

REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The cold winter continued during the first two weeks of March. However, the last two weeks were much warmer than usual. The average temperature was 33.5°F, 0.8° below average, spanning from -3° on 3 March to 73° on the 28th. There was 2.81" of precipitation, 0.18" below average, along with 6.6" of snow. The April average temperature of 43.0° was 2.3° below average, mostly due to a cold first week. Precipitation was a paltry 0.90", 2.14" below average, with 3.1" of snow. It was the driest April since 1935. Lake Erie was free of ice by 15 April, a normal date. The average temperature in May was 55.4°, 1.6° below normal, including a normal start through mid-month with a cool finish. The precipitation was 5.43", 2.08" above normal, with rainfall occurring on 15 days.

Red-necked Grebes appeared in the Region in their highest numbers since 1994. On 1 March, 206 were found at Dunkirk Harbor, and the species was well reported through April, including a record 1384 on the Buffalo Ornithological Society (BOS) April Count on 13 April. Local birders speculated that the sudden appearance of this species in March was related to the freezing of Lakes Huron and Superior, similar to 1994.

Returning waterfowl found less open water than usual in March. A major movement of Tundra Swans was widely reported on 16-17 March and a massive movement of Canada Geese was noted on 19 March. Rarities included two documented reports of Greater White-fronted Goose and the Region's fourth spring **Ross's Goose**, found by Bill Watson in the Town of Hartland on 22 April.

A NYSDEC survey of the Motor Island Rookery on 7 May found 15 Great Egret nests, another record high; 56 Great Blue Heron nests; 95 Black-crowned Night- Heron nests; and 57 Double-crested Cormorant nests. The only rare wader species observed this spring was **Glossy Ibis**, with two sightings at or near Iroquois NWR in April and May.

The Broad-winged Hawk migration peaked 19-21 April. High numbers of Bald and Golden eagles were reported at the Ripley and Hamburg hawkwatches and Bald Eagle was well reported throughout the Region. Raptor rarities included **Mississippi Kite** at the Ripley site on 20 May and 30 May, both observed by Len DeFrancisco, and **Black Vulture** at Ripley and Iroquois NWR. 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 Tonawanda WMA, a new location, and the second in the Iroquois NWR area. Those were the only nests for this species in the Region away from Cattaraugus County. **Sandhill Crane** sightings are increasing every year. They were well reported at the local hawkwatches and elsewhere in the Region. There were notably few shorebirds reported in the Region this spring and they were often absent or in small numbers at traditional locations. One exception was the Elba Mucklands, where in mid-

April one large flooded field produced high numbers of Pectoral Sandpipers, Dunlins and Greater Yellowlegs, plus an encouraging count of Northern Pintail. **Willetts** are rare in spring, but two early May reports were consistent with increased sightings in Ontario this year. A **Red-necked Phalarope** observed in Eden was another spring rarity.

Tremendous numbers of gulls, terns, cormorants and mergansers were attracted to Dunkirk Harbor in April and May because of a seeming overpopulation of shad. It was an amazing sight to see big numbers of these small fish constantly jumping out of the water. It must have seemed like a buffet for the birds. Caspian Terns were seen there in very high numbers, even late in the season. Their numbers at breeding colonies on the Canadian side of Lake Erie are increasing and these birds likely came across the lake on feeding forays.

The most unusual report this spring was of two **Monk Parakeets** in a yard in Hamburg on 4 May. Stephen McCabe sent two excellent digital photos of these colorful birds to me to confirm his sighting. The birds were eating buds from a Norway Maple. They could not be relocated in subsequent days. This was the fourth record for the Region and the first since 1975. The date and proximity to Lake Erie would normally suggest a vagrant, but this species is not known to migrate.

Jim Berry received two specimens of **Barn Owl** in March at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute. The first had been observed frequently at a barn in Villanova in the winter. The second was found at a dairy farm in North Harmony less than a week later. A bird of this species had been observed near the barn in December 2002. This news, while obviously unfortunate for the birds, lends evidence that there could be a small population of Barn Owls in Chautauqua County.

There were noticeable migrant pushes in early and mid May, most noticeably on 1 May when migrants, especially new arrivals, were widely reported. Birders seemed happy about the numbers and variety of warblers to watch in May. Rare finds included "Yellow" Palm, Worm-eating and Connecticut warblers, and a Yellow-breasted Chat. A Prothonotary Warbler at French Creek in late May was an encouraging possible breeder.

Two **Blue Grosbeaks** were reported this spring. This species is a very rare spring visitor. Bob Andrie had a male at his feeder in Eden Valley on 5 May and Bob Sundell saw another male at a feeder in Ellery on 10 May. Reports to NYSARC are encouraged.

Other rarities for the season included: **Eared Grebe**, **Loggerhead Shrike**, **Sedge Wren** and **Clay-colored Sparrow**.

The BOS April Count on 13 April tallied 139 species and was compiled by Mike Hamilton. Record high counts (since its 1935 inception) were noted for Red-necked Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Hooded Merganser, Bald Eagle, Eastern Screech-Owl, Pileated Woodpecker (second consecutive record April count) and Common Raven. No record low counts were recorded. The BOS May Count on 18 May tallied 212 species. The count compiler was Bob DeLeon. Fourteen

species were recorded at their highest total ever (since 1935): Great Blue Heron, White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Caspian Tern, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Acadian Flycatcher, Northern Mockingbird, American Pipit, Clay-colored Sparrow and Northern Cardinal. There were no record low counts although Veery, Swainson's Thrush and Eastern Meadowlark were notably lower than usual.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP ERIE; BOSAC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 13 April Count; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 18 May Count; BuSP – Buckhorn Island 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; FMCSPP – Four Mile Creek SP NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP NIAG; GI – Goat Island, NF, NIAG; Hamburg HW – Hamburg Hawk Watch ERIE; INWR – Iroquois NWR GENE/ORLE; JAS – Jamestown Audubon Sanctuary CHAU; JDSP – Joseph Davis SP NIAG; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP ORLE; LESP – L Erie SP CHAU; NF – Niagara Falls NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA GENE; PG – Pt Gratiot CHAU; Ripley HW – Ripley Hawk Watch CHAU; RTPI – Roger Tory Peterson Institute CHAU; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary ERIE; Tift NP – Tift Nature Preserve ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA GENE/NIAG; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP NIAG.

LOONS – DUCKS

Red-throated Loon: arr 12 Yates ORLE & 3 FMCSPP 23 Mar; Farmersville CATT 3 Apr (MDe); DH 6 Apr-6 May (WD!,TM!,DM); Oakfield GENE 7 Apr

(BK!), rare inland; last GHSP 17 May.

Com. Loon: ChauL 3 Mar; 2 Yates ORLE 23 Mar.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr WTSP 23 Mar.

Horned Grebe: arr 5 Lyndon CATT & 2

SPNS 26 Mar; 10 Freedom CATT 3 Apr; 24 Lime L CATT 3 Apr, max inland count; last 2 BOSMC.

Red-necked Grebe: max 206 DH 1 Mar (DH, DM), very high count, 118 remained 3 Mar; Wilson NIAG 8 Mar; 3 BuSP 24 Mar; 2 Tift NP 26-28 Mar; 29 Yates ORLE 29 Mar (WD); 3 Bear L CHAU 5-6 Apr; 1384 BOSAC, record high for count; last 3 Yates ORLE 27 Apr; well reported, highest numbers since 1994 invasion.

EARED GREBE: Lewiston Res NIAG 3 May (MMo!), more rare in spring, 4th May record.

Double-crested Cormorant: 150 DH 16 Mar; arr 7 Lime L CATT 3 Apr (MDe); 1072 BOSAC, record high for count; 404 Buffalo ERIE 15 Apr (WW); 800 DH 1 May (MMo); 205; 57 nests Motor I NR 7 May.

Am. Bittern: arr Sheridan CHAU 13 Apr (RB); 2 BOSAC; Tift NP 26 Apr; Westfield CHAU 4 May (JG); max 8 TWMA 9 May (BK); Newfane NIAG 10 May (MMo), unusual migrant location.

Least Bittern: arr TWMA 10 May (KF); SPNS 11 May (LH); 2 TWMA 17 May (MMo); INWR 31 May (WC); only reports.

Great Blue Heron: 679 BOSAC, record high for count; 106 at 56 nests Motor I NR 8 May.

Great Egret: arr 3 Motor I NR 27 Mar (WB), earliest return to rookery; max 16 Motor I NR 20 Apr & 2 May (WW), 15 nests May, a new high; Pomfret CHAU 9 Apr; Wellsville ALLE 14 Apr; Freedom CATT, JDSP 16 Apr; Tift NP 26 Apr & 12, 17 May; 2 Sheridan CHAU 9 May; TWMA 17 May.

Green Heron: arr FMCSF 26 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 111 Motor I NR 27 Mar, 95 nests there 7 May; 2 Pomfret CHAU 9 Apr; 2 Sheridan CHAU 9 Apr; 8 DH 28 Apr; TWMA 17 May.

GLOSSY IBIS: INWR 27 Apr (MMo!), only 3rd documented in Apr; TWMA 18 May (BK!), possibly same bird; 3rd

consecutive spring for Reg.

BLACK VULTURE: Ripley HW 17 Mar (MMo!), 4th record at HW; INWR 26 Apr (JP), not documented.

Turkey Vulture: arr Farnham ERIE 8 Mar.

Greater White-fronted Goose: Oakfield GENE 6 Apr (PY!); Yates ORLE 13 Apr (MC!); only documented reports.

Snow Goose: DH 2 Mar; arr 2 INWR 15 Mar; max 21 Yates ORLE 23 Mar (BK); 7 other Mar & Apr reports in single digits; last Barre ORLE 27 Apr.

ROSS'S GOOSE: Hartland NIAG 22 Apr (WW!); 4th spring record for Reg.

Canada Goose (*B. c. hutchinsii*): 3 Oakfield GENE & 5 OOWMA 6 Apr (PY!), more rare in spring.

Brant: 10 Tonawanda ERIE 25 May (PH), only report.

Mute Swan: max 5 Grand I ERIE 27 Mar; WTSP 26 Apr; 2 TWMA 4 May; 2 Olcott NIAG 17 May.

Trumpeter Swan: 2 DH 2 Mar (DM); Freedom CATT 27 Mar (RR), yellow wing tags; 2 TWMA 17 May (MMo).

Tundra Swan: 232 BeSP 7 Mar (WB); 900 ChauL 11 Mar (JB); max 1045 Hamburg HW 16 Mar (BK); widely reported 16-17 Mar; last 2 OOWMA 4 May.

Wood Duck: arr 7 GHSP 16 Mar.

Gadwall: 3 INWR 30 May, possible breeders.

Am. Black Duck: 4TWMA 17 May, only May report.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 6 Dayton CATT 23 Mar.

N. Shoveler: arr 2 DH 16 Mar; max 250 BWWT 19 Apr; INWR 31 May.

N. Pintail: 2966 BOSAC, remarkable since there were 0 on last year's count, most observed at Elba Mucklands GENE (BK).

Green-winged Teal: 62 INWR 9 May, good count for date.

Canvasback: max 3645 Grand I ERIE 7 Mar (WB).

Redhead: 6 TWMA 17 May, breeding location.

Ring-necked Duck: max 102 INWR 31 Mar; last 3 BOSMC.

Greater Scaup: last 34 BOSMC.

Lesser Scaup: arr Newstead ERIE 23 Mar; last 17 BOSMC.

Surf Scoter: 2 DH 18 Mar; WTSP 23 Mar; 23 BOSAC, record high for count; 6 Olcott NIAG 26 Apr; 6 Oakfield GENE 28 Apr (KF); 2 SPNS 28 Apr (LH), unusual inland locations.

White-winged Scoter: 2552 BOSAC, record high for count.

Black Scoter: DH 1 Mar; Olcott NIAG 16 Mar (WD); Oakfield GENE 7 Apr (BK), very rare inland; Porter NIAG 13 Apr; only reports.

Long-tailed Duck: 41 DH 16 Mar; 30 BWWT 29 Mar; 6 AISP 29 Mar; Machias CATT 30 Mar; **15,805** BOSAC, record high for count and state; 1300 FMCSP 10 May; last BOSMC.

Bufflehead: last 21 BOSMC.

Com. Goldeneye: last 4 BOSMC.

Hooded Merganser: 642 BOSAC, record high for count.

Com. Merganser: 4 NF 17 May, probable breeders at this location.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 2500 Barcelona Harbor CHAU 24 Apr.

Ruddy Duck: arr 2 Newstead ERIE 16 Mar; 13 Bear L CHAU 11 Apr; max 530 BWWT 19 Apr (KF); 48 INWR 4 May; 63 BWWT 15 May.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: arr AISP 25 Mar (TL); 2 nests INWR & TWMA, nest at TWMA is new location; continuing nesting Allegheny Res.

MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1, 1 Ripley HW 20, 30 May (LD! NYSARC), 3rd & 4th documented reports for Reg.

Bald Eagle: excellent showing at hawkwatches and elsewhere; 15 BOSAC, record high for count.

N. Goshawk: Yates ORLE 22 Mar

(WD!); GHSP 22 Mar (WD!); Jamestown CHAU 31 Mar (JB!); BWWT 6 Apr (PY!); 2 at nest Panama CHAU 12 May (MMi); French Creek CHAU 26 May (JB), possible nest location.

Red-shouldered Hawk: arr Hamburg HW 15 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr BOSAC; peak of migration 18-19 Apr.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 15 S. Dayton CATT 23 Mar (DN); last Yates ORLE 18 May (BK).

GOLDEN EAGLE: Hamburg HW 19 Mar; Panama CHAU 30 Mar (PB); 3 Ripley HW 19 Apr (WD!); Hamburg HW 19 Apr (JL!); 2 INWR 4 May (JP), reportedly harassed by nesting Balds; Ripley HW 30 May (LD!), subadult, latest spring report for Reg.

Merlin: arr Hamburg HW 16 Mar (BK); 3 Buffalo ERIE thru 9 Apr (PY!); last reported at SUNY Buffalo roost 10 Apr; Ellery CHAU 13 Apr (MO); TWMA 4 May (MMo); Lewiston NIAG 17 May (MT MMo!), only reports away from hawkwatches.

Peregrine Falcon: yg Buffalo ERIE, from annual nest location; nesting suspected NF as well; Buffalo ERIE 3 Apr-8 May (PY!), coming to night roost at SUNY Buffalo campus; Fredonia CHAU 2 Apr (JG); Hamburg HW 6 Apr.

Virginia Rail: arr SPNS 13 Apr.

Sora: arr Tift NP & SPNS 25 Apr; W Almond ALLE 9 May (EB), unusual location.

Com. Moorhen: arr Alexander GENE 26 Apr.

SANDHILL CRANE: NF 23 Mar (BK!); 6 Hamburg HW 24 Mar (BRBA); 2 Hamburg HW 2 Apr (FR!); 2 Cambria NIAG 5 Apr (BRBA); Alexander GENE 12 Apr (KF); 5 BOSMC; 4 Hamburg HW 19 May (WW!); OOWMA 25 May (S&TO); Alden ERIE 27 May (BRBA); good showing.

Black-bellied Plover: DH 13 May; 3 BOSMC; only reports.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 5 French Creek CHAU 11 May; only 3 other reports.

Killdeer: arr Fredonia CHAU 6 Mar.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr 5 INWR 31 Mar; max 137 Elba GENE 19 Apr (BK); 68 Ridgeway NIAG 22 Apr; last 7 BOSMC.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 3 BOSAC; 71 Elba GENE 19 Apr; 47 Yates ORLE 14 May; 21 OOWMA 15 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Porter NIAG 27 Apr; max 11 OOWMA 15 May.

WILLET: 2 Olcott NIAG 1 May (S&TO!); DH 5 May (DM); very rare in spring, coincides with higher than usual reports in Ontario.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr BWWT 19 Apr.

Upland Sandpiper: arr INWR 27 Apr; 4 Sheldon WYOM 4 May; Tillman WMA ERIE 18 May; 2 Shelby ORLE 27 May.

Sanderling: 2 Somerset NIAG 14 May (BK!), slightly early, only report.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 5 OOWMA 15 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr 3 Yates ORLE 4 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr Times Beach NP ERIE 24 May (BK); Somerset NIAG 25 May (BK); only reports.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr Pomfret CHAU 15 Mar (TM!), early; 25 Yates ORLE 29 Mar; 11 Randolph CATT 19 Apr; 52 Eden ERIE 19 Apr; max 366 Elba GENE 19 Apr (BK); last 2 French Creek CHAU 25 May (JB).

Dunlin: arr 30 JAS 16 Apr; 19 Elba GENE 19 Apr; Wilson NIAG 26 Apr; last French Creek CHAU 31 May, only 4 other May reports.

Short-billed Dowitcher: no reports.

Wilson's Snipe: arr Pomfret CHAU 20 Mar; max 38 Somerset NIAG 27 Apr.

Am. Woodcock: arr PG, LESP 19 Mar.

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: Eden ERIE 24 May (RA!), rare in spring.

Little Gull: max 33 Lewiston NR 23 Mar (BK); last 6 BOSAC.

Bonaparte's Gull: 2680 NR 26 Mar (GB); 24 Attica Res WYOM 29 Mar,

good count for location; 250 Barcelona Harbor CHAU 24 Apr; 511 Olcott NIAG 27 Apr; 25 NF 13 May.

Iceland Gull: DH 3 Apr; NF 5 Apr; Wilson NIAG 13 Apr; DH 13 May; last BOSMC.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: NF 23 Mar; Wilson NIAG 13 Apr; DH 23 Apr-1 May (JG PY! MMo!); last NF 18 May (BK!).

Glaucous Gull: NF 23 Mar; last DH 6-28 Apr; Wilson NIAG 13 Apr.

Caspian Tern: arr 6 DH, Ripley CHAU 3 Apr, record early; max 210 DH 22 May (DM), 57 DH 30 May, very high count for date.

Com. Tern: arr BOSAC; 72 DH 12 May (DM); INWR 30 May, likely late migrant.

Black Tern: arr 8 TWMA 4 May; max 15 INWR 9 May.

DOVES – WOODPECKERS

MONK PARAKEET: 2 Hamburg ERIE 4 May (SM!, NYSARC), 4th Reg record and first since 1975.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr TWMA 9 May.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Dunkirk CHAU 12 May.

BARN OWL: dead Villanova CHAU 19 Mar (AC), observed ~15 times Jan-Mar near barn; dead N Harmony CHAU 24 Mar (MG), observed by Ryan Smith at this dairy farm on 12 Dec 2002; both birds to RTP1 as specimens (JB).

Snowy Owl: Shelby ORLE 2 Mar (CR), only report.

Long-eared Owl: INWR 2 Mar (CR); BOSMC; only reports.

Short-eared Owl: INWR 23 Mar; 2 TWMA 1, 23 Mar; only reports.

N. Saw-whet Owl: max 7 INWR 1 Mar (BK), responding to tapes, impressive count; 2, 3, 1 WTSP 8, 16, 23 Mar (BP); GHSP 8 Mar (BP); Ridgeway NIAG 15 Mar; Oakfield GENE 23 Mar; FMCS 27 Apr (BK); INWR 18 May (BK).

Com. Nighthawk: arr Porter NIAG 27 Apr (BK!), early; Hunters Creek ERIE 10 May; INWR 17 May; 2 BOSMC; only

reports.

Whip-poor-will: Blasdell ERIE 3 May (MT), only report.

Chimney Swift: arr Buffalo ERIE 23 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Westfield CHAU 1 May.

Red-headed Woodpecker: BeSP 2 Mar; Hamburg ERIE 2 Mar-3 May; arr 4 CHAU 1 May; 4 PG, Tift NP 4 May; Youngstown NIAG 6-31 May; LBSP 14 May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Westfield CHAU 22 Mar.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr BeSP 28 May (DS), only report.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr JDSP 13 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Tillman WMA 17 May (BRBA); BOSMC; only reports.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr 6 BOSMC; Ridgeway NIAG 21 May; Ripley CHAU 22 May; 2 French Creek CHAU 26 May; INWR 30 May; 2 Carlton Hill MUA 31 May.

Alder Flycatcher: arr BOSMC.

Willow Flycatcher: arr INWR 14 May (BK!).

Least Flycatcher: arr PG 1 May.

E. Phoebe: arr Pomfret CHAU, Tift NP 16 Mar.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Westfield CHAU, AmSP 1 May.

E. Kingbird: arr Westfield CHAU, PG 1 May.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE: Shadigee ORLE 15 Apr (KF!, NYSARC), 1st Apr report since 1988.

N. Shrike: 6 Mar and 1 Apr reports.

White-eyed Vireo: Tift NP 3-6 May (KF); 1, 1, 2 Westfield CHAU 8 May thru (MMo WD), 2 competing males singing 30 May; Hamburg ERIE 18 May (MO); 2 BOSMC.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr AmSP 1 May.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr Alfred, Ward ALLE 15 Apr (EB); max 15 Tift NP 6

May (MDa).

Warbling Vireo: arr Westfield CHAU, AmSP 1 May.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr FNSP 16 May; 3 other May reports.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr Ripley CHAU 8 May.

Com. Raven: 3 AISP 8 Mar; 2 Alfred ALLE 18 Mar; 15 BOSAC, record high for count; Attica Res WYOM 19 Apr, 15 May (BK!); 2 Ward ALLE 25 Apr; 2 Charlotte CHAU 27 Apr (RB); 2 Panama CHAU 11 May (MMi); Carlton Hill MUA 15 May (BK!); 2 Gerry CHAU 22 May; increasing CHAU reports.

Purple Martin: arr Hamburg HW 6 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr INWR 21 Mar.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr BOSAC.

Bank Swallow: arr Alexander GENE 26 Apr.

Cliff Swallow: arr 13 BuSP 27 Apr.

Barn Swallow: arr Somerset NIAG 29 Mar (WD!), early.

Carolina Wren: 17 BOSAC; 24 BOSMC; well reported thru.

House Wren: arr Bethany GENE 13 Apr (DB!), record early by a day.

Winter Wren: arr 2 Tift NP 28 Mar.

SEDGE WREN: INWR 26 May (S&TO), has bred in vicinity in recent years.

Marsh Wren: arr 3 TWMA 27 Apr.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr WTSP 27 Mar.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 4 BOSAC.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr FMCSP 26 Apr.

Veery: arr Tift NP 2 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Fredonia CHAU 17 May; 5 BOSMC; FNSP 24 May; 5 Buffalo ERIE 30 May, nocturnal migrants.

Swainson's Thrush: arr OOWMA 15 May, later than usual.

Hermit Thrush: arr Tift NP 20 Apr.

Wood Thrush: arr Ripley CHAU, 2 AmSP, Bethany GENE 1 May.

Gray Catbird: Ripley CHAU 12 Apr, wintered; BOSAC; arr 2 Westfield CHAU,

2 AmSP 1 May.

Brown Thrasher: arr Hamburg ERIE 18 Apr.

Am. Pipit: arr Hartland NIAG 8 Mar (WD!), early; max 85 Westfield CHAU 17 Mar; last BOSMC.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr Westfield CHAU, AmSP, SPNS 1 May.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr Pomfret CHAU 3 May; Newfane NIAG 10 May; Somerset NIAG 11, 17 May; Sheridan CHAU 11 May; Medina ORLE 26 May; Shelby ORLE 27 May; INWR 28 May.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: arr Tift NP 8 May; TWMA 11, 17 May; Carlton Hill MUA 18, 31 May.

“Lawrence’s” Warbler: Yorkshire CATT 18 May (JL!).

Tennessee Warbler: arr Tift NP 2 May (BP!), early.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr FNSP 2,8 May (LL); PG 4 May; GI 7,13 May; FMCSF 17 May (BP); 3 BOSMC.

Nashville Warbler: arr 2 AmSP, Tift NP 29 Apr; Carlton Hill MUA 31 May, likely breeder.

N. Parula: arr SPNS, AmSP 1 May; last INWR 31 May; well reported.

Yellow Warbler: arr 2 GI 30 Apr.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr 2 Westfield CHAU, 2 AmSP, GI, SPNS 1 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr Pomfret CHAU 29 Apr (TM!), early.

Cape May Warbler: arr 2 Tift NP 6 May; max 6 GI 25 May (DR).

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr GI, Buffalo ERIE 1 May.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Pomfret CHAU 19 Mar; 4 Somerset NIAG 29 Mar; arr Alfred ALLE 21 Apr.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr GI 19 Apr (MMO!); Ripley CHAU 24 Apr; early.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr GI, SPNS, AmSP 1 May.

Pine Warbler: arr Tift NP 25 Apr; Knox

SP ERIE 25 May (LH); 2 Barre ORLE 28 May (BK!); AISP 29 May (JP); widely increasing as breeder.

Prairie Warbler: arr Eagle WYOM 15 May; 14 ALLE BOSMC; 2 Alfred ALLE 25 May; Ashford CATT 30 May.

Palm Warbler (*D. p. palmarum*): arr SPNS 21 Apr (LH), early; last 7 BOSMC.

Palm Warbler (*D. p. hypochrysea*): Newfane NIAG 8 May (BK!), seen with “Western Palms,” rarely found in Reg.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr GI 8 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr AmSP, Sheridan CHAU 11 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr 4 OOWMA, Newstead ERIE 9 May.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr 2 AmSP 29 Apr.

Am. Redstart: arr Westfield CHAU 1 May (WD).

Prothonotary Warbler: TWMA 18 May (BK); French Creek CHAU 25 May (JB!), new location for possible breeder.

WORM-EATING WARBLER: Tift NP 15, 16 May (DS, LH), rare.

Ovenbird: arr GI, PG, Westfield CHAU, AmSP 1 May.

N. Waterthrush: arr Chaul 28 Apr.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Bennington WYOM 13 Apr (AB), early; Pomfret CHAU 20 Apr; Ripley CHAU 24 Apr;

French Creek CHAU 4, 26 May; Chautauqua CHAU 4 May; 3 Attica WYOM 4 May; Hunters Creek ERIE 10 May; Humphrey CATT 14 May; 2

Allegany Indian Reservation 25 May; Carlton Hill MUA 31 May; well reported.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER: Yates ORLE 18 May (BK!), rare in spring.

Mourning Warbler: arr Portland CHAU 10 May.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr 2 Westfield CHAU, PG, SPNS 1 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr Westfield CHAU 1 May.

Wilson’s Warbler: arr SPNS 14 May; last Salamanca CATT 26 May.

Canada Warbler: arr TWMA 10 May.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Ripley CHAU 8 May (MMo), only report.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: arr Gl, Buffalo ERIE, AmSP 1 May.

E. Towhee: arr Alfred ALLE 1 Apr.

Am. Tree Sparrow: last Belmont ALLE 26 Apr.

Chipping Sparrow: arr Eden Valley ERIE 27 Mar.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 3 Yorkshire CATT BOSMC (MDe!), previously documented breeding location.

Field Sparrow: arr Eden Valley ERIE 1 Apr.

Vesper Sparrow: arr 2 Yates ORLE, OOWMA 29 Mar; Westfield CHAU 3 Apr; 2 Hanover CHAU 9 Apr; 2 Barre ORLE 4 May; Wethersfield WYOM 15 May; Newfane NIAG 17 May; Andover ALLE 25 May; Humphrey CATT 30 May; more reports than usual.

Savannah Sparrow: arr Somerset NIAG 29 Mar.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Newfane NIAG 27 Apr, 10, 17 May; Alexander GENE 15 May; Carlton Hill MUA 15, 31 May.

Henslow's Sparrow: arr Canaseraga ALLE 4 May (SP); Carlton Hill MUA 18 May; max 11 Lancaster ERIE 27 May (MMo), previously documented breeding colony.

Fox Sparrow: arr Franklinville CATT 18 Mar; widely reported early Apr; last Tift NP 3 May.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Tift NP 2 May; last 3 BOSMC.

Swamp Sparrow: arr 105 BOSAC.

White-throated Sparrow: last Tift NP 23 May; Ashford CATT 30 May.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr Tift NP 25 Apr.

Lapland Longspur: 4 Yates ORLE 8 Mar; 2 S. Dayton CATT 15 Mar; Westfield CHAU 17 Mar; max 10 Oakfield GENE 6 Apr; 6 BOSAC; last Ripley CHAU 24 Apr (MMo).

Snow Bunting: max 300 Yates ORLE 8 Mar (WD); last 2 S. Dayton CATT 15 Mar.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Alfred, Amity L ALLE 29 Apr.

BLUE GROSBEAK: Eden Valley ERIE 5 May (RA!), only 3rd documented report for Reg; Ellery CHAU 10 May (BS), unverified; neither submitted to NYSARC yet.

Indigo Bunting: arr 2 Persia CHAU 7 May.

Bobolink: arr 22 Westfield, Ripley CHAU 1 May.

E. Meadowlark: arr S. Dayton CHAU 15 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: last 24 BOSMC.

Orchard Oriole: arr Wethersfield WYOM 5 May (DJ); m Eden Valley ERIE 5-14 May (RA!), also f 9 May; SPNS 5 May (LH); 2 Somerset NIAG 11, 17, 26 May; Silver Creek CHAU 13 May (DN).

Baltimore Oriole: arr 1 May widespread locations.

Purple Finch: fewer migrant reports than usual.

Red Crossbill: Alfred ALLE 23, 26 Mar (EB), only report.

Pine Siskin: 2 FMCSP BOSMC, only report.