

3, 5 & 9 enjoyed sightings of uncommon warblers — Worm-eating, Orange-crowned, Yellow-throated, Prairie, Kentucky and Connecticut. The Western Meadowlark steadily probes eastward with pioneers — this year near Syracuse (Region 5). An errant Yellow-headed Blackbird showed up in Dutchess Co. (Region 9). Success in colonizing western New York by the House Finch is evident in 30 recorded at Eggertsville near Buffalo (Region 1). The incursion of Hoary Redpolls of the past winter probably came to an end with two from April 4-13 at a feeder in Perinton (Region 2). Dickcissels appeared widely in Regions 1, 3 & 9 and the Clay-colored Sparrow like the Western Meadowlark continues to send "pioneers" into the state. What will be its status here in 25 years?

Your attention is called to the perceptive and succinct observations of Fritz Scheider on negative and positive aspects of the spring season as he saw them in Region 5.

The Federation's first annual May Big Day in the May 11-19 period brought responses from 16 clubs and two individual parties to tally up 247 species and one hybrid (Brewster's Warbler). The full count will be published later but a few points merit comment. Missing were Whistling Swan, Peregrine, Whimbrel, Caspian Tern, Short-billed Marsh Wren, Loggerhead Shrike (this last has become a very scarce bird in western New York). Outstanding species were Little Blue Heron, Louisiana Heron, Surf Scoter Merlin, Turkey (37 on Allegany B.C. count), Black Rail (seen), Piping Plover, Purple Sandpiper (late), Ruff, Little Gull, Roseate Tern, Acadian Flycatcher, Brewster's Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Western Meadowlark, Summer Tanager, Red & White-winged Crossbills and two very late Tree Sparrows.

No reports received from Regions 8 and the report from Region 10 was received too late to be included in the Highlights.

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REGION 1 — NIAGARA FRONTIER

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Early April gave promise of Spring at last with warm days and a record high of 75° on the 4th, the day after numerous tornadoes touched down in States far east of their usual path. But for the Count Day, April 7th about an inch of snow cover brought birds, especially the Dark-eyed Junco, out of fields to the bare roadsides. When the 10th found six to ten inches of snow on the ground and small lakes forming skim ice, migrants, on the move during the earlier warm weather, flocked to feeders. Although on seven days the temperature reached 70° or above, the nights were cold, giving a mean for the month of 47.5°. S. Eaton's half-acre pond near Vandalia was free of ice April 2nd, the "mean date for 20 years of records."

For May, mean temperature was only 5.8° higher than April even though a maritime tropical air mass moved in for a few days on the 14th, and again on the 21st, sending temperatures above 80°. By Count Day, May 19th, leaves were little developed at higher elevations making ideal warbler watching – but, of course, here there were few warblers to watch. The cold period during the first half of the month delayed not only many arrivals but also the nesting season, causing a nesting explosion when warmer weather finally arrived. With sparse leafy cover, many of these first nests were lower than usual.

Although for the most part it was a sluggish spring migration, we did have several rare species: Little Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, Snowy Egret, Goshawk, Western Sandpiper, Ruff, White-eyed Vireo, Dickcissel, and House Finch.

A fine April-May Banding Report came in from Don Clark, Farmersville Station. Of the 816 banded, the only migrant warblers were Cape May 1, Yellow-rumped 28, Palm 3 and Wilson's 6. Migrant finches and sparrows were a little better: Evening Grosbeak 77, Pine Siskin 29, Dark-eyed Junco 141, Tree Sparrow 57, White-crowned Sparrow 2, White-throated Sparrow 40, Fox Sparrow 1, and Lincoln's Sparrow 1.

Of interest were two Whistling Swans noted by Steve Eaton 5 miles west of Olean on April 16th with identification collars ("research – W. Sladen, John Hopkins Univ.") Several other unusual reports are included in the regular compilation below.

Since only the Allegany County Bird Club reported on the April and May Buffalo Ornithological Society Counts, these records are incomplete. However, "Noteworthy" sightings covered many areas and indicate more of the over-all spring picture.

Abbreviations: AC—Allegany County; AL—Amity Lake; Alf—Alfred; ApC—BOS April 7th Count; Bflo—Buffalo; BgS—Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg; Blm—Belmont; BMWR—Beaver Meadow Wildlife Refuge; BOS—Buffalo Ornithological Society; BOSWR—BOS Wildlife Refuge, Grand Island, Catt—Cattaraugus; Cb—Cuba; Chaut—Chautaugua; FrSt—Farmersville Station; GI—Grand Island; INWR—Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge; Jms—Jamestown; Keeney—Keeney Swamp, T/Birdsall, AC; MaC—BOS May 19th Count; mob—many observers, N—Nest; No—North; Ne—New; Nia—Niagara; OO—Oak Orchard; OOGMA—Oak Orchard Game Management Area; P—Pond; St Bon—Saint Bonaventure; T/—Township of; TGMA—Tonawanda Game Management Area; Wlsv—Wellsville.

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LOONS—DUCKS: 21 ACAPC; 6 ACMaC; last of season: 1 May 31 (RK,RhK). Horned Grebe: 123 ACAPC; 2800 Apr 2 OOGMA (Meddaugh); 250 Apr 2 INWR (JM); 50 Apr 8 CbL (RK,RhK,OS). Pied-billed Grebe: 31 ACAPC; 4 ACAPC. Double-crested Cormorant: 1 May 6 Athol Springs (TB). Great Blue

Heron: 20 ACAPC; 23 ACMAc; heronry reports from AC: a new one discovered by B. Mills at Wiscoy last fall has at least 6 active nests this May (JaM, JiM); Alma Hill, Feathers Creek and T/Ward heronries have declined sharply (M. Stohr, RY, VP) with 1 ad found shot below one, June 4 T/Ward (NI); Cuba heronry: 9 ad (at least 3 Yo) May 1-31 (RK, RhK); max sighted, other areas: 18, 9 Apr 21, 27 over Allegany Rd., Irving (RA, *et al*). Green Heron: 35 ACMAc; arr: 1 Apr 21 Alf (EB) and BLM (DB, LB). *LITTLE BLUE HERON*: 1 ad May 18 INWR JM, Heck, Rebovich). *CATTLE EGRET*: 1 May 2 INWR (JM, *et al*) 3 May 17 Frewsburg (FE, *et al*). Great Egret: one ACAPC; several sightings, all singles: arr Apr 5, 11, 17 T/Hume (KP); Apr 12 Wiscoy (M. Pitzrick); Apr 15 Wlsv (CF, EL); Apr 16, 18 Wlsv (DB, LB; Apr 28 Hartson Rd, Falconer (FE); Apr 30 Rice Rd., (DD); May 11, 21 INWR, TGMA (JM, Heck). *SNOWY EGRET*: one May 11 Tift St. Bflo (Schaffner, Clark), and one May 12 INWR (JM, *et al*). Black-crowned Night Heron: first 2 Apr 13 INWR (JM); 1 Apr 21 Lyndonville (Smith); 6 May 8 Nia F (Brockner, AU). Least Bittern: 2 May 18 Tift St, Bflo (Schaffner, Clark); 1 May 30 E- Eden P(TB). American Bittern: 5 ACMAc; arr: 1 Apr 12 CbS (RK, RhK); 1 May 18 Little Genesee (FD).

Whistling Swan: 25 ACAPC; 253 Apr 1, 11 still there Apr 30 Cb L α M(RK, RhK, DB, LB); 16 Apr 1 T/Hume (KP); 24 Apr 3-30 Langford (TB); 4 Apr 13 TGMA (RA, *et al*); over Woodlawn (RA); 4 (Imm) May 24 α 25 T/Hume (KP, *et al*). Canada Goose: 468 ACAPC; 2 ACMAc; max: 29,200 Apr 10 INWR (JM); 1735 May 8 INWR (JM); also: 2 Ad 5 Yo May 24 T/Hume (KP, *et al*); 2 May 28 Sheldon (HM, Clark). Snow Goose: 2 Apr 14 Caneadea (H. Hale); last of season: 1 Apr 16 Barker (JT).

Ducks were well represented on ACAPC: Mallard 156, Black Duck 97, Pintail 5, Green-winged Teal 8, Blue-winged Teal 68, American Wigeon 2, Northern Shoveler 3, Wood Duck 14, Redhead 12, Ring-necked Duck 132, Canvasback 27, Scaup 1706, Common Goldeneye 18, Bufflehead 112, Oldsquaw 12, Hooded Merganser 78, Common Merganser 10, Red-breasted Merganser 40. Sighted on the ACMAc: Mallard 63, Black Duck 3, Blue-winged Teal 5, Wood Duck 27, Hooded Merganser 1, Common Merganser 6. Most of these were reported in May from several areas of the Region with three additional species appearing, but not on Count days: Gadwall: 2 May 7,16 00(Brockners, AU). White-winged Scoter: 1 Apr 28 4-mi Creek St Pk (WK, HK) and 1 May 15 Pt Gratiot, Dunkirk (Schaffner, Clark); and Ruddy Duck: 1 Apr 1 Cb M(DB, LB); 13 Apr 3 Chaut L (FE, EP); 14 Apr 11 Chaut L (RS); 1 Apr 11 INWR (JM). Noteworthy early duck sightings were: Northern Shoveler: 1 Apr 1 Cb M(DB, LB); 6 Apr 1 Bg S(FE); 5 Apr 3 Langford (Rochester, Webb); Hooded Merganser: 16 Apr 7 Beaver Meadow (Bigelow).

HAWKS-OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 2 ACAPC; 16 ACMAc; 1 Apr 2 Blm (DB, LB); max: 51 Apr 3 Irving (Rochester, Webb). *GOSHAWK*: 1 ACAPC; 1 ACMAc; 1 Apr 6 AC (RP, VP); 2 Apr 16 T/Alma (DB, LB); 1 + N May 17 Bolivar (Smith); 3 + N May 23, 28 T/Almond (RY, DB, LB). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 5 ACAPC; 2 ACMAc; max reports: 90 over Irving (RA, *et al*); 107 Apr 21 over Hamburg (RA, *et al*); 133 Apr 21 Ft. Nia St Pk (JT); only reports other than count for May: singles: May 4 Forest Lawn Cem. Bflo (HM, MW, MaW), May 3 Little Genesee (FD), and May 8 INWR (Heck). Cooper's Hawk: very scarce: 4 ACAPC; 5 ACMAc; 1 + N Apr 15 T/Willing (NI); individuals reported from a few areas in Apr and none in May other than count. Red-tailed Hawk: seems to be holding its own: 59 ACAPC; 81 ACMAc; max: 25 Apr 14 over Irving (RA, *et al*). Red-shouldered Hawk: 7 ACAPC; 1 Apr 4-30 Alf (EB); 8 Apr 3 Irving (Rochester, Webb), 2 Apr 7 Alf (CK); 9 Apr 14 Irving (RA, *et al*); 1 + N May 3 T/Birdsall KP, A α J Mullen); 4 May

Wanakah (Brockners, AU); 1 May 28 T/Birdsall (CK). Broad-winged Hawk: 17 ACMaC; arr (two days early): 1 Apr 13 Beaver Meadow (Bigelow, *et al*); max for migration: 234 Apr 21 over Hamburg (RA, *et al*); 1978 Apr 21 over Irving (RA, *et al*); 230 Apr 21 Ft Nia St Pk (JT); 115 Apr 27 over Hanover (RS, *et al*); 343 Apr 27 and 132 Apr 27 and 132 Apr 28 over Hamburg (RA, *et al*); 1 ad on N Apr 17 AL (VP); 2 ad defending N May 18 Scio (VP); up to 6 in several areas all May. Rough legged Hawk: very few: 2 CACpC; 1 Apr Irving (RA, *et al*); 1 Apr 19Cb (RK, RhK); 1 May 8 GI (Brockner, AU). Bald Eagle: six reports first: 1 Apr 3 Irving (Rochester, Webb); singles Apr 16 Lyndonville (Smith), Apr 19 Springwater (VP), Apr 21 Irving (RA, *et al*), Apr 21 Ft Nia Pk (JT), and May 25 over Hamburg (TB). Marsh Hawk: 7 ACAPC; 11 ACMpC; ACMaC; several sightings, max: 5 Apr 1 Langford (Rochester, Pruss); 10 Apr 13 T/Evans (RA, *et al*); 5, 2, Apr 14, 21 Irving (RA, *et al*). Osprey: a number of reports: 1 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 1 Langford Rochester, Pruss); latest: 1 May 19 Cb L (RK, RhK). American Kestrel: 91 ACAPC: 30 ACMaC; highest reports: 14 Apr 1 Langford (Rochester, Pruss) and 10 Apr 3 Irving (Rochester, Webb).

Ruffed Grouse: ACAPC; 21 ACMpC; very few other reports. Ring-necked Pheasant: 2 ACAPC; 8 ACMaC; very scarce. Turkey "winter flocks of toms breaking up and associating with 3 to 8 hens" Mar 27 Catt C (SE); reported in very low numbers: 2 ACAPC; 37 ACMaC. Virginia Rail: first of season and only report: 1 May 5 Bgs (FF). Sora: 1 ACMaC; arr: 2 Apr 21 Clarence (AM, WM); 1 May 2 Bgs (FE). Common Gallinule: 2 ACMaC; arr: 2, 1 Apr 28 Porter, Wilson (AM, WM); 2 Apr 29 Keeney S(KP); 1 May 7 E Eden P (TB); 3, 1 May 3, 23 T/Birdsall (KP, JaM). American Coot: 12 ACAPC; 1 ACMaC. Semipalmated Plover: arr: 1 May 9 TGMA (Rebovich), the only report. Killdeer: 339 ACAPC; 171 ACMaC. Black-bellied Plover: one report: arr: 1 May 14 Frewsburg (FE, VanGuilder).

American Woodcock: 11 ACAPC; 5 ACMaC, max 7 Apr 1-30, 3 Apr 2 Alf (CK); 4 May 10 AL(VP). Whimbrel: 1 May 26 Cb (RK, RhK). Common Snipe: 30 ACAPC; 6 ACMaC. Upland Sandpiper: 1 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 18 Eden (TB); 6 Apr 21 over Irving (RA, *et al*); 2 Apr 35, 29 T/Granger (KP); 2, 5 May 3, 11 T/Birdsall (KP, JaM). Spotted Sandpiper: 28 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 22 T/Hume (KP). Solitary Sandpiper: 7 ACMaC; arr: Apr 21 Irving (RA, *et al*); 2 Apr 22 Alf, EB); 1 Apr 26 INWR (Heck, JM); 3 May 10 Blm (DB, LB). Greater Yellowlegs: 2 ACAPC; 1 Apr 1 INWR (Olsen); 1 Apr 14 T/Hume (KP); 1 Apr 23 Cb (RK, RhK); 1 May 3 Blm (DB, LB). Lesser Yellowlegs: 2 ACMaC; arr: 3 Apr 21 Clarence (AM, WM). Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 ACAPC; 180 Apr 14 over Irving (RA, *et al*); 50 Apr 18 TGMA (JM, Rebovich); 115 Apr 21 Clarence Sinks (AM, WM); latest: 3 May 16 T/Alabama (Brockners). Least Sandpiper: arr: 1 May 8 TGMA (Rebovich), 3 May 11 Bflo (Schaffner, Clark). Dunlin arr two days early: 1 Apr 19 TGMA (Rebovich). Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 3 May 16 T/Alabama (Brockners); 1 May 30 TGMA (Rebovich). Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr: 2 May 16 T/Alabama (Brockners). WESTERN SANDPIPER: one seen May 21 near Steamburg (FE). RUFF: one May 24 at TGMA (JM, Rebovich).

Glaucous Gull: one Apr 23 at Athol Springs (TB). Great Black-backed Gull: 1,2 May 2,14 Dunkirk (Brockners, AU). Herring Gull: 25 ACAPC; 22 ACMaC Ring-Billed Gull: 10 ACAPC; 2000 Apr 21 Ft Nia St. Pk (JT). Common Tern: arr 3 Apr 21 Ft. Nia St. Pk (JT) and 3 Apr 21 Silver Creek (RW, *et al*); Caspian Tern: arr: 11 Apr 19 Bflo Harbor (RA, *et al*); 4 Apr 24 (AV, Byron). Black Tern: arr a day early: 8 Apr 28 Mud L, Ont (RW, *et al*); 3 May 9 AL (RP, VP). Mourning Dove: 192 ACAPC; 205 ACMaC. Cuckoo - It is good to have them back-: Yellow-billed: 5 ACMaC; Black-billed: 14 ACMaC; arr: 1 May 11 Hamburg (TB); 1 May 15 Spring Brook (DD); 1 May 15 Gowanda (Brock-

ners); 2 May 20 AL (VP); 1 May 28 Alf (EB); 1 May 30 Alf (CK). Screech Owl: 5 ACAPC; 3 ACAPC; no other reports. Great Horned Owl: 7 ACAPC; 6 ACAPC; 6 ACMaC; 1 a +1 yo in N Apr 13-18 Blm (D. Presutti, DB, LB, *et al*); 1, 1 (dead) Apr 2, 4 Alf (EB); 1 Apr 16 AL (VP); 1 May 30 T/Ward (RY). Snowy Owl: stayed with us until May 4 when one was sighted at Maple Rd., Amherst (AM, WM, HM); individuals appeared: Apr 2 Bflo H (RA), Apr 4 Maple Rd, Amherst (AM, WM), Apr 12 Lewiston, Riverdale Cem (HK, WK), and Apr 24 Bflo H (AV, Byron). Barred Owl: 2 ACMaC; 2 Apr 21 Alf (EB); 1 May 10 AL (RP). Long-eared Owl: 1 Apr 29 BgS (FE, *et al*); 1 w. N May 4-23 Beaver Meadow WR (mob). Short-eared Owl: 8 Apr 7 rt 77 near TGMA (JM, Rebovich).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Whip-poor-will: arr 1 May 2 T/Hamburg (RA); 1 May 15 INWR (Olsen). Common Nighthawk: 9 ACMaC; arr: 1 May 17 Elma (Kikta); 1 May 22 Alf (CK); 2 May 24 Blm (DB, LB); 3 May 30 Alf (EB); 2 May 30, 31 Wlsv (EL). Chimney Swift: 1100 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 21 Irving (RA, *et al*); Wlsc (EL). St Bon U (SE); 3 Apr 28 Jms (RS). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 67 ACMaC; arr right on schedule: 1 Apr 29 (RK, RhK); 1 May 3 Eden (Rochester); 1 May 13 Blm (DB, LB); 3 May 22 Little Genesee (FD). Belted Kingfisher: reported only from AC: 38 ACAPC; regular sightings Apr α May AC(mob).

Common Flicker: 57 ACAPC; 163 ACMaC. Pileated Woodpecker: 12 ACAPC; 9 ACMaC. Red-bellied Woodpecker: 9 ACAPC; 6 ACMaC; 2, 1 May 2, 4 T/Hamburg (RA, TB). Hairy Woodpecker: 144 ACAPC; 98 ACMaC. Downy Woodpecker: 239 ACAPC; 109 ACMaC. Eastern Kingbird: 186 ACMaC; arr a week late: 1 May 3 TWMA (Rebovich); 1 May 4 AL (VP). Great Crested Flycatcher: 54 ACMaC; 1 May 2 AL (VP); 1 May 7 00 (Brockner, AU). Eastern Phoebe: 82 ACAPC; 186 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 1 Alf (EB); 1 Apr 2 AL (VP); 1 Apr 14 Spring Brook (DD). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr: 1 May 11 Spring Brook (DD); 1 May 30 New Oregon (TB). Alder Flycatcher: arr: 1-May 17 Busti (EP); 4 ACMaC; 1 May 19 Clymer (FE, EP); 2 May 18 Alf (EB); 1 May 27 AL (VP); 1 May 28 T/Birdsall (CK). Willow Flycatcher: arr: 1 May 17 Frewsburg (FE); 1 May 18 INWR (Heck, JM, Rebovich); 2 May 28 AL (VP). Least Flycatcher: 53 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 29 Lewiston (HK, WK); 1 May 1 Hamburg (Rochester); 1 May 7 Wlsv (EL). Eastern Wood Pewee: 28 ACMaC; arr: 1 May 14 Spring Brook (DD); 1 May 15 BgS (EP). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 May 25 Lyondonville (HM, Smith); 1 May 25 FrSt (VP, KP, *et al*); 1 May 26 Prospect L. Cem, Hamburg (TB). Horned Lark: 148 ACAPC; 24 ACAPC; 2 May 26 T/Alma (DB, LB).

Tree Swallow: 10 ACAPC; 313 ACMaC; 5 Apr 1 INWR (JM); 150 Apr 23 Alf (EB); 3 May 1 Langford (Rochester, Pruss). Bank Swallow: 122 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 21 Clarence (AM, WM); 1 Apr 25 Keeney (KP); 30 May 11 Alf (EB); 4 May 1 Angola (Brockner). Rough-winged Swallow: 31 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 14 Irving (RA, *et al*); 1 May T/Ne. Hudson (DB, LB). Barn Swallow: 862 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 12 INWR (Olsen); 1 Apr 17 Alf (CK). Cliff Swallow: 90 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 25 INWR(JM); 4 May 5 Ft Erie, Ont (RW, *et al*); 20 May 18 Alf (EB). Purple Martin: 318 ACMaC; arr: 4 Apr 3 INWR (Silvernail); 1 Apr 4 Chaut L (RS; up to 6 May 5-31 Blm (DB, LB).

Blue Jay: 604 ACAPC; 608 ACMaC. Common Crow: 1598 ACAPC; 674 ACMaC. Black-capped Chickadee: 731 ACAPC; 482 ACMaC. Tufted Titmouse: 3 ACAPC; 1 ACMaC; 1 to 2 (feeder) Apr 1-30 and 1 feeding yo May 31 Spring Brook (DD); 1 Apr 12 BOSWR, GI (HK, WK); 1 Apr 27 Fillmore (Richardson); 1 May 1 12 T/Hamburg (Brockner, Ra, TB); 1 May 11 Alf (EB); 1 May 12 Ont (RW, *et al*). White-breasted Nuthatch: 224 ACAPC; 170 ACMaC. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 14 ACAPC; 5 ACMaC; seen at several scattered locations:

1 Apr 1 Orchard Pk (Saville); 2 Apr 1 Little Genesee (FD); 1 Apr 9 Lewiston (HK, MK); 1 May 3 T/Birdsall (DB, LB); 1 May 9, 10 Wlsv (EL); 1 May 15 Dunkirk (Schaffner, Clark); May 28 Keeney (CK); 1 May 28 Alf (CK). Brown Creeper: 25 ACAPC; 11 ACMaC; up to 4 Apr 4–30 Alf (EB); 2 Apr 5 Little Genesee (FD); 4 Apr 12 Cb (RK, RhK); 2 Apr 16 T/Alma (DB, LB); 3 Apr 17 AL (VP); 1 Apr 18 T/Hume (KP); 1 May 11 T/Birdsall (KP, J α A Mullen). House Wren: 225 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 21: Alf (EB) and Cb (RK, RhK). Winter Wren: 4 ACAPC; 8 ACMaC; 1 Apr 6 N. Buffo (Wilcove); 1 Apr 7 Alf (CK); 1, 1, 2, 1 Apr 11, 13, 177, May 21 Alf (EB). Carolina Wren: 5 ACAPC; 2 many reports: 1 to 2 Apr 1–May 31 Spring Brook (DD); individuals: Apr 21 18-mi Creek, L Short Rd (RW, *et al*), Apr 25 Filmore (LM), Apr 25 Lighthouse Pt, Chaut L (RS), Apr 27 Irving (HM, RS, *et al*), Apr 30 Ne. Oregon (TB, May 5, 19 W. Seneca (Kikta), and May 12 Crescent B, Ont (RM, *et al*); 3 May 14 Wind's Pk, Derby (Brockners, AU). Long-billed Marsh Wren: arr: 1 May 9 TGMA (Rebovich).

Mockingbird: singles reported: Apr 12 GI (HK, WK), Apr 24 Hamburg (TB), Apr 24 Wlsv (EL), Apr 28 Wilson (AM, WM), May 22 INWR (JM). Gray Catbird: first 2 ACAPC; 274 ACMaC; 1 May 3 N. Boston (Brockners, AU); 1 May 7 OO (Brockners); 2 May 12 Blm (DB, LB. Brown Thrasher: 1 ACAPC; 57 ACMaC. American Robin: 6353 ACAPC; 2330 ACMaC. Wood Thrush: 125 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 25 Lakeside Cem, Hamburg (TB); 1 Apr 28 Fillmore (Richardson); 1 Apr 30 Alf (EB). Hermit Thrush: 2 ACAPC; 18 ACMaC; 1 N. Bflo (Wilcove); 1 Apr 26 T/Hume (KP); 2 May 3 T/Birdsall (DB, LB). Swainson's Thrush: 1 ACAPC; arr 1 Apr: 28 Ft Erie, Ont (RF, *et al*); 4 May 3 T/Birdsall ((DB, LB). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 ACMaC; arr: 1 May 15 Gowanda (Brockners); 1 May 18 Tiff St, Bflo (Clark); 1 May 27 Hamburg (TB). Veery: 15 ACMaC; arr 1 May 7 Spring Brook (DD); 2 May 11 Canadaway Crk Sanct (AV, Patterson); 2 May 11 T/Birdsall (KP, A α J Mullen). Eastern Bluebird: 24 ACAPC; 57 ACMaC; good reports all season; 12 (incl 8 Yo) May 24 AL (VP).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: no reports, AC; arr: 1 Apr 17 Lakeside Cem, Hamburg (TB); 1 Apr 21 INWR (AM, WM); 1 May 2 Canadaway Crk Sanct (Brockner); 30 Canadaway Cr, Pt Gratiot on May 3 (EP); 1 May Spring Brook (DD); 1 May 5 INWR (JM); 1 May 5 Pt Abino, Ont (RW, *et al*); 1 May 16 OO (Brockners). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 110 ACAPC; 15 ACMaC; good reports: max: 10 May 16 AL (VP) and 10 Apr 4–22 Alf (EB); past date, but in known AC breeding areas: 3 May 28 T/Birdsall (CK) and 2 ad feeding 2 yo out of N May 28 Alf (EB). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 12 ACMaC; arr: 5 Apr 4 Spring Brook (DD); several reports of numbers up to 6 until last: 1 May 21 Spring Brook (DD). Water Pipit: 27 ACAPC; 6 ACMaC; 20 Apr 8 Vandalia (SE); 8 Apr 9 Cb (RK, RhK); 1 Apr 9 Jms (RS); 20 Apr 24 Elma (DD); last of season 5 May 19 Langford (Rochester). Cedar Waxwing: only 2 ACAPC; 60 ACMaC; from other reports max: 35 May 10, 13 Alf (CK). Northern Shrike: 1 ACAPC. Loggerhead Shrike: 1 Apr 4 OOGMA (Rochester, Pruss); 1 Apr 26 INWR (Heck, Olsen). Starling: 5748 ACAPC; 1348 ACMaC.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: WHITE-EYED VIREO: 1 May 5 Ft Erie, Ont (RW, Frachias). Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 ACMaC; arr 1 May 5 Spring Brook (DD); 1 May 11 Elma (Kikta). Solitary Vireo: 5 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 21 Jms (BS); 1 Apr 22 Alf (EB); 1 Apr 26 BgS (FE); 1 Apr 28 10-mi Crk, Eatons (SE); 1 May 11 T/Birdsall (KP, A α J Mullen) up to 3 May 1–31 Alf (EB); 1 May 16 AL (VP). Red-eyed Vireo: 104 ACMaC; arr right on time: 1 May 5 BMWR (Brockner). Philadelphia Vireo: 4 ACMaC; several reports: arr: 1 May 11 T/Aurora (AV); May 15 Lakeside Cem, Hamburg (TB); 1 May 15 BgS (EP); 1, 3 May 16, 21 Spring Brook (DD); 1 May 21 TGMA (Rebovich); 2 May 22

Tift St, Bflo (Schaffner, Clark); last: 1 May 25 Lyndonville (HM, Smith). Warbling Vireo: 10 ACMaC; arr: 1 May 7 Wlsv (EL); 1 May 8 Lewiston (Brockner, AU); 2 May 10 Spring Brook (DD).

Warblers: 32 species plus one hybrid were reported, averaging 6.6 days late in arriving according to the BOS Data Guide. Observers commonly remarked, "There was a good selection of species but usually only one or two of a kind." The expected large flocks of Yellow-rumped reached only a max 12 May 3 and 4 at Alfred (EB) and Amity Lake (VP). At Clarks' Wildlife Refuge and banding station, Farmersville Station, "warblers never did arrive." (DC) For the Region there was a good variety: Black-and-White: 4 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 28 4-mi Crk St Pk, Lewiston (HK, WK). Prothonoary: one of these rare ones appeared on ACMaC observed by several and well described (RY, *et al*); arr: 1 May 11 INWR (Olsen); 2 May 16 OO (Brockners). Golden-winged: 3 ACMaC; four reports: arr: 1 May 2 Irving (Brockners); 1 May INWR (Olsen); 2 May 19 Alf (EB); 1 May 27 AL (VP). Blue-winged: 34 ACMaC; arr on time: 1 May 2 Spring Brook (DD) and 1 May 2 N. Davis Rd., Elma (Kikta). Brewster's (hybrid): unusual: 1 ACMaC; arr: 1 May 19 Chaut (RS) and 1 May 18 AL (VP). Tennessee: 10 ACMaC; several reports: arr: 1 May 14 Cb (RK, RhK); 1 May 15 near TGMA (Rebovich, *et al*); 1 May 15 No Boston (Brockners); 1, 1 May 26,29 Almond, T/Ward (RY). Orange-crowned: hard to find and only one report: arr (19 days late): 1 May 19 Spring Brook (DD) (should be on unreceived BOS May Count). Nashville: 23 ACMaC; arr: 1; 1; 2 Apr 28 4-mi Crk St Pk; Bflo; Canadian Shore (HK, WK; Wilcove; RW, *et al*). Parula: only two sightings: arr: 1 May 14 Athol Springs (Brockners, AU) and 1 May 19 Tift St, Bflo (Schaffner, Clark, *et al*) (the latter should be on unreceived BOS May Count). Yellow: 373 ACMaC; arr: Apr 25 Lakeside Cem, Hamburg (TB). Magnolia: 41 ACMaC; arr: 1 May 12 Crescent B, Ont (RW, *et al*). Cape May: 33 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 30 Cb (RK, RhK); latest: 1 May 25 Lyndonville (HM, Smith). Black-throated Blue: 1 ACMaC; arr 14 days late: 1 May 12 Spring Brook (DD) and Canadian Shore (RW, *et al*). Yellow-rumped: 2 ACaP; 81 ACMaC; latest report: 1 Apr 25 Chaut (RS). Cerulean: only one report: arr: 1 Apr 30 Bflo (RA). Blackburnian: 37 ACMaC: 1 Apr 29 BgS (FE, EP). Chestnut-sided: 61 ACMaC; arr: 1 May 11 Alf where "down in numbers" (EB). Bay-breasted: 16 ACMaC; arr: 1 May T/New Hudson (DB, LB). Blackpoll: 4 ACMaC; arr: 1 May 17 Hickox Rd., Eden (TB); also sighted: 2, 1 May 30, 31 Wlsv (EL) and 3 May 27 AL (VP). Pine: a few sightings: 2 ACMaC; arr: Apr 21; two singles Sturgeon Pt (RW, *et al* and MW, MaW) and one Acacia Pk, Pendleton (AM, WM); 1 Apr 27 Hamburg (TB); 1 May 14 Wendt's Pk, Derby (Brockners, AU). Prairie: arr: 1 May 4 Busti (EP); past date but in AC breeding areas: 3 ACMaC; 1 May 25— 31 Alf (EB); 2 May 27 W. Almond (RY). Palm: 8 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 25 Maple Springs (RS). Ovenbird: 80 ACMaC; arr: 3 May 8 INWR (JM). Northern Waterthrush: three reports: arr: 1 Apr 28 Tift St, Bflo (RA, *et al*); 4 May 28 Keeney S(CK); 1 May 14 Cb M(DB, LB). Louisiana Waterthrush: 4 ACMaC; arr four days early: 1 Apr 13 10-mi Cr. Vandalia (SE); two other reports: 1 May 20 near Ne Oregon (TB); 3 May 23 T/Birdsall (KP, JaM). Connecticut: absent this year. Mourning: 1 ACMaC; arr: 3 May 15 Bgs (EJ). Common Yellow-throat: 198 ACMaC; arr nine days late: 1 May 9 N. Boston (Brockners). Yellow-breasted Chat: scarce as usual: arr: 1 May 18—20 N. Davis Rd, Elma (Kikta); 1 May 22 Hamburg (TB). Hooded: 8 ACMaC; arr: 1 May 11 Cb RK, RhK) and 1 May 11 Erie B, Ont (Schaffner, Clark). Wilson's: 16 ACMaC; arr: 2 May 10 CbL (RK, RhK). Canada: 19 ACMaC; arr: 1 May 14 Spring Brook (DD). American Redstart: 46 ACMaC; arr: 15 days late: singles May 14 in three areas: T/New

Hudson (DB LB), Spring Brook (DD) and INWR (JM, Olsen).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: 435 ACMaC; arr: 4 May 2 INWR (Silvernail); 1 May 5 Wlsv (C. Burdick, EL); 1 May 7 Alf (CK); max 20 May 11–31 Alf (EB). Eastern Meadowlark: 159 ACAPC; 215 ACMaC. Red-winged Blackbird: 7638 ACAPC; 3328 ACMaC. Northern Oriole: 331 ACMaC; arr 1 Apr 28 Hamburg (TB); 1 Apr 29 Bgs (FE). Rusty Blackbird 10 ACAPC; 42 ACMaC; several reports, max 150 Apr 9 INWR (Olsen), and last 12 May 7 00 (Brockners). Common Grackle: 5153 ACAPC; 2590 AMCaC. Brown-headed Cowbird: 2097 ACAPC; 701 ACMaC.

Scarlet Tanager: 45 ACMaC; arr about a week late: 1 May 8 Little Genesee (FD). Cardinal: 369 ACAPC; 311 ACMaC. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 178 ACMaC; arr a week late: 1 May 7 Spring Brook (DD). Indigo Bunting: 117 ACMaC; arr a week late: 2 May 9 Blm (M. Hampton) and 2 May 9 Little Genesee (FD). DICKCISSEL: 1 ACAPC; one at feeder Apr 30 T/Busti (EP, FE, RS, *et al*) and 2 (same feeder) May 1–3 (EP, *et al*). Evening Grosbeak: 1065 ACAPC; 36 ACMaC; last of season: 4 May 17 Derby (Brockners). Purple Finch: 78 ACAPC; 111 ACMaC; max 39 May 1 Hamburg (Rochester). HOUSE FINCH: up to 30 Apr 1–30 Eggertsville (Wards); 2 Apr 17–May 4 N. Bflo (RW). Common Redpoll: 23 ACAPC; last of season: 2 Apr 14 E. Aurora (AV). Pine Siskin: 15 ACAPC; 40 ACMaC; numerous reports with last of season: May 31 Hamburg (Rochester). American Goldfinch: 340 ACAPC; 1248 ACMaC. Red Crossbill: one report: 5 Apr 30 Rockwoods Rd., Eden (TB). White-winged Crossbill: 3 ACAPC; 1 ACNaC; other sightings: 2 Apr 6, 16 Blm (Casterlines); 3–12 Apr 22–May 30 (Rochester, Frye) the injured individual wintering at Fillmore was released Apr 6 by Mrs. Balmer and was seen daily in yard and at feeder through May 21 (KP, *et al*).

Rufous-sided Towhee: 4 ACAPC; 265 ACMaC. Savannah Sparrow: 31 ACAPC; 45 ACMaC. Grasshopper Sparrow: 4 AMCaC; missing in some former areas because of habitat change; arr: singles May 3 Hamburg and Versailles (TB, Brockner); 1 May 11 INWR (JW, Rebovich); 1 May 16–18 Cb (RK, RhK). Henslow's Sparrow: 2 ACMaC; arr almost 3 weeks late: 1 May 9 Alf (EB); 1 May 10 Nike Site, Hamburg (TB); 2, 1 May 13, 30 Alf (CK); up to 2 May 11–31 Alf (EB). Vesper Sparrow: 15 ACAPC; 32 ACMaC; arr ten days late: 1 Apr 4 Alf (CK); max: 16 Apr 7 Cb (RK, RhK). Dark-eyed Junco: 4506 ACAPC; 40 ACMaC. Tree Sparrow: 1602 ACAPC; 2 ACMaC; remained until last day by BOS Date Guide: 1 May 7 Hamburg (RA); 1 May 8 E. Aurora (AV); a late one in Belmont lost its tail feathers and stayed until a new tail grew in May 20 (DB). Chipping Sparrow: 55 ACAPC; 527 ACMaC; arr: 1 Apr 8 Cb (RK, RhK). Field Sparrow: 29 ACAPC; 112 ACMaC. White-crowned Sparrow: 17 ACAPC; 86 ACMaC; very few reported: max 8 May 15 Blm (DB, LB); last of season: 1 May 23 Blm (DB, LB). White-throated Sparrow: 71 ACAPC; 41 ACMaC; only one report of more than 7: 106 May 10 AL (VP); 2 ad with N and 4 E discovered June 1 Alf (EB). Fox Sparrow: a good year: 42 ACAPC; 1 ACMpC; many Apr reports. Lincoln's Sparrow: arr almost on time: 1 May 1 Hamburg (Brockner); 1 May 14 Athol Springs (Brockners, AU); 1–4 May 22 Tift St. Bflo (AV, Schaffner, *et al*); 1 May 21 Seifert Rd, Orchard Pk (TB). Swamp Sparrow: 16 ACAPC; 16 ACMaC; 2 Apr 1 Cb (RK, RhK). Song Sparrow: 1682 ACPaC; 893 ACMaC. Snow Bunting 156 ACAPC.

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