

REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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April and May can be characterized as cool, rainy and overcast with snow falling as late as May 18 in Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties (5 to 6 inches). Some nice sunny days did occur in April notably the four day period April 18 thru 21 and the latter half of May was an improvement from the first part. Rain fell 20 days in the month of May for a total of 4.24 inches, an increase of 0.67 of an inch as compared to May 1972.

Noteworthy observations for the spring were Glossy Ibis, Gadwall, Goshawk nest, Glaucous Gull and Short-eared Owl. Among the vireos and warblers unusual observations were Philadelphia Vireo, Golden-winged Warbler, Tennessee Warbler and Pine Warbler.

Pine Siskins and a Grasshopper Sparrow round out the Blackbirds thru Sparrows to account for a rather successful spring migration of unusual observations.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 May 25 Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area (WHWMA). Horned Grebe: 1 April 14. Pied-billed Grebe: 1 April 27. Great Blue Heron: 1 April 3. Green Heron: May 4. Black-Crowned Night Heron: 2 April 14, Pillar Point (Leone); early. American Bittern: April 14 *GLOSSY IBIS*: 1 May 11 Perch River Wildlife Management Area (PRWMA) (Mosenteen). Canada Goose: 300 goslings produced latter half of May PRWMA: Snow Goose: 1 adult April 14 PRWMA (Leone). Gadwall: 2 April 1 WHWMA (VanRiet); 2 May 19 PRWMA (Leone); unsuccessful nesting found May 18 PRWMA (Mosenteen). Pintail: April 1. Green-winged Teal: 2 April 8. Blue-winged Teal: May 5. American Widgeon 24 April 1 WHWMA. Shoveler: April 14 to May 19 PRWMA; unsuccessful nest discovered May 18 PRWMA (Mosenteen). Wood Duck: April 24. Redhead: 4 May 1 WHWMA (Van Riet). Ring-necked Duck: 4 April 1 WHWMA (Van Riet). Ring-necked Duck: 4 April 1 WHWMA (VanRiet). Lesser Scaup: May 19. Common Goldeneye: April 1. Buffiehead: April 1. Hooded Merganser: April 24, Common Merganser 44 May 4; still around May 25 WHWMA.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 1 May 10 on ground near Adams; 8 in tree May 18 PRWMA (Mosenteen). Goshawk 2 May 26 nesting Wellesley Island (Leone). Red-shouldered Hawk: May 25. Rough-legged Hawk: April 24 late. Bald Eagle: 1 May 7 Rodman. Marsh Hawk: April 1. Osprey: 5 May 4 Castorland Bridge on Black River (Buffington). Gray Partridge: 1 May 6; 2 May 15; numbers still low from previous years. Virginia Rail: May 5. Sora: 1 May 26 PRWMA (Leone); 1 May 28 Eldorado (Leone).

Common Gallinule: 2 May 5. Ruddy Turnstone: May 30. Common Snipe: April 7. Upland Plover: May 18. Solitary Sandpiper: May 5. Greater Yellowlegs: April 24. Least Sandpiper: 1 May 25 St. Lawrence River (Allen).

GLAUCOUS GULL: 2 immatures April 3 Robert Moses State Park and Power Dam (RM) (VanRiet). Great Black-backed Gull: 3 April 1 WHWMA; 1 May 25 RM (VanRiet). Ring-billed Gull: April 28 in numbers on farm land Henderson area. Bonaparte's Gull: 8 May 25 WHWMA (VanRiet). Common Tern: May 20. Black Tern: May 6. Black-billed Cuckoo: May 26: Screech Owl: 1 May 23 Brookside Cemetery Watertown (Leone). *SHORT-EARED OWLS* 2 April 7 Three Mile Point (Leone); 1 May 25 WHWMA (VanRiet) very late.

GOATSUCKERS—SHRIKES: Whip-poor-will: first noted in mid-May. Night-hawk: May 23. Chimney Swift: May 3 early considering cool weather. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: May 13 Massena. Belted Kingfisher: April 14. Yellow-shafted Flicker: April 8. Pileated Woodpecker: 1 April 7 RM; 2 April 14

PRWMA; 1 April 14 Lorraine; seem to becoming more common. Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 May 12; 4 May 22 Henderson area (Chamberlaine); tend to concentrate along Little Stony Creek because of large numbers of dead elm. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: May 25. Eastern Kingbird: May 9. Great Crested Flycatcher: May 13. Eastern Phoebe: April 15. Traill's Flycatcher: May 23. Least Flycatcher: May 12. Eastern Wool Pewee: May 4 early (Leone). Tree Swallow: April 7. Rough-winged Swallow: 25 May 5 (Clinch). Barn Swallow: May 1. Cliff Swallow: May 6. Purple Martin: April 22. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 6 April 8. Brown Creeper: 1 April 1; many (20+) April 17 Tug Hill Wildlife Management Area (THWMA). House Wren: May 5. Winter Wren: 1 April 17 THWMA (Chamberlaine). Catbird: May 5. Brown Thrasher: May 5. Wood Thrush: May 2 early. Hermit Thrush: April 24. Swainson's Thrush: May 26. Veery: May 15. Eastern Bluebird: 1 May 7; pair around nest box most of May. J. A. Blake Sanctuary (Clinch). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 19 April 8 Brasher Falls State Forest (BFSF) (VanRiet). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: April 20 to May 7 good flight Gouverneur (Belknap). Water Pipit: 1 May 25 St. Lawrence River (VanRiet).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: *PHILADELPHIA VIREO*: 2 May 15 Jefferson Community College (Leone). Warbling Vireo: May 15. Black-and White-Warbler: May 19. *GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER*: May 17 (Belknap) early; 2 males May 25 and 26 Watertown Sportsmen's Club, Leone). *TENNESSEE WARBLERS*: 1 May 21 Massena (VanRiet). Nashville Warbler: May 30. Yellow Warbler: May 10. Magnolia Warbler: May 15. *CAPE MAY WARBLER*: May 6; 2 (female and male) May 15 Jefferson Community College (Leone); 1 May 22 WHWMA (VanRiet). Black-throated Blue Warbler: May 19. Myrtle Warbler: April 23. Black-throated Green Warbler: May 19. Blackburnian Warbler: May 21. Chestnut-sided Warbler: May 15. Bay-breasted Warbler: May 15 Blackpoll Warbler: 2 May 25 WHWMA (VanRiet). *PINE WARBLER*: 1 May 25 WHWMA (VanRiet). Ovenbird: May 13. Northern Waterthrush: May 25. Yellowthroat: May 16. *WILSON'S WARBLER*: 1 May 23 (Leone). Canada Warbler: May 27. Redstart May 10.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: May 13; number above previous few years: Baltimore Oriole: May 13. Rusty Blackbird: April 14. Scarlet Tanager: May 15. Cardinal: pair May 10 Henderson; 1 May 11 Watertown. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 20. Indigo Bunting: May 25. Evening Grosbeak: May 27 last date. Purple Finch: April 21. *PINE SISKIN*: 40 May 12 (Gordon); 6 May 23 RM (VanRiet); 12 May 31 Henderson (Chamberlaine) very late. Rufous-sided Towhee: April 21. Savannah Sparrow: May 22. *GRASSHOPPER SPARROW*: 1 or 2 May 23 Watertown (Leone). Vesper Sparrow: May 6. Tree Sparrow: April 19 last date seen. Chipping Sparrow: April 22. White-crowned Sparrow: April 30; in numbers May 11—May 13; last seen May 22. White-throated Sparrow: April 22. Swamp Sparrow: May 5.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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After an unusually mild March, the month of April brought us more normal weather. Total snowfall was 10½ inches and mean temperature was 41.7 degrees at Bob Kampf's Ray Brook observatory. May was wet with some rain on most days.