

early (BH). **KENTUCKY WARBLER:** 1 MC Apr. 23, another Elmsford Ridge, Tarrytown from May 14 and another a half mile away May 31 (BW). Mourning Warbler: 1 MC May 24, 25. Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 Wawarsing from May 7, another Mine Rd. USMA from mid-May.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: more than usual; first Apr. 28 P'kpsie. A nesting pair near Salt Point from May 14. Northern Oriole: first Apr. 22. Scarlet Tanager: normal numbers from May 6. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: first Wawarsing Apr. 25, normal. **BLUE GROSBEEK:** 1 male Brinton Brook, Croton May 14 (Jed Kiel). Indigo Bunting: excellent from mid-May. **DICKCISSEL:** 1 at South Salem feeder from Mar. 1 thru Apr. Another in Dutch Mar. 9. Evening Grosbeak: most left southern part of region in late Feb. Last at Stissing on May 12. Purple Finch: good numbers at feeders thru region to mid-Apr. Pine Siskin: absence of winter continued into spring. Only 1 or 2 reported. Savannah Sparrow: max 13 Wallkill Apr. 16 (KM). Grasshopper Sparrow: 3 at new location of Stewart Air Field May 18 (KM). Vesper Sparrow: first Wawarsing Apr. 8. Max 5 Wallkill Apr. 30. "Oregon Junco": 1 Millbrook School Mar. 24 (HM). Tree Sparrow: last Apr. 17 in Dutch. White-crowned Sparrow: many on May 14. First May 6 in Dutch. Last May 18. White-throated Sparrow: large numbers thru mid-May, with excellent movement in mid-Apr. Fox Sparrow: last Apr. 17 in Dutch. Lincoln's Sparrow: only reports 2 Wawarsing May 16 and 1 Montrose May 14.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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After a record cold winter, an early spring was a welcome event. The resultant early May leaf cover extended to the barrier beaches where deciduous leaf cover usually lags two weeks behind that on the mainland. Since the deciduous trees are sparse on the barrier beaches, in late springs there is little evidence of bird migration there, but this spring was different. May was extremely dry and warm, although a heavy rain fell on May 9, accompanied by hail and snow.

Weather data for the period:

	High Temp.	Low Temp.	Precip.
March	55.0 F (12.7 ⁰ C)	38.5 F (3.6 ⁰ C)	7.41 in. (18.8 mm)
April	63.4 F (17.4 ⁰ C)	43.8 F (6.5 ⁰ C)	3.75 in. (9.2 mm)
May	75.1 F (23.9 ⁰ C)	55.0 F (12.7 ⁰ C)	1.71 in. (4.3 mm)

There was a paucity of reports of the species that winter in southern United States, such as bitterns, herons, rails, Tree Swallows, wrens, and Hermit Thrushes. The very severe winter may be the reason. Carolina Wrens seemed especially hard hit, with only two reports from the area.

Forest Park in Queens County continues to be the premier spring passerine hot spot in Region 10. Reports of "clouds of birds," "hundreds of birds," were cited describing the bird activity in this park.

Notable wave days occurred on May 6, May 15 and May 18. After May 18, although southerly winds were present on given days, no heavy sustained flights took place, and migration continued fitfully thru the end of the period.

Northern Parulas were in abundance, and all birders agreed that there were extremely high counts of Blackpoll Warblers. The writer banded over 100 Blackpoll Warblers at Tobay Pond in May—an unprecedented number.

Rarities for the period were: "Black Brant," Sandwich Tern, Varied Thrush, Swainson's Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Boat-tailed Grackle, Painted Bunting, Green-tailed Towhee, and Clay-colored Sparrow.

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Site abb.: JBWR—Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge; MP—Muttontown Preserve.

LOONS—DUCKS: Red-necked Grebe: Apr. 25, Fire Island (AJL). Horned Grebe: Max 250 Mar. 5, Mecox (JA). Gannet: 1,000 plus, all immatures, feeding on incoming tide at Fire Island Inlet Apr. 25 (AJL & Brook Lauro). Sooty Shearwater: 15 May 20 Shinnecock (GSR), 150 May 21 Mecox (JA), 12 May 28 Democrat Point (AJL). Snow Geese: 150 Manorville winging north Mar. 31 (GSR). "BLACK BRANT": Mar. 3 Riis Park (Baumanns). European Wigeon: 2 Mar. 5 Manorville (GSR).

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: Mar. 31, MP (Lindberg) a rare LI migrant. Goshawk: 2 Mar. 5, MP (Lindberg). Red-shouldered Hawk: most of March at MP (Lindberg). Broad-winged Hawks breeding at MP (Lindberg). Only three Peregrine Falcon reports this spring and they may all be the same bird: 1 May 11 JBWR (Connolly), 1 May 14 JBWR (mob), 1 May 15 Jones Beach (Levine, Schiff, Wollin). Bald Eagle: 2 imm 1 Oak Beach Apr. 23 (Post) and Moriches Inlet May 4 (GSR)—"flushed from fully eaten kill of Herring Gull." King Rail: May 11, JBWR (Connolly). American Oystercatcher: Mar. 12, Cedar Beach (Neidich)—extremely early. Long-billed Dowitcher, May 15 JBWR (THD, Able)—seen and heard, this species sometimes goes unrecorded in spring. Ruff: Apr. 6 JBWR (*vide* JA). Wilson's Phalarope: 1 May 7 & 1 May 22, JBWR (mob). Glaucous Gull: May 1, Georgica Pond. Iceland Gull: May 1, Georgica Pond (Hamilton)—both first year birds. Laughing Gull: 4, Hempstead Harbor (Spencer)—arrival date. Bonaparte's Gull: two to three thousand lingered on the south shore between Lawrence Harbor and Fire Island Inlet until late May, many of the birds acquiring hoods by the time they left, giving local birders an opportunity to study the birds in full regalia. Little Gulls: 2 Lawrence Harbor May 15 (mob)—breeding-plumaged birds in with flock of a thousand Bonaparte's; all Bonaparte flocks must be scanned carefully for this now regular bird. Gull-billed Tern: 3 JBWR thru (mob), pair May 22 Tobay (AJL). Royal Tern: 2 May 15, Hempstead Lake (Levine, Schiff, Wollin)—unusual spring record, usually Caspian shows up in spring, not Royal. SANDWICH TERN: 1 May 24, Mecox (Cashman). Black Tern: 1 May 14 Moriches (GSR)—only report for period.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Great Horned Owl: 25 ad, 8 fledglings, in No. Nassau count circle (Otto Heck)—the population of this bird seems to be holding up well on LI. Long-eared Owl: a pair bred in MP (Lindberg)—would seem to be first recorded breeding this species on LI in almost four decades—that Muttontown Preserve producing some interesting records. Chuck-will's-widow: heard calling thru May at known breeding site at Oak Beach (Post) also 1 May 21 and May 22, East Quogue (Salzman, GSR). Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 thru May, East Patchogue (Caruso)—no nest found, but birds reported to be acting "territorially."

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Eastern Kingbird: 1 Huntington Apr. 12 (O'Connor)—earliest recorded date. Acadian Flycatcher: 3 May 19 thru, Central Park (Pasquier), 2 May 22 Forest Park (mob), 1 Deer Park May 23 (File), 1 May 28 Shu Swamp (Kelly)—this bird seems to be moving back into parts of its former northeastern range. Purple Martin: 1 Mar. 2 Quogue Refuge—new early arrival date. Fish Crow: various observers thru region have commented on remarkable increase of this bird on eastern LI. VARIED THRUSH:

male May 5 Locust Valley (J. Ward). Eastern Bluebird: 6 Mar. 18 Caumsett (Nathanson), 2 May 14 MP (Lindberg). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: numbers off this spring with only eight birds reported (or observers are starting to take bird for granted?)

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Prothonotary Warbler: 1 Apr. 24-25 Van Cortlandt (Oswald *et al.*), 1 Apr. 26 Prospect Park (Sohmer *et al.*), 1 May 1-6 Central Park (mob), 1 May 1 Manorville (GSR), 1 May 13-22 Shu Swamp (mob). **SWAINSON'S WARBLER:** 1 Apr. 30 Bronx Bot. Gardens (Rafferty, Oswald, Maguire, Peszell, *et al.*), 1 May 7 Glen Head (A. Townsend). "Lawrence's Warbler": 1 Apr. 25 Forest Park (TWB). Cerulean Warbler: 3 month of May Forest Park (mob), 1 May 12 Glen Cove (Cioffi). **TOWNSEND'S WARBLER:** 1 Hempstead Lake State Park Apr. 15 (Spencer, AJL)—beautiful breeding-plumaged male in company of "Myrtle Warblers" as was the Townsend's found last fall at Montauk by Jim Ash. This may be an indication of what to look for in the future. Yellow-throated Warbler: 10 individual reports for month of May ranging from the Bronx to Suffolk. Kentucky Warbler: 5 reports Forest Park, 1 Great Gull I (*fide* Pasquier), 1 Amityville May 12 (AJL), 1 Hempstead Lake May 15 (Levine, Wollins, Schiff). Yellow-breasted Chat: 2 Huntington May 15 (O'Connor, Loscalzo, Reiss)—possible breeding birds.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: **BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE:** JBWR Apr. 12-22 (JA *et al.*). Bobolink: 6 males May 10 in field at Central Islip State Hosp (Laskowski, Cooper). Summer Tanager: 1 female May 1 Cedarhurst (Hirshbein), 1 male May 3 Forest Park (Bearnarth), 1 sub-adult male May 22 Forest Park (Yrizarrys). Blue Grosbeak: sub-adult male May 10-11 Forest Park (Wagerik), sub-adult male May 13-14 Jones Beach (AJL, Paxton), 1 Apr. 27-May 1 Eastport (GSR). **PAINTED BUNTING:** sub-adult male May 10-11 Forest Park (Wagerik, THD)—singing bird in female-like plumage. Examination of specimens at AMNH suggest that this bird may have been the western subspecies. **GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE:** first reported on Dec. 8 (*The Kingbird*, Vol. 26, No. 2, p. 116) this bird still coming to the Adamo feeder as of Apr. 18. **CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** May 12-15 Forest Park (TWB, Wagerik, *et al.*), photo by D. Ripe.

Cox's Ledge Pelagic Trip

May 7, 18 species including 43 Common Loons, 21 Red-throated Loons, 1 Sooty Shearwater, 56 Gannets, 11 phalarope sp. and 2 Iceland Gulls (THD, Spencer, Dempsey, Quinn, *et al.*).

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