

early report Ithaca 19 Apr. Red-eyed Vireo: isolated record early report Ithaca 23 Apr. Bay-breasted Warbler: isolated record early report Seneca Falls 16 Apr (no details). Yellow-breasted Chat: one SWS 13 May, two FB 31 May.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Rose-breasted Grosbeak: plentiful, many reports. Orchard Oriole: singing male Aurora 16 May, nest-building in progress 22 May, female at nest 31 May (TC). Grasshopper Sparrow: a dozen singing males AF 27 May. Clay-colored Sparrow: *intro*. Red Crossbill: pair with nesting material plus another singing male FLNF 9 Mar and four WGSP 19 May. Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak: widespread all season.

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REGION 4 – SUSQUEHANNA

[The Region 4 spring report was delayed by a computer failure - The Editor.] (See page 173 for winter report)

REGION 5 – ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

GENE HUGGINS

Unseasonably cold weather this spring at the end of April and the beginning of May slowed the advance of northward migrants. There were only four reports of Black-billed Cuckoo and none of Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Flycatchers and Swallows were generally low in numbers. Tree Swallow, Bank Swallow and Barn Swallow were the only swallows with counts of 100 or more. Thrushes, especially Swainson's, Hermit and Wood Thrush, were unusually scarce with maxima only up to ten. Only one Loggerhead Shrike was reported. The warbler flight produced low numbers for most species with the exception of Yellow Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler and Ovenbird. Common Redpoll and Pine Siskin made a remarkable return flight, the largest since 1981. The raptor flight at Derby Hill brought record maximum numbers of Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk and Golden Eagle. A light morph adult **SWAINSON'S HAWK** on 12 Apr was the eighth Regional record. Three Peregrine Falcons over Derby Hill between 29 Mar and 23 Apr were the season's total for this endangered bird. Two adult **SANDHILL CRANES** flew by Derby Hill on 16 Apr, appearing there for the third consecutive year. Owl banders at Noyes Sanctuary also had good results with the capture and release of the Region's fifth **BOREAL OWL** 11 Apr (see Field Notes). Twenty eight N. Saw-whet Owls were banded at the Sanctuary from 25 Mar to 26 Apr, and seven Long-eared Owls from 25 Mar to 1 May.