

REGION 8 - HUDSON-MOHAWK

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As reported from the Albany International Airport, the average temperature in March was a nearly normal 34.4°F, with 51% sunshine. It was a very wet month, with 4.15 inches of precipitation, 1.22 inches above normal, and 14.7 inches of snow, mostly on the 7th. April's temperatures were also a near normal average of 46.6°, with 57% sunshine. There was only 0.60 inches of precipitation, 2.39 inches below normal, making it was the second driest April on record. May averaged 59.4°, 1.8° above normal, with 57% sunshine. Rainfall averaged 2.77 inches, 0.64 inches below normal.

The migration was significantly affected by an Omega Block, a blocking high that frequently occurs in the Northern Hemisphere in the spring, which in this case lasted through much of the spring. However, there were some good days. On 18 March there was a good movement of geese on strong south winds. There were many migrants seen on 6 May, as well as 14 and 15 May. Although migration seemed slow, actually most species arrived on their breeding grounds right on schedule. There were also some notably early migrants, including a possible record early Pine Warbler at a feeder in Malta, SARA, on 4 April; Palm Warbler, also on 4 April at Vischer Ferry; N. Rough-winged Swallow at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on 8 April; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at Vischer Ferry on 10 April; Black-and-white Warbler in Livingston, COLU, on 12 April; House Wren in Loudonville on 15 April; Nashville Warbler in Livingston on 18 April; and Swainson's Thrush on 1 May in Gallupville, SCHO. Unusually high numbers of Brant were noted from late April through late May, with a high count of 1000 at New Baltimore on 14 May.

Bob Yunick reported a pair of Northern Goshawks nesting at Jenny Lake about 20 feet from one of the cottages. The pair, which fledged three young, were very territorial and repeatedly attacked intruders. Their screaming as they swooped at people could be heard throughout the area. One person was grabbed on the head, bled profusely, and was pursued a distance of about 300 yards away from the nest.

The low water levels created mud flats at Vischer Ferry. Shorebird reports were mainly from there, the Troy Dam, and the Schodack Marshes, with 14 species observed. For the first time in many years no Black Terns were reported. This species is usually observed on Saratoga

Lake, which is more and more heavily used by boaters and fishermen and is becoming increasingly difficult to bird.

There was a intriguing report from COLU on 27 March of a hummingbird hovering at the location where a feeder hung last year at a home in Gallatin. Although described as a Ruby-throated by the observer, one must ask if, in fact, it might be one of the *Selasphorus* species which is more likely to show up on the east coast in the winter.

A "Gambel's" White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelii*) was observed by Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin at their feeder in Guilderland on 14 May with a small group of the nominate form.. A detailed description of the bird was included with their spring report. Evening Grosbeak seems to be reappearing, with 27 banded at Jenny Lake in April and May.

Regional observers reported a total of 223 species. Included were 30 waterfowl, 13 hawks, 8 gulls, 31 warblers, and 13 sparrows. Rarities sighted during the period included Great Cormorant, Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross's Goose, Hooded Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Blue Grosbeak.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BCM - Black Creek Marsh State Wildlife Management Area, ALBA; BCR - Basic Creek Reservoir, ALBA; CL - Collins Lake, SCHE; CP - Carter Pond, WASH; CSR - Cold Spring Road, T Saratoga, SARA; FR - Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar, ALBA; FtE - Fort Edward, WASH; FtM - Fort Miller, WASH; GI - Green Island, ALBA; HR - Hudson River; JL - Jenny Lake, SARA; L7 - Vischer Ferry Power Station/Lock 7, SCHE; LG - Lake George, WARR; MR - Mohawk River; NAMC - North American Migration Count; NB - New Baltimore, GREE;

NL – Nassau Lake, RENS; NR – Niskayuna Railroad Station, SCHE; NRP – Nott Rd. Park, Guilderland, ALBA; PB – Pine Bush Preserve, ALBA; PISP – Peebles Island SP, SARA; PP – Papscanee Preserve, RENS; SCR – Stony Creek Reservoir, SARA; SI – Simmons Island, Cohoes, ALBA; SISF – Schodack Island SP, RENS (formerly Castleton Island SP); SkW – Skidmore Woods, SARA; SL – Saratoga Lake, SARA; SNHP – Saratoga National Historical Park, SARA; StFl – Stillwater Flats, SARA (includes Saratoga Sod Farm); StPd – Stanton Pond, ALBA; TP – John Boyd Thacher SP, ALBA; TR – Tomhannock Reservoir, RENS; TRd – Tower Road, SARA; VF – Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve, SARA, WR – Watervliet Reservoir, ALBA.

LOONS-DUCKS

Red-throated Loon: 1 NB 14 May.

Com. Loon: arr 1 NB 30 Mar; max 8 SL 17 Apr.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr 1 FtM 21 Mar.

Horned Grebe: arr 2 Catskill 31 Mar; max 4 SL 17 Apr.

Red-necked Grebe: arr 3 SL 3 Apr; 1 NB 21 Apr, only reports.

Great Cormorant: 1 NB 24 Apr (RG).

Double-crested Cormorant: arr 1 NB 26 Mar; max 60 migrating over SL 17 Apr.

Am. Bittern: max 4 BCM 22 May; also reported from FtE, TRd, VF.

Least Bittern: 2 calling VF 28 Apr-25 May; 1 calling BCM 27 May (RB).

Great Blue Heron: rookeries reported from Bemis Heights, T Ballston.

Great Egret: 1 NB 20, 28 Mar; 1 BCM 24 May; unusual in spring.

Snowy Egret: 1 Cohoes 24 May (WL).

Cattle Egret: 4 CL 5 Apr (RP et al).

Green Heron: 9 reports; max 6 BCM 12 May.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1 NB 20 Apr; 2 BCM 12 May.

Glossy Ibis: 3 Ghent 26 Apr (*fide* BC); 1 Canal Rd Half Moon 22 May (WE).

Turkey Vulture: max 15 Glens Falls 18 Mar, 10 May.

Greater White-fronted Goose: 1 FtM 18 Mar; 1 StFl 21 Mar (JG).

Snow Goose: max 2000 FtM 20 Mar.

Ross's Goose: 2 FtM 20-22 Mar (SA, JG,

AV, NYSARC), annual since 1995.

Canada Goose: max 5000+ FtM 22 Mar.

Brant: many reports; c. 50+ Fox Creek Valley SCHO 26 Apr; 50 FR 6 May; 400+ Duanesburg 12 May; 800 Mariaville L 12 May; 1000 NB 14 May; 200 VF 15 May; 300 Guilderland 22 May; 75 NB 26 May. **Mute Swan:** 2 Catskill 20 Mar; 2 NL 24, 31 Mar; 1 PISP 1 May; 59 NAMC COLU; 76 Catskill 25 May.

Tundra Swan: 1 StFl 20 Mar (WE, NM).

Wood Duck: max 10 StFl 23 Mar; 22 NRP 18 Apr; 20 NAMC COLU; reported in good numbers.

Gadwall: arr 2 SL 27 Mar.

Am. Wigeon: arr 1 FtM 17 Mar; last 2 Half Moon 22 May.

Am. Black Duck: max 190 StFl 27 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: max 4 FtE 3 Apr.

N. Shoveler: arr 1 FtM 17 Mar; last 1 Copake 13 Apr; widely reported in small numbers.

N. Pintail: max 100+ Rensselaer 20 Mar.

Green-winged Teal: 12 Coxsackie 27 Mar, 21 Apr; max 20 StFl 27 Mar.

Canvasback: max 100 Catskill 14 Mar.

Redhead: 1 SL 10 Apr, only report.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 6 FtM 10 Mar; max 44 VF, SCR 27 Mar; last 2 BCR 15 May.

Greater Scaup: arr HR COLU 2 Mar; max and last 92 SL 17 Apr.

Lesser Scaup: arr 5 SL 2 Apr; 31 SL 10 Apr; few reports.

Oldsquaw: 6 FtM 31 Mar-2 Apr; 4 FtE 10 Apr; 1 pr L7 28 Apr; only reports.
Bufflehead: arr 1 GI 5 Mar; last 1 SL 2 May.
Com. Goldeneye: max 200 HR Stillwater 15 Mar; not reported after 17 Apr.
Barrow's Goldeneye: 1 HR Stillwater 17-27 Mar (WL, BP, et al).
Hooded Merganser: arr Copake 4 Mar; 1 overwintered L7.
Com. Merganser: max 52 TR 29 Mar; 49 WR 31 Mar; pr FtM 9 May, late.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 24 NB 23 Apr.
Ruddy Duck: 18 TR 29 Mar; 59 TR 17 Apr; unusually high numbers away from coast in spring.

HAWKS-ALCIDS

Osprey: 19 Apr, 10 May reports of singles; max 4 NB 10 Apr; 5 NB 28 Apr.
Bald Eagle: 13 Mar reports, 6 ad, 3 imm, 4 unspecified; 3 Apr reports, 1 ad at nest, 2 imm; 11 May reports, 5 ad, 5 imm, 2 unspecified; nesting records will appear in summer report.
N. Harrier: max 14 FtE 3 Mar; 17 reports of singles.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 30 reports of singles.
Cooper's Hawk: 23 reports of singles.
N. Goshawk: 1 BCR 14 May; 2 BCM 22 May; nesting JL, 3 yg 28 May.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 9 reports of singles.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr 1 NB 17 Apr.
Red-tailed Hawk: 12-15 Mechanicville 9 Mar; 29 T Northumberland 13 Mar; 24 Colonie Landfill 13 Mar.
Rough-legged Hawk: 40 FtE 10 Mar; 1 S. Hudson 16 Mar; 1 Jefferson 17 Mar; 9 still present FtE 26 Mar; 1 Austerlitz 15 Apr.
Am. Kestrel: max 9 FtE 5 Apr; began nesting Amsterdam 19 Mar.
Merlin: 1 ad Niskayuna 7 Mar (WL, RY); 1 Gallupville 26 Apr (BBo, KB).
Peregrine Falcon: 2 S. Hudson 16 Mar; 2 Catskill 20 Mar; pr. in courtship flight near Rip Van Winkle Bridge, Catskill 14, 20 Mar; 1 perched Castleton Bridge 21

Mar; 1 Hudson Falls 29 Mar; 1 FtE 2 Apr; 1 se MONT 25 Apr; 1 Queensbury 22 May; present Roger's Rock Mt.; nesting Dunn Memorial Bridge, Albany.
Ruffed Grouse: first drumming SNHP 7 Apr, late.
Wild Turkey: continues in good numbers; max 110+ Gallupville 18 Mar.
Virginia Rail: max 8 BCM 8 Apr, 21 May.
Sora: 1 Hillsdale 8, 15 May; 2 BCM 9 May, only reports.
Com. Moorhen: 1 BCM 27 Apr, 2, 22, 24 May; 3 CP 18, 22 May.
Am. Coot: 1 Coxsackie 27 Mar; 1 overwintered MR Crescent Dam still present 5 Mar.
Semipalmated Plover: max 6 VF 20 May; 7 SI 22 May.
Greater Yellowlegs: 10 reports of singles.
Lesser Yellowlegs: 8 reports.
Solitary Sandpiper: max 23 VF 15 May; 15 reports of singles.
Spotted Sandpiper: max 6 PISP 1 May; 4 NRP 2 May.
Upland Sandpiper: arr 2 FtE 29 Apr; 1 NAMC SCHO; 3 Amsterdam 18 May; 5 Cary Rd. FtE 15 May; 1 Hinds Rd WASH 22 May.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: 1 VF 15 May; 3 Jefferson 20 May; present Alcove Res. 22 May; only reports.
Least Sandpiper: max 75-100 VF 15 May.
White-rumped Sandpiper: 4 SI 22 May (WE).
Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 Alcove Res. 22 May; 1 StPd 22 May.
Short-billed Dowitcher: 5 Half Moon 22 May (WE, NM).
Com. Snipe: max 24 Town Line Rd WASH 17 Apr; 12 BCM 22 May; good numbers.
Laughing Gull: 1 NB 8 May (RG).
Bonaparte's Gull: 1 CL 7 Apr; 3 NB 23 Apr; 8 SL 9 May.
Ring-billed Gull: max 140 Cohoes/Colonie 13 Mar.
Herring Gull: max 2000 Cohoes/Colonie 5 Mar.
Iceland Gull: 1 Cohoes/Colonie 5 Mar; 3 Cocksackie 3, 20 Mar; 2 Cocksackie 21 Apr.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 3

Cohoes/Colonie 5 Mar; 1 Cocksackie 13 Mar; 1 Cocksackie 26 Mar.
Glaucous Gull: 1 Cocksackie 3 Mar (RB).
Great Black-backed Gull: max 115 SI 22 May.
Caspian Tern: 1 SI 22 May.
Com. Tern: 2 NB 23 Apr; 1 SL 9 May, only reports.
Black Tern: no reports.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: 9 reports of singles.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Austerlitz 2 May; 1 Greenport 8 May; 1 NB 22 May; 2 NB 31 May; only reports.
E. Screech-Owl: 1 FR 12 Mar; 2 Cocksackie 28 Mar; 1 Livingston 8 Apr, 15 May; 1 Guilderland 22 May; no other reports.
Great Horned Owl: 11 reports; 1 ad 2 juv NRP 16 May; nesting Gallupville.
Barred Owl: 5 reports of singles; 2 TP 22 May.
Short-eared Owl: max 21 Blackhouse Rd FtE 27 Mar (WL, BP); last 4 FtE 30 Mar; 1 over I-890 Schenectady 1 Apr (SA).
Com. Nighthawk: 1 NAMC SCHO; 1 Troy 29 May; 1 Saratoga 31 May; only reports.
Whip-poor-will: 1 Stanton Rd. Coeymans 30 Apr (CT); 1 Greenport 2-5 May; 1 Schodack 13 May; 1 CSR 22 May; 1 Hague 28 May; 2 Amsterdam 29 May.
Chimney Swift: max 36 Delmar 18 May.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 10 banded JL May incl 7 returns, 2-5 yr old birds (RY).
hummingbird sp?: Gallatin COLU 27 March, at feeder, reported as Ruby-throated
Red-bellied Woodpecker: 20 reports; max 18 NAMC COLU..
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 3 TP 2 May; 15 reports of singles.
Downy Woodpecker: max 12 NRP 21 Mar.
Hairy Woodpecker: max 8 NRP 21 Mar, 1 Apr.

FLYCATCHERS-WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Alcove Res 22 May; 1 TRd 22 May; 1 TP 22 May; 1 Davits Pd RENS 28 May.
E. Wood -Pewee: 14 reports of singles; max 7 SNHP 30 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Ghent 22 May (ADBC).
Alder Flycatcher: max 4 TRd 15 May.
Willow Flycatcher: 12 reports of singles; max 11 BCM 22 May.
Least Flycatcher: max 20 PP 12 May.
E. Phoebe: max 9 NRP 2 May; 24 NAMC COLU; 27 reports of singles.
Great Crested Flycatcher: max 7 NB 14 May; only 8 reports of singles.
E. Kingbird: 12 reports of singles; max 6 SL 9 May; 5 NRP 17 May.
Yellow-throated Vireo: 16 reports of singles; max 5 NAMC COLU; 5 Guilderland 22 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: only 10 reports of singles 20 Apr-30 May.
Warbling Vireo: only 8 reports of singles; max 12 SISP 31 May.
Philadelphia Vireo: no reports.
Red-eyed Vireo: max 10 NB 14 May.
Am. Crow: 2500 at roost SUNY at Albany 13 Mar.
Fish Crow: 18 reports; max 30 Catskill 3 Apr; 12 SUNYA 6 May.
Com. Raven: reported throughout Region.
Horned Lark: max 71 FtE 12 Mar.
Purple Martin: at least 8 prs SL 19 Apr; 1 CP 18 May; 1 Silver Bay WARR 29 May.
Tree Swallow: high counts 400-500 HR Stillwater 2 Apr.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: max 12 Cohoes 6 May; 23 NAMC SCHO.
Bank Swallow: 50 SL 9 May; present near old canal bank site Brookview 16 May; 45 burrows T Malta garage sandpile 16 May; 30 nesting burrows T Jackson garage sandpile 21 May (JS).
Cliff Swallow: 2 Gansevoort 2 May; nesting on inn Silver Bay WARR.
Black-capped Chickadee: only 20 banded JL 1 Mar-31 May (RY), oldest return caught c.11 yrs old; had been caught 8 of those 11 years.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: at least 5 prs Gallupville.
White-breasted Nuthatch: max 8 NRP 21 Mar.
Brown Creeper: first singing SNHP 21 Mar, late.
Carolina Wren: 13 reports of singles; max 3 NB 9 May.
House Wren: 1 Loudonville 15 Apr, early; max 5 NB 28 Apr, 5 SNHP 7 May.
Winter Wren: 3 reports for Mar, 14 for Apr, and 14 for May; 4 TP 15 May.
Marsh Wren: max 7 BCM 22 May.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 4 NRP 21 Mar; 6 WR 31 Mar.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: max 9 NRP 25 Apr; 8 SNHP 28 Apr; last 1 NRP 22 May.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1 VF 10 Apr (SS), very early; max 5 NRP 2 May; 5 BCM 5 May; 28 NAMC COLU.
E. Bluebird: good numbers reported generally.
Veery: max 23 NB 31 May.
Bicknell's Thrush: no reports from breeding areas in Catskills.
Swainson's Thrush: 3 reports of singles; 1 singing Schodack Ctr RENS 14, 29 May.
Hermit Thrush: max 5 SkW 6 May.
Wood Thrush: max 23 NAMC COLU; 15 NRP 16 May; 18 NB 22 May.
Gray Catbird: max 42 NAMC COLU.
N. Mockingbird: 7 reports of singles; max 4 Guilderland 10 Apr.
Brown Thrasher: 9 reports of singles; max 2 BCM 2, 9 May.
European Starling: max 5000 Crescent Dam/Colonie landfill 5 Mar (WE).
Am. Pipit: 14 StFl 31 Mar; 12 FtE 29 Apr; c. 24 Ft. Hunter MONT 9 May.
Cedar Waxwing: max 50 Schodack 10 Mar; 70 Guilderland 12 Apr.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 1 SNHP 3 May; max 18 singing males SNHP 7 May; 18 NAMC COLU; 5 T Hartford WASH 16 May.
Golden-winged Warbler: 1 SL 22 May (WE); 1 Tawasenthia Pd. ALBA 29 May (WE, NM); only reports.
Tennessee Warbler: 1 SkW 6 May; 1

BCM 9 May; 1 Schodack Ctr. 27 May.
Nashville Warbler: 8 reports 8-22 May; Livingston 18 Apr (BC), early.
N. Parula: 8 reports 8-22 May; max 5 NB 14 May.
Yellow Warbler: max 69 NAMC COLU; 27 BCM 9 May; 36 Guilderland 20 May; 29 SISP 31 May.
Magnolia Warbler: 13 reports 6-24 May; max 8 NB 14 May; 5 Cole Hill SF ALBA 15 May.
Cape May Warbler: 1 Riley Cove SL 6 May (RB); 1 NB 14 May (RG); 1 T Edinburg 20 May (WL); only reports.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: 22 reports 2-24 May; max 10 NB 14 May.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 67 NAMC COLU; 35 SL 9 May; 40 SUNY at Albany 12 May.
Black-throated Green Warbler: 11 reports 29 Apr-21 May; max 7 New Scotland 21 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: 9 reports 11-23 May; max 5 TP 15 May, 6 New Scotland 21 May.
Pine Warbler: 11 reports of singles.
Prairie Warbler: arr. BCM, SNHP 7 May; max 6 Guilderland 15 May.
Palm Warbler: 11 reports 4 Apr-12 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: 6 reports 8-21 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: 10 reports 14-31 May.
Cerulean Warbler: 3 NB 1 May; 1 BCM 15 May; 1 Gallatin 15 May; 4 SISP n end 12 May (WL); 11 SISP 31 May (RG).
Black-and-white Warbler: max 6 NAMC COLU.
Am. Redstart: 17 reports 5-31 May; max 31 SISP 31 May.
Worm-eating Warbler: 1 Holt Preserve, T New Scotland ALBA 21 May; pr. Blossom Hill Rd. ALBA 15 May.
Ovenbird: max 27 NAMC COLU; 14 NB 18 May.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 1 NRP 10 Apr; 9 reports of singles; max 4 FR 18 Apr; 3 TP 22, 29 May, ad carrying food.
Mourning Warbler: 1 Schodack Ctr. 14 May; 1 singing Schoharie Crossing St Historic Site MONT 18, 21 May; 1 Altamont 20 May; 1 TRd 22 May.

May.

Hooded Warbler: 1 Holt Preserve 21-22 May (WE, NM), second consecutive year.

Wilson's Warbler: 12 reports 11-22 May.

Canada Warbler: 10 reports 8-22 May; max 5 TP 22 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 Meadowdale Rd ALBA 20-22 May (WE, NM).

TANAGERS-WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: 12 reports of singles; 4 Guilderland 15 May; 7 NB 17 May; 5 New Scotland 21 May.

E. Towhee: max 15 PB 29 Apr; 11 NAMC COLU.

Am. Tree Sparrow: max 16 NRP 21 Mar; 23 Guilderland 27 Mar; 25 VF 2 Apr; last 1 VF 28 Apr.

Chipping Sparrow: max 50 NAMC COLU.

Field Sparrow: arr 1 Livingston 16 Mar; max 13 SNHP 28 Apr.

Vesper Sparrow: 2 Saratoga Cty. Airport 17 Apr, 15, 22 May; 1 T Moreau SARA 22 May; 1 Blackhouse Rd. FtE 22 May.

Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 FtE 15 May; 2 Dowmont Rd 22 May; 1 Cary Rd 30 May.

Henslow's Sparrow: 2 Dowmont Rd FtE 22 May; not present SNHP.

Fox Sparrow: arr 4 Mar Gallupville (BBo, KB); last 1 Guilderland 21 Apr; widely reported.

Song Sparrow: arr 7 Guilderland 21 Mar; max 40 Guilderland 27 Mar.

Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 NB 14 May; 1 NRP 16 May, only reports.

Swamp Sparrow: arr 3 Newton Hook COLU 8 Apr.

White-throated Sparrow: first migrants Rotterdam 24 Mar; high count 10

Guilderland 21 Apr.

White-crowned Sparrow: 1 Saratoga 6, 7 Mar, probably overwintered; 1 *gambelii* Guilderland 14 May (WE,NM); last 1 VF 22 May.

Lapland Longspur: 6 FtE 10 Mar.

Snow Bunting: 1 SUNY at Albany 22 Mar, only report.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 8 NAMC COLU; 11 NAMC SCHO; 8 NB 14 May; 8 New Scotland 21 May.

BLUE GROSBEEK: 1 Valatie 9 May (CW), NYSARC report requested.

Indigo Bunting: max 3 Guilderland 6 May, seen numerous.

Bobolink: numerous FtE, farm fields ALBA, MONT, SNHP after 1 May; max 20 Guilderland 20 May.

E. Meadowlark: arr 1 FtE 26 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 1 VF 3 Mar; 100+ BCM 5 Apr (SA); last 1 BCM 9 May.

Com. Grackle: max 2000 Troy 4 Mar.

Orchard Oriole: 2 ALBA 22 May (A. Mapes); 1 Amsterdam 28 May (TP).

Baltimore Oriole: max 12 NRP 22 May.

Purple Finch: widely reported in low numbers.

Pine Siskin: 2 Bakers Mills WARR 20 Mar (RY), only report.

Am. Goldfinch: 121 banded JL Mar-May, 30-year record (RY).

Evening Grosbeak: 2 E. Poestenkill 8 May; 2 New Salem 9 May; 1 LG 11 May (BP); breeding JL, 27 banded Apr-May (RY).

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