

Chat; continues to decrease; only reports 1 Wawarsing May 8 (JCO), another near Weyant's Pd May 15.

WEAVERS--SPARROWS: Bobolink: first May 5 Applewood, Dutch. Numbers good. ORCHARD ORIOLE: more than usual, but still rare. 1 on BBC and another at USMA, West Point May 15 (ET); 1 in Dutch week of May 24. Indigo Bunting: on time and in excellent numbers. Evening Grosbeak: a flock of over 200 May 4 at Wawarsing. Last there May 18 (JCO). 1 Monticello May 10 and another Basher Kill May 15. Common Redpoll: 30 at Divine Corners Mar. 13-16. Last Apr. 12 Frost Valley (MB). Pine Siskin: remained in numbers thru mid-May. Last at Sharparoon, Dutch near Dover May 22. Red Crossbill: 1 at Mohonk L on BBC. A pr with young recently fledged June 2 Middletown (JT). Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 on MBC and another on WBC. Dark-eyed Junco: heard singing at Lithgow May 26 where it has often been nesting. Tree Sparrow: most disappeared April 14-16 dur heat wave; 1 May 1 in Dutch was very late (HM). White-crowned Sparrow: 2 thru Mar. 30 at Chester; numbers good in Dutch dur May, but not so elsewhere. White-throated Sparrow: exc numbers thru winter and spring. Snow Bunting: last 4 Gretna Rd. Dutch Mar. 17 (MVW). Pellwood Lake, Highland Falls, N.Y. 10928

REGION 10 — MARINE

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Weather data for the period.

	Av. High Temp.	Av. Low Temp.	Precip.
March	52.0 ⁰ F	36.8 ⁰ F	2.96 in.
April	64.7 ⁰ F	45.2 ⁰ F	2.80 in.
May	69.6 ⁰ F	50.7 ⁰ F	4.77 in.

Disappointed and concerned observers on Long Island are considering the possibility that the "Silent Spring" arrived this year. Warbler migration was nearly absent from all areas east of Forest Park, Queens. Even such well known spring migrant traps as Central Park, and Alley Pond Park in Queens were unusually quiet this year. Flycatchers were in low numbers as well, as insectivorous species in general were hard to find.

Extremes of weather were experienced during the period with temperatures dropping below freezing in mid-April followed by a week of ninety-degree heat through the third week in April, with concomitant drought. Early May was cold and wet.

Hopes, raised by sightings of three and four individuals on April 10 and 11, that an isolated breeding population of European Goldfinches had been discovered at the Muttontown Preserve, were deflated when an eager goldfinch hunter met a binocularless man who was also searching for the birds. His interest was in their survival through recent cold nights; he said that he had released six birds, three males and three females, in early April. Apparently the birds had been obtained legally at considerable expense and effort. All were in good health at time of release with the possible exception of one bird. The males were singing. He said that he had released the birds because they were nervous cage birds, difficult to breed in captivity. He had hoped that they would find congenial habitat at Muttontown. (This man also breeds canaries and Zebra Finches, so don't get too excited if you see any little black and white birds!)

Perhaps the most cooperative bird of the season was a Saw-whet Owl that spent a week during March in the ornamental shrubs around Peter Cooper Village on 23rd Street in New

York City, subsisting on House Sparrows, while worried birders alternately enjoyed its presence, educated doormen as to its relative rarity, and wished that it would go away to safer habitat.

Scattered sightings of Eastern Bluebirds during April suggested strengthening of their numbers. Breeding bluebirds at Connetquot River State Park returned on schedule and maintained their numbers.

A few white-winged gulls lingered in the area through the period, while a subadult Black-headed Gull was found on Staten Island on March 28.

Birds of unusual interest in the period were Eared Grebe, Black Brant, Barrow's Goldeneye, Black-necked Stilt, Lark Sparrow, and Pine Grosbeak.

Observers: JA—Jim Ash, WB—Wilma Baumann, JC—Joe Costa, THD—Thomas H. Davis, JDiC—Joseph DiCostanzo, HF—Howie Fischer, HH—Helen Hirschbein, RK—Richard Kelly, DL—Dave Larsen, AJL—Anthony Lauro, CMcK—Chris McKeever, RP—Roger Pasquier, GSR—Gilbert S. Raynor, LS—Lore Schore.

LOONS—DUCKS: EARED GREBE: 1 March 6 Montauk (GSR) (DL). Red-necked Grebe: 1 March 6 Kellis Pond, Bridgehampton (GSR) (DL). The two observers mentioned above had a rare "four grebe day" with the two birds cited along with the more expected Horned and Pied-billed Grebes. Sooty Shearwater: 12 May 16 Mecox (JA), 75 May 30 Jones to Montauk Point (AJL). Greater Shearwater: 25 May 30 Jones to Montauk Point (AJL). Cattle Egret: 1 Georgica Pond Apr. 25 (AJL). Whistling Swan: 7 March 6 Lake Sagaponack (GSR). **BLACK BRANT:** adult May 22-25 JBWR (N. Larsen, JA, JC, *et al.*) photo by JC. Eurasian Green-winged Teal: 1 March 6 Sagaponack (AJL). European Wigeon: 1 drake lingered to Apr. 25 at Mecox (GSR). King Eider: 4 still present May 23 Montauk Pt. (THD *et al.*). Harlequin Duck: 2 to Apr. 10 at Shinnecock Inlet (AJL). 1 drake May 23 Montauk Pt. (THD *et al.*). **BARROW'S GOLDENEYE:** Montauk Mar. 21.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: 1 May 4 Manorville (Daniel Schaeffer). Goshawk: female May 1-2 CENTRAL PK (mob) claimed as first park record. Bald Eagle: imm May 22-23 Orient Pt. (Paul Stoutenberg, DL), imm May 31 Montauk (DL, GSR). Curlew Sandpiper: breeding plumaged ad. May 15 JBWR (W. Kurau). Long-billed Dowitcher: breeding plumaged ad. Apr. 30-May 9 Tobay Pond (LS, WB *et al.*). Stilt Sandpiper: May 9-16 Tobay Pond (P. Gillen *et al.*). Whimbrel: 1 May 15 Shinnecock (GSR). Marbled Godwit: May 12 Travis S.I. (HF). May 17 JBWR (E. Single). Ruff: male attaining white ruff Apr. 3-7 Mecox Bay (CMcK *et al.*), rediscovered Apr. 21-24 at Georgica Pond (CMcK); female Apr. 23-24 JBWR (THD *et al.*). **BLACK-NECKED STILT:** May 17 Montauk (G. Rose, J. Terry). Wilson's Phalarope: female May 9 JBWR (mob), 2 May 22-23, 1 to May 29 JBWR (mob). Northern Phalarope: 37 May 16 Mecox (JA). Glaucous Gull: 2nd year bird May 15 Ridge-wood Res. (THD *et al.*). Black-headed Gull: sub-ad. May 3 Great Kills Park, S.I. (HF, S. Kerber). Gull-billed Tern: arr May 2 North Line Island, 2 birds were seen copulating on a sand bar at Tobay Pond on May 29 (AJL); arr. May 15 at JBWR (S. Wecker *et al.*). Least Tern: max 300 May 2 North Line Island (AJL). Caspian Tern: 5 Apr. 25 Sagaponack Pond (AJL), May 8 JBWR (RK *et al.*), May 22 Sagaponack (J. Hamilton).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Chuck-will's-widow: female May 1 Prospect Park (S. Wernert), heard May 2 Richmond Valley S.I. (HF, S. Kerber), heard May 9 Oak Beach (mob), heard May 16 Lawrence (THD).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Acadian Flycatcher: 1 May 6 Forest Park (THD *et al.*), May 14 Central Park (D. W. Finch *et al.*), May 16 Forest Park (mob). Loggerhead Shrike: Apr. 8 Jones Beach S.P. (LS, WB, J&P Latil).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: Apr. 17 Bronx Botanical Gardens (mob). Philadelphia Vireo: May 22 Merrick (D. Low). Prothonotary Warbler: 6 reports Apr. 18 Far Rockaway (HH), Apr. 10 Cunningham Park (A. Wagner), Apr. 27 Freeport (K. Mag-

linger), May 2 Clove Lakes Pk, S.I. (W. & N. Siebenheller), May 15 Yaphank (DL), May 18 Forest Park (J. Yrizarry). Worm-eating Warbler: max 4 May 5 Forest Park (JA). Lawrence's Warbler: singing bird May 23 Montauk Pt. (THD, K. Kaufman *et al.*). Tennessee Warbler: Apr. 24 Central Park (mob), 2 Apr. 25 Forest Park (JA, JC). Orange-crowned Warbler: May 15 Westbury (J. Vigletta)—described in great detail. Yellow Warbler: **Apr. 18** Central Park (RP), **Apr. 18** Far Rockaway (HH). Bay-breasted Warbler: **Apr. 25** (HH, C. Ward). Yellow-throated Warbler: 7 reports—Apr. 18 Central Park (mob), Apr. 18 Forest Park (R. Dieterich, S. Emmons), Apr. 18 Hewlett Harbor (R. Sloss), Apr. 22 Alley Pond Park (LS *et al.*), Apr. 22 Kissena Park (W. Reilly), May 9 Fire Island Light (D. B. Ford), May 25 Forest Park (JA *et al.*). Pine Warbler: 3 March 7 Greenwood Cem. (JDiC), 1 March 7 Jones Beach (Al Wollin). Kentucky Warbler: 1 Apr. 18 Central Park (mob), Apr. 22 Levittown (R. Goodrich), Apr. 30 Tobay Sanctuary (mob), 4 to 6 males May 6-16 Forest Park (JA, THD *et al.*), May 15 Yaphank (*fide* DL), May 15 Wading River (*fide* DL).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Summer Tanager: 14 birds were seen throughout the area with the earliest date Apr. 23 and the latest May 31. Of special interest was a female seen in Battery Park by THD among a flock of House Sparrows eating bread crumbs! Bobolink: May 10 Upton (GSR). Black-headed Grosbeak: wintering sub-adult male remained at Williamsbridge, Bronx feeder to Apr. 12 (J. Gillen). Blue Grosbeak: 6 birds reported—May 3 Tobay Sanctuary (M. Cooper), May 9 Greenwood Cem. (JDiC), May 9 Central Park (mob), 2 May 13-14 Forest Park (JA *et al.*), May 15 Forest Park (L. Morgan *et al.*). Dickcissel: singing male May 14 Forest Park (JA). Sharp-tailed Sparrow: May 3 **CENTRAL PARK** (mob). "Gambel's" White-crowned Sparrow: May 9 Tobay Sanctuary (AJL). **LARK SPARROW:** May 9 Jones Beach State Park (A. Wollin, S. Schiff). Unexpected in spring. **PINE GROSBEAK:** pair Apr. 25 Connetquot River State Park (J. Clinton, J. Rusica *et al.*). Park employees claim these birds were still present in mid-May! (*fide* R. Giffen). Red Crossbill: 15 Apr. 6 Muttontown Preserve (staff), 5 Apr. 16 Upton (GSR).

COX'S LEDGE PELAGIC TRIPS

May 22 (THD, B. Spencer, K. Kaufmann, E. Cook, HF, S. Kerber, DL *et al.*) 6 Sooty Shearwaters, 30 Wilson's Storm Petrels, 17 Gannets, 9 Northern Phalaropes, 3 Red Phalaropes, 1 subadult Black-legged Kittiwake.

May 31 (THD, JDiC *et al.*) 3 Northern Fulmars, 1 Manx Shearwater, 11 Sooty Shearwaters, 4 Greater Shearwaters, 100 plus Wilson's Storm Petrels, 4 Gannets, 1 Skua.

CORRECTION: It has been pointed out to the regional editors that the field note which appeared in Vol. XXVI, No. 2, p. 120 which lays claim for the first Staten Island record for Boreal Chickadee is in error. Up to 5 Boreal Chickadees were found in the Moravian Cemetery in the winter of 1916-1917 (Griscom, *Birds of the New York City Region*, 1923). We thank Geoffrey Carleton for this information and we marvel at his memory.

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