

is very naive about approaching humans; last week of May (GTC). Gray Jay: 1 May BTP (LS). Blue Jay: max 30 Apr 26 Waw (JT,SF,HS). Black-capped Chickadee: max 50 Apr 23 Waw (JT,SF,HS). Boreal Chickadee: 2 May 6 Mad (TM). Brown Creeper: widely reported; 3 singing Apr 8 Osgood River near PS (TM); max 5 Apr 28 Sant Pres (TM). Winter Wren: very common; first 1 Apr 7 Polliwog P. near PS (TM); 1 Apr 8 Osgood River near PS (TM); max 15 May 29 LP (JWT). Catbird: 1 Apr 21 Waw (JT,SF,HS). Robin: 2 Apr 11 SL (MK); max 30 Apr 22 Waw (JT,SF,HS). Wood Thrush: 2 May 16 FF (TM); 2 May 16 SL (MK). Hermit Thrush: 3 Apr 28 BTP (FL); 4 May 6 Mad (TM). Swainson's Thrush: very hard to find—Joe Taylor heard one in a week at LP. Veery: fair numbers. Eastern Bluebird: 1 May 24 BI (Catherine Mack). Both kinglets present in good numbers.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: first Apr 30 BTP (LS); 2 May 12 Heart L. (MK). Red-eyed Vireo: first 1 May 10 PS (TM); 2 May 11 PS (TM). Warbling Vireo: 1 transient middle of May PS (TM). Black-and-white Warbler: 4 May 6 Mad (TM). Nashville Warbler: 2 May 6 Mad (TM); 2 May 12 Heart Lake (MK). Parula Warbler: 1 May 2 BTP (LS); 1 May 26 LP (JWT). Cape May Warbler: a rare bird for this region; 1 May 20 SL (Dirck and Mary Benson). Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler: numbers low; max 10 May 6 Mad (TM). Black-throated Green Warbler: usually a fairly common bird but very scarce this period. Pine Warbler: 1 Apr 25 Waw (JT,SF,HS); not a bird one would expect here. Palm Warbler: 1 Apr 26 BTP (LS). Northern Waterthrush: good numbers. Canada Warbler: good numbers.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: max 13 Apr 24 Waw (JT,SF,HS); 4 May 2 BTP in bog (LS). Northern (Baltimore) Oriole: reported from PS to Plattsburgh. Rusty Blackbird: first 1 Apr 1 Barnum P near PS (TM); 3 Apr 28 BTP (FL). Common Grackle: max 200 Apr 24 Waw (JT,SF,HS). Brown-headed Cowbird: more than usual in most areas. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: numbers definitely down from last year in PS area but high in at least 2 other areas. Purple Finch: plentiful. Pine Siskin: very common Apr and May; max 150 Apr 26 Waw (JT,SF,HS); 140 in one flock Apr 24 Goodnow Flow near Newcomb (TM). Red Crossbill: 8 Apr 22 Waw (JT,SF,HS); several Apr 25 BTP (LS); 6 Apr 26 PS (TM). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Apr 24 Waw (JT,SF,HS); 1 May 25 LP (JWT). Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco: max 200 Apr 24 Waw (JT,SF,HS). Chipping Sparrow: first 1 Apr 21 Waw (T,SF,HS); 20 in one flock Apr 26 PS (TM). Field Sparrow: 1 Apr 28 Sant Press (TM); 3 May 6 Mad (TM). White-crowned Sparrow: 1 May 6 Mad (TM); 1 May 20 SL (MK). White-throated Sparrow: numbers down in many areas.

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Where two years ago the season seemed about two weeks behind, this year the season seemed about two weeks ahead. Many trees were in full leaf by the first of May due to the mild weather of March and abundant water thru April. Insect populations seemed up, but warblers and other migrants were not present to avail themselves of them. Most arrived on time. After a March which was remarkably warm and without snow, April was normal to cool and with plenty of rain. May

was also cool with abundant rain. Foliage made observations difficult, but more birders in the field made up for this adversity.

No one reported a spring migration of any spectacular proportions. It would appear for the most part to be quite normal. Most species appeared on time even though they were 2 weeks behind the foliage. Bob Deed theorized that cold weather to the south held most migrants back. The Carolinas experienced snow much later than we did here in southern New York. He believes that there was no reason for them to leave Florida, and the cool May that we experienced further held them back. Only two major warbler movements were noted: the first on May 2 and the last (and larger) May 11. The shadow of the latter was felt on May 12 when most of the clubs of the area had their Big Day or Census. Unfortunately at least half of the day was eliminated due to heavy rain and thunder storms.

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Abbreviations: First four letters of each county; MCC—Mearns Bird Club Census; WCC—Waterman Bird Club Census(both May 12); WBC—Waterman Bird Club.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 each on MCC and WCC; 4 May 28 Croton Pt. Red-throated Loon; 4 Hudson R WCC. Double-crested Cormorant: more spring reports than usual, 1 on Rockland Audubon Census May 12; 5 Hudson R off Crugers Is WCC; 1 May 13 Port Ewen (Dr. Robert Pyle). Great Blue Heron: 1 Valley Cottage Apr 1, early; 19 flying in formation over L DeForest Apr 7 (ES); 10 Apr 5 Tamarack Sw. Cattle Egret: more than usual, 1 May 11 Rockland L Nature Center, inc to 2 May 16; another, possibly the same bird, across the Hudson R at Croton Pt May 28-29, observed there also about a week earlier; 2 early May near Kripplebush; max 9 May 5 Pleasant Valley. Common Egret: 1 May 20 Dutchess Hill; another over south Spring Valley Apr 21, very early. Snowy Egret: 1 MCC; 3 May 20 Iona Is (EDT). Black-crowned Night Heron: 3 May 28 Cronton Pt. GLOSSY IBIS: 1 Apr 24 west of Newburgh (A,MB). Mute Swan: 1 pr Iona Is did not nest successfully; another pr at Bashakill had not produced young by the end of period. Canada Goose: broods small, probably high mortality. Brant: more than 300 flying west over Newburgh on the rainy morning of May 26; another 500 over Nyack that evening headed ne (RFD); 1 May 27 on water off Croton Pt; 2 flocks at dusk on May 31 along Hudson in Dutch, 500+ (EP). Snow Goose: sev good flights reported; max 2,820 Apr 7 over Hook Mt, Rock (ES). Blue Goose: 1 Apr 7 over Hook Mt, Rock (ES). Pintail: always uncommon in spring; 2 Apr 3-14 Pocantico Res; 1 Apr 17 Croton Pt; 6 Apr 7 Crugers Is (WBC). Shoveler: only 3; 3 Apr 23; 1 WCC. Lesser Scaup: 1 late bird May 12 on Hudson at Cornwall (L. VanEtten). White-wing Scoter: only reports. 2 Apr 28 Kiamasha L; 2 May 28 Croton Pt. Common Merganser: 1 MCC on Hudson off Cornwall: 1 WCC on Hudson off Crugers Is. (late). Red-breasted Merganser: 1 WCC on Hudson off Crugers Is; 2 May 28 Croton Pt.

HAWKS—OWLS: The Hook Mt Hawk Watch was manned a total of 15 days from Mar 21-Apr 30. Their results are listed below.

The observers were Ed & Lana Mills, John Rex, Peter Both, Walter Friton, and Eric Single.

Goshawk	10	3	3/24,4/7
Sharp-shinned	55	12	4/7
Coopers	1	1	4/14
Red-tailed	52	20	3/24
Red-shouldered	1	1	4/7
Broad-winged	525	254	4/30
Rough-legged	1	1	4/21
Marsh	6	2	4/7
Osprey	20	6	4/21
Pigeon	3	2	4/14
Sparrow	57	7	4/30
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Goshawk: 1 WCC, Stissing, second time for that count; 1 imm May 21 Wawarsing (JCO). Red-tailed Hawk: 22 WCC was unusually high. Red-shouldered Hawk: 3 WCC was very unusual. Broad-winged Hawk: JCO reports numbers down in Bear Mt Park; would appear the same in Dutch with only 1 reported on WCC; RFD observed 6 circling mt south of Bashakill on late date of May 31, they moved north-east. Bald Eagle: 1 Apr 18-23 West Park. Ulst; 1 Apr 22 and again May 19 Bashakill; 1 WCC was the first on that count since 1952. PIGEON HAWK: 1 Apr 8 Concord Golf Course, Sull (Ken Niven). CHUKAR: 2 Apr 21 Hamptonburgh (A,BM). Bobwhite: only reports Dutch, no more than 2 or 3 at a time thru Apr and May. Semipalmated Plover: 1 May 26; 2 May 27 Croton Pt. Killdeer: max 50 WCC. Black-bellied Plover: 1 May 27; 1 May 28; 3 May 29 Croton Pt. Woodcock: 26 on WCC, usual avg 6. Spotted Sandpiper: first Apr 15; 60 on WCC, usual avg 30. Solitary Sandpiper: 1 early date of Apr 17 Piermont Pier (ES). Pectoral Sandpiper: only report 1 May 10 Fallkill Park, Dutch (AJ). Least Sandpiper: a few reports; of interest is 2 on New Platz flats (no date). first record for Ulst Co. Dunlin: 56 May 28 Croton Pt; 7 same place May 29. Short-billed Dowitcher: 130 May 27 Croton Pt; 104 there May 28. GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 Apr 3 Rockland I (Walter Friton). Bonaparte's Gull: 2 Apr 23 Crugers Is; 1 Apr 28 Kiamasha L. Common Tern: 1 WCC Crugers Is, second time for that count, last in 1949; 3 May 28 Croton Pt. Black Tern: 1 and 2 observed regularly from May 8-19 at Bashakill (Iris Dean). Mourning Dove: continues in excellent numbers. MONK PARAKEET: only report 1 May 4 Pearl River (Emily Paulson). Barn Owl: 1 Mar 16 New Paltz; another at Millbrook Boys School on WCC, first since 1944. Screech Owl: sev reports of nesting, nothing unusual.

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Common Nighthawk: more migrants than usual; excellent movement on May 18, 28-30; 15 May 29 over S. Nyack; 15 May 30 Pleasant Valley. Red-bellied Woodpecker: numbers continue from last report; scattered thru region, most numerous in Rock and Dutch; 3 May 30 Hyde Park, one of these carrying food, but nest not found. Eastern Kingbird: numbers down; only 21 on WCC with 14 of these in south Dutch. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: only 1 May 16 Pond Gut Dutch (WBC). Traill's Flycatcher: 3 May 27-29 Croton Pt; single birds from sev other locations. Least Flycatcher: very few esp east of the Hudson. Olive-sided Flycatcher: very few; 1 May 22 and 30 Weyant's Pd; 1 May 22 Roosevelt Estate, Hyde Park; 1 May 31 Pleasant Valley. Tree Swallow: unusually low numbers for this species; many found dead in nest boxes in Dutch. Bank Swallow: arr Apr 22 at Croton Pt. Rough-winged Swallow: arr Apr 15 at Westmorland Sanct. Blue Jay: usual large flights esp May 13. Fish Crow: thru Apr at Vassar Coll and

Vassar Hosp and as many as 8 along Hudson in Dutch; 4 thru late May at Croton Pt; 1 Cornwall May 11. Red-breasted Nuthatch: better than usual, persisted thru southern parts thru end of May. House Wren: 1 Apr 19 was early. Long-billed Marsh Wren: numerous at Croton Pt with 12 singing on May 28. Mockingbird: an unusual 65 on WCC, which avg 20. Wood Thrush: first Apr 25, Monticello normal numbers. Swainson's Thrush: only 6 on WCC, numbers seem normal elsewhere. Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 May 10 Bashakill. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: numbers normal, one late singing bird May 30 at Weyants Pd. Cedar Waxwing: numbers good in sporadic flocks.

VIREOS-WARBLERS: Most dates and numbers were normal. Only exceptions are listed here. White-eyed Vireo: only report 1 May 25 Amenia (WTS). Solitary Vireo: very few, most 3rd week of Apr, first Apr 23. Philadelphia Vireo: only 3 reports, first May 12 Grahamsville; another May 21 near Poughkeepsie, a third May 25 Bashakill. Golden-winged Warbler: 20 on WCC. Blue-winged Warbler: 90 on WCC, 2 early date of Apr 15 at L Sebago. Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler: 1 late date of May 27 Westmorland Sanct. Cerulean Warbler: at usual nesting locations but in very poor numbers. Blackburnian Warbler: only 4 on WCC, normal elsewhere. **PINE WARBLER:** 3 MCC near Highland Res, Middletown, unconfirmed report in same location and time last year, nesting should be investigated (J. Tramontano, J. Tripp). Prairie Warbler: 45 on WCC is unusually high. Northern Waterthrush: first Apr 25, 2 Tamarack Sw. Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 Apr 15 Pond Gut. Mourning Warbler: 1 May 20 Bashakill; 1 singing from 6:00 a.m. — 6:45 a.m. May 22 along Wappingers Cr, Pleasant Valley (EP). Wilson's Warbler: normal thru most of region except Dutch where only reports were 8 on WCC.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: excellent numbers thru region. Orchard Oriole: usual few. Cardinal: 90 on WCC where avg is usually 50. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 150 on WCC, avg usually 80. Indigo Bunting: generally late and few. Dickcissel: one of last report remained at Chester thru mid-Apr. Evening Grosbeak: good numbers well into May, last May 21. Pine Grosbeak: unusual flock of about 25 at L Mohonk May 10 (a very late date). Red Crossbill: scattered reports thru most of region; small flocks of 2 or 3 except in Middletown where J. Tramontano had about 12-15 at his feeder (thistle seed) thru much of Apr to mid-May. Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 unusually early date of May 2 in Dutch (AJ). Tree Sparrow: 1 May 7 East Park (Tom Gilbert); 4 on WCC, 3 Cary Arboretum (Forest Romero) and another same date and location (W,TS), second time on that count, last in 1963. White-throated Sparrow: good numbers, last migrant May 30 Weyants Pd, singing. Fox Sparrow: unusually scarce, unreported from most areas; 1 very late date of May 13 Castle Pt. (Forest and Aline Romero). Lincoln Sparrow: only reports 1 Apr 15 Bashakill (A,BM) and another Apr 29 at feeder in Poughkeepsie (Otis Waterman); another month of Apr at Amenia (W,TS).

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Spring Pelagic Trips

It would be an understatement to say that there has been an upsurge of interest in pelagic birding these past few years. Jaded landlubbing birders have taken drama-mine to search for new avifaunal thrills exploring the oceanic unknown. This spring