

REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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March saw a return to more normal weather conditions after a warm winter. The average temperature was 34.2° F, 0.1° below average. There was 3.28" of precipitation, 0.29" above average, with 5.6" of snow. Very strong winds were present on several days, with regular gusts above 50 mph on the 3rd, 10th and 23rd. Gusts of 60–70 mph occurred on the 9th, and two Bald Eagle nests at Iroquois NWR succumbed to the wind.

The April average temperature was near normal at 46.2°, 0.9° above average. However, that is not indicative of the month's weather. Half the days were either 10° warmer or cooler than average. A very warm period occurred from the 8th through 19th, with temperatures in the 80°s from the 15th through 18th. During this period, many migrants arrived early. However, a cold spell followed and brought migration back on schedule. Precipitation included 4.38" of rain, 1.34" above average, and 2.6" of snow during the first week. Heavy rain occurred on the 2nd, 13–14th and on the 28th, when tornadoes touched down in Allegany and southern Erie counties.

May was the fourth coolest and fourth wettest in 60 years at Buffalo. The average temperature was 51.8°, a significant 5.2° below average. Temperatures were below normal every day during the period of the 10th through 27th, including several days at mid-month with highs only in the 40°s. Wearing winter hat and gloves while searching for warblers was disconcerting to many. The precipitation was 5.23", 1.88" above normal, and snowflakes fell on the 19th–21st! The rain and cool weather grounded many migrants and also noticeably delayed the migration.

Goose migration peaked in early March this year, slightly earlier than usual. One **Greater White-fronted Goose** and eight "**Richardson's**" **Canada Geese** were reported at Iroquois NWR during this time. Snow Geese were recorded much less frequently than during last year's breakout season. A **Barnacle Goose** was observed with Canada Geese at Iroquois NWR 1–3 March. The bird was seen by several observers but documented by none. While the date and location are consistent with previous records of this species in the Region, this bird must be considered of unknown origin because of the species' prominence in waterfowl collections.

Jim Berry made significant counts of waterfowl at Chautauqua Lake in early April, including an exceptional inland total of 2500 Lesser Scaup. The waterfowl were likely held up due to the cold start to the month. The very warm period in mid-April brought numerous early reports of migrants, including Blue-headed Vireo, Yellow and Palm warblers, and Northern and Louisiana waterthrushes.

There were some incredible concentrations of warblers and other spring migrants put down by the inclement weather in May. Birders who donned raincoats were able to witness some fallouts. Passerines merely trickled in during mid-May's

March-like weather. Many breeders that typically return by mid-May were noticeably absent or present in very small numbers. Rare warbler species in May included Prothonotary, Worm-eating, Kentucky and several Yellow-breasted Chats.

Every five to six years, water levels at Iroquois NWR's Cayuga Pool are drawn down in May for maintenance purposes. This typically creates excellent shorebird habitat and this year was a bonanza for rare sightings and high counts. A record early Ruddy Turnstone was found on 4 May. Red Knots, uncommon in spring and rare inland, were record early on 15 May and in some high numbers on the 24th. Higher than normal counts of Short-billed Dowitcher and Dunlin occurred and 1–2 Wilson's Phalaropes turned up late in the month.

The 2002 spring summary letter from the Ripley Hawk Watch lamented that the weather was not conducive for seeing the bulk of the Broad-winged Hawks during migration. However, this was hardly a letdown given the four rarities that turned up! Most notable was a **Ferruginous Hawk** on 11 April, seen by Len DeFrancisco, Tom Simmons, William Dietz and Jack Sherwood. The light-morph immature bird, observed in direct comparison with Red-tailed Hawk and Turkey Vultures, was well described by three of the observers. This will constitute a state first if accepted by NYSARC. A **Swainson's Hawk** on 18 April, **Mississippi Kite** on 5 May and **Black Vulture** on 6 May were also exceptional finds in this Region.

The following totals are from the spring report from Ripley Hawk Watch. They are provided on the condition that watch site coordinators retain the right to publish the data they collected. For permission to reprint or make other use of this report, contact Leonard DeFrancisco. Black Vulture (1), Turkey Vulture (3773), Osprey (106), Mississippi Kite (1), Bald Eagle (27), Northern Harrier (190), Sharp-shinned Hawk (782), Cooper's Hawk (39), Northern Goshawk (4), Red-shouldered Hawk (138), Broad-winged Hawk (5132), Swainson's Hawk (1), Ferruginous Hawk (1), Red-tailed Hawk (613), Rough-legged Hawk (10), Golden Eagle (4), American Kestrel (238), Merlin (21), Peregrine Falcon (24), unidentified raptors (29).

Peregrine Falcons again nested at the Statler Tower in downtown Buffalo and were suspected of nesting again at the gorge in Niagara Falls. Ospreys nested at Ring-neck Marsh at Iroquois NWR, the only nesting location in the Region away from Cattaraugus County. There were two Bald Eagle nests at Iroquois NWR this spring and a new nest at Windmill Marsh at Oak Orchard WMA.

A NYSDEC survey of the Motor Island rookery on 5 May found nine Great Egret nests, a record high, 18 Great Blue Heron nests, significantly down from last year's 108, and 142 Black-crowned Night-Heron nests. **Sandhill Crane** sightings were consistent with the increase during the last few years. A pair was observed in the vicinity of Iroquois NWR several times in mid-May and a pair was seen flying over Wyoming County on 24 May. Birders are encouraged to search for signs of breeding.

There were some good, non-raptor rarities found this season, too. Sightings of a group of three **American White Pelicans** were made at several locations over the course of two and a half weeks. These were likely the same individuals wandering the Region and Region 2 to the east.

A **Pomarine Jaeger** off Fort Niagara State Park at the end of March provided a first spring record of this species in the Region. Spring jaeger records are exceptionally rare and it is possible that this bird wintered on Lake Ontario.

An **"Audubon's" Warbler**, photographed at Goat Island by Willie D'Anna and Betsy Potter, represents only the second sighting of this western form of Yellow-rumped Warbler in the Region.

Other rarities for the season included: Eared Grebe, Glossy Ibis, Black-headed Gull, possible Fish Crow and Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco.

The B.O.S. April Count on 14 April tallied 148 species and was compiled by Mike Hamilton. Record high counts were noted for Great Egret, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Virginia Rail, Mourning Dove, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Pileated Woodpecker, Blue-headed Vireo, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, Pine Warbler, Palm Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Chipping Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow and Northern Cardinal. Notable low counts were for American Black Duck and Northern Pintail (none!).

Despite record low temperatures, the B.O.S. May Count on 19 May tallied an impressive 207 species. The count compiler was Bob DeLeon. Fifteen species were recorded at their highest total ever (since 1935): Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Ruddy Duck, Bald Eagle, Ring-billed Gull, Caspian Tern, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Northern Mockingbird and Pine Warbler. Record low counts included Ring-necked Pheasant, Cerulean Warbler and Vesper Sparrow. Other notable low counts included Killdeer, Horned Lark, Hermit Thrush, Wood Thrush, Field Sparrow and Bobolink.

The B.O.S. counts, especially the May count, have considerable variables that can make year-to-year comparisons difficult. However, it is clear that record totals on both the April and May counts for Red-bellied Woodpecker, Tufted Titmouse and Carolina Wren are evidence that these species are doing well and increasing in the Region.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP ERIE; BOSAC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 14 April Count; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 19 May Count; Bush Hill SF – Bush Hill State Forest CATT; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant GENE; Carlton Hill MUA – Carlton Hill Multiple Use Area WYOM; ChauL – Chautauqua L CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor CHAU; EVSP – Evangola SP ERIE; FMCSP – Four Mile Creek SP NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP NIAG; GI – Goat I NIAG; Hamburg HW – Hamburg Hawk Watch ERIE; INWR – Iroquois NWR GENE/ORLE; JAS – Jamestown Audubon Sanctuary CHAU; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP ORLE; LESP – L Erie SP CHAU; NF – Niagara Falls NIAG; NPP – Niagara Power Project NIAG; NR – Niagara Ri; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA GENE; Ripley HW – Ripley Hawk Watch CHAU; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary ERIE; Tifft NP – Tifft Nature Preserve ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA GENE/NIAG; WBSP – Woodlawn Beach SP ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP NIAG.

LOONS – DUCKS

Red-throated Loon: arr GHSP 15 Mar; max 23 FMCSP 7 Apr (WD); last 4 Somerset NIAG 18 May.

Com. Loon: arr AISP 25 Mar.

Horned Grebe: arr Buffalo ERIE & 5 OOWMA 16 Mar; 28 AISP 25 Mar (TL); 100 ChauL 4 Apr (JB); last Pt Breeze ORLE 26 May (KF).

Red-necked Grebe: 14 FMCSP 7 Apr (WD); 12 BOSAC; only reports.

EARED GREBE: OOWMA 16 Mar (BK!), first Mar report since 1988.

AM. WHITE PELICAN: 3 GHSP 29 Apr (AM); 3 Lewiston Res NIAG 11 May (BRBA); 3 NF 14 May (WD! ph); 3 over NF 16 May; likely same birds wandering the Region.

Double-crested Cormorant: Wilson NIAG 29 Mar; arr 13 Machias CATT & 2 ChauL 4 Apr; max 521 Motor I NR 24 Apr.

Am. Bittern: arr Machias CATT 6 Apr (MD); 2 BOSAC; Tifft NP 21 Apr–4 May; SPNS 12 May; TWMA 18 May; Clay Pd WMA CHAU 19 May (JB).

Least Bittern: arr TWMA 24 May (BK, DH), only report.

Great Blue Heron: 99 Motor I NR 18 Apr; 18 nests Motor I NR 5 May (NYSDEC); max 150 INWR 11 May (KF).

Great Egret: arr Motor I NR 31 Mar (STO), early; JAS 4 Apr; Farmersville CATT 9 Apr; Sheridan CHAU 4 May; max 21 + 9 nests Motor I NR 5 May (NYSDEC); Wales ERIE 16 May; 3 Tifft NP 25, 27 May; 5 INWR 26 May.

Green Heron: arr BOSAC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 142 nests Motor I NR 5 May (NYSDEC); 2 INWR 15 May.

GLOSSY IBIS: Hartland NIAG 19, 21 May (WW!), second consecutive spring report.

BLACK VULTURE: Ripley HW 6 May (LD!).

Greater White-fronted Goose: INWR 12 Mar (BB), with numerous Canadas.

Snow Goose: max 71 Kuckville ORLE 1 Mar (BE); 14 Yates ORLE 9 Mar; eight other Mar reports in single digits; last JAS 28 Apr.

Canada Goose (*B. c. hutchinsii*): 8 INWR 3 Mar (MM!), record spring count.

Brant: 2 NF 16–20 May (WD, BP), only

report.

BARNACLE GOOSE: Royalton NIAG 1, 3 Mar (CM, MG), origin unknown; most reports in Reg were in same general vicinity in Mar.

Mute Swan: 2 ad at nest Olcott NIAG 11-18 May; 2 INWR 12-26 May; Pt Breeze ORLE 24 May; only reports.

Trumpeter Swan: SPNS 10 Apr (LH); Porter NIAG 14 Apr (WD!); N Harmony CHAU 24 Apr (PB); 2 BWWTP May; origins unknown.

Tundra Swan: max 326 INWR 11 Mar (MG); 276 TWMA 11 Mar; 145 Farmersville CATT 24 Mar (MD); 2 Wales ERIE 25 Apr; last 4 INWR 17 May. **Am. Wigeon:** max 300 OOWMA 2 Mar (KF).

Blue-winged Teal: arr N Collins ERIE 28 Mar.

N. Shoveler: arr 6 TWMA 9 Mar; 15 BWWTP 26 May.

N. Pintail: max 1100 OOWMA 2 Mar (KF), impressive count; BOSAC, remarkably none reported; 2 Hartland NIAG 15 May.

Green-winged Teal: 3 BWWTP 26 May, bred at this location in recent years.

Canvasback: last 2 BWWTP 26 May (KF), late.

Redhead: 13 Allegany ALLE 1 Apr; 10 ChauL 4 Apr; max 14 INWR 4 May.

Ring-necked Duck: 387 AISP 31 Mar; 500 ChauL 4 Apr (JB); last INWR 26 May (MM, KF), late.

Greater Scaup: BWWTP 11 May (KF); NF 16, 24 May (WD, BK).

Lesser Scaup: max 2500 ChauL 4 Apr (JB), record spring count from one location; 8439 BOSAC, count record; New Hudson ALLE 24 May (RC); last 4 Attica Res WYOM 26 May.

Surf Scoter: 2 Silver Creek CHAU 27 Mar; Times Beach ERIE 12 Apr; 2 TWMA 16 Apr (MG, GR), unusual inland.

White-winged Scoter: Amity L ALLE 2 May (VP), unusual inland; last 2 Somerset

NIAG 21 May.

Black Scoter: 2 Buffalo NR 11 Mar (PY); 2 Silver Creek CHAU 7, 8 Apr (MO, JG), only reports.

Long-tailed Duck: 56 AISP 25 Mar (TL); 19 Amity L ALLE 25 Mar (VP); impressive inland counts; last 14 Somerset NIAG & Yates ORLE 21 May.

Bufflehead: 500 ChauL 4 Apr (JB), good inland count; 6712 BOSAC, count record; last Pt Breeze ORLE 26 May (KF).

Com. Goldeneye: NF 24 May; Pt Breeze ORLE 26 May; on the late side.

Com. Merganser: 2 INWR 21 May; 3 NF 21 May; unusual locations for date.

Ruddy Duck: arr 16 BWWTP 3 Mar, 996 BOSAC, count record; 81 INWR 16 Apr; 200 BWWTP 4 May.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: arr Forestville CHAU 19 Mar (DM), early; 3 Allegheny Res CATT 29 Mar (TL); 2 at nest INWR mid-May after displacing geese from nest; Amity L ALLE 21 May (VP).

MISSISSIPPI KITE: imm Ripley HW 5 May (LD! MF! SF!), 2nd documented report for Reg, submitted to NYSARC.

Bald Eagle: 2 nests INWR, both knocked down in wind storm 9-10 Mar, one rebuilt; nest OOWMA, new location; good showing at hawkwatches and elsewhere.

N. Goshawk: 2 ALLE BOSAC; Tift NP 27 Apr (DH!); BOSMC; Ripley CHAU 26 May (MG), possible nest location.

Red-shouldered Hawk: arr Cowlesville WYOM 8 Mar; nest with yg Bush Hill SF 5 May (PY); Darien GENE 27 May, at Great Lakes Plain edge of known breeding range.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr Hamburg HW 12 Apr (MH), early; Bennington WYOM 27 May, at Great Lakes Plain edge of breeding range.

SWAINSON'S HAWK: Ripley HW 18 Apr (LD!); 2nd documented report for Reg, submitted to NYSARC.

FERRUGINOUS HAWK: light morph

imm Ripley HW 11 Apr (LD! WDi! TS!) submitted to NYSARC; state first if accepted.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 15 Yates ORLE 24 Mar (WD).

GOLDEN EAGLE: AISP 19 Mar (TL); 2, 2 Ripley HW Apr. May (LD).

Merlin: 5 SUNY Buffalo campus ERIE thru 31 Mar (PY!), last 1 there 9 Apr; arr DH 9 Apr; Hamburg HW 12 Apr; 2 BOSAC; Chaffee ERIE 5 May (PY); Olcott NIAG 18 May (MT! MM! WD!); late migrant.

Peregrine Falcon: arr Hamburg HW 7 Apr (BK!); 3 surviving yg Buffalo ERIE from now annual nest location; nesting suspected at NF as well; GHSP 16 May (MM); Clarence ERIE 19 May (D&RD!); Yates ORLE 23 May (BK!); late migrant.

Virginia Rail: arr SPNS 30 Mar (LH). very early, possibly over- wintered?

Sora: arr Tifft NP 7 May, late arrival.

Com. Moorhen: arr Pomfret CHAU 3 May.

Am. Coot: max 250 ChauL 4 Apr (JB); 4 BuSP 30 May, possible breeding location.

SANDHILL CRANE: Hamburg HW 24 Mar (RA!); Ripley HW 7 Apr (PY); Hamburg HW 5 May (BK!); 1-2 INWR 11, 16, 18 May (MJ!, GL), several sightings at this location thru; 2 over Java WYOM 24 May (DJ!).

Black-bellied Plover: arr INWR 4 May (MM!), slightly early; singles at this location thru 26 May; Kiantone CHAU 11 May, only other report.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 4 Kiantone CHAU 11 May; 35 INWR 12 May, 38 INWR 24 May, high counts for spring.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr Somerset NIAG 22 Mar; max 40 INWR 12 May.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 6 BOSAC; max 100 INWR 4 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Langford ERIE 16 Apr (DH), early, no details; last Yates 24 May.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Times Beach ERIE 15 Apr.

Upland Sandpiper: arr Hartland NIAG 30 Apr; 2 Tillman WMA 24 May; regular breeding locations.

Whimbrel: 17 Clarence ERIE 24 May (BK, DH), observed in flight, rarely reported in such numbers.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr INWR 4 May (MM!), record early by 5 days; max 8 INWR 26 May; several others in May at Cayuga Pool.

Red Knot: arr 2 INWR 15 May (WD!), record early; max 19 INWR 24 May (BK, DH); 7 TWMA 24 May; impressive showing.

Sanderling: 12 GHSP 16 May (MM), migrating along L Ontario.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Kiantone CHAU 11 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr 2 INWR 4 May; max 100 INWR 12 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr INWR 15 May (WD!); 2 INWR 26 May; only reports.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr Somerset NIAG 4 May; 4 INWR 17 May; INWR 24 May.

Dunlin: arr 2 BOSAC; 23 Yates ORLE 21 May; max 250 INWR 25 May (KF), impressive count.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 32 INWR 12 May; 2 Hartland NIAG 15 May; 21 Yates ORLE 16 May; max 40 INWR 17 May (MM); BWWTP 18 May; last INWR 25 May; good showing.

Com. Snipe: arr Grand I ERIE 15 Mar.

Am. Woodcock: arr 2 Pomfret CHAU 8 Mar.

Wilson's Phalarope: 2 INWR 24 May; INWR 26 May (BK, MM); few spring reports in recent years.

POMARINE JAEGER: FNSP 30 Mar (WD!), first spring report, possibly wintered on L Ontario.

Little Gull: 5 Lewiston NR 2 Mar; 6 Buffalo NR 11 Mar; max 10 FNSP 10 Apr.

BLACK-HEADED GULL: ad in breeding plumage NR 14, 15 Apr (GB!); continues trend of spring sightings on NR.

Bonaparte's Gull: AISP 10 Mar; 10 Chaul 4 Apr; max 4980 NR 14 Apr (GB); imm INWR 26 May, unusual location for late season report.

Iceland Gull: max 7 NPP 17 Mar; 2 WBSP 27 Mar; GI 6 Apr; BOSAC; Lewiston NR 21 Apr.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: NPP 17 Mar; 3 GI 6 Apr; BOSAC; Somerset NIAG 30 Apr (WW!); Olcott NIAG 1 May (BE); last Wilson NIAG 18 May (WD!).

Glaucous Gull: 2 NPP 11, 16 Mar; 2 BOSAC; DH 14 May (JG); last Olcott NIAG 16 May (MM).

Caspian Tern: arr 3 Times Beach ERIE 12 Apr; max 56 DH 10 May.

Com. Tern: arr 28 BOSAC; 3 BWWT 26 May.

Forster's Tern: BWWT 18 May (MM! MT! WD!); Chaul 20 May (BS); BWWT 26 May (KF!); rarely documented in spring.

Black Tern: arr 2 INWR 20 Apr, very early, undocumented; 2 INWR 4 May; Yates ORLE 16 May; Chaul 20 May.

DOVES – WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr 6 BOSMC.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr BOSMC; TWMA 24 May; only reports.

Long-eared Owl: 2 GHSP 24 Mar; 2 WTSP 2, 8 Apr; traditional migrant locations.

Short-eared Owl: Barre ORLE 1 Mar; 5, 7 Porter NIAG 1, 9 Mar (STO); traditional wintering locations; Hamburg HW 29 Mar (MT).

N. Saw-whet Owl: 7 reports from WTSP, GHSP, FMCS 9 Mar-9 Apr; ALLE BOSAC.

Com. Nighthawk: arr 4 BOSMC; SPNS 23 May; TWMA 24 May; 2 Blasdel ERIE 29-31 May; Buffalo ERIE 30, 31 May; 2 Orchard P ERIE 30 May; late arrivals.

Whip-poor-will: INWR 5 May (PH); Tift NP 7 May (MT); GI 12 May (WD, BP); more than usual.

Chimney Swift: arr Eden ERIE 17 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Eden Valley ERIE 5 May.

Red-headed Woodpecker: FNSP thru; Porter 11 Mar, 2 Apr; max 6 Pt Gratiot 11 May; 2 INWR 25 May; 3 EVSP 28 May; plus 8 reports of likely migrants in May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: SPNS 13 Mar, possibly wintered; arr Buffalo ERIE 9 Apr.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Jamestown CHAU 22 May (JB), only report.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr INWR 12 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr GI 12 May; 9 other reports.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr Watts Flats WMA CHAU 12 May (JB); 3 BOSMC; Attica WYOM 22, 26 May (KF); only reports.

Alder Flycatcher: arr Harmony CHAU and OOWMA 19 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr Carlton ORLE 9 May (KF!), record early.

Least Flycatcher: arr Tift NP 25 Apr (ER!), early.

E. Phoebe: arr Hamburg ERIE 28 Mar.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Tift NP 27 Apr.

E. Kingbird: arr Times Beach ERIE 27 Apr.

N. Shrike: 8 Mar reports.

White-eyed Vireo: LESP 19 May (JG), only report.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Hartland NIAG 11 May.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr Ward ALLE 11 Apr (EB), early; 3 BOSAC; Pomfret CHAU 16 Apr (TM).

Warbling Vireo: arr Tift NP 25 Apr (WW!), early.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr Tift NP 7 May (WD!), early; 10 other May reports.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr Silver Creek CHAU 6 May.

Blue Jay: max 1500 LBSP 9 May (KF).

FISH CROW: possible 2 Jamestown CHAU 1 May (BS), tentatively identified

at same location where a pair was believed to have nested last year, observer is awaiting confirmation via identification of the collected remains of one bird (wing); there are no accepted records of this species in Reg 1.

Com. Raven: Carlton Hill MUA 8 Mar (KF!); 2 N Harmony CHAU 5 May; 2 Attica WYOM 11, 18, 26 May (KF! MM! MT! WD!); 7 reports from ALLE. CATT.

Purple Martin: arr 2 Ripley HW 7 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr INWR 9 Mar (GL), very early, undocumented; 3 Yates ORLE 15 Mar (WD!), early.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr 2 Youngstown NIAG 10 Apr; 283 BOSAC, count record.

Bank Swallow: arr 2 BOSAC.

Cliff Swallow: arr BOSAC; 40 + 44 nests BuSP 9 May (WW), growing colony under N Grand I Bridge.

Barn Swallow: arr Eden Valley ERIE 9 Apr.

Carolina Wren: 44 BOSAC; 39 BOSMC, record counts; well reported thru.

House Wren: arr Clarence ERIE 14 Apr (DD!); S Dayton CATT 17 Apr (RR); Lancaster ERIE 18 Apr (MM!); all early.

Marsh Wren: arr Pomfret CHAU 3 May.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Bush Hill SF 30 Mar; last Carlton ORLE 24 May.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr 3 BOSAC.

Veery: arr Tift NP 5 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr AmSP 12 May; max 9 nocturnal migrants Buffalo ERIE 30 May.

Swainson's Thrush: arr 2 Tonawanda ERIE 6 May.

Hermit Thrush: max 15 LBSP 9 May (KF); INWR 18, 26 May probable breeder.

Wood Thrush: arr SPNS 28 Apr.

Brown Thrasher: arr 23 BOSAC, count record.

Am. Pipit: arr Hamburg ERIE 9 Mar (BK!); early; 2 Randolph CHAU 10 Mar (TL); last Newfane NIAG 24 May.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr GI 5 May.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr Tift NP 18 May; BOSMC; Yates ORLE 24 May; 3 OOWMA 25 May (KF); poor showing.

"Brewster's" Warbler: arr GI 5 May (KF! et al); LESP 6 May (DN); Somerset NIAG 11 May (WD, BP).

Tennessee Warbler: arr 3 GI 6 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Tift NP 25 Apr (ER!), early; Lancaster ERIE 6 May; Tift NP 7 May; GI 8, 12 May; AmSP 8-17 May; Sheldon CHAU 25 May; good showing.

Nashville Warbler: arr Tift NP 30 Apr; Attica WYOM 27 May; Orangeville WYOM 27 May; WYOM reports likely breeders.

N. Parula: arr GI 7 May; max 4 GI 17, 21 May.

Yellow Warbler: arr SPNS 20 Apr (LH); Tift NP 21 Apr (MM!); early.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr GI and Silver Creek CHAU 6 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr Tift NP and AmSP 5 May.

Cape May Warbler: arr Tift NP 5 May; max 3 GHSP 11 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Buffalo ERIE 28 Apr.

Yellow-rumped "Audubon's" Warbler (*D. c. auduboni*): GI 27 Apr (WD! BP! ph); 2nd record for Reg.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr AmSP 27 Apr.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr Tift NP 30 Apr.

Pine Warbler: arr Krull P NIAG 13 Apr; 9 BOSAC, count record; Krull P 16-24 May (MM.BK!); EVSP 28 May (MT!); breeders.

Prairie Warbler: arr Silver Creek CHAU 6 May; Pike WYOM 22, 26 May (KF); New Hudson ALLE 25 May (RC).

Palm Warbler: arr 2 SPNS 14 Apr (LH), very early; GI 20 Apr (WD!), early; max 15 Silver Creek CHAU 11 May; last GI 23 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Tift NP and GI 7 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr Silver Creek CHAU and Hamburg ERIE 12 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr GI 7 May.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr Tift NP 30 Apr.

Am. Redstart: arr GI 7 May.

Prothonotary Warbler: Lancaster ERIE 8 May (MM!; rarely recorded as migrant).

WORM-EATING WARBLER: GI 5 May (KF! et al); BOSMC; rare migrant.

Ovenbird: arr GI 3 May.

N. Waterthrush: arr Tift NP 21 Apr (MM!), early.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 3 BOSAC (MD! et al), early; Attica WYOM 16 May; AISP 24 May (RC).

KENTUCKY WARBLER: GHSP 15 May (WD! BP); rare migrant.

Mourning Warbler: arr GI 10 May.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr Lancaster ERIE 6 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr Hamburg ERIE 5 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr Tift NP 7 May.

Canada Warbler: arr Sherman CHAU 10 May.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Somerset NIAG 16 May (MM); INWR 26 May (MM); Tift NP 23-26 May (RA); good showing.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: arr Silver Creek CHAU 6 May.

E. Towhee: arr NF 27 Mar.

Am. Tree Sparrow: Yates ORLE 24 May (BK! DH), record late.

Chipping Sparrow: arr Eden Valley ERIE 9 Apr.

Field Sparrow: arr Colden ERIE 10 Apr.

Vesper Sparrow: arr 3 Busti CHAU 7 Apr; Pomfret CHAU 9 Apr; 5 Chautauqua CHAU 14 Apr (TM); Bethany GENE 17 May.

Savannah Sparrow: arr SPNS 5 Apr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Bethany

GENE and Middlebury WYOM 17 May; max 3 Tillman WMA 24 May.

Henslow's Sparrow: arr 4 Lancaster ERIE 7 May (MM), only report.

Fox Sparrow: 10 Ashford ALLE 4 Apr (BRBA); 5 Jamestown CHAU 11 Apr; last 22 BOSAC.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Tift NP 5 May; last SPNS and LBSP 24 May.

Swamp Sparrow: arr 3 TWMA 10 Apr.

White-throated Sparrow: max 350 Tift NP 7 May; Reinstein Preserve ERIE 28 May.

White-crowned Sparrow: 15 BOSAC; arr Eden ERIE 3 May.

Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco (*J. h. oregonus*): Eden ERIE 1 Mar-3 Apr (RA!) departed one day earlier than last year at same location; Ashville CHAU 17 Mar (JJ!); Colden 24-25 Mar (KL!).

Snow Bunting: 30 BOSAC, only report, on the late side.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Franklinville CATT and 2 Jamestown CHAU 29 Apr.

Indigo Bunting: arr Eden Valley ERIE 10 May.

Bobolink: arr 2 Pomfret CHAU 3 May.

E. Meadowlark: arr Stockton CHAU 6 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: last TWMA 26 May (KF!), late.

Orchard Oriole: arr 3 Somerset NIAG and GHSP 11 May (WD, BP); 3 Silver Creek CHAU 13 May (DN); Carlton ORLE 24 May; 2 Eden Valley ERIE 26-31 May (RA).

Baltimore Oriole: arr Tift NP 30 Apr.

Purple Finch: passed through in average numbers.

Red Crossbill: Colden ERIE 22-23 Mar and 2-5 Apr (JW), only reports.

White-winged Crossbill: Porter NIAG 4 Mar; GHSP 9 Mar; 3 Yates ORLE 9 Mar; Brocton CHAU 24 Apr; Lockport NIAG 6 May; 3 S Wales ERIE thru 23 May; mostly feeder reports.

Com. Redpoll: last 2 BOSAC.

Pine Siskin: max 19 Amity L ALLE 20 Apr; widespread migrant in low numbers thru mid May; 102 BOSMC.

Am. Goldfinch: 300 Krull P NIAG 16 May, part of impressive migration day along L Ontario.

Evening Grosbeak: max 35 Franklinville

CATT thru 13 May (MD); Krull P NIAG 18 May; 40 BOSMC.

EXOTICS

European Goldfinch: at feeder Snyder ERIE 12 Apr.