

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-

ciety; WBC—Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club; WCC—Waterman Bird Club Census, Dutchess Co., May 16; USMA—U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: best spring movement in years, many reports all areas; peak movement May 15–16; max 7 May 2 over Wawarsing. Red-throated Loon: always uncommon; 1 May 4 Cornwall Bay (EDT). Horned Grebe: more late spring birds in breeding plumage than ever before; 4 Apr 4–18 Hudson R in Dutch (OW); 1 irregularly from Apr 16 to May 20 Moodna Cr, Cornwall-on-Hudson (AM); another May 24 at Katonah, West (SG); 1 May 10 Neversink Res (Ken Niven). Double-crested Cormorant: 5 Apr 27 flying over Tri-Loba Hill Sanct, Katonah (SG); 1 May 13–31 on Hudson R, Dutch; 8 May 16 at Piermont Pier, Rock (RD). Great Blue Heron: continues low; 1 Apr Tri-Loba Hill Sanct, Katonah (SG); 4 May 9 Piermont Marsh (RD); Tamarack Swamp nesting area in Dutch had about 8 active nests through period. Green Heron: continues in excellent numbers; first Apr 22 at Pleasant Valley, Dutch; another Apr 24 Rockland L; another Apr 25 USMA. Cattle Egret: only report 2 Apr 26 in the same field along the Congers–New City Rd where it has been reported on this same date for the last several years (F, RS). Common Egret: always rare in spring; 1 Apr 18 Cruger Is and again on Apr 26 (EP). Night Herons: none reported. Least Bittern: heard calling during May in at least 2 areas in Dutch (EP, et al); usual reports from Moodna Marsh in Cornwall. American Bittern: has been absent from Piermont Marsh in Rock for about the fifth year in a row; first Apr 18 near Pine Plains (JD); several reports after from usual locations. **GLOSSY IBIS:** 1 May 22 Wappinger Cr near Poughkeepsie; second record for Dutch (Mrs. Leo Audretsch). Mute Swan: 2 or 3 all spring at Iona Is; no evidence of nesting (JO); these are undoubtedly an overflow of the group established farther south in Rock. Canada Goose: excellent spring flights and many nesting locally; 1 flock of 190 Apr 26 over Rockland L was very late; hatchlings were about by May 13. Brant: another excellent spring movement, but much earlier than usual; 2 flocks May 12 near Millbrook; another flock of about 400 May 15 near Green Haven; 20 May 14 over Bear Mt; 300 May 15 at Ft Montgomery; 500 May 21 near Hyde Park; and another large flight the same date over Kripplebush; last report 200 May 22 near Poughkeepsie. Snow Goose: 1 Apr 4–9 Briarcliff (EP); more than 300 Apr 12 same area (TH); 3 Apr 14–17 near Amenia (W, TS). Mallard, Black and Wood Duck: normal or above. Pintail: first 2 Apr 7 Sull; max 18 Apr 11 Chester (MBC). Green-winged Teal: max 88 Apr 11 Chester (MBC). Blue-winged Teal: 10 Apr 11 Chester (MBC); WBC reports 2 possible nest areas, 1 near Pine Plains and the other near Millbrook Boys School. American Widgeon: 8 Apr 11 Chester (MBC). Shoveler: always rare; 2 Apr 11 Chester (MBC). Canvasback: 1 very late date of May 24–25 near Poughkeepsie (AJ). Scaup: 1, female, May 16 at Piermont Pier (RD); a male, apparently Greater, at Wurtsboro thru most of May appeared to be in good condition (MBC). Bufflehead: lingered late until May 1 at Carmel; 1 male and 2 females until May 3 at Pine Plains (EP). Ruddy Duck: 11 May 16 Piermont Pier (RD). Hooded Merganser: more spring records than usual; 3 Apr 12 off Piermont Pier; 1 May 16 Iona Is (PJ); 1 hatchling found May 27 at Katonah by Robin Anderson was near the area of first recorded nesting in West, June of 1966 (fide SG); a female nesting dur May in Wood Duck box near Pleasant Valley (Richard and Janet Traver); last year nested unsuccessfully in the same box simultaneously with a Wood Duck; eggs of both species eventually collected by EP. Common Merganser: 4 Apr 21 Cornwall Bay (EDT). **RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:** 1 Apr 5 Cornwall Bay (JG); 3 extremely late date of May 16 at Crugers Is (EP et al).

HAWKS—OWLS: An unusual spring in that some very large flights were reported thru Apr for several species. Regular observations by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mills at Hook Mt Upper Nyack produced some unusual records. Sharp-shinned Hawk: all records Hook Mt 12 Apr 18; 7 Apr 19; 19 Apr 22; 22 Apr 25; 9 Apr 26. Cooper's Hawk: 1 Mar 31 Bashakill (MB); at Hook Mt, 1 Apr 19; 2 Apr 22; 5 Apr 25. Red-tailed

Hawk: no unusual movements; regular residents observed; several nesting reports received; 2 imm banded in nest at USMA. Red-shouldered Hawk: more reports than usual; 1 Apr 8 Hook Mt; 1 sick ad found at Bedford Hills, West by Mrs. Wheeler, eventually died after examination by SG; 1 pr observed nesting at Cross River, West, young seen in the nest (Fred Stone); 1 Apr 26 Carmel (ML); 2 Apr 25 and 1 Apr 27 in Dutch (WBC). Broad-winged Hawk: most spectacular spring movement on record; Ed Mills reports from Hook Mt 12 Apr 4; 1 Apr 8; 2 Apr 12; 10 Apr 18; 107 Apr 19; 318 Apr 22; 343 Apr 25; 284 Apr 26; Walter Friton and 2 friends reported 652 on Apr 22 from Bear Mt and 237 on Apr 23 from Mt Anthony's Nose across the Hudson from Bear Mt; more than 150 observed Apr 26 on RAS field trip at Rockland Lake. Rough-legged Hawk: 1 dark phase Apr 26 over Rockland Lk with Broad-wings (JO). *GOLDEN EAGLE*: the wintering bird in Dutch last seen Apr 4; another, possibly the same bird, Apr 20 at Bedford, West (Anthony Buzzanco & Geo. VanMarter. Mr. Buzzanco is the naturalist at Westmorland Sanct in Mt Kisco). Bald Eagle: 2 persisted thru 2nd week of Apr at Bashakill (MB). Marsh Hawk: WBC reports 3 Apr records and 2 May; at Hook Mt Ed Mills found 2 Apr 4; 1 Apr 19; 1 Apr 22; 2 Apr 25. Osprey: more spring reports than usual; at Hook Mt 1 Apr 12; 4 Apr 19; 30 Apr 22; 6 Apr 25; at Bear Mt 13 Apr 22 (Walter Friton); RAS reports 30-50 on field trip of Apr 26; usual single birds reported elsewhere thru Apr and May; last May 30 at Thompson Pd, Dutch (TH). Ruffed Grouse: normal to slightly less. Bobwhite: WBC reports numbers down this spring no reports elsewhere. Green Pheasant: introduced last year in Dutch, seen on several occasions this spring. *SANDHILL CRANE*: 1 Apr 30 over Hook Mt Upper Nyack, observed as close as 150 yds with 8x glasses, in view for approx 10 min, circled 4 times and all field marks noted, verification report filed (E, LM). Virginia and Sora Rail: usual numbers and places. American Coot: very few reports; WBC has only 6 Apr records and none in May. Semipalmated Plover: 2 May 28 below Pine Plains (TH, W, TS). Black-bellied Plover: always uncommon; 1 May 21 Cornwall Bay (EDT). American Woodcock: normal numbers in usual locations; several continuing courtship flights into late May. Common Snipe: normal; first Apr 1 Dutch; peak mid-April; 8 Apr 15 Dutch; 13 Apr 12 Chester. Upland Plover: 6 Apr 25 Hamptonburgh (MBC). Lesser Yellowlegs: 1 May 9 Piermont Marsh (RD); only 5th spring record for Rock. Dunlin: only report 1 May 17 Staatsburgh. Semipalmated Sandpiper: 2 May 28 Pine Plains. Great Black-backed Gull: numbers excellent; continues to increase. Ring-billed Gull: Spring numbers excellent; at times outnumbered Herring 3 to 1. Bonaparte's Gull: 1 May 3 Cornwall (AM). Black Tern: only species of tern reported; 1 Apr 25 Bashakill (PJ). Mourning Dove: numbers excellent. Cuckoos: not many reports to end of period; but abundant at the time of this writing; summer report should be of interest. Great Horned Owl: imm found in Apr in Mountainville, Oran, nearly full grown, but still with considerable down, taken to Cornwall Nature Museum where at last report it was doing well; only other report 1 bird May 30 at Wawarsing. Barred Owl: 2 seen and heard Apr 15 at Kitchawan Lake, South Salem (David Cutler); 2 again heard May 3 at South Salem (Wayne Skolnick), probably the same pair. Short-eared Owl: 1 Apr 4 flying beside Rt 9W near Popolopen Bridge on the Oran-Rock line (F, RS).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: all reports late; first May 10 Mine Rd USMA (EDT). Common Nighthawk: an usually early record of Apr 29 at Mt Kisco (Wm. Grierson); peak 40 May 13 USMA (JG); 25 May 20 South Salem (SG). Chimney Swift: arr early at New Paltz Apr 19 (Hans Wever); generally late elsewhere. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 Apr 26 Carmel; WBC reports 3 on WCC. Belted Kingfisher: unusually scarce. Flicker: good numbers by Apr 12. Pileated Woodpecker: absent from usual areas, very few reuords. Red-headed Woodpecker: nesting usual locales; of note is 1 May 6-7 at Cornwall (Maude Hinckel); 1 May 16 below Pine Plains (W, TS), remained in same area thru May 31. Yellow-bellied Sap-

sucker: movement poor in Dutch with 5 April and 3 May records; good movement on West side of Hudson R with more than 10 Apr 11 on RAS trip near L Tiorati and good numbers on Apr 20 in the vicinity of USMA. Flycatchers: "... in a pathetic state in Rockland" (RD); only normal species Great Crested Flycatcher; others lower or entirely unreported. Eastern Kingbird: early arr 2 Apr 23 Verbank; 1 Apr 26 Pleasant Valley; and 1 Apr 30 Amenia; numbers lower than usual. Great Crested Flycatcher: first Apr 30 Hyde Park; appears normal since. Phoebe: RD reports only 1 all spring; most areas better than this but still lower than normal. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 May 16; 1 May 19; 2 May 20, all Thompson Pd, Dutch (MVW et al). Traill's Flycatcher: first May 16 Thompson Pd, 1 May 23 Wawarsing; 5 or 6 pr at Millbrook Boys School May 30 (EP et al). Least Flycatcher: none found all spring in the usually heavy birded area of Weyant's Pd, USMA; other years produce a dozen or more each trip; seems normal to slightly less in the area of Bashakill; first report 1 Apr 26 Pleasant Valley (EP); 1 Apr 28 Katonah (SG); several Apr 29 Pine Plains (MVW). Eastern Wood Pewee: completely absent from Carmel, Putn. (ML); first May 12 in Dutch (AJ); reported normal that county. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 May 20 near Millbrook (AJ). Horned Lark: very few reports; 1 pr May 11 feeding young near Millbrook (FG); another pr at about the same time feeding young on the inner courtyard of Ramapo Senior High School, Spring Valley (EDT). Swallows: most species later than usual; numbers unimpressive. Tree Swallow: fair migration; first Apr 12. Bank Swallow: numbers good to excellent in usual breeding areas. Barn Swallow: numbers normal to less, first Apr 17 Camp Buckner, USMA. Cliff Swallow: first Apr 17 Camp Buckner (JG); about a dozen pair nesting; 7 pr at Upton L, Dutch (FG). Purple Martin: has not shown any increase since devastation of several springs ago; observed near New Paltz (Robert Pyle); nesting in about 3 places in Dutch (WBC), only 1 confirmed nesting in Oran at Middle Hope where they have been for years; formerly bred in at least a half dozen places. Blue Jay: migrating from April to at least May 16 in exceptionally large numbers. Common Raven: seen May 13 on Slide Mt (Fred Hough). Fish Crow: 2 May 9 over Tri-Loba Hill Sanct, Katonah (SG); reported increasing and expanding range in Dutch; instead of the usual 1 or 2 records per month, WBC reports 5 or 10 a month. Boreal Chickadee: unusual numbers of last winter continued into spring; WBC reports last record first week of Apr; MBC had 2 on Apr 11 on club trip to Glenmere L, still there on Apr 12. Red-breasted Nuthatch: usual few spring migrants; 1 May 5 USMA; 1 May 9 Bashakill; last 1 May 18 Dutch (MVW). Brown Creeper: very few reports; last Apr 16 USMA. House Wren: late arr thru region; first Apr 26 at USMA, Kripplebush and in Dutch; normal numbers from that date. Winter Wren: only reports from Dutch where numbers were good; singing from Apr 26 on at 3 locations along Thompson Pd; singing Apr 23 near Millbrook (MVW); another May 5 at Roosevelt estate, Hyde Park, another singing May 23 and 30 in Deep Hollow, Dutch (MVW et al). Carolina Wren: suspected kills of last winter probably true; only report 1 Apr 26 near Rock L (RAS). Mimids: all species in excellent numbers. Catbird and Brown Thrasher: generally late; earliest date of Apr 26 for both species. Mockingbird: well established in dozens of localities. Thrushes: most species normal except for Swainson's and Gray-cheeked Thrushes; these were in very scarce numbers. Wood Thrush: arr Apr 26 in both Rock and Oran. Hermit Thrush: first Apr 22 USMA; 1 singing May 23 near Surebridge and Pine Swamp in Bear Mt State Park (RAS); another singing thru end of period at Stissing Mt. Swainson's Thrush: first May 2 Fishkill (OW); about 8 other reports later; 1 May 16 Weyant's Pd (A, BM). Gray-cheeked Thrush: unreported from most areas; only records Dutch 2 May 7; and 3 May 10 along Hudson R (AJ), 1 May 23 at Deep Hollow, Dutch (FG). Veery: 1 early arr date, Apr 26 Dutch (FG). Bluebird: extremely scarce thru entire region; WBC reports only 12 nesting pairs to end of period. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: about our best spring ever; first Apr 19 USMA; at least 6 birds in the vicinity of Weyant's Pd by

Apr 29; at least 3 pr nesting in Dutch, 1 pr at Crugers Is, another at River Rd near Rhinebeck and another at Thompson Pd; reported from 3 other areas but not observed nesting. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: some years abundant, but far fewer this spring; max last week of Apr. Water Pipit: almost unreported; 2 Apr 2 Bashakill (MB). Cedar Waxwing: almost unreported; only ones 4 May 9 Bashakill (MBC).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: more reports than usual, but still rare; completely absent from Rock where a few might be expected; first May 4 near Poughkeepsie (AJ); 1 May 9–16 near Rhinebeck; resident bird established May 11 on Mine Rd, USMA; 2 reports from Ulster both May 10, 1 near New Paltz (Robert Pyle), and 1 near Ellenville (Valerie Freer). Yellow-throated Vireo: far below normal, Mabel Litte reports she has not heard it at all in the Carmel area; first 2 May 3 Thompson Pd (WBC). Solitary Vireo: none reported in Rock and very few elsewhere; first Apr 30 Pleasant Valley; only 4 May records for WBC. Red-eyed Vireo: only species in normal number; first May 2, early (MVW). Philadelphia Vireo: 3 reports from Dutch, 1 May 16 Cruger Is; and 2 May 20 Tamarack Swamp (WBC). Warbling Vireo: first Apr 28; numbers normal to slightly less. Warblers: the best migration in the last 5 years; movements, some of them excellent, occurred largely on the weekends, May 2–3, 9–10, 16, and 22–23. Black-and-white Warbler: first Apr 25 in both Oran and Dutch; peak May 2; numbers normal. Worm-eating Warbler: first May 2; never in large quantities but numbers good; singing males in the usual locations in the Highlands. Golden-winged Warbler: first May 2; normal. Blue-winged Warbler: first Apr 30; normal. Brewster's Warbler: only 1 report May 16 Rhinebeck (JD). Tennessee Warbler: first May 3; less than some years but still good. **ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** only report 1 May 2 Fishkill (OW). Nashville Warbler: first May 2; almost unreported thereafter. Parula Warbler: first Apr 30; normal to less. Yellow Warbler: first Apr 26; normal. Magnolia Warbler: first May 3; normal. Cape May Warbler: first May 7; very few thereafter. Black-throated Blue Warbler: first early date of Apr 26; numbers good thru late May. Myrtle Warbler: first Apr 8; several hundred Apr 29 vicinity of Weyant's Pd, USMA (EDT); last, May 22. Black-throated Green Warbler: first Apr 26; scarce to absent from some parts of region, normal in others. Cerulean Warbler: first Apr 28 USMA; female observed building May 13 at Weyant's Pd, USMA, nest later abandoned and no new nest site found; the presence of several females and males in the area thru the rest of the season and beyond would indicate that nesting is taking place. (JG, EDT); this is the first indication of nesting west of the Hudson R in the region; WBC reports 2 singing and sight records near Millbrook about $\frac{3}{4}$ mi apart, may indicate new breeding area for Dutch, under investigation. Blackburnian Warbler: first 3 Apr 29 USMA; numbers less than normal. **YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:** 2 reports, both May 2, 1 at Bashakill, all field marks distinguished (MM), another at Tri-Loba Hill Sanct, Katonah (SG). Chestnut-sided Warbler: first Apr 26; normal. Bay-breasted Warbler: first May 7; only a few reports. Blackpoll Warbler: first May 5; normal. Pine Warbler: 2 Apr 25, 1 at Thompson Pd and the other at Bashakill; never many reported and most years completely missed. Prairie Warbler: first Apr 26; more residents reported than usual, but no nesting observed. Palm Warbler: first Apr 19; left early; no May records in Dutch (WCB). Ovenbird: first Apr 29; normal. Northern Waterthrush: first Apr 29; poor but better than Louisiana. Louisiana Waterthrush: numbers poor; first unusually early date of Apr 11, 2 birds at Lk Tiorati, Bear Mt State Park (RAS). **KENTUCKY WARBLER:** 1 May 13 singing on Bradley Rd, Blauvelt, same location and date as in 1965 (EB); another May 21 Westmoreland Sanct, Mt Kisco (Tom Howe). **CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** rare in spring; 1 May 6 near Amenla (TS). Mourning Warbler: more reports than usual; 2 May 16, 1 in Dutch (Lee Schaeffer) and the other Mine Rd USMA (EDT); 1 May 23 and another May 30 both seen and heard at Deep Hollow, Dutch may possibly be the same specimen (EP). Yellowthroat: first Apr 26; normal. Yellow-breasted Chat: only 1 report, 1 killed by

a car May 10 near Pine Plains (W, TS). Hooded Warbler: first May 2; good thereafter; singing at usual locations. Wilson's Warbler: first May 3; numbers normal. Canada Warbler: first May 4; normal and much better than last year; late departure May 29 (JG). American Redstart: first Apr 25; numbers good.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: first early date of May 2; a good year. Orchard Oriole: numbers usual to better; first Apr 30 an imm at Pleasant Valley (MVW); another May 22 Valley Cottage; usual 2 or 3 birds known nesting in Oran. Baltimore Oriole: first Apr 26; plentiful. Rusty Blackbird: very few reports all year; very poor migration. Scarlet Tanager: first May 1 in most area; normal. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: first Apr 28; normal. **BLUE GROSBEAK:** 1 May 23 Surebridge Swamp, Rock (RAS); 3rd record for that county; all previous records in May. Indigo Bunting: very early arrival Apr 22 in Dutch (MVW); did not arr in normal numbers until May 20-23; unusual group of 9 males May 7 at Nyack Beach State Park (JO). **DICKCISSEL:** 1 Apr 19 Pleasant Valley and again Apr 30 (MVW). Evening Grosbeak: heavy movement thru Apr; last observed May 26 in Dutch (MVW). Purple Finch: max 15 Apr 30 at Cornwall-on-Hudson; usual few singing males thru May. House Finch: continues to increase; imm observed at feeders May 14 to end of period; 6 on WCC; spreading in Dutch. Common Redpoll: last Apr 15 (MVW). Pine Siskin: unreported in Rock; but WBC reports heavy movement thru Apr into May, 17 as late as WCC; last report May 18 (M, JK). Red Crossbill: winter numbers continued into spring; plentiful thru Apr and into May; some still about at close of period; WCC had 33; Mrs. Carol Klanka of Cornwall-on-Hudson reports a male and female feeding 2 *streaked young* at their feeder from May 14-19. White-winged Crossbill: only report 1 Apr 15 (MVW). Rufous-sided Towhee: arr most areas Apr 19; plentiful. **LARK BUNTING:** a male in full ad plumage May 12-13 at the home of Thelma and Paul Haight, Stanfordville, Dutch, well observed by all top birders in the Waterman Bird Club. Savannah Sparrow: first Apr 12; numbers good. Grasshopper Sparrow: first very early date of Apr 30; only a few reported thru period. Vesper Sparrow: first Apr 12 Oran; usual numbers and locations thereafter; 1 Apr 19 USMA is unusual for the Hudson Highlands (JG). Slate-colored Junco: last migrant May 16 at Hyde Park; resident birds observed singing in territory May 23 (EP). Chipping Sparrow: 2 Apr 11 Queensboro L, Bear Mt State Park (EDT); plentiful thereafter. White-crowned Sparrow: very early date of Apr 2 in Dutch, probably not a spring migrant; first suspected spring migrant Apr 28 (TH); usual 1 or 2 birds in most locations from that date thru mid-May. White-throated Sparrow: usual good numbers; last May 23 Deep Hollow, Dutch (FG). Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 May 9 Basha-kill (MBC); another May 13 Weyant's Pd (EDT); another May 19 Pleasant Valley (MVW).

Summer reports as soon after Sept 1 as possible.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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This spring might best be remembered for its great warbler flight. Dick Cohen has netted migrants every day of the spring for the past four years at his Atlantic Beach home, and his warbler totals for the years 1967 through 1969 were 328, 250, and 313 respectively. This year he netted 501, an increase of over 60%. All told, an incredible 38 parulids were recorded in the Region, including accidental Swainson's, Townsend's, and Black-throated Gray. Seven Prothonotaries, 3 Orange-crowns, 10 Ceruleans, 7 Yellow-throats, and 8 Kentuckys were high totals for these southern and western semi-rarities.