

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.

Observers: WC—William Carlson; GD—Gertrude Davis; RD—Robert Dobson; JJD—James J. Doherty; JF—John Foster; AEK—Allen E. Kemnitz; WCL—Walter C. Listman; WL—Warren Lloyd; RM—Ruth MacRae; JM—Joseph McNett; TM—Thelma McNett; HSM—Howard S. Miller; LM—Laura Moon; NM—(Dr.) Neil Moon; RTO—Richard T. O'Hara; BO—Bernard Olin; FP—Frank Phelps; AAS—Alfred A. Starling; MS—Maryanne Sunderlin; ST—Sarah Talpey; TET—Thomas E. Tetlow; RW—Robert White.

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.

LOONS-DUCKS: Spring loon flight very poor with so-called peaks of 33 Common Loons May 1 WP (WL) and three Red-throated Loons Apr 25 also at WP (WL, MS). Red-necked Grebe: scarce; max only three along EL Apr 17 (WL, RM). Horned Grebes seemed scarce. Double-crested Cormorant: a few reported, max five May 3 BB (WCL). Cattle Egret: the usual late Apr and early May reports—four Apr 23 WL (AEK, WCL, TET), one Apr 24 on MR (JJD, HSM) and one at same place May 15 (JM, TM). Common Egret: singles at Sandy Creek Apr 16 (Conants, ST), Hamlin Apr 24 (JM, TM), BB May 8 (AEK, WCL). Snowy Egret: one at Manitou May 18 (WCL)—the observer has had previous experience with the species and observed the black legs and yellow feet at leisure. GLOSSY IBIS: one flying across BB Apr 21 (JF, WL). The common herons except the Green Heron still appeared down in numbers.

Mute Swan: one flying over BB Apr 23 (AEK, WCL, TET). Apparently the same bird appeared on a small pond at Shore Acres later the same day and remained for a few days. Canada Goose: a very good flight with estimated 30,000 along WL Apr 9 (RD). Brant: a good spring flight at SB with 400 May 15 (JF, WCL, TET); none reported around Rochester. European Widgeon: two males Apr 12 at small pond in Hamlin (AEK). Ring-necked Duck: max 150 Apr 8 SB (JF, AEK, WCL) and 60 Apr 17 Mendon Ponds (GD). Canvasback: 550 Apr 2 SB (AEK), very high count for our area, probably birds migrating north from wintering grounds on Finger Lakes. Common Goldeneye: 20 May 15 SB (JF, WCL, TET), good count for so late. Bufflehead: 25 May 15 SB (JF, WCL, TET) also good count for date. Oldsquaw: max 200 along EL Apr 17 (WL, RM) and 500 at Oklahoma Beach May 15 (TM, MS, RW). White-winged Scoter: max 200 along WL Apr 9 (Angold, RD). Ruddy Duck: two at Shore Acres May 28 (LM et al).

HAWKS-OWLS: The only good hawk flight was Apr 20-21 and most of the records and high counts occurred on those two days. Turkey Vulture: max 24 at HL Apr 21 (JF, WL). Goshawk: one near Sodus Apr 8 (JF, AEK, WCL). After several years of apparent scarcity there was a very good flight of Sharp-shinned Hawks with 1260 at HL Apr 20 (LM et al) and 1600 there Apr 21 (mob). Red-tailed Hawk: 26 at HL Apr 21 (mob); this species reaches its peak count in late March. Broad-winged Hawk: max 1040 at HL Apr 20 (LM) and 7125 there Apr 21 (mob). Bald Eagle: only one seen all spring at HL, Apr 21 (JF, WL); the pair in the Hemlock L-Springwater area occasionally reported. Pigeon Hawk: two Apr 21 HL (WL, NM); one May 19 WS (WCL). Ruffed Grouse: 12 Wayne Co May 15 (JF, WCL, TET), a very high count probably indicating a peak or high point in their cycle.

Semipalmated Plover: 65 along WL May 18 (WCL), a rather high count. Whimbrel: only reports, two at Sodus Pt May 21 (AEK, WL, MS) and four at Manitou May 29 (WCL et al). Willet: one at Sodus Pt May 28 (AEK), first record in ten years. Dunlin: one at BB Apr 23, early (WCL); 40 along WL May 18 (WCL). Short-billed Dowitcher: uncommon spring migrant locally; max eight in Hamlin May 14 (WCL) and nine at SB May 21 (AEK, WL, MS). Western Sandpiper: several reports; max five in Hamlin May 30 (JJD, WCL, HSM). This species probably occurs regularly but, except for well-marked individuals, is probably frequently not identified. Occasional single Glaucous and Iceland Gulls reported during period. Franklin's Gull: one adult Hamlin May 1-4 (AEK, WCL). Little Gull: two at Manitou May 18 (WCL). Forster's Tern: uncommon locally in spring; two at Manitou May 11 (WCL).

Barn Owl: one seen in Palmyra Apr 25 (Mrs. McPike). Barred Owl: one heard in Irondequoit, a very unusual location, May 6 (LM, NM); one heard at Zurich Bog May 15 (JF, WCL, TET). Short-eared Owl: scarce this year, one seen at BB Apr 29 (WCL) being only the second report. Saw-whet Owl: two seen in "owl" woods Apr 2 (JF, TET).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Whip-poor-will: seemed somewhat scarce around

Rochester, one seen at HL Apr 21 (Mrs. Dineen) and one in Irondequoit May 5 (LM et al); usual numbers in Bergen Swamp mid-May (RTO). Yellow-shafted Flicker: estimated 100 along EL Apr 24 (JJD, HSM, FP). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 18 along WL Apr 20 (LM), first good number reported, showing lateness of season. Blue Jay: usual May flight along L Ontario, an estimated 1100 passing Manitou May 8 (GOS hike).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: one feeding young in nest in a conifer at Durand-Eastman Pk May 15 (Margaret Foley)—it has long been suspected that this species nested there. Brown Creeper: 30 along WL Apr 23 (JJD, AAS). Short-billed Marsh Wren: one heard near HL May 22 (RTO), only report. Mockingbird: new localities—one at Pultneyville Apr 3 (AEK), one at WP Apr 23 (JJD, AAS), two Furnaceville May 21 (AEK).

VIREOS-WARBLED: Among the few more outstanding warbler records were a Blue-winged Warbler in Durand-Eastman Pk (June Feder), a Prairie Warbler in Island Cottage Woods May 20 (JJD), three Yellow-breasted Chats in Fairport May 23 (BO). Orange-crowned, Pine and Connecticut Warblers were unreported and many others were seen in reduced numbers.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Western Meadowlark: one singing, observed in East Henrietta Apr 20 (WC), three along WL Apr 23–30 (mob), one Webster May 2–6 (MS). Later these birds seemed to sing little and may move on. With what species they mate, if they do, is unknown. Evening Grosbeak: 15 at BB May 18 (WCL). Pine Grosbeak: five at WP Apr 23 (JJD, AAS), very late. Common Redpoll: 27 along EL Apr 17 (WL, RM), also late. Pine Siskin: 25 migrating at BB May 18, also 500 Amer. Goldfinches (WCL). A Clay-colored Sparrow was carefully studied in Webster May 24 (JM, TM)—both observers have had previous experience with this species. Fox Sparrow: 28 in Highland Pk Apr 20 (LM et al), late for so many.

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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April and May were among the coldest on record in the Finger Lakes, and continued the trend of below normal precipitation. Below freezing temperatures were recorded the last week of April, the second week of May, and, amazingly, on May 30 and 31. But the most unusual event weatherwise was the snowfall on May 9, which totalled 3½ inches in the Ithaca area, and at least an inch thru most of the Region. In freezing temperatures, the snow remained on the ground two days. Just preceding this, there had been a warm spell with southerly winds, which brought in some of the birds whose arrival had been delayed up to that time by the late April cold spell. It meant rugged going for them—and interesting observations for the birdwatchers. Orioles, Catbirds and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks flocked to feeders along with the normal customers. A female Bobolink visited the feeder at Sapsucker Woods. The bare roadsides were dotted with hungry birds—sparrows of all kinds, thrushes, grosbeaks, tanagers, warblers, kinglets and phoebes. One observer counted 80 Veeries along a road north of Sapsucker Woods in less than a mile. In an area near Elmira, Wilfred Howard found road-side concentrations of Veeries, Olive-backed and Grey-cheeked Thrushes, Ovenbirds, with a few House Wrens and Louisiana Waterthrushes. A mixed flock of 50 Hermits and Grey-cheeks was driven to ground by the storm at Keuka (FG).

Undoubtedly many of the early nesters died—I received a few reports of dead Phoebes and Bluebirds. But the worst hit were the Purple Martins. Throughout the Region Martin colonies were decimated. For example, the personnel at Montezuma