

different dates, sometimes singly, from Apr 23 to May 31 Nisk (RPY). Pine Grosbeak: a small flock of six or eight, including two males, well-observed, feeding on catkins in an ash tree, Ghent, May 14, 15, 16 (P&GE). Common Redpoll: several reports; last Apr 26 Guilderland (PMcG); max 50 in yard in Nisk Apr 3 (RPY). Pine Siskin: numerous reports; most plentiful middle of Apr to middle of May; last May 18 (PPW).

Sparrows: Rufous-sided Towhee: arr Apr 6 Ghent (P&GE). Grasshopper: reported from Greene Co, Columbia Co, Mdale, and near SCR. Henslow's: one area only—May 17 Mdale (GB,BRS). Vesper: arr Apr 6 (bsh). Slate-colored Junco: migrants very numerous: big influx Apr 9–12—max 225 Apr 9 Berne (MK); next big movement Apr 21–23 (RPY). Tree: last two reports—May 17 (Betty Hicks *et al*) and (E&L Lane). Chipping: max 17 May 1 Berne (MK). White-crowned: Apr 16 Hillsdale (Natalie Snare) to May 23 Schodack (L&VB). White-throated: many reports from Apr 10; max 25 May 1 Berne (MK); migrants still moving May 17 (PPW); last May 24 VFG (WDM,RPY). Fox: max 15 Apr 14 (one singing) SCR (HFB); last Apr 27 (PMcG). Lincoln's: more reports than usual—Apr 9 Chatham (ER); Apr 20 intermittently to May 17 Ghent (P&GE); eight banded May 9–23 VFG (WDM,RPY); two banded May 18 Clifton Park (WDM).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE — HUDSON

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The spring season advanced evenly with no marked set backs. April was slightly on the cool and wet side with about 4½ inches of rainfall, whereas May was warm and dry with only about 2 inches of rain. Foliage was anywhere from a week to two weeks ahead of its usual rate of development, making spring birding all the more difficult than usual.

Most birders cannot remember a year in which wave movements were so absent. The migration advanced evenly with only two contributors even mentioning anything approaching a wave. If this phenomenon occurred at all, they said it happened on April 28–29 and May 11 when there were a few more warblers around than usual.

Most active birders when checking their lists found a good number of blank spaces where not one member of the species had been found. Iris Dean missed seven species of warblers that she got in the vicinity of her Greenville, Orange Co. home last year. Several birders reported missing altogether or only getting singles of such species of warbler as: Magnolia, Prairie, Hooded, Blackburnian, Canada, Black-throated Green, Wilson's and Nashville. All migrant species of warblers were severely reduced, with only resident birds showing anything like normalcy. Bob Deed went so far as to say that the paucity extended to most species of insectivores although the insects themselves were abundant. It would make one wonder if perhaps some catastrophe might have happened farther south.

Most waterfowl seemed to be normal with a few migrant species lingering late into the season. Broad-winged Hawks came thru much earlier than usual but most Raptors seemed to be normal. Both species of the rare winter white-winged gulls were reported later than usual, as were several species of northern finch.

Abbreviations: Dutch—Dutchess Co; Oran—Orange Co; Putn—Putnam Co; Rock—Rockland Co; Ulst—Ulster Co; Sull—Sullivan Co; West—Westchester Co; MBC—Mearns Bird Club; RAS—Rockland Audubon Society; WBC—Waterman Bird Club; USMA—United States Military Academy.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: WBC reports three in April, two in May. Latest date May 11, Rondout Res. (JK). Horned Grebe: WBC reports 10 in Apr, all on Hudson R. Latest date May 11 Rondout Res (JK). Pied-billed Grebe: Less than usual. Double-crested Cormorant: Two Vanderberg Cove, Hudson R, Dutch, May 17 (AJ); one Cornwall Bay, same date (A,BM); four Piermont Pier, June 1 (RFD). Great Blue Heron: Very few reported. Ten active nests at Tamarack Swamp, Dutch (WBC). Green Heron: numbers normal. One, early date Apr 17, Tri-Loba Hill Sanct., Katonah. *LITTLE BLUE HERON*: one Apr 17–20 Vanderberg Cove, Dutch. (AJ,DF, fide OW). Immature often seen in mid-summer, but this is first record for adult for that county. Cattle Egret: One in usual place between Congers and New City on the usual date of May 13. Has been observed there same date for the past several years (RS). Another Apr 15 at Staatsburg (JDD). *LOUISIANA HERON*: One May 19, Moodna Marsh, Cornwall (PJ, fide A,BM). Studied at 75 yds with 30x scope for over an hour until dark. Bird was gone next day. Black-crowned Night Heron: One Apr 20–27 Hudson R. at Cruger's Is. (OW, AJ, DG). One May 11–12 Millbrook Boys School, Dutch. (HM). Least Bittern: arr Moodna Marsh May 6. At least two or three pair thru rest of period. One May 18 Pine Plains (W,TS). American Bittern: Numbers good. Several reported from Bashakill thru end of period. Mute Swan: Rock concentration refuses to spread. Only one report Cornwall May 7. Canada Goose: Good flights in Apr. esp. in last week. Over 1,000 reported from Dutch. Three flocks totaling about 350 at Bashakill on May 3 (MB). Once again most lakes in Hudson Highlands have one or more pairs nesting on them. Hatching took place about the first week of May, but mortality was high by the end of period. Brant: Earliest flight May 7 Katonah, (SG). Regularly reported from May 17. Peak movement May 22 from many points thru Hudson Valley. Pintail: More Apr reports than usual. Green-winged Teal: Eighty Apr 3 Hudson R, Dutch (AJ,DF). Twenty-four Glenmere L. Apr 26. Last May 7, Dutch, (WBC). Blue-winged Teal: Max, 19 Apr 3 Hudson R. in Dutch. Mated pairs obs. at Bashakill on May 10 and May 25 (EDT, et. al.). American Widgeon: Last report Dutch Apr 27. Wood Duck: normal to better. Good nesting obs. thru region. Redhead: Only report, one Apr 3 Hudson R. at Dutch. (AJ,DF). Ring-necked Duck: Good Apr flight. Better than 400 reported from Dutch. Last report Apr 12 Dutch, and 150 same date at Bashakill (MB). Canvasback: Only report 156 Apr 3 Hudson R. in Dutch. (AJ,DF). Scaup: Greater last reported Apr 18, and Lesser last reported June 1 at Piermont Pier (RFD). One unidentified female at Cornwall Bay, May 20 (A,BM). Common Goldeneye: Last Apr 7 Dutch. Bufflehead: Last Apr 12 Dutch. Oldsquaw: Missed thru most of region. Only report, 4 Apr 16 Salt Point, Dutch (AJ, et. al.). Ruddy Duck: Only report, one Apr 27 Hudson R. Dutch (AJ). Hooded Merganser: Well reported from Dutch. Last Apr 19 (WBC). Common Merganser: Good numbers thru Apr. Last, late date of May 11 Rondout Res. (JK). Red-breasted Merganser: 6 on Hudson at Nyack Apr 1. (Alma Polhemus). Last reported late date of Apr 23 in Dutch.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: normal. Sharp-shinned Hawk: only report, one Apr 12 Hunn's L. (FG, et. al.). Cooper's Hawk: one Apr 4; two May 17; one May 8; all Dutch. Red-tailed Hawk: Obs. more often than usual in the south Rock area of Blauvelt. Normal elsewhere. One full albino obs feeding young at Verbank, Dutch (HM). Red-shouldered Hawk: Several reports, which is more than usual.

One Apr 3 Cruger's Is.; one May 10 and May 25 at Bashakill; one May 18 Pine Plains; and one May 24 Cross River. Broad-winged Hawk: spring movement poor, many reports of migrating birds in early Apr. Peak movement, 25, Apr 27, Dutch. Rough-legged Hawk: one, light phase, on RAS trip between Rockland L. and Haverstraw Apr 26 (FS). Bald Eagle: Wintering bird remained at Bashakill until Apr 3 (MM). Another observed near Esopus on June 2 (Ruth Huth). Marsh Hawk: 6 Apr reports from Dutch (WBC). Only May report, one Greenville, Oran, May 3 (Iris Dean). Osprey: first Apr 12; spring numbers normal. Peregrine Falcon: one Haverstraw Bay May 15 (F,RS). First record for Rock since 1965. Sparrow Hawk: numbers seem lower than usual. Gallinaceous birds: normal numbers for most species except Ruffed Grouse which continues low. Rails: none reported in Rock, but normal elsewhere. Common Gallinule: first obs, 5 Apr 20 Amenia (W,TS). Remained thru period. The usual breeding birds at Bashakill, Sull. Coot: continues quite scarce thru region. Semipalmated Plover: 5 May 17 Hudson R. in Dutch, 2 at Amenia, Dutch from May 13-24. Killdeer: normal to better. Woodcock: normal. Several males still courting as late as last week in May along Mine Rd. USMA. (A,BM). Snipe: local breeders in usual numbers. Upland Plover: 9 at former Van-Haaster Farm, Town of Hamptonburg, on May 3. Spotted Sandpiper: generally late thru most of region. First report May 3 in Dutch. Peak, 42 May 17 (WBC). Solitary Sandpiper: one Apr 17 (AJ). Good flight reported thru May. Yellowlegs: Both species low thru period. Pectoral Sandpiper: single birds Apr 18, 30, May 1, and 11. **WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER**: one at Bashakill May 11. Seen well by MB et. al. Least Sandpiper: fewer reports than usual. Peak from May 13-26. 60 birds at Amenia. (W,TS). About 30 at Piermont Pier on June 1 is a late date for Rock. (RAS). Dunlin: one Apr 14 Amenia (W,TS). **GLAUCOUS GULL**: one May 10 on Hudson R at Rhinecliff, obs in excellent light for 20 minutes with 30 x scope. In company with Herring and Black-backed Gulls. All field marks noted (EP,WO, et. al.). **ICELAND GULL**: A second year bird flying over Lake Tappan Apr 2 (EB). Great Black-backed Gull: Normal. Laughing Gull: Early date of Mar 29 at Piermont Pier (RFD). None reported up river thru end of period. Bonaparte's Gull: 7 Cornwall Bay Apr 5 (MBC). 8 more at Conn's Hook, Highland Falls, Apr 6. (EDT). 2 May 17 Cruger's Is. (EP,OW, et. al.). Common Tern: 2 May 10 Cruger's Is. (EP,OW, et. al.). Black Tern: one May 4 Amenia (W,TS). Doves: normal. Cuckoos: Reported scarce in Ulst, but excellent numbers elsewhere. Both species reported in good numbers at Bashakill May 25. Barn Owl: Usually unobserved. Reported this year at possible inaccessible nest site in Nauraushaun, Rock, and said to have been present there every year since 1963. (EB). One May 15-17 at Amenia Dutch (W,TS). First Dutch record since 1962. Screech Owl: normal. Great Horned Owl: normal. Barred Owl: normal.

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Whip-poor-will: first, late date of May 2 at Ladentown, Rock. Usual numbers thereafter. Nighthawk: first May 14 good flight last week of May, 60 May 23 in Dutch, and 15 same date, at Cornwall; a very large flight May 26 at Katonah. Chimney Swift: first Apr 21 in Dutch. Numbers normal. Hummingbird: one Kripplebush on early date of Apr 23 (Morton Miller). Numbers lower than usual thru rest of season. Kingfisher: normal. Woodpeckers: most resident species normal. Red-bellied Woodpecker: one Centenary Rock. May 2 (RS). One on Little Tor Mt. near Haverstraw on May 15 (RS). Two heard calling together from May 4 to end of period along Mine Rd. USMA. (EDT). Another May 11 at Chappaqua, West. (Mrs. John Lentz). Red-headed Woodpecker: Winter bird at Washington Hollow, Dutch, left May 7. Another May 4-5 at Millbrook (HM). New nest sites at Chester and Howells Oran. Sapsucker: very scarce all season. Only 3 reported dur Apr in Dutch, none reported in Rock all season and only a few elsewhere. Flycatchers: All species, with perhaps the exception of the Crested are on the low side. Eastern Kingbird: Apr numbers very low. More normal in May.

Crested Flycatcher: scarce early, normal after May 20. Phoebe: scarce in Rock, but average to less elsewhere. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: all reports Dutch. Single birds May 13, 17, and 22. *ACADIAN FLYCATCHER*: one, singing at Mine Rd, USMA, June 1. (EB). Traill's Flycatcher: 4 reported from Dutch dur May. One at Chester, Oran May 18 was giving the call of the western race. Another was at Iona Is. May 21. Least Flycatcher: 3 at Pomona, Rock Apr 27 and one in Dutch same date were the first reported. Numbers normal to less thereafter. Pewee: first May 10, good numbers thereafter. Good movement on May 30 weekend. Olive-sided Flycatcher: first May 14 Freedom Plains (HM). Only 2 reports thereafter. Horned Lark: usual scattered reports. One nest with three young on soccer field at Ramapo Senior High School first noted May 15. Needless to say, nesting was unsuccessful. Rough-winged Swallow: Early date of Apr 8 at Bashakill (MB). 6 at Tomahawk L. Apr 12 (MCB). Corvids: resident species normal. *COMMON RAVEN*: One May 3 Crugers Is. (DG). Observer is quite familiar with species. Fish Crow: 2 in Apr. and 3 in May in Poughkeepsie area. Another spent the spring in New Paltz across the Hudson. (Robert Pyle). Red-breasted Nuthatch: More than the usual number of spring reports. Scattered sightings continued to end of period. Brown Creeper: One May 4, late for Rock. (RAS). Residents at Bashakill reported in lesser numbers this year (MM). House Wren: Arr late thru most of region. Less in Rock but normal elsewhere. Winter Wren: Numbers scarce, but 5 birds continued in Dutch thru end of period. Long-billed Marsh Wren: late arr in most localities. Numbers normal from mid-May on. Mimids: most resident species normal. Mockingbird: numbers constant in areas where resident. Continues to spread into new areas. Thrushes: Most resident species on the normal to low side. Most migrants low or absent. Robin: normal to better numbers. Wood Thrush: normal. Hermit Thrush: far less reported than usual. One, singing on ridge back of Otisville May 3 is unusual to the area. Swainson's Thrush: very few reported. Missed completely by a number of active birders. Gray-cheeked Thrush: Only one report. May 17 Weyant's Pd. Rd. USMA. (EDT,PJ). Veery: Resident population normal. Bluebird: Usual low numbers. On May 15 a pair took over nest box recently vacated by Tree Swallows at the farm of MM in Howells. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: continues to increase yearly with a number of nesting pairs reported. Golden-crowned Kinglet: last report Apr 13, numbers unusually scarce. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: very few reports. Rarely as low as this year. Pipit: 30 in the Brown's Pd. area of Newburgh Apr 5. 5 Chester, Oran Apr 26. Peak 150 Apr 28 near Millbrook, Dutch (EP). Last report, 3 May 17 Dutch (WBC). Cedar Waxwing: Most uncommon until after mid-May. Then common.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: White-eyed Vireo: one May 4 USMA, failed to remain. Another May 10 Bashakill remained thru end of period. Yellow-throated Vireo: reported down in some areas. Solitary Vireo: very few reported. Red-eyed Vireo: numbers up from low of several years ago. *PHILADELPHIA VIREO*: one May 17 Amenia (W,TS). Seen and heard. Warbling Vireo: the only vireo which seems increased in numbers. Several pairs observed in the Bashakill area from May 10, Warblers: resident species relatively normal, but migrants reduced severely with few exceptions. Black-and-white: normal; Worm-eating: normally scarce; Golden-winged: normal locally; Blue-winged: normal locally; Brewster's: only one report at Fahnstock St. Pk. May 18 (Dave Cutler, Ted Hendersen). Lawrence's: one near New Paltz May 11 (Heinz Meng). Tennessee: numbers average to better. Nashville: numbers well below average. Parula: very few reported. Yellow: normal to better. Magnolia: very low. Cape May: less than average. Black-throated Blue: normally reported from some areas, but lower than usual through most of region. Myrtle: usual numbers, peak about May 10. Black-throated Green: very few reported. Cerulean: nesting as usual in Dutch at least 3 singing males have remained well beyond end of period in the Weyant's Pd. area of USMA, but no nests found to date. Blackburnian: very low,

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: