

REGION 9 - HUDSON - DELAWARE

Michael Usai

70 Virginia Road Apartment 18A, North White Plains NY 10603

Despite the lack of warm fronts and the cool weather this spring the migration was a good one. A front and the resultant fog and rain on the night of 18 May produced a tremendous fallout of migrants on the 19th. Several areas scattered around the Region reported 20+ warbler species. Large numbers of migrants were reported everywhere. Among the more interesting reports from that day are scattered Kentucky, Hooded, and Cerulean warblers. Large numbers of Black-billed Cuckoos and Tennessee Warblers were also reported that day. A Tricolored Heron at Piermont Pier, ROCK on 10 May is an excellent find inland (ET). This was followed by a White-winged Scoter there on 19 May. A Sedge Wren was at the Marshlands Conservancy in Rye, WEST from 29 Apr through 1 May. Several Blue Grosbeaks were reported this spring from ULST and DUTC. Vagrant sparrows had a good showing, with a singing **Lark Sparrow** at Bashakill SULL on 17 May (TB,GB) and a singing Clay-colored Sparrow at the newly capped Croton Point Landfill, WEST during the last week of May (JJ,JB). The landfill also produced Upland Sandpiper, Grasshopper Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow and

Bobolink among other species migrating through.

Other highlights included: Northern Gannet, Least Bittern, Black Vulture, Golden Eagle, Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Orange-crowned Warbler.

Contributors: John Askildsen, Alison Beall, Gail Benson, Jackie Bruskin, Thomas Burke, Jeff Daley, Andrew Farnsworth, Valerie Freer, Dave Kunstler, Jackie Jones, Helen Manson, Heinz Meing, Christopher Nadareski, Frank Nicoletti, Selden Spencer, Ed Treacy, Mike Usai, Hans Weber.

Abbreviations: EGR - Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, LHVBL - Lower Hudson Valley Bird Line, JBNHS - John Burroughs Natural History Society, RTWBC - Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club, M P- Milton Point, Rye, MC - Marshlands Conservancy, RLSP - Rockland Lake State Park, WB - West Branch Reservoir, Ash - Ashokan Reservoir.

LOONS-DUCKS: **Red-throated Loon:** one MC 17 Mar; one Hillview Res 24 Apr. **Red-necked Grebe:** one MC 21 Mar; one WB 12 Mar. **N. Gannet:** MC 23 Mar; eight EGR 24 Mar. **Double-crested Cormorant:** arr MC 2 Mar; 593 nests Huckleberry, down from 830 in 1995; 17 nests WB, up from four in 1995. **Am. Bittern:** one DUTC 22 Apr (RTWBC); two Crugers Is 24 Apr; two Constitution Is 20 Apr. **Least Bittern:** one MC 29 Apr (TB); one MC 23 May (TB). **Great Egret:** arr MC 31 Mar; 46 nests Huckleberry Is, up from 39 in 1995; one Cruger's Is 24 Apr. **Snowy Egret:** arr MC 31 Mar. **Cattle Egret:** one MC 4 May (TB); one RNC 5 May, first for locality (TB,MU). **Black-crowned Night-Heron:** arr MC 14 Apr; four nests Huckleberry Is, down from 64 in 1995. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:** one MC 19 May. **Tricolored Heron:** one Piermont Pier 10 May, excellent record away from coast (ET). **Glossy Ibis:** MC 4 May. **Blue-winged Teal:** several MC 24 May. **White-winged Scoter:** one MC 22 May; one Piermont Pier 19 May.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: **Black Vulture:** up to five Doodletown thr. **Broad-winged Hawk:** one MC 13 Apr. **Golden Eagle:** to late Mar Stissing Mt. **Merlin:** one MC 1 May. **Peregrine Falcon:** one ad fem Davids Is, New Rochelle, WEST 7 May (DK, AB, MU); nest with four yg Tappan Zee Br, WEST (CN, MU, NYSDEC). **Clapper Rail:** arr MC 29 Apr. **Virginia Rail:** MC 22 Apr. **Sora:** one MC 1 May. **Black-bellied Plover:** arr MC 10 May. **Semipalmated Plover:** first MC 1 May. **Am. Oystercatcher:** two MC 30 Mar; up to three MC thru; one nest Huckleberry Is, with three adults on island. **Greater Yellowlegs:** several MC 18 Mar; one ULST 16 Apr, early.

Willet: one MC 10 May; two Piermont 16 May. **Semipalmated Sandpiper**: first MC 3 May. **Least Sandpiper**: first MC 26 Apr. **White-rumped Sandpiper**: one MC 22 May. **Pectoral Sandpiper**: first MC 22 Apr. **Short-billed Dowitcher**: first MC 11 May. **Long-billed Dowitcher**: one MC 2 Mar (TB). **Laughing Gull**: arr 15 MC 20 Apr. **Iceland Gull**: one Naponoch Flats 22 Mar; one 1W WB 9 Apr (MU); one 1W Gate of Heaven Cemetary, WEST 16 Apr (MU). **Lesser Black-backed Gull**: one ad WB 27 and 28 Mar (MU). **Glaucous Gull**: one W EGR 11 Mar (TB). **Com. Tern**: first MC 4 May. **Least Tern**: first MC 5 May. **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**: widespread after mid May. **Black-billed Cuckoo**: widespread after mid May; good flight in Region 19 May.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: **Barred Owl**: three MC to April. **Whip-poor-will**: one Standfordville, DUTC 30 April; one MC 19 May (TB). **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**: first MC 12 April.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: **Olive-sided Flycatcher**: two Doodletown 16 May thru. **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**: widespread, particularly mid-May. **Willow Flycatcher**: first MC 22 May; late this year at breeding sites. **E. Phoebe**: first mid Mar. **Great Crested Flycatcher**: first MC 4 May. **E. Kingbird**: first MC 4 May. **Purple Martin**: 10 Milewood Rd, DUTC 30 April; sev MC 5 May; several pair breeding on Milton Pt, Rye, WEST. **Tree Swallow**: first MC 1 Apr, late. **House Wren**: first MC 21 Apr. **Sedge Wren**: one MC 29 Apr - 1 May (TB). **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**: first MC 20 Apr; widespread elsewhere. **Gray-cheeked Thrush**: first MC 19 May; sev RNC 19 May. **Bicknell's Thrush**: sev RNC 19 May. **Swainson's Thrush**: first 12 May; many 19 May.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: **White-eyed Vireo**: first 29 Apr. **Solitary Vireo**: first 12 Apr. **Yellow-throated Vireo**: first 29 Apr. **Philadelphia Vireo**: one 14 May, ULST. **Golden-winged Warbler**: arr 3 May; two Doodletown thru. **Tennessee Warbler**: large flight 19 May. **Orange-crowned Warbler**: one Tibbets Brook Pk, Yonkers, WEST 26 Apr. **Magnolia Warbler**: first 23 Apr. **Yellow-rumped Warbler**: first 12 Apr. **Black-throated Green Warbler**: first 23 Apr. **Blackburnian Warbler**: first 3 May. **Pine Warbler**: first 12 Apr; bulk came in late. **Palm Warbler**: first 12 Apr. **Black-and-white Warbler**: first 12 Apr. **Worm-eating Warbler**: first 3 May. **Louisiana Waterthrush**: first 12 Apr. **Hooded Warbler**: first 29 Apr; sev Doodletown thru. **Yellow-breasted Chat**: one RNC 19,20 May.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: **Blue Grosbeak:** one Krumville, ULST mid-May (Morton Miller); female Rosendale, ULST 12 May (SS); female Fishkill 18 May. **Indigo Bunting:** first MC 4 May. **Dickcissel:** one with House Sparrows at Mt. Kisco, WEST feeder week of 16 May; Bashakill male 19 May. **Clay-colored Sparrow:** one singing Croton Pt Park, WEST last week May (JJ, JB). **Lark Sparrow:** singing Bashakill 17 May (TB, GB). **Savannah Sparrow:** first MC 12 Apr. **Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow:** first one MC May. **Seaside Sparrow:** first MC 1 May. **Lincoln's Sparrow:** several in MC in May. **Bobolink:** first MC 30 Apr; sev Croton Pt Pk in May; a few Glaeville 12 May. **Rusty Blackbird:** one 1 May, ULST (JBNHS); one 11 May Cary Arb, Millbrook, DUTC (RTWBC).

[Ed: This report was received too late for the information to be included in the seasons highlights analysis except for the table data.]