

REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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March was mild and the cloudiest on record. The average temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 37.1° F, 2.8° above average. There was 3.10" of precipitation, 0.11" above average, along with 20.6" of snow, most of which (14") fell on 16 March during the fourth largest March snowfall in history. The April average temperature was near normal at 46.0°, just 0.7° above average. Precipitation was 3.94", 0.90" above average, with 3.3" of snow. Severe thunderstorms and strong winds hit the Region on 18 April. The average temperature in May was 58.2°, 1.2° above normal, with a chilly first week followed by warmer than usual conditions that helped bring many migrants in a little early. The precipitation was 5.72", 2.37" above normal, with rainfall occurring on 20 days. It was the fourth wettest May on record and third consecutive year with above normal rain in May.

Waterfowl migration was on schedule, if not a little early. A cold front on 8 March grounded some waterfowl, as evidenced by a Long-tailed Duck observed in a field in Alexander. Snow Geese were reported in much higher numbers than usual, including a very high count of 1400 on Lake Ontario off Shadigee on 13 March. Spring maxima for this species are usually in double digits for the Region. Rare geese included several reports of Greater White-fronted Goose, two groups of "Richardson's" Canada Goose and two reports of **Ross's Goose**, which have increased in frequency in recent years.

Great Egrets continue to increase at the Motor Island rookery, but reports were down from other locations. The only rare wader to appear this spring was **Cattle Egret**; the species had a much bigger showing than usual with a total of four birds reported from three locations.

The number of Osprey nests increased by one to three in the vicinity of Iroquois NWR, the only nests away from Allegheny Reservoir. Bald Eagles were again reported in good numbers throughout the Region. The highlight of the raptor migration was a high count of four juvenile Golden Eagles passing over the Town of Wilson along Lake Ontario within an hour and a half on 11 April. Two **Black Vultures** were observed at the Hamburg Hawkwatch this spring. This species should now be anticipated annually at the hawk watches, where Turkey Vultures also continue to increase. Peregrine Falcons were at their customary location in downtown Buffalo and were suspected of nesting again at the gorge in Niagara Falls.

Sandhill Crane sightings have quickly become regular. Fifty-nine were counted at the Ripley Hawk Watch this spring and increased numbers were also observed elsewhere. It is almost mind-boggling for long-time observers to think of Sandhill Crane numbers higher than those of Great Egret this spring season.

Shorebirding was typically inconsistent. The best locations were the new pool east of Cayuga Pool at Iroquois NWR and Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant. The biggest concentrations of shorebirds were around the time of the Buffalo

Ornithological Society (BOS) May Count in mid-May. Very unusual were multiple sightings of **Whimbrels**. This species is frequently seen in high numbers just west of Region 1 along the north shore of Lake Erie in Ontario and to the east in Region 2. However, they are rarely seen in this part of western New York. Rarities included **Willet**, two Wilson's Phalaropes and one **Red-necked Phalarope**.

Northern Saw-whet Owls were well reported this spring. Kurt Fox spent several nights canvassing Wyoming County to add owl species to the Atlas 2000 project. He found Saw-whets in 15 atlas blocks, with a maximum of nine birds on the night of 9 March. Fox described the habitat as typically alder bogs or swamps, often with low scrub and stunted/water-soaked hemlocks, standing dead trees and small patches of open water. Searching by day, Betsy Potter equaled Kurt's high count of nine on 7 April at Wilson-Tuscarora State Park.

Unusually high temperatures and south winds at the end of April brought many early arrival songbirds to the Region from 29 April to 2 May. Bill Watson remarked that 13 warbler species had first arrivals in April, the most in ten years. The warmer weather also prompted earlier leaf-out conditions than usual. So, while it was a good May for warbler numbers, they were tougher to see. Featured rarities this year included one **Worm-eating Warbler** and one **Yellow-throated Warbler**. Several birders commented on the high numbers of Blackpolls around during the last two weeks of May, while a few others remarked on fewer Tennessee Warblers than usual.

There were some very interesting rarities this season. The rarest, in terms of fewest previous appearances, was a male **Painted Bunting**. Nancy and Paul Vigyikan found this colorful songbird with White-crowned Sparrows at Tiffit Nature Preserve in Buffalo on 12 May. It was only the third record for the Region, all of which occurred in the month of May.

Bill Broderick found a **Cinnamon Teal** at Cayuga Pool at Iroquois NWR on 14 May. Several other birders were able to see it before dusk and very early the next morning. This was only the fourth record for the Region and the first since 1977.

A **Harris's Sparrow** frequented the feeder of Theodore and Francine Swiatek in West Seneca on 16-17 May. This species occurs a few times a decade. There were three reports of migrant **Clay-colored Sparrows**. This species is a rare breeder in the Region and is infrequently detected during migration.

Other rarities for the season included: **Eurasian Wigeon**, **Eared Grebe**, **Barn Owl**, **Loggerhead Shrike**, **Sedge Wren** and **Western Meadowlark**.

The BOS April Count on 18 April tallied 147 species and was compiled by Mike Hamilton. Many of the 22 record high counts since the 1935 inception were influenced by the later count date (due to the timing of Easter). Record highs of note included Bald Eagle, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Common Raven, Pine Warbler and American Goldfinch. No record low counts were recorded.

The BOS May Count on 16 May tallied a record high 217 species and record high number of individuals: 115,864. The count compiler was Bob DeLeon. Eighteen species were recorded at their highest total ever (since 1935).

Noteworthy highs included: Canada Goose, Pied-billed Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Least Sandpiper, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pine Warbler and Northern Cardinal. There were no record low counts although Vesper Sparrow was notably lower than usual.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ALSP – Allegany SP CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP ERIE; BOSAC – Buffalo Ornithological Society April Count 18 Apr; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count 16 May; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant GENE; Carlton Hill MUA – Carlton Hill Multiple Use Area WYOM; EvSP – Evangola SP ERIE; FMCSP – Four Mile Creek SP NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP NIAG; GI – Goat I, NF NIAG; Hamburg HW – Hamburg Hawk Watch ERIE; INWR – Iroquois NWR GENE/ORLE; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP ORLE; LESP – Lake Erie SP CHAU; NF – Niagara Falls NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA GENE; PG – Point Gratiot CHAU; Ripley HW – Ripley Hawk Watch CHAU; RTPi – Roger Tory Peterson Institute CHAU; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary ERIE; Tiffi NP – Tiffi Nature Preserve ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA GENE/NIAG; WeBSP – Wendt Beach SP ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Yates ORLE 20 Mar (WD!); 1-4 INWR 30 Mar-9 Apr (PH, JP, DW, LH), multiple reports but unknown how many total geese.

Snow Goose: arr 4 Alexander GENE 3 Mar; 412 there 8 Mar; 37 Yates ORLE 6 Mar; 200 INWR 7 Mar (JW); 75 Lyndonville ORLE 8 Mar (VR); max 1400 Shadigee ORLE 13 Mar (WD!), very high count for Reg; 38 Hartland

NIAG

21 Mar; 47 Alfred ALLE 24 Mar (EB); 30 SPNS 28 Mar; Somerset NIAG 8 Apr; last INWR 11 Apr; higher numbers than usual.

ROSS'S GOOSE: 2 Yates ORLE 10 Mar (BE); 2 TWMA 13 Mar (KF); reports increasing in recent years.

Canada Goose (*B. c. hutchinsii*): 9 Newstead ERIE 6,7,14 Mar (WW! NYSARC); 10 Hartland NIAG 7,14 Mar (PY!); high counts for spring.

Mute Swan: BeSP 4-24 Mar; INWR 31 Mar; Amherst ERIE 7 Apr; 7 BOSAC; nesting has spread to WTSP and Pt Breeze ORLE in addition to Olcott NIAG.

Trumpeter Swan: INWR 4 May (GS!), thru mid-May.

Tundra Swan: 56 Machias CATT 6-7 Mar (MD); 80 Hartland NIAG 14 Mar; max 661 INWR 14 Mar (WW); 140 Cambria NIAG 21 Mar; 136 Grand I NR 24 Mar; 550 Royalton NIAG 25 Mar (KF); last BWWT 9-19 May.

EURASIAN WIGEON: INWR 3-4 Apr (JP, PH), rare.

Am. Wigeon: max 198 OOWMA 31 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 2 INWR 6 Mar (WW! WD!); Pomfret CHAU 7 Mar (TM!); early.

CINNAMON TEAL: INWR 14-15 May (BB, WW!, DH), very rare, 4th report ever, first since 1977.

N. Shoveler: arr 3 INWR 6 Mar; max 157 BWWT 31 Mar.

N. Pintail: 55 Newstead ERIE 6 Mar; max 92 INWR 16 Apr; 2 BOSMC.

Green-winged Teal: arr 3 Pomfret CHAU 4 Mar.

Canvasback: arr Newstead ERIE 6 Mar; 8 INWR 4 Apr.

Redhead: BWWT 19 May; max 10 INWR 30 May, breeding location.

Ring-necked Duck: 203 INWR 16 Apr; 760 BOSAC; 57 BWWT 8 May; last 2 BOSMC.

Greater Scaup: last 2 BWWT 19 May.

Lesser Scaup: max 207 BWWT 7 May (GS).

Surf Scoter: arr Buffalo Harbor ERIE 6 Apr (MM); CATT BOSAC, rare inland; 2 Wilson NIAG 9 May (BE); only reports.

White-winged Scoter: 4 Bear L CHAU 4 Apr (TM); 4 BWWT 7 Apr; 2 BWWT 9 May (KF, MM); unusual inland.

Black Scoter: 2 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 25 Mar (WD!); only report.

Long-tailed Duck: Alexander GENE 8

Mar (KF), unusual location; 5 Freedom CATT 28 Mar (MD); 1250 Wilson NIAG 9 May; last 50 BOSMC.

Bufflehead: last 37 BOSMC.

Com. Goldeneye: last BOSMC.

Ruddy Duck: arr 40 BWWT 31 Mar; max 262 BWWT 15 Apr; 229 BWWT 7 May; 32 INWR 16 Apr.

Red-throated Loon: arr FNSP 7 Mar (PY!), early or wintered; 6 FMCSP 14 Mar; 9 BOSAC; BOSMC; last BWWT 23 May (GS!), rare inland.

Com. Loon: arr 4 Bear L CHAU 4 Apr; 16 Cuba L CATT 6 Apr; last GHSP 29 May.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr BuSP 24 Mar.

Horned Grebe: arr 2 BuSP 24 Mar; 13 Bear L CHAU 4 Apr; 92 BWWT 7 Apr (KF), good count; last 7 BOSMC.

Red-necked Grebe: 2 FNSP 7, 14 Mar; FMCSP 14 Mar; 18 Olcott NIAG 8 Apr; Oakfield GENE 9 Apr; 37 BOSAC; 34 Somerset NIAG 18 Apr (WW).

EARED GREBE: BWWT 8 May (KF), unusual in spring.

Double-crested Cormorant: arr 10 INWR 4 Apr; 80 Buffalo NR 6 Apr; max 248 Motor I NR 22 Apr; 3748 BOSAC, record high for count.

Am. Bittern: arr 4 TWMA 11 Apr (PY); INWR 24 Apr; Machias CATT 4 May.

Least Bittern: arr 4 BOSMC.

Great Blue Heron: 27 nests Motor I NR May, rookery.

Great Egret: arr Motor I NR 28 Mar (S&TO); max 25 with 20 nests Motor I NR 6 May (WW); 2 BWWT 7, 23 May; Tift NP 15 May; few reports away from Motor I.

CATTLE EGRET: Carlton ORLE 1 May (KF); 2 BWWT 7 May (GS!); INWR 21, 23 May (BP, WD!, S&TO!); very good showing.

Green Heron: arr 4 BOSAC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 68 Motor I NR 7 May; 96 nests at this site.

BLACK VULTURE: Hamburg HW 22

Mar (WW!); Hamburg HW 19 Apr (DD, WW!); rare but now annual in spring.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: arr 4 Allegheny Res CATT 25 Mar (WW!), continued nesting at this location; 2 nests INWR & TWMA again; new nest location at OOWMA.

Bald Eagle: 13 Allegheny Res CATT 7 Mar (JR); 18 BOSAC, record count; 15 BOSMC; continued strong showing throughout Reg.

N. Harrier: 17 Porter NIAG 5 Apr, in one field.

N. Goshawk: Gerry CHAU 29 May (JB); Chautauqua CHAU 30 May (RR), good atlas finds.

Red-shouldered Hawk: arr 2 FMCSP 7 Mar; max 37 Hamburg HW 24 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 3 Hamburg HW 12 Apr (WW!), slightly early; max 1016 Hamburg HW 26 Apr.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 43 S Dayton CATT 14 Mar (AM), traditional wintering location; last INWR 11 May (LH).

GOLDEN EAGLE: FMCSP 7 Mar (PY!); 4 Wilson NIAG 11 Apr (WD!), impressive count; Westfield CHAU 15 Apr (MM!).

Merlin: 5 Buffalo ERIE 19 Mar; last reported at SUNY Buffalo roost 25 Mar; Alabama GENE 10 Apr; Wilson NIAG 11 Apr; Hamburg HW 12 Apr; 4 BOSAC; FNSP 29 Apr; E Aurora ERIE 29 Apr.

Peregrine Falcon: 2 ad, 2 yg Buffalo ERIE, from annual nest location; nesting suspected at NF as well; Yates ORLE 20 Mar (WD!); Shelby ORLE 21 Mar (S&TO!); imm Buffalo Harbor ERIE 25 Mar (WD!, DD); INWR 17 Apr; Tift NP 30 Apr.

Virginia Rail: arr 3 SPNS 10 Apr (LH); 2 Collins ERIE 22 May (MG), new location.

Sora: arr 2 BOSAC; Newfane NIAG 23 Apr (WW); 3 Tift NP 9 May; Machias CATT 28 May (MD).

Com. Moorhen: arr INWR 11 Apr (PY!), early.

Am. Coot: arr 22 INWR 31 Mar.

SANDHILL CRANE: 16 INWR 28 Mar (RP), high count; 15 Ripley HW 28 Mar (LD); 59 reported for season at Ripley HW; 3 Westfield CHAU 16 Apr, 12 May (MM!); Porter NIAG 17 Apr (WD!); INWR 7 Apr (GL), 2 May reports here; 3 BOSAC; 3, 1 Hamburg HW 29, 30 Apr (FR!, BC!); FNSP 30 Apr (LL!); WTSP 1 May (WD!); marked increase along migration routes.

Black-bellied Plover: no reports.

Semipalmated Plover: arr Randolph CATT and Hartland NIAG 2 May (MD WD!), early; max 42 INWR 19 May (WW).

Greater Yellowlegs: arr 7 INWR 31 Mar; 75 BOSAC.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr INWR 5 Apr; max 30 BWWT 7 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr SPNS 24 Apr.

WILLET: BWWT 8 May (KF), rare in spring.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr 6 BOSAC.

Upland Sandpiper: arr 2 BOSAC; 2 Alexander GENE 29 Apr; GHSP 1 May; 3 BOSMC; 2 Tillman WMA ERIE 30 May.

Whimbrel: arr 3 BWWT 22 May (RSp); 16 BeSP 23 May (JP); rarely reported in spring.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr Pt Breeze ORLE 16 May (DH, JP); 4 BWWT 22 May (RSp).

Sanderling: Wilson NIAG 29 May (WD, BP), only report.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 11 Randolph CATT 2 May (MD!), early; 3 BWWT 9 May; max 17 Hartland NIAG 29 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr 2 BWWT 8 May; 70 INWR 16 May; max 76 BWWT 19 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr BOSMC, only report.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 11 BOSAC; 4 INWR 24 Apr; last 2 BOSMC.

Dunlin: arr 2 Wheatfield NIAG 17 Apr; 3 INWR 24 Apr; Randolph CATT 2 May; 37 INWR 16 May; max 40 BWWTP 23 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 3 INWR 9 May (MM); 2, 1 INWR 11, 16 May; only reports.

Wilson's Snipe: arr 2 Pomfret CHAU 17 Mar (TM); max 15 Watts Flats WMA CHAU 17 Apr.

Am. Woodcock: arr 2 Pomfret CHAU 5 Mar (TM).

Wilson's Phalarope: arr BWWTP 7-8 May (GS, KF); 2 Wilson NIAG 21 May (WD, BP).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: INWR 16 May (DH, JP), rare in spring.

Little Gull: Somerset NIAG 27 Mar (WD); 6 Lewiston NR 4 Apr; 2 BOSAC; last Buffalo NR 4 May (PH).

BLACK-HEADED GULL: Lewiston NR 28 Mar, 4 Apr (GB, DW), regular in recent years.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 1310 NR Apr (GB); 12 BWWTP 9 May; 75 FNSP 28 May, good count for date.

Iceland Gull: Yates ORLE 15 Mar; last Lewiston NR 7 Apr.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Yates ORLE 20 Mar (WD); 3 BOSAC; Wilson NIAG 29 May (WD!, BP), late.

Glaucous Gull: NF 7 Mar, 25 Apr; 2 BOSAC; last Wilson NIAG 9 May.

Caspian Tern: arr 4 WTSP 11 Apr; 81 BOSAC; 12 Evans ERIE 8 May.

Com. Tern: arr 2 FNSP 16 Apr; 100 Lewiston NR 27 Apr; 120 FNSP 29 Apr; 2 BWWTP 7 May; 12 INWR 9 May, in migrating flock.

Forster's Tern: Pt Breeze ORLE 1 May (KF), unusual in spring.

Black Tern: arr INWR 24 Apr (WW!), early; 5 BWWTP 8 May (JS); 28 BOSMC; 6 INWR 30 May.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Tift NP 7 May.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Tift NP 13 May; max 5 AmSP 21 May.

BARN OWL: ALLE BOSMC, very rare breeder.

Barred Owl: Bond L P NIAG 7 Mar (NS, CR), unusual location.

Long-eared Owl: FMCSP 1 Mar (BP); WYOM 9 Mar (KF); only reports.

Short-eared Owl: max 9, 5 Porter NIAG 1 Mar, 5 Apr; NF 4 Mar; Yates ORLE 13 Mar; 3 Eagle WYOM 15 Apr (KF); last 2 BOSAC.

N. Saw-whet Owl: Porter NIAG 1 Mar (CR, JP); 3 FMCSP 6 Mar (BP, CR); 9 WYOM 9 Mar (KF), during all night atlas run; E Aurora ERIE 20 Mar; 4, 9 WTSP 24 Mar, 7 Apr (BP), impressive count; Newfane NIAG 7 Apr; Bennington WYOM 15 Apr (KF).

Com. Nighthawk: arr GHSP 1 May; Buffalo ERIE 13 May; 7 BOSMC; NF 18 May; 1 Lancaster 22, 27 May; 2 Hartland NIAG 29 May; Amherst ERIE 30 May; TWMA 30 May.

Whip-poor-will: arr GHSP 1 May (KF), only report.

Chimney Swift: arr BOSAC.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr EvSP 30 Apr (DH).

Red-headed Woodpecker: SPNS 15 Apr (LH); arr Alden ERIE 30 Apr (GC); 2 LESP 1 May; 2 PG 1 May; GI 2 May; Youngstown NIAG 8 May; max 4 EvSP 8 May (MM); WeBSP 8 May; Porter NIAG 21 May.

Pileated Woodpecker: FMCSP 11 Apr (WD, BP), unusual along L Ontario plain.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr BOSMC, only report.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr Tift NP 7 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr GI 12 May (DR); AmSP 26 May; only reports.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr Attica WYOM 14 May (KF); 3 BOSMC; only reports.
Alder Flycatcher: arr 2 INWR 15 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr 2 INWR 15 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr BeSP 6 May.
E. Phoebe: arr Pomfret CHAU, Wheatfield NIAG 25 Mar.
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr GI 30 Apr.
E. Kingbird: arr Poland CHAU 1 May.
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE: Hartland NIAG 27 Mar (WD!, WW!, NYSARC), first Mar record since 1991.
N. Shrike: last WTSP 7 Apr.
White-eyed Vireo: arr EvSP 30 Apr (DH); Tift NP 1 May (MZ!); BOSMC; Wethersfield WYOM 18 May (D&SJ); RTP1 18-28 May (SM, JB), building nest.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Tift NP 2 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr 5 BOSAC.
Warbling Vireo: arr WYOM 29 Apr.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr 2, 1 Tift NP, SPNS 10 May; 3 other May reports.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr GI, PG 1 May (BP!, PY!), early.
Com. Raven: 16 BOSAC; 11 BOSMC; Attica Res WYOM 14 May (KF); Orangeville WYOM 16 May (KF, MM); 2 Ellington CHAU 30 May (MM!); only reports outside ALLE, CATT.
Purple Martin: arr TWMA & Grand I ERIE 13 Apr.
Tree Swallow: arr 9 Somerset NIAG to Carlton ORLE 27 Mar.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr S Ripley CHAU 8 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr Tift NP 13 Apr.
Cliff Swallow: arr 13 BOSAC; 40 BWWT8 8 May.
Barn Swallow: arr SPNS 11 Apr.
Carolina Wren: 4 FMCSP 11 Apr (WD); 29 BOSAC and 27 BOSMC, both slightly up from last year but less than peak year of 2002.
House Wren: arr Pomfret CHAU 24 Apr.
Winter Wren: arr BeSP 28 Mar.
SEDGE WREN: INWR late May (PH);

TWMA 30 May (S&TO!); breeds in small numbers in vicinity of INWR.
Marsh Wren: arr 2 TWMA 22 Apr (S&TO), early; LBSP 1 May; Wilson NIAG 5 May; infrequently seen as migrants away from breeding areas.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr WTSP 30 Mar; last 3 BOSMC.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr 7 BOSAC.
Veery: arr GHSP 1 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr 4 BOSMC; Tonawanda ERIE 18 May; last 2 AmSP 26 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr Tift NP 9 May.
Hermit Thrush: arr Buffalo ERIE 12 Apr.
Wood Thrush: arr various locations 1 May.
Gray Catbird: 6 BOSAC; arr FMCSP 25 Apr.
N. Mockingbird: Hamburg ERIE 29 Mar; Cheektowaga ERIE 25 May; Lyndon CATT 26 May; away from typical breeding areas.
Brown Thrasher: arr 8 BOSAC.
Am. Pipit: arr Cambria NIAG 17 Mar; last 48 BOSMC.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr Pomfret CHAU 30 Apr.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr Buffalo ERIE 6 May; BeSP 7 May; Tift NP 9 May; Barre ORLE 15, 19 May; 5 BOSMC; Hartland NIAG 29 May; 2 Shelby ORLE 30 May.
"Brewster's" Warbler: arr Pomfret CHAU 10 May; INWR 15 May; 2 BOSMC; Stockton CHAU 27 May.
"Lawrence's" Warbler: E Otto CATT 2-3 May (DC, MD!), early; BOSMC.
Tennessee Warbler: arr SPNS & Tift NP 10 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr PG 1 May; BeSP 6 May; Tift NP 7, 11 May; 1, 2 FNSP 22, 23 May.
Nashville Warbler: arr Tift NP 25 Apr.
N. Parula: arr GI, FMCSP 1 May.

Yellow Warbler: arr AmSP 28 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr GI 1 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr Tift NP 6 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr GHSP 2 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr 2 GI 30 Apr.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 3 Lewiston
NIAG 1 Mar; arr AmSP 13 Apr.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr
AmSP 22 Apr (RSa).

Blackburnian Warbler: arr GI 30 Apr.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:

Porter NIAG 16 May (BP, WD!, DR!),
less than annual spring overshoot.

Pine Warbler: arr 2 AISP 30 Mar (TL!),
early; 2, 1 Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 2 Apr,
29 May (MM!); 13 BOSAC, 12 BOSMC,
record highs; Ward ALLE 30 May (EB);
increasing as breeder.

Prairie Warbler: arr BeSP 7 May;
Almond ALLE 9 May; FNSP 11 May; 5
BOSMC; 2 Andover ALLE 23 May.

Palm Warbler: arr Wilson NIAG 18 Apr
(WD!), early; last 4 BOSMC.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Pomfret
CHAU 7 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr PG 1 May (PY!),
early; widespread last 2 weeks May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr Pomfret CHAU 7
May (TM).

Black-and-white Warbler: arr AmSP 23
Apr (RSa).

Am. Redstart: arr Tift NP 30 Apr.

Prothonotary Warbler: 3 TWMA 30
May (PY), has bred in this area in recent
years.

WORM-EATING WARBLER: FNSP 1
May (WD!), rare.

Ovenbird: arr Ward ALLE, Poland
CHAU 2 May.

N. Waterthrush: arr Tift NP 22 Apr
(WW!), early.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Pomfret
CHAU 23 Apr; 2 Chestnut Ridge P ERIE
24 Apr; Ischua CATT 25 Apr; 3 WYOM
29 Apr; 5 BOSMC.

Mourning Warbler: arr TWMA 9 May.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr Tift NP 30 Apr.

Hooded Warbler: arr EvSP 30 Apr.

Wilson's Warbler: arr Tift NP 10 May;
last GI 30 May.

Canada Warbler: arr 2 Tift NP 10 May.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: arr Pomfret CHAU 1
May.

E. Towhee: 2 Deveau NIAG 8 Mar; arr
Stockton CHAU 28 Mar.

Am. Tree Sparrow: last Lancaster ERIE
23 Apr.

Chipping Sparrow: arr Alden ERIE 10
Apr.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: GHSP 2
May (WD!); Lancaster ERIE 7 May
(MM!), at feeder; 2 Lewiston NIAG 16
May (NS!); all apparent migrants.

Field Sparrow: arr Lancaster ERIE 1
Apr.

Vesper Sparrow: arr Pomfret CHAU 4
Apr; Colden ERIE 5-6 Apr, at feeder; 13
BOSAC; Carlton Hill MUA 28 Apr;
Ridgeway ORLE 29 May; Andover ALLE
31 May.

Savannah Sparrow: arr N Tonawanda
NIAG 30 Mar.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr 5 BOSMC; 2
Tillman WMA ERIE 30 May.

Henslow's Sparrow: arr 3 Lancaster
ERIE 9 May (MM), previously
documented breeding colony; only report.

Fox Sparrow: arr Colden ERIE 5 Apr;
last Tift NP 22 Apr.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr WTSP 1 May;
max 5 Tift NP 10 May; last AISP 23
May.

Swamp Sparrow: arr SPNS 28 Mar.

HARRIS'S SPARROW: West Seneca
ERIE 16-17 May (F&TS, S&TO!,
NYSARC), at feeder with White-
crowned, very rare.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr 23
BOSAC.

Lapland Longspur: 2 Yates ORLE 21
Mar; 2 Hartland NIAG 21 Mar; 3

Oakfield GENE 21 Mar; last 2 Pomfret CHAU 4 Apr.

Snow Bunting: max 200 Oakfield GENE 21 Mar.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Lancaster ERIE (CM!) & 2 Jamestown CHAU 26 Apr (JB), slightly early.

Indigo Bunting: arr Middleport NIAG 2 May.

PAINTED BUNTING: Tifft NP 12 May (N&PV!, NYSARC), male, 3rd report for Reg, all in May.

Bobolink: arr Pomfret CHAU 30 Apr.

E. Meadowlark: arr Hartland NIAG 20 Mar.

W. MEADOWLARK: Bennington WYOM 27 Mar (KF), rare, heard only.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 2 SPNS 9 Mar; last 31 BOSMC.

Orchard Oriole: arr Sturgeon Pt ERIE 8 May (MM!); Somerset NIAG 9 May; 8 BOSMC; FNSP 21 May; GHSP 21 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Colden ERIE 29 Apr.

Purple Finch: widespread at feeders Apr, early May.

Com. Redpoll: 40 Hamburg HW 1 Mar; max 102 Franklinville CATT Mar; 50 Colden ERIE 13, 25 Mar; last 4 BOSAC.

Pine Siskin: max 14 Franklinville CATT Mar; widespread in small numbers; 18 BOSMC; last Youngstown NIAG & FNSP 21 May.

Evening Grosbeak: 14 BOSAC; BOSMC; only reports, all from ALLE, CATT.