

Region 5 *Kingbird* report). Indigo Bunting: arr May 9, 1 Eaton; max 9 May 24 FH, NM. Dickcissel: 1 male May 24 Oswego (CW) — no details. Evening Grosbeak: the central New York feeder survey tallied 1700 per 100 feeders in the 1st week of Mar and 1400 per 100 feeders in the 1st week of Apr (B. Burtt) — both very high; field max in Apr was 350 Apr 30 DH, NP and in May 930 May 14 DH — very high; dep May 20, 4 DH — early for a flight year. Purple Finch: good counts indicative of migration were 22 May 5 Green Lakes State Park near Fayetteville, 16 May 6 Oneida, 29 May 6 N Cam, the max 31 May 13 DH, and 24 May 20 Pompey and Fabius Twps. House Finch: 1-4 per day Apr 17-May 15 at 3 sites in Syr. Pine Grosbeak: max 10 Apr 1 Dart L and dep Apr 8, 5 there (BB) — record late. Common Redpoll: the central New York feeder survey tallied 2400 per 100 feeders in the 1st week of Apr (B. Burtt) — about 5 times the previous Apr high in 1970; 1st migrants at DH were 4 Feb 27, the Mar max was 100 Mar 30, and the Apr max was 1250 Apr 15, all DH; Apr total at DH 4310; dep Apr 29, 2 Oswego. Pine Siskin: max 151 May 13 DH; non-L Ont area max 67 May 7 Syr and 60 Apr 28 Cedarville; dep May 24, 12 FH and 6 Oswego. American Goldfinch: max 1064 May 14 DH; away from L Ont no count exceeded 110. Red Crossbill: arr Mar 12, 12 NPT; max 19 Mar 18-29 NPT; dep Apr 12, 4 DH.

Rufous-sided Towhee: arr Apr 13, 1 Oswego; max 22 May 20 Pompey and Fabius Twps are probably breeding birds. Savannah Sparrow: arr Apr 1, 2 DH; max 45 Apr 23 NPT. Grasshopper Sparrow: arr May 14, 1 Emerson — late; max 2 May 25 Sandy Creek — low. Henslow's Sparrow: arr and max May 13, 3 Omara Rd near W Monroe — late and low. Vesper Sparrow: arr Apr 11, 1 near Texas — very late; max 22 Apr 23 NPT. Slate-colored Junco: max 300 Apr 13 Oswego, 310 Apr 20 DH, SSSP, PSS, 300 Apr 22 N Bay; dep May 24, 1 ad FH. OREGON JUNCO: 1 male Apr 8 FH (FGS, PAD). Tree Sparrow: max 100 Apr 12 Cedarville; dep May 10, 3 NPT (DWC), 2 Oswego (GRM) — record late. Chipping Sparrow: arr Apr 16, 1 Syr and 1 DH; Adir arr Apr 19, 3 Dart L; max 204 May 13 DH — very high. CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 report, 1 May 10 DH (J. Propst) — 4th regional record. Field Sparrow: arr Mar 31, 1 Dart L; max 46 Apr 20 PSS, DH, SSSP.

HARRIS' SPARROW: last date for the Syr ad (cf. winter 1971-72 Region 5 *Kingbird* report) was May 15. White-crowned Sparrow: arr Apr 2, 2 Rainbow Shores, but the next not until Apr 24, 2 Syr; max 30 May 7 NPT; dep May 24, 1 FH. White-throated Sparrow: Adir arr Apr 19, 1 Dart L; max 135 May 4 S Cam, N Cam, HIGMA; dep May 24, 2 Oswego. Fox Sparrow: arr Mar 23, 1 FH and 2 near Fayetteville; Adir arr Mar 31, 1 Dart L; max 6 Apr 23 NPT but no more than 2 per day elsewhere; dep May 7, 1 FH (FGS) — very late. Lincoln's Sparrow: arr May 2, 1 dead N Syr (R. Richardson fide FGS) — very early; max 3s May 22 SP and May 24 FH, also the dep; total of 13 birds reported. Swamp Sparrow: arr Apr 16, 3 HIGMA; max 24 May 11, S Cam, PSS. Song Sparrow: arr Mar 12, 1 Brewerton; 100 or more per day Apr 15-20 Dart L, L Ont, and Oneida R and Seneca R areas, with max of 160 Apr 16 — late. Snow Bunting: max 100 Mar 30 DH — poor; dep Apr 14, 75 NPT.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Spring 1972 was extremely late with near winter type conditions prevailing into May at higher elevations in the Region. Temperatures below freezing were common during April, and for May only the daylight hours seemed to warm up to any extent in the first half of the month.

Precipitation for early April and May was below normal, however, before the months were over rainfall was above normal. Snow cover was still 12 to 16 inches deep the last week in April in the western Adirondacks and Tug Hill Plateau.

Noteworthy for this spring was the lateness of many migrants, and when migration did start the rapidity with which many species moved through the Region.

Abbreviations: ED—El Dorado; PP—Point Peninsula; PIP—Pillar Point; PRWMA—Perch River Wildlife Management Area; TP—Thompson Park; WGS—Whetstone Gulf State Park; WI—Wellsley Island.

Observers: AL—Azel LaFave; LC—Lee Chamberlaine; FC—Frank Clinch; RW—Robert and June Walker.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: May 10, PIP; 3 in summer plumage, May 12, PP (RW); May 15, 12 to 14 at ED. Red-throated Loon: May 12, PP in winter plumage (RW). Cattle Egret: 1, May 10, PP. Canada Goose: 7000 Henderson Pond, April 28, (LC). Snow Goose: 1, April 23, with 2000 Canada Geese, Henderson area. Gadwall: 4, May 17, PRWMA (RW). Pintail: April 28. Shoveler: April 28, 10 at Henderson Pond; 6, May 17, PRWMA. Greater Scaup: 2000–3000, April 13 in St. Lawrence River. White-winged Scoter: May 10, PP and PIP.

VULTURES—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: April 10. *GOSHAWK*: May 20, on nest, WI (RW). Broad-winged Hawk: May 8. Bald Eagle: 2 adults, May 15, ED, (RW). Osprey: May 17, PRWMA. Gray Partridge: 2, May 29. Turkey: 4, May 20, WI. Virginia Rail: 2, May 6, PRWMA. Upland Plover: 2, May 7. Ring-billed Gull: in much greater quantities than previous 3 years especially on farm lands. Caspian Tern: May 10, PP (RW). Black Tern: May 7, PRWMA, (FC). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: May 20, Dry Hill, (RW). Black-billed Cuckoo: May 20, Dry Hill. Snowy Owl: April 1, late, Henderson area, (LC).

GOATSUCKERS—SHRIKES: Common Nighthawk: May 18. Chimney Swift: May 8. Belted Kingfisher: April 3. Pileated Woodpecker: May 4, Oxbow. Red-headed Woodpecker: 1, May 10, PP (RW); several (up to 6) in Henderson area (LC). *BLACK-BACKED THREE-TOED WOODPECKER*: 1, female, May 16, Dry Hill, (RW). Least Flycatcher: May 13, (RW). Olive-sided Flycatcher: May 27, WGS, (RW). *COMMON RAVEN*: seen 1st week in May in Grass Lake, Lake of the Woods and also May 25 on Indian River in Village of Theresa; probably all the same individual, (AL). Red-breasted Nuthatch: May 7. Hermit Thrush: April 18, (FC). Swainson's Thrush: May 17, (FC). Eastern Bluebird: May 9, Redwood. Loggerhead Shrike: April 29.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Warbling Vireo: May 7. *GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER*: May 19, Dry Hill, (RW). *TENNESSEE WARBLER*: 4, May 20, (RW). *ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER*: May 14, Thompson Park, Watertown, (RW). Parula Warbler: 4, May 14. *CERULEAN WARBLER*: 8–10, May 20, Knowlesville Road, (RW). Bay-breasted Warbler: May 14.

FINCHES—SPARROWS: Evening Grosbeaks: numbers decreased during April; last seen May 16, (FC) (RW). *HOARY REDPOLL*: Female trapped and banded April 5; compared with Common Redpolls in trap (FC). Common Redpoll: large numbers at feeders in first half of April; last seen April 25. Pine Siskin: last seen May 16 at feeder with Goldfinches. *GRASSHOPPER SPARROW*: May 28, Brownville (RW). *CLAY-COLORED SPARROW*: seen singing May 27, WGS, (RW). Field Sparrow: one banded April 4, early, (FC). White-crowned Sparrow: May 3; last seen May 23.

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