

May RC and an imm **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD** was seen at Iroquois NWR several times Mar. 7-17 (JM+). 37,000 Red-winged Blackbirds plus 12,000 Com. Grackles were estimated at an E. Amherst roost Mar. 19-20 (DF), and an albino Brown-headed Cowbird was found at Cheektowaga Mar. 13, 15 (PSc, RSc). A **DICKCISSEL** appeared on the May RC and at Steamburg May 29 (RS+). There was an enormous Evening Grosbeak tally of 342 on the May RC and at least 16 **HOUSE FINCHES** were counted from 6 widely separated areas. A tremendous flight of about 5000 Am. Goldfinches, with small numbers of Pine Siskins, was moving west against the wind along the L. Ontario shore May 17 (DK).

A Dark-eyed (**OREGON**) Junco found a feeder in Cuba Mar. 7-12 (JF, MFr) and another appeared in E. Amherst Mar. 12 (DF). A late Tree Sparrow stayed at Hamburg through May 10 (Skrzypek) and at Belmont through May 13 (DB, LB). A nearly 2-weeks early Chipping Sparrow was in E. Amherst Mar. 22-Apr. 1 (DF). Single Lincoln's Sparrows appeared at Times Beach May 5 (DF) and at Hamburg May 11 (RA+). A happy Song Sparrow note is 1037 on the Apr. ACC (highest in 3 yrs). 8 tag-a-long Lapland Longspurs were seen for the Apr. RC.

Addendum, received too late for the Winter report: The Jan. Waterfowl Census, Jan. 10-18, compiled by AR resulted in the lowest numbers of its 22-yr. history. The declining Canvasback and Oldsquaw show a slight increase. Low counts were: Canada Goose-17, Black Duck-444, Pintail-6, Greater Scaup-1865, Com. Merganser-6549, and Red-breasted Merganser-49; high counts were: Gadwall-97, Lesser Scaup-49, and White-winged Scoter-26. Totals were: 24 species and 16,111 individuals.

Corrigendum: In *The Kingbird*, Spring 1976 Region 1 report, credit for the Red-headed Woodpecker at Scio Feb. 22 should be "(RP, VP)".

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REGION 2 – GENESEE

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After a very early beginning in late February, spring advanced in fits and starts—very unevenly. Snowfall was light during March but except for waterfowl, migration was rather slow until the last week. April brought a very cold spell in mid-month but also produced a warm front on the twenty-first that brought an excellent variety of species. By early May foliage development was far advanced but a return to more seasonal weather slowed the May flight. The climax came on May 23 when the annual Spring Census produced record counts and a grand total of 211 species. All in all, it was a tremendous spring season for local birders.

Rarities: Arctic Loon, Eared Grebe, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Louisiana Heron, Glossy Ibis, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Peregrine, Merlin, American Golden Plover, Hudsonian Godwit, Whimbrel, Baird's Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Thayer's Gull, Franklin's Gull, Acadian Flycatcher, Worm-eating Warbler, Orchard Oriole and Summer Tanager.

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Abbreviations: Braddock's Bay—BB; Durand Park—DP; East Lakeshore—EL; Highland Park—HP; West Lakeshore—WL.

LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon peak count 600, EL April 20 (M&TT); a good flight. Red-throated Loon max. 19, fair flight in early April. A very rare **ARCTIC LOON** was near Pultneyville April 8-10 (WCL *et al.*). Very few Red-necked Grebes were seen, but an **EARED GREBE** was noted near Hamlin April 28 (DL). A few Double-crested Cormorants passed through as usual.

The herons were the real feature of the spring here. All three egrets, Little Blue Heron, Louisiana Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron and Glossy Ibis were seen! Following are some outstanding records. **LITTLE BLUE HERON**—1 ad April 2 Island Cottage (RBA); 1 ad. April 16 BB (KD&MS *et al.*), 1 ad. April 22 BB (TT *et al.*), 1 imm. April 22 Hogan Pt. (RO); Cattle Egret—2-3 April 21-23 BB (EV *et al.*), 8 May 23 Hogan Pt. (mob); **SNOWY EGRET**—1 April 22 BB (ST *et al.*), 1-2 May 17-24 BB (mob); Great Egret—1 March 21 BB (WCL), 2 May 28 BB (AK); **LOUISIANA HERON**—1 May 5 Island Cottage (KD, AS, DW), 1 May 9-24 BB (mob); **YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON**—1 May 2 Hamlin (RBA); **GLOSSY IBIS**—1 April 21 BB (AS *et al.*), 2-6 all May BB (mob). The Yellow-crowned Night Heron, an immature bird, was later found dead and brought to Rochester Museum.

Whistling Swans—good numbers through May 23, peak count 70 March 9 WL (KD *et al.*); Snow Geese max. 25 (blue morph) Point Breeze March 28 (CP); Brant max. 11 BB May 25 (WL).

All ducks except European Wigeon, Harlequin Duck and both eiders were well reported. Most were in good numbers and many were still present on Census Day—May 23—in small numbers. Best counts were Black Duck 150, Pintail 600, Green-winged Teal 125, Redhead 150, Ring-necked Duck 200, Canvasback 700, Ruddy Duck 30, Hooded Merganser 32.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: The hawk flights at BB were well covered this spring and produced good to normal counts for most species. Exceptions were: Goshawk, Bald Eagle and Peregrine all of which were scarce. Best counts include: Turkey Vulture 87, April 17; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1225, May 5; Red-shouldered Hawk 375, March 24; Broad-winged Hawk 2500, May 2; Golden Eagle 5 or 6 individuals; **MERLIN** 4 or 5 individuals.

In spite of extremely high water levels, shorebirds were well reported, mostly from flooded fields. More than twenty species were noted and some species were early. Noteworthy records are: **AM. GOLDEN PLOVER** 1 May 23; Common Snipe March 20 (early); **HUDSONIAN GODWIT** 1 May 5 (CP ST *et al.*); **WHIMBREL** 1 May 21 (TT); Wilson's Phalarope 1-2 May 12-23; Long-billed Dowitcher 1 May 25 (CP); Pectoral Sandpiper March 26 (early); Red Knot 1 May 23; White-rumped Sandpiper 7 May 23 (CP); **BAIRD'S SANDPIPER** 1-2 May 23-27; **STILT SANDPIPER** 4 May 21. The last two species are very unusual here in spring.

Both Glaucous and Iceland Gull remained into early May. A **THAYER'S GULL** was well seen in Kendall on May 6 (CP, WCL, MC). Single **FRANKLIN'S GULLS** were noted at least 5 times this spring—April 20 to May 31. Little Gulls—also 5 reports, 1-3 birds.

Common Tern—max. 4, still very scarce. Caspian Tern up to 15 per day normal.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Both cuckoos appeared late, few before May 23. Barn Owl unreported. Snowy Owl—last April 16—late. Barred Owl—one report, Bergen Swamp March 22 (CP). Long-eared Owl—nest with 2 young—North Hampton Pk. (R&KB). Short-eared Owl—last April 9. Saw-whet Owl—many reports, 1 bird each.

Whip-poor-will arrival April 19 (JL). Chimney Swift arrival—April 26 (SO). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—max. 15, April 16.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Eastern Phoebe—rather scarce, max. 4. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher—a few in late May. **ACADIAN FLYCATCHER**—two reports, both May 23. Olive-sided Flycatcher, 3 reports, one bird each, May 22-31. All swallows seemed normal in numbers. Tree Swallow arrived March 21, peak count 5000, BB April 21. Rough-winged

Swallow 2 April 8 (early) (DM&TT).

Blue Jay—max. 2000 May 16 (F&RD). Crow—max. 1500 March 20 (CP). House Wren—arrived April 19 (EV). Winter Wren—possible nesting May 19—Maplewood PK (RS). Carolina Wren—many reports. Long-billed Marsh Wren 1 April 20 (KD *et al.*) (early). Short-billed Marsh Wren—a few—first on May 23. Brown Thrasher—scarce—arrived April 17 (late). Wood Thrush arrived early April 22. Hermit Thrush—late—only one before April. Eastern Bluebird—max. 8 April 27. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—many reports after April 16. Cedar Wax-wing unbelievably scarce until very late May. Northern Shrike—last April 4. Loggerhead Shrike may be nesting again in Hamlin (F&RD).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo—3 reports April 22 (TT), May 1 (RM) and May 15 (J&SS *et al.*). Solitary Vireo—first April 16. Red-eyed Vireo—first April 22—very early.

The warbler flight was good overall and in some cases excellent. Early records include: Black-and-white Warblers—April 22, Yellow Warbler—April 17, Black-throated Green—April 16, Blackburnian—April 22, and Hooded—April 24. Pine Warbler April 3, early.

A total of 32 species was reported, plus one hybrid-Brewster's. Highlights include Orange-crowned 2 reports, WORM-EATING 2 reports and Prairie 3 reports. The only Kentucky (heard only) is unverified to date—May 23 (JT). Connecticut unreported. The peak date was May 23. Song was poor on many cool, cloudy days, but counts were impressive for Blue-winged (increasing), Cape May, Yellow-rumped and Bay-breasted. Golden-winged, Parula (as usual recently), Blackpoll and Hooded were low in numbers.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: A roost contained 200,000 Red-winged Blackbirds and 40,000 Common Grackles in Chili April 16 (JS). A male Yellow-headed Blackbird was seen on April 16 in Gates (EA). Three separate ORCHARD ORIOLES were reported from May 15-25 all along the WL. One pair was nest building in Kendall (H&G Beaver). A SUMMER TANAGER male and possibly a female were present May 21-23 Kendall N.Y. (H&GB *et al.*). At least 6 House Finches are still near HP (FM) and two or three others were noted elsewhere.

Evening Grosbeaks, Purple Finches and Pine Siskins moved through in good numbers. A Red Crossbill in DP on May 17 (TT). Henslow's Sparrow arrival April 29 was normal; Grasshopper Sparrows—scarce until late May, then numerous. Vesper Sparrows are still very scarce—max. 8 on April 11 EL (R&RKB). The last Dark-eyed Junco was May 23. White-crowned Sparrows passed through very quickly and Fox Sparrows were reported only in very small numbers. A late Lapland Longspur was seen on May 23 near Scottsville (G&SM *et al.*).

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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Snow began to disappear by early March and very little fell after the 20th. Unusually warm spring weather started the last week of March with temperatures in the 60's F (15-20° C) continuing through most of April. April 18-25 was very warm, temperatures into the 80's F (27+° C). Then a sudden change brought back cold weather that persisted through May. March averaged about 4° F warmer than normal, April about normal, May 4° F below normal. No record lows were set, but the days were extremely cool with much less sunshine than usual. In spite of frequent rains, precipitation was slightly below normal for May.