

Hawks — Owls: Hawk movement and activity was normal. Five Ruddy Turnstones were seen along the shores of the Lake De Forest reservoir in Rockland (Steffens, Treacy). These were seen on May 19. Thomas Dow identified the Red-backed Sandpiper found near Piermont Pier on May 18, making Rockland's first record and probably the region's. Nearly 90 Bonaparte's Gulls were seen near Cornwall, Orange Co., Apr 7 by Ed Treacy. A Common Tern was seen at the Ashokan Res., Ulster, on May 1 by Henry and Ilse Dunbar. Of greater interest were the two Caspian Terns observed at the Ashokan Reservoir May 18 by Al Feldman. This is Ulster County's only known record, but the species is occasionally seen along the Hudson River. The Owl status seems unchanged.

Swifts — Shrikes: Several Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were found about the Winnesook area on Slide Mountain, Apr 27 & 28 (Fred Hough). Their peculiar drumming habit was especially enjoyed. Rockland County's first modern nesting record for the **Acadian Flycatcher** was made by Robert Deed and Eugene Brown during May. The site was near Lake De Forest and the nest was completed on May 24. A small number of Purple Martins appeared at Armonk, Westchester, May 13 (Thomas Parker). House Wren populations seem to have improved all through the Region. A Short-billed Marsh Wren was found on May 12 (Henry & Ilse Dunbar) near John Burrough's "Slabsides" in Ulster. An early Brown Thrasher arrived at New City on Apr 17 (Maude Brown). Also early was an Olive-backed Thrush heard (call note only) on the summit of Slide Mountain, Apr 28 (Fred Hough).

Vireos — Warblers: An early Yellow-throated Vireo appeared at Kripplebush, Ulster, Apr 27 (Hough). In Ulster many Warblers were noted in latter April ahead of their normal arrival time. Martha Earl reports more Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers than usual in Orange County about her area. The Blue-winged appeared more common in Ulster (Dunbar, Hough, Pyle et al.). A Brewster's hybrid was seen near West Point, May 11 by E. Treacy and A. Dignan. The Pine Warbler usually slips through during the spring un-noticed but Bob Deed had one singing about his home in Nyack, Apr 22 and 23. Very early Ovenbird appeared in Rockland on Apr 10 (Frances Irving), equalling a previous early date.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: An Orchard Oriole was seen near New Paltz, Ulster, Apr 28 (Robert Pyle et al.), and was nearly two weeks early. The Orchard Oriole also returned to its nesting site in Stone Ridge, Ulster on May 14 for the fifth consecutive year (F. Hough). An oriole was seen on Apr 4 by Stan Grierson and students of the Armonk school in Westchester but the exact identity could not be made. The Henslow's Sparrow appeared at Kripplebush, Ulster on Apr 21, ahead of normal arrival date (Fred Hough). The White-crowned Sparrow came in earlier than usual, the first seen May 1 at Kripplebush, Ulster (Mrs. Fred Hough). During this normal season the Lincoln's Sparrow went back to his hiding ways. Only one report was received in contrast to several of last year. Ed Treacy saw one Lincoln's near Highland Falls, May 2.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Several warm days in late April and early May brought foliage out markedly, making land bird observations considerably more difficult than during the unusually cold spring of last year. May 15 and 23 were fair flight days on major flyways on western Long Island and around New York City. There were rather poor flights of birds off the main flyways and were so described at Massapequa, Northport and Mastic.

Observers reported a noticeable scarcity of Red-eyed Vireos, Black-poll

Warblers and Redstarts, but recorded a good flight of Tennessee Warblers with nine counted at Northport, May 17 (E. Mudge). Several early records of land birds were broken: a Scarlet Tanager picked up on Apr 6 at Amityville died later. Five Blue-gray Gnatcatchers at Hempstead in mid-April were the maximum sent in for this species.

Among shore birds, scattered reports came in of Hudsonian Curlew, Hudsonian Godwit, Caspian and Gull-billed Terns. A Wilson's Phalarope and Reeve were seen in mid-spring and nine Golden Plovers were maximum for a spring flock hereabouts, and perhaps constitutes an all time high for this species.

Loons — Ducks: The Loon flight continued at least to Jun 1 with four Red-throated and 15 Common Loons from Mecox to Moriches Inlet on that date (N. Smith, Brooklyn Bird Club). From 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Jun 1, 500 Sooty Shearwaters were counted from Mecox to Moriches Inlet and two birds were picked up dead (Smith, Brooklyn Bird Club). The Cormorant flight progressed into late May from 20 at Shinnecock, Apr 6 (D. Puleston). Both American and Snowy Egrets were present at Jamaica Bay Sanctuary from early May; Grossy Ibis was noted at Northville (near Riverhead) Apr 14 (Puleston, Raynor, O. Stoutenburgh) and several were recorded from Bronx Park, May 11 (B. Gilbert). Snow Goose: maximum, Jamaica Bay, 172 in three flocks (Mayer), also a flock of 39 at Jones Beach, Mar 30 (Queens County Bird Club). An abundance of Brant were still present at Jamaica Bay with 1,000 on May 8 (A. Penberthy).

Other Ducks: late Pintail, May 18 at Mill Neck (Elliott); seven Wood Ducks same place, Apr 23 (Penberthy); European Widgeon, Hastings-on-Hudson, Mar 2 (W. Hastings) Jamaica Bay Sanctuary, May 8: two Blue-winged Teal, five Shovellers, 60 Scaup, 30 Buffle-head; June 1: two Shovellers, one Scaup, seven Ruddy Ducks.

Hawks — Owls: Several reports of Red-tailed and Red-shouldered; two Broad-winged present at Northport, Apr 22 (Mudge); Duck Hawk present at Jamaica Bay into May; Pigeon Hawk, Babylon, May 8 (Alperin). Bob-white were well distributed from Massapequa eastward; several records of King Rail, one to May 23 at Jamaica Bay (Mayer). No reports came in of Yellow or Black Rail, but a Sora was seen at Lawrence, May 5 (Penberthy, Levine). A good flight of shore birds along Jamaica Bay in May and early June: maximum Golden Plover, nine, Apr 26 (Mayer); also one at Spring Creek, Apr 20 (R. Grant). Other shore birds: Solitary Sandpiper, Northport, May 10 (Mudge); a Reeve at Spring Creek, May 19, and present for some time previous to this (numerous observers). Wilson's Phalarope, Jamaica Bay, May 19 (Dignan, Casey, Brooklyn Bird Club). Pomarine Jaeger, one at Rockaway, May 30 (P. Buckley, P. Post); four, Mecox to Moriches Inlet and two Parasitic Jaegers, Jun 1 (Brooklyn Bird Club); a Glaucous Gull was present at Jamaica Bay into May; an estimated 100 Bonaparte's Gulls, May 27 at Jamaica Bay and 13 on June 1 (Baldwin Bird Club). Forster's Tern at Jamaica Bay, May 23 and two Black Terns (Mayer); Gull-billed Tern, Rockaway, May 30 (G. Carleton). The cuckoo flight appeared light; few owls were recorded but Great Horned Owl with two young in nest on eastern Long Island (C. McKeever). Whip-poor-will at Far Rockaway, Apr 22 (J. Bull) and Nighthawk at Northport, May 15 (E. Mudge) and one over New Rochelle, Jun 4 (Elliott).

Swifts — Shrikes: Fair numbers of Swifts seen away from the metropolitan region; reports of the rather rare Red-headed Woodpecker: New Rochelle, Dec 23 to mid-May (Hastings); Jones Beach, May 18 (J. and R. Allison); Northport, same date (Mudge); Babylon, Jun 2 (Alperin). Olive-sided Flycatcher came through in mid-May; Alder Flycatcher, picked up, freshly killed, Baldwin Harbor, May 24 (E. W. Teale). Two or three reports of migrating Cliff Swallows on western Long Island and a half-dozen of Rough-winged and Bank Swallow records came in. Early Purple Martin, Central Park, Mar 31 (Post). Practically no Red-breasted Nuthatch flight; fairly good report on distribution of Carolina Wren, but very few of Short-billed Marsh Wren. Brown Thrasher was singing at Garden City Apr 22;

Wood Thrush on Apr 28 and Veery, May 2 (J. T. Nichols). A fair migration of Ruby-crowned Kinglets was recorded and an April movement of Gnatcatchers was noted by numerous observers on Long Island as well as an early record at New Rochelle of Apr 13 for this species (Hastings).

Vireos — Warblers: There was a good flight of Blue-headed Vireos and locally of White-eyed; Red-eyed Vireos scarce compared to other years; a Philadelphia Vireo was recorded at Prospect Park, May 18 (N. Smith, Brooklyn Bird Club). Early Black-and-White Warbler, New Rochelle, Apr 13 (Hasting). Prothonotary Warbler was present in April in Hempstead and Woodmere (numerous observers); Cerulean Warbler observed at Woodmere, May 23 (Mayer); Central Park, same date (Mrs. P. Messing); Yellow-throated Warbler, Babylon, May 8 (Alperin). Orange-crowned Warbler: two reports from Dobbs Ferry, Feb 22 and Apr 28 (Hastings). Unusual was a singing Kentucky Warbler in a midtown New York City backyard during migration (R. Harrison). First report of Mourning Warbler: Central Park, May 23 (Mrs. Messing) and one at Forest Park, May 25 (Mayer, G. Rose) earliest record of Hooded Warbler: one at Woodmere, Apr 30 (Elliott).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Bobolinks were present in late May in Massapequa; a young male Orchard Oriols, May 19 at Mill Neck, Baltimore Oriole arrived in late April; there were several records of Rusty Blackbird and one of Summer Tanager in Central Park. There was a fair flight of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks on Long Island; fewer Indigo Buntings; one report of Henslow's Sparrow; an abundance of Sharp-tailed and Seaside Sparrows: Field Sparrows were scarce and there were far fewer White-crowned Sparrows than turned up last year. Strangely, of a winter flock of some 25-30 Lapland Longspurs at Spring Creek, Jamaica Bay, six were present on May 8 (Mayer).

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