# **REGION 10-MARINE**

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Despite near normal mean temperatures in March and April and a plethora of early arrival dates for migrants, spring seemed slow in coming. The raw, chilly weather and dearth of migrants early on is remarked upon repeatedly in our observers' reports, e.g. "Spring migration in Central Park was the worst in recent memory." One bonus was the delayed leaf-out, (compared to recent years, that is) allowing for easier viewing when the birds finally started to arrive in numbers.

March's mean temperature was  $38.3^{\circ}$ F, a slight  $1.5^{\circ}$  below normal, and precipitation totals were near normal at 4.68". With the help of a warming trend in the third week of April, which peaked out at 86° at Central Park on the 23rd, April's mean temperature warmed up to 47.4°, just about average. April was a wet month, thanks in part to a spring nor'easter, with 6.72" recorded in Islip, 2.59" above normal. Central Park's rainfall was even more impressive: their 13.05" total was 8.77" above average. May was 1.4° above normal, at 60.6°, and rainfall totals were 2.33" below average at 1.57".

The nor'easter of 15-16 April produced an impressive fallout of Neotropical landbirds on the outer coast as well as New York State's first ever April records of **Sooty Tern**. The species composition of these mid-April fallouts is so predictable that, following Ken Feustel's initial report of Indigo Buntings on the barrier beach on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup>, predictions of Blue and Rose-breasted grosbeaks and Summer and Scarlet tanagers were posted electronically, then duly realized, before day's end. Other species involved were Sora, both cuckoos, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Eastern Kingbird, Barn Swallow, Yellow-throated Warbler, and Baltimore Oriole. As is also typical during such events, landbird migrants typical of mid April, such as Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Yellow Palm Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, and Slate-colored Junco, were almost completely absent from migration traps 16-18 April.

Overall, landbird migration was described as "very poor" on eastern Long Island, and observers in Central Park stated that "species highlights were few and overall population levels were at a low ebb." Among the few highlights was a large flight of seasonally typical migrants witnessed on 2 May following a strong front, when impressive numbers of White-throated and other sparrows

were observed along the outer coast and "spectacular" numbers of warblers just inland at sites such as Southard's Pond in Babylon. High species totals, if not individual counts, were reported from many of the inland parks. Bucking the negative migratory trend, southeastern-breeding landbirds were well reported: many Acadian Flycatchers, three Yellow-throated Warblers, ten Cerulean Warblers, 12 Prothonotary Warblers, good numbers of Worm-eating and Hooded warblers, nine Kentucky Warblers, 15 Summer Tanagers, and 13 Blue Grosbeaks. For several of these species, readers are urged to stay tuned for interesting developments during the summer! Some of these positive numbers were influenced by the mid April nor'easter, but all these species were well reported much later also. For those who ponder the causes of such things (for proof that we do, see Kingbird 55: 213-227), this spring provided little support for the view that these species' fortunes in our area are tied to "overshooting" via big migratory waves, although it did showcase a fine example of stormmediated passive dispersal as a potent agent for some of these species. Mostly, however, it added upon the experiences of recent years in suggesting that many of these populations are genuinely expanding - irrespective of the day-to-day and week-to-week vagaries of spring weather, but perhaps in response to broader climatic trends.

As is often the case in this well-watched Region, many unusual species were found, even beyond those mentioned above. Deserving first mention are two stunning hold-overs from winter: Baldwin's **Western Tanager** and Jones Beach's **Smith's Longspur**. Among scarce waterfowl were impressive tallies of Greater White-fronted Goose (4, including a very unusual pink-billed bird at Water Mill), "Richardson's" Cackling Goose (4), Eurasian Wigeon (5), and "**Eurasian" Green-winged Teal (5)**. Vagrants included **White-faced Ibis, two Black Vultures** (which despite its impressive expansion in the lower Hudson River Valley is still very rare on LI), a nominate **Mew Gull, Slaty-backed Gull** (a potential first Long Island, pending review), **Bicknell's Thrush**, and **Painted Bunting**. A *Passerina* bunting seen very briefly by SSM at Fire Island on 16 April showed bold wingbars recalling **Lazuli Bunting**, and probably descended at least in part from that species. A few photos were obtained before the bird vanished, and these may be viewed at http://picasaweb.google.com/tixbirdz/.

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# ABBREVIATIONS

1S - first summer plumage; 1W - first winter plumage; 2W - second winter plumage; 1Y - first year; 2Y - second year; APP - Alley Pond P; BLSP -Belmont L SP; BP - Breezy Pt; CCP - Cupsogue County P; CLP - Clove Lakes P, Staten I; CP - Central P; CRSPP - Connetquot R SP Preserve; DP -Democrat Pt; EH - East Hampton; EP - Eisenhower P; FBF - Floyd Bennett Field; FI - Fire Island; fos - first of season; FP - Forest Park; FT -- Fort Tilden; GE - Grace Estate, EH; Grumman - former Grumman property, Calverton; HLSP Hempstead L SP: Jam Bay - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge; JBSP - Jones Beach SP: JBWE – Jones Beach SP West End; LI – Long Island; MB – Mecox Bay; MI - Moriches Inlet; MLP - Mt Loretto P, SI; MP - Montauk Pt; NWW -Northwest Woods, EH; OMNSA - Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area; OP -Orient Pt; PB – Pike's Beach, Westhampton; PL – Pt Lookout; PP – Prospect P; RMSP – Robert Moses SP; Sagg – Sagaponack Pd; Shinn – Shinnecock Inlet; SI - Staten Is; SPCP - Smith Pt County P; TRCP - Theodore Roosevelt County P, Montauk; VCP - Van Cortland P; VSSP - Valley Stream SP; WPP - Wolfe's Pd P, SI.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES Greater White-fronted Goose: EP thru 1-3 Mar; BLSP 4-11 Mar (BB); Calverton 10 Mar (DH); Watermill 24 Mar (HM), pink bill noted – very unusual in Region, where almost all are orange-billed. Snow Goose: 28 (3 blue) various sites e LI 8-18 Mar; max 5,000 Jam Bay 25 Mar (mob). "Richardson's" Cackling Goose: EP 3 Mar (AO, PJL, SSM!); Rt 114 EH 11 Mar (SA); 2 Further Lane EH 11 Mar (DF, mob, SSM ph). Mute Swan: 100 MB 11 Mar.

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Tundra Swan: 2 e LI thru 10 Mar. Wood Duck: widely reported first week Mar; max 18 Long Pd, Sag Harbor 23 Mar (HM). Gadwall: max 198 Swan L. Patchogue 8 Mar (B. Young); 160 Tobay 1 Apr. Eurasian Wigeon: m Cooper's Neck Pd 3 Mar (SA, GH); m CRSPP 11 Mar (KT); m WPP thru 24 Mar; 2 m Tobay 25 Mar (DF). Am. Black Duck: max 1,000 Tobay 25 Mar. Mallard: 450 CP 11 Mar (BC). Blue-winged Teal: SUFF 3 Mar (KT); m Robert Moses Causeway 21 Mar; 3 Sagg 22 Mar (PSh); reported in better than usual numbers during Apr. N. Shoveler: max 300 Tobay 25 Mar. N. Pintail: max 150 Tobay 25 Mar. Green-winged Teal: max 300 Tobay 25 Mar. "EURASIAN" GREEN-WINGED TEAL (R10): HLSP 3-4 Mar (BB), Speonk R 4 Mar (HM), trad site; Jam Bay 21 Mar (PSc); m Tobay 25 Mar: Sore Thumb 13 Apr (JF). Canvasback: max 190 Eastport Pd 3 Mar (SA, GH). Ring-necked Duck: max 152 Long Pd, Sag Harbor 23 Mar (HM). Greater Scaup: 500 Eastport Pd 3 Mar (SA, GH). Lesser Scaup: max 1700 Eastport Pd 3 Mar (SA, GH). King Eider: ad m Shinn 11 Mar (PJL. mob), seen intermittently thru 25 Mar. Com. Eider: 1800 MP early Mar (HM). Harlequin Duck: 7 (2m, 5f) MP 3 Mar (HM); 2 Springs, EH 4 Mar (AWi), increasing to 3 on 10 Mar (KRu), seen thru 5 May; f Accabonac 11 Mar; 2 MP 13 May (SSi, JDi); f MP 27 May (AWi). Surf Scoter: 3000 MP early Mar (HM). White-winged Scoter: 1200 MP early Mar (HM). Bufflehead: 100 MB 11 Mar. Com. Merganser: max 70 Sagg 11 Mar (PJL, SSM); 52 Hook Pd, EH 10 Mar (AWi). Ruddy Duck: max 1000 Eastport Pd 4 Mar (HM). Ring-necked Pheasant: reported from VCP, MLP, Ridgewood Res. RUFFED GROUSE (R10): Flanders 20 May (J. Kuhlman); details desired as species has not been documented on LI in several years.

Wild Turkey: 35 Wading R 4 Mar (DH); SI 9 Apr (TF); 10 Napeague 3 Apr; 18 Hither Woods 11 Apr; 6 GE 26 May (PJL, SSM). N. Bobwhite: Bay Shore, calling from a backyard deck railing 21 Apr; Rt 51 Bikepath, and Napeague. Red-throated Loon: 90 RMSP 22 Apr during 1 hour seawatch (AG); CP Res late Apr. unus loc. Com. Loon: up to 5 CP Res late Apr, unus loc. Red-necked Grebe: Blydenburg County P, Hauppauge 8 Mar (K. Klecan), unus inland location; small numbers reported from trad sites such as FBF, Jones In, Shinn, & Culloden Pt. N. Fulmar: 32 mi s Shinn 27 May. Cory's Shearwater: arr 31 May DP (J&GF, JO et al.). Sooty Shearwater: arr Shinn 19 May (AG et al); Shinn 20 May; 3 RMSP 25 May (KF); Jones In 25 May (BF); 5 RMSP, 10 CCP, 4 Shinn, Amagansett 26 May; 16 MP 27 May (AWi); Fire Is In 28 May (BBo); Shinn 1 Jun. Manx Shearwater: arr 19 May 2 CCP (PJL, SSM) & Shinn (AG et al.); PB 26 May (TWB, GB et al.). Wilson's Storm-Petrel: 50 seen 32 mi s Shinn 27 May. Great Cormorant: L Montauk In 13 May, last report. Am. Bittern: Dune Rd thru; migrants inc 3 MLP 22 Apr. Least Bittern: Jam Bay 20 May (PJL), prob breeding site. Great Egret: Amagansett 3 Mar, prob migr. Snowy Egret: arr Shinnecock Bay 3 Apr (R. Koeppel). Cattle Egret: Tobay 14 Apr (KF); Ocean Parkway, JBSP 18 Apr (KF, mob); Shelter Is 25-26, 30 Apr (NH); MB 1 May (HM); 2 MLP 2 May; 2 Mecox Rd 4 May (JA); Brookhaven 25 May (J. Clement). Green Heron: arr Alcott's Pd, Quogue 14 Mar (R. Anderson). Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: Dune Rd 22 Apr; HLSP 7 Apr (EC); 3 VSSP 24 Apr (BB), 2 pairs nesting here 12 May (JGl); Jam Bay 26 May. Glossy Ibis: arr Ponquogue Bridge 2 Apr (E. Marks). WHITE-FACED IBIS: ad JBSP 29 Apr (TWB, GB, et al.).

BLACK VULTURE (R10): Jam Bay 21 Mar (PSc); Rt 51 21 Mar (JP); Rocky Pt Pres 26 Apr (J&PHo).

**Turkey Vulture:** reports far too numerous to record here from throughout Reg and thru period.

### HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr Eastport 3 Mar (SA, GH), early. Bald Eagle: widely reported. N. Goshawk: imm Bayard Cutting Arboretum SUFF 18 Mar (PJL, SSM). Red-shouldered Hawk: ad MLP 3 Mar (TF); imm Napeague 14 Apr (AWi); Montauk 5 May (K&BRu); 2 Camp Hero, Montauk 20 May (K&BRu). Broad-winged Hawk: EH 20 Apr; CLP 12 May; Camp Hero, Montauk 20 May (K&BRu); only reports other than city parks, where migrs are more common. Rough-legged Hawk: light morph Deep Hollow, Montauk 3 Mar; light morph Napeague 4 Mar, lingering from winter; Grumman 5 Apr (DH); Cutchogue 18 Apr (PG), late. Am. Kestrel: 7 Grumman 5 Apr (DH). Sora: singles Hampton Bays 14 Apr (fide HM; rehab) & PP 18 Apr (JAsch); OMNSA 3 May (MF). Com. Moorhen: CP 21 Apr (C. Bohorquez); River Rd Marsh, SI 12 May (HF, DG, DJ), only reports. Am. Golden-Plover: Brooklyn 8 Apr (ABl); Sagg 27 Apr (HM). Semipalmated Plover: arr JBSP, MB and Sagg 28 Apr. Piping Plover: arr BP 12 Mar (TF). Lesser Yellowlegs: arr Sagg 15 Mar (HM). Solitary Sandpiper: arr Cedar Beach Marina T Babylon 16 Apr (KF). Willet: 1-2 inornatus PL thru 11 Mar at least; Dune Rd 11 Mar (AB), prob inornatus; semipalmatus arr 16 Apr. Spotted Sandpiper: arr CP and Jam Bay 21 Apr. Upland Sandpiper: RMSP 29-30 Mar (J&GF, JQ), early, unus loc; RMSP 30 May, unus loc. Whimbrel: arr PB 18 Apr; several more reports e LI thru early May. Ruddy Turnstone: about 2000 MI-Shinn 19-26 May (PJL, SSM). Red Knot: max 300 JBWE 12 May. Sanderling: 3300 MI-Shinn 19 May (PJL,

SSM), poss spring state max.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Georgica Pd 28 Apr (AWi); 807 MI-Shinn 19 May. Western Sandpiper: PB 20 May (HM, BK, CG); v rare in spr, deserves documentation. Least Sandpiper: arr JBWE 18 Apr (SS), early; 665 Sagg 11 May (HM), many. White-rumped Sandpiper: 13 PB 19 May. Pectoral Sandpiper: JBWE 31 Mar (J&GF, JQ), early report; Jam Bay 21 Apr; OMNSA 2 May (MF).

Purple Sandpiper: last report 20 May. Dunlin: 840 MI-Shinn 19 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: 12 JBWE 18 Apr (SS).

Wilson's Snipe: JBSP 12 May (JG), late. Am. Woodcock: arr CP and MLP 3 Mar. Wilson's Phalarope: 2 OMNSA 2 May (MF), one cont to 6 May.

Red-necked Phalarope: PB 27 May (SA). Laughing Gull: arr Coney Is 24 Mar (RJ et al).

Little Gull: ad MB 18 Mar (AJL); ad MB 25 May (AB); 1W Brooklyn 16 Apr (ABI); 2 ads Rockaway Peninsula 21 Apr (AWi). Black-headed Gull: ad Eastport Pd 3 Mar (SA, GH); ad Main Beach, EH 4 Mar (JDi et al); ad Sagg 9-13 Mar (HM); 1W MB 17 Mar (JSh); 1W Sagg 19 Mar (KF); MB 25 Mar (JG); ad Oak Beach flats 1-2 Apr (DF, mob).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** max 415 MB 28 Mar (HM).

MEW GULL: 2W canus Marine P & Gerritson Cr, KINGS 8-9 Apr (AWi!, mob). Iceland Gull: 2 imm BP 4 Mar (JT); ad Shinn 19 Mar; 2Y Mecox 18 Apr (BA et al); JBWE 20 Apr (BF); 1S "Kumlien's" Rockaway Peninsula 21 Apr (AWi). Lesser Black-backed Gull: 15 widespread

reports involving 18 inds 3 Mar-5 May, most ads.

**SLATY-BACKED GULL:** an ad found at MB 26 Apr and seen again there 28 Apr was apparently this species, but could not be relocated later (HM).

Glaucous Gull: 2Y PL 3 Mar (StS, PSh, JDi); 1Y Southold 3 Mar (BA) & 11, 26 Mar; 2W FT 31 Mar (KM).

**Gull-billed Tern:** arr MB 25 Apr (HM); Napeague 27 May, unus loc.

**Caspian Tern:** arr MB 13 Apr (VB); Jacob Riis P 16 Apr TF); 10 MB 25 Apr (HM); intermittent reports of 1-2 birds reported from MB thru 19 May (HM, KG); Sagg 14 & 15 Apr; FT 16 Apr; Mill Pd, Watermill 17 Apr; Jam Bay 12 May (CF); HLSP 17 May (SS).

Roseate Tern: arr Shinn 13 May (SSi) & OP 13 May (SSM).

Com. Tern: arr 20 Apr Georgica Pd (HM), early; 800 Amagansett 19 May (AWi); 1500 MP 27 May (AWi), approx 1/3 banded indicating source may be Great Gull Is. Forster's Tern: arr mid Apr.

Least Tern: several early storm-related records: SI 16 Apr (RV); Shelter Is 16 Apr (fide HM); 3 Georgica Pd 18 Apr (BA, JMcN).

SOOTY TERN: two singles Westhampton 16 Apr: one exhausted and taken in to rehab, where it later died, & another found dead (fide HM).

Black Tern: MB 12 May (W&GBe); 3 FI In 15 May (PJL); 2 PB 19 May (AG et al.); 4 Shinn 20 May (TWB, GB et al.); Shinn 27 May.

Black Skimmer: arr Shelter Is 1 May. Razorbill: 5 MP 4 Mar (JDi et al); 3 Jones In 10 Mar (DG), only reports.

### **PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS**

Monk Parakeet: HLSP 11 Apr (KF) and pr Shinn 11 May (JBJr, JBSr); expanding range to east. Black-billed Cuckoo: W Gilgo 18 Apr (KF; dead, early). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Riis P 16 Apr (TF); e LI 18 Apr (fide HM; rehab). Great Horned Owl: nested again APP, 2 fledged (fide JL). Long-eared Owl: HLSP 9 Apr (KF). Short-eared Owl: MB 31 Mar (PJL, SSM), getting late. Com. Nighthawk: arr 29 Apr Bridgehampton Golf Course (HM). Chuck-will's-widow: arr Westhampton 28 Apr (HM); CP 3 May (AG). Whip-poor-will: arr Westhampton 28 Apr (HM). Chimney Swift: arr CP and RMSP 23 Apr. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Babylon 16 Apr (KF). Red-headed Woodpecker: upper Manhattan thru 24 Apr; NWW thru 24 Mar; RMSP 24 Apr; CP 21 May; Swan L, Calverton 24 & 26 May (JCSr). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: overwintering birds widely reported in Mar; scattered reports Apr, May; last report CP 10 May.

### **FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS**

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CLP 12, 13 May (HF); CP 20, 21 May; Avalon Preserve, Stonybrook 29 May (PSc); FP 29 May. E. Wood-Pewee: Gardiner P, Bay Shore 20 Apr (RGro), extremely early; next reports CP and VSSP 4 May. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: scattered reports 2 May thru. Acadian Flycatcher: widely reported. Alder Flycatcher: singing birds reported CP 30 May, (StS); FP 28 May. Willow Flycatcher: arr Sands Pt 11 May (G&CQ). Least Flycatcher: arr PP 28 Apr (RJ). E. Phoebe: arr JBWE 3 Mar (CF) and PP 7 Mar (SWh), early. Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Inwood Hill P 30 Apr (KA). E. Kingbird: arr Montauk 17 Apr (VB). White-eyed Vireo: arr CP 24 Apr. Yellow-throated Vireo: arr CP 23 Apr; prob breeding in GE, again this year. Blue-headed Vireo: arr CP and VSSP 21 Apr; last report Culloden Pt, Montauk 20 May. Warbling Vireo: arr VSSP 24 Apr (BB); small numbers now breeding in CP (TF); max 10-12 breeding at VCP, high count for 10c. Philadelphia Vireo: CP 15 May, unus in spring. Red-eyed Vireo: arr HLSP 19 Apr (JGi); early. Fish Crow: 80 HLSP 4 Mar (BB). Purple Martin: arr Jamesport 18 Apr (JBSr). Tree Swallow: arr JBWE 3 Mar (CF). N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr CP 3 Apr. Bank Swallow: arr Long Pd, Sag Harbor 16 Apr (HM). Cliff Swallow: arr HLSP 27 Apr (PJL, SSM). Barn Swallow: arr 45 Sag Harbor 16 Apr (HM). House Wren: arr CP and North Haven 23 Apr. Winter Wren: widely if sparsely reported thru late Apr. Marsh Wren: Big Reed Pd, Montauk 30 Mar (VB), prob overwintering; 3 arr Big Reed Pd, Montauk 21 Apr (VB, PR). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 100 HLSP 30

Mar (PJL, SSM), many for spring. **Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** HLSP 3 Mar (BB) and CP 4 Mar, prob from winter; prob arr CP 13 Mar.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr CP 14 Apr. **Veery:** arr CP 24 Apr, early.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** arr CP 2 May. **BICKNELL'S THRUSH:** sev reports from CP, one of a calling bird 14 May (TF); very difficult to id without song.

Swainson's Thrush: arr CP (mob) and CLP (HF) 2 May.

Hermit Thrush: early Mar reports prob of wintering inds; HLSP 19 Mar poss migr; many fos reports 25 Mar – mid Apr.

Wood Thrush: arr CP 22 Apr.

**Gray Catbird:** Mar reports prob wintering inds; PP 14 Apr (RJ); winterer or migr?; CP 21 Apr noted as migr.

**Brown Thrasher:** scattered Mar reports are prob of overwintering birds; 2 arr RMSP 17 Apr (KF).

Am. Pipit: 6 Southold 5 May, latest. Cedar Waxwing: widely reported.

#### WARBLERS

**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr CP 24 Apr. **Golden-winged Warbler:** VSSP 5-9 May (BB, mob), rare on LI e of NYC parks; CP 10 May.

**Tennessee Warbler:** arr 1 May; well reported from NYC parks; a few further east.

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** CP 22-27 Apr (mob), plus another present there 24 Apr. **Nashville Warbler:** arr HLSP 26 Apr (JGi *et al*).

**N. Parula:** arr Chatfield's Hole, EH 20 Apr; reported in very good numbers from CP.

Yellow Warbler: arr JBWE, Quogue WR & Shelter I 23 Apr.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr Inwood Hill P 30 Apr (KA).

Magnolia Warbler: arr CP and Inwood Hill P 30 Apr.

**Cape May Warbler:** arr CP 2 May; widely reported in good numbers.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr PP 26 Apr.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** spring arrivals reported around 23 Apr.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr CP 23 Apr.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr RMSP 28 Apr, early.

Yellow-throated Warbler: PP 18 Apr-1 May (AxW); CP 23 Apr; Mashomack, Shelter Is 14 May (M. Laspia).

**Pine Warbler:** arr CP 23 Mar; a few earlier reports represent overwintering birds.

Prairie Warbler: arr CP 24 Apr.

**Palm Warbler:** arr High Rock P, SI 27 Mar (PhP).

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr PP 6 May (TP); widely reported in good numbers mid-May, e.g. 15 CP 16 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr CP 1 May. Cerulean Warbler: VCP 30 Apr; Westhampton 4 May (B. DePietro); Inwood Hill P 5 May (KA); 2 PP 9 May (M. Anderson); Long Pd, Sag Harbor 8 May (HM); SI 9 May (HF); Trout Pd, Noyac 10 May (mob); CP 15 May; Hunters Garden 13-19 May (mob).

Black-and-white Warbler: arr CP 21 Apr. Am. Redstart: arr JBWE 23 Apr.

Prothonotary Warbler: HLSP 22-24 Apr (mob); m PP 24 Apr (PD); APP 26 Apr-1 May (DK); PP 30 Apr-3 May (RJ); Peconic R, Calverton 2 May (BM); Noyac 10 & 14 May (MH); Inwood Hill P 13 May (KA); Jam Bay 15 May (KF); f Hunters Garden 20 May (AB); 2 Sag Harbor 25 May; and GE 26 May (PJL, SSM).

Worm-eating Warbler: arr CP 24 Apr, good numbers reported there.

Ovenbird: arr CP 24 Apr.

N. Waterthrush: arr CP 21 Apr. Louisiana Waterthrush: arr VCP & CLP 27 Mar.

Kentucky Warbler: 6 reports from CP 27 Apr-27 May (fide LS); APP 7 May; Trout Pd, Noyac 12 May (AB); PP 7-12 May, perhaps more than one ind.

**Mourning Warbler:** arr CP and Jam Bay 15 May; singles widely reported from wellbirded parks thru.

**Com.** Yellowthroat: arr CP 24 Apr. **Hooded Warbler:** arr CP 24 Apr; ind birds widely reported thru.

Wilson's Warbler: arr Inwood Hill P 2 May (KA).

Canada Warbler: arr CP 2 May. Yellow-breasted Chat: PP 5 May; Rt 51 Bikepath 14 May thru, a second bird found 27 May (PJL, SSM), poss breeding.

#### **TANAGERS - WEAVERS**

Summer Tanager: two 16 Apr: f RMSP (KF, R&EW) & m FT (TF); f E Quogue 19 Apr (OB); m RMSP & m JBSP 21 Apr (TWB, GB); imm m Tobay 22 Apr (PJL, SSM); imm m TRCP 5 May (VB, K&BRu); m FP 20 May; m VSSP 24 Apr (BB); m CP 24 Apr; HLSP 28 Apr (EC); f CP 30 Apr; f

PP 30 Apr; APP 4 May; m TRCP 5 May (VB, K&BRu).

Scarlet Tanager: singles 16 Apr Southampton (fide HM, rehab) & SI (RV); additional inds Tobay & JBWE 17 Apr, early and storm related.

WESTERN TANAGER: Baldwin thru Mar 30 (J. & M. Stahl, mob).

**E. Towhee:** singles CP and Jam Bay 14 Apr; many fos reports 21-25 Apr.

Am. Tree Sparrow: Jam Bay 14 Apr, last. Chipping Sparrow: singles Baldwin 25 Mar and CP 27 Mar; many fos reports 16-25 Apr.

Vesper Sparrow: arr Oakdale 8 Apr (JG); 7 other reports 21 Apr-5 May include singing birds at Gabreski Airport and Hither Hills. Savannah Sparrow: reports from early Mar prob of wintering inds; report 27 Mar CP noted as migrs.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** Zach's Bay 22 Apr (SW); CP 5 May (R. Cech), seldom seen migr; breeders on terr Rt 51 Bike Path and Grumman early May; 9+ Napeague grasslands 20 May (BH).

Seaside Sparrow: arr 11 May Gardiner P (RGro); Shinn & PB 20 May.

Fox Sparrow: arrivals supplementing winterers reported CP 14 Mar.

Lincoln's Sparrow: HLSP 1 Apr-11 Apr (BB, SSM!), extremely unusual date; probably wintered nearby; arr Montauk 20 Apr (VB).

White-throated Sparrow: impressive flight 2 May, includes estimated 1200 JBSP and 500 Ocean Pkwy (KF); 1200 RMSP (PJL, SSM); nearly 500 SPCP (JHo).

White-crowned Sparrow: a few Mar reports prob represent wintering birds; arr CP 14 Apr; max 12 SPCP 2 May (JHo). Dark-eyed Junco: arrivals supplementing winterers reported CP 14 Mar.

SMITH'S LONGSPUR: JBWE thru 18 Mar.

Snow Bunting: last report JBWE 25 Mar.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: one prior to storm PP 14 Apr (RJ); Brentwood 16 Apr (JG); Jam Bay 17 Apr; Springs 17 & 19 Apr (R. Grunewald); JBWE 18 Apr; Mecox feeder 19 Apr (M.Maran).

**Blue Grosbeak:** single m RMSP & PP 16 Apr; max 6 RMSP-JBWE 18 Apr, inc one f (SSM) - some of these birds lingered on the barrier beach into early May; others Orient 16 Apr, Nickerson Beach 22 Apr (BB), Shelter I 21 Apr (T & M Sarfati); m CP 3 May (JSu); imm m EH Airport 4 May (HM); m Rt 51 Bike Path 27 May, breeding loc.

Indigo Bunting: 12 m RMSP-Riis P 16 Apr; single site maxima 9 m RMSP 16 Apr (SSM) & 13 m JBSP 19 Apr (SSM, SJ, EM); GE 16 Apr (L. D'Andrea); add'1 numerous and widespread reports unrelated to storm, thru.

**PAINTED BUNTING:** male Sagaponack 28 Apr (fide JA), found dead.

*Passerina* sp.: RMSP 16 Apr (SSM ph), possible Lazuli x Indigo Bunting hybrid; ph at http://picasaweb.google.com/tixbirdz/. Bobolink: arr JBWE 2 May (KF).

Boat-tailed Grackle: singles Narrow R Rd, Orient 21 Apr (JBSr, JBJr) & HLSP 28 Apr (EC), unus locs; 35 Shinn 11 Mar (TWB, GB).

Orchard Oriole: arr JBWE & CP 24 Apr. Baltimore Oriole: Ridge 7 Apr (G. Drossel), poss wintering ind; singles RMSP, Jacob Riis P and Dune Rd 16 Apr (KF; TF; S&JBe), associated with storm (*intro*). Purple Finch: small numbers reported from HLSP, CP, RMSP 31 Mar-30 Apr.

#### EXOTICS

South African Shelduck: BLSP 4 Mar (BB), this pinioned bird has been present for many years.

**Ringed Turtle-Dove:** CP 6 Apr (TF et al). **European Goldfinch:** banded bird visited Baldwin feeder during Apr (J&M Stahl ph).