

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

Philadelphia May 6, a *late date* (JB). Marsh Hawk: April 3–April 19, considerable migration, may be on increase again (DG). Osprey: April 12 PRGMA (RW); April 23 (JB). Virginia Rail: 3 May 24 PRGMA (FC). Sora Rail: May 31 PRGMA (RW). Common Gallinule: April 26 PRGMA (NCBC).

Semipalmated Plover: 4 May 30 ED (DG). Black-bellied Plover: 6 May 30 ED (DG). Ruddy Turnstone: May 22 ED (JB); May 30 ED (DG). Woodcock: Apr 2 Dry Hill (RW). Wilson's Snipe: 3 April 12 LGMA (NCBC). Upland Plover: April 22. Spotted Sandpiper: May 12. Greater Yellowlegs: April 12 PRGMA (RW). Lesser Yellowlegs: April 26 (DG). Knot: May 31 ED (RW). Dunlin: May 17 (DG); May 20 ED (JB); May 22 ED (FC). Short-billed Dowitcher: May 17 (DG). Semipalmated Sandpiper: May 30.

Bonaparte's Gull: May 22 ED (JB); May 26 ED (HD); 3 May 31 ED (RW). Common Tern: May 17. Caspian Tern: 2 May 3 ED (FC); one May 31 ED (RW). Black Tern: May 4 PRGMA (FC).

Black-billed Cuckoo: May 30. Great Horned Owl: one near Rutland May 4 (DG).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Common Nighthawk: May 24. Chimney Swift: May 2. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: May 17. Belted Kingfisher: April 5. Yellow-shafted Flicker: April 10. Red-headed Woodpecker: May 12. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: April 19.

Eastern Kingbird: May 4. Crested Flycatcher: May 4. Least Flycatcher: May 17 (JB). Eastern Wood Pewee: May 17. Tree Swallow: April 4. Bank Swallow: May 4. Rough-winged Swallow: May 18. Barn Swallow: April 19. Purple Martin: April 27. House Wren: May 17. Winter Wren: April 13 Pleasant Lake (RW). Catbird: May 4. Brown Thrasher: April 26 at feeder eating bread (LC). Wood Thrush: May 9. Hermit Thrush: April 20. Veery: May 18. Eastern Bluebird: 3 April 26. Golden-crowned Kinglet: April 13. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: April 13.

BOHEMIAN WAXING: 250 April 5 Dry Hill (RW). Loggerhead Shrike: April 4 (DG).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: May 19. Solitary Vireo: May 21. Red-eyed Vireo: May 20. Warbling Vireo: May 17.

Warblers: Black-and-white: May 3. *GOLDEN-WINGED*: May 9; nest located near Gouverneur late in May—this nest was parasitized by Cowbirds and then robbed—found empty and then abandoned; 3 pair are still in the area. The first recorded breeding in northern N.Y. as far as is known (JB). Tennessee: May 18. Nashville: May 3. Yellow: May 8. Magnolia: May 20. Cape May: May 21. Black-throated Blue: May 31. Myrtle: May 3. Black-throated Green: May 17. Blackburnian: May 20. Chestnut-sided: May 17. Bay-breasted: May 20. Blackpoll: May 24. Palm: May 3. Ovenbird: May 4. Mourning: May 24. Yellowthroat: May 17. Canada: May 21. Redstart: May 9.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: May 5. Baltimore Oriole: May 8. Rusty Blackbird: April 12. Scarlet Tanager: May 12. Cardinal: April 17, Henderson (LC). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 9 (JB). Indigo Bunting: May 8 (LC). Evening Grosbeak: Good numbers at several feeders. Males predominated until about May 1, then there were more females than males (FC). One wing colored (red spot) female with 2 males and one other female May 15, Henderson, no bands on this bird (LC). Last bird a single May 30 (CD). Purple Finch: seen in small numbers a few times at feeders in May. Rufous-sided Towhee: April 27. Savannah Sparrow: April 13 (LC). Vesper Sparrow: April 5. Slate-colored Junco: April 2, heavy migrations April 9–19. Tree Sparrow: last seen date May 7 *very late* (CD). Chipping Sparrow: April 13 (LC). Field Sparrow: April 13. White-crowned Sparrow: April 23, main migration May 4–18. White-throated Sparrow: April 23, heavy migration April 27. Fox Sparrow: April 27. Swamp Sparrow: April 12. Song Sparrow: April 2.

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