

a new location at Sullivan's monument near Elmira was found 29 May. Prothonotary: nesting in Unit 17 at M (VD). Worm-eating: one Montour Falls 30 Apr; one Phelps 8 May; three Elmira 14 May; one Ithaca 14 May; one Sen Castle May. Connecticut: one Geneva May. Mourning: Southport 14 May; one 22 May at Q; one Geneva May. Hooded: two singing males 21 May Dryden. Yellow-breasted Chat: one Slaterville 1 May.

TANAGERS—WEAVERS: Rose-breasted Grosbeak: came to feeders in May. Indigo Bunting: at many feeders in early May. PAINTED BUNTING: Pine City 6-7 May (DC*, WH, M. Wigert). Dickcissel: male Ithaca 30 Apr and for several days thereafter (M. Weeks, DM *et al.*). Red-crested Cardinal: Sullivanville, Chemung Co 14-17 Apr (R. & L. Dannerlain, J. & M. Smith, MW*). Probably an escape but Peterson in his 1980 edition of *A Field Guide to the Birds East of the Rockies* states that the species has bred in Pennsylvania. Am. Tree Sparrow: small numbers remained thru Apr. Vesper Sparrow: for several years your reporter has been saying that this species was in deep trouble altho perhaps gaining a bit lately, and this season's records appear to continue that gain. Grasshopper Sparrow: a number at Horseheads 8 May; Ithaca 20 May; Branchport May. Henslow's Sparrow: 1 Elmira 1 May; Ithaca 3 May. Fox Sparrow: Myers 5 Mar; last seminar report 2 May; a singing male on Sugar Hill in Schy Co. Lincoln's Sparrow: Rorick's Glen, Chemung Co 14 May; Ithaca 21 May. Bobolink: up in the Phelps area and good elsewhere. E. Meadowlark: rather scarce. Orchard Oriole: a pair at Myers 28 Apr; returned to Sheldrake where they nested last year; two reports from Yates Co; at Pine City 26 May. Purple Finch: nesting at M in Unit 17; widespread in small numbers all spring. House Finch: taken from the observers' reports—"Hungry hordes," "still increasing"—enough said. Pine Siskin: one Elmira 9 Apr labeled the only report of the year for them and it is also the only Regional report for the period. Am. Goldfinch: hordes (see opening remarks). Evening Grosbeak: a feeder in Ithaca (always the Evening Grosbeak capital of the Region) had a max of 65 in Mar and 46 in Apr; otherwise only small numbers drifted thru to the end of the period.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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March, continuing the February trend of milder-than-average weather, gamboled in, lamb like, to Region Four. By 7 March ice had left most farm ponds and that day the temperatures reached 70° F. Short-memoried optimists sowed their lettuce and spinach seeds and planted rows of onion sets. There being no accumulated snow, there was little spring runoff, no muddy garden soil, no inundated river banks, no fields ankle-deep with soggy meltwaters. On 4 March, skeins and skeins of northbound Canada Geese honked across the morning skies, many flying high in large groups, 700, 800, perhaps 1,000 strong. "Never saw anything like it!" was the common comment. This mild condition was interrupted only briefly on the tenth when cold, northerly winds blew in a mix of drizzle, sleet and one and a half inches of snow which warm succeeding days quickly melted. Area residents were getting themselves emotionally in tune for a lovely early spring. Even the 18 March heavy rains which deluged metropolitan New York City and were forecast for Region Four, bypassed us to the south and we registered only a half inch of rain. Then came the so-called vernal equinox and right here is where the weather gods missed their cue. Official spring was escorted in by rain, freezing rain and finally just plain snow—only the beginning of what was in store for the rest of the month when registered temperature readings were well

below average (13° lower on the 23rd, 14° lower on the 25th, for example) with a dismal rain-snow mix the usual fare. On the 31st, the March lion roared its final defiance with particularly violent windstorms. What did our forefathers know when they made up those weather jingles?

Enter April, therefore, cold and wet—and cold and wet it remained the entire 30 days, accumulating 8.37 inches of precipitation, making it “the rainiest April in 33 years, breaking the former record of 5.48 inches established in 1980 by almost three inches.” And that wasn’t the only record April broke. There were several small snowfalls and one major storm 18 April through 20 April which left Broome Co with close to 20 inches of snow, bringing the total month’s accumulation to 22.9”. This broke the county’s record for snow in April and pushed Binghamton ahead of Albany to earn the Fifth Annual Golden Snowball Award, an honor bestowed upon that New York State city receiving the most snow for the season. This is an honor? And what did all those April showers bring? May flowers? Wrong! Even heavier May showers, of course! Flash flood warnings were issued 1 and 2 May, actually ending in a few violent tornado touchdowns in Tioga and Broome Counties. The Susquehanna River was a foot above flood stage in Conklin and Vestal, two feet above flood at Waverly and just about flood level in Afton and Unadilla! Nor was it exactly warm! “Danger of Freeze!” was a headline 6, 7 and 10 May. On 17, 19 and 28 May those area residents living in “cold spots” woke up to a frost covered world. Despite a few brief flirtations with warmth and sunshine, the area seemed to be caught in a cycle of one rain laden low pressure system following another. At month’s end the weather man still promised, for the tenth time, “Spring Tomorrow!” Some spring!

Bird populations reacted variously to these unusual weather patterns. Ducks, not finding the floodplain lagoons formed by a normal spring runoff, sought out larger bodies of water. Our duck count therefore remained normal except for those ducks that never came south because of the open winter. We even got a Northern Shoveler, a bird that has been on our “worry-list” for a few years. Hawks, also, accommodated well to the changed weather. Sharp-shinned and Broad-wing counts were good. The Northern Harrier count, low for years, also shot up and one Merlin was reported. Shorebirds faced a slightly different problem. Late flooding placed mudflats under deep water when most shorebirds reached the Region. Ergo—a lower-than-usual shorebird count.

Early ground-nesting birds (grouse, killdeer, etc.) whose nests were buried in the April snowstorms made second nest attempts. Eastern Bluebirds and Tree Swallows also had tough going at this time, but both species seemed to be back on the track only a week or so late. The heavy storms of April’s end and in early May, plus the general cold and dampness, probably delayed the full migration of songbirds by a week or so. On 31 May there still lingered many species that certainly would migrate through. Partial explanation for the unusual weather may lie with the jet stream which this year, instead of crossing northern USA, dipped into the south crossing southern USA and coming up through the Atlantic states. Given this circumstance, we were not surprised to have a slight influx of unusual birds mostly from the south and southwest.

Sandhill Crane, Varied Thrush, Cerulean Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, and Yellow-headed Blackbird all made it to our list of rarities this spring.

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Abbreviations: BCNC—Broome Co. Naturalists Club; CCBC—Cortland Co. Bird Club; DBC—Delhi Bird Club; DOAS—Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society; DOASSC—Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society Spring Count; REEC—Rogers Environmental Education Center; TBC—Tioga Bird Club; WPR—Whitney Point Reservoir.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: 12 on-water reports, first 17 Mar, last 24 May, well distributed thru area; one couple (R & RE) reported 125 seen in flight from 2 Apr to 1 May, Max 73 30 Apr Broome Co; this is very high for this area. Pied-billed Grebe: eight reports; mostly Broome and Cortland Cos.; first 23 Mar WPR (EW, IW), last 22 May (BCNC); somewhat light for the area. Horned Grebe: 12 birds reported on five occasions; three 23 Mar, Susquehanna R, Vestal (FL), one 23 Mar WPR (BC, NC), six 26 Mar WPR (A & MD), one 22 Apr WPR (R & RE), one 6 May WPR (R & RE); average. Red-necked Grebe: one report; one 5 Apr WPR (A & MD). Double-crested Cormorant: one report of two birds 6 May WPR (R & RE); uncommon. Least Bittern: one 31 May Newark Valley (Tioga Co) "flushed from reed beds around Alexander Park Pond while fishing; unable to find bird next day;" unusual in area. Am. Bittern: five reports; one 23 Apr OPM (MD, KW); one 27 Apr, one 25 Apr WPR (RMa), one 27 Apr, REEC (LC), one 4 May OPM (MD, KW), one 29 May Norwich (JL). Great Blue Heron: common thru area, first 13 Mar WPR (RMa). Green-backed Heron: common thru area, first 29 Apr Broome Co (R & RE). Tundra Swan: three reports of eight birds; one 1 Mar Chenango R (AT), six 15 Mar WPR (SS), one 15 Mar, Plymouth Reservoir (Chenango Co) (DM). Canada Goose: common thru area, first "thousands" 4 Mar Broome Co (GK, others); after this initial burst flocks filtered thru, last one 28 May OPM (MD, KW). Wood Duck: common thru area, first two 13 Mar, Boland's Marsh (Broome Co) (MiD). Am. Black Duck: common thru. Mallard: common thru. N. Pintail: four reports of 25 birds, all Broome Co, first five 23 Mar Boland's Marsh (Broome Co) (RMa), last four 26 Mar WPR (MiD, JD). Blue-winged Teal: 20 reports, 16 Broome Co 7 Mar thru 22 Apr, two 1 Apr REEC (LC), two 1 Apr Sherburne (LC), one 30 Apr Lime Hollow (Cortland Co) (CCBC), one 3 May OPM (MD, KW). N. Shoveler: one report of two birds 7 Apr WPR (A & MD); first report in several years. Gadwall: four reports of six birds, two 24 Mar Boland's Marsh (Broome Co) (MiD), two 27 Mar Susquehanna R, Vestal (Broome Co) (HM), two 3 Apr WPR (MS) (A & MD). Am. Wigeon: 14 reports of 34 birds, first 6 Mar WPR (MS), last 17 Apr WPR (RMa) all except one 12 Mar REEC (MiD) were Broome Co. Canvasback: one report, one 21 Mar WPR (R & RE, A & MD). Redhead: one report of two birds 26 Mar WPR (A & MD). Ring-necked Duck: 15 reports of 170 birds, ten Broome Co, five OPM, first 21 Mar WPR (JD), last 3 May OPM (MD, KW). Greater Scaup: one report 26 Mar WPR (A & MD). Lesser Scaup: two reports; two 7 Mar Delhi (LMcD), two 17 Apr (MS). Scaup sp: four reports; one 20 Mar WPR (A & MD), one 24 Mar Susquehanna R, Vestal (Broome Co) (MiD), 20 26 Mar WPR (MiD, JD, A & MD), one 3 Apr WPR (A & MD). Oldsquaw: three reports: three 17 Mar Balsam Pond (Chenango Co) (JL), seven 7 Apr WPR (A & MD), five 22 Apr WPR (R & RE); good for this area. Com. Goldeneye: six reports: 14 Mar thru 2 Apr; five Broome Co, one Tioga Co; very low but not unexpected since due to the mild, open winter

few flew south last fall. Bufflehead: eight reports, 26 Mar thru 23 Apr, six Broome Co, two Cortland Co, low count, see Com. Goldeneye. Hooded Merganser: six reports, three Broome Co, three OPM, first 28 May WPR (RMA), last 5 May OPM (MD, KW). Com. Merganser: 21 reports: first 5 Mar Oneonta (MD), last 21 May DOASSC, max. 250 23 Mar WPR; 14 Broome Co, five OPM, one Otselec (Chenango Co). Red-breasted Merganser: 11 reports, first 12 Mar WPR (R & RE), last 16 26 Mar Homer (Cortland Co) (WB), five Broome Co, one Cortland Co, five OPM.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: many reports, first 28 Mar Johnson City (Broome Co) all counties reporting; seems to be spreading north, an Otselec (Chenango Co) reporter noted "31 May, very late date, rare here, may be breeding now or soon" (DM). Osprey: over 40 reports: first 4 Mar Tioga Co (RB) last 21 May DOASSC; all counties; exceptionally high count. Bald Eagle: two reports, one 20 Mar Cannonsville Res (BS, BL), one May Delhi "eating dead animal in road" (HO, JC), N. Harrier: 14 reports: first 26 Mar Tioga Co (C & JB), last two 30 May N. Colesville (Broome Co) (JS), 31 May Otselec (Chenango Co) (DM); very good numbers. Sharp-shinned Hawk: over 30 reports throughout area, first 17 Mar Broome Co (R & RE). Cooper's Hawk: 13 reports throughout region; first 3 Mar. So. Otselec (Chenango Co) (DM). N. Goshawk: four reports; one 11 Mar Choconut Center (Broome Co) (MS), one 2 Apr So. Otselec (Chenango Co) (DM), one 28 Apr Broome Co (R & RE), one So. Otselec 21 May "calling near last year's nest" (DM). Red-shouldered Hawk: one 21 May Delhi (SC); first in a few years. Broad-winged Hawk: 19 reports scattered thru area, first 23 Apr Broome Co (R & RE), most reports were of one or two birds but one Broome Co couple who have a good spot and spent time at it reported 72 birds 27 Apr and 231 birds 28 Apr (R & RE); very high for this area. Red-tailed Hawk: common thru. Rough-legged Hawk: two reports, one 13 Mar Coventry (Chenango Co) (JS), one 25 Mar, last So. Otselec (Chenango Co) (DM). Am. Kestrel: common thru. Merlin: one report; one 17 Mar Norwich; "a small, dark falcon about Kestrel size, dark back and tail (no red) chased by a Common Crow thru Norwich!" (JL). Ring-necked Pheasant: four reports; one 24 Mar Endwell (FL), two 26 Apr Endwell (JS), one 21 May DOASSC, one 22 May BCNC; low numbers. Ruffed Grouse: common thru. Wild Turkey: 13 reports scattered thru region. N. Bobwhite: one report; one 7 Apr Apalachin (Tioga Co) (P & EG). Virginia Rail: none. Sora Rail: one report; one 14 May, Lime Hollow (Cortland Co) CCBC. Com. Moorhen: one report; 14 May Lime Hollow (Cortland Co) CCBC. Am. Coot: six reports; one 17 Mar Norwich (JL), one Mar Tioga Co (RB), one 10 Apr REEC (LC), one 4 May Milford (Mr. B), one 19-20 May Delaware-Otsego area DOAS, one 19 May OPM (MD, KW). **SANDHILL CRANE:** one 1 May Broome Co "It was as large as a Great Blue Heron but it flew with its long, thin neck extended. Its wings were more square and we could see the feathers at the ends of each wing. Also we could see a dark and light pattern under each wing—the bird was flying in circles and kept moving its head from side to side as if looking for something—we have seen Sandhill Cranes before in Florida." (J & RS). Killdeer: common thru area, first 5 Mar (several). Greater Yellowlegs: three reports; two 3 Apr WPR (MS), two 11 Apr WPR (RMA), two 21 May DOASSC; low count. Lesser Yellowlegs: one report; three 1 May So. Otselec (Chenango Co) (DM); low count. Solitary Sandpiper: 11 reports; first 28 Apr OPM (DOAS, DBC), last five 21 May DOASSC; others scattered thru area. Spotted Sandpiper: common thru area, first 28 Apr So. Otselec (Chenango Co) (DM). Least Sandpiper: one report; two 21 May DOASSC; low count. Com. Snipe: ten reports, first 17 Mar OPM (MD, KW), last 25 May Chenango Co (JL); except for one 4 May WPR (R & RE) the rest were Delaware-Otsego area. Am. Woodcock: ten reports: first 2 Mar Johnson City (JD); of the rest five were Broome Co, one DOAS, one Norwich, one So. Otselec (Chenango Co) one Tioga Co. Ring-billed Gull: 15 reports scattered thru region, first 14 Mar (CCBC), max 21 Mar reports from Broome Co, Chenango Co, Otsego Co, all of large (over 100) flocks on land areas such as fairgrounds and parks. Apparently the rainy season had forced earthworms to the surface and the gulls were taking advantage. It was spectacular for a few days. Herring Gull: eight reports; first 14 Mar WPR (FL), last 23 Apr WPR (A & MD); others OPM, So. Otselec (Chenango Co), Tioga Co.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Rock Dove: common thru. Mourning Dove: common thru. Black-billed Cuckoo: four reports; 16 May Vestal (Broome Co) (SD), 23 May Tioga Co

(LD), 25 May Vestal (HM), 28 May Choconut Center (Broome Co) (MS); none Chenango, Cortland, Delaware or Otsego; not as high as last year; the cold, wet spring has delayed the Gypsy Moth cycle so that larvae are only a few mm long at end of period which may account for the lower numbers of cuckoos. Yellow-billed Cuckoos: seven reports; all 21-25 May, four Broome Co, two Chenango Co, one Tioga Co; see comment on Black-billed Cuckoos. E. Screech-Owl: two reports: one 7 Mar, one 24 Mar, both Norwich (JL). Great Horned Owl: nine reports thru; four nests, one reporter stated "left nest 13 May" Broome Co (CH). Barred Owl: four reports; one 2 May Berkshire (Tioga Co) (LD), two 5-6 May Pharsalia (Chenango Co) (JL), two 21 May Delhi (J & NC), "calling" 25 May So. Otselic (Chenango Co) (DM). Long-eared Owl: one 13 Apr Nichols (Tioga Co) injured and taken by Ross Park Zoo for rehabilitation (PM). Com. Nighthawk: five reports, first 13 May Binghamton, all others Broome Co except for five 21 May DOASSC; numbers light. Chimney Swift: 12 reports thru area, first 30 Apr Lime Hollow (Cortland Co) (CCBC). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: ten reports thru area, first 12 May, So Apalachin (Tioga Co) (RM). Belted Kingfisher: common thru. Red-headed Woodpecker: eight reports; one 28 Apr Delhi (Otsego Co) (LMcD, SG), one 4 May Apalachin (Tioga Co) (RM), one 4 May Pitcher (Chenango Co) (DM), one 11 May Haight's Gulf (Cortland Co) (Mrs. CS), one 12 May So. Otselic (Chenango Co) "first in Otselic Valley in recent times" (DM), one May 21 DOASSC, one Truxton (Cortland Co) (DP) and one nesting in Newark Valley (Tioga Co) (LD); this is an excellent count for the area both in numbers and distribution. Red-bellied Woodpecker: nine reports; thru period Newark Valley (LD), one "resident" Cortland (J & NC), one "resident" Cortland (M & BM), one 2, 4, 6 and 9 May Homer (Cortland Co) (WB), one 9 May Oneonta (IW), one 21 May DOASSC; definitely established in Tioga and Cortland Cos and moving into Otsego. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: over 20 reports spread thru area, first 9 Apr Delhi (MC). Downy Woodpecker: common thru. Hairy Woodpecker: common thru. N. Flicker: common thru area, first 3 Mar Vestal (Broome Co) (FL). Pileated Woodpecker: 13 records scattered thru area.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: E. Wood-Pewee: common thru area, first 11 May Johnson City (Broome Co) (MP). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: two reports, one 12 May Vestal (SD), one 28 May Vestal (HM). Alder Flycatcher: five records, first 22 May Broome Co BCNC, others Broome Co, Chenango Co, OPM, Tioga Co. Willow Flycatcher: six records, first 21 May Broome Co (BCNC), Norwich (JL), DOASSC; others Broome Co, Chenango Co, So. Otselic (Chenango Co) (DM). Least Flycatcher: common thru area, first 30 Apr So. Apalachin (Tioga Co) (RM). E. Phoebe: common thru area, first 19 Mar Vestal (SD). Great Crested Flycatcher: common thru area, first 1 May Vestal (HM). E. Kingbird: common thru area, first 3 May OPM (MD, KW). Horned Lark: 12 reports thru; first singing Cortland (WT). Purple Martin: four reports: 21 May DOASSC, 22 May Owego (Tioga Co) (LB) 22 May BCNC, 22 May Endwell (FL). Tree Swallow: common thru area, first 16 Mar OPM (MD, KW). N. Rough-winged Swallow: 11 reports, first 30 Apr So. Otselic (Chenango Co) (DM); the rest scattered thru. Bank Swallow: eight reports; scattered thru, first 6 May Homer (Cortland Co) (WB). Cliff Swallow: four reports: 30 Apr So. Otselic (DM), 19 May OPM (MD, KW) 21 May DOASSC 22 May Owego (Tioga Co) (LB). Barn Swallow: common thru area, first 7 Apr WPR (A & MD). Blue Jay: common thru: however, light in some sections, particularly Broome Co, until mid-May when numbers picked up conspicuously—probably returning migrants; a possible explanation of the low numbers in Broome Co last winter and most of the spring may be related to the Gypsy Moth invasion which only heavily reached Broome Co last year (1982); attacking oak trees it probably diminished the acorn crop—a staple food for jays—so that many left. Fish Crow: two reports: one 7 Apr Endwell (Broome Co) "harassed by Com. Crows." (FL), one 26 Apr Vestal (Broome Co) (GK). Black-capped Chickadee: common thru. Tufted Titmouse: common thru. Red-breasted Nuthatch: ten reports scattered thru. White-breasted Nuthatch: common thru. Brown Creeper: 16 reports scattered thru. House Wren: common thru area, first 3 May Broome Co (MS). Winter Wren: four reports; three 28 Apr Otsego-Delaware (DOAS & DBC), one 7 May Vestal (HM), one 21 May Chenango Co (JL), three 21 May DOASSC. Golden-crowned Kinglet: ten reports; three Broome Co, one Cortland Co, one Chenango Co, one OPM, last date 22 Apr Cortland Co and Broome Co. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: common thru area, first 17 Apr So. Apalachin (Tioga Co) (RM), last one 21 May DOASSC. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: six reports; one 10 May End-

well (Broome Co) (BT), one 11 May Preble Swamp (Cortland Co) (WB), three 13 May Preble Swamp (WB), one 14 May CCBC, one 22 May Broome Co (MS), one 24 May E. Meredith (Delaware Co) (DBC), one 24 May OPM (MD, KW); unusually high. E. Bluebird: over 30 reports thru; very good numbers. Veery: common thru area, first 5 May Vestal (Broome Co) (HM). Gray-cheeked Thrush: four reports; all Broome Co, one each 16 May, 26 May, 28 May Vestal (HM) one Choconut Center (MS). Swainson's Thrush: six reports; one 9 May So. Otselic (Chenango Co) (DM), one 21 May DOASSC, three 23 May, two 26 May and three 28 May—all Vestal (HM). Hermit Thrush: 18 reports scattered thru area, first 14 Apr OPM (MD, KW). Wood Thrush: common thru area, first 22 Apr Norwich (JL). Am. Robin: common thru. **VARIED THRUSH**: one 24 May, Oneonta: observers were checking out two bluebirds on a wire and noticed a "different" robin between them; "it seemed to have a band on its breast. We were both concentrating on seeing that and failed to note if there were orange wingbars. The bird took off after a few seconds and landed in a tree farther away. We got him in the telescope and could see the black band clearly and the different eyeline but leaves blocked the view of his wings." (MD, KW). Gray Catbird: common thru area first 30 Apr Norwich (JL). N. Mockingbird: 14 reports; nine Broome Co, two Tioga Co, one Chenango Co, two DOASSC; firmly established in the Southern Tier and pushing north. Brown Thrasher: 15 reports scattered thru area, first 27 Apr Cortland (GN). Water Pipit: two reports; 22 Mar Newark Valley (Tioga Co) "walking around in a field that was planted to alfalfa last year—estimated 200 birds in the field—seemed to swirl around in circles and eventually went over the nearest hill." (LBI & JB), one 21 May DOASSC. Cedar Waxwing: common thru. N. Shrike: three records; one 2 Apr. Walton (RJ), one 5 Apr OPM (MD, KW) one 11 Apr WPR (RMA). European Starling: common thru.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: over 20 reports thru area, first 28 Apr Vestal (Broome Co) (LB). Yellow-throated Vireo: ten reports scattered thru area, first 7 May CCBC. Warbling Vireo: 12 reports scattered thru area, first 3 May Norwich (JL), OPM (MD, KW). Philadelphia Vireo: three reports, one 14 May Newark Valley (Tioga Co) (LD), one 17 May Choconut Center (Broome Co) (MS), one 21 May DOASSC. Red-eyed Vireo: common thru area, first 7 May CCBC. Blue-winged Warbler: 19 reports; first 3 May Vestal (LB), eight others Broome Co, seven Chenango Co, one Cortland, one DOASSC and one OPM. Golden-winged Warbler: four reports; all Broome Co; one 6 May Vestal (RMA), one 7 May (RM), one 8 May Choconut Center (MS), one 22 May BCNC. Tennessee Warbler: many reports thru area, first 7 May Norwich (JL), first 7 May Norwich (JL), 85 banded Vestal (HM); still in area at period's end. Nashville Warbler: many reports thru area, first 1 May Choconut Center (Broome Co) (MS); still present last week in May. N. Parula: three reports; one 3 May OPM (MD, KW), one 19 May OPM (MD, KW), one 19-20 May Delaware-Otsego area (DOAS). Yellow Warbler: common thru area, first 30 Apr OPM (MD, KW). So. Apalachin (Tioga Co) (RM), So. Otselic (Chenango Co) (DM). Chestnut-sided Warbler: common thru area, first 1 May Vestal (Broome Co) (HM). Magnolia Warbler: 25 reports scattered thru area, first one 5 May OPM (MD, KW); still present at period's end. Cape May Warbler: six reports; first 12 May Norwich (JL), last 23 May Broome Co (BT) others Chenango Co, Delaware and Otsego Cos. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 12 reports scattered thru area, first 4 May Vestal (HM) max 12 21 May DOASSC. Yellow-rumped Warbler: many reports thru area, first 15 Apr Newark Valley (Tioga Co) (LD), last 22 May BCNC, max 60 6 May OPM (MD, KW). Black-throated Green Warbler: many reports thru area, first 5 May OPM (MD, KW), So. Apalachin (RM). Blackburnian Warbler: eight reports thru area, first 3 May Vestal (Broome Co) (LB), last 24 May OPM (MD, KW), max 25 21 May DOASSC; numbers down from previous years. Prairie Warbler: 12 reports; first 5 May OPM (MD, KW), ten others Broome Co, one report of three 21 May DOASSC; definitely on the increase in Broome Co and edging north. Palm Warbler: three reports; 4 May Preble Swamp (Cortland Co) (WB), 6 May Preble Swamp (WB), 14 May CCBC. Bay-breasted Warbler: 11 reports, first 8 May Vestal (Broome Co) (HM), last 28 May OPM (MD, KW), others Broome Co, Chenango Co, DOASSC. Blackpoll Warbler: 11 reports, first 14 May Walton (Otsego Co) (LMCD), others three Broome Co, five Chenango Co, one Otsego Co, one DOASSC; still present at period's end. **CERULEAN WARBLER**: one report, 23 May "singing, not heard again" So. Otselic (Chenango Co) (DM). Black-and-white Warbler: many reports thru area, first 30 Apr, Lime

Hollow (Cortland Co) CCBC. Am. Redstart: many reports thru area, first 4 May Vestal (RMa). Worm-eating Warbler: two reports; one 7 May Town of Binghamton (CH), one 21 May DOASSC. Ovenbird: many reports thru area, first 29 Apr So. Apalachin (Tioga Co) (RM). N. Waterthrush: many reports thru area, first 30 Apr OPM (MD, KW). Louisiana Waterthrush: many reports thru area, first 15 Apr, Broome Co "tied my earliest date, usually 21st" (MS). KENTUCKY WARBLER: one report. 15 May Town of Binghamton "saw and heard the bird" (CH). Mourning Warbler: three reports; two 21 May DOASSC, one 22 May Vestal (Broome Co) (HM), one 31 May So. Otselic (Chenango Co) (DM). Com. Yellow-throat: common thru area, first 2 May Cortland (C & DN). Wilson's Warbler: six reports; one 10 May Broome Co (R & RE), one 12 May So. Apalachin (Tioga Co) (RM), one 13 May Delhi (MC), one 20 May Vestal (Broome Co) (HM), one 21 May DOASSC, one 22 May Vestal (HM). Canada Warbler: 12 reports, first 13 May Delhi (MC), others five Broome Co, two Chenango Co, one DOASSC, three OPM. Yellow-breasted Chat: three reports—all 22 May, one Vestal (Broome Co) (T & BW), one BCNC and one Apalachin (RM).

TANAGERS—WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: common thru, first 6 May Vestal (Broome Co) (LB). N. Cardinal: common thru. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: common thru area, first 1 May Truxton (Cortland Co) (DP). Indigo Bunting: common thru area, first 30 Apr Vestal (Broome Co) (T & BW); many reports of large numbers especially when they first arrived back. Red-crested Cardinal: left Berkshire (Tioga Co) 9 Apr; reported in Vestal (Broome Co) 3 May (AD); stayed only shortly; no further report. Rufous-sided Towhee: common thru area, first 19 Apr Johnson City (Broome Co) (MP). Am. Tree Sparrow: common thru area, last 14 May CCBC (only May report). Chipping Sparrow: common thru area, first 10 Apr Newark Valley (Tioga Co) (LD). Field Sparrow: common thru area, first 28 Mar Tioga Co (RB); very early date, next 17 Apr Vestal (Broome Co) (LB). Vesper Sparrow: seven reports, first 1 Apr Homer (Cortland Co) (WB). Others, one Broome Co, one Cortland Co, one Chenango Co, three OPM. Savannah Sparrow: common thru area, first 17 Apr Town of Maine (Broome Co) (R & RE). Grasshopper Sparrow: one report 15 May Maine (Broome Co) (R & RE); low count. Henslow's Sparrow: seven reports; four 16 May all Town of Binghamton "four different meadows, four different sparrows all singing" (CH), two areas 21 May, Chenango Co (JL), one Broome Co (MS); very high count, mostly new areas. Fox Sparrow: many reports through area, last 21 May Delhi (MC). Song Sparrow: common thru. Lincoln's Sparrow: none. Swamp Sparrow: common thru area, first 22 Apr Oneonta (MD). White-throated Sparrow: common thru area; still a few present in high altitudes at period's end. White-crowned Sparrow: 13 reports thru area, first 11 Apr Endwell (Broome Co) (FL), last 22 May (BCNC). Dark-eyed Junco: common thru area, last migrants 22 May; a few in higher altitudes remaining to nest. Bobolink: many reports thru area, first 30 Apr No. Colesville (Broome Co) (JS). Red-winged Blackbird: common thru. E. Meadowlark: common thru area, first 7 Mar Newark Valley (Tioga Co) (LD). **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD**: two reports; one bird 21 Apr Binghamton, observer "looking over a large flock (10 or 15 birds) of mixed cowbirds and grackles at a feeder a day after a heavy snowstorm, noticed the yellow-headed one—stayed about 10 minutes—had a good look" (ML); other report of two birds, "male and female, at feeder in Delhi, arriving 23 Apr and staying several weeks when male left. Female is still present. It has been seen at close range both with and without binoculars; feeds with others birds, usually early morning and evening but never stays long" (EM, Mrs. D). Rusty Blackbird: six reports: 15 1 Apr Coventryville (Chenango Co) (JS), 23 Apr Lime Hollow (Cortland Co) (CCBC), five 30 Apr OPM (MD), one 1 May Otselic (Chenango Co) (DM), one 21 May, Hamden (Delaware Co) (M/M HP). Com. Grackle: common thru area, first 1 Mar Tioga Co (LD). Orchard Oriole: two reports, one 17 May Newark Valley (Tioga Co) banded (JB), one 24 May Delhi (SC), unusual for the area. N. Oriole: common thru area, first 29 Apr Newark Valley (Tioga Co) (LD). Purple Finch: common thru. House Finch: common thru. Am. Goldfinch: common thru. Evening Grosbeak: common thru area, last one 21 May DOASSC; last before that 4 May several. House Sparrow: common thru.

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