

REGION 6 - ST. LAWRENCE

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March weather was dry and brutally cold. A large high pressure system had established itself in Eastern Canada, providing days of north and northeast winds with no precipitation. The coldest recorded temperature for the state was -18° F in Highmarket, Lewis County, on the 11th of the month. The precipitation deficit was 45 percent for the Region. There was very little evidence of migration for the first two weeks. American Woodcock, Eastern Phoebe and Tree Swallow were all two to three weeks late. A **GRAY JAY** at a feeder in Watertown on 7 March may have been another example as well. April was a pleasing 2–4° above normal, and precipitation was above average, allowing all the creeks and marsh to recover. Migration opened up and the trees and fields were teaming with birds. On 8 April, Jeff Bolsinger, while driving through the Towns of Stockholm and Brasher in St. Lawrence County, flushed 1000 or more Dark-eyed Juncos, mostly in flocks of 10 to 75, off sides of the roads. The first two weeks of May were cold and wet, causing some warblers to be late arriving. The last two weeks of May were warm and dry.

One of the more interesting reports was a white **GYRFALCON** seen flying north by both Dawn Walker and Mary Warburton at different times on the same day near Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County. Mary is an experienced hawk observer and has worked with Peter Nye on the DEC eagle program. The **GREAT GRAY OWL**, which was found in Cape Vincent by Gerry Smith in February, departed on 18 May. Jerry LeTendre, a resident of Cape Vincent, became the owl's guardian and found the bird each day throughout the entire time it was there. He showed it to hundreds of people and kept some people at a distance when they wanted to take pictures. He became friendly with the neighbors and had a chance to talk to them about the importance of the grasslands in the area during the winter time. A pair of **TRUMPETER SWANS** returned to Chippewa Creek, Town of Morristown, St. Lawrence County, with eight very tiny young on 31 May.

Rarities included: Eurasian Wigeon, Barrow's Goldeneye, Sandhill Crane, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Black-backed Woodpecker and Bohemian Waxwing.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Barnes C – Barnes Corners, T Pinkney LEWI; B Falls – T Brasher Falls STLA; Can – T Canton STLA; Col – T Colton STLA; CV – T Cape Vincent JEFF; EB – Eel Bay, Orleans JEFF; Ev Mil – Evans Mills, T LeRay JEFF; FD – Fort Drum JEFF; Gouv – T Gouverneur STLA; GPSP – Grass Pt SP, T Orleans JEFF; Herm – T Hermon STLA; LMWMA – Lakeview Marsh WMA, T Ellisburg JEFF; Lou – T Louisville STLA; Mas – T Massena STLA; MM – Massawepie Mire, T Colton STLA; Mor – T Morristown STLA; Pit – T Pitcarin STLA; Pot – T Potsdam STLA; PRGC – Partridge Run Golf Course, Canton STLA; PRWMA – Perch R WMA, T Orleans JEFF; PtPen – Pt Peninsula, T Lyme JEFF; SLR – St. Lawrence R; Snsh – Snowshoe Pt, T Henderson JEFF; Stock – T Stockholm STLA; Th – T Theresa JEFF; ULLWMA – Upper and Lower L WMA, T Canton STLA; Wad – T Waddington STLA; Wat – T Watertown JEFF; WI – Wellesley I SP JEFF.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Snow Goose: arr 80 T Lou 27 Mar.

Canada Goose: arr T Pot 13 Mar; max 1000+ T Mas 20 Apr.

Trumpeter Swan: pr + 8 very young cygnets Chippewa Bay T Mor 28 May (EL).

Wood Duck: arr T Pot 12 Mar.

Gadwall: 3 pr T Wad 22 May.

EURASIAN WIGEON: EB (NL).

Am. Black Duck: arr pr Raquette R T Col 27 Mar; nest with 13 eggs FD 24 May.

Mallard: 100+ Robert Moses Power Dam 10 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 5 T Hounsfield 25 Apr.

Green-winged Teal: arr T Pot 30 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: 8 ULLWMA 26 May.

Com. Goldeneye: pr T Wad 24 Apr.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: last f GPSP 25 Mar.

Hooded Merganser: arr pr Raquette R T Col 27 Mar.

Com. Merganser: arr 12 m & 4 f Grass R T Mas 10 May.

Red-breasted Merganser: 7 PtPen 12 May.

Ruffed Grouse: 6 m drumming in 3 hr FD 29 May.

Com. Loon: arr T Mas 8 May.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr SLR T Mas 8 May.

Double-crested Cormorant: arr T Mor 30 Apr.

Am. Bittern: arr B Falls 26 Apr; max 6 calling FD 30 Apr.

Great Blue Heron: arr Grass R Flow T Col 13 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr T Herm 6 May.

Turkey Vulture: arr T Wat 20 Mar,
nest + 4 y T Wad 31 May.

HAWKS—ALCIDS

Osprey: arr 2 PRWMA 8 Apr.
Bald Eagle: ad soaring over PRGC 2
Apr; ad near Pleasant L STLA 30 Mar.
N. Harrier: arr T Gouv 30 Mar.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: arr T Lou 10 Mar.
Cooper's Hawk: arr T Mor 11 Apr.
N. Goshawk: arr T Lou, FD 10 May.
Broad-winged Hawk: ad MM 28 May.
Red-tailed Hawk: on nest T Gouv
4 May.
Am. Kestrel: arr T Can in numbers 24 Mar.
Merlin: ad m feeding on a Blue Jay
W1 26 Mar.
GYRFALCON: white ad flying north
near Gouverneur STLA 20 Mar (DW,
fide MW).
Virginia Rail: arr ULLWMA 7 May.
Sora: arr Brownie Rd T Mas 25 May.
Com. Moorhen: arr T B Falls 2 May.
SANDHILL CRANE: flying south over
Barnes C 31 May (CR).
Killdeer: arr T Wat 24 Mar.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr 6 T Lou 4 May.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr T Lou 4 May.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr T Mas 8 May.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr T Can 5 May.
Upland Sandpiper: arr Ev Mil 19 May.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr T Lou
24 May.
Least Sandpiper: arr Grass R T Lou
23 May.
Pectoral Sandpiper: arr Rt 37 T Lou
15 Apr, early.
Wilson's Snipe: arr 3 pr Rt 56 T Lou
19 Apr.
Am. Woodcock: arr PRGC T Lou
29 Mar, late.
Bonaparte's Gull: 8 imm Carry Res
T Col 4 May, in flock of 22
Ring-billed Gulls.
Ring-billed Gull: arr few T Pot 15 Mar.
Herring Gull: arr T Lou 30 Apr.
Com. Tern: arr T Wad 24 Apr; 2
performing courtship displays ULLWMA
7 May.

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Black Tern: 25+ foraging over Lower L,
ULLWMA 7 May.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS

Mourning Dove: 4 Rt 56 T Lou 1 Apr.
Black-billed Cuckoo: arr T Lou,
ULLWMA 13 May.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr T Pit 27 Apr;
max 5 FD 31 May.
E. Screech Owl: T Lou 15 Apr.
Barred Owl: T Lou 1 May.
GREAT GRAY OWL: dep CV 18 May.
Short-eared Owl: T Dekalb STLA 25
Apr.
N. SAW-WHET OWL: m calling MM
26 Mar (JC).
Whip-poor-will: arr B Falls 9 May.
Chimney Swift: arr 5 Grass R T Mas 11
May.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr T
Mas 13 May.
Belted Kingfisher: arr T CV 5 Apr.
Red-headed Woodpecker: FD 25 Apr.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: T Lou 1 Apr.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: drumming
MM 13 Apr.
BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER: f
on railroad bed MM 13 Apr (JC).
N. Flicker: pr MM 13 Apr.

FLYCATCHERS—WAXWINGS

E. Wood-Pewee: arr T Lou 18 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 3 singing
MM 27 May.
Alder Flycatcher: arr FD, T Lou 25 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr T Lou 29 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr T Lou 17 May.
E. Phoebe: arr T Can 2 Apr.
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr T Mas
8 May.
E. Kingbird: arr PtPen 12 May.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr T Can
30 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr T Clare, T Lou
30 Apr.
Warbling Vireo: arr T Lou 11 May.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr MM 27 May.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr T Lou, T Can
11 May.

GRAY JAY: 1 at a Watertown feeder
7 Mar only; pr MM 27 May.
Purple Martin: arr T Can 7 May, late.
Tree Swallow: arr T Lou 5 May, late.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr T Lou
5 May.
Bank Swallow: arr T Mas 7 May.
Cliff Swallow: arr T Mas 8 May.
Barn Swallow: arr T Lou 4 May, late.
Tufted Titmouse: T Mas 2 Apr.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: pr T Lou 1 Mar.
Brown Creeper: arr T Lou 10 Mar.
Carolina Wren: 1 at suet feeder T Pot
13-23 Mar; 1 calling T Mor 25 Apr;
1 calling T Can 18 May.
House Wren: arr PRGC & T Lou 6 May.
Winter Wren: arr Horseshoe L T
Piercefield STLA 9 Apr.
SEDGE WREN: 3 m singing near S
Sandy Pd Trail in fields east of LMWMA
27 May.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr MM
13 Apr.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr T Lou 3 Apr.
E. Bluebird: arr pr B Falls 10 Apr.
Veery: arr PRGC 19 May.
Hermit Thrush: arr T Lou 2 May.
Wood Thrush: arr T Lou 12 May.
Gray Catbird: arr T Lou, PRGC 13 May.
N. Mockingbird: arr T Lou 11 May.
Brown Thrasher: arr T Mas 7 May.
BOHEMIAN WAXWING: 6 PRGC 3
Apr (JB), with Cedar Waxwings, late.
Cedar Waxwing: arr 20+ PRGC 3 Apr.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr Snsh 11 May.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr T Gouv 11
May; max 14 FD 31 May.
Tennessee Warbler: arr T Mor 6 May;
singles T Lou 17 & 18 May.
Nashville Warbler: arr T Lou 7 May.
N. Parula: arr T Mor 6 May.
Yellow Warbler: arr PGRC 1 May.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr T Stock
6 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr T Mas 6 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr T Can 18 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr T
Lou 10 May.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr T Mor
23 Apr.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr T
Lou 6 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr T Lou
12 May.
Pine Warbler: arr T Lou 21 Apr.
Palm Warbler: arr 11 singing m MM
9 Apr.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr T Lou
20 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr T Mas 14 May;
max 8 T Mor 29 May.
Cerulean Warbler: Snsh 11 May.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr PRGC
1 May.
Am. Redstart: arr T Mas 10 May.
Ovenbird: arr T Stock 6 May.
N. Waterthrush: arr T Mor 2 May.
Mourning Warbler: arr Snsh 24 May.
Com. Yellowthroat: arr T Lou 17 May.
Hooded Warbler: arr Snsh 23 May.
Wilson's Warbler: arr Snsh 23 May.
Canada Warbler: arr T Can 11 May.

TANAGERS — WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: arr T Can 11 May.
E. Towhee: arr T Lou 10 Apr.
Am. Tree Sparrow: last T Mas 15 Apr.
Chipping Sparrow: arr T Lou 15 Apr.
Vesper Sparrow: arr T Lou 17 Apr.
Savannah Sparrow: arr T Lou 2 May.
Grasshopper Sparrow: 5 FD 17 May.
Henslow's Sparrow: FD 9 May; 4 Dano
Rd T Th 30 May.
Fox Sparrow: last CV 5 Apr.
Song Sparrow: arr T Lou 27 Mar.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr PRGC 15 May.
Swamp Sparrow: arr 12 PRWMA 9 Apr.
White-throated Sparrow: arr T Lou
28 Mar.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr T Mor
4 May.
Dark-eyed Junco: arr T Can 15 Mar;
max 1000+ side roads Stock & B Fall
8 Apr.

Lapland Longspur: 5-10/day on Gosier and Fauvret rds CV.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr pr T Mor 4 May.

Indigo Bunting: arr T Mas 8 May.

Bobolink: arr T Can 7 May.

Red-winged Blackbird: large influx T Can 23-24 Mar.

E. Meadowlark: arr T Philadelphia JEFF 31 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 100+ PRGC 1 May; lg flock till warm spell mid-May.

Com. Grackle: arr 3 Ev Mil 4 Mar; few seen for next 3 weeks.

Brown-headed Cowbird: arr T Lou 17 Apr.

Orchard Oriole: Hannawa Falls STLA 19 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr T Lou 9 May.

Purple Finch: 10 T Lou 1 Mar.

House Finch: 2 T Lou 1 Mar.

Com. Redpoll: last T Lou 18 Mar.

Pine Siskin: 25+ T Lou 27 Mar; sev pr MM 13 Apr.

Am. Goldfinch: arr lg numbers T Lou 27 Mar.

Evening Grosbeak: arr 20 B Falls 1 Mar; pr T Mor 28 Apr.