

arrival was an Eastern Kingbird: Apr 25, Kimball Stand (FE), and also a Great Crested Flycatcher: Apr 29, Point Gratiot (RB, AHB). The first Rough-winged Swallows (three) were noted on the BOS Count Apr 12 and the first Cliff Swallow Apr 18, North Cuba Marsh (RCR). Unusual was the Black-billed Magpie in Delaware Park, Buffalo, May 17, (RB, DS). It was found dead later in the day. Subsequent investigation found the bird to be an escape. Boreal Chickadee: one, Apr 12, Como Park, Lancaster (CM). Few Tufted Titmice were found in the region this spring and Red-breasted Nuthatches appeared in small numbers in scattered localities to mid-May. Carolina Wrens are still scarce. Short-billed Marsh Wren: one, May 9, Langford (TLB) and one, May 23, Wolcottsville Sinks (RB et al). Mockingbird: one, Apr 5, Amherst (RCR et al); one, Apr 26, near Olcott (WK, HK); one, May 4, Eden and one, May 13 Hamburg (TLB). Hermit Thrushes remain in low numbers, although they have shown some increase in abundance. Bluebirds continue to show an increase, especially in the southern parts of the region. 94 were reported Apr 12 on the BOS Count. An early arrival was a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Apr 17, Jamestown (FE). Loggerhead Shrikes remain very low in numbers, the only reports being one, Apr 5, Royalton (RB et al); one, Apr 5, Cambria (WK, HK); and seven on the Apr 12 BOS Count.

Vireos — Warblers: White-eyed Vireo: one, Apr 27, 29, Dunkirk (RB). Early warbler arrivals were, Black-and-white Warbler: one, Apr 28, Lewiston (WK, HK); Blue-winged Warbler: one, Apr 28, Lewiston (WK, HK); Nashville Warbler: one, Apr 28, Hamburg (TLB); Yellow Warbler: two-three, Apr 25, near Dunkirk (EP, FE et al); Magnolia Warbler: one, Apr 29, Dunkirk (RB); Black-throated Blue Warbler: one, Dunkirk (RB); Black-throated Green Warbler: one, Apr 26, Hamburg (TLB); Blackburnian Warbler: three, Apr 29, Point Gratiot (RB, AHB); Chestnut-sided Warbler: one, Apr 28, Jamestown (FE); Palm Warbler one, Apr 26, Hamburg (TLB). Noteworthy were the Worm-eating Warbler Apr 29 at Point Gratiot (Dunkirk) (RB, AHB) and a Kentucky Warbler May 10, Hamburg (TLB). Pine Warbler: one, Apr 25, Alma Pond (Alle) (RCR). Two other early arrivals were Yellow-breasted Chat: one, May 5 Tifft Street, Buffalo (RFA) and Wilson's Warbler: one, May 6, Buffalo (AF).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Orchard Oriole: one, May 7, Hamburg (TLB). Common Grackles continue to be numerous and Indigo Bunting seem to be unusually common this year. Evening Grosbeaks were present in scattered flocks through Apr; they soon disappeared in May, the last reported six, May 9, Point Gratiot (RB et al). The last Pine Siskins: 108, May 13, (last), Allegany State Park (WWB). With the warm weather in late Apr the first Grasshopper Sparrow was recorded Apr 21, Langford (TLB) and the first Henslow's Sparrow Apr 24, Friendship (RCR).

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures for the first month of the period averaged two degrees above normal while for the last half they were about three degrees above average. Precipitation for the two months was about three-quarters of an inch above normal, the excess occurring entirely during April. Gale force winds on May 9 did heavy local damage.

Among the most outstanding birds recorded during the period were Cattle Egret, Snowy Egret, Golden Eagle, Northern Phalarope, Laughing Gull, Western Meadowlark, Orchard Oriole, and Harris Sparrow.

Names of regular reporting observers: RB — Richard Brownstein; DC — Dwight Chamberlain; GLD — Mrs. Gertrude L. Davis; JF — John Foster; AEK — Allen E. Kamnitzer; DL — Dawson List; WCL — Walter C. Listman; AM — Alfred Maley; RM — Robert McKinney; JM — Joseph

McNett; TM — Mrs. Thelma McNett; HSM — Howard S. Miller; FS — Frank Schmanke; AAS — Alfred A. Starling; BS — Mrs. Betty Starr; MS — Mrs. Maryanne Sunderlain; ST — Steven Taylor; FT — Frank Templeton; TET — Thomas E. Tetlow.

Initials of places regularly used in the text: B—Bay; Cr — Creek; DEP — Durand-Eastman Park; e — east; Lk — lookout; Ls — lakeshore; M — marsh; P — park; S — shore; w — west.

Loons — Ducks: The peak of the spring loon flight was reached Apr 25, when 1200 Common and 282 Red-throated Loons were seen migrating along the e Ls (AEK). High count on the Red-necked Grebe was four birds at Webster P Apr 19 (AEK), and the high count for the Horned Grebe was 75 along the w Ls Apr 18 (AEK). Double-crested Cormorants were relatively scarce, although single birds were occasionally reported along the lakeshore during May.

Two to three Cattle Egrets were seen along the Hamlin Parkway May 13-16 (Boyd, WCL, Michael, Richard O'Hara, et al) and one was in Parma May 17 (JF, WCL, et al). This species seems to have decreased, at least locally, since two years ago. Single Common Egrets were seen at w Manitou Apr 2 (AEK, AM); Oak Orchard Cr Apr 7 (G.F. Lynch); at the Hawk Lk May 10 (GOS hike); and on the Hamlin Parkway May 16 (several). A Snowy Egret was seen near Shore Acres May 16 (WCL). In spite of the above records, herons in general were scarce, only the Green Heron of our four commoner species occurring in anywhere near normal numbers. Seven Snow Geese were seen at Groveland on Apr 11 (DC, Orwin, FT). Gadwell and Shoveler seemed up in numbers, especially the former with a high count of 12 at Braddock's B Apr 25 (HSM, AAS). A count of seven Common Goldeneyes at Payne Beach May 17 (several) is a late date for that number. A changing male King Eider was seen at Sodus B Apr 18 (D. B. Peakall). The spring scoter flight was rather light, with the two rarer species unreported.

Hawks — Owls: The peak count of Turkey Vultures was 24 at the Hawk Lk Apr 10 (MS, FT). Broad-winged Hawks: 3935 Apr 22 at the Hawk Lk (ST) and 2458 May 2 at Sodus B (RB, WCL, MS), both peak counts. The latter flight included a much better number of other species. A mature Golden Eagle was seen at Manitou May 2 (AM, TET) and two immatures were seen at Sodus B the same day (RB, WCL, MS). Single Bald Eagles were seen Apr 8 on the w Ls (FS); Apr 25-26 at Rose's M (JF, AAS, et al) and May 7 (TET), May 17 (AEK) and May 21-23 (AEK, WCL), all at Braddock's B. An unprecedented count of 65 Ospreys was made at Sodus B May 2 (RB, WCL, MS). Peregrine Falcon: one May 7 (TET) and another May 21-23 (WCL, HSM, AAS) both at Braddock's B. A rather early Pigeon Hawk was seen at w Manitou Apr 12 (AEK). Because of the low level of Lake Ontario and the connecting bays and ponds, there was an abundance of suitable feeding areas for shorebirds and the spring shorebird flight was the best in years. Sixty Ruddy Turnstones seen on the w Ls May 27 (WCL) was the high count for this species. Two Whimbrel were seen May 21 (WCL) and a single bird was seen May 23 (AEK, WCL), both at Braddock's B. Two were seen at the w Spit May 27 (WCL) and one was seen at Webster P the same day (AEK). Pectoral Sandpipers were common with a high count of 175 along the w Ls Apr 18 (WCL et al).

Three early Dunlin were seen at Salmon Cr Apr 18 (WCL et al) and the high count was 500 at the w Spit May 25 (WCL). Twenty-two Short-billed Dowitchers at the e Spit May 16 (AEK) was a good spring count for this species. An early Sanderling was seen at the w Spit Apr 18 (AM) and the species was more common than usual during the month of May. Two Wilson's Phalaropes were seen at Payne Beach Road May 23 (WCL) and six Northern Phalaropes in full breeding plumage were seen at Parma May 30 (HSM, AAS). An adult Laughing Gull was seen at Webster P May 26 (AEK) and probably the same bird was seen the next day at Braddock's B (WCL). This species is always rare locally. Thirty Caspian Terns were at the w Spit Apr 18 (WCL). A Barn Owl was seen in Island Cottage Woods

Apr 18 (RB, WCL) and another was seen near Pittsford May 17 (Joseph Taylor et al). For some unknown reason Screech Owls seemed scarce. Two Long-eared Owls were seen in Island Cottage Woods Apr 18 (WCL, HSM). A Saw-whet Owl was seen near the Ls Golf Club property in Greece during the first week of Apr (FS) and another was seen west of Manitou Apr 28 (WCL).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: An Olive-sided Flycatcher was seen near Canadice Lake May 22 (AM) and another at Manitou May 24 (WCL & HSM). There was a heavy flight of various swallows at the e Spit May 2 which included at least 125 Cliff Swallows (AEK). This is a high count locally. The Carolina Wren was again unreported in the local area. There were numerous reports of Mockingbirds with three seen at Manitou May 24, Margaret Foley et al). The species nested in Irondequoit and successfully fledged two young birds (TM). It probably nested near Scottsville and in Webster. The Eastern Bluebird appeared more commonly in migration along Lake Ontario than for some time, with a maximum of 20 at w Manitou May 23 (AEK & WCL). Blue-gray Gnatcatchers continued to increase with a high count of 15 along the lakeshore May 9 (GOS field trip).

Vireos — Warblers: Generally speaking, the spring warbler flight lacked luster. Especially down in numbers were the Nashville, Parula, Cape May and Bay-breasted Warblers and the Oven-bird. Among the more uncommon warblers, an Orange-crowned Warbler was seen in DEP May 2 (JM & TM). Another was netted and banded west of Manitou May 16 (RM). A Pine Warbler was seen in DEP Apr 12 (GD). A singing Prairie Warbler was seen on the U. of R. campus May 6 (AM). A rather early Louisiana Waterthrush was seen at Manitou Apr 12 (WCL). This species is always rare along Lake Ontario. A very early Hooded Warbler was seen in Salmon Cr Woods on Apr 27 (AM).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: A singing Western Meadowlark was in Parma May 17 (JF et al) and was still present May 23 (AAS et al). An immature male Orchard Oriole was at the e Spit Apr 18 (WCL & AM). There was a good May flight of Evening Grosbeaks with 300 at Manitou May 6 (RM). A late Red Crossbill was on the U. of R. campus May 23 (AM). Oregon Junco: one at the Sunderlain feeder Apr 3; one in Ellison Park Apr 11 (ST) and one around the Kemnitz feeder in Webster for some time early in April. An unidentified sparrow appeared at the Jerome Hartke feeder in Webster early in the winter and was later identified as a Harris Sparrow. It was carefully studied May 3 by HSM & AAS and was seen two days later by AEK. Eight Lincoln's Sparrows were netted and banded at Manitou during May (RM), with four taken on May 16. A single Lapland Longspur was seen at Sodus B on the late date of May 2 (WCL et al).

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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While temperatures averaged normal, there were spells of extreme cold, with freezes into the last week of May. Rainfall, too, was normal, but during the height of migration, prolonged cool spells, accompanied by wind and some rain, halted waves of birds, with the result that some areas reported excellent flights of Warblers and Thrushes, others reported none. Best Warbler flights were on May 7 and May 17, in the Ithaca area; — the latter being our census day, we rolled up a total of 181 species.

Noteworthy finds included the following: Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Northern (Ladder-backed) Woodpecker (only second record of this species), Lawrence's Warbler and the first record of the Fulvous Tree Duck and Shelduck. (See body of report.)

Raptors continue to be scarce, except possibly the Kestrel. Robins, Baltimore Orioles, Indigo Buntings, Savannah Sparrows, seem to have increased somewhat. Black-throated Green Warblers are absent from several former locations.