

- Vol 10, No 4, p 175, l 31, 32: female Common Eider; this specimen was classified as (*Somateria m. dresseri*), the first of this race taken in the Niagara Frontier Region. The previous specimens were classified as (*Somateria m. sedantaria*.)
- Vol 10, No 4, p 177, l 62: (North) should be qualified as (R. Norths, Jr.). On occasion George W. North of Hamilton, Ont. reports records to this region.
- Vol 11, No 1, p 38, l 1: November should be **December**.
- Vol 11, No 1, p 40, l 8: The Green-winged Teal on the Niagara River was seen on **Mar 11**, not on the 12th.
- Vol 11, No 1, p 41, l 39: Island Gull should be **Iceland Gull**.
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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures for April were about normal but May averaged 2.4°F below normal and 8.0°F below those of last May. As late as May 24 a reading of 32°F was recorded. Rainfall for April was slightly above normal and that for May somewhat below average. One inch of snow on May 1 was the first measurable snowfall recorded in Rochester in May in 18 years.

The period was marked by outstanding individual birds rather than by outstanding waves. The area was frequently under the influence of C.P. air masses which brought clear, mild days and cool nights and not very many birds. Even the low pressure areas seemed to often bring cool, rainy weather and rather ordinary movements of birds.

Outstanding birds recorded during the period included Artic Loon, Cattle Egret, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Glossy Ibis, Golden Eagle, Whimbrel, Wilson's Phalarope, Black-headed and Little Gulls, Western Meadowlark and Lark Sparrow.

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Names of places used regularly in report: BB—Braddock's Bay; DEP — Durand-Eastman Park; EL — East Lakeshore; HL — Hawk Lookout (East Manitou Road); HSP — Hamlin State Park; WP — Webster Park; WL — West Lakeshore.

Loons-Ducks: The peak of the spring flight of Common Loons was reached Apr 27 when 350 were along the EL (AEK). An Arctic Loon in summer plumage was carefully observed at Pultneyville May 5, (AEK). The observer has seen hundreds of this species in the northwest and in Alaska. The only previous record for our region was a bird reported at Point Breeze Apr 26, 1959. The spring flight of Red-throated Loons was light with maximum counts of eight along the EL on Apr 15 (AEK) and 27 in the same place on Apr 27 by the same observer. Five were still present in the same area May 5 (AEK). Forty-six Red-necked Grebes along the WL on Apr 14 (AEK) and seven along the EL the next day by the same observer were the above average counts for the species. A Common Egret over the HL on Apr 20 (JF & TET) was the only report of this species. A Cattle Egret was in Parma on May 12 (J & TM, SO), three were in the same place from May 13-16 (WCL & AAS) and one was seen a short distance away on May 19 (CMW). This was the last report. Last year the high count was 15 near Avon. An adult Yellow-crowned Night Heron was at Mendon Pond Park on May 19 (GL, LM & NM). A Glossy Ibis was at East Manitou on Apr 20 (WCL) and another or the same bird was in West Webster on May 21 (AEK). Six Whistling Swans remained at WP until May 5 (AEK) and two were in Webster on May 19 (WL et al). Among the more outstanding records of ducks were six Gadwall along the WL on Apr 17 (LM et al), 200 White-winged Scoters at the same place on May 11 (WCL), one Surf Scoter at HSP on Apr 29 (AM), two common Scoters on the EL on Apr 27 (AEK) and 14 Ruddy Ducks on BB Apr 17 (WCL).

Hawks-Owls: The two peak counts of Broad-winged Hawks were 2,500 at the HL on Apr 20 (AEK) and 3,000 at the same place Apr 29 (LM). A Golden Eagle was over Frisbee Hill Road on May 4 (JF, AM & TET) and one went over Rochester on May 26 (JF). Two adult and one immature Bald Eagles went over the HL on Apr 29 (RB & LM) and single birds were at the HL on May 4 (WCL) and May 19 (GL, LM & NM). An immature bird was over DEP on May 26 (JM & TM). A Peregrine Falcon went through Parma on May 11 (WCL) and another was at the HL on May 19 (GL, LM & NM). Single Pigeon Hawks were in Webster Apr 28 (AEK), at the HL Apr 29 (RB) and BB May 4 (WCL).

Among the more outstanding records of a very ordinary spring shorebird flight were: Forty-seven Whimbrel at BB on May 28 (WCL), six Short-billed Dowitchers in Parma May 18 (WCL), 250 Semi-palmated Sandpipers at BB May 28 (WCL), and a Wilson's Phalarope in Clarkson May 5 (JF et al). A Glaucous Gull was at BB May 4 (WCL) and single Iceland Gulls were at WP Apr 17 (AEK) and at BB Apr 30 (WCL). A Black-headed Gull was at BB May 19 (JF & WCL) and single Little Gulls were at the same place Apr 22 and May 19 (WCL). A Barn Owl was in Pittsford from May 5-12 (JF, AM & TET).

Goatsuckers-Shrikes: A very early Eastern Kingbird was at BB Apr 20 (WCL). Two hundred fifty Horned Larks were at Shore Acres Apr 13 (JF, AM & TET). While the subspecies was not positively determined, it seems probable that they were mostly the northern subspecies *alpestris*. A very late Winter Wren was in Ellison Park May 19 (GD). The area is suitable for the nesting of this species. The Carolina Wren was unreported. A Mockingbird was reported irregularly from the Webster area (TM and Mary Sunderlain), and one was in the BB area on May 8-9 (Mrs. Dineen) and one was again reported in the same area May 19 (WCL). Swainson's Thrushes went through in at least average numbers, in contrast to last spring's scarcity. Eastern Bluebirds showed no signs of a comeback, with a maximum count of only four migrating along the lakeshore (AEK). A few scattered single pairs nested in our area. One hundred Golden-crowned Kinglets on the WL Apr 2 (JF, TET) probably indicates the peak of the spring flight. The same two observers saw a very early Ruby-crowned Kinglet the same day at Rose's Marsh.

Vireos-Warbblers: Solitary Vireos seemed scarce. On the other hand, Philadelphia Vireos seemed somewhat more widely distributed than usual. The first reported was in Island Cottage Woods May 4 (SO et al). Several were reported between May 18-26. A Prothonotary Warbler was in DEP May 17 (WL). Single Blue-winged Warblers were at West Rush May 18 (JH), at Letchworth Park May 19 (WCL et al) and at Powder Mill Park May 26 (JM & TM). A Brewster's Warbler was at Powder Mill Park May 19 (GD). Parula and Cape May Warblers seemed scarce, especially the former. A Prairie Warbler was in DEP May 11-12 (PW). Fifty Palm Warblers were on the WL May 5 (G.O.S. hike). A Connecticut Warbler was netted and banded at Manitou on May 25 (GL).

Blackbirds-Sparrows: After a complete absence the previous year, singing Western Meadowlarks were in Kent Apr 29 (RB), in Webster May 5-31 (JM & TM), in Parma May 20-31 (WCL et al) and in Scottsville May 26 (JWB). Four Evening Grosbeaks were in Penfield up to Apr 3 (GD & Lucy Miltz) and 15 were near Wayland until Apr 13 (WCL). Two thousand Am. Goldfinches were migrating past BB May 18 (WCL). A Lark Sparrow was netted and banded west of Manitou May 3 (GL & WCL). Excellent colored pictures were obtained of the bird in the hand. The bird was released the next morning in the presence of several members of the G.O.S. The bird was still present in the general area the next day. This is the area's first record of the Lark Sparrow since 1911 when a pair raised a brood of young in Monroe County (as reported by Eaton in *Birds of New York*). An Oregon Junco was in Webster Apr 29 (JM & TM). Thirty-five Fox Sparrows at the HL Apr 17 (LM et al) is a high count for the area. Lincoln's Sparrows seemed commoner than usual (or maybe they are being identified oftener) this spring with at least five on May 19.

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