

REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Spring 1994 was much more severe than that of 1993, with more snow overall and much colder weather. Winter storm number 16 rolled in on 10 Mar with about 6 inches of snow. Then temperatures got into the 50s and 60s on 23 and 24 Mar. Then April brought about 3 inches of snow on 3 Apr, Easter Sunday. On 7 Apr about 12 inches of snow fell in StLA and 4 inches in JEFF. The high for the period occurred on 15 Apr when it officially hit 83°F in Watertown. Rains and much cooler temperatures took over again and spring was put on hold. Remnant snow drifts in shaded areas persisted until 4 May on the Lake Ontario plain and to 12 May at higher elevations on the Tug Hill. Temperatures for May were lower than normal and heavy frosts occurred until mid May. The Lake Ontario water temperature never reached above 50°F in the period and ice on puddles was not unusual even after mid May at higher elevations such as Tug Hill and in the Adirondacks. Ice-out on Adirondack lakes was retarded. The high temperature on 28 May was 49°F with heavy rains in many locations. Spring was here on the calendar but not in the weather we experienced.

Vegetation was even farther behind than last year. Walnut, oaks, ashes, locusts, cottonwoods, and aspens leafed out very late. Winter feeding under the snow by voles (*Microtus*) and, in deep snow drifts, tree and shrub damage by cottontail rabbits was very evident and will become more so in the next period as the plants grow and flower only to wither. Debarking was severe and the mortality on trees, branches and shrub stems from the extreme prolonged cold will be evident well into this fall. A hot dry summer could even cause mortality to vegetation which was only partially debarked.

Indications for a potentially good cone crop for this fall were evident before the end of the period when newly forming cones were evident on White Spruce, Balsam Fir, Red Spruce, Scotch Pine and Hemlock. On the Lake Ontario Plain some White Pines will be producing cones but not in the quantity of last year's crop.

Over 800 Double-crested Cormorant arrived at Henderson Harbor on 14 Apr. Cormorants fed in ponds, marshes and streams because L Ontario bait fish were not yet in shallow waters due to low water temperatures during April. They frequently were seen feeding inland at Henderson Pd and Crystal L in the T Henderson, and in the Black R at Dexter on 29 Apr. The newly established colony at PRWMA increased to 18+ nests.

In Henderson a male Sharp-shinned Hawk was observed on three occasions to capture male Brown-headed Cowbird while the cowbird

was doing the back-hump courtship display for female. The hawk was also observed to take voles (*Microtus*) and an American Goldfinch as it visited a feeder daily in April. Another made almost daily visits to feeders in Ogdensburg, and one was seen harassing Black Tern at Merchant Road T Cape Vincent on 14 May (MBW).

Positives for the season include some excellent water bird observations with good numbers of Red-throated Loon, Horned Grebe and Red-necked Grebe. Some excellent woodpecker observations included Red-headed and Red-bellied Woodpeckers in numbers at new locations as well as the hard to find Black-backed Woodpecker in se STLA. Flycatchers provided good variety but many species were in lowered numbers. DiTomaso also found Yellow-bellied Flycatchers at Streeter L in numbers and also a pair of Gray Jay with young. In addition he also found *Sedge Wren* in STLA areas where he had found them last year and at some new locations. Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher numbers and locations are mind boggling. The carry over of the Bohemian Waxwing and winter finch invasion was a nice way of getting through a cold and wet spring. Migrant vireos and warblers provided excellent variety this year but numbers of some species were miserable.

The 1994 Lake Ontario Migratory Bird Survey being carried out by The Nature Conservancy will provide some much needed information on use of the Lake Ontario shoreline as a migration route and also discover new or reinforce suspected migrant trap locations. The data this year seen by this editor was very informative and also some what disappointing due to some of the low numbers of many neotropical species. The overall information will be very valuable in years to come for habitat protection and will provide a good baseline of data to compare with in years to come.

Negatives for the period were low waterfowl numbers, poor raptor numbers and variety, and low numbers of shorebirds and gulls other than the Ring-billed Gull. The Common Nighthawk population was almost nonexistent, and low numbers of swifts, swallows, thrushes, warblers and grassland sparrows were reported from in many areas. Returning numbers of some species that winter in the Middle Atlantic States suggested that there was severe winter mortality due to weather conditions on their wintering grounds.

Rarities for the period include Horned Grebe, Least Bittern, Great Egret, Barrow's Goldeneye, *Gyr Falcon*, *White-winged Tern*, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Black-backed Woodpecker, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren, Sedge Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Northern Mockingbird, *Loggerhead Shrike*, Philadelphia Vireo, Blue-winged Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Hooded Warbler and Hoary Redpoll.

We welcome back to our area and to regular reporting of observations Nick Leone, who was an active observer in this area in the late 1970s and early 1980s. On another personal note STLA will miss the Reverend Paul Kelly, who regularly reported from the Ogdensburg area. He has moved to Adams south of Watertown in southern JEFF to take over the parish at St Cecilia's Rectory.

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Abbreviations: ALCOA - Aluminum Co of America Plant at Massena; CB - Chaumont Barrens T Lyme JEFF; CV - Cape Vincent JEFF; DM - Dexter Marsh JEFF; ED - El Dorado Beach Preserve, T Ellisburg JEFF; FiCWMA - Fish Creek WMA, STLA; HH - Henderson Harbor JEFF; HSUA - Henderson Shores Unique Area T Henderson JEFF; KCr - Kelsey Creek, near Watertown, JEFF; LC - Limerick Cedars Preserve, T Brownville JEFF; LOL - Lake Ontario littoral, JEFF; LOMBS - 1994 Lake Ontario Migratory Bird Survey by Gerry Smith; LWMA - Lakeview WMA T Ellisburg JEFF; MSD - Moses-Saunders Dam, T Massena STLA; PPt - Pillar Point, T Brownville JEFF; PRWMA - Perch River WMA, JEFF; PtPen - Pt Peninsula T Lyme JEFF; RMSP - Robert Moses State Park T Massena STLA; SBSP - Southwick Beach State Park T Henderson JEFF; SH - Sackets Harbor; SLR - St Lawrence River; SLB - Streeter Lake and bog, T Fine, STLA; TP - Thompson Park, Watertown; TH - Tug Hill; ULLWMA - Upper & Lower Lakes WMA, T Canton STLA; WB - Wilson Bay, T Cape Vincent JEFF; WBM - Wilson Bay Marsh at Wilson Bay; WBSP - Westcott Beach State Park T Henderson JEFF; WHWMA - Wilson Hill WMA T Louisville STLA; WI - Wellesley Island JEFF.

Spring Reports: **Red-throated Loon:** one Beaches Bridge T Watson LEWI 12 Apr (RH, ph), first for County; one Basic plumage SBSP 29 Apr (NL); one MSD 14 May (MB). **Com. Loon:** max two per day most areas; few reported. **Pied-billed Grebe:** max seven PRWMA 29 Apr; numbers may be down slightly. **Horned Grebe:** two SH 14 Apr; one Chaumont Bay T Lyme 24 Apr; one MSD 14 May. **Red-necked Grebe:** seven reports 4 Apr-5 May, max four ULLWMA 17 Apr, five Alt PRWMA 28 Apr. **Double-crested Cormorant:** *intro*; 26 MSD 14 May; 1000 Sawyers Bay 26 May (GM). **Am. Bittern:** max six PRWMA 29 Apr; numbers may be down a little. **Least Bittern:** one Ogdensburg 14 May (PK). **Great Blue Heron:** 11 in five flocks LWMA 21 Mar. **Great Egret:** one T Hounsfield JEFF 18 Apr (BH&TE); one Rays Bay T Henderson 3 May (BH&TE); one HH 18 May (NL); one PRWMA 24 May (SS). **Green Heron:** numbers

down. **Black-crowned Night-Heron**: one SBSP 29 Apr (NL); two SH 12 May (GM); one WBM 23 May; nesting on Gull I Henderson Bay again. **Tundra Swan**: three PRWMA 25 Mar; two there 9 Apr (MBW). **Mute Swan**: five PRWMA 20 Apr; two or three nesting. **Snow Goose**: arr 100 with two blue morphs Woodville T Ellisburg 24 Mar; max 3500+ with five blue morphs Ellisburg 28 Mar; last two Dadville LEWI 27 Apr. **Brant**: 700 Colton StLA 18 May (JG). **Canada Goose**: max 6000+ Ellisburg 29 Mar, max for LEWI 3500, fewer than usual (RH); y T CV 11 May. **Green-winged Teal**: max 20+ Henderson & 25 PRWMA 9 Apr. **Am. Black Duck**: three Adams 17 Mar; 300 Ellisburg 28 Mar; 400+ Henderson 9 Apr. **Mallard**: 300 Ellisburg 24 Mar; 600 Ellisburg 28 Mar; 600+ Henderson 9 Apr; pair on THWMA LEWI beaver pd 28 May. **N. Pintail**: max 300 Ellisburg 28 Mar; numbers down in Henderson. **Blue-winged Teal**: max 30 PRWMA 18 Apr. **N. Shoveler**: pair Ellisburg 28 Mar; five males LWMA 27 Apr. **Gadwall**: max 14 PtPen 11 Apr; ten PRWMA 18 Apr, three on 11 May. **Am. Wigeon**: max 30+ Henderson 9 Apr; last 27 Apr. **Canvasback**: eight Muskellunge Creek T Hounsfield JEFF 29 Mar; six 3 Mi Pt T Lyme 10 Apr; max 32 PtPen 11 Apr; 12 WHWMA 17 Apr. **Redhead**: six WI 5 Mar; male ED 15 May (NL). **Ring-necked Duck**: max 86+ PtPen 11 Apr; male PRWMA 14 May; numbers down LEWI (RH). **Greater Scaup**: max 3000+ Eel Bay WI 22 Apr; one Crystal L T Henderson 12 May. **Lesser Scaup**: 20 PtPen 2 Apr (MBW). **Oldsquaw**: 67 HH 30 Apr, probably feeding on Zebra Mussels; max 75 Tibbets Pt T CV 11 May; 13 ED 15 May (NL); three WB full breeding plumage 15-17 May (MBW). **White-winged Scoter**: one SLR Ogdensburg 1 Apr, only report. **Com. Goldeneye**: max 509+ PtPen 11 Apr; two WI Eel Bay 2 May. **Barrow's Goldeneye**: first spring male MSD 20 Mar (DD). **Bufflehead**: max 160+ PtPen 11 Apr; 20 pair LWMA 24 Apr. **Hooded Merganser**: max 28 PRWMA 26 Mar. **Com. Merganser**: max 129 SLR JEFF & StLA 5 Mar; 70 MSD 20 Mar; 10 PtPen 2 Apr. **Red-breasted Merganser**: three PtPen 2 Apr; two MSD 1 May; pair WB 3 May.

Turkey Vulture: arr LWMA 21 Mar; hundreds e LWMA 5 Apr; six-seven/day in May. **Osprey**: arr PRWMA 2 Apr, record early; four birds, possibly three nests PRWMA, one in goose nesting tub again this year; nest T Oswegatchie StLA 18 Apr (DD). **Bald Eagle**: pair returned PRWMA nest site mid Mar (*fide* Frank LaFlair), fledged one y; nest on Raquette R StLA fledged two y; nine other reports. **N. Harrier**: numbers high. **Sharp-shinned Hawk**: *intro*. **Cooper's Hawk**: about 13 sightings. **N. Goshawk**: frequent at Ogdensburg feeders in Mar (PK); two Ellisburg 19 Mar; one LWMA 31 Mar; imm Henderson 30 Apr; ad on nest Star L T Fine StLA 6 May (DD). **Red-shouldered Hawk**: very few observed. **Broad-winged Hawk**: about 50 over Sand Bay T CV 27 Apr (MBW); no flights over LWMA this year. **Red-tailed Hawk**: max 31 1 Mar; local bird numbers are up; no large flights at LWMA. **Rough-**

legged Hawk: max 24 T CV & Lyme 1 Mar, 32 on 26 Mar, 18 on 1 Apr; last T Brownville JEFF 23 May, late. **Am. Kestrel:** max ten Henderson 28 Apr, numbers down. **Merlin:** one Hounsfield JEFF 5 Apr (NL), only report. **Gyr Falcon:** gray bird Mason Road T CV 7-23 Mar (MBW&FM). **Gray Partridge:** max 20 T CV 11 Mar; one 3 Mile Pt 27 Mar (RJW). **Ring-necked Pheasant:** a few released birds in Henderson and Watertown. **Ruffed Grouse:** scarce. **Wild Turkey:** 13 Louisville StLA 1 Mar; max 18 T Alexandria JEFF 5 Mar; three T Pitcairn StLA 14 Apr (PO); two in field NY Route 177 T Harrisburg TH LEWI 28 May; female Forward Truck Trail T Pinckney TH LEWI 28 May; three heard LOL in Apr (LOMBS). **N. Bobwhite:** released bird Henderson 28 May. **Com. Moorhen:** max 21 PRWMA 29 Apr; two WBM 14 May. **Am. Coot:** three PRWMA 29 Apr, only report. **Semipalmated Plover:** three Grass R T Louisville StLA 23 May. **Killdeer:** max 28 PtPen 26 Mar; numbers up on LOL. **Greater Yellowlegs:** max 32 PRWMA 18 Apr, six Ellisburg 27 Apr. **Lesser Yellowlegs:** max four Massena, eight Ellisburg 27 Apr; two PRWMA 2 May. **Solitary Sandpiper:** one Wilson Road T CV 9-13 Mar; one THSF on beaver pd T Rodman TH 14 May; three Dadville LEWI 13 May; one Stone Quarry Road T CV 17 May. **Spotted Sandpiper:** max four ED 14 May, numbers decreasing annually. **Upland Sandpiper:** two T Hounsfield JEFF 2 May; one Louisville StLA 4 May; one CB 11 May (NL); pair NY Route 180 near Gunns Corners JEFF 14 May; one Hopkinton StLA 25 May; Gerry Smith had one in all his travels for LOMBS. **Least Sandpiper:** one Grass R T Louisville StLA 8 May (MB); one WB 11 May; five in pd Merchant Road T CV 15-18 May (MBW). **Dunlin:** max 10 HH 16 May; seven PtPen 25 May (BH&TE). **Com. Snipe:** courtship flight PRWMA 20 Apr; numbers down a little. **Am. Woodcock:** all over the road and roadside Martinsburg LEWI 2 Mar (JF), a flock fallout; five Stony Pt T Henderson 2 May. **Bonaparte's Gull:** four E Martinsburg LEWI 15 Apr; seven Glenfield LEWI 17 Apr; four Eel Bay WI 22 Apr; numbers down on L Ontario. **Ring-billed Gull:** large numbers arr Henderson area 14 Mar, more on 22 Mar; 3000+ in s part of JEFF 24 Mar; hundreds in plowed fields 7-9 May. **Herring Gull:** max seven; three WB 3 Apr; no longer very plentiful. **Great Black-backed Gull:** max eight MSD 15 Apr; seven PtPen 25 May. **Caspian Tern:** arr 18 Apr, early; max 67 PRWMA 29 Apr; one WBM 14 May. **Com. Tern:** arr 20 MSD 28 Apr; max 25 WI Eel Bay 2 May; ten WHWMA 6 May; one French Creek T Clayton 10 May. **White-winged Tern:** one PRWMA 8 May (RW, NYSARC), only report. **Black Tern:** 30+ PRWMA 2 May; 12 WBM 3 May; 40 ULLWMA 8 May; 80+ LWMA 10 May; 80+ PRWMA 11 May; 76 WBM 17 May.

Mourning Dove: numbers seemed up on TH, down on LOL. **Black-billed Cuckoo:** one Louisville StLA 18 May, two on 24 May (MB), only reports. **E. Screech-Owl:** seen last at CV nest site 20 Mar (MBW), winter loss?; red morph TP 11 May (BH&TE, ph); one heard CV 31 May (MBW).

Great Horned Owl: ad at nest with two y being fed Ring-billed Gull WBSP 30 Apr, y gone 12 May (BH&TE). **Snowy Owl:** one PtPen 1 Mar; one Mason Road T CV 11 Mar; Ogdensburg Airport 24 Mar; last T CV 19 Apr. **Barred Owl:** only one report. **Short-eared Owl:** two Depauville 6 Mar, one there 27 Mar (NL). **N. Saw-whet Owl:** one SLB 29 May (DD). **Com. Nighthawk:** one Stony Pt T Henderson 22 May; two Wilson Road T CV 29 May; one T Lorraine TH JEFF 29 May; arr Ogdensburg 30 May. **Whip-poor-will:** three HSUA 2 May; four HSUA 22 May (GPM); one T Lorraine TH JEFF 26 May; seven LC 30 May; one Burnt Rock Road T CV 30 May. **Chimney Swift:** max 15 Massena 10 May, numbers low. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** numbers normal, with heavy use of feeders due to cold weather after their return. **Belted Kingfisher:** arr WB 11 Apr. **Red-headed Woodpecker:** five singles LOL 2-29 May. **Red-bellied Woodpecker:** one SH 2 Mar; wintering bird KCr last seen 3 May (RB); one Rural Hill T Ellisburg JEFF 7 May (LOMBS); one PPt 28 May (LOMBS); first TH record T Lorraine JEFF 28 May (DSL). **Black-backed Woodpecker:** one SLB 19 Mar (DD). **N. Flicker:** moving into TH 4 Apr; large numbers moving 16 Apr-13 May. **Pileated Woodpecker:** about 18 sightings, more than normal.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: none. **E. Wood-Pewee:** six Washington P T Lorraine JEFF 31 May; numbers very low. **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** nine SLB 29 May (DD); one Massena 24 May (MB). **Alder Flycatcher:** six Massena 24 May. **Willow Flycatcher:** one T Edwards StLA 24 May (PO); one WI 25 May; one Brownie Road T Louisville StLA 25 May; many LOL (LOMBS). **Least Flycatcher:** 13 THSF 14 May; eight Washington Pt T Lorraine JEFF 31 May. **E. Phoebe:** good return in Apr but numbers somewhat depressed in May. **Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr 28 Apr, record early; numbers normal if not up a little bit. **Horned Lark:** max 69 T Lyme & T CV 11 Mar. **Purple Martin:** nine pairs Massena Center; numbers way down. **Tree Swallow:** max 600+ feeding over water PRWMA 13 May, a very cold day. **N. Rough-winged Swallow:** max 15 PRWMA 13 May; four Washington P T Lorraine JEFF 31 May. **Bank Swallow:** way down in Massena (MB). **Cliff Swallow:** max 200 MSD 14 May. **Barn Swallow:** numbers moving over Colwell Hill LWMA 27 Apr; 100+ PRWMA 13 May. **Gray Jay:** two ad SLB 6 May, two ad, three juv on 29 May (DD). **Blue Jay:** noticeable movement along L Ontario shoreline till mid May; 40 Massena 14 May. **Am. Crow:** movement into TH LEWI and JEFF 11 Mar; heavy movement LWMA 27 Apr; nest building noted in early Apr, food carrying mid May. **Com. Raven:** max eight on deer carcass near Cranberry L StLA 3 Mar (PO); nest at Whetstone Gulf SP LEWI active again this year (*fide* Mary Alice Koenke); two RMSP 5 Mar (DD); two ALCOA Massena 7 May (DD); one T Lorraine TH JEFF 29 May (DSL). **Black-capped Chickadee:** 18+ Henderson feeder 17 Mar; a flight at LWMA 27 Apr; numbers seemed down after mid Apr. **Tufted Titmouse:** one Heuvelton StLA 13 Mar (DD); one LWMA 21 Mar (LC); wintering bird KCr area last seen 8 Apr

(RB); one Dexter JEFF 5 May (LOMBS). **Red-breasted Nuthatch**: high numbers LOL, large flight Henderson 29 Apr. **White-breasted Nuthatch**: numbers low, one-two/day. **Brown Creeper**: max four Henderson 11 Apr, three LWMA 3 May, scarce. **Carolina Wren**: KCr bird(s) last seen 8 Apr, had been there for almost three years (RB); one WBSP 30 Apr, 5 May, 28 May (LOMBS); one WBM 4 May (LOMBS). **House Wren**: arr LWMA 27 Apr; many TH LEWI 11 May. **Winter Wren**: numerous in suitable habitat LOL (LOMBS); one in yard CV 26-27 Apr; three Littlejohn WMA T Worth JEFF 28 Apr; two Henderson 7 May; three TH Lorraine JEFF 11 May; one yard CV 20 May. **Sedge Wren**: singles in wet meadow MSD 17 May (MB), Calaboga Road T Hammond StLA 24 May, Stone Church Road T Oswegatchie StLA 24 May, Fish Creek T De Peyster StLA 27 May, County Route 108 T Potsdam StLA 28 May (DD). **Golden-crowned Kinglet**: scarce. **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**: large numbers 21 Apr-mid May. **Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher**: 13 reports 27 Apr-19 May as far north as Massena; max three LWMA 3 May (LC) and 19 May (NL); unprecedented numbers. **E. Bluebird**: six Patterson Road T Louisville StLA 27 Mar (MB); one Worth TH LEWI 1 Apr where four feet of snow on level; numbers down. **Veery**: numbers very low. **Gray-cheeked Thrush**: one WBSP 28 May (LOMBS), only report. **Swainson's Thrush**: three migrants LOL 17-23 May; one singing Star L StLA 31 May (PO). **Hermit Thrush**: numbers low. **Wood Thrush**: numbers fair. **Am. Robin**: one Henderson 12 Mar, first nest 14 Apr; hundreds roadside in snow TH 4 Apr, where numbers up (LC). **Gray Catbird**: arr 4 May; numbers down in many areas. **N. Mockingbird**: one Danley Road T Henderson 13 May (GM *fide* Ed Barr). **Brown Thrasher**: max six LC 23 May; numbers up in some areas. **Water Pipit**: one Stony Pt Road T CV 3 May; two Merchant Road T CV 14 May; max 30 T De Peyster StLA 19 May. **Bohemian Waxwing**: 40 Massena 5 Mar; 48 PPt 8 Mar; 350-400 KCr 19 Mar (RB); 60 ULLWMA 15 Mar (DD); 20 RMSP 20 Mar; max 1200-1500 NY Route 11 1 mi s of Watertown 9 Apr (RB); last 200+ Watertown 10 Apr (DP). **Cedar Waxwing**: max 30 T Louisville StLA 30 Apr; five CB eating Pasture Juniper berries 22 May. **N. Shrike**: one T Alexandria JEFF 5 Mar; last Waddington StLA 26 Mar. **Loggerhead Shrike**: one foraging Huff Road T CV 22-23 May (LC&GM, mob), not persistent. **European Starling**: major return Ogdensburg 15-16 Mar; six at feeder T Lorraine TH JEFF 11 Mar, four at feeders Barnes Corners LEWI 11 Mar, seems to be increasing on TH.

Solitary Vireo: numerous Littlejohn WMA T Worth JEFF 28 Apr. **Yellow-throated Vireo**: five reports, max two. **Warbling Vireo**: arr 26 Apr, record early; numbers up somewhat. **Philadelphia Vireo**: one WBSP 11 May (LOMBS); one PPt 22 May (LOMBS); three Woods Road T CV 23 May (MBW). **Red-eyed Vireo**: numbers down somewhat. **Blue-winged Warbler**: one WBSP 15 May (LOMBS); one T Lorraine TH JEFF 15 May (DSL); two WBSP 22 May (NL); one PPt 25 May (LOMBS); one

WBSP 28 May (LOMBS). **Golden-winged Warbler**: one WBSP 21 May (LOMBS); one PRWMA 21 May (NL&RW); one PtPen 22 May (LOMBS). **Tennessee Warbler**: one Snowshoe Pt T Henderson 11 May (LOMBS); one PtPen 14 May (LOMBS); four LWMA Lakeview Pd 15 May (RJW). **Nashville Warbler**: arr 28 Apr, record early; eight THSF 14 May. **N. Parula**: arr 7 May, record early; two TP 13 May (NL); SLB 23 May. **Yellow Warbler**: numbers down on the LOL. **Chestnut-sided Warbler**: arr 28 Apr, record early; in good numbers TH. **Magnolia Warbler**: arr 4 May, record early; numbers up. **Cape May Warbler**: very scarce. **Black-throated Blue Warbler**: arr 28 Apr, record early; numbers fair. **Yellow-rumped Warbler**: excellent flight, found everywhere. **Black-throated Green Warbler**: arr ED 28 Apr, record early (LOMBS); poor showing CV (MBW). **Blackburnian Warbler**: arr 5 May; fairly good numbers. **Pine Warbler**: four Dollar Road T Lisbon StLA 26 Apr (DD); one Muskellunge Creek T Hounsfeld JEFF 11 May (NL); one WBSP 8 May (LOMBS). **Prairie Warbler**: one TP 10 May (NL); five LC 11 May (NL&RW); three CB 22 May (LC). **Palm Warbler**: max two T CV 14 May, very low numbers. **Bay-breasted Warbler**: less than last year. **Blackpoll Warbler**: one WBM 19 May (LOMBS); three CV 26 May; one THWMA 28 May; one ED 28 May. **Cerulean Warbler**: singles FiCWMA T Macomb StLA 19 May, Red L area T Theresa JEFF 27 May (DD). **Am. Redstart**: arr 4 May, record early; numbers down. **Ovenbird**: down from last year. **N. Waterthrush**: arr 26 Apr, record early; on TH numbers up. **Louisiana Waterthrush**: two Red L area T Theresa JEFF 27 May (DD); one Washington P T Lorraine JEFF 30 May (NL). **Mourning Warbler**: male Washington P T Lorraine JEFF 30 May (NL), only report. **Hooded Warbler**: one SBSP 7 May (LOMBS). **Wilson's Warbler**: two Stony Pt T Henderson 15 May (LOMBS); last 28 May. **Canada Warbler**: max two T Louisville StLA 18 May, very scarce.

Scarlet Tanager: numbers low but better than last year. **N. Cardinal**: max 25 Massena (MB); one singing Edwards StLA 15 Mar (PO). **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**: arr 2 May, record early; many at feeders, up to seven in Henderson; numbers are up everywhere; 20 THSF T Rodman JEFF 14 May; 12 TH 28 May. **Indigo Bunting**: at feeders in many locations in mid May; numbers down, one-two/day. **Rufous-sided Towhee**: numbers seem to be up at LC & CB. **Am. Tree Sparrow**: max JEFF 25 Henderson 28 Mar; last two PRWMA 30 Mar. **Chipping Sparrow**: arr 12 Apr, record early; max 10 at feeder Henderson 7 May; numbers up from last year in Henderson; albinistic individual PRWMA 11 May (LC, ph, NL&RW). **Field Sparrow**: three at feeder Watertown 17 Apr; numbers up. **Vesper Sparrow**: arr four PtPen 4 Apr, record early; two Clayton JEFF 13 Apr (DD); three PtPen 20 Apr; two Belleville JEFF 16 May (LC); two singing Webster Road T Hammond StLA 24 May (DD). **Fox Sparrow**: one CV 21 Mar (MW); arr T Lorraine TH JEFF 7 Apr (DSL);

one T Lorraine TH JEFF 21-22 Apr (DSL); two PRWMA 29 Apr (BH&TE); one Massena 30 Apr (MB). **Song Sparrow**: max 38 Ogdensburg 7 Apr with six inches of new snow; numbers down in Henderson. **Lincoln's Sparrow**: one in yard CV 14-15 May (MBW); one ED 18 May (NL); three SLB 29 May (DD). **Swamp Sparrow**: arr PRWMA 20 Apr; numbers normal. **White-throated Sparrow**: arr T Lorraine TH JEFF 15 Apr; flight at Henderson 26 Apr; numbers down in many nesting areas on LOL. **White-crowned Sparrow**: ad Henderson 14 Apr, early; max eight Henderson, low; max 11 T Lorraine TH 10 May. **Dark-eyed Junco**: large numbers Henderson 3 Apr; moving into TH 4 Apr; 40+ HSUA 8 Apr; 40+ Henderson feeder 16 Apr, more than usual at these locations. **Snow Bunting**: 12 WI 20 Mar; max 20 Bates Road T CV 30 Mar; last PtPen 2 Apr. **Bobolink**: arr 28 Apr, record early; numbers up in JEFF. **Red-winged Blackbird**: arr Henderson 16 Mar; 1000s Henderson 24 Mar. **E. Meadowlark**: 10 Henderson 8 May; numbers up some LOL. **Rusty Blackbird**: 80+ PRWMA 2 May; max 200-300 PRWMA 4 May (NL); 100 Indian Creek Nature Center at ULLWMA 7 May; six PRWMA 9 May; 11 T Louisville StLA 19 May; more reports and birds than normal. **Com. Grackle**: arr Henderson 14 Mar; 100s Henderson 24 Mar; FL Henderson 25 May. **Brown-headed Cowbird**: 60+ Henderson feeders 9 Apr; 80+ Henderson feeders 14 Apr; numbers up on LOL. **N. Oriole**: arr 28 Apr, record early (LOMBS); numbers up from last year. **Pine Grosbeak**: max 10 T Brownville JEFF 4 Mar; last two feeding on Sugar Maple buds Henderson 26 Mar. **Purple Finch**: max 10 Henderson 26 Apr, scarce; one calling like a Pine Grosbeak 28 Apr (LC). **House Finch**: max 30 Ogdensburg 1 Mar, low (PK); max 80+ Henderson 17 Mar; heavy movement along L Ontario shore 21-23 Mar; nest building began Henderson 18 Apr; numbers Henderson down after mid Apr; no y in period, late. **Red Crossbill**: two in road T Lorraine TH JEFF 28 Apr (PN). **Com. Redpoll**: 100+ Henderson feeders 18 Mar included three-four Greater (*rostrata*) (LC, ph); a leucustic (piebald) bird with 70+ others Henderson 3 Apr (LC, ph); max 250 T Lorraine JEFF TH 6 Apr (DSL); last three CV JEFF 26 Apr, two StLA 1 May. **Hoary Redpoll**: one KCr feeder 6 Apr (RB). **Pine Siskin**: main movement at Ogdensburg 14 May; max nine T Louisville StLA 13-14 May; seven T Lorraine TH JEFF 10 May; one CV 29 May; numbers low. **Am. Goldfinch**: 37 T Lorraine TH JEFF 9 May; max 52 mostly males Henderson feeder 16 May; up to 70 at feeders CV 4-23 May. **Evening Grosbeak**: max 150 T Lorraine TH JEFF 1 Apr (DSL); last 30 May. **House Sparrow**: numbers up Henderson and Watertown.

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