

sibly nesting? Fish Crow: the 1, possibly 2, regularly seen Ithaca (Hahn, others). Carolina Wren: the increased populations survived the Apr. snow; several Ithaca, 4 May 18 EOS, pair nesting Clifton Springs, "well established along Seneca Lake between Willard and Geneva where there were none before last fall" (MJ). Long-billed Marsh Wren: arr May 18 MNWR, nearly a month late. Short-billed Marsh Wren: see introduction. Gray Catbird: plentiful after May 6. Wood Thrush: few until well into May. Swainson's Thrush: wave May 17 Watkins area, singing Cayuta L. Outlet; only 3 other reports. Gray-cheeked Thrush: 2 Ithaca reports; 1 singing May 20-24 SAD. Eastern Bluebird: max. migrants 20 Apr. 10 Ithaca; 14 May 18 EOS; 11 nesting pairs SAD by end of May (6 pairs all last year), 2 broods of 5 young each already fledged; few nesting Ithaca.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Vireos: Yellow-throated: arr May 10, late. Solitary: arr Apr. 10 Ithaca, nearly 2 weeks late. Philadelphia: 1 each May 17, Elmira, May 15 and 19 Ithaca. Warbling: arr May 3, late.

Arrival of about two-thirds of the warbler species was anywhere from a week to a month late. Prothonotary: 1 Apr. 27 Myers (Goodloe), very early; 1 May 11 (SAD). Yellow-rumped (Myrtle): trickled in the last of Apr., first big influx not until May 9; good numbers Cayuga Basin, scarce Elmira. Blackpoll: arr May 11 Waterloo, on time, but none Elmira until May 19. Pine: arr on time Elmira, a month late Ithaca. Prairie: 7 May 17 Elmira census, all in new locations, none found in former locations. Northern Waterthrush: arr Apr. 28 Ithaca, more than 2 weeks late; arr May 12 Elmira, a month late. Louisiana Waterthrush: arr a week late Ithaca, a month late Elmira. **KENTUCKY WARBLER:** 1 May 27 Ithaca (C. Mullen, many), present at least a week, third Cayuga Basin record. **CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** 1 May 11 Waterloo (JW); 1 May 12 Seneca Falls (Jorgensen). Yellow-breasted Chat: 4 Ithaca area in May, more than usual; 1 Seneca Falls; 2 locations Watkins area; 4 locations Elmira. Am. Redstart: 1 Apr. 20 Cay L the day after heavy south winds (Schuyler Co. Bird Club), early.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: 100+ males May 12 Dutch Hill, Elmira (WH). N. Oriole: arr Apr. 11 Phelps, not until May 9 (late) Elmira. Scarlet Tanager: arr May 10, late. Indigo Bunting: arr Apr. 25 near Geneva (BH), early. House Finch: Etna, several locations Ithaca, many singing in Elmira, reports from Big Flats and Horseheads, feeding fledged young May 19 Corning. Common Redpoll: 2 Apr. 4-6 Elmira feeder; 1 Apr. 4-9 Newark feeder. Savannah Sparrow: scarce until May. Grasshopper Sparrow: 6 in late May on 700 meter transect near Ithaca airport (EK). Vesper Sparrow: arr Apr. 6, about 3 weeks late; 1 Apr. 11 at Corning feeder; scarce everywhere. White-crowned Sparrow: 1 early Apr. Ithaca, no more until May; good migration May 1-20. Lincoln's Sparrow: singles May 10 and 12 Ithaca. Lapland Longspur: last, week of Apr. 8 Ithaca. Snow Bunting: last, week of Apr. 30 Ithaca.

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REGION 4 – SUSQUEHANNA

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April was decidedly cold, especially from the 4th thru 13th when the temperature never was above 40 degrees F and fell to 22 or less every night. May was almost as decidedly warm and produced no temperatures below 40. The early April cold was accompanied by some snow and produced considerable activity at feeders. The May heat, on the other hand, brought many complaints of a "fast" migration.

Rarities included a Cattle Egret, a White-eyed Vireo, Hooded Warblers and an Orchard Oriole.

Abbreviations: Bing-Binghamton; CC-Chocoanut Center, Broome Co.; CF-Chenango Forks, Broome Co.; Co.-County; max-maximum count; Mil-Milford, Otsego Co.; WP-Whitney Point, Broome Co.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: May 17 at Crumhorn Lake, in Otsego Co., the last of 4 spring records. Horned Grebe: Apr. 17 Owego, the last of only 3 records. Pied-billed Grebe: 1 May 18 Bing area, the last of 12 Apr.-May records; 6 Apr. 6 WP max. Green Heron: Apr. 28 Owego; no more until May 10. CATTLE EGRET: 1 Apr. 25 Bing (RS), much experience with species in Florida. Common Egret: 1 May 12 Norwich. American Bittern: 1 Apr. 8 Portlandville, Otsego Co. Whistling Swan: 9 Apr. 1 WP. Canada Goose: 53 May 11 CC the last large flock. Black Duck: relatively scarce. Pintail: Apr. 13 WP, last date. Green-winged Teal: 5 Apr. 19 Mil, last date. Blue-winged Teal: still in Bing area May 18. American Wigeon: none after Apr. 13. Redhead: Apr. 13 Candor, no others. Ring-necked Duck: 2 May 3 Crumhorn Lake, the only ones after Apr. 20; 80 or more Apr. 12 WP max. Canvasback: Apr. 6 Owego, the only date in period. Common Goldeneye: 1 Apr. 12 Mil area, last date. Bufflehead: Apr. 13 WP, last date; 12 Apr. 12 WP max. Hooded Merganser: still present near Hartwick, Otsego Co., May 24 and near Owego May 25. Common Merganser: Apr. 20 WP, last date. Red-breasted Merganser: over 40 Apr. 6 WP max; Apr. 13 Owego last date.

HAWKS-OWLS: Turkey Vulture: Apr. 9 Apalachin. Goshawk: May 18 Bing (GC, EK). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 4 reports. Cooper's Hawk: 2 reports. Broad-winged Hawk: Apr. 23 Candor; numbers up again from low last year. Rough-legged Hawk: Apr. 26 Vestal the only report after Apr. 12. Bald Eagle: 2 May 1 Cannonsville Reservoir (LM). Marsh Hawk: May 18 Bing the only record after Apr. 14 but 8 before. Osprey: Apr. 26 Kirkwood; 7 more reports of at least 10 individuals to May 10 Bobwhite: 1 Apr. 12 suburban back yard in Endwell. Turkey: May 27 Vlei-Franklin Mountain (HJ), Otsego Co., a female at nest with 13 eggs; 6 Apr. 19 Vestal (EH); also 2 other Bing area localities and in Owego area. Common Gallinule: 2 May 3 Sherburne. American Coot: 1 Apr. 5 Mil; also Apr. 13 Owego. Common Snipe: 8 Apr. 6 Delhi first and max; 4 other reports to Apr. 19. Upland Sandpiper: 1 May 10 Meredith, Delaware Co. (PJ). Greater Yellowlegs: 2 May 10 Bloomville, Delaware Co. Lesser Yellowlegs: Apr. 25 Owego. Pectoral Sandpiper: Apr. 12 and 13 Owego (C, JB), early, but not unprecedentedly so. Herring Gull: Apr. 26 CF last date. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 May 8 Mil, only 2 others. Black-billed Cuckoo: May 18 Bing, 5 later reports. Screech Owl: only 2 reports. Great Horned Owl: 2 young in nest May 7, Springfield Center, Otsego Co.; common as usual. Snowy Owl: 1 Apr. 5 at Hallstead, just south of Penna. line (EW, BT). Barred Owl: 1 adult and 2 young at nest May 7 Springfield Center; also reported at Bing and 2 Mil locations.

GOATSUCKERS-SHRIKES: Whip-poor-will: 1 heard about mid-May in Oneonta. Com. Nighthawk: May 13 Bing. Chimney Swift: Apr. 28 Owego. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: May 11 Oneonta. Pileated Woodpecker: 7 reports. Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 May 2 Delhi (MC); 1 May 18 Bing; 1 May 23 Sherburne (R,SW). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Apr. 5

Mil area; quite common. Great Crested Flycatcher: May 10 in several areas and quite common thereafter. Willow Flycatcher: 3 May 18 Bing; 4 May 24 Mil. Least Flycatcher: Apr. 29 Vestal. Eastern Wood Pewee: May 15 Walton. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 May 31 Mil, the only report. Rough-winged Swallow: Apr. 23 Owego. Barn Swallow: Apr. 19 Delhi. Cliff Swallow: Apr. 18 Bing; the only report. Purple Martin: Apr. 20 Owego. Tufted Titmouse: fairly common in several Bing localities. Red-breasted Nuthatch: May 18 Bing last date. Brown Creeper: fairly common during migration; still present May 26 CF. House Wren: Apr. 25 CC; regular from May 5. Winter Wren: Apr. 4 Vestal: fairly numerous reports—7 different places in Mil area during May. Carolina Wren: occasional reports from 3 areas in Vestal and from Owego. Long-billed Marsh Wren: 2 May 28 Norwich, the only report. Mockingbird: scattered reports from Delhi, Owego and Bing areas. Gray Catbird: migrants from May 4. Brown Thrasher: Apr. 19 Candor; regular from May 1. Wood Thrush: May 3 Nanticoke, in Broome Co.; common. Hermit Thrush: Apr. 10 Bing; 15 different reports, 5 Apr. 22 Delhi max; 4 different places in Mil area during May. Swainson's Thrush: 1 May 13 Vestal and 7 May 18 Bing area, the only reports. Veery: 2 May 9 Vestal, fairly plentiful. Eastern Bluebird: recorded in all reporting parts of Region, but only in small numbers. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Apr. 29 CF; 1 May 14 Mil, in the same place as last 2 years; 2 May 18 Endwell; that's all. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 2 May 3 Mil last date. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: common from Apr. 18 to May 13; May 20 Mil last date. Water Pipit: 1 May 7 Delhi (MC), that's all. Loggerhead Shrike: Apr. 2 Vestal; 1 Apr. 12 and 13 WP (MS).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: WHITE-EYED VIREO: May 10 CF (A,MD). Yellow-throated Vireo: May 8 CF, more common than usual. Solitary Vireo: May 3 Bing and Mil. Red-eyed Vireo: May 1 Nanticoke, no more until May 13. Philadelphia Vireo: May 3 Bing (CH); May 18 Bing; May 25 Owego. Warbling Vireo: May 3 Owego; only 7 more reports in May. Golden-winged Warbler: May 10 Bing; nesting pair May 29 Hartwick; fairly common. Blue-winged Warbler: May 4 Bing; at roughly 70 per cent of Golden-wing population. Tennessee Warbler: May 14 Crumhorn; common until May 23, last date. Nashville Warbler: May 3 CF; May 29 Hartwick, "nesting pair." Parula Warbler: 1 May 10 Mil, May 11 CC and May 14 CF—that's all. Magnolia Warbler: May 9, 2 at Delhi and 1 near Mil; max 8 May 20 at Mil. Cape May Warbler: 20 May 10 Mil first and max; daily at Oneonta and Bing to May 18. Black-throated Blue Warbler: May 9 to 18. Yellow-rumped Warbler: Apr. 26 CF; 200 May 10 Mil max; mostly gone after May 19 but still at Owego May 25 and CF May 31. Black-throated Green Warbler: May 3 Nanticoke and Bing; most migrants passed thru between May 10 and 18. Blackburnian Warbler: 2 May 9 Delhi; 7 May 18 Bing max. Bay-breasted Warbler: May 4 Owego, very early; next date May 15 and last date May 19; very few. Blackpoll Warbler: May 10 Mil; next date May 17 and daily reports to the end of May; "lots" at Norwich. Palm Warbler: Apr. 12 Mil, 2 May 4 Oneonta and 1 May 10 Sherburne. Prairie Warbler: 1 May 16 Vestal Center at the station occupied regularly the past few years and 1 May 17 Vestal, about 4 miles away. Northern Waterthrush: May 3 Bing and Sherburne. Louisiana Waterthrush: Apr. 22 Glen Castle, north of Bing—first day sought; recorded in 7 different places in Mil area during May. Mourning Warbler: May 17 Mil area and at 3 other places in the general area by the end of May; 1 May 23 Delhi; 1 May 31 CC. **HOODED WARBLER:** 2 May 16 Delhi (EM), not often reported in Region. Wilson's Warbler: 3 May 18 Bing, no others. Canada Warbler: May 3 Bing; next date May 11; May 25 Emmons, a "nesting pair."

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: May 11 CC; 28 May 18 Bing. **ORCHARD ORIOLE:** May 10 CF, good description (A,MD). Rusty Blackbird: Apr. 2 to 19 Bing, more reports than usual; also reported from Owego. Scarlet Tanager: May 9 Mil; next May 14. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 4 Owego; quite common everywhere. Indigo Bunting: 1 May 10 Delhi, earlier than average. Evening Grosbeak: common until Apr. 23 but mostly gone by Apr. 30; 1 still at Bing May 18. Purple Finch: very common from Apr. 15 to May 15 but thinned out quickly thereafter; 2 flocks Apr. 5 Mil totalling 60 feeding on burdock. House Finch: a pair regularly at a feeder in Oneonta during period (MD); regularly present at 5 different feeders and in numbers in Bing—Endwell area; also reported at Owego, Can-

dor and Apalachin. Rufous-sided Towhee: Apr. 1 Vestal; next date Apr. 19; not particularly common. Savannah Sparrow: 13 May 18 Bing. Grasshopper Sparrow: May 17 Bing; only 4 reports. Henslow's Sparrow: May 15 CC; only 4 reports. Vesper Sparrow: Apr. 4 Afton; fairly common. Dark-eyed Junco: 405 May 3 Mil area but only stragglers left a day or 2 later throughout Region; May 25 and 26 still at Owego and CC, respectively. Tree Sparrow: May 2 Vestal last date. White-crowned Sparrow: Apr. 21 Candor (RP); all other reports May 3 to 19 and numerous. White-throated Sparrow: very common from Apr. 4 to May 12. Fox Sparrow: good numbers to Apr. 13, stragglers to Apr. 25. Lincoln's Sparrow: May 8 Vestal; 5 to May 18, 4 of them banded. Song Sparrow: 150 Apr. 5 Mil area; 42 actual count within a few minutes Apr. 6 CC.

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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April is, indeed, the cruelest month—a ten inch plus snowstorm April 4-5-6 followed by persistent cold for a week concentrated desperate birds at the cleared roadedges (everything from American Woodcock to Song Sparrows) and the consequent lack of insect food decimated the local Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallow—and perhaps other swallows, Hermit Thrush, Eastern Bluebird, and Savannah Sparrow populations. The best description of the roadside birding that snowstorm produced is Robert Frost's "Our Singing Strength" (q.v.). April persisted with cold—the coldest April in forty-three years—and almost continuous north and northwest winds. The hawk and diurnal landbird migrations along Lake Ontario were almost nil and the month proved that the hawks do not need the south winds for migration but the birders certainly do. Despite the weather and the lack of hawks, Derby Hill was rife with bird watchers this spring, a type of birding concentration almost certain to increase in future springs. I would to heaven other sectors of the region could achieve this intensity of observation.

Early May continued cold until the 12th. Then a great surge of hot, humid weather produced instant spring and the local woods advanced from stick-like nakedness to verdant jungle in eight days. The remainder of May proved clear and warm and migration, ten days to two weeks behind as of the 12th, was normal or even advanced by the 25th. No cooling frontal systems in late May developed to trigger migrational interruptions and local birding except for the Ontario lakeshore was rather uniform, even dull in that period. Shorebird habitat remained minimal throughout the spring and shorebirds were also.

Vernal positives include 1) a small influx of southern herons; 2) a superb Canada Goose flight; 3) increased numbers of Virginia Rails; 4) heavy Lake Ontario flights of Common Crows and Blue Jays; 5) increasing numbers of Carolina Wrens and Mockingbirds—true enough, the South will rise again; 6) increased numbers of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers and Yellow-throated and Warbling Vireos; 7) above average numbers of some boreal forest warblers, especially Yellow-rumped Warblers (q.v.); 8) heavy Ontario lakeshore Icterid flights; and 9) large concentrations of Fox and Song Sparrows secondary to the Apr. snowstorm.

Vernal negatives are many—1) a miserable duck migration; 2) a wind-crossed, watery-eyed, bone-chilling, wretched hawk flight; 3) a mediocre shorebird flight, primarily from lack of habitat and, in late May, good conditions for sustained, i.e. flyover, migration; 4) very low cuckoo numbers; 5) a profound loss in numbers of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers,