

diminishing numbers at Westernville (Mrs. F.W.M.); however, at Syracuse, Oswego, and Oneida, birds began to appear 5/4, 4, and 6 respectively, built up to a peak (25) about the 15th, and then quickly passed on with the last dates 5/22, Syracuse, and 5/27, Oneida. Purple Finch — scattered reports in last 2 weeks of April, but peak numbers did not come until 5/12 (about 10 days late). Redpoll — 2, 4/15, Selkirk is record last date. Pine Siskin — although there were no April records, this, like the Evening Grosbeak, had a fine May flight, beginning 5/1, peaked (25) 5/8, with last date, 1, 5/22, Oneida. White-winged Crossbill — 2, 4/25 and 1, 4/26, Oneida (H.P.N.) are the only records. Towhee — 1 ♂, 3/30, Syracuse is very early. Savannah and Vesper Sparrows — 4/10 (Oneida) is arrival date for both, but birds not widespread until at least 1 week later. Henslow's Sparrow — 1 on 4/23, and Grasshopper Sparrow — 1 on 5/3, (W. R. Spofford) probably represents the normal arrival dates rather than the concentrated flurry of records in mid-May attendant on the increased birding of that season. Tree Sparrow and Junco — the poor flights of March were only prelude to the low flock counts of these species in early April; Tree Sparrow's last date is 4/13, a few days earlier than expected. White-crowned Sparrow — like the Pipits, almost completely absent; it was not recorded at Oneida throughout May and only 1 (usually 25-40) was seen at Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse; high count was the ridiculous low of 3. White-throat — a poor, late flight with peak numbers this year only 1/3 of comparable '54 counts.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Few reports for April and May were received and all were brief. Many birds arrived early this spring. All who mention the Bluebirds say that fewer have been seen and that they have heard others give similar observations.

LOONS — DUCKS: Double-crested Cormorants appear to be more numerous than last year and they have started nesting. Several Brant were seen in Lake Ontario about May 20. A pair at Bass Island Refuge remained all day and acted like a breeding pair (Clements), (June 6). A White-winged Scoter was found dead in Lake Ontario by a game protector.

HAWKS — OWLS: Several Rough-legged Hawks were seen in April by Belknap, J. Blake has observed a decrease in the numbers of Marsh Hawks, Ruffed Grouse and Common Terns. There is an increase in the number of Ring-billed Gull nests. The last Snowy Owl seen by Belknap was April 14. A few Red-headed Woodpeckers — about the normal number — have been seen.

THRUSHES: Several reports from various parts of Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties all agree that there is a marked reduction in the number of Bluebirds this year. J. Blake has seen many Brown Thrashers. A white Robin is living in Watertown and has attracted the attention of many people. Only the under parts are normal color.

WARBLERS — SPARROWS: A Connecticut Warbler has been reported as well as many of the more common Warblers. The last Evening Grosbeaks were seen in Watertown May 18 (F.C.) and the last in Potsdam May 31 (L. Blake). One Lapland Longspur reported near Perch April 4.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON - MOHAWK

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The months of April and May were both warmer and drier than normal in the Schenectady area. The average May temperature was 62.3 degrees, a whopping 4.2 degrees above normal. While May rainfall was only slightly below average, virtually all of it came during the last ten days of the month. The hot and dry weather which prevailed virtually without exception during the peak of the migration period accounted for a noticeable lack of any general flight, especially among the warblers. An exception to this general