

REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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Winter weather continued in the Finger Lakes Region through March. Total precipitation in the Region exceeded the norm by 2.5 to 4 inches. The snow cover persisted over most of the Region, with only small pockets of bare ground opening by the end of the month. Average temperatures were between 3 and 4° below normal ranging from 28 to 32°F. A major nor'easter hit the Region from 2 through 4 Mar, dumping between one and two feet of snow. A frontal system from the east brought with it rain sleet and snow on 21 and 22 Mar. Warm weather finally returned to the Region in April. Average temperatures in the Region ranged from 44-48°F. which was 2 to 3° above normal. Mild weather and rain on 6 and 7 Apr hastened the snow melt throughout most of the area and brought some localized flooding. Cold weather returned to the Region in May. The first 3 weeks of May were consistently colder than normal with temperatures 2 to 3° below normal at 52°F. Precipitation during both April and May was about normal.

March's weather had a significant effect on bird movements through the Finger Lakes Region. The strong storm that came out of the southeast on 21-22 Mar, and the warmer weather that accompanied it, brought a massive influx of migrants into the area. These included a very early Broad-winged Hawk and Black-crowned Night Heron, the arrival of American Woodcock and Eastern Bluebird, and big flights of Great Blue Heron, Canada Goose, Killdeer, American Robin, and Red-winged Blackbird. Common Redpolls were prevalent throughout the Region in March. But during the last week of the month a massive influx of redpolls, as well as Evening Grosbeak and a few Pine Grosbeak, occurred. This influx was probably due to the large numbers of winter finches that had moved south into the mid Atlantic states during the winter. At some feeders as many as several hundred Common Redpoll appeared during the last week in March. The redpolls, which had been seen commonly in the Finger Lakes since mid October, were gone by the end of April, but Evening Grosbeak and Pine Grosbeak were both seen in May. Seven species of owls were seen during the month of March. Most notable were Snowy Owl in the Elmira and Geneva areas and Northern Saw-whet Owl in Lansing. Unfortunately, along with a live Long-eared Owl seen in the Canoga area, the remains of another were also found. It was speculated that the Long eared Owl may have been eaten by a Great-horned Owl which was seen in close proximity. March also brought an unusual White-breasted Nuthatch to a feeder in Seneca Falls. The bird seen from 12 to 20 Mar had a prominent long down curved bill with the mandibles crossing at the tip. The length of the bill was bout 2 times that of a normal bill.

Waterfowl numbers were high in the Finger Lakes during late March and early April. Numbers of Canada Goose and Brant were exceptionally high on the Northern portions of Seneca Lake. Waterfowl of interest were a Greater White-fronted Goose and Eurasian Wigeon seen along the north east shoreline of Cayuga Lake, a female Barrow's Goldeneye seen briefly at Dean's Cove on the northwest side of Cayuga Lake, a pair of Surf Scoters seen flying south down Cayuga Lake, and Oldsquaw which remained in the Sheldrake area through early May. But still the biggest news on the waterfowl front was the huge numbers of grebes, particularly Red-necked Grebe, that invaded the Region. This invasion was due to the freeze of the Great Lakes as mentioned in the Winter report. Counts of Red-necked Grebes were especially high, and birds in striking breeding plumage remained on Cayuga Lake until mid May. Horned Grebe also appeared in the Region in substantial numbers in early April.

The Mount Pleasant Hawk Watch did not produce exceptionally high numbers of birds this spring. Weather patterns seem to strongly influence the hawk flight over the watch. Of particular interest was the number of Golden Eagles seen in late March and early April at the watch. At least eight Golden Eagle flew over Mount Pleasant. Another bird seen migrating over Mount Pleasant was Common Loon. Peak flights occurred during the first half of April. Numbers of Common Loon flying past the watch appeared highest between 11 AM and 1 PM. Considering flight speed, direction of travel, and evidence from the fall Loon watch at Taughannock State Park these birds may have left from the Chesapeake Bay at daybreak and flew nonstop to Cayuga Lake. This is the reverse of what the Common Loon apparently does in the fall.

Late April and early May brought in the majority of the migrating passerines. It was noted by several observers that early in the season many warblers as well as kinglets, sparrows, and nuthatches were being found in conifers. Speculation was that a particular insect hatch in conifer trees and shrubs afforded these birds food. Possibly due to the abnormally cool temperatures, insect hatches in other habitats did not occur as early thus concentrating the passerines. Several locations, where conifers were common became migrant hot spots. In particular Spruce Lane in Ithaca, the Ithaca Cemetery and Cornell Plantations, particularly around Comstock Knoll provided numerous warbler species. For example, a total of 15 warbler species were seen at and around Comstock Knoll during late April and early May. The North American Migration Count in TOMP provided some interesting results. Held on 14 May, the height of the passerine migration, it was interesting to note the numbers of certain species. Red-winged Blackbird, American Robin, and Yellow Warbler were the most commonly counted passerines. Interestingly, only a single Carolina Wren was counted,

evidence of the harsh winter. Late May brought in large concentrations of resident breeders. Of interest was the tremendous influx of Great Crested Flycatcher, Northern Oriole and Scarlet Tanager in the Montour Falls area on 28 May. As many as 100 Northern Oriole were counted along a 3 mile stretch of abandoned railway. Late May also produced an influx of migrating shorebirds. Over 70 Least Sandpipers spent several days at a pond in Hartford. Whimbrel were seen in numerous locations. Myers Point continued to produce a good variety of shorebirds including a White-rumped Sandpiper.

A total of 235 species of birds was seen in the Region. Birds of special interest included, Red-throated Loon, Red-necked Grebe, *American White Pelican*, Greater White-fronted Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, Barrow's Goldeneye, Golden Eagle, Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Glaucous Gull, Snowy Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Fish Crow, Northern Shrike, *Loggerhead Shrike*, Prothonotary Warbler, Henslow's Sparrow, and *Yellow-headed Blackbird*.

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Abbreviations: ARd - Armitage Road, Savannah; BCF - Boyer Creek Farm, Caroline; CH - Connecticut Hill; CL - Cayuga Lake; HH - Hog Hole, Ithaca; KHF - Kestrel Haven Farm, Mecklenberg; MNWR - Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; Monkey Run - Fall Creek near Varna, TOMP; MPt - Myers Point, Lansing; MtP - Mount Pleasant, Ithaca; NAMC - North American Migration Count, TOMP, May 14. NSL - North Seneca Lake, including Sampson SP and the Geneva area; NCL - North Cayuga Lake, including Village of Cayuga on the east to Canoga Lake shore on the west; QCM - Queen Catherine Marsh, Montour Falls; StP - Stewart Park, Ithaca; WG - Watkins Glen.

Spring reports: **Com. Loon:** 40 MtP 9 Apr, max 142 (in one hour!) MtP 19 Apr, many in Alt Cayuga and Seneca L through early May. **Red-throated Loon:** singles MPt 9 Apr, Sheldrake 17 Apr, NSL 21 Apr. **Horned Grebe:** one Ithaca Yacht Club 8 Mar, max 50 Sheldrake 10 Apr, last CL 24 Apr. **Red-necked Grebe:** three MPt 6 Mar, max 130 SL 17 Mar, 73 Sheldrake 10 Apr, last MPt 12 May. **Am. White Pelican:** one MNWR 23 Apr, one Sheldrake 29 May. **Double-crested Cormorant:** arr StP 1 Apr, one QCM 16 Apr, numerous NCL through May. **Am. Bittern:** four reports in Apr. **Great Blue Heron:** six MtP 23 Mar, 12 MNWR 6 May, **Great Egret:** singles MNWR 15 Apr, QCM 23 Apr, Penn Yan 24 Apr, Lansing 25 Apr. **Green Heron:** max six NAMC. **Black-crowned Night-**

Heron: singles KHF 23 Mar, Sapsucker Woods 30 May. **Tundra Swan:** several small flocks SL 12- 25 Mar, 17 Elmira 15 Apr. **Mute Swan:** one QCM entire period, one MNWR 9 Apr. **Greater White-fronted Goose:** one Union Springs 19 Mar. **Snow Goose:** 100 (75 blue morph) Union Springs, 20 Mar; max 1000 MNWR 17 Apr. **Brant:** Long Pt SP 9 Apr, max 500 Geneva 16 May, 120 Sheldrake 16 May. **Canada Goose:** major flight WG 13 Mar, 25000 NSL 14 Mar, 500 MtP 23 Mar. **Wood Duck:** max 100 QCM 24 Mar, 16 MPt 2 Apr, nine NAMC. **Green-winged Teal:** max 12 Big Flats 5 Apr, 14 Dryden Apr 16, 16 QCM 20 Apr, singles MNWR through May. **Am. Black Duck:** max 140 NCL 2 Apr. **Mallard:** max 89 NAMC. **N. Pintail:** max nine NCL 2 Apr, six ARd 24 Apr. **Blue-winged Teal:** many StP 8 Apr, one HH 26 May. **N. Shoveler:** 15 Varick 25 Mar, 12 MNWR 24 Apr. **Gadwall:** 30 Union Springs 20 Mar, max 39 NCL 2 Apr, 5 QCM 10 Apr. **Eurasian Wigeon:** one Aurora Bay 26 Mar, one NCL 2 Apr. **Am. Wigeon:** max 28 NCL 2 Apr, 20 QCM 10 Apr, 22 Union Springs 24 Apr. **Canvasback:** two WG 1 Mar, 300 NSL 21 Mar, 2500 NCL 2 Apr, 1000 MNWR 9 Apr, 10 MNWR through May. **Redhead:** 131 WG 2 Mar, 2500 NSL 21 Mar, 1850 NCL 2 Apr. **Ring-necked Duck:** ten NCL 20 Mar, 1150 NCL 2 Apr, 200 MNWR 9 Apr, 18 QCM 11 Apr. **Greater Scaup:** 40 NCL 20 Mar, 53 NCL 2 Apr. **Lesser Scaup:** two Aurora Bay 12 Mar, 12 Frontenac P 2 Apr. **Oldsquaw:** three Elmira 6 Apr, nine Sheldrake 9 Apr, four NSL 10 Apr, four Sheldrake 6 May. **Surf Scoter:** two Ithaca Yacht Club 10 Apr. **Com. Goldeneye:** max 50 Aurora Bay 12 Mar, 90 NCL 2 Apr. **Barrow's Goldeneye:** female Dean's Cove 9 Apr (NB). **Bufflehead:** 56 Frontenac 2 Apr, 500 NSL 12 Apr. **Hooded Merganser :** five Frontenac 24 Mar, 14 Sullivanville 7 Apr. **Com. Merganser:** 15 NCL Mar 24, 4 MPt 25 Mar, 8 WG 29 Mar 4 CL 16 Apr. **Red-breasted Merganser:** one WG 2 Mar, two MPt 25 Mar, 25 CL 1 May. **Ruddy Duck:** two MNWR 2 Apr, 14 MNWR 9 Apr, seven StP 14 Apr, 28 MNWR 16 Apr.

Turkey Vulture: 29 Chemung Valley 15 Mar, 35 CL 1 Apr, 5 NAMC. **Osprey:** max two Elmira 13 Apr, three MtP 26 Apr. **N. Harrier:** one Lansing 18 Mar, four Canoga 19 Mar, two MPt 23 Mar. **Bald Eagle:** singles Cayuga 12 Mar, Elmira 14 Mar; two MtP 23 Mar, two nesting MNWR 13 May. **Sharp-shinned Hawk:** max three MtP 26 Apr, three NAMC. **N. Goshawk:** singles MtP 6 Mar, CH 17 Mar; two Sapsucker Woods Ithaca 11 Apr. **Red-shouldered Hawk:** one KHF 21 Mar, three MtP 23 Mar, one Elmira 20 Apr, one CH 20 May. **Broad-winged Hawk:** one KHF 22 Mar, very early [details? - *The Editor*]; max seven Elmira 26 Apr, 14 MtP 26 Apr. **Red-tailed Hawk:** Krider's type MtP 14 Apr [details? - *The Editor*], 16 NAMC. **Rough-legged Hawk:** three MtP 22 Mar, one MtP 9 Apr. **Golden Eagle:** one MtP 23 Mar, two MtP 26 Mar and 2 Apr; two KHF 15 Apr; another by Wells. **Merlin:** singles Elmira 14 Mar, MtP 16 Apr. **Peregrine Falcon:** singles KHF 15 Apr, Sheldrake 24

Apr. **Ring-necked Pheasant**: three Canoga 12 Mar, one NAMC. **Ruffed Grouse**: six NAMC. **Wild Turkey**: max 50 Caroline 1 Apr; two NAMC. **Virginia Rail**: arr Big Flats 19 Mar, record early, next QCM 11 Apr; max two MNWR 21 May. **Sora**: one NAMC. **Com. Moorhen**: singles MNWR 11 May, Corning Pd 15 May, BCF 21 May. **Am. Coot**: max 75 MPt 2 Apr; one NAMC. **Black-bellied Plover**: one MNWR 1 May, early. **Semipalmated Plover**: max five MNWR 31 May. **Killdeer**: max 100+ MtP 23 Mar; 18 NAMC. **Greater Yellowlegs**: max four MNWR 1 May; one NAMC. **Lesser Yellowlegs**: arr and max eight Montezuma 24 Apr, six ARd 1 May. **Solitary Sandpiper**: max 21 QCM 4 May, 7 Horseheads 13 May, 12 Harford 19 May; last QCM 22 May. **Spotted Sandpiper**: max 10 HH 29 Apr, six there 26 May. **Upland Sandpiper**: two Dryden 20-23 Apr, two Aurora 27 Apr, two Enfield 14 May, seven Horseheads 15 May. **Whimbrel**: singles Elmira 15 May, Geneva 26 May; five MPt 27 May. **Sanderling**: one Phelps 15 May. **Semipalmated Sandpiper**: last MNWR 27 May. **Least Sandpiper**: max 73 Harford 19 May, last three HH 26 May. **White-rumped Sandpiper**: one MPt 25 May. **Pectoral Sandpiper**: max and last four Aurora 25 May. **Dunlin**: max three MNWR 22 May. **Short-billed Dowitcher**: seven Aurora 23 May. **Com. Snipe**: max two MNWR 9 Apr, one NAMC. **Am. Woodcock**: max four Sugar Hill early Apr. **Bonaparte's Gull**: one KHF 6 Mar, very early; one MPt 25 Mar, 150 CL 16 Apr, 52 SL 21 Apr, one MPt 12 May. **Ring-billed Gull**: max 100 WG 14 May, 185 NAMC. **Herring Gull**: max 10 HH 26 May. **Iceland Gull**: one Ulysses 1 Mar. **Lesser Black-backed Gull**: single MPt 12 Mar, 30 Apr; one Elmira 4 Apr. **Glaucous Gull**: one Ulysses 1-25 Mar. **Great Black-backed Gull**: 20 Ulysses 1 Mar, 20 Chemung Landfill 12 Mar, 100 NSL 13 Mar, three HH 26 May. **Caspian Tern**: arr NCL 9 Apr, one Dryden L 17 Apr, four MNWR 7 May. **Com. Tern**: arr Dryden Lake 1 May, three Elmira 16 May, eight MPt 18 May. **Black Tern**: two MNWR 1 May, 17 there 13 May; two Aurora 23 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: two reports. **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**: arr Caroline 14 May, two Lansing 30 May. **E. Screech-Owl**: singles Union Springs 12 Mar, Horseheads 14 Mar. **Great Horned Owl**: three singles. **Snowy Owl**: one Horseheads 2 Mar, one Elmira 3-7 Mar, three NSL 6 Mar. **Barred Owl**: one Sapsucker Woods 12 Mar, one Caroline 27 Apr, 2 Shindagin Hollow 14 May. **Long-eared Owl**: 1 Canoga 12 Mar, 1 Southport 28 Mar. **Short-eared Owl**: five Scipioville, 12 Mar, one Seneca Airport 20 Mar. **N. Saw-whet Owl**: 1 or 2 Lansing 12 Mar-6 Apr. **Com. Nighthawk**: one Elmira 3 May, very early; max four Lansing 29 May. **Chimney Swift**: max 30 CL 1 May, seven NAMC. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**: max seven NAMC. **Belted Kingfisher**: three NAMC. **Red-headed Woodpecker**: three Elmira early May, singles Fayette and Benton 15 May. **Red-bellied Woodpecker**: one MPt 25 Mar; seven NAMC. **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**: 15 NAMC. **Downy Woodpecker**: 20

NAMC. **Hairy Woodpecker**: seven NAMC. **N. Flicker**: 17 NAMC. **Pileated Woodpecker**: four NAMC.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: one report. **E. Wood-Pewee**: arrived in large numbers later than usual. **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**: singles KHF 22 May, Caroline 29 May. **Acadian Flycatcher**: singles KHF 10 May, Shindagin Hollow 12 May, two CH 20 May. **Least Flycatcher**: max 29 NAMC. **E. Phoebe**: max 32 NAMC. **E. Kingbird**: 1 Ellis Hollow 26 Apr, early; 11 NAMC. **Horned Lark**: max 37 WG 18 Mar, 20 MPt 23 Mar, 50 Veteran 2 Apr. **Purple Martin**: max 10 Sheldrake 24 Apr. **Tree Swallow**: max 2-3000 CL 16 Apr; 96 NAMC. **N. Rough-winged Swallow**: max 14 NAMC. **Bank Swallow**: max 100 CL 1 May, 25 Caroline 14 May. **Cliff Swallow**: max 50 Elmira 13 May. **Barn Swallow**: max 150 CL 1 May, 73 NAMC. **Blue Jay**: 57 NAMC. **Am. Crow**: 57 NAMC. **Fish Crow**: 15-20 Ithaca May, more than usual. **Com. Raven**: two Ithaca 20 Mar, two Elmira 21 Mar, two Hammond Hill 21 Mar, one CH 31 Mar. **Black-capped Chickadee**: 90 NAMC. **Tufted Titmouse**: 11 NAMC. **Red-breasted Nuthatch**: max 16 NAMC. **White-breasted Nuthatch**: 14 NAMC. **Brown Creeper**: nine NAMC. **Carolina Wren**: singles HH 29 Apr, NAMC. **House Wren**: one Union Springs 9 Apr, early; 33 NAMC. **Winter Wren**: max five NAMC. **Marsh Wren**: max ten MNWR 28 May. **Golden-crowned Kinglet**: max 10 Sheldrake 9 Apr, four Hammond Hill 14 May, one CH 20 May. **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**: arr Sheldrake 9 Apr, 8 NAMC, 1 CH 20 May. **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**: max eight StP 29 Apr, 11 NAMC. **Gray-cheeked Thrush**: one CH 14 May. **Swainson's Thrush**: two singles only. **Hermit Thrush**: two Shindagin Hollow 14 May, two BCF 22 May. **Wood Thrush**: arr Ithaca, Geneva 22 Apr; 53 NAMC. **Am. Robin**: max 100+ MtP 23 Mar, 153 NAMC. **Gray Catbird**: max 63 NAMC; one banded 7 years ago KHF 29 May. **N. Mockingbird**: five NAMC. **Brown Thrasher**: three NAMC, three Willard 22 May. **Am. Pipit**: one MPt 8 Mar, 30 Southport 10 Apr, 200 Kings Ferry 22 Apr, three Geneva 16 May. **N. Shrike**: singles Freeville 21 Apr, BCF 1 Mar- 1 Apr. **Loggerhead Shrike**: one MNWR 16-23 Apr. **European Starling**: 68 NAMC.

Solitary Vireo: 21 NAMC. **Yellow-throated Vireo**: arr KHF 27 Apr, record early; 10 NAMC. **Warbling Vireo**: arr Ithaca 26 Apr, record early; 14 NAMC. **Philadelphia Vireo**: one MNWR 11 May, several Elmira 14 May, one BCF 22 May. **Red-eyed Vireo**: arr Monkey Run 29 Apr, early; eight NAMC. **Blue-winged Warbler**: arr Elmira 29 Apr; 20 NAMC. **Golden-winged Warbler**: singles QCM 1 May, Cornell Plantations Knoll 2 May, QCM 20 May; max three Elmira 14 May. **Blue-winged X Golden-winged Warbler**: three "Brewster's" type Elmira early May, two CH 20 May; "Lawrence's" type Monkey Run 20 Apr, Ellis Hollow 12 May. **Tennessee Warbler**: arr Ithaca 30 Apr, early; one Cornell Plantations 2 May, four Ithaca Cemetery 19 May, one BCF 22 May. **Orange-crowned**

Warbler: one Sheldrake 9 Apr, early; four KHF 19 Apr; one Cornell Plantations 3 May. **Nashville Warbler:** max ten Cornell Plantations 2 May, 12 NAMC. **N. Parula:** four reports, max two. **Yellow Warbler:** 144 NAMC. **Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 1 KHF 26 Apr, record early; 31 NAMC. **Magnolia Warbler:** 19 NAMC. **Cape May Warbler:** 21 Ithaca Cemetery 18 May. **Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 16 NAMC. **Yellow-rumped Warbler:** arr Aurora 12 Apr, 37 NAMC. **Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr Buttermilk Falls SP 21 Apr, early; 21 NAMC. **Blackburnian Warbler:** six NAMC. **Prairie Warbler:** singles Elmira 30 Apr, Cornell Plantations 2 May. **Palm Warbler:** arr Elmira 16 Apr, record early; max seven QCM 1 May. **Bay-Breasted Warbler:** arr Ithaca 27 Apr, record early; two NAMC. **Blackpoll Warbler:** arr Elmira 1 May, record early; singles only. **Cerulean Warbler:** arr Elmira 1 May; max four NAMC, 3 MNWR 28 May. **Black-and-white Warbler:** seven NAMC. **Am. Redstart:** 30 NAMC. **Prothonotary Warbler:** one MNWR 10 May, pair ARd 31 May. **Worm-eating Warbler:** three Elmira 14 May, one West Danby 31 May. **Ovenbird:** arr Buttermilk Falls SP 21 Apr, record early; 60 NAMC. **N. Waterthrush:** 1 Ithaca 16 Apr, record early; 15 NAMC. **Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr Ithaca 16 Apr, four NAMC. **Mourning Warbler:** arr MNWR 6 May, record early; singles only. **Com. Yellowthroat:** 106 NAMC. **Hooded Warbler:** arr Elmira 1 May, one WG 13 May, two Hammond Hill 22 May, two BCF 22 May. **Wilson's Warbler:** singles only, last 18 May. **Canada Warbler:** eight NAMC.

Scarlet Tanager: arr Ithaca 24 Apr, record early; nine NAMC. **N. Cardinal:** 30 NAMC. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr KHF 27 Apr, 42 NAMC. **Indigo Bunting:** few Elmira 1 May, two NAMC. **Rufous-sided Towhee:** 16 NAMC. **Am. Tree Sparrow:** last KHF 18 Apr. **Chipping Sparrow:** 46 NAMC. **Field Sparrow:** 20 NAMC. **Vesper Sparrow:** arr Ithaca 10 Apr, two MtP 26 Apr, two Ithaca 17 May. **Savannah Sparrow:** max 10 MtP 26 Apr, 17 NAMC. **Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr Aurora 25 Apr, singles Horseheads 7 May, HH 8 May, two Harford 31 May. **Henslow's Sparrow:** 1 HH 29 Apr, three Dryden 22 May. **Fox Sparrow:** three Horseheads 24 Mar, six Ithaca 8 Apr, 13 KHF 20 Apr, one Sapsucker Woods 1 May. **Song Sparrow:** arr BCF 4 Apr, 76 NAMC. **Lincoln's Sparrow:** singles Monkey Run 29 Apr, KHF 2 May, Elmira 16 May, BCF 22 May; two NAMC. **Swamp Sparrow:** arr Elmira 8 Apr, 15 NAMC. **White-throated Sparrow:** arr Ithaca 18 Apr, 7 NAMC. **White-crowned Sparrow:** 18 NAMC, four BCF 22 May. **Dark-eyed Junco:** 70-90 Hammond Hill 6-12 Apr, 17 NAMC. **Lapland Longspur:** one MtP 9 Apr. **Bobolink:** arr Aurora 27 Apr, record early; 69 NAMC. **Red-winged Blackbird:** 1000+ MtP 23 Mar, 179 NAMC. **E. Meadowlark:** arr Elmira 13 Mar, one QCM 24 Mar; 12 NAMC. **Yellow-headed Blackbird:** one Varick 22-23 Apr. **Rusty Blackbird:** arr Lansing 26 Mar, max 11 Elmira 5 Apr, last Sapsucker Woods 7 May. **Com. Grackle:** 86 NAMC. **Brown-**

headed Cowbird: 75 NAMC. **Orchard Oriole:** two HH 28 Apr, one NCL 11 May. **N. Oriole:** max 60 NAMC, 100 Montour Falls 28 May. **Pine Grosbeak:** six Dryden 16 Mar, four Lansing 3 May. **Purple Finch:** Sapsucker Woods 7 Apr, 12 NAMC. **House Finch:** 26 NAMC. **Com. Redpoll:** 300-450 Hammond Hill 22-29 Mar, 50 Lansing 31 Mar, 40 BCF 4 Apr, 40 Dryden 23 Apr. **Pine Siskin:** one KHF 18 Mar, one WG 30 Apr, six NAMC, two BCF 22 May. **Am. Goldfinch:** 127 NAMC. **Evening Grosbeak:** 50 BCF 4 Apr, 18 Monkey Run, 29 Apr, large flights of 40-50 Elmira, several hundred CL early May, 25 CH 20 May. **House Sparrow:** 26 NAMC.

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