

Canada (seven) Warblers. Above-average tallies were logged for Black-and-white (11), Yellow (250), Black-throated Blue (23), Yellow-rumped (350), Bay-breasted (46), Blackpoll (30), and Wilson's (18) Warblers, and American Redstart (65 and 70); most peak dates fell within the May 19-21 period. Yellow-breasted Chat: four sightings involving five singing birds, a bit above the usual one or two. Rarer warblers include two single Orange-crowned Warblers (May 13, CV; May 20, DeWitt), **PRAIRIE WARBLER** May 14-15 at Pompey, and a **KENTUCKY WARBLER** May 15 at Labrador Pond; a regional first was a **TOWNSEND'S WARBLER** well studied and photographed May 11 Hickory Grove Rd. near New Haven (FGS, DWC).

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Hugh icterid flights along L Ontario (FH to DH) with maxima from DH as follows—300 Bobolink May 19, 300 Eastern Meadowlark Apr. 1, 850,000 Red-winged Blackbird Apr. 11, 250 Northern Oriole Apr. 19, 100,000 Common Grackle Apr. 6, and 50,000 Brown-headed Cowbird Apr. 6; hundreds of icterids, mainly Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles with smaller numbers of Bobolinks and Northern Orioles, still passing DH May 27. **ORCHARD ORIOLE:** two adult males and a female May 18 near E. Syracuse and an immature male in vigorous song at McIntyre Bluff east of FH May 23; none noted at CV however. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: everywhere—50 May 19 passing DH, 40 May 20 CV, and 22 at a single feeder in Pompey; still passing in numbers (ten-20/day) at DH in late May. House Finch: still spreading; first noted in SSSP Apr. 16; ? will it breed there soon? Winter finches seem to just slip away thru late March and early April; only Evening Grosbeaks and Common Redpolls were noted passing in numbers with maxima 445 Evening Grosbeaks May 9 and 370 Common Redpolls Apr. 4, both DH. Departure dates, some remarkably late, are Evening Grosbeak May 29 one FH, Pine Grosbeak May 12 one DeWitt, Common Redpoll May 11 one Hickory Grove, and Pine Siskin May 28 four CV. American Goldfinch: a veritable Danaan downpour of the species this spring; dozens everywhere, passing DH in hundreds to thousands (max 6000 May 19), and still moving thru in hundreds there the last five days of May.

Meadow sparrows continue their paucity of numbers—max for this declining group are Savannah Sparrow 20 Apr. 13 DH-FH, Grasshopper Sparrow singles only, Henslow's Sparrow two May 20 near FH, and Vesper Sparrow 16 Apr. 16 DH-Pleasant L. Migrant sparrows seemed quite low in numbers; probably like Hermit Thrush and the kinglets, they have been hard hit by the back-to-back severe winters; most tallies much below normal, even much lower than the following max would suggest—Chipping Sparrow 34 May 11 DH, Field Sparrow 6 (very low) May 11 DH, White-crowned Sparrow 15 (very low) May 11 DH, White-throated Sparrow 165 May 12 Syracuse, and Fox Sparrow ten Apr. 15 FH. Lincoln's Sparrow: 18 (record high locally) May 21 SP dunes. **CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** one May 21 SP dunes is the fourth spring and sixth local record.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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After an extreme winter from all standpoints, spring was long in coming and when the migration started it was rapid and many species were missed. Snow persisted in the Tug Hill and Adirondack sections into late April, with piles in shaded spots in evidence well into May. Snow depths in the Tug Hill area were about 30 inches as of April 24. The thaw occurred during the first week of May in Adirondack sections. Temperatures were below normal and precipitation was

also below normal. Black flies, mosquitos and no-see-ums were unbelievable once they emerged. Concerning the spring migration, once it got underway (it was hard to tell when at times), it proceeded rapidly. Some species moved through so fast that they were missed entirely by reporting observers. Waterfowl and warblers were good examples of this rapid movement through the Region.

A few species showed some improvements in numbers, such as Double-crested Cormorant, Marsh Hawk and Eastern Bluebird. Others seem still to be in trouble with very low numbers; these include Redhead, Canvasback, Red-shouldered Hawk, Gray Partridge, Upland Sandpiper, Common Nighthawk, Eastern Phoebe, Savannah Sparrow and Vesper Sparrow. Some species are apparently down in numbers at certain localities; these include Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Purple Martin, and White-breasted Nuthatch.

Highlights of the period include large numbers of Brant, House Finches possibly nesting, large numbers of lingering winter finches, Barrow's Goldeneye, Bohemian Waxwings and Golden-winged Warbler.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: seven Massena May 22; in better than average numbers. Pied-billed Grebe: two Perch River April 2. Double-crested Cormorant: one Henderson April 26; one Henderson Apr. 29; 10 Massena May 22; 23 Eldorado May 24; 15 same location May 24; 16 (eight adults eight first year) near Jastadt Isl. St. Lawrence River May 23; two same location May 30. Great Blue Heron: more numerous this year than two previous years. Green Heron: numbers about same as usual. Great Egret: reported at Perch River in May; reported at Upper and Lower Lakes no dates. Black-crowned Night Heron: no reports for the period. Am. Bittern: First May 12. Canada Goose: 28 St. Lawrence River Mar. 30; 600 Robt. Moses Dam April 15; many stayed later than normal. Brant: 300+ Carthage along Black River May 21; 30 above Robt. Moses Dam May 24; 34 same location May 24; 29 Croil Island May 29; seemed to be a push through Region all along Lake Ontario and tributaries—late. Snow Goose: 34 Wilson Hill April 2; nine Croil Island April 15; reports of birds in Henderson mid-May—no date; more birds than normally reported. Mallard: 22 March 12; 43 March 25. Black: 42 March 12; 49 March 18; 85 March 25—all Robt. Moses Dam. Gadwall: arrival two Robt. Moses Dam March 24. Pintail: arrival March 30; 140 St. Lawrence River April 10; two on Croil Island May 29. Green-winged Teal: pair Robt. Moses Dam March 29. Blue-winged Teal: normal numbers. Am. Wigeon: one pair Robt. Moses Dam April 14; six pairs Croil Island May 31. No. Shoveler: none reported. Redhead: pair wintering Robt. Moses Dam; eight same location March 19; decrease in numbers normally reported. Ring-necked Duck: four Wilson Hill April 25, not in numbers normally reported. Canvasback: arrival at Robt. Moses two on March 5; 14 St. Lawrence River April 1; 20+ Henderson Harbor April 6. Greater Scaup: 39 March 24; 304 St. Lawrence River April 1; 200 Henderson Harbor April 6. Lesser Scaup: one pair Wilson Hill April 25. Com. Goldeneye: 1,000 wintered in open water below Robt. Moses Dam and around Cornwall Island—down to 20 April 10; three near Crossover Island May 18—late. **BARROW'S GOLDENEYE:** one pair and two imm males Robt. Moses Dam to Cornwall Island in March (Joe VanRiet). Bufflehead: single male wintered below Robt. Moses dam; two pair Wilson Hill April 21; not in normal numbers in Henderson Harbor. Oldsquaw; two near Scorpion Isl. SLR May 24. Hooded Merganser: 2 pair Robt. Moses Dam Mar. 21. Red-breasted Merganser: one or two wintering Robt. Moses Dam; seven same location April 14.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: numbers migrating through and local birds still increasing—becoming fairly common along Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River. Goshawk:

active nest in south Jefferson. Sharp-shinned: a few migrants per day through April SLR. Cooper's Hawk: one Highmarket, Lewis Co. Tug Hill Plateau May 7. Red-tailed: numbers may be up somewhat from previous three years? Red-shouldered: one May 22 St. Lawrence Co.; only one reported. Broad-winged: first Dry Hill Apr. 16; two imm probably 2nd year birds near Allen's Point SLR; one Brasher State Forest May 29. Rough-legged: last two on Apr. 1, St. Lawrence Co. Bald Eagle: no verified reports received: two possibles on Apr. 24 near Butterville in Jefferson Co. (H. Bates). Marsh Hawk: one Mar. 22; two Apr. 1; pair Upper and Lower Lakes Apr. 13; one pair Apr. 15 LaRue Rd. Massena; pair courting over Grasse River Canton Apr. 22; pair Robt. Moses Park May 20; encouraging observations. Osprey: first pair over Little River Canton Apr. 15; one Wilson Hill Apr. 25; one near Blind Bay SLR May 13. Am. Kestrel: about normal numbers. Ruffed Grouse: nine Robt. Moses Park Mar. 12. Gray Partridge: covey of eight Donahue Rd. Massena; only report for period. Killdeer: arrival Cornwall Isl SLR Mar. 24. Am. Woodcock: first Mar. 29. Com. Snipe: two Apr. 15. Upland Sandpiper: two May 19; three May 23; numbers still down. Dunlin: one Lakeview May 13. Glaucous Gull: one imm Mar. 22; two on Mar. 28 last date. Iceland Gull: imm last seen Apr. 14. Great Black-backed Gull: up to 20 in Mar. Massena area; 56 same area Mar. 24; 30 imm birds same area in May. Herring Gull: 53 Massena area Mar. 24; 62 Robt. Moses Dam Apr. 1. Ring-billed Gull: returned Mar. 12; 50 on Mar. 21; 400+ on Mar. 30; approximately 4,000 pair nesting on Strachan Isl. SLR—increasing and spilling over to other islands—chicks hatched by May 22. Bonaparte's Gull: one Apr. 8; 30 Robt. Moses Dam Apr. 25; three to six per day through period around Chippewa Bay. Com. Tern: two colonies SLR Massena area—80 nests total with an average of three eggs by May 29. Caspian Tern: two Croil Isl May 22. Black Tern: four Wilson Hill May 13; Upper and Lower Lakes May 13.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: about in same numbers as last year. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: one Dry Hill May 29-31. Screech Owl: through period. Great Horned Owl: on nest Mar. 11—young in nest April 15. Whip-poor-will: none reported. Com. Nighthawk: numbers way down. Chimney Swift: numbers in Henderson down; arrived May 9—late. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: in Henderson area numbers are down—late Spring? Belted Kingfisher: about normal numbers. Com. Flicker: about normal numbers arrived late. Pileated Woodpecker: thru period. Red-headed Woodpecker: one wintered in Massena successfully on cracked corn. Hairy Woodpecker: numbers in Henderson are way down. Downy Woodpecker: may be down slightly in Henderson.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: E. Kingbird: late but normal numbers. Great Crested Flycatcher: late but normal numbers. E. Phoebe: almost non-existent throughout Region. Alder Flycatcher: two Dry Hill May 26-31; one Massena May 29. E. Wood Pewee: arrival Massena May 27. Horned Lark: 14 on March 14; 29 on March 18; departing on April 1. Tree Swallow: one Dry Hill April 1; birds appeared in Henderson about 4 times before they stayed. Barn Swallow: late in Henderson and numbers down from previous year. Purple Martin: late in Henderson, and numbers down. Blue Jay: up in numbers in Henderson area. White-breasted Nuthatch: way down in Henderson area—one on one day at feeder through period. Brown Creeper: three Wellesley Isl. April 15; not in normal numbers. House Wren: about normal numbers. Carolina Wren: one Watertown May 19; only one reported during period. Long-billed Marsh Wren: arrived Upper and Lower Lakes May 23. Mockingbird: none reported. Hermit Thrush: one Brasher State Forest May 29. Swainson's Thrush: none reported. Gray-cheeked Thrush: none reported. E. Bluebird: male arrived Natural Bridge April 2—2½ weeks earlier than previous years (Pat Arnold); two Massena April 24 (VanRiet). Male and female near Watertown May 14. Golden-crowned Kinglet: first on April 14; four Massena Point April 15. **BOHEMIAN WAXWING:** all on Dry Hill—100 Mar. 1; 70 March 10, 15 & 16; one on March 28; 60 Mar. 31 and 14 on April 4 (Walkers). N. Shrike: last on April 25 at Canton.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Red-eyed Vireo: arrival May 24. Warbling Vireo: arrival May 12. **GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** two Dry Hill May 29-31 (Walkers). Tennessee: one Perch

River May 21, eight Massena area May 23. Yellow: May 10. Magnolia: May 18. Cape May; four Wilson Hill May 13; one Perch River May 23. Black-throated Blue: May 12. Yellow-rumped: May 9. Black-throated Green: May 13. Blackburnian: May 12. Chestnut-sided: May 13. Bay-breasted: 10 Wilson Hill May 19; four near Massena May 21. Blackpoll: May 18. Pine: one Wilson Hill May 13. Ovenbird: May 12. N. Waterthrush: May 13. Com. Yellowthroat: May 12. Am. Redstart: May 12.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: may be down somewhat? E. Meadowlark: thru period. Red-winged Blackbird: 50 on Mar. 17. N. Oriole: First May 12. Rusty Blackbird: none reported. C. Grackle: Mar. 29-late. Scarlet Tanager: May 21. Cardinal: thru. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: First May 9. Indigo Bunting: two on May 21. Evening Grosbeak: thru period. Purple Finch: thru period-may be up in Henderson area. **HOUSE FINCH**: at feeder during April and May-at least seven-but not all at once. After banding a male, I saw three unbanded males at once and later three females. Late in May a male and females came at the same time. Female rarely seen first two weeks in June-nesting?-more often after June 15. (Frank Clinch). Pine Grosbeak: last-eight Massena April 10. Com. Redpoll: 360 banded April 3-May 24 (F. Clinch); last April 30. Pine Siskin: first April 4; last May 19; 203 banded (F. Clinch). Am. Goldfinch: thru. Rufous-sided Towhee: first May 9. Savannah Sparrow: first 5 on April 13; numbers down. Vesper Sparrow: first two Massena April 13; down in numbers. Dark-eyed Junco: max migration numbers April 13 and 14. Tree Sparrow: last May 5. Chipping Sparrow: first April 28. Field Sparrow: first April 17. White-crowned Sparrow: first Henderson April 23; heavy migration May 9. White-throated Sparrow: first April 13. Fox Sparrow: one Watertown April 13. Swamp Sparrow: first April 26.

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REGION 7 - ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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A slow spring caused several people to migrate to the Big Bend and other points south in a desperate attempt to cure cabin fever, which was increasingly prevalent in March. Lake Champlain was still mostly frozen on March 15. High water levels kept most mudflats and jetties in Clinton County covered through the last week in May, so that shorebirding was slow. Newcomb was the coldest spot in the U.S. on April 25 and 26, with 14° F. on both dates. The ice went out at Lower St. Regis Lake on May 9, with a nice first-of-the-season thunderstorm to help it along. Many of our birds arrived before the ice and snow were gone. Some first arrivals at Paul Smiths were: Red-winged Blackbird on April 10, Am. Robin and Killdeer on April 11, and Barn Swallow on April 26. The black flies emerged on May 17. A woodcock at Tupper Lake tried to set some sort of record on February 27, sitting in skidder tracks in over three feet of snow at a logging job according to Philip N. Jackson (*vide* G. Carleton).

Summer people should watch for female Common Goldeneyes with young, because there were more females than usual well into June. Little Polliwog Pond, Echo Pond, and other ponds near Fish Creek may produce more breeding records since one or more females were on each as of June 14.

It was interesting to find a large, open area near Paul Smiths with at least eight Vesper Sparrows on territory. Equally interesting were at least seven Com-