

stayed at Hamburg and Jamestown until May 8, and at Wellsville until the 21st (McMurtry). Red Crossbills were last reported May 21 (Holland, James). The Klabundes had an Oregon Junco at their feeder Apr 2 to 21; many observers added it to their life list. Eaton collected a female Lark Sparrow Apr 29 (near Vandalia); it is interesting to note that another Lark Sparrow was seen at Morgan's Point, Ont. (outside our territory) May 11. The height of the White-crowned Sparrow migration was May 12.

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REGION 2—GENESEE

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Prolonged cold in April held up many migrants until the week-end of Apr 28-29, when 31 new species were recorded for the year. May migrants arrived mostly on schedule. Birding during May was the best in many years; 206 species were observed during the month and 195 on Spring Census Day, May 20. Noteworthy records of birds observed on a single day were: 152 species at Braddocks Bay (approximately one square mile) on May 12 by Listman, Bieber and McKinney; 115 species at Ling Road (approximately one-fourth square mile) on May 20 by Dobson; and 170 species within a 50 mile radius of Rochester on May 20 by Taylor, Klonick and Rising.

(Ed. note: April-May and August-November 1955 reports not included in this magazine are summarized in 1955, Goshawk 8 (2).)

LOONS — DUCKS: Large numbers of Common Loons, Red-throated Loons and Holboell's Grebes were seen by the Kemnitzers during April along Lake Ontario east of Rochester. Counts were 494, 412 and 14, respectively on Apr 14; and 818, 723, and 9, respectively on Apr 21. Counts of 50 to 75 Common Loons were reported through the first week of May. Two American Egrets were observed for a few days at Braddock's Bay. A Snowy Egret was found in Durand Eastman Park on May 15 (Mrs. Moon) where it remained for a week and was seen by numerous observers. A few Whistling Swans remained in the area longer than usual. One was seen at Braddock Bay (Listman), two in Durand Eastman Park (Dobson), and one on Irondequoit Bay as late as May 20 (McDonald). A good variety of ducks was present throughout this period except that Green-winged Teal did not arrive until Apr 2 and Wood Ducks were comparatively few, usually only one or two birds being reported at a time. There were no records of European Widgeon this spring. Two Surf Scoters were seen at Mendon Ponds Park on Apr 2 by the Whites and Dakins, and 138 White-winged Scoters at Port Bay on May 26 by the Kemnitzers. A Harlequin Duck was seen by Listman and Haft at Braddock Bay on May 27 much later in the season than the other few records for this bird here.

HAWKS — OWLS: Best day at the Hawk Lookout at Braddock Bay was May 12 when Listman, Bieber and McKinney recorded 11 species of hawks, including 2000 Sharp-shinned, 2200 Broad-winged, 14 Bald Eagles, and 17 Ospreys. Many observers had good close looks at Dowitchers in spring plumage at Ling Road. They remained for two weeks, with a maximum count of 16 on May 26. Ruddy Turnstones were present in good numbers at Braddock Bay. From the same area a Willet was reported by Bieber on May 12, and a Knot on May 26 by Miller. The latter bird is seldom seen here in spring and only sparingly in fall. A few Red-backed Sandpipers were seen, but no White-rumped. Winter gulls made surprisingly early departures considering the cold spring. Last dates for the Glaucous, Iceland and Black-backed Gulls were Apr 29, 4 and 14, respectively. A Barred Owl was heard in the pre-dawn hours at Conesus Lake on May 20 by Taylor, Klonick and Rising. Other owls recorded were the Screech, Great Horned, Long-eared, Short-eared, and Saw-whet, but these were all below their normal count. An evening owl trip to

Bergen Swamp in April produced no owls, but only the Wilson's Snipe in courtship flight. This year the Barn Owl was not to be found at Scottsville where it had been resident for several years. No Snowy Owls have been reported.

SWIFTS — SHRIKES: The best record in this group was the American Magpie seen two miles west of Kuckville, Orleans County, on April 21 by Listman and McKinney. This bird perched in the open 250 feet away, and was observed with binoculars and scope at leisure. (Ed. Note: This is a Reg. on I Record details of which have not yet been forwarded.) Large migratory flocks of about 1000 Chimney Swifts (downtown Rochester, Dobson) and 1500 Blue Jays (Braddock Bay; Listman, Bieber and McKinney) were reported. Swallows were late in arriving in appreciable numbers, but several thousand spent the first two weeks of May at Ling Road. Barn, Bank, Tree and Rough-winged Swallows flew underneath a low bridge, where they could be seen from above at a distance of only 5 to 10 feet. Cliff Swallows were scarce this spring. A flock of about 60 Horned Larks near Mendon Ponds on April 8 contained one-third Prairie and two-thirds Northern (McKinney). There were two or three reports each of Olive-sided Flycatcher, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren and Mockingbird.

WARBLERS — VIREOS: The warbler migration was exceptionally good here this spring, with 36 warblers recorded. This included 34 species, one sub-species (Yellow Palm) and one hybrid (Brewster's). Most of the rarer warblers were seen on the week-end of May 19-20. These included Blue-winged at Bergen Swamp by McKinney, and at Letchworth Park by R. Simons and Kramer; Brewster's at Powder Mill Park by Mrs. Davis; Orange-crowned at Webster by Kemnitzers, at Ling Road by O'Hara, Miller, Tanghe and Dobson, at Braddock Bay by Listman, Bieber, McKinney and Brown, and at Gaines (Orleans County) by Weeks; Yellow-throated at Mendon Ponds by Mrs. White; Pine at Ling Road by Kionick, Rising and McKinney, and at Long Pond Woods by O'Hara and Miller (Apr 28); Prairie at Braddocks by Listman, Bieber and McKinney, and at Ling Road by Tanghe, Dobson et al; and Yellow-breasted Chat at Webster by Kemnitzers and at Braddocks Bay by O'Hara and Miller. This spring many of the warblers could be seen at eye level at close range.

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: Phenomenal flights of Red-wings and related birds took place during the first week of April when a mild break in the weather followed a prolonged cold spell. On Apr 4 a flight of over 100,000 Redwings passed eastward along the lakeshore at Braddock Bay (Listman). On the following day there was a lesser flight of 23,000 Redwings and 3000 Bronzed Grackles. Numerous Rusty Blackbirds, Meadowlarks, Robins and Flickers were in these flocks. A Western Meadowlark appeared at Manitou on Apr 28 and was seen again in almost exactly the same location on May 12 and 20. Several observers saw and heard this bird. Another, probably a different bird, was seen at West Webster, about 15 miles east of Manitou, on May 23 by Mrs. Kemnitzer. Evening Grosbeaks remained until May 15, but there were no Pine Grosbeaks throughout the spring or winter. There were several reports of Lincoln's Sparrow, the first of which was seen at Mendon Ponds by Mrs. White on May 8. The last report of Lapland Longspurs was on Apr 8: two birds were seen by McKinney, one in summer plumage.

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REGION 3—FINGER LAKES

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April and May in the Finger Lakes were as cold and wet as any on record. While Walker reports the last killing frost at Waterloo on May 16, my thermometer in Etna stood at 21° F. on May 25, and there were snows in early May. Opinions vary on whether the timing of migration was affected. Around Ithaca birds seemed to come in pretty much on schedule, but near Geneva they were slow in arriving.

There was unanimous agreement on one point: unusual behavior of migrants and arriving residents. The leaves were so late in coming out (as