

apparently winter survival was very high; increased numbers of them in known locations and three new stations in the flat country (north of Syracuse and south of Oneida Lake). No winter finches noted; most conspicuous is the absence of a May Evening Grosbeak flight. Pine Siskin: only one report; eight May 4, Selkirk Shores St. Park (Evans). Goldfinch: flight of 600 migrated east along Lake Ontario, Apr 25. Henslow's and Grasshopper Sparrows: arrival dates of Apr 21 and Apr 27 respectively are the "earliest-ever" for both. Tree Sparrow and Slate-colored Junco: departure dates are Apr 19 (early) and May 21 (very late) respectively. White-crowned Sparrow: good flight with a high of 45, May 18, Syracuse; date range, Apr 30 to May 21. White-throated Sparrow: a protracted flight (Apr 13 to May 27) with the peak, 400, Apr 27. Lincoln's Sparrow: two reports; one banded at Sherrill, May 9 (Nodecker); two seen, May 1, Green Lakes St. Pk. (B. Peterson).

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Birds started arriving about on time or a bit early, but in May the temperature was a little below normal and by that time migration was about normal or a little late.

Loons — Ducks: Loons were seen in St. Lawrence County Apr 17. Double-crested Cormorants have been seen near their usual nesting place in Jefferson County. Canada Geese stayed near Clayton at least as late as May 8. Wood Ducks have not been seen around Clayton as often as last year.

Hawks — Owls: A Turkey Vulture was seen near West Carthage Apr 13 (Gordon). J. Blake saw a Duck Hawk flying near Clayton May 8. He also reports that Ruffed Grouse are scarce in that section. An early record for Sora in St. Lawrence County is May 6 (Nichols). Ruddy Turnstones and Red-backed Sandpipers were found by Gordon at Perch River Marsh Apr 13. Mourning Doves spent the winter in this region in places where they found food. Black-billed Cuckoos have been seen more frequently than last year. Belknap saw a Bonaparte's Gull Apr 17.

Swifts — Warblers: A pair of Sapsuckers was seen near Watertown late in May and they appear to be nesting. A Brown Thrasher was seen in St. Lawrence County Apr 23 which is early. It is possible that there is a slight increase in the number of Bluebirds. A Warbling Vireo appeared in St. Lawrence County Apr 29 (Nichols). Myrtle Warblers appeared in droves starting May 6-7 (J. Blake). Among the warblers seen at the time of the spring census, May 4-19 were: Myrtle, Yellow, Black and White, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Redstart, Yellow-throat, Oven-bird, Magnolia, Bay-breasted, Nashville, Black-poll, Canada, Wilson's, Parula and Yellow-breasted Chat. In general the ones reported most often are given first, but the order is by no means exact. Perhaps the Magnolia and Bay-breasted Warblers were noted more often than in other years. A Tennessee Warbler was found dead in Watertown May 18.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: A Western Tanager was identified by Mrs. Frank Roda at Joe Indian Lake the week before Memorial Day. On May 6 Rev. Nichols saw six Evening Grosbeaks feeding high up in a newly-leaved elm tree in Madrid village. They are reported to be nesting in St. Lawrence County again this year. Many White-crowned Sparrows stayed around Watertown for several days. The peak was around May 18-19. They were seen near Madrid May 15, but not after May 20th. One was still at the feeder of Louise Blake near Potsdam on Jun 4.

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