

REGION 4 – SUSQUEHANNA

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March in the Binghamton area began and ended on mild notes, with some more typical weather mid-month. The average temperature was 35.5° F, 2.8° F above normal. March 1st kicked in with a high of 52° F, and the high remained above 40° F for the following week. A snowstorm on the 16th and 17th dropped about 8". The low temperature of 10° F occurred on the 22nd. A high of 65° F and winds out of the south on the 26th were favorable conditions for a push of migrants. The precipitation total for the month was 1.85", which was 1.12" below normal. A gradual thaw created open water in February, and some flooding occurred around 5 March, providing more open areas for migrating waterfowl. April's average temperature was 45° F, about 1° above normal. Temperatures dropped below freezing overnight until mid-month, after which the highs were mostly in the 50s. The lowest temp was 17° on 5 April and highest was 81° F on the 19th. Precipitation was 3.34", slightly below normal. Less than 1" of snow fell in some areas on 5 April. South winds at the end of April and beginning of May were favorable, although over an inch of rain also fell. Early May was warm and in the 70s. Then, after a low of 34° F on the 4th, the average high remained around 60° F. May's highest temperature of 82° F occurred on the 13th. Precipitation was 1.74" above normal with a total of 5.29". A thunderstorm hit on 24 May with damaging winds and nickel-sized hail in some areas.

Canada and Snow geese were seen migrating in great numbers on 2 and 3 March. Waterfowl appeared in fairly regular numbers through March and April, with all species represented except Brant, Redhead, scoters and Red-necked Grebe. The discovery of a **female eider** by Dick Andrus at Hillcrest Gravel Pits, was certainly a highlight. The bird was identified as a Common Eider, although other observers the following day felt that it might have been a King Eider. In either case, a great rarity was seen. At the south end of Skaneateles Lake, breeding plumaged Common Loons were seen in May where they have successfully bred in recent years. An out-of-season Great Egret was found on 21 April in Endicott and a Black-crowned Night-Heron was discovered at Binghamton University Nature Preserve on 27 May. Other great birds in May were **Glossy Ibis** and **Red-necked Phalarope**, discovered by Jim McKenna in Cortlandville, and 2 Sandhill

Cranes observed flying near the Susquehanna River in Oneonta by Gerianne Carillo.

Seven gull species were reported in Broome County during March; most notable were **Thayer's Gull** and **Glaucous Gull**. Bonaparte's Gulls were seen in late March and mid-April in Broome and Otsego counties. A Caspian Tern was spotted at Upper Lisle on 2 May and the Weed Walkers had a three-tern day at Dorchester Park on 26 May, with Common Tern, Black Tern and Forster's Tern spotted.

Raptors were well represented, with 13 species reported, many with confirmed nesting. For a second year, **Merlins** were nesting in a Binghamton cemetery, although presence of young had yet to be reported. Additionally, Gail Kirch saw a second pair of nesting Merlins on 6 May not far from the Binghamton ones in nearby Endicott. The Binghamton Peregrines' nest was unsuccessful this year for reasons unknown.

Throughout the Region, owls were reported in respectable numbers, highlighted by a probable nesting **Northern Saw-whet Owl** that called persistently during March and into April in Burlington. Interestingly, the Region's only Short-eared Owl was reported from the same Burlington location. Only a few Common Nighthawks were reported, but both Black-billed and Yellow-billed cuckoos were reported in good numbers in response to this year's tent caterpillar outbreak.

Three of the Region's rarest flycatchers were seen, which is good considering how under-covered Region 4 is. An Olive-sided Flycatcher was seen in Chenango County, a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in Owego and an **Acadian Flycatcher** at the southeast end of Skaneateles Lake. At this last location, the Acadian Flycatcher was a probable nester, which is quite unusual for Region 4.

There were six Northern Shrike reports, with the last being seen at the end of March. A **White-eyed Vireo**, another rare and possible nester in the Region, was seen during the first half of May at the Binghamton University Nature Preserve. During April, Matt Young witnessed dozens to hundreds of migrating American Crows and Blue Jays moving through Chenango County. This is very interesting since these two birds are often not seen or reported in migration. Others from adjacent Regions also commented about the number of migrating Blue Jays. Additionally, Common Ravens continue to increase as nesters throughout the area. Numerous breeders were seen/heard in various state forests and parks. Ravens seem to prefer nesting on cliffs or even towers, but in recent years they have nested in pine plantations at a number of state forests across the Region and state.

The Pharsalia Wildlife Management Area and surrounding state forests in Chenango County continue to be very underbirded, but an incredibly exciting place to bird year round. It's an extensive area of state forest in southwestern Chenango County that is recognized as an Audubon Important Bird Area. The area offers some really great boreal-like birding in the many continuous tracts of coniferous and mixed forest types. Once again, **Swainson's Thrushes** were heard on nesting grounds in mid-May. Other than in Delaware County along the edges of the Catskills, the Pharsalia area is the only place in Region 4 where Swainson's

Thrushes can be found nesting. To the casual birder or birder who doesn't like climbing hills to see this bird, this is one unusual area where one can walk along the CCC Trucking Road off North Road and hear all four breeding thrushes without climbing in elevation. Lastly, the warblers one more often associates with more northerly areas, e.g. Nashville, Magnolia, Blackburnian, Mourning and perhaps even Northern Parula (given an early July record), can be heard in the area along with Pine Siskins, both crossbills, Northern Goshawk, Red-shouldered hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Common Raven and many other northern specialties. In Otselec in mid-May, Matt Young heard a few night-migrating Gray-cheeked Thrushes and more than 15 Swainson's Thrushes.

There was a handful of warblers seen that are rare to uncommon in the Region: Golden-winged, Cape May, **Cerulean** and **Prothonotary**. A Prothonotary Warbler put in appearance at the end of May at the Binghamton University Nature Preserve. In an area where they've been reported historically, Matt Young observed five singing Cerulean Warblers along the ridge at the southeastern tip of Skaneateles Lake. Additionally, Northern Parula was reported from Otsego Lake, where it has been suspected of breeding for a few years. Hooded Warblers appear to be still increasing in the Region, whereas Canada Warbler appears to be in a steady decline, with only one report.

Birds with a more southern affinity, such as Red-bellied Woodpecker, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren and Northern Cardinal, appear to be still increasing in the area. Although most reports are still from river valleys, more and more are coming from higher elevations.

In March, the winter finch event continued. Through early April, moderate to large numbers of Common Redpolls were reported, with a few **Hoary Redpolls** mixed in. Evening Grosbeaks, rather uncommon this winter even though they were due, seemed to stage a decent late winter flight in March, with birds increasing in numbers particularly across Chenango County where many feeders had small flocks of 10-30. However, this species continues to decline in wintering numbers across the state. Eugene Kirch saw the Region's only **Pine Grosbeak** in Vestal on 11 and 13 April. The big story though was the siskin and crossbill nesting event that just continued to pick up steam through late winter and into early summer. By the end of March and beginning of April, **Pine Siskins** were reported from all counties and **Red Crossbills** from a few. Pine Siskin nesting behavior was very common in western Chenango County, where large state forests are nearly continuous for many miles. In the town of German on 26 April, two downy, recently fledged siskins were seen at a roadside, gathering grit with parents. Juvenile Red Crossbills were seen on 8 April at Bowman Lake State Park, where birds had been seen since the end of February. All told, in just Chenango County, Pine Siskins were found in 25 Atlas blocks, Red Crossbills in nine Atlas blocks and **White-winged Crossbills** in three Atlas blocks. This nesting event was very unusual, given that nearly no siskins or crossbills were seen in the northern parts of the state. Birds were primarily seen using the bumper white and Norway spruce cone crops. These are two tree species that are relatively rare in the red and black spruce dominated Adirondacks. **Bohemian Waxwing**, although not a northern finch, but an equally unpredictable irruptive, was also seen in the area with a flock of 35 in March at Cuyler State Forest in Cortland County and a single bird in a flock of Cedar Waxwings in a yard in Morris.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AqP – Aquaterra P BROO; BCC – Binghamton Country Club; BPd – Boland Pd; BUNP – Binghamton University Nature Preserve; CVSP – Chenango Valley SP; FHNC – Finch Hollow Nature Center; GP – Greenwood P BROO; ML – Mirror L TIOG; NuH – Nuthatch Hollow BROO; OtL – Otsego L OTSE; PharsWMA – Pharsalia WMA; SkanL – Skaneateles L; UL – Upper Lisle; WCM – West Corners Marsh BROO; WPR – Whitney Pt Res BROO.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 1260 Nanticoke BROO 3 Mar; last Chenango BROO 30 Apr.
Mute Swan: last BPd 5 Mar.
Tundra Swan: BPd 14 Mar -7 Apr, 29 Apr.
Wood Duck: 6 Endwell BROO 2 Mar; max 30 Oxford CHEN 22 May.
Gadwall: arr BPd 8 Mar; last 2 BPd 28 Mar.
Am. Wigeon: BPd 8 Mar-13 Apr; max 20 BPd 16 Mar.
Am. Black Duck: max 12 BPd 24 Mar, 10 Apr.

Blue-winged Teal: arr Maine BROO 27 Mar; max 5 UL 15 Apr; last BROO 16 May.
N. Shoveler: arr BPd 10 Mar; max & last 2 BPd 21 Mar.
N. Pintail: arr 2 BPd 1 Mar; max 14 BPd 13 May; last 8 UL 19 Apr.
Green-winged Teal: arr BPd 11 Mar; max & last 8 UL 19 Apr.
Canvasback: BROO 27-28 Mar; 12 WPR 7 Apr, only reports.
Ring-necked Duck: arr 6 BPd 8 Mar; max 50 OTSE 27 Mar; last GP 9 May.
Greater Scaup: WPR 8, 26 Apr; only reports.

Lesser Scaup: arr 3 BPd 1 Mar; last WPR 26 Apr.
EIDER SP.: f Hillcrest BROO 2 Mar (DA), 3 Mar (MP, DW), intro.
Long-tailed Duck: 5 reports BROO/OTSE 25-28 Mar; 2 OTSE 23 May, late.
Bufflehead: arr 2 Hillcrest BROO 8 Mar; max 15 UL 28 Mar; several small groups Mar, Apr.
Com. Goldeneye: arr & max 7 UL 4 Mar; last UL 19 Apr.
Hooded Merganser: max 32 BPd 22 Mar.
Red-breasted Merganser: 4 reports BROO 27 Mar-10 May; max 6 WPR 7 Apr.
Ruddy Duck: WPR 26 Apr (PB), only report.
Ring-necked Pheasant: No. Norwich CHEN 26 Mar; 4 reports BROO Apr.
Ruffed Grouse: 10 reports of singles BROO/CHEN.
Wild Turkey: max 50 Port Crane BROO 15 Mar; large flocks Mar; small flocks & singles Apr/May.
Red-throated Loon: Endwell BROO 28 Mar (ED); UL 28 Apr (NCBC).
Com. Loon: max 6 WPR 26 Apr; 15 reports 22 Mar -26 May; pair seen early May south end SkanL where birds have nested past 2 years (MY).
Pied-billed Grebe: arr 3 Binghamton BROO 25 Mar; last UL 3 May.
Horned Grebe: arr Binghamton BROO 12 Mar; max 20 Hillcrest BROO 27 Mar; last Endwell BROO 12 Apr.
Double-crested Cormorant: arr & max 26 WPR 7 Apr; last BROO 25 May.
Am. Bittern: Middlefield OTSE 29 Apr, 1, 5 May(BD); WCM 17 May (MP, SK).
Great Blue Heron: active rookeries in BROO, TIOG, OTSE.
Great Egret: Union BROO 21 Apr (SO, MP)
Green Heron: arr Maine BROO 28 Apr.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: BUNP 27 May (DQ).

GLOSSY IBIS: Cortlandville CORT 8 May (JM).
Turkey Vulture: max 19 Vestal BROO 26 Mar.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: arr Delhi DELA 7 Apr; max 5 BROO 28 Apr; many reports.
Bald Eagle: max 3 ad UL 19 Apr; nest site Delancey DELA 20 Apr; many reports throughout.
N. Harrier: Nanticoke BROO 10 Mar; steady reports BROO, CHEN; pair OTSE.
N. Goshawk: Coventry CHEN nest site 22 Apr; 4 other reports.
Red-shouldered Hawk: Triangle BROO several dates 17 Mar - 1 May; 11 other reports.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr Endwell BROO 10 Apr; Unadilla OTSE 11, 18 Apr; other reports.
Rough-legged Hawk: 3 Burlington OTSE 2 Mar; last OTSE/BROO 16 Apr.
Am. Kestrel: arr Vestal BROO 2 Mar; max 6 BROO 7 Apr.
Merlin: nesting pr Binghamton BROO, 2nd consecutive year, seen all season; nesting pr Endicott 6 May (GK).
Peregrine Falcon: regular pr Binghamton BROO, nest unsuccessful.
Virginia Rail: BPd 28 Mar; 8 other reports BROO, CHEN, CORT, OTSE.
Sora: WCM 6 May; 2 WCM 17 May (SK, MP); only reports.
Com. Moorhen: UL 11 Apr (JH), only report.
Am. Coot: arr BPd 18 Mar; max 10 OTSE 27 Mar; last BPd 30 Mar.
SANDHILL CRANE: 2 Oneonta OTSE 11 May (GC), rare.
Semipalmated Plover: BROO 16 May, only report.
Killdeer: arr Vestal BROO 2 Mar; max 10 Hillcrest BROO 21 Mar.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr 9 UL 15 Apr; last BROO 16 May.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr Glen Aubrey BROO 23 Apr; max 12 BROO 8 May.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr ML 26 Apr.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: 4 Vestal BROO 8 May, only report.
Least Sandpiper: BROO 8 & 16 May; only reports.
Dunlin: ML 26 Apr; Cortlandville CORT 22 May; only reports.
Wilson's Snipe: arr W.Burlington OTSE 8 Apr, displaying; mating pr OTSE 23 May.
Am. Woodcock: arr AqP 7 Mar; max 3-5 NuH 23 Mar; Maine BROO nest site 7 May; ad & yg BUNP 16 May.
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: Cortlandville CORT 22 May, rare.
Bonaparte's Gull: max 50 Endwell BROO 28 Mar; 41 Hillcrest BROO 14 Apr; last 12 OtL 20 Apr.
THAYER'S GULL: Vestal BROO 2 Mar (DW, MP).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Hillcrest BROO 21 Mar (BG).
GLAUCOUS GULL: Port Crane BROO 14 Mar (JW).
Great Black-backed Gull: 2 Hillcrest BROO 21 Mar (JW).
Caspian Tern: UL 2 May (JH, JW).
Com. Tern: 2 WPR 26 May (NCBC).
FORSTER'S TERN: WPR 26 May (NCBC).
Black Tern: BpD 7 May (DW); 2 WPR 26 May (NCBC); only reports.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Death Valley Rd, Maine BROO 9 May (JH); 11 reports.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr UL 11 May (PB); 5 reports, mostly from lower elevations than Black-billed.
E. Screech-Owl: 4 reports Apalachin TIOG Mar; scattered along river valleys and farm lands < 1200' and occasionally higher.
Barred Owl: 7 reports, mainly from swamps and wet woods >1000'.
Short-eared Owl: Burlington OTSE 24 Mar (TS).

N. Saw-whet Owl: 3 reports; Johnson Rd Kirkwood BROO 4 Apr; Burlington OTSE 25 Mar (TS).
Com. Nighthawk: only 2 reports; arr BROO 16 May (Team BU).
Chimney Swift: arr Oakdale Mall JC 26 Apr (WW); max 4 Vestal BROO 5 May (JW).
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr TIOG 2 May (DK).
Red-bellied Woodpecker: numerous reports along river valleys and towns <1500'; increasing.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Spaulding/Snyder TIOG 31 Mar (WW).

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: East Hill Rd CHEN 17 May (MP, SK), only report.
E. Wood-Pewee: arr CVSP 7 May (MP, EC); increasing reports after 15 May.
YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: Owego TIOG 16 May (C&J Bald), only report.
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: High Vista Preserve s. end SkanL 15 May (MY).
Alder Flycatcher: arr 15 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr UL 15 May (JW).
Least Flycatcher: arr Glen Aubrey BROO 29 Apr (JW).
E. Phoebe: arr many loc 26 Mar.
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Binghamton 23 Apr (BG); increasing reports after 2 May.
E. Kingbird: arr OtL 1 May (BD).
N. Shrike: 6 scattered reports; last Barker 23 Mar.
WHITE-EYED VIREO: BUNP 1-16 May (VL, mob).
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr UL 2 May (JH, JW).
Blue-headed Vireo: arr TIOG 17 Apr (LB).
Warbling Vireo: arr Vestal BROO 27 Apr (PB).
Philadelphia Vireo: Parsons Rd Barker 8 May (PB); only 3 reports.

Red-eyed Vireo: Vestal 2 May (EH), early.

Blue Jay: dozens to 100+ migrating CHEN late Apr (MY).

Am. Crow: dozens migrating CHEN late Mar-early Apr (MY).

Fish Crow: UL 2 May (JH, JW); BROO 16 May; other reports Endwell, Binghamton, Maine BROO in Apr.

Com. Raven: widespread and increasing nester throughout wilder forests at higher elevations (> 1500'), particularly state forest conifer plantations; also nesting on towers and cliffs.

Horned Lark: max 30+ Holland Hill Rd Lisle BROO 13 Mar; arrival of breeding subspecies flocks and flocks breaking up in Mar; nesting Newark Valley TIOG 16 May (DW).

Purple Martin: arr BCC Lisle BROO 3 May (MP); max 3 Endwell 5 May (WW).

Tree Swallow: arr Hillcrest Pits BROO 21 Mar (JW); max 100+ Hillcrest Pits 28 Mar (JW).

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr BPd 10 Apr (JW).

Bank Swallow: arr & max Susq R Vestal BROO 4 May (MP).

Cliff Swallow: arr Keibel Rd 5 May (JW); max 27 Keibel Rd 18 May.

Barn Swallow: arr Glen Aubrey BROO 21 Apr (JW).

Tufted Titmouse: increasing nester along many river valleys below 1500'.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: widespread in higher elevation state forests; perhaps increased nesting after last year's incursion?

Brown Creeper: widespread thru Apr. Carolina Wren: 7 reports different locales TIOG Apr; nesting along many major river valleys.

House Wren: arr TIOG 20 Apr.

Winter Wren: arr Hawkins Pd BROO 9 Apr (TT); fairly common after mid Apr. Marsh Wren: WCM BROO 17 May (SK, MP), only report.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: scarce before

9 Apr; increasing after at high elevation spruce plantations.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr TIOG 10 Apr.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Endwell BROO 30 Apr (DW); local afterwards along larger low elevation river valleys.

E. Bluebird: locally common before 24 Mar; increasingly common afterwards. Veery: arr East Hill Rd CHEN 8 May (JW, DW).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: a few heard during night migration Otselic CHEN 15 May (MY).

Swainson's Thrush: 15+ heard during night migration Otselic CHEN 15 May (MY); breeders returned to PharsWMA 29 May (MY); intro.

Hermit Thrush: arr Maine BROO 17 Apr (JH).

Wood Thrush: arr BUNP 1 May (VL); widespread after 8 May.

Am. Robin: max 12 FHNC; low.

Gray Catbird: overwintering bird 1 & 13 Mar Bunn Hill Rd Vestal BROO (JW); arr Port Crane BROO 30 Apr.

N. Mockingbird: scattered overwintering birds Hartwell Rd Maine BROO, Watson Blvd Binghamton, Johnson City BROO during Mar.

Brown Thrasher: arr Triangle BROO 18 Apr (TT).

Am. Pipit: arr & max 20 Hillcrest Pits BROO 21 Mar (BG); 10 Smith Hill Rd Lisle BROO 8 May (JW, DW).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING: max 35 Cuyler State Forest CORT 25 Mar (MY); Morris OTSE 3 Mar (JF, GF).

Cedar Waxwing: decent numbers thru Mar; increasing Apr & May; max 73 FHNC.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr & max 2 UL 2 May (JH, JW).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: Harpursville BROO 10 May (GK), only report.

Tennessee Warbler: Vestal 16 May (Team BU), only report.
Nashville Warbler: arr FHNC 30 Apr. N. Parula: Clifton Blvd Binghamton 5 May (JS); along OtL where breeding is strongly suspected 10 May (BD), rare nester.
Yellow Warbler: max 6 BUNP; arr 19 Apr (SK).
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Glen Aubrey BROO 30 Apr (JW0); max 6 BROO 28 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr Bunn Hill Vestal BROO 8 May (VL).
CAPE MAY WARBLER: BROO 2 May (M&MC); Vestal BROO 15 May (BG).
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Barker 8 May (JW, DW).
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr Triangle BROO 4 Apr (TT); max 6 Port Crane BROO 29 Apr (JW).
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Barker 22 Apr (JBW).
Blackburnian Warbler: arr Barker 8 May; max 3 BROO 11 May (DW).
Pine Warbler: CVSP 30 Mar; nesting Roundtop P (MP).
Prairie Warbler: arr Jones P Vestal BROO 2 May (EH); max 4 Maine BROO 11 May (JH); local nester in southern part of Reg.
Palm Warbler: arr BUNP 17 April (DK, NK); max 8 UL 29 May (DW).
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Glenwood P BROO 9 May (JH).
Blackpoll Warbler: arr Port Crane BROO 12 May (JH); max 6+ Maine BROO 16 May.
CERULEAN WARBLER: arr SkanL 9 May (MY); Basswood Pd 24 May (SP, TS); max 5 SkanL 15 May (MY).
Black-and-white Warbler: low numbers; only 7 reports; arr OtL 1 May (BD). Am. Redstart: arr Ely P BROO 4 May (DW); max 6 Fenton BROO 14 May (JW).
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: BUNP 27 & 29 May (DQ).

Ovenbird: arr TIOGA 30 Apr (DK); max 8 Nanticoke L 30 May (MP, MF).
N. Waterthrush: arr Glen Aubrey BROO 13 May (JW).
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Long Pd CHEN 18 Apr (JH); nests Jones and Greenwood P BROO.
Mourning Warbler: arr King St Barker 8 May (DW, JW); max 4 Guilford CHEN 17 May (TS).
Com. Yellowthroat: arr Cafferty Rd Colesville 30 Apr; max 10 BUNP 10 May.
Hooded Warbler: arr King St Barker (DW); max 4 BROO 11 May (DW); 1 report CORT; indicates perhaps increased breeding in Reg.
Wilson's Warbler: Port Crane BROO 12-13 May (JW), only report.
Canada Warbler: Maine BROO 16 May (Team BU), only report; perhaps in a fairly steady decline in parts of state?

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: arr Parsons Rd Barker 8 May (PB); max 3 Maine/Lisle BROO 28 May.
E. Towhee: arr Greybark Lane JC 18 Apr (MP); max 2 many locations.
Am. Tree Sparrow: max 20+ BP (JW) 1 Mar; last Triangle BROO 11 Apr (TT).
Chipping Sparrow: arr Richford TIOG 11 Apr (DM); max 9 Dorchester P BROO 21 Apr (WW).
Field Sparrow: arr & max 3 Greybark Lane 18 Apr (MP).
Vesper Sparrow: UL 8 Apr (MP); Smith Hill Rd Lisle BROO 29 Apr (DW); only reports.
Savannah Sparrow: arr BP 17 Apr (TL).
Grasshopper Sparrow: Banta Rd Conklin BROO 25 Apr (MP, SKr, EC), only report.
Fox Sparrow: arr Morris OTSE 27 Mar (GF, JF); only a few reports.
Song Sparrow: overwintered Port Crane BROO; arr BROO 24 Mar.

Swamp Sparrow: arr UL 3 Apr (BG); max 3 BPd 7 Apr (WW).

White-throated Sparrow: overwintered in small numbers: arr mid to late Apr; max 8 Greybark Lane JC 18 Apr (MP).

White-crowned Sparrow: arr BROO 2 May (M&MC).

Snow Bunting: max 300 CHEN 15 Mar (MY); last CHEN 30 Mar.

N. Cardinal: common primarily in river valleys, small numbers >1500'.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: TIOG 29 Apr; max 4 Port Crane BROO 1 May (JW).

Indigo Bunting: arr Endwell BROO 10 May (MP, PB).

Bobolink: arr Port Rd CHEN 8 May (JW, DW); "many" there 12 May (WW).

Red-winged Blackbird: arr large numbers early Mar; max 1000+ Port Crane BROO & BPd 11, 13 Mar.

E. Meadowlark: arr BROO Apr 7 (WW).

Rusty Blackbird: BPd 10 Mar; 2 Port Crane BROO 23 Mar (JW); 5 Afton CHEN 25 Apr (TS).

Com. Grackle: arr large numbers early Mar; max 1000+ Port Crane BROO 13 Mar (JW).

Brown-headed Cowbird: "many" arr Port Crane BROO 13 Mar (JW).

Baltimore Oriole: arr TIOG 30 Apr (JW); max 7 BROO 11 May.

PINE GROSBEAK: Vestal BROO 10-11 Apr (GeK).

Purple Finch: max 25+ at feeders late Apr; widespread breeding behavior in May at >1000'.

House Finch: small breeding number in towns, hamlets, farms.

RED CROSSBILL: possible/probable/confirmed breeding evidence in 10 Atlas blocks mostly CHEN; fl Bowman L CHEN 8 Apr (MY); 1 CORT & OTSE (HK); max 35 Smyrna CHEN 20 Apr (MY); "many" singing PharsWMA 29 May (MY); intro.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: possible/probable breeding evidence 3 Atlas blocks; singing m & pr 2 locales PharsWMA 11 & 18 Mar (MY); max 4 singing m Afton CHEN 11 Apr (TS); intro.

Com. Redpoll: flocks of 50-200 common at >1000' CHEN/OTSE thru mid Apr (MY); max 750 CHEN 23 Mar; last mid Apr.

HOARY REDPOLL: PharsWMA 11 Mar (MY); Burlington OTSE 21 Mar (TS).

PINE SISKIN: various breeding evidence in 30+ Atlas blocks; widespread breeding throughout CHEN, with smaller numbers in adjacent counties; fl German CHEN 26 Apr; max 40+ CHEN 11 Mar (MY); intro.

Evening Grosbeak: small flocks of 10-30 hills of CHEN, OTSE, DELA Mar and Apr (MY); small numbers PharsWMA; last 1 May; continues to decline in state in winter.

Am. Goldfinch: higher than usual numbers of 30-50+ across area at many feeders Mar (MY).

