

May 21 were: 3 "Brewster's," 33 Cerulean, 1 Prairie (Foster Lake, Alfred), 632 Yellowthroat. More Orange-crowned and Parula Warblers were observed in Southern Tier counties than during most years. An adult male Wilson's Warbler at Riverside May 2 (AR) was the earliest record for western New York by six days.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: The third highest spring total of the Bobolink was 1165 on the region-wide BOSMC May 21; an early individual arrived at INWR Apr 29 (JM). The uncommon Orchard Oriole was reported from three localities with two additional unverified reports: immature male May 3 Jamestown (Kibler), pair May 17–25 Cheney's Point, Chaut Lake (Flanders), individual May 23 Hamburg (TB). The count of 80 Rusty Blackbirds on the regional BOSMC May 21 is the largest number recorded on such a late date.

The continually increasing Cardinal population attained a regional high of 921 on the BOSAC Apr 9. A *DICKCISSEL* was observed at a feeder in Springville (S. Smith). Spectacular numbers of Evening Grosbeaks (3217) and Common Redpolls (2602) were recorded on the region-wide BOSAC Apr 9, which also resulted in the last reports of Pine Grosbeak (2) and White-winged Crossbill (17). The last Red Crossbills were 2 in southwestern Alleg County May 21 on the BOSMC. Hundreds of Evening Grosbeaks continued visiting feeders throughout Apr but departed during early May with 42 stragglers listed on the May 21 BOSMC. Two *HOUSE FINCHES* remained at a feeder in Eggertsville until Apr 30 with 1 still present May 21 (Ward). Common Redpolls left most feeders about mid Apr with a female May 3 at Rosburg (DB, Pitzrick) marking the end of the heavy winter flight. In striking contrast with last spring, the Pine Siskin was widely distributed in good numbers with the regional counts listing 343 Apr 9 and 117 May 21; the last siskin reported were 2 at Olean May 24 (JG).

An early Henslow's Sparrow was noted on the earliest normal arrival date Apr 21 in Hamburg Township (TB). A count of 2668 Slate-colored Juncos on the BOSAC Apr 9 was 10 greater than the 1961–70 average but the number of Tree Sparrows (2234) was nearly four times the count average for the decade and up from last year's high of 1558. Missing the latest regional date for the Tree Sparrow by one day was a bird at a feeder in Belmont May 11–14 (LDB). A pair of *CLAY-COLORED SPARROWS* returned again to the Scotch pine plantation at Foster Lake, Alfred where they nested last year and were observed May 11–31 (Brooks et al). The first *HARRIS' SPARROW* noted in spring migration was seen May 15 on the Sturgeon Point Road, Derby (A. Clark et al) which also provided the latest regional record by nine days. A record count of 119 Fox Sparrows occurred on the BOSAC Apr 9 while the number of Song Sparrows on the same count (5220) represented the second highest regional total ever recorded.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Dennis Puleston and Paul Spitzer have been studying the breeding biology of the Osprey in the Northeast over the last few years. Dennis' spring report was full of gloomy comments on what they had found thus far this season — "On the mainland we can find very few viable eggs, and even on Gardiner's Island, where optimum conditions exist, nest after nest is failing, and many of the remaining eggs are suspiciously light. We will know better in early July what the final number of fledglings will be, but it will not be high, I am sure." In addition, Dennis and Paul discovered something new to plague the Ospreys — "We found several adult females

fouled on the breast with oil, and it is obvious how this has happened. The birds pick up small pieces of seaweed (chondrus and fucus) with which to line their nests, presumably to provide the proper moisture for the eggs. Due to a recent oil spill on Long Island Sound, many of these seaweed fragments are fouled with oil spots. Thus, the incubating bird gets it on her breast as well as the eggs. It is possible that eggs coated with the oil will not hatch. This is one more thing for which we can thank the petroleum industry."

A complete report on the banding activities at Fire Island Lighthouse last fall has been received from Dr. Paul A. Buckley. All told, 10659 birds of 122 species were handled. The six most numerous species accounted for over half the total—1) Myrtle Warbler—3838; 2) Golden-crowned Kinglet—633; 3) American Goldfinch—387; 4) American Redstart—379; 5) Common Yellowthroat—331; 6) Cape May Warbler—310 (!—see below). The peak number of species was mist-netted on September 25—52 species from 393 birds. The peak number of birds came on October 8—1111 birds of 49 species. Several interesting Fire Island Light records not previously published in the *Kingbird* include: Tennessee Warbler: Aug 14—extremely early. Nashville Warbler: Nov 18—late. Cape May Warbler: max 112 netted on Sept 6—over twice as high as any previously published record, see high season total above—John Bull (*Birds of the New York Area, 1964*) states that this is a "fairly common fall migrant, often common along the coast, Numbers vary considerably, however, and during some years it may even be rare" ('common' = "21—50 individuals per day per locality"). The passing years have evidently favored this species. Bay-breasted Warbler: one seen, Oct 28—very late. White-throated Sparrow: one seen Aug 7, 2 netted on Aug 14—unfortunately no age or other information reflecting whether late summer stragglers or unusually early migrants. In addition to Dr. Buckley, the following were active in this Hofstra University-sponsored project—Mona Boch, Thomas Davis, Darrel Ford, Fred Heath, Howard Honig, and Robert Paxton.

Rarities included in this report are Black-necked Stilt, Gull-billed Tern, Chuck-will's-widow, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Boat-tailed Grackle, and Lark Bunting. Cerulean and Hooded Warblers set new arrival dates, while a new departure date was recorded for Ipswich Sparrow.

Abbreviations: CP—Central Park; FIL—Fire Island Lighthouse; JBWR—Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.

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HAWKS—OWLS: Golden Plover: only report—three, May 19, JBWR (WN). Knot: max 1000+, May 19, JBWR (WN). Ruff: only report—female, May 19, JBWR (WN). **BLACK-NECKED STILT:** May 16, Georgica Pond (C. McKeever); May 20–24, Mecox Bay (PB, Thomas Davis et al)—only the third State record during this century. Bonaparte's Gull: max 2000+, Apr 12, Jones Inlet (BC). **GULL-BILLED TERN:** May 19, JBWR (WN)—"adult plumage, hawking over marsh...", extremely early.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Chuck-will's-widow: female, May 13, CP (mob)—see field note in this issue. Olive-sided Flycatcher: May 7, Northport (EM)—extremely early. House Wren: Apr 16, Freeport (EL)—extremely early. Water Pipit: May 19, JBWR (WN)—extremely late.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Prothonotary Warbler: 4 reported—male, Apr 29, CP (RP et al); male, May 17, FIL (R. Paxton)—mist-netted, photographed; May 18, Oakdale (B. Ward); male, May 8, CP (mob). "Lawrence's Warbler": singing bird,

May 5 through period, W. Yaphank (DP) — rarely reported on Long Island. Orange-crowned Warbler: singing bird, May 10–11, CP (RP) — rare spring migrant. Cerulean Warbler: male, *Apr 23*, Bayside (MK) — photographed, earliest Regional record. Yellow-throated Warbler: 7 reported — Apr 19–23, CP (mob); Apr 21–29, Oakdale (R. Giffen, DP et al); Apr 30, Bronx Pk (E. Maguire); May 1, Brookhaven (DP); May 16, Hempstead Lake State Pk (EL); May 19, CP (RP); May 19, Rye (fide R. Arbib). Kentucky Warbler: 2 reported — “singing male,” May 7, Northport (EM); May 14, CP (B. and W. Baumann et al). Hooded Warbler: male, *Apr 8*, Port Jefferson (Cynthia Allen) — seen closely as it tried several times to fly through a window — earliest Regional record.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: *YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD*: female, Apr 27 — May 7, Staten Island (C. Kurtz, H. Cleaves, H. Fischer et al) — at feeder. *BOAT-TAILED GRACKLES* male, May 19, JBWR (WN) — “... size, long keeled tail, different notes than Common...” Summer Tanager: only 2 reported — female, May 13, FIL (D. Ford et al) — mist-netted; male, May 23, CP (fide T. Davis). Red Crossbill: 6, Apr 15, Manorville (BC,BS) — late *LARK BUNTING*: male, Apr 11 — May 5, Riverhead (H. Vail, G. Raynor, DP, LW, et al) — banded and photographed by LW, second spring record. Ipswich Sparrow; May 8, Mar 10, Fire Island (D. Finch); *Apr 26*, FIL (PB, et al) — mist-netted, latest Regional record. Seaside Sparrow: May 14–17, CB (mob) — rare away from coast.

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