

who reported a Rose-breasted Grosbeak there the following day. Indigo Buntings were not reported until May 12 (Onoville, Elderkin). Buckland reported two Grasshopper Sparrows from Batavia on the good date of Apr 21, and McMurtry found a Henslow's Sparrow at Wellsville Apr 26. The Axtells found an exceptionally early (unprecedented) Lincoln's Sparrow in Forest Lawn Apr 25. It was carefully studied and written up. Other sparrows were rather late in arriving, particularly the Savanna, Vesper, Field, and Swamp, all of which preferred comfort to punctuality.

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The first two weeks of the period were cold and rather wet. The weather changed abruptly at the end of this period and the next two weeks were dry and warm with S or SW winds prevailing most of the time. These produced good hawk flights but did not seem to start any very large movement of small land birds. The last few days of April and the first ten days of May were cool and very dry, so dry in fact that the woods were closed to public use. May 11-12 brought some rain and a good wave of small land birds. Heavy rains on May 19-29 drowned all fire hazards (and almost everything else including bird watchers on the spring census!) The weather the last ten days of the month was rather routine, possibly a little cooler than average. The spectacular waves of last season seemed to be absent, the birds moving through in rather steady but small numbers during prolonged periods of both favorable and unfavorable weather, except in the first two weeks of the period when birds whose peak abundance normally occurs at that time were unusually scarce.

Loons — Ducks: The loon flight reached its peak May 5 when 600 Common Loons and 350 Red-throated Loons were observed at Webster Park by Kemnitzer. Three Holboell's Grebes were recorded Apr 19 and a maximum count of 104 Horned Grebes was made Apr 18 by the same observer along the east lake shore. Only one Double-crested Cormorant was seen, May 26 (Listman). Three American Egrets were recorded at Montezuma May 19. The Green Heron seemed to arrive rather early and the Black-crowned Night Heron seemed rather late in appearing.

A flock of nine Brant appeared at Braddock Bay May 24 and some were still present at the end of the period. One Blue Goose was observed at Hamlin Beach Apr 13 by Listman. The European Widgeon appeared at Braddock Bay on May 24 (Listman). This was the first local record of this bird in two years. Three King Eiders were still present at Manitou Apr 27, and one bird was recorded at the same place May 12 (Listman). There was a heavy flight of White-winged Scoters on Lake Ontario this spring. One male Surf Scoter was observed Apr 18 off Rigney's Bluff (Allen) and two birds were seen May 12 at Manitou (Listman). 25 Ruddy Ducks were seen on Conesus Lake Apr 13.

Hawks — Owls: 24 Turkey Vultures were reported in a large hawk flight Apr 20 at Braddock by Listman and Bieber as well as 2000 Sharp-shinned Hawks, 200 Red-tailed Hawks, and one each Duck Hawk and Pigeon Hawk. Maximum numbers of Broad-winged Hawks reported were 5000 at Webster Park Apr 25 (Kemnitzer). 14 Rough-legged Hawks and nine Ospreys were seen Apr 20 at Port Bay by Kemnitzer. One Pigeon Hawk was also seen at Lima on Apr 13. Six Ruffed Grouse were found near Sodus Bay on Apr 13 by Jones. One Black-bellied Plover was at Montezuma May 19 and one was seen May 24 at Manitou (Listman). A flock of eleven Ruddy Turnstones were at Manitou May 30 (Brummer and Miller). Three Upland Plover were seen migrating at Braddock Apr 21. Solitary Sandpipers appeared rather early, being reported Apr 27 at Ling Road and Hamlin Beach. The White-rumped Sandpiper was reported from Ling Road May 18 by Listman. 11

Red-backed Sandpipers at Ling Road May 25. Two Dowitchers were seen there May 19 and a flock of several dozen was at Montezuma the same day. The Sanderling was reported at Manitou May 24 and 30, both reports of single birds. The Glaucous Gull was reported May 4 and 19 at Braddock. An Iceland Gull was seen at Summerville Apr 27 and large numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls were present around Braddock Bay during early May. Two Little Gulls, an adult bird and an immature, were observed with this flock. A Forster's Tern was at Braddock May 19 in company with Common Terns (Taylor, Klonick). The Barred Owl was seen and heard at Montezuma Apr 16 (Schmanke). The only report of the Saw-whet Owl this spring was from Island Cottage woods Apr 27 (O'Hara, Miller).

Swifts — Shrikes: Red-headed Woodpeckers seemed slightly more numerous around Rochester this spring while Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers seemed very scarce. The last record of the Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker was Apr 27 when a female was observed in a swamp white oak in Long Pond woods (O'Hara, Miller). A female American Three-toed Woodpecker was observed south of Rochester May 11 (Brummer, Starling). Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were well distributed in late May, six or more being seen in a morning. An Olive-sided Flycatcher was seen near LeRoy May 25 (O'Hara, Miller).

All six swallows were seen on the wires at Long Pond May 11. The Carolina Wren was reported Apr 7 and 14 at Irondequoit Bay (Miller). The Short-billed Marsh Wren seems to be more common and more widely distributed this spring than for several years previous to last year. A Mockingbird was seen and heard in full song May 25 at LeRoy (O'Hara, Miller). Both Hermit and Olive-backed Thrushes seemed somewhat scarcer than usual this spring. Gray-cheeked Thrush May 25 west of Manitou. 60 Pipits were seen at Webster Apr 20 (Kemnitzer). Migrant Shrikes seemed rather scarce around Rochester this spring.

Vireos — Warblers: For the first time in several years no reports of Philadelphia Vireos were received. The Blue-headed Vireo also seemed rather scarce. By Apr 27 stragglers of several species of the earlier warblers were present in addition, of course, to large numbers of Myrtles. A week of cold, clear weather resulted in less warblers being present on the weekend of May 4-5 than were present Apr 27-28. The best wave of the year seemed to occur the weekend of May 11-12 when all of the early and mid-season warblers were present in fairly good numbers in addition to the first arrivals of some of the later arriving warblers such as the Tennessee and Bay-breasted. Good numbers of warblers were present May 18 but May 19, an extremely inclement day saw few species and small numbers of those species that were present. A good number of the late arriving warblers were present May 25-26 and after this date the migration rapidly petered out.

The Orange-crowned Warbler was reported Apr 27, a very early date, on the east shore of Braddock Bay. A Pine Warbler was present in Durand-Eastman Park the weekend of May 4-5 and may have remained longer. A Prairie Warbler was reported south of Rochester May 11 (Brummer, Starling). A Connecticut Warbler was observed near Irondequoit Bay on May 26 by Miller. Several reports of Yellow-breasted Chats have been received this spring and four were observed May 18 near LeRoy by Listman.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: The Western Meadowlark again appeared near Braddock Bay on Apr 19 and was seen and heard repeatedly to the end of the period. It would appear that this bird may have nested as it was seen in close association with another Meadowlark which gave the calls of the Western. No attempt was made to find a possible nest because of the desire not to disturb the birds. An adult male Orchard Oriole was observed at Conesus Lake May 19 (Taylor). The northern finches continued completely absent, not one accepted report of any of this group having been received for an entire year. Grasshopper Sparrows seemed more generally distributed than usual this spring. No reports of the Sharp-tailed Sparrow were received during the period. The Lincoln's Sparrow seemed rather scarce, the only reports received being of single birds May 14-16 at Webster (Kemnitzer) and at Tryon Park May 26 (Miller).

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