

**VIREOS-WARBLERS:** White-eyed Vireo: a pr at Plutarch Sw. Town of Lloyd May 27 was quite far north. Philadelphia Vireo: one May 10 Blodgetts, near Fishkill. One singing Basha May 19. Warbling Vireo: numbers up in Rock. Four near Piermont May 29 and five Haverstraw May 31. **PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** 1 Hastings Apr. 24 (BW). "Lawrence's" Warbler: an unusual number of two at Ardsley and one Brinton Brook, Croton in May. Tennessee Warbler: exc nos as previously noted. Nashville Warbler: first May 11 in Dutch, last May 17 Rock. N. Parula: first May 7 Blodgetts near Fishkill. Exc nos thru May 27. Cerulean Warbler: did not return to Cruger's I, only Dutch records near Ferncliff. Good nos thru the Highlands of Oran. **YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:** one in song at Bashakill May 30 (BS). Pine Warbler: more than usual. One Basha May 11 and again May 13. Four Dutch records: first Apr. 4, others Apr. 18 and 26. One on WC was the first since 1964. Ovenbird: one Apr. 30 Mine Rd. USMA was early. **KENTUCKY WARBLER:** a male near Hastings May 11 and another Basha in mid-May (no date).

**WEAVERS-SPARROWS:** Bobolink: exc nos thru first half of May in usual areas. **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:** an ad male with several thousand grackles at E. Walden Apr. 16 (R. Widmer, EDT). Orchard Oriole: three reports from Dutch from May 10. One seen and heard at CB May 28 (EDT). Northern Oriole: first Apr. 23 Town of Crawford. Not common 'til mid-May. Rusty Blackbird: exc at Goshen thru Apr. Max there 500 Apr. 16 (RR). **SUMMER TANAGER:** a singing male at Hastings May 25 (D. McIntyre). **LARK BUNTING:** one in winter plumage from Feb. 25-Apr. 12 at a feeder in Stoney Pt. Photograph submitted (Doris Metraux). Evening Grosbeak: exc nos thru region thru mid-May. Most listers had them on "big day" counts in mid-May. Still in northern areas thru end of period. Purple Finch: exc nos of winter tapered off by end of period. Well outnumbered by House Finch. House Finch: outnumbered the House Sparrow 111 to 100 on WC. Pine Grosbeak: exc winter nos diminished in Mar. Last three near South Salem Apr. 14. Common Redpoll: peaked in Dutch around Mar. 24. Last there Apr. 10, Port Chester Apr. 14, Kingston Apr. 15 and one still at Wurtsboro May 30. Pine Siskin: cont at Kingston thru end of period. Dark-eyed Junco: more reports than usual due to late departure. Tree Sparrow: last Apr. 24. Walkill. Chipping Sparrow: one Apr. 3 Dutch was early. On time most other places. White-crowned Sparrow: fewer than usual RFD found none in Rock after daily birding in May. White-throated Sparrow: as with junco, numbers exc thru mid-May, very late departure. Fox Sparrow: one May 1, two Moore's Mills was last. Lincoln's Sparrow: a good late bird at Hackensack Sw, Blauvelt May 25. Lapland Longspur: last two Mar. 4 Walkill and one Mar. 5 Marshall's, Dutch. Snow Bunting: last five, Mar. 5 and four Mar. 6 in Dutch.

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## REGION 10 — MARINE

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February's unrelieved cold weather developed into a late spring. While mean temperature and rainfall approached normal for the season, spring migration and foliage were delayed at least two weeks. Weekend birders fell back on their hopes for "next weekend" until it became clear that the next weekend was almost Memorial Day and May was over. Mid-week birders fared better as the flight days in the western part of the Region, May 4, 10, and 18, occurred on Wednesday or Thursday. Incoming birds did not linger. The only expression of enthusiasm for this spring was received from a Central Park observer, Peter Post,

who termed the migration from May 10 on as "one of the best I have seen in 28 years!," with May 18 "probably the biggest day in terms of sheer numbers since May 10, 1952." Post reported large numbers of "just about everything," with 33 species of warblers plus "Brewster's." Clearly a man in the right place at the right time. The late spring found scattered numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Evening Grosbeaks, Pine Siskins, and Dark-eyed Juncos reported after May 18.

A perplexing problem of "countability" may have occurred for some state listers when an exhausted Purple Gallinule was captured in a weedy suburban lot in Kew Gardens, Queens, and was released and photographed May 13 at nearby Jamaica Bay Refuge. The bird certainly reached Long Island on its own, perhaps only to become confused in a holding pattern over Kennedy airport. Can it be counted at Jamaica Bay?

The Federation pelagic trip May 20 to the edge of the continental shelf 95 miles SSE of Montauk Point, aboard the 104-foot *Viking Star*, reported 37 Northern Fulmars, 24 Sooty and 12 Greater Shearwaters, 63 Wilson's Storm-Petrels, 32 Gannets, 1100+ Red and 12 Northern Phalaropes, one Great Skua (adult *Catharacta skua skua*), one Pomarine and one unidentified jaeger, two Black-legged Kittiwakes, and at least three Arctic Terns. This long trip was demanding on participants, yet rewarded them with exceptional experiences of phalaropes in numbers, of Arctic Terns well observed standing and flying, and spectacular views of the breeding-plumaged skua. Tired birders, scattering for cars or scrambled eggs in the middle of the night, generally agreed they would go again (after they recovered).

Spring positives: 1) Good numbers of migrants in several areas; Muttontown Preserve recorded more than 100 species during May. 2) Actions of certain hawks suggested breeding.

Spring negatives: 1) Red-throated Loons were in low numbers. 2) Northern Orioles seemed scarce in some areas. 3) Carolina Wrens were low in number. 4) Brown Creepers were scarce in April. 5) Acadian Flycatchers were absent after having been found regularly in recent years.

Rarities include: Purple Gallinule, Wilson's Plover, Arctic Tern, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Townsend's Warbler, Black-headed Grosbeak, Harris' Sparrow.

Abbreviations: Jamaica Bay—Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, Jones Beach—Jones Beach State Park, Fire Island—Robert Moses State Park, Muttontown—Muttontown Preserve, Hempstead Lake—Hempstead Lake State Park.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Red-throated Loons were very scarce on eastern Long Island (DL). Breeding herons and egrets returned on schedule during April and May. A Cattle Egret was seen Apr. 19 at Wading River (RA), and another was at Baiting Hollow May 13 (DL). A Least Bittern May 22 in East Hampton was possibly breeding (RA). A Glossy Ibis Mar. 27 in Sands Point was early, and unusual on the North Shore (BJS). Flocks of 20 to 70 Snow Geese were reported from several locations as they moved north. Two male Harlequin Ducks were still present at Shinnecock Inlet on May 6 after overwintering, with one re-

maining on May 13 (DL); a drake was also present Apr. 18-27 at Gravesend Bay (C. Gan-cher). Five Hooded and seven Common Mergansers were last seen Apr. 9 on Hempstead Lake where these species winter (SBD). Ten Common Mergansers were seen Mar. 29 on Swan Pond in North Manor (RA).

**HAWKS-ALCIDS:** An unusual number of Turkey Vultures were reported this spring; one was sighted at Muttontown Mar. 19 (AL), while two joined the soaring immature Bald Eagle which wintered at Mill Neck, on Mar. 16 (J. Madden); J. Rusica sighted one at Ridge Apr. 9; another flew over the parking lot at Jamaica Bay May 21 (PWP); on the same day one was seen at the Brookhaven Lab (GSR). An adult Bald Eagle was seen Apr. 28 at the Bronx Botanical Gardens (*vide* N. Wagerik). At least two Cooper's Hawks, seen together in aerial display suggestive of breeding behavior, were seen several times between Mar. 3 and Apr. 23 at Muttontown (AL). Two Red-shouldered Hawks seen at Muttontown during the same period, and an individual seen repeatedly in Wading River (DL), may also indicate breeding attempts. Peregrine Falcons were reported Mar. 5 from Shinnecock (GSR), May 7 from Freeport (C. Ward), and May 17 from Jamaica Bay (JA). An exhausted **PURPLE GALLINULE** was captured May 11 in Kew Gardens (L. Rosano) and released and photographed at Jamaica Bay (THD). Am. Oystercatchers returned to the Shinnecock area by Mar. 25 (RA), although the presence of overwintering birds this year makes the date of return moot. The shorebird of the season was a female **WILSON'S PLOVER** May 20-21 at Great Kills Park on Staten Island (R. Claremont, J. Stoneck, W. and N. Siebenheller). A Golden Plover was seen Apr. 13 at Shinnecock Inlet (JA). Two were at Sagaponack Apr. 21 (JA); one at Baiting Hollow Apr. 25 (DL) was joined by a second bird Apr. 26 (RA). An individual was present at Jamaica Bay from late April through May 6. Two Marbled Godwits were seen May 13 in Freeport (C. Ward). One to six Whimbrels were present in the Shinnecock area from Apr. 28 through May 24 (DL). Upland Sandpipers returned Apr. 18 to Kennedy airport where a number of pairs breed (S. Chevalier). Another was seen Apr. 15 in Hampton Bays (RA). A breeding-plumaged female Wilson's Phalarope was found in Freeport May 13 as was a Northern Phalarope May 15 (C. Ward). Eighteen Red Knots seen Mar. 19 (DL) near Shinnecock were probably wintering birds. Freeport also attracted a Stilt Sandpiper May 20 (A. Dignan), and a Reeve May 13-15 (C. Ward). A subadult Ruff was seen by many observers May 6 at Jamaica Bay. A subadult Glaucous Gull was present at the late date of June 1 at the Fountain Ave. Landfill in Brooklyn (PAB). An Iceland Gull in Glen Cove Apr. 30 was unusual for the north shore (RC, J. Doran, H. McClure). An adult Lesser Black-backed Gull was found at Jamaica Bay Apr. 2 (B. Bruun, P. Grandjean). A Black-headed Gull was present in West Hampton Mar. 3 (GSR), while an adult Little Gull was seen at Jones Inlet Mar. 5 (GSR). A subadult Little Gull cruised off Breezy Point June 1 (PWP). A Gull-billed Tern arrived May 7 at Jamaica Bay (M. Gochfeld) where the species has summered recently. A carefully observed and described **ARCTIC TERN** was studied on the ground and in flight May 26 at Jamaica Bay (R. Claremont, W. and N. Siebenheller). A Royal Tern was sighted Apr. 29 at Mecox Bay (DL), and another was at Democrat Point on Fire Island June 1 (M. Cooper). Perhaps we can look for a breeding record soon following these pioneering efforts as occurred with Gull-billed Terns. Three Caspian Terns were at Mecox on Apr. 29, and one was at Shinnecock the same day (DL). Another Caspian Tern was seen at Jamaica Bay June 1 (JA).

**PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS:** A Chuck-will's-widow was found at Alley Pond Park May 20 (T. O'Connor). Calling birds were also present during late May in Oak Beach, East Quogue, and in Calverton. The Calverton bird remained through the period. A Whip-poor-will calling May 29 in Sea Cliff was rare for the north shore (BJS), while a Common Night-hawk over the salt marsh near Moriches Inlet was uncommon in spring (GSR). Single Red-headed Woodpeckers were seen May 2 in Alley Pond Park (A. and H. Richard), and at Forest Park May 18-21, and at Jamaica Bay May 21-27 (mob).

**FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS:** A small *Myiarchus* flycatcher, identified as an **ASH-**

**THROATED FLYCATCHER** was carefully studied at Riis Park May 10 (PAB). This bird could not be relocated the next morning despite considerable searching. A Northern Shrike was seen on the Meadowbrook Parkway as late as Mar. 11 (GSR).

**VIREOS—WARBLERS:** Increasing reports of migrant White-eyed Vireos from city parks over the last few years suggests a possible uptrend north of our Region. Numbers have not increased on breeding-bird surveys on Long Island where the species remains a relatively rare breeder. Two to three Yellow-throated Vireos were rare finds for Central Park May 10 (PWP). Prothonotary Warblers appeared at several locations: males Apr. 29-May 2 in Sands Point (G. Quinn), May 1-4 in Freeport (A. Dignan), May 19 in Wading River (DL, RA), and a female May 22-23 in Central Park (PWP). Hybrid warblers were discovered in two locations: "Lawrence's" in Alley Pond May 11 (SBD), and "Brewster's" in Central Park May 17 (PWP). Orange-crowned Warblers are rare in spring; the sighting of three birds was remarkable. One was found in Forest Park May 2 (W. Kuro). A singing male was in Caumsett State Park May 19 (S. Smith), and a third was seen the same day in Wading River (GSR). The warbler find of the spring was a male **TOWNSEND'S** netted, banded and photographed May 7 on Great Gull Island (R. Harrison, J. Biderman, J. D. Costanzo). Cerulean Warblers were hard to come by this year. One was found by W. Bauman May 17 in Central Park and was seen by many through May 19; another was located in Wading River May 12 (DL). Kentucky Warblers were reported from several locations; one from Central Park May 20 (PWP, H. Tretault), a second the same day in Riverhead (FF), and a third from Hempstead Lake May 28 (SBD). Two or three adult male Mourning Warblers were present in Central Park from May 20 for several days (PWP, H. Tretault).

**WEAVERS—SPARROWS:** Fifty Bobolinks in Locust Valley May 18 were unusual for the area (B. Lotowycz). The male **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD** present at the Otero feeder in Centereach since Feb. 19 was last seen Apr. 25. A female was seen at the same feeder for one day only on Mar. 17. Summer Tanagers were reported from most city parks: A male Apr. 30-May 1, Bronx Botanical Gardens (N. Wagerik), a subadult male May 8 Alley Pond Park (L. Shore), a female May 13 Forest Park (D. Reipe), a subadult male May 17 Prospect Park (J. Yrizarry), a male May 18 in Central Park with many observers, and a subadult male in Alley Pond May 26 (O. Dunning). A **BLACK-HEADED GROSBEEK** was carefully studied feeding on the ground with robins on the Meadowbrook Parkway Causeway May 5 (AJL). An early Indigo Bunting was seen Apr. 13 (A. Townsend, F. McDonough), while an unusual concentration of 15 Indigo Buntings was apparently grounded by the fog on Fire Island Apr. 20 (L. and L. Feldman); with them were two male Blue Grosbeaks. A female Blue Grosbeak was reported Apr. 21 from Jones Beach (P. Bernarth); a male was in Central Park May 10-12 (PWP, E. Conder). A Dickcissel was seen by many observers at Jamaica Bay May 20. Thirty-five Common Redpolls remained on Fire Island Mar. 5 (GSR). A European Goldfinch at a thistle feeder in Mattituck with Am. Goldfinches was of undetermined origin (N. Wells). The status of this bird on Long Island remains unclear with a few reports every year. Several years ago a breeder is known to have released six individuals at Muttontown early in the spring. The fate of these birds is unknown. The male **LARK BUNTING** was last seen at Bob Benjamin's feeder in East Northport May 3, having first been seen Jan. 4. A late Tree Sparrow lingered at Jamaica Bay until May 20. The feeder bird of the season was the breeding-plumaged **HARRIS' SPARROW** present intermittently in Setauket from Apr. 10 to May 7 (C. Wurster). This bird was enjoyed by a number of observers. Eighteen Lapland Longspurs were seen at Jamaica Bay Mar. 11, a good concentration (GSR).

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