

on May 31 (Brown, Hallenbeck). Mourning Warblers were completely unreported.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: The first Bobolink report was from East Chatham on May 7 (Radke). A large flock of Rusty Blackbirds was observed at Burnt Hills on Apr 13 (Foote). Three Baltimore Orioles were in Niskayuna on Apr 28 (Arnold), and on May 18 on Orchard Oriole was reported in the same area (SBC).

Surprisingly enough, there were two reports of winter finches. A small group of Redpolls and Pine Siskins was observed in Scotia on Apr 6 (Seguin), and a flock of about 25 Redpolls was in Niskayuna on Apr 24 (Novak). Purple Finches were quite commonly reported. The Cardinal was reported throughout the period from Niskayuna (Eddy). Late in April the species was reported from Delmar (Madison, Safford). The Cardinal continues to become increasingly common locally.

A Grasshopper Sparrow was reported at Nassau on Apr 24 (Turner). There was a fairly conspicuous Junco flight in the vicinity of Schenectady in early April. On Apr 2 a count of about 1000 was made near the Karner pine barrens (VanVorst). White-crowned Sparrows were quite widely reported. At Nassau these birds were present between Apr 28 (Shineman) and May 28 (Turner). They were present at Loudonville between May 9 and 21 (French) and at Burnt Hills between May 6 and 20 (Foote).

On May 26 a White-throated Sparrow, apparently a breeder, was seen near Albany (SBC). This is a bit south of the bird's known normal nesting range. The Chipping Sparrow first appeared at Amsterdam on Apr 8, and on Apr 22 a late Fox Sparrow was there (Fitzgerald). A Lincoln's Sparrow was reported in Columbia County on May 4 (Alan Devoe Bird Club). Another was present at Amsterdam from May 12 through May 18 (Fitzgerald).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Except for the drought period of latter April and early May our spring weather was quite normal generally. This stable condition, in turn, permitted the migration flights to flow through rather uninterrupted and in some cases migrants were actually earlier than usual. Most noticeable was the abundance of many species arriving in latter April instead of their usual arrival time of early May. The dry weather affected the May flights but little, perhaps even enhancing the normality of things. As is often the case, irregardless of the weather stability and normal migration trends, some alert and watchful observer manages to spot the locally rare species that has wandered in or is drifting through with the rest of the migration. Heading the list for this period, are the Gannet, Red-backed Sandpiper and the Caspian Tern.

Loons — Ducks: On May 19 Frank and Ruth Steffens and Ed Treacy saw two **Gannets** near Congers in Rockland County, making a first record for our region. Coastwise in distribution, this large oceanic bird rarely ventures inland. On Apr 17 Dr. Marjorie Hopper discovered a Green Heron in Rockland, which is an early arrival date. Most observers commented on the numerous flights of Canada Geese through the Hudson Valley this spring. Martha Earl has discovered an increase in the number of nesting Mallards in her area around Farmingdale, Orange County. As an uncommon nesting duck in this region perhaps the increase may be due to crossing with the domestic Mallard. A very late Baldpate was still in Rockland on May 19 (Hopper, Steffens, Treacy). A small number of Redheads was seen on the Lyonsville Pond, Ulster Co. on Apr 13, (Henry Dunbar, Fred Hough). They are seldom found on small ponds in this area. Also in Ulster, about 20 Old-squaw were seen on the Ashokan Reservoir, Apr 4 (Al Feldman).

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