

May. Cape May Warbler: last 23 May. Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr Clay Marsh 21 Apr, max 250 LOL 8 May, last 23 May; Adir arr Old Forge 30 Apr. Black-throated Green Warbler: max 14 LOL 8 May; Adir arr Quiver Pd 8 May. Blackburnian Warbler: max 14 LOL 8 May, last migrant StMC 25 May. Pine Warbler: record early arr Ninemile Pt 7 Apr (FGS). Palm Warbler: max and last 12 LOL 8 May. Bay-breasted Warbler: max 35 StMc 16 May. Blackpoll Warbler: max 4, very low. Cerulean Warbler: arr LOL 8 May. Black-and-white Warbler: max nine, last migrant StMC 24 May. **Prothonotary Warbler**: *intro*. Worm-eating Warbler: one StMc 15 May. Kentucky Warbler: singles StMC 12-17 May, FH 23 May. Com. Yellowthroat: Adir arr Limekiln 9 May. Hooded Warbler: arr LOL 8 May. Wilson's Warbler: last 24 May. Yellow-breasted Chat: singles Clay Marsh 10 May and near Orwell 30 May in Tug Hill where exceptional.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: max 12. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Adir arr Moss L 2 days ahead of lowland dates! Indigo Bunting: scarce. Grasshopper Sparrow: arr LOL 8 May. Fox Sparrow: to four/day 3 Apr-3 May. Song Sparrow: arr Syr 9 Mar, Adir arr Old Forge 14 Mar. Lincoln's Sparrow: last migrant 24 May; Adir arr Quiver Pd 21 May. Swamp Sparrow: arr Clay Marsh 2 Apr. White-throated Sparrow: arr ca. 7 Apr, max 40 on 4 May, very low. White-crowned Sparrow: max two, very low. Dark-eyed Junco: max 16, very low; last migrant 11 May. Snow Bunting: max 1100 Fabius 3 Mar; last DH 27 Mar. Red-winged Blackbird: arr ca. 3 Mar; max 45000 HIGMA 19 Mar. **Yellow-headed Blackbird**: *intro*. E. Meadowlark: arr 17 Mar FH, max 350 DH 26 Mar. Rusty Blackbird: arr HIGMA 17 Mar, max 300 Clay Marsh 8 May. Com. Grackle: arr Syr area ca 3 Mar, Adir arr Old Forge 15 Mar; max 15000 HIGMA 19 Mar. Brown-headed Cowbird: arr 7 Mar, max 1000 Clay M 5 Apr. Orchard Oriole: singles Ninemile Pt 13 May, Six-Mile Creek 21 May. Purple Finch: arr Hastings and Big Moose 1 Apr, max 12 DH early May. Red Crossbill: three Euclid 1 May; near Boonville in Scots Pine 24 May. White-winged Crossbill: 11 Pennellville 24 Mar, singles there 2 and 7 Apr; one Holland Patent 14 Apr. Com. Redpoll: max 30; last Clay Marsh 6 Apr. Pine Siskin: *intro*. Evening Grosbeak: max 400 DH 8 May, still present Erieville 4 Jun.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Cold weather notwithstanding, we managed to make some interesting sightings. March was cool and dry, with temperatures running up to 3 below normal and precipitation down an inch or two. There were several small snowfalls, with over 4 in falling on Tug Hill 20-21 Mar. The monthly minimum temperature was -19° at Wanakena on 21 Mar, while the maximum was 75° in Potsdam on 30 Mar. The warm weather the end of March was never equalled in April, which, though cool and wet state-wide, was about average in the North Country. Minimum temperatures in the upper teens accompanied 2 in of snow on 16 and 20 Apr, while the month's high was 73° in Canton on 7 Apr. Contrary to one's impression, May was 2-3° warmer than normal while rainfall was an inch below normal.

temperatures ranged from 29-30 on 4 May to the low 80's on 29-30° May. For the three month period, temperatures averaged about normal while precipitation was 2-7 in below normal.

As usual, the last week of March was marked by the arrival of Com. Grackle, Song Sparrow, Killdeer, numbers of Am. Kestrel, E. Phoebe and several species of waterfowl. Shrubs began leafing out the first few days of May. While May arrivals seemed slow, the species trickled in. With the appearance of Least Flycatcher on 12 May, the contingent of summer residents was virtually complete. Contributors reported the arrival of long-distance migrants to be one to two weeks late, but a tally of 10 neotropical migrants representing 7 groups shows their average arrival date 2.2 days early, while 6 early migrants averaged 4.3 days ahead of schedule.

Marilyn Badger had a nice list of late sightings of winter visitors, including three Iceland Gull at Moses-Saunders Dam on 6 Mar, as many as 19 Com. Goldeneye on the Grass R. to 12 Apr, 36 Bohemian Waxwing in Louisville on 10 Mar, the last Snow Buntings on 23 Mar, and nine Pine Grosbeaks, the only report all year, at Hawkin's Pt. on 6 Mar. It was a good year for Com. Redpoll and an exceptional one for Pine Siskin. Lee Chamberlaine reports a max of 60 Redpolls on 13 Mar with the last on 2 Apr. Marilyn Badger recorded the last Siskin on 6 May.

Fortunately, the *Salmonella* infection which hit the northeast did not become established in our Region till late April when winter finches were departing from the feeders. There were reports of sick and dead Siskins and Purple Finches from Canton, Potsdam, and Madrid in St. Lawrence Co. and from Antwerp, Theresa and Watertown in Jefferson Co.

Reports of species listed by the state Endangered Species Unit were as follows: Peter O'Shea counted at least 4 pairs of Com. Loon on the Bog River Flow, Colton, on 17 May and a pair with two young on Sucker Lake, Fine, in late May. One adult and two immature Loons arrived at Upper and Lower Lakes WMA on 1 April. Peter also reports a pair of Osprey at a nest site on the Upper Oswegatchie, Fine, in mid-May and a pair at Hitchin's Pond, Colton, on 17 May. There were several sightings in the Canton area after 14 Apr, including two at Upper and Lower Lakes WMA on 22 Apr and one at Trout Lake, Hermon, on 6 May. One was on a nest at Perch River WMA 25 Apr. Marilyn Badger reports 3 immature Bald Eagle on the St. Lawrence River in May, and there was a probable sighting of another at Trout Lake on 10 Apr. G. Spaziani saw an adult Eagle near Mansville on 2 Mar. N. Harrier seemed especially abundant in St. Lawrence Co. this spring. Marilyn Badger reported all three accipiters from Louisville. There were no reports for other listed raptors or of Spruce Grouse. Two pair of Upland Sandpiper in Louisville were the only ones reported. Ten Black Tern were resident at Upper and Lower Lakes WMA after 3 May. The only Com. Nighthawk report was two in Louisville on 27 May. A pair of Com. Raven was at the traditional nest site on Cat Mt. in early May. Bluebirds seemed up, with as many as four pair within a half-mile radius in Pierrepont. Several Vesper Sparrow were singing 10 May on Hadley Rd, Pierrepont, as usual. There were no reports of Sedge Wren or the other grassland sparrows.

Concerning range-expanding species, there were several reports of Great Egret: one from B. Davies near Lowville on 28 April and two from Massena-Louisville and two from Canton between 7 April and 1 June. Seven Turkey Vulture arrived

at Louisville on 25 Mar, and Lee Chamberlaine's Red-bellied Woodpecker was last seen in Henderson on 10 Apr. In addition to Lee Chamberlaine's resident Tufted Titmouse, there were a couple of probables from the Canton-Potsdam area, one at Judson St. Rd. on 6 Mar. Bill Purcell spotted the first Blue-gray Gnatcatcher seen in the Region in several years at Southwick Beach SP on 17 May. Even more exciting are two reports for Blue-winged Warbler. Marilyn Badger reports one from Rte 56 in Louisville on 10 May, the second St. Lawrence Co. sighting; and Bill Purcell found two (one by voice) on Lemay Rd, Town of Lorraine, on 17 May. At the same time he identified three Golden-wings by voice, the first reported in several years, and spotted a singing Brewster's! Has there been a colony here in the past?! House Finch continues to increase in St. Lawrence Co., and was the most common species at Lee Chamberlaine's feeder in Henderson.

May 17 was quite a day for Bill Purcell. At Southwick Beach he also had a **White-eyed Vireo**, probably a first Regional Record. He also saw 21 species of warbler including an **Orange-crowned Warbler** in Lorraine, the first sighting in 20 years.

From only 5 formal reports, total of 156 species was comprised of 22 water birds, 14 raptors, 18 waders and shorebirds, 16 miscellaneous and 96 Passerines including 24 warblers. In addition to species mentioned above, Wood Duck, Bobolink, Brown-headed Cowbird and Field Sparrow were up in numbers. There were no Green-winged Teal, and Ring-necked Duck and Green-backed Heron were down, as was Scarlet Tanager.

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Abbreviations: MSD-Moses-Saunders Dam; PRWMA-Perch River WMA; SBSP-Southwick Beach SP; ULL-Upper and Lower Lakes WMA; SLR-St. Lawrence River; WHWMA-Wilson Hill WMA.

LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: *intro*. Horned Grebe: one ULL 26 Mar, one Louisville 14 Apr. Double-crested Cormorant: one ULL 26 May, still unusual in this area. Great Blue Heron: actively nest-building at 25 Apr. Great Egret: *intro*. Green-backed Heron: only one reported! **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**: one Louisville 23 Mar, good description by MB. Snow Goose: 60 Henderson 27 Mar, 200 Glenfield; three blue morph Henderson Pd Mar 27 (LBC). Canada Goose: arr Henderson 9 Mar, max 6000 Henderson Pd 20 Mar, last 4 May. N. Pintail: max 250 Belleville 20 Mar. N. Shoveler: max 12 PRWMA 25 Apr. Wood Duck: numbers way up, with sightings of as many as seven (five m, two f) on our farm pond in Pierrepont and similar numbers at a puddle in a cornfield in Canton mid May. Green-winged Teal: none. Am. Black Duck: max 60 Henderson Pd 20 Mar, 27 MSD 16 Mar. Gadwall: good numbers at WHWMA and PRWMA late Apr. Red-head: 16 malrd, two females WHWMA 27 Apr. Com. Goldeneye: *intro*. Bufflehead: pair ULL 26 Mar; three WHWMA 17 Apr. Hooded Merganser: regular at our farm pond in Pierrepont in Apr, max two male, one female 13 Apr.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: *intro*. Osprey: *intro*. Bald Eagle: *intro*. Broad-winged Hawk: very few; arr Streeter Lake, Fine 20 Apr; one S Colton 26 May. Am. Kestrel: abundant, almost one per mile for most of Apr; then fewer when nesting. Gray Partridge: 24 Hawkin's Pt, MSD entire period. Wild Turkey: scattered reports from central STL. Am. Coot: three PRWMA 25 Apr only report. Solitary Sandpiper: none. Upland

Sandpiper: *intro*. Semipalmated Sandpiper: one Grass River, Louisville, 14 May only report. Am. Woodcock: very abundant; record numbers on USFWS counts. Iceland Gull: *intro*. Com. Tern: none? Black Tern: *intro*.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: E. Screech-Owl: one Massena 31 Mar. Great Horned Owl: MB reports 14 between WH and Hawkin's Pt on 1 Mar. Barred Owl: in several areas of s STLA entire period (PO'S, less commonly reported than Great Horned). N. Saw-whet Owl: one Massena 16 Mar. Com. Nighthawk: *intro*. Whip-poor-will: one Fine 25 May only report. Red-bellied Woodpecker: *intro*.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLING: Horned Lark: none. Purple Martin: 40 pair Louisville. Gray Jay: two Sevey Bog, Colton, 3 Mar; three Windfall Rd, Grass R 5 Mar. Am. Crow: movement along L Ontario 5 Mar. Com. Raven: *intro*. Tufted Titmouse: *intro*. Golden-crowned Kinglet and Ruby-crowned Kinglet: movements 3 -4 May in both Henderson and Canton. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: *intro*. Swainson's Thrush: one Piercefield 26 May. Water Pipit: 10 Henderson 2 Apr. Cedar Waxwing: scarce. N. Shrike: *intro*.

VIREOS-WARBLED: **White-eyed Vireo**: *intro*. Blue-winged Warbler: *intro*. Golden-winged Warbler: *intro*, also one near Lorraine 13 May (JF). **Orange-crowned Warbler**: *intro*. N. Parula: none reported. Wilson's: two SBSP 17 May, two Louisville 27 May

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Indigo Bunting: none reported. Am. Tree Sparrow: *intro*. Vesper Sparrow: *intro*. Fox Sparrow: one Canton 25 Apr (JG). White-throated Sparrow: arr Henderson 4 May, sparse. White-crowned Sparrow: very few after last year's high; three Louisville 27 Apr, one SBSP 17 May. Dark-eyed Junco: arr Louisville 21 Mar, sparse. Snow Bunting: *intro*. Rusty Blackbird: arr four Louisville 14 Mar, also six 25 Mar. Brown-headed Cowbird: arr Henderson 6 Mar, exceptionally abundant in STLA. Com. Redpoll: *intro*. Pine Siskin: *intro*.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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Migration was late. There were 80 species for which arrival dates were reported both last year and this. Of these, 51 species arrived later this year than in 1987, only 24 species were earlier, and 5 shared the same arrival date in both years. If waiting for arrivals was frustrating, there were some rarities like the **White-eyed Vireo** seen by Charlie Delehanty at Little Tupper Lake on 14 May to make the wait worthwhile.

March weather was erratic, dropping from the 40's at midmonth to -26°F at Owls Head 21 March. Wood frogs and spring peepers were calling 6 Apr at Elizabethtown, but April saw cold, south winds at midmonth that brought rain and mixed wet snow on 15 Apr, covering the lower mountains again and discouraging hawkwatchers. Newcomb was 22°F on 19 Apr, reflecting temperatures 10°F colder than normal for the season. A late snowstorm 21 Apr left 6 inches at Saranac Lake and 4 inches at Elizabethtown. Not until 5 May did the mercury climb into the 70's. May 6 was the warmest day in 7 1/2 months, with a high of 72°F at Ticonderoga, only 4 1/2 feet of snow left in the High Peaks, and Lake