

REGION 9 - HUDSON - DELAWARE

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March precipitation and temperature were near average although no snow fell. Common Redpolls, Pine Siskins, Evening Grosbeaks and a few Northern Shrikes lingered into March, mainly in Sullivan and Dutchess Counties. A late snowstorm on April 9 brought 2 to 12 inches of snow, but it quickly melted and had little affect on wildlife. By mid April, flora seemed to be sprouting two weeks early, but a rainy, colder than average spell the last two weeks of the month put spring back on track. It quickly warmed during the last day of April and the first part of May. Temperatures were well above normal 4 - 10 May, reaching the low 90's in some locales. Not surprising, this brought in many spring arrivals. Good migrant flights occurred on April 30, 2 May, 5 May. Mid to late May was cool and rainy.

An American White Pelican, found by Peter Berger, visited the Fallsview Hotel

in Ellenville from 26 March till 7 April. It may have been there as much as a week earlier. The bird had a damaged left eye. The same bird, identified by its left eye eventually made it to Tyngsboro Massachusetts 15 April and may be the same individual that was there in 1997.

The other major highlight was an immature Mississippi Kite found over the Bashakill by the Queens County Bird Club 27 May. A report to NYSARC will be submitted.

Spring hawk migration hit its peak on 24 April atop Hook Mountain in Rockland County. Steve Walter and Carl Jaslowitz recorded 1475 hawks for the day, including 1358 Broad-winged Hawks. It is the Hook's second highest one-day spring total. Other impressive numbers for the day included 73 Sharp-shinned Hawks and 7 Merlins.

An injured Black Skimmer captured at Piermont Pier 18 May was Rockland's second record, and seven Whimbrels at Piermont Pier 21 May was also Rockland's second record.

While hiking Schunemunk Mountain in Orange County 28 May, Jonathan Rosenthal found a Summer Tanager. This was certainly an unusual place to find this species.

Notable warblers include two Yellow-throated Warbler sightings, one from the Rye Nature Center on 12 May, the other from Neversink Preserve 13 May. A Prothonotary Warbler was at Piermont Pier 5 May. There were good numbers of both Kentucky Warbler and Yellow-breasted Chat around., but Cape May and Bay-breasted warblers were harder to find this year.

Other highlights include a Blue Grosbeak in Dutchess 14 May reported by Barbara Butler, details submitted to NYSARC, and a White-winged Dove of unknown origin reported from Piermont Pier 11 May by Gene Herskovics.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CPP-Croton Point Park, EGR-Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, SG-Shawangunk Grassland National Wildlife Refuge, formerly Galeville Airport, JBNHS-John Burroughs Natural History Society, KP-Kakiat Park, NYCRBA – New York City Rare Bird Alert, PP-Piermont Pier, QCBC – Queens County Bird Club, RNC-Rye Nature Center, RTWFT-Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club Field Trip, RTWMC-Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club May Census.

LOONS-DUCKS

Red-throated Loon: max 5 EGR 4 Mar.

Com. Loon: good numbers of inland and Long Island Sound reports.

Pied-billed Grebe: 10 Lake Walton 21 Mar; 27 Bashakill 1 Apr.

Horned Grebe: max 12 EGR 4 Mar.

Red-necked Grebe: 2 EGR 24 Apr.

N. Gannet: 1 EGR 30 Mar; 1 EGR 1 Apr; 1 EGR 23 May.

Am. White Pelican: 1 Ellenville 26 Mar – 7 Apr (PBe, mob), intro.

Great Cormorant: 10 EGR 4 Mar; 10 Peekskill 10 Mar.

Am. Bittern: arr Cape Pond, SULL 21 Apr; 1-5 Bashakill May; 2 RTWMC 13 May.

Least Bittern: 2 RTWMC 13 May.

Great Blue Heron: 10 at nests Hurleyville, SULL 38 Mar; 42 RTWMC 13 May.

Great Egret: early reports: 1 Rye 30 Mar; 2 DUTC 23 Apr.

Snowy Egret: arr 1 MC 27 Mar; 25 EGR 2 Apr.

Little Blue Heron: 1 EGR 15 Apr.

Green Heron: arr 1 Doodletown 29 Apr; 1 Buttercup 30 Apr; 11 RTWMC 13 May.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 2 Cape Pond 1 Apr, early for SULL.

Black Vulture: 1 Hastings 5 Mar; 4 Thompson Pond 8 Mar; 2 Pawling; 1-3 Doodletown thru; 2 Hook Mt thru.

Snow Goose: 1 blue morph Round Pond, DUTC 7 Mar; 75 SULL early Mar.

Brant: few PP 5 May; 140 EGR 6 May.

Mute Swan: 20 Newburgh 25 Apr; 44 RTWMC 13 May.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 1 Arborios DUTC 11 Apr; 7 Bashakill 12 Apr; 8 Hurleyville 16 Apr; 4 Newburgh 25 Apr; 3 RTWMC 13 May.

N. Pintail: 10 Round Pond, DUTC 7 Mar; 12 Bashakill 7 Mar; 2 Bashakill 13 May.

Green-winged Teal: 10 Pine Plains 30 Apr; 1 RTWMC 13 May.

Redhead: 2 Teatown Lake 18 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: 100 Bashakill 12 Mar; 100 Round Pond, DUTC 27 Mar; 84 Traver Pond, DUTC 23 Mar; 100 Thompson Pond 4 Apr; 50 Bashakill 12 Apr.

Greater Scaup: 600 EGR 19 Mar.

Lesser Scaup: 900 EGR 30 Mar.

Surf Scoter: 11 EGR 22,23 Apr (TB); 2 Buttercup 28 Apr (AM,BM).

White-winged Scoter: 44 EGR 24 Apr (TB); 120 EGR 6 May (TB); 1 RTWMC 13 May.

Oldsquaw: 2 Stissing Lake 4 Apr; 30 EGR 4 Apr.

Bufflehead: dep 2 Rockland Lake 4 May.

Hooded Merganser: 1 Bashakill 13 May.

Red-breasted Merganser: 15 EGR 9 Apr.

HAWKS-ALCIDS

Osprey: arr 1 MC 26 Mar; 2 nest building, Bashakill 16 Apr; 15 Hook Mt 24 Apr.

MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 Bashakill 27 May (JC, QCBC)

Bald Eagle: 1 Bashakill 12 Apr, 29 Apr; scattered sightings DUTC Mar, May

N. Harrier: 1 SG 13 – 27 May; 1 CPP 20 May.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 73 Hook Mt 24 Apr.

Cooper's Hawk: 6 Hook Mt 24 Apr.

N. Goshawk: 5 reports SULL, Mar, Apr; 1 MC 10 Mar; 2 Clinton Corners 8 Mar.

Red-shouldered Hawk: flyng in DUTC May.

Broad-winged Hawk: 1358 Hook Mt 24 Apr, second best spring total for Hook.

Red-tailed Hawk: 5 Hook Mt 24 Apr.

Rough-legged Hawk: 1 Youngsville, SULL 18 Mar; 1 Willowemoc 22 Mar.

Golden Eagle: 1 Claryville, SULL 2 Mar; 1 Thompson Pond 8 Mar.

Am. Kestrel: 10 Hook Mt 24 Apr.

Merlin: 7 Hook Mt 24 Apr (SW).

Peregrine Falcon: 1 Poughkeepsie RR Bridge 6, 7, 30 Mar; 1 Swan Lake, SULL 14 Apr; 2 fledglings Tappan Zee Bridge 29 May.

Clapper Rail: 1 MC 7 May.

Sora: 1 Ferncliff, DUTC 15 May; 2 RTWMC 13 May.

Am. Coot: 30 Abel's Pond Mar; 74 Bashakill 12 Apr.

Semipalmated Plover: 28 MC 15 May.

Black-bellied Plover: 8 MC 15 May.

Am. Oystercatcher: 2 Rye 25 Mar.

Greater Yellowlegs: inland records 2 Pine Plains 22 Apr.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 2 MC 7 May; 1 RTWMC 13 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: first 30 Apr; 6 Didell Rd, DUTC 3 May; 8 RTWMC 13 May.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr 1 Bashakill 28 Apr; 22 RTWMC 13 May.

Upland Sandpiper: 1 Blue Chip Farm 14 May; 3 Blue Chip Farm 27 May.

Whimbrel: 1 PP 20 May (JPr,PL); 7 PP 21 May (CW).

Sanderling: 1 PP 5 May.

Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 EGR 9 Apr; 1 CPP 8 May; 1 Bronx River, Yonkers 12 May; 5 RTWMC 13 May; 6 Didell Rd, DUTC 17 May; 1 PP 18 May.

Purple Sandpiper: 30 EGR 16 Apr.

Dunlin: 3 PP 18 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: 1 PP 18 May; 23 PP 19 May.

Com. Snipe: 20 Secors Farm, DUTC 28-29 Mar; 7 Cape Pond, SULL 1 Apr; 6 Pine Plains 16 Apr; 9 Newburgh.

Laughing Gull: arr 1 EGR 9 Apr.

Glaucous Gull: 1 EGR 2 Apr (TB).

Com. Tern: arr EGR 6 May

Forster's Tern: 2 MC 22 Apr.

Black Skimmer: 1 PP 18 May (BK, BH).

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 PP 11 May (GH), origin unknown.

Monk Parakeet: confirmed breeding Bloomingburg, SULL

Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 Doodletown 11, 28 May(DH); 1 Bashakill 13 May; 6 RTWMC 13 May; 1 Thompson Pond 17 May; 1 Separate Rd, DUTC 18 May.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Mine Torne Rd, West Point 12 Apr; 1 Bashakill 13 May; 1 Yonkers 13 May; 1 RNC 16 May; 1 Doodletown 28 May;

Great Horned Owl: 3 nests found in DUTC.

Short-eared Owl: 1 CPP 18 Apr.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 2 Swan Lake, SULL Mar- early Apr; 1 Callicoon Center, SULL 15 Mar.

Com. Nighthawk: arr 9 May; 14 Congers 24 May.

Whip-poor-will: 1 Bashakill 12 May; 2 RTWMC 13 May; 1 Yankee Lake SULL 17 May.

Chimney Swift: arr 2 May.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr 1 May.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 Horns Park Rd, DUTC 13 Apr.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 6 RTWMC 13 May

FLYCATCHERS-WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1-5 Doodletown 6,7,11,14, & 17 May; 1 Port Orange Rd 13,16 May; 1 Sterling Forest 14 May; 1 Kakiat Park 20 May; 3 RTWMC 13 May; 1 DUTC 24 May.

E. Wood-Pewee: arrived 12 May

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Doodletown 11, 26 May; 1 Sterling Forest 14 May; 1 Ashokan Reservoir 30 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: 3 RTWMC 13 May; 1 Pawling Nature Preserve 20 May; 2 Deep Hollow, DUTC 24 May; 1 Doodletown 26 May; 1 Mack Rd, DUTC 31 May.

Alder Flycatcher: 4 RTWMC 13 May; 1 Rickes Rd, DUTC 30 May; 1 Shaughnessy Rd, DUTC 30 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr 16 May

Least Flycatcher: arr 3 May.

E. Phoebe: arr 8 Mar.

E. Kingbird: arr 1 May.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr 3 May. N. Shrike: 1 Sharon Station, DUTC 7 Mar (CV); 1 Poughkeepsie 9 Mar (CV); 1 Cape Pond, SULL 21 Mar (PM); 1 Swan Lake, SULL 28 Mar, 13 Apr (KC); 1 DUTC 7 Apr (JA, KJ).

White-eyed Vireo: arr 8 May; reports from DUTC, WEST.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr 24 Apr.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr 1 Doodletown 29 Apr.

Warbling Vireo: arr 2 May.

Philadelphia Vireo: 1 Bashakill 7 May (RTWFT); 1 Doodletown 17 May (MB).

Red-eyed Vireo: arr 3 May.

Fish Crow: 1 Ashokan Reservoir 25 Mar

Com. Raven: 2 Thompson Pond 8 Mar; 3 Stissing Mountain 24 Mar, may be nesting; 1 Buttercup 28 Apr; 1-2 Doodletown thru; nest & 2 yng central SULL.

Purple Martin: 3 RTWMC 13 May; 8 Bedell Rd, DUTC 18 May.
Tree Swallow: early reports: 1 Pleasant Valley 2 Mar; 4 Bashakill 8 Mar; 1 Kakiat Park 30 Mar.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr 26 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr MC 4 May; 125 RTWMC 13 May.
Barn Swallow: arr 1 Apr.
Cliff Swallow: 16 Cross River 6 Apr.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: scattered reports, 2 in Mar, May, DUTC; 1 Yonkers thru end of May.
House Wren: arr 2 May.
Marsh Wren: arr 7 May; 5 Cruger Island 27 May.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: peak movement 14 – 19 Apr.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr 16 Apr.
Veery: arr 4 Tamarack, DUTC 5 Apr, early.
Bicknell's Thrush: 1 singing Hastings 25 May (MB), unusual to be singing in migration.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 Ferncliff, DUTC 9 May (PSut); 1 RNC 26,27 May (TB).
Swainson's Thrush: arr 7 May.
Hermit Thrush: 60 SULL 9 Apr, after snowstorm along roadsides.
Wood Thrush: arr 2 May.
Am. Pipit: 3-5 Poughkeepsie 14, 28 Mar; 2 EGR 9 Apr; 12 Montgomery 12 May.
Cedar Waxwing: 60 Tivoli Bay 5 Mar; 97 Pleasant Valley 26 Mar; abundant migrant in Region 28-31 May.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: first 1

Doodletown 29 April
Golden-winged Warbler: 1 Bashakill 7 May; 1 RTWMC 13 May; 1 Port Orange Road 20 May.
"Brewster's" Warbler: 1 Mine Road ORAN 7 May (NYCRBA); 1 RTWMC 13 May; 1 Bashakill 17-20 May (MB).
Tennessee Warbler: arrived 8 May; 4 Doodletown 9 May.
Nashville Warbler: arrived 30 Apr.
N. Parula: arrived 30 Apr.
Yellow Warbler: arrived 29 Apr; 15 Tamarack, DUTC 31 May.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arrived 1 May, uncommon this spring.
Magnolia Warbler: arr 5 May.
Cape May Warbler: 1 Doodletown 7 May; very scarce this year.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr 1 Doodletown 29 Apr.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 28 Apr.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr 2 May
Yellow-throated Warbler: 1 RNC 12 May (TB); 1 Neversink TNC Preserve 13 May (PBu).
Pine Warbler: arr 26 Mar.
Prairie Warbler: arr 3 May.
Palm Warbler: 6 Kakiat Park 7 Apr.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr 7 May; very few reports
Blackpoll Warbler: arr 1 Bashakill 7 May.
Cerulean Warbler: 8 Doodletown 9 May; 7 RTWMC 13 May; 1 Seven Lakes Drive, Bear Mt. 13 May; usual numbers Doodletown & Bashakill.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr 28 Apr.
Am. Redstart: arr 1 Doodletown 29 Apr; 12 Doodletown 9 May.

Prothonotary Warbler: 1 PP 5 May (GS,MS).

Worm-eating Warbler: arr 4 May.

Ovenbird: arr 2 May.

N. Waterthrush: arr 28 Apr.

Louisiana Waterthrush: 2 Kakiat Park 7 Apr (FB,DH).

Kentucky Warbler: 1 Bashakill 7 May; 1 ROCK 7 May; 2 Rockefeller State Park 10 May; 1 RTWMC 13 May; 1 Rockland Lake 14 May; 1 Doodletown 20 May; 1 Vassar Farm 7-31 May; 1 Tarrytown 15-31 May.

Mourning Warbler: 1 Hastings-on-Hudson 15,16 May; 1 Newburgh 15 May; 1 Doodletown 16 May; 1 RNC 17,26,27 May; 2 Doodletown 28 May; 1 DUTC 24, 28 May.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr 3 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr 3 May; 15 Doodletown 9 May; 2 Rockefeller State Park 10 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr early 3 Bashakill 7 May.

Canada Warbler: arr 7 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 PP 5 May; 1 Doodletown 7 May; 1-2 Mine Road ORAN 7-14 May.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS

SUMMER TANAGER: 1

Schunnemunk Mountain 28 May (JR).

Scarlet Tanager: 6 Doodletown 9 May.

E. Towhee: arr N. Region 9 9 Apr.

Chipping Sparrow: 1 ULST 4 Apr.

Field Sparrow: 1 DUTC 1 Mar.

Vesper Sparrow: 1 Swan Lake, SULL 7-10 Apr; 1 EGR 9,10 Apr.

Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 1 MC 4 May; 2 MC 15 May.

Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 PP 5 May; 1 Tallman State Park 18 May.

White-crowned Sparrow: 30 at feeders, Claryville 28 Apr; 1 PP 16 May.

Dark-eyed Junco: 1 Deep Hollow, DUTC 24 May, late.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr ORAN 5 Apr.

Blue Grosbeak: 1 DUTC 14 May (BB, NYSARC).

Indigo Bunting: 1 RNC 9 Apr.

Bobolink: good numbers at SG.

Rusty Blackbird: 1 Buttercup Sanctuary 22 Mar; 5 Myers Corners 23 Mar; 1 Kakiat Park 30 Mar; 3 Ellenville 1 Apr; 30 Pruyn Sanctuary 28 Apr.

Orchard Oriole: 4 Rockland Lake 4 May; 1-2 MC 4-26 May; 2 Yonkers 8-31 May; 1 Crestwood Rd, DUTC 9,30 May; 2 RTWMC 13 May; 1 PP 16 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr 2 May; 10 Doodletown 9 May.

Purple Finch: few DUTC & SULL Mar; good numbers DUTC May; 18 DUTC 8 Apr; 2 Doodletown 9 May.

Com. Redpoll: 55 Greig's Farm, DUTC 5 Mar (CV); few at feeders DUTC Mar; common SULL; 1 report ORAN; 92 Swan Lake early Mar (KC); 62 Ellenville early Mar (PM); 50 Liberty early Mar; 30 Monticello early Mar.

Pine Siskin: 12 Pleasant Valley 1 Mar (AP,JP); 11 Liberty early Mar (LHa); 6 RNC 29 Mar; 2 Irvington 11 Apr (PSul); 2 DUTC 28 Apr; 6 South Nyack 29 Apr (DHa); 4 Congers 3-4 May; 2-4 DUTC 21-22, 28 May (AB,BM, BC).

Evening Grosbeak: 71 Swan Lake, SULL early Mar (KC); 1 DUTC 30

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