

4 May (MB). House Finch: arr Newcomb 18 Mar, Tupper L 25 Apr. Com. Redpoll: max flocks of 100 Newcomb and Tupper L during Mar, last Newcomb 3 Apr. **HOARY RED-POLL**: one Elizabethtown 15 Mar (KE). Pine Siskin: 20 Auger Pd 28 Mar, migrant flocks widely reported during early May. Evening Grosbeak: large flocks early May, female mate-feeding male Paradox 10 May (MB), male in display flight Elizabethtown early May (JP).

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REGION 9 – DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Warm days from mid-March through April brought the foliage out early. Low-land maples were in full leaf by 20 Apr, almost two weeks early. Cold days in early Mar froze the Hudson in the northern part of the Region from the 7th through the 16th, when it opened again. May was warmer than usual, but not excessively so and not enough to discourage birding.

Precipitation in Mar was largely restricted to three days in mid-month and was about a third of normal. April precipitation was only slightly above normal, but the surprise was an all day snowfall on the 23rd. Anywhere from two to eight inches fell depending on the elevation. 24 Apr was a beautiful day! Your reporter, who was counting hawks from a lawn chair perched on eight inches of snow atop Mt. Peter, watched that snow melt completely away around him by the day's end.

May was a beautiful month with well below normal precipitation. The only significant rain was about an inch that fell from the 20th to the 23rd. Although rain did little to dampen the fervor of most birders, the dearth of birds did. Several veteran correspondents expressed dismay and true concern for the continually dropping numbers of birds in recent years, and the complete absence of certain species. "Why?" was asked by many, and no answers were forthcoming.

Bob Deed reported warbler waves in Rockland during late Apr and again on 7 and 17 May, with the latter date the best. All other correspondents noted the movement on 17 May but not on the earlier dates. Luckily, 17 May coincided with the "Big Day" activities of most local clubs. The 162 species found by the Waterman Club broke their previous high of 160 for that count, set in 1972. Otis Waterman reported that most of the warblers found were moving up the Harlem Valley bordering the east side of the county and not on the west along the Hudson Valley.

The icing of the Hudson in Mar slowed the departure of a few species of