

Pine, Prairie and Palm Warblers seem to have been missed. On Apr. 21 No. Waterthrushes were at Auger Pond to set a new early date. MP found a Louisiana Waterthrush singing at an Elizabethtown brook from May 12 through 20. The Chapman family found a Wilson's Warbler at Newcomb May 17 and an ad. male was at Paul Smiths May 24 (DA, BG, TM). 12 Canada Warblers were at Indian Lake May 24 (M & B McK). DA found an early Am. Redstart at Paul Smiths on Apr. 27.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Two late female Bobolinks passed over Elizabethtown May 27 (GC, MP). Rusty Blackbird was reported from Chubb River and Ferd's Bog. An early Scarlet Tanager was at Moriah Apr. 16 (MV). Five Cardinals wintered at Tupper Lake feeders. There were a lot of Purple Finches in the Region. Three Pine Grosbeaks were at Franklin Falls Mar. 9. Red Crossbills were seen at the Chubb River. Rufous-sided Towhee was not reported on the Essex Co. count. Sparrows were scarce. Vesper Sparrow: one was at Tupper Apr. 12 and two were seen on the Essex count. Two Fox Sparrows were at Paul Smiths Mar. 27 (WR) and one was at Rouses Point Apr. 20. No others were reported. There are lots of Lincoln's Sparrows. A Song Sparrow banded Aug. 17 at Elizabethtown returned Apr. 21. Elspeth Johnson found a Lapland Longspur with about 25 Horned Larks at Essex Mar. 17.

Paul Smiths, NY 12970

REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

RICHARD P. GUTHRIE

After the mild winter weather, spring came in rather harshly at first with a -20 F (-29 C) in central Saratoga County on March 2nd, and zero readings from the milder parts of the Region. The snowstorm on March 13th measured 17 inches in western Albany County and lesser amounts through the Region, approaching the total snowfall for the entire winter. A heavy rain on the 21st of March dropped nine inches of rain on the northern Catskills, yet less than a quarter inch fell in Washington County that day. The balance of the season was more pleasant, with above normal temperatures and ample rainfall. Spring bird migration started early and produced a few interesting early records. However, the mainstream of migration was about on time or perhaps a bit late. The unusual late season heavy snows in the south may have delayed northbound movement. Or was it Mt. St. Helen's fault?

The big birding event of the season, the annual Guy Bartlett Century Run, was a phenomenal success. Bob Yunick reports, "Perfect weather and the enthusiasm of 38 observers combined on May 17th, 1980 to produce a spectacular, all time record list of 180 species and one hybrid for the (Hudson-Mohawk) club's 35th consecutive Century Run . . . This year everything came together to crush the previous record of 168 species set in 1971 by 42 observers. Never before, in recent years, have so many rare species been recorded on a Century Run. Using those species that have been recorded in ten or fewer years as the criterion for rarity, there were eighteen species and one hybrid in that category . . . In addition there were a remarkable 33 species reported by one group only. That number exceeds the 30 seen by all groups." Rarities for the season

were: Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egret, Short-billed Marsh Wren, Prothonotary Warbler, "Lawrence's" Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler.

Contributors: Ken Able, V. & W. Able, Dean Amadon, Arlene & Tom Brown, Paul Connor, Bill Cook, Juanita Cook, Nancy Dennis, Kate Dunham, Norman Francher, Barbara & Hugo Gardina, Elisabeth Grace, Andrew Guthrie, Richard P. Guthrie, Philip Ingalls, Nancy Kern, Carolyn & Ron LaForce, E. Mansell, Al Mapes, R. Mein, M. Mickle, Lois Norton, Tom Palmer, Alice Ross, Bill Schuster, Al & Shirley Shadow, M. & W. Ulmer and Robert P. Yunick.

LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: well reported on the Century Run but few reported elsewhere. Red-throated Loon: one found on the Century Run on Sacandaga Lake (TP). Double-crested Cormorant: six at New Baltimore on Apr. 11 were a little early; regular thereafter. Green Heron: one Apr. 17 at Siena College Campus; one banded at Vischer Ferry May 10 (RPY). **LITTLE BLUE HERON:** one on the Century Run (new species to the composite list) was found at Basic Reservoir (AR *et al.*). Great Egret: one at Papscaene Creek and another at Stoney Point Flats on Apr. 20 were earlier than usual. **SNOWY EGRET:** one May 21 at a horse farm pond near Guilderland (KA). Am. Bittern: Apr. 13 Scotia and Apr. 17 Central Bridge were the first of many reported through the period. Canada Goose: early groups passing through were probably from nearby wintering areas; migrants reported from Mar. 15 through mid-May. Brant: small flocks were found by each of three Century Run groups at widely scattered locations; other reports sparse. Snow Goose: Apr. 2 was the magic date for this species with two to three thousand flying over Albany (P. Feinberg) and 500+ at New Baltimore and 5-Rivers. Oldsquaw: a late drake on Alcove Reservoir was found on the Century Run. White-winged Scoter: a few through to the Century Run with one each at New Baltimore and Sacandaga. Ruddy Duck: one on Round Lake for the Century Run count.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Sharp-shinned Hawk: 17 reported. Cooper's Hawk: 11 reported including a territorial pair at Jenny Lake (RPY). Red-shouldered Hawk: five reports. Rough-legged Hawk: last seen Apr. 20. Osprey: first report Apr. 11 at Vosburghs with 15 at Staats Isl. and 11 at New Baltimore on Apr. 20. Peregrine Falcon: seen on the Century Run for the first time since 1949! Shorebirds were well represented this season especially on the Century Run. Semipalmated Plover: three CR groups. Solitary Sandpiper: six CR groups. Greater Yellowlegs: two groups. Lesser Yellowlegs: several reports beginning with a very early Apr. 19 (JC). Pectoral Sandpiper: one CR group. Least Sandpiper: four groups. Dunlin: one at a small rain pond off Wolf Rd., Colonie, May 21 in the company of about 35 others of mixed species. Short-billed Dowitcher: a flock of 40 on the Mohawk River was found by two CR groups. Semipalmated Sandpiper: one May 21 on Wolf Rd. Iceland Gull: one at Colonie Dump Apr. 1 and 17. Bonaparte's Gull: two Century Run groups found some at different locations. Com. Tern: same story, two groups with separate reports of a few. Black Tern: three groups found the same bunch on Saratoga Lake for the Century Run.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: RPY reports these much more abundant in his area this year, having banded 29 in Apr. and May compared to about eight a year average. Female on nest Mar. 27 (RPY). Barn Owl: the Cocksackie pair came through to help in the Century Run effort once again. Barred Owl: four at Jenny Lake mid-Apr. Long-eared Owl: pair reported nesting in Berne in early May. Saw-whet Owl: one at Lake Luzerne for the Century Run; the only report. Com. Nighthawk: numerous reports May 2 thru. Red-headed Woodpecker: doing well at Palmer's Ravine with a pair nesting again this year.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: only report is of one found on the Century Run. Cliff Swallow: a large colony was located at Cairo on the Greene Co. garage; a smaller group nests at the Alcove Church. Purple Martin: the large colony persists at Kinderhook Lake with 50+ nesting. The group at Comeau's may be dwindling, with only

one pair seen there on the Century Run. Fish Crow: two Cementon Apr. 1. Carolina Wren: one at Cementon Mar. 28 only report. **SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN:** this species has been very hard to locate lately so it is noteworthy that two groups found separate birds on the Century Run. Eastern Bluebird: well-reported with six on the Century Run and numerous others around; eggs laid Apr. 25 Cambridge (ND). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: continues to increase in number in the area; max. eight Apr. 28 and one pair building a nest at Black-creek Marsh May 9 (R. Marx). A shrike (sp.?) paid a brief visit to a Chatham feeder Mar. 13.

VIREOS-WARBLED: Yellow-throated Vireo: continues what seems to be a slow increase in numbers and range expansion. Solitary Vireo: in contrast, seems to be decreasing somewhat. As a group, the warblers were well represented in variety but poor in volume. Many species were noted by only one or two observers with one or two individuals constituting the entire season's report. The birds seemed to have skipped right over our area. **PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** Columbia Co. had its second Prothonotary in as many years, this time in Ghent May 17-19 (B & HG). Other warblers reported were: Worm-eating: the Indian Ladder bird was back again to the relief of three Century Run groups. Golden-winged: only one CR group was able to locate this otherwise fairly common bird. "Brewster's": four reported from widely separated locations including one at the same location along the Colonie bike trail where one was located last year. "**LAWRENCE'S**" **WARBLER:** one very persistent male at 5-Rivers Environmental Education Center was found on May 8 by Bill Lawson. **ORANGE-CROWNED:** found on the Century Run for the second time, the last one being in 1959. **YELLOW-THROATED:** one seen briefly at E. Glenville May 9, unfortunately did not stay around (S. Shadow). Cerulean: one singing on Campbell Isl. May 10 (PC). Pine: only one reported on the CR; two or three reports from the Albany Pine Bush. Prairie: widespread and increasing in numbers lately. Louisiana Waterthrush: a very early singing bird was at 5-Rivers Apr. 12 (AM). Mourning Warbler: a transient banded in 1978 was recaptured at Vischer Ferry again this year on May 17 (RPY). Yellow-breasted Chat: only one report of one on the Century Run.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: reported from Cocksackie and Chatham, both mid-May. No. Oriole: a female banded at Vischer Ferry in 1972 was recaptured there May 17 making it almost nine years old, at least! Indigo Bunting: a record early arrival date was set by a male visiting a feeder at Siena College on Apr. 16 staying around for only four days (A. Ross). Grasshopper Sparrow: a singing male was found at Cocksackie mid-May (KA); and a small colony of about six pairs was at the Exit 26 (Rotterdam) Interchange late-May (PC). Henslow's Sparrow: in addition to the 5-Rivers colony, reports come from Black-creek Marsh and Altamont. Vesper Sparrow: seven reports received—often goes unreported. Lincoln's Sparrow: only one group reported this species on the Century Run; 11 banded at Vischer Ferry in May. Snow Bunting: 50 Apr. 15 Schoharie Tpk. (C & R LaForce).

Remember Dial-A-Bird for Hudson-Mohawk area bird news at 518-377-9600.

Box 46, New Baltimore, NY 12124

REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

EDWARD D. TREACY

In most ways this was a relatively normal spring in terms of weather, foliage and birds. The drought of last winter ended in mid-March with a heavy wet snow of about six inches on March 13-14. April was wet with more than three inches of rain on the ninth. Widespread flooding occurred throughout the Region, es-