

Abbreviations used in regional reports: arr-arrival, arrived; Co-County; imm-immature; L-Lake; max-maximum one day count; mob-many observers; Pk-Park; Pt-Point; R-River; Rd-Road.

REGION 1 — NIAGARA FRONTIER

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April temperature was near normal with from one to six degrees cooler the first two weeks and, except for two cold days April 26 and 27, during the latter half of the month attaining a nearly normal degree per day standard. Each day from May 1-13, except May 5, the daily temperature ranged from five to thirteen degrees below normal. On May 10 and 11 the thermometer dropped to a cold 31 degrees. A warming trend during the balance of the month offset the early cold, so that the average May temperature was only slightly below normal. Precipitation, following the trend of the preceding months, remained below normal and thus April and May were cooler and drier than the mean for this period.

A warm spell April 19-21 brought the heaviest migratory movement of the month. The largest hawk flight occurred on April 21 with a count of 1383 from the south shore of Lake Erie, 27 from Lancaster area and 486 from Lyndonville near Lake Ontario. Included in this flight were larger numbers of Ospreys and Turkey Vultures than have been recorded in most recent spring migrations.

The prolonged cold of early May took a large toll of the Purple Martins. Dr. Axtell at the Buffalo Museum of Science had more than 20 calls about dead birds from people who had martin houses. In at least each of two cases 30 or more birds were found dead on the ground or in the houses. Lack of insects caused starvation which took the lives of hundreds of these birds in the area.

There were no spectacular movements of land birds in May and only during a few days in the third week did observers have good luck in the field.

Unusual species included Red-throated Loon, Glossy Ibis, Common Eider, Chukar.

Abbreviations: Alleg-Allegany; Al-Pi-Alma to Pikeville; Alleg SPk-Allegany State Park; Alleg Rd, Ha-Allegany Road, Hanover; Bflo-Buffalo; Catt-Cattaraugus; Cem-Cemetery; Chau-Chautauqua; CRPk-Chestnut Ridge Park; CPkL-Como Park, Lancaster; Du-Ha-Dunkirk to Hanover; Fourmile-Four-mile Creek State Park; Ft Nia-Fort Niagara; FL-Forest Lawn Cemetery, Bflo; H-harbor; HTPk-Hamburg Town Park; Hb-Ha-Hamburg to Hanover; Is-Island; MBC-May Bird Count, conducted for many years by Bflo Ornith. Soc., covering about 25 territories thru entire Region, about 190 observers this year; Ont-Ontario; OO-Oak Orchard area; OOGMA-Oak Orchard Game Management Area; SSLE-south shore Lake Erie; TGMA-Tonawanda Game Management Area; thru-throughout; TRdC-Tillman Rd, Clarence Hb-Ang-Hamburg to Angola.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: six reports of one to six individuals, total 19 birds, Apr 2-May 14; seven May 15 MBC. RED-THROATED LOON: one May 14 Smith Mills (PB). Red-necked Grebe: one Apr 11 Smith Mills (JG); one Apr 20 HTPk (TLB). Horned Grebe: 50 Apr 12 Cuba L (LDB); four May 15 MBC. Pied-billed Grebe: 26 Apr 3 Chau L (JG); 15 May 15 MBC. Double-crested Cormorant: one May 15 OO (ES). Great Blue Heron: 87 May 15 MBC, total for several parts of Region. Green Heron: first one Apr 17 Dunkirk (JG); 111 May 15 MBC. Common Egret: one May 5 S. Pk. Bflo (JK). Black-crowned Night Heron: five total OO (ES), Bflo (AF), Alleg SPk (DT). Least Bittern: three May 15 MBC Southern Tier; one May 27 N. Evans (TLB). Amer. Bittern: one Apr 11 TRdC (JG); one Apr 14 Cuba L (LDB); 44 May 15 MBC scattered thru Region. GLOSSY IBIS: one May 1 OOGMA (PH et al). Whistling Swan: several Apr reports in Alleg and Chau Cos, TGMA, OOGMA; 66 Apr 1 OOGMA (JB); max 82 Apr 2 Cuba L (LDB) et al). Canada Goose: 18,000 Apr 7 OOGMA (AF), 87 May 15 total for MBC Brant: 40 May 14 Dunkirk (PB). Blue Goose: one Apr 5 OOGMA (GGW); one Apr 11 TGMA (JG).

Ducks: Mallard: 229 May 15 MBC. Black: 56 May 15 MBC. Gadwall: first, ten Apr 3 Riverside, Chau Co (FE); max 11 there Apr 11 (CB); last, three May 15 OOGMA (ES); three reports between. Pintail: four May MBC OOGMA (ES). Green-winged Teal: 12 May 15 MBC Catt (DDB). Blue-winged Teal: 17 May 15 MBC. Amer. Widgeon: 100 Apr 3 Riverside (CMB); 18 May 15 MBC. Shoveler: first and max, nine Apr 5 OOGMA (GGW); five other reports of two to four birds Apr 7-14; only six May 15 MBC. Wood: 99 May 15 MBC. Redhead: one May 15 Chau Co (KOS). Ring-necked: 50 Apr 12 Cuba L (LDB); two Apr 29 Cheektowaga (JG); four May 14 Cuba L (LDB); five May 15 MBC. Canvasback: 1,000 Apr 3 Chau L (JG et al); last, one May 23 Bflo H (JK). Lesser Scaup: 100 Apr 10 Hamburg (JB, RB); 35 May 15 MBC. Common Goldeneye: four May 15 MBC Grand Is (JM). Bufflehead: 30 May 15 MBC. Oldsquaw: two May 15 Lancaster (GGW). COMMON EIDER: two Apr 14 HTPk (DD, HCS). Surf Scoter: two Apr 15 Batavia (OP); six Apr 17 L View (JG et al). Common Scoter: singles Apr 3 Olcott (JB, RB), Apr 11 Ft Nia (JG), Apr 20 Bay View (TLB), Apr 24 HTPk (RFA). Ruddy: six reports of one to four birds each (12 total), Apr 2 Cuba L (LDB) to Apr 25 Water Valley (TLB). Hooded Merganser: six May 15 Frewsburg (AH). Common Merganser: three May 15 Bolivar (EGS). Red-breasted Merganser: ten May 15 MBC

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: better than average flight; three Apr 2 Hb-Ang (JB, RB); 30 Apr 10 Fourmile (WHK); five Apr 16 HB-Ha (JG); 13 Apr 24 Al-Pi (LDB); 48 in Region May 15 MBC.

Hawks: Goshawk: three May 15 (nest, young) Alleg (SE). Sharp-shinned: peak Apr 21, 288 near Lyndonville (WGS); 147 Du-Ha (JB, RB); many reports of three to 32 along SSLE; 15 Apr 10 Fourmile; only two May 15 MBC. Cooper's: Apr records mostly from SSLE, one to three Apr 9-21; four Apr 10 Fourmile; max 75 Apr 21 Lyndonville (WGS); three May 15 MBC Southern Tier. Red-tailed: max 19 Apr 10 Fourmile (WHK); 83 May 15 MBC. Red-shouldered: max nine Apr 10 Fourmile (WHK) and ten Apr 19 Dunkirk (KOS); 26 May 15 MBC. Broad-winged: migration began Apr 21 with 570 Athol Springs (RFA), max 630 Du-Ha (RB); 106 Lyndonville (EGS); many reports of small numbers to end of Apr; 15 May 15 MBC. Rough-legged: several singles during Apr thru Region; five Apr 10 Fourmile (WHK); max seven Apr 24 Al-Pi (LDB); one May 15 MBC Batavia (OP). Bald Eagle: one imm Apr 29 W. Seneca (JB); one imm Apr 30 Du-Ha (AC); one May 15 OO (ES); one adult May 25 Lancaster (JG). Marsh: max ten Apr 10 Fourmile (WHK); nine May 15 MBC. Osprey: 16 present in small numbers thru Apr, until

May 15; eight May 15 MBC. Pigeon: singles Apr 20 L View (TLB), Apr 21 Athol Springs (RFA), Apr 30 Hamburg (JFT), May 3 Lancaster (JG), two Apr 21 Du-Ha (JB). Sparrow: one Apr 16 Hb-Ha (RB); four Apr 20 L View (AC); Apr 21 three Du-Ha (JB), five Lancaster (JG), nine Lyndonville (WGS); 49 May 15 MBC.

Ruffed Grouse: 41 May 15 MBC. Bobwhite: nine Apr 10 OOGMA (RFA). CHUKAR: one Apr 11 Newfane (JG). Turkey: one Apr 21 Langford (TLB); Alleg and Catt Co records also. Virginia Rail: three Apr 16 OOGMA (PB); one Apr 26 Kiantone (KOS). Sora: one Apr 24 Clarence (WAM); nine May 15 MBC. Common Gallinule: one Apr 11 Riverside (FE); ten May 15 MBC. Amer. Coot: 15 May 15 MBC.

Semipalmated Plover: ten May 15 MBC. Killdeer: 253 May 15 MBC. Black-bellied Plover: one May 15 MBC Grand Is (JM). Amer. Woodcock: 18 May 15 MBC. Common Snipe: 38 May 15 MBC. Upland Plover: two Apr 20 Lancaster (JG); 36 May 15 MBC. Sandpipers: Spotted: two Apr 19 Cheektowaga (JG); 157 May 15 MBC. Solitary: one Apr 22 Kiantone (EP); 36 May 15 MBC; last, one May 21 Riverside (FE). Willet: one May 2 Hamburg (TLB). Greater Yellowlegs: 16 Apr 21 and 29 Apr 30, Hanover sinks (AC et al); five May 15 MBC; last, one May 19 Lancaster (JG). Lesser Yellowlegs: one Apr 16 Alfred (CWK et al); nine May 15 MBC. Pectoral: 118 Apr 21 (RB) and 110 Apr 30 (FMR et al), Hanover sinks; 150 Apr 29 Sinclairville (EP). Least: two May 8 W. Almond (EO); nine May 15 MBC. Dunlin: eight May 15 MBC Alfred (CB). Semipalmated: one each, May 15, Sherman (KOS) and Frewsburg (AH). Wilson's Phalarope: one, Langford, May 7 (LR) and May 8 (TLB).

Gulls: Herring: 157 May 15 MBC. Ring-billed: 2605 May 15 MBC. Bonaparte's: first, three Apr 8 Alfred (CWK); 11 May 15 MBC. Little: one Apr 16 Dunkirk H (JB et al). Common Tern: first, one Apr 11 Dunkirk H (JG); 78 May 15 MBC. Caspian Tern: six reports, ten birds total, Apr 19-27. Black Tern: one, Apr 28 SPk, Bflo (RFA); 120 May 15 MBC.

Mourning Dove: 394 May 15 MBC. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: one May 15 MBC. Black-billed Cuckoo: three May 15 MBC Wilson (PB), Lancaster (GGW). Owls: Barn: one Apr 3 Youngstown Cem (JB); one Apr 11 Busti (EP). Screech: four May 15 MBC Lancaster (GGW), Java (AMB), Alfred (CB). Great Horned: one May 15 MBC Delavan (EAU); Bolivar (EGS). Barred: 19 May 15 MBC. Long-eared: one Apr 16 Wilson Cem (WAM); one Apr 16 and 23 Youngstown Cem (WAM). Short-eared: one May 15 MBC Sherman (KOS).

COATSUCKERS-STARLING: Whip-poor-will: one each Apr 20, Lancaster (JG) and Bemus Pt (KOS); one Apr 25 Hamburg (TLB). Common Nighthawk: four May 15 Cuba L (LDB), Bolivar (EGS); one May 28 Bflo (AF). Chimney Swift: first, one Apr 17 Alleg Rd, Ha (JG et al); 593 May 15 MBC. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: one May 2 Hamburg (TLB); 18 May 15 MBC. Belted Kingfisher: 121 May 15 MBC. Yellow-shafted Flicker: 94 Apr 20 and 116 Apr 23, L View (AC); 68 Apr 21 CpkL (JG); 775 May 15 MBC. Pileated Woodpecker: 16 May 15 MBC. Red-bellied Woodpecker: Apr 15, one Brentwood (EO) and three Caneadea (LDB); one Apr 23 Youngstown Cem (WAM); gaining in numbers thru area, at least three in Alleg Co and about four in OOGMA; one May 15 Batavia (OP)—first record. Red-headed Woodpecker: migration May 11-19 (JG); 35 May 15 MBC. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: first, one Apr 4 Sturgeon Pt (TLB); 21 Apr 19 Delaware Pk (PB); 13 Apr 21 CpkL (JG); 20 Apr 24 SSLE (PB); 40 May 15 MBC. Hairy Woodpecker: 68 May 15 MBC. Downy Woodpecker: 227 May 15 MBC. Flycatchers: Eastern Kingbird: first, one Apr 24 W. Mud L (FMR); 264 May 15 MBC. Great Crested: very late; 30 May 15 MBC. Eastern Phoebe: 257 May 15 MBC. Trail's: 43 May 15 MBC Akron (RF), DeLevan (HF), Alfred (CB); also two each May 16 Lancaster (JG), Frewsburg (Gulvin). Least: one May 6 Water Valley (TLB); 120 May 15 MBC. E. Wood Pewee: 14 May 15 MBC. Olive-sided: one May 15 Bolivar (EGS); one May 27 Eden (TLB).

Horned Lark: *E. a. alpestris*, last, one Apr 11 Newfane (JG); *E. a. praticola*, 154 May 15 MBC. Swallows: Tree: 1086 May 15 MBC. Bank: Apr 18, one each HTPk (JB), S. Pk Bflo (JK); 951 May 15 MBC. Rough-winged: one Apr 16 TRdC (PB); 195 May 15 MBC. Barn: 1681 May 15 MBC. Cliff: one Apr 24 Conewango Valley (EP); 107 May 15 MBC. Purple Martin: one Apr 11 Evans (JG); 530 May 15 MBC.

Blue Jay: 2397 May 6 L View (AC); 956 May 15 MBC. Common Crow: 1370 May 15 MBC. Black-capped Chickadee: 766 May 15 MBC. Tufted Titmouse: one Apr 3-10 Lewiston (WHK); one Apr 19 Dunkirk (KOS); two Apr 24 Evans (RFA); three May 15 MBC Hamburg (TLB). White-breasted Nuthatch: 227 May 15 MBC. Red-breasted Nuthatch: several Apr reports; 51 May 15 MBC. Brown Creeper: nine May 15 MBC. Wrens: House: first one Apr 25 Hamburg (TLB), 290 May 15 MBC; Winter: three May 15 MBC Wilson (PB), Batavia (OP); Long-billed Marsh: five May 15 MBC; Short-billed Marsh: one May 21 Clymer (EP). Mockingbird: one May 1 OOGMA (JG); four May 15 MBC Frewsburg (AH), Bolivar (EGS), Alfred (CB). Catbird: one Apr 29 Springbrook (HCS); 748 May 15 MBC. Brown Thrasher: 316 May 15 MBC. Robin: at L View, 1242 Apr 18 (RB) and 2375 Apr 20 (AC); 5103 May 15 MBC. Wood Thrush: first, one Apr 29 Alleg Rd, Ha (JB); 354 May 15 MBC. Hermit Thrush: one Apr 14 Boston (TLB); 13 May 15 MBC. Swainson's Thrush: one May 4 Caneadea (LDB); 21 May 15 MBC. Gray-cheeked Thrush: four May 15 MBC Hamburg (TLB), Bolivar (EGS). Veery: 158 May 15 MBC. E. Bluebird: Apr reports (12) like Mar were gratifying; max 11 Apr 21 Pt Gratiot (JB); 56 May 15 MBC. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: first, one Apr 20 Dunkirk (EP); max seven Pt Gratiot (RB); three other Apr reports; nine May 15 MBC. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 26 May 15 MBC. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: first, 12 Apr 14 Delaware Pk, Bflo (PB); 91 May 15 MBC. Water Pipit: 14 May 15 MBC. Cedar Waxwing: 58 May 15 MBC. Loggerhead Shrike: ten single records Apr 2-26 about equally divided in Southern Tier and Ont Plain; one May 15 MBC Cherry Creek (CMB). Starling: 13,552 May 15 MBC.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Vireos: Yellow-throated: one May 4 Alfred (CWK); 11 May 15 MBC. Solitary: eight May 15 MBC. Red-eyed: 21 May 15 MBC. Philadelphia: one each May 15, Angola (MMW) and Bolivar (EGS). Warbling: 44 May 15 MBC.

Warblers: Black-and-white: three Apr 24 Springbrook (DD), first; 54 May 15 MBC. Golden-winged: one May 15 Angola (MMW). Blue-winged: 33 May 15 MBC. Brewster's: one May 8 Gowanda (ES et al); one May 18 W. Barre (PB). Tennessee: eight May 15 MBC Hamburg, Alleg SPk, Alfred. Orange-crowned: one May 7 Caneadea (LDB); one May 12 Bflo (AF); two May 15 MBC Bflo (AE), Hamburg (TLB); two May 16 Lancaster (JG); one May 24 S. Pk (JK). Nashville: one Apr 30 CRPk (RFA); 70 May 15 MBC. Parula: one May 5 (many thereafter) Eden (TLB); one May 15 MBC Alfred (CB). Yellow: one Apr 24 Eden (TLB), first; 1416 May 15 MBC. Magnolia: one May 7 Belmont (LDB); 21 May 15 MBC. Cape May: seven total May 15 MBC Fillmore (KP), Sherman (KOS), Alfred (CB). Black-throated Blue: 16 May 15 MBC. Myrtle: 344 May 15 MBC; max seven Pt Gratiot May 21 (JB). Black-throated Green: one Apr 30 CRPk (RFA); 108 May 15 MBC. Cerulean: two May 15 MBC Angola (MMW). Blackburnian: 74 May 15 MBC. Chestnut-sided: one May 7 Belmont (LDB); 62 May 15 MBC. Bay-breasted: one May 15 Lancaster (GGW). Blackpoll: one May 16 Alfred (CWK). Pine: one Apr 19 Springbrook (DD), first; four other singles to May 1; 13 May 15 MBC. Palm: two Apr 21 CPkL (JG); 19 May 15 MBC; one, May 17 (PB) and May 19 (MME). Ovenbird: 127 May 15 MBC. Northern Waterthrush: one Apr 24 Pt Gratiot (JB, PB); eight May 15 MBC. Louisiana Waterthrush: four Apr 30 CRPk (RFA); nine total MBC Batavia, OO, Alleg SPk. Connecticut: one Apr 19, 22 Lancaster (JG). Mourning: one May 13 Kiantone (EP); nine May 15 MBC. Yellowthroat: 19 May 15 MBC. Yellow-breasted Chat: one May 15 Cuba L (LDB).

Hooded: one May 8 Gowanda (ES et al); 18 May 15 MBC. Wilson's: one May 15 MBC Alfred (CB). Canada: 15 May 15 MBC. Amer. Redstart: 168 May 15 MBC.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: one each Apr 29, Belmont (LDB) and S. Pk (JK), first; 761 May 15 MBC. E. Meadowlark: 980 May 15 MBC. Western Meadowlark: one Apr 21 and 24 Center Rd Sheridan (PB et al); one Apr 27 L View (TLB). Red-winged Blackbird: 1960 Apr 18 and 3925 Apr 20 L Shore Rd (AC et al); 9191 May 15 MBC. Baltimore Oriole: one May 1 OOGMA (JG); 371 May 15 MBC. Rusty Blackbird: 187 Apr 18 L Shore Rd (RB); 81 May 15 MBC. Common Grackle: 1170 Apr 20 L View (AC); 6768 May 15 MBC. Brown-headed Cowbird: 1691 May 15 MBC. Scarlet Tanager: 24 May 15 MBC. Cardinal: 350 May 15 MBC. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 276 May 15 MBC. Indigo Bunting: 23 May 15 MBC. Evening Grosbeak: several reports of small flocks in Apr, max 50 Apr 12 Cuba L (LDB); most records from southern Erie and Alleg Co; 218 May 15 MBC; last, one May 19 Hamburg (RFA). Common Redpoll: one each, Apr 9 Dunkirk (FMR et al), Apr 16 Newfane (WHK), Apr 17 L View (JG). Purple Finch: 154 May 15 MBC. Pine Siskin: first, two Apr 9 Dunkirk (FMR); 51 May 15 MBC; max 100 May 21 Clymer (EP). Amer. Goldfinch: 2120 May 15 MBC. Red Crossbill: eight-ten May 4-30 Alfred (CWK); eight May 9 Wellsville (LDB). White-winged Crossbill: two Apr 2 and 4 Alfred (CWK), three Apr 21 CPkL (JG); one each May 15, Cuba L (LDB) and Alfred (CB). Rufous-sided Towhee: 442 May 15 MBC.

Sparrows: Savannah: 197 May 15 MBC. Grasshopper: one Apr 24 Eden (TLB); three May 15 MBC. Henslow's: one Apr 21 CPkL (JG); April 22, one Grand Is (ES) and two Orchard Pk (JK). Vesper: 108 May 15 MBC. Slate-colored Junco: 199 May 15 MBC. Tree: 51 May 15 MBC. Chipping: one Apr 7 Riverside (CMB); 310 May 15 MBC. Field: 571 May 15 MBC. White-crowned: first, one Apr 26-30 Belmont (LDB); 472 May 15 MBC. White-throated: first, three Apr 12 Springbrook (HCS); 154 May 15 MBC. Fox: one May 15 Alfred (CWK); 20 May 15 MBC. Lincoln's: four May 15 MBC. Swamp: one Apr 3 Tonawanda Indian Reservation (JG); 194 May 15 MBC. Song: 2896 May 15 MBC.

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures for April averaged about normal, but many clear, cool nights with unfavorable winds delayed migration. By the end of the month, the migration seemed to lag about ten days. Precipitation was about normal and the lake level was high. May was very cool and dry, with frequent frosts and unfavorable winds. Birds on the whole just dribbled through with few good flights. A so-called peak probably occurred May 23-27. Noteworthy birds seen include Cattle Egret, Snowy Egret, Glossy Ibis, Willet, Franklin's Gull, Little Gull, Western Meadowlark and Clay-colored Sparrow.

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Abbreviations: BB—Braddock's Bay; EL—East Lakeshore; HL—Hawk Lookout; MR—Manitou Road; SB—Sodus Bay; WP—Webster Park; WL—West Lakeshore; WS—West Spit.