

main body of migrants Apr 14; a very late straggler at Candor May 16 (DW). Lincoln's Sparrow: Apr 30 Berkshire (ML), skulking along in plowed furrows—detailed report on file; May 7 Bing (MH), banded. Swamp Sparrow: Apr 13 Endicott and Apalachin (LB,DB).

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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March ice still locked in most lake areas to April 10. A sudden period of warm weather April 10–12 plus stiff west winds produced rapid breakup of the ice cover coupled with extensive damage by same to dunes and to lakeshore cottages. This warm spell yielded many arrival dates, particularly swallows and early shorebirds. A cold weather hammerlock promptly subdued all migratory efforts for the next eight to ten days, and birders searched very hard but often vainly for many species, e.g. swallows, herons, shorebirds, whose initial members had already been reported. Triggering warm weather and south winds produced heavy hawk and landbird migrations April 22 and 27.

Cool cloudy weather in early May brought only a few tantalizing dribbles of migrants. May 7 and 8 saw a major wave; many birders savored this and the wave residue thru May 10–11. The next major wave occurred May 17, with many holdovers to May 18, an unbelievably cold day along Lake Ontario, for the local Big Run. May 20 saw a major wave on the Sandy Pond dunes; lesser waves, primarily of flycatchers, thrushes, and vireos, were noted May 22 and 23 at Syracuse. Extremely hot weather and strong south winds in the last four days of May sent almost all landbird migrants packing northward.

Heavy rains in late April and May 19–20 created many shallowly flooded areas on local mucklands; migrant shorebirds forced down by rain or cool cloudy weather assembled on such places and local birders enjoyed one of the best late spring shorebird flights in years.

Positives for the season include: 1) a heavy hawk migration, particularly so in Turkey Vulture, Goshawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Osprey, and Marsh Hawk, but quite deficient in Red-shouldered Hawk and Pigeon Hawk and, of course, there are never enough eagles; 2) a good early shorebird flight and superb late shorebird flight with record numbers of Solitary Sandpiper and Knot and some record departure dates; 3) heavy Ontario lakeshore migration of Blue Jay and White-breasted Nuthatch; 4) a late May irruption, invasion, or return, of Cedar Waxwing—they are everywhere!; 5) increased counts of many vireos and warblers, particularly the later migrant species; 6) heavy Ontario lakeshore flight of Evening Grosbeak and Goldfinch; and 7) a good but brief flight of Lincoln's Sparrow.

Negatives for spring are many: 1) an absence of all white herons and nearly so of Black-crowned Night Heron; 2) poor numbers of both Blue and Snow Geese and only singles of Brant; 3) a paucity of Horned Grebe, Redhead, Canvasback, Ruddy Duck, and Coot, interestingly all prairie marsh nesters; 4) poor swallow counts with no species above 2000/day, even on the Lake Ontario flyway; 5) a very poor Ontario lakeshore flight of Black-capped Chickadee, particularly disappointing after the massive fall 1968 irruption; 6) persistent low tallies on Bluebird; 7) an anemic flight of both kinglets; 8) a continued decline of Henslow's Sparrow; 9) poor flights of Vesper, White-crowned, and White-throated Sparrows.

Rarities for the period include: Glossy Ibis, European Widgeon, Barrow's Goldeneye, Whimbrel, Willet, Purple Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Forster's Tern, White-eyed Vireo, Lawrence's Warbler, Western Meadowlark, Green-tailed Towhee, and Oregon Junco.

Abbreviations: CV—Camillus Valley; DH—Derby Hill near Texas; FHBSP—Fair Haven Beach State Park; FR—sugar beet waste impoundments at Fox Ridge near Port Byron; HIGMA—Howland Island Game Management Area near Port Byron; Onon—Onondaga; SMC—Six Mile Creek near Phoenix; SP—Sandy Pond; SPI—Sandy Pond Inlet; SSSP—Selkirk Shores State Park near Pulaski; Syr—Syracuse.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: max 350 (very high but not a record) May 1 DH (FGS); heavy L Ontario flight (50–60/day); last noted two May 22 (early) SP. Horned Grebe: max 17 (very low) Apr 2 Oswego and FHBSP (FLF); last noted Apr 26 Utica (J.&E. Van Dresar)—none in May—most unusual. Double-crested Cormorant: arr and max three DH Apr 27; one May 18 SPI (S.Morgan, GS). Great Blue Heron: 20 nests now at Morrisville Swamp (GLC). Green Heron: arr Apr 26 Utica marsh (J.&E. Van Dresar); spring max only seven May 11 HIGMA (FLF,RJS). Black-crowned Night Heron: only *one* reported, an ad May 10–11 HIGMA (FGS, FLF,RJS)—now very scarce in the Region and may no longer be breeding bird here. *Glossy Ibis*: single HIGMA May 10 (FGS) is only record.

Whistling Swan: dep Apr 5 three Seneca R flats (Ken.&JWP). Canada Goose: heavy flight—max 11,000 Beaver L plus HIGMA Apr 17 (FGS); exodus Apr 26–28 with 530 still passing DH May 2 (JWP). Brant: single birds May 17 and 18 at SPI (MSR) and DH (S. Morgan & GS) respectively. Snow and Blue Geese: scarce, with max only two Snow and three Blue Apr 6 Seneca R flats; none after mid-Apr.

Mallard and Black Duck: counts of 200 and 300 respectively at Scott Swamp near Phoenix Apr 3; sharp drop in numbers at Brewerton by Apr 10. Gadwall: max 18 FHBSP Apr 2 (FLF); scattered pairs at FR and HIGMA thru May. Pintail: max about 400 Scott Swamp Apr 4–10 (JWP,mob); rapid fall-off Apr 10–20 but migrant birds around in small numbers (ten–55/day) thru last week of Apr. Green-winged Teal: spring max 250 Apr 7 FR; numbers in other areas ten–55/day but quick drop by Apr 20. *European Widgeon*: a male Apr 12–24 Headquarters Pond HIGMA (GS, F.Dittrich). *Amer. Widgeon*: max 150 Apr 22 Pennellville flats (JWP); numbers low in other areas (12–30/day). Shoveler: max 12 HIGMA Apr 17: widely reported but numbers quite low (*one-four/day*) at Boliver, at Brewerton on Oneida L where uncommon, and at Clay Swamp.

Diving ducks—either a quick spring flight or dismally poor numbers; few lingering birds reported. Redhead: max *seven* DH Apr 4 (C&EF). Ring-necked Duck: max 360 Brewerton, FHBSP, and FR Apr 6 (FGS); last Apr 27, a pair SSSP. Canvasback: max 140 (very low—usually 500) Apr 7 Brewerton—this and Redhead rapidly growing very scarce here. Greater and Lesser Scaup: like above *Aythya*, quite scarce—one report of 1000 Greater and 200 Lesser Apr 12 Brewerton; most counts 100–300/day even from L Ontario bays; last Greater Scaup May 10 and Lesser Scaup May 11 both HIGMA (FLF).

Common Goldeneye: dep May 1 (early) 20, DH. *Barrow's Goldeneye*: female Seneca R at HIGMA Apr 6 (W.Thurber) is second Regional record for 1969. Bufflehead: heavy early Apr flight with max 250 Apr 12 Brewerton; many lingered into May with last noted May 18 five FR (FLF,RJS). Oldsquaw: spring max 30 Apr 13 off DH (MSR); scarce at Oneida L with only one–two/day. Ruddy Duck: only two reports—one DH and two Brewerton, both Apr 10 (JWP, C&EF)—like *Aythya*s, increasingly scarce. Common Merganser: max 50 at Brewerton Apr 5 (RJS) and FR Apr 6 (FGS)—the latter probably indicates a fish population has developed in those new impoundments. Red-breasted Merganser: max 870 (very low) FHBSP plus Oswego Apr 2 (FLF); L Ontario numbers low, 200–300/day.

HAWKS-OWLS: Derby Hill hawk watching tallied 23,719 birds in 48 days of observation between Mar 1 and May 30. This is the third best year in the seven consecutive years of tallying migrant raptors there. Record tallies in these years are indicated by boldface type. The tallies for Sharp-shinned Hawk and Broad-winged Hawk are the third highest for the seven-year sequence.

DERBY HILL HAWK MIGRATION—SPRING 1969

<i>Species</i>	<i>Date range</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Date range of 90% of the birds</i>	<i>Peak day(s)</i>	<i>No. on peak day (s)</i>
Turkey Vulture	Mar 28-May 10	278	Apr 3-Apr 27	Apr 10	66
Goshawk	Mar 1-May 7	141	Mar 18-Apr 27	Apr 4	23
Sharp-shinned	Mar 17-May 19	2331	Apr 4-May 2	Apr 9	605
Cooper's	Mar 16-May 4	177	Mar 17-Apr 27	Apr 4	26
Red-tailed	Mar 1-May 10	2594	Mar 19-Apr 22	Apr 9	534
Red-shouldered	Mar 17-May 4	422	Mar 18-Apr 16	Mar 18; Mar 20	69; 67
Broad-winged	Apr 4-May 30	16080	Apr 21-Apr 27	Apr 22; Apr 27	6169; 7224
Rough-legged	Mar 17-Apr 27	234	Mar 20-Apr 25	Apr 3; Apr 6; Apr 9	35; 32; 33
Golden Eagle	Apr 15-May 2	6		Apr 15	2
Bald Eagle	Apr 9-Apr 27	5		Apr 27	3
Marsh Hawk	Mar 16-May 19	420	Mar 20-Apr 27	Apr 4; Apr 9	68; 60
Osprey	Apr 6-May 19	135	Apr 9-May 7	Apr 27	46
Peregrine Falcon	Apr 4-Apr 21	4			
Pigeon Hawk	Mar 24-Apr 25	10		Apr 4; Apr 21	3 each
Sparrow Hawk	Mar 18-May 19	422	Mar 20-Apr 25	Apr 9	80
Unidentified		470			

Red-shouldered Hawk: three individuals in vigorous courtship in disparate areas of HIGMA May 1 (W.Thurber, FGS). Bald Eagle: an ad Apr 5 Brewerton is the only record away from DH (FGS, mob). Marsh Hawk: birds regularly reported at HIGMA and SP—none in May at Scott or Clay Swamps.

Gray Partridge: pair located May 15–21 near Pompey Ctr (DC,FLF)—apparently the small population there is breeding. American Coot: very scarce—one-six/day with max for entire sector only 20 Apr 12 HIGMA.

An exciting spring for shorebirds, particularly in the latter half of May. Both counts and variety in late May were as good as any year noted in the past decade. An abundance of habitat, particularly flooded mucklands and riverside farm fields, helped, and several appropriately timed rainy days literally dumped shorebirds onto these various areas. Record departure dates were established for Semipalmated Plover and White-rumped and Semipalmated Sandpiper. Semipalmated Plover: arr May 8 Seneca R flats; max 45 SMC May 29 (FGS); last noted June 22 one SPI (Warren Lloyd). Black-bellied Plover: arr May 10, three Seneca R flats; max ten SPI plus SMC May 20; dep May 31 three SMC (JWP). Ruddy Turnstone: arr May 11 three SP; max 29 SPI May 25 (RJS); dep May 30 13 SPI (mob).

Common Snipe: max 41 Apr 27 (late for so large a number) SMC (P. & S. Paquette). *Whimbrel*: flock of eight May 19 SMC (FGS) is only report. Upland Plover: arr Apr 17 two Pompey (FLF); max five (low) DH Apr 27. Solitary Sandpiper: strong early May flight—first noted Apr 24 one Lakeland (FGS); max 27 combined CV, Lakeland, and FR, May 10 (FGS); dep May 19 one SMC. *Willet*: one May 22 SP (FGS) is first Regional spring record. Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs: arr Apr 13 FR and Apr 6 HIGMA respectively; max 20 Greater and 34 Lesser May 1, combined tally Seneca R flats and SMC; dep Greater May 27 (very late) Clay Swamp (RJS) and Lesser May 19 (early) Lakeland. Knot: best spring flight in a dozen years—first noted May 21 SPI (MSR); max 36 (all-time high) May 25 SPI (RJS); dep May 31 four SMC. *Purple Sandpiper*: one in breeding plumage, second Regional spring record, May 22 and 25 SPI (FGS,RJS). Pectoral Sandpiper: arr Apr 12 (late) seven SMC (JWP); max 69 May 1 Seneca R flats; dep May 18 (late) one SMC (JWP). White-rumped Sandpiper: one May 8 (a record arr date) Seneca R flats (M. Gardler, FGS); last noted Jun 22 two FR (FGS). Least Sandpiper: arr May 1 ten FR; max 48 May 25 SMC; dep May 29 SPI. Dunlin: arr Apr 27 two SMC; max 85 FR May 25 (S. Hosler, MSR); dep May 31 four SMC (JWP). Short-billed Dowitcher: arr and max May 17, 14 FR; also 12 May 25 Nine Mile Pt on L Ontario E of Oswego (JWP); one-four/day in many wet and flooded areas; last noted May 26 two Clay Swamp mucklands. Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr May 17 two FR; max 162 (record spring count) SMC (FLF,RJS); dep Jun 22 one SPI (Warren Lloyd). *Western Sandpiper*: one May 30–31 SMC (FLF,RJS) first spring record since 1961. Sanderling: unlike all other late shorebirds, numbers poor max seven May 29 and last noted May 30 both SPI (FLF,RJS).

Iceland Gull: an imm May 18 FHBSP (MSR) is very late. Bonaparte's Gull: max 25 SPI May 22 (FGS). Arr dates for terns: Common May 2 (M. Gardler); Caspian Apr 26 (late) SP (GS); Black Apr 24 HIGMA (FGS). Common Tern max 350 May 22 SPI (FGS). Forster's Tern: an ad seen well and calling May 22 SPI (FGS) is the first Regional spring record.

Mourning Dove: max 28 Apr 10 DH (GS). Great Horned Owl: max for spring 12 Apr 26—May 3 near Eaton (GLC), undoubtedly includes young birds; nests at Frankfort Gorge (VB), Syr, Oneida (D. W. Ackley). Short-eared Owl: last noted May 5 Bridgeport (JWP), record dep date. Saw-whet Owl: only two noted, one Apr 9 Syr (T. M. Riley) and one Apr 15 Oswego (G. Maxwell).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Whip-poor-will: spring max three near Rome (B. & S. Peebles) and three Boonville May 25 (K. G. Hanson). Chimney Swift: spring max 200 May 12 Onon Indian Reservation (C&EF), a very good count away from

the L Ontario flyway. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr May 4 Utica (VB); max 20 CV May 23 (C&EF); also nine in one hour DH May 19; last migrant May 29 SPI.

Yellow-shafted Flicker: poor DH flight—max only 146 there Apr 27; still passing there May 19. Pileated Woodpecker: newly sighted at Brewerton, Marcellus (C. Meaker), and Oswego (G. Maxwell). Red-headed Woodpecker: new nest sites (single pairs) at Pompey Ctr (FLF) and Brewerton (MSR). Red-bellied Woodpecker: one in *migration* DH Apr 15 (C&EF)—usually in this area it is as sedentary as Pileated Woodpecker. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Apr 11 DH (C&EF); max nine Apr 17 SSSP; still widely reported in last week of Apr.

Eastern Kingbird: arr Apr 28 (JWP,DC) and max 45 May 19 both DH; still migrating north on SP dunes May 29. Eastern Phoebe: spring max 30 Apr 4 DH (FLF,RJS). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: very scarce—two reports of singles only. Traill's Flycatcher: arr May 14 N Syr; counts low—max seven May 27 Clay Swamp (RJS). Least Flycatcher: 25–27/day in big wave May 19–20 along L Ontario. Eastern Wood Pewee: arr May 7 (early) Syr (D. Dawley); peak 20 May 20 SP dunes.

Swallow max for spring—Tree 2000 Apr 27 DH plus Scott Swamp; Bank 2000 May 9 Clay Swamp; Rough-winged 35 May 8 CV; Barn 1500 May 11 Scott Swamp; Cliff 25 May 4 DH. Arr—Tree Mar 20; Barn Apr 4; Bank, Rough-winged, and Cliff Apr 10; Purple Martin Apr 10 (late).

Blue Jay: first migrant passed DH Apr 10; numbers very slow to build up there—after, with migration max mainly in late May—933 May 4, 1490 May 7, 600 May 8, 500 May 28, 330 May 29, 2062 May 30, all DH. Black-capped Chickadee: heavy flight *not* observed at DH as expected from last fall's irruption—DH max only 162 Apr 27; last migrants three DH May 30. Tufted Titmouse: one migrating by DH Apr 21 (JWP)—this species should be looked for farther north. White-breasted Nuthatch: heavy DH flight thru Apr—max 207 Apr (GS); sharp drop in numbers May 10–12. Red-breasted Nuthatch: migrants Apr 30 Syr to May 22 SPI, with max only eight May 2 (C&EF). Brown Creeper: strong Apr flight with 40 Apr 13 and 25 Apr 17, both SSSP; widely reported now from all sectors having dying elm swamps. House Wren: max 18 May 11 HIGMA (FLF,RJS). Carolina Wren: newly located near Jamesville Apr 26–30 (DC,K. Slotnick). Mockingbird: reported at Pompey Ctr (FLF) and Jamesville (DC)—may be gradually invading the higher hill country; increasingly reported in DeWitt-Fayetteville-Manlius sector, an area replete both with feeders and multiflora rose hedges. Catbird: max 35 May 20 SP dunes; widely reported with ten–18/day May 15–20.

Robin: 1000 migrating Apr 10 DH; also 380 Apr 27 (late for so large a number) and migrants (35) still passing May 19. Hermit Thrush: arr Apr 12 two Syr (JWP); max ten SSSP Apr 27 (P. & S. Paquette). Swainson's Thrush: arr May 8 one SSSP (JWP); 32 in huge landbird flight May 20 SP dunes; dep May 27 five Syr. Gray-cheeked Thrush: very poor flight—singles only, May 17–23, and most observers saw none. Veery: heavy wave May 19–21 with max 35 May 20 SP dunes plus SSSP. Eastern Bluebird: two–six/day at DH thru mid-Apr; last migrants there, however, May 19 two (record late); four pairs nesting in Taberg area (Lynes fide H. Aspinwall).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Apr 9 (record early) DH (M. L. Estoff); max ten CV May 8; completed nest CV May 15; three May 9 at Utica, where scarce (VB). Poor kinglet flight with max only 55 Golden-crowned Apr 17 SSSP and 40 Ruby-crowned Apr 28 SSSP—DH; other days much lower, with most tallies of Golden-crowned four–six and Ruby-crowned only slightly better, 12–25/day; last Golden-crowned May 20, one, and Ruby-crowned May 29, one, both SP dunes (FGS), both record dep dates. Water Pipit: max 250 Apr 20 near Eaton (GLC); small numbers lingered to mid-May with dep May 19 two DH. Cedar Waxwing: virtually no Mar and Apr reports; first birds Apr 27 in DH landbird flight; scarce thru to May 20–21;

numbers up in late May with 250 May 28 (in one hour) and 134 May 30, both DH. Northern Shrike: dep Apr 11 (somewhat late) one DH (C&EF).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: *White-eyed Vireo*: one in vigorous song CV May 11–14, only the 2nd Regional record. *Yellow-throated Vireo*: arr Apr 30 one Marietta (JWP); max ten CV May 17; widely reported in smaller numbers thru first half of May. *Red-eyed Vireo*: arr May 8 CV; max 57 May 20 SP dunes; migrants thru May 29 SP dunes. *Philadelphia Vireo*: arr May 11 CV; good numbers in heavy May 19–20 landbird flight—five each day. *Warbling Vireo*: definitely increased this year; arr Apr 27 (slightly early) DH; max 26 May 17 CV plus FR; also 20 on May 20 SP dunes plus SSSP.

Migrant warblers, in general, seemed above the average of the last several springs. Good waves occurred May 7–8, 13, 17–18, 20, and 23 with May 7–8, 17–18, and 20 as the most outstanding. Above average numbers of Tennessee, Magnolia, Bay-breasted, Palm and Canada Warblers were noted and a record spring tally of Wilson's Warbler. Particularly poor were Nashville, Parula, Black-throated Green, and Blackburnian Warblers (consult chart). Despite the lateness of the major waves May 17–18 and 20, early departure, i.e. pre-Jun, dates were universal except for the always tardy Blackpoll Warbler, and even that species was gone by Jun 3.

<i>Species</i>	<i>Arr date, No., Place</i>	<i>Peak count, Date, Place</i>	<i>Dep date, No., Place</i>
Black-and-white	Apr 27, 1, DH	6, May 3, Pompey	May 20, 2, SP
Golden-winged	May 2, 2, Rome	9, May 20, Three Rivers	---
Blue-winged	May 4, 1, CV	4, May 12, CV	May 21, 1, SP
Tennessee	May 8, 3, Syr	50, May 17, CV	May 27, 1, Syr & 3 Cicero Twp
Nashville	Apr 27, 3, Utica	10, May 7, Syr (low)	May 26, 1, Utica
Parula	May 2, 1, Utica	2, May 7, 9, 13, 15, various places	May 23, 1, Onon Creek
Yellow	Apr 26, 1, Skaneateles	120, May 18, HIGMA	---
Magnolia	May 7, 1 Syr & 3 Utica	55, May 20, SP	May 30, 1, SP
Cape May	May 2, 3, SSSP	5, May 11, Fish Gulf	May 21, 1, SP
Black-throated	Apr 27, 1, DH	15, May 20, SP	May 29, 1, SSSP
Blue			
Myrtle	Apr 15, 1, DH	122, May 15, CV + SP	May 29, 1, SP
Black-throated	May 2, 2, DH	17, May 20, SP—SSSP	May 29, 1, SP
Green			
Cerulean	May 8, 5, CV	12, May 17, CV	May 27, 1, SP
Blackburnian	May 3, 3, Eaton	10, May 17, CV	May 29, 2, SP
Chestnut-sided	May 3, 1, S. Herkimer Co.	26, May 20, SP—SSSP	May 29, 1, SP
Bay-breasted	May 8, 1 each, Syr & CV.	35, May 17, CV	May 26, 1, Pompey
Blackpoll	May 10, 1, CV	20, May 17, CV & May 23 Onon Creek + SSSP	Jun 2, 1, Utica
Pine	Apr 14, 1, SSSP (early)	---	---
Palm	Apr 27, 4, DH	15, Apr 29, Oswego	May 21, 2, SP
Ovenbird	May 3, 1 each, Utica & Clark Res.	10, May 15, CV	May 21, 1, SP

N. Waterthrush	Apr 30, 2, Fish Gulf	3, May 15 & 20, SP	May 23, 3, Onon Creek
La. Waterthrush	Apr 26, 1, Pompey	----	----
Mourning	May 17, 3, CV	4, May 20, SP	May 23, 1, Onon Creek
Yellowthroat	May 3, 1, Pompey	60, May 20, SP	----
Wilson's	May 8, 1, Utica	35, May 20, SP	May 30, 1, SP
Canada	May 10, 1, CV	46, May 20, SP-SSSP	May 29, 2, SP
Redstart	May 4, 1, Utica & 2 FHBS	64, May 20, SP-SSSP	May 29, 6, SP

"Winged" warblers—Golden-winged Warbler: two at Rome May 2 (H. Aspinwall) is first local record there; one at Remsen May 30 (J. & B. Barker) probably a breeding bird. Blue-winged Warbler: one May 12 at Utica (J. & B. Barker) and one May 18 Rainbow Shores on L Ontario (JWP)—unusual in both areas but undoubtedly only the advance guard of future Blue-winged colonies in those sectors. Brewster's Warbler: two reported in period. *Lawrence's Warbler*: a female May 17 in W. Onon Co is first Regional record, but not unexpected in view of the advance of the Blue-winged Warbler with hybridization into various areas.

Other warblers—Black-throated Green Warbler: numbers low throughout migration period; for past several seasons we have noted a heavy fall flight of this species but with equal regularity a poor spring migration. Cerulean Warbler: one May 18 SSSP (JWP) and a singing male May 22 SP dunes (FGS) are probably spring "overshoots", as neither area has breeding Ceruleans and they are not known to nest in nearby areas—? however, might they be individuals from the recently detected colony near Montreal? Palm Warbler: increased numbers along L Ontario (three–15/day) with smaller numbers (one–three/day) widely reported elsewhere. Wilson's Warbler: heavy flight along L Ontario but very scarce inland—non-Ontario shoreline max only four May 17 CV.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: arr May 6 one Pompey Twp (DC); 200–250/day May 19–20 DH. Eastern Meadowlark: spring max 550 Apr 4; also 200 Apr 10, both tallies at DH. Western Meadowlark: one Apr 17 FR (FGS) and one May 16–Jun 14 near Brewerton (FGS, mob)—usually only one/spring. Red-winged Blackbird: max 75,000 Apr 4 DH (GS,FLF); small flocks, mostly females and some immature males, still migrating over DH May 19. Baltimore Oriole: arr Apr 28 N Syr; max 60 May 18 HIGMA and 80 May 22 Jamesville (GS); no heavy L Ontario flight noted. Rusty Blackbird: heavy Mar flight with many left into and thru Apr—counts of 30–100/day widely reported; max 300 Apr 24 HIGMA; dep May 20 (late) one SP dunes (FGS). Brown-headed Cowbird: spring max 5000 Apr 4 DH (FLF). Scarlet Tanager: arr May 5 Onon Hill (C&EF); counts of six–14/day in third week of May and max 43 May 20 SP-SSSP; last migrant May 30 one SP dunes (FLF,RJS).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr May 3 Clark Reservation and CV (mob); max 35 May 17 CV; many counts of ten–20/day May 10–20. Indigo Bunting: arr May 7 two Eaton (GLC); max 17 May 20 SP-SSSP; seemed scarce as migrant and many breeding sites not occupied by May 31. Evening Grosbeak: amazing L Ontario return flight—1320 (in two hours) May 7 and 1240 (in four hours) May 8, both DH (JWP); dep May 30 (late) one DH (MSR). Common Redpoll: some flocks remained into early Apr—100 Apr 6 DH and 165 Apr 7 Eaton (GLC); dep Apr 10 two DH. Pine Siskin: light spring flight with four–ten/day; max 30 May 20 DH; dep date May 30 two DH (MSR). American Goldfinch: 20–100/day thru May with max 300 in an hour May 19 DH and 600 + May 20 SP-SSSP. Red Crossbill: only one report—pair at Fayetteville first week of Apr (J. Cook). *Green-tailed Towhee*: one May 10–14 S of Cazenovia (Dr. John Morrison, mob) is first Regional record

and, more amazing, not a wintering bird but apparently an off-beat migrant. Rufous-sided Towhee: arr Apr 8 (early) Scott Swamp (C&EF); one Apr 10 at Big Moose is both early and unusual in locale (B. Barnum). Savannah Sparrow: max 200 Apr 1 DH (C&EF); other Apr counts much lower—eight—ten/day. Henslow's Sparrow: arr Apr 27 FR; only three colonies located in May—are they again in sharp decline?

Slate-colored Junco: nearly twice as many as usual on B. Burt's Apr Feeder Survey; peak migration Apr 17–19 with 150–160/day; dep May 14 (early) Oakwood Cemetery, Syr. *Oregon Junco*: one with Slate-colored Junco flock May 1 Valley Cemetery, Syr (C&EF) is only Regional record this year. Tree Sparrow: ten May 1 Pompey Twp is late and one May 7 in same area is a record dep date (both FLF). Field Sparrow: arr May 23 one DH (W. F. Minor) is early. White-crowned Sparrow: arr Apr 20 (early) two at Eaton (GLC); max 22 May 15 CV plus SP; dep May 28 (late) two Pompey Twp (DC) and one Big Moose (B. Barnum). White-throated Sparrow: spring flight frankly scant—most counts five–55/day with max 75 (very low) Apr 30 Pompey Twp (FLF); dep May 30 one SSSP (RJS). Lincoln's Sparrow: arr May 1 one Pompey Twp (FLF); max 14 (a record) in a huge land-bird flight May 20 and dep date May 22 three, both SP dunes (FGS). Song Sparrow: 130–145/day Apr 1–11; marked decline in next five days and only residents about by Apr 20. Snow Bunting: dep date Apr 10, 20 DH, about on time.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Spring was "backwards" with almost no warm weather and plenty of rain—more than the average. No spectacular small land bird migration seemed to develop in early May. Many species were several days late in arriving.

The list of unusual birds includes Mute Swan, a mutant Canada Goose, Brant, Bohemian Waxwings and a nesting record in northern New York of Golden-winged Warbler.

Abbreviations: ED—Eldorado; LGMA—Lakeview Game Management Area, 3000+ acres, near Woodville in Jefferson Co.; PRGMA—Perch River Game Management Area.

Observers: JB—John Belknap; LC—Lee Chamberlaine; FC—Frank Clinch; CD—Cecil Dake; HD—Harriet Delafield and Elizabeth Anderson; DG—David Gordon; NCBC—North Country Bird Club trip; RW—Robert and June Walker.

LOONS—DUCKS: Pied-billed Grebe; April 11. Great Blue Heron: April 6. Green Heron: May 24. American Bittern: April 12 early LGMA (FC) (RW). MUTE SWAN: PRGMA April 26–27 (DG), May 2 (FC). Canada Goose: 6000–7000 April 9 Henderson Pond and Crystal Lake (LC); a mutant of normal size with normal head and neck coloration but wings, back and sides very pale gray or white except for a little dark on wing tips and tail. Mutant still present April 27 *PRGMA (DG). BRANT: May 26 ED (HD). Snow Goose: one in with 2000+ Canada Geese April 11 PRGMA (DG); still present April 12 (RW). American Widgeon: May 24 PRGMA (FC). Shoveler: April 11. Ring-necked Duck: April 26 PRGMA (NCBC). Bufflehead: April 26. Ruddy Duck: May 28 PRGMA (CD).

* (Up to six mutants of this description have been seen at Montezuma/Cayuga Lake Area. Ed)

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: one Dry Hill April 5 (RW); April 7 (JB). Cooper's Hawk: April 30 Watertown Center (LC). Broad-winged Hawk: April 30 Lorraine (LC). Rough-legged Hawk: a few still present during April; one near