

what appeared to be breeding behavior, but then simply disappearing. [Note: As has been suggested by many others for rarer breeders, this site was not generally disclosed or frequently or closely visited during the apparent nesting attempt.]

VIREOS—WARBLERS: There were many good finds in this grouping. Most normally early migrants were 1 to 4 days ahead of last year and on the early side of average. Many of the usual late May arrivals blew in with the May 7 thru 11 hot spell. The best of the records are: **WHITE-EYED VIREO:** one BB May 9 (CP, CT, mob); one IC May 15 (CP); and one Penfield May 27 (M & RM); **Red-eyed Vireo:** one several locations May 8, early; **Prothonotary Warbler:** one Greece May 10, and one BB May 13; **WORM-EATING WARBLER:** one Webster Park May 9 (RS); **Orange-crowned Warbler:** one IC May 9 (JK, FDo, mob); one BB May 13 (CP); and one IC May 15 (CP); **Cerulean Warbler:** one Webster Park May 9; **YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:** one D May 8 (L & NM, J & JD, FDo); **Bay-breasted Warbler:** five IC May 7, early; **Blackpoll Warbler:** one IC May 8 (JK), early; **Prairie Warbler:** one BB May 20 (RC, ST, KD, mob); **N. Waterthrush:** one BB Apr. 22 (MC), early; **Louisiana Waterthrush:** one D Apr. 26, scarce on the lakeplain; an explosion of **KENTUCKY WARBLER:** D May 8 (MC, mob); Webster May 8 (WLi); BB May 9 (RM, mob), banded; BB May 13 (JSk, mob); IC May 15 (CP); Manitou May 19 (NM, mob); and BB May 20 (CP, ST, mob); **CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** one PB May 27 (CP); **Mourning Warbler:** one IC May 12 (mob); **Yellow-breasted Chat:** four singing IC Rd. May 30 (ST); **Hooded Warbler:** one Irondequoit Apr. 27; and ten LP May 20 (RC, BS); **Wilson's Warbler:** one IC May 8; and **Canada Warbler:** one IC May 9.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: This year there was no record of careful counting of the streams of passerine migrants passing along the lakeshore, though there was casual noting of the fact of their presence, particularly for the May 7 thru 11 period. Notable records in this group include: **WESTERN MEADOWLARK:** one male singing PB Apr. 24 thru (WLi, mob); and one Parma May 20 (RO, mob); **Orchard Oriole:** one ad. male Pultneyville May 6 (FDo); one imm. male Kendall May 10 (B & CL); seven, three male, four female PB May 20 (S, B & BC), they have bred at this location for several years; one imm. male H May 20 (RS, mob), and one BB May 21 thru 24 (NM, mob); **NO. (BULLOCK'S) ORIOLE:** one ad. male D May 7 thru 9 (AS, mob), apparently only the 4th state record; **BLUE GROSBEAK:** one female PB May 12 (MD, WLi, HM, mob), very rare here, carefully reported; a late Tree Sparrow: Manitou May 8 (RD); a very late Fox Sparrow: Brighton May 1 thru 29 (AW), frequenting a feeder; and an excellent count of Lincoln's Sparrow: 70 WL May 15 (CP).

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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After February's deep freeze, the mild March was a welcome change. Temperature averaged four degrees above normal, with readings in the 50's and 60's the last ten days. Precipitation was slightly below normal, very little of it as snow. The first half of April was cool and there was a six to eight inch snowfall around the 9th. Unusually warm weather April 20 to 27 with temperatures from the mid 60's to mid 70's brought the month's average up to two degrees below nor-

mal. May was warm and dry until the last week, with an unusually hot spell around the 10th when temperatures reached 85° to 90° for several days. The cool, rainy last week resulted in normal average temperature for the month; rainfall was well below normal.

In spite of the mild weather, March migrants did not arrive early. Many April arrivals were delayed, especially the early warblers. Although all expected warbler species were reported, the migration was disappointing—no waves, no grounding by cold fronts, and the early hot weather seemed to send them north quickly. Yellow-rumped Warbler was the only species reported in large numbers. First reports of Black-and-white, Golden-winged, Palm and both waterthrushes were two to three weeks later than usual and many others were one to two weeks late. Best warbler movement was early, May 6 thru 12, and few migrants were still around for the Ithaca and Geneva censuses May 19 and 20.

Rarities were White Pelican, Cinnamon Teal, Acadian Flycatcher, Bohemian Waxwing, White-eyed Vireo, Worm-eating Warbler, and a first nesting of the Ithaca Fish Crows.

Abbreviations: Cay—Cayuga; L—Lake; MNWR—Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; Sen—Seneca; SWS—Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary; * (starred)—details on file.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: one still present Sen. L May 31. Red-necked Grebe: five singles Cay. L in Mar. one Dryden L Apr. 17—more than usual; singles Chemung River Apr. 5 and 17. Horned Grebe: “hundreds” Keuka L Apr. 7 thru 10, 150 in Branchport Basin. WHITE PELICAN: for second consecutive year appeared at MNWR, one first seen Apr. 28, reported irregularly thru period. Great Blue Heron: WEB counted 191 nests at Marengo Swamp, most appeared to be occupied. Great Egret: one MNWR Apr. 3, only two days later than earliest Regional record. SNOWY EGRET: one Beebe L, Ithaca, Mar. 28, record early (E. Weinstein)*. No Least Bittern, Am. Bittern reported only at MNWR. Whistling Swan: 25 max MNWR end of Mar. Egyptian Goose: one feeding at Dresden, Keuka L with Canadas—escaped from where? Canada Goose: normal large numbers Keuka L and Cay. L. Snow Goose: increase continues, max MNWR 10,000 (both morphs) in Mar. Waterfowl max MNWR:

Canada Goose	50,000 April	Green-winged Teal	800 April
Mallard	2,500 March	Blue-winged Teal	900 April
Black Duck	1,000 March	American Wigeon	1,000 April
Gadwall	600 April	Northern Shoveler	500 April
Pintail	1,200 March	Wood Duck	700 April

Pintail: pair still present MNWR May 31. CINNAMON TEAL: one male Lowe Pond, near Elmira Apr. 9 following very high west winds (Alexander, Clements) and seen on a nearby pond Apr. 14 thru 19, second Regional record. Diving duck numbers were low. Ring-necked Duck: 43 near Tyrone, Schuyler Co. Apr. 5. Lesser Scaup: one male still on Keuka L late May. White-winged Scoter: four Elmira area Apr. 3; four Cayuta L Apr. 6; max 15 Cay. L May 3. Ruddy Duck: max only 20 MNWR in Apr. Hooded Merganser: max 50 MNWR in Apr.; two broods Elmira late May. Common Merganser: scarce Cay. L and left early, none after mid-Apr.; max 60 MNWR in Apr.; one Geneva census May 20.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Goshawk: only reported in Ithaca area; none until a female was

found on nest Apr. 8, two other active nests. Sharp-shinned Hawk: regularly reported Ithaca, one active nest; only one report Watkins area. Cooper's Hawk: reported each month from several areas near Watkins Glen: reported regularly in Ithaca area thru, one active nest. Red-shouldered Hawk: nesting SWS. Rough-legged Hawk: one Elmira May 12 probably valid though late. Bald Eagle: three immatures MNWR in Apr., two with tags indicating birds hatched there, one darker without tag. Marsh Hawk: very few reports. Peregrine Falcon: one female MNWR May 15 (C. Melin, D. Gooding)*. Ring-necked Pheasant: "uncommon" Watkins Glen; "scarce Keuka until mating season, now more males crowing than usual"; numbers low Cay. L Basin. Almost no reports of rails. Virginia Rail: only report, one Elmira May 3—are they really that scarce? Common Gallinule: max 50 MNWR in May. In spite of no habitat available at MNWR because of high water, most of the usual spring shorebirds were reported, though in small numbers. Ruddy Turnstone: MNWR May 19, uncommon. Upland Sandpiper: ten at Holding Point near Elmira Apr. 21, good numbers there thru. Solitary Sandpiper: first May 5, late; few reports. Greater Yellowlegs: only one, Tyre Township near MNWR May 10. Bonaparte's Gull: very few this spring. Black Tern: first May 9, late.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: The tent caterpillar infestation resulted in many reports of both cuckoos beginning May 8, Black-billed the more numerous. Long-eared Owl: one Ithaca reservoir Mar. 8 (S. Sabo). Chimney Swift: one Dryden Rd., Ithaca, Mar. 30 was very early; not seen regularly until after mid-April. Pileated Woodpecker: more than usual in Keuka area. Red-headed Woodpecker: six reports Cay. L Basin, one Montour Falls, one Odessa. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: migrating numbers still low.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: E. Phoebe: the Feb. one at Ithaca disappeared, no further reports until Mar. 20. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: singles Ithaca May 28 and 30. **ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:** one seen and heard Cayuta L Outlet May 19 (Straths, JB)* first Schuyler Co. record since 1964. Willow and Alder Flycatchers: late arrival May 18 and 19. Olive-sided Flycatcher: one Conn. Hill near Ithaca May 19. Bank Swallow: late arriving in numbers, Brooktondale colony of 191 holes not fully occupied until mid-May. First Rough-winged and Barn Swallows were about two weeks late. Cliff Swallow: very scarce; singles Elmira May 4 and 12; a flock appeared in Keuka but did not stay to nest; none at Dryden nesting colony. Purple Martin: scarce Elmira; active colonies north end Cay L and MNWR. Common Raven: none seen Monterey where they have been reported for several years. **FISH CROW:** present Ithaca Apr. 1 thru—a pair was seen courting and carrying nesting material May 4 (J. Hines), nest found in pine tree and bird was incubating, whether young fledged not known, probably the first upstate nesting record. Brown Creeper: very scarce Keuka area but five or six pairs nesting SWS. Winter Wren: singing east of Ithaca in mid-May and at Cayuta L Outlet May 19, both in same places as other years, no nest found yet. Carolina Wren: an Ithaca pair fledged four young May 7 or 8. Long-billed Marsh Wren: very late arrival, Elmira May 12, at MNWR not until May 19. At Keuka, Wood and Swainson's Thrushes and Veery were scarce, Hermit Thrush not seen; Hermit and Swainson's Thrushes also scarce at Ithaca. Gray-cheeked Thrush: one Skunk Hollow near Clyde May 17; one Ithaca May 18. E. Bluebird: three wintered at Ithaca. **BOHEMIAN WAXWING:** three on Cornell campus with about 170 Cedar Waxwings Apr. 2, late (T. Carrolan)*. Cedar Waxwing: more abundant than usual Yates Co., Keuka area and Phelps, good numbers Ithaca. Northern Shrike: one reported Elmira Apr. 5 (C. Wood) caused raised eyebrows, but one was seen well that same day near Tyrone, Schuyler Co. (JB). Loggerhead Shrike: no reports.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: WHITE-EYED VIREO: four reports Ithaca—singles May 7 Cayuga Heights*, May 10 thru 13 City Cemetery, May 11 Game Farm east of Ithaca, May 18 Crescent Pl., still there May 28. All were seen and heard—the 4th year since 1950 this species has been seen in Ithaca. Philadelphia Vireo: one Elmira May 16; one SWS and one Conn. Hill May 19. See introductory comments on warbler migration. Prothonotary: only one re-

port, Elmira May 12. **WORM-EATING WARBLER**: one seen and heard Ithaca May 7 where a White-eyed Vireo also was seen (J. Hines)*, third Cay. L Basin record in last four years but only the fifth record since 1950; one near Phelps May 19-20 (P. Trail)*, first there in 20 years. Although they nest at Elmira they are rare in the Finger Lakes area. Golden-winged: scarce, only four Cay. L Basin all spring; one Phelps. Blue-winged: JC counted a total of 18 residents in the Ithaca area; at least a dozen Monkey Run, Ithaca, May 17, mostly migrants. "Brewster's": four at Ithaca Tomp. Co. airport and Ithaca College; one near Phelps (JW). "Lawrence's": three at Ithaca College study site with one Golden-winged, Blue-winged and "Brewster's" (JC). Orange-crowned: one Ithaca May 30. Northern Parula: scarce. Cape May: one Ithaca Apr. 28, early. Black-throated Green: one SWS Apr. 14, early. Cerulean: several MNWR; present near Phelps for fourth year; one migrant Elmira, they no longer nest since the big trees along the Chemung River were cut. Prairie: colony on West Hill above Montour Falls; present at some new sites Elmira; Conn. Hill near Ithaca May 19. Connecticut: three near Geneva May 20 (Paris Trail)*. Yellow-breasted Chat: four Elmira census May 12, none last year, only one Ithaca May 31. **HOODED WARBLER**: one seen and heard Ithaca May 8 (Hahn), 8th Cay. L Basin record since 1950; one Elmira May 9. Wilson's: very scarce.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Rusty Blackbird: none Keuka, scarce Elmira, small numbers Cay L Basin. Indigo Bunting: plentiful Ithaca area. Evening Grosbeak: the majority left during the last week of Apr., a few present Ithaca May 19. Purple and House Finches are both increasing in the Keuka area. Pine Grosbeak: one Ithaca Mar. 4. Grasshopper Sparrow: first report May 4, late. Henslow's Sparrow: late arrival, one Elmira area May 17—none had been reported there for last two years; present Tomp. Co. airport. Vesper Sparrow: increase noted; 94 Keuka area Apr. 10 in great influx of sparrows. Dark-eyed Junco: 200 counted in JC's yard near Ithaca Apr. 3 thru 9, 98% males. Tree Sparrow: one Ithaca May 19, late. Lincoln's Sparrow: one Clyde May 8 (WEB).

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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Two of the more prominent weather events of the period were high waters and flooding starting March 6 and a severe winter storm April 6. The winter storm was centered to the north of us so that only the northern parts of the Region were much affected. Oneonta received two to three inches of snow while the Owego-Binghamton area remained almost snowless. The rest of March and early May brought long stretches of good weather while April was drier than normal, although frosty at times.

The March 6 high water apparently moved the previously reported Harlequin Duck on his way and the April 6 storm was followed by the best day for waterfowl at Oneonta for the season and an unusual concentration of Horned Grebes at Whitney Point. The generally fair weather through April and early May did little to dam up passerine migrants so there was little in the way of "waves" to report, although the 100 Yellow-rumped Warblers at one location May 5 would seem to qualify.