

unobserved by most birders. **YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER**: one at Bashakill on Apr 28 (MM). Chestnut-sided Warbler: migrant numbers low, but normal residents. Bay-breasted: very few reported. Most birders missed them. Blackpoll: less than usual, but not bad. Prairie: only reports of scattered local breeders. Palm: normal. Ovenbird: normal to below. Northern Waterthrush: few reports. Early date Apr 18 at Cornwall (A,BM). Louisiana Waterthrush: normal to below. Mourning: one May 17 Dover Plains (HM et al); another May 29 at Red Oaks Mill (MK). Yellow-throat: normal. Yellow-breasted Chat: always very low, this year only 2 reports. Hooded: numbers down, but resident in usual location. Wilson's: much less than most years. Canada: very few reported in comparison to most years when they are abundant. American Redstart: resident numbers normal.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: first Apr 28. Peak 250 May 14 Dutch. Good resident population throughout region. Orchard Oriole: more reports of breeding than usual. 2 pairs in Chester area. One a first year male. Another first year male at Stanfordville, Dutch May 31. Another first year male at Little Tor, Rock on May 15. A pair were at Centenary, Rock the same date. Two or three present at Green Haven, Dutch May 14, where they usually nest. Resident birds were reported from New Paltz and Kripplebush, Ulst. Baltimore Oriole: normal dates and numbers. Rusty Blackbird: only report thru May 10 in Dutch. Common Grackle: numbers usual to better. Scarlet Tanager: numbers down in region except in Dutch where reports are normal. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: less than usual most areas, but normal in Dutch. Indigo Bunting: normal. Evening Grosbeak: unusually heavy flights thru mid-May in Oran and Dutch. More than 50 reported from Bashakill, Sull May 10. A few birds were reported in May from Rock and Ulst. Purple Finch: usual numbers. House Finch: continues to increase especially in northern parts. Pine Grosbeak: only report 3 Apr 5 (Jim Southward). Common Redpoll: 5 in Dutch thru Apr 8. 25 on Orange Co. Community Coll. campus, Middletown Apr 18. (MB). Observed in Cornwall as late as May 7. Pine Siskin: Fred Hough reports a fair flight in Ulst in early May. Last report in Stanfordville May 5 (FG). Rufous-sided Towhee: numbers normal. Savannah Sparrow: Resident populations normal. Peak Apr 23-25. Grasshopper Sparrow: first report one May 15 Dutch. Regularly reported thereafter. Vesper Sparrow: normal resident population. Slate-colored Junco: last report for Dutch, May 10. One unusually late record of May 31, a single bird on Old Storm King Highway, Cornwall (PJ). Tree Sparrow: last report Apr 28 Dutch. Chipping Sparrow: first migrant Apr 5 Dutch. Normal numbers thereafter. Field Sparrow: normal. White-crowned Sparrow: first Apr 27 Dutch. Numbers less than usual. Last May 17. White-throated Sparrow: Peak from May 1-6. Last May 17. Fox Sparrow: Last report Apr 12. Numbers unusually low for early Apr. Lincoln's Sparrow: Only two reports. One, banded in Dutch, May 17. Another observed same date at Dunderberg Mt. Rock (ET,PJ). Swamp Sparrow: normal. Song Sparrow: normal.

Summer reports due no later than Sept 1.
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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Easily the most interesting aspect of this spring's migration was the number of Red-bellied Woodpeckers reported. In contrast to last spring's *single* record, this year at least 29 individuals were seen from April 12 through the end of May. Following is a summary of these reports:

INDIVIDUALS	DATE(S)	LOCALITY	OBSERVER(S)	COMMENT
1	Apr 12	Forest Pk	G. Rose	
1	Apr 27-30	JBWR	MOB	
1	Apr 27	Greenwood Cem	PB, et al	
1	Apr 27	Owl's Head Pk	RC	
6	Apr 29-May 11	Jones Beach	A. Wollins, et al	total for period
1	Apr 29-May 27	Central Pk	MOB	
1	Apr 29	Atlantic Beach	R. Cohen	banded
1	Apr 29	Tobay	PB	
1	May 10-21	W. Islip	RB, et al	
2	May 10	Alley Pond Pk	HK	
1	May 11	Fire Island	fide HT	
2	May 11	Forest Pk	R. Arbib	
1	May 14	Middle Island	AD, BC	
1	May 16	Easthampton	C. McKeever	
1	May 17	Owl's Head Pk	fide RC	Apr 27 bird ?
1	May 17	Alley Pond Pk	fide HK	a May 10 bird?
pair	May 17	Prospect Pk	fide RC	
1	May 17	Breezy Pt	fide RC	
1	May 21	Roslyn	fide LLAS	
1	Jun 1	Tobay	RB, B. Ward	Apr 29 bird?
1	May 6-Jun 1	Westhampton	GR	at feeder, joined on 24th by second bird
pair	"mid-May"- Jun 1	Setauket	MH	seen investigating an old Hairy Woodpecker hole

To date, there are no known records of breeding Red-bellied Woodpeckers in our Region. In 1964 Bull stated—"judging from its northward spread and increase locally, breeding can be expected in the near future."

Likewise did Summer Tanagers invade our Region this spring. Usually 2 or 3 are reported, sometimes none, or as many as five. This year 15 individuals were recorded as follows:

INDIVIDUALS	DATE(S)	LOCALITY	OBSERVER(S)	COMMENT
1	Apr 27	Prospect Pk	RC, E. Daly	Adult male
1	Apr 30	Central Pk	MOB	sub-adult male
1	May 3	Central Pk	P. Tozzi, et al	sub-adult male
2	May 10	Alley Pond Pk	fide LLAS	
2	May 11	High Rock	RC, K. O'Hare, et al	adult and sub-adult males
1	May 13	Babylon	K. Malone	
1	May 13-20	Atlantic Beach	R. Cohen	female, banded
1	May 14	Manorville	AD, BC	
1	May 15	Hempstead St Pk	W, E. Levine	
1	May 17	Wainscott	C. McKeever	
2	May 18	Alley Pond Pk	fide LLAS	
1	"late May"	Wading River	H. Halama, fide GR	

Other highlights of the season were Purple Gallinule, American Avocet, Chuck-will's-widow and four Yellow-throated Warblers. A phalarope "incursion" on eastern Long Island was the largest ever recorded. New early dates were recorded for Royal Tern, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Hooded Warbler and Lincoln's Sparrow.

Abbreviations used: JBWR—Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge; LLAS—Lyman Langdon Audubon Society; MOB—Many Observers; Only the first word is used for Jones Beach State Park, and Tobay (JFK) Wildlife Sanctuary.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Louisiana Heron: Apr 8 Central Pk (O. Goelet)—first Park record. European Widgeon: "mid-Apr to Apr 27 Plandome (O. Dunning). Harlequin Duck: two females were seen at Jones to May 2 (PB, MK, et al)—extremely late.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: Apr 23 Greenvale (O. Dunning); May 17 Central Pk (P. Post). *PURPLE GALLINULE*: "one picked up in Easthampton about Apr 20 and brought to Quogue Sanctuary, later released there but refuses to leave, returns to cage for food and has become very tame." (GR). Upland Plover: arr Apr 13 (3) at Mitchel Field (R. Cioffi). Ruff: Apr 12–May 26 JBWR (MOB)—early; male, May 18, Mecox (PB, C. McKeever). *AVOCET*: May 2–4 Tobay (PB, et al)—earliest Regional record, still a casual spring migrant.

Phalaropes: the largest flight in local history took place May 9–12 on eastern Long Island; *12000 plus* were estimated at Montauk by R. Ryan. He noted that Reds outnumbered Northerns 9 to 1. On May 11 B. Frech saw "thousands" of phalaropes as he drove along the beach from Westhampton to Easthampton (fide MH), and G. Raynor saw 80 Reds and 70 Northerns at Shinnecock Inlet on the evening of May 9. L. Wilcox saw none there at noon May 9, however.

Iceland Gull: imm, May 31 JBWR (GR)—late. Great Black-backed Gull: at least two nests contained one egg each at Captree on Apr 25 (D. Ford, TD)—earliest Regional egg date. Common Tern: arr Apr 27 (8) at Jones (MK). Roseate Tern: arr May 2 at Jones (PB). Least Tern: arr May 2 (3) at Jones (PB). Royal Tern: May 12 Mecox (MH)—sitting on sandspit with Common and Roseate, winter-plumaged, the earliest Regional record by over a month. Caspian Tern: May 27 JBWR (J. Bull)—rare in spring. Saw-whet Owl: a wintering bird remained at Greenwood Cemetery to Apr 27 (M. Cashman, PB, et al)—breeding?

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: *CHUCK-WILL'S WIDOW*: May 27–30 Islip (M. Boch, et al)—voice recorded on tape. Second Regional record (see Field Note in this issue). *RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER*: see introduction. Olive-sided Flycatcher: May 2 Prospect Pk (J. Yrizarry)—earliest Regional record. Purple Martin: arr Apr 12 at Quogue (L. Wilcox). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Apr 6 Oak Beach (T. Lauro)—early.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: Apr 9 Huntington (fide W. Lanyon)—netted and banded, extremely early, see two earlier reports in winter season report. Warblers: Prothonotary: male, Apr 29–May 2 Bronx Botanical Gardens (E. Maguire, W. Friton, D. Rafferty, J. Wert). Golden-winged: May 11 Oyster Bay (O. Dunning); May 12 Caumsett St. Pk (AD, BC)—generally a rare migrant on Long Island. "Brewster's": May 8 Central Pk (J. Bull). Cerulean: female, Apr 30 Central Pk (L. Birnbaum, et al)—early; May 3 Bronx Botanical Gardens (D. Rafferty, E. Maguire, et al); male, May 15 Central Pk (R. Pasquier). Yellow-throated: 4 reports—Apr 19–21 Central Pk (R. Pasquier, D. Gleick, O. Goelet); Apr 20 Prospect Pk (Goldman, fide RC); Apr 27 Jones (MK); May 12 Belmont State Pk (K. Malone). Kentucky: May 3 Plandome Woods (O. Dunning); male, May 11 Huntington (fide W. Lanyon)—netted and banded; male, May 14 Central Pk (R. Denham); female, May 14 Prospect Pk (J. Yrizarry); male, May 21 Central Pk (MOB). Hooded: male, Apr 12–13 JBWR (MOB)—color-photographed (H. Honig), earliest Regional record.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: arr Apr 27 at Jones (imm male-MK) and at Central Pk (adult male-A. Loiseau, et al); territorial pair, late Apr through period at Orient (J. Bennett). Scarlet Tanager: Apr 20 Staten Isl. (H. Fischer)-early. *SUMMER TANAGER*: see introduction. Indigo Bunting; four on Apr 27 Jones (MK)-very early for such numbers. Same date as Yellow-throated Warbler report above. Dickcissel: May 25 E. Marion (J. Bennett, GR)-at feeder, still a rare spring migrant. Evening Grosbeak: migrating flocks of 20-30 birds noted in late Apr-early May, last seen May 22 at Prospect Pk (J. Yrizarry). Red Crossbill: 8 on May 11 Montauk (R. Ryan). White-winged Crossbill: to Apr 24 at Sea Cliff (B. Spencer). Seaside Sparrow: two May 11 Central Pk (MOB)-rare away from its normal habitat. Lincoln's Sparrow: Apr 28-30 Oyster Bay Cove (D. Kunstler-at feeder).

Addendum: the following two records have just been received-White-fronted Goose: a bird banded on Sep 28, 1962 at Mantario, Saskatchewan was shot from a flock of 18 Canada Geese on Dec 23, 1968 at Sagaponack (W. Barbour, fide J. Bull)-"frontalis" race, only extant state specimen. "Hutchin's Goose": shot by hunter on Nov 20, 1968 at Southampton (W. Logan, fide J. Bull)-first Long Island specimen.

Note: Please have summer reports in by August 20.

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