

Savannah Sparrow: arr Apr 1, 1 DH; max 40 Apr 18 Oswego Co. Grasshopper Sparrow: arr May 16, 1 near W Monroe, very late; only other report 1 May 22 near Volney—a poor spring. Henslow's Sparrow: arr May 1, 1 DH, late; max 12 May 16 near W Monroe, very good. Vesper Sparrow: arr Apr 9, 5 DH, late; max 33 SSSP to NP and 30 near Pulaski, both Apr 13. Slate-colored Junco: max 260 Apr 13 SSSP to NP; 200 Apr 14 Dart L; 100 Apr 10–15 Holland Patent are good; dep May 29, 1 NPT, late. Tree Sparrow: max 52 Apr 10 NPT, low; dep May 7, 3 NPT (DWC) ties record late; and May 6, 7 Dart L. Chipping Sparrow: arr Apr 13, 1 Oak and 1 Brewerton, early; max 55s May 12 NPT; May 15 and 18 DH. Field Sparrow: arr Apr 5, 1 Brewerton; max 16 May 8 Cam, Onon Hill is low. White-crowned Sparrow: 1 Apr 11–12 Brewerton (MSR, CGS, FGS) may have wintered nearby; next report is 3 May 3 Oswego, average arrival date; max 42 May 16 NP to Pleasant Point; dep May 29, 1 NPT, late. White-throated Sparrow: arr Apr 12, 1 Cam and Apr 13; 1 Oak; max 100 May 13 Oak; dep May 17, 1 Oak, early. Fox Sparrow: max 19 Apr 23 Oak, best spring flight since 1959; dep May 8, 1 Cam ties record late of 1959. Lincoln's Sparrow: arr May 12, 1 Syr; max 7 May 16 FH, high; dep May 29, 1 NPT (DWC) record late; total of at least 14 seen by 20 observers, very good. Swamp Sparrow: arr Apr 13, 1 NPT; max 25 May 16 Peat Swamp, PSS, TRGMA. Song Sparrow: max 550 Apr 13 SSSP to NP (CAS), ties spring record set in 1965 but occurred about 2 weeks later than normal; 100 Apr 10 Holland Patent and 50 Apr 10–30 Dart L are also very good. Lapland Longspur: only reports 1 Apr 3 Syr Airport; 2 Apr 8 DH; 1–2 Apr 14–18 W of Pratts Falls; 1 May 2 DH (FGS) record late—a poor flight. Snow Bunting: max 1000 Apr 11 W Stockbridge Hill near Merrillville, a record late date for the max; dep Apr 18, 4 W of Pratts Falls.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Spring 1971 got off to a very late and much delayed start in this part of the State as a result of an unusually cold April. Temperatures of 8°F in the Adirondacks and 15–20° in the St. Lawrence Valley occurred as late as mid-April.

Precipitation was below normal for April with frequent rains in late April and a threat of flooding in the Black River Valley. Snow cover was still 20 to 30 inches deep as of April 30th in the western Adirondacks and Tug Hill Plateau. Snow depth at Highmarket in Lewis Co. was still over 20 inches as late as May 5th, and night temperatures were below normal for almost the entire month of May.

Abbreviations: ED—El Dorado; LVWMA—Lakeview Wildlife Management Area and natural beach; PRWMA—Perch River Wildlife Management Area; THP—Tug Hill Plateau; WHWMA—Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area.

Observers: JB—John Belknap; LC—Lee Chamberlaine; FC—Frank Clinch; MH—Michael Hughes; NL—Nick Leone; MW—Mark Wolfe.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon. 2 nesting May 30 Mud Lake (NL). Cattle Egret: 2 near Philadelphia Apr 30, not seen next day (FC). Brant: 23 May 25 flying west PRWMA (MW). Snow Goose: 1 May 5 in flock of Canada Geese PRWMA (MW). Cadwall: pair Apr 14 PRWMA. White-winged Scoter: thru end of period 40+ May 16 ED. Ruddy Duck: 1 pair Apr 30–May 1 PRWMA.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: May 13 St. Lawrence Co. near Stark, Town of Colton. Goshawk: pair nesting May 22 Wellesley Island (MW). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 2 Apr 18 Brookside Cemetery; 10 in migration May 1 LVWMA (MW); adult in pursuit of Red-shouldered Hawk May 24 THP (MW). Cooper's Hawk: Apr 20 Highmarket Lewis Co. (LC); 1 imm in migration May 2 PRWMA (MW). Red-shouldered Hawk: May 1 adult near LVWMA (MW). Broad-winged Hawk: 256 migrating Apr 20 Thompson Park (MH). Rough-legged Hawk: Apr 19 (JB). Bald Eagle: 1 imm. May 4 WHWMA; Apr 30 Thompson Park; May 15 near Pamelia. Osprey: 2, one with fish, Apr 22 near Adams Center; Apr 23 Jacques Cartier State Park; 4 May 1 PRWMA (NL); May 11 Kring Point. Ruddy Turnstone: May 19 ED (MW). Solitary Sandpiper: May 15 near Theresa. Pectoral Sandpiper: 3 May 3 PRWMA (MH). *WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER*: 2 May 25–27 at PRWMA (MW), (MH), (NL) early. Dunlin: 4 May 16 PRWMA (NL); 4 May 16 ED (MW); 8 May 25 PRWMA (FC). *ICELAND GULL*: 1 May 1 LVWMA, observed by (WM), (NL), (MH) in group of Herring and Ring-billed Gulls, observed for 45 min and sighted again May 4. Great Black-backed Gull: May 16 thru period ED (MW). Bonaparte's Gull: 1 imm May 16 ED.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: May 22 Wellesley Island. Red-headed Woodpecker: 5 May 19 in Henderson area (LC). *YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER*: May 28 Watertown (MW), (MH), NL. Traill's Flycatcher: 2 May 24 THP. Least Flycatcher: 3 May 15 Theresa. *GRAY JAY*: a pair May 15 in town of Colton near Cranberry Lake (Cranberry Lake Club) (LC). Winter Wren: 3 Apr 13. Hermit Thrush: Apr 13 Lewis Co. (JB). Swainson's Thrush: May 13. Eastern Bluebird: Apr 13 Copenhagen near Deer River, seem to be on increase? *BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER*: May 2 PRWMA (MW). Water Pipit: May 24. Northern Shrike: Apr 2. Loggerhead Shrike: Apr 6.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: May 13 Thompson Park (NL). Philadelphia Vireo: May 22 Thompson Park. *GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER*: May 23 thru end of period Watertown Sportsmen's Club (NL). *TENNESSEE WARBLER*: 1 May 24 at Parkers Rd, THP (MW) & (MH). Cape May Warbler: max 11 May 11 Thompson Park (NL). Cerulean Warbler: May 15. Blackpoll Warbler: May 12. Pine Warbler: May 21 late. Palm Warbler: May 2. *CONNECTICUT WARBLER*: May 11 Jefferson Community College (NL). Wilson's Warbler: May 27.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Rusty Blackbird: May 1. Evening Grosbeak: May 10; peak numbers 30+ Apr 30th at feeder (FC). Grasshopper Sparrow: May 23. Slate-Colored Junco: Apr 13 & 14 heavy migration. Tree Sparrow: May 6. White-crowned Sparrow: Apr 9 PRWMA, seemed to occur in greater numbers than in past years particularly in Henderson area. Fox Sparrow: Apr 14. Snow Bunting: Apr 14, late.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK—CHAMPLAIN

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Snow cover was greater this past winter than many of the older residents claim to have ever seen. Temperatures were exceptionally low which meant a heavy buildup to the point where some buildings collapsed. April was a month of heavy snow cover for the first three weeks. There was still two and a half feet on the level on April 18.