

REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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March was much colder and drier than usual. The average temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 29.4° F, 4.9° below average. There was 1.38" of precipitation, 1.61" below average, along with 17.5" of snow, most of which fell in the first few days. There was a prolonged cold spell until the last few days of the month. The April average temperature was 46.8°, 1.5° above average. Precipitation was 4.50", 1.46" above average, with 9.3" of snow. Most of the precipitation fell during a severe storm on 2 and 3 April. Other than another heavy storm on 22-24 April, it was an extremely dry month. Lake Erie ice disappeared near the 8th, about 10 days earlier than normal. The average temperature in May was 53.5°, 3.5° below normal, with cooler weather during the last two weeks. The precipitation was only 0.6", 2.75" below normal. It was the driest May in modern history at Buffalo.

The effects of the prolonged cold spell in March could be seen in the delayed migrations of waterfowl and blackbirds in addition to a very slow start to the raptor migration season. The first migrants of Canada Goose, Red-winged Blackbird and Common Grackle typically occur in February. However, this year, the first migrants were noted after the first week of March. Waterfowl migrants found most of the inland lakes and ponds frozen through most of March, which resulted in much higher numbers along Lake Ontario than usual. The numbers of Canada Geese along the Lake Ontario plain were especially staggering during the third week of March and were the highest in recent memory for veteran observers.

Rare geese included two reports of Greater White-fronted; one **Ross's Goose**, continued from late winter; and several groups of **Cackling Geese**. This "new" species is less frequent in spring than in fall. The highlight among duck species was a very good showing of **Eurasian Wigeon**, with three scattered reports of drakes. Counts of Red-necked Grebes exceeded 100 along Lake Ontario in early April, making it a better than average year for sightings of this species, but not near "event year" numbers. Construction at Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant reduced the number of reports from that waterfowl hotspot this spring.

No unusual waders appeared this spring. Great Egrets continue to slowly increase at the Motor Island rookery. There were only a few reports of American Bittern and none for Least Bittern. However, this was likely a result of reduced observer effort.

There was exciting news of breeding for several raptor species. The most noteworthy was the first **Merlin** nest for the Region. A pair established a nest in a tall pine tree in a busy, residential area on the west side of Buffalo. Regional breeding for this species has been anticipated for the last few years because of an increase in late spring and summer reports. Bald Eagles continued their rapid recent expansion with several new nests, including the first on the Niagara River in more than fifty years. A pair established a nest on the north side of Navy Island, which is technically part of Ontario, but it was best viewed from the American

side. A pair of Bald Eagles demonstrated breeding behavior at Strawberry Island in the Niagara River, but a nest was never fully established. A new nest was also established in Dayton, Cattaraugus County. Ospreys nested on a platform at Conewango Valley WMA, Randolph, Cattaraugus County, marking the first nest away from Iroquois NWR or Allegheny Reservoir.

Raptor migration started slowly due to the cool March weather. However, the numbers at the local hawkwatches, Hamburg and Ripley, were within the typical ranges. The highlight of the migration season was a well-documented, dark morph **Swainson's Hawk** observed in Wilson and tracked as it flew east along the Lake Ontario plain. This is only the third documented report of this western rarity in the Region. Two **Black Vultures** were observed this spring.

Shorebirding was generally unimpressive. The most consistent locations were several traditional wet spots in Niagara County. The highlight of the season was a Whimbrel, a species that is infrequently observed in the Region in spring, at Tonawanda WMA. Several flocks of migrating shorebirds, including a probable flock of Whimbrels over Bennington in Wyoming County, were observed over land on 24 May. This was possibly connected with unusually cold, wet and cloudy conditions that day.

There was a large concentration of immature gulls lingering along Lake Ontario through May, much later than usual and likely tied to the cooler weather. There were several late sightings for Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull and Lesser Black-backed Gull.

Impressive numbers of Short-eared Owls were found at a traditional location in Porter through winter and into early April. The maximum count was 26 on 12 March. Richard Salembier found **Long-eared Owls** nesting at Amherst State Park, an unexpected location for this secretive species. Two young were observed at the nest; they fledged in late May.

Songbird migration was behind schedule in late April and early May. Migrants were noted in very high numbers on the mornings of 7 and 10 May. On the 10th, an Acadian Flycatcher was seen and heard in Wilson. This species is very rarely observed during migration in the Region. Despite the late start, migrant warblers were plentiful throughout the month. Warbler highlights included one **Yellow-throated Warbler**, two **Worm-eating Warblers**, three **Kentucky Warblers** and three **Yellow-breasted Chats**.

Similar to gulls, there were also some late and lingering passerines. Five American Tree Sparrows were tallied in mid-May. Flocks of 12 and 85 Lapland Longspurs were observed on 5 May in Somerset, very much on the late side for this species.

There were some very interesting rarities this season, including some first sightings for the Region. Marilyn O'Connell was treated with a **White-winged Dove** at her feeder in Silver Creek on Mother's Day morning. The bird was observed at close range but unfortunately departed before other birders arrived. There were second-hand reports of this species several days later in a nearby town. A first for the Region, birders have been anticipating its arrival, given the preponderance of sightings throughout the state in recent years.

While the first White-winged Dove was anticipated, the other first Regional sighting was entirely unexpected. Three **Whooping Cranes** were seen by seven observers at the Ripley Hawk Watch on 6 April. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service determined the cranes to be from the east coast "experimental non-essential population" as one of the birds is fitted with a radio transmitter tracking device. The birds were reported from Lake County, Ohio, on 3 April, in Grey County, Ontario, on 15 April, and subsequently at several locations throughout the northeast. The three birds had wandered off-course from the Florida-to-Wisconsin route. This is the first documented record for this species in New York State, although they will not become part of the official New York State list as they are introduced birds.

The Region's third **Townsend's Solitaire** was found and photographed by Betsy Potter and Willie D'Anna at their backyard in the Town of Wilson on 12 April. All three Regional sightings have been within the last five years; this is the first report outside of winter.

Other rarities for the season included: Forster's Tern, Sedge Wren and two holdovers from winter, **Boreal Owl** and **Lark Sparrow**.

The Buffalo Ornithological Society April Count on 10 April tallied 143 species and was compiled by Mike Hamilton. There were seven record high counts since the 1935 inception: Great Egret, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Common Raven, Winter Wren and White-throated Sparrows. No record low counts were recorded.

The B.O.S. May Count on 15 May recorded 206 species and a record high number of individuals, 119,287. The count compiler was Bob DeLeon. Seventeen species were recorded at their highest total ever (since 1935). Noteworthy highs included: Double-crested Cormorant, Great Egret, Turkey Vulture, Red-breasted Merganser, Bald Eagle, Wild Turkey, Ring-billed Gull, Iceland Gull, Pileated Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Common Raven, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Yellow Warbler, Palm Warbler and Clay-colored Sparrow. Vesper Sparrow had the only record low count. It was the first time since 1945 that no Common Nighthawks were tallied on the count.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP ERIE; BMAC – Beaver Meadow Audubon Center WYOM; BOSAC – Buffalo Ornithological Society April Count, 10 Apr; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count, 15 May; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant GENE; CVWMA – Conewango Valley WMA CATT; DH – Dunkirk Harbor; FMCSP – Four Mile Creek SP NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP NIAG; GI – Goat I, NF; Hamburg HW – Hamburg Hawk Watch ERIE; INWR – Iroquois NWR GENE/ORLE; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP ORLE; LESP – Lake Erie SP CHAU; NPP – Niagara Power Project NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA GENE; PG – Pt Gratiot CHAU; Ripley HW – Ripley Hawk Watch CHAU; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary ERIE; Tift NP – Tift Nature Preserve ERIE; Times Beach NP – Times Beach Nature Preserve ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA GENE/NIAG; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS — VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Buffalo ERIE 13 Mar (DAB); Yates ORLE 20 Mar (WD!).

Snow Goose: arr & max 165 Bethany GENE 7 Mar; 60 Somerset NIAG & Yates ORLE 20, 27 Mar; 20 Oakfield GENE 22 Mar; last Somerset NIAG 27 May (MM!), very late.

ROSS'S GOOSE: DH thru 9 Mar (WD! DN), continued from Feb.

CAACKLING GOOSE: arr 6 TWMA 19 Mar (JP); 7 Yates ORLE, 2 Somerset NIAG 26 Mar (WD! WW! NYSARC).

Canada Goose: 30,000-60,000 Yates ORLE 19 Mar (WD), estimated between Carmen and Marshall Rds, *intro*.

Mute Swan: 2 BeSP 15 Mar; 7 BOSAC; 2 Wilson NIAG 13 Apr.

Tundra Swan: arr 30 Marilla ERIE 13 Mar; 350 BeSP 17 Mar (DS), likely wintering birds supplemented with migrants; 148 Hamburg HW 17 Mar; 150 Wethersfield WYOM 17 Mar; last 6 BOSAC.

Wood Duck: arr Tonawanda ERIE 18 Mar.

EURASIAN WIGEON: BuSP 31 Mar (EL); INWR 8 May (JP); Times Beach NP 14 May (MM!); all drakes, very good showing.

Am. Wigeon: arr 3 FMCSP 12 Mar.

Am. Black Duck: arr 4 LBSP 12 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: arr Yates ORLE 20 Mar.

N. Shoveler: arr 2 DH 17 Mar; max 134 BWWTP 16 Apr.

N. Pintail: arr 4 LBSP 12 Mar; max 350 Somerset NIAG 19 Mar (WD), good count; 200 Hanover CHAU 20 Mar (DN); TWMA 29 May (JP).

Green-winged Teal: arr Wilson NIAG 7 Mar (BE).

Canvasback: 32 BOSAC, only report beyond Mar.

Redhead: arr 2 Olcott NIAG 17 Mar; max 12 TWMA 21 May, breeding location.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 13 Hanover CHAU 19 Mar (DN); max 73 TWMA 30 Mar; 2 INWR 21 May; 2 BWWTP 30 May, late date suggests lingering.

Greater Scaup: max 700 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 31 Mar.

Lesser Scaup: max 45 BWWTP 16 Apr.

Surf Scoter: 2 DH thru 20 Mar (TM, DN), continued from winter; 5 BOSAC; Wilson NIAG 19 Apr; AISP 20 Apr (TB), rare inland; 2 Tift NP 26 Apr (DS, AH), unusual location; last 4 Olcott NIAG 1 May (WD, DD).

White-winged Scoter: last 37 BOSMC.
Black Scoter: 3 DH thru 16 Mar (WD!, WW!), continued from winter; 2 Newfane NIAG 3 Apr (S&TO); Buffalo Harbor ERIE 9 Apr (MM); Porter NIAG BOSAC (WD); rare in spring.
Long-tailed Duck: BWWT 16 Apr; last 2 Somerset NIAG 21 May.
Bufflehead: last 12 BOSMC.
Com. Goldeneye: last 3 BOSMC.
Ruddy Duck: arr Buffalo Harbor ERIE 31 Mar; max 278 BWWT 16 Apr; 35 BWWT 30 May, lingering.
Red-throated Loon: DH 16 & 27 Mar (WW!, FR!); 3 NIAG BOSAC; Somerset NIAG 24 Apr; last 2 Somerset NIAG 21 May.
Com. Loon: arr Hamburg HW 30 Mar.
Pied-billed Grebe: arr SPNS 30 Mar; 16 Alabama GENE 16 Apr.
Horned Grebe: max 7 Shadigee ORLE 22 Mar; Alfred ALLE 20 Apr (EB).
Red-necked Grebe: 4, 3 DH 16, 27 Mar; 2 BuSP 17 Mar; 12 Shadigee ORLE 26 Mar (WD); 61 Somerset NIAG 1 Apr (WD); max 135 Yates ORLE 5 Apr (S&TO); 237 BOSAC; last Somerset NIAG 21 May (WD! MM!), late.
Double-crested Cormorant: arr 3 BuSP 31 Mar; 845 BOSAC; 352 Strawberry I NR 20 Apr; 2921 BOSMC.
Am. Bittern: arr BOSAC; INWR 16 Apr; AmSP 22 Apr (RS), unusual location; Tiff NP 21 May (K&JL), encouraging report from occasional nesting location.
Least Bittern: no reports.
Great Egret: arr BeSP 1 Apr (DS); max 41 with 21 nests Motor I NR 13-29 Apr (WW); few reports away from NR.
Green Heron: arr Salamanca CATT 19 Apr.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 27 Motor I NR 27 Mar.
BLACK VULTURE: Silver Creek CHAU 30 Mar (DN); Ripley HW 4 Apr; rare but now annual in spring.
Turkey Vulture: arr Lancaster ERIE, 3 Hamburg HW 7 Mar.

HAWKS—ALCIDS

Osprey: arr AISP 28 Mar; 3 nests INWR & TWMA; nested at platform set up at CVWMA.
Bald Eagle: too numerous to report all; nesting attempted Strawberry I NR; nesting successful Navy I NR Ontario, first nesting on NR since 1946; new nest location Dayton CATT; 22 BOSAC; 17 BOSMC, record counts.
N. Goshawk: arr Yates ORLE 20 Mar (WD!); 1,1 Hamburg HW 28, 31 Mar (WW!, FR! MT!); AISP 9 Apr (TB); Leon CATT 12 Apr (RR); Wilson NIAG 19 Apr (DD!); Westfield CHAU Apr (LD, GR et al), display flight observed.
Red-shouldered Hawk: arr Hamburg HW 7 Mar.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr AISP 9 Apr (TL!); Bennington WYOM BOSAC (MM!); early.
SWAINSON'S HAWK: Wilson NIAG 19 Apr (DD!), dark morph, third verified Reg record.
Rough-legged Hawk: max 10 Somerset NIAG & Yates ORLE 26 Mar; last INWR 21 May (MM! WD), late.
Golden Eagle: 1,1,1 Hamburg HW 8,9,22 Apr (MH, MM!); Darien GENE 17 Apr (JP, RS); Somerset NIAG 5 May (WD!); 4 season total Ripley HW.
Merlin: max 5 Buffalo ERIE 4 Mar, last reported at SUNY Buffalo roost 28 Mar; AmSP 20 Mar; Hamburg HW 18 Apr; 2 at nest Buffalo ERIE 22 Apr (AH), first confirmed nesting for Reg; PG 25 Apr; Hartland NIAG 5 May; Somerset NIAG 7 May; Mina CHAU 14 May (JB).
Peregrine Falcon: DH 5 Mar (WD); Wilson NIAG 31 Mar (WD); 2 ad + yg Buffalo ERIE, from annual nest location; 2 Buffalo ERIE 11-17 Apr (AH), exhibiting territorial behavior near Millard Fillmore Hospital & Buffalo Psychiatric Center, no evidence of nesting found on search of hospital; N Tonawanda NIAG 29-30 Apr (SP).

Virginia Rail: arr 2 BOSAC.
Sora: arr BOSAC; Tift NP 14 Apr.
Com. Moorhen: arr TWMA BOSAC (PY!), early.
Am. Coot: max 47 INWR 16 Apr.
SANDHILL CRANE: arr 2 Hamburg HW 18 Mar (RA); max 15 Silver Creek CHAU & Hamburg HW 30 Mar (DN, JL), same flock observed 21 miles away an hour later; 4,1 Somerset NIAG 6 Apr, 5 May (WD!); 3,1 Royalton NIAG 15 Apr, 2 May (MW, CR); GHSP 1 May (WD!); 2 Hartland NIAG 27 May (WD!), late date possibly suggestive of nesting; continued increase along migration routes, too numerous to report all.
WHOOPIING CRANE: 3 Ripley HW 6 Apr (GR et al), from Wisconsin breeding program, 1 with radio transmitter, *intro*.
Black-bellied Plover: arr 3 Somerset NIAG 27 May (MM); BWWTP 30 May (PY); only reports.
Semipalmated Plover: arr TWMA 8 May; max 10 Yates ORLE 14 May.
Killdeer: arr several locations 16 Mar.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr 3 INWR & 1 Wilson NIAG 30 Mar.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 17 BOSAC.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr AISP 28 Apr.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr Tift NP 18 Apr.
Upland Sandpiper: 2 Tillman WMA ERIE 15-31 May, only report.
Whimbrel: TWMA 29 May (JP, RS); rarely reported in spring.
Ruddy Turnstone: arr 5 BOSMC; max 10 BWWTP 30 May (PY), good count for inland.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 2 Hartland NIAG BOSMC; 3 Squaw I NR 21 May (LL); only reports.
Least Sandpiper: arr 35 Yates ORLE 14 May.
White-rumped Sandpiper: Hartland NIAG BOSMC, only report.
Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 14 BOSAC; 24 Hartland NIAG 17 Apr (WD); 17 Tift NP 20 Apr; max 100 CVWMA 23 Apr (JRe); INWR 29 Apr; last 6 BOSMC.

Dunlin: arr CVWMA 23 Apr; max 60 BWWTP 30 May (PY).
Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 2 CVWMA 16 May (JRe); 5 Newstead ERIE 24 May (MM), only reports.
Wilson's Snipe: arr Lancaster ERIE 31 Mar; max 21 Dayton CATT 1 Apr (DN).
Am. Woodcock: arr 2 Ashford CATT 21 Mar (JRo).
Little Gull: 8 BOSAC, only reports.
Bonaparte's Gull: 1000 DH 6 Apr; max 1700 NPP 13 Apr (MT).
Iceland Gull: 5 Wilson NIAG 3 Mar (BE); NPP 17 Mar; Somerset NIAG 1 May (WD); Wilson NIAG 10 May (BP, WD); Olcott NIAG 21 May (WD! MM BP), late.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: NIAG BOSAC; FNSP 20 May (WD!); Olcott NIAG 28 May (WD!), late.
Glaucous Gull: 2 Wilson NIAG 3 Mar; 2 Lewiston Res NIAG 4 Mar; DH 5 Mar; Sheridan CHAU 4 May (DN); Olcott NIAG 21 May (WD, MM); Wilson NIAG 22 May (WD!), late.
Caspian Tern: arr 2 DH 6 Apr; 81 DH 1 May (DN).
Com. Tern: arr 20 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 9 Apr; 64, 104 DH 25 Apr, 1 May (DN).
Forster's Tern: 2 CHAU BOSMC, rare in spring.
Black Tern: arr 8 INWR 29 Apr (WW); max 15 TWMA 21 May (MM, WD).

PIGEONS — WOODPECKERS

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: Silver Creek CHAU 8 May (MO! NYSARC), 1st Reg report; second-hand report of same or different bird nearby in Portland several days later.
Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Tift NP 11 May.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Orchard P ERIE 28 May.
Snowy Owl: Stockton CHAU thru 7 Mar (DN); Yates ORLE thru 26 Mar (WD, et al), both continued from winter; Wilson NIAG 15 Apr (BB).

Long-eared Owl: 2 ad + 2 yg AmSP thru 28 May (RS), unexpected nesting location; Newfane NIAG 18 Mar (BP, WD); 2 Porter NIAG 31 Mar (S&TO).
Short-eared Owl: max 26 Porter NIAG 12 Mar (S&TO), very good count; 3, 4 Shelby ORLE 3, 17 Apr (S&TO); only reports.

BOREAL OWL: Wilson NIAG 10 Mar (BP!), lingered from winter until 18 Mar (MP).

N. Saw-whet Owl: 1, 2 WTSP 12, 31 Mar (BP); OOWMA 19 Mar (CR); GHSP 25, 26 Mar (BP); Wilson NIAG 1 Apr (BP, WD); Reinstein Preserve ERIE 2 Apr; Cherry Creek CHAU 27 May (WW), newly documented breeding location.

Com. Nighthawk: arr Lancaster ERIE 18 May; Hamburg HW 19 May; 2 Wilson NIAG 26 May; Tift NP 26 May; 2 TWMA 29 May; Olean CATT 30 May; only reports.

Chimney Swift: arr 3 Buffalo ERIE 19 Apr (AH).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Eden ERIE 8 May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Tonawanda ERIE 1 Apr.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Sturgeon Pt ERIE 8 May; BeSP 11 May; 4 PG 14 May; Times Beach NP 30 May; FNSP 31 May; pr LBSP May; only reports.

FLYCATCHERS — WAXWINGS

E. Wood-Pewee: arr LESP, PG 14 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Arkwright CHAU BOSMC (DN); AmSP 31 May (RS); only reports.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr Wilson NIAG 10 May (WD! BP), very rarely seen in migration; INWR 21 May; Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 29 May; only reports.

Alder Flycatcher: arr BOSMC; 6 Eagle WYOM 26 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr 20 BOSMC.

Least Flycatcher: arr Tift NP 6 May.

E. Phoebe: arr LESP 20 Mar (DN).

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr GI 3 May.

E. Kingbird: arr INWR 30 Apr (JP).

N. Shrike: last, several 26 Mar.

White-eyed Vireo: arr AISP 22 Apr (TB!), early; Hanover CHAU 11-22 May (DN); Tift NP 14, 15 May (DS).

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr FNSP 6 May (LL).

Blue-headed Vireo: arr AISP BOSAC (TL!), early.

Warbling Vireo: arr GI 2 May.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr AmSP 11 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr Colden ERIE 5 May.

Com. Raven: INWR 19 Mar (JP, TH); Hamburg HW 12 Apr (MZ!); BMAC 17 Apr (MT!); Attica WYOM 21 Apr (RR); 2 Eagle WYOM 11 May (MM!); Bennington WYOM 24 May (MM!); only reports outside ALLE, CATT.

Purple Martin: arr 2 Lackawanna ERIE 8 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr Ellicottville CATT 20 Mar.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr AISP 5 Apr (TL!), early.

Bank Swallow: arr Hamburg ERIE 24 Apr.

Cliff Swallow: arr Hamburg ERIE 24 Apr; 20 nests Buffalo ERIE 8 May, growing colony on waterfront.

Barn Swallow: arr Pt Breeze ORLE 30 Mar (JP); Hamburg HW 1 Apr (DD!); early.

Carolina Wren: 23 BOSAC; 22 BOSMC; down slightly from last year's count numbers.

House Wren: arr Tift NP 16 Apr (DD!), early.

Winter Wren: arr WTSP 7 Apr.

SEDGE WREN: arr Somerset NIAG 20, 27 May (MM!); 2 Tillman WMA 24 May thru (MZ, PY!).

Marsh Wren: arr 2 INWR 30 Apr.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr AmSP 7 Apr.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr 3 BOSAC, early.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE:

Wilson NIAG 12-14 Apr (BP! WD!); 3rd Reg report.

Veery: arr Tift NP 6 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Buffalo ERIE 10 May (PH).
Swainson's Thrush: arr Wilson NIAG 10 May.
Hermit Thrush: arr Buffalo ERIE 6 Apr.
Wood Thrush: arr Wilson NIAG 3 May.
Gray Catbird: arr Tift NP 2 May.
N. Mockingbird: SPNS 10 Mar-5 Apr (LH); Amherst ERIE 15 Mar (JP); Somerset NIAG 9 Apr (WD); Alden ERIE 16 May (GC); unusual locations.
Brown Thrasher: Grand I ERIE 11 Mar, very rare in winter; arr Silver Creek CHAU 1 Apr.
Am. Pipit: arr SPNS 31 Mar; last 2 Somerset NIAG 21 May.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr WTSP 6 May.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr 5 BOSMC; Newfane NIAG 21 May; Shelby ORLE 22, 30 May; TWMA 30 May; only reports.
"Brewster's" Warbler: arr Lockport NIAG 22 May; Stockton CHAU 27 May.
Tennessee Warbler: arr AmSP, Wilson NIAG 10 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Tift NP 7 May (DS); WTSP 8 May; Wilson NIAG 9, 10 May; 6 BOSMC; FMCS 16, 17 May; GI 18 May; WTSP 22 May; good showing.
Nashville Warbler: arr GI 27 Apr.
N. Parula: arr 2 Wilson NIAG 12 May.
Yellow Warbler: arr Tift NP 26 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr AmSP 3 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr Sheridan CHAU 5 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr FNSP, Wilson NIAG 6 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr FNSP, Wilson NIAG 6 May.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: Orchard P ERIE 1-15 Mar (MZ); arr 7 BOSAC.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Sheridan CHAU, PG 19 Apr (DN), early.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr Niagara NIAG 2 May.
YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: CHAU BOSMC (TM!), rare but possibly increasing.
Pine Warbler: arr Orchard P ERIE 7-10 Apr (NV!); 2 AISP 9, 10 Apr (TL!); Blasdell ERIE 12 Apr (MT!); Wilson NIAG 1-21 May (BP, WD); 26 BOSMC; Olcott NIAG 21 May (MM!); increasing reports beyond mid-May indicative of increase as breeder.
Prairie Warbler: arr Sheridan CHAU 5 May (DN); Tift NP 6-10 May (DD, DS).
Palm Warbler: arr AmSP 13 Apr (RS); Wilson NIAG 22 Apr.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr GI 8 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr Wilson NIAG 10 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr Royalton NIAG, Tift NP 14 May.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr Tift NP 30 Apr.
Am. Redstart: arr Tift NP 5 May.
Prothonotary Warbler: 2 TWMA 15 May thru (WD, PY), has bred in this area in recent years.
WORM-EATING WARBLER: Wilson NIAG 6 May (BP! WD!); Salamanca CATT BOSMC (TB!), possible breeding location; rare but near annual migrant.
Ovenbird: arr WTSP, Tift NP 6 May.
N. Waterthrush: arr SPNS 3 May.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 3 AISP BOSAC, early.
KENTUCKY WARBLER: Tift NP 11 May (DD! WW! AH); AISP BOSMC (TB!); WTSP 21 May (JW!); very good showing.
Mourning Warbler: arr 7 BOSMC.
Com. Yellowthroat: arr Tift NP, WTSP 6 May.
Hooded Warbler: arr Tift NP 29 Apr (RS).
Wilson's Warbler: arr Tift NP 7 May; last Tillman WMA 30 May.
Canada Warbler: arr Wilson NIAG 10 May.

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Yellow-breasted Chat: arr Tift NP 12 May (WW); Tillman WMA 28-31 May (MZ, PY); Wilson NIAG 30, 31 May (BP); good showing.

TANAGERS — WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: arr several locations 10 May.

E. Towhee: arr Pomfret CHAU 3 Apr.

Am. Tree Sparrow: last 5 BOSMC, late.

Chipping Sparrow: 3 Wilson NIAG 1-31 Mar (WP, BP), overwintered; arr Orchard P ERIE 9 Apr.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:

Wilson NIAG 8-31 May (WD! BP), m possibly paired with a Chipping; 3 ALLE BOSMC; Pomfret CHAU 21 May (DN).

Field Sparrow: arr 2 Tift NP 31 Mar.

Vesper Sparrow: arr Blasdel ERIE 31 Mar (MT); Hamburg HW 18 Apr; Yates ORLE 1 May (WD); Elma ERIE 8 May (LH); Wilson NIAG 10, 17 May; Newfane NIAG 21 May; Ashford CATT 29 May (K&JL).

LARK SPARROW: Porter NIAG thru 12 Mar (VR, WW!), continued from winter.

Savannah Sparrow: arr Pomfret CHAU 3 Apr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr 7 BOSMC; 2 Somerset NIAG 27 May; 2 Tillman WMA 28, 30 May; Andover ALLE 31 May.

Henslow's Sparrow: no reports.

Fox Sparrow: arr Buffalo ERIE 30 Mar; max 13 Ashford CATT 3 Apr (JR); 8 Pomfret CHAU 3 Apr (TM); 8 AISP 4 Apr (TB); last 8 BOSMC, late.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr FMCSP 6 May; max 4 Tift NP 14 May; last 2 Tift NP 21 May.

Swamp Sparrow: arr Wilson NIAG 7 Apr.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr Silver Creek CHAU 30 Apr.

Lapland Longspur: 1, 3 Yates ORLE 18, 26 Mar; 7 Lackawanna ERIE 1 Apr (MM); last 85 Somerset NIAG (MM!) & 12 Hartland NIAG (WD!) 5 May, very late.

Snow Bunting: max 600 Yates ORLE 12 Mar (WW, JP).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Tift NP, Eden ERIE 4 May.

Indigo Bunting: arr Eden ERIE 10 May.

Bobolink: arr 2 Somerset NIAG 5 May.

Red-winged Blackbird: arr 13 Hamburg HW 7 Mar, late for first arrival.

E. Meadowlark: arr Somerset NIAG 17 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 5 TWMA 26 Mar; last 5 BOSMC.

Com. Grackle: arr 2 Hamburg HW 7 Mar, late for first arrival.

Orchard Oriole: arr Times Beach NP 8 May (RA!); 2 Silver Creek CHAU 9-17 May (DN); 14 BOSMC; SPNS 19 May; max 4 Somerset NIAG 20 May (MM); more numerous than usual along L Ontario, too many to report here.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Colden ERIE, Wilson NIAG 5 May.

Purple Finch: regular at some feeders thru Apr; 247 BOSAC.

Red Crossbill: 2 Centerville ALLE 17 May (RR), only report.

Com. Redpoll: max 35 WTSP 12 Mar; last 4 Wilson NIAG 28 Mar (BP).

Pine Siskin: regular in small numbers; 2 Alden ERIE 28 May; last 2 Youngstown NIAG 31 May.

Evening Grosbeak: 2 ALLE BOSMC, only report.

EXOTICS

European Goldfinch: Corfu GENE 4 Apr (DAB), origin unknown.