

crowned Kinglet: two, May 13 and four, May 31, McCarty Hill, Catt Co—the possibility of this bird nesting here among the tall spruces is excellent.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: April warbler arrivals included: Black-and-white, Apr 20, Springbrook (HDS); Nashville, Apr 27, Chestnut Ridge Pk (TLB); Yellow, Apr 28, Hamburg (TLB); Myrtle, Apr 14, Eden (TLB); Black-throated Green, Apr 23, Hamburg (RWR); Pine, Apr 21, Lancaster (JG); Palm, Apr 30, Lancaster (JG); Ovenbird, Apr 30, Belmont (LDB) and Northern Waterthrush, Apr 24, Town of Java (RWR et al) and Kiantone, Chaut Co (EMP). Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers were more common during May than usual. "Brewster's" Warbler: one, May 11 (MMW et al), May 15 (HDM) and May 18 (AF et al), Delaware Pk, Bflo; one, May 16, Alleg Co (BOS Count); one, May 18, Ball's Gulf, Chaut Co (FMR et al). Parula Warbler: one, May 25, Chestnut Ridge Pk (TLB)—only report. Cape May Warbler: unusually scarce. Myrtle Warbler: one, May 31, McCarty Hill, Catt Co (RFA)—another northern species likely to nest here. Pine Warbler: three, May 2, Dunkirk (JG et al); one, May 15, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Bflo (CGW et al). Prairie Warbler: a small "colony" of at least three singing males was located in late May, five miles north of the village of Allegany, Catt Co (SWE); one, May 13–14, McClure Hollow, Catt Co (MMW). *Kentucky Warbler*: one, May 23, Allegany State Pk (RB et al).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: one, May 10, Hamburg (RFA et al)—uncommon on south shore L Erie. Rusty Blackbird: 520, Apr 18, Iroquois NWR (RB et al)—an unusually high count for spring. Red Crossbill: two, May 11, Chestnut Ridge Pk (TLB)—first report since a year ago. Slate-colored Junco: 1500, Apr 18, Forestville to Town's Corners, Chaut Co (FMR) and 200, OOGMA (EAU et al)—marked movement on this date. Tree Sparrow: one, May 6, Springbrook (HDS)—last. *Harris' Sparrow*: the individual reported since mid-Dec at Lake View, Erie Co was last reported (and photographed) May 6; at that time the bird was in typical male plumage (HDM).

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures for April averaged below normal, with the season's last snowfall disappearing on the 20th. Precipitation for the month was somewhat below normal. Temperatures for May averaged about two degrees above normal, with much of the warm weather occurring early in the month. Precipitation for the month was only .50 inch which made it the driest May in the history of the Rochester Weather Bureau. Rainwater pools dried up early, while Lake Ontario and connected ponds and bays experienced their usual spring rise.

Cold weather during April retarded the spring migration, especially land birds. The warm weather of early May brought heavy migration with the spring peak reached during the week of May 8–15. The latter half of the month was comparatively uneventful.

Outstanding birds recorded included the Cattle Egret, Snowy Egret, European Widgeon, Harlequin Duck, Golden Eagle, Ruff, Franklin's Gull, Little Gull, Bohemian Waxwing, White-eyed Vireo, Lawrence's Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Western Meadowlark and Oregon Junco.

Observers: WC—Walter Corcoran; GD Mrs. Gertrude Davis; JD—James Doherty; MF—Miss Margaret Foley; RF—Mrs. Ruth Feder; JF—John Foster; AEK—Allen E. Kemnitzer; BK—Mrs. Beatrice Kemnitzer; WCL—Walter C. Listman; WL—Warren Lloyd; RM—Miss Ruth MacRae; AM—Alfred Maley; RM—Robert McKinney; JM—Joseph McNett; TM—Mrs. Thelma McNett; HSM—Howard S. Miller; LM—Mrs. Laura Moon; RTO—Richard T. O'Hara; AAS—Alfred A. Starling; MS—Mrs. Maryanne Sunderlin; JT—Joseph Taylor; ST—Steven Taylor; TET—Thomas E. Tetlow; RW—Robert White.

Places and their abbreviations: BB—Braddock's Bay; DEP—Durand-Eastman Park; HSP—Hamlin State Park; IB—Irondequoit Bay; SP—Seneca Park; SB—Sodus Bay; WP—Webster Park; WL—West Lakeshore.

LOONS—DUCKS: Three hundred Common Loons reported from Pultneyville April 18 (AEK) was the peak of the spring flight. Two Red-necked Grebes were reported along the WL May 2 (WC & RTO). The only report of the Double-crested Cormorant was one at BB April 20 (WCL). This species has decreased locally since its virtual disappearance as a breeder from the islands in eastern Lake Ontario. One Cattle Egret was seen in Hilton April 22 (Wadsworths) and the same or another bird was seen in Parma May 1 (AEK & WCL). This species seems to have decreased locally since two or three years ago. A few Common Egrets were reported, with a high count of three in DEP May 13 (MS). A Snowy Egret was seen at Manitou May 16 (JF, AEK & WCL). An early Green Heron was seen in DEP April 17 (AAS et al) and an early American Bittern was at BB April 4 (JF et al). Whistling Swans were scarce during the spring, with a high count of only two at SB from April 4–10 (AEK). A very late bird was seen on Lake Ontario near Sodus Bay on May 30 (AEK). The spring flight of Brant consisted of three at Pultneyville May 31 (AEK).

One hundred Green-winged Teal were along the WL April 16 (WCL). A male European Widgeon was seen at Cranberry Pond April 17 and 20 (RTO, AAS, ST). Possibly the same bird was seen at SA May 9 (WCL et al) and along the WL May 23 (JT et al). One hundred Amer. Widgeon were seen along the WL April 11 (RTO) and 50 Shovelers were in the same place April 24 (GOS hike). Wood Duck: 40 at Rose's Marsh May 16 (MF, JF, & WCL). One hundred and thirty Redheads and 124 Ring-necked Ducks were seen at SB April 10 (AEK). Oldsquaw: 300 at HSP April 23 (JM, TM). A female Harlequin Duck was seen at Oklahoma Beach May 15–16 (AEK, WL, TM, MS & RW). While this is very late for this rare species locally, one was reported from the vicinity of Manitou in May, 1956. Two hundred and seventy-five White-winged Scoters were seen along the WL May 22 (AEK). Two adult male Surf Scoters were at Oklahoma Beach May 16 (JM, TM, MS), and one adult male Common Scoter was at Point Breeze April 16 (JD, HSM). These last two species are uncommon locally in the spring, especially the adult males. The high count of Ruddy Ducks, uncommon here recently, was only three on IB April 17 (AEK). Twenty-five Hooded Mergansers were seen along the WL April 3 (RTO). Ten thousand Red-breasted Mergansers, an abundant migrant, were seen at Manitou April 27 (WCL).

HAWKS—OWLS: Eighteen Turkey Vultures were seen in Webster April 22, an apparently unfavorable flight day with light NE winds (WL). High count of Sharp-shinned Hawks was 350 at BB April 26 (AM). The high count of Cooper's Hawks was 11 at BB April 20 (AEK, AM), and the season's high count of Red-tailed Hawks was only 30 at BB April 20 by the same observers. High counts of Broad-winged Hawks varied from 800 along the WL April 25 (GOS hike) to 6,000 along the Lakeshore April 22 (WL, TM, MS). This was an unfavorable flight day, with light NE winds. A good late flight of this species occurred May 16 when 500 were seen along the WL (AEK, BK). High counts of Rough-legged Hawks were 10 at BB April 26 (AM) and 30 along the Lakeshore May 9 (WL, RM). A Golden Eagle was seen in Webster April 22 (WL). Bald Eagles were reported as follows: one at Rose's

Marsh April 29 (WCL); two at BB April 30 (several); one at the WL May 8 (GOS hike); one at SB May 8 (AM, TET) and one at Shore Acres May 16 (AEK, BK). High counts on Ospreys were eight along the WL April 22 (TM, MS) and 13 along the Lakeshore May 8 (GOS hike). These counts compare with a count of 65 at Sodus Bay May 2, 1964. The drop in numbers was probably due to unfavorable flight conditions this year rather than to a decrease of the species. The year's first and only Peregrine Falcon was seen at SB May 8 (AM, TET). Single Pigeon Hawks were seen at Manitou April 25 (WCL); in Greece April 29 (JF); at Rose's Marsh April 30 (WCL); and at Pultneyville May 8 (AM, TET). Peak numbers of Sparrow Hawks were 15 along the WL April 25 (GOS hike). This species seems to have increased somewhat over last year.

Peak counts of Whimbrel were seven at WP May 26 (AEK) and 11 at BB the same day (WCL). The year's first Upland Plover was reported from Manitou on the rather late date of April 25. An early Spotted Sandpiper was seen at Pultneyville April 21 (AEK). The Region's first accepted record of the Ruff was a bird carefully studied at Hilton May 16-17 (MF, JF, WCL et al). It was in the company of both Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs and was directly compared with them. John Foster has observed the species in Delaware. High count of Sanderlings was six at SB May 31 (AEK). This species is very uncommon locally in the spring. A late Iceland Gull was seen at SB May 31 by AEK, who also reported a fully adult Franklin's Gull at WP May 26. An immature Little Gull was first reported from BB May 23 (WL, RM). Fourteen Caspian Terns were at BB April 23 (ST). A Barn Owl was reported from Mendon May 23 (JT et al). This is the third year that they have been present in this location. A very late Snowy Owl was seen at BB April 23 (ST). A Long-eared Owl seen in the "owl woods" near BB (RTO) was only the second reported this year. Peak count of Short-eared Owls was six near Manitou April 8 (RTO). The year's only Saw-whet Owl was reported from near Webster May 16 (WL).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: One thousand Yellow-shafted Flickers were reported migrating past BB April 25 (GOS hike). They were accompanied by one Pileated Woodpecker. Twelve Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were seen along the WL April 24 (LM et al). A very early Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was reported from Fairport May 15 (RF). An estimated 200 Brown Creepers were seen along the Lakeshore April 24 (AAS et al). A Carolina Wren was reported from Powder Mill Park May 25 (JM, TM). This species was exterminated locally by the severe winters a few years ago. Short-billed Marsh Wren: one at Buck Pond May 16 (RTO et al). An estimated 2000 Robins were observed migrating along the Lakeshore April 11 (RTO). High count of migrating Eastern Bluebirds was 38 along the WL May 16 (AEK, BK). Numerous reports of nesting pairs have been reported from inland localities, and the species seems to be experiencing a definite upswing. An estimated 500 Golden-crowned Kinglets were reported along the Lakeshore April 24 (Dr. K. Planansky et al). The year's only Bohemian Waxwing was reported from DEP April 24 (AAS et al). Six Loggerhead Shrikes were seen along the WL April 10 (AAS et al).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: A White-eyed Vireo was seen in Penfield May 8 (GD) and another was reported from Seneca Park May 14 (RM). This species is rare locally. A Lawrence's Warbler was reported from Powder Mill Park May 15 (GD). This is the Region's first accepted report of this recessive hybrid. Orange-crowned Warbler: one at Manitou May 8 (WCL). Pine Warbler: one in Highland Park April 21 (LM et al). Prairie Warbler: one in Island Cottage Woods May 9 (JM, TM); one in Seneca Park May 14 (RM); a third was netted and banded west of Manitou May 15 (Dr. G. Leubner)—this bird was still present early the next day. A Yellow-breasted Chat was netted and banded at the same place May 15 (Dr. G. Leubner) and another was seen at Ling Road the same day (Dr. Neil Moon et al).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: A singing Western Meadowlark was present in Greece from April 17-May 31 (AAS et al) and another was in Hilton May 1-31 (AEK, WCL et al). A single Pine Siskin, the only "winter finch" reported during the period, was seen at Manitou May 16 (RM). An Oregon Junco was present at the Kemmitzer feeder until April 9 and another appeared briefly at Manitou April 11 (WCL). An early White-crowned Sparrow was seen in Parma April 23 (TM, MS). Twelve Fox Sparrows were seen along the Lakeshore April 11 (RTO).

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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April dragged slowly along, with no severe cold but cool enough to delay the appearance of leaves and opening of buds. May likewise was behind schedule, as far as vegetation is concerned. While, for some strange reason a few species arrived early (Hummingbirds, Tree Swallows, Purple Martins and Fox Sparrows were about a week early), the arrival of other migrants was delayed. Catbirds, Bobolinks, Baltimore Orioles, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and White-crowned Sparrows were noticeably behind schedule. Food was scarce for birds when they did come, especially since leaves were so late in coming out. As in 1956 (but not to as great an extent) birds fed low or on the ground. Such species as Catbirds, Robins and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were noted feeding on sumac, "starvation food."

The drought is continuing, in spite of some locally heavy showers in early April, and an absence of hot sunshine throughout the period. First broods of common species averaged a week late in appearing.

The continued increase in numbers of migrating geese is as good news as the continued decrease in sightings of raptors and generally low numbers with absence of waves of warblers is depressing.

The Little Gull, which was noted by several dozen observers at Montezuma Refuge on May 16, takes honors as the bird of the spring season.

Places mentioned: Cay L—Cayuga Lake; Sen L—Seneca Lake; MNWR—Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; SWS—Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: 11 sightings of probably 7 individuals last two weeks in April in Hornell area, where species is unusual and often missed (WG); 15 Lamoka Lake, w. of Watkins, a high count (JB). Red-throated Loon: one only,