

REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The daily average temperature for April in Watertown was 47.6, 3.2 degrees higher than normal. The highest temperature, 72, on Apr 22, the lowest 24, Apr 27. Precipitation was 2.18 inches below normal. Snow fell on three days for a total of 1.5 inches.

The daily average temperature for May in Watertown was 51.6, 3.9 degrees below normal. All-time low of 23 degrees for May 23; hottest temperature 86 on May 25. Below normal precipitation for May with a trace of snow May 4.

The generally cold spring and lack of moisture seems correlated with a retarded, unspectacular bird migration with some exceptions. There were no warbler waves and although most species were seen at near normal dates they were often fewer in number at first and difficult to locate. Some usually common species were notably scarce or late in arriving.

The North Country Bird Club Sanctuary has been renamed as a memorial to the late Joseph A. Blake, Jr., an ardent conservationist and member of the Federation.

Localities: BWS—Blake Wildlife Sanctuary; ED—El Dorado; Ont—Ontario; PRGMA—Perch River Game Management Area; Pt Pen—Point Peninsula; SL—St. Lawrence; THP—Tug Hill Plateau; Wat—Watertown.

Observers: AA—Arthur Allen; JB—John Belknap; FC—Frank Clinch; DG—David Gordon; RW—Robert Walker.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: Apr 17. Horned Grebe: Apr 9. Pied-billed Grebe: Apr 1. Double-crested Cormorant: nesting on islands in Henderson Bay May. Great Blue Heron: Apr 6; great blue heronry in wooded swamp, PRGMA, had 21 nests at beginning of nesting season, one occupied by Great Horned Owl, pictures taken on visit Apr 16 (DG). Green Heron: Apr 30. Black-crowned Night Heron: May 3 nesting Little Galloo Is. (AA). Amer. Bittern: May 2. Canada Goose: hundreds PRGMA Apr to at least May 7; nesting Little Galloo. Snow Goose: two Apr 2–16 PRGMA. BLUE GOOSE: one Apr 13–16 PRGMA (mob). Mallard and Black Duck: resident in usual numbers. Pintail: last Apr 30. Green-winged Teal: last migrants Apr 30. Blue-winged Teal: scarce until Apr 9. Amer. Widgeon: Apr 2. Shoveler: Apr 9–30. Wood Duck: first Apr 3. Ring-necked Duck: last Apr 30. Greater Scaup: on L Ont until mid-Apr. Lesser Scaup: Apr 2 Pt Pen (DG). Common Goldeneye and Bufflehead: on L Ont until mid-Apr. Oldsquaw: late pair Henderson Harbor May 14 (DG). Hooded Merganser: thru Apr. Common Merganser: Apr 8 Black R near Lowville. Red-breasted Merganser: pair Cape Vincent Apr 2.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: four Adams Cove Apr 9 (DG); two New Boston Apr 11 (DG). Red-tailed Hawk: thru period. Broad-winged Hawk: near Wat Apr 30. Rough-legged Hawk: last Apr 21 (JB). Marsh Hawk: thru period. Osprey: first migrant Apr 21; at nest Yellow L May 24 (AA). Sparrow Hawk: good spring flight first half Apr. Gray Partridge: Sackets Harbor Apr 2; Knowlesville Rd May 7; near Hammond, SL Co May 7. Common Gallinule: Apr 30 PRGMA. Semipalmated Plover: May 28. Killdeer: numerous. Ruddy Turnstone: ED May 28 (AA). Amer. Woodcock: still making flights May 27; three observed Wat (AA). Common Snipe: Apr 9. Upland Plover: first Apr 30. Spotted Sandpiper: Apr 30. Greater Yellowlegs: Apr 13. Lesser Yellowlegs: Apr 30. Pectoral Sandpiper: Apr 30. Least Sandpiper: May 14. Dunlin: May 14. Semipalmated Sandpiper: May 28.

Herring Gull: 100 pair est. nesting, center Little Galloo May 3 (AA). Ring-billed Gull: est. 100–120 thousand pair nesting Little Galloo May 3 (AA, JB); numbers up and the species now occupies all available space and is believed to be the largest such colony in the world. The early history of the Ring-billed Gull in New York State has been detailed by Belknap (*Kingbird* 5:63–4, 1955); the number nesting on Little Galloo at that time was 45,000 pairs. Bonaparte's Gull: one, spring plumage

Apr 30 PRGMA (DG). Common Tern: May 2. Black Tern: Apr 30. Mourning Dove: Apr 16. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: May 20 Knowlesville Rd (AA). Black-billed Cuckoo: May 23. Great Horned Owl: PRGMA Apr 16. Snowy Owl: one imm and one adult Pt Pen Apr 2 (DG). Short-eared Owl: May 2 PRGMA (RW); May 7 near Brownville (AA).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: May 23. Chimney Swift: May 8. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: May 21. Belted Kingfisher: Apr 1. Flicker: heavy flight Apr 23 into early May. Pileated Woodpecker: S. Edwards, near Hammond, near PRGMA, near Wat May (AA, RW). Red-headed Woodpecker: Wat May 21 (FC). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Apr 23. Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers: usual numbers. Eastern Kingbird: May 7. Crested Flycatcher: May 14. Eastern Phoebe: Apr 2. Traill's Flycatcher: May 30 Wat, new station (AA). Least Flycatcher: May 18. Wood Pewee: May 21. Olive-sided Flycatcher: May 21, upper Whetstone Gulf, new station (DG). Horned Lark: summer resident. Tree Swallow: Apr 9. Bank Swallow: Apr 30. Rough-winged Swallow: May 28. Barn Swallow: Apr 30. Cliff Swallow: May 7; colonies near Constableville and Highmarket, THP doing well May 21. Purple Martin: Apr 9. Brown Creeper: Apr 16.

House Wren: May 11. Winter Wren: May 1. Long-billed Marsh Wren: May 23. Mockingbird: May 7. Hammond (RW). Catbird: May 7. Brown Thrasher: Apr 27. Robin: heavy migration over THP Apr 11 (DG). Wood Thrush: May 8. Hermit Thrush: Apr 23. Swainson's Thrush: May 15. Veery: May 14. Bluebird: male near Diamond, THP Apr 23; pair Osceola THP Apr 27; male PRGMA May 7, three PRGMA May 28. Golden-crowned Kinglet: May 16; seemed scarce. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: migrants Apr 23-May 14. Water Pipit: May 14 PRGMA and ED (RW, DG). Cedar Waxwing: wanderers seen in May. Loggerhead Shrike: Apr 4 thru period.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: May 8 BWS (FC). Solitary Vireo: May 1. Red-eyed Vireo: May 15. Warbling Vireo: May 14.

Warblers: Black-and-white: May 1. Nashville: May 7. Parula: May 21 (Houghton). Yellow: May 4. Magnolia: May 16. Black-throated Blue: May 15. Myrtle: Apr 27 Osceola, THP; Apr 30 Felts Mills Creek. Black-throated Green: May 7. Cerulean: May 19. Blackburnian: May 14. Chestnut-sided: May 14. Bay-breasted: May 20 S. Edwards, SL Co. Blackpoll: migrants May 20-29. Palm: May 7 PRGMA. Ovenbird: May 11. Northern Waterthrush: May 1 S. Edwards, SL Co (AA). Louisiana Waterthrush: two May 15 Washington Pk (RW). Mourning: May 21 near Burrville, Jefferson Co (AA); May 21 Michigan Mills, THP (DG). Yellow-throat: May 15. Canada: May 20. Amer. Redstart: May 16.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: May 2. Red-winged Blackbird: first females Apr 16; hordes of redwings and grackles migrating over THP Apr 11. Baltimore Oriole: May 14. Rusty Blackbird: Apr 16. Scarlet Tanager: May 15. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 11. Indigo Bunting: May 24, late. Evening Grosbeak: last at feeder May 25 (FC); numbers decreased about May 7; 236 banded Apr 1-May 18 Wat (FC). Purple Finch: scattered records Apr 20 thru May; summer resident THP. Pine Siskin: first week May Wat (FC); May 15 Gouverneur (JB). Goldfinch: usually scarce until May 15. Rufous-sided Towhee: Apr 30. Savannah Sparrow: Apr 23. Vesper Sparrow: Apr 17. Slate-colored Junco: migrants seen Wat vicinity until May 7. Tree Sparrow: last at feeder Apr 21 (FC); numbers dwindled first week Apr. Chipping Sparrow: Apr 23. Field Sparrow: Apr 23. White-crowned Sparrow: May 7-24 Wat (mob). White-throated Sparrow: Apr 19-May 15; pair nesting near Wat (AA). Fox Sparrow: Apr 16-26. Swamp Sparrow: Apr 30 Stony Pt (RW) early; May 7 Wat (AA, DG).

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Ed. Note: The ? after adult (referring to Snowy Owl) in the previous report (May *Kingbird*, p. 113) was a typographical error and is regretted.