

individual had black wings, yellowish wingbars, yellow underparts and yellow head (no red). The sharp demarcation between the black wings and back and the yellow neck was noted particularly. The bird was singing a song similar to the Scarlet Tanager, but composed of shorter, somewhat sweeter phrases. Efforts later in the week to locate the bird failed to find it. Cardinal: becoming quite common. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: first late Apr, at a feeding station near New Salem (Charles Brown), widely May 2-8. Indigo Bunting: first May 10, Greenville (CK), widely by May 15. Evening Grosbeak: disappeared rapidly early Apr, last Apr 8, Kiskatom (W. Smith). Purple Finch: reported frequently throughout period. Pine Siskin: only report—flock at Jenny L Apr 25 (GB). No Crossbill reports. Rufous-sided Towhee: first Apr 21, Catskill (JHB, BB), appearing widely by Apr 28.

Savannah Sparrow: first Apr 11 at Catskill and Westerlo. Grasshopper Sparrow: reported only from BCM, from May 10 on. (DJT, et al) Henslow's Sparrow: also rare, first May 2, BCM (DJT). Vesper Sparrow: good numbers, first Apr 12, Westerlo (MK). Slate-colored Junco: heavy flight Apr 10-30, few stragglers later; 62 in one hour, EG, Apr 15 (PPW). Tree Sparrow: not common but lingered very late, last (several) May 15 (SBC). Chipping Sparrow: first Apr 19, near Glenville (EH), most arr Apr 24-28. Field Sparrow: first Apr 8, Westerlo (MK), widely the following week. *Harris's Sparrow*: the one which wintered near Athens last seen May 3 (fide JHB). White-crowned Sparrow: fewer than in recent springs, most appeared May 4-16. White-throated Sparrow: migrants Apr 15, Niskayuna (HE)—May 22 SL (DJT, PPW); most observers felt there were fewer than usual; max 50 in one hour Apr 23 near Rensselaer (PPW). Fox Sparrow: most disappeared by Apr 7 after the big flight on Mar 29, but a few appeared later; last Apr 17 (EH). Swamp Sparrow: first Apr 9, Ghent (PE, GE) most arr after Apr 15. No Snow Buntings were seen during the period.

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE — HUDSON

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This spring put us well into our fourth year of drought. Precipitation to date is less than half the average for this area. Berries and other fruits are withering, and weed plants are dwarfed and dying portending a poor seed crop for the summer and fall. Temperatures for the April-May period held to the cool side, but not to any extreme. When spring arrived it remained, and effectively "turned off" the winter weather.

Bird movements were about average, not exceptionally good or bad. Waders are again at a low point in Rockland County, and hawks are down throughout the entire Region. Warbler movements were not at their best for numbers or species, but there were a few movements about May 3-4 and 10-13. The relatively waveless migration was undoubtedly due to the constant fair weather for the period.

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Abbreviations: arr—arrived; imm—immature; Is—Island; L—Lake USMA—United States Military Academy; Dutch—Dutchess County; Oran—Orange County; Rock—Rockland County; Sull—Sullivan County; Ulst—Ulster County; West—Westchester County.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: Usual Apr migrants on the lakes; four May 3 and two May 10 were observed flying high in a northerly direction over the Hudson Highlands at Highland Falls (EDT). Horned Grebe: scattered individuals reported during the second and third week of Apr. Pied-billed Grebe: generally late in arr, but numbers were good. Double-crested Cormorant: rare any time on the upper Hudson, but extremely so in spring; four at Crugers Is, Dutch May 15 (MVW, PG). Great Blue Heron: numbers down; WBCC produced 11, a hopeful sign. Cattle Egret: the only Rockland wader on Bob Deeds "Break-a-Hundred" trip May 13; one at New City; 17 at Blooming Grove, Oran May 13 (BW). Snowy Egret: second consecutive spring record for Dutch, one at Pleasant Valley on May 6 (PG). Black-crowned Night Heron: one at Crugers Is, Apr 24 (BE, BG); three there May 1 (WBC). Least Bittern: one at Basher Kill Apr 23 (ID), early; one at Crugers Is, May 1 (WBC), also early. Mute Swan: 71 in Rock May 13, all but half a dozen on Rock L (RFD); only a few scattered individuals elsewhere. Canada Goose: more nesting pairs than last year; widely scattered; migrants in good numbers especially in mid-Apr. Brant: no reports. Snow Goose: one walking on the shore of the Hudson at Piermont Apr 10, may well have been the one that wintered on nearby Rockland L; 50 Apr 10 at Amenia, and 25 on the 11th at Crugers Is are more than we usually observe in spring. Most species of ducks were normal in numbers and dates except Ring-necked Duck and Scaup which were late arrivals in Dutch. Canvasback: 30 on Indian L, Dutch (on the Conn. line) is unusual in that there were so many so far inland from the Hudson. Common Goldeneye: a male at Piermont Pier May 13, very late (RFD). Bufflehead: four remained at Rockland L as late as May 3 (GB).

HAWKS—OWLS: Most hawks down in numbers. Broad-winged Hawk: first, Apr 17 at Monticello (A, MB) and eight at Katonah, West the same day (SG). Bald Eagle: one Apr 10 (late) at Hankins, Sull (RED). An imm died and was collected by Sam Phelps at Walden on May 30. Observed for a week in the area and the remains are to be analyzed for possible pesticide poisoning. Marsh Hawk: the usual few migrants reported, never numerous. Pigeon Hawk: always rare, esp. in spring; one at Poughkeepsie Apr 25 (DG). Sparrow Hawk: numbers better than usual in Dutch, normal to below elsewhere. Ruffed Grouse: continues to maintain high numbers. Bobwhite: one large covey of about 30 birds at Milan, Dutch Apr 7; five at the home of P & TH Apr 25; several scattered individuals elsewhere. Very few rails reported, a few more Virginia than Sora. Common Gallinule: one found in Dutch; at least seven individuals counted at Basherkill, Sull May 8 (MBC), probably many more there. Coot: numbers very low, only a few reports. Semipalmated Plover: WBC reports the first spring record in Dutch since 1928, two at Briarcliff Farm May 23. American Woodcock: two birds courting at Long Eddy, Sull, on the late date of May 20 (RED). Common Snipe: normal or better numbers in Dutch, 10 on WBCC, resident birds back at Martha Earl's farm in Blooming Grove, Oran. Upland Plover: only reports from Oran as usual; two on the runway at Oran Co Airport in

Montgomery May 1 (ID), and another pair in the Chester area on May 15 (SU). Only Solitary and Spotted Sandpipers were reported, numbers good. Two of the latter reported Apr 8 in Dutch, eight days earlier than previous spring record (JS). *Wilson's Phalarope*: a female, May 15 on a small pond near the Taconic State Pkwy. at Poughkeepsie was a first for Dutch (JK et al). *Iceland Gull*: one at Crugers Is Apr 24 was very late (BE, BG). Bonaparte's Gull: two at New Hamburg, Dutch, on Apr 19 (DG). Cuckoo: both species scarce this year. Owls: most species of usual abundance.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: arr right on time the third week in Apr and in good numbers. Chimney Swift: early arr in Dutch on Apr 20 (JK), and in good numbers by the 23rd. Flicker: very heavy influx in Dutch on Apr 16. *Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker*: the two birds of last winter persisted into the spring, one at Crugers Is last sighted on May 1 and the other at Red Oak Mill on May 13 (WBC). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: only reports, one in Dutch (EP), and two at West Point, Oran (J,MD), all on May 15. Wood Pewee: one very early, Apr 30, in Dutch (AJ)—usually arrives in mid-May. Bank Swallow: two, very early, at Washington Hollow, Dutch on Apr 11 (FG). Cliff Swallow: one Apr 13 was at least a week earlier than previous record in Dutch (AJ). A large colony is now established at the USMA Summer Camp at Camp Buckner, only a few miles from the Rock line where no colonies have been known in recent times, even with very active coverage by the Rockland Audubon Society. It is the only colony known in the southern part of Region 9. Purple Martin: a number of colonies now established in the Region. Raven: Fred Hough studied one making passes at a Red-tailed Hawk over Slide Mt. on May 20. He says "the calls and actions were quite distinctive." It makes the first authentic record for the species in Ulster. Fish Crow: returned to the Vassar Campus Apr 16 (EP) where Federation members saw it a year ago; at least six birds recorded in Dutch during May. Brown Creeper: a breeding record for Rock, adults feeding nestlings near New City in late May (F,RS); previous Rock breeding has been restricted to the higher elevations of Bear Mt. Park. Winter Wren: five Apr records in Dutch and two in May (WBC). Long-billed Marsh Wren: numbers about usual except in Dutch where they seemed to be up. Mockingbird: ever increasing; very successful nesting. Brown Thrasher: first Apr 4 in Dutch, very early. Wood Thrush: first Apr 25, a few days earlier than expected. Hermit Thrush: came through in excellent numbers, many reports. Swainson's Thrush: one, very early, Apr 24 (AJ); numbers normal to below. Gray-cheeked Thrush: unreported. Bluebird: four or five birds reported in an area of Rock near Suffern where they've been absent for years; numbers low throughout Region, but nesting seems to have been successful esp. in Dutch. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: reported from more areas this year but not in as great numbers as in the past several; first Apr 14 at Chester (SU); a sitting bird observed on USMA, West Point May 31 (MBC). Pipit: eight reported from Dutch Apr 22 (AJ); 30 at Liberty, Sull on May 8 (HK); a far cry from the hundreds often reported in fall. Loggerhead Shrike: one Apr 4 in Dutch (DG). Most winter shrikes reported were of this species.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: only report, one May 12 at usual spot on USMA Reservation (EDT). Yellow-throated Vireo: fewer than in any recent year. Solitary Vireo: always uncommon; many reports this spring by comparison to other years. A few light waves of warblers were reported, but the majority went through in an even flow. Most species were in usual to better numbers except Nashville and Blackburnian which were quite scarce. Those in smaller numbers than usual were Cape May and Black-throated Blue. Greater than usual numbers were reported for Tennessee, Palm and Northern Waterthrush. Chats recovered from their apparent low of last spring, and were slightly less than normal. Only one unusual species was reported—a male *Townsend's Warbler*, Apr 24 at Thompson's Pond, Pine Plains,

Dutch (EP, MVW). The bird was observed at length the next day by eight WBC members. Details are being prepared for "Field Notes." Cerulean Warbler: Rock had its twelfth report on May 13 for as long as Bob Deed has been keeping records (at least 30 years). The usual breeding birds were reported from Dutch, Carrie Carnwright saw one at her home in Cornwall, and two more at Downing Park in Newburgh on Apr 30; rarely does one see one bird a season away from the breeding grounds. *Kentucky Warbler*: Rock had its seventh record since 1940 on May 13.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: numbers less than last year, about the same arr date of May 6. Orchard Oriole: More reports than usual. Breeding birds back at Stone Ridge and Kripplebush in Ulst and at New City in Rock. Single birds observed in Oran at Cornwall May 3–May 12 (RK) and at Tomahawk L, Town of Blooming Grove, May 15 (SU). Baltimore Oriole: plentiful. Rusty Blackbird: last report, two May 1 at Crugers Is (WBC). *Black-headed Grosbeak*: the bird that arr last Jan 23 finally left Pleasantville, Dutch Apr 13 (EP). *Blue Grosbeak*: one at Greenville, Oran May 15 (ID). Indigo Bunting: one at Freedom Plains Apr 29 was extremely early (MK); numbers down in Dutch, but normal elsewhere. Evening Grosbeak: after an almost complete absence during the winter, small flocks started to appear in Apr—Middletown Apr 8 thru 12, Dutch Apr 15 and Monticello, Sull Apr 20. Purple Finch: numbers more normal this spring than last winter. House Finch: continued to increase: no nests reported, but several singing males, and one adult with what appeared to be a fledgeling young in Nyack (RFD). Savannah Sparrow: fewer in number. Grasshopper Sparrow: normal; 15 reported for May in Dutch. *Lark Sparrow*: left the home of Mrs C. Terhune near Salt Point, Dutch Apr 4, where it had been since Feb 5. Chipping Sparrow: normal to better numbers; a small wave thru Dutch Apr 22. White-crowned Sparrow: 11 seen on WBCC; your reporter failed to see one with daily birding in Oran from May 1 thru 15—perhaps they prefer the east bank of the Hudson? Snow Bunting: one at West Nyack on the late date of Apr 20, well seen in "patchy" plumage by Ed Gamble.

Corrigendum: The Broad-winged Hawk record in the previous report (*Kingbird* 15(2), p. 126) should be deleted.

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Note: Records for the summer season thru Aug 15 are due no later than Sept 1.

REGION 10 — MARINE

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The spring migration may be summed up in one word: poor. Although there were a few days when migrants were present in fair numbers, there was no one day or days that were exceptionally good, as is usual. Norse, for example, reported it to be the worst spring in five years. However, what might be termed the one exception was a concentration of warblers in Bronx Park on May 11, where Ryan recorded 26 species, including Yellow-throated, Kentucky and Connecticut. Spectacular as this was, it was apparently only a local phenomenon. Also, several species, such as Sapsucker, Golden-crowned Kinglet and Black-and-white Warbler, were much commoner than they have been in a number of years.