridge, SUFF 19 May (APe).

Chimney Swift: arr Crocheron P, QUEE 21 Mar (L. Weir), *intro*.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Sora: 3 River Rd marshes, RICH 27 Apr – 8 May (mob); JBWR 24 May (JDi).
Upland Sandpiper: FBF 21 Apr (TPR).
Whimbrel: max 19 BPt 27 May (ABK, PPau, CFi).
Red Knot: max 80 Sunset Cove P, QUEE (MAc, CFi, RyM).
RUFF: m Moriches In, SUFF 17 May (D. DeFeo).
Western Sandpiper (Spring): Lido Beach, NASS 13 Mar (BF); JBSP 20 Mar (KFe).
Wilson's Phalarope: MF 19 May (ACi, mob); JBWR 20-25 May (mob); Macari Cow Pd, Mattituck, SUFF 26 May (BBol, JSep, JRan).
Red-necked Phalarope: max 8, PeIT 15 May (DG, AllB).
Parasitic Jaeger: only one, PeIT 15 May (DG, AllB).
jaeger sp.: 2 RMSP 29 May (ChC).
Dovekie: Georgica Hollow, SUFF 27 Mar (PMar, E. Ratner), on flats following storm; PeIT 15 May (DG, AllB).
Razorbill: dep, PeIT 15 May (DG, AllB), late.
ATLANTIC PUFFIN: PeIT 15 May (DG, AllB), late.
Black-legged Kittiwake: 4 MSP 7 Mar (PMar, E. Ratner), only obs this period.
Black-headed Gull: 7+ identifiable individuals, all adults except one: Old Field Pt, SUFF 14 Mar (PaD, KCo), returning for many years; RMSP 14 Mar (LN, JGl); Sheepshead Bay, KING 14 Mar (HLo, MY); RI 21 Mar (DA); PP and Sunset P waterfront, KING thru 23 Mar (mob), commuting imm; SCSP, KING 26 Mar (R. Fleming); CIC 28 Mar (SBl, mob).
COMMON GULL: PP and Sunset Cove waterfront, KING thru 9 Mar (mob), commuting imm.
Caspian Tern: Joline Ave B, RICH 19 Apr (ACi), early; HSP 8 May (VG); Kings Pt, NASS 12 May (MMb); Crab Meadow Beach, SUFF 14 May (TS).
Black Tern: Great Gull I, SUFF 12-15 May (D. Sibley); NB 19 May (D. Scheiman); Rockaway B, QUEE 22 May (CFi); RMSP 29 May (MNo, SAu).
Arctic Tern: *intro*, 10 Cupsogue Beach, SUFF 31 May (MMb); NB 31 May (RZ, mob).

LOONS – PARAKEET

NORTHERN FULMAR (R10): PeIT 15 May (DG, AllB).
Sooty Shearwater: PeIT 15 May (DG, AllB).
Manx Shearwater: PeIT 15 May (DG, AllB).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel PeIT 15 May (DG, AllB).
WOOD STORK: imm, Beaverdam Creek, SUFF 5-15 May (S, Saunders, mob), *intro*.
BROWN BOOBY: PeIT 15 May (DG, AllB); Mariner's Harbor waterfront, RICH (SWo, IG, ACi), *intro*.
American Bittern: dep Shu Swamp, NASS 3 May (CKL).
Least Bittern: max 2 Arshamomaque Pres, SUFF 23 May (JRan).
Cattle Egret: FMCP 19 Apr (JKE); CR 20 Apr (SWo, mob); PBP 25 Apr (PHO).
WHITE-FACED IBIS: Captree I, SUFF 30 Apr thru 3 May (LNa, mob).
Black Vulture: many from across R10, NASS having the fewest with 9 reports, singles and small groups.
GOLDEN EAGLE (R10): imm HLSP 19 Mar (I. Ahuvia), ph.
MISSISSIPPI KITE: New York Botanical Garden, BRON 9 May (PSw).
Great Horned Owl: max 11 PBP 14 Apr (A. Eastwick), four nests.
Snowy Owl: handful of reports from QUEE, NASS, and SUFF; CP thru 2 Mar (mob), *intro*.
Barred Owl: PBP 27 Mar (A. Eastwick); CP throughout period (mob).
Short-eared Owl: sev in habitat in NASS, SUFF, but also migr: SCSP, KING 30 Mar (DG, SSI); RI 31 Mar (DAR); PlumbB 4 Apr (MEp, JMal).
Northern Saw-whet Owl: few: GwC 11, 19 Mar (JMal); CP 20 Mar (D. B. Yolton, M. Bellew).
Pileated Woodpecker: sev RICH and BRON; IHP 4-17 Apr (NOR, mob); APP 3 May (EMi, CV, mob); Riverside P, NEWY 16 May (L. Beausoleil); 2 Mattituck SUFF where very rare, video, *intro*.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr CP 29 Apr (A. Cunningham), earliest in R10 by 1 day.
Northern Shrike: FBF 20 Mar (HLo, MEp, MY, mob).
GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN: PP 1-4 Apr (DG, mob), *intro*.
VARIED THRUSH: Ridge residence, SUFF thru 18 Mar (J. Burke).
Veery: PP 31 Mar (J. Salas), *intro*.
BICKNELL'S THRUSH (R10): PP 19 May (JMal, RyM, MEp), recorded; FP 24 May (SA).

Evening Grosbeak: several reports in each county, max 12 PP 7 May (RyM); dep PP 13 May (mob).

Common Redpoll: several in each county except BRON, max 15 GwC 12 Mar (M. Silber).

Red Crossbill: max 30 RMSP 1 Mar (LNa); dep Hunter's Gardens, SUFF 23 May (mob).

Pine Siskin: reports mostly from NYC to western SUFF.

Lapland Longspur: none.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Clay-colored Sparrow: Gantry Plaza, QUEE 5-8 May (S. & M. Murphy), Hallockville SP, SUFF 16 May (KJK).

American Tree Sparrow: dep PP 4 May (M. Cook).

Nelson's Sparrow: 4 PlumbB 29 May thru end of period (E. Clark, mob).

SPOTTED X EASTERN TOWHEE (hybrid): Fuchs Pd Pres, SUFF 28 Apr (TS).

Yellow-breasted Chat: CP 4, 8, 12 May (mob); FP 13 May (MNo, SAu); Dam Pd, SUFF 14 May (JSep).

Golden-winged Warbler: Todt Hill, RICH (MSh); Trout Pd P, SUFF 10 May (CGa, MGa).

“Lawrence’s” Warbler (Blue-winged x Golden-winged Warbler hybrid): Frank Melville Pd, SUFF 30 Apr –1 May (KJK, mob); West Hills C P, SUFF 3 May (MMb).

Prothonotary Warbler: reports from all counties.

Kentucky Warbler: reported in all counties except RICH and SUFF.

Cerulean Warbler: 1-3 reports from all counties except BRON.

Northern Parula: arr CP 31 Mar (mob), *intro*.

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WABLER: Prestons Pd, SUFF 14 May (BBu, mob).

Wilson's Warbler: CP 14 Apr (D. B. Yolton), *intro*.

Summer Tanager: 2+ reports from all counties except BRON.

WESTERN TANAGER: Carl Schurz P, NEWY thru Apr 18 (mob), found in Dec.

Blue Grosbeak: reported from all counties.

EXOTICS

European Goldfinch: *intro*.



Black-throated Gray Warbler, Preston's Pond, *Suffolk*, 14 May 2021, © Brenda Bull.

REPORTING YOUR OBSERVATIONS

Observers are strongly encouraged to report their findings directly to the Regional Editors, to help identify significant trends. Summary reports of observations; impressions of notable patterns in the weather, timing of migration, unusual scarcity or abundance of particular species, etc.; and notable individual records are highly valued. For maximum usefulness, send in reports no later than the 15th day of the month following the end of each season:

15 March, 15 June, 15 September, and 15 December.

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; arr – arrival or first of season; BBS – Breeding Bird Survey; BOTS – bird of the season; CBC – Christmas Bird Count; Co – County; I – Island; imm – immature; intro – see introduction to report; juv – juvenile; L – Lake; max – maximum; mob – multiple observers; Mt – Mountain; 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; Pres – Preserve; Pt – Point; Res – Reservoir; Ri – River; SP – State Park; spm – specimen; subad – subadult; T – Town of; thru – throughout period; Twn – township; WMA – Wildlife Management Area; y – young.

BREEDING BIRD ATLAS CODES

These codes are listed in ascending order to highest breeding codes.

POSSIBLE: H – in appropriate habitat; S – singing bird.

PROBABLE: S7 – singing male present 7+ days; M – multiple (7+) singing males; P – pair in suitable habitat; T – territorial defense; C – courtship, display, or copulation; N – visiting probable nest site; A – agitated behavior; B – woodpecker/wren nest building.

CONFIRMED: PE – physiological evidence; CN – carrying nesting material; NB – nest building; DD – distraction display; UN – used nest; ON – occupied nest; FL – recently fledged and precocial young; CF – carrying food; FY – feeding young; FS – carrying fecal sac; NE nest with eggs; NY – nest with young.

REPORTING REGIONS

Regional boundaries coincide with county lines, except at:

Region 1-Region 2 in Orleans, Genesee and Wyoming Counties:

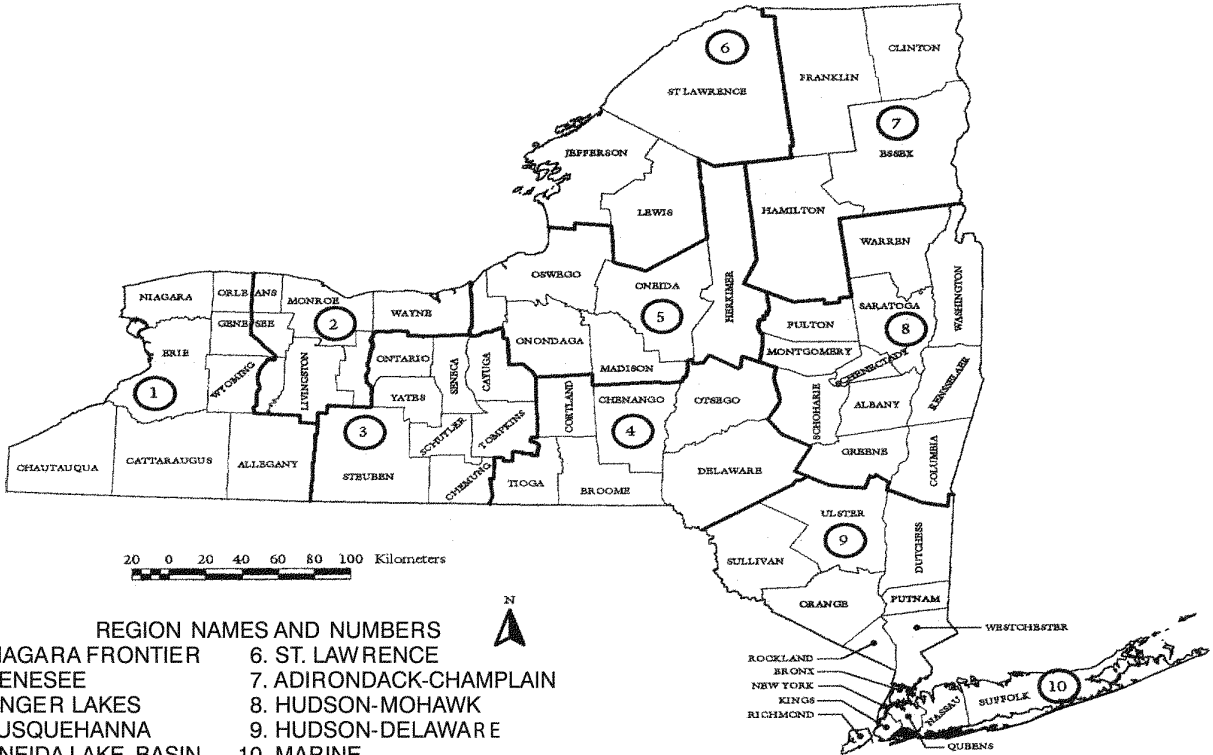
the boundary is NY Route 98 from Pt. Breeze to Batavia; NY Route 63 from Batavia to Pavilion, and NY Route 19 from Pavilion to the Allegany County line.

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.



REGION NAMES AND NUMBERS

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| 1. NIAGARA FRONTIER | 6. ST. LAWRENCE |
| 2. GENESEE | 7. ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN |
| 3. FINGER LAKES | 8. HUDSON-MOHAWK |
| 4. SUSQUEHANNA | 9. HUDSON-DELAWARE |
| 5. ONEIDA LAKE BASIN | 10. MARINE |

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