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It is regreted that the report from Region 1 was not available for this summary.

REGION 1 — NIAGARA FRONTIER

No Report. This report period will be included in the October issue.

REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures for April were $1\frac{1}{2}$ degrees above average and for May 1 degree below normal. Precipitation for April was $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch above average, for May $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below. Two inches of snow fell in April, with one inch on April 19 being the last snowfall of the season.

The spring flight of loons was extremely light, partly or mostly due to lack of observation in the area of usual concentration. The goose flight seemed average. Ducks seemed below average except for Ring-necked Ducks and Hooded Mergansers. The peak hawk flight came late, on April 27. Shore birds were average in numbers and very good in species. Most of the shore birds were found about rain-water pools as the lake level was high. Long-eared and Saw-whet Owls were unreported, probably due to lack of observation. Small land birds seemed rather late until a fair flight on April 27. A modest peak was reached on May 17 with a secondary peak on May 29 which almost terminated the spring migration.

Outstanding birds reported included Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, Golden Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Hudsonian Godwit, Little Gull, White-eyed Vireo, Prairie Warbler, Summer Tanager, and Clay-colored Sparrow.

Observers cited in text: MC—Michael Carlson; JHC—Jerry H. Czech; JJD—James J. Doherty; JF—June Feder; JWF—John W. Foster; AEK—Mr. & Mrs. Allen E. Kemnitz; GWL—Gerhart W. Leubner; WCL—Walter C. Listman; WLL—Warren L. Lloyd; RGM—Robert G. McKinney; JM—Joseph McNett; TM—Thelma McNett; NSM—Dr. & Mrs. Neil S. Moon; HSM—Howard S. Miller; MO—Michael O'Hara; RTO—Richard T. O'Hara; MAS—Mary Ann Sunderlin; ST—Sarah Talpey; TET—Thomas E. Tetlow; RJW—Robert J. White.

Localities: BB—Braddock's Bay; DEP—Durand-Eastman Park; RM—Rose's Marsh (West of Braddock's Bay); WP—Webster Park; WLS—West Lake Shore.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: max 20 May 2 WP (RJW). Red-throated Loon: one May 2 WP (RJW), only report. Common Egret: one April 6 Hamlin (JM, TM), one May 25 RM (RTO). CATTLE EGRET: one April 14–15 Webster (WLL), one May 18 Long Pond (AEK). GLOSSY IBIS: SEVEN May 17 Hamlin (WCL, JM, TM). The previous high count for the region was five last spring. Mute Swan: an adult and immature May 31 at Manitou. (WCL, HSM, RTO), the status of these birds is unknown. Whistling Swan: two adults May 31 at Manitou (WCL, HSM, RTO), very late. Canada Goose: 350 May 10 Point Breeze (WCL), last large flock, only stragglers subsequently. Brant: one May 24–25 (F. Phelps et al). A flock of about 40 was reported a day or two earlier by a lakefront resident. Snow Goose: seven April 6 RM (AEK), one with Canada Geese May 10 Point Breeze (WCL). Blue Goose: 100 April 6 RM (AEK). Greater Scaup: a drake May 18 BB

(JWF, WCL), very late. Common Goldeneye: two May 29 BB (WCL). King Eider: a female May 10 BB (WCL).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: max 55 April 15 BB (TET). Broad-winged Hawk: max 6000 April 27 (several), 200 May 29 WLS (WCL). **GOLDEN EAGLE:** one April 5 Mendon Ponds (ST); this is probably the same bird seen there March 30, one April 15 BB (TET). Bald Eagle: Unreported during the entire spring along the lake. The writer can not remember this happening ever before. Marsh Hawk: max 25 April 15 BB (TET). **PEREGRINE FALCON:** one May 2 Webster (JHC), only report. American Golden Plover: one May 17 Hamlin (MC, MO, RTO), a very uncommon spring migrant. Knot: max four May 29 Hamlin (WCL). Least Sandpiper: 100 May 25 Fairport (TET). Short-billed Dowitcher: max five May 18 Hamlin (JM, TM, RJW). Stilt Sandpiper: one in breeding plumage May 18 Hamlin (JWF et al), the areas second spring record. Western Sandpiper: max four May 31 Hamlin (WCL et al). **HUDSONIAN GODWIT:** one in breeding plumage May 18 Hamlin (WLL, RGM, MAS), the area's first spring record. Wilson's Phalarope: a female in breeding plumage near Fairport May 13 (JWF, TET). Iceland Gull: one May 18 along the lakeshore (several). **LITTLE GULL:** one in summer plumage May 18 Charlotte (WCL et al). Barn Owl: one at unused silo in Greece May 31 (HSM, RTO). Short-eared Owl: five April 5 Parma (HSM, MO, RTO).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Yellow-shafted Flicker: max 200 April 14 WLS (TET). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: one all of May in Ellison Park (JJD). This may indicate a nesting pair as the species is known to nest in nearby Powder Mill Park. Eastern Kingbird: one very early record April 20 BB (WLL et al). Olive-sided Flycatcher: one May 17 DEP (HSM, MO, RTO), one May 18 Fairport (JF). Blue Jay: a very heavy spring flight along the lake, max 6000 May 29 (WCL). Long-billed Marsh Wren: one April 14 BB (TET), the very early date indicates a wintering bird. Short-billed Marsh Wren: two May 16 BB (WCL). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: max six April 27 BB (NSM).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: **WHITE-EYED VIREO:** one May 17 near BB (WCL); this bird is rare in our area, averaging only one bird every four or five years. Solitary Vireo: max six May 18 along the lakeshore (JM, TM, RJW). Philadelphia Vireo: two May 17 BB (RGM), three May 18 along the lakeshore (WLL, MAS). Prothonotary Warbler: a singing male May 17 DEP (JJD, JM, TM et al). While this bird was very much out of its habitat there is no question as to the record. We have two previous records along the lakeshore. Blue-winged Warbler: one May 8 WP (WLL). **PRAIRIE WARBLER:** one May 18 WP (TM). An occasional migrant along the lakeshore in spring.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Western Meadowlark: two singing birds April 5 Hamlin (JWF et al), one May 18 Hamlin (JM, TM). While these birds were identified by song only this is the area where a specimen was collected in 1948 and the species has been recorded here regularly. **SUMMER TANAGER:** a female May 19 at Manitou (WCL). The bird was seen under favorable conditions. The observer noted the bright yellowish underparts, greenish (not blackish) wings, the tanager bill, lack of wing bars and the general actions of the bird. Evening Grosbeak: a heavy general spring flight, max 178 May 8 WP (WLL), two May 30 Webster (MAS). Pine Siskin: after an almost complete winter absence a few appeared during May, ten May 17 BB (WCL), three May 29 BB (WCL). **CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** a singing bird in Irondequoit May 3-4 (GWL et al), one May 17 BB (WCL). This bird is appearing locally more regularly than the other two mid-western sparrows, the Lark and Harris'. The spring bird (especially when singing) is easily identified although the fall immature can be difficult to identify. Close watch should be kept for possible breeding, either with its own species or with the closely related, abundant Chipping Sparrow.

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