

scarce in West by SOG; normal elsewhere; 56 on RASC; 29 on WBCC. Northern Waterthrush: unusually early date of Apr 13 Bull Pd, USMA (JHG); numbers good. Louisiana Waterthrush: generally late and in poor numbers *KENTUCKY WARBLER*: more reports than usual; 4 birds banded at Gedney Brook Sanct, West, by Jeff Spendelow; 1 May 19, 1 May 23, and 2 May 24; 1 was observed on May 31 on Deep Hollow Rd between Lithgow and Wassaic, Dutch (EP, et al). Connecticut Warbler: 1 WBCC in southern Dutch (M,JK). Mourning Warbler: 1 on RASC at Weyant's Pd (Adrian Dignan); 1 banded May 29 at Gedney Brook Sanct. Yellow-breasted Chat: very uncommon in recent years; more reports this year than usual; WBC reports 3 for season in Dutch; 2 on WBCC, first time on that census since 1965; 2 at Goose Pond Mt Park, Oran, on MBCC. (A,BM); 1 May 9 at Hawthorne and another May 14 in Pleasantville (Howe). Wilson's Warbler: numbers good. Canada Warbler: late and generally down; 13 on RASC, and only 9 on WBCC. American Redstart: arr about on time and numbers excellent.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: arr May 9 Buttonwood Tree Farm, Hamptonburgh (JHG); numbers good; RASC reports 87, and WBCC 80; an unusual occurrence of 12 June 1 in Valley Cottage (Mrs. T. R. Milligan). Eastern Meadowlark: not common in the highlands, but numbers exceptionally good this season; JHG reported 7 almost daily along the Mine Rd, USMA. Redwinged Blackbird: an unusual occurrence on June 10 of a male landing on and pecking the back of a White-tailed Deer that had invaded its territory (JCO). Orchard Oriole: several reported; earliest May 3, 4 at Cornwall, a young male in first year plumage. (A,BM); observed in the Chester area (Sarah Uyehelyi); 1 May 6 at Stone Ridge, Ulst, but did not stay. Baltimore Oriole: arr 1 to 2 weeks late; numbers normal by mid-May. Rusty Blackbird: only report 4 Apr 12 Weyant's Pd, USMA (JHG). Scarlet Tanager: also late and numbers low. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr May 5 Chappaqua, and May 11 in Oran. Indigo Bunting: arr on time May 15; normal numbers. Purple Finch: very few reports; continues scarce. House Finch: continues to increase and spread to the north and west of the region. Pine Siskin: no reports for the entire period. Grasshopper Sparrow: Anthony Amos saw and photographed 2 May 16 on Piermont Pier. Vesper Sparrow: 1 Apr 18 in Armonk; and another pair in the vicinity of Stilwell L the same date; JHG has reported this species on this date for the past 3 years, virtually the only occurrence in the highlands. Slate-colored Junco: 2 May 7 at Rockland L (EB); WBCC had 2 on May 15. Tree Sparrow: last 1 May 5 Stanfordville (FG). Chipping Sparrow: first Apr 10 Greenville, Oran (ID). White-crowned Sparrow: many reports; first May 7 Greenville (ID). White-throated Sparrow: more than 75 May 7 at Rockland L Landing (EB); last May 17 USMA (JGH). Lincoln's Sparrow: always rare; 4 reports this season, 1 May 17 Dunderberg Mt (EDT), 2 banded at Gedney Brook Sanct, West, May 22 (Jeff Spendelow), 1 May 16 Warwarsing (JCO).

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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As we've said before (Vol 18, No. 1: 177-178)—and will no doubt say again—large scale migrations frequently pass unseen because the proper weather conditions don't exist to ground migrating birds. Optimum migration conditions produce little more than a scattering of "arrivals" unless they are halted by a front (barricade) of colder air, rain, or fog which results in the observer's "wave." Less than ideal migration con-

ditions occurred on every weekend this spring and mid-week "waves" were rather poor due to low intensity barriers facing this year's migrants. In other words, it was a poor spring for most observers.

Two warblers, the Cerulean and the Kentucky are often accorded rarity status at this season. Both are at the northern periphery of their breeding ranges in our Region. Their habits, however, inhibit detection—Ceruleans haunt treetops, Kentuckys are secretive. Judging by the number of reports published each year, both are infrequent—but regular—at this season. The following is a compilation of the numbers of individuals reported each spring for the past 8 years in the Region:

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	Total
Cerulean	5	3	1	1	1	3	10	4	28
Kentucky	4	3	0	2	2	5	9	5	30

Surprisingly, the Prothonotary and Yellow-throated Warblers—more southerly in distribution but more conspicuous in habits—were only slightly less numerous over the same period:

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	Total
Prothonotary	2	0	1	1	1	1	8	5	19
Yellow-Thrt'd	2	3	0	0	1	4	7	2	19

Rarities included in this report were Bar-tailed Godwit, Chuck-will's-widow and a "Muscivora" flycatcher. New arrival/departure dates were recorded for Roseate Tern and Fox Sparrow.

Observers frequently cited: PB—Paul Buckley; BC—Barbara Connolly; DF—Darrel Ford; MH—Myrna Hemmerick; MK—Michael Kleinbaum; AL—Anthony Lauro; KM—Kevin Malone; DP—Dennis Puleston.

HAWKS—OWLS: Bald Eagle: sub-adult Apr 25 Forest Park (I. Cantor). Purple Sandpiper: 68 May 26 Jones Inlet (M. Gochfeld). Curlew Sandpiper: adult May 5 Jones (J. Suda, fide PB); adult Jun 1 Jamaica Bay Refuge (MK). Marbled Godwit. May 17–20 Setauket (MH)—very rare spring migrant **BAR-TAILED GODWIT**: May 19–12 Moriches Inlet (BC, DP et al)—2nd State record, see field note in this issue. Little Gull: sub-adult May 22–Jun 1 Mecox Bay (KM, PB, MK). Roseate Tern: arr Apr 29 at Great Gull Island (M. Lecroy)—earliest Regional record.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: **CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW**: early May–June East Islip (fide R. Budliger)—undoubtedly the same bird that has frequented this area for the past two summers. Red-bellied Woodpecker: a pair at Mill Neck appeared to be breeding, "by Apr 26 both birds were taking turns in the nest hole as if incubating" (B. Spencer). **MUSCIVORA SP**: May 15 Gilgo Beach (KM)—a long-tailed bird only seen in flight, the meager evidence favored Scissor-tailed, but Fork-tailed could not be ruled-out. Acadian Flycatcher: netted May 9 Fire Island Light (DF); netted May 15 Tobay (AL).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Prothonotary Warbler: 5 reports May 5–21 including a singing male near Oakdale for over two weeks in an area resembling the species' southern nesting habitat (fide PB). Orange-crowned Warbler: rarely recorded in spring—netted May 12 Fire Island Light (PB); May 16 Central Park (D. Gleick). Yellow-throated Warbler: Apr 25 Central Park (mob); May 20 Setauket (MH).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Summer Tanager: 10 reports May 5–25, including 2 female; netted at Fire Island Light May 11 and 15 (DF). Clay-colored Sparrow:

netted May 5 Fire Island Light (R. Paxton)—photographed—extremely rare in spring.
Fox Sparrow: netted *May 12* Fire Island Light (PB)—latest Regional record.

Note: Please submit summer reports to the editors by Aug. 20.

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