

REGION 10 — MARINE

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April and May were cold and dry followed by extreme heat in May. Less than one-fourth of an inch of rainfall occurred from the first week in April until June 1 on eastern Long Island and very little more westward. Long grasses by late May were yellow and along the parkways several burned tracts were obvious. Roy Latham (RL) of Orient, writes that no warbler wave occurred for the whole period. Gilbert Raynor (GR) of Manorville, and Denis Puleston (DP) of Brookhaven, reported spring migration very poor with no waves observed and many species were missed. There was the usual big flight of Blue Jays in Orient. On western Long Island the best all day birding at Alley Pond and Jamaica Bay turned up 91 species on May 15, compared to 134 for May 13 last year (Lyman Langdon Audubon Society (LLAS)). Warblers were late at Orient but the Yellow appeared May 1 and at nearby Greenport on April 28. Carolina Wrens are back in Greenport's woods and Bluebirds showed up at Orient this spring for the first time in four years.

The most phenomenal records were of water birds; 15 Wood Ibis over Meadowbrook Causeway, April 4, and a nearby, extremely early large flock of 35 Common Egrets (I. Alperin, (IA). Equally amazing was a flock of 40-50 Cattle Egrets at Remsenberg, May 2-5 (R. Wilcox, (RW) and up to seven at Sayville (W. Terry, (WT). Singles of two or three over eastern Long Island were thought to be probably some of the original large flock. Also very unusual was the identification to the writer's satisfaction of a Manx Shearwater, five miles off Jones Beach (a field note is to follow in *The Kingbird*) (P. Post (PP) et al.)

As for warblers, more Ceruleans were reported on Long Island than in any other spring record I can find. Kentucky Warblers also drifted into eastern Long Island. Evening Grosbeaks appeared to the very end of the period — 15 at Orient May 31.

Loons — Ducks: Common Loon: three May 31 at Orient (RL); others were reported passing along the Fire Island coast through late May. There were several reports of Red-necked Grebe in Mar and Apr. Sooty Shearwater: 100, May 23 off Montauk (DP); 20, on the May pelagic trip off Jones Beach and a Manx Shearwater. Cattle Egret: 40-50 May 2-5, Remsenberg (RW); seven at Sayville (WT) and several widespread records later. There were one or two Louisiana Herons reported and several Least Bittern. Yellow-crowned Night Heron: Apr 22, Pelham Bay Park, two at nests (W. B. Hastings). Wood Ibis: 15, Apr 4, at Meadowbrook Causeway (IA). Glossy Ibis: two Apr 23 (earliest), Rockaway (PP); 12 May 30, The Raunt (GR). Snow Goose: four, Apr 20, Orient and one Blue Goose, Apr 25 (RL); 75 (max.) Mar 29 over Westbury (H. Pembleton, (HP), E. Good (EG); also 25 same day over Brookhaven (DP). Shoveller: 25 Apr 14, Jones Beach (A. Dignan, (AD).

Hawks — Owls: The scarcity of Buteos, which is yearly extending eastward into Suffolk county was again noted on western Long Island. Turkey Vulture: one, May 14, Orient (RL). Accipiter and Falcon flights along the south shore were very light. Pigeon Hawk: one, Apr 15, Jones Beach (C. Ward). No small rare rails; Sora reports — several; King Rail, one May 4, Upton (DP). Golden Plover: two, May 19, Raunt (Jamaica Bay Bird Sanctuary) (P. Gillen). Oystermatcher: two, May 26, Moriches (GR). Upland Plover: several reports, two from Orient, one from Lawrence and two from Westbury. A fairly good movement of Sandpipers including several Willet, White-rumped; no late Purple or Curlew Sandpipers were reported this year from Jamaica Bay region. Wilson's Phalarope: one, May 15, Jones Beach (Levine, et al). Northern Phalarope: 18, May 3, Shinnecock and Tiana Bays (IA). Glaucous Gull: Montauk, Apr 2 and two Iceland Gulls, same date and same place (DP). Little Gull, one, May 4, Upper Bay (PP et al). Common Tern: Apr 22 (early) Orient, (RL). Caspian Tern: (migrant) May 9, Smith Point (IA). Great Horned Owl: two adults, three young, nesting at Pelham Bay Park; still around Mill Neck with an adult calling, Apr 23 (O. Heck).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: Fairly good flight of Swifts on north shore; very few Nighthawks reported. Whip-poor-will practically eliminated from western Long Island with disappearance of habitat. Hummingbird, nesting at Manorville, May

17 (GR). Red-headed Woodpecker: Hempstead Lake, May 1-15 (EL, et al). Red-bellied Woodpecker: several reports from western Long Island and one from Central Park, N. Y. C. Rough-winged Swallow: six, West Islip, Apr 13 (IA); five, Mt. Sinai, May 27 (GR). Mockingbird: two nesting at Pinelawn, mid-May (HP, EG); one May 5-13, Remsenberg (GR). Tufted Titmouse: several records. Bluebird: a pair, Apr 1-22, Manorville, started nesting but moved on; several at Mill Neck, early Apr (LLAS). Cedar Waxwing: Port Washington, flock of 12, May 15 (A. Dove); 20, Apr 19, Massapequa (N. Elliott).

Vireos — Warblers: Yellow-throated Vireo: on nesting locations on north shore, at Oyster Bay, and Cold Spring Harbor; fair flight of Solitary; a couple of reports of Philadelphia; Warbling very scarce on Long Island. There was an early report of White-eyed at Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Apr 28 (Baldwin Bird Club). Prothonotary Warbler: several reports on western Long Island, one, May 4, Hempstead (A. Wollin). Worm-eating Warbler: three each in Alley Pond and Central Park N. Y. C. and others ranging from May 4-18 on western Long Island (D. Cohen, (DC). Blackpoll: Apr 29 (early) Alley Pond (DC et al). More Cerulean Warblers were reported than ever before with records from Alley Pond (several), Watermill, Noyack, Manorville, etc. Several records of Kentucky Warblers for the same period came from eastern Long Island, with singles at Greenport, Watermill, Noyack; also one or two from western Long Island.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Bobolink flight was light; several small flocks of Rusty Blackbirds; several Orchard Oriole records around mid-May, two at Syosset (J. Taylor); Kuoque (DP); Northport (E. Mudge); May 28 at Orient (RL); on western Long Island, one at Jamaica Bay May 5-7 (DC et al). Early Scarlet Tanager, Apr. 26, Far Rockaway (J. Bull). Summer Tanager: Alley Pond, May 9 (LLAS). Indigo Bunting: one, Riis Park, Apr 29 (PP); May 3, Orient (RL). Evening Grosbeaks were numerous to the end of the period with 15, May 31 at Orient (RL). Large flock of Purple Finches at Mill Neck, early Apr (LLAS); also, scattered through Apr and May at Orient (RL). Ipswich Sparrow: two, Montauk, Apr 2 (DP). Savannah Sparrow: 20-30 in one field at Orient, Apr 21, (RL). Several good records of Vesper Sparrow from eastern Long Island, Orient, Manorville, Noyack; 10 (max.) at Port Washington, Apr 2 (AD). White-crowned Sparrow: scarce as compared to last year when abundant through May; one at Jamaica Bay, May 7 (DC). Several Lincoln Sparrow reports. Swamp Sparrow flight passed through early, apparently none remaining to breed.

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