

CORRIGENDA. Vol. 34: 192; Rusty Blackbird: arr should read S. Onon 27 March. Golden Eagle: max 11 (not 22). Vol. 34: 254; Acadian Flycatcher: correct locality is Maple Hill, Oswego Co. Vol. 35: 55-56; Lesser Golden-Plover: last 12 (not 10) Nov. Hudsonian Godwit: arr and max 16 SP 2 Sept., last there 6 Sept.; one Delta L 5 Sept. (omitted). Solitary Vireo: arr FH (not SH). Connecticut Warbler: one E. Syr 5 Oct. (JL) only report (also omitted).

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REGION 6 – ST. LAWRENCE

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This year's mild snow-free spring was marked by few surprises. For the three month period both temperatures and precipitation were normal. March began with little snow accumulation, except on Tug Hill. The only major snow for the period was several inches on 4-5 March followed by below zero temperatures. There were only five days with temperatures minimally above freezing, and 11 days had measurable precipitation. Ice was out of eastern Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River by April first. April was mild and dry. Wet snow 1-2 April followed by the coldest weather of the month on the 9th and 10th brought numbers of winter residents and early arrivals to the feeders. A warm spell the 20th to 23rd was marked by temperatures in the 70's. Rain fell only three days during the second half of the month. May continued warm and dry with only a few frosts. In spite of the early snow melt and a warm April, cool damp weather in early May delayed spring arrivals. A southerly air flow 9-11 May produced an extraordinary influx of neotropical migrants. I recorded at least 20 arrivals with two weeks worth of everything from Common Yellowthroat to Bay-breasted Warbler compressed into one day.

A total of 180 species was reported including 23 Anatids and 26 warblers. There are increasing numbers of Turkey Vultures in southern St. Lawrence Co. and of House Finches in the Canton area. Otherwise little is new on range expansions—one report each for Red-bellied Woodpecker, Tufted Titmouse, and No. Mockingbird. We had no reports for Red-throated Loon or Horned Grebe, but this probably reflects a dearth of observers. There were *no* reports for the following locally occurring species on the Blue List and/or State or Federal lists: Golden Eagle, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Spruce Grouse, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Com. Barn-Owl, E. Screech-Owl, Com. Nighthawk, Red-headed Woodpecker, Sedge Wren, Loggerhead Shrike, Golden-winged Warbler, and Henslow's Sparrow. Down as well are Blue-winged Teal, Upland Sandpiper and Black Tern.

On the up side are Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, kinglets, E. Bluebird, Veery, and Brown Thrasher—not to mention Canada Goose, Mourning Dove, and especially Purple Finch. Noteworthy was several Grasshopper Sparrows in Jeff. Co. and continued successful nesting of Bald Eagles as well as Ospreys and No. Harriers. Our only rarity was another(!) Tricolored Heron.

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Abbreviations: BSF—Brasher State Forest; EDB—ElDorado Beach Preserve; Jeff. Co.—Jefferson Co.; PR—Perch River Wildlife Mgt. Area; RMSP—Robert Moses State Park; St. Law. Co.—St. Lawrence Co.; SLR—St. Lawrence River; ULL—Upper and Lower Lakes WMA; WH—Wilson Hill WMA.

LOONS-DUCKS: Red-throated Loon: none reported; are we missing this species? Com. Loon: arr one SLR north of Massena 19 April; a few other reports of one to three per day to mid-May but generally scarce; as usual scattered pairs present along SLR and one pair at ULL in late May are probably attempting to breed. Pied-billed Grebe: reports of this blue-listed species were definitely up this spring; arr ULLWMA 2 April; four PRWMA 9 April (LBC); max seven Massena area 16 April (MB, BB); two Brasher State Forest, one WHWMA 19 April (JVR). Horned Grebe: none reported. Double-crested Cormorant: usually common in n.e. Lake Ontario from mid-April on but information for 1985 before mid-May is lacking; max 84 EDB 27 May (GAS); SLR reports include regional arr one RMPD 16 April; six north of Massena 6 May; 21 RMPD 21 May; 14 Chippewa Bay, St. Law. Co. 21 May. Am. Bittern: two Town of Fine April-May (PO); regular at ULL; several reports Massena area (MB, BB, JVR). Least Bittern: one Massena area 13 May (MB, BB) only report. Great Blue Heron: arr Oswegatchie R. 19 March and Hen. Pd. 25 March; max 14 Massena area 17 April; two to four per day scattered in most areas mid-March on; much more common within 10-20 miles of breeding colonies. Great Egret: one ULLWMA 2 April (KC); one near Ellisburg 19 April; two records of this locally rare species in a single season are not unexpected in light of multiple observations of northbound individuals at nearby Derby Hill Bird Observatory in Region 5. **TRICOLORED HERON**: one EDB 18 May, being harassed by gulls (LBC report to NYSARC) is the second report for that location and the second regional report. Green-backed Heron: Chamberlaine comments that numbers are up in the Henderson area two ULL 24 May; four to six per day at EDB in late May (GAS). Black-crowned Night-Heron: one Hawkins Pt., Massena only report. Mute Swan: four at PRWMA through period (LBC) is continued evidence of the potential for expansion of the limited local population. Snow Goose (white morph): an excellent spring with the following reports: arr 24 Massena area 16 March (MB, BB); one to two Hen. Pd. 17-24 March; 41-43 there 25-29 March (LBC); 45 Brownville 29 March (WG); 108 Ellisburg 2 April (SS); 344 there 3 April (LBC, SS) is an extraordinary number for this region; dep six SLR near Massena 20 April (JVR)—a major influx for a species that seems to be increasing here; (blue morph), three reports all from Hen. Pd. (LBC); three 24 March; one 27 March; one 13 April. Brant: 300 over Watertown, 13 May (LBC); 200+ Brownville 21 May (SL *fide* LBC); 250 in scattered flocks of 20-65 along the SLR between Clayton and Massena 21-23 May (GAS); 18 SLR near Clayton 2 June (GAS). Canada Goose: arr 20 Hen. Pd. 1 March, more common than usual during March and April; max daily count 16,000 Hen. Pd. 25 March; during his extensive March-April watch there Chamberlaine recorded 183 of this species marked with neck collars; dep Hen. Pd. May; broods of eastern SLR resident population by 11 May, a little later than usual (JVR). Wood Duck: scattered reports of one to three per day April-May. Green-winged Teal: max ten Hen. Pd. 30 March; scarce otherwise. Am. Black Duck: scarce; most reports less than five per day; primarily before mid-April; 16 Massena area GAP; max 40 Black R near Dexter 19 March (SH). No. Pintail: arr three LWMA and 20 Hen. Pd. 14 March; max 200 Ellisburg 4 April; dep two SLR Massena 19 April. Blue-winged Teal: arr five Hen. Pd. 30 March; max 12 Massena area 14 April; most reports two to four per day; scarce; "not present in numbers of a few years ago" (LBC); showing strong evidence of a decline locally and should be closely watched. No. Shoveler: singles Hen. Pd. 30 March and 11 April; ULLWMA 1 May. Gadwall: arr two L. Ont. off Stony Pt. 15 March (SH); max 34 Massena area 6 April (MB, BB); six to ten per day WHWMA April (JVR); nesting pairs scattered through SLR during late May (GAS). Am.

Wigeon: arr one LWMA 13 March; maxs 65 Massena area 6 April (MB, BB) and 40 Ellisburg 7 April (SS); most migrants gone by 20 April; E. SLR breeding population two to four per day in May. Canvasback: 40 Black River Bay area, 19 March (SH) is only report. Redhead: no reports. Ring-necked Duck: arr 25 Black R. area 19 March; excellent numbers present at state WMAs during April include 160-220 PRWMA 9-10 April (LBC); 50-200 per day WHWMA thru April (JVR); dep 12 there 9 May. Greater Scaup: max 200-300 per day along L. Ontario during March. Lesser Scaup: four SLR north of Massena 16 April is only report. Oldsquaw: one Cape Vincent SLR 19 March and eight there 2 April (SH) are only reports. Com. Goldeneye: 25-75 per day along L. Ontario March-early April; six WHWMA through April. Bufflehead: arr two PRWMA 14 April, five to 15 per day L. Ontario March-early April; max 26 Massena area 6 April; two to ten per day WHWMA April, dep four there 11 May. Hooded Merganser: arr one LWMA 13 March; max 4 Black River Bay area 19 March (SH) is a good spring count; one to four per day WHWMA April; dep two there 11 May. Com. Merganser: maxs 80 Black R. Bay area 19 March, 90 Massena area 6 April; two to 20 per day WHWMA and SLR N of Massena April; a few still present SLR May; pairs present several locations in Oswegatchie, (PO) may be breeders.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: arr one ULLWMA 19 March-early for interior St. Law. Co.; one to four per day at scattered lowland areas during April and May. Osprey: arr one PRWMA 11 April; one to two per day scattered areas primarily during April; singles present along L. Ontario during May and early June are probably non-breeders. Bald Eagle: no reports of migrants. The Jeff. Co. nest contained two young and one unhatched egg in May (LBC). No. Harrier: individuals present Lake Ontario area in early March (SH) are probably successful winterers; one to five per day from all reporting observers mid-March through early May; numbers of migrants reported seem up; one Rodman; Jeff. Co. 29 May (LBC) is possible breeder; a confirmed breeding of a pair at nest containing four eggs in a cattail marsh near West Potsdam, (PO). Sharp-shinned Hawk: six migrating over Massena 22 April (JVR) occurred on the same date as the largest flight of all hawks at the Derby Hill Bird Observatory; three other reports of singles during late April and May. Cooper's Hawk: one harassing ducks at Hen. Pd. 30 March (LBC); one So. Colton St. Law. Co. 21 April (JG); one Henderson 12 May (LBC) only reports. No. Goshawk: migrants were noted only at Henderson with one each 17 March and 20 April; one calling at Wanakena, St. Law. Co. 6 April (PO) is a likely local breeder. Broad-winged Hawk: the only reports of migrants were of a few boils over Massena during the third week of April (JVR); probably breeders present in southeastern St. Law. Co. from 29 April on (PO). Red-tailed Hawk: most reports are one to five per day; four migrating over Massena 20 April. Rough-legged Hawk: one Canton 18 March; one migrating over Massena 22 April (JVR) are the only reports. Very scarce since fall of 1984. Am. Kestrel: two to five per day scattered in most lowland areas during March and April, fewer in May; max 12 Massena area (MB, BB); numbers down on the Jeff. Co. lake plain (LBC). Gray Partridge: three Massena area 27 March (MB, BB) only report. Ring-necked Pheasant: three Massena area 13 April only report. Wild Turkey: two ULL 15 March; four reports of one to two near Pierrepont (KC) in May; one near Oswegatchie, Town of Fine, 18 May. Chamberlaine reports that the first Spring gobbler hunting season in this area was successful from the sportsmen's standpoint with 50 plus being harvested. Virginia Rail: four RMSP 17 April (JVR) and six Massena area, possibly including the preceding, on the same date (MB, BB) are the only reports. Sora: three Massena area 13 May and 3 WH 14 May only reports. Am. Coot: one Dexter Marsh, Jeff. Co. 26 March and one ULLWMA 21 April are only reports. Greater Yellowlegs: two Henderson 13 April is only report. Solitary Sandpiper: four scattered singles were reported between 11 and 17 May. Spotted Sandpiper: one to four per day present most areas after 29 April. Upland Sandpiper: very scarce as the only report is one Pierrepont 22 May (KC). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 19 Gull Island SLR near Clayton 21 May and 12 EDB 6 June are the only reports. Dunlin: a total of 450 in flocks of 20-150 scattered along the western SLR on small islands 21 May only report. Com.

Snipe: arr Henderson 11 April fairly common two to six per day in many areas. Am. Woodcock: arr Pierrepont 21 March; few reports. Bonaparte's Gull: arr one RMPD 15 April; 52 there 16 April, zero the next day; 12 SLR near Chippewa Bay 21 May. Ring-billed Gull: everywhere in lowland areas. Herring Gull: only comment is fewer at Massena (JVR). Great Black-backed Gull: only comment is few at Massena (JVR). Com. Tern: arr SLR near Massena 9 May; at usual breeding colonies during late May. Caspian Tern: only report is one to three per day at EDB during late May (GAS). Black Tern: a few ULL mid-April but not later; one Massena area 4 May and one to two per day EDB late May are only reports. Is this species growing ever more scarce?

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: two reports each Louisville and ULL 21-24 May. Great Horned Owl: three successful nestings Canton, ULL and Morely. Barred Owl: one Louisville 8 April. Whip-poor-will: one Canton 11 May, only report. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Canton and Henderson 10 May. Belted Kingfisher: arr Watertown 30 March, Louisville 6 April. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Pierrepont 9 April, abundant thereafter. Red-bellied Woodpecker: Henderson thru 12 April. No. Flicker: migrants common 23 April thru early May.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: E. Wood-Pewee: several Louisville and Canton 17 May thru. E. Phoebe: arr Pierrepont 6 April; still down in Jeff. Co. (LC). Purple Martin: arr 40 Louisville 20 April (MB). Tree Swallow: arr Henderson 5 April. Bank Swallow: arr 200 Pierrepont dump 2 May. Cliff Swallow: arr 12 RMSP 19 April. Com. Raven: regular thru at Cranberry L dump and other southern St. Law. Co. locations (PO). Tufted Titmouse: last seen in Henderson in May, only report. Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Canton 4 April; Massena area and BSF 15-21 April; max 22 Louisville 17 April (MB). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Massena area 17 April thru 10 May (MB, JVR). E. Bluebird: arr Russell 23 March; pair displaced from nest box by Tree Swallows Pierrepont 14 April; nesting pairs Pierrepont, Canton (ULL), Louisville. Veery: arr Massena 6 May. Hermit Thrush: Canton 23 April; Louisville 18 May. Am. Robin: second broods fledging late May (LC). No. Mockingbird: one RMSP thru 19 April. Brown Thrasher: arr DePeyster 22 April. Cedar Waxwing: max 86 Louisville 3 March; other scattered reports.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Solitary Vireo: up this year; arr Canton 25 April. Philadelphia Vireo: one Louisville 21 May (MB). There were reports for all expected warblers but Golden-winged, Cerulean, and Mourning; arrival dates for most species were 6-10 May. Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr early May, which is late. Pine Warbler: arr Massena 19 April. Palm Warbler: one Macomb 22 April (KC). Wilson's Warbler: one ULL 23 May (KC). Canada Warbler: two reports St. Law. Co. late May.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: arr Canton 10 May. Indigo Bunting: arr Henderson 12 May. Am. Tree Sparrow: last Massena 19 April. Field Sparrow: arr Pierrepont 21 April. Vesper Sparrow: arr RMSP 14 April. Grasshopper Sparrow: two Limerick Cedars Preserve, Jeff. Co. 28 May (SH). Fox Sparrow: one BSF 19 April (JVR). Song Sparrow: arr Pierrepont 25 March. White-throated Sparrow: arr 7 April (LC). White-crowned Sparrow: rapid movement 5-11 May (LC, JVR). Dark-eyed Junco: max 20 Brasher State Forest 19 April. Snow Bunting: max 62 Pillar Pt. 5 March; dep. Canton 7 April. Bobolink: arr Canton and Massena 10 May. No. Oriole: arr 8-10 May. Purple Finch: unusually abundant; 20 to 30 per day at feeder thru early April (JVR); heavy movement 8-10 March (LC). House Finch: pair Pierrepont 10 April. White-winged Crossbill: pair BSF 19 April. Com. Redpoll: a few at feeder in Wanakena early March (PO)—almost only report all year. Pine Siskin: at feeder thru 7 May (KC); 20 Brasher Ctr. 27 May; many Tug Hill late May. Evening Grosbeak: max 45 Pierrepont 3 March; only a few Henderson; 10 to 40 per day late April.

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