

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.

Lakes and ponds remained frozen during April. The ice finally went out of Lower Saint Regis Lake on May 11 at 9:40 PM, an event many thought long overdue.

Arrival dates were later than usual as might be expected. Noteworthy birds for our area were Turkey Vulture, Mockingbird, and Louisiana Waterthrush.

Observers: GC—Geoffrey Carleton; GTC—Greenleaf T. Chase; DM—Dorothy McIlroy; TM—Ted Mack; EPW—E. P. Wheeler.

Abbreviations: BML—Blue Mtn Lake; E'town—Elizabethtown; L—Lake; P—Pond; PS—Paul Smiths; RB—Ray Brook; SL—Saranac Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: nesting birds present in good numbers, high count of 6 migrating birds May 16 Mountain P near PS (Harold Martin). Great Blue Heron: only 4 birds reported. Green Heron: 1 May 14 PS (TM). American Bittern: 1 May 13 Upper St. Regis L (TM). Canada Goose: first March 29 BML (EPW); 9 Apr 9 Chazy (GTC); 125 May 5 E'town (GC). Snow Goose: 4 Apr 9 Chazy (GTC). Black Duck: high count of 27 Apr 9 Chazy (GTC). American Merganser: 3 May 9 Newcomb (TM). Hooded Merganser: 5 Apr 30 Piseco L (DM).

HAWKS—OWLS: *TURKEY VULTURE*: 1 Apr 27 Essex (D. Wells); 1 May 16 Crown Point (GC). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Apr 17 L Clear (TM). Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Apr 30 Speculator (DM); 1 May 2 Hoffmeister (DM). Bald Eagle: 1 Apr 27 Crown Point (G. Davis). Marsh Hawk: 1 Apr 9 Chazy (GTC). Osprey: 1 Apr 20 SL (GTC); 1 May 8 PS (TM); 1 May 9 Newcomb (TM). Sparrow Hawk: 5 Apr 9 Chazy (GTC). Spruce Grouse: 1 May 16 Dexter L (W. Rutherford). Ruffed Grouse: 1 May 2 Gabriels (TM); 1 May 16 Dexter L (W. Rutherford); 1 May 30 Newcomb (TM). Killdeer: arrived Apr 19 at PS in spite of 2½ feet of snow (TM); maximum of 12 Apr 9 Chazy (GTC). Woodcock: 1 Apr 29 BML (EPW); 1 May 21 Cheney P, Essex Co. (TM); 2 May 25 PS (TM). Wilson's Snipe: 1 May 21 Cheney P, Essex Co. (TM). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 May 20 PS (S. Everett). Ring-billed Gull: 4 at Chazy Apr 9 were only gulls reported for period. Mourning Dove: 1 Apr 9 Chazy (GTC); 1 Apr 22 RB (GTC). Barred Owl: 2 Apr 7 BML (EPW); 2 May 22 Newcomb (TM).

GOATSUCKER—STARLING: Chimney Swift: 70 May 28 SL (TM). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 2 May 19 SL (TM). Yellow-shafted Flicker: first arrival Apr 29 BML (EPW). Pileated Woodpecker: 1 May 10 PS (TM). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: first Apr 14 BML (EPW). Phoebe: first arrival Apr 16 SL (TM). Horned Lark: high count of 40 Apr 9 Chazy (GTC). Tree Swallow: first Apr 29 BML (EPW). Cliff Swallow: arrived May 11 PS (TM). Blue Jay: max 17 Apr 1 BML (EPW). Winter Wren: 1 May 29 Newcomb (TM). *MOCKINGBIRD*: 1 May 19 Crown Point (GC); 1 May 27 L Placid (Mary Benson). Robin: first Apr 9 BML (EPW); 8 Apr 9 Chazy (GTC); 1 Apr 10 SL (GTC); flocks of 10–30 by roads on bare ground Apr 30 (DM). All thrushes scarce. Wood Thrush: first May 10 E'town (GC); 1 May 15 Whey P, Franklin Co. (TM). Swainson's Thrush: arr May 12 E'town (GC); 1 May 15 Whey P, Franklin Co. (TM). Veery: arr May 12 E'town (GC). Eastern Bluebird: first Apr 9 Chazy (GTC); pair at nest box May 30 RB (GTC). Both kinglets in good numbers. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: first Apr 19 BML (EPW). Cedar Waxwings: scarce. Starling: flocks Apr 30 at Morehouse and Speculator (DM).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: first May 9 E'town (GC). Warbling Vireo: first May 13 E'town (GC). Black-and-white Warbler: first May 15 Whey P, Franklin Co. (TM). Tennessee Warbler: first May 13 Port Henry (GC). Nashville Warbler: first May 12 E'town (GC). Magnolia Warbler: first May 15 E'town (GC). Black-throated Blue Warbler: first May 12 E'town (GC); 3 May 15 Whey P (TM). Myrtle Warbler: first Apr 30 BML (EPW). Black-throated Green Warbler: first May 9 E'town (GC). Blackburnian Warbler: first May 12 E'town (GC). Chestnut-sided

Warbler: first May 12 E'town (GC). Bay-breasted Warbler: first May 19 E'town (GC). Blackpoll Warbler: first May 21 E'town (GC). Ovenbird: first May 15 Whey P (TM). *LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH*: pair May 6 and 16 Port Henry, see also *Kingbird* 17:83, 1967 (GC). Wilson's Warbler: May 19 Port Henry (GC). Canada Warbler: first May 21 E'town (GC).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: first Apr 10 on which day it snowed 5 additional inches BML (EPW); 3 Apr 30 Speculator (DM). Baltimore Oriole: first May 8 E'town (GC). Rusty Blackbird: 10 Apr 24 PS (TM). Common Grackle: first Apr 9 BML (EPW). Cowbird: first Apr 1 BML (EPW). Scarlet Tanager: 1 May 4 RB (GTC); 1 May 15 Whey P (TM); 1 May 19 E'town (GC); 1 May 27 Newcomb (TM); 1 May 29 PS (W. Rutherford). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: exceptionally common this year. Evening Grosbeak: a few around most feeders to end of Apr. Purple Finch: most feeders had a few, maximum 18 Apr 15 PS (TM). Pine Siskin: 2 May 19 SL (GTC). Red Crossbill: 5 May 17 Westport (GC); 20 thru May E'town (GC). Savannah Sparrow: first record 4 Apr 9 Chazy (GTC). Slate-colored Junco: first Apr 1 BML (EPW). Tree Sparrow: last report 2 May 5 E'town (GC). White-crowned Sparrow: 8 May 13 Mineville (GC). White-throated Sparrow: first Apr 14 BML (EPW). Fox Sparrow: first Apr 15 PS (TM); 1 May 5 E'town (GC). Lincoln's Sparrow: 2 May 10 Twelfth Tee P, Franklin Co. (GTC); 1 May 19 Port Henry (GC). Song Sparrow: first Apr 7 BML (EPW).

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REGION 8 — HUDSON—MOHAWK

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The cold weather trend that established itself over the winter period continued into April and May as well. April 1st was the coldest day of the month with the early morning temperature of 19°. The 3rd thru the 11th was an unusually cold period with temperatures well below average and snow accumulation of several inches on the 7th. The cold spell was momentarily broken by two days of warm weather which climaxed to give a 77° reading on April 13th, the high for the month. By April 15th the mean temperature was again several degrees below normal and the trend continued to the end of the month. Up to 10 inches of snow fell April 24th in some sections of Rensselaer county. With this kind of beginning it is not surprising that warblers went unreported in the month of April except for Myrtles on the 25th and Louisiana Waterthrushes on April 30th. Many ponds and lakes were only partially open by the end of the month.

May seemed especially wet because rain fell on thirteen different days, yet the total precipitation of 3.48 inches was normal for the month. Less sunshine than normal coupled with more below normal temperature delayed foliage a week to ten days.

The net effect of this early spring weather was predictable. Late May departure dates of winter transients from the region were noted for American Widgeon, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Oldsquaw, Rough-legged Hawk, Winter Wren, Rusty Blackbird and Pine Grosbeak. Warbler migration was spotty in early May, consequently most species were not observed until May 12 or later.

Rare species for the period include a White-fronted Goose, Brewster's Warbler, Oregon Junco, and a Clay-colored Sparrow. Neither the White-fronted Goose nor the Clay-colored Sparrow have been reported in Region 8 in modern times. Both were observed for a short time by area birders via the rare bird alert.