

StMC 6 May. Black-and-white Warbler: arr Poolsbrook 29 Apr. Am. Redstart: arr Clay 30 Apr. **PROTHONOTARY WARBLER**: singing male Toad Harbor 25 May (JT), across Oneida L from former nesting area and first spring record since 1968. Worm-eating Warbler: one heard only NPT 13 May (DWC). Ovenbird: arr StMC 1 May. N. Waterthrush: arr PSS 27 Apr. Louisiana Waterthrush: record early arr NPT 14 Apr (DWC); migrant Shore Oaks 10 May. **CONNECTICUT WARBLER**: singles StMC 14 May (REL, NYSARC) and Noyes 17 May (banded), about ninth spring record. Mourning Warbler: arr StMC 16 May. Com. Yellowthroat: arr Clay 5 May. Hooded Warbler: record early StMC 5 May. Wilson's Warbler: arr StMC 8 May, last Noyes 28 May. Canada Warbler: arr Camillus 8 May. Yellow-breasted Chat: one StMC 16-27 May.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: arr StMC 7 May. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr StMC 5 May. Indigo Bunting: arr Otisco 8 May. Rufous-sided Towhee: arr DH 21 Apr. Am. Tree Sparrow: last Holland Patent 27 Apr. Chipping Sparrow: arr NPT 13 Apr. **CLAY-COLORED SPARROW**: one Clay 9-10 May (FGS, mob), fifth spring record. Field Sparrow: arr Otisco 30 Mar. Vesper Sparrow: arr DH 5 Apr. Savannah Sparrow: arr SD 28 Mar. Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Syr airport 7 May. Henslow's Sparrow: one Poolsbrook 24 May (MSR) only report. Fox Sparrow: arr DH 24 Mar, max 4 14 Apr, last 27 Apr. Song Sparrow: arr Onon 9 Mar. Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Clay 6 May, Limekiln L 17 May. Swamp Sparrow: record early Clay 29 Mar. White-throated Sparrow: arr DH 5 Mar last 25 May. White-crowned Sparrow: arr Otisco 29 Apr, max 85 LOL 10 May, last Noyes 17 May. Dark-eyed Junco: max 265 LOL 13 Apr, last migrant LOL 25 May; male "Oregon" Junco NPT 22 Apr. Lapland Longspur: four FH 15 Mar, one DH 26 Apr. Snow Bunting: max 1000 NPT 10 Mar, last Toad Harbor 15 Mar. Bobolink: arr DH 29 Apr. Red-winged Blackbird: arr DH 4 Mar. E. Meadowlark: arr Syr 11 Mar. Rusty Blackbird: arr DH 16 Mar, last Clay 9 May. Com. Grackle: arr DH 4 Mar. Brown-headed Cowbird: arr Syr 12 Mar. Orchard Oriole: male Cato first week May (BBFS) and LOL 25 May, im male Holland Patent 26 May. N. Oriole: arr DH 26 Apr. Pine Grosbeak: last DH 18 Mar, Holland Patent 30 Mar, scarce. Purple Finch: 2 SRF 20 Mar, regular after 13 Apr. House Finch: 120+ over DH 4 Mar to 19 Apr. Red Crossbill: two Shackham Rd, Fabius, 25 May. Com. Redpoll: max 100 SRF 14 Mar, last NPT 8 Apr. Pine Siskin: arr DH 22 Apr, last Toad Harbor 21 May. Am. Goldfinch: regular after 15 Apr. Evening Grosbeak: strong return flight 20 Apr to 26 May, max 2550 DH 1 May.

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REGION 6 – ST. LAWRENCE

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March temperatures and precipitation were close to normal. Noteworthy meteorological events included strong winds on 1 Mar and heavy snow on 7 Mar followed by record lows, in the low teens, the next day. Then during the final week of the month temperatures reached record highs in the mid-70's. April was warm, 4-6 degrees above normal. Rainfall was 1-3 inches below normal. The

only snow fell on 10 and 11 Apr. Minimum temperatures, in the 20's, occurred about 22 Apr, while highs of about 80° were reached on both 2 and 29 Apr. May was a month of contrasts. The second week was glorious, the third cold and wet, and the last week was hot.

Lingering winter visitors included a Bohemian Waxwing until early Apr in Canton and another very late in Louisville to **31 May**, a month beyond the previous state record late date. Northern Shrike remained at Hermon to 2 Mar and Stockholm to 16 Mar. A Snow Bunting was at Canton on 10 Mar. Four Hoary Redpoll were in Canton on 1 Mar, where a specimen was obtained earlier this winter, and others were in Louisville until 22 Mar.

Arrival dates of "wettervogel" or short-distance weather migrants in Mar were a week to 10 days ahead of their 10 year average. In contrast long-distance "instinktvoegel" or calendar migrants arrived as expected in May. Thus, Red-winged Blackbird, Am. Kestrel, Com. Grackle, Killdeer, and Song Sparrow all arrived 15-22 Mar, and E. Meadowlark, N. Harrier, E. Bluebird, N. Flicker, and Am. Tree Sparrow appeared the following week. Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Least Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, Warbling Vireo, Black-and-white Warbler, N. Waterthrush, N. Oriole and Rose-breasted Grosbeak all arrived during the first week of May, followed by Whip-poor-will, E. Wood-Pewee, thrushes, Red-eyed Vireo, Am. Redstart and Scarlet Tanager between 9 and 15 May.

Big Day counts included 81 by Fiona Reed on 10 May; 82 by Ken Crowell and party on 17 May, and 114 by Joe van Riet on May 23! For the period 157 species were reported, including 21 waterfowl, 20 shorebirds, 12 raptors, and 95 passerines. In spite of the high species counts, some observers felt that there was a distinct dearth in numbers of migrant insectivores, perhaps reflecting habitat destruction in the tropics.

Three resident Common Loon on Upper and Lower Lakes WMA, where successful breeding has taken place for the past two years, suggests that loons may prefer this unusual lowland marsh location over less productive Adirondack sites. The Double-crested Cormorant population along Lake Ontario continues to grow. Six to 12 per day were seen after their arrival on 13 Apr, and the maximum was 48 at El Dorado Beach on 10 May. One at Upper and Lower Lakes WMA on 8 May and three at Norwood on 17 May are noteworthy sightings in St. Lawrence Co. away from the St. Lawrence River. A rarity was a **CATTLE EGRET** seen flying over Highway 3 in Pitcairn on 21 Apr by Lang Elliott. Its dark legs indicate non-breeding plumage – highly unusual for St. Lawrence Co.

Other positives were House Wren and E. Bluebird. Several nesting pairs in Pierrepont-Russell area included one feeding young in a natural cavity on 30 May. There were unusually high numbers of Dark-eyed Junco during the first three weeks of Apr with flocks of 20-40 reported. One Red-bellied Woodpecker and a pair of Tufted Titmouse at Lee Chamberlaine's in Henderson remain the only Regional representatives of these species. Several sightings of both kinglets indicate continued recovery. Purple Finch and House Finch are running neck and neck, with House Finch courting 11 Apr in Potsdam and copulating 29 May in Pierrepont. Resident Purple Finch were reported from Louisville, Morley, Ellisburg, Canton and Potsdam.

Two sightings by Scott Harris of Blue-winged Warbler in Lorraine 16 May and E. Boylston 17 May are perhaps the only Regional sightings other than one in 1968. They suggest continued northeasterly range expansion by this species, which replaces its congener, the Golden-winged Warbler, in the process. There were two sightings of the latter from E. Boylston and Pierrepont, both on 17 May. Also noteworthy were a singing Prairie Warbler which P. Novak sighted near Perch Lake 28 May and a Palm Warbler identified in Stockholm 26 Apr by Fiona Reed.

Three incidents involved the impact of man on owls. An im Snowy Owl died after striking a plane at the Ogdensburg Airport on 25 Mar. It was necessary to amputate the wing of a Barred Owl which was struck by a car in Colton on 30 Mar. The owl is now at the Rye Nature Center. Two young Great Horned Owls disappeared suddenly about 19 May from a nest in Morley under observation from 24 Apr. ATV tracks lead to the nest at the time the owlets vanished.

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Abbreviations: Hen—Henderson; MSD—Moses-Saunders Dam; LWMA—Lakeview WMA; PR—Perch River WMA; SLR—St. Lawrence River; SLU—St. Lawrence University; ULL—Upper and Lower Lakes WMA; WH—Wilson Hill WMA.

LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: arr S. Colton 11 Apr (JG); one to three per day to mid-May. Pied-billed Grebe: one ULL 16 Apr, three PR 27 Apr only reports. Horned Grebe: none; is incessant disturbance from fishing boats on Lake Ontario responsible? Am. Bittern: arr one Fine 5 Apr (PO) also unusual for its highland location; max **eight** on the first eight stops of the Waddington BBS 31 May (KC) extraordinary; several reports of one to three per day are more than usual. Great Egret: one ULL 10 May. Tundra Swan: three PR 27 Apr (R & JW). Mute Swan: pair present PR 18 Mar onward. Snow Goose: two Hen 22 Mar (LBC) and one Morley 29 Apr-1 May (BW) only reports. Canada Goose: everywhere after late arr *en masse* in mid-Mar; max 12,000 Hen. 23 Mar; migrants gone by 25-30 Apr. Brant: a few small flocks SLR late May. Wood Duck: arr three Hammond 22 Mar, three Grass Pds, Colton 23 Mar are unusual for that Adirondack location. Green-winged Teal: more than usual, max ten Grasse River 15 Apr. Am. Black Duck: arr and max 50 Hen 2 Mar; pairs in the Adirondacks during late Apr indicative of breeding (PO). N. Pintail: arr two Hen 22 Mar; max 200 plus Ellisburg 23 Mar; last Ellisburg 12 Apr. Am. Wigeon: arr six Ellisburg 12 Apr; max 30 Woodville 13 Apr (SH). Ring-necked Duck: arr and max 31 PR 28 Mar. Oldsquaw: ten Stony Pt 27 Apr, only report. Bufflehead: last eight EDB 10 May. Hooded Merganser: arr pair ULL 27 Mar. Com. Merganser: migrants virtually unreported; pairs in breeding areas in Apr.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: arr Pierrepont 27 Mar (MEH). Osprey: several reports of one to three per day after mid-Apr, max four PR 17 May. Bald Eagle: ad northbound over Dry Hill near Watertown 15 Mar (R & JW), im Judson St Rd, Canton 17 May (J. Barthelme), ad Colton 18 May, im EDB 31 May (R & JW) reflect continued increase; the Jeff breeding pair had produced two eaglets by 19 May (LBC). N. Harrier: good numbers in several sectors suggests that our breeding population may be expanding. Sharp-shinned Hawk: four reports Mar-Apr. Cooper's Hawk: eight reports Mar-May. N. Goshawk: three reports Mar-Apr. Broad-winged Hawk: arr max Canton 25 Apr only report. Rough-legged Hawk: last Hen 16 Mar (LBC), early departure. Am. Kestrel: arr Pierrepont 15 Mar; max 18 Jeff 7 Apr (KC). Ring-necked Pheasant: one Lorraine 14 May

(SH) only report. Ruffed Grouse: one to three per day 6-24 May. Lesser Yellowlegs: arr two Watertown 4 May, max 49 PR 6 May (R & JW), excellent count for spring. Upland Sandpiper: max two Watertown 6 May. Ruddy Turnstone: three Eaglewing I, SLR, 21 May, only report. White-rumped Sandpiper: one WH 31 May (JVR), very unusual in spring. Dunlin: max 57 SLR 21 May. Short-billed Dowitcher: two SLR 21 May, only report. Bonaparte's Gull: 12 near Chippewa Pt, SLR, 21 May, only report. Ring-billed Gull: arr Hen 15 Mar, population way up; it is possible to see 20,000 feeding in plowed fields around Hen in a very short time (LBC). Caspian Tern: arr one LWMA 19 Apr (SH).

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: three reports from SLaw. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: singles Dekalb 30 May (FR) and Louisville (MB) unusual as preceding species more common. Com. Nighthawk: arr Potsdam 16 May and courting 17 May; four moving through Pierrepont 28 May. Whip-poor-will: seven Hermon 12 May (JG).

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: one ULL 10 May, unusual. Willow Flycatcher: two Stockholm 21 May (FR) indicates range expansion in this species. Purple Martin: max 40 Massena 23 Apr. Winter Wren: two LWMA 13 Apr and one LWMA 19 Apr were probably migrants, but two Massena 26 May reflect regular breeding in pine woodlands. Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 13 LWMA 13 Apr.

VIREOS-WARBLED: Solitary Vireo: arr Louisville 25 Apr; one WH 30 May is late. Philadelphia Vireo: three Louisville (MB), unusual. Cape May Warbler: none.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Indigo Bunting: one Heuvelton 14 May, subad male Pierrepont 28 May only reports. Field Sparrow: arr Stockholm 14 Apr; 9 sightings Jeff. Vesper Sparrow: arr Pierrepont 24 Apr, three pairs resident there 17 May; none Hen (LC). Grasshopper Sparrow: none! Henslow's Sparrow: none! White-crowned Sparrow: arr Hen 29 Apr, last E. Boylston 17 May; far fewer than last year. Rusty Blackbird: 100 ULL 22 Apr. White-winged Crossbill: one Potsdam 9-23 Apr. Com. Redpoll: max 110 Canton 1 Mar (M & EH), last Southwick SP 19 Apr. Pine Grosbeak: last six Canton 4 Mar. Evening Grosbeak: numbers increasing, last 18 May.

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REGION 7 – ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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Active observers gave the season mixed reviews. Reports often were so contradictory that the hyphenated Adirondack-Champlain Region seemed split into high and low elevation regions. Near Tupper Lake (el. 1,556') Charlie Delehanty noted, "Migration was *early* this year," while the hawk watch data from Coot Hill (el. 1,095') and bird banding results from neighboring Crown Point Peninsula (el. 162') portrayed a delayed movement. Covering Essex County areas near Port Henry and Moriah (el. 500') with his usual activity, Geoffrey Carleton had come up with only nine species of warblers by the end of May, noting, "It is most