

beak; very good numbers thru period all areas after mid-May, six May 19 RB (MK). Indigo Bunting: one May 29 SL (Kains). Evening Grosbeak: last large number 40 plus RB May 4 (JK); small numbers suitable habitat thru period. Purple Finch: one to two singing males all suitable habitat thru period. Pine Siskin: up to ten thru period RB (JK); two, one singing, Apr 3 Bloomingdale (HD). American Goldfinch: small flocks RB, SL and near Derrick thru period (JK&HD). Red Cross-bill: thru period, 45 plus May 30 RB (JK). Rufous-sided Towhee: one May 13 thru period TL (RM); one Apr 4, 5 and 6 SL (RH); one Apr 30 RB (JK).

Sparrows: Savannah: Apr 18 thru period RB (JK); May 10 thru period SL (HD). Vesper: one Apr 7 south of Westport (MK); one Apr 15-22 RB (JK); one May 18 SL (HD). Slate-colored Junco: no large flocks, few reported thru period RB and SL. Tree Sparrow: last Apr 22 SL (EB). Chipping: good numbers last week in Apr thru period all areas. Field: arr Apr 20 RB (JK); heard May 12 SL, May 22 near L Clear (HD). White-crowned: fewer than last four years, one to three stayed May 9-22 SL (HD); one May 9 Westport (GC); five May 20 RB (JK); six one day mid-May Vermontville (HT). White-throated: from mid-Apr thru period all areas, 29 singing May 29 on three-mile stretch of trail. Fox: one first two weeks of Apr western outskirts of SL (EB); one Apr 5 eastern outskirts of SL (ED). Lincoln's: one May 9 Elizabethtown (GC); one May 28 RB (JK). Swamp: three May 12 RB (JK); two May 15 TL (MK). Song: common early Apr thru period all areas.

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REGION 8 — MOHAWK — HUDSON

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The first three weeks of April were warm and dry, with the temperature soaring to 83 degrees on two consecutive days, April 13 and 14 (weather data taken at Albany). A rainfall of 2.01 inches on Apr 24 ushered in a week of cooler, wetter, cloudier days. On more than half of the 30 days the thermometer climbed to 65 degrees or above. The average temperature was 48.4 degrees, 2.1 degrees above normal. May was cooler and wetter than normal, with the average temperature about three degrees less than the May norm, and rainfall about one inch over normal. Almost two inches of the rain fell on a single day, May 29.

The long, unusually warm period the first three weeks of April appeared to speed the migration of water fowl, for these were conspicuously absent in any large numbers for any appreciable length of time. Horned Grebes were not seen after Apr 27; Pied-billed Grebes were unreported in May in the northern areas of the Region, although a few were reported from the southern areas. There were no Goldeneyes after Apr 13; with the exception of a few isolated individuals, the following were not seen after Apr 20: American Widgeon, Ring-necked Duck, Canvasback, Hooded Merganser, and Common Merganser.

The early warmth produced foliage at an unusually early period—perhaps two weeks earlier than normal. With this condition existing, many observers were expecting an early migration of all passerines. However, this was a spring of paradox; some species that were scheduled to arrive early came earlier than usual, while those scheduled to come late, came later than usual. Phoebe and Tree Swallows were notably early and nested early; Purple Finches and Slate-colored Juncos passed through in large numbers about ten to 15 days sooner than usual; White-throated Sparrows were early, also. The lingerers included the Swainson's Thrush, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and Myrtle Warbler. Most warblers arrived about the usual dates—in greatly reduced numbers. Many other species arrived about on schedule, although there were a few conspicuously early individual birds, including a Solitary

Sandpiper, a Ruby-throated Hummingbird, a Brown Thrasher, and a Myrtle Warbler.

Three important May waves were evident. May 3-5, after a heavy rain on May 3, the following appeared in large numbers: Eastern Kingbird, Catbird, Wood Thrush, two species of vireos, ten species of warblers, and Baltimore Oriole. A second wave, May 10-12, brought in Great Crested Flycatcher, Veery, more warblers, Bobolinks, and many additional reports of Eastern Kingbirds. On May 21 and 22 a large flight appeared to be under way.

Rare or unusual species included: Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, Black-bellied Plover, Orange-crowned Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, and Harris' Sparrow. The location of a Blue Heron rookery was of special interest, as was an extremely late appearance of a Snowy Owl.

Abbreviations used: BCM—Black Creek Marshes; Col Co—Columbia Co; Emb—Embought; EG—East Greenbush; Gr—Greenville; IL—Indian Ladder; Nisk—Niskayuna NWW—Niskayuna Wide Waters; SCR—Stony Creek Reservoir; SL—Saratoga Lake; SS—Stockport Station; TR—Tomhannock Reservoir; VFG—Vischer Ferry Game Management Area; ADBC—Alan Devoe Bird Club; GCBC—Greene Co Bird Club; SBC—Schenectady Bird Club.

Observers cited more than once: GA—Gustave Angst; GB—Guy Bartlett; HFB—Hazel Bundy; J&BB—James and Barbara Bush; L&VB—Lee and Virginia Burland; JC—Juanita Cook; PC—Paul Connor; P&GE—Paul and Georgia Erlenbach; M&AG—Murray and Alice Giddings; MDG—Monte Gruett; WG—William Gorman; EH—Esly Hallenbeck; MK—Marcia Kent; C&CK—Clare and Clarissa Ketcham; E&LL—Edna and Luther Lane; PMcG—Peggy McGuirk; RMcC—Robert McCullough; SM—Sam Madison; P&MM—Philip and Mary Mickle; J&EP—J. and E. Payne; WBS—Walton Sabin; BRS—Benton Seguin; R&MS—Robert and Mary Lou Shedd; NS—Naomi Snare; HHS—Harvey Spivak; H&MW—H. and M. Webb; PPW—Peter Wickham; RPY—Robert Yunick; bsh—Guy Bartlett, Benton Seguin, and Barrington Havens.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: arr Apr 7 (SBC). Red-throated Loon: early reports—one Apr 13 SL (EH) and two Apr 21 SL (GB,BS); last two May 18 SL (HFB, PMcG). Red-necked Grebe: singles Apr 7 SL (SBC) and Apr 13 SL (HFB, PMcG, EH). Horned Grebe: reported to Apr 27 (CK), an early departure date. Pied-billed Grebe: seemed scarce; last report May 24 (CK), with all May reports from the southern areas. Double-crested Cormorant: one Apr 28 SL (BS); one May 15 Hudson R near Germantown (JC). Great Blue Heron: heronry found Apr 14 (Warren White) and observed Apr 20 (WBS, RPY) north of Galway in a beech-hemlock forest, at least 19 nests and 18 individuals noted. Common Egret: three Apr 30 NWW (GA, mob), and three, probably the same birds, May 5-7 at VFG (mob). CATTLE EGRET: three reports of single individuals—Apr 26 Col Co (ADBC), May 5 VFG (C. W. Huntley *et al*), May 17 Col Co (MM). Green Heron: early report Apr 2 near Castleton (JC); second report Apr 28 NWW (HHS). American Bittern: arr Apr 6 BCM (R&MS). Least Bittern: heard at VFG—two May 18 and one May 25 (RPY). GLOSSY IBIS: two near West Chent (M&AG)—third record for Region. Mute Swan: one May 18 SL (bsh). Canada Goose: max 500 Apr 18 (J&BB); few May 18, the last. Snow Goose: three Apr reports—max 15 Apr 18 Emb (J&BB); also, 53 May 12 Feura Bush Area (MK).

American Widgeon: last, four Apr 20 NWW (HHS), with the exception of singles May 12 Lock 6 (BS) and May 15 SS (PPW). Pintail: only three reports—five Apr 1 Meadowdale (GA), two NWW Apr 7 (HHS), and one very late—May 18 (John Fuller). Green-winged Teal: late report, two May 18 EG (MDG, WG, PPW). Shoveler: three Apr reports, max five Apr 7 SL (SBC); two May 4 reports—four NWW (PPW), two SCR (BS). Redhead: five Apr 7 SL (SBC); one May 6 Round L (GA). Ring-necked Duck: last Apr 20, with exception of two May reports—May 4 (CK) and May 5 (HFB, PMcG). Canvasback: last, three Apr 20 NWW (HHS). Scaup: last, May 18 (SBC). Common Goldeneye: none after Apr 13, when there

were three reports. Bufflehead: last report, two May 18 SL (HFB,PMcG). Oldsquaw: very scarce; only one report—ten May 6 Round L (GA). White-winged Scoter: one male Apr 12 SL (PPW). Surf Scoter: one female Apr 20 (SBC). Common Scoter: one Apr 28 SL (BS). Hooded Merganser: a few seen to Apr 20 (SBC); one female May 5 VFG and one male SCR May 18, probably nesting (HFB,PMcG). Common Merganser: several reports through Apr 20; one May 15 Castleton (JC). Red-breasted Merganser: four Apr reports; last—16 on Apr 21 (EH).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: several reports in areas farther north than usual, including six May 25 Thatcher Pk (SBC). Goshawk: one in a woods two miles northwest of Jenny L, actions indicating probable nesting, May 18 (bsh). Sharpshinned Hawk: two Apr reports and two in May. Cooper's Hawk: six reports from Apr 21 to May 18. Red-shouldered Hawk: one pair nesting in Apr, Gr (CK); one May 5 (EH,RMcC), and one May 18 (bsh). Broad-winged Hawk: last report, two May 26 (SBC). Rough-legged Hawk: one Apr 2 NWW (GA); one Apr 16 Spencertown (H&MW); one near SCR May 7 (EH). Bald Eagle: one Catskill area May 10 and 14 (J&BB). Marsh Hawk: several reports, all except one from southern areas of Region. Osprey: from Apr 13 (EH *et al*) to May 11 (GCBC). Peregrine Falcon: three reports—Apr 3 W. Glenville (EH), Apr 20 (SBC) and May 10 Alcove Reservoir (WBS). Bobwhite: reported from two areas in May. Virginia Rail: early report, two Apr 9 EG (PC); others from Apr 23 on. Sora: three May 5 EG (PC); May 11 and 18 BCM (SBC). Common Gallinule: arr Apr 28 Col Co (MM). American Coot: few reports—from one Apr 7 NWW (HHS) to May 18 (ADBC,SBC).

Semipalmated Plover: two May 12 EG (PC), and four May 14 EG (PPW). **BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** a rare spring appearance—one May 18 EG (MDG, WG,PPW). Upland Plover: arr Apr 13 (RPY)—reports during period from six different areas. Spotted Sandpiper: first Apr 27 NWW (HHS). Solitary Sandpiper: a very early report, Mar 28 Chatham (MM); others, Apr 28 to May 25. Greater Yellowlegs: second spring report (first Mar 31)—six Apr 27 NWW (HHS); last, May 18 (SBC). Lesser Yellowlegs: six reports—from one Apr 30 NWW (GA) to May 18 (ADBC). Pectoral Sandpiper: three reports—seven Apr 28 EG (PC), one May 4 NWW (PPW), and five May 26 EG (PPW). White-rumped Sandpiper: one May 18 NWW (HFB,PMcG). Least Sandpiper: five May 12 NWW (BS) to May 18 when there were several reports. Dunlin: an unusually large flock of 40 May 12 SS (SM,WBS); three May 18 EG (MDG,WG,PPW); and two May 25 Castleton (JC). Semipalmated Sandpiper: only one, May 18 (ADBC). Great Black-backed Gull: last May 5 (EH). Bonaparte's Gull: 11 reports—from six Apr 6 SL (PPW) to one May 26 NWW (BRS), max 13 May 6 Lock 7 (GA). Common Tern: four reports May 4 to May 23, max five May 17 Lock 7 (GA). Black Tern: a few reports of one to three, May 6–19. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: four reports May 18 (SBC), and one May 19 (Eleanor Byrne). Black-billed Cuckoo: arr May 8 EG (PPW). Screech Owl: reported from EG several times (MDG); one found dead May 11 Meadowdale (MDG). Great Horned Owl: reported from five areas; one adult and two young May 2 Lisha Kill (GA). **SNOWY OWL:** an extremely late date—May 5 and 6 Valatie (ADBC). Barred Owl: two heard at Jenny L May 18 (bsh), and one seen May 18 IL (WBS *et al*).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: first heard May 3 Greene Co (E&LL). Nighthawk: first reports May 13 (*fide* Lillian Stoner), and Greene Co (Marianne Werner). Chimney Swift: one very early report—Apr 9 (PM); second report, Apr 18 (P&GE); many from Apr 27 on. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: two very early reports in Gr Apr 17, 20 (C&CK); many from May 18 on. Belted Kingfisher: seemed scarce. Red-headed Woodpecker: one female May 17 near New Salem (WBS). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: only nine reports—from Apr 13 (EH) to May 19 (J&BB). Eastern Kingbird: appeared in two pronounced waves—May 4 and 5, and May 10–12. Great Crested Flycatcher: general influx May 10–12; early report

May 2 Castleton (JC). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: only one—May 18 SL (HFB, PMcG). Traill's Flycatcher: several reports May 18, and thereafter. Least Flycatcher: first Apr 29 Gr (CK); several reports within the next few days. Wood Pewee: early report May 5 (HHS); many beginning May 17. Olive-sided Flycatcher: only two reports—one May 18 (WBS *et al*), and May 23 Gr (CK).

Tree Swallow: arrived early (last week in Mar), and nested early, between two to three weeks ahead of last year, with the yield of eggs per nest up to 5.5—the highest in three years, and with some clutches not yet complete VFG (RPY). Bank Swallow: a colony active Apr 21 near Alplaus (HFB); a colony of 120 reported active in May (HHS); a large colony at Glenville Landfill apparently doomed as landfill changes shape, and will yield little this year (RPY). Rough-winged Swallow: first Apr 21 (SBC). Barn Swallow: early reports Apr 14 Col Co (NS) and Apr 15 (GCBC); many from Apr 27. Cliff Swallow: first Apr 27 Basic Reservoir (CK). Purple Martin: observed Apr 22 (J&BB); colony of 12 returned Apr 24 to W. Glenville (RMcC). Blue Jay: large migrating flocks noted by several observers during entire month of May. Brown Creeper: appeared in about the usual numbers. House Wren: first Apr 25 (CK, Lillian Halloran); many from Apr 28. Winter Wren: six reports; first Apr 6 SL (PPW). Long-billed Marsh Wren: arr May 5 NWW (HHS), and Meadowdale (GA).

Catbird: waves apparent May 4–5, and May 8–11. Brown Thrasher: one very early Apr 3 Spencertown (H&MW); next reports Apr 13, 20, and thereafter. Wood Thrush: early report Apr 16 Ghent (P&GE); general influx May 3–5. Hermit Thrush: first migrant Apr 7 (EH); several reports, to Apr 28 Nisk (RPY); May reports of nesting birds in local areas. Swainson's Thrush: seven reports May 18; several seen in yard Nisk May 22 and banded to May 29 Nisk (RPY); ten (approx.) heard flying over at night May 30 (PPW). Gray-cheeked Thrush: one May 8 West Mountain near Berne (MK). Veery: two May 8 Berne (MK); many reports May 10–11. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: only four reports—from May 1 Catskill (E&LL). Golden-crowned Kinglet: two late reports May 18 (SBC). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: continued to migrate during Apr and May; influx Apr 14, yet greater Apr 27, common to Apr 30 (RPY); last May 24 EG (MDG). Water Pipit: only one report—six May 12 Ghent (PPW). Cedar Waxwing: several reports in Apr, max 20 (RPY); numerous reports in May, usually in small flocks up to ten; one flock of 30 May 2 (EH). Shrike: one Apr 7 (SBC), species undetermined.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Vireos: Yellow-throated: first two reports May 4—Emb (J&BB) and Lock 7 (SBC). Solitary: one TR Apr 21 (SBC); five May reports, including two May 18, last date. Red-eyed: first May 7 Schodack Center (PC); observed by ten groups out of a possible 13 groups May 18. Warbling: early report Apr 25 Gr (CK); many from May 5 on.

Warblers: Black-and-white: six May 4 Greene Co (J&BB,SBC); throughout May. Worm-eating: located May 18 in usual nesting area IL (SBC), one bird observed putting leaves singly into a hole in the ground under roots of a tree. Golden-winged: first May 12 Canaan (J&EP). Blue-winged: first May 10 Canaan (J&EP). Brewster's: one May 26 W. Glenville (SBC). Tennessee: first reports—by six groups May 18; one in complete fall plumage May 18 (RPY); two reports May 22 the last ones. **ORANGE-CROWNED**: one observed at close range May 11 (SBC). Nashville: several appeared May 3–5; last, May 25. Parula: three May 4 Greene Co (J&BB,SBC); one May 13 Central Pk (HFB); three reports May 18, the last. Yellow: seen frequently from arr date May 3. Magnolia: first observed May 18, by six groups; last, May 28 (PPW). Cape May: ten reports—from May 5 Schodack (L&VB) to one May 25 IL (SBC). Black-throated Blue: appeared May 11 (late) Gr (C&CK); last May 25 VFG (RPY); scarce. Myrtle: one very early report Apr 5 EG (PPW); second, Apr 21 TR (SBC); many thereafter, max 30 May 4 Greene Co (SBC); last, May 22 Nisk (RPY). Black-throated Green: first Apr 14 Emb (J&BB);

several May 4-5; throughout month. Blackburnian: first May 10 (PPW). Cerulean: one in usual nesting area on Schodack Island May 22 (PPW). Chestnut-sided: first May 5 Col Co (ADBC); one in full fall plumage banded VFG May 18 (RPY). Bay-breasted: reported by five groups May 18; only one other report—one May 25 IL (SBC). Blackpoll: first May 13 Chatham (MM); several remainder of May, with max numbers May 30-31. Pine: two Jenny L and Black Pond Rd May 18 (bsh). Prairie: only five reports, first May 11 Gr (CK). Palm: only four reports—from Apr 14 Gr (CK) to May 4, when three were seen. Ovenbird: first May 5 Chatham (MM). Northern Waterthrush: first May 3 VFG (RPY). Louisiana Waterthrush: one very early heard near Duanesburg Apr 28 (SBC); eight additional reports May 16-27. *CONNECTICUT*: one observed at very close range May 18 W. Ghent (PE). Mourning: missed entirely in May; one imm male singing June 1 Wolf Hollow (WBS). Yellow-throat: early report Apr 18 Catskill (J&BB); common from May 5 on. Yellow-breasted Chat: four groups reported this species May 18—only date. Wilson's: six reports May 18 (SBC); last, May 25 VFG (RPY). Canada: first two May 16, with especially numerous reports May 25-26. Redstart: first May 5 Vischer Ferry (HFB,PMcG); most from May 11.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: first May 5 Gr (CK); general influx May 9-11. Orchard Oriole: three reports—May 11 Castleton (JC), one imm May 14 Slingerlands (WBS), and May 31 Schodack (L&VB). Baltimore Oriole: one Apr 14 Westmere (MK); second, Apr 25 Castleton (JC). Rusty Blackbird: several reports, the last May 18 Chatham (MM). Scarlet Tanager: early report—Apr 25, 26 Ghent (P&GE); numerous after May 8. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: first May 2 (GA), many from May 6. Indigo Bunting: commonly reported May 11 on. Evening Grosbeak: most had disappeared by end of April; max 34 Apr 22 Berne (MK). Purple Finch: many migrants in mid-Apr, passing rapidly in moderate numbers and then becoming much reduced, migration peaking Apr 19-20 (RPY). House Finch: slight increase in numbers over previous spring, but lingering for only one to four days; five reports—one female at feeder Apr 12 Alplaus (HFB); one male Apr 13 Chatham (Gertrude and Cecil Mapes); Apr 30-May 3, two males and three females in yard, singing, Catskill (Alice Freeman); one pair at feeder Nisk May 1 (RPY); one pair at feeder May 28-29 Nisk (GA). Pine Siskin: only two reports—six Apr 20 near Galway (WBS,RPY); three seen and one heard May 18 (bsh). Red Crossbill: one flock of 14 Apr 9 TR (PC). Rufous-sided Towhee: arr Apr 2 Schodack (Rena Dodd).

Sparrows: Savannah: first Apr 3 Gr (CK); widely reported Apr 12 on. Grasshopper: found in at least three areas—Emb (J&BB), BCM (SBC), and Chatham (MM). Henslow's: only one area—BCM May 18. Slate-colored Junco: according to banding data, migration peaked Mar 30-Apr 10, about two weeks earlier than usual (RPY). Tree: last Apr 25 (EH). Chipping: one unusually early, Apr 7, at feeder Jenny L (Barrington Havens). *HARRIS'*: one adult male appeared in the company of two White-crowns May 7 one mile south of Catskill, and was seen again on May 8; also, one imm May 28 (J&BB). White-crowned: very early appearance Apr 4 Hillsdale (NS); many from Apr 20; last May 24 Gr (CK). White-throated: Apr 27 a most unusual flight observed in yard in Nisk (RPY)—about 25 of this species were seen early in the morning, and also about 85 passing north through the same yard within ten to 15 min. in the evening; May reports were fewer than those of Apr. Fox: reported three times during April; last Apr 22 (EH). Lincoln's: three banded May 17 and three May 18 VFG (RPY), and one seen May 18 Ghent (P&GE).

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CORRIGENDUM: the report of Nighthawk Mar 27 in last report [*Kingbird* 18(2): 110, May 1968] should be deleted.