

REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The spring of 1993 was far from normal even compared to the previous year, which was cold and wet. The winter was a good old fashioned one reminiscent of the late 1960s and early 1970s and the snow carried on into the spring. Total snowfall for Watertown was 141.4 inches on 22 Mar and it still kept coming into late April. Frost occurred on Tug Hill and Adirondack sections of the Region well into May. Perhaps the weather highlight, if we can call it that, was the Blizzard of 1993 which occurred on 13 March. The low temperature for the season was -23°F on 18 Mar and the high was 79°F on 3 May at Watertown. The spring melt

caused high water to be everywhere, although unlike last spring only the waterways and Lake Ontario and not fields were flooded. It will be well into the summer before Lake Ontario water levels go down to near normal levels, and summer rainfall could keep it high even then.

The cold weather retarded vegetation growth and some tree species were not fully leafed out by the end of May. Due to the cold and frosts some mortality of in maples and ash trees was noted as well as frost damage to herbaceous vegetation and shrubs at higher elevations. Species such as Black Walnut, Honey Locust and Black Locust were way behind their normal phenology. This late spring leafing was an advantage to birders, since many warbler observations were enhanced with the more open canopy conditions. Also, the biting insect season was a little later than normal and field trips were not as unpleasant as usual. In addition, this retardation was responsible for many visits to feeding stations by species we do not associate with feeders. Indigo Bunting, Field Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Savannah Sparrow were record at feeders through the period. There were few winter finches other than Purple Finch to visit feeders, with only Evening Grosbeak or Pine Siskin showing up now and then as late as 30 May.

The cold temperatures and late snows retarded insects, vegetation and flowering of trees and other plants, resulting in losses of swallows and early flycatchers such as Eastern Phoebe. Tree Swallow were found dead, no doubt starved, in nest boxes and Eastern Phoebe disappeared for about a week after their return date. It is suspected that hummingbirds also were lost but this is difficult to verify. Effects on nesting success will have to be evaluated in the summer report, and with lowered populations of many neotropical species, this may be a difficult task.

There is some continuing concern for the reduction in grassland species and the rapid reduction in farming activity in the Region. There was further reduction in Gray Partridge numbers even in the best habitat left, and decreases in Upland Sandpiper and Horned Lark numbers and their habitat. More farms have sold out and quit farming this spring due to today's economic climate. However, it must be remembered that our eastern grasslands are for the most part manmade and must be maintained by farming activities. Natural grasslands are rare in New York and most that did exist have been developed.

Migration timing was noticeably advanced for many species and much behind for others. Water birds and warblers showed up earlier

than normal, while many other passerines were later than normal, the opposite of what the weather conditions would indicated. Perhaps this is a result of more field time over a wider area by the contributors to this report.

Positives of the season includes record numbers of Snow Goose, better raptor numbers in southern JEFF as they head north and east from Derby Hill in Region 5, expansion of Wild Turkey on the Lake Ontario Plain, an expanding Red-bellied Woodpecker population, more Common Raven on the Tug Hill, some excellent, both in variety and numbers, vireo and warbler observations relative to the few past years; increases in Chipping and Henslow's Sparrows and Bobolink (due to the increase in abandoned farm lands and lack of hay harvest?) numbers. High numbers of Purple Finch displaced the normally ever present House Finch at several sites, at least temporarily. This year there was no doubt about a House Finch migration, due either to competition, lack of food or the hard winter conditions. Ring-billed Gull numbers this year are up again, and they were seen far into Tug Hill and Black River Valley. At the same time there are fewer and fewer Herring Gull, the result of competition with Ring-billed Gull and Double-crested Cormorant for nest sites? The Walkers had never seen so many Brown Creeper at Cape Vincent as they did this year. Yellow Warbler numbers were up if anything, and they were heard almost everywhere. Common Yellowthroat is the most common warbler in the Region but may be decreasing on the Lake Ontario Plain; it remains very common on the Tug Hill. Notable species reported included an Eurasian Wigeon, increased Merlin, two **Gyr Falcon**, three **Sandhill Crane**, Red-headed Woodpecker, Black-backed Woodpecker; successful wintering of Carolina Wren and Northern Mockingbird; the second Regional record for a wintering or early migrant Hermit Thrush, the fifth Regional record of **Varied Thrush**, and an "Oregon" type Dark-eyed Junco.

Negatives for the season are low numbers of Black-crowned Night-Heron, all ducks, American Kestrel, Chimney Swift, swallows, all thrushes except Eastern Bluebird and American Robin, most vireo and warbler species, and Northern Oriole. Observers found a further reduction in Black Tern colony size and colonies may be in jeopardy due to the lowered numbers of individuals in the colony. Very low numbers of Eastern Wood-Pewee and Purple Martin, an almost nonexistent nighthawk population, and a steep dive in Scarlet Tanager numbers, probably fewer than last year, which was a dismal year, were alarming.

A "negative" positive is an increase in cowbird numbers. It was a tough spring for Wild Turkey and starvation resulting from deep snows and the absence of field spread manure. They are still expanding into new range, but game farm birds released by sportsmen confuse the issue.

Double-crested Cormorant continues to increase, with a new nesting site being established in the Region. One was observed diving for sunken sticks on the bottom of Sawyer's Bay, Town of Henderson, presumably to be used for nesting material in May (*fide* Pearl McGory). An immature Red-tailed Hawk was watched attempting to kill a gray squirrel on the Point Peninsula on 7 Mar; the squirrel escaped.

The Forest Tent Caterpillar outbreak continues in the Towns of Osceola and Lewis LEWI as well as the Towns of Lorraine and Worth JEFF. The area of infestation has increased and covers an estimated 110,000 acres, with defoliation heavier in some areas than last year. Fungus disease has appeared in some populations of caterpillars but it does not appear that a population crash will occur very soon. The impact on birds and on nestlings in particular is expected to be severe, with such heavy removal of forest canopy cover.

As can be seen by the observations, many hours were spent afield in the large three county area comprising Region 6. All contributors had rewarding and interesting observations to report for the period. The more reports a Regional Editor receives, the more work it is to analyze and put together a seasonal summary. However, the more reports, the better it is for them to reach informed conclusions as to long term trends in population numbers and short term phenomena such as food supply and weather conditions that may effect bird numbers for a season. I would rather have too many reports to write this report. Every time I do a Regional Report, I wonder what was out there that we did not see or was seen and did not get reported. All reports are of use to this editor and are welcome. If species numbers decrease as they have for the past 30+ years, it becomes more and more important that the field observer take notes and contribute observations for inclusion into the information stream. With this information we can better understand the changing dynamics of bird populations, expansions, reductions and invasion by new species.

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Abbreviations: CH - Colwell Hill at s end LWMA on Montario Pt Road T Ellisburg, JEFF; CV - Cape Vincent, JEFF; HUSA - Henderson Shores Unique Area (at Stony Pt) T Henderson JEFF; LWMA - Lakeview Wildlife Management Area, T Ellisburg, JEFF; MSD - Moses Saunders Power Dam, Massena StLA; NRd - n end of Nash Road, ne of Cowell Hill, T Ellisburg, JEFF; PRWMA - Perch River Wildlife Management Area, T Brownville & Orleans, JEFF; PtPen - Pt Peninsula, T Lyme, JEFF; SLR - St Lawrence River, JEFF and StLA; TH - Tug Hill, JEFF and LEWI; THSF - Tug Hill State Forest, T Rodman, JEFF & T Pinckney, LEWI; TMiPt - Three Mile Pt, T Lyme, JEFF; ULLWMA - Upper and Lower Lakes Wildlife Management Area, T Canton, StLA; WHWMA - Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area, T Louisville, StLA; WBM - Wilson Bay Marsh, T Cape Vincent, JEFF.

Spring reports: **Com. Loon:** arr 11 Apr; three ULLWMA 29 Apr; one over Chaumont Barrens 11 May; imm Stone Mills Pool PRWMA 30 May. **Pied-billed Grebe:** arr PRWMA 15 Apr; max ten+ PRWMA 4 May. **Horned Grebe:** one ULLWMA 20 Apr; six WBM 24 Apr; four Sawyer's Bay T Henderson 28 Apr; two in Alt plumage SLR 28 Apr; one Chaumont Bay 1 May. **Red-necked Grebe:** three TMiPt 9 Apr (B&JW), seldom reported. **Double-crested Cormorant:** arr 8 Apr; 600-800 Sawyer's Bay T Henderson 15 Apr; 30 over Henderson village heading e 18 Apr; at ULLWMA 20 Apr; 100 MSD 24 Apr; max 10,000 Little Galoo Is 10 May (DP); three to four building three nests at PRWMA 20 May; *intro*. **Am. Bittern:** four PRWMA 4 May; three PRWMA 20 May. **Least Bittern:** one Hermon StLA 15 May (KC). **Great Blue Heron:** arr 9 Apr; max 11 in flock over HSUA 1 Apr; eight feeding in snow covered pools HSUA 4 Apr. **Green-backed Heron:** pair TH carrying nesting sticks 14 May. **Black-crowned Night-Heron:** singles WBM 6 Apr and 30 May, Stony Pt 30 May, scarce. **Tundra Swan:** two Sawyer's Bay T Henderson JEFF 8 Apr (GM). **Mute Swan:** two PRWMA 30 Mar; six, two on nests, PRWMA 15 Apr; five ad, no y PRWMA 30 May. **Snow Goose:** 1900 total in four flocks CH 27 Mar; 1400 with 20 blue morph near Woodville 27 Mar; 125 at Diamond Road T Lorraine over TH 27 Mar; max 2500 with two blue morph near Woodville 30 Mar; flock of 30 Diamond Road T Lorraine JEFF on TH 1 Apr; 2200+ with 45 blue morph near Woodville 5 Apr; departed Woodville 7 Apr; max of eight blue morph variants Martinsburg LEWI 12 Apr (BH). **Brant:** two flocks about 100 total around 20 Apr (*fide* Larry Ambeau), only report. **Canada Goose:** heavy movement 28-30 Mar; 14,000 near Ellisburg 2 Apr; max 24,000+ around Ellisburg 4 Apr; on nest PRWMA 15 Apr; four very small goslings PRWMA 20 May. **Wood Duck:**

eight Ellisburg 7 Apr; female with 16 y St. Lawrence University campus 31 May. **Green-winged Teal**: eight Ellisburg 11 Apr; in Black R LEWI (BH), more than usual. **Am. Black Duck**: eight feeding in Sandy Creek near Adams 10 Mar; 40 in Ellisburg 26 Mar; max 65 near Ellisburg 6 Apr. **Mallard**: pair in every spring pd end of Apr to end of May. **N. Pintail**: 40 Woodville 30 Mar; max four on Black R LEWI (BH); max 50 Ellisburg 6 Apr, numbers way down. **Blue-winged Teal**: six pairs WBW 14 Apr; six PRWMA 20 May, some improvement in nesters. **N. Shoveler**: three Ellisburg 11 Apr; max eight Ellisburg 19 Apr; pair WBM 24 Apr. **Gadwall**: arr 4 Apr; seven WHWMA 18 Apr; six PRWMA 20 May. **Eurasian Wigeon**: one Ellisburg 4 Apr (EK), an annual location. **Am. Wigeon**: six Ellisburg 4 Apr; max 25 Ellisburg 7 Apr; 20 Ellisburg 11 Apr. **Canvasback**: two pair SLR CV 28 Mar; two TMiPt 3 Apr; two WHWMA 24 Apr; two WHWMA 2 May; three MSD 9 May, only reports. **Redhead**: one WHWMA 25 Apr (MB), only reports. **Ring-necked Duck**: eight Ellisburg 31 Mar; 11 ULLWMA 12 Apr; 30 PRWMA 15 Apr, very low count; max 191 Black R LEWI 9 Apr (BH), high numbers all spring; 63 MSD 24 Apr. **Greater Scaup**: 12 on ice edge SLR at ice-out 28 Mar; max 36 SLR 5 Apr; one ULLWMA 11 Apr. **Lesser Scaup**: 12 SLR 6 Apr; 12 TMiPt 13 Apr; max 33 SLR 20 May. **Oldsquaw**: ten Sawyer's Bay T Henderson 7 Apr; max 200-300 SLR 9 Apr; at ULLWMA 20 Apr, unusual at this location; eight Sawyer's Bay 8 May; 60 Wilson's Bay 15 May; pair SLR 23 May. **Surf Scoter**: 18 flying toward SLR near Wilson's Bay 28 Mar (M&BW). **Com. Goldeneye**: max 65 Stony Pt 8 Mar; 55 MSD 20 Mar; 24 SLR 28 Mar. **Bufflehead**: max 75 Sawyer's Bay 7 Apr; 15 Stony Pt 19 Apr. **Hooded Merganser**: one Adams 12 Mar; four Adams 28 Mar; ten TMiPt 9 Apr. **Com. Merganser**: 40 TMiPt 3 Apr; max 230 MSD 11 Apr; 30-40 MSD 7 May; six PRWMA 20 May. **Red-breasted Merganser**: four SLR 9 Apr; max 12 TMiPt 9 Apr; three Sawyer's Bay 13 Apr; three pairs SLR 2 May; pair MSD 20 May.

Turkey Vulture: arr 30 Mar; max 450+ in 45 min near Woodville 4 Apr, this day not a good hawk migration day but birds came through anyway; 186 in one hour NRd 6 Apr. **Osprey**: four PRWMA 15 Apr, two on nests; five, one nesting just above water in goose nesting tub, PRWMA 4 May. **Bald Eagle**: ad s of Chaumont 30 Mar; imm HSUA 1 Apr; ad & imm on ice at deer carcass Henderson H 1 Apr; one Brownville 1 Apr; imm Dead Creek deer wintering area StLA T Clifton 12 Apr; one Louisville StLA 20 Apr; imm ULLWMA 20 Apr; one TMiPt 22 Apr; imm HSUA landing in Silver Maple Swamp to over night 26

Apr; two CH 28 Apr; ad PRWMA 30 May coming in from Lake Ontario. **N. Harrier:** five CH 27 Mar; six Woodville 4 Apr; max 15 CH 28 Apr; pair over Henderson in courtship flight 28 Apr; two, one male carrying food, CH 29 Apr. **Sharp-shinned Hawk:** max 13 CH 28 Apr; ten CH 29 Apr; 30+ additional sightings, encouraging from the past few years; regular visitor to Henderson feeder in May and Ogdensburg feeder daily all season. **Cooper's Hawk:** seven NRd 5 Apr; five NRd 6 Apr; max 21 CH 28 Apr; one THSF 14 May; one over Henderson 22 May. **N. Goshawk:** imm CH 26 Mar and 28 Mar; imm Ellisburg 2 Apr; imm Woodville 4 Apr; two in aerial fight over CH 28 Apr. **Red-shouldered Hawk:** one Chaumont 30 Mar; 12 CH 31 Mar; max 49 Woodville 4 Apr; 43 NRd 5 Apr; 25 NRd 6 Apr. **Broad-winged Hawk:** max 72 CH 28 Apr, they must head inland after rounding the e end of Lake Ontario at Derby Hill (LC). **Red-tailed Hawk:** *intro*; max 500 in 45 min Woodville 31 Mar; 131 in 1 hour NRd 5 Apr, many additional birds further east of this location and uncounted on this day (LC); 30 NRd 6 Apr; 11 CH 28 Apr; numbers have definitely increased in past decade in T Clifton, Fine, Colton and Piercefield StLA (PO). **Rough-legged Hawk:** max 20 PtPen 2 Mar; last three - two CH and one Canton 28 Mar. **Golden Eagle:** imm Woodville in hawk flight 4 Apr (LC). **Am. Kestrel:** max six Massena 28 Apr; five CH 28 Apr; decreasing into May and very few local birds this year. **Merlin:** six birds seen in JEFF; first 4 Apr, last 28 Apr, exceptional year. **Peregrine Falcon:** one Ellisburg 30 Mar (LC&DP). **GYRFALCON:** imm light morph PtPen 12 Mar (AS! & CS fide DC); light phase near Woodville 24 Mar (LC, mob, ph, NYSARC). **Gray Partridge:** three on road Sand Bay to Clayton 1 Apr (M&BW); two Fox Creek Road T CV 10 Apr (DP). **Ring-necked Pheasant:** home grown birds in JEFF and StLA; max ten Ogdensburg. **Ruffed Grouse:** numbers somewhat down, hard winter? **Wild Turkey:** two CV 31 Mar; bird heard calling LWMA 29 Apr; max 20 T Louisville StLA 30 Apr; one Stony Pt T Henderson 17 May (GM); one NRd 29 May. **N. Bobwhite:** released birds T Henderson JEFF. **Virginia Rail:** two Massena 8 May. **Sora:** 12 PRWMA 4 May. **Com. Moorhen:** max ten PRWMA 20 May. **Am. Coot:** one PRWMA 15 May, only report. **SANDHILL CRANE:** three T Henderson JEFF flying n e 10:50 hours 5 Apr (LC, ph, NYSARC) were seen again near Alexandria Bay at about 12:00 hours by Len Ollivett on the same day; the first sighting above is not far from the location that single bird seen last year at CH 7 Apr (LC). **Semipalmated Plover:** max eight WBM 21 May. **Killdeer:** max 63 NRd 5 Apr. **Greater Yellowlegs:** max 12 Baggs Corner 19 Apr; one PRWMA 15 May. **Lesser Yellowlegs:** one WBM 24 Apr; one Watertown 8 May; one PRWMA 9 May; max five WBM 15 May. **Solitary Sandpiper:** arr is only

report. **Spotted Sandpiper:** max four Massena 15 May; three T CV 16 May; one THSF 22 May; breeders scarce. **Upland Sandpiper:** arr 25 Apr; max five Route 180 near PRWMA 20 May (LC&GM); one Burnt Rock Road T CV 21 May (RB); one near WBM 22 & 30 May (M&BW), a declining population. **Semipalmated Sandpiper:** two Massena 23 May. **Least Sandpiper:** three WBM 15 & 21 May; two CV 15 May (M&BW); one Red Lake T Theresa 23 May (RB). **Pectoral Sandpiper:** one near WBM 15 May. **Short-billed Dowitcher:** one WBM 3 May (M&BW), seldom reported. **Com. Snipe:** widespread in suitable habitat by 20 Apr. **Am. Woodcock:** max 15+ Limerick Cedars T Brownville JEFF 9 May. **Little Gull:** one MSD 11 Apr (MB). **Bonaparte's Gull:** six Southwick Beach SP 18 Apr; 120 in mixed plumages feeding in beach debris from heavy wind and high water 19 Apr (LC); four TMiPt 22 Apr (B&JW). **Ring-billed Gull:** three Henderson 7 Mar; thousands in s JEFF 24 Mar; 80,000 Little Galoo Is, Lake Ontario, T Hounsfield JEFF 10 May (DP). **Iceland Gull:** three Ogdensburg 21 Mar (PK). **Great Black-backed Gull:** max 60 to 70 MSD 11 Apr; five SLR 24 Apr. **Caspian Tern:** max ten PRWMA capturing small bullheads 10 May; seen inland in T Henderson carrying food and heading for Little Galoo I about 12+ mi away, where they nest. **Com. Tern:** max 50+ Raquette R StLA 2 May; one Clayton 3 May; one PRWMA 15&20 May. **Black Tern:** 40 WBM 3 May; 20 ULLWMA May; pair PRWMA 4 May; 40+ PRWMA 20 May; eight with three on nests Dablon Bay 16 May (RB).

Rock Dove: one over THSF 14 May, unexpected in heavily forested area. **Mourning Dove:** max 56 at Ogdensburg feeder 20 Mar; heard calling 8 Apr StLA T Fine, not common in the Adirondacks; numbers increasing LEWI (BH). **Black-billed Cuckoo:** two Louisville StLA 27 May (MB), none in JEFF. **Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** one Massena 9 May and 14 May (MB). **E. Screech-Owl:** two in roost hole 2 Mar, seen daily to 19 May (M&BW), nesting?; one Louisville StLA 7 Mar. **Great Horned Owl:** two Massena 1 Mar; heard calling CV 20 Mar; two calling HSUA 14 May. **Snowy Owl:** about 13 T Lyme & T CV JEFF in Mar; last T CV 25 Mar. **Barred Owl:** one Pierrepont StLA May 1; one heard calling in daytime THSF 14 May (LC&GM). **Short-eared Owl:** one T CV 6 & 9 Apr (M&BW). **N. Saw-whet Owl:** one heard calling nightly Pierrepont StLA 1-8 May (KC). **Com. Nighthawk:** one Massena 10 May; one Massena 15 May; returned Ogdensburg 23 May, only reports, very scarce. **Whip-poor-will:** three HSUA 6 May; five Limerick Cedars T Brownville JEFF 9 May; 16 HSUA 30 May. **Chimney Swift:** max JEFF 12 on 22 May; max

Massena seven 29 May; max LEWI eight THSF 14 May. **Belted Kingfisher**: arr 6 Apr; one Star L and Streeter L in late Apr, uncommon in the Adirondacks (PO). **Red-headed Woodpecker**: one Mixer Road near Belleville T Ellisburg JEFF 25 May (LC), three there 26 May (GM), pair copulating same location 27 May (GM); one at feeder Clayton for three days in early May. **Red-bellied Woodpecker**: seen regularly Henderson; one TmiPt 4 & 15 Mar (B&JW) and 2 Apr; male NRd s end in Apr. **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**: arr TH Diamond Road T Lorraine 14 Apr; seen less frequently this spring for unknown reasons. **Downy Woodpecker**: female fed regularly from hummingbird feeder after 16 May. **Black-backed Woodpecker**: one Peavine Swamp T Fine StLA 4 Mar (PO). **N. Flicker**: singles Stony Pt 2 Mar, PtPen 7 Mar, CH 27 Mar, wintering birds? **Pileated Woodpecker**: ten birds reported, increasing?

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: one CV 23 May. **Alder Flycatcher**: max 14 Massena 26 May. **Willow Flycatcher**: max four PRWMA 30 May. **Least Flycatcher**: high numbers THSF 14 May. **Great Crested Flycatcher**: max 21 Massena 14 May. **E. Kingbird**: high numbers in CV and Henderson on the Lake Ontario Plain eco-zone. **Horned Lark**: five small flocks PtPen 7 Mar; increasing at all roadsides 19 Mar; max 30 T CV 30 Mar; one PRWMA 20 May; one Henderson 28 May, in low numbers as a nester. **Blue Jay**: 30 Diamond Road T Lorraine JEFF TH 17 Mar; also in high numbers in Massena area. **Am. Crow**: a very noticeable movement into TH from the w & s 10 Mar. **Com. Raven**: one calling Canton 27 Mar (MG), unusual location; one calling THSF 14 May, may nest at Inman Gulf; three pairs in one day in breeding season TH T Montague (*fide* Gerry Smith); being harrassed by crows T Clifton StLA 20 May. **Black-capped Chickadee**: 40+ at feeder Diamond Road T Lorraine JEFF TH 10 Mar. **Red-breasted Nuthatch**: two at feeder Diamond Road TH 10 Mar; seven THSF 14 May; almost no migrants along the Lake Ontario Plain this year. **Brown Creeper**: one at Watertown feeder 16 Mar (RB); many in CV 19 Apr; five CV 24 Apr (M&BW). **Carolina Wren**: two at feeder in Watertown daily all season (RB). **House Wren**: in high numbers at HSUA and Limerick Cedars. **Winter Wren**: two Stony Pt 2 May; five THSF 14 May. **Marsh Wren**: eight PRWMA 20 May. **Golden-crowned Kinglet**: heavy movement 16-19 Apr. **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**: 12 CV 3 May; two THSF 14 May. **E. Bluebird**: max ten+ overhead NRd 6 Apr; fewer than last year at Diamond Road TH (S&DL); pair with y hatching Black River 22 May. **Veery**: max 25 Massena 14 May; in low numbers. **Gray-cheeked Thrush**: one Massena 31 May (MB), only report. **Swainson's Thrush**: one

CV 25 Apr (M&BW); didn't start calling in Adirondacks until May (PO). **Hermit Thrush:** one Windmill Road T Henderson JEFF with flock of Robins 3 Mar (DP); began singing in the Adirondacks in mid Apr (PO). **Wood Thrush:** max 35 Massena 14 May; six CV by 20 May; fair numbers THSF 14 May, still decreasing? **Am. Robin:** 14 Stony Pt 2 Mar; 60 Stony Pt 3 Mar; heavy movement 26-28 Mar. **VARIED THRUSH:** one eating seed at feeder Coon Bridges Road T Theresa JEFF Feb to late Mar (*fide* DP & KC!, ph). **N. Mockingbird:** one reappeared Henderson 23 Mar; one Pierrepont StLA 4 May; two WBM 16 May; one PRWMA 20 May; five other reports, increasing and able to overwinter. **Brown Thrasher:** one attempted to winter at feeder Cobbville Swamp T Adams found dead (*fide* Jim Farquhar); numbers some what improved from a few years ago. **Am. Pipit:** six Ellisburg 27 Mar; 30 overhead NRd 6 Apr, numbers down from last years. **Cedar Waxwing:** two flocks 45 and 48 Stony Pt 2 Mar; 200 Massena 31 Mar-5 Apr; small flocks of less than six at end of May. **N. Shrike:** one PtPen 7 Mar; one Henderson H 8 Mar; one at Henderson feeder attempting to catch Cedar Waxwings and House Finches 21 Mar; last Henderson H 6 Apr. **European Starling:** one Diamond Road T Lorraine TH 10 Mar, unusual location in winter.

White-eyed Vireo: one Massena 18 May (MB), unconfirmed but well described; the previous Regional report at Cole's Creek T Louisville StLA 6 Jun 1976 (George Maxwell). **Solitary Vireo:** in high numbers THSF 14 May. **Yellow-throated Vireo:** one T Clare StLA 9 May (EK); one Massena 11 May (MB), seldom seen. **Philadelphia Vireo:** one Massena 16 May (MB); one MSD 16 May (MB); one WBM 18 May (M&BW); one Massena 20 May (MB). **Red-eyed Vireo:** max 52/day (MB). **Blue-winged Warbler:** one Diamond Road T Lorraine TH 7 May (S&DL), seldom reported. **Golden-winged Warbler:** one Pierrepont StLA 8 & 15 May (KC). **Tennessee Warbler:** five Massena 15 May (MB); max ten Massena 20 May (MB), few reports. **Nashville Warbler:** three observers reported nine sightings, three on TH. **N. Parula:** only two observers reported them; heard singing Forest Preserve Lands along Grasse, Oswegatchie and Raquette R third week of May (PO). **Chestnut-side Warbler:** in every Black Cherry tree THSF 14 May. **Magnolia Warbler:** four Massena 11 May; three CV 11 May; two THSF 14 May. **Cape May Warbler:** four THSF 14 May; one Massena 18 May. **Black-throated Blue Warbler:** three Massena 9 May; four CV 11 May. **Yellow-rumped Warbler:** arr 6 Apr; max 60+ Henderson 30 Apr; movement through heavily 1-3 May; 35+ THSF 14 May; 36 WBM 20 May. **Black-throated Green Warbler:** seven THSF 14 May; increasing breeder on Lake

Ontario Plain as farms go back to forest. **Blackburnian Warbler**: five Massena 9 May; four THSF 14 May. **Pine Warbler**: max ten Massena 1 May (MB); nesting 27 May (MB). **Prairie Warbler**: arr Limerick Cedars T Brownville JEFF 4 May (LC); max five Chaumont Barrens T Clayton & Lyme JEFF 11 May (LC). **Palm Warbler**: one CV along SLR 1 May (M&BW); two Massena 14 May (MB). **Bay-breasted Warbler**: six Massena 12 May; max 20+ THSF 14 May. **Blackpoll Warbler**: two Massena 6 May, only report. **Black-and-white Warbler**: max 20+ Henderson 3 May. **Am. Redstart**: eight THSF 14 May; 20 Massena 28 May. **Ovenbird**: many Chaumont Barrens T Clayton 11 May; many THSF 14 May; 18 Massena 27 May. **N. Waterthrush**: max five THSF wetland 22 May. **Louisiana Waterthrush**: at Turin Gulf LEWI 20 May (BH). **Connecticut Warbler**: one Henderson 3 May (LC). **Mourning Warbler**: one THSF 14 May (GM). **Wilson's Warbler**: two Massena 12 May (MB); one WBM 23 May (M&BW). **Canada Warbler**: two Massena 18 May; one THSF 14 May; two CV 23 May.

Scarlet Tanager: a red-orange variant Massena 21 May (MB). **N. Cardinal**: expanding and increasing at PtPen, Stony Pt, LWMA, TMiPt and CV JEFF. **Rufous-sided Towhee**: high numbers at Limerick Cedars T Brownville, Chaumont Barrens T Lyme and HSUA. **Am. Tree Sparrow**: eight Henderson 13 Mar before 1993 Blizzard; last Henderson 28 Apr, Massena 2 May. **Field Sparrow**: arr 11 Apr; in fairly high numbers HSUA & Chaumont Barrens. **Vesper Sparrow**: eight Stony Pt 16 Apr (GM); six Stony Pt 21 Apr; more than usual LEWI (BH); three Mixer Road T Ellisburg JEFF 25 May, almost gone as a breeder. **Savannah Sparrow**: one at Watertown feeder 4 Apr (DP); numbers down on the Lake Ontario Plain. **Grasshopper Sparrow**: arr 2 May; three sites in T CV. **Henslow's Sparrow**: eight heard singing Vaadi Road PRWMA (M&BW); heard at Burnt Rock Road T CV 16 May (RB); one CV 29 May (M&BW). **Fox Sparrow**: one Diamond Road T Lorraine JEFF TH 28 & 29 Mar (S&DL); three Massena 19 Apr (MB). **Song Sparrow**: arr 28 Mar. **Swamp Sparrow**: many PRWMA 15 Apr; 30+ PRWMA 20 May. **White-throated Sparrow**: arr Henderson 15 Apr; a big push of migrants began 25 Apr and ended 6 May. **White-crowned Sparrow**: five wintered in Massena (MB); max 15 Henderson 9 May; last 31 May. **Dark-eyed Junco**: arr Diamond Road TH 26 Mar; 50 Diamond Road TH 12 Apr; "Oregon" type Ogdensburg 27 Apr (PK). **Snow Bunting**: 50 at feeder TMiPt Apr; max 300 CV 7 Mar; last 30 Woodville being hunted by a Merlin 4 Apr (LC). **Bobolink**: male on territory PRWMA 4 May. **Red-winged Blackbird**: 15 males Henderson 10 Mar; 75 males LWMA 19 Mar; hundreds 24-28 Mar.

E. Meadowlark: two Henderson 28 Mar; singing everywhere 15 Apr. **Rusty Blackbird:** arr 8 Apr; 15 Stony Pt 11 Apr; max 30-40 Kelsey Creek T Watertown 26 Apr (RB). **Com. Grackle:** arr 24 Mar; large influx 28-30 Mar; first FL 30 May. **Brown-headed Cowbird:** five Henderson 24 Mar; heavy migration 27-28 Mar. **N. Oriole:** in numbers 10 May; population down from last year which was also low from a few years ago. **Purple Finch:** 300+ Ogdensburg at feeders as storm began 9 Mar, major migration out of area 9 Apr (PK); 70-80 at feeder daily and most other feeders village of CV 15 Mar-30 Apr (M&BW); appearing with every storm and replacing House Finch in Pierrepont StLA (KC); male mimicking Am Robin and E Starling Henderson 24 Mar (LC). **House Finch:** 120 at feeder Henderson before blizzard 13 Mar; large numbers displaced by Purple Finches Ogdensburg feeders 9 Mar (PK); many overhead NRd 6 Apr; nest building Henderson 9 Apr; female with red and cream leg bands Ogdensburg to 6 Mar (PK); pink headed individual CV off and on to 5 May (M&BW); at Diamond Road TH 25 May with Purple Finch, unusual at this location; FL begging food 28 May. **Pine Siskin:** max 20-25 Massena 1 Mar (MB); three Ogdensburg, 17 others Massena, two CV all season; two Diamond Road TH, one in Mar the other in May; two Pierrepont 20 Mar; one Henderson on 28 May. **Am. Goldfinch:** 70+ Ogdensburg 9 Mar; six Henderson 13 Mar; 20 Henderson 1 Apr; at least 7 dozen CV village feeders after 1 May. **Evening Grosbeak:** eight Diamond Road TH 17 Mar (S&DL); max 30 Diamond Road TH 10 Apr (S&DL); a total of 15 other individuals, the most interesting one Ogdensburg 25 May (PK) and two Henderson 30 May (LC); several at feeders near Fowlerville LEWI at end of period (BH). **House Sparrow:** max 50+ Ogdensburg 9 Mar.

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