

REGION 9 — CENTRAL NEW YORK

The current report covers spring migration activity, beginning about mid-April. In addition to a very fine and full report from the Onondaga Audubon Society, Syracuse, N. Y., I have received excellent individual reports from Mrs. Frederick May, Westernville, N. Y. and Mrs. Emiel D. Palmer, R. D. 1, Fabius, N. Y. (elevation 1450 ft.). These latter reports represent frequent records from around their homes and surrounding territories. Unfortunately, limited space in the **Kingbird** precludes publishing a complete list of these records; however, they are being kept for use later in compiling the new bird list of New York. In general, spring migration records and weather conditions have been quite good, especially for land birds.

LOONS — DUCKS:

Common Loon — heavy flight 4/12 Oneida Lake (O. A. S.), Horned, Pied-bill Grebes present in usual numbers; D. C. Cormorant scarce; Least Bittern in Syracuse area 5/13 (O. A. S.); no Blue Geese reported; Whistling Swan scarce; Gadwall and Blue-winged Teal nesting at Montezuma W. R.; Wood Duck about usual numbers — 6 young found on street in Geneva (Holtby and Hartzell); shore birds (except spotted sandpiper) scarce; Upland Plover and young 6/28, Waterloo, N. Y. (E. B. C.); Amer. Egrets Montezuma 5/17.

HAWS — OWLS:

Few scattered reports of Sharp-shinned Hawk 4/12-5/3; Cooper's Hawk migrating with peak April 5-10; Rough-legged Hawk became less numerous in early April (O. A. S.). 30 Buteo's reported, Fabius, N. Y. 5/15 (Mrs. E. D. Palmer); Screech Owl infrequently reported (O. A. S. and Eaton B. C.).

SWIFTS — SHRIKES:

Black and Yellow-billed Cuckoos quite common with ratio of about 1:4 5/7 and 5/9 (O. A. S.); Nighthawk arrived somewhat late and in less numbers than usual; also Red-head Woodpecker scarce; few reports of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Flycatchers — Alder, in lesser numbers (5/17); Least, quite common (5/17); Olive-sided, quite scarce.

VIREOS — WARBLERS:

A good migration of most species of warblers and vireos was noted. Large waves of individual species of warblers were observed, e. g., 100 Myrtle Warblers (5/8 Gambrell). Blue-headed Vireo 5/5, Red-eyed 5/10, Warbling 5/9, Yellow-throated 5/9, Philadelphia 5/9 (O. A. S. and E. B. C.). It is quite interesting to note that the dates first reported for a number of kinds of vireos and warblers by Mrs. Palmer, Fabius, N. Y. and Mrs. May, Westernville, N. Y., are later than those observed in the Geneva-Syracuse areas. A compilation of such data from various sections of the state on a given species might bring out useful information on influence of elevation, migration routes, food sources, etc. Some warbler migration dates are: Bl-thr. blue and Myrtle 5/2; Yellow 5/5; Nashville 5/7; Black-thr. Green, Cape May, Bay-breasted 5/9, Cerulean 5/10, Blackburnian and Chestnut-sided 5/5, Blackpoll 5/13, Pine 4/28, No. Yellowthroat 5/5, Hooded 5/17, Canada 5/9, Redstart 5/5, Orange-crowned 5/14, Golden-winged 5/10, Mourning 5/14, Wilson's 5/17 (O. A. S. and E. B. C.).

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS:

Several records of Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. Baltimore Oriole arrived 5/5, Cowbird 5/3, Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5/5, Indigo Bunting 5/14, Red Crossbills 4/14. Song, Vesper, Chipping, White-throat and W. crowned Sparrows common but Grasshopper and Henslows less numerous, Lincoln 5/16.

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