

on May 15th by Harrison at Central Park. Cardinal seen on nest May 13th by Komorowski. Lincoln's Sparrow seen at Central Park May 7th, White crowned Sparrow seen May 9th and May 13th. A late Slate-colored Junco was noted by Gershon at Central Park on May 2nd.

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REGION 8 - LONG ISLAND

The spring migration brought no extremely large waves of birds, but around mid-May several counts totaling over 100 species were made by observers. One on May 15 listed 118 species with 18 of Warblers and 17 of shorebirds (W. Reid, Sr. and Jr.). On eastern Long Island the spring flight was reportedly poor.

A small flight, March 23, along shore on western Long Island brought Phoebe and Bluebird and on April 15 the Green Heron was seen. There was only one record of European Teal and the Blue-winged Teal was very scarce. The first Knot was reported May 17 and the first Hudsonian Curlew on May 20.

Among land birds, Black and White Warbler did not arrive until about April 28. There was a fair flight of Cape May Warblers reported in Prospect Park around mid-May and a few more records of Golden-winged and Tennessee Warblers came in from western Long Island than there have been for several years. The spring movement showed a few records of Red-headed Woodpecker and Summer Tanager, a slight increase over the last two years. Resident Cardinal and House Finch show an increase and European Goldfinch appears to be diminishing in numbers on the South Shore, its only known breeding range in America.

LOONS - DUCKS: Flight of Loons on April 22 included a maximum of 40 Red-throated and 30 Common at Jones Beach. The Holboell's Grebe was rare, with one seen at Point Lookout, March 23. Spring Gannet flight maximum also on April 22, 30 at Jones Beach. A crippled Yellow-crowned Night Heron was found in Massapequa, March 23, and a maximum of six were reported in Woodmere, May 6-12. No reports of American Egret or Louisiana Heron came in; but three Snowy Egrets from late April to mid-May were reported at Jones Beach.

A large flight of several thousand Brant along the South Shore diminished to 150 at Mastic by May 13. On April 1, 13 Whistling Swans passed over Atlantic Beach and the largest number of Snow Geese was 36 at Idlewild, April 6 (J. Mayer). There was a maximum of 32 Gadwalls at Jones Beach, April 1, and 27 Shovellers on March 3.

The only report of European Teal was one, March 17, at Jones Beach (J. Elliott, G. Rose). The spring flight of both American and Hooded Mergansers was poor, and the Ring-necked Duck was rarely reported. A large, easily observed flock of Scoters at Jones Beach shifted species as follows: April 1, 300 American out of 400 present; April 8, less American, more White-winged; April 15, the flock had shifted to 550 Surf Scoters out of a maximum of 710 with the remainder 150 White-winged and 10 Amer-

ican. On April 22 there were over 5,000 birds broadcast over the area, and many of them a great distance off shore (W. Sedwitz).

HAWKS — OWLS: There were several reports of Turkey Vulture, two of Bald Eagle; a Pigeon Hawk at Gilgo, March 3 was unusual. There were few Duck Hawks reported. Rails: No Black or Yellow Rails noted; two Florida Gallinules at Wantagh, April 9; several Sora reports from western Long Island. Among the shorebirds, Black-bellied Plover appeared at Far Rockaway, with four on March 22; Golden Plover scarce, one on Jamaica Bay, May 13 (Sedwitz); first arrival, Dowitcher, two at Jones Beach, April 8. Upland Plover appeared on its nesting ground near Hicksville on April 28 (Queens County Bird Club) and maximum Red-backed Sandpiper totaled 350 at Jones Inlet, April 1. White-rumped Sandpiper was noted at Jones Beach on May 15 and at Idlewild, with a maximum of 40, on May 17, at which time the first Knot put in an appearance. The rare Curlew Sandpiper again made its spring visit to the Pennsylvania Flats on Jamaica Bay, with one on May 12 and two reported on May 13. The shorebird flight extended into June.

Rare reports come from The Narrows, with a Glaucous Gull on April 8 and a Black-headed and adult Little Gull both seen on March 31. On April 14 there were 1,500 Bonaparte's Gulls present. On May 12 a Caspian Tern was reported from Jones Beach (G. Carleton); on May 27, three Roseate and one Black Tern were seen on Jamaica Bay and 30 Black Skimmers were counted on May 15 at Jones Beach. A single report came in early June of Parasitic Jaeger at Rockaway.

At Mastic, on April 29, two young of the Great Horned Owl were reported out of the nest and ready to fly. Of the very few Snowy Owls present this winter, the latest report is one at Idlewild, March 4. There appear to be no reports of Saw-whet Owls for the period.

SWIFTS — SHRIKES: Swifts first appeared around May 3; Ruby-throated Hummingbird on May 9. Red-headed Woodpecker showed up in several locations around the middle of the month. The Olive-sided Flycatcher at Forest Park on May 12 was a little early. The Yellow-bellied and Acadia Flycatchers appeared at Far Rockaway, May 26. Of interest was a Magpie at Short Beach on May 13, 14 (J. Bull, E. Eisenmann). A Mockingbird was seen at Amagansett, May 3, and a Carolina Wren on March 18 and April 16 at Far Rockaway; also one daily at Shinnecock. Increase in Hermit Thrushes came about April 5, and Migrant Shrike was observed at Jones Beach on April 22.

VIREOS — WARBLERS: Three Yellow-throated Vireos were noted at Forest Park May 12 and a singing Philadelphia Vireo at Far Rockaway, May 27 (J. Bull).

Arrival date for the Black and White Warbler is listed as April 28; that of the Black-throated Green at Tackapausha Preserve (Seaford) as April 15 and Worm-eating Warbler, May 6, at Woodmere. Several Golden-winged and Tennessee Warblers and one Orange-crowned Warbler were reported around mid-May on western Long Island (J. Mayer). Maximum Bay-breasted Warblers totaled 20 at Forest Park, May 17 (Mayer, Rose). A Yellow-breasted Chat first seen at Jones Beach in late February was last

noted April 14; first migrant, Idlewild, May 1. Hooded Warbler appeared eastward to Massapequa on May 5 and Mourning Warbler at Manhasset and Prospect Park, May 27. A Connecticut Warbler was seen and heard singing in Prospect Park also on the latter date (I. Alperin, W. Sedwitz).

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: Early Orchard Oriole, Prospect Park, April 29; Baldwin, May 8. Fair numbers of Cardinals were listed; House Finches are increasing in number of localities noted; European Goldfinch has gradually decreased in last several years. The terrific November 29 storm smothered the fall seed crop beneath the drifting sand or washed the vegetation into tidal drifts. As a consequence Sparrows passed north quickly, there being a very poor flight of Tree Sparrows and the Vesper Sparrow was practically unreported on the ocean strip. A mild flight of Ipswich Sparrows (four at Jones Beach) came through March 17, but otherwise their numbers were relatively low compared to other years as with the Tree and Vesper Sparrows. White-crowned Sparrow was seen at Idlewild on May 12, at Short Beach on May 13, 14 and at Bayside on May 15. Records of the Henslow's Sparrow are getting increasingly rare on Long Island; Lincoln's Sparrow reports were fewer than usual; the Snow Bunting left the barren dunes about mid-March for the northern breeding grounds, about half of them noted in black and white breeding plumage.

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