

Golden-winged Warbler: max 16, May 22, Onondaga Indian Reservation, Marcellus, and Camillus (JWP); single birds noted near Wampsville (B. Peebles) May 6 and another near Parish May 29 (MSR) are extensions of range locally. An influx of Blue-winged Warblers—two, May 8, Onondaga Park (MEB); one, May 9, Onondaga Indian Reservation (JWP), and two, May 13, 16, and 20, Camillus V—may signal a repeat of the Golden-winged to Blue-winged Warbler conversion noted at Ithaca over the past decade. Brewster's Warbler: at least three different birds noted in Camillus V area May 8–29 (mob). Cerulean Warbler: max 20, May 16, HIGMA and Camillus V; widely reported from Oneida, Pleasant L, south shore of the western half of Oneida L, Tully, Otisco L, and the periphery of Cicero Swamp;—actual range expansion, more observers, or observers more aware of its distinctive song? Yellow-breasted Chat: up to three birds at Camillus V, May 12–31; also singles near HIGMA May 16 (MSR), at Pleasant L May 11 (FGS) and at Utica for a week (VB). Redstart: max of 20, May 15, SP and SSSP; majority of observers, however, noted only five–15/day; many woodlots had only one–two pairs present. Where are they?

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Redwinged Blackbird, Common Grackle, and Cowbird: an enormous flight—"millions"—Apr 7, Derby Hill (JWP); 20,000 Redwings and 15,000 Grackles Apr 8 and 23,000 Redwings, 26,000 Grackles, 3200 Cowbirds Apr 15, all estimates at Derby Hill (FGS, P. Kaplan). Rusty Blackbird: 50, Apr 16, HIGMA; 140, Apr 15, Derby Hill and Scott Swamp; last date May 6, Fish Gulf (JWP). Evening Grosbeak: migrants noted Apr 14 and 15 passing over Derby Hill; also recorded Apr 6, four, near Eaton (GLC) and at Taberg 30–50/day with last date Apr 14 (Mrs. D. Lynes). Pine Siskin: 12, Apr 15, Derby Hill (FGS) are the only ones reported. Goldfinch: 1000, May 19, SSSP (JWP) is a record spring tally.

Vesper Sparrow: max 200 Apr 15, Sage Creek Drive near Texas with lesser numbers (30/day) on Apr 18, Derby Hill and on Apr 19, Otisco L area. Savannah Sparrow: 20, Apr 15, Derby Hill; 65, Apr 17, Pleasant L; and 45, Apr 18, Derby Hill. Tree Sparrow: the paucity of Mar birds was not made up by an early Apr flight; Apr max 50, Apr 11, near Liverpool and 45, Apr 15, Scott Swamp and SSSP; last noted May 5, Otisco L (EMS). White-crowned and White-throated Sparrows: peak counts 15, May 15, SP dunes and 300, May 8 (late for such a high number) Camillus V respectively; last date for White-crowned May 20, Verona Beach State Park (DWA) and for White-throated May 19, SSSP (JWP); this rapidity of movement—with only ten days or two weeks between peak and departure dates—was also noted in the review of the warbler data. Song Sparrow: a count of 550, Apr 15, Derby Hill, SSSP, and Scott Swamp emphasizes the retarded character of the Mar migration as such counts normally occur only in the last week of March. Lapland Longspur: last noted Apr 28, one, near Eaton (GLC), a very late date especially for the southern hill country.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The weather during April and May was cool most of the time. Many of the migrant birds arrived late. Some of them like the ducks seemed to move on rapidly which tended to keep their numbers low.

The adult Little Blue Heron seen May 9 near Watertown is the first record for this Region.

PRGMA is used for the Perch Lake Game Management Area near Watertown. PRGMA is being enlarged by adding 600 acres along the Perch River below (or west of) the older part of PRGMA. Work is being done here this summer.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: Apr 15. Pied-billed Grebe: Apr 25. Double-crested Cormorant: about 50 at Gull Island. Common Egret: May 18, PRGMA. Great Blue Heron: Apr 11. Little Blue Heron: at least 18 persons saw this bird May 9, first seen by the Walkers and later identified by G. Houghton before she knew that any others had seen it. The Green Heron is seen in the same area so it was easy to compare the two birds. (See Field Notes for details) Black-crowned Night Heron: 50 pairs on Bass and Gull Islands; 75 active nests on Little Galloo Island. Canada Goose: late and fewer in numbers, about half normal numbers at PRGMA; 5 dead at PRGMA of lead poisoning, one had eaten 22 shot; 3 pairs and one nest on Little Galloo Island May 23. Mallard: nest on Little Galloo. Black Duck: 2 nests on Little Galloo May 23. Pintail: PRGMA Apr 11. Green-winged Teal: PRGMA Apr 11. Blue-winged Teal: PRGMA Apr 17. Shoveler: Henderson Apr 15. Wood Duck: pair at Castorland Apr 1. Redhead: PRGMA May 11. Ringed-necked Duck: Apr 11. Canvasback: Apr 17. White-winged Scoter: Apr 19 near Henderson. Ruddy Duck: Apr 25 at Stony Pt. Hooded Merganser: Apr 25. Red-breasted Merganser: May 29 Bass Island.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: Apr 11 Watertown Center and May 1 PRGMA. Goshawk: 2 in Lewis Co near where they have nested the last two years. Rough-legged Hawk: 9-10 at Point Peninsula Apr 5 (moving north?). Broad-winged Hawk: 3 at Wanakena Apr 24. Bald Eagle: adult El Dorado May 10. Marsh Hawk: PRGMA Apr 11. Osprey: Apr 11 at PRGMA and 2-3 there at least to May 9. Sparrow Hawk: good spring flight first three weeks of Apr. Bobwhite: heard near Watertown. Common Gallinule: May 1, PRGMA. Semipalmated Plover: PRGMA May 20 and El Dorado May 23. Black-bellied Plover: May 11 PRGMA. Woodcock: Apr 12, Watertown. Common Snipe: May 1 PRGMA. Upland Plover: Apr 22. Spotted Sandpiper: Apr 24. Dunlin: two flocks, not far apart at El Dorado, one of 55 and one of 60 birds, May 22. Sanderling: El Dorado May 23. Great Black-backed Gull: one at Massena May 4. Herring Gull: a hundred nests on Little Galloo, May 23. Ring-billed Gull: an estimated 85,000 nests on Little Galloo Island (Belknap and Allen). Bonaparte's Gull: 3 at Massena May 4. Common Tern: Massena May 4. Black-billed Cuckoo: PRGMA May 11. Barred Owl: Apr 25 near Rodman.

GOATSUCKERS—VIREOS: Whip-poor-will: May 21 Watertown. Yellow-shafted Flicker: unusually heavy flight, late Apr and early May. Kingbird: May 8. Great Crested Flycatcher: May 6 Watertown. Phoebe: Apr 11 Redwood. Olive-sided Flycatcher: May 19 Beaver Lake, Lewis Co. Tree Swallow: Apr 17 PRGMA. Barn Swallow: Hermon Apr 27. Purple Martin: May 8. Catbird: May 8. Brown Thrasher: May 1 PRGMA. Wood Thrush: Apr 20. Hermit Thrush: Apr 12. Swainson's Thrush: May 16. Gray-cheeked Thrush: May 21 Watertown. Veery: May 16. Bluebird: seen more often than any spring for 6-7 years (Belknap). A pair appeared in Black River Apr 25 where two broods were raised last year, but the pair this year was not seen again for two weeks. Golden-crowned Kinglet: Apr 25 near Rodman. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Apr 25 near Rodman. Water Pipit: May 11 Knolesville. Loggerhead Shrike: Apr 11 Redwood. Red-eyed Vireo: May 8. Warbling Vireo: May 8.

WARBLERS—SPARROWS: Nashville Warbler: May 8. Parula Warbler: May 19 Beaver Lake. Yellow Warbler: May 8. Magnolia Warbler: May 8. Cape May Warbler: May 9 South Edwards. Black-throated Blue Warbler: May 8. Myrtle Warbler: several hundred were observed moving along alder thickets at the bank of a small stream in a slow, steady movement May 12. Some were seen there the next day, but moving at a slower rate. This was near the Whetstone Gulf Road (Walker). Black-throated Green Warbler: May 8. Cerulean Warbler: May 22; at least four singing males were seen this spring (Allen). Blackburnian Warbler: May 8.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: May 8. Blackpoll Warbler: May 30 and 31. Pine Warbler: May 1. Palm Warbler: May 8. Connecticut Warbler: May 9 PRGMA (Allen). Redstart: May 8. Baltimore Oriole: May 8. Rusty Blackbird: Apr 19. Scarlet Tanager: May 8. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 8. Evening Grosbeak: few seen in Watertown after early Apr, last in Watertown Apr 26, but reported in St Lawrence Co. in early May. Rufous-sided Towhee: Apr 24. Vesper Sparrow: many at Canton Apr 23. Slate-colored Junco: Seen at Watertown from Apr 10 to May 10. Field Sparrow: May 1 PRGMA. White-crowned Sparrow: May 3-19. White-throated Sparrow: Apr 25 near Rodman; Fox Sparrow: first Apr 11 PRGMA, last May 1.
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REGION 7 — ADIRONDAK — CHAMPLAIN

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Spring was late this year. April was a miserable month with temperatures ranging from 4° on the 1st to 72° on the 25th but sticking mainly in the 30s and 40s. Four inches of snow fell from 8:30 pm April 12 through April 13 so that 2" of new snow lay on the ground April 14 — snow again on the 17th — and so it went. Flowers and birds were late.

May, on the other hand, was a fine month with temperatures in the 60s and 70s. Birds began to return and flowers to burst. Black flies and other pest insects were at a minimum which may have had something to do with the fact that no very large flocks of any species but Canada Geese were reported. Warblers were in good numbers but no spectacular waves were reported.

Precipitation was so light that many of the churches began to pray for rain but, as long as we had such fine weather, hikers, fishermen and birders saw fit to make the most of it. Among the unusual finds were a pair of Shovelers and a Least Sandpiper on the Saranac River between Pine Street and Moose Pond Rd (this is the stretch of river referred to frequently in this report) and a Red-headed Woodpecker at Gabriels.

Observers: AA—Agnes Amstutz; EA—Elizabeth Anderson; ED—Ethel Dyer; HD—Harriet Delafield; JH—Joseph Hart; RH—Robert Hagar; GK—Grace Kains; JK—Joseph Keji; DY—David Young.

Abbreviations: B—Brook; L—Lake; M—Marsh; R—River.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: nesting pair Follensby P; one April 30 Raquette R; two May 25 McKenzie P (JH); Tupper L April 20 to May 2 (AA), nine T. L. April 25 (MK). Horned Grebe: one April 7 Bog R Falls (MK). Pied-billed Grebe: one seen April 8 Tupper L, one heard Raquette P Marsh May 16 (MK). Great Blue Heron: reported from all areas; one Tupper L April 25 (AA); five Ausable M, one N branch of Saranac R May 20 (JH); two May 21 Ray B (JK). Green Heron: May 16 Tupper L (MK); one May 24 Saranac R (JH); one May 6 & 24 Ray B (JK). Black-crowned Night Heron: two May 18 L Alice (JH). American Bittern: one April 25 Tupper L (AA), one "usual marshes" T. L. (MK); one Ausable M May 4, two Rainbow L May 9, two Saranac R May 24 (JH); two May 6 Ray B (JK). Canada Goose: 37 April 25 (AA, MK), 20 April 28 (JH) Tupper L &