

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: max six Sandy Creek 23 May. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 15 Sterling 16 May. Indigo Bunting: max five Kasoag 30 May. Rufous-sided Towhee: max ten Sandy Creek 23 May. Am. Tree Sparrow: scarce, last LOL 18 Apr. Chipping Sparrow: max 43 LOL 3 May. Field Sparrow: arr Clay 5 Apr, max 11 LOL 3 May. Vesper Sparrow: max six T of Mexico 12 Apr (JH). Savannah Sparrow: max 11 LOL 19 Apr. Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Carpenter's Brook 14 May, one Poolsbrook, two near Gayville. Fox Sparrow: arr 25 Mar; *intro*. Song Sparrow: reported regularly after 19 Mar. Lincoln's Sparrow: record early arr Quiver Pd Adks 1 Apr (GL). Swamp Sparrow: arr DeWitt 27 Mar, max 39 Biddlecum 3 May. White-throated Sparrow: migrants 5 Apr to 11 May. White-crowned Sparrow: max 32 LOL 10 May, last CM 13 May. Dark-eyed Junco: max 75 LOL 12 Apr. Snow Bunting: max 50, last 8 Mar. Bobolink: max 22 LOL 10 May. Red-winged Blackbird: max 9,000 DH 19 Mar. E. Meadowlark: arr LOL 14 Mar. Rusty Blackbird: arr 6 Mar, max 90 LOL 12 Apr, last CM 6 May. Com. Grackle: max 2,000 DH 19,22 Mar. Brown-headed Cowbird: max 200 DH 16 Apr. Orchard Oriole: ad male T of Scriba P 10-11 May (FGS & JH). N. Oriole: max 25 LOL 11 May. Purple Finch: max 53 LOL 7 May. Red Crossbill: one at Leonardsville 3 Apr (D. Jones), one NPT 17 Apr (DWC). Com. Redpoll: max 100 LOL 22 Mar (FGS), last Verona Beach 18 May (DWC). **HOARY REDPOLL**: singles Holland Patent 1 Mar (EVand), Ilion 4 Mar (R. Wightman), Camillus 7 Mar (JH). Pine Siskin: max 50 LOL 16 May (JG). Am. Goldfinch: max 65 CM, LOL 10 May. Evening Grosbeak: max 475 LOL 21 Apr, last over Oswego 28 May.

CORRIGENDA. Vol. 35:201; Purple Finch: record max (for State) 8000 DH should read 18 Apr, instead of 28 Mar.

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REGION 6 – ST. LAWRENCE

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Once again the spring migration period began with mild weather and early arrivals of short-distance migrants, only to be followed by a frosty May. This was one of the driest springs of the century. March both came in and went out like a lion, but mean temperatures for March were 4 above normal. Temperatures ranged from -5 on 11 Mar to 71 on 26 Mar. There were only 3 days with measurable precipitation, most of it falling on 2-3 Mar as snow. Region 6 escaped the ravages of the storm on 30-31 Mar. April temperatures were 5 above normal and precipitation about 1 inch below normal. Temperatures ranged from 17 on 1 Apr to 82 on 22 Apr. A storm brought strong winds and up to 6 inches of snow on 2-3 Apr and wet snow fell 28 Apr. May was one of the driest on record with rainfall 1-2 inches below normal. Mean temperatures ranges from 1 below normal in Canton to more than 2 above average in Watertown. Although trees and shrubs leafed out 1-2 weeks ahead of schedule, frequent frosts occurred through 19 May. As in April, there were many frontal systems bringing strong southerly air flow, especially 9-11 May. Arrival of long-distance migrants began in earnest on 8 May with Yellow Warbler, Nashville Warbler and Northern Oriole. Least and Great-crested Flycatchers, Wood Thrush, and those three dominant species of eastern deciduous forests, Red-eyed Vireo, Ovenbird and Redstart arrived during the

ensuing five days. Blackpoll and Bay-breasted Warblers brought up the rear on 20 May. My impression was that again this year these species were represented by very few individuals. It will be interesting to study the trends in such data bases as the Breeding Bird Survey.

Last sightings of winter visitors included Rough-legged Hawk on 9 Apr, Northern Shrike on 17 March, Com. Redpoll on 9 Apr and American Tree Sparrow on 28 March. We shall miss reports from Dave Gagne, who was at Wanakena Ranger School the past year. Walking three miles of trail on 3 May, he heard the following numbers of singing males: 59 Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 24 Solitary Vireo and 105 Yellow-rumped Warbler.

"Good Birds" included Horned Grebe, Ruddy Duck, Peregrine Falcon, Black-backed Woodpecker, and Cerulean Warbler. White-fronted Goose, Sandhill Crane and Loggerhead Shrike qualify as rarities. Blue-winged Teal, American Kestrel, Eastern Meadowlark were strong in numbers. Twenty species of warblers were reported. Not unexpectedly, there were no reports of Olive-sided Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo or Golden-winged Warbler. A total of 155 species was reported, including 32 waterbirds and waders, 23 shore and marsh birds, 17 raptors and 95 passerines.

I am sorry to report the death of Everett Howard of Canton, to whom birding brought much pleasure during his retirement. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Mildred.

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Abbreviations: BL - Black Lake, Towns of Morristown, Hammond, and Oswegatchie; LWMA - Lakeview WMA; MSD - Moses-Saunders Dam; ULL - Upper and Lower Lakes WMA; SLR - St. Lawrence River; WH - Wilson Hill WMA.

LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: one to two pr ULL after 17 Apr. Horned Grebe: three courting LWMA 2 May (LBC); 5 ULL 12 Apr (RB), unusual here. Least Bittern: one Louisville 8 May (MB). Black-crowned Night Heron: four ULL 7 May. Snow Goose: several reports; arr 164 Wanakena (Town of Fine) and Canton 24 Mar; max 200 Henderson 5 Apr; one blue morph Henderson 25 and 30 Mar, another Lisbon 26 Apr. **WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE**: one with 700 Canada Goose near Henderson in area of previous sightings 25 Mar (LBC). Am. Black Duck: max 400 Henderson 30 Mar. Ruddy Duck: 10 WHWMA 8 May. Hooded Merganser: two ULL 14 Mar, one Canton 9 May.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Osprey: three Black Lake, Oswegatchie 3 May; repeated sightings as usual at ULL and Morley area, Canton, but we have yet to confirm breeding. Bald Eagle: two Oak Pt 4 Mar, one MSD 16 Apr; Jeff nest again occupied. N. Harrier: nest with two eggs Canton 6 May. Sharp-shinned Hawk: three reports. Cooper's Hawk: five reported; "fewer than last year" (LBC). N. Goshawk: five reported including pair at nest in Stockholm 18 May. Red-shouldered Hawk: four Henderson 25 April only report. Broad-winged Hawk: arr Wanakena 16 Apr. Am. Kestrel: four to six per day in late April. Peregrine Falcon: one Morristown 17 Apr (PK). Bobwhite: one at close range 10 May BPW, undoubtedly a released bird. **SANDHILL CRANE**: unconfirmed sighting Cape Vincent 24 Apr by T. Aubertine (LBC). Greater Yellowlegs: four Lisbon 26 Apr. Lesser Yellowlegs: singles ULL 7 May, Lisbon 17 May. Solitary Sandpiper: arr Morristown 3 May. Upland Sandpiper: arr Lisbon 23 Apr; pair Morristown 3 May, two BL 15 May. Caspian Tern: one MSD 8 May. Common Tern: max 40 SLR, Massena 22 May. Black Tern: 12 ULL 12 May.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Wanakena 17 May. Barred Owl: eight Wanakena 16 April. Com. Nighthawk: arr Massena 25 May. Red-bellied Woodpecker: Henderson Mar-Apr still only report. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: abundant.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLING: E. Wood-Pewee: two Canton 23 May only report. E. Phoebe: up at last (LBC). Horned Lark: last Lisbon 23 Apr. Purple Martin: max 12 Louisville 12 May. Tufted Titmouse: pair Henderson only report. Winter Wren: arr one Wanakena 7 Apr, 15 singing males on 1/2 mi trail 25 Apr. E. Bluebird: pairs Brasher Falls, Louisville, Stockholm, BL; feeding young Pierrepont 11 May. Am. Robin: brood fledged Henderson 8 May. Water Pipit: arr three Fine 25 Mar, max 40 BL 4 May. Cedar Waxwing: 22 Henderson 3 May first since fall. **LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE**: one Ogdensburg 26 Apr (PK).

VIREOS-WARBLED: Philadelphia Vireo: one Louisville 23 May. Tennessee Warbler: arr five Wanakena 16 May. N. Parula: arr three Wanakena 11 May. Cape May Warbler: several Canton 12 May. Palm Warbler: one Louisville 11 May. Cerulean Warbler: one singing male Wanakena 11-15 May (DG), unusual locale. N. Waterthrush: two Stockholm 16 May ONLY report.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Indigo Bunting: none. Evening Grosbeak: max 150 Wanakena 21 Mar; increasing in Apr elsewhere. Field Sparrow: arr Henderson 8 Apr; good numbers in StLa, six ULL 31 Mar. Vesper Sparrow: several singing males at Pierrepont landfill after 21 Apr. Fox Sparrow: one Massena 22 May. Dark-eyed Junco: unusually high numbers in Apr. Snow Bunting: 300 Henderson 7 Mar. Rusty Blackbird: arr three Wanakena 25 Mar, at ULL 31 Mar. Com. Grackle: albinistic individuals Henderson and Gouverneur. Purple Finch: arr Henderson mid-Apr, numbers down; max 16 Louisville. Red Crossbill: max 20 Wanakena 29 Apr. White-winged Crossbill: one Wanakena 25 Mar. Pine Siskin: max 46 Massena 23 Mar.

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REGION 7 – ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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A century-old record was broken on the Four Brothers Islands, good variety (188 species) and numbers of birds were reported seasonally throughout the Region, and Project BirdWatch and the call for *The Kingbird* arrival dates may have served to reawaken some interest in field birding. If the hawkwatching was slow, warbler-watching was fast and furious at times. The weather was, as usual, somewhat erratic, but generally favorable for both birds and birders.

The season opened with rain on 1 Mar, snow on 2 Mar, sunshine on 3 Mar. The two feet of snow in the woods began to thaw with a warming trend 6 Mar, but cold returned on 11 Mar. Another warm spell arrived 22-23 Mar, and 25 Mar saw the ice out at Essex harbor and Lake Champlain at 95.76' with a temperature of 40F. The month closed with rains that pushed the Boquet River over its banks and Common Redpolls back into feeders.