

all winter although less often than last year; migrants about Mar 4. Snow Bunting: large flock Dec 17 Delhi (MC) and 150-200 Dec 29 Union Center (D,ML) the largest flocks; small flocks Feb 17 to 29 around Berkshire (D,ML, Jean Barnes).

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

This winter that was half-a-winter ended, surprisingly, with spring arriving the first week of March, rather than with the chill wet weather that has followed other recent mild winters. The early spring made it difficult in some cases to distinguish wintering birds from migrant arrivals. Early December was cold, and a snowstorm on the 16th necessitated a day's postponement of Syracuse Christmas count. The Adirondacks looked wintry enough, with a foot or so of snow, for the Old Forge count on the 19th, but December there was actually milder than November. Winter continued unusually mild in the Adirondacks, and March had much open water and bare ground everywhere by the 10th, according to Betty Barnum. Downregion, the mild SE wind December 23 caused waterfowl numbers in Oswego harbor to be the poorest ever on Christmas count. January 1 was a fine springlike day for the Howland Island count's usual half-hardies. Half-hardy icterids and sparrows persisted in moderate numbers through the season, but a situation of passerine birdlessness occurred with a snowless cold snap in late January—small birds just disappeared rather than being driven by snow to concentrate at feeders. The Waterfowl Census total, 6666, was better than the past three years but still very low. Among the raptors it was good Goshawk season but poor in Rough-legged Hawk and Snowy Owl. Warblers replaced the western strays of last winter in providing excitement for feeder-watchers. Northern Shrike and most winter finches occurred in high numbers.

Corrigenda: *Kingbird* XXIII: 1, January 1973, Region 5 report, p.52, Black Duck: max 587; max E of L Ont basin only 63. Common Goldeneye: max 395 Nov 5 L Ont. p.56, Solitary Vireo: *delete* "max . . . high", *should be* max 5. p.57, Rose-breasted Grosbeak: dep Oct 1, 1 L Ont. *Kingbird* XII. 4, October 1872, Region 5 report, p.179, Red-shouldered Hawk: *delete* "2 Jan 14 . . . unusual."

Abbreviations: Adir—Adirondack; BBFS—B. Burt's feeder survey conducted the 1st week of each month with totals given per 100 feeders; Bvl—Baldwinsville; CC—Christmas count, Syracuse Dec 17, Old Forge Dec 19, Oswego Dec 23, Oneida Dec 30, Howland Island quarter of Montezuma circle Jan 1; DH—Derby hill on L Ont near Texas; FH—Fair Haven; HIGMA—Howland Island Game Management Area near Port Byron and vcy; HS—hawk survey, made over a pre-planned route of approximately 75 miles through primarily open country off major highways; hbr—harbor; NM—Niagara Mohawk Visitors' Center and vcy on I Ont near Lakeview; OF—Old Forge; Onon—Onondaga; Ont—Ontario; Skan—Skaneateles; sub-THP—area immediately S of the Tug Hill Plateau; Syr—Syracuse; WFC—Waterfowl Census Jan 13-21.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: last 2 Dec 7 L Ont, i.e. none wintering. Horned Grebe: 10 WFC is the best since 1967 but poor compared with earlier.

years. *EARED GREBE*: 1 in winter plumage Dec 26-Jan 1 Onon L. (FGS et al) 4th regional record. *Pied-billed Grebe*: 3 WFC is low; unusual is 1 Dec 25-Jan 3 Dart L near Big Moose; max 5 Mar 3 Oswego hbr could include migrants. *Double-crested Cormorant*: 1 imm Dec 23 (Oswego CC) Oswego R at Fulton (GAS) 2nd regional winter record. *Great Blue Heron*: 9 Dec and Jan records including 1 on Syr, 1 on Oneida, and 2 on HIGMA CC; none late, until migrants arrived, despite the much open water.

Canada Goose: a high 131 on HIGMA CC; 77 WFC, from Skan L and Seneca R at Bvl plus small numbers at 5 other locations, is also high; 12 through winter Dart L. *Mallard*: a record high 2075 WFC; some max counts contributing to this total are 608 Jan 13 Rand Tract pond in Syr, 760 Jan 14 Bvl, and 430 Jan 6 Brewerton; 50 through winter Dart L is good. *Black Duck*: low as in the past few years with 201 WFC; best single-location counts 54 Jan 4 Rand Tract and 48 Jan 2 near Easton. *Gadwall*: 15 WFC includes the Oswego hbr max of 13, 1 imm malewintering Jan 2-Mar 2 Rand Aract, and Bvl. *Pintail* only 1 WFC, a male Rand Tract Jan 2-13; the usual group in Oswego R rapids was absent due to flood waters covering their feeding area. *COMMON TEAL*: 1 male Mar 17-24 Pond Hundred near FH (FGS et al) with 2 males there Mar 21 (J. W. Propst) 3rd regional record. *Green-winged Teal*: 1 Syr CC for 1st time and 1 male WFC at Rand Tract Jan 7-Mar 2. *Bluwinged Teal*: last 1 before spring Dec 21 FH. *American Widgeon*: 1 male on WFC at Brewerton Jan 3-Mar 3 is only winter record. *Shoveler*: last 1 before spring Dec 3 Oneida L. *Wood Duck*: dep Dec 10, 2 Clay Twp; only wintering report 1 Feb 19 and 25 near Eaton.

Redhead: 88 WFC, 74 of them Skan L. is slightly better than last year's and the best WFC since 1966. *Ring-necked Duck*: 1 female FH to at least Jan 5 and 1 WFC Bvl is about par. *Canvasback*: WFC a very poor 16, 3 at Brewerton and 13 at Oswego hbr. *Greater Scaup*: 2253 WFC, a mediocre count typical of recent years, 1284 of them at Oswego hbr; for the 1st time, no scaup on Oswego CC, probably due to the mild SE-wind weather which kept them from congregating in the hbr. *Lesser Scaup*: only 2 WFC (in Oswego hbr) despite careful checking of scaup flocks demonstrates this is a scarce winterer on L Ont. *Common Golden-eye*: 1098 WFC is low like the last 3 WFCs; this also unrecorded on Oswego CC for 1st time. *BARROW'S GOLDENEYE*: 1 ad male Jan 14 Oswego R near Fulton (FGS) becoming regular in winter. *Bufflehead*: 87 WFC is poor, the lowest since 1963. *Oldsquaw*: 215 WFC is a decent count in contrast to the foregoing diving ducks. *King Eider*: records Jan 14-Mar 4 Oswego hbr with max 4 (3 female and 1 imm male) Mar 3 is poor compared with some recent years. *White-winged Scoter*: 79 WFC is highest ever, mostly due to the 66 enjoying warm-water discharge at NM, thus is not indicative of population rebound after last spring's disease-mortality. *Surf Scoter*: none in period either departing or arriving. *Common Scoter*: last 1 Jan 1 Onon L. (J. W. Propst). *Ruddy Duck*: last 1 male Dec 9 FH (FGS). *Hooded Merganser*: a mediocre 3 (1 Brewerton and 2 Oswego R at Oswego) WFC and none on CCs is unaccountably poor. *Common Merganser*: 389 WFC (252 of these Oswego hbr and 116 just E of there on L Ont) is the best WFC since 1968 but still poor compared with early '60s; 650 Feb 22 Oswego shows late-winter concentration there. *Red-breasted Merganser*: 37 WFC also is poor; this also was unrecorded on Oswego CC for the 1st time.

HAWKS-OWLS: *Turkey Vulture*: 3 arr Mar 15 DH (FGS) noted here as record early, though most of the hawk migration data will not be given in this report. *Goshawk*: 2 on Oswego and 2 on Oneida were the only CC reports, slightly more than average on these 2 of the CCs which most often have them; otherwise about 17 widespread singles through the winter from 30 observers reporting this time; the 1st real reflection here of the great fall influx documented in Feb 1973 *American Birds* has been the return flight past DH with a period max of 88 there

Mar 29 (FGS) but the complete story of this great migration can not yet be told. Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Dec 20 near Marcellus, 1 Syr CC, and only 4 other wintering (Jan or Feb) reports, all singles, all from lakeplain areas. Cooper's Hawk only CC reports 2 on Syr and 2 on Oneida is roughly average; otherwise about 14 winter singles from lakeplain and river valley areas is typical of recent years. Red-tailed Hawk: 31 on Syr and 5 on Oswego is about average for those CCs, 12 on HIGMA seems low, and 37 on Oneida is high (OF doesn't get them); HSs (which showed no accipiters this winter) had fair Red-tailed numbers with 2 Dec 28 and 1 Feb 24 on sub-THP (always the poorest route in hawk numbers), 4 Feb 10 and 8 (2 of which may have been migrants) Feb 25 on SE Onon, and 3 Feb 3 on Oneida L. Red-shouldered Hawk: only 2 wintering reports, 1 Jan 14 L Ont and 1 Jan 27 Cicero Swamp. Rough-legged Hawk: 2 on Syr and 5 on Oneida, the only CCs that had them, is low; the species remained scarce through winter with 1 on Dec 28 and 1 on Feb 24 sub-THP HS and none on the more southerly routes; individuals' daily counts mostly 1s with max 4s Dec 28 and 29 near Utica (J&RV); as usual, more light than dark phase birds noted. Bald Eagle: an imm Feb 10-17 Seneca R near Bvl (M. Mathis et al) only winter report. Marsh Hawk: 3 Syr is only CC report and the good number is perhaps related to the early date of the count; none wintered, and the next report, 1 Feb 28 Oswego, was probably a migrant. Sparrow Hawk: 3 on Syr, 2 on Oswego, and 2 on HIGMA CC are poor, but 26 on Oneida SS is record high for that count; winter numbers generally low with HSs only 3 SE Onon Feb 10 and 1 Oneida L Feb 3; observers' daily counts before migration not over 4.

Ruffed Grouse: 2 each on Syr and HIGMA CC is very low, 6 on Oneida is average, and 16 on Oswego highest ever, yielding no general pattern. Bobwhite: noted again near FH Mar 22 (FGS). Ring-necked Pheasant: 32 on Syr, 2 on Oswego, and 13 on Oneida CC are low, and none were on HIGMA for 1st time since 1965. Virginia Rail: 1 Jan 18 near S Onon (FGS) apparently didn't persist. American Coot: 5 WFC is normal; these birds, at Oswego hbr, Brewerton, and Bvl, remained through Feb. Killdeer: 4 through winter DeWitt again; surprisingly, in view of the open winter, the only other report before Mar is 2 Feb 25 Cedarville, which may be early migrants.

Glaucous and Iceland Gull: for only the 2nd time, both were missed on Oswego CC, and the very low maxima at Oswego hbr were only 2 Glaucous repeatedly and 3 Iceland Feb 24, probably due to the lack of ice buildup; the only records elsewhere were 1 of each Dec 3 Oneida L and 1 of each Feb 3 Oswego R. Great Black-backed, Herring, and Ring-billed Gull numbers were all very low on Oswego CC, as cold weather, which concentrates gulls in the harbor, hadn't occurred; midwinter maxima were 72 Great Black-backed Jan 14 Oswego hbr (CGS) very low, 1235 Herring Jan 6 Oswego hbr (CGS), and 2100 Feb 3 Oswego R (FGS). Rock Dove: max in a limited area 172 S of Jamesville Feb 25 (CGS). Mourning Dove: 1 on OF CC was very unusual and only 2 on Oswego CC was low, but 442 on Oneida C was highest ever by far; numbers persisted through the winter.

Screech Owl: at 10 sites. Great Horned Owl: at about 17 sites. Snowy Owl: 1 Jan 13-15 at Syr airport (mob) and 1 Feb 20 Fairfield (VB) are the only reports in a distinctly non-flight winter. Long-eared Owl: 1-2 Jan 20-Feb 10 in a Verona Twp conifer plantation (D. Crumb et al). Short-eared Owl: only report is 1 again Oneida CC, a good area for them. Saw-whet Owl: 1-2 calling again Cicero Swamp Mar 6-29 (CGS et al).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Belted Kingfisher: 6 Syr CC is high; also 1 each on Oswego and Oneida CC; 1s and 2s persisted through Feb on the open creeks and ponds in at least the central and E parts of the region. Yellow-shafted Flicker: 9 each on Syr and HIGMA CC is low compared with recent years, up to 3 per

day in Jan and Feb but not frequently so. Pileated Woodpecker: 5 on Oswego CC is high; up to 2 per day in Adir, Seneca R, and Eaton vicinities; notable is 1 repeatedly in the wooded oasis that is Oakwood Cemetery in Syr; otherwise, wide-spread singles. Red-bellied Woodpecker: 4 Oswego CC is highest ever but 3 HIGMA is low for that CC; locations other than Seneca-Oswego R vicinity are 3 along L Ont, 4 near Oneida R, 3 in the plain S of Oneida L, 2 near Finger Lakes, 1 in Onon Creek valley at Nedrow, and an unusual location far SE at Earlville. (the last fide BBFS). Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 ad wintered through Jan 14-Mar 1 Selkirk Shores St. Pk. near Port Ontario. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 imm female on HIGMA CC (CGS) and 1, imm probably female, black-headed form, at a Syr feeder Dec 17 until Feb 18, after which it disappeared with the warm weather (S. Sage). Hairy and Downy Woodpecker: numbers nearly equal, 24 and 26 respectively, on HIGMA CC, due to a rather low count of Downy, instead of the normal about twice as many Downy as Hairy, which occurred on other CCs.

Horned Lark: 3 on Syr, 44 on Oneida, and none on other CCs is rather poor; the only individual's daily counts over 40 are 68 Jan 21 Eaton (GLC), 45 Feb 22 HIGMA-FH (FGS), 50 Feb 26 near Sherrill (DWA), and 100 Mar 2 Floyd (B&SP) all in good habitat. Gray Jay: 1-3 ads Dec 19-Mar 2 near Carter Station, a new N Herkimer Co site (mob); 2 were at the Big Moose dump Dec 10 and 1 there Mar 15. Blue Jay: season max a high 308 Oswego CC, highest ever on that count; OF CC 286 is also high and counts were 50 per day at Dart L through Mar 1 but then on lower (BB); farther S, highest party-day counts are 51 Feb 24 on sub-THP HS, and 38 Jan 9 and 36 Jan 13 in different areas E of Oneida L. Common Crow: last noted Adir 4 Dec 10 and not again til 6 Mar 1 Dart L, despite the mild winter. Black-capped Chickadee: high on Oswego CC with 510, average on Oneida, and low on the others; P. Laible thought them scarce in Jan at Shackelton Pt on Oneida L and Jan BBFS recorded 2/3 of normal numbers; party max of 52 Jan 16 Cedarville. Boreal Chickadee: a marked invasion into the lakeplain with up to 3 Jan 3 to at least Apr 8 Shackelton Pt (P. Laible et al), 1 Dec 2 L Ont (FGS), 2-3 Dec 10-12 Westmoreland (VB et al), and 1 Feb 18 L Ont (FGS); perhaps concomitantly, only 1 once this period in N. Herkimer Co, Jan 7 (CGS et al). Tufted Titmouse: reported Dec BBFS Chittenango and Oneida, 1 during period Shore Oaks on L Ont E of Oswego, and 4 through winter Sherrill (C. Schultz) do not constitute an incursion. White-breasted Nuthatch: good daily counts of up to 15 in low country and up to 10 Adir. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 16 on Syr, 10 on Oswego, and 14 on Oneida are highest ever on those CCs; a good count on OF of 52 but missed on HIGMA CC; noted frequently through winter in low country with highs of 10-12 per day and in Adir with 6 Jan 7 total for various areas, but only 2 per day Big Moose through Feb and Mar. Brown Creeper: average or high on all CCs; 1-7 per day Jan-Mar in most areas, but none noted Adir Jan and Feb.

Winter Wren: 4 reports in 1st half of Jan but, typically, none later, despite the mild winter. Carolina Wren: BBFS reports of 1 Marietta and 1 Fayetteville in early winter, the latter still present in Mar. Long-billed Marsh Wren: 1 attempting to winter reported Dec 10 and Jan 3 but not later, in Peat Swamp in Clay Twp (GAS). Mockingbird: reported repeatedly DeWitt (2 locations near each other), also Marcellus (TMR) and Nedrow (FGS). Catbird: 1 Dec 30 near Clockville (CGS) not found later and 1 early Jan Manlius (fide BBFS). Brown Thrasher: 1 early Dec and to Jan 4 Pompey (D. W. Crumb), and 1 in Peru and 1 at Ava in the Tug Hill, unusually far N, on Jan BBFS. Robin: only CC reports 3 (fewer than usual) on Syr and 4 on Oneida; after mid-Dec and before spring migrants never more than 6 per day except a remarkable flock of 88 Dec 31 along W Branch Onon Creek which dwindled to 6 by Jan 25 (GAS) and many observers

had none Jan and Feb, a paucity perhaps not despite the mild weather but due to dispersion caused by it. Hermit Thrush: 1 Dec 2 L Ont (FGS) and 1 Jan 9 Pratts Falls near Pompey (D. W. Crumb) is about average, far fewer than last winter.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 12 Syr CC is high; daily max 7s in Jan, higher than average, but only 3s in Feb and until migrants. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 on Syr and 2 on Oneida CC is more than usual; 1 early Dec N Syr (K. Slotnick), 1 Dec 24 Oneida (B&SP), 1 Jan 3 Shackleton Pt (CGS), 1 Jan 14 L Ont (FGS), and 1 Mar 29 near N Bay (B&SP) the last very early if a migrant, is the highest number of winter reports ever. *BOHEMIAN WAXWING*: 1 Dec 9 FH and 2 Dec 21 W of Oswego (both FGS). Cedar Waxwing: the flock along Butternut Creek in DeWitt peaked at 103 Mar 4, the period max; the 2 Bohemians Dec 21 were with 75 Cedars, but no other flock count over 36 in the period and reports were infrequent. Northern Shrike: from 20 observers, 16 in Dec, 42 in Jan, 22 in Feb, and 4 in Mar, an interesting very high peak and sharp drop; not included above are 4 on Syr, 8 on Oswego, 4 on Oneida, and 1 on HIGMA CC, a high total. Starling: max 15,500 counted roosting in downtown Syr Dec 17 (CGS).

WARBLERS-SPARROWS: Myrtle Warbler: 1 Dec 9 Caly Twp (GAS); 5 on Oswego CC is high; none persisted later. Pine Warbler: 1 at a suet feeder N of Durhamville along Oneida Creek (Sigsbees') from late Dec to Mar 27 when it "fed on the ground, busily searching entire lawn and still eating suet" (DWA) is the 1st regional winter record of a species uncommon here at any time. Ovenbird: 1 at a feeder E Syr (E. Patterson) Dec 17-Jan 25 where it ate a mixture of chopped suet, hamburger, other meats, and even chopped sunflower seeds, is a regional winter 1st. Yellowthroat: 1 Dec 2 Onon Creek valley and 2 Dec 10 Peat Swamp, 1 of them on Syr CC but not after (all GAS). House Sparrow: max 1991, again from the farm, feed yard, cattle, and horse country of Oneida CC circle, highest ever there.

Eastern Meadowlark: good max 38 Oneida CC and noted on all other CCs except OF; unusual, but doubtless due to the lack of snow, is their persistence with 2 Feb counts of 2 plus a max of 31 Feb 5 near Chittenango. Red-winged Blackbird: missed on only OF CC and moderate numbers on the others; daily counts 1-7 in Jan and 2 in Feb (before migrants). Rusty Blackbird: missed on all CCs but 1 Jan 13 Peat Swamp (FGS). Common Grackle: small numbers on all CCs but Oswego, and 1 persisted at Big Moose to Jan 3; individuals' daily counts only 1s-2 in Jan and surprisingly none in the field in Feb. Brown-headed Cowbird: an amazing 68 OF CC but not seen there Jan 7 though 2 still at Big Moose to Jan 3; on Syr CC the Onon L roost held an estimated 3000 (CGS) which must have been late migrants as there were none there Jan 10.

Cardinal: still expanding in some parts of the Region with 21 the highest ever on Oswego CC and 3 the highest yet on OF. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: a female Dec-Apr 4 Morrisville (AC) 5th regional winter record. Evening Grosbeak: on all CCs with Oswego 358 and Oneida 481 the highest ever on those CCs; BBFS 627 Dec, 17918 Jan (tying last winter's record), 1764 Feb, and 1033 Mar. Purple Finch: in small numbers on only the 3 southernmost CCs with 4 Syr, 6 Oneida, and 25 HIGMA (however the highest ever on this CC); usually 1-6 per day in central lakeplains areas with max 22 Jan 3 Fayetteville; not noted in Adir until 3 Mar 29 Big Moose. House Finch: 2 repeatedly at each of 2 Syr sites including a courting pair in Mar (all FCD); 1 passing DH Mar 25 (FGS et al) points to coming expansion. Pine Grosbeak: good numbers on all CCs; frequent reports in both Adir. and low country from nearly all observers, with 6 counts over 40 and max 88 Feb 5 Erieville. Pine Siskin: a high 106 on OF, 2 on Oswego, and none on other CCs, but scattered smaller numbers, up to 137 per day, in low country in Jan and many large flocks appearing in lowlands and S highlands in late Feb and Mar with max 200s at approximately the time they were absent from Big Moose, i.e.

Feb 20-Mar 25. American Goldfinch: good numbers on all CCs; most observers had small numbers, up to about 20, through the winter; maxima 45 Feb 18 L Ont and 43 Feb 25 Eaton about when they left Big Moose, i.e. last there 25 Feb 20. Red Crossbill: on no CC except OF; 40-50 per day in Dec dwindled to 7 Feb 20 Big Moose; about half the low-country observers had up to 8 per day occasionally Jan-Mar. White-winged Crossbill: OF CC, Jan 1 at Green Lakes St Pk near Fayetteville, 3 Mar 3 near Utica, and 14 Mar 31 L Ont, are the only, widely scattered, reports received.

Rufous-sided Towhee: 4 on Dec BBFS but missed on CCs; 1 wintered Fayetteville (B. Knapp) and 1 wintered Syr (B. Stain); 1 Mar 29 New Hartford (VB) may have been an early migrant. Slate-colored Junco: daily counts 13 or less through winter except rather high tallies of 21 Feb 11 and 54 Feb 18 along L Ont. Oregon Junco: 1 Jan Highland Park near Fabius (Suters fide D. W. Crumb). Tree Sparrow: mediocre on all CCs with only 85 on HIGMA despite the acres of sparrow habitat; individuals' counts from 1s per day to max only 81 Jan 14 Oswego Co. Field Sparrow: 3 on Syr CC near Fayetteville to at least Jan 7 (FGS); 1 Jan 3-15 Durhamville (CGS); 3 Jan 21 persisting to Feb 25 S Onon (FGS) is usually hardy for non-feeder supported birds.

White-crowned Sparrow: 1 Syr CC to Feb 25 Fayetteville (J. Maxwell, FGS) is only report. White-throated Sparrow: 6 on Syr, 10 on Oneida, and 1 on HIGMA CC is roughly average though not as good as the past 2 years; 1-9 daily through winter is par for recent years; 1 Jan 7 at a Thendara feeder is unusual. Swamp Sparrow: Syr CC had 4 Fayetteville and 1 Peat Swamp with 2 there Jan 13 (FGS); 1 on HIGMA CC; 1 Jan 13 near Marcellus (CGS) and 1 Jan 21 Eaton (GLC) probably did not persist; 1 Jan 6-25 near S Onon (GAS) and 3 Feb 25 at another S Onon location (FGS) is more unusual; 1 Nov-Apr Sherrill (C. Schultz) was feeder-supported, unlike the above individuals. Song Sparrow: 39 on Syr, 15 on Oswego, 19 on Oneida, and 3 on HIGMA CC is about average; daily counts remained a high 1-16 through winter everywhere but Adir with little Feb attrition. Lapland Longspur: a poor season with only reports 1 each Dec 2 and 28 Oswego Co (FGS), 1 Syr CC, and 6 Jan 11 Clay Twp in great flock of Snow Buntings (GAS). Snow Bunting: 120 Dec 2 L Ont is the only period report over 100 from there; only 10 other counts of 100-500 Dec-Feb, 4 from Cedarville in the S highlands and 5 from not far S of Oneida L; no Mar count over 30; period max 2360 Jan 11 Clay Twp.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The past winter will long be remembered as a mild one, just as the winter ten years ago is remembered because of the great amount of snow. The spring-like weather in March made us forget the snow storm that caused a postponement of the Christmas count. There were very cold days in January and February. The 20 days of zero or below temperatures is about average for this region. The amount of snow was near normal. However, after each fall of snow there was warm weather to melt most of it and the snow did not accumulate. March came in like a lamb and remained docile except for one snow storm about March 18. The number of spring birds began to increase early in March.