

REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The mild winter continued into March. The average temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 35.2° F, 0.9° above average. There was 2.14" of precipitation, 0.85" below average, along with 6.5" of snow, 5.9" less than average. An uncharacteristic warm spell occurred near the end of the month, reaching 77° F on the 31st. Lake Erie developed a fair amount of ice in late February, but all disappeared from Buffalo Harbor by the 16th, about a month earlier than normal. April was very mild, dry, and sunny. The average temperature was 48.0° F, 2.7° above average. Precipitation was 1.98", 1.06" below average, with only 0.1" of snow. A long, dry, sunny period occurred between the 9th and 20th, helping vegetation to be about a week ahead of schedule. The average temperature in May was 60.0° F, 3.0° above normal. The precipitation was 1.90", 1.45" below normal. The first half of the month was mild and warm, but then a deep upper low brought chilly and blustery conditions during the traditional peak migration period of mid-May. The conditions quickly changed, bringing a flood of migrants on the mornings of the 24th and 25th and record heat by the end of the month.

After the early arrivals of some waterfowl in the winter season, the migration returned to a more normal schedule in March. Movements of Canada Geese, Snow Geese, and Tundra Swans were especially prevalent 8-11 March. There were single reports of **Greater White-fronted Geese** (3) and **Ross's Goose** plus up to six **Cackling Geese**. Each of these species is now nearly annual in spring, with four consecutive springs and five out of six for Ross's Goose. A flooded field in the town of Sheridan attracted 175 Wood Ducks on 19 March, a record spring count from one location for the Region. A more dubious record was the new Regional maximum of 17 Mute Swans at Wilson, consisting of 15 adults flying west along Lake Ontario and 2 in Wilson Harbor, observed on May 10. **Eurasian Wigeon** made another good showing this spring, with two drakes found in separate locations in the Iroquois NWR complex on 18 March and presumably the same birds observed there for the next 10-14 days. Counts of Red-necked Grebes exceeded 100 along Lake Ontario in late March and early April for the second consecutive spring. An adult male **Harlequin Duck** found by Gerry Lazarczyk on the Niagara River at Buckhorn Island S.P. on the late date of 25 May was the biggest waterfowl surprise of the season.

Raptor migration at the local hawk watches (Hamburg and Ripley) were within the typical date ranges of mid-March to mid-May. The strong southwest

winds and unseasonable warmth brought very high counts of Turkey Vultures to the hawk watches on 31 March, and seasonal counts for this species continue to increase. Broad-winged Hawk counts peaked 20-23 April. The Ripley watch had a record count of 114 Bald Eagles. One **Black Vulture** was observed at the Hamburg watch on 6 April.

There was plenty of **Peregrine Falcon** news this spring. The female at the downtown Buffalo nest dispatched a female nest intruder in early March that had a falconer's band. Three chicks fledged from that nest this year. For the second year in a row, a pair of Peregrines was observed in potential territorial behavior near Millard Fillmore Hospital and the Buffalo Psychiatric Center. However, nesting has not been documented. On 4 April, the nesting pair in the gorge at Niagara Falls engaged a Red-tailed Hawk in a duel that resulted in the death of one falcon and probable desertion of the nest. **Merlins** returned to nest on the west side of Buffalo, where they became the first documented nesting pair for the Region last spring. Besides the now regular nesting locations, Bald Eagles returned to nest in last year's new locations including Navy Island on the Niagara River and Dayton and Machias in Cattaraugus County. Ospreys have expanded to five nests in the vicinity of Iroquois NWR.

As usual for spring, shorebirding was "hit or miss" each day and no notable fallouts occurred. The highlight of the season was a **Long-billed Dowitcher** found and photographed by Willie D'Anna in the town of Yates on 29 April. A first in spring for the Region, the bird was in transitional plumage which D'Anna noted is suggestive of Long-billed, instead of Short-billed Dowitcher, which usually has completed its molt into breeding plumage when observed in the Region during spring. Other shorebird highlights included an early Least Sandpiper on the 17th and two **Purple Sandpipers** at Niagara Falls in April. A **Whimbrel** and up to five **Red-necked Phalaropes** at Batavia WWTP were nice finds in late May.

A Little Gull flying west with three Bonaparte's Gulls at Iroquois NWR on 15 April was the first inland report for this species in the Region. Iceland, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous gulls were well reported from several locations this spring.

With mild weather and some early arrivals, songbird migration appeared slightly ahead of schedule in April and early May. Surprisingly, double digit warbler species were tallied by several birders on 30 April, including an early **Prothonotary Warbler** at Amherst State Park. Passerine birding was favorable until mid-May when a cold snap delayed migration considerably. The lag was reversed with the big movements on the nights of the 23rd/24th and 24th/25th, when the later warbler and flycatcher migrants finally showed up in good numbers. Warbler highlights included two well-observed **Connecticut Warblers**, one **Worm-eating Warbler**, a window-killed **Kentucky Warbler**, and two **Yellow-breasted Chats**.

Highlighting the spring rarities was the winter season holdover **Northern Hawk-Owl** that lingered at the same location in Yates until 10 March. Four **American White Pelicans** appeared in Dunkirk Harbor 13-15 April following very strong westerly winds. Many birders saw the birds and photographs were featured in the *Dunkirk Observer*. Bruce Chilton found the Region's

sixth **Tricolored Heron** while walking along the Niagara River at Buckhorn Island S.P. on 12 May. The heron was relocated several times in the next ten days. Other rarities for the season included: **Eared Grebe**, **Cattle Egret**, and **Forster's Terns**.

The B.O.S. April Count on 9 April tallied 142 species and was compiled by Mike Hamilton. There were ten record high counts since the 1935 inception including many species that have had record counts in recent years: Northern Shoveler, Great Egret, Bald Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Common Raven, Tufted Titmouse, and Winter Wren. No record low counts were recorded, although Ring-necked Duck, American Coot, Belted Kingfisher, Northern Flicker, Vesper Sparrow, and Rusty Blackbird were notable for their lowest counts in a decade.

The B.O.S. May Count on 21 May was conducted on a cold, overcast day with occasional rain and strong winds. Despite the difficult observing conditions and weather more reminiscent of early spring or late winter birding, 198 species were recorded which is near average for the last 20 years. The count compilers were Bob and Donna DeLeon. Five species were recorded at their highest total ever (since 1935): Canada Goose, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, and Barn Swallow. Five species were also recorded at their lowest total in count history: Blue-winged Teal, Ring-necked Pheasant, Sora, Chimney Swift, and Eastern Meadowlark. After appearing every year from 1945-2004, Common Nighthawk was not observed for the second straight year.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AlSP – Allegany SP – CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP – ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP – ERIE; BOSAC – Buffalo Ornithological Society April Count – 9 April; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count – 21 May; BuSP

– Buckhorn Island SP – ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant – GENE; DH – Dunkirk Harbor; FMCSP – 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; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP – ORLE; MI – Motor I NR ERIE; NF – Niagara Falls NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard Wildlife Management Area – GENE; Ripley HW – Ripley Hawk Watch – CHAU; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary – ERIE; Tift NP – Tift Nature Preserve – ERIE; TBNP – Times Beach Nature Preserve – ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area – GENE/NIAG; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP – NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

G. White-fronted Goose: 3 Yates ORLE 2 Apr (WD! BP), only report.

Snow Goose: arr 50 Amity ALLE, 16 Hamburg HW 9 Mar; max 130 Pomfret CHAU 10 Mar (TM); 103 Hamburg HW, 51 Buffalo NR, 38 Silver Creek CHAU 11 Mar; 75 INWR 12 Mar; 28 Somerset NIAG 20 Mar; Yates ORLE 4 Apr; last 5 BOSAC; good showing.

ROSS'S GOOSE: INWR 12 Mar (JP WW!), 7th spring record, 4th consecutive spring season with report.

CAACKLING GOOSE: 1,6,4 INWR 12,19,26 Mar (PY! JP), regular in spring at this location in recent years.

Mute Swan: INWR 13 Mar; 17 ad Wilson NIAG 10 May (BE), record count for Reg; 2 ad + 6 yg WTSP 29 May.

Tundra Swan: arr 122 Hanover CHAU 8 Mar (DN); 130 Hamburg HW 9 Mar; max 216 INWR & vicinity 13 Mar (M&SG); 203 Alexander GENE 19 Mar (DB); 158 Bethany GENE 24 Mar; 140 Hartland NIAG 25 Mar; 175 Conewango CATT 26 Mar (TB); 110 Dayton CATT 27 Mar; last 13 BOSAC.

Wood Duck: 25 Hamburg HW 11 Mar (MMo), one flock; max 114, 175 Sheridan CHAU 18,19 Mar (DN), record spring count.

Gadwall: 12 TBNP 11 Mar; max 15 INWR 13 Mar.

EURASIAN WIGEON: INWR 18, 27 Mar, 1 Apr (JP! RS); OOWMA 18-27 Mar (JP! mob); second consecutive spring with more than one.

Am. Wigeon: max 204 OOWMA 19 Mar (WW).

Blue-winged Teal: arr 4 INWR 11 Mar; max 22 BWWTP 17 Apr.

N. Shoveler: arr INWR 10 Mar; max 93 BWWTP 17 Apr.

N. Pintail: 81 Somerset NIAG 11 Mar; max 300 OOWMA 19 Mar (WW); 70 OOWMA 17 Apr.

Green-winged Teal: 30 Dayton CATT 12 Mar; max 31 BWWTP 17, 29 Apr.

Canvasback: arr 3 BWWTP 19 Mar; 3 Collins ERIE, Dayton CATT 2 Apr; 8 BOSAC; last NIAG BOSMC.

Redhead: arr 7 INWR 8 Mar; 56 BOSAC; 8 BWWTP 17 Apr.

Ring-necked Duck: 415 INWR & vicinity 13 Mar (ED); 240 Dayton CATT 21 Mar; 54 Tift NP 8 Apr; last 2 BWWTP, 1 INWR 26 May (WW).

Greater Scaup: last NR BOSMC.

Lesser Scaup: max 111 BWWTP 17 Apr.

Surf Scoter: 4 Wilson NIAG 5 Mar (BE); arr 3 Wellsville ALLE 17 Mar (HB,JH); Yates ORLE BOSAC; DH 14 Apr (DN); 2 BWWTP 17 Apr (WW), rare inland.

White-winged Scoter: 2 Buffalo NR 11 Mar; DH 8 Apr; 2 BWWTP 29 Apr (WW), uncommon away from L Ontario; last 4 BOSMC.

Black Scoter: no reports.

HARLEQUIN DUCK: male BuSP 25 May (JL! WW!), record late.

Long-tailed Duck: INWR 31 Mar; 2 Dayton CATT 2 Apr; BWWTP 17 Apr; last 5 BOSMC.

Bufflehead: 700 Buffalo NR 11 Mar; 94 BWWTP 17 Apr; last BWWTP 26 May.

Com. Goldeneye: 192 DH 4 Mar; max 300 Buffalo NR 11 Mar; arr INWR 11 Mar.

Hooded Merganser: max 62 N Tonawanda NIAG 15 Mar; 53 TBNP 28 Mar.
Com. Merganser: max 261 MI 1 Mar.
Ruddy Duck: DH 5 Mar, wintered; arr OOWMA 18 Mar; max 352 BWWTP 17 Apr; 15 INWR 23 Apr; 28 BWWTP 26 May, lingering.
Red-throated Loon: arr Somerset NIAG 25 Mar; 13 Wilson NIAG 30 Mar (WD); 20 BOSAC; 2 FNSP 28 Apr.
Com. Loon: arr 4 Hamburg HW 21 Mar.
Pied-billed Grebe: arr Angelica ALLE 1 Mar.
Horned Grebe: Alma ALLE 11 Mar; 8 Bennington WYOM 14 Mar; 20 TBNP 16 Mar (CB); max 65 Dayton CATT 17 Mar (DN).
Red-necked Grebe: arr 2 Somerset NIAG 11 Mar; 140 Somerset NIAG 25 Mar (WD); 41 Wilson NIAG 30 Mar (WD); 160 GHSP 2 Apr (WD); 88 Somerset NIAG 4 Apr (WW); 248 BOSAC, good showing.
EARED GREBE: BWWTP BOSAC (GS!), rare but regular in spring.
AM. WHITE PELICAN: 4 DH 13-15 Apr (DM, DN)
Double-crested Cormorant: arr 2 BuSP 30 Mar; 542 DH 14 Apr; 973 BOSAC; 460 Strawberry I NR 20 May; 2155 BOSMC.
Am. Bittern: arr 2 INWR, TWMA 23 Apr; Hamburg ERIE 29 Apr; 2 Machias CATT 3 May (MD); Tift NP 28 May (DD), second consecutive year with late spring report from occasional nesting location.
Least Bittern: Tift NP 28 May (DD), only report.
Great Egret: arr MI 31 Mar (MG!); DH 13 Apr; WTSP 23 Apr; Machias CATT 28 Apr; 2 Hanover CHAU 6 May; max 43 MI 14 May (WW); 2 SPNS 27 May.
TRICOLORED HERON: BuSP 12,13, 21 May (BC! mob), 6th regional record.
CATTLE EGRET: BeSP 18 May (PHt), rare but almost annual in spring.
Green Heron: arr 2 Lancaster ERIE BOSAC (PF!).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 28 Motor I NR 24 Apr.
BLACK VULTURE: Hamburg HW 6 Apr (WW!), rare but now annual in spring.
Turkey Vulture: max 2208 Ripley HW, 1569 Hamburg HW 31 Mar, big movement for one day; record season counts at hawk watches.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr AISP 27 Mar (TL); max 18 Hamburg HW 20 Apr; 5 nests INWR & vicinity, an increase of two.
Bald Eagle: too numerous to report all nesting locations; nested at Navy I NR Ontario and Dayton CATT and Machias CATT for second year in a row; 22 BOSAC; 19 BOSMC; season total 114 Ripley HW, record count; ad Williamsville ERIE 24 May (SP), unusual location.
N. Goshawk: Alfred ALLE 30 Mar (EB); Ripley CHAU 8 Apr, 26 May (MG); 2 Arkwright CHAU 9 Apr thru (DN), territorial; Tift NP 19 Apr (WW); Watts Flats WMA CHAU 28 May (JB); good showing.
Red-shouldered Hawk: arr S. Wales ERIE 9 Mar.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr Hamburg HW 11 Apr; max 767 Hamburg HW 20 Apr.
Red-tailed Hawk: white-plumaged (leucistic) birds in Evans ERIE and at nest Cambria NIAG Mar.
Rough-legged Hawk: max 16 Dayton CATT 23 Mar (DN).
Golden Eagle: arr 1,2 Hamburg HW 13,28 Apr (WW, JL); TWMA 17 Apr (WW!); Wilson NIAG 21 Apr (WD!); Tift NP 29 Apr (DD!).
Merlin: max 5 Buffalo ERIE 1 Mar, 2 continued at SUNY Buffalo thru 30 May; arr Silver Creek CHAU 25 Mar (DN); 2 Buffalo ERIE 5 Apr (AH), returned to last year's nesting area; BWWTP 17 Apr; 2 Hamburg HW 20 Apr; Alfred ALLE 21 Apr (EB); E Aurora ERIE 30 Apr (LC).
Peregrine Falcon: 2 ad + 3 yg Buffalo ERIE thru, from annual nest location downtown; Buffalo NR 6 Mar; 2 Buffalo

ERIE, pair showing territorial behavior near Millard Fillmore Hospital; Pomfret CHAU 25 Apr (TM, JG); TWMA 26 Apr; INWR 29 Apr, 6,8,13 May; OOWMA 14 May; nesting abandoned at NF, see intro.

Virginia Rail: arr SPNS 10 Apr (LH).

Sora: arr 2 TWMA 26 Apr.

Com. Moorhen: arr Carrollton CATT 20 Apr (TB).

SANDHILL CRANE: arr 2 Silver Creek CHAU (DN); 2+ OOWMA 25 Mar (WD); 2,2 Hamburg HW 13,16 Apr (WW, JL); 3 Wilson NIAG 15 Apr (DD!); 3 Amherst ERIE 27 Apr; 2 INWR 11 May (M&SG, PHI).

Black-bellied Plover: arr BOSMC; 8 Porter NIAG 25 May; INWR 29 May.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 9 INWR 6 May.

Killdeer: arr Newstead ERIE 4 Mar.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr Willing ALLE & Hartland NIAG 2 Apr; last Conewango CATT 17 May.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr Lewiston NIAG 5 Apr; last 7 BOSMC.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Sherman CHAU 22 Apr; max 10 Hanover CHAU 5 May (DN); last 5 BOSMC.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Sherman CHAU 22 Apr.

Upland Sandpiper: 3 Tillman WMA ERIE 30 May (MG, GR), only report.

Whimbrel: BWWT 25 May (MMA; DB); rarely reported in spring.

Ruddy Turnstone: 15 BWWT 29 May (PY), very good count for inland, only report.

Sanderling: 6 BOSMC, only report.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Hanover CHAU 5 May (DN), early; max 60 BWWT 29 May (PY).

Least Sandpiper: arr INWR 17 Apr (WW!), early; max 81 Yates ORLE 16 May (WW).

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr 2 NIAG BOSMC; 2 BWWT 29 May (PY), only reports.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 16 BOSAC; max 50 INWR 15 Apr.

Purple Sandpiper: 2 NF 11,28 Apr (BB, PY), traditional location for spring reports.

Dunlin: arr 5 INWR 15 Apr; max 25 INWR 13 May (G&MC).

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr Hamburg HW 11 May (WW); 2 Yates ORLE 16 May; 8 BOSMC; only reports.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: Yates ORLE 29 Apr (WD! photo), first spring Reg record.

Wilson's Snipe: arr 20 Randolph CATT 18 Mar (TB, WW); max 31 Sherman CHAU 20 Apr.

Am. Woodcock: arr multiple locations 10 Mar.

Wilson's Phalarope: INWR 6 May (GR, MG, GS), rare in spring.

Red-necked Phalarope: 3,3,5 BWWT 25,26,27 May (MMA, DB, BS), rare in spring.

Little Gull: 3 Lewiston NR 30 Mar; GHSP 2 Apr; BOSAC; INWR 15 Apr (JP), first inland report for Reg.

Bonaparte's Gull: 2 Cuba L ALLE 12 Mar; Collins ERIE 2 Apr; max 1000 DH 5 Apr; 39 Cuba L ALLE 11 Apr; 40 BWWT 17 Apr, good inland count.

Iceland Gull: 4,2 Wilson NIAG 5,19 Mar; max 7,3 Buffalo NR 8,11 Mar (PY, MMo); 6 NF 30 Mar (JP); 4 BOSAC; 3 DH 14 Apr (TM); BeSP 27 Apr (PHt); last Olcott NIAG 17 May (WD!).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Wilson NIAG 4,5 Mar; 3 Buffalo NR 11 Mar; NF 30 Mar; 3 BOSAC; max 8 DH 14 Apr (JP, WW); im Wilson NIAG 10 May; last, im Olcott NIAG 14 May (WD!).

Glaucous Gull: GHSP 5 Mar; 3 Wilson NIAG 5 Mar; max 4 Buffalo NR 8 Mar (PY); Sturgeon Pt ERIE 22 Mar; 4 BOSAC; 2 NF 11 Apr; DH 14,19 Apr; Wilson NIAG 15 Apr.

Caspian Tern: arr 3 DH 5 Apr (DN); max 106 Hanover CHAU 28 Apr (DN); 39 DH 13 May.

Com. Tern: arr BOSAC; INWR 14 May, only inland record.

Forster's Tern: BWWT 23 Apr (MMo!); BWWT 26 May (WW!); rare but nearly annual in spring.

Black Tern: arr 4 INWR, BWWT 29 Apr (WW); BeSP 6 May (DS); 30 INWR 6 May (JP); max 51 INWR & TWMA

12 May (WW), good count for recent years; 2 Alexander GENE 22 May (ED, DB), unusual location; 2 BWTP 26 May (WW).

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr AISP 13 May.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Lancaster ERIE 11 May; INWR, Orchard Park ERIE 13 May; earlier than most years.

Snowy Owl: Amherst ERIE 16 Mar (NR), only report.

N. HAWK OWL: Yates ORLE thru 10 Mar (M&KG), continued from winter.

Long-eared Owl: GHSP 5 Mar; WTSP 11 Mar; AmSP 19 Mar (RS); only reports.

Short-eared Owl: Shelby ORLE 2 Apr (S&TO); 4,2 Porter NIAG 9, 28 Apr (WD, PY), possible breeding area.

N. Saw-whet Owl: AmSP 4 Mar; WTSP 11 Mar; Alfred ALLE 12, 13 Mar (EB); Lancaster ERIE 2 May (MMo, PF); juv Eagle WYOM 18 May (AF).

Com. Nighthawk: arr Wilson NIAG, Buffalo ERIE 25 May; Buffalo ERIE 27, 31 May; NF 29 May; 2 Porter NIAG, Olean CATT 30 May; only reports, 2nd consecutive year not reported on BOSMC.

Chimney Swift: arr 2 Hamburg HW 21 Apr (WD).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Orchard Park ERIE 29 Apr (MZ).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Silver Creek CHAU, Williamsville ERIE 31 Mar.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Cambria NIAG 4 Mar (MG); 2 PG 14 Apr; Wilson NIAG 10 May; max 6 FNSP 13 May (WD); Hanover CHAU 13 May (DN); 8 BOSMC; 2 LBSP 27 May; only reports.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

E. Wood-Pewee: arr WTSP 12 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr BOSMC; AmSP 25 May (PY); Tift NP 28 May (MMo); only reports.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr AISP 12 May (TB); Pomfret CHAU 19 May (TM); only reports.

Alder Flycatcher: arr 2 BOSMC.

Willow Flycatcher: arr OOWMA 15 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr Boston ERIE 3 May.

E. Phoebe: Hanover CHAU 8 Mar (DN), successfully overwintered?, possibly same bird that was observed in January; arr Hanover CHAU 26 Mar.

Gr. Crested Flycatcher: arr TWMA 27 Apr.

E. Kingbird: arr Hamburg HW 30 Apr.

N. Shrike: last SPNS & Alabama GENE 24 Mar.

White-eyed Vireo: arr FMCSP 4 May (JW); TWMA 14, 16 May (MMo), only reports.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr 3 OOWMA 12 May.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr 2 Alfred ALLE 13 Apr (EB); 3 Harmony CHAU 15 Apr, slightly early.

Warbling Vireo: arr 2 BeSP 27 Apr (PHt).

Philadelphia Vireo: arr Newstead ERIE 6 May (MG), early; four other reports.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr Watts Flats WMA CHAU 3 May; Wilson NIAG 4 May; slightly early.

Com. Raven: 2 Royalton NIAG 4 Mar (JP), unusual location; Sardinia ERIE 4 Mar (JL); Darien GENE 18 Mar, 11 Apr (KF); 2 Arcade WYOM 18 Mar; Ripley CHAU 26 May (MG); only reports outside ALLE, CATT.

Purple Martin: arr 2 Tillman WMA ERIE 3 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr 5 INWR 12 Mar (JP, RS, PY), early.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr Hamburg HW 6 Apr (WW!).

Bank Swallow: arr 2 Alma ALLE, 5 INWR 23 Apr.

Cliff Swallow: arr INWR 23 Apr.

Barn Swallow: arr 16 BOSAC.

Carolina Wren: 28 BOSAC; 16 BOSMC.

House Wren: arr SPNS 16 Apr (LH).

Winter Wren: arr Wilson NIAG 30 Mar.

Marsh Wren: arr INWR 23 Apr (MMo!), slightly early.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Silver Creek CHAU, Wilson NIAG 31 Mar.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Tift NP 8 Apr.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr SPNS 10 Apr (LH), early.
Veery: arr Porter NIAG 3 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr 2 Buffalo ERIE 10 May (LL).
Swainson's Thrush: arr TBNP 30 Apr (MG).
Hermit Thrush: Hanover CHAU 8 Mar, wintered; arr 9 BOSAC; max 15 Tift NP & TBNP 30 Apr (WW, JP).
Wood Thrush: arr Newstead ERIE 26 Apr (G&MC).
Gray Catbird: BeSP 13 Mar; BuSP 30 Mar, overwintered; 4 BOSAC; arr Tillman WMA ERIE 25 Apr.
N. Mockingbird: six reports away from NIAG, where fairly common.
Brown Thrasher: arr 5 BOSAC; PG 14 Apr.
Am. Pipit: arr 60 Porter NIAG 2 Apr; last 15 Somerset NIAG 20 May.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr Sheridan CHAU 30 Apr.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr AmSP 7 May (G&MC); 2,1 Wilson NIAG 10,15 May; Tift NP 11 May; GI 13 May; BOSMC.
"Brewster's" Warbler: INWR 14 May (MMo), only report.
Tennessee Warbler: arr AmSP 7 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Wilson NIAG 2,3 May (BP); Lancaster ERIE 11 May (MMo); FNSP 17 May (LL); 2 BOSMC; GI 23 May (DR); fair showing.
Nashville Warbler: arr BeSP 23 Apr (DS).
N. Parula: arr AISP 28 Apr (TL).
Yellow Warbler: arr BeSP 23 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Sheridan CHAU 30 Apr.
Magnolia Warbler: arr FMCSP 4 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr AmSP 30 Apr; eight other reports.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr AmSP, Wilson NIAG 30 Apr.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr GHSP 2 Apr.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr several locations 22 Apr.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr several locations 30 Apr.
Pine Warbler: arr Oramel ALLE 8 Apr (DBu); BOSAC; BeSP 13 Apr; max 5 Wilson NIAG 16 Apr; max 5 Sturgeon Pt ERIE 22 Apr; 3 BOSMC; INWR 23 May.
Prairie Warbler: arr Belmont ALLE 27 Apr (HB, JH), early; Pomfret CHAU 13 May (TM); Machias CATT 14 May; FMCSP 21 May; 4 Yorkshire CATT 29 May; Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 30 May (DD!), unusual location for date.
Palm Warbler (*D.p. palmarum*): arr Sheridan CHAU 20 Apr; last Wilson NIAG 25 May (BP).
Palm Warbler (*D.p. hypochrysea*): AmSP 22 Apr (RS); Hamburg ERIE 29 Apr (RA); rare.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr AmSP 7 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr AmSP 7 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr BeSP, Buffalo ERIE 4 May (PHt, PY); Newstead ERIE 6 May; 4 AISP 12 May; Elba ORLE 15 May; 2 Yates ORLE 20 May; 2 Bethany GENE 20 May (DB).
Black-and-white Warbler: arr 2 Tift NP 23 Apr; max 5 Tift NP 3 May.
Am. Redstart: arr AmSP 2 May.
Prothonotary Warbler: arr AmSP 30 Apr (MZ, RS), early, rarely found in migration; 2 TWMA 29 May (PY), has bred in this area in recent years.
WORM-EATING WARBLER: BOSMC (MZ, DH), rare but near annual.
Ovenbird: arr several locations 30 Apr.
N. Waterthrush: arr Tift NP 28 Apr; max 4 Ashford CATT 30 Apr (MD); 3 Salamanca CATT 3 May (TB).
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 2 Hunter's Creek P ERIE 21 Apr (CB); 1,3 Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 29 Apr, 7 May; Ripley CHAU 28 May.
KENTUCKY WARBLER: Snyder ERIE 12 May (RK), found dead from window kill.
CONNECTICUT WARBLER: Wilson NIAG 25 May (BP!); Tift NP 26 May (DD!), both well observed.

Mourning Warbler: arr TWMA 14 May.
C. Yellowthroat: arr Tift NP, Watts Flats
 WMA CHAU 4 May.
Hooded Warbler: arr TBNP 23 Apr
 (RS!), record early.
Wilson's Warbler: arr Tift NP 11 May.
Canada Warbler: arr AmSP 11 May.
Yellow-breasted Chat: arr INWR 14,
 16 May (MMo); Tillman WMA ERIE
 30 May (GR, MG); has summered at
 both locations in recent years.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: arr Newstead ERIE
 6 May.
E. Towhee: arr Portland CHAU 14 Mar;
 max 5 EVSP 2 Apr.
Am. Tree Sparrow: last 15 INWR
 17 Apr.
Chipping Sparrow: arr Silver Creek
 CHAU 1 Apr.
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:
 1,2 Andover ALLE 28,31 May (EB);
 Yorkshire CATT 29 May (WW),
 traditional breeding locations.
Field Sparrow: arr 2 Wilson NIAG
 31 Mar.
Vesper Sparrow: arr Dunkirk Airport
 CHAU 5 Apr; 3 BOSAC; Shelby ORLE
 13 May; Newfane NIAG 20 May.
Savannah Sparrow: arr Dunkirk Airport
 CHAU 5 Apr.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Collins ERIE
 7 May (TB); Clarence ERIE 15 May; 2
 Tillman WMA 30 May; Andover ALLE
 31 May.
Henslow's Sparrow: no reports.
Fox Sparrow: arr several locations
 14 Mar; max 6 Wilson NIAG 4 Apr.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr 2 Tift NP
 2 May; last FNSP 24 May.
Swamp Sparrow: arr 30 Mar;

83 BOSAC.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr Silver
 Creek CHAU 30 Apr.
Dark-eyed Junco: GI 26 May (DR), late
 migrant.
Lapland Longspur: 2 Oakfield GENE
 20 Mar; 25 Pomfret CHAU 31 Mar
 (TM); 12 BOSAC; only reports.
Snow Bunting: 2 Hamburg HW 5 Mar;
 last 4 BOSAC.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr several
 locations 30 Apr.
Indigo Bunting: arr Colden ERIE
 2 May.
Bobolink: arr Bethany GENE 2 May.
E. Meadowlark: arr 2 Porter NIAG
 2 Mar.
Rusty Blackbird: arr 5 INWR 12 Mar;
 max 130 Shelby ORLE 18 Mar (JP, RS);
 38 Ransomville NIAG 19 Mar; last
 2 BOSMC.
Orchard Oriole: arr Collins ERIE
 25 Apr (GP), record early; Silver
 Creek CHAU 1 May (DN); AmSP
 6 May (G&MC); Ripley CHAU
 10 May (TB); Somerset NIAG 20 May;
 Bethany GENE 30 May.
Baltimore Oriole: Porter NIAG
 8 Mar (EL!), resembled 1st fall male,
 very rare in winter; arr multiple
 locations 2 May.
Purple Finch: 140 BOSAC; 11 Wilson
 NIAG 14 Apr; 133 BOSMC; moderate
 numbers.
Com. Redpoll: 2 Wilson NIAG 5 Mar;
 2 Oakfield GENE 20 Mar; Wilson NIAG
 31 Mar, 1 Apr (BP); last ALLE BOSAC;
 only reports.
Pine Siskin: max 10 Wilson NIAG Mar;
 small numbers Mar, Apr; last 2 BOSMC.
Evening Grosbeak: 3,2 AISP 5,7 Mar;
 16 ALLE BOSAC; only reports.