

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.

Arrival dates did seem a little earlier than normal, but only E. Kingbirds and Green Herons were really significantly early while a few such as Louisiana Waterthrushes were late. Both cuckoos again, as if by magic, responded to a heavy tent caterpillar infestation with immediately increased numbers. Other species showing increases were Marsh Hawks, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, E. Kingbirds, Great Crested Flycatchers and Golden-crowned Kinglets. Decreasing were Ring-necked Ducks, Hooded Mergansers and C. Nighthawks.

Rarities reported include a Snowy Egret, Harlequin Duck, a Merlin and a Yellow-headed Blackbird. A Red Phalarope did make the local paper where it was reported, but it would have been nice to have more of the details directly from the observers.

Observers: Cutler and Jeannette Baldwin (C, JB); Don Bemont; Reynolds Bennett (RB); Ted Buckley; Dorothy Burns; Sally Carey; Jackie Covert; Lynn Clark; Mildred Clark; Anna and Marilyn Davis (A, MD); Warren and Louise Dean; Mary Dobinsky (MD); Jennie Doig; Sadie Dorber; Diane Drabo; Polly and Earl Getkin; Claire Gottschall; Elva Hawken; Pauline Hovemeyer; Spencer Hunt; Rudolph and Ingeborg Klenke; Jack Knapik; Margaret Layton; Jay Lehman (JL); Robert Lynch (RL); Sandra Lynch; Hugh McDowell; Leona McDowell; Peter and Dorothy Martin (P, DM); Bud and Evelyn Mead; Mike and Kathy Medovich (M, KM); Robert and Rita Pantle; Booth Perkins (BP); Kay Perkins; Elizabeth and David Post (E, DP); Sue and Don Rakow; Jim Riley; Harriett Robison; Bob and Jean Saunders; Bob Sheffield; Mary Sheffield (MS); Elizabeth Washburn; Anne Whitaker; Ruth and Sally White; K. Whitehead; Connie Wilkins (CW); Kathryn Wilson (KW); Tom and Beryl Wilson.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: one Vestal Mar. 26, first; seven Whitney Point Apr. 8, max; May 6 Oquaga, last. Horned Grebe: upwards of 75 scattered over Whitney Point Reservoir Apr. 8, from singles to one flock of 18; 20 still there Apr. 11, but only three Apr. 13; 14 at Oneonta Reservoir Apr. 7; two Mead's Pond Apr. 9 and three Plymouth Reservoir Apr. 19, both in Chenango Co.; last date Apr. 27 Owego. Red-necked Grebe: one Crumhorn Lake, e. of Oneonta, Apr. 14; one Plymouth Reservoir Apr. 19. Pied-billed Grebe: two Whitney Point Mar. 30, first; one Plymouth Reservoir Apr. 20, last; eight other reports of one to three birds. Great Blue Heron: migrants from Mar. 16 Owego. SNOWY EGRET: one Binghamton May 8 (BP)—careful description, including yellow at base of bill, black legs, yellow feet and active feeding; not seen again. Green Heron: Apr. 14 Binghamton; next report Apr. 23 Owego. Mute Swan: one at Little York, in Cortland Co., Mar. 1 (CW). Canada Goose: 20 North Norwich Mar. 4, first migrants; peak numbers Mar. 10 and again Apr. 21 and 22 with more or less steady movement through May 6, except none from Apr. 12 to 20; still present in ones and twos at the end of the period. Snow Goose: 12 at Mount Vision, near Oneonta, Mar. 3; also reported from Owego in Mar. Black Duck: 45 North Norwich Marsh Mar. 18, max; only two reports after Apr. 1 and total number of reports less than 25 per cent the number of Mallard reports. Pintail: four North Norwich Mar. 18; two Whitney Point Apr. 18; the only reports. Green-winged Teal: two North Norwich Mar. 22, first; ten Mead's Pond Mar. 31, max; three Sherburne Apr. 7, last; also reported from Owego. Blue-winged Teal: Mar. 18 Owego; next date Apr. 7, four at Sherburne and two at Portlandville; one Cortland May 12, the last of eight more reports. American Wigeon: one North Norwich Marsh Apr. 1; only three more reports to Apr. 18. No. Shoveler: two North Norwich Marsh Apr. 7; three at Mead's Pond, Norwich, Apr. 9. Wood Duck: four Portlandville Mar. 17; Mar. 18 Owego; next date Apr. 3 but then reasonably common. Redhead: 45 Cortland, one Homer Mar. 1—best count in the Region for years, but then no more. Ring-necked Duck: three Goodyear Lake Apr. 7 and six Whitney Point Apr. 15 then no more—much below normal. Greater Scaup: 24 Whitney Point Mar. 30. Lesser Scaup: four Goodyear Lake Apr. 7; also at Owego in Apr. Common Goldeneye: two Oneonta area Apr. 14, last date of a poor season. Buffle-

head: eight Mead's Pond Apr. 9, max; three Plymouth Reservoir Apr. 20, last. Oldsquaw: upwards of 80 at Mead's Pond Apr. 9—an unusual concentration for the Region, but the only report of the species. **HARLEQUIN DUCK:** the bird reported last issue was not seen after Mar. 5 as rivers approached flood stage. Ruddy Duck: Apr. 12 Owego (C, JB, RB). Hooded Merganser: six in Oneonta area Mar. 17; not many migrants, but a pair with 11 young at German, in Chenango Co. (CW). Common Merganser: about 200 scattered over Whitney Point Reservoir Apr. 4, max; two Oneonta Reservoir Apr. 19, the last. Red-breasted Merganser: 18 Whitney Point Apr. 13; last seen Apr. 18.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: Apr. 1 Cannonsville, first; four Oneonta Apr. 19, max. Goshawk: Apr. 27 Owego (M, KM, P, DM), no others. Sharp-shinned Hawk: seven reports. Cooper's Hawk: seven reports. Red-tailed Hawk: 12 counted at seven stops Portlandville-Oneonta Mar. 17, max. Red-shouldered Hawk: four reports from Oneonta, Owego and Binghamton. Broad-winged Hawk: one Oneonta Apr. 21, first; reported frequently, but only in small numbers. Rough-legged Hawk: one to three Portlandville-Milford to Apr. 28; one Mar. report from Owego. Marsh Hawk: one Delhi May 19, the only report after Apr. 14; 16 reports of one or two birds, many more than in recent years. Osprey: one Lisle, near Whitney Point, Mar. 10 (A, MD), very early; next report Apr. 15; 15 more to May 7. **MERLIN:** one North Norwich Marsh Mar. 31 (JL), "small dark falcon, very swift direct purposeful flight." Turkey: a few in almost every part of the Region from which reports received. Common Gallinule: Apr. 20 Apalachin, no others. American Coot: in Mar. and Apr., but only from Owego. Killdeer: two Oneonta Mar. 8, first; 80 counted Apr. 7 in Oneonta area, including 40 in one flock and 14 in another. American Woodcock: first date Mar. 13 at Hinman's Corners, n. of Binghamton. Common Snipe: four Milford Apr. 7; three North Norwich Apr. 21; no others. Upland Sandpiper: May 12 Cortland; one Plymouth area May 26. Spotted Sandpiper: two Portlandville-Oneonta Apr. 28. Solitary Sandpiper: May 3 to 17 Port Dickinson, just n. of Binghamton; frequent reports from Norwich area and also reported from Cortland and Oneonta. Greater Yellowlegs: one at a marsh three mi. n. of Norwich May 5 and 8; no others. Least Sandpiper: one n. of Norwich May 5 and three on May 11. Red Phalarope: one May 20 Hobart (E, DP), seen by several observers but gone the next day—the description in a Stamford *Mirror Recorder* article did not appear to originate from the observers. Herring Gull: Apr. 18 Whitney Point, the only report after Mar. 24. Ring-billed Gull: seven Cannonsville Apr. 1; 20 Johnson City Apr. 3; 12 to 15 Whitney Point Apr. 8; best count 27 Whitney Point Apr. 13; three still at Whitney Point May 20. Bonaparte's Gull: 15 Owego Apr. 2; two Whitney Point Apr. 8.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Yellow-billed Cuckoo: May 15 Binghamton; five more reports, all from Triple Cities area. Black-billed Cuckoo: two Binghamton May 11; 11 more Triple Cities reports and also from Cortland and Hamden, Delaware Co. Screech Owl: a nesting pair near North Colesville, in Broome Co., during May the only report. Snowy Owl: one Portlandville Mar. 17 (MD, KW). Common Nighthawk: Port Dickinson May 8; not many and only from Triple Cities and Cortland. Chimney Swift: three Norwich Apr. 15; next report Apr. 25. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: May 6 Chenango Forks. Common Flicker: Mar. 11 Vestal; next date Mar. 21. Pileated Woodpecker: 12 reports from all parts of the Region. Red-headed Woodpecker: one Sherburne May 13 and 29, thought to have nested in area last year. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Apr. 14 Vestal; best numbers in years.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Eastern Kingbird: one Norwich Apr. 17 and Owego Apr. 24, the only reports before May 7; good numbers. Great Crested Flycatcher: May 6 Choconut Center; good numbers. Eastern Phoebe: Mar. 22 Vestal Center. Alder Flycatcher: May 20 Endwell; two Plymouth area May 26; no more. Willow Flycatcher: May 18 Choconut Center; Plymouth May 26. Least Flycatcher: three Portlandville-Oneonta May 5. Eastern Wood Pewee: May 12 Cortland. Olive-sided Flycatcher: May 20 Binghamton; two Sherburne May 29; May 30 Port Dickinson. Tree Swallow: Mar. 25 Owego. Rough-winged Swallow:

three Portlandville-Oneonta and two Sherburne Apr. 28; ten Norwich May 5. Barn Swallow: Apr. 12 Vestal. Cliff Swallow: Apr. 26 Owego; nesting at Port Crane. Red-breasted Nuthatch: Mar. 4 Candor, evidently a wintering bird; next report, one Portlandville-Oneonta May 5 and found several times during May; May 28 Newark Valley, the only other report. Brown Creeper: still at Newark Valley May 28. House Wren: Apr. 21 Vestal. Winter Wren: Apr. 1 Choconut Center, singing; Apr. 8 Chenango Forks; one Delhi Apr. 26; three Portlandville-Oneonta May 12 and one still in area May 23. Carolina Wren: Owego Mar. 5; Apr. 20 to 25 Port Dickinson; Apr. 21 Binghamton. Mockingbird: reported from Binghamton, Endicott, Endwell, Owego and Delhi. Gray Catbird: one Norwich Apr. 29, first; common after May 5. Brown Thrasher: four Norwich Apr. 21. American Robin: migrants Mar. 3 Cortland, common from Mar. 15. Wood Thrush: May 8 Vestal, Choconut Center, Oneonta and Delhi. Hermit Thrush: Apr. 21 Chenango Forks; five more reports May 6 to 20. Swainson's Thrush: May 8 Vestal to May 18 Port Dickinson, a total of seven reports. Veery: May 5 Chenango Forks. Eastern Bluebird: Mar. 7 Apalachin, first date; six Cortland Apr. 24, the highest count, but small numbers in all reporting parts of the Region except the Norwich-Sherburne area. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: one Norwich Apr. 21; also at Vestal, Hillcrest and Hinman's Corners. Golden-crowned Kinglet: Apr. 5 Choconut Center to two Sherburne May 5; fairly numerous reports, max count 18 or more Apr. 8 Hillcrest. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Apr. 1 Choconut Center, singing; quite common from Apr. 21 to the very early last date of May 5. Water Pipit: two Portlandville and three Milford Apr. 7, the only ones. Northern Shrike: one Portlandville-Oneonta Mar. 3, the last.

VIREOS--WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: May 5 Chenango Forks. Solitary Vireo: one Portlandville-Oneonta Apr. 23. Red-eyed Vireo: May 9 Vestal, Vestal Center and Chenango Forks. Philadelphia Vireo: one Portlandville-Milford May 12 (MD, KW); the only one. Warbling Vireo: one Port Dickinson May 4. Black-and-white Warbler: Apr. 30 Hillcrest and Owego. Golden-winged Warbler: May 6 Vestal, common in Triple Cities area; one Portlandville-Milford May 12 and one Plymouth area May 26 the only other reports. "Brewster's" Warbler: one Hillcrest May 10; one Vestal May 20; one Endwell May 20. Blue-winged Warbler: May 6 Vestal; one Portlandville-Milford May 12; one Plymouth area May 26; very uncommon in the 50's but now, on the basis of frequency of reports, almost three to two over Golden-winged Warblers. Tennessee Warbler: May 9 Vestal and three Norwich May 9, first date; May 27 Choconut Center and Hillcrest, last date. Nashville Warbler: Apr. 29 Vestal. No. Parula: one Norwich May 10; Cortland May 12; no others. Yellow Warbler: Apr. 21 Vestal, early; abundant as usual. Magnolia Warbler: May 12 Choconut Center and Vestal; seven Plymouth area May 26, but otherwise scarce. Cape May Warbler: May 11 Vestal Center; May 20 Endwell, the last of only ten reports. Black-throated Blue Warbler: May 3 Port Dickinson, four Oneonta-Delhi May 7, max; five more reports to May 20. Yellow-rumped Warbler: Chenango Forks and 15 Sherburne Apr. 21; approx. 100 Hartwick May 5, max; generally abundant until May 20 and still present at Chenango Forks at the end of May. Black-throated Green Warbler: six Portlandville-Oneonta May 5; 15 Portlandville-Oneonta May 15, max; seven still in Plymouth area May 26. Blackburnian Warbler: one Delhi May 8. Chestnut-sided Warbler: May 5 Port Dickinson; 17 Plymouth area May 26. Bay-breasted Warbler: Cortland and five Walton May 12; numerous, but gone after May 20. Blackpoll Warbler: May 11 Port Dickinson; never very numerous, but still present at the end of May. Pine Warbler: Apr. 29 Vestal; one Choconut Center May 12 (MS) had "greenish wash" on back, reminiscent of parula. Prairie Warbler: four different sites around Triple Cities, all May 20. Palm Warbler: one Delhi Apr. 23, no others. Ovenbird: May 3 Port Dickinson. Northern Waterthrush: one Portlandville-Oneonta May 5. Louisiana Waterthrush: Choconut Center Apr. 22, about a week late. Mourning Warbler: May 12 two Portlandville-Milford and two Walton; 11 along 10 miles of road in Plymouth area May 26 (JL). Common Yellowthroat: May 4 Port Dickinson. Yellow-breasted Chat: May 12 Cortland, Hillcrest and Vestal; still at Vestal May 20, no other reports. Wilson's Warbler: May 12 Cortland; May 13 Choconut Center; May 19 Vestal;

no others. Canada Warbler: 11 at four stops Portlandville-Milford May 12; also May 12 Cortland. American Redstart: Three Hillcrest May 4.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: May 6 Vestal; 36 along 10 miles in Plymouth area May 26. Eastern Meadowlark: Mar. 13 Owego. **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:** one Endicott May 20 (RL), fairly close range in good light but observer without binoculars—bright yellow head, dark body and white wing patches seen well; not found May 30 when spot revisited. Red-winged Blackbird: migrants, in numbers, from Mar. 3. Northern Oriole: May 3 Port Dickinson; common from May 6. Rusty Blackbird: Apr. 23 Port Dickinson; May 12 Cortland; also from Owego in Apr. Common Grackle: Mar. 2 Owego; common from Mar. 8. Brown-headed Cowbird: 75 or more Delhi Mar. 6. Scarlet Tanager: May 8, Chenango Forks and 1 Oneonta-Delhi. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 1 Vestal. Indigo Bunting: one Delhi May 6; next report May 12 Chenango Forks; common from May 15. Evening Grosbeak: last date May 15 Port Dickinson. Purple Finch: plentiful to about May 13, then dwindling to small but regular summer population. House Finch: eight Cortland Mar. 11; 15 singing at Norwich Apr. 29; also reported from Owego and regular and prominent in the Triple Cities area. Pine Grosbeak: six Portlandville-Milford Mar. 3, only ones. Pine Siskin: one Cortland Mar. 8; Apr. 5 Owego; Apr. 17 Port Dickinson; 2 Delhi Apr. 26; that's all. Rufous-sided Towhee: Apr. 11 Choconut Center; no more until one Norwich Apr. 21 and Vestal Center Apr. 22. Savannah Sparrow: one Portlandville-Oneonta Apr. 14. Grasshopper Sparrow: May 12 Cortland; May 20 Vestal Center; that's all. Henslow's Sparrow: May 20 Endwell; May 30 Endicott; the only ones. Vesper Sparrow: 2 Portlandville-Oneonta Apr. 7; also at Plymouth Reservoir, Hillcrest and Delhi, but not many. Dark-eyed Junco: migrants mostly gone by the end of April; eight May 15 Portlandville-Oneonta May 15 and three Plymouth area May 26, plus a few others are probably summer residents. Tree Sparrow: Apr. 23 Delhi, last date. Chipping Sparrow: Apr. 11 Owego; regular from Apr. 15; "lots" singing Apr. 24 Choconut Center and 30 singing in two-thirds of Norwich Apr. 29. Field Sparrow: regular from Apr. 5. White-crowned Sparrow: four Sherburne and one Norwich Apr. 21; 20 Sherburne May 5, max; reported from all reporting areas, mostly from May 3 to 14 with May 20 Port Crane the only later report. White-throated Sparrow: migrants mainly from Apr. 14 to May 12 but several later records, the last three in the Plymouth area May 26, probably representing summer residents. Fox Sparrow: Mar. 11 Vestal and Vestal Center to Apr. 19 Choconut Center and Vestal Center. Lincoln's Sparrow: May 10 Vestal Center, the only one. Swamp Sparrow: Apr. 15 Whitney Point. Song Sparrow: migrants evident about Mar. 9.

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

GENE HUGGINS

Spring is often characterized by extremes in central New York and such was the case this season.

The previous season's snow accumulation had largely melted by the middle of March except for scattered drifts and on higher elevations, but total snowfall for March was 14.9 inches, 3.8 inches over the previous March. April became the fourth snowiest on record, 10.2 inches, just short of the 12 inch record in April, 1975.