

Rare finds in Rockland included the second and third records of the Prothonotary Warbler, Apr. 19 to Apr. 22 at Congers Lake (Mrs. Steffens) and May 3 at the Lamont Sanctuary (Eugene R. Brown), and the third and fourth records of the Cerulean Warbler, Apr. 27 at New City (Mrs. Steffens) and Apr. 29 at the Lamont Sanctuary (Mrs. William G. Irving). Lawrence's Warblers were seen several times, and a Brewster's on May 5 at Valley Cottage (Dr. Hopper).

In Westchester, the Louisiana Water-thrush arrived Apr. 10 at Katonah (William Russell) and Apr. 11 at Pound Ridge (Stanley Grierson).

In Ulster, the Nashville Warbler was rather early, Apr. 26, at Kripplebush (Hough); the Parula Warbler was more numerous than usual; the Blackburnian Warbler was early, Apr. 23, at Mohonk (Smiley); and the Louisiana Water-thrush was very early, Apr. 7, at Lomontville (Henry Dunbar).

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole reached Stone Ridge, Ulster, on May 12 (Hough). The Cardinal is apparently expanding its breeding range to the Kripplebush area this season (Hough). Purple Finches were scarce in Ulster this season. A very early date for Indigo Bunting is Apr. 30 near Nyack (Dow, Hill).

The Dickcissel at Katonah, Westchester, reported in the April Kingbird, was last seen on Apr. 15 (Mrs. William Grierson), a full adult male by that time. And the Black-headed Grosbeak that had arrived at the Grierson feeding station on Feb. 26 left the feeding station on Apr. 24. It was seen once later, nearby, on May 15.

The Vesper Sparrow arrived Apr. 15 in Ulster at New Paltz (Dr. Pyle) and Apr. 19 in Westchester at Katonah (Stanley Grierson). Henslow's Sparrow was recorded Apr. 19 at New Paltz (Dr. Pyle) and Apr. 21 at Kripplebush (Hough). The last Tree Sparrow at Mohonk was on Apr. 14 (Smiley). White-crowned Sparrows were seen in Ulster from May 3 to May 25 (Hough).

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REGION 10 — LONG ISLAND

Spring-like weather in mid-February brought early flocks of Red-wings and Grackles. No severe freezing weather came later to deter migration. April species arrived on time, with some few individuals appearing early. The land bird migration proved excellent in the aggregate although it took numerous observers to present the entire picture. For example, John Bull, Jr. of Far Rockaway, remarks that there were practically no Kinglets or early Warblers in this usually fertile flyway, although excellent flights were recorded late in May. This proves the attracting value of the magnificent chestnut oaks in his area, after they had burst into leaf.

An infiltration in early May and several fairly good waves in the latter half of the month made up a large part of the warbler migration. Robert S. Arbib, Jr., of Freeport, reported a flight of several hundred small migrants in Woodmere woods, May 2, mostly Myrtle and Parula Warblers. A large flight of Bay-breasted Warblers, with a maximum of about 50, was reported by John Mayer and George Rose on May 22. More than usual numbers of this species were also reported from other areas on the same day, along with fair numbers of Wilson's Warblers.

Among water-birds, there was no spectacular flight of loons or grebes. Gannets passed northward off Long Island in mid-April. Differing from last year there were few early rarities reported among shore birds such as phalaropes and godwits. Terns and skimmers appeared in goodly numbers on their nesting grounds at Short Beach. Red-backed Sandpipers lingered into mid-May in breeding plumage. There was a large flight of Black-bellied Plovers and Knots coming through on western Long Island on June 1, but by June 12 migration was about over.

LOONS — DUCKS: Few reports on lingering Grebes and Loons; one Red-throated Loon, Oyster Bay, April 21. There were eight Sooty Shearwaters off Moriches Inlet, May 29. A White Pelican, first discovered at Brookhaven and later at Moriches, may have been the same bird that stayed at Mill Neck for over a year, leaving there last winter. Three European Cormorants at Jones Beach (with white flanks noted) in flock of Double-crested Cormorants. First Snowy Egret, Broad Channel, April 17; a Cattle Egret appeared at East Moriches, May 17 and remained 10 days (Mrs. J. Lukert, R. Wilcox). Up to 300 Brant remained through May, with one albino seen at Merrick, May 15. Canada Geese came through around April 1, with 300 flying over East Williston. Six Snow Geese were seen on the short side of the V-formation of 50 Canada Geese near the lead bird over Jones Beach pond, March 26 (J. Elliott).

There were several European Teal spring records: Jones Beach, Patchogue, Bald-

win. The Blue-winged Teal showed up in mid-March, with an increase into April. Practically all species of ducks left on time, or a little early. Perhaps, because of the greatly disturbed ocean bottom in last November's storm, the hundreds of thousands of Scoters, present in April for the last few years off the South Shore, were lacking. The Ring-necked Duck was present in goodly numbers on many fresh water ponds.

HAWKS — OWLS: The Turkey Vulture was seen on several occasions; and a Black Vulture was identified at Water Mill, May 16 (G. Raynor). The first Osprey was seen at Nassau Point, March 20, according to incoming records, and very few Duck and Pigeon Hawks were reported.

There were several reports of King Rail, with two at Mill Neck, May 1 (Lyman Langdon Audubon Society). A Black Rail was flushed from a Jones Beach marsh, April 10 (Mayer, Rose); Florida Gallinule is back in the Lawrence marsh, probably breeding. No Oyster-catcher reports. Piping Plover arrived at Shinnecock, March 11, two (I. Alperin); 12 at Jones Beach, March 20 (Baldwin Bird Club). An Upland Plover was recorded at Syosset, May 8 and two at Westbury in late May. Eight Willets were reported off Amityville, May 9 (H. Darrow). Pectoral Sandpiper showed up at Jones Beach, April 10 and Curlew Sandpiper was back again on Jamaica Bay, May 15. The Red-backed Sandpiper flock at Jones Inlet, May 15, contained 150 in breeding plumage.

On May 30 from Hewlett Bay to Oceanside 6,000 Black-bellied Plovers and 800 Knot were reported. There were several Bonaparte Gull records in mid-May, two or three Roseate Terns and three Black Terns were seen at Short Beach in latter May.

Both Yellow and Black-billed Cuckoo reports were rather meager. Several Barn Owl records came from western Long Island; the Snowy Owl left early, and there are no recent reports of Long-eared or Great Horned Owls which are resident species.

SWIFTS — WARBLERS: Chimney Swifts were quite numerous from their arrival in April; first Whip-poor-will, Prospect Park, April 8. Red-headed Woodpecker was seen in Forest Park, May 22; and Sapsucker was noted at Manorville, April 4. Five Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were seen in Far Rockaway in late May (Bull).

First Rough-winged Swallow, Jones Beach, April 10; three Barn Swallows, Garden City, April 9. The Cliff Swallow was rare, four at Mill Neck, May 15 (Raynor). Gnatcatchers were regularly reported from first arrival at Prospect Park, April 8 to May 22. There were practically no records of Carolina Wren on western Long Island. The Ruby-crowned Kinglet put in an appearance around April 9, and one or two Migrant Shrikes were seen on eastern Long Island in April. At least four Prothonotary Warblers were observed, three in April: Glen Cove, Babylon and Mill Neck, and one in Brooklyn, May 2. The first Worm-eating Warbler was observed at Quogue, April 17; Yellow-throated Warbler appeared at Mill Neck, April 24 and one at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, April 25. Louisiana Water-Thrush arrived at Prospect Park, April 7, and one at Mill Neck, April 10.

A Lawrence's Warbler was seen at Woodmere, May 22 and practically all the scarcer warblers — including Golden-winged, Tennessee, Cape May, Bay-breasted and Hooded — were recorded in western Long Island, Central Park and Van Cortlandt Park; and in several instances both Cape May and Bay-breasted Warblers were numerous.

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: Red-wings were unusually common from early spring when at Wantagh, March 6, 400 flew in to roost in the Phragmites along Wantagh Causeway. The Orchard Oriole was reported at Far Rockaway, May 15, and May 31 at Seaford. A Black-headed Grosbeak, wintering at Idlewild, and changing into spring plumage, was identified as this western species on March 28. A maximum of Indigo Buntings was reported May 8 and 9.

The American Goldfinch was abundant this spring at Seaford and Williston Park, with an estimated 1,000 at the latter April 25. A sparrow flight of Chipping, Field and Fox came through March 27 and 28; and a fair spring flight of Ipswich Sparrows in late March, early April, but the Vesper Sparrow's coastal flight was meager. There was only one spring record for Siskin, this at Jones Beach; and the Golden-crowned Sparrow left in April from its location near the Jones Beach East Bathhouse where wintering from January. The White-crowned Sparrows arrived in Riis Park, May 8 and there were several records of later arrivals elsewhere. The White-throated Sparrow was scarce in May, especially in the city parks.

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