

(EA, HD). Myrtle Warbler: Blue Mountain Lake (DMcI); small flock May 7 TL (RM); 10 May 24 RB (MK); 2 May 2 to 21 SL (JK); 3 May 4 Onchiota rd, 6 to 8 May 11 rd to Floodwood (HD). Black-throated Green Warbler: 1 May 4 Onchiota rd; good numbers SL area (HD); 2 May 21 RB (MK). Blackburnian Warbler: 1 May 1 Fulton Chain (DMcI); 1 May 21 RB (MK). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 May 2 and 12 TL (RM); 1 May 18; 5 May 21 (MK); 1 May 20 SL (EA, HD). Ovenbird: 1 May 18; 10 May 24 RB (MK); 1 Apr 30 SL (JK); 2 May 11 rd to Floodwood (EA, HD). Northern Waterthrush: 1 May 24 SL (MK). Yellowthroat: 1 May 18; 5 May 24 RB (MK); 1 May 18 SL (JK); 2 May 11 rd to Floodwood; 1 May 16 SL (HD). Canada Warbler: 1 May 21; 4 May 24 RB (MK); 1 May 20 SL (JK). American Redstart: 1 May 21; 2 May 24 RB (MK).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: House Sparrow: SL thru period (JK); probably other instances not given. Bobolink: 8 May 24 LP (MK); 25 in flock May 13 LP (JK). Eastern Meadowlark: 2 Apr 9 B'dale (GTC); 5 Apr 16 TL (MK); 1 Apr 17 SL (HD). Redwinged Blackbird: still in flocks thru 2nd week in Apr. Baltimore Oriole: 1 May 21 SL village (JK); 1 May 2 Trudeau rd SL (EA). Rusty Blackbird: 29 May 3 Sabattis rd (MK). Common Grackle: numerous flocks thru 2nd week Apr. Brown-headed Cowbird: numerous, flocks thru 3rd week Apr. Scarlet Tanager: 1 May 21; 2 May 22 RB (MK); 1 May 11 Saranac Inn (EA, HD). Cardinal: 1 May 3 singing North Creek (DMcI); pair May 30 Westport (GC). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: female May 7; pair May 13 TL (RM); female May 3 Sabattis; male May 9 RB; up to 6 thru period SL & LP (MK); female May 6 SL (Muncil). Indigo Bunting: 2 May 22 SL (EA). Evening Grosbeak: 30 May 2 Blue Mountain (DMcI); 30 May 6; 5 pairs later TL (RM); 36 Apr 2 dwindling to 10 to 15 thru period RB; 24 May 3 Sabattis (MK); 30 Apr 13; 4 May 8 SL (HD); up to 10 thru period SL village (JK). Purple Finch: 30 to 40 by May 15 (RM); few other areas. Common Redpoll: stayed late; 2 Apr 13 Amp B SL (GTC); small flock Apr 1 TL (RM); 20 Apr 7; last Apr 11 SL (JK); last May 7 RB (MK); 8 Apr 8 Trudeau rd SL (EA, HD). Pine Siskin: 30 Apr 14 to 18; 1 May 24 RB (MK); 20 Apr 23 Forest Home rd (HD); last May 25 SL (JK). American Goldfinch: 1 Apr 30 TL (RM); back middle May SL & RB. Red Crossbill: 4 May 24 RB (MK); 25 May 22 SL (JK); 10 maximum May 25 three 31, seen feeding on Elm keys and bits of Balsam bough E'town (GC). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 May 10 TL (RM). Savannah Sparrow: 2 May 24 LP (MK); 1 Apr 28 LP (JK); back Apr 28 SL (HD). Vesper Sparrow: 1 May 2 Normans Ridge (JK); 1 Apr 30 SL (HD). Slate-colored Junco: good migratory numbers, largest number 100 Apr 18 Vermontville (HT). Tree Sparrow: stayed late again this year, last 1 Apr 30 SL (HD). Chipping Sparrow: Blue Mountain (DMuI); 1 Apr 22 TL (RM); back Apr 30 RB (MK); back Apr 18 SL (EA, HD). Field Sparrow: 1 May 26 SL (HD). White-crowned Sparrow: larger numbers and stayed longer than usual, TL (RM); 4 May 14 thru 18 RB (MK); flock Apr 14 LP (JK); 1 to 9 Apr 17 thru May 23 SL (EA, HD). White-throated Sparrow: our companion at home and abroad as usual, first Apr 17 SL (HD); Apr 22 TL (RM); numbers thru May RB (MK). Fox Sparrow: 1 Apr 20 SL (EA); 1 all winter, there Apr 22 SL (Barnet). Swamp Sparrow: 1 May 23; 2 May 24 RB (MK). Song Sparrow: 3 pair per 2 acres cultivated land about average.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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The months of April and May were about normal in temperature and precipitation. The third week of April was cold and wet while spring really blossomed the last week

with temperatures reaching the upper 80's. Migration appeared to be slightly behind until the first week in May when the warm weather appeared to bring it up to usual schedule. May as a whole was about normal for first dates of species reported. The day of the Century Run, May 16th, was cloudy and cool, with scattered showers. A total of 166 species was reported on the Hudson-Mohawk Birds Club run by 33 observers, a new record total of species. A banding operation at Vischer Ferry Game Management Area covering the dates May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 by three banders netted 58 species and 726 individuals banded. 145 Myrtle Warblers, 112 Yellow Warblers, 41 Yellowthroats, 39 White-throated Sparrows, 36 Redwinged Blackbirds, 35 Song Sparrows, and 33 American Goldfinches were banded with other species in smaller numbers. Banded for the first time this year were Black-and-white Warbler and Blue-winged Warbler.

After a winter when many northern species were present in large numbers in this region, many Red Crossbills, Purple Finches, and Pine Siskins were still frequently being reported well into May. At the end of the period Red Crossbills were still present at several locations and several streaked fledglings were seen.

Significant sightings for the period were nesting Orchard Orioles, several Double-crested Cormorants, a Peregrine Falcon. Lawrence's Warbler, Brewster's Warbler, and a Prothonotary Warbler.

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Abbreviations: CP—Central Park, Schenectady; ColP—Collins Park, Scotia; Col L—Collins Lake, Scotia; Emb—Embought; Gl—Glenville; Gr—Greenville; IL—Indian Ladder; JL—Jenny Lake; Ldville—Loudonville; LH—Lower Hudson; LK—Lisha Kill; LK6—Lock 6 Mohawk River; LK7—Lock 7 Mohawk River; Mdale Meadowdale; Mville—Mariaville; MR—Mohawk River; Nisk—Niskayuna; NWW—Niskayuna Wide Waters; PM—Peontic Marsh; Powell S—Wilson M. Powell Sanctuary (adbc); Reist S—Henry G. Reist Sanctuary (hmhc); R and SL—Round and Saratoga Lakes; SCR—Stony Creek Reservoir; SL—Saratoga Lake; Tab—Taborton; VFGM—Vischer Ferry Game Management Area; VM—Vosburgh Marsh; W Gl—West Glenville; Wvliet—Watervliet Reservoir.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: max 8 Apr 11 R and SL (hmhc); also 8 Apr 26 Lake George (conservation officer Murray Grannell); last May 22 Mville L (DA). Red-throated Loon: cr SL, 2 groups reporting. Horned Grebe: adult and 10-12 downy young May 16-18 Clifton Park Landfill (RPY). Pied-billed Grebe: max 4 Col L (DA). Double-crested Cormorant: Apr 21 Emb (JB); May 16-18 NWW (DA); cr, reported by 3 groups 2 individuals together NWW. Great Blue Heron: commonly reported Apr 11 on. Green Heron: first Apr 22 Wvliet (DA) through period. Little Blue Heron: cr (adbc) (E. R. et al). Least Bittern: 2 cr only report. American Bittern: 1 May 18 SCR (DA); 3 groups reported on cr. Canada Goose: max 1000 Apr 18 Emb (JB). Brant: cr, 2 groups reported 1 LK7 and 20 SL. Snow Goose: 3 reports in Apr, max 12 Apr 25 LH (DA). Mallard: present through period. Black Duck: present through period, max 100 May 3 VM (hmhc). Pintail: 2 Apr 9 PM (DA); 3 Apr 11 R and SL (hmhc). Green-winged Teal: reported as common Apr and May (DA). Blue-winged Teal: reported as common Apr and May (DA). American Widgeon: max 15 Apr 25 LH (DA). Shoveler: 1 Apr 12 PM (DA). Wood Duck: present through period. Ring-necked Duck: max 20 Apr 11 (R and SL) (hmhc); last date 1 May 24 SCR (WBS). Canvasback: 6 Apr 11 R and SL (hmhc). Scaup: max 50 Apr 11 R and SL (hmhc); last May 18 SL (DA). Common Goldeneye: 100 Apr

11 R and SL (hmbc). Bufflehead: max 12 Apr 11 R ad SL (hmbc); last cr, 1 group reporting. Oldsquaw: 2 reports, 2 Apr 9 Wvliet (DA); cr, 1 group reporting. Ruddy Duck: 1 Apr 12 Mohawk River (DA); cr, 3 groups reporting. Hooded Merganser: commonly reported, max 8 Apr 11 R and SL (hmbc). Common Merganser: several reports, max 30 Apr 5 NWW (DA); cr, 2 groups. Red-breasted Merganser: max 22 Apr 11 R and SL (hmbc); cr, 3 groups.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 2 Apr 20 Indian Ladder (DA); Apr 14, 24, 26, 27 North Eastern Columbia County by 3 observers; max 10-14 May 11-29 Canaan, Chatham area (mob); cr (adbc). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 banded Apr 4 Burnt Hills (RPY); 1 Apr 13 Berne (MK). Cooper's Hawk: 1 Apr 3 and 17 Berne (MK); 1 Powell S (hmbc). Red-tailed Hawk: reported from all areas through period. Red-shouldered Hawk: 3 Apr 5 Reist S (hmbc); 1 Apr 24 Gr (CK). Broad-winged Hawk: several reports, max 5 May 10 Tab (PC). Marsh Hawk: 1 Apr 11 R and SL (hmbc). Osprey: reported throughout region, max 6 Apr 28 LH (DA). Peregrine Falcon: reported Apr 26 Powell S (ER). Sparrow Hawk: max 15 Apr 22 Mville Mdale area (DA). Ruffed Grouse: several reports including "occasionally early in morning drumming" Apr 18-30 Gr (CK). Ring-necked Pheasant: few reports; "releases of Korean race by New York State Conservation Department seen at FFGM" (RPY). Virginia Rail: 1 Apr 25 Castleton Marshes (PC); 1 May 3 VM (hmbc); cr, 3 groups reporting. Sora: 1 heard May 6 Mdale (WBS); cr, 1 group. Common Gallinule: reported as fairly common during May (DA); max 20 May 3 VM (hmbc). American Coot: cr, 2 groups reporting. Killdeer: common in all areas. American Woodcock: fairly common, a nest with 4 eggs Apr 29-30 Greenport (W. L. Stock). Common Snipe: fairly common. Upland Plover: 1 Apr 28 Mville (DA); max 4 last week in May at Craig School (RPY). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 Apr 25 Wvliet (DA); 2 May 3 VM (hmbc). Solitary Sandpiper: May 9 VFGM (HFB); last May 18 at 3 locations (DA). Greater Yellowlegs: 1 Apr 15 Mdale (DA); 1 May 3 VM (hmbc); 1 May 17 Gr (CK). Lesser Yellowlegs: cr, VFGM 1 group. Pectoral Sandpiper: 4 Apr 22 Mdale (DA). White-rumped Sandpiper: cr, VFGM 1 group. Least Sandpiper: earliest 2 May 9 Black Creek Marsh (WBS); 3 May 18 Walhalla Country Club (DA); 1 May 24 W Gl (hmbc); cr, 2 groups. Dunlin: 3 cr, VFGM, 2 groups reporting. Short-billed Dowitcher: flock of 30 cr VFGM, 1 group reporting. Semipalmated Sandpiper: 3 cr VFGM, 1 group reporting. Great Black-backed Gull: 3 Apr 5 NWW (DA); 1 Apr 11 R and SL (hmbc); 2 Apr 25 LH (DA); last cr, 1 group reporting. Herring Gull: fairly common. Ring-billed Gull: 100 plus Apr 5 and 200 Apr 8 VFGM "feeding on winter-killed fish in ponds" (RPY). Common Tern: 4 May 3 VM (hmbc); cr 1 LK6 and 2 NWW, 2 groups reporting. Black Tern: 1 May 8 VFGM (MJF); 1 May 18 NWW (DA); cr 3 LK6, 3 groups reporting; 6 May 23 VFGM (RPY); 1 May 28 VFGM (RPY). Mourning Dove: common, "young out of nest and banded in yard" May 5 and 7 Nisk (RPY). Black-billed Cuckoo: May 14 Gr (CK); May 21 W Gl (HFB); 2 May 31 Tab (hmbc). Screech Owl: 1 Apr 5 Malden Bridge (S. and R. Silverman); 1 May 15 VFGM "lost from mist net" (RPY); cr, 1 group reporting. Great Horned Owl: 1 Apr 24 VFGM (DA); cr, 2 groups reporting. Barred Owl: cr, 1 group reporting.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: earliest Apr 29 Washington Park Albany (fide Lillian Stoner); heard May 6 Clarkesville (CK); heard May 18 Galway Lake (MJF); heard May 18 Mville (DA). Common Nighthawk: common during May; 1 Apr 27 Berne (MK). Chimney Swift: first sighting Apr 27 Alplaus (HFB). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: reported through area in May; 5 banded May 2 and 8 VFGM; considered "scarce" (RPY). Belted Kingfisher: first seen Apr 11 R and SL (hmbc). Yellow-shafted Flicker: reported through area; first Apr 2 Schodack Center (PC). Pileated Woodpecker: reported through period in all areas. Red-headed Woodpecker: several reports through area in May; 1 found dead May 4 Speigeltown,

specimen turned over to the Biology Department of SUNY at Albany (John H. Murphy); 1 May 12 Mville (DA); 1 May 14 East Greenbush feeder (fide PC); also May 8 and 30 Chatham (M. and A. Giddings). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 2 Apr 10 Loudonville (MF); 3 Apr 18 Nisk "indicative of migration" (RPY). Hairy Woodpecker: reported in all areas. Downy Woodpecker: reported in all areas; "appeared to be moving on Apr 18 with Sapsuckers" (RPY). Eastern Kingbird: reported as common in May. Great Crested Flycatcher: first Apr 27 Berne (MK); 6 May 31 Tab (hmhc). Eastern Phoebe: earliest 2 Apr 8 Mville (DA); 1 Apr 8 Ldonville (MF). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 3 cr JL, 1 group reporting. Trail's Flycatcher: first May 15 VFGM (RPY); total 4 banded (RPY). Least Flycatcher: first calling Apr 27 VFGM (RPY); 5 banded May 2 and 3 VFGM, total 15 banded for period, "much more common", (RPY). Eastern Wood Pewee: first date May 2 Gr (CK). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 heard May 16, then seen May 19, and the same day another observer a few miles away reported 1 seen (fide CK). Horned Lark: 1 Apr 24 Col P (DA); cr, 3 groups reporting. Tree Swallow: first arr Apr 8 VFGM (RPY); occupancy of nesting boxes at VFGM only about 30% as compared to 70-80% usual (RPY). Bank Swallow: several nesting colonies of up to 366 holes in area (RPY). Rough-winged Swallow: first Apr 22 Mdale (DA); 1 May 5 LK7 (HFB); 2 May 9 VFGM (DA). Barn Swallow: common, first report 12 Apr 22 Mdale (DA). Cliff Swallow: first Apr 24 Col P (DA); 1 May 3 VM (hmhc); 1 May 9 VFGM (DA). Purple Martin: first migrant of approximately 17 arrived about May 15, took up residence in two houses either side of small pond G1 (Bob McCullough). Blue Jay: common. Black-capped Chickadee: common. Tufted Titmouse: regularly reported. White-breasted Nuthatch: common. Red-breasted Nuthatch: reported through area. Brown Creeper: reported over area. House Wren: first arr Apr 24 (RPY). Winter Wren: 1 Apr 16 and 28 Mville (DA). Carolina Wren: 1 heard May 6 Mdale (WBS). Long-billed Marsh Wren: 1 Apr 28 Mville (DA); 2 May 3 VM (hmhc). Mockingbird: reported oae area in preferred habitats, max 6 May 9 VFGM (DA). Catbird: first date Apr 29 (HFB) also (MF). Brown Thrasher: first Apr 29 Schodack Center (PC); 1 banded VFGM (RPY). Wood Thrush: "noticeable influx morning of Apr 17 when 1 banded" Nisk (RPY). Swainson's Thrush: 4 banded VFGM (RPY). Gray-cheeked Thrush: May 5 Reist S (HFB); cr Chatham (adbc). Veery: first May 4 Gr (CK); 8 banded VFGM (RPY). Eastern Bluebird: breeding in preferred habitats over area. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 4 Apr 25 and May 3 Catskill (JB); cr VFGM, 1 group reporting. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 4 Apr 9 Nisk (RPY). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: migrating Apr 24-27 VFGM (DA) and (RPY). Water Pipit: 6 cr JL, 1 group reporting. Cedar Waxwing: first arr May 14 South Sch'dy (DA), a few seen through May.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: 2 caught May 8 VFGM 1 banded, 1 return from 1969 (RPY); 2 May 31 Tab (hmhc). Solitary Vireo: 1 May 9 LK (HFB); 1 May 10 Tab (PC); 1 May 31 Tab (hmhc). Red-eyed Vireo: from May 9 LK (HFB) through May but regarded as "scarce" as only 2 banded VFGM (RPY). Philadelphia Vireo: 1 May 5 Central Park (HFB); 1 banded May 2-23 VFGM (RPY); cr, 2 groups reporting. Warbling Vireo: first 1 Apr 30 Mville (DA); 5 banded May 2-23 VFGM (RPY); several other scattered reports. Black-and-white Warbler: more numerous this year than usual, 7 banded during May VFGM were first in 4 years (RPY). Prothonotary Warbler: 1 cr N. Hillsdale (adbc S. and R. Silverman). Worm-eating Warbler: 1 May IL (DA); cr, 3 groups reporting. Golden-winged Warbler: first May 10 N. Hillsdale (S. and R. Silverman and M. and A. Giddings); others through period. Blue-winged Warbler: 1 banded May 2 VFGM (RPY); 2 May 10 Mville at unusually high elevation of 1300 ft. (DA). Brewster's Warbler: 1 cr (adbc). Lawrence's Warbler: 1 May 8 Gr (CK). Tennessee Warbler: 1 May 21 W G1 (HFB); 3 banded VFGM (RPY). Orange-crowned Warbler: 1 male seen singing May 9 VFGM (William Huntly). Nashville Warbler: first Apr 28 Schodack Center (PC); other reports through May; 8 banded VFGM (RPY); re-

ported as breeding in Mville (DA). Parula Warbler: first May 5 two locations (HFB); 2 banded VFGM (RPY). Yellow Warbler: reported commonly throughout area; first migrants from Apr 27 on. Magnolia Warbler: reported throughout area; 7 banded VFGM (RPY). Cape May Warbler: first May 1; reported almost daily through May Ldonville (MF); 1 banded VFGM (RPY). Black-throated Blue Warbler: reported over area; 9 banded VFGM (RPY); remain through summer at Galway Lake (MJF). Myrtle Warbler: concentrated migration about May 2 reported from more than one area; "250-300 must have passed through the very small area at VFGM where we band" May 2 (RPY); 150 May 3 VM (hmhc). Black-throated Green Warbler: first Apr 30 Mville (DA); 7 banded VFGM (RPY); reported through area through month. Blackburnian Warbler: first May 2 Ldonville (MF); 1 banded VFGM (RPY); max 6 May 31 Tab (hmhc). Chestnut-sided Warbler: reported through May over area; first report May 5, 3 locations (HFB); 5 banded VFGM (RPY). Bay-breasted Warbler: May 4 Ldonville (MF); 2 banded VFGM (RPY). Blackpoll Warbler: reported from mid-May on but reported as "less common this spring—migration mostly complete by end of May whereas stretched into June last year" (RPY). Pine Warbler: two reports May 9 Olana (ER); cr JL, 1 group reporting (adbc). Prairie Warbler: Apr 29 Catskill (JB) through cr, 3 groups reporting. Palm Warbler: first Apr 19 Powell S (hmhc); last 2 May 3 VM (hmhc). Ovenbird: several reports through area; 6 banded VFGM (RPY). Northern Waterthrush: reported through May in several locations; 12 banded VFGM (RPY). Louisiana Waterthrush: first May 7 Woodlin Club (HFB); 1 May 18 Mville (DA); 1 May 24 near Wolf Hollow (hmhc). Mourning Warbler: 1 May 9 N. Hillsdale (S. and R. Silverman); 1 banded May 16 VFGM (RPY); cr, 1 group. Yellowthroat: reported throughout area in May; 41 banded VFGM as compared to 24 last year (RPY). Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 banded May 2 VFGM (RPY); cr, 2 groups reporting. Wilson's Warbler: first May 9 Mville (DA); 1 May 13 Gr (CK); 9 banded VFGM (RPY); cr, 2 groups reporting. Canada Warbler: first May 9 Olana (ER); 6 banded VFGM (RPY); 6 May 24 W Gl (hmhc); 5 May 31 Tab (hmhc). American Redstart: first Apr 30 Mville (DA); other reports through month of May but also reported as "late in arriving in number—not present fully until 4th week of May" (RPY).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: first date May 15 W Gl (HFB); max 4 May 24 W Gl (hmhc). Eastern Meadowlark: reported through month of May. Red-winged Blackbird: max 250 May 3 VM (hmhc). Orchard Oriole: several reports cr (hmhc) and (adbc); successful nesting of pair in Norway Spruce in W Gl first observed May 17 and almost daily thereafter (Bob McCullough). Baltimore Oriole: first 3 May 3 VM (hmhc); 7 banded VFGM (RPY). Rusty Blackbird: "many" reported from Apr 11 through month Gr (CK); 3 Apr 12 PM (DA). Common Grackle: ubiquitous. Brown-headed Cowbird: throughout area. Scarlet Tanager: max 4 May 24 W Gl (hmhc). Summer Tanager: cr Chatham (adbc by M. Gunn). Cardinal: throughout area. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: first date May 2 Ldville (MF); 14 banded VFGM (RPY); peak numbers May 8 VFGM (RPY). Indigo Bunting: 3 reports, first Apr 30 Spencertown (E. Wadsworth); May 9 Gr (CK); cr, 4 groups reporting. Evening Grosbeak: seen various places well into May, last 2 May 18 Berne (MK). Purple Finch: reported throughout Apr and May, max 70 Apr 30 Mville (DA). House Finch: only 1 report May 3 (RPY). Pine Grosbeak: last report Apr 12 Chatham (M. and A. Giddings); last date Apr 12 Mville (DA). Pine Siskin: reports into mid-May, max 50-75 Gr (CK); last 10 May 18 South Sch'dy (DA). American Goldfinch: reported throughout area; 33 banded VFGM (RPY); peak may have occurred Apr 19-20 (RPY); 12 April 19 Powell S (hmhc). Red Crossbill: reported throughout May from several areas, max 100 or more SL May 18 (DA); fledglings seen two locations being fed by parent (DA). White-winged Crossbill: 1 banded Apr 4 Burnt Hills (RPY). Rufous-sided Towhee: first Apr 8 SUNY campus (DA); max 10 May 31 Tab (hmhc). Savannah Sparrow: first Apr 9 PM (DA); Apr 25, 28, 29 Powell S

and Schodack (ER and L. and V. Burland); May 9 SCR (HFB). Grasshopper Sparrow: first Apr 25 Powell S (ER); May 9 Moe Rd (HFB); May 23 Alplaus (HFB). Vesper Sparrow: 4 Apr 12 Mville (DA); 2 Apr 19 Powell S (hmhc). Slate-colored Junco: migration movements appeared to be around Apr 19 as reported by (RPY) and 100 or more Powell S (hmhc); max 150 Apr 19 Mville (DA). Tree Sparrow: last date Apr 26 Ldonville (MF). Chipping Sparrow: reported from Apr 24 VFGM (DA). Field Sparrow: Apr 7, 13-30 Schodack and Chatham (L and V Burland, M. Mickle, and M. and W. Uimer); 2 Apr 12 Mville (DA); max 4 May 3 VM (hmhc). White-crowned Sparrow: reported from Apr 18 on through Apr in Columbia County by 3 observers, May 10-19 "various places, many" (HFB); 2 banded VFGM (RPY). White-throated Sparrow: migrants most apparent about Apr 14-25; reported as breeding Mville (DA); present through May GL (MJF). Fox Sparrow: last seen 2 Apr 19 Powell S (hmhc). Lincoln't Sparrow: "much more common than usual"; 12 banded VFGM (RPY). Swamp Sparrow: 2 Apr 15 Mdale (DA); 16 banded VFGM (RPY); 1 May 24 W Gl (hmhc). Song Sparrow: throughout area; 35 banded VFGM (RPY).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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This spring was one of the more normal seasons, with temperature and precipitation within expected bounds. April was marked by a slow rise to normal temperatures following a rather cold March. May was only slightly above the long-time average temperature for the month, but precipitation was below average. The total effect was a slow start for the season, but foliage and birds were right on time by the time May came around.

Some contributors remarked that this spring was the best for birds, and especially warblers, in the past five. It was not without its abnormalities though, especially in the flycatchers. Some species, notably the Least Flycatcher, were almost absent. Yellow-throated Vireos, always so commonly heard throughout the region, were very low in number. Shorebirds put in a very poor appearance, with several species unreported and others in very sparse numbers. Hawks moved through like it was the middle of September, not April. Hundreds of Broadwings were reported, whereas most spring seasons produce only a few dozen migrants. The season was not without its rarities with Sandhill Crane, Lark Bunting and two Yellow-throated and Kentucky Warblers being about the best. Red Crossbills and Evening Grosbeaks stayed well into May, and we even have the report of the former species feeding young at a Cornwall-on-Hudson feeder! According to John Bull, this would make the third recorded nesting of this species in the region covered by his *Birds of the New York Area*. The two former records were made in the late 19th century.

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Abbreviations: MBC—Edgar A. Mearns Bird Club; RAS—Rockland Audubon So-