

Rock Apr. 30. Last reported May 10 along Mine Rd. Lincoln's Sparrow: unreported in Dutch, and very few elsewhere. One at Palisades May 4 and one at Bashakill May 24. Snow Bunting: last report six at Middletown Res. Apr. 19.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Many active local observers came to the conclusion that Spring passed to the west of Region 10 this year. Prevailing weather conditions with easterly winds kept waves of birds from the coast during early May. There was a modest flight mid-week on May 13 and 14 and a large wave that lacked variety on May 24 and 25. This extraordinary late push of birds brought enormous numbers to banding stations on the beaches. Over 700 birds were banded on Fire Island and almost 600 at Tobay. Common Yellowthroat was the most numerous species; together with Magnolias, Canadas, and American Redstarts, they accounted for 60% of the total. Blackburnian and Mourning Warblers were also in good numbers. Interestingly, 65% of the birds on Sunday were males and on Monday 61% were females. Breeding birds returned on schedule.

March was dry with about one quarter of the usual rainfall and higher temperatures than average, especially toward the end of the month. Precipitation conditions became more normal as the spring went on, bringing some relief to the area.

BIG DAY REPORTS

Using three parties, the Queen County Bird Club members found a total of 150 species on May 16. Unusual species included a Curlew Sandpiper and a Gull-billed Tern at Jamaica Bay, Upland Sandpiper and Grasshopper Sparrow at Mitchell Field, an Orange-crowned Warbler at Alley Pond Park and a Sooty Shearwater off Fire Island. Thrushes were scarce. Not a single Swainson's Thrush was located. No owls were found.

The Lyman Langdon Audubon Society's Big Day, held early, on May 9, found only 124 species, highlighted by a Townsend's Warbler, a Yellow-throated Warbler, and a Gull-billed Tern. Spotted Sandpiper, Northern Waterthrush and Savannah Sparrow were missed.

Positive notes for the season include: Cerulean Warblers in a "wave" in early May, Yellow-throated Vireos in better numbers in migration, a large late flight of more common warbler species after a dull spring. Ospreys returned to nesting locations on schedule.

Negative features: very few thrushes this spring with Swainson's Thrush almost unseen. Phoebe seemed scarce; a drab and erratic spring migration in general.

Rarities include: White-faced Ibis, Swallow-tailed Kite, Black-necked Stilt, Arctic Tern, Sandwich Tern, Swainson's Warbler, Townsend's Warbler.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loons were observed off shore flying easterly all morning May 9 with a total of 75 seen (WS). Four were seen on a boat trip south of Montauk May 31 (BJS) as was one Red-throated Loon. A Red-throated Loon also lingered at Shinnecock Inlet May 23 (RA). A breeding-plumaged Red-necked Grebe June 1 at Great Kills Park was a repeat of two years ago (GB, B. Schiefer). Sooty Shearwaters arrived at Cox's Ledge Apr. 25 (D & C Lynch). Sooty Shearwaters, Greater Shearwaters, and Wilson's Petrels were present there by May 20 (PT). A trip 15 miles south of Montauk on May 31 produced 94 Sooty Shearwaters, one Greater Shearwater and two Gannets (BJS). A Great Cormorant was still present Apr. 3 at Montauk Point (LS, *et al.*). Double-crested Cormorants moved northward during Apr. with over 100 observed at Jamaica Bay Apr. 8 and Apr. 22 (L. Schore *et al.*) and small numbers moved up the Hudson River (WS). Movement over Long Island Sound came somewhat later with groups of 25-40 seen May 6, 16 and 23. Early arrival for Little Blue Heron was Apr. 11 at Shinnecock, Snowy Egret Apr. 9 (DL). A Cattle Egret was reported at Jamaica Bay Apr. 25 by the same observer. Four Cattle Egrets were unusual in Flushing Meadow Park May 15 (G & MD). A Least Bittern was seen May 26 at Fresh Pond in Baiting Hollow (RA). Are they breeding there? Glossy Ibis were seen as early as Apr. 3 (LS, *et al.*). The **WHITE-FACED IBIS** returned for the third year to Jamaica Bay on Apr. 19 (G & MD). Flocks of 200 Snow Geese flew over the North Shore on Mar. 28 at Muttontown (AL) and Glen Cove Apr. 5 (RC). Two drake "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal were seen Mar. 22 at Mecox (J. Ruscica, J. Clinton). A pair of Harlequin Ducks was seen on Long Island Sound near E. Marion Apr. 4 (JR). Two drake King Eiders were reported: one Apr. 3 at Montauk (L. Shore, *et al.*) and one May 10 at Great Kills, SI (R. Clermont). Three pair of Hooded Mergansers were seen at Hempstead Lake Mar. 15, the last two were reported there Mar. 22 (SBD). The last report at that location for Com. Mergansers was also Mar. 22 by the same observer.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: More than the usual number of reports of Turkey Vultures were received: on Staten Island Turkey Vultures were reported Mar. 13 and Apr. 10 (GB & B. Bouquio). One was at Middle Island May 7 (JR). Four separate reports of one and two Turkey Vultures Apr. 2-7 in the Brookville-Mill Neck Area were probably the same two birds (B. Conolly, J. Bookalam). One was seen at Napeague Apr. 20 (DL) and one was at Wildwood State Park May 25 (RA, DL). A **SWALLOW-TAILED KITE** was well-described by an observer who saw it moving northeast over North Sea, Suffolk Co. on Apr. 18 (L. Joanas). A Goshawk seen over Mill Neck Apr. 5 was late (P. Connell). A Cooper's Hawk was seen at Muttontown Mar. 27-28 (AL). One was at Garvies Point Apr. 5 (J. Pion, SY). A Red-shouldered Hawk was reported at Alley Pond Park Apr. 12 and 13 (SY). One was at Hither Hills State Park May 30 (JR, DL) and Riverdale Mar. 25 (WS) and at Forest Park May 9 (H. Roth). Two pairs nested in Prospect Park (J. Yrizarry). A late Rough-legged Hawk in "tattered" plumage was seen May 16 at Gardiner's Island (M. Weinberg, *et al.*). A Golden Eagle was seen riding a thermal over Alley Pond Park Apr. 23 (SBD). Ospreys returned to their nesting sites: eight nests from Mattituck to Orient Point (JR) and eight pairs at Mashomack (B. Conolly, S. Melum). The nest of the westernmost pair at Cold Spring Harbor was damaged over the winter, although one of the birds was seen Mar. 3 (RC). What was almost certainly the Gyrfalcon that wintered in the Lawrence area was sighted Mar. 6 heading east over the beach at Easthampton (L. Joanas). Single Merlins were reported from Caumsett Mar. 25 (SY), Mecox May 19 (WS) and Muttontown May 8 (AL). A single Com. Gallinule in Van Cortlandt Park May 3 was rare for that area (WS). Am. Oystercatchers arrived at a number of points on Long Island on Mar. 14. A single Am. Golden Plover at

Mecox May 9 was the only report received (WS, PAB). Twenty-one Am. Woodcocks were a good concentration at Muttontown Preserve May 4 (AL, *et al.*). A breeding-plumaged Curlew Sandpiper was present May 16-24 at Jamaica Bay. Another was reported from Shinnecock Inlet May 31 (G & C Hastings, GSR). Approx. 500 Least Sandpipers, and a few Semipalmated Sandpipers were seen on eastern Long Island May 9. On May 31 over 750 Semipalmated Sandpipers were seen by the same observer and few Least (WS). Two Ruffs were seen Apr. 22 at Jamaica Bay; one lingered to Apr. 26. A Reeve was at Cow Meadow, Freeport May 7 (AW, EL) and at Hempstead Lake State Park May 10 (SBD). **BLACK-NECKED STILTS** were seen in the Goethals Bridge Pond on May 27 (A. Peterson) where they remained until June 2 and reportedly through the first two weeks of June (RZE). This is a first to Staten Island. A pair of Wilson's Phalaropes were seen at the Oak Beach marsh May 17 (J. DiCostanzo, ROP). A No. Phalarope was found at Sagaponack May 16 (M. Cashman). Three Northerns were seen at sea south of Montauk May 31 (BJS). Four Pomarine Jaegers were found 10 miles south of Block Island May 31 (P. Tozzi). Several Glaucous Gulls lingered in the area: a second year bird was at Easthampton May 22 (PAB), Mar. 22 at Jones Inlet (AW), and one was at Cow Meadow, Freeport, May 3 (SBD). An adult Black-headed Gull was present in early Apr. at Jones Inlet. A breeding-plumaged adult in Huntington Apr. 26 (ML) was banded on the right leg. Up to four Little Gulls were in Jones Inlet in early Apr. Four were seen May 22 at Shinnecock Inlet (PAB). Gull-billed Terns arrived Apr. 29 at Jamaica Bay (*vide* THD). Two Forster's Terns were at Jamaica Bay May 16-17 and two were found at Shinnecock Inlet May 22 (PAB). 40 Roseate Terns were at Hicks Island in Napeague May 16 (DL). A second-year **ARCTIC TERN** was found June 1 at Shinnecock Inlet (PAB), as well as a **SANDWICH TERN**—the third year there for this species. A Caspian Tern was found May 23 at Mecox (JR, RA, GSR); another was at Great Kills Park May 29 (W & N Siebenheller).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Snowy Owl was last reported from the West End Mar. 8 (SBD). A Barred Owl Apr. 11 in Greenwood Cemetery was unusual for Long Island (JDiC). Long-eared Owls were seen at Muttontown Mar. 7 (AL) and at Lawrence Mar. 10 and 14 (SBD). A pair of Saw-whet Owls were present in Locust Valley from Apr. 1 through the period (H. McClure). Chuck-will's-widow is increasing its range on Long Island, or is being heard more often. One was in Calverton May 15 (DL), one in Manorville May 17 (JR), one was calling from a location near Amagansett where it was found last year (BJS), another was in Riverside Park May 1 (J. Nolle), one on Gardiner's Island May 16 (MW, *et al.*), and the pair returned to its Oak Beach location where nesting was confirmed several years ago. A "calling" bird has been present on Staten Island for several years. This year the bird was found in Pleasant Plains (GB). Single Com. Nighthawks at Napeague May 16 (DL) and at Port Jefferson May 11 (JR) and Forest Park May 21 (H. Roth), were the only reports. A pair of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds was seen at Yaphank Woods May 16 (JR). A hummingbird was seen at sea off Montauk May 31. Another bird had been observed from the boat a week earlier (BJS). Red-headed Woodpeckers were found at Forest Park May 14-17, at Alley Pond Park May 24 (*vide* THD); one was at Dix Hills May 7-25, for the fifth year. No sign of a pair has been seen during that time (H. Pembleton). A "flock" of ten Hairy Woodpeckers in Alley Pond Park Mar. 10 was unusual (A. Wagner).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLING: The first E. Phoebe was reported Mar. 22 at Hempstead Lake (SBD). An Acadian Flycatcher arrived May 16 in Forest Park. Singing birds were also reported from Brookhaven Lab May 20 (JR), Cold Spring Harbor May 26 (RC), Camp Upton May 21 (RA), and Glen Cove May 30 (RC, J. Doran). The first Least Flycatcher arrived in Central Park Apr. 27 (W. Baumann). An Alder Flycatcher at Wildwood State Park May 25 was unusual (DL). An Olive-sided Flycatcher was found at Tobay May 25 (SBD). Ten Cliff Swallows May 5 seen in passage at Jamaica Bay was an unusually large number (LS, *et al.*). Fish Crows are rare on the North Fork; one was seen May 26 at Sears Bellows Park, a first record for an active observer (AD). Six were seen at Montauk May 30 (RA, DL, GSR). Nesting Fish Crows were reported at Glen Cove (AL) and Flushing (G & MD).

Thrushes, particularly Swainson's Thrush, were in small numbers this Spring. E. Bluebirds were sparingly reported: a pair at Manorville May 23 (DL), a pair at Cedar Beach Mar. 31 (*vide* FF), and five were seen Apr. 3 at Brookhaven Lab in Upton (JR). Blue-gray Gnatcatchers arrived in small numbers in mid-Apr; two were displaying at Muttontown May 8 (H. McClure).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireos were reported in larger numbers than usual: two were at Hempstead Lake Apr. 19, three were there Apr. 26 (EL, *et al.*). Two Philadelphia Vireos were located: one at Napeague May 30 (DL) and one well described May 21 at Muttontown (AL). Prothonotary Warblers were found at a number of locations: Apr. 16-20 at Glenwood Landing (T. Backelin), a female Apr. 28 in Mill Neck (H. McClure), another female Apr. 30 in Prospect Park (M. Sohmer), May 2 Central Park, and May 20 Jamaica Bay (D. Rippe, J. Ash, *et al.*). A singing **SWAINSON'S WARBLER** was briefly present at Prospect Park May 13 (C. Cohen, P. Prall, *et al.*). Several Golden-winged Warblers were seen: one at Hempstead Lake May 3 (SBD), one May 2 at Nugent Street, Staten Island, one at Alley Pond Park Apr. 30 (LS, *et al.*). One was in Forest Park during that period. A "Brewster's" Warbler singing a Golden-winged song was found May 6 in Forest Park (H. Roth, A. Townsend). An unusual spring record for Orange-crowned Warbler was recorded May 16 at Alley Pond Park on the Queens Big Day. Cerulean Warblers were present in better than average numbers the first few days of May. The first was reported Apr. 28 at Prospect and Forest Parks. A male **TOWNSEND'S WARBLER** was found in Hempstead Lake State Park, the same location where one was found two years ago. It was present Apr. 29-30 (EL, *et al.*). A second male was found May 9 at Alley Pond Park May 9 (O. Dunning, *et al.*). Yellow-throated Warblers were reported as follows: Apr. 18 in Glen Cove (A. Bell, *et al.*), Apr. 23-25 Prospect Park (L. Cohen, M. Sohmer), Apr. 26 Jones Beach (S. Schiff, AW), Apr. 30 Riverside Park (J. Woile), and a bird May 9 at Forest Park was seen by many observers. Kentucky Warblers were also reported in better than average numbers with about ten reports. Four were banded May 25 on Fire Island (D. Ford). At least two Yellow-breasted Chats were seen in Wading River May 1, 8, 16, 19 (RA, JR, DL). Two were in Greenvale May 29 (J. Bookalam), and one at Glen Cove the same day (AL).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Three Orchard Orioles were located in the Glen Cove area where they have been regular (RC). A first-year male in Babylon stayed into June (D. Kaufman); and a pair was found at Connetquot June 6 (R. Kelly). A courting pair of Orchard Orioles was seen at Neponsit May 10 (PAB). A pair of Boat-tailed Grackles was seen Apr. 26 at Gilgo Beach (ROP). A male was present at Jamaica Bay May 16-17. An early Scarlet Tanager was seen Apr. 20 in Roslyn (SY). Summer Tanagers were reported from a number of locations; a sub-adult male was seen May 9 in Central Park, a female was in Forest Park May 15-16 (G. Tudor *et al.*), and a male was in Central Park again May 17 (S. Faison). A singing male Summer Tanager was seen in Glen Head May 24 (RC), and another was in Oyster Bay the same day (W. Kolodnicki). On May 13 a Summer Tanager was found at Hempstead Lake (EL). Three Blue Grosbeaks were seen this spring: a sub-adult male May 3 at Inwood Hill Park (*vide* THD), a female May 16 at Forest Park (G & MD), another of unspecified sex was found in Ridge May 14 (JR). An early male was present in Central Islip Mar. 23 (A. Clerke). A flock of about 16 Evening Grosbeaks remained at the Maly's feeder in Islip from Dec. to May 16 (FF). A European Goldfinch at a thistle feeder in Centereach Apr. 1-6 has to remain of uncertain origin. A Com. Redpoll was seen at a feeder Mar. 1 in Huntington (*vide* S. Ruppert); ten were seen at Alley Pond Mar. 12 (SY). Two pairs of Seaside Sparrows were reported from the north shore where they might breed: one pair was seen in Douglaston May 21 (SY), the other in Port Washington May 16 (BJS). Twenty Swamp Sparrows at Wading River Apr. 29 was a large concentration (DL). Thirty-four Lapland Longspurs were seen at Jamaica Bay Mar. 28. Some were approaching breeding plumage. Thirty or more remained at Bay Park until Mar. 29 (SBD).

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