

abundant this year; latest Apr 26 E'town (GC). Pine Siskin; a few reports. American Goldfinch: max 53 May 18 Es (HPAud). Red Crossbill: max 4 May 1-4 Es (JP&WP). White-winged Crossbill: 1 Apr 1-6 TL (RM); 2 Apr 3 Sch L (HPAud); 6 Apr 21 Wes (AG). Rufous-sided Towhee: first Apr 6 Es feeder (E&JP); max 4 May 18 Es (HPAud); 1 May 21 TL (RM). Vesper Sparrow: several reports from PS to L Cham. Dark-eyed Junco: large flock arrived TL Apr 5 (RM); max 450 in two flocks Apr 24 E'town (GC). Tree Sparrow: 1 late bird May 14 Es (JP). Chipping Sparrow: several Apr 6 Wes feeder (Ruth & Carlin Walker). Field Sparrow: Apr 5 Sch L feeder (JB). White-crowned Sparrow: first 2 Apr 8 TL (RM); 4 Apr 15 Sch L (JB). Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 May 14 Min (JOB & JP). Swamp Sparrow: first Apr 12 Es (JP). Song Sparrow: 1 singing Apr 5 TL (RM).

REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Once again, ice left the Hudson River by late Feb and most waterfowl went thru in early March. There were no peaks. April was warm with near normal precipitation, just less than 4½ inches. In the mid-Hudson Valley, foliage came on early by about 1 week. May was cool with precipitation average at slightly more than 4½ inches.

The migration showed certain species scarce but others were well represented, some even at record highs as the report will show. Most important warbler movements occurred on weekends when birders could take advantage of them. Most of the "big day" counts in the region were better than average in both species and numbers.

Observers cited: MB—Marty Borko; RFD—Robert F. Deed; FG—Florence Germond; TG—Tom Gilbert; VBG—Vivian and Bill Gilbert; TH—Thelma Haight; FH—Fred Hough; AJ—Alice Jones; MJK—Mary and Jim Key; EK—Eric Kiviati; ML—Mabel Little; HM—Helen Manson; HDM—Hugh D. McGuiness; ABM—Al and Barbara Merritt; KN—Ken Niven; JCO—John C. Orth; VP—Vivian Parkhurst; BS—Beedy Serra; RS—Robert Smart; DS—Dan Smiley; WTS—William and Trixie Strauss; JT—John Tripp; JPT—John P. Tramontano; EDT—Edward D. Treacy; MVW—Marion VanWagner; OW—Otis Waterman.

Abbreviations: First four letters of each county; MBC—Mearns Bird Club; WBC—Waterman Bird Club; SCAS—Sullivan County Audubon Soc.; MC—Mearns Bird Club "Big Day" May 18; WC—Waterman Bird Club Census May 18; USMA—U.S. Military Academy, West Point; Pok—Poughkeepsie.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: no flights reported, but single birds reported on Hudson at Cornwall from Apr 21-May 18; Dutch Apr 6-8; Long Pond, Dutch May 18-26; and Mud Pond, Dutch May 26-27. Red-throated Loon: 1 May 30 Hudson at Bear Mt. (JCO). Double-crested Cormorant: 8 WC (AJ). Great Blue Heron: Tamarack heronry with 9 nests counted and better than 25 residents. LITTLE BLUE HERON: 1 Apr 24 Crugers Is. (EK). Great Egret: 1 Apr 6 Tivoli; Black-crowned Night Heron: max 5 Cruger's Is. from Apr 27-May 11 (EK). Least Bittern: early, Apr 26 Cruger's; usual numbers thru region thereafter. Mute Swan: sev nesting records in Oran and Sull; a pr on Garrison's Rd, Fort Montgomery hatched 7 young May 8. WHISTLING SWAN: 1 Apr 6 Tivoli; 1 Apr 17 Traver Swamp, Dutch. Canada Goose: excellent numbers on migration; most ponds have 1 or more pr; at least 5 families were at Queensboro L, Bear Mt. Park, at end of season. Brant; 350 on WC (BF); 75 May 19 over Weyant's

Pd (EDT); 275 May 19 over Cornwall (ABM); 500 May 18 near Kripplebush (FH); an interesting report of 1 found dead on road in Dutch near Standfordville (TH). Snow Goose; 60 Apr 5; 150 Apr 10 over Cornwall (ABM); 7 separate flocks at Tivoli Apr 8 numbers between 600-800; 75 on ground at Buttermilk Pd. Dutch, Apr 13-14, 1 Blue Goose was among them. Pintail: 8 Apr 10 Goshen (EDT); 8 Apr 6 Crugers; 12 Apr 8-12 Crugers; 3 May 17 Fair Oaks, Oran, were very late. (JPT). Shoveler: 1 Apr 13 Crugers; 1 Apr 9 Morgan Lk. (AJ). Wood Duck: only 12 on WC was low for that count; numbers down thru region. Canvasback: max better than 300 Apr 8 Tivoli, reduced to 4 by Apr 13 (AJ). Common Goldeneye: a male May 8-11 Crugers, a very late record. Bufflehead: 1 May 2 L Tiorati was very late (JCO). Oldsquaw: 1 Apr 26 Cruger's (EK). White-winged Scoter: 3 Apr 8 Cruger's (MVW). Black Scoter: 11 Apr 8 Cruger's. Red-breasted Merganser: 13 May 2, an extremely late date (EK).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: only report 1 Apr 20 Dutchess Hill. Red-shouldered Hawk: more than usual; 2 Apr 26 Amenia; 2 Apr 22 Dutchess Hill (VBG); 1 May 5 Clausland Mt. (RFD); 1 Apr 28 White Lake, Sull (AJ). Broad-winged Hawk: only flight reported was Apr 28 near Kripplebush (FH); spring movement less than usual. Rough-legged Hawk: 1 Apr 12 Sharp Res. Dutch (AJ). **GOLDEN EAGLE:** 2 over Hudson in Dutch by Prof. Feldman (AJ). Bald Eagle: 1 Apr 17 adult. Stissing; 1 adult Apr 13 Crugers; 1 imm Apr 18 Dutch (TG); 4 in SE Sull at start of period down to 1 by May 11 (mob). Osprey: none on WC; first Apr 6 (WBC). Ruffed Grouse: increasing in Mohonk area (DS). Bobwhite: only reports were a few in Dutch. Turkey: 2 Apr 28 at Tamarack Sw; usual few reports from south Sull. Rails: usual reports of Virginia and Sora. King Rail: 1 Apr 27 Dutch (RS); another at Iona Is May 12 (EDT). Common Gallinule: at least 5 pr breeding near Crugers, first obs there May 5 (EK); numbers generally good thru region. Shorebirds: usual to better; drainage of sewage pond near Goshen produced good numbers and variety for MC. Black-bellied Plover: 1 near Crugers May 24 (EK). Common Snipe: first Apr 3 in Dutch; inc to 20 by Apr 13; 24 on Apr 20, Black Meadow Rd, Chester. Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 May 19 Hyde Park (AJ); another on MC was new to that count; 1 May 14 S Spring Valley. Least Sandpiper. good numbers from the May 1 on; several hundred at Crugers May 20; excellent numbers at Goshen Sewage Pond thru much of May. Dunlin: 1 May 10-11 Fallkill Pk (AJ); 1 May Briarcliff (TH). Dowitcher: more than usual; 5 on WC; 12 May 19; 7 same date Hyde Park (AJ). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 2 May 13-19 Hopewell Jct (AJ). Bonaparte's Gull: 1 Apr 27 Hudson off Dutch (Jeff Daley); 3 Mar 24 Bashakill (SCAS); 35 Apr 14 Kiamesha L (KN). Black Tern: 1 May 5 over Pleasant Valley (MVW); 1 May 17 Goshen (JPT). Barn Owl: 1 May 17 Middletown; 2 all season Warwick (JPT).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: first 2 Apr 30 Red Oaks Mill (MJK). Nighthawk: first May 15 Dutch; regular after that date, but not in quantities in Dutch; max more than 30 May 17 Bashakill. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: numbers better than recently but still below normal. Common Flicker: very heavy movement reported in Dutch Apr 6-8. Red-bellied Woodpecker: 2-3 residents reported from most counties; numbers holding but not increasing. Red-headed Woodpecker: numbers lower than usual; very local thru region. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: all reports Apr; 2 males "bickering" over 1 female Weyants Pd Apr 12 (EDT). Eastern Kingbird: arr late, numbers normal at end of period. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 3 on WC were only reports. **ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:** 2 at Deep Hollow, Dutch on WC. (FG). Willow Flycatcher: a pr nesting for 2nd consecutive year at Francher-Davidge Pk, Middletown (JPT) Alder Flycatcher: 1 June 2 Otisville (MB); several other Traill's type reported but observers do not specify which. Pewee: 23 on WC must be the largest number reported for a single

day. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 WC was quite early. Tree Swallow: in good numbers and widespread by Apr 7; FG found 5 dead in Bluebird boxes on Mar 30. Bank Swallow: first Apr 13 Beaver Dam, Dutch. Rough-winged Swallow: only 2 on WC was very low; numbers normal elsewhere. Cliff Swallow: migrants scattered thru May in Dutch; an unusual 80-100 May 27 at Ashokan Res (HDM). Purple Martin: obs nesting in 3 areas in Dutch in Apr; nesting at Circleville, a new area for Oran. (JT). Fish Crow: the perennial few are back in their areas. Tufted Titmouse: 53 on WC, up from avg of 30, first on that count in 1953. Red-breasted Nuthatch: fewer than usual; resident at Mohonk and Kripplebush: House Wren: first Apr 14 Dutch (MJK). Winter Wren: obs singing in Fahnstock Pk thru season (ML); also obs regularly thru May in Dutch in 3 locations. Carolina Wren: widely reported; numbers appear good; EDT obs 2 ad feeding 5 fledgling on ground at Dunderberg Mt May 12. Long-billed Marsh Wren: late but usual numbers by end of period. Mockingbird: 98 on WC, 65 last year; not reported until 1961 on that count. Brown Thrasher: only 19 on WC is indicative of population "crash" that has occurred, usually 40 is avg for that count; numbers severely reduced thru entire region. Wood Thrush: 1 Apr 12 Dutch was very early. Swainson's Thrush: possibility of nesting in Putnam Valley, but not proven (Ralph O'Dell). Grey-cheeked Thrush: more than usual and many singing. Veery: generally late and low numbers thru period. Bluebird: best nesting results in recent years in Dutch; of 46 boxes checked Apr 29 and 30, 11 were occupied and 1 had 7 eggs (FG); May showed 13 nestings with over 60 young. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: best year ever; any walk in the Weyants Pd area produced from 3 to 6 birds; 2 pr nesting Apr 27 (EDT). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: heavy thru Apr; few by May 7; MC and WC produced only single birds. Water Pipit: very few reports; 1 on WC and 1 May 22 near Putnam Valley. Loggerhead Shrike: only 1 Apr 4 at Greenville (Iris Dean).

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Vireos: most late and few by end of season. White-eyed Vireo: single birds on WC and MC. Solitary Vireo: 1 Apr 6 Cornwall; 1 Apr 28 Livingston Manor: 2 last week of Apr in Dutch. Red-eyed Vireo: late and less than last year which was poor. Philadelphia Vireo: only 1 on MC (John Sero). very few; 1 Apr 29 Red Oaks Mill; 1 Apr 30 Pond Gut. Warblers: waves noted most areas on Apr 28-29, May 12-13, May 18, May 28. Worm-eating Warbler: very few reported; absent from most haunts; first May 12 Thompson Pd. Tennessee Warbler: 1st May 12 at Dunderberg Mt; an extraordinary 104 on WC, previous high was 30 in 1961. **ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** 1 on WC (no details); 1 May 20 Bashakill (FG, et al). Parula Warbler: 24 on WC which avg 14. Cape May Warbler: very scarce; only reports on MC and WC, and 1 May 14 Thompson Pd. Cerulean Warbler: always rare but regular; this year less than usual; only 3 birds in Dutch and 1 at Weyant's Pd. on WC and MC respectively; did not return to Cruger's this year. Blackburnian Warbler: scarce max 5 May 1 (WTS). Bay-breasted Warbler: better than usual esp from May 13-27, 37 on WC whose previous high was only 11. Northern Waterthrush: 14 on WC which avg 7. Louisiana Waterthrush: at Mohonk Apr 4, unusually early (DS). Mourning Warbler: 1 seen and heard at Thompson Pd May 27; 1 May 20 Bashakill (FG et al). Yellow-breasted Chat: 2 on WC; 1 Bashakill May 20; 2 June 9 Mine Rd, USMA. Hooded Warbler: failed to return to most haunts; 2 on WC. Wilson's Warbler: better than usual; first 2 May 1 Mine Rd. (Paul Jeheber); 12 on WC. Canada Warbler: 43 on WC, usual avg 20; excellent numbers that date thru region. Redstart: 147 on WC, usually 70.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink; 1 Apr 30 near Red Oaks Mill; early usual numbers and locations at end of period. **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:** 1 Apr 6 Buttermilk Pd, Dutch with about 1000 Redwings. (RS) Orchard Oriole: a singing male at Moore's Mills and a female at the home of MVW Dutch on

May 13; 2 May 17 East Park, Dutch (TG). Rusty Blackbird: only a few, max 30 Apr 17 Bashakill (MB). Common Grackle: an unusual record of 1 nesting in hole in a deciduous tree about 6 ft. off ground at Weyants Pd May 18 (EDT). Scarlet Tanager: first May 11, late; numbers good; kill of northern New England not observed this far south. Indigo Bunting: first May 8 Weyants Pd; numbers good at end of period. DICKCISSEL: 1 adult in excellent plumage Pok Apr 1-16, feeding with House Sparrows at home of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Seift (OW). Evening Grosbeak; numbers dwindling in May; left just before most censuses. Common Redpoll: good wintering numbers continued thru April; last May 7 near Pok (MJK). Pine Siskin: thought they'd never leave; exc numbers thru latter May; last May 24, Dutch. White-winged Crossbill: thru season till May 17 at Millbrook (R. Davis). Savannah Sparrow. numbers reduced; down to 11 on WC from avg of 20. Grasshopper Sparrow: always low; a healthy 7 on WC. Vesper Sparrow: at Cornwall Apr 12; very few reports thereafter. Dark-eyed Junco: very common first week of Apr; resident at end of period at Deep Hollow, Dutch where they have been known to nest in the past. CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: one single adult at Rockefeller Inst, Town of Washington, Dutch from May 25 thru end of period (RS, Don Kroodsma). White-crowned Sparrow: good migration; 10 on WC; last May 20. White-throated Sparrow: Excellent movement first week of May; last May 19 in most areas. Fox Sparrow: 2 late dates of Apr 23 and 25 in Dutch. (Westchester birders and bird clubs: we are presently getting no reports from your area. Help!)

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Erratic fluctuations in the weather characterized the spring of 1974. Throughout March and April periods of mild temperature and fair winds — ostensibly the herald of the new season — were unexpectedly followed by cold air masses from the northwest which rendered a reversion to winter weather. The effects of the abrupt changes were apparent: many species arrived well ahead of schedule, however, the precocious nature of the migration never developed into more than a smattering of early arrivals, for each cold wave precluded the possibilities of an advanced migration. Typical of the entire season was the situation in late April when the migration was farther advanced than it has been in years. Many early-May migrants, such as Blue-winged, Parula, and Yellow Warblers etc., were represented in moderate numbers, but northerly winds in early May countered the early push, resulting in other species (e.g. Red-eyed Vireo, Redstart, and Indigo Bunting) not arriving in normal numbers until later than expected. Warm southerly pushes occurred on Ap 3, 4, 15, 21, 28, 29, May 2, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 22, 25, & 26.

On the roseate side this season were: 1) scattered reports of Red-shouldered Hawk in NYC parks, including one breeding attempt 2) early optimistic signs concerning the viability of Osprey eggs 3) good numbers of White-rumped Sandpiper 4) species with a southern affinity continued to increase as spring migrants, most notably: Chuck-will's-widow; Red-bellied Woodpecker; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; Prothonotary, Cerulean, Yellow-throated, Kentucky, and Hooded Warblers; and Summer Tanager 5) large numbers of certain northern breeders including Olive-sided Flycatcher; Nashville, Magnolia, Bay-breasted, Tennessee, Cape-May, and Mourning Warblers; and Lincoln's Sparrow 6) good numbers of Red-headed Woodpecker 7) continued eastward expansion of Tufted Titmouse on LI. On the