

migrant noted May 17, SSSP. Tree Sparrow: the majority of local departure dates fell between Apr 18 and 25; last seen May 4, one near Oneida (Felle).

White-crowned Sparrow: a short peaked migration period (May 3-22) with some areas inundated (e.g. Sandy Pond dunes, 110+, May 15) with these birds, while other areas were virtually devoid of them (Syracuse, Camillus). White-throated Sparrow: a spectacular Apr 30 wave with 500+ noted in Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse, and 800+ at Camillus and SSSP (Estoff and Propst); last migrant noted May 29 at Camillus (Paquettes). Snow Bunting: one Apr 23 on a plowed field (with territory-staking Horned Larks and Vesper Sparrows about) was a record date locally (Paquette, Thurber).

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The migration of many birds this spring was late. May was cool and wet, and the warblers were late and lower in numbers.

Our May census produced only 135 varieties, which is less than we found in a shorter period last year.

Among the individual records of note were a Cattle Egret and a late Snowy Owl.

Loons — Ducks: A Double-crested Cormorant was seen along the Pillar Point Shore Road on Apr 18. A Cattle Egret, probably an immature bird, was found near Clayton May 13. It remained there until May 23, and thus many people were afforded a good chance to see it. On Apr 24 a Snow Goose appeared at PRGMA (Perch River Game Management Area). Three were at Wilson Hill Game Management Area on May 25 (fide J. Wilson). Seven Blue Geese were reported at Perch River Flats Apr 9 (fide J. Blake). There were several pairs of Shovelers at Perch River Flats in April, and the early part of that month brought in a good flight of Hooded Mergansers.

Hawks — Owls: Gordon reported a Turkey Vulture at Sears Pond in the Tug Hill section on Apr. 16. He also saw a Sharp-shinned Hawk attacking a Grackle on Apr 15, but a car frightened the hawk away and the Grackle escaped. On the same day he watched another Sharp-shinned Hawk killing a struggling Robin on the ground. The hawk pulled feathers from the breast for several minutes with its beak and finally flew away with the Robin in its talons. Conner, Gordon, and Belknap saw a Goshawk in the Tug Hill section of Lewis County. Rough-legged Hawks were present the first part of April, and the last date was Apr 19 (Belknap). On May 6 Allen observed a Pigeon Hawk at PRGMA. Last dates for the Snowy Owl are Apr 4 and Apr 28.

Goatsuckers — Sparrows: A male Whip-poor-will was flushed from the ground in a woods near Felts Mill Creek on Apr 30. An early date for Red-headed Woodpeckers is May 8 at PRGMA. There were two early reports of Tree Swallows, one of which was Apr 2. Cliff Swallows were seen at Rutland Pond Apr 30. Barn Swallows were said to be scarce in one place near Potsdam. There was a noted absence of Bluebirds everywhere. L. Blake has only one pair in her nest boxes this year. An early Loggerhead Shrike was seen on Pillar Point Apr 2 (Gordon).

As mentioned above, the warbler migration was poor and late. A Yellow Warbler was at Perch Lake on May 7. An exception to the general rule was a sizeable wave of warblers noted by Gordon in Watertown Park on May 21. It was composed largely of Bay-breasts and Blackburnians, but there were other common warblers to be seen at the same time.

The last Evening Grosbeak came to Allen's feeder on May 17. The number banded in Watertown during the winter season (Nov 21 to May 15) was well over 2,000 (Elitharp, Clinch). The last Pine Siskin seen at my feeder was on May 7. Allen found a Grasshopper Sparrow near Watertown May 28. Slate-colored Juncos were common around Watertown the last half of April. White-crowned Sparrows arrived May 2 and stayed until May 26, which is late.

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