

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

occurred during the period. Turkey Vulture: 32; max nine, Apr 6. Cooper's Hawk: 117; max 13, Mar 26 & Apr 17. Sharp-shinned: 1,316; best counts 288 Apr 30 and 232 Apr 17. Goshawk: 82, last, Apr 30; this regular watch has shown that this species is not as scarce as previously thought. Red-tailed: 979; best counts 126 Mar 17 and 120 Apr 17. Red-shouldered: 870; last, Apr. 25. Broad-winged: 7,289; best counts 2,878 Apr 30, 1, 651 Apr 21, and 1,050 Apr 29. Bald Eagle: none during period. Golden Eagle: an imm Apr 26 (FS). Harrier: 238. Osprey: 53 max eight, Apr 20. Gyrfalcon: a light-phase bird seen at range of 200 ft. on Apr 7 (J. Haugh, E. Willoughby — Willoughby has studied the species in Alaska). Peregrine: none observed. Merlin: singles Apr 7, 17, & 25. Kestrel: 226.

Goshawk: two nests found in the Sandy Pond area (fide BB). In one nest two young were reared and in the other at least one. The sites of these nests are of interest since both were in the L Ontario coastal plain. Another nest was found in n. Herkimer Co (Bowes). Sharp-shinned Hawk: nest found nr Marcellus (WS); present at Oneida (M. Felle). Red-tailed: successful nesting season reported by BB; young were raised in 18 of the 19 nests where activity was noted in the spring. Bald Eagle: an imm Scott Swamp Apr 28 and May 4 (JP); an adult nr Amber May 20 (R. Post). Osprey: last, May 19 HIGMA (WS). Merlin: one HIGMA Apr 26 (FS).

The flight of shorebirds was poor to moderate. Ringed Plover: arr May 19 HIGMA; max nine E. Syr May 25. Turnstone: arr May 18 SP; max five SP May 25. Black-bellied Plover: five SP May 25 is only record. Upland Sandpiper: arr Apr 24 Verona. Spotted: arr Apr 21 Onon L. Greater Yellowlegs: max 20, Apr 26; last, May 26 Onon L. Lesser Yellowlegs: late and scarce date range Apr 25-May 13, max three. Knot: four SP May 24; (JP, B. Starr); two SP May 25 (MR, FS). Pectoral: arr Apr 20, late, Stevens' Pd; max nine Phoenix May 4; last, May 18. Least: date range May 4-24; max 40 HIGMA May 19. Dunlin: max 40 SP May 18. Short-billed Dowitcher: one SP May 18 (MR). Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr May 18 SP; max 18 Onon L May 28. Sanderling: one SP May 24 & 25.

Iceland Gull: a second-year bird, Onon L May 26 (FS) is some five weeks later than any previous date. Bonaparte's Gull: Max 15 Oneida Apr 24; last, May 11. Common Tern: arr Apr 21. Caspian Tern: two-four L Ontario Apr 26-May 25. Black Tern: arr May 7.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr May 9 Oneida. Black-billed Cuckoo: arr May 7 HIGMA. Barred Owl: one or two pairs heard HIGMA, but calling was not heard at several other areas that were checked — Constantia, Labrador Pd, Plainville, and Pleasant L — where this species has been previously found. Saw-whet: adult mist-netted at Solvay May 11 (N. Thomas).

Goatsuckers—Shrikes: Nighthawk: arr Syr May 19, late. Chimney Swift: three migrants Derby Hill May 20, early; not at Kenwood colony until May 3. Hummingbird: arr Syr May 9. Red-headed Woodpecker: one Munnsville first week of Apr (fide BB) is early if a migrant; a migrant Oakwood May 15 (R&M Burdick); reported from three Oneida locations and Georgetown (HN) and from Skan (R. Seaman) in May. Sapsucker: male SSSP Mar 30, early.

Kingbird and Crested Flycatcher: arr May 5 Utica and Plainville respectively, both late. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: flight May 18-27 with max seven, high, SSSP May 25 (FS). Alder and Least Flycatcher and Wood Pewee: arr May 20, 5, and 18, respectively, all late by several days. Olive-sided Flycatcher: only migrants singles May 22 & 25 SSSP; four at Pine L in Herkimer Co May 25. Swallow arrival dates were approximately normal: Tree Mar 23 one Central Square; Bank Apr 20, 200 Derby Hill; Rough-winged Apr 20, 12 Derby Hill; Barn Apr 14, 12 Derby Hill; Cliff Apr 14, one Derby Hill; Martin Apr 5, one female Oneida L.

Blue Jay: migrants still passing through SSSP at a rate of 50/½ hr at 8 AM in the May 25 wave. Tufted Titmouse: one Skan Apr 21 (R. Seaman), the first report from their areas in three years. Red-breasted Nuthatch: flight was nil — only reports after wintering birds left (Kenwood Apr 24, last date) are of singles and twos from probable breeding areas. Brown Creeper: good flight Utica and L

Ontario with max 20 SSSP Apr 26. House Wren: first three Oakwood Apr 6, very early (E. Farnham). Mockingbird: three separate reports of singles in Syr and environs in early May (fide BB). Catbird: arr May 6, late, Plainville. Brown Thrasher: first migrant Apr 22, Oakwood. Wood Thrush and Veery: arr late, May 5 and 6 respectively. Swainson's and Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr May 14 and 24, both Oakwood, good flight with max 40 and three respectively May 25 SSSP.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: one nr North Bay at the NE corner of Oneida L Apr 27 (A. Jones), an unusual location and ten days earlier than first report of breeding Gnatcatchers on location (HIGMA). Very light flight of both kinglets: 20 Golden-crowned Apr 9 Oakwood are the first migrants and peak count, and no migrants were noted in May; migrant Ruby-crowned Apr 20-May 23 with max 20 on May 9 Oakwood. Pipit: not found until Apr 13, 23 nr Clay (JP); only other flock 12 on May 5 Plainville (MB); last one May 18 Sandy Creek (MR). Loggerhead Shrike: one Mar 27-May 8 Texas (JP); only other one Apr 7 Redfield (EC).

Vireos—Warblers: Philadelphia Vireo: date range May 21-28; max three May 25 SSSP (FS). In general the warbler migration showed poor numbers and somewhat late arrivals. The exceptions are noted below. Nearly all migrants had left by the last two or three days of May. Prothonotary: not until May 13, rather late, one on location Short Point Bay, Oneida L. Blue-winged: first one May 9 SSSP (EE), first spring record from that vicinity. Orange-crowned: three reports, of singles, May 8 SSSP (JP), May 26 Camillus (FS), and May 27 SSSP (EE). Nashville: heavy flight Apr 29-May 25, with maxima 20 in an hour May 8 and 9 Oakwood. Parula: arr, one, May 8 Oakwood. Yellow: two arr May 3, a few days late, Oakwood, max 150 May 11 HIGMA. Cape May: six arr May 9, a bit late, Oakwood. Black-throated Blue: two arr May 5, late, Brookfield. Myrtle: fair flight, with max 150 May 8 SSSP but no other counts over 100. Black-throated Green, Cerulean, Blackburnian: arr May 3 Oneida, May 11 HIGMA (two), and May 9 Oneida, respectively, all a few days late. Black-poll: eight arr May 24 about a week late, SP.

Pine: one arr Apr 16, rather early, at SSSP location. Prairie: one, Apr 30, HIGMA (R. Ficken). Palm: brief but outstanding flight Syr and L Ontario Apr 22-May 9, with a record-breaking (for spring) maximum of 36 in an hour May 4 Derby Hill. Ovenbird: three arr May 5, about normal, Brookfield. Northern and Louisiana Waterthrush: both found May 4, very late, Plainville and Ilion respectively. Yellowthroat: arr May 5, late, Jamesville. Yellow-breasted Chat: first is a migrant May 12 Fair Haven — enroute to where? (fide E. Farnham); one Canastota May 25 (DA); Camillus pairs noted until May 26. Hooded Warbler: first report May 18, one on location SSSP. Wilson's: a near-record flight, widely reported, max 21 SSSP and SP May 25.

Blackbird—Sparrows: Tropics-wintering Icterids, Tanager, finches arr late, except Indigo Bunting, first noted Apr 28, early, Syr; other arrivals — Bobolink May 7 Utica, Baltimore Oriole May 5 Kenwood, Scarlet Tanager May 8 SSSP, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak May 5 Plainville. Orchard Oriole: one HIGMA May 26 (fide S. Hoyt) — cf. Jun 1961 there.

Evening Grosbeak: no major spring flight and not widespread; last one Apr 19, early compared with flight years, Kenwood. Purple Finch: high numbers remained from the major late-winter incursion, e.g. max for Oakwood, where a few remain to breed, 30 on Apr 19. Pine Siskin: moderate numbers with max at Syr 30 on Apr 25; last singles Oneida May 21 and Syr May 22. Crossbills: one report, of a female and an immature male Red, Kenwood May 22 (HN). Oregon Junco: one Manlius Apr 2 (fide BB & MR).

Towhee: first migrant Apr 6, early, Oakwood. Savannah Sparrow: one Mar 24, early, Chittenango. In contrast, Grasshopper and Henslow's were not found until May 15, Phoenix, although searched for several times there and in other known locations. Chipping and Field Sparrows: arr Apr 14 Derby Hill and Apr 1 Utica, respectively, two each. White-crowned and White-throated: light flights, with migrants respectively May 4-25 (max only eight, May 17 & 18) and Apr 17-

May 25 (max 50 Apr 19 Oakwood). Fox: better-than-average flight Syr, L Ontario, and Oneida, Mar 16-Apr 24 with max seven on Apr 9 Kenwood. Lincoln's: only reports two May 7 Plainville (MB), one banded May 16 Kenwood (HN), and two in May 25 wave SP (FS). Swamp: first heard singing Apr 6 Scott Swamp. Song: first influx of migrants about Mar 24; major late-Mar flight with 100-150/day Mar 27-31. No Longspur nor Snow Bunting in the period.

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REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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The snow of last winter melted sooner than was expected, and with less flooding than many feared. May was cool and wet. Few shore birds were seen. The warbler migration seemed to be spread over a longer period of time than usual.

PRGMA is used for the Perch River flats and the Perch Lake Game Management Area.

Loons—Ducks: Common Loon: Stony Pt. May 11. Pied-billed Grebe: Apr 2. Double-crested Cormorant: nesting colony on Gull and Bass Islands about the same as last year. Great Blue Heron: 12 nests at PRGMA. They probably have nested there before, but this spring their nests were found to be in the swamp. It is reported that cottages are to be built on an island in the St. Lawrence River where these birds have been breeding for several years. Black-crowned Night Heron: 80 active nests on Little Galloo Is. May 30. American Widgeon: probably breeding again at Wilson Hill. Shoveler: two pairs at Sulphur Springs Apr 1. Ringed-necked Duck: pair at PRGMA May 9 possibly breeding there.

Hawks—Owls: Turkey Vulture: two at Millsite Lake Apr 6, others seen a short distance away from there in May. Goshawk: pair in Tug Hill section of Lewis County in late May and perhaps nesting there. Red-tailed Hawk: several adults seen, but only one nest known to have young. Broad-winged Hawk: two at South Edwards May 26. Rough-legged Hawk: Last Apr 10. Bald Eagle: two adults at El Dorado late May and an immature May 30. Woodcock: nest with four eggs near South Edwards May 19 and still incubating May 30. Common Snipe: Knot: two at El Dorado, May 30. The spring flight was very poor, and few seen even at El Dorado. Herring Gull: the nesting colony on Little Galloo Island covers about two acres, about the same as last year. Ring-billed Gull: nesting colony on Little Galloo continues to grow, estimated 75,000 nests covering 35 acres (Belknap). It is much larger than in 1961 and has tripled in size in 15 years.

Goatsuckers—Shrikes: Flicker: spring migration seemed heavier than usual. Red-headed Woodpecker: Apr 2 at Evans Mills, early. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Apr 20 at Lake Bonaparte probably have a nest in the tree they used last year. Kingbird: flock of a dozen or more in southern Jefferson Co, probably in migration. Wood Thrush: Apr 18 Watertown. Gray-cheeked Thrush: Apr 28 South Edwards. Veery: May 12. Bluebird: perhaps seen a little more often this year, 3 at Harrisville Apr 20, 2 at Stony Pt May 11 and nesting at Gouverneur. Water Pipit: four at Stony Pt May 11.

Vireos—Sparrows: Solitary Vireo: May 5 South Edwards. Red-eyed Vireo: May 19 South Edwards. Warbling Vireo: May 10 Black River. Black-and-white Warbler: May 5. Nashville Warbler: May 5 South Edwards. Yellow Warbler: May 8. Magnolia Warbler: May 9 PRGMA. Black-throated Blue: May 12. Myrtle Warbler: first Apr 28 South Edwards, peak May 11-12. Black-throated Green: May 5. Blackburnian: May 5. Chestnut-sided: May 12. Black-poll Warbler: May 26 South Edwards. Pine Warbler: May 18, PRGMA. Ovenbird: May 5. Northern Waterthrush: May 5. Connecticut Warbler: May 20 near Clayton (Blake). Yellowthroat: May 8 PRGMA. Canada Warbler: May 23 El Dorado. Scarlet Tanager: May 11, southern Jefferson Co.

Evening Grosbeak: left very early. The numbers at feeders diminished rapidly after Apr 12. None seen after Apr 25. The last at the Allens' feeder was Apr 21; in 1962 it was May 21. Purple Finch: many at feeders in early Apr, numbers decreasing rapidly after about Apr 20, but a few during all of May. Slate-colored Junco: seen around Watertown to May 12, breeding at Wanakena. Tree Sparrow: last Apr 16. White-crowned Sparrow: Apr 23 to May 19. Pine Siskin: continued at feeders in early Apr, few after Apr 15, last Apr 28.

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