

REGION 6 — MOHAWK VALLEY.

March was the warmest and wettest in several years, the average temperature of 36 degrees being 2.9 above normal and the 4.2 inches of precipitation, including $9\frac{1}{4}$ inches of snow, being 1.7 above normal; temperature range was from 18 to 63 degrees. April continued the above-normal temperatures but was drier than usual, with average temperature 48.1 degrees (2.5 high) and rainfall (with only a trace of snow) at 2.57 inches, or —3.4 from normal; temperatures ranged from 31 to 70 degrees. While much of May was cool and dry, the month's average of 59.4 was 0.6 degree above normal and the precipitation of 2.67 inches was 0.31 below normal; temperature range was 34 to 88 degrees.

Ducks and warblers were both in short supply; ducks in much smaller numbers than usual, and some reporters observed that the warbler migration was slimmer than they had seen in many years.

LOONS — DUCKS:

A Red-throated Loon was observed at Saratoga Lake on April 21, uncommon in this area. An immature Double-crested Cormorant seen both May 12 and May 30 at Niskayuna-Mohawk River. Two Mute Swans were observed May 30 at Karner's Sand Barrens (Bartlett). There was a very

great abundance of Canada Geese on April 8 both at Saratoga Lake and Scotia. Ring-necked Ducks stayed late, until mid-May.

HAWKS — OWLS:

Turkey Vultures reported on two occasions: One on April 25 and two on May 27. A high spot of an April 8th field trip to Watervliet Reservoir was a Golden Eagle in second year plumage, soaring for some time in full view (Hipple, Tucker).

Earliest local record of Virginia Rail, April 8 at Watervliet Reservoir (Stone); also early was a Spotted Sandpiper April 15. Great Black-backed Gulls were noted on several occasions between March 3rd and April 1st, with as many as five or six in a group. An Iceland Gull was observed at Scotia March 9th. Bonaparte's Gull, (2), Common Tern, and Black Tern were all reported on the Century Run, May 12.

SWIFTS — SHRIKES:

An adult male Red-headed Woodpecker was seen at Indian Ladder, May 23. Cliff Swallows have become well-established at several barns in the Meadowdale area. No Gray-cheeked Thrushes have been reported.

VIREOS — WARBLERS:

Worm-eating Warbler and Blue-winged Warbler both reported May 12, the latter in company with Golden-wings. Further observations on this point to be made. A very early Pine Warbler was seen at close range April 3rd in a wet snow-storm at Loudonville (Mrs. French). The Prairie Warbler was more common than usual.

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS:

The wintering female Baltimore Oriole previously reported at Ballston Lake stayed on thru April and into the migration period. Evening Grosbeaks were much slimmer than last year; however, a flock of 20 was reported April 4th. No Redpolls were reported during this period. Many reports of Red Crossbills have been received in March, April and May; flocks of up to 20 birds; reports from three locations on May 12. Three late White-throated Sparrows at Berne Swamp (Madison) May 30, and an early Fox Sparrow March 7 at Hilton's Crossing (Mrs. Grace).

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