

additional morphs and hybrids. Probably another ten to fifteen would be added using a complete listing from Region 10. There were 49 species recorded only from one region with Regions 10 and 2 leading with 23 and 9, respectively, though all reporting regions had at least one unique species.

The BOTS award this season is very difficult to assign. No bird really stands head and shoulders above the rest. Several would have been automatics a few years ago, but have become "regular." My final vote must fall to Brewer's Blackbird, due to sheer weight of numbers, with 23 in Region 2 and 2 in Region 9, regional first records in both cases.

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REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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Beautiful, beautiful spring, a season of promise, this year was one with little to complain about except for the continued drought, only partially relieved in February. With this season's precipitation steadily averaging 1.5 inches (3.8 cm) below normal, the consistent lack of rain made birding more pleasant but didn't help the water table. The migration, so strong in February, halted abruptly as March came in cold and miserable. Although March temperatures averaged 1.8° F. (1° C.) below normal, the warm final week cleared ponds of ice and brought good flights of early water birds, swans, geese and blackbirds. April's weather was storybook stuff with temperatures 3.9° F. (2.2° C.) above normal, and many species arrived early. May, too, averaged warmer than normal by 1.4° F. (.8° C) but the cool, dry first two weeks retarded foliage, particularly in the Southern Tier, causing birds to hide their nests as best they could on the ground or under sod, or occasionally in an unaccustomed conifer. Although much of the May migration was thin and scraggly, with some areas very poor for warblers except for "Butter-butts" (D. Clark's Yellow-rumps), there was a good representation of species. (Weather Data: Wellsville and WIVB-TV Buffalo.)

Spring positives include 1) Great Blue Herons doing well and an enormous Whistling Swan flight, 2) an excellent migration of Sharp-shinned Hawks, good reports of the Red-shouldered Hawk and Bald Eagle, and a slight improvement in American Kestrel numbers, 3) many grouse and turkeys, 4) a lively shorebird flight and a big flight of Bonaparte's Gulls, 5) lots and lots of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, 6) fair numbers of Tufted Titmice and a good Red-breasted Nuthatch flight, 7) catbirds "insanely abundant" (Jones), a great robin and Veery flight, and bluebirds doing well with one pair a record-breaker, 8) good numbers of Ruby-crowned Kinglets and a few more Golden-crowns, 9) many Cedar Waxwings, 10) incredible numbers of Purple Finches and American Goldfinches,

particularly at feeders, and continued large House Finch population, 11) the big Common Redpoll flight persisting well into spring, and an invasion of Pine Siskins, 12) a fine junco flight and several other interesting sparrows.

Spring negatives include 1) a poor loon flight and scarcity of most long-legged waders, 2) a mediocre duck season and very few Black Ducks, 3) low numbers of Goshawks, Marsh Hawks and Ospreys, 4) a pheasant conundrum, 5) near-absence of Upland Sandpipers, cuckoos, Screech Owls and nighthawks, 6) fewer Red-headed, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers (suggested by M. Jones as a reflection of the fine "sharpie" flight), 7) a drop in the Eastern Phoebe population by May, 8) usual scarcity of Horned Larks, and few Rough-winged or Cliff Swallows and Purple Martins, 9) lack of most wrens, except for the House Wren, 10) not many Mockingbirds, Hermit Thrushes or shrikes, 11) low count of Yellow Warblers, 12) only scattered reports of one to five Eastern Meadowlarks per area, 13) locally fewer Red-winged Blackbirds but many Common Grackles, and 14) continued chronic difficulty for many sparrows.

Rarities: Cattle Egret, Barrow's Goldeneye, Goshawk, Bald Eagle, Whimbrel, Purple Sandpiper, Acadian Flycatcher, Common Raven, White-eyed Vireo, Prothonotary Warbler, "Brewster's" Warbler, "Lawrence's" Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Painted Bunting, and "Gambel's" White-crowned Sparrow.

Abbreviations: AAC—April 12 Bird Census, or AMC—May 17 Bird Census, for Allegany County; BOS—Buffalo Ornithological Society; CAC—April 12 Bird Census, or CMC—May 17 Bird Census, for Cattaraugus County; EEC—Environmental Education Center; GMA or WMA—Game or Wildlife Management Area; NC, NP, or NS—Nature Center, Preserve or Sanctuary; NWR—National Wildlife Refuge; Res—Reservoir; SF or SP—State Forest or Park; and SPA—State Power Authority.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Max of the small Com. Loon flight was eight at Derby May 1 (DP), while the one being watched for in Hume Twp. returned Apr. 21 (KP) and of the four at Cuba L. during Apr. and early May, one stayed on to the end of the period (AnS). A single Red-necked Grebe was found in Yates Twp. Apr. 19 (RA+) and two were at Cuba L. Apr. 21 (AnS). Unusual for the area were the two Double-crested Cormorants at Houghton May 13 (Carpenter) and eight appeared at Iroquois NWR May 18 (JM). News of long-legged waders includes: three early CATTLE EGRETS at Iroquois NWR Apr. 15 (OO, Prusa); at least ten Great Egrets, total, from three areas; max three Black-crowned Night Herons at Derby Apr. 13; and a total of five Am. Bitterns from four locations. The report of 570 Whistling Swans at Newstead Sinks Mar. 1 (AM, WM), while the seasonal max, shows little of the magnitude of the flight; other high counts were: 442 at Randolph Mar. 8; 320 at Cuba L. Mar. 1; 300 at Tonawanda WMA Mar. 1; 280 over Derby Apr. 9; 210 at Iroquois NWR Mar. 22; and 201 at Oak Orchard WMA Mar. 22. Best number for the Canada Goose

migration was 32,900 at Iroquois NWR Mar. 24 (JM+) while the pair nesting again at Farmersville Sta. in Apr. produced four goslings (DC, JC), and 17 yg. were found in Hume Twp. in May (KP). With early arrival of seven (blue morph) Snow Geese at Iroquois NWR Mar. 7 (AS), max of other reports were 50 (morph?) in Alma Twp., Allegany Co., Mar. 20 (D. King), seven "whites" at Iroquois NWR Mar. 8 and eight "blues" at the last location Apr. 5. It was a less than great duck season. Maxima of spring reports, with a few other interesting notes, were: Mallard, 130 at Cuba Marsh during Mar.; Black Duck, 12 on the AAC and eight from two other reports; Gadwall, 16 at Celoron Mar. 13; Pintail, 20 at Randolph Mar. 13; Green-winged Teal, four at Buckhorn Is. SP Mar. 28 and four at Cuba Marsh Apr. 22; Blue-winged Teal, 15 at Cuba Marsh Apr. 2 to 30; Am. Wigeon, 60 at Iroquois NWR Mar. 3; No. Shoveler, three at Iroquois NWR Mar. 20; Wood Duck, 16 at Cuba Marsh Apr. 21; Ring-necked Duck, five at Cuba Marsh Mar. 27 and Apr. 2; Canvasback, one on the AAC and six at Cuba L. Mar. 27; Lesser Scaup, 80 at Cuba L. Apr. 20; Com. Goldeneye, singles at Amity L. Apr. 16 and at Cuba L. Apr. 21 and 22; BARROW'S GOLDENEYE, one at Niagara Falls Mar. 11 and 28 (AS, PS), staying on from fall and winter, and one at Celoron Mar. 19 and 21 (FE); Bufflehead, 92 at Cuba L. Apr. 20; Oldsquaw, four at Cuba L. Apr. 3 and the same number at Amity L. Apr. 5; White-winged Scoter, two on the AAC and 38 at Cuba L. Apr. 23; Ruddy Duck, one on the AAC, 15 at Iroquois NWR Mar. 29 plus 14 counted from three other locations; Hooded Merganser, four in Birdsall Twp. Mar. 29 to 31 and four at Cuba L. Apr. 7, with two pairs nesting in Amity Twp.; Com. Merganser, five at Scio Mar. 21 with possible nesters: a pair five miles w. of Allegany Apr. 17 (SE) and three in Willing Twp. May 21 (Babcock); and Red-breasted Merganser, 6,000 at Derby Apr. 1 (DP).

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Maxima from hawk flights, all over Derby unless otherwise noted, were: Turkey Vulture, 145 Apr. 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk—an excellent flight—117 over Pinehurst May 9; Cooper's Hawk, five on May 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 131 Mar. 1; Red-shouldered Hawk, 23 on Mar. 29; Broad-winged Hawk, 1061 at Westfield Apr. 26; Rough-legged Hawk, five on Mar. 24, with last for the season one at Derby Apr. 23; Marsh Hawk, 17 on Mar. 9; Osprey, six on Apr. 19; and Am. Kestrel 48 on Apr. 1. Turkey Vultures arrived early with singles at Iroquois NWR Mar. 1 (AM, WM), and at Tonawanda Indian Reservation Mar. 9 (AS). Only three active GOSHAWK nests were reported, all in Allegany Co., where in one a yg. was banded and in the second an infertile egg was found, on May 31 (ES *vide* DB), and on the third an adult was incubating (RA+); other sightings of the species were: one on the AMC, and singles at Belmont Mar. 20 (DB, LB) and in Westfield Apr. 26 (FR). Territorial Sharp-shinned Hawks numbered 15 from 11 areas and Cooper's Hawks, 17 from 14 locations. Of the latter a nest was found in Cattaraugus Co. (SE) and two were active in Allegany Co. in May (VP, EB). It is good news for the Red-shouldered Hawk, with seven nests reported from Allegany Co. and one from Cattaraugus Co. in addition to eight other birds from five sites. Several BALD EAGLES were identified: a third-year bird at Iroquois NWR Mar. 8 (AM, WM, JM), a second-year bird at the same location Mar. 18 (JM) with single immatures (different birds) also here Apr. 7 and 9 (OO), one to two irregularly over Derby Apr. 14 to May 7 (DP), a sub-adult at the Allegheny Res. Mar. 8 and an adult at the same site Mar. 20 (SE). Other than migrating birds, only eight Marsh Hawks were noted, total, from six sites, and Ospreys were less common than normal: singles on the AAC (16 last year) and on the CAC, with last of the season three on the AMC. From 11 other Osprey reports, 12 birds were recorded. In view of the Ring-necked Pheasant restocking program undertaken by the Department of Environmental Conservation last October, with at least 1967 birds released in scattered locations throughout the Region, in addition to about 1000 in the Tonawanda WMA (*Olean Times Herald*, Sept. 30, 1980, p. 39), why are reports so scarce? Can it be that hunters aren't birders—or do birders not hunt? A Virginia Rail was seen at Iroquois NWR May 18, a Sora was found in the Town of Pembroke Apr. 15, single Com. Gallinules were noted on the AMC and at Cuba Marsh Apr. 28, and the only reports of Am. Coot were 22 on the AAC, two on the AMC and 16, total, from four locations. A WHIMBREL was spotted at Lippert's Gravel Pit near Allegany May 22 (SE); although one was also seen last year on the same date at St. Bonaventure Univ., these are the first occur-

rences in Cattaraugus Co. since May 23 thirty years ago. Also exciting from the shorebird flight were: Black-bellied Plover, singles at Iroquois NWR May 21 and at Buffalo Harbor May 31; Upland Sandpiper, one at Clarence May 31; Greater Yellowlegs, max for season, 20 at Kent Switch Apr. 5; **PURPLE SANDPIPER**, three at Niagara Falls Apr. 20 (AM, WM)—three months later than normal; Pectoral Sandpiper, a huge spring migration with 35 on the CAC and maxima 450 at South Dayton Apr. 5 (FR) and 400 in the Town of Pembroke Apr. 8 (Seamans); White-rumped Sandpiper, two in the Town of Amherst May 18 (AM, WM) and one near Allegany May 27 (SE); Dunlin, 104 at Buffalo Harbor May 22 (AS, ARC); and Short-billed Dowitcher, two near Allegany May 22 (SE). Noteworthy spring larids include: Glaucous Gull, one on the Niagara R. Mar. 1 (HM+) and one at Tifft Farm NP May 13 (RA+); Great Black-backed Gull, 123, a good number, at Derby Mar. 25 (DP); Bonaparte's Gull, max 700 at Dunkirk Harbor Apr. 3 (FR) and max away from the Great Lakes, 135 at Cuba L. Apr. 22 (AnS); Com. Tern, one at Niagara Falls Apr. 5 (RA+), two days early, six at Derby Apr. 12 and seven at Cuba L. Apr. 20; Caspian Tern, one on the AAC, max, at Derby, 14 on May 1 and four at Cuba L. Apr. 20; and Black Tern—very scarce—singles at Derby Apr. 28 and at Iroquois NWR Apr. 29.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: The only report of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo was two at Derby May 28, and Black-billed totaled but eight from three areas. In addition to four from three Allegany Co. locations, single Screech Owls were found for the AAC and the CAC. Last for the season of Snowy Owls were singles at Buffalo irregularly Mar. 14 to 31 (RA, Way+) and at Niagara Falls Mar. 21 (FR+). Again, no Long-eared Owls were noted but two Short-eared appeared in the Town of Yates Apr. 19 (RA+). A Whip-poor-will was found at Amity L. Apr. 23 (RP) and another was at Iroquois NWR May 1 (OO). A couple of woodpeckers should be closely watched: Red-headed, with three on the AMC and colonies at Point Gratiot and along the Lake Erie plain doing well (MVJ), and only eight other birds, total, noted from five locations, and Hairy, with 45 on the AAC (63 last year), six on the CAC and 39 on the AMC (82 last year).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLING: A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was seen in Cheektowaga May 24 (AM, WM+), an **ACADIAN FLYCATCHER** was identified at Eggertsville May 28 (AM, WM), and an Olive-sided Flycatcher was found on the AMC and another at St. Bonaventure Univ. May 30 (SE). While the E. Phoebe numbered 88 on the AAC (70 last year), on the AMC there were only 95 (240 last year). A flight of 3800 Blue Jays was noted over Derby May 1 (DP). Single **COMMON RAVENS** were spotted at Bolivar Apr. 1 (EK, Smith) and near Alfred May 19 (EB). Only fair numbers of the Tufted Titmouse were found: three on the AAC, two on the CAC and one on the AMC plus 30 counted from seven reports. A pair of Brown Creepers was seen building a nest in Amity Twp., Allegany Co., Apr. 20 (VP). Wrens, other than the House Wren which seems to be recovering, were scarce, with only reports: Winter Wren, singles in four areas in Apr., and Long-billed Marsh Wren, one at Tifft Farm NP May 7 and another at Iroquois NWR May 17. Two Mockingbirds were tallied on the AMC, and four other reports totaled five birds. Two nests of the Hermit Thrush, with two eggs in each, were found near Allegany May 17 (SE). The E. Bluebird is thriving with more trails being established; 76 birds appeared on the AMC and 28 nesting pairs have been reported from Allegany Co.; one nest, five mi. north of Scio had four yg. in nest Apr. 29—record early for NY State (VP). Regionwide, 61 E. Bluebirds were reported from 14 widespread locations. An early Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was found for the AAC (DB) and singles were seen at Iroquois NWR Apr. 28 and in Amity Twp. May 26. Golden-crowned Kinglets continue scarce: 22 on the AAC (four last year), ten on the AMC (18 last year), max six on old nesting territory near Alfred thru May (EB) and a total 16 counted from five other reports. Max of the good Ruby-crowned Kinglet flight was 18 at Derby Apr. 7 (DP). Single No. Shrikes were in Amity Twp. Mar. 1, at Iroquois NWR Mar. 2, and at Tonawanda WMA irregularly Mar. 7 to 31, and a Loggerhead Shrike appeared at Derby May 10.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Single **WHITE-EYED VIREOS** were banded at Fredonia May 10 (MVJ) and at Farmersville Sta. May 17 (DC), and another was seen at Tifft Farm NP May 8

(RA, RB). Other good vireo reports were: Yellow-throated Vireo, singles on the AMC, at Iroquois NWR May 9 and at Derby May 10; Solitary Vireo, singles, each a few days early, at Ten-Mile Rd., Cattaraugus Co., Apr. 10 (SE) and near Amity L., Allegany Co., Apr. 13 (VP); and Philadelphia Vireo, singles on the AMC, at Tift Farm NP May 9 and at Derby May 22. An exciting spring find was the nest of a pair of Golden-winged Warblers at Amity L. May 22 (VP); the files of the Nest-Record Card Program of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Ithaca, NY, have no previous record for Allegany Co. of a nest of this species; new to the Blue List this year, this may be the first documentation for the county. Other notable warblers include: **PROTHONOTARY WARBLER**, two at Iroquois NWR May 19 (OO); Blue-winged Warbler, appearing early: two in Amity Twp. Apr. 28 (VP), one at Farmersville Sta. Apr. 29 (JC), and one at Fredonia Apr. 30 (MVJ); "**BREWSTER'S**" **WARBLER**, one at Iroquois NWR May 8 (JM); "**LAWRENCE'S**" **WARBLER**—what a find!—one at Holland May 29 and 31 (RA, Barbers+); Orange-crowned Warbler, one at Tift Farm NP May 14 (AS) and one banded at Fredonia May 24 (MVJ); Nashville Warbler, max 14 near Alfred May 3 to 31, where a nest was discovered (EB), and up to seven in Amity Twp. May 13 to 30; No. Parula, four birds, total from three locations in May; Yellow Warbler, 286 on the AMC (630 last year); Yellow-rumped Warbler, max of migration 52 in Amity Twp. May 2, ten on Alfred nesting territory May 20 to 31 (EB) and two at a nest in Amity Twp. May 30 (VP); Black-throated Green Warbler, one four days early in the Town of Amherst Apr. 18 (AM, WM); Cerulean Warbler, one at Iroquois NWR May 14 (JM); Chestnut-sided Warbler, one early in Amity Twp. Apr. 28 (VP); Blackpoll Warbler, one banded at Farmersville Sta. May 21 (DC) plus four other birds, reported from three areas; Pine Warbler, singles in four locations between Apr. 25 and May 8; a rash of **PRAIRIE WARBLERS**, 12 on the AMC, one at Tift Farm NP May 9 (RA+), eleven territorial males on breeding grounds near Alfred by May 29 with a nest discovered there May 26 (EB) and two pairs in Amity Twp. May 30 (VP) where they nested last year; No. Waterthrush, one on the AMC plus four, total, from three other reports; Louisiana Waterthrush, seven on the AMC, one early in s. Cattaraugus Co. Apr. 4 (*vide* FM), two at Shale Creek Apr. 25 (O'Dell) and one at Derby May 8 (DP); Com. Yellowthroat, one early at Grand Island Apr. 27 (Dannels); and Hooded Warbler, one near Alfred May 20 (EB).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: High count of the Rusty Blackbird flight was 70 at Frewsburg Mar. 7 (FE), while Com. Grackles over Derby numbered 12,656 Mar. 1 (DP). A Rose-breasted Grosbeak arrived a day early at Belmont Apr. 29 (DB, LB). A rare visitor to the Region this spring was the **PAINTED BUNTING** which came to Faulkner's feeder, Henley St., Olean, Apr. 28 to about May 15 (SE, DB, LB+, mob). Evening Grosbeaks tallied 606 on the AAC and 57 on the CAC with max from other reports 59 at Amity L. Mar. 8; total reported spring bandings were eight at Limestone (RV), 62 at Farmersville Sta. (DC) and 70 near Alfred (EB). An example of the excellent status of the Purple Finch is the banding at Farmersville Sta. of 179, most of them during the final week of Apr. and first week of May (DC). Max count of House Finch reports was 46 at a Scio feeder Mar. 22 (VP, RP). A single Pine Grosbeak was seen in Amity Twp. Apr. 3 (VP), the only spring report. The winter Com. Redpoll flight continued through Mar. with spring max near Alfred of 150 on Mar. 9 (CK). High count for the big Pine Siskin flight was 30 at Belmont May 5 (DB, LB), 125 were tallied on the AMC and 40 were banded during May at Farmersville Sta. (DC). A flight of 680 Am. Goldfinches was watched over Derby Apr. 12 (DP) while 137 were banded at Farmersville Sta. during Apr. and May (DC). Seen at feeders were two White-winged Crossbills in Batavia Apr. 14 (Seamans) and one in Fredonia Apr. 15 and 16 (MVJ, Parker, Woods), the only reports. Notable spring sparrows include: Grasshopper Sparrow, one early on the AAC (VP), and one to two in Amity Twp, near Alfred and at Fredonia airport during May; Henslow's Sparrow, four on the AMC, and up to three near Alfred and Alfred Sta. and at Fredonia airport in May; Vesper Sparrow, five on the AAC, one on the AMC, and ten, total counted from six other reports; Tree Sparrow, one late on the AMC, with spring max 37 at Amity L. Mar. 20; White-crowned Sparrow, two wintering birds at Belmont, still there thru May 21 (DB, LB); "**GAMBEL'S**" **WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW**, western subspecies

Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelii, one at Bergeson Sanct. Apr. 12 (*fide* RS, Gagne) and photographed by Kibbler Apr. 18; White-throated Sparrow, a fair migration starting the last week in Apr. with max 28 in Amity Twp. May 3, as well as one near Alfred (EB), two in Amity Twp. (VP) and six near Allegany (SE) through May—possibly setting up nesting territories; Fox Sparrow, one on the AAC, two on the CAC, plus nine others, total, seen in four localities; and Lincoln's Sparrow, singles banded at Farmersville Sta. May 2, 13 and 24 (DC) and at Fredonia May 11 (MVJ). A Lapland Longspur was found near Belmont Mar. 29 (MacEwen) and 100 Snow Buntings were seen near Cuba Mar. 7 (AnS) with last for the season of the latter, 19 in Birdsall Twp. Mar. 19 (Clancy).

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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This year featured another spring of misleading statistics. All three months averaged above normal temperatures, yet all featured long stretches of cold temperatures, northerly oriented winds, and quiet birding. The number of species recorded was at a new high level, but many were represented by one or a few individuals. Rainfall was very low, yet the expected shorebird bonanza never materialized as the lake level slowly rose and remained high enough to inundate the best areas, amid reports of the level being well below long term averages. Arrival dates of many passerines were early to very early, yet most numbers remained low and others expected to accompany those present, arrived relatively late.

In the weather department, March started with average temperatures, dropped to a sharp cold spell from the 13th to the 21st, refreezing most bays and ponds, then rose to a peak of 74° F. (23.3° C) on the 29th. Precipitation was only 1.04" (2.64 cm), 1.60" (4.06 cm) below normal. April started as a continuation of March's warm ending through the 11th, then dropped to below normal for the rest of the month. Again, precipitation was low, 1.95" (4.95 cm), 0.85" (2.16 cm) below normal. The first two thirds of May was cold except for brief warm peaks on the 4th and 5th and 8th-11th. From the 20th on, we came under the influence of a Bermuda high with warm temperatures and steady, though not strong SW winds. May precipitation was 2.27" (5.77 cm), only 0.53" (1.35 cm) below average. The odd weather patterns this spring did help to demonstrate the dominance of photoperiod and general temperature levels on migration over local weather which provides only a minor perturbation on these. The early warm spells brought a few very early arrivals and biased the general arrival of early migrants toward the early end of their local, historic, arrival-date distribution; 57% of all spring arrivals were in the early quartile. Plant life leaped several weeks ahead. However, many of the later passerines were at normal to slightly late dates, influenced little if any by that early warmth and the advanced plant life, except to be much harder to locate in the greenery.

Concentrated effort produced an excellent species list for the season, 264, though many were represented by very small numbers of individuals. The basic feeling was one of scarcity. There were too many days and too many locations