

Phladelphica Vireo: (rare), May 12, "Friend-Potter Woods," Keuka; one, May 16, Waterloo (JW); one, May 16, McLean Bog, n.e. Dryden, (DF). Prothonotary Warbler: none reported. Blue-winged Warbler (1 pair), Golden-winged Warbler (2 pairs), early May, "Friend-Potter Woods," Keuka. At Ithaca, Blue-winged, once extremely rare, has almost supplanted Golden-winger (fide RF). Brewster's Warbler: one, May 19, Italy Valley, (CRM); one, May 6, Crane Rd., Elmira (WH); several, mid-May, Varna RR tracks, (RF). Two records of the rarer Lawrence's hybrid: May 4, Elmira Heights, (NH); May 19, Geneva, (EM). Orange-crowned Warbler: (rare in spring): one, May 16, Cornell Fish Hatchery, (NS); one, May 12, E. Ithaca, (DM). Parula Warbler: often missed, one, May 11, Elmira. Cape May Warbler: migration noted on May 9. Ceruleans: absent this year at Stewart Park, Ithaca where they have been found for some years; more noted at Geneva, however. Yellow-throated Warbler: one, Apr 26, Collegetwon, Ithaca (CM). Prairie Warbler: May 5, Keuka, many observer. First record there since 1905 when nested north of Branchport (fide FG); one, Elmira, May 6. Yellow-breasted Chat: at one or two old stations, Ithaca, early May. One, May 25, Lindley, N. Y., (JL). Hooded Warbler: only report, mid-May, Geneva, (EM). Redstarts: continue scarce at Ithaca; reported missing from a woods where normally abundant, nr Clyde (WEB).

Blackbirds-Sparrows: Bobolinks: more than in '62 at Watkins. No change elsewhere. Meadowlark: slow in returning, usually here by early March, it was the first of April before many were seen. Western Meadowlark: one, through May, Preemption Rd., Keuka (FG); two, end of May, near Sheldrake, west shore of Cayuga. Red-winged Blackbird: still somewhat down at Geneva, though all other blackbirds up as in rest of region. Baltimore Oriole: definitely more abundant this year — perhaps two pairs for every one of last few years. Many reports of Orioles coming to suet. Scarlet Tanager: judging from number of calls coming to Laboratory of Ornithology, they are more abundant this year than last. Rose-breasted Grosbeck: also more abundant, with many reports of these on feeders, eating sunflower seeds. Few early nests were successful, however. Indigo Bunting: "abundant" at Hornell (WG). Dickcissel: singing bird at Chemung County airport, May 31 (DM). Evening Grosbeck: left quite suddenly, April 18-23, except four still at feeder, Coddingtown Road, Ithaca, May 3. Purple Finch: the large flocks, reported in last issue, pulled out by May 1 (over 200 banded at Etna before they left), but more pairs than usual remained to nest; for example, I have eight individuals in my yard at Etna, usually one pair. Red Crossbill: one, May 23, Monkey Run (RF). White-winged Crossbill: rare at any time, none all winter, one, netted and banded, Apr 25, Cornell campus, (KC). Green-tailed Towhee: the individual which has wintered on West Hill, Ithaca, last reported on Apr 25. Vesper Sparrow: numbers apparently migrating at Hornell, May 1. Tree Sparrow: two, May 12 (last date, late), Montezuma, (WEB). Chipping Sparrow: flight noticed (50-100 birds) Apr 29, Ithaca and Clyde, (DM, WEB), and May 1, Hornell (WG). Clay-colored sparrow: discovered just after end of reporting period, ¼ mile from station of former years in Cayuga Heights, Ithaca, so probably had been there in May (RL, DM). White-crowned Sparrow: unusually heavy migration this year, noted by many. Present from May 6 through 14 in numbers at Ithaca. 100, May 12, Waterloo, (JW). 50 banded, Penn Yan, (ML). Outnumbered White-throats at Hornell, but no unusual numbers there. Fox Sparrow: plentiful, Mar 28-Apr 28, Burdett, peak, 8, Apr 7. Peak, 12, SWS, Apr 23.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA LESLIE E. BEMONT

On the average April was warm, sunny and dry. The 2nd and 3rd brought record breaking temperatures, in the 80's, and there was another warm period around the 17th, but the 10th and 23rd brought lower than normal temperatures. May, almost the reverse of April, averaged cool and wet. On May 9 temperatures again reached the 80's but only two days later, May 11 matched all but the very worst March weather. Another cold spell, including the last frost, came the 23rd and 24th. April 11 saw the last appreciable snow cover of any duration.

As one might predict from this kind of weather pattern bird records show a curious mixture of early arrivals and late departures that makes a short concise summary rather difficult or even impossible. Some examples of the former are Green Heron, Least Sandpiper, Traill's Flycatches, Bay-breasted Warbler and Chipping Sparrow. Some of the late departures were Whistling Swans, Canada Geese, Green-winged Teal, Red-breasted Merganser, Rough-legged Hawk, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Parula Warbler, Rusty Blackbird and Fox Sparrow.

The waterfowl and shorebird flights were interesting for both volume and diversity, bearing in mind the nature of the region. The most notable aspect of the small land bird migration was the dearth of Swainson's and Gray-cheeked Thrushes.

The number of Cattle Egrets reported is of especial interest but in referring to them, it should be borne in mind that we have yet to receive our first report of the species in the region that is accompanied by completely satisfactory observational details. Also included is a House Finch record that has already proven controversial, primarily because the literature is not of one mind about the best diagnostic characteristics. It is included here so that those interested may judge for themselves on the basis of the evidence at hand.

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Abbreviation: first — first observation of the species reported for the season. Last — last observation of the species reported for the season. max-maximum.

Loon - Ducks: Common Loon: Apr 10 (first), Whitney Point (F. Linaberry, H. Marsi); 26 (migrating) Apr 24, Owego (W. Spofford, R. Williams); also observed at Norwich, Oxford and Candor May 30 (D. Weber). Red-throated Loon: One, May 11, Norwich (R & S White), identified by slender bill and also noted to be slightly smaller than a White-winged Scoter observed with it. Red-necked Grebe: three, Apr 25, Norwich (R, SW), identified by profile and white and red markings. Horned Grebe: Apr 27, (last), Whitney Point (M. Sheffield); 50 or more (max), Apr 20, Whitney Point (MS) (relatively heavy migration for this region). Pie-billed Grebe: reported more frequently in the Triple Cities area than in most recent years. Great Blue Heron: two rookeries and possibly a third in the Owego area; two rookeries, one made up of 17 nests, in the Cortland area; and one rookery is in the Whitney Point area. Green Heron: Apr 13 (first), Owego (RW). Cattle Egret: 23, May 7, Afton (Mrs. D. Whitson); 24, May 10, Owego (Mrs. F. Allen); two May 11, Owego (Tioga Bird Club Field Trip); May 12, Binghamton (Carpenter); four May 14, Owego (Mrs. F. Allen, fide M. White, C. Gerould); May 21 and 23, Homer (J. Gustafson). American Bittern: Apr 21, Vestal (HM); our first.

Whistling Swan: five, May 19 thru 25, Halsey Valley (Mrs. D. Becon). Canada Goose: one, May 19, Candor (G. Kirk), the last of several May records; the last flocks numbering in the hundreds were seen Apr 29. Pintail: three, Apr 27 (last), Whitney Point (MS). Green-winged Teal: May 19, Whitney Point (MS), the last of three May records. American Widgeon: 15 or more, Apr 27 (last), Whitney Point (MS). Shoveller: two Apr 20, Norwich (R, SW). Redhead: Apr 13 (last) Whitney Point (MS) (better than normal migration). Ring-necked Duck: 10 or more, May 4 (last) Whitney Point (MS). Canvasback: one, Apr 20 (last), Whitney Point (MS), (better than normal migration). Scaup: 500 (max), Apr 12, Whitney Point (S. Lincoln), Apr 24, Owego (RW), the last Greater; Apr 27, Whitney Point (MS), the last Lesser. Common Goldeneye: Apr 18, Owego (GK), the last. Buffle head: six, Apr 27, Whitney Point (MS), the last spring record; 18 (peak) Apr 20, Norwich (R, SW), 15 or more at Whitney Point (MS) and also at Owego (CG, MW). Old Squaw: three, Apr 17, 18 and 26, Norwich (R, SW); 67, Apr 18, Owego (GK); and 60 or more, Apr 20, Whitney Point (MS); no other reports. White-winged Scoter: one, May 11, Norwich (R, SW), white speculum well observed when wings lifted. Ruddy Duck: one, Apr 24, Owego (WS, RW). Hooded Merganser: four females, Apr 21, (last) Whitney Point (MS), (fairly light migration). Common

Merganser: two (last) Apr 20, Whitney Point (MS). Red-breasted Merganser: one, Apr 6 and 9, Apr 20, Whitney Point (MS); two, May 20, Owego (RW), seems very late.

Hawks—Owls: Turkey Vulture: Apr 12, Kirkwood (SL); 12, Apr 20, Hancock (G. Corderman); Apr 29, Owego (RW); one, May 3, Chenango Bridge (M. & A. Davis); May 12, Newark Valley (L. Dean); May 19, South Owego (D. Bendle); the first year with such widely dispersed records in the region. Broad-winged Hawk: Apr 20, 7 over Cortland (JG), two at Whitney Point and one at Choconut Center (MS) and one at Chenango Forks (M, AD); Apr 21, 26 counted in two hours flying over near Owego and Apr 29, 20 counted in same length of time (RW); smaller numbers seen regularly to May 25. Rough-legged Hawk: one (late) Apr 2, Owego (DB). Bald Eagle: seen four times during May at Berkshire (M. Lynch). Marsh Hawk: this year and last show improvement in numbers over previous few years, but still not common. Osprey: most reports between Apr 20 and May 11; the last one May 19, Chenango Forks (M, AD). Peregrine Falcon: one, Apr 29, Owego (RW), in flight.

Bobwhite: Apr 1, Owego (A. Evelien); Apr 4, Candor (DW). Turkey: Apr 17, Owego (MW); May 30, Drybrook in Tioga Co. (R. Middleton). Sora: heard several times in marsh near Apalachin during May (SL, L. Bemont), but otherwise unreported. Common Gallinule: Apr 26, Vestal (HM, GC, W. Corderman); one, Apr 28, found along road near Kirkwood injured, apparently by a car (L. Loomis), being nursed back to health. Coot: Apr 25, Kattelville (H. Thomas); still there Apr 28 (MS); May 19, Tracy Swamp in Owego area (MW, CG). Semi-palmated Plover: 30 or more, May 26, scattered around Triple Cities area (LB, R. Pantle); similar numbers at Whitney Point, May 30 (MS). Killdeer: young observed May 11, Homer (JG). Golden Plover: three, May 26, on Harpur College athletic field near Binghamton and Black-bellied Plover: one, at the same place and same time (LB, RP), making a direct comparison of back colors possible and making appreciably larger size of the latter species evident. Six or more Black-bellied Plovers were at Whitney Point May 30 (MS). Woodcock: quite numerous reports. Common Snipe: May 19, Endicott (LB, SL), by "winnowing sound" made by tail feather, over small marsh. Upland Plovers: two, May 13, Center Lisle (MS); May 17, Homer (JG). Spotted Sandpiper: Apr 9, Newark Valley (LD), first report by 10 days. Solitary Sandpiper: Apr 21, (first), Whitney Point (MS); May 19, (last). Greater Yellowlegs: Apr 20, (first), Whitney Point (MS), still present May 30. Lesser Yellowlegs: Apr 21, Lounsberry (MW), Vestal (HM) and Whitney Point (MS); last report in the Triple Cities area May 19: we are wondering about the correct nomenclature for one seen May 14 that was missing one leg. Pectoral Sandpiper: Apr 28, Vestal (HM, GC, WC); one, May 11, Whitney Point (MS). Least Sandpiper: Apr 25, Vestal (HM, GC, WC), very early; still present May 30. Dunlin: May 26, Endwell (RP, LB); May 30, 15 or more, Whitney Point (MS). Semi-palmated Sandpiper: May 19, Vestal (LB, SL); 18 or more, May 30, Whitney Point (MS). Sanderling: one, May 30, Whitney Point, (MS).

Herring Gull: few reports after Apr 4 and only one May report; one, May 26, Endwell (LB, RP). Ring-billed Gull: several medium sized flocks throughout the period; 30 or more, May 26, (last), Endwell (RP, LB). Bonaparte's Gull: Apr 19 (first), Endwell (HM, GC). 50 or more, Apr 20, Whitney Point (MS). Common Tern: Apr 20, Whitney Point (MS) and Homer (JG); eight (max) or more May 11, Whitney Point (MS) May 19, (last), Whitney Point (MS). Black Tern: one, May 4, Whitney Point (MS); 20, (max), May 19, (last), Owego MW, CG. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: May 9, Chenango Forks (M, AD). Black-billed Cuckoo: May 9, Chenango Forks (M, AD) and Berkshire (ML). Both cuckoos reported frequently. Screech Owl: reported only from Cortland area during the period. Barred Owl: two, Oxford (A. Stratton); one, May 13, Chenango Forks (M, AD); May 30, Castle Creek (MS); one, record in a period has been unusual in the past.

Goatsuckers—Shrikes: Whip-poor-will: May 3, Hinman's Corners, north of Binghamton (R. & J. Saunders), the only one reported. Nighthawk: May 16, Binghamton (LB). Chimney Swift: Apr 20, Castle Creek (B. Burgher) and Owego (RW). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: three Binghamton records and one Owego,

May 11, (first). Red-headed Woodpecker: one, May 5, on Ingraham Hill, south of Binghamton (C. Howard); May 10, Homer (JG); May 12, Sherburne (R, SW) at same place as last year; May 18, McGraw (JG); and at Berkshire sometime in the last third of May (ML). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: two, Apr 2, Ingraham Hill (CH); same date, Greene (C. & J. Davis); frequent reports in Apr, thinning out in May. Eastern Kingbird: one, Apr 29, Ingraham Hill (CH); same date, Vestal (HM, FL). Great-crested Flycatcher: May 2, Chenango Forks (M, AD). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: one, May 17, Endwell (LB); May 18, Cortland (W. Briedinger); also at Vestal, Owego and Ingraham Hill. Traill's Flycatcher: two, May 9, Ingraham Hill (CH); quite common around the Triple Cities and Newark Valley. Least Flycatcher: May 4, (first), at Cortland, Owego and Ingraham Hill. Wood Pewee: one, May 13, Endwell (LB). Olive-sided Flycatcher: May 21 and 24, Ingraham Hill (CH), the only records. Bank Swallow: Apr 13, Owego (RW), the first record by 8 days. Rough-winged Swallow: three, Apr 21, Norwich (R, SW); one, Apr 21, Ingraham Hill (CH). Barn Swallow: Apr 13, Owego (RW), the first report after one Mar record. Cliff Swallow: Apr 20, Whitney Point (MS). Purple Martin: after a Mar 30 record, Apr 8, Cortland (JG); Apr 19, Binghamton (HM); regular from Apr 28.

Tufted Titmouse: reported fairly frequently in the Triple Cities area. Red-breasted Nuthatch: May 20, Berkshire (ML), the last spring record. Brown Creeper: reported particularly frequently during Apr, fewer May records but heard singing and still present May 30. House Wren: Apr 28, Westover (RP, LB). Winter Wren: more reports than most years, still present May 19, Carolina Wren: May 19, (only record), Berkshire (ML). Long-billed Marsh Wren: May 19, (only record), Vestal (LB, SL). Mockingbird: Apr 25, Kattleville (HT); one, Apr 29, Ingraham Hill (CH); May 19, Owego (Mr. & Mrs. Cole). Catbird: May 2, Chenango Forks (M, AD). Brown Thrasher: Apr 14, Chenango Forks (M, AD). Wood Thrush: May 3, Chenango Forks (M, AD). Hermit Thrush: scattered reports of migrating birds through May 1; May 19, Castle Creek (LB, SL), May 31, French Tract, south of Binghamton (CH); May 31, Candor (DW) and May 31, Newark Valley (LD) probably all on territory. Swainson's Thrush: May 8, (first), Owego (RW, MW); May 17, (last), Endwell (LB), only two reports between. Gray-cheeked Thrush; none. Veery: May 4, Vestal (SL) and Owego (MW, CG). Bluebird: some local areas show a decrease from last year but the overall picture looks encouraging. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: eight or more, Apr 26 and 27, Chenango Forks (M, AD); May 18, Berkshire (ML) and Freetown in Cortland Co. (C. Wilkins); also reported from several other localities in the Triple Cities area. Golden-crowned Kinglet: May 10, (last), Chenango Forks (M, AD). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: May 15, (last), Binghamton (MS), a seemingly early departure. Water Pipit: 20 or more (max), May 4, West Chenango, a few miles north of Binghamton (MS); May 10 (last), Berkshire (MS); also reported from Candor (DW), Cortland (JG, WB). Loggerhead Shrike: one, Apr 7, between Oxford and Coventryville (H. Nodecker).

Vireos—Warblers: Yellow-throated Vireo: May 5, Owego (RW). Solitary Vireo: one, Apr 22, Ingraham Hill (CH). Red-eyed Vireo: one, May 5, Oxford (AS). Philadelphia Vireo: May 14, Binghamton area (HM, FL); May 19, Diamond Valley in Tioga Co. (RW). Warbling Vireo: May 4, Westover (RP, LB) and Homer (JG). Warblers: Black and White: May 3, Chenango Forks (M, AD). Worm-eating: May 19, Endwell (LB, SL) and Binghamton (HM), both at stations where they have located regularly in recent years. Golden-winged: May 5, Binghamton (MS); reported only in the Triple Cities area, but quite frequently there. Brewster's: May 19, Hinman's Corners (R, JS). Blue-winged: May 4, Homer (WB), also at Owego (RW) and three different localities around the Triple Cities. Tennessee: one May 14, Castle Creek (MS); to May 26. Nashville: May 4, Owego (MW, CG), Homer (WB), Ingraham Hill (CH) and Chenango Forks (M, AD). Parula: May 9, Chenango Forks (M, AD) and Endwell (N. Washburn); more reports than usual and still present May 30. Yellow: Apr 26, Homer (JG); regular after May 4. Magnolia: May 5, Newark Valley (LD). Cape May: May 8, Chenango Forks (M, AD); May 20 (last), Homer (WB). Black-throated Blue: May 4, Homer (WB) and Castle Creek (MS); some still present May 31. Myrtle: Apr 24, Chenango Forks (M, AD) and Owego (WS, RW); last report May 21. Black-throated Green: one Apr 27, Ingraham Hill

(CH); major portion of reports were between May 1 and 17, but a few were still present May 31. Cerulean: May 23, Cortland (CW); the only report. Blackburnian Warbler: one May 2, Norwich (R, SW) and one Endwell (E. & N. Washburn) and Chenango Forks (M, AD); frequent reports until May 20 and a few still present May 31. Chestnut-sided: one, May 5, Norwich (R, SW), Owego (MW, CG), Newark Valley (LD). Bay-breasted: one, May 4, Ingraham Hill (CH), first report by eight days; most reports from May 14 to 20 with a few to May 26. Blackpoll: May 19, Newark Valley (LD) and Binghamton; still present May 31. Palm: one, Apr 24, Chenango Forks (M, AD); last report May 23, Berkshire (M. & D. Lynch) with more than the usual number of reports between. Prairie: May 8 and 15, Chenango Forks (M, AD), an infrequently reported species here. Ovenbird: May 4, Owego (TBC), Newark Valley (LD) and two at Ingraham Hill (CH). Northern Waterthrush: one, Apr 29, Chenango Forks (M, AD). Louisiana Waterthrush: Apr 20, Binghamton (HM). Mourning: May 10, Cortland (JG); May 12, Binghamton (HM) and Berkshire (LD); May 14, Berkshire (M, DL); one, May 16 and one, May 17, Endwell (LB, RP); May 19, Binghamton; May 31, Candor (DW); those on the 16th and 17th were adult males taken from mist nets that had given no hint of their presence with a sound before being caught demonstrating why so few are detected in migration most years. Yellowthroat: May 4, Owego (RW). Yellow-breasted Chat: May 10, Berkshire (M, DL); May 16 and 19, Hinman's Corners (MS); the only reports. Wilson's: May 9 Owego (RW); another relatively heavy migration this year, mostly after May 17 and continuing to at least May 30; May 22, Choconut Center (R. Sheffield), and actual "wave". Canada: May 5, Chenango Forks (M, AD); most reports between May 9 and 17 with reduction to about the normal summer population thereafter. Redstart: May 4, Homer (WB), Chenango Forks (M, AD), Vestal (SL).

Blackbirds—Sparrows: Bobolink: one, May 4, Ingraham Hill (CH); "many this year" at Newark Valley (LD). Baltimore Oriole: Apr 30, Chenango Forks (M, AD); regular after May 3. Rusty Blackbird: more reports than in most years scattered through Apr and until May 14, (last) Binghamton (HM, FL). Common Grackle: have seemed particularly numerous this spring. Scarlet Tanager: May 4, Owego (TBC); regular after May 8.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 1, Homer (WB) and Binghamton (HM). Indigo Bunting: May 6, Owego (AE). Evening Grosbeak: remained fairly common until about Apr 21 and a few were reported until May 20 (last) Sidney (F. Quick). Purple Finch: remained quite common until mid-May and more than normal number stayed around later and showed signs of nesting. House Finch: one, Apr 22, 26 and 27, Endwell (E, NW), a male with a flock of purple finches, identified by much lighter raspberry red color, as compared to purple finches, confined to head, breast and rump; flanks with brown strikes on light background, lack of prominent crown and crest raising, and slimmer body held in more horizontal position; the shape of the end of the tail and of the bill were not noted; a color picture was taken but the diagnostic characteristics do not show very well. Pine Siskin: quite common until mid Apr and then gradually becoming less common with only scattered reports after May 15, the last of these May 24, Endwell (E, NW). Red Crossbill: May 6, Cortland (R. Peterson), the only record this year. Rufous-sided Towhee: migrants arrived about Apr 8.

Sparrows: Savannah: Apr 4, Westover (RP). Grasshopper: May 4, West Chenango (MS). Henslow's: Apr 27, Choconut Center (MS); quite scarce all spring. Vesper: 50 or more (max), Apr 5, Ingraham Hill (CH); smaller flocks noted from then to Apr 8. Slate-colored Junco: largest flocks came around Apr 13 and 14; plenty around until about May 8 with only the few that probably nest in the area thereafter. Oregon Junco: one, Apr 9 to 16, Chenango Forks (M, AD). Tree: common until about Apr 16; Apr 29 (last), Castle Creek (BB). Chipping: Apr 5, Owego (RW); one, Apr 7, Gilbert State Park (R, SW); not common until Apr 18. Field: arrived in numbers about Apr 1. White-crowned: May 4 (first), five different reports; frequent reports until May 19; the only later report May 24, Ingraham Hill (CH). White-throated: Apr 9, Newark Valley (LD), first migrants; frequent reports until May 19, with small numbers still present and being reported regularly

May 31. Fox: two, May 1, Oxford (AS), the last of a remarkably heavy migration of long duration (since Mar 25) for the species. Lincoln's: one, May 8, Ingraham Hill (CH); also May 12, Newark Valley (LD) and 13 more Triple Cities area records, the last one May 22 for an unprecedented total of 15 reports in the period; probably more a matter of observer education than species multiplication. Swamp: Apr 6. Whitney Point (MS); more than the usual number of reports.

Correction: With additional information available Dr. Gustafson writes that he is convinced the Scarlet Tanager report in the last issue was in error. Dr. Sally Hoyt has written him that she had a captive male bird that didn't molt to red until well into April.

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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The warm spell of late March and early April brought in a number of the early- and mid-April migrants before their usual arrival dates. In general, the late April-early May migrants were tardy and some mid-May ones exceptionally late. Moderate movements of land birds were noted on April 28 and during May 4-9 and 14-17. A heavy movement occurred May 25-27.

The almost daily hawk migrant watch along the shore of Lake Ontario was continued. The totals are given below; of particular note are a Gyrfalcon (first modern regional record) a Golden Eagle and a larger number of Goshawks than had been expected from previous observation.

Abbreviations: arr — arrived, arrival; HIGMA — Howland's Island Game Management Area; imm — immature; L — Lake; nr — near; Oakwood — cemetery, Syracuse; Onon — Onondaga; Pr — Pair; Pd — Pond; SSSP — Selkirk Shores State Park; SP — Sandy Pond; Skan — Skaneateles; Syr — Syracuse.

Regular observers: DA — Dorothy Ackley; MB — Maude Bitz; BB — Ben Burt; EC — Emelie Curtis; EE — Emma Evans; HN — Harmon Nodecker; JP — Jean Probst; MR — Margaret Rusk; FS — Fritz Scheider; WS — Walter Spofford.

CORRIGENRA: **Kingbird**, May 1963, "Region 5 — Oneida Lake Basin" p. 114, the following species accounts should read: Red-tailed: 538; max 126 Mar 17. Osprey: one Mar 29, record early date. Greater Yellowlegs: arr Seneca flats Mar 29. Iceland Gull; max five Oswego R Jan 20.

Loons—Ducks: Common Loon: first, Beaver L Apr 5; no major flight reported: max 40 SSSP May 17. No Red-throated Loon nor Red-necked Grebe reported. Horned Grebe: spring max 14 (very low) Oneida L Apr 5; last, L. Ontario May 8.

Common Egret: one Cicero Swamp Apr 13, one Scott Swamp Apr 20, one nr Skan May 11, and up to four at HIGMA. Cattle Egret: reports of five small white herons with cattle nr Brewerton in early May (fide EC) and one nr Canastota (fide BB) probably refer to this species. American Bittern: although reported Mar 31, did not arrive generally until the last week of Apr. Least Bittern: first report Clay Swamp May 25 (FS).

Whistling Swan: three SSSP Apr 4 and 7 (EC); one Lee Center Apr 6 (DA). The dabbling duck flight was generally poor, with numbers of Black and Widgeon especially low. Mallard: max 500 HIGMA mid-Apr (R. Nevinger). Gadwall: pr Scott Swamp Apr 23 (FS) two Onon L May 11 (MR) and pr Stevens' Pd May 14 (WS) is an unusual collection of records as the species is regular only at HIGMA. Pintail: max 700 Seneca flats Apr 6. Green-winged Teal: max 30/day early Apr; mid-to late May reports from Stevens' Pd, nr Baldwinsville, and Clay Swamp are of interest as indicating possible breeding. Blue-winged Teal: max 20/day mid-Apr. American Widgeon: max 50/day early Apr. Last dates for diving ducks: Golden-eye May 8 L Ontario. Bufflehead May 18 SP, Red-breasted Merganser May 24 SP, Common Merganser May 18 Oneida L.

Hawks—Owls: John Haugh's hawk watch on Derby Hill, SE corner of L Ontario, continued until May 8. Observations were made on 21 days in April, the only serious gap being 22-24th. For ease of reference totals are given for the entire migration (45 days of observation, Mar 7-May 8) but maxima are cited only if they