

REGION 6 - ST. LAWRENCE

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The spring of 1996 was a mix of extremes except as concerns high temperatures and dry conditions. March brought snow, rain and cold. April was one of the soggiest in recent years. Six inches of rain fell at Beaver River Station in the Adirondacks as well as 14 inches of snow. Watertown had 4.88 inches of rain and two inches of snow for April. May was not much better to say the least, with more rain and very cool temperatures. On 12 May, Mother's Day, about five inches of snow fell on Tug Hill at Montague in Lewis Co, and Adams in Jefferson Co had about two inches of snow. Lake Ontario water levels, as well as those of other bodies of water, were at high levels at the end of the period. Temperatures for May could not get out of the 60 degree range and vegetation was severely retarded with respect to both leafing out and flowering. Many late-leafing species of trees had not even started to leaf out at the end of the period. Black Locust, American Walnut, Black Cherry, all apple species and Honey Locust were way behind at the end of May, just to name a few.

Bird migration was slowed greatly by the late coming of spring, and the migration period was restricted into a few hectic days when everything

seemed to come through all at once. May 14th and 18th were spectacular days for passerine bird migration, as can be seen by looking through this report at those species. The 18th of May was probably the better, when birds came through the Region by the hundreds of thousands, everything from warblers in numbers and variety to Evening Grosbeaks along the Lake Ontario shoreline. If you were out birding on the 18th, consider yourself lucky to have seen numbers and varieties of birds the like of which many newer birders had never seen before. Even "oldtimers" commented: "It was the best warbler migration in 10 to 15 years or more." The importance of monitoring the Lake Ontario shoreline for migrants was again brought out this year. The birds stay so close to the shoreline that at only 1/8th mile inland many species can be missed as they move through the Region.

Cone crops, seen developing during the spring flowering period, should be excellent for winter finches should they appear this fall. Berry and mast production, based on flowering volume, should also see a bumper crops this fall.

Highlights for the period included: low waterfowl (ducks) numbers, with the exception of geese; some good shorebird observations, even with high water levels; improvement in **Red-headed Woodpecker** numbers; martin and swift numbers still low; some excellent thrush observations; warblers in spectacular array, as already noted; grassland sparrows showing great improvement; and the neotropical blackbirds also improving. In addition, the winter species carryovers such as **GREAT GRAY OWL** showing up late, **Bohemian Waxwings** in very high numbers, Common Redpoll in large flocks, and the single **Hoary Redpoll** were all impressive. Many wintering species stayed late.

Three new species were added to the Region 6 list, which has increased by 15 to 16 new species since the most recent Regional Checklist was done in 1993. These are the **Trumpeter Swan** as a breeder, new for the state and also changing the way we all look at any black-billed swan; [Ed: This species is not on the NY State checklist. The decision to include it will be based on appropriate data.] **Black Vulture**; and **Yellow-throated Warbler**. Spring 1996 will be long remembered as a most productive one for those who spent time in the field. The weather is best forgotten.

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Abbreviations: CV - Cape Vincent JEFF; Hen - Henderson, JEFF; MM - Massawepie Mire T Colton-Piercefield STLA; NAMC - North American Migratory Count JEFF on 11 May; PtPen - Point Peninsula, T Lyme JEFF; PRWMA - Perch River WMA, JEFF; StPt - Stony Point T Henderson, JEFF; SnPt - Snowshoe Pt T Henderson JEFF; ULLWMA - Upper and Lower Lakes WMA T Canton STLA; W BSP - Wescott Beach State Park T Henderson JEFF; STLR - St. Lawrence River; WMA - Wildlife Management Area.

LOON - DUCKS: Com. Loon: one PtPen 3 Apr; three Pillar Pt 20 April; not as many sightings as usual for this species? **Pied-billed Grebe:** five PtPen 3 Apr; three PRWMA NAMC 11 May. **Horned Grebe:** three PtPen 30 Mar; three PRWMA 22 Apr; one Black River Flats LEWI 25 Apr. **Red-necked Grebe:** three PtPen 30 Mar (NL); two PtPen 3 Apr; one PtPen Apr 28; one ULLWMA 21 May (DD). **Am. White Pelican:** one reported to DEC personnel, a single crossing the STLR at CV vicinity into Ontario in May (fide Steve La Pan). **Double-crested Cormorant:** arr Hen village 23 Apr; 600+ SnPt 11 May; numbers are up in all areas. **Am. Bittern:** one Lakeview WMA 18 Apr; one Wilson Bay Marsh 27 May; two Beaver Meadow Marsh near Watertown 28 May. **Least Bittern:** one Canton 19 May (fide KC). **Great Blue Heron:** one near Canton 21 Mar; 21 Sulphur Springs 26 Mar; ten PtPen 13 Apr; numbers in Region are higher than last year. **Great Egret:** one Wilson Hill WMA, STLA 15 Apr (NL). **Black-crowned Night-Heron:** four W BSP 15 May. **GLOSSY IBIS:** one El Dorado Beach Preseve at Black Pd 11 May (GS). **Tundra Swan:** one flying over CV 26 Mar; one PtPen 30 Mar; two flying n from CV to Canada 4 May. **TRUMPETER SWAN:** birds nesting at PRWMA - not Tundras as originally thought, report to NYSARC to be prepared by DEC (fide Irene Mazzocchi); two adults and two imm PRWMA 15 Mar; courtship display on 13 Apr (BH&TE). **Mute Swan:** pair PRWMA 18 Mar; 11 PRWMA 31 Mar; two Wilson Hill WMA 9 May. **Snow Goose:** arr 800+ s JEFF 20 Mar; 600 Lakeview WMA 20 Mar; max 2000 near Woodville JEFF 26 Mar. **Brant:** moved through the Region on 23 and 24 May but not reported - likely out over Lake Ontario where they cannot be seen. **Canada Goose:** large flocks Hen 13 Mar; heavy movement through are all day 20 Mar; birds still in Hen area thru; nesting at many locations along Lake Ontario. **Wood Duck:** three pair CV vicinity 27 Mar; in excellent numbers this year. **Green-winged Teal:** 15 Beaver Meadow T Watertown 27 Mar; max LEWI 87 on Black River Flats 6 Apr; max JEFF 150+ PtPen 13 Apr; three

pair PRWMA 4 May. **Am. Black Duck**: max 30 Ellisburg 20 Mar; numbers may be down for this species? **Mallard**: max 200 Ellisburg 20 Mar; literally nesting everywhere in the Region. **N. Pintail**: max 100 Ellisburg 20 Mar; 51 Black River Flats LEWI 6 Apr; not in normal numbers. **Blue-winged Teal**: max 10 PtPen 18 Apr. **N. Shoveler**: five Black River Flats LEWI 25 Apr; eight PRWMA 4 May; may be nesting at PRWMA this year?; pair Stoney Pt Pd T CV 22 & 25 May; pair Merchant Rd Pd T CV 25 May. **Gadwall**: six pairs PRWMA 4 May; pair Lower Pool PRWMA 30 May. **Am. Wigeon**: three males PRWMA 30 May. **Canvasback**: 24 PtPen 30 Mar; one PtPen 5 Apr. **Redhead**: 46 Wellesley Is 28 Apr. **Ring-necked Duck**: 56 PtPen 4 Apr; max 136 PtPen 14 Apr. **Greater Scaup**: max 5000+ Wellesley I 28 Apr; last three PtPen 6 May. **Oldsquaw**: max 50+ Wilson Bay Marsh 3 May; eight SnPt 17 May. **Com. Goldeneye**: 45 PtPen 18 Mar. **Bufflehead**: 30 Wilson Bay Marsh 25 Apr. **Hooded Merganser**: 21 PRWMA 5 May. **Com. Merganser**: pair PtPen 23 & 27 Mar; two Wilson Bay 25 Apr. **Red-breasted Merganser**: 11 STLR at CV 15 Apr; four Wilson Bay Marsh 4 May.

HAWKS - ALCIDS: BLACK VULTURE: one Ogdensburg 16 Apr (KC fide Richard Dillenbeck!, NYSARC) first Regional and STLA Record - not unexpected as sightings have increased in other parts of the state. **Turkey Vulture**: arr Hen 19 Mar. **Osprey**: 12 on Lower Pool PRWMA 30 May (TD). **Bald Eagle**: pair Sand Bay Marsh STLR 30 Mar; two (1 ad & 1 imm) PRWMA 27 May. **N. Harrier**: arr Hen 16 Mar; decreasing after mid May. **Sharp-shinned Hawk**: visits to feeders common; almost hit by bird flying around house corner to pursue birds at feeder 9 Mar (LC). **Cooper's Hawk**: visits to feeders also common; bird attempted to capture grackle Hen 12 Apr. **N. Goshawk**: imm CV 31 Mar; imm PtPen 28 Apr; imm Hen 10 May. **Red-shouldered Hawk**: two Sand Bay STLR 9 & 19 Apr; one Cottage Hill Rd T Theresa JEFF 7 May, known nesting location. **Red-tailed Hawk**: one on cow carcass in field Hen 23 Mar, lack of *Microtus*. **Rough-legged Hawk**: one Number 3 Rd LEWI 12 Mar; max four CV 24 Mar; last a dark morph at CV 15 Apr. **Golden Eagle**: imm harassed by two ravens Barnes Corners LEWI 13 May (GS). **Am. Kestrel**: max 11 PtPen 28 Apr, not in normal numbers. **Merlin**: one Hell St T CV 5 Mar; one Limerick Cedars mid Apr (GS); one Hen 23 Apr. **Peregrine Falcon**: one PtPen 20 Mar. **Gray Partridge**: eight Hell St T CV 8 Mar; two Millens Bay Rd T CV 29 Mar. **Ring-necked Pheasant**: one at feeder near CV 12, 13 & 27 Mar. **Spruce Grouse**: adult m MM 2 May (DD). **Ruffed Grouse**: in normal numbers on Lake Plain down on Tug Hill. **Wild Turkey**: eight

Deerlick Rd T CV 19 Apr; one female StPt 21 Apr; three PRWMA 15 May, can be found anywhere in Region. **Com. Moorhen:** 12 PRWMA 22 Apr. **Am. Coot:** three PRWMA 28 Mar, low numbers. **Sandhill Crane:** two near Ellisburg in cornfield with Canada Geese 15 Apr (GS); one PRWMA 4 May (MBW), now a regular thru the Region. **Greater Yellowlegs:** six PRWMA 22 Apr; eight near Chaumont NAMC 11 May. **Lesser Yellowlegs:** 16 near Chaumont NAMC 11 May. **Solitary Sandpiper:** one near Chaumont NAMC 11 May; three Limerick Cedars Preserve 21 May. **Spotted Sandpiper:** in low numbers. **Upland Sandpiper:** four Mason Rd T CV 5 May; pair near Blake Sanctuary T Rutland JEFF 3 May; one Sackets Harbor 28 May. **Semipalmated Sandpiper:** 35 Black River Flats LEWI 25 May. **Least Sandpiper:** five PRWMA 12 May. **Com. Snipe:** flying over Hen 31 Mar. **Am. Woodcock:** over Hen 29 Apr; four still peenting Limerick Cedars 26 May. **Caspian Tern:** arr PRWMA 21 Apr; 28 PRWMA 28 Apr; six Mud Bay T CV 28 Apr; about 20 Lakeview WMA 14 May. **Com. Tern:** arr Moses - Saunders Power Dam record early 2 Apr (MB); feeding at PRWMA 30 May. **Black Tern:** arr Wilson Bay Marsh 3 May; 75-80 Wilson Bay Marsh by end of period.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS: **Black-billed Cuckoo:** one PRWMA 30 May. **E. Screech-Owl:** pair seen mating Cape CV 13 Mar (MBW); another pair heard east of village CV 13 Mar; pair heard Bates Rd T CV 17&18 Mar; one spent winter in wood duck box Kelsey Cr Watertown (RB). **Great Horned Owl:** pair calling Hen 26 Mar; nest with two y near Chaumont NAMC 11 May. **GREAT GRAY OWL:** one Rt 131 1/2 mi w of Robert Moses State Park T Massena 13 Mar (Lee Harper); one St Lawrence Rd T CV 29 Mar (NL); one Chaumont Barrens 29 Mar (GS); a total of at least three individuals seen on McKeever Rd T CV in Apr; one Favret Rd T CV 2 Apr (MBW); one Barnes Corners LEWI 20 Apr (GS), an excellent year. **Short-eared Owl:** one Sand Bay Rd 16 & 17 Mar; six McKeever Rd 31 Mar; three McKeever Rd 1 Apr; one McKeever Rd 6, 7, and 22 Apr all T CV. **Com. Nighthawk:** one heard Adams 11 May; one SnPt 22 May; in Potsdam 30 May, absent for 4 to 5 years (SC). **Whip-poor-will:** six Hen Shores Unique Area T Hen 25 May (GM); eight Limerick Cedars 26 May; an *unprecedented 42 birds* in 8.2 miles of road survey along alvar grasslands at Chaumont Barrens and Three Mile Cr in nw JEFF (GS). **Chimney Swift:** still in lowered numbers in much of the Region. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr early, male Adams 9 May; one 12 May Kelsey Cr Watertown. **Red-headed Woodpecker:** one T Theresa JEFF 16 May (NL); one at Hen feeder for cracked corn 17 May; one chas-

ing Red-bellied Woodpecker Hen 20 May; one CV village 20-23 May; one Sand Bay SLR 20 May; one w of CV near STLR 24 May, encouraging for this species. **Red-bellied Woodpecker:** one CV village 17 & 30 Mar; one male feeder CV 9-26 Apr; two SnPt 17 May; one fem Kelsey Cr Watertown all winter; Hen birds were regularly seen thru. **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** two Wilson Pt Rd T CV 19 Apr; one WBSP 20 Apr. **Black-backed Woodpecker:** one MM 25 May (DD, WD & BP).

FLYCATCHERS - STARLINGS: **Olive-sided Flycatcher:** one SnPt 25 May. **E. Wood-Pewee:** increase in numbers from last year. **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** one Massena 27 May. **Alder Flycatcher:** one PRWMA 30 May. **Willow Flycatcher:** one PRWMA 26 May. **Least Flycatcher:** increase in numbers. **E. Phoebe:** arr 14 Apr. **Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr 2 May, record early; numbers up from last year. **E. Kingbird:** increased from last year's numbers. **Horned Lark:** two Merchant Rd T CV 6 May. **Purple Martin:** very low numbers even in good habitat. **Tree Swallow:** 10 Pillar Pt over ice 5 Apr; 20 PtPen 5 Apr; arr Tug Hill 11 Apr. **N. Rough-winged Swallow:** arr Hen 5 May. **Bank Swallow:** 100+ nesting in sandpile Limerick 18 May. **Cliff Swallow:** arr 2 May. **Barn Swallow:** arr Hen 4 May. **Gray Jay:** two adult pairs MM 25 May (DD, WD&BP). **Blue Jay:** large numbers moving along Lake Ontario shore line SnPt in May. **Com. Raven:** one Barnes Corners 13 Mar (GS); two harassing imm Golden Eagle Barnes Corners 13 May (GS); one StPt 15 May and another SnPt 16 May (mob). **Tufted Titmouse:** one Pillar Pt feeder singing 6 & 12 Mar; one Sawyer's Bay T Hen 28 Apr 5 & 9 May; one Wilson Hill WMA 10 May. **Red-breasted Nuthatch:** six Adams 2 Apr, in lower numbers than last year. **White-breasted Nuthatch:** in lower numbers. **Brown Creeper:** 10 SnPt 29 Apr. **House Wren:** one CV 30 Apr. **Winter Wren:** one CV village 31 Mar; one Blake Sanctuary T Rutland JEFF 25 May. **Sedge Wren:** one Jones Rd T Lisbon STLA 21 May; another at different location on Jones Rd 26 May (DD). **Marsh Wren:** in normal numbers. **Golden-crowned Kinglet:** in low numbers compared with last year's flight. **Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** 21 Wellesley Is 28 Apr; three singing males MM 25 May (DD, WD & BP); down from last year's flight. **Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher:** one WBSP 10 May; four others SnPt 14-17 May. **E. Bluebird:** arr 31 Mar. **Veery:** numbers still low. **Swainson's Thrush:** one Thompson P Watertown 2 May; one near Rodman NAMC 11 May; one SnPt 22 May. **Hermit Thrush:** singing at Alder Acres T Lorraine Tug Hill 1 May. **Wood Thrush:** a little improvement in numbers. **Am. Robin:** leucistic individual, all except head, back of neck and wings white Old Rome St Rd T

Hounsfield JEFF 30 Apr, (ph,BH&TE). **N. Mockingbird**: pair near Woodville 7 May (GM); one Watertown 23 May. **Brown Thrasher**: improvement in numbers. **BOHEMIAN WAXWING**: 38 Alder Acres Tug Hill T Lorraine JEFF 5 Mar; 200+ Ridge Rd T Watertown 15 Mar; 60 Hen 23 Mar; max 1500+ Kelsey Cr Watertown 13 Apr (RB); a super year for this species, more common than Cedar. **Cedar Waxwing**: one with orange rather than yellow band on tail Southwick Beach State Park 2 Mar (BH&TE); 35 Limerick Cedars in Apr; numbers increasing thru; indicates a possible heavy nesting along the Ontario Lake Plain this year as a few years ago. **N. Shrike**: two T Hen 11 Mar; one Hen 5 Apr.

VIREOS - WARBLERS: **White-eyed Vireo**: a possible in Massena 10 May (MB), records from near here in past years. **Solitary Vireo**: arr 29 Apr. **Yellow-throated Vireo**: max 15 L Of The Woods area JEFF 23 May (BH&TE); six Black L Rd T Macomb - Rossie, STLA 27 May (DD); three Tug Hill WMA LEWI NAMC 11 May. **Warbling Vireo**: in increased numbers in Hen. **Philadelphia Vireo**: one StPt T Hen 21 May (GPM). **Blue-winged Warbler**: one WBSP 8 May; one Three Mile Cr alvar mid May (GS fide George Couch); one m SnPt 13 May; one WBSP 20 May; one Mannsville Rd JEFF 25 May; one Bailey Settlement Rd JEFF 27 May. **Golden-winged Warbler**: one Lakeview WMA JEFF 12 May (GPM); one Red Lake JEFF 26 May; five singing males Black L Rd T Macomb - Rossie STLA 27 May (DD); four singing males Co Rt 8 T Macomb - Rossie, STLA 27 May (DD); nine L Of The Woods area T Theresa JEFF 28 May; one Chaumont Barrens 30 May (GS). **"Brewster's" Warbler**: one WBSP 17 May (NL). **Tennessee Warbler**: one SnPt 15 May; one Thompson P Watertown 18 May; one StPt 22 May (GPM). **Orange-crowned Warbler**: one SnPt 14 May (mob); one Canton 20 May. **Nashville Warbler**: six SnPt 14 May (mob). **N. Parula**: max nine SnPt 14 May (mob). **Yellow Warbler**: arr Hen 5 May; four SnPt 14 May. **Chestnut-sided Warbler**: five SnPt 14 May. **Magnolia Warbler**: arr 11 May; in low numbers. **Cape May Warbler**: three SnPt 14 May. **Black-throated Blue Warbler**: arr 30 Apr, record early. **Yellow-rumped Warbler**: many Hen 23 Apr; 400+ SnPt 14 May, lifting off of Pt and crossing Hen Bay to mainland at unknown point, possibly Pillar Pt or PtPen? **Black-throated Green Warbler**: seven SnPt 14 May. **Blackburnian Warbler**: max seven SnPt 14 May. **YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER**: one SnPt 18 May (NL, NYSARC), a good find and a new species for Region 6. **Pine Warbler**: four Wellesley I 28 Apr. **Prairie Warbler**: one Limerick Cedars NAMC 11 May (JT); at least five at Limerick Cedars thru. **Palm Warbler**: three singing males MM 2 May

(DD, WD & BP); eight SnPt 14 May; max seven singing males MM 25 & 26 May (DD, WD & BP). **Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr 15 May. **Blackpoll Warbler:** one StPt 22 May; one El Dorado Preserve 23 May; two SnPt 28 May. **Cerulean Warbler:** two singing in Black L Rd T Macomb - Rossie STLA 27 May (DD). **Black-and-white Warbler:** arr Canton vicinity 27 Apr; eight SnPt 14 May. **Am. Redstart:** two SnPt 14 May. **Ovenbird:** five Tug Hill State Forest T Rodman JEFF NAMC 11 May; four SnPt 14 May. **N. Waterthrush:** two PRWMA NAMC 11 May. **Louisiana Waterthrush:** two Washington P T Lorraine JEFF 3 May (NL). **Mourning Warbler:** two Alder Acres, Tug Hill T Lorraine JEFF 27 May (SDL). **Wilson's Warbler:** one Lakeview WMA 19 May; two SnPt 22 May. **Canada Warbler:** one El Dorado Preserve 23 May, in low numbers.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS: **Scarlet Tanager:** numbers up from last year. **N. Cardinal:** ten NAMC 11 May. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr Hen 10 May; many reports of pairs at black oil sunflower seed feeders this year into May. **Indigo Bunting:** numbers are up from the previous two years in all areas; also visiting feeders for black oil seed. **E. Towhee:** ten Limerick Cedars NAMC 11 May; numerous reports at feeders. **Am. Tree Sparrow:** six Adams 18 Apr; last Hen 4 May. **Chipping Sparrow:** arr Hen 2 May; numbers in all areas are up. **Clay-colored Sparrow:** one in young Scotch Pine planting in old field Dog Hill Rd T Orleans JEFF 31 May (NL & BW). **Field Sparrow:** arr 21 Apr. **Vesper Sparrow:** arr StPt 21 Apr; in low numbers. **Savannah Sparrow:** two arr StPt 21 Apr. **Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr Fort Drum JEFF 10 May (NL). **Henslow's Sparrow:** arr 6 May at night-singing location, Bonney Rd T Brownville JEFF; max four Dog Hill Rd near PRWMA 24 May (NL); other locations Hart Rd T Clayton and Dog Hill Rd T Orleans JEFF. **Fox Sparrow:** one e of CV village 27 Mar; arr Tug Hill 1 Apr; one Watertown 5 Apr; two Alder Acres 12 & 13 Apr; one StPt Lighthouse Rd 8 May, late. **Song Sparrow:** arr Hen 4 Mar; arr Tug Hill, Alder Acres T Lorraine 26 Mar; numbers are down, although still a common species. **Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr Fort Drum 10 May; one Lakeview WMA 12 May (GPM). **Swamp Sparrow:** three PRWMA 3 May. **White-throated Sparrow:** arr CV 20 Apr; arr Canton 22 Apr. **White-crowned Sparrow:** arr Canton 22 Apr; night singing noted Hen 11 May (LC); 40 max for Tug Hill, Alder Acres 13 May; last 25 May, late. **Dark-eyed Junco:** arr Hen 1 Apr; heavy fallout in Hen and vicinity 19 Apr. **Lapland Longspur:** one Pleasant Valley Rd T CV 6 Mar (BH&TE). **Snow Bunting:** 16 near Hen 9 Mar; gone 11 Mar. **Bobolink:** arr Hen 4 May; large flocks along Lake Ontario littoral, SnPt 14 May. **Red-winged**

Blackbird: arr Hen 2 Mar. **E. Meadowlark:** arr three CV 27 Mar. **Rusty Blackbird:** arr CV 25 Apr; max and last, 50 SnPt 11 May. **Com. Grackle:** arr CV 17 Mar; eight birds Hen 26 Mar. **Brown-headed Cowbird:** arr CV 13 Mar. **ORCHARD ORIOLE:** the pair returned to near The Carrying Place T Lyme JEFF for the third year to nest (DP). **Baltimore Oriole:** numbers through out Region are up. **Pine Grosbeak:** 10 Favret and Mason Rd T CV 13 Mar. **Purple Finch:** arr Hen 18 Mar; *male observed doing Ruby-crowned Kinglet call* Hen 23 Apr (LC). **House Finch:** returning in numbers to Hen 2 Mar; one Alder Acres, Tug Hill 28 Mar & 29 May, unusual at this location; feeding of young not noted during the period, nesting later this year due to cold weather (LC). **Red Crossbill:** one MM 2 May (DD). **Com. Redpoll:** max for Tug Hill 250 at Alder Acres T Lorraine JEFF 25 Mar; one leucistic individual Alder Acres Tug Hill 16 Apr (DSL); 100+ Adams 1 Mar; max 300 Adams 4 Mar (PK); 60 max for Lake Plain near Woodville 22 Mar; last three Canton 13 May, very late (Michael Greenwald). **HOARY REDPOLL:** one CV feeder 17 Mar and 14 Apr (MBW). **Pine Siskin:** max four Hen 12 May; last 24 May, low numbers. **Am. Goldfinch:** max 70-100 daily CV feeder thru. **Evening Grosbeak:** two Hen 7 Mar; heavy flights close to Lake Ontario shoreline noted SnPt May 14; last one CV 27 May. **House Sparrow:** numbers up in Hen and CV vicinity.