

REGION 1 - NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The record warmth of the last week of February 2000 carried into March as spring-like weather arrived a few weeks early. With an average temperature of 40.0 °F, 6.2° above normal, Buffalo experienced its warmest March in 27 years and second warmest in the last 50 years, while Allegany County was even warmer at 9.5° above normal. Precipitation of 2.12 inches was below normal by 0.56 inches and snowfall at 10.7 inches was about normal, with most of it falling between the 9th and 16th. Lake Erie temperatures increased to 39 °F by the end of March, which tied 1998 as the warmest on record. This was the third consecutive March ending with open water on the lake.

April was a very cloudy and cool month. It was the first month since October 1999 with below average temperatures, 44.2 °F, 1.2° below normal. April was also considerably wetter than usual, with 4.07 inches of precipitation, 1.20 inches above normal. Clouds dominated the sky, with only 38% possible sun for the month. Winds were predominantly from the north. A high of only 33 °F and 2.4 inches of snow on the 11th made many wonder if March and April had been switched this year.

The beginning of May was very warm with mostly southwest winds. The average temperature for the month was 57.1 °F, only 0.5° above normal. Precipitation was 4.38 inches, nearly 2 inches greater than normal. Uncharacteristically, the first two weeks were warmer and drier than the last two weeks.

Migration generally followed the weather patterns. There were numerous early arrivals in March including Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallow, American Pipit, and unverified reports of extremely early Lesser Yellowlegs and Louisiana Waterthrush. Overall, April migrants were more gradual and typical for the month. However April also had its share of early-arriving individuals including Green Heron, Virginia Rail, Chimney Swift, Blue-headed Vireo, Northern Waterthrush, and a well-seen but unverified Black-throated Green Warbler nearly two weeks early. May migration was considered very good in Western New York this year, especially the first two weeks.

Bill Watson reported that Great Blue Herons and Great Egrets nested extraordinarily early at the Motor Island rookery. Snowy Egrets and a Tricolored Heron also made appearances there. The observation of two snowies together, showing breeding plumage near the end of May, is intriguing. A sign of things to come in future years?

Waterfowl migration was generally ahead of schedule. At least six different Greater White-fronted Geese observed in March were a very good showing. A Brant on March 6 was exceptionally early. Ruddy Duck numbers were high throughout the season.

The Golden Eagles wintering in the vicinity of Allegheny Reservoir remained at least through 18.Mar. Osprey returned to traditional nesting locations there a week later. Merlins were more numerous than usual. Peregrine Falcons again nested in downtown Buffalo.

Sandhill Crane reports continue to increase in the Region. Fifteen were tallied flying past the Ripley Hawkwatch and up to 9 other cranes were seen elsewhere. Four cranes with yellow leg bands observed at Iroquois NWR were being tracked as part of the Operation Migration project.

One to two Black-headed Gulls were seen on the Niagara River through mid-April. Spring Lesser Black-backed Gull sightings continue to increase. Four Glaucous Gulls on 20 May were somewhat late. Warbler migration was very good this year, and there were more reports than usual for Orange-crowned, Northern Parula, Cape May and Pine. Rarities were fewer, with singles for "Yellow" Palm Warbler, Connecticut and Yellow-breasted Chat.

Common Redpolls were widespread on their return north during March, and a **Hoary Redpoll** returned to Jim Wojewodzki's feeder in Colden on 21 Mar. Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak reports were scattered throughout the season, but there was only one report of Red Crossbill and no reports for White-winged.

The season brought two exceptional rarities, both recorded for only the second time in the Region. Aron Kehlenbeck found a breeding-plumaged male **Lark Bunting** on a farm in the town of Alabama on 19 Apr. Many birders were able to enjoy this attractive bird and its musical song during the next two weeks. It was the first report for this species in the Region since a bird spent over five months in Belmont at a feeder in 1967. Aron last saw the bird on 5 May. On 7 May, Ripley hawkwatchers Sally & Melvin Freeborough, Martha Neel, and Leonard & Celia DeFrancisco recorded the Region's first **Swallow-tailed Kite** since a young Roger Tory Peterson and Clarence Beal observed one in 1926. A few Swallow-tailed and Mississippi kites also occurred west of the Region in Ontario during the first week of May. Several days of continuous warm weather with strong southwesterly winds likely brought about this occurrence.

Other rarities for the period included: Eared Grebe, Cattle Egret, Black Vulture, Eurasian Wigeon, Swainson's Hawk, Forster's Tern, Clay-colored Sparrows, and Yellow-headed Blackbird.

The Buffalo Ornithological Society (BOS) April count conducted on 9 Apr established a remarkable nineteen maxima for the last 22 years of the count. Most notable were Caspian Tern, Black Scoter and Ruddy Duck. Very low counts were tallied for Ruffed Grouse, Song Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird,

and Common Grackle. Count compilers were Ed Fuchs, Mike Hamilton, and Terry Yonker. The May count on 21 May produced sixteen 10-year maxima, most notably Ruddy Duck and Great Black-backed Gull. Jim Landau was the count compiler.

Following table is the spring report from the Ripley Hawkwatch. The site is located along the Lake Erie shore just north of the Pennsylvania border. Hawk-watchers spread out and communicate with radios provided by the Roger Tory Peterson Institute. The coordinator is Len DeFrancisco.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Peak Flight Day</u>	<u>Range of Dates</u>
Black Vulture	1	1 on 4 Mar	4 Mar
Turkey Vulture	5,669	2215 * on 25 Mar	24 Feb to 17 May
Osprey	190	48 on 23 Apr	20 Mar to 17 May
Swallow-tailed Kite	1 *	1 on 7 May	7 May
Bald Eagle	41	4 on 27 Apr	26 Feb to 16 May
Northern Harrier	232	30 on 27 Apr	22 Feb to 17 May
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1,194	173 on 14 Apr	22 Feb to 17 May
Cooper's Hawk	120	13 on 27 Apr	26 Feb to 12 May
Northern Goshawk	11 *	3 on 23 Apr	14 Mar to 27 Apr
Red-shouldered Hawk	289	39 on 8 Mar	26 Feb to 10 May
Broad-winged Hawk	13,026	5405 on 23 Apr	13 Apr to 17 May
Swainson's Hawk	1	1 on 27 Apr	27 Apr
Red-tailed Hawk	1,038	100 on 27 Apr	21 Feb to 17 May
Rough-legged Hawk	80	10 on 26 Feb	21 Feb to 9 May
Golden Eagle	8	2 on 27 Apr, 9 May	14 Mar to 11 May
American Kestrel	281	41 on 27 Apr	22 Feb to 13 May
Merlin	38 *	5 on 27 Apr, 4 May	27 Feb to 13 May
Peregrine Falcon	30 *	4 on 23 Apr, 4 May	1 Apr to 13 May
unidentified raptor	173		

* = Record total for a year

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP - ALlegany State Par - CATT; AmSP - Amherst State Park ("Williamsville Glen" now a state park) - ERIE; BOSAC - Buffalo Ornithological Society April

Count - 9 April; BOSMC - Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count - 21 May; BuSP - Buckhorn Island State Park - ERIE; BWWTP - Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant - GENE; GHSP - Golden Hill State Park - NIAG; GI - Goat Island - NIAG; Hamburg HW - Hamburg Hawk Watch - ERIE; INWR - Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge - GENE/ORLE; NR - Niagara River; OOWMA - Oak Orchard Wildlife Management Area - GENE; Ripley HW - Ripley Hawk Watch - CHAU; SPNS - Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary, East Aurora - ERIE; Tift NP - Tift Nature Preserve, Buffalo - ERIE; TWMA - Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area - GENE/NIAG; WTSP - Wilson-Tuscarora State Park - NIAG.

LOONS - DUCKS

Red-throated Loon: 2 Somerset NIAG 15 Apr; 8 Yates ORLE 16 Apr; 1 BWWTP 29 Apr (MM!); 1 Attica Res WYOM 14-25 May (KF! et al); last 2 sightings inland where rare.
Com. Loon: arr 5 along Lake Erie 25 Mar.

Horned Grebe: max 108 Yates ORLE 6 Mar; last 6 BOSMC.

Red-necked Grebe: arr 4 Yates ORLE 5 Mar (PY); last 3 OOWMA 24 Apr (BC).

Eared Grebe: 1 BWWTP 29,30 Apr (MM! et al), rare.

Double-crested Cormorant: arr 1 INWR 25 Mar; max 1114 BuSP 22 May (WW); continued nesting in Buffalo Harbor, Strawberry & Motor Islands - NR.

Am. Bittern: arr 1 INWR 7 Apr; 2 Hamburg HW 29 Apr (RA), unusual location.

Least Bittern: 1 TWMA 20 May (KF); 3 Tift NP 22 May (BK); 1 SPNS 28 May (LH); good showing.

Great Blue Heron: 62 ad, 1 hatchling Motor Island NR 18 Apr (WW), record early hatchling date.

Great Egret: arr 1 Motor Island NR 1 Apr May (WW), max 12 ad (4 nests) Motor Island NR 24 May (WW); 5 INWR 23 May.

SNOWY EGRET: 1 Motor Island NR 26-28 Apr (WW! S&TO!); 1 Tift NP 20 May (WW!); max 2 Motor Island - NR 28 May (WW!); 2 ads in breeding plumage on Canadian side NR 29 May (KR!).

TRICOLORED HERON: 1 Somerset NIAG 20 May (KF!); 1 Motor Island NR 26 May (BK!).

CATTLE EGRET: 1 Machias CATT 21,22 May (PY!, JL! JW!), very rare in spring.

Green Heron: arr 1 Porter NIAG 9 Apr (BP!), early.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 82 Motor Island NR (WW).

BLACK VULTURE: 1 Ripley HW 4 Mar; unverified, very rare.

Turkey Vulture: 2215 Ripley HW 25 Mar (LD et al), record day count.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 1 Somerset NIAG 5 Mar (PY!); 1 TWMA 6 Mar (RS!, BK!); 2 Hartland NIAG 19 Mar (WD!); 1 Carlton ORLE 20 Mar (BK!); 2 INWR 28 Mar (MG!), good showing.

Snow Goose: max 50 (white) Shadigee ORLE (WD); last 1 Otto CATT 16 Apr (WD).

Canada Goose (*B.c. hutchinsii*): 2 INWR 10 Mar (PY!); 1 Somerset NIAG 19 Mar (BK!), rarely reported.

Brant: 1 TWMA 6 Mar (RS!, BK!)

only report, extremely early.

Mute Swan: 1 Bird Swamp CATT 16 Apr (RR); 2 adults, nest Olcott NIAG 20 May (WD); 1 Point Breeze ORLE 20 May.

Tundra Swan: 1-350 various sites thru Apr; last 1 INWR 17 May.

EURASIAN WIGEON: 1 OOWMA 28 Apr (BRBA), unverified.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 2 INWR 25 Mar.

N. Shoveler: arr 12 BWWTP 11 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: max 650 INWR 19 Mar.

Lesser Scaup: max 207 Times Beach ERIE 24 Apr.

Surf Scoter: 2 Amity Lake ALLE 2 Apr (VP), rare inland; 1 NR 20 May (WD, et al), only reports.

Black Scoter: 32 ALLE BOSAC; 22-year high for count, unusual in spring and away from Great Lakes.

Ruddy Duck: 2 Oakfield GENE 5 Mar (BK!); 47 BWWTP 11 Mar (WW!); arriving earlier in recent years; 947 BOSAC, record high for count.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr 1 Ripley HW 20 Mar; 1 AISP 25 Mar (MG!); 1 INWR 26 Mar (MG!); 48 Ripley HW 28 Apr; 23 Hamburg HW 28 Apr (RA, et al).

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 1 Ripley HW 7 May (LD, et al); second Regional report, submitted to NYSARC.

Bald Eagle: 2 at nest INWR 4 Mar (WD, BP); 2 ad + 5 im Allegheny Res ALLE 18 Mar (WD, BP); increased sightings at hawk watches and elsewhere; 1 ad Attica Res WYOM 22 May (PF), adults seen here in recent years, NYSDEC helicopter survey did not find a nest.

N. Goshawk: 1 Ridgeway NIAG 19 Mar (BK!); 1 Hamburg HW 14 Apr

(FR!); 1 AISP 26 Apr (TL); 1 at nest Eagle WYOM 7 May (PY); 11 total Ripley HW, record count.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Tonawanda Ind Res 17 May (MM), recently very rare breeder in vicinity of INWR.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 22 Ripley HW 13 Apr; max 5405 Ripley HW 23 Apr.

SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 Ripley HW 27 Apr, very rare, unverified.

Red-tailed Hawk: 1 rufous morph INWR 18 Mar (BE), very rare.

Rough-legged Hawk: last 1 Ripley HW 9 May.

Golden Eagle: 1 subad AISP 18 Mar (WD!); 1 imm Allegheny Res ALLE 18 Mar (WD!), continued wintering birds; 1 Carlton ORLE 20 Mar (BK!); 8 total Ripley HW.

Merlin: increased reports; 38 total Ripley HW, record count.

Peregrine Falcon: 1 Somerset NIAG 7 May (BK!); 30 total Ripley HW, record count; continued nesting on Statler Tower in Buffalo ERIE; suspected nesting in Niagara Falls gorge NR.

Virginia Rail: arr 1 OOWMA 5 Apr (PY!), early.

Sora: arr 1 Tiffit NP 28 Apr; less reports than usual.

Com. Moorhen: arr 1 TWMA 23 Apr.

SANDHILL CRANE: 4 Irving CHAU 25 Mar (TM!); 4 Alabama GENE 22 Apr (AK! GS!), leg banded birds part of Operation Migration; 4 Hamburg HW 27 Apr (FR!); 2 TWMA 27 Apr (MG! WW!); 15 total Ripley HW, record count.

Black-bellied Plover: arr 1 Times Beach ERIE 17 May.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 3 Yates

ORLE 5 May.

Killdeer: 4 eggs Hamburg HW 31 Mar (RA, CB), record early egg date.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr 1 Kiantone CHAU 23 May.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 Randolph CATT 1 Mar (KV), extremely early, unverified; 2 Yates ORLE 9 Apr.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr 1 Como Park ERIE 24 Apr.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr 1 AmSP 22 Apr.

Upland Sandpiper: arr 1 Tillman WMA ERIE 3 May.

Ruddy Turnstone: 2 BWWTP 17 May (MM); 1 BOSMC CHAU, only reports.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 1 TWMA 20 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr 4 Yates ORLE 5 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr 1 Hartland NIAG 20 May.

Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 Kiantone CHAU 8 Apr, surprisingly only report.

Purple Sandpiper: 2 Niagara Falls NR 23 Mar (PY), follows no winter sightings.

Dunlin: arr 3 Hartland NIAG 6 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 2 Somerset NIAG 13 May.

Com. Snipe: arr 9 Dunkirk CHAU 20 Mar.

Little Gull: max 51 Lewiston NR 27 Mar (MG).

BLACK-HEADED GULL: 1 Lewiston NR thru 18 Apr (GB, PY!, BK!); 2 Lewiston NR 25 Mar (BRBA).

Bonaparte's Gull: 23,000 mouth of NR 9 Apr (GB).

Iceland Gull: last 1 Buffalo ERIE 15 Apr.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1 GI 5 May (BK!); 1 NR 16 May (WD!); 1

Somerset NIAG 20 May (MM! KF!); 2 Somerset NIAG 28 May (WW! BK!); Apr, May records increasing.

Glaucous Gull: 5 Buffalo ERIE 5 Apr (WW); 2 Somerset NIAG 20 May (MM et al); 1 Lakeside Beach SP 20 May (KF); 1 Yates ORLE 20 May (KF).

Caspian Tern: arr 33 Dunkirk CHAU 8 Apr (DN); 107 BOSAC, 22-year high.

Com. Tern: arr 1 Dunkirk CHAU 8 Apr.

FORSTER'S TERN: 1 Chautauqua Lake CHAU 9 Apr (RS!); rare, but likely under reported in spring.

Black Tern: arr 1 INWR 29 Apr; 23 INWR 6 May (S&TO).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr 3 TWMA 20 May.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr 1 Marilla ERIE 13 May.

Long-eared Owl: 1,1 WTSP 3,14 Apr (BP); 1 GHSP 20 May (KF).

Short-eared Owl: max 6 S. Dayton CHAU 14 Mar (DN); last 3 Oakfield GENE 23 Apr (AK).

N. Saw-whet Owl: 1 at 4 NIAG locations thru Mar; last 1 WTSP 7 Apr (BP).

Com. Nighthawk: 1-4 Lancaster ERIE 17-29 May (MM); only 3 other reports.

Whip-poor-will: no reports.

Chimney Swift: arr 1 Tonawanda ERIE 15 Apr (MG!), early.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr 1 Amity Lake ALLE 3 May.

Red-headed Woodpecker: arr 1 Hamburg HW 1 May; 7 other reports May, good showing.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr 1 TWMA 28 Mar.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr 1 AmSP 15 May; 5 other reports May.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr 1 GHSP 7 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr 1 AmSP 13 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: 4 INWR 20 May (KF); 4 Collins ERIE 29 May (WD, BP).

Alder Flycatcher: arr 1 Amity ALLE 11 May (VP!), early.

Willow Flycatcher: arr 1 BuSP 9 May (WD! BP!), early.

Least Flycatcher: arr 1 AmSP 30 Apr.

E. Phoebe: arr 1 Ripley HW and 1 Mayville CHAU 13 Mar, early.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr 1 AmSP 30 Apr.

E. Kingbird: arr 1 Snyder ERIE 4 May.

N. Shrike: last 5 BOSAC.

White-eyed Vireo: 1 Tifft NP 6-14 May (DM, et al) only report.

Blue-headed Vireo: 2 East Otto SF CATT 16 Apr (WD!); 3 Portville CATT 16 Apr (TL), early.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr 1 Fort Niagara SP 5 May.

Warbling Vireo: arr 2 AmSP 1 May.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr 1 AmSP 9 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr Bond Lake Park NIAG 5 May.

Com. Raven: continued regular reports from ALLE and CATT.

Purple Martin: arr 31 BOSAC.

Tree Swallow: arr 2 Hamburg HW 8 Mar (JS!); 2 Amity ALLE 9 Mar (VP!), early.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr 35 BOSAC.

Bank Swallow: arr 2 TWMA 27 Apr.

Cliff Swallow: arr 2 Hamburg HW 26 Apr.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: very common in migration.

Carolina Wren: 9 BOSAC; 6 BOSMC; 8 other reports.

House Wren: arr 1 Lancaster ERIE 19 Apr.

Winter Wren: arr 1 WTSP 27 Mar.

Marsh Wren: arr 1 TWMA 27 Apr.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 4 Hamburg ERIE 25 Mar.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 4 Tifft NP 2 Apr.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr 5 INWR 29 Apr.

Veery: arr 1 AmSP 4 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr 1 GI 13 May.

Swainson's Thrush: arr 2 Tifft NP 6 May.

Hermit Thrush: arr 1 Ellington CHAU 24 Mar.

Wood Thrush: arr 2 Como Park ERIE 3 May.

Gray Catbird: arr 2 Tifft NP 3 May.

Brown Thrasher: arr 2 ALLE BOSAC.

Am. Pipit: arr 1 Eden ERIE 12 Mar (RA) early; last 3 Somerset NIAG 20 May.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 3 Tifft NP 3 May.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr 1 Tifft NP 3 May; 3 Tuscarora Ind Res NIAG 26 May (DR); 2 Shelby ORLE 28 May (WW); 8 other reports of singles, good showing.

"Brewster's" Warbler: 1 Lancaster ERIE 5 May (MM!); 1 BOSMC; 3 Tuscarora Ind Res NIAG 26 May (DR).

"Lawrence's" Warbler: 1 Newstead ERIE 22 May (LH).

Tennessee Warbler: arr 3 GI 5 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr 1
Niagara Falls NIAG 3 May (SO); 2
AmSP 6 May (PY); 1 Buffalo ERIE 6
May (JS); 2 GI 13 May (BP, WD); 1
Snyder ERIE 12 May (BK); more than
usual.

Nashville Warbler: arr 4 AmSP 1
May.

N. Parula: arr 3 Forest Lawn Cem
ERIE 5 May; more reports than usual
thru 21 May.

Yellow Warbler: arr 1 Snyder ERIE
25 Apr; 1 Randolph CATT 25 Apr.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr 1
Lancaster ERIE 4 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr 2 AmSP 4
May.

Cape May Warbler: arr 2 AmSP 4
May; more reports than last few years.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr 1
AmSP 1 May.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr 1 Silver
Creek CHAU 7 Apr; 253 Fort Niagara
SP NIAG 5 May (SO).

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 1
Sheridan CHAU 7,10 Apr (DN),
record early by 11 days.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr 1 Tift NP
2 May.

Pine Warbler: 2 Pomfret CHAU win-
tering thru 22 Mar; arr 1 Sheridan
CHAU 10 Apr (DN), early; max 5
Clarence ERIE 23 Apr; 2 Olcott NIAG
20 May (MM! et al); 1 East Otto S.F.
CATT 29 May (WD!); more reports
than usual in migration and potential
breeders.

Prairie Warbler: arr 2 Amity ALLE 4
May.

Palm Warbler: arr 1 AmSP 25 Apr;
13 GHSP 5 May (WW), high count.

Palm Warbler (*D.p. hypochrysea*): 1
AmSP 28 Apr (BK!); very rare, but
likely under reported. [RREd: Many

very yellow Palm Warblers are NOT
D. p. hypochrysea. It is not an easy
call. They may be over reported.]

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr 1 GI 7
May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr 1 Snyder
ERIE 12 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr 1 Pomfret
CHAU 6 May.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr 1
Lancaster ERIE 29 Apr.

Am. Redstart: arr 1 Tift NP 3 May.

Ovenbird: arr 1 Attica WYOM 1 May.

N. Waterthrush: arr 2 AmSP 22 Apr
(PY!), early.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 1 N.
Harmony CHAU 28 Mar (KV), record
early, unverified; max 3 Attica WYOM
7 May.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1
Lancaster ERIE 28 May (MM!), less
than annual in spring.

Mourning Warbler: arr 1 GI 12 May.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr 1 Wheatfield
NIAG 3 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr 1 Hamburg
ERIE 6 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr 1 Tift NP
(MM!) 6 May; 1 Hamburg ERIE 6
May (MT), early.

Canada Warbler: arr 1 GI 5 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 GHSP 20
May (KF).

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: arr 1 Tift NP 6 May.

E. Towhee: arr 1 SPNS ERIE 18 Mar.

Am. Tree Sparrow: last 3 Amity Lake
ALLE 2 May.

Chipping Sparrow: arr 2 Colden
ERIE 24 Mar; early.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1
Tift NP 5 May (WD! BP!); 2

Somerset NIAG 20 May (KF!); 1 Carlton ORLE 20 May (KF!); 2 singing males New Hudson ALLE 28 May (R&DR); record number of reports.

Field Sparrow: arr 1 Eden Valley ERIE 12 Mar (RA), early.

Vesper Sparrow: arr 18 BOSAC; 8 Pomfret CHAU 21 Apr (TM).

LARK BUNTING: 1 Alabama GENE 19 Apr thru 5 May (AK! mob); second sighting in Region (first 1967).

Savannah Sparrow: arr 1 Amity ALLE 23 Mar.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr 1 Carlton Hill Multiple Use Area WYOM 7 May; 3 BOSMC; 1 Tillman WMA ERIE 28 May.

Henslow's Sparrow: arr 1 INWR 20 May (KF); 1 TWMA 29 May (BK); 1 Clarence ERIE 29 May (WW).

Fox Sparrow: arr 1 AISP 10 Mar; many reports thru 23 Apr.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr 1 Tift NP 5 May.

Swamp Sparrow: arr 1 SPNS ERIE 23 Mar.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr 12 BOSAC.

Lapland Longspur: 90 Oakfield GENE 12 Mar (BK), high count; last 1 Yates ORLE 5 May (WW!), late.

Snow Bunting: last 1 Oakfield GENE 5 Apr (AK).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr 2 Amity ALLE 2 May.

Indigo Bunting: arr 1 Lancaster ERIE 4 May.

Bobolink: arr 1 TWMA 29 Apr.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 Amity Lake ALLE 11,12 Apr (VP!).

Rusty Blackbird: last 2 BOSMC.

Orchard Oriole: arr 1 GI 6 May (BP); 1 Somerset NIAG 7 May (BK); 1 Tift NP 7 May (JS!); 1 Newfane NIAG 9 May (S&TO); 1 Yates ORLE 20 May (KF).

Baltimore Oriole: arr 1 Beaver Island S.P. ERIE 1 May.

Red Crossbill: 2 WTSP 23 Mar (BP).

Com. Redpoll: last 2 Colden ERIE 15 Apr; many Mar reports.

HOARY REDPOLL: 1 Colden ERIE 21 Mar (JW!); suspected same bird as winter record.

Pine Siskin: max 25 Amity Lake ALLE 5 May; scattered reports thru 24 May.

Evening Grosbeak: max 42 Ward ALLE 7 Apr (EB); scattered reports thru 21 May, mostly Southern Tier counties.

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