

1 PS (SE); 1 May 13 Mad (SE); 1 May 27 BTP (FL). Winter Wren: several noted. Brown Thrasher: first 1 Apr 22 PS (SE, TM). Robin: first migrants—a few Apr 6 Plattsburgh (WR); more seen both in migration and nesting than is usual. Hermit Thrush: 2 singing May 1 PS (TM). Olive-backed Thrush: max 20 May TL (JC). Veery: first 1 May 7 Elizabethtown (GC). Eastern Bluebird: first 1 Apr 14 TL (SE); 3 Apr 18 PS (SE). Water Pipit: 1 May 11 feeding on ice of Lake Placid 200 feet from shore (GC); 2 May 13 Mad (SE). Northern Shrike: 1 Apr 6 Malone (WR); 1 Apr 11 PS (SE); 1 Apr 12 PS (Frank Graves).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: 1 May 13 Mad (SE); 1 May 15 PS (SE); 1 May 27 BTP (FL). Red-eyed Vireo: first reported May 13. Black-and-white Warbler: good numbers. Nashville Warbler: good numbers. Parula Warbler: 1 May 17 PS (SE, TM). Magnolia Warbler: only one report—1 May 27 BTP (FL). Black-throated Blue Warbler: numbers down. Myrtle Warbler: more than usual. Black-throated Green Warbler: numbers down. Blackburnian Warbler: 2 May 27 BTP (FL). Bay-breasted Warbler: 1 May 13 FC (TM). Palm Warbler: 1 May 13 Mad (SE). American Redstart: unusually common.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: 2 May 13 Mad (SE); 4 May 16 TL (RM). Eastern Meadowlark: first Apr 6 Malone (WR); 2 Apr 19 PS (SE). Baltimore Oriole: 1 May 17 PS (TM); 2 May TL (JC). Rusty Blackbird: max 15 Apr 19 PS (SE). Scarlet Tanager: 2 May 27 BTP (FL). Cardinal: 1 Crown Point, 1 Westport, 2 Elizabethtown, all in May (GC). Evening Grosbeak: max 75 May 5 TL (RM). Purple Finch: good numbers, increasing after Apr 15. Pine Grosbeak: 3 Apr 10 Upper Saranac Lake (RM). Common Redpoll: still at TL on Apr 18 (RM). Pine Siskin: several May 1 PS (SE); several May 13 Mad (SE). Red Crossbill: 6 May 5 Childwold (RM). White-winged Crossbill: several Apr TL (JC). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 May 1 PS (SE); 1 May 10 TL (RM). Vesper Sparrow: 5 Apr 14 PS (SE). Chipping Sparrow: max 65 in two flocks May 7 Newcomb (TM). *CLAY-COLORED SPARROW*: 1 May 20 Gabriels (SE, TM), face pattern and crown stripes clearly seen and bird was buzzing. White-crowned Sparrow: max 30 May 13 Mad (SE). Fox Sparrow: a few reported. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 May 13 Mad (SE); 6 May 27 BTP (FL).

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REGION 8 HUDSON-MOHAWK

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Late winter weather gripped region 8 well into mid-April with low temperature records falling on the 5th (16°), 8th (20°) and 26th (24°). April 15th saw many ponds and lakes still partly ice-bound. A surge of warm air sent the temperature climbing to a record 80° on the 19th ushering in waves of normally early arriving migrants and at the same time purged the area of its unusually large population of Redpolls and Siskins. Precipitation during the month was 0.86 inches above normal.

May temperatures were about normal (Albany Airport) but precipitation was 5.98 inches or 2.51 inches above average. In summary the spring period was a week to ten days behind normal but from the century run returns few regulars were missing with the exception of shorebird.

Rarities noted during the period: White-eyed Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, House Finch, Hoary Redpoll.

Observers: DA—D Allen; T&AB—T & A Brown; JC—J Cook; LE—L Ellis GE—G Erlenback; MF—M French; M&AG—M & A Giddings; A&DH—A & D

Hallenbeck; MK—M Kent; EME Mansell; WM—W Merritt; MM—M Mickle; RP—R Phillion; WBS—WB Sabin; LT—L Thomas; B&HTB & H Tullar; RPY—RP Yunick; ADBC—Allan Devoe Bird Club; HMBC—Hudson—Mohawk Bird Club.

Abbreviations: AP—Averill Park; BCM—Black Creek Marsh; HR—Hudson River; IL—Indian Ladder; M'ville—Mariaville; M'dale—Meadowdale; MR—Mohawk River; NWW—Niskayuna Wide Waters; NE Col Co; Northeast Columbia Co.; RS—Reist Sanctuary; SS—Stockport Station; SUNYA—State University of New York Albany; VFWM—Vischer Ferry Wildlife Management; VM—Vosburgh Marsh; Wash Pk—Washington Park, Albany; WSL—West Sand Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: fsm 25 Apr 15 NWW (A&DH); lsm May 20 CR (ADBC&HMBC). Red-throated Loon: 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Horned Grebe: fsm Apr 15, 16, 23 HR (GE & T&AB); lsm early May (ADBC). Double-crested Cormorant: 9 Apr 29 VM (HMBC). Great Blue Heron: lsm May 20 CR (HMBC). Green Heron: fsm Apr 30 ADBC. Common Egret: fsm Apr 23 Ghent (B. Gardina); 2 May 10 NWW (DA); 1 May 14 VFWM (A&DH) and 1 CR report May 20 (ADBC). Cattle Egret: 39 May 4 St. Jos. Novitiate Pond (M&AG & MM); 14 May 5 Salem (G. Gould to MK); 1 May 6 Rexford (fide WBS). Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 Apr 29 VM (HMBC). American Bittern: fsm 5 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); several reports May 20 CR (HMBC). Whistling Swan 1 Apr HR (T&AB). Canada Goose: 48 Apr 6 Berne (MK); several reports May 20 CR (HMBC&ADBC). Snow Goose: fsm 2 reports Apr 9 74 SS (A&DH) and 26 Lock 6 near Crescent (WBS); 2 Apr 20 SL (WBS). Pintail: lsm 2 Apr 28 Rensselaer (RP). Green-winged Teal: lsm May 20 CR (ADBC). Blue-winged Teal: max 40 Apr 28 Rensselaer (RP); several reports May 20 CR (ADBC&HMBC). American Widgeon: lsm 1 early May report HR (GE). Ring-necked Duck: lsm May 20 CR (HMBC). Canvasback: Apr 1, 6 HR (ADBC). Scaup: 1 report May 20 CR (HMBC). Common Goldeneye: lsm 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Bufflehead: 16 Apr 1 HR (ADBC); 1 early May HR (GE). White-winged Scoter: 1 May 18 SL (DA). Hooded Merganser: lsm 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Common Merganser: lsm 10 May 18 Sacandaga Res (DA). Red-breasted Merganser: lsm 3 May 10 MR (DA).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: 1 Apr 6 Berne (MK). Sharp-shinned Hawk: several April reports — 1 banded Apr 8 "feeding on Redpolls and Siskins" (RPY). Cooper's Hawk: 1 May 13 Spencertown (EM). Red-tailed Hawk: several reports thru period. Red-shouldered Hawk: 2 reports May 20 CR (HMBC). Broad-winged Hawk: fsm Apr 16 Chatham (B&HT). Rough-legged Hawk: lsm 1 Apr 5 Chatham (M&AG). Marsh Hawk: 3 reports in April — 1 Apr 2 & 18 Hudson & N.E. Col. Co. (ADBC) and 1 April 5 Rotterdam (DA). Osprey: reported in good numbers — max 11 Apr 25 VFWM (A. Peterson); fsm Apr 21 (ADBC); lsm 1 May 13 Sikuli's Swamp Medusa (MK). Bobwhite: 2 reports from May 20 CR (ADBC&HMBC). Virginia Rail fsm 1 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); max 9 May 18 BC M(DA). Sora: fsm 8 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); several reports on May 20 CR (HMBC). Common Gallinule: fsm 5 Apr 29 VM (HMBC); max 10 May 6 M'dale (HMBC). American Coot: fsm 2 Apr 29 VM (HMBC); lsm 2 reports on May 20 CR (HMBC&ADBC). Semipalmated Plover: only 1 report May 20 CR (ADBC). Upland Plover: fsm 1 Apr 26 Niskayuna (RPY). Spotted Sandpiper: fsm 1 Apr 29 Stockport (RP); several reports on May 20 CR (HMBC&ADBC). Solitary Sandpiper: fsm 1 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); 2 reports May 20 CR (ADBC&HMBC). Greater Yellowlegs: fsm 11 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Lesser Yellowlegs: fsm 1 May 6 M'dale (HMBC). Glaucous Gull: a new late record date 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Great Black-backed Gull: 2 reports on May 20 CR (HMBC&ADBC). Bonaparte's Gull: fsm 1 Apr 20 SL (WBS); lsm 3 May 10 NWW (DA). Common Tern: only 1 report on May 20 CR (HMBC). Black Tern: also 1 report May 20 CR (ADBC). No Cuckoo reports during period. Screech Owl: 1 May 20 CR

(ADBC); 1 banded May 27 VFWM (J. Covert). Great Horned Owl: several reports thru period. Barred Owl: 1 report May 20 CR (ADBC). Saw-whet Owl: 1 banded Apr 26 Schenectady (RPY).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: fsm 1 Altamont May 18 (DA). Common Nighthawk: fsm 2 reports May 20 CR (HMBC). Chimney Swift: fsm 2 Apr 29 VM (HMBC). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: fsm 1 May 14 Loudonville (MF); several reports on May 20. Yellow-shafted Flicker: 20 Apr 22 (HMBC). Pileated Woodpecker: several reports thru period. Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 May 13 Hudson (T&AB); 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 4 Apr 19 Wash Pk (RP). Eastern Kingbird: fsm 1 May 6 Hudson (T&AB); 1 May 14 Argyle (RP). Great Crested Flycatcher: fsm 1 May 13 M'ville (DA). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: fsm 1 May 22 Loudonville (MF); 1 banded May 26 VFWM — only second spring record in 6 years (RPY). Traill's Flycatcher: 1 May 13 BCM (WBS); 2 May 19 BB — normal in occurrence at VFWM (RPY). Least Flycatcher: 2 May 5 BB with total of 28 for a new spring max (RPY). Eastern Wood Pewee: 2 May 19 Wash Pk (DH). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 May 22 M'ville (DA) and 1 May 24 Reist Sanctuary (LE). Horned Lark: 3 reports May 20 CR (HMBC). Tree Swallow: fsm 4 Apr 18 M'ville (DA); max 250 Apr 26 BCM (DA). Bank Swallow: fsm Apr 28 Chatham (M&AG); several of usual colonies have very few birds this year (RPY). Rough-winged Swallow: fsm Apr 22 ADBC; 4 reports on May 20 CR (ADBC&HMBC). Barn Swallow: fsm Apr 23 (ADBC). Cliff Swallow: 6 May 13 Alcove Res (A&DH); only 2 reports on CR. Purple Martin: fsm Apr 19 Scotia (fide Bob McCullough; 18 May 1 Kinderhook (K. Endres). House Wren: 2 Apr 29 VM (HMBC) and 1 Schenectady (RPY). Winter Wren: 2 Apr 27 AP (RP); several reports May 20 CR HMBC).

Brown Creeper: only 3 reports on May 20 CR. Carolina Wren: 1 Apr 22 ADBC Sanctuary (B&HT); 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Long-billed Marsh Wren: 6 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); several reports on May 20 CR (ADBC&HMBC). Mockingbird: only 3 reports on CR — appears to be down in numbers from last year (RP). Catbird: fsm Apr 29 Castleton (JC); max 6 May 13 BB (RPY). Brown Thrasher: 1 May 8 Loudonville (MF). Wood Thrush: 1 Apr 29 VM (HMBC). Hermit Thrush: fsm 1 Apr 21 Wash Pk (RP); several reported on May 20 CR. Swainson's Thrush: fsm 2 reports on May 13 BB (RPY & M&W Ulmer). Gray-cheeked Thrush: fsm 1 May 13 and 1 May 27 — a very late date at VFWM — BB (RPY). Veery: fsm Apr 29 (ADBC). Eastern Bluebird: fsm Apr 3 Chatham (MM) 7 reports May 20 CR (HMBC). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 2 May 13 IL (A&DH) also BCM (WBS); 1 May 14 Ghent (B. Gardina); pair nesting Amsterdam May 21 (DA). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 3 Apr 21 Wash Pk (RP); max 40 Apr 25 Sacandaga Res. (DA). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 2 Apr 19 Wash Pk (RP) max 13 May 6 BB (RPY). Water Pipit: 1 report May 20 CR (ADBC). Cedar Waxwing: several reports in Apr; max 50 Apr 19 Chatham (M&AG). Loggerhead Shrike: 1 Apr 8 VFWM (A&DH).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: *WHITE-EYED VIREO*: 1 May 27 ADBC Sanctuary (ER) — first report in 19 years. Yellow-throated Vireo: 2 May 13 IL (A&DH); 2 May 27 BB VFWM (RPY.). Solitary Vireo: fsm 1 Apr 22 RS (HMBC); 1 report on CR May 20. Red-eyed Vireo: fsm Apr 30 ADBC Sanctuary (B&HT); absent from BB at VFWM (RPY). Philadelphia Vireo: 1 report May 20 CR (HMBC). Warbling Vireo: fsm 1 May 6 VFWM (A&DH); new max of 7 exceeding previous 5 (RPY). Black-and-white Warbler: fsm 1 Apr 22 ADBC Sanctuary (B&HT); 4 May 13 BB — new max at VFWM BB (RPY). Worm-eating Warbler: 2 reports May 20 CR (HMBC). Golden-winged Warbler: fsm 1 May 13 Hudson (T&AB); several reports May 20 CR. Blue-winged Warbler: fsm 1 May 6 (E. Mansell); reported on CR (ADBC&HMBC). Tennessee Warbler: 1 May 20 BB VFWM (RPY); 2 reports on May 20 CR. *ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER*: 1

banded May 13 VFWM (WM) — first time banded in spring. Nashville Warbler: fsm 1 May 5 BB VFWM; max 6 May 8 SUNYA (DH). Parula Warbler: 2 May 9 SUNYA (A&DH); several reports on May 20 CR. Yellow Warbler: fsm 1 Apr 24 Chatham (GE); max 13 May 19 BB VFWM — up in numbers from last year (RPY). Magnolia Warbler: fsm 1 Apr 29 ADBC Sanctuary (B&HT); 2 reports on May 13. Cape May Warbler: fsm 1 May 7 Loudonville (MF); several mid-May reports lsm 3 groups reporting on May 20 CR. Black-throated Blue Warbler: fsm 1 Apr 30 ADBC Sanctuary (B&HT). Myrtle Warbler: 1 Apr 22 RS (HMBC); 60 banded May 13 — a very late date for so large a number (RPY). Black-throated Green Warbler: fsm Apr 29 VM (HMBC). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 Apr 20 ADBC Sanctuary (B&HT). Bay-breasted Warbler: fsm 2 May 13 WSL (RP); 5 reports on May 20 CR. Blackpoll Warbler: fsm 1 May 13 BB VFWM (RPY). Pine Warbler: 1 Apr 1 E Greenbush (Monte Gruett); 1 May 20 ADBC CR. Prairie Warbler: 1 May 12 Spencertown (M&W Ulmer). Palm Warbler: fsm 1 Apr 19 Ghent (GE&RD); 2 May 21 Lake Luzerne (LT) — a late record for this species). Ovenbird: fsm Apr 30 ADBC Sanctuary (MM & B&HT). Northern Waterthrush: 4 May 5 BB and max 10 May 6 VFWM (RPY); lsm 1 May 21 Lake Luzerne (LT). Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 May 6 Spencertown (M&W Ulmer); several reports May 20 CR. Mourning Warbler: only report 1 May 20 CR (HMBC). Yellowthroat: 2 May 6 M'dale (HMBC); max 17 May 13 BB VFWM — a new spring total of 49 exceeds 41 in 1970 (RPY). Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 report May 13 BCM (WBS). Wilson's Warbler: fsm 1 May 7 BB (VFWM); max 8 May 13 VM (A&DH). Canada Warbler: 1 May 23 Loudonville (MF); 3 reports on May 20 CR. American Redstart: 3 banded May 12 VFWM (RPY).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: 1 May 6 M'dale (HMBC). Eastern Meadowlark: 10 May 6 M'dale (HMBC). Redwinged Blackbird: a new 6 year minimum at VFWM BB (RPY). Orchard Oriole: fsm 1 May 18 West Glenville (Bob McCullough); 2 other mid-May reports. Baltimore Oriole: 1 Apr 29 Ghent (M&A Giddings). Rusty Blackbird: lsm 3 May 6 M'dale (HMBC). Scarlet Tanager: only 4 reports on May 20 CR. Summer Tanager: 1 May 9 Ghent (B. Gardina); 1 May 16 Wash Pk (DH). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 May 6 BB VFWM. Indigo Bunting: fsm 1 May 14 M'ville (DA); 1 May 19 first time banded VFWM (RPY). Evening Grosbeak: abundant thru mid-April — lsm small flocks May 13 AP (RP); breeding at Jenny Lake end of May. Purple Finch: numerous at Jenny Lake May 27, 29 (RPY). *HOUSE FINCH*: reports continue to increase — 3 reports in April 5 reports in May; 4 groups reported on May 20 CR. Pine Grosbeak: lsm 1 May 6 Hillsdale (N. Snare). *HOARY REDPOLL*: 1 bird w/stubby bill and white rump patch banded on Apr 16 at peak of Redpoll activity in yard (RPY). Common Redpoll: max 516 banded Apr 11–20 Schenectady (RPY); lsm May 7 Hillsdale (N. Snare). Pine Siskin: max 330 banded Apr 21 thru 30 Schenectady (RPY); 4 reports May 20 CR. Red Crossbill: 6 May 8 SUNYA (DH); 1 May 20 CR (ADBC). White-winged Crossbill: 1 report Apr 27 Schenectady (RPY). Rufous-sided Towhee: 3 Apr 21 Berne (MK). Savannah Sparrow: 1 Apr 10 Loudonville (MF). Grasshopper Sparrow: fsm 3 May 18 Altamont (DA). Henslow's Sparrow: 1 May 11 SUNYA (DA); 3 May 21 So of Altamont (A&DH). Vesper Sparrow: fsm Apr 9 NE Col Co (RD). Slate-colored Junco: max 105 Apr 23 Berne (MK). Tree Sparrow: lsm 5 May Berne (MK). Chipping Sparrow: fsm 2 Apr 14 Berne (MK). Field Sparrow: fsm 1 Apr 6 M'ville (DA). White-crowned Sparrow: several early May reports — best spring in 8 years at VFWM BB (RPY). White-throated Sparrow: max 85 May 1 Berne (MK). Fox Sparrow: lsm 1 May 6 M'dale (HMBC). Lincoln's Sparrow: 4 banded May 6 VFWM and 1 May 13. Swamp Sparrow: 1 Apr 29 VM (RP); max 17 May 6 BB VFWM. Song Sparrow: max 20 Apr 22 RS (HMBC).

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