

REGION 3 – FINGER LAKES

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The weather seemed rather strange this spring and all of its oddities seemed to have pronounced effects on the birds. March was 2.2°F warmer than normal, with an average temperature of 34.6°. Twice the temperature reached 67° – on the 8th and the 15th. Precipitation was 82% of normal, with the amount nearly the same in Ithaca and Elmira. Most importantly, little of it fell as snow. Two inches accumulated on the 22nd and persisted to the 23rd. Three more accumulated on the 26th, but quickly melted. April temperatures averaged 2.7° warmer than normal, bolstered by a four-day period with temperatures reaching the high 80's, 16–19 April. Precipitation was 91% of normal. Less than one inch of snow accumulated on 5 April. May was 3.7° cooler than normal. High temperatures reached the 70's on 6–8, 17, 24, 25 and 28–31 May. From the 19th to 21st, the temperature never reached 50°, and lows those days were in the upper 20's. The Chemung Valley Audubon Society held its annual Big Day on 18 May. Participants who began the day in the lower elevations were drenched with heavy rain most of the morning. Those who began at slightly higher elevations dealt with accumulating snow, the latest snowfall in anyone's recollection.

A few individual Red-throated Loons occurred at scattered locations. Common Loon numbers were the lowest in the five years that I have written the Regional report. Using an index generated by totaling the highest counts in the season from each site where the birds were reported yielded only 69. The total for Common Loons is usually around 100. Normalized for birder effort, as determined by the number of database records generated for all species (20,345 for spring 2002), the 69 was reduced to 40. In contrast, Horned Grebes were reported in their highest numbers in the five years, with 105 for the normalized index, up from last year's five-year low of 36. The reason for the low numbers might be related to the narrow windows of opportunity to migrate with a tail wind during their usual peak time of late April and early May. Mike Andersen and Pete Hosner found the annual Eared Grebe at Aurora Bay still lingering, with a second individual, on 13 March..

Least Bitterns were reported from scattered locations, leading to a five-year high of 6 (3.5 normalized). Fred Bertram found the season's only **Cattle Egret** at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. A **Glossy Ibis** was also at Montezuma for a few days in early May.

While Tundra Swan numbers were at their highest in five years, Canada Geese were at their lowest. Last year, the widespread and lasting snow cover kept migrant Canadas in the region in unusually high numbers. This year, the lack of snow allowed them to move through quickly and early. The high Tundra Swan numbers were undoubtedly related to the high number which overwintered in the Region. Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Red-breasted Merganser and Long-tailed Duck all

hit five-year lows, though the last made a decent showing in Chemung County. Hooded Merganser numbers were at their highest. Interestingly, numbers of the two nest competitors, Wood Duck and Hooded Merganser, have been generally going in opposite directions over the last five years. Single **Eurasian Wigeons** were reported occasionally at Montezuma NWR in March and April. Reports of single **Black Scoters** came from Aurora Bay on Cayuga Lake and from Montezuma NWR.

Among the raptors, Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk and American Kestrel achieved their highest numbers in five years. Sharp-shinned Hawk was at its lowest level. Reporting of Sharp-shinned Hawks may be more dependent upon the noting of migrant birds than for the other species of raptors, so the lack of south winds may help to explain their low numbers. Among game birds, Ruffed Grouse was at a five-year low. If the species follows its usual cyclic population pattern, an upswing can be anticipated as predators turn their attention to more abundant prey items.

Virginia Rail was reported in its highest numbers, while Sora was at its lowest. John Fitzpatrick reported the season's only **Sandhill Crane**, flying over his Dryden home in late May.

Relatively high water levels through the season may have contributed to the relatively low numbers of Killdeer reported. American Woodcock was also reported in its lowest numbers in five years. In contrast, Dunlin, Short-billed Dowitcher and Common Snipe were all at their highest levels. In Chemung County, all three of these species appeared in a location where muskrat numbers were high. The removal of cattails by the muskrats exposed more than the usual amount of mud flats, particularly in the marsh in Horseheads. For the Dunlin, it was the second consecutive year with significant gains. This was also true for Least Sandpiper, which enjoyed the same mud flats. Shorebirding excitement peaked 12 May when both **Marbled Godwit** and **Purple Sandpiper** were found at Myers Point on Cayuga Lake. Neither had been reported in spring migration in several years.

Bonaparte's, Ring-billed and Lesser Black-backed gulls all hit their five-year lows this spring. Certainly, the high river levels contributed to fewer Bonaparte's, and to some extent Ring-billed, gulls being counted. Only two Lesser Black-backed Gulls were reported, making it truly a rarity this year. The rejuvenating of water supplies in wetlands may have contributed to Common, Forster's and Black terns all occurring in their highest numbers in five years. The most unusual larid of the season was the **Little Gull** at the south end of Cayuga Lake on 4 May.

Yellow-billed Cuckoos were reported in their highest numbers in five years. I did see some evidence of increasing gypsy moth caterpillar activity this spring, so that may help to account for the cuckoo increase. Barred, Long-eared and Short-eared owls were all scarce. The rare spring report of a **Snowy Owl**, made especially interesting by its following a non-invasion winter, came from Hobart William Smith College. Unfortunately, it was found dead there two days after its initial appearance.

Common Nighthawk and Chimney Swift were both reported in their lowest numbers in five years. The cold May may have simply delayed the arrival of some of the nighthawks. This may have also affected the Chimney Swifts, but I also

suspect that the alteration of chimneys with current furnace designs is reducing the number of available nest sites. Allison and Jeff Wells made the very rare discovery of a roosting Whip-poor-will while visiting the hawthorn orchard along the East Ithaca Recreation Way. Other birders relocated the bird the following day and enjoyed both it and an equally rare Worm-eating Warbler. The warbler sat on a perch just inches above the Whip-poor-will and scolded the owl-like insectivore.

Red-headed Woodpecker, though still very rare in the Region, did reach a five-year high. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers are becoming increasingly common. This is probably due to the maturing of forests. The transient Yellow-bellied Flycatcher occurred in its highest numbers in five years, thanks to the three that Wes Hochachka found near Sapsucker Woods. The Hymes family, on an outing at Fillmore Glen State Park, pushed Acadian Flycatchers to peak numbers. Many observers contributed to the high number of Eastern Phoebe reported. Willow and Least flycatchers were both at their lowest level in five years.

The frequently cold temperatures forced swallows to forage over bodies of water where they were still able to find insects. This resulted in high numbers of Tree, Northern Rough-winged and Barn swallows being reported. Cliff Swallow had its second consecutive spring of significant increase. Ken Rosenberg found a **White-eyed Vireo** at Dryden Lake Park. Blue Jay had its second consecutive spring of significant decrease. For those wondering how Common Raven is doing in the Region, the index was 81 before being normalized, the highest number in the last five years. Normalized for birder effort, however, the index was only 48, compared to 56 in 1998.

Mild winters have allowed Carolina Wren and Northern Mockingbird to attain their highest numbers in five years. Marsh Wrens, always somewhat fickle in their choice of nesting grounds, were at their highest numbers also. The Lowe Pond area in Big Flats was the hot spot for them in Chemung County this spring. Ruby-crowned Kinglets were also noted in high numbers.

Waxwings were the highlight in early April. Cedar Waxwings increased significantly for the fourth consecutive year and with them came Bohemians. As many as 40 **Bohemian Waxwings** were found on the Cornell University campus, where they were reported for several days.

The East Ithaca Recreation Way hawthorn orchard was the focal point for warbler-watching in the Ithaca area and contributed greatly to five-year highs for several species: **Orange-crowned**, Magnolia, Cape May, Black-throated Blue, Blackburnian and Palm warblers and Northern Parula. Chris Tessaglia-Hymes's tally of 15 Northern Parulas in the hawthorn orchard was particularly remarkable, but the high numbers were not limited to that spot. The high counts from other sites added another 34 to the index. Even when normalized for birder effort, the index was more than four times the next highest in the last five years. The cold weather in mid May may have caused this and other warbler species to accumulate in the Region before proceeding northward. Several species also had their lowest numbers in five years: Tennessee, Yellow-rumped and Cerulean warblers, Ovenbird and Louisiana Waterthrush.

The snowless landscape of March either allowed the American Tree Sparrows, Lapland Longspurs and Snow Buntings to disappear into the landscape or to exit early for their northern breeding grounds. In either case, all were in their lowest numbers in five years. For the longspur, it was the third consecutive year of significant declines. Eastern Towhees may have slowed their return to breeding grounds because of the weather, though succession of their habitat is certainly a factor in their low numbers. The rare Henslow's Sparrow was rarer than usual. Lincoln's and White-throated sparrows both hit five-year highs.

Red-winged Blackbirds had their second consecutive year of significant decline. Brown-headed Cowbirds were at their lowest level in five years. The **Pine Grosbeaks** wintering in Dryden lingered until 12 March. White-winged Crossbills, Common Redpolls, Pine Siskins and Evening Grosbeaks all lingered for a time as well. Purple Finches were lower in numbers than in other recent years.

The Region 3 co-birds-of-the-season were undoubtedly the Purple Sandpiper, discovered by Anne Marie and Tim Johnson and confirmed by Matt Medler, and the Marbled Godwit, which Matt found standing next to the sandpiper when he arrived at Myers Point.

The species accounts include comparisons of observed populations between spring 2001 and spring 2002. A "+" at the end of an account indicates an increase; a "-" indicates a decrease. Neither symbol in an account indicates the species did not demonstrate a significant change in reported numbers. Unless otherwise noted, the comparisons showed statistically significant changes ($\chi^2 > 3.84$; $P = 0.05$). A discussion of my methodology and its limitations is in the Region 3 report in the December 1999 *The Kingbird*.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AB – Aurora Bay CAYU; CayL – Cayuga L; ChR – Chemung Ri; CU – Cornell University; DLP – Dryden L P TOMP; EIRW – East Ithaca Recreation Way TOMP; Eld – Eldridge P CHEM; FH – Ford Hill; KH – Kestrel Haven Avian Migration Observatory; LoPd – Lowe Pd CHEM; LPBP – Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve TOMP; MNWR – Montezuma NWR; MtPl – Mt Pleasant TOMP; MWC – Montezuma Wetlands Complex; MyPt – Myers Pt TOMP; PSt – Park Station CHEM; SF – State Forest; SSF – Summerhill SF CAYU; StP – Stewart P TOMP; TCAH – The Center at Horseheads; WERF – West Elmira Riverine Forest CHEM.

LOONS – DUCKS

Red-throated Loon: arr AB 17 Mar; PSt 25 Apr; last DLP 19 May (L&TS), late.
Com. Loon: max 12 AB 21 Apr; last DLP 19 May.
Pied-billed Grebe: arr MyPt 16 Mar; max 11 MNWR 7 Apr, high; +.
Horned Grebe: arr 3 ChR 16 Mar; max 45 EldP 26 Mar; last Horseheads Gravel Pits CHEM 23 Apr; +.
Red-necked Grebe: max & last 3 Long Pt

SP 6 Apr.

EARED GREBE: max & last 2 AB 13 Mar (Mand, PH), high.

Double-crested Cormorant: arr 6 ChR 3 Apr; max 50 MNWR 4 May; last StP 19 May; +.

Least Bittern: arr 2 Sapsucker Woods TOMP 16 May; max 2 Erie Railroad Marsh STEU 21 May.

Great Egret: arr Wayland 6 Apr; last Ellis Hollow Swamp TOMP 30 Apr.

CATTLE EGRET: MNWR 4 May (FB).

Green Heron: max 7 Erie Railroad Marsh STEU 21 May (JHo), high.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr StP 23 Apr; DLP 8 May; last MNWR 28 May.

GLOSSY IBIS: arr MNWR 1-4 May (CAA, JMc, BP); -.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED

GOOSE: last Fayette 3 Mar (MAnd, PH, KRF).

Snow Goose: max 10,000 CayL 2 Mar; last MWC 19 May; -.

ROSS'S GOOSE: max 2 CayL 2 Mar (JE, MMe), early & only report; -.

Canada Goose: max 1620 MNWR 3 Mar; -.

Brant: arr 100 StP 28 Apr; max 200 Ithaca 12 May; last CayL SP 26 May; +.

Mute Swan: arr MNWR 7 Apr; last MNWR 12 May; -.

Tundra Swan: max 700 Mud Lock TOMP 17 Mar (JMc), high; last MNWR 11 May (S&Sfa), late; +.

Wood Duck: max 29 MNWR 7 Apr; -.

Gadwall: max 200 MNWR 1 Mar (MHa), high; MNWR 19 May; +.

EURASIAN WIGEON: arr MNWR 3 Mar, early; last MNWR 23 Apr (MNWR SV&V).

Am. Wigeon: max 300 MNWR 7 Mar; TCAH 4 May; +.

Am. Black Duck: max 26 MNWR 3 Mar; -.

Mallard: max 113 MWC 3 Mar; -.

N. Shoveler: arr 12 MNWR 2 Mar, early; max 102 MNWR 7 Apr, high; MNWR 19 May.

N. Pintail: max 300 MNWR 7 Mar, high; 2 MNWR 14 Apr; +.

Green-winged Teal: max 40 MNWR 7 Apr; MNWR 19 May.

Canvasback: max 2000 CayL 25 Mar; MNWR 19 May; -.

Redhead: max 1000 CayL 25 Mar; MNWR 19 May; -.

Ring-necked Duck: max 622 MNWR 7 Apr; last DLP 19 May; -.

Greater Scaup: max 100 CayL 25 Mar;

last StP 19 May; -.

Lesser Scaup: max 28 MNWR 7 Apr; last StP 19 May; +.

White-winged Scoter: max 3 AB 9 Mar; last 3 AB 14 Apr.

BLACK SCOTER: arr AB 13 Apr (RB, JE, BFo, MMe, MWi); last MNWR 3 May (MAnd).

Long-tailed Duck: arr ChR 16 Mar; max 10 Minier's Pd CHEM 25 Mar; last 8 EldP 27 Mar; -.

Bufflehead: max 36 Long Pt SP 30 Mar; last 21 CayL 4 May.

Com. Goldeneye: max 101 AB 2 Mar; last 5 AB 14 Apr; -.

Com. Merganser: max 27 MNWR 3 Mar; -.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 24 EldP 21 Mar; last AB 4 May; -.

Ruddy Duck: max 21 StP 15 Apr; +.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: max 14 MNWR 22 May (J&SG), high.

Bald Eagle: max 7 MNWR 4 May (FB), high.

Red-shouldered Hawk: arr 2 Orange 5 Mar (EL), early; max 5 MtPl 24 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr Ithaca 15 Apr; max 2 MtPl 16 Apr.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 3 SSF 2 Apr; last The Rock TOMP 4 May (MHa), late; -

Golden Eagle: arr & max 3 MtPl 8 Mar; last Dryden 14 Apr.

Am. Kestrel: max 14 SSF 2 Apr (MY), high; +.

Merlin: StP 28 Apr; last MyPt 12 May.

Peregrine Falcon: arr Tyre 3 Mar (MAnd, PH), early; MWC 23 Mar; last MNWR 3 May.

Virginia Rail: max 6 Dryden L 6 May (KR), high.

Am. Coot: max 400 Clute Memorial P SCHU 5 Apr (DR), high; +.

SANDHILL CRANE: Dryden 27 May (JF), late & only report.

Killdeer: max 12 LoPd 30 Mar; -.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 11 MNWR 18

Apr; last MNWR 5 May; +.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 5 TCAH 4 May; last TCAH 13 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: max 20 Corning STEU 30 Apr; last 7 EIRW 19 May; +.

Upland Sandpiper: arr & max 6 Seneca Falls 21 Apr.

MARBLED GODWIT: MyPt 12 May (MMe).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 18 MNWR 13 May; last 10 MNWR 27 May.

Least Sandpiper: max 39 TCAH 18 May; last MNWR 24 May; +.

White-rumped Sandpiper: max 2 MyPt 13 May (JE, PH), early & only report.

PURPLE SANDPIPER: MyPt 12-15 May (AM&TJl, mob).

Dunlin: arr MyPt 5 Apr; max 50 MNWR 24 May; last 3 MNWR 30 May; +.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr TCAH 14 May; max & last 50 Savannah Mucklands 18 May, high; +.

Com. Snipe: max 32 Dryden 14 Apr (KR), high; +.

LITTLE GULL: StP 4 May (KR).

Bonaparte's Gull: arr MyPt 16 Mar; max 40 StP 11 Apr; last MNWR 22 May; -.

Ring-billed Gull: max 1000 StP 5 Mar; -.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Mud Lock TOMP 7 Mar; last StP 16 Mar.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 12 StP 5 Mar; last StP 4 May; +.

Caspian Tern: max 10 MNWR 4 May, high; last StP 19 May; +.

Com. Tern: max 15 MNWR 13 May; last MNWR 31 May; +.

Forster's Tern: arr 2 MyPt 29 Apr; max & last 9 MNWR 19 May, high; +.

Black Tern: max 25 MNWR 5 May (RB), high; +.

DOVES – WOODPECKERS

Rock Dove: max 50 Veteran 23 Mar; -.

Mourning Dove: max 16 TCAH 4 May; -.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr EIRW 10 May; max 3 FH 27 May.

SNOWY OWL: Hobart William Smith College 13-15 Mar (fide MSc), late.

Long-eared Owl: Ledyard 30 Mar (C&KSt), only report.

Short-eared Owl: Dryden 21 Mar; -.

N. Saw-whet Owl: SSF 19 Mar (MY), only report.

Whip-poor-will: arr EIRW 13 May.

Chimney Swift: max 25 Ithaca 24 Apr; -.

Belted Kingfisher: max 4 Dryden 31 Mar.

Red-headed Woodpecker: arr 2 Middaugh Rd Cemetery TOMP 6 May; max 2 Ledyard 16 May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 10 Ellis Hollow Preserve 11 May (CBC, LSt), high; +.

Downy Woodpecker: max 14 Dryden L Trail 13 Apr, high.

N. Flicker: max 8 Danby 7 Apr; +.

Pileated Woodpecker: max 4 WERF 25 May, high.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: last LPBP 26 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr CU 17 May; max 3 Ithaca 21 May (WH), high; last EIRW 28 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr KH 23 May; max 5 Fillmore Glen SP 27 May, high.

N. Shrike: Dryden 1 Apr; last Dryden 10 Apr.

WHITE-EYED VIREO: DLP 14 May (KR, mob); DLP 15 May.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr 2 Middaugh Rd Cemetery TOMP 5 May; max 3 EIRW 10 May; last EIRW 20 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: max 16 CU 13 May, high; +.

Blue Jay: max 20 Elmira 19 Mar; -.

Am. Crow: max 150 Veteran 23 Mar; -.

Horned Lark: max 200 Lansing 25 Mar; -.

Purple Martin: max 20 MNWR 27 Apr, high; +.

Tree Swallow: max 2000 ChR 6 Apr; +.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: max 50 CU 14 May (MHa), high; +.

Cliff Swallow: max 60 ChR 23 Apr; +.

Barn Swallow: max 200 Elmira Dam

CHEM 14 May; +.
White-breasted Nuthatch: max 4 WERF 25 May, low.
Carolina Wren: max 7 Ovid 18 May (AP), high; +.
Winter Wren: arr StP 9 Mar; max 3 Shindagin Hollow SF TOMP 31 Mar.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 36 Lick Brook Gorge TOMP 7 Apr; +.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: max 20 CU 2 May; last SSF 19 May.
Veery: max 21 CU 10 May, high.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr EIRW 22 May; last Ithaca 26 May.
Swainson's Thrush: max 3 EIRW 15 May; last KH 28 May (J&SG), late; +.
Wood Thrush: max 12 FH 27 May, high.
Am. Robin: max 225 PSt 6 Apr; +.
Gray Catbird: max 25 EIRW 12 May.
N. Mockingbird: max 10 EIRW 4 Apr, high.
European Starling: max 63 Big Flats 22 May; -.
Am. Pipit: arr MNWR 10 Mar; max & last 300 Fayette 19 May; +.
BOHEMIAN WAXWING: arr EIRW 27 Mar (JE!); max 40 CU 7 Apr (JWa), high; last 2 CU 12 Apr (DWO); +.
Cedar Waxwing: max 2010 CU 7 Apr (CSFO, MY), high; +.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr Dryden 30 Apr; max 6 LPBP 17 May; -.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr EIRW 9 May; last KH 14 May.
"Brewster's" Warbler: Ulysses 27 May (SSu), only report.
Tennessee Warbler: max 8 EIRW 20 May; last 2 EIRW 23 May.
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: arr CU 7 May (MHa); max 2 EIRW 14 May (CT); last EIRW 20 May (CT), late.
N. Parula: max 15 EIRW 14 May, high; last 2 MNWR 23 May; +.
Yellow Warbler: max 42 MNWR 5 May, high.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 12 EIRW

14 May, high.
Magnolia Warbler: max 15 CU 14 May; +.
Cape May Warbler: max 3 CU 14 May; last Veteran 21 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 20 EIRW 15 May, high; +.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr 2 Danby 5 Apr; max 60 CU 13 May; -.
Blackburnian Warbler: max 10 EIRW 14 May, high.
Pine Warbler: max 6 Dryden 31 Mar, high.
Prairie Warbler: arr WERF 27 Apr; max 3 Gleason Meadows CHEM 18 May; -.
Palm Warbler: max 6 StP 2 May; last EIRW 21 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: max 4 EIRW 15 May; last Tanglewood Forest CHEM 22 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: max 5 WERF 25 May; last KH 31 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr CU 1 May; max 8 MNWR 5 May.
Black-and-white Warbler: max 7 MNWR 23 May, high.
Worm-eating Warbler: arr EIRW 13 May; max 6 LPBP 26 May, high.
Ovenbird: arr Buttermilk Falls SP 27 Apr; max 20 EIRW 14 May.
N. Waterthrush: max 10 Sapsucker Woods TOMP 6 May, high.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Lick Brook Gorge TOMP 7 Apr; max 2 FH 23 May; -.
Hooded Warbler: arr KH 4 May; max 6 Shindagin Hollow SF TOMP 28 May.
Wilson's Warbler: max 10 EIRW 10 May, high; last Dryden 22 May.
Canada Warbler: max 6 Fillmore Glen SP 27 May, high.
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: arr Buttermilk Falls SP 9 May (FM); EIRW 31 May (BFo).

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: max 21 CU 13 May, high.
E. Towhee: max 6 Gleason Meadows

CHEM 18 May, low; -.

Am. Tree Sparrow: max 13 Queen Catharine's Marsh SCHU 5 Apr, low; last KH 7 May, late; -.

Chipping Sparrow: max 31 Ithaca 25 Apr, high; +.

Field Sparrow: arr Ithaca 30 Mar; max 6 Lansing 21 Apr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Seneca Co. Fairgrounds 5 May; max 8 TCAH 7 May.

Henslow's Sparrow: arr Seneca Falls 27 Apr (GC, DSh), early.

Fox Sparrow: max 12 Dryden 5 Apr, high; last Dryden 5 May, late; +.

Lincoln's Sparrow: max 2 KH 11 May; last KH 25 May.

Swamp Sparrow: arr MNWR 3 Mar, early; max 11 LoPd 27 Apr; +.

White-throated Sparrow: max 50 Ithaca 25 Apr, high; +.

White-crowned Sparrow: max 15 CU 14 May, high; last KH 25 May.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 130 Danby 5 Apr; +

Lapland Longspur: last MtPl 18 Apr; -.

Snow Bunting: max 20 MtPl 1 Mar, low; last 4 Veteran 22 Mar; -.

N. Cardinal: max 13 MNWR 3 Mar, high.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 21 CU 13 May, high.

Bobolink: max 20 Ledyard 23 May; +.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 6000 Fayette 2 Mar; -.

E. Meadowlark: arr 2 Dryden 15 Mar; max 20 Lansing 1 May.

Rusty Blackbird: arr PSt 17 Mar; max 50 CayL WMA SENE 4 May, high; last 5 LoPd 17 May, late.

Com. Grackle: max 770 Dryden 16 Mr; -.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 12 Dryden 6 Apr, low; -.

Orchard Oriole: arr MNWR 5 May; Danby 31 May.

PINE GROSBEAK: max 8 Dryden 2 Mar (GB), high; last 3 Dryden 12 Mar (TL); +.

Purple Finch: max 10 Caroline 17 Apr; -.

White-winged Crossbill: max 8 Dryden 5 Apr; last 2 Etna 19 May; +.

Com. Redpoll: max 50 Dryden 7 Mar; last 3 Dryden 13 Apr; +.

Pine Siskin: max 29 Slaterville Springs 26 Mar, high; last CU 15 May; +.

Am. Goldfinch: max 36 Dryden 20 Apr; -

Evening Grosbeak: max 30 Van Etten 1 Mar; last Dryden 12 May; +.