

REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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This was a spring to remember for its fine weather and rarities. The relatively warm winter weather continued through much of March, which averaged 2.6° F. above normal. The heaviest snow occurred on 4 March, about three inches at the Greater Buffalo International Airport, and up to eight inches in the Southern Tier. This brought birds back to the feeders. The only day when the temperature stayed below freezing was on 18 March. This was also the coldest day of the month, 10° F. at Buffalo, 3° F. at Jamestown, and it gave the maple syrup producers a day of rest. The warmest day was on 27 March when the thermometer reached 71° F. at Buffalo. All ice melted off small, sheltered ponds at higher elevations on 28 March—earlier on the lake plains and exposed valleys.

The warmest April in 30 years was logged at Buffalo and it was the driest since 1946 with only 1½ inches of snow (3.3 is normal), and 1.3 inches of rain (normal is 3.05). As the temperatures rose into the 70's on 5 April our Louisiana Waterthrush arrived on the Ten Mile Creek. On 8 April there was 350 square miles of ice on Lake Erie with the ice boom in place. It was taken out on the 13th and heavy ice was still packed in the Niagara River below the falls at the end of the month (VP). The coldest day of April occurred the night of the 10th with 21° F. at Buffalo, followed by almost three weeks of gorgeous weather, as a high pressure system parked over the eastern and central United States. This led to many record-breaking early dates, particularly warblers.

Tornadoes and a wet Memorial Day weekend marked the only dramatic weather of May as another beautiful spring month followed April. A soaking rain of over an inch fell on 6 May and again on the last day of the month, but the rest of the month was not as wet as the northeastern forest generally needs. The effect of this weather on bird migration was to dampen the birdwatchers' anticipation of bushels of birds in trees and produced instead early and steady leap-frogging by the migrants. The average temperature turned out to be 3.4° F. higher than normal and precipitation about one-half inch above normal.

The warm spring quarter resulted in a spectacular showing of rarities but most observers complained of low numbers, particularly of land birds. Double-crested Cormorants continued to be a feature of our spring migration. Great Egrets were reported as early as March and at several places in April. Red-breasted Mergansers dominated the March-April waterfowl world. Common Mergansers continue to be seen at nesting time in Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties. Hawk migration went about as expected with best flights on 10, 11, 21, and 30 March and 4, 14, and 20-23 April. Peak day was 21 April (Grimsby, Walter Klabunde). The shorebirds had very dry conditions inland and good weather to speed them on to the arctic, so were reported in low numbers. Local populations of Common Snipe in the Southern Tier counties are prospering but not the Am. Woodcock. Black-billed and Yellow-billed Cuckoos seemed concentrated in Southern Tier Counties as lepidopterid larvae reached a peak, particularly the Gypsy Moth.

Sixteen species of warblers in April must be a record for the region. Blue-

winged, Golden-winged, Tennessee, Nashville, Yellow, Chestnut-sided, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Pine, Prairie, Palm, Black-and-white, Am. Redstart, No. Waterthrush, and La. Waterthrush were seen between 5 and 30 April.

The finches, tuned to a seed diet on migration, responded more reasonably than the insect eating warblers and were generally on time as were the blackbirds, mainly probers for insect larvae. Orchard Orioles appear to be increasing in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties where one was seen nest building. Car-dueline finches were low in numbers.

Rarities include: Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (four in Chaut. Co.), Wood Stork (same general area as 1978), Glossy Ibis, Harlequin Duck, Mississippi Kite (first regional record), Golden Eagle (three localities same date), Sandhill Crane.

Chautauqua County birders are becoming very active as Bob Sundell's *Birds of Chautauqua County* comes into focus. When are you calling a deadline on new data, Bob? The Southern Tier Expressway still makes news as traditional Iroquois block its completion. It is too bad that we are losing so much Allegheny River bottomland forest and right where Kentucky Warblers had been singing on territory.

Abbreviations: AAC-14 April Bird Census or AMC-19 May Bird Census, for Allegany Co. Bird Club; BC-Bird Club; ASP-Allegany State Park; BOS-Buffalo Ornithological Society; DH-Dunkirk Harbor; JAC-14 April Bird Census or JMC 19 May Bird Census, for Jamestown Audubon Society; LEAC-14 April Bird Census or LEMC-19 May Bird Census, for Lake Erie BC; NWR-National Wildlife Refuge; Res.-Reservoir.

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LOONS-DUCKS : Red-throated Loon: one DH 2 March (WD *et al*), one JAC. Com. Loon: one Iroquois NWR 21 March (Chilton), first of season, 14 N end Chautauqua L 28 April (DG) was a max, seen also Amity L, DH, Pinehurst, Greenhurst and Red House L. Pied-billed Grebe: 17 Cuba Lake 31 March a max (ASc), seen in April and May in fewer numbers as migrants. Horned Grebe: 15 LEAC, 22 Cuba L (AAC), 30 Cuba L 4 April (KP, Rice) a max. Red-necked Grebe: two Cuba L AAC only reports of season. Double-crested Cormorant: becoming regular inland from the Atlantic Coast; two DH 2 April (J & TM), were first, four Pinehurst 13 April (AS, RA *et al*), three Mayville, Chautauqua L 29 April and two at Greenhurst 18 April (DG, DD), five DH 19 April (DD) was a max, one Amity L 1 May (VP) latest. Am. Bittern: one AAC, one Tiff Farm 18 April (Chilton), one Burgeson Sanc. 20 and 21 April (DG, DD), one Bird Swamp, Machias, Cattaraugus Co 20 April (TB and Cattaraugus Co. BC), one Tonawanda WMA 21 and 28 April, one Tiff Farm 4-15 May; things are looking brighter for this bird. Least Bittern: one Tiff Farm 15 May (FR) first, two Tiff Farm 21 May (GO), one Times Beach, Buffalo 30 May (RA). Great Blue Heron: continues to be common nester in forested uplands of So. Tier Cos.

Great Egret: two 23 March Iroquois NWR (Watson) first, one Martin Rd. Ext., Jamestown 31 March, one E. Pembroke 4 April (G & DS), one Burgeson Sanc. 10 April (DG, DD), one Cuba 10 & 11 April (L & DB, Jordan), two Tonawanda WMA 11 April (Walker). Black-crowned Night-Heron: one Buffalo 27 & 28 March (GO) only reports. **YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON**: one Burgeson Sanc. 10 May (DG), two same place with a considerable amount of courtship display 13 May (F & TE), a fourth record, one Fredonia College Camp, Twns.) Stockton and Portland 12 May (TM, Bowser *et al*). **GLOSSY IBIS**: one Tonawanda WMA 4 May (Chilton). **WOOD STORK**: one Haskell Valley 14 May (J & MF), also seen Windfall Rd. near Olean 8 June (MB); these observations not far from previous records 1978 (*Kingbird* 29: 2-4). Tundra Swan: 50 over Jamestown 1 March marked the beginning (DC); 320 NW of Randolph, Cattaraugus Co. and 425 on the Allegheny Res. 10 March (DG), 650 Swamp Rd. 21 March (DG) a max, most had gone through by early April; one Pomfret Twn., Chautauqua Co. 10 May was very late (T & JM). Mute Swan: one Burgeson Sanc. through March had arrived with Tundra Swans (DD), one Tiff Farm 4 & 12 May may have been a local. **GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE**: one Newstead Sinks 9 March (WD, BP) identified as imm of the Greenland race, *Anser albifrons flavirostris*, four Iroquois NWR a short time later 9 March not identified to subsp. (WD, BP). Snow Goose: one Iroquois NWR 1 March (DE) first; both white and blue morphs seen there through most of month with a max of five, one blue phase Swamp Rd., Randolph, Cattaraugus Co. 3 March (DG). Canada Goose: 50 Jamestown 1 March (DC) about start of migration, 40,000 a max at Oak Orchard in March but count difficult because of dispersal to grain fields. Wood Duck: two Amity L 23 March (VP) first, regular after 11 April, mostly So. Tier Cos. Green-winged Teal: four Burgeson Sanc. 10 March (DG) early. Am. Black Duck: four Belmont 12 March (L & DB), three Allegheny Res. 17 March (TB), four Birdsall, Allegany Co. 11 April (KP, Rice). Mallard: still most common puddle duck. No. Pintail: six Red House L 29 March (TB), 16 AAC but most breezed by without being seen or reported. Am. Wigeon: one Allegheny R at Salamanca and Red House L 2 March (TB) early. Canvasback: eight Cuba L 11 April (LB *et al*), 17 AAC, six Chautauqua L 21 April (DG) only reports for period. Redhead: seven JAC, one LEAC only reports. Ring-necked Duck: 55+ near Jamestown 25 March (MS), 16 and three Amity L 27 and 29 March (VP, L & DM), 14 Red House L 29 March (TB), 66 JAC, four AAC. Greater Scaup: four JAC, 46 LEAC. Lesser Scaup: 204 JAC. **HARLEQUIN DUCK**: one male remained at DH from 5 Feb. (A & OR) to 9 April (JG). Oldsquaw: three Celeron, Chautauqua L 10 March (DG), one Quaker L 17 March (TB) illustrates early ice melt, 11 Amity L 3 April (VP), 128 JAC. Surf Scoter: one DH 19 & 21 April (DD, DG). White-winged Scoter: three Quaker L 17 March (TB), five Mayville, Chautauqua L 29 April (DG, DD), seen also DH, Allegheny Res., Iroquois NWR 19-28 April. Bufflehead: 110 JAC, 26 AAC, 16 Red House L 19 April, a max that location (TB). Hooded Merganser: pair Allegheny R 9 March (TB), regular later as nester. Com. Merganser: winters and now breeding Allegany Co. and probably Cattaraugus Co.; three Allegheny R. 25 April (TB), seven-26 Amity L 1-31 May (VP), two females seen entering stove pipe Wellsville, Allegany Co. 20 May (*NI fide* VP). Red-breasted Merganser: 86 Red House L 29 March (TB), 2500 DH 2 April (TM), 5000± DH 11 April (RS, DG) max, 75 Allegheny Res. 1 May (TB); exceptional flight this year. Ruddy Duck: seven JAC, 11 LEAC.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: The main hawk watch areas are at Forsythe Rd., Twn. of Ripley, Chautauqua Co. then proceeding NE along the Portage Escarpment to Pinehurst, near Hamburg, Erie Co. and then Grimsby, Ontario, 30 miles W of the Niagara R. along the Niagara Escarpment. It is assumed here that all hawks passing Grimsby have come either along the S shore of L Erie or overland through the region, then either turn W to pass Grimsby or E to pass Braddock's Bay in Region 2. Turkey Vulture: one Twn. Amity, Allegany Co. 10 March (L & DB), one Grimsby 10 March and 361 there 4 April, max and

latest there 30 May; 87 LEAC, 26 AAC. Osprey: one Grimsby 27 March was first, then one to eight 4-27 April, two there 1 May last: seen along Allegheny River and Res. through most of period near hacking site but only sporadic nest building; three indiv. present and one with aluminum government band adding sticks to nest but pair bond seemed weakly established (TJ). **MISSISSIPPI KITE:** one Bird Swamp, Machias, Cattaraugus Co. 20 April, Cattaraugus Co. BC field trip (TB *et al*); verification report to BOS accepted. Bald Eagle: first bird of passage Grimsby 23 March, two there 4 April then singles 5-22 April; one imm Burgeson Sanc. 17 April with orange streamer (DD) and one imm 20 April unmarked (DG), one imm W of Allegany, NY 25 May (TB *et al*), one same place 26 May (SE); 2 imm and one adult in vicinity of Osprey hacking site Allegheny Res. through most of period. No. Harrier: one-two Grimsby 1-23 March, then six there 26 March and nine next day; 11 Grimsby 5 April max; five Pinehurst 13 April (AS *et al*), nine Ripley 13 April (FR, LB), 12 LEAC; one Alfred 3 May (CK), one and two Friendship, Allegany Co. 17 and 22 May (L & DB). Sharp-shinned Hawk: one Grimsby 1 March, nine on 15 March, gradually building to 82 there 4 April and 138 on 5 April; 761 max 21 April and gradually diminishing to 78 per day on 10 May and down to two 31 May; 67 Forsythe Rd., near Ripley, Chautauqua Co. 21 April (DG, DD), 112 Ripley 21 April (FR, LB) and other counts along portage escarpment or below indicated main flight 21 April. Cooper's Hawk: one Grimsby 10 March was first at that site, 19 there 21 April was a max, last bird of passage there 8 May. No. Goshawk: one Grimsby 9 March first at that site, one or two seen most days later in March, six there 4 April a max and one there 12 April was last; two imm fed mostly on Mourning Doves at Forness' feeders near Cuba during March; this species seen near Allegheny Res. in late April (DG) and Alfred 22 May (CK) are probably breeders. Red-shouldered Hawk: six Grimsby first report, then three 9 March and 51 on 10th; 123 there 21 March was max and one on 27th last; our locally nesting pair Ten Mile Hollow, Cattaraugus Co. arrived 10 March and had placed much hemlock on nest by 16 March as large numbers of migrants slid by or leap-frogged over at Forsythe Rd., Pinehurst and Grimsby. Broad-winged Hawk: one seen and heard Ivory Rd. near Allegheny Res. 21 March (DG) earliest, three Grimsby 4 April—first at that site, 6007+ there 21 April max and 1189 Twn. of Ripley, Chautauqua Co. same day (FR, LB), 667 Pinehurst 20 April (RA *et al*), small numbers seen over higher parts of region in April. Red-tailed Hawk: 101 Ripley 9 March (FR, LB), 349 Grimsby same day max but good counts through March and April. Rough-legged Hawk: two Grimsby 1 March first day of count, six there 4 and 21 April, one 27 April last. Golden Eagle: one imm ASP (France Brook) 13 April (TB), one Pinehurst same day (HA, RA *et al*), six Grimsby 16-30 March, three there 4 April, one there 13 April; makes one wonder if ASP bird, Pinehurst bird and Grimsby bird were same indiv.; last at Grimsby 26 April. Am. Kestrel: 12 Grimsby 21 April max at that site; birds seem fewer as the dead elms fall. Merlin: singles Grimsby 5, 13, 20, 21, 26 April, one female Point Gratiot, L Erie 21 April feeding on bird (DG), one male Twn. Pomfret, Chautauqua Co. 25 April (DG). Peregrine Falcon: one Grimsby 5 and 21 April, one adult male 2 mi. SE of Salamanca, Cattaraugus Co. 19 May (J & MF). Wild Turkey: early broods reported out in late May; also Ruffed Grouse (TJ). Virginia Rail: one N. Harmony, Chautauqua Co. 11 April (DG) first, reported too from Stillwater, Times Beach, Iroquois NWR and Tifft Farm April. Sora: two Stillwater, Chautauqua Co. 14 April (DG), one Iroquois NWR 27 April (DE), one LEAC—very sad showing. Com. Moorhen: two Tonawanda WMA 20 April (WD, BP), one mouth Tunungwant Creek, Cattaraugus Co. 6 and 7 May (TB), one Burgeson Sanc. 12 May (DG, DD), one Amity L 21 May (VP). **SANDHILL CRANE:** one Twn. Yates, Orleans Co. 14 May (Cooper). Black-bellied Plover: one Greenhurst, Chautauqua L, 21 April (8 days early according to Bob Sundell), one Kiantone Twn. Chautauqua Co. 17 May (TM *et al*), one Bemus Creek, Chautauqua L 18 May (DG *et al*), one Vandalia, Cattaraugus Co. 19 May (SE), two Burgeson Sanc. 20 May (DG, DD). Semipalmated Plover: two Vandalia, Cattaraugus Co. 19 May (SE), three JAC. Greater Yellowlegs: two Burgeson Sanc. 28 March (DG) first, also one Poland same date (DG), 13 LEAC, 3 AAC, two Machias 20 April (TB

et al.). Lesser Yellowlegs: three Kiantone, Chautauqua Co. 6 April (DD) first, two JAC, four Burgeson Sanc. 20 May (DG, DD). Solitary Sandpiper: one Pomfret, Chautauqua Co. 19 April (TM) first, two Machias 20 April (TB *et al.*), eight Irvine Mills, Cattaraugus Co. 24 April (TB), one Hamburg 7 May (FR), 12 Burgeson Sanc. 7 May (DG), five JAC, one ASP 27 May (DG *et al.*). Spotted Sandpiper: one Amity L 22 April (VP) first. Upland Sandpiper: one Frewsburg (F & TE) and three Pomfret (TM) both 22 April first, one Frissell Rd., Chautauqua Co. 7 May (DG, DD). Whimbrel: one Dutch Hollow Creek, Greenhurst, Chautauqua L 20 May only report. Ruddy Turnstone: 14 JMC (Bemus Creek), two Dutch Hollow Creek 29 May (DG, Gardner). Semipalmated Sandpiper: three to eight Burgeson Sanc. 10-27 May (DG *et al.*). Least Sandpiper: five Tunungwant Creek, Cattaraugus Co. 7 May (TB), 25 Burgeson Sanc. 20 May (DG, DD). White-rumped Sandpiper: one Burgeson Sanc. 17 May (TM *et al.*), two same place 27 May (DG *et al.*). Pectoral Sandpiper: six Iroquois NWR and two Sommerset 27 March (WD, BP) first. Purple Sandpiper: four Goat Island 1 May (WD *et al.*) very late but one was at Buckhorn Island 8 June 1954 (Beardslee and Mitchell). Dunlin: six Burgeson Sanc. 11 May (DD), four same place 17 May (TM *et al.*), 37 mouth Bemus Creek, Chautauqua L 21 May (F & TE, DG). Short-billed Dowitcher: 28 Burgeson Sanc. 10 May (RTP *et al.*), 31 same place 13 May (DG, DD). Com. Snipe: one Kiatone, Chautauqua Co., 13 March (DG), 11 Twn. Dayton, Cattaraugus Co. 24 March (FR, LB), 19 Twn. Stockton, Chautauqua Co., each in courtship flight 14 April (TM), five ASP 19 April (TB), 38 AAC, maybe good weather increased their conspicuousness but hopefully it's a population surge. Am. Woodcock: 2 Burgeson Sanc. 8 March (DD, DG) first, one-ten Twn. Amity 10-29 March (VP); according to Olean Office DEC population still in decline in northeast. **WILSON'S PHALAROPE**: one Tunungwant Creek, Cattaraugus Co. 25 May (TB, Cattaraugus Co. BC field trip), only report. Laughing Gull: one at DH which was reported last quarter remained through March and was last seen DH 11 April (RS, DG), same or another adult Barcelona, along L Erie to the S, 26 May (DG). Bonaparte's Gull: one DH 26 March (TM) first, 32 DH 29 March (TM, RS), 85 Red House L 21 April (TB), 1500+ Ft. Niagara State Park 23 April (WD, BP) max. Glaucous Gull: one Buffalo 2 April (RA, MF), one DH 28 April (DG). Caspian Tern: one Greenhurst, Chautauqua L 14 April (DG *et al.*) first, 23 Barcelona 21 April max. Com. Tern: 31 Allegheny Res. 21 April (DG, DD)—a large flock away from Great Lakes. Forster's Tern: two Greenhurst, Chautauqua L 21 May (F & TE, DG). Black Tern: sadly no reports.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: one Amity L 13 May (VP) first, up to three there to end of month, two Cold Spring, Cattaraugus Co. 17 May (TM *et al.*), one Burgeson Sanc. 17 May (TM *et al.*), three Allegheny Res. area 17 May (DG, RS), three Salamanca 19 May (TB). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: one Burgeson Sanc. 8 May (DD) first, one Amity Twn. 15, 31 May (VP), two Salamanca 19 April (TB); both species responding to abundant lepidopterid defoliators; Terry Mosher up to end of May had not seen them in Dunkirk area. Great Horned Owl: on nest Salamanca 2-22 March and 13 April one young left nest unable to fly but 16 April still cared for by parents (TB). Snowy Owl: one Twn. Wheatfield, Niagara Co. 3 March (WD, BP). Long-eared Owl: one Youngstown 13 April (WD, BP). Com. Nighthawk: two over Jamestown 12 May (DG), one over Salamanca 23-31 May (TB). Whip-poor-will: not reported. Chimney Swift: one Jamestown 23 April (RS), one Pt. Gratiot, L Erie 25 April (DG). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: two-four Amity L 8 May and to end of period, two-three Belmont 8-31 May (L & DB), two ASP 26 May (TB). Red-headed Woodpecker: two Batavia 4 April (G & DS), one Iroquois NWR 4, 5, 24 April (DE), two Pt. Gratiot 11-30 April (DG), two Waterport 14 April (G & DS). Red-bellied Woodpecker: still present Genesee Valley, on lake plains, Conewango Valley and Zoar Valley but missing Allegheny Valley. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: one Twn. Amity 22 March (VP) first, one Pt. Gratiot 31 March (DG), one ASP 9 April (TB), four ASP 13 April (TB).

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: one Times Beach, Buffalo 14 May first and no other reports in May. E. Wood-Pewee: 12 May Tift Farm (RB) first. Acadian

Flycatcher: three Wheeler's Gulf 25 May (TM *et al*) first; continues to prosper in So. Tier Cos. Alder Flycatcher: one Amity Twn. 13 May (VP) first. Willow Flycatcher: Burgeson Sanc. 14 May (DG) first. Least Flycatcher: three Amity L 1 May (VP) first, seven LEMC, 37 LMC. E. Phoebe: three Iroquois NWR 28 March (Collins) first. Great Crested Flycatcher: one Delaware Park, Buffalo 6 May (GO) and two Amity L same date (VP). E. Kingbird: one W. Almond, Allegany Co. 30 April (L & DB) first. Horned Lark: 15 Twn. Pomfret, Chautauqua Co. 25 April (DG), three JMC, five LEMC. Tree Swallow: six Burgeson Sanc. 22 March (DD) first, continues as common E. Bluebird box inhabitant in So. Tier Cos. Cliff Swallow: appears to be increasing in Allegheny River Valley and its tributary valleys, often using Expressway overpasses for nesting sites. Purple Martin: one Pinehurst, Erie Co. 13 April (AS) first, two Amity L 15 April (VP), 22 LEAC, two JAC, 77 LEMC, 88 JMC. Com. Raven: continues to be regularly reported in So. Allegany and So. Cattaraugus Cos.; one White Hill, Allentown, Allegany Co. 4 April (Don King), one various times in March and two 8 and 22 April ASP (TB). Tufted Titmouse: carrying nest material Amity L 16 April (VP), continues as regular resident in So. Tier Cos. Red-breasted Nuthatch: two Canadaway Creek Sanc. 21 April (DG, DD), two Alfred 25 April (CK), ten AAC, none JAC or MC. House Wren: one Alfred 21 April (CK) first. Carolina Wren: one Pinehurst 5 April (Chilton, *et al*), only report. Sedge Wren: no report. Marsh Wren: two Iroquois NWR 14 May (Jones), four West Mud L, Arkwright, Chautauqua Co. 18 May (DG, *et al*), two Cheny Rd., Stow, Chautauqua Co. 26 May (DG). Both kinglets seen in good numbers. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: one Burgeson Sanc. 14 April (DG *et al*), 12 Allegheny Res. 28 April (DG), pair building Tunungwant Creek, Irvine Mills, Cattaraugus Co. 25 April (TB); common summer resident now of Allegheny River Valley; one Tift Farm 20 April (RA, MF) and Iroquois NWR same date (DE), one Amity Twn. 22 April (VP). E. Bluebird: one Amity L 1 March (VP) first, reported from 15 localities by BOS in March and April; 16 nesting pairs 12 with eggs Amity L by 30 April (VP). Veery: one Tift Farm 4 May (Cooper) first. Gray-cheeked Thrush: one Buffalo 14 May (PH) first. Swainson's Thrush: one Forest Lawn, Buffalo 3 May first. Hermit Thrush: one Kiantone 15 April (DD). Wood Thrush: one Pomfret Twn. 26 April (T & JM) first. Am. Robin: 400+ Forsythe Rd. 10 March (FR, LB), as spin-off of hawk watching. Gray Catbird: one Allegheny Res. 25 April (F & TE). No. Mockingbird: one Kiantone Chautauqua Co. 9 and 10 March and 12 April (F & TE), only report for period. Water Pipit: 26 Twn. Charlotte 24 March (FR, LB) first, also seen Twn. Collins and Eden (GO) same date, 500 Twn. Amity 30 March (VP), a fine "gathering". No. Shrike: six locality records reported to BOS in March but no Loggerhead Shrikes.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: White-eyed Vireo: one Pomfret Twn., Chautauqua Co. 20 May (FR). Solitary Vireo: one Forest Lawn, Buffalo 17 April (GO) first. Yellow-throated Vireo: two Allegheny Res. 30 April (DG) first. Warbling Vireo: one Tift Farm 4 May (Cooper), one Shongo same date (VP, ACBC). Philadelphia Vireo: one Pomfret Twn. 16 May (TM) first, three Cold Spring Twn., Cattaraugus Co. 17 May (TM *et al*), one Hamburg 18 May (FR); always makes a special day. Red-eyed Vireo: one Springville, Erie Co. 7 May (GO) first. Blue-winged Warbler: one Kiantone, Chautauqua Co. 27 April (DD) first. Golden-winged Warbler: one Allegheny Res. 30 April (DG) first. "Brewster's" Warbler: one Amity Twn. 29 May (VP). "Lawrence's" Warbler: one Kennedy 23 May (DG *et al*). Tennessee Warbler: one Pt. Gratiot 25 April (DG) a very early bird; beats Bull's coastal extreme date by four days, inland by one week. Orange-crowned Warbler: one Burgeson Sanc. 10 May (DG), one Pomfret Twn. 14 May (TM). Nashville Warbler: one Forest Lawn, Buffalo 25 April first, two Alfred 27 April (CK). No. Parula: one Pomfret Twn. 14 May (TM), one ASP 27 May (DG *et al*). Yellow Warbler: one E. Aurora 24 April (Becker) first, one Belmont 25 April (L & DB), two Tunungwant Creek, Irvine Mills, Cattaraugus Co. 25 April (TB). Chestnut-sided Warbler: two Allegheny Res. 30 April (DG). Magnolia Warbler: one Dunkirk 6 May (Chilton) first also one Tunungwant Creek same date (TB). Cape May Warbler: two Cheektowaga 9 May (GO) first. Black-throated Blue Warbler: one Tift Farm 4 May (Cooper) first. Yellow-rumped Warbler: three JAC, two AAC, eight LEAC. Black-throated Green

Warbler: one Scio Twn. 21 April (VP) first, also one ASP same date (TB)—several there 30 April (TB). Blackburnian Warbler: three Onoville, Allegheny Res. 30 April (DG) and five ASP same date (TB). Pine Warbler: one Burgeson Sanc. 18 April (first) and two 19 April (DG), two Forest Lawn, Buffalo 20 April (AS, AC), one Goat Island 22 April (WD, BP). Prairie Warbler: one Amity L 26 April (VP) first. Palm Warbler: one Tiffet Farm 18 April (Chilton) first. Bay-breasted Warbler: eight Delaware Park, Buffalo 6 May (GO) first. Blackpoll Warbler: one Amity L 15 May (VP) first. Cerulean Warbler: eight-ten Cold Spring and South Valley 17 May (TM *et al*) first; should have been on territory even earlier. Black-and-white Warbler: four Allegheny Res. 30 April (DG) first. Am. Redstart: one Allegheny Res. 30 April (DG) first. Ovenbird: one Forest Lawn, Buffalo 2 May (GO) first. No. Waterthrush: one Burgeson Sanc. 19 April (DG) first. Louisiana Waterthrush: one Ten Mile Creek 5 April (SE) first, one 15 April Amity L (VP), two Pomfret Twn. 16 April (TM). Mourning Warbler: one Burgeson Sanc. 11 May (DD) first. Com. Yellowthroat: one Pomfret Twn. 2 May (TM) first. Hooded Warbler: one Fredonia College Camp 5 May (TM) first. Wilson's Warbler: one Ft. Niagara State Park 16 May (WD, BP) first. Canada Warbler: one Burgeson Sanc. 4 May (DD) first, seven JMC, four LEMC; very scarce So. Cattaraugus Co. Yellow-breasted Chat: two Amity Twn. 20 May (VP).

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Rose-breasted Grosbeak: two Stockton Twn., Chautauqua Co. 30 April (DG, TM) first. Clay-colored Sparrow: one Pomfret Twn., Chautauqua Co. 13 May (FR) first, one there 18 May (DG *et al*). Field Sparrow: one Belmont 7 April (L & DB) first. Vesper Sparrow: one Twn. Pomfret 29 March (TM, RS). Grasshopper Sparrow: one Amity Twn. 24 April (VP) first, two Fredonia Airport 29 May (DG, Gardner). Henslow's Sparrow: one Kiantone Twn. 6 May (DD) first, one Alfred 13 and 14 May (CK), one Arkwright Twn. 25 May (TM). Lincoln's Sparrow: two Tiffet Farm 4 May (RA *et al*) first, noted by BOS in 3 other localities. White-crowned Sparrow: one Jamestown 12-14 April (E & DA), two Pomfret Twn. 21 April (DG, DD), both early, if migrants. Snow Bunting: one Batavia 9 April (DE) late. Bobolink: one Allegheny Res. 30 April (DG) first. Red-winged Blackbird: 4500+ migrating by Pinehurst 10 March. Brewer's Blackbird: two males and three females near Burgeson Sanc. 10 April (DG, DD). Bob Sundell reminds us this species now nests near Toronto and is proving to be a regular migrant in Chautauqua Co. Orchard Oriole: one male South Valley, Cattaraugus Co. 13 May (DG, DD) then a pair same place 17 May and finally building nest 19 May (DG, RS); one imm male singing Salamanca 19 May (TB). No. Oriole: one Stockton Twn. 30 April (DG, TM). Purple Finch: reported from 7 localities by BOS in April. House Finch: continues to climb—135 LEMC, 53 JMC, 343 AAC. Red Crossbill: three to 12 various times 9 March-10 May Alfred (CK)—could they be nesting? Pine Siskin: one Burgeson Sanc. 10 March (DG), up to 20 ASP 10-23 March (TB *et al*); reported from six localities by BOS in April, three Red House, Cattaraugus Co. 1 May (TB), two Amity L 5 May (VP), 20 ASP 27 May (DG *et al*)—nesting? Evening Grosbeak: two-25 Amity L 1-23 April (VP); one-12 Belmont 4, 9 April (L & DB), one ASP 13 April (TB), three Wales 14 April (OR), one Burgeson Sanc. 19 April (DG)—no reports in May.

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