

There is a definite scarcity of Sparrow Hawks and Kingbirds along the roadsides of this region. On the other hand, Red-shouldered Hawks are reported here and there in increased numbers, and I have noted more Yellow-billed Cuckoos and Bluebirds this season than in several years. A male Red-breasted Merganser and a male American Merganser spent the month of May on the Branchport marsh, and the latter is still there at this writing, June 15. Both appeared unable to fly, for they would merely swim out of the way of passing rowboats. Also on the evening of June 15, an immature Bald Eagle was over the marsh for a while.

Notes from **Chemung Valley Audubon Society** include Prairie Warbler May 13, Worm-eating Warbler nesting at Elmira (H. C. York) and a sight record of Oregon Junco March 29 and 30.

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REGION 3 — LAKE ONTARIO

Spring has been unusually pleasant in this region this year. The weather was fair a large part of the time and there was little to upset the routine arrival and departure of migrants. The temperature has averaged slightly better than normal and rainfall slightly less.

Up until May the migration was good in most respects, but unspectacular. During May however a good many unusual records turned up, most of which are mentioned below. The last migrants appear to have passed through during the first week of June and local residents have settled down to their summer job—raising a family.

Loons — Ducks:

On April 14th the Kemnitzers reported over 500 Red-throated Loons off Webster Park. This is startling since they usually occur here in small numbers. There are three dates for Double-crested Cormorant between mid-April and mid-May. A Snowy Egret was at Braddock's Bay on May 24 and 25 (Barry, Kemnitzer et al). This is only the second Rochester record.

One Whistling Swan was still present at Braddocks Bay on May 30th. A few Blue Geese but no Snow Geese were seen this year. Two or three European Widgeon turned up, one as late as May 18th. Gadwall were scarce. Red-breasted Merganser reached a peak of 12,000 on April 27th. This species seems to pass through in larger numbers each year. Late Ducks include: Golden-eye on May 30th (McKinney), White-winged Scoter, May 18th (Listman, et al), Pintail and Baldpate, June 7th (Nelson O'Hara).

Hawks — Owls:

The number of migrant hawks reported was less this year than in other recent years. Weather conditions and less intense coverage may be the reasons.

Two Goshawks were reported, (Barry-Kemnitzer) as well as one Golden Eagle, (Barry) all in mid-April. Over 2,800 Broadwings on April 22 and 1,500 Sharp shins on May 11th, were peak numbers.

Of the shore birds the most noteworthy included: Two very early records of Pectoral Sandpipers, on April 1st (1 bird) and 6th (8 birds) Willet on May 25th (Bieber) at Braddocks Bay; White-rump; Knot; and Hudsonian Curlew (Nelson-O'Hara) at Shore Acres on June 7th.

Three White-winged Gulls; Iceland, Kumliens, and Glaucous, were seen from the Andrews St. bridge in downtown Rochester in mid-April. Bonaparte's Gull appeared on March 24th and was still present on June 7th (1 immature bird). Caspian Terns were more numerous than usual this spring.

It was a good year for Owls. Noteworthy was the decided influx of Saw-Whet Owls along the lake shore in early April. Up to 10 were reported in one day (Barry-Listman). Whether or not this movement is a regular one is a question local observers would like to answer.

Swifts — Shrikes

An early Chimney Swift appeared on April 10th (Listman), and an early Purple Martin on April 5th (Dolan-O'Hara). A Tufted Titmouse is said to have been present at Palmyra for some time this spring and I understand that this is not the first record there. It is a decidedly rare bird here, but perhaps will extend its range in this area as it has elsewhere. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Carolina Wren may both be nesting in the same woodland in Chili (Listman). Blue-gray Gnatcatchers appeared by May 3rd and nested again at Reed Rd. and probably at Scottsville. A very interesting return movement of Brown-capped

Chicadees along the Lakeshore continued until the end of May. Numbers were small but it may fit in with the pattern of reports from Toronto and elsewhere. Olive-sided and Acadian Flycatcher were both reported in late May and very early in June. A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was reported on May 18th flying along the Lakeshore (B. Kemnitzer, McKinney). It was seen briefly and did not perch, but observers agreed this bird could hardly have been anything else. This is a new species for this area.

Vireo — Warblers:

All the regular vireos passed through in normal numbers. Blue-headed seemed a shade late, White-eyed was unreported. Prothonotary Warbler again is reported nesting at Oak Orchard (McKinney). Orange-crowned Warbler and Louisiana Waterthrush were unreported. Most unusual reports were Worm-eating Warbler, May 11th, Reed Rd. (Taylor-Klonick); Prairie Warbler, Island Cottage, May 17, 18 (McKinney); Kentucky Warbler, Pellett Rd. May 25th (Kemnitzers); Connecticut Warbler, Island Cottage, May 11th (A. Tanghe-D. Miller-Dobson), and Yellow-br. Chat, Island Cottage, May 11th (L. Tanghe). Twenty Wilson's Warblers were reported in one area on May 28th (O'Hara). The best warbler days apparently were May 10th, 11th, and 20th. Some days at the end of the month were also good for later species.

Blackbirds — Sparrows:

A Western Meadowlark was discovered by Listman on Henrietta Rd. at new Thruway on Apr. 25th and remained until May 3rd, singing regularly. It's song was wire recorded. Evening Grosbeaks were reported migrating along the Lakeshore in small numbers on May 6, 11, 18, 24, and 25th. There were virtually the only reports since the influx of last Oct.-Nov. A Pine Grosbeak was reported on May 18 (H. Dakin), and the last Redpolls were seen on April 20th. Pine Siskins were present in small numbers from May 10th-25th. A Sharp-tailed Sparrow (Nelson's?) was seen at Roses' Marsh on May 31st (O'Hara-Dolan); a late Junco remained until May 30-31 at Manitou. Lincoln's Sparrows were reported frequently from May 10-25 with a maximum of 10 in one day, (Listman et al).

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REGION 4 — ST. LAWRENCE

In general the spring of 1952 was cooler than normal. Migrants, however, arrived on time or nearly so. Two early spring migration waves were noted, one on March 21, the other April 2.

Loons — Ducks:

The spring flight of ducks was good, increases being noted in the following:

Baldpate, Old Squaw, Ring-necked Duck.

A Snow Goose was found dead in a muskrat trap near Moira, Franklin Co., on March 29.

A Glossy Ibis was seen on June 5 by J. E. Wilson near Ellisburg in southern Jefferson County.

Whistling Swan—Several seen during April along eastern end of Lake Ontario.
Double-crested Cormorants—Two June 1, Sandy Pond (Scheider et al).

Hawks — Owls:

Piping Plover—One seen April 20 at Sandy Pond.

Ruddy Turnstone—Four on Little Galloo Island June 8. Two at Sandy Pond June 1 (Scheider et al).

Knot—Three at Sandy Pond June 1 (Scheider et al).

Upland Plover—On the increase, seen in eight different localities between April 22 and June 12.

Sanderling—One in winter plumage, Sandy Pond June 1 (Scheider et al).

Black Tern—Now very common in suitable habitats.

Common Tern—Large breeding colony on Little Galloo Island, possible 1000 pairs.

Ring-billed Gull—Colony on Little Galloo estimated at 25000 pairs.

Turkey Vulture—One near Perch Lake May 1 (J. E. Wilson).

Vireos — Warblers:

Myrtle Warbler—Henderson Harbor, April 3 (early).

Hooded Warbler—June 1, Selkirk Shores (**Onondaga Audubon Society**) one singing male.

Mourning Warbler—June 1, Selkirk Shores (**O. A. S.**) singing male.

Pine Warbler—June 1, Council Grove on Salmon River (**O. A. S.**)

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