

REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The weather was cold and snowy throughout March. The average temperature was 31.1°F, 2.7° below average, and there was 3.31" of precipitation, 0.63" above average. The 32.8" (22.5" above normal) of snow made for the snowiest March in 65 years and pushed the winter snowfall total to 158.1", for the second snowiest winter in history.

After the dreary winter, April was a welcome change as the month was very mild and dry. The average temperature was 47.3°, 2.1° above average, and featured two days, the 12th and 23rd, in the 80s. It was the driest April in 66 years, with only 1.26" of precipitation, 1.61" below average. The ice pack on Lake Erie melted by the 24th, about 10 days later than usual. Strong southwesterly winds occurred on the 8th, 12th and 24th and winds were from this migrant-friendly direction for most of the month, no doubt having a role in the large number of early records.

The first half of May was warm, sunny and dry. The second half was cool, cloudy and wet. The average temperature was 58.8°, 2.2° above average. The precipitation was 4.28", 1.14" above normal. Heavy rains occurred on the 18th and 21st. Many migrants were grounded on the 18th but were noticeably absent the next day.

While March weather was very snowy, so was the Region's goose migration. Snow Geese are typically recorded in Region 1 in small numbers every spring and fall, usually mixed in with Canada Geese. However, this spring there were several Snow Goose flock counts in the hundreds from the agricultural fields around Genesee and Orleans counties plus many more reports than usual from other locations. These numbers pale when compared with some other Regions, but 1993 was the only other year that counts were in the hundreds for this species here and, unlike that year, these geese were nearly all the white form. Mixed in with the large Snow Goose flocks in Oakfield were an adult **Ross's Goose** on 31 March and an immature the next day. These sightings were the fourth and fifth for the Region and the first spring reports. Only one Greater White-fronted Goose and one Brant, remarkably early, were reported this spring.

The warm April brought four vireo and 14 warbler species to the Region plus numerous early reports for a wide range of species. Verification reports were accepted by the Buffalo Ornithological Society for early dates in April and six more in May for 16 species. Common Nighthawks observed by Joe Thill over Kenmore on 10 and 11 April were nearly a month earlier than usual and the earliest report for the Region since 1947. A Black-throated Green Warbler on 12 April was also very early and comes after last year's record early date of 7 April.

The migration continued to be very good in early May as evidenced by some high warbler species lists and some early records, but tapered off during the

traditional mid-month peak. Rare warbler species included "Yellow" Palm, Worm-eating, Kentucky and Yellow-breasted Chat, with the last three species observed within two days at Point Gratiot.

The Ripley Hawkwatch was not maintained full time this spring. There were several days in April, most notably the 8th, when Turkey Vultures pushed through the Region in high numbers. Five Golden Eagles were reported, which is higher than usual for this Region. A late raptor movement was documented on 6 May, featuring ten Bald Eagles with decent numbers of Ospreys and Broad-winged Hawks. Peregrine Falcons hatched two young from the Statler Tower in downtown Buffalo. Ospreys again nested at Ring-neck Marsh at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge after Canada Geese displaced them last year. Ten Osprey nests were surveyed near the Allegheny Reservoir. There were two Bald Eagle nests at Iroquois NWR this spring. The traditional nest at Mohawk Pool (with the video camera) was unsuccessful, while a new nest at Cayuga Pool hatched one eaglet. There were four Bald Eagle nests near the Allegheny Reservoir and two along Cattaraugus Creek.

A NYSDEC survey of the Motor Island Rookery in May found eight Great Egret nests, 108 Great Blue Heron nests, 102 Black-crowned Night-Heron nests, 70 Canada Goose nests and no Double-crested Cormorant nests. NYSDEC is removing cormorant (13) and Ring-billed Gull (458) nests on adjacent Strawberry Island, while leaving one Herring Gull nest undisturbed. A breeding-plumaged Snowy Egret was again found several times at Motor Island and vicinity this May.

There were some exceptional rarities found in May. A **Boreal Owl** was found by Bob Andrie and Brendan Klick on the unexpectedly late date of 6 May during a B.O.S. field trip to Tiff Nature Preserve. Many birders were able to see this very rare bird throughout the day. It was the second record and the first observed alive for the Region.

I found a **Loggerhead Shrike** in the Town of Carlton on 18 May. The bird was in the same location the next day, but several attempts to find it during the next week were unsuccessful. The bird was observed sitting on a utility wire and frequently flying down to a plowed field to catch insects. This was the first May record since 1981 and the date hopefully may suggest possible breeding.

A **Piping Plover** was found at Dunkirk Harbor on 12 May. It was seen by several birders and reportedly photographed. We hope a report and photograph will be submitted to NYSARC for the first spring record of this species in the Region since the 1950s.

The third **Blue Grosbeak** for the Region, a male, was found at Point Gratiot by Joe Gula on 4 and 5 May. Other rarities for the season included: Little Blue Heron, Glossy Ibis, "Richardson's" Canada Geese, Eurasian Wigeon, King Eider, Sandhill Cranes, Sedge Wren, Clay-colored Sparrow, and "Oregon" Dark-eyed Junco.

The B.O.S. April Count on the 8th, compiled by Mike Hamilton, tallied 139 species. High counts were for Great Blue Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Turkey Vulture, Golden Eagle, Northern Saw-whet Owl and Eastern Phoebe, while lows were noted for Long-tailed Duck, Common Snipe and Evening Grosbeak.

The B.O.S. May Count on the 20th tallied 201 species and was compiled by Jim Landau. A notable ten record high counts were recorded as compared with tallies since the count began in 1935, including: Wood Duck, Mallard, Caspian Tern, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Willow Flycatcher, White-eyed Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Eastern Bluebird, Northern Mockingbird and Hooded Warbler. Other high counts were noted for Alder Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Veery and Savannah Sparrow. Only 12 Blue-winged Teals was a record low count. Other low counts for at least one decade were noted for Northern Shoveler, Bonaparte's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Purple Martin, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Golden-crowned Kinglet, American Redstart, White-throated Sparrow and Brown-headed Cowbird.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AmSP – Amherst SP, CATT; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BOSAC – Buffalo Ornithological Society April Count (8 Apr); BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count (20 May); BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant, GENE; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; FNPS – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; GI – Goat I, NIAG; Hamburg HW – Hamburg Hawkwatch, ERIE; INWR – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; NF – Niagara Falls, NIAG; NR – Niagara River; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE; PG – Pt Gratiot, CHAU; Ripley HW – Ripley Hawkwatch, CHAU; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary, East Aurora, ERIE; Tiff NP – Tiff Nature Preserve, Buffalo, ERIE; Tillman WMA – Tillman WMA, ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

LOONS – DUCKS

Red-throated Loon: arr Oakfield GENE & BWWTP 1 Apr (WW!, PY!); 7 BOSAC; last Yates BOSMC.
Com. Loon: arr Celeron CHAU 27 Mar.

Horned Grebe: 28 Salamanca CATT 26 Mar (TL); max 40 BOSAC.

Red-necked Grebe: arr Somerset NIAG 24 Mar; last BWWTP 6 May (MM); 5 other reports of singles.

Double-crested Cormorant: arr 3 INWR 7 Apr; max 878 Strawberry I & Motor I NR ERIE 26 Apr; NYSDEC preventing incubation at Strawberry I.

Am. Bittern: arr TWMA 7 Apr; 2 Machias CATT 16 Apr (MD); Tift NP 26 May (RA).

Least Bittern: arr OOWMA 11 May; TWMA 15 May; Pomfret CHAU 26 May (DN).

Great Blue Heron: max 68 Motor I NR 15 Apr; 108 nests counted there in May by NYSDEC (MK).

Great Egret: arr 5 Motor I NR 5 Apr; max 18 Motor I NR 24 May; 8 nests counted there in May by NYSDEC (MK).

SNOWY EGRET: Grand I NR ERIE 11 May & Motor I NR 23 May (BRBA), likely same bird that was observed twice on Ontario side of Niagara Ri in full breeding plumage (KR!); species recorded in 5 of last 7 spring seasons.

LITTLE BLUE HERON: reported from Tift NP early May.

Green Heron: arr Newstead ERIE 15 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 83 Motor I NR 23 Apr; 102 nests recorded there in May by NYSDEC (MK).

GLOSSY IBIS: INWR 5, 6, 12, 15 May (BB, TO!, BK!), 8th May record in 40 years.

Turkey Vulture: 4514 BOSAC, 10 times the 22-year mean.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED

GOOSE: Shelby ORLE 31 Mar–8 Apr (BK!, MM!, WW!, WD!), only report.

Snow Goose: arr 60 Wethersfield WYOM 8 Mar; 50 Hamburg HW 28 Mar (RA); max 450 Oakfield GENE 31 Mar (BK), only one previous year (1993) with counts in hundreds; last 2 BOSAC.

ROSS'S GOOSE: ad Oakfield GENE 31 Mar (BK! NYSARC); imm Oakfield GENE 1 Apr (WW! WD! NYSARC); 4th & 5th records for Region, first in spring.

Canada Goose (*B. c. hutchinsii*):

Oakfield 18 Mar (BK!); Shelby ORLE 1 Apr (WD!); 2 Alabama GENE 1 Apr (WD!); Albion ORLE 22 Apr (BK!); good spring showing.

Brant: Somerset NIAG 24 Mar (WD!), unusually early and only report.

Mute Swan: Olcott NIAG 14 Apr thru 20 May; Barre ORLE 20 Apr (KF); Newstead ERIE 5-16 May; Carlton ORLE 20-28 May; very slowly increasing.

Tundra Swan: max 390 Hamburg HW 15 Mar (RA); last OOWMA 29 Apr.

EURASIAN WIGEON: male OOWMA 20 Apr (KF!); recorded in 6 of last 8 spring seasons.

Am. Wigeon: max 350 OOWMA 22 Apr (BK).

Blue-winged Teal: arr 2 Yates ORLE 24 Mar; 12 BOSMC, historical count low.

N. Shoveler: arr 2 TWMA 25 Mar.

N. Pintail: max 280 OOWMA 22 Apr.

Green-winged Teal: arr 2 Pomfret CHAU 9 Mar; max 500 OOWMA 22 Apr.

Canvasback: last BWWTP 26 May (BK!), late.

Redhead: Salamanca CATT 26 Mar (TL), unusual location; 18 INWR BOSMC.

Ring-necked Duck: last 4 INWR 15 May.

Lesser Scaup: last Times Beach NP ERIE 25-31 May.

KING EIDER: female BeSP 18 Mar (BRBA), rare.

Surf Scoter: 2 DH 4 Mar; 1 DH 2 Apr (DM); Salamanca CATT 26 Mar (TL), unusual location; 3 Somerset NIAG 22 Apr (WD), only reports.

Black Scoter: NF 1 May (WD), only report.

Long-tailed Duck: max 5000 FNSP 23 Mar (LL); last 4 Carlton ORLE 28 May.

Com. Merganser: 2 pairs Elma ERIE 28 May, unusual location for date, possible breeders.

Ruddy Duck: arr 29 BWWT 31 Mar;
max 288 BWWT 14 Apr (WW).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr 6 Allegheny Res CATT 29 Mar (TL); 2 at nest INWR 11 Apr thru; 10 nests Allegheny Res CATT.

Bald Eagle: 2 nests INWR Mar; 4 nests Allegheny Res CATT; 2 nests Cattaraugus Creek CATT; max 8 Allegheny Res CATT 3 Mar (TL); many sightings at hawk watches and elsewhere; 5 Carlton ORLE 25 May (WW, MG); 4 Pomfret CHAU 26 May (DN), good late migrant push.

N. Goshawk: 6 migrant reports 1-14 Apr; Sardinia ERIE 29 Apr (KF!); E. Holland Bog ERIE May (RR); nest Harmony CHAU 26 May (MMi).

Red-shouldered Hawk: max 106 Hamburg HW 20 Mar (FR); Carlton ORLE 26 May (WW), late migrant.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr Alfred ALLE 10 Apr (EB); 59 Hamburg HW 12 Apr (BK!); Colden ERIE 12 Apr (JW!), earlier than usual; 219 Carlton ORLE 26 May (WW, MG), good late count.

Rough-legged Hawk: well reported Mar & Apr.

GOLDEN EAGLE: Hamburg HW 20 Mar (RA! WD!); 2 ORLE BOSAC (BK!); Hamburg HW 14 Apr (FR!); Alfred ALLE 19 Apr (EC); Buffalo ERIE 20 Apr (BK!), strong showing for Reg.

Merlin: 3 SUNY Buffalo campus ERIE thru 20 Mar (PY!); Buffalo State College ERIE 7 Mar (BK!); arr Wheatfield NIAG 18 Mar (WD!); 4 Hamburg HW 29 Mar - 19 Apr.

Peregrine Falcon: 2 ad + 2 yg Buffalo ERIE, from now-annual nest location; Hamburg HW 23 Apr (FR); BuSP 10 May (WW).

Virginia Rail: arr OOWMA 20 Apr.

Sora: arr BOSAC.

Com. Moorhen: arr 2 OOWMA 22 Apr; Tift NP 13 May, possible return as nesting species for location.

Am. Coot: 2 ad + 11 yg INWR 26 May (WW, MG).

SANDHILL CRANE: 1 Hamburg HW 5 & 23 Apr (WD! WW!); 2 BOSAC; Ripley HW 11 Apr (LD); Porter NIAG 21 Apr (SO!); INWR 11 May (BK!); GHSP 26 May (TO!).

Black-bellied Plover: arr 12 BOSMC; 39 Clarence ERIE 30 May (BK), high spring count.

Semipalmated Plover: arr Tift NP, 2 OOWMA 11 May.

PIPING PLOVER: DH 12 May (DM, et al), reportedly ph; first spring record since 1950s.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr OOWMA 25 Mar; max 35 BWWT 15 Apr.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 6 BOSAC.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Alexander GENE 21 Apr.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Tift NP 23 Apr.

Upland Sandpiper: arr 2 Hartland NIAG 23 Apr; 2 Somerset NIAG 1 May; 2 Alabama GENE 15 May; only reports. Ruddy Turnstone: 3 BWWT 19 May-BOSMC; 2 Pt Breeze ORLE 23 May; 2 Times Beach ERIE 31 May; more spring reports than usual.

Sanderling: Olcott NIAG 19 May (WD, MM), only report.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 2 INWR 15 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr 8 BWWT, 3 Tift NP 6 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr TWMA 13 May (WD!), early; Canadaway Creek CHAU 23 May (DM); only reports.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr BOSAC; max 36 Arcade WYOM 29 Apr (KF).

Dunlin: arr TWMA 14 Apr.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr Times Beach ERIE 16 May (BK); 34 Yates ORLE 18 May (BE); 4 BOSMC.

Com. Snipe: 50 East Randolph CATT 31 Mar (MD); 29 Elba GENE 14 Apr (KF), good counts for single flocks.

Am. Woodcock: arr Pomfret CHAU 15 Mar.

Wilson's Phalarope: Yates ORLE 27 May (BRBA), first spring report since 1997.

Little Gull: max 18 Porter NIAG 4 Mar (BP); Buffalo ERIE 21 Apr; Wilson NIAG 5 May (WD).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 12,616 BOSAC; 5000 Bird I Pier NR 20 Apr (WW).

Ring-billed Gull: 1 with egg BWWT 29 Apr (GS), only nesting location in Region away from L Erie /NR.

Iceland Gull: 2 DH 7 Mar (DM); max 5 Buffalo ERIE 20 Apr (WD).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 7 Buffalo ERIE 20 Apr (WD); 2 GI 24 May (BK!), late.

Glaucous Gull: max 5 Buffalo ERIE 20 Apr (WD).

Caspian Tern: arr 12 BOSAC; 160 BOSMC, historical high for count.

Com. Tern: arr 8 BOSAC; 3 Bennington WYOM 12 May (GS), unusual inland location.

Black Tern: arr INWR 25 Apr (LH), early; 28 BOSMC.

DOVES – WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Lancaster ERIE 2 May (MM!), early.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr 2 INWR 13 May.

Snowy Owl: Sheldon WYOM 10 Mar; Buffalo ERIE 15 Mar, driven away by nesting Peregrines.

Long-eared Owl: 3 BOSAC, only report.

Short-eared Owl: Hamburg HW 25 Mar (RA); Porter NIAG 16 Apr; Yates ORLE 22 Apr.

BOREAL OWL: Tift NP 6 May (RA! BK! et al NYSARC), only 2nd record for Region.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 1 WTSP 4 & 29 Mar (BP); Alfred ALLE 8 Mar (EB); 3 BOSAC; Yorkshire ERIE 9 Apr (BK); E. Holland Bog ERIE May (RR), probable breeder.

Com. Nighthawk: arr 5 Kenmore ERIE

10 Apr, 6 on 11 Apr (JT!), remarkably early, 3rd earliest record; max 52 Wilson NIAG 27 May (TO); 6 other May reports.

Chimney Swift: arr Buffalo ERIE 20 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Amity L ALLE 3 May.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Sturgeon Pt ERIE 3 Mar; max 5 Lakeside Beach SP ORLE 13 May (BK); 10 other reports.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Tift NP 31 Mar.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 GENE BOSMC, only report.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr Attica WYOM 6 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Somerset NIAG 18 May; 9 other reports.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr INWR 15 May; Attica WYOM 18 May; 4 BOSMC; 2 Pomfret CHAU 26 May (DN).

Alder Flycatcher: arr INWR 15 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr OOWMA 11 May (BK); 79 BOSMC, historical high count.

Least Flycatcher: arr INWR 25 Apr (LH), early.

E. Phoebe: arr OOWMA 25 Mar; 437 BOSAC, 3 times the 22-year mean.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Hamburg ERIE 23 Apr (PY!), early.

E. Kingbird: arr Hamburg ERIE 23 Apr (WW! PY), early.

N. Shrike: last 2 BOSAC.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE: Carlton ORLE 18 & 19 May (MM! WD! NYSARC); first May record since 1981.

White-eyed Vireo: Tift NP 27 Apr - 6 May (KF! et al); GI 30 Apr (DR!); Pomfret CHAU 1 May (TM); 4 GENE BOSMC.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr AmSP 28 Apr (MM!), early.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr 2 Wales ERIE 14 Apr (MDa! JS!); Pfeiffer Nat Ctr CATT 14 Apr (TL), early.

Warbling Vireo: arr INWR 25 Apr (LH), early.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr AmSP 1 May (PY!), very early.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr Pfeiffer Nat Ctr CATT 4 May.
Com. Raven: Ischua Valley CATT 18 Mar (JR); Golden Hill SF CATT 19 Mar (MD); Alfred ALLE 2 Apr; 14 BOSAC; 3 Sardinia ERIE 14 Apr (JW!), probable first documented breeder in ERIE; Bush Hill SF CATT 15 Apr (KF); Otto CATT 28 Apr (WD); Gounilock's Pd WYOM 6 May (MM!); 1-2 Carlton Hill MUA 19 May (MM! WD!); 10 BOSMC.
Purple Martin: arr 40 BOSAC.
Tree Swallow: arr 3 Hamburg HW 20 Mar.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr 4 BOSAC.
Bank Swallow: arr 6 Tillman WMA 28 Apr.
Barn Swallow: arr Hamburg HW 4 Apr (WW! WD!), early; Tift NP 5 Apr (WD!).
Cliff Swallow: arr 2 Olean CATT 7 May; 40 + 29 nests BuSP 10 May (WW), growing nesting colony under N. Grand I Bridge.
Carolina Wren: 14 BOSAC; 15 BOSMC; reports from 8 locations.
House Wren: arr OOWMA 15 Apr (PY!), early.
SEDGE WREN: Panama CHAU 18 May (KV), very rare spring report.
Marsh Wren: arr 4 OOWMA 29 Apr.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: Krull P NIAG thru May (WD), possible breeding along L Ontario.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr BOSAC.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr GHSP 14 Apr.
Veery: arr Hamburg ERIE 30 Apr.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr 2 BOSMC; GHSP 23 May; 2 Krull Park NIAG 26 May; Tift NP 26 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr Gerry CHAU 28 Apr (FR!), early.

N. Mockingbird: Newstead ERIE 18 Mar; Lancaster ERIE 7 Apr; Hamburg ERIE 9 Apr; Jamestown CHAU 27-28 Apr; Yates ORLE 13-20 May; Pomfret CHAU 26 May; these sightings from non-traditional breeding areas.
Brown Thrasher: arr Newstead ERIE 14 Apr.
Am. Pipit: arr 2 TWMA 17 Mar; 24 Boston ERIE 22 Apr; last 49 BOSMC.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr GI and Amity L ALLE 1 May.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr Tift NP 1 May; Olean CATT 5, 6 May; INWR 13-19 May; Shelby ORLE 13-20 May; PG 19 May.
"Brewster's" Warbler: arr Alexander GENE 2 May (KF); Lancaster ERIE 4 May (MM!); PG 4 May (DM).
Tennessee Warbler: arr GI 4 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Yates ORLE 13 May; 2 BOSMC.
Nashville Warbler: arr Somerset NIAG 23 Apr (WD!); Hamburg ERIE 23 Apr (PY!); early.
N. Parula: arr Wilson NIAG 30 Apr.
Yellow Warbler: arr SPNS 23 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Tift NP and Salamanca CATT 1 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr 2 WTSP 1 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr 2 Tift NP 6 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr WTSP, AmSP, Napoli CATT 1 May.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr Youngstown NIAG 6 Apr.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Tift NP 12 Apr (DSH!), very early.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr Bush Hill SF CATT 27 Apr.
Pine Warbler: Fredonia CHAU 1-20 Mar at feeder (SH); arr 2 Tift NP 21 Apr; Krull P NIAG 13-28 May (WD! BK!); Wilson NIAG 26 May (WD!); Centerville ALLE 26 May (KF); Bush Hill SF CATT 26 May (KF); 3 pairs E.

Holland Bog ERIE May (RR); continued increase as breeder in Region.

Prairie Warbler: arr Amity ALLE and PG 2 May; 3 Machias CATT 3, 23 May; Tift NP 13, 15 May, migrant; 8 BOSMC; Bliss WYOM 26 May (KF).

Palm Warbler: arr Tift NP 21 Apr.

"Yellow" Palm Warbler (*D. p. hypochrysea*): Tift NP 3 May (WW!); rarely documented in Region.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Lancaster ERIE and GI 4 May (MM! DR); Tift NP 5 May (JL!), earlier than usual.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr Tift NP 16 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr 3 INWR and 6 OOWMA 11 May.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr SPNS 23 Apr.

Am. Redstart: arr WTSP 1 May.

WORM-EATING WARBLER: PG 15 May (JG), rare migrant.

Ovenbird: arr Wilson NIAG 22 Apr (WD!); Hamburg ERIE 23 Apr (PY!); earlier than usual.

N. Waterthrush: arr OOWMA and Tift NP 28 Apr.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Wales ERIE 14 Apr (MDa!, JS!); 3 Boston ERIE 22 Apr; Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 24 May.

KENTUCKY WARBLER: PG 16 May (DM), rare migrant.

Mourning Warbler: arr 2 FNPS and GHSP 18 May.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr Zoar Valley MUA CATT 28 Apr (WD!), early.

Hooded Warbler: arr Tift NP 23 Apr (DSh), early.

Wilson's Warbler: arr Tift NP 11 May.

Canada Warbler: arr Olean CATT 6 May.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: PG 15 May (JG, DM), rare.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: arr 2 GI 4 May.

E. Towhee: arr Tift NP 31 Mar.

Chipping Sparrow: 82 BOSAC.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: Ward ALLE BOSMC (VP! MP!), new possible breeding location.

Field Sparrow: 21 BOSAC.

Vesper Sparrow: 12 BOSAC.

Savannah Sparrow: arr SPNS 5 Apr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Alexander GENE 27 Apr; Carlton Hill MUA WYOM 6 May, 2 there 19 May; Bethany GENE 6 & 19 May; 2 Middlebury WYOM 19 May; 10 BOSMC; Clarence ERIE 25 May; Lancaster ERIE 27 May.

Henslow's Sparrow: arr 4 Lancaster ERIE 27 Apr (KF); max 6 Lancaster ERIE 14 May (MM); Clarence ERIE 25 May (BK).

Fox Sparrow: arr 2 Alfred ALLE 26 Mar; 24 BOSAC.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Tift NP 25 Apr (BC!), early; last BOSMC.

Swamp Sparrow: arr WTSP 6 Apr.

White-crowned Sparrow: 4 BOSAC.

Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco (*J. h. oreganus*): Eden ERIE 1 Mar - 4 Apr (RA!), continued from Nov at feeder.

Lapland Longspur: 3 Oakfield GENE 18 Mar; 3 Fredonia CHAU 25 Mar; 3 Oakfield GENE 7 Apr; last BOSAC.

Snow Bunting: max 900 Somerset NIAG 18 Mar.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr East Aurora ERIE 27 Apr (AV!); Colden ERIE 28 Apr (JW), early.

BLUE GROSBEAK: male PG 4 - 5 May (JGu; DM), 3rd report for Region.

Indigo Bunting: arr Lancaster ERIE 2 May (MM).

Bobolink: arr INWR 25 Apr (LH); BWWTP 30 Apr (GS); early.

E. Meadowlark: arr Buffalo ERIE 11 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: arr Ischua Valley CATT 25 Mar; last 12 ALLE BOSMC.

Orchard Oriole: Tift NP 5 May (KL!); OOWMA 11 May (BK!); 2 Yates ORLE 13 - 20 May; Somerset NIAG 18 May; Carlton ORLE 23 May; Hunter's Creek P ERIE 24 May (BK!); SPNS 24 May

(LH); good showing.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Tiff NP 27 Apr.

Purple Finch: max 16 Franklinville
CATT thru Mar; seemingly more
widespread than typical.

Red Crossbill: CATT BOSMC, only
report.

White-winged Crossbill: Ward ALLE
14 Apr (EB); 2 Carlton ORLE 23 May

(BK).

Pine Siskin: 16 reports thru with max of
10; possible breeder in some ALLE,
WYOM and southern ERIE locations.

Evening Grosbeak: 4 Attica Res
WYOM 13 Apr (KF); 2 ALLE BOSMC;
only reports.

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