

burnian May 8 Ithaca; Chestnut-sided May 7 Dryden L; Bay-breasted May 14 Ithaca; Blackpoll May 13 Ithaca, May 18 Watkins, abundant Etna May 20-22; Prairie May 6 Elmira, none at Connecticut Hill nesting area up to May 16; Palm Apr 27 Ithaca, not until May 12 Elmira; Ovenbird May 2 Dryden L; Northern Waterthrush May 6 SWS; Louisiana Waterthrush Apr 24 Elmira; Mourning May 15 MNWR, 1 May 28 Elmira, unusual there; Yellowthroat May 8 Ithaca; Wilson's May 11 Ithaca; Canada May 10 Dryden L; American Redstart May 7 SWS. Other warbler records: Worm-eating present May 24 York Hill, Elmira, no one checked earlier (MPW); Brewster's found 3 locations Elmira May 15 census, all singing Golden-winged song; Orange-crowned, 1 banded May 16 Geneva area (C. Walsh, Trails) and 1 May 24 Elmira (WH, M. Smith); Pine scarce Elmira, only 2 records May 1 and 5; Yellow-breasted Chat: May 13 Ithaca, May 16 Watkins; *HOODED WARBLER*: 2 reports, 1 May 16 near Ithaca airport (CW) and 1 May 19 Mt. Zoar, Elmira (WH), unusual.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: first, 1 May 8 MNWR (WEB), present in numbers after that. Orchard Oriole: 3 reports Keuka; May 29 Stewart Pk, Ithaca (D. Simmers). Rusty Blackbird: last May 2 MNWR (WEB). Grackle numbers seem to continue to increase. Scarlet Tanager: first, May 7, 2 Bath (B. Ammerman) and Ithaca (MC), late. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: seemed unusually numerous in mid-May. Indigo Bunting: normal arrival Ithaca May 5, but none until May 16 Watkins. Evening Grosbeak: pair still present Ithaca May 31 (Brann). House Finch: several locations Elmira; the 2 males present Utica St. Ithaca thru period; 2 males and one female May 17 on, Etna feeder (SHS). *RED CROSSBILL*: 1 male Apr 22 at Elmira feeder (Harriet Woodward), only report all year.

Sparrows: Savannah: first May 10 SWS, late. Vesper: first Apr 13 Ithaca. *LARK SPARROW*: 1 Apr 23-25 Comfort Rd Ithaca (Mrs. Turk), first record, report on file. Grasshopper and Henslow's continue to be scarce. Tree: still present May 8 Ithaca (Pettingill), May 15 Elmira census (Al Fudge et al). White-crowned: Apr 2 Bath (J. Rezelman) early, next reports Apr 21 and 26; last 1 May 24 MNWR (WEB). Lincoln's: Apr 13 Elmira, singing (WH); 2 other reports Elmira May 22; first Ithaca Apr 27. Swamp: first Apr 18 MNWR (WEB), late.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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Cool, wet weather lasted until almost the middle of May and, whether as a result of that or not, the small land bird migration was decidedly late. As usual under those circumstances the arrival dates for some species appear reasonably normal, but on closer examination, in most of those cases, a few individuals of the species appeared at the usual time but the main body of migrants lagged behind by a week or more.

Three "waves" of migrants were noted. The first was April 10 when something in excess of 2000 waterfowl, unusual numbers in the Region, were at Whitney Point. On the same day a non-birder reported seeing more than 1000 ducks on the river at Owego. May 14 the Conservation Center at Sherburne was "alive with warblers" and May 25 at East Branch, in Delaware County, it was as though "someone had opened the dam" when the wind switched from the north to the southeast. That last wave included several species usually migrating weeks earlier, such as Blue Jays, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers and Blackburnian, Myrtle and Black-throated Green Warblers. Arrival dates for later species such as Blackpoll and Bay-breasted Warblers and Traill's and Olive-sided Flycatchers and Wood Pewees seemed unaffected.

Abbreviations: Bing—Binghamton; CC—Choconut Center, just north of Bing; Chen—Chenango; WP—Whitney Point.

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LCONS—DUCKS: Horned Grebe: 1 Apr 4 Endwell (LB, DB); 650 or more Apr 10 WP (MS, EW, R,SW), an unusually high concentration for the Region; 1 May 9 WP (MS), the last. Pied-billed Grebe: 10 Apr—May reports including at least 15 individuals, high for recent years. Green Heron: May 2 Delhi (LC) and CC (MS); scarce at East Branch, on Beaverkill, (MB). Common Egret: 1 Apr 3 WP (MS), first in Region in several years. Black-crowned Night Heron: May 2 Delhi (LC). Canada Goose: large flocks thru May 2; 1 still at Endwell May 16 (LB, DB). Blue Goose: 1 May 9 at Butts Corners. Otsego Co. (M. & R. Applebaugh). Pintail: 50 plus at WP Apr 10 (MS, EW, R,SW). Green-winged Teal: a late one at Bing May 16 (HM, CG, et al). American Widgeon: 50 plus Apr 10 WP (MS, EW, R,SW). Ring-necked Duck: 400 plus Apr 10 WP (MS, EW, R,SW), max; 2 May 9 WP (MS, EW), last. Canvasback: 6 Apr 10 (MS, et al); Apr 17 WP (MS). Lesser Scaup: 230 plus WP Apr 10 (MS, et al), max. Common Goldeneye: 50 plus Apr 10 WP (MS, et al), max and last. Bufflehead: 70 plus Apr 10 WP (MS, et al), unusually high concentration for Region. Oldsquaw: 35 plus Apr 10 WP (MS, et al). White-winged Scoter: 5 Apr 10 WP (MS, et al); May 22 Oneonta (JN), late. Common Merganser: May 7 Chen Forks (A,MD), the last migrant. Red-breasted Merganser: 120 plus Apr 10 (MS, et al), max; still a few at WP May 16 (MS).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: from Apr 24 seen fairly frequently in small numbers in Otsego Co.; 7 May 27 East Branch (MB) max; May 10 and 30 Vestal (GC). Cooper's Hawk: 4 reports, all from Otsego Co. Red-shouldered Hawk: 3 May reports. Bald Eagle: 1 Apr 28 Oneonta (T. Ryder), the only report. Marsh Hawk: 5 reports. Osprey: Apr 17 Rockdale, in Otsego Co., (Fisher) and WP (LC); 12 other reports, the last of 11 individuals at Chen Forks May 13 (A,MD). Pigeon Hawk: Apr 20 Delhi (LC), no details. Turkey: Apr 4 Delhi (LC); 1 Apr 16 in the median strip of Route 17 east of Windsor (A. Levy). Virginia Rail: May 16 Apalachin (HM, et al); May 22 Oneonta (JN). Common Gallinule: May 16 Apalachin; 1 May 25 found dead, without visible injury, along highway near Cherry Valley (HWM). Common Snipe: 6 Apr 6 Genegantslet (A,MD). Upland Plover: 1 May 3 near Milford, in Otsego Co. (KW). Spotted Sandpiper: May 1 near Oneonta (CW, et al). Solitary Sandpiper: 1 May 3 Oneonta (KW). Greater Yellowlegs: 3 Apr 11 WP (MS, EW). Lesser Yellowlegs: Apr 24 near Oneonta (V. & E. Converse, et al). Bonaparte's Gull: 4 Apr 10 WP (MS, et al). Common Tern: 5 May 9 WP (MS, EW). Black Tern: 1 May 16 Apalachin (LB, DB). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: May 22 Oneonta (JN); not many. Barred Owl: continue present in woods s of Bing (GC). Long-eared Owl: May 22 Oneonta (JN).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: May 16 Bing. Chimney Swift: Apr 25 Chen Forks (A,MD); 200 plus May 13 Bing (MS). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: May 12 Chen Forks (A,MD). Pileated Woodpecker: 4 reports. Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 May 23 Oneonta (M. Sands), the only one. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Apr 2 Chen Forks (A,MD). Eastern Kingbird: Apr 30 Bing (J. Merriam), early—next report May 7. Great Crested Flycatcher: May 12 Chen Forks (A,MD) and near Cherry Valley (HWM). Eastern Phoebe: Apr 3 Chen Forks (A,MD) and WP (MS), a late first date. Traill's Flycatcher: May 18 Delhi (LC). Least Flycatcher: May 5 Chen Forks (A,MD). Eastern Wood Pewee: May 17 East Branch (MB). Olive-

sided Flycatcher: May 18 Delhi (LC). Horned Lark: rather scarce. Rough-winged Swallow: Apr 18 WP (MS), scarce. Barn Swallow: Apr 24 Delhi (LC), the first Purple Martin: Apr 19 Vestal (P. Williams), scarce. Brown Creeper: still at Chen Forks May 31 (A,MD). House Wren: May 3 Vestal (EH). Winter Wren: Apr 20 Delhi (LC). Mockingbird: May records from Endwell (F. Linaberry), Sherburne (R,SW), Oxford (AS), and Vestal Center (LB, DB). Catbird: May 7 Delhi (LC). Brown Thrasher: Apr 28 Oxford (AS). Wood Thrush: May 1 Oneonta area (CW, et al). Hermit Thrush: Apr 13 Bing (R. Karns). Swainson's Thrush: May 14 Sherburne (R,SW) and East Branch (MB). Grey-cheeked Thrush: May 16 Bing (HM, et al); 2 more reports to May 25. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. Apr 25 Chen Forks (A,MD). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Apr 12 to May 16. Water Pipit: Apr 26 Delhi (LC). Logger-head Shrike: Apr 4 WP (MS): Apr 6 (EH).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: none until May 6. Red-eyed Vireo: May 12. Warbling Vireo: May 13. Black-and-white Warbler: Apr 25 Chen Forks (A,MD). Golden-winged Warbler: May 14, late. Blue-winged Warbler: May 14 Cherry Valley (HWM); also at CC, Bing, Oneonta and East Branch. Tennessee Warbler: May 14 Sherburne (R,SW); good numbers until May 28. Nashville Warbler: May 1 Oneonta (CW, et al); next date May 8. Parula Warbler: May 13 Vestal (GC); 3 more reports to May 24. Yellow Warbler: May 7 at CC (MS) and Cherry Valley (HWM). Magnolia Warbler: May 13 Vestal (GC). Cape May Warbler: May 14 Sherburne (R,SW), 5 more reports to May 23. Black-throated Blue Warbler: May 14 Oxford (AS) and Sherburne (R,SW). Myrtle Warbler: Apr 23 Chen Forks (A,MD). Black-throated Green Warbler: May 8 Vestal (LB, EW, et al), late. Blackburnian Warbler: May 14 Sherburne (R,SW), late. Chestnut-sided Warbler: May 8 Vestal (LB, EW, et al). Bay-breasted Warbler: May 14 Sherburne (R,SW). Blackpoll Warbler: 1 May 15 East Branch (MB). Palm Warbler: Apr 24 to May 3 Chen Forks (A,MD). Prairie Warbler: present at Vestal Center again, although no representative arrival date obtained. Ovenbird: May 8 Vestal (LB, EW, et al). Northern Waterthrush: May 1 Oneonta (CW, et al); no more until May 11. Louisiana Waterthrush: Apr 20 at Hinman's Corners, north of Bing, (MS). Yellowthroat: May 12 Vestal (EH) and Chen Forks (A,MD). Yellow-breasted Chat: May 29 Bing (MS), the only report. Wilson's Warbler: May 16 Apalachin (LB, DB); 3 other reports, the last May 29. Canada Warbler. May 14 Sherburne (R,SW). American Redstart: May 3 Delhi (LC); next report May 10.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: May 3 Milford (KW). Baltimore Oriole: May 3 Delhi (LC) and Oneonta (M. & R. Applebaugh). Orchard Oriole: May 29 a sub-adult male singing at same site, just north of Bing, where a pair has been present for at least 3 years (MS). Scarlet Tanager: May 14 Cooperstown (HWM); at Oxford "a female has been here twice for suet" (AS); at East Branch as many as 5 were seen feeding on the ground along a short stretch of road, apparently as a result of a lack of insects in the tree tops (MB). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 3 Chen Forks (A,MD). Indigo Bunting: May 12 Oneonta (Applebaugh); no more until May 18. Evening Grosbeak: 13 scattered reports—max 10 individuals—the last May 16. House Finch: still seen regularly at a site in Bing (E. & C. Kirch); 5 May 2 Endwell (F. Linaberry); May 15 East Branch (MB). Rufous-sided Towhee: migrants Apr 13. Savannah Sparrow: Apr 5 Delhi (LC). Grasshopper Sparrow: scarce. Henslow's Sparrow: even scarcer. Slate-colored Junco: common to May 8; May 29 south of Bing (GC), "nesting". Tree Sparrow: last date May 2 except for 1 May 22 Oneonta (M. Sands). White-crowned Sparrow. Apr 13 Delhi (LC), very early—next one Apr 29; last one May 28 Cherry Valley (HWM), very late. Fox Sparrow: May 25 and 26 Oxford (AS), the only reports after May 2 and exceptionally late. Lincoln's Sparrow: May 16 Apalachin (LB, DB); 6 more reports to May 31.

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