

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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March 2008 was cold, as persistent low pressure over eastern Canada kept a general northwest flow of air over the Region most of the month. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 31.5°F, 2.8° below average. There was 4.22" of precipitation, 1.23" above average, along with 21.9" of snow, 16.7" more than average. Most of the snow fell during an event on the 7th-8th. The last day of the month brought 60°F and a large flow of migrant raptors, blackbirds, and other species that were backed up. The eastern basin of Lake Erie remained frozen throughout the month. It was the warmest April in 53 years and third warmest on record. The mean temperature was 50.9°F, 5.6° above average. Precipitation was 2.05", 0.99" below average. A two-week stretch of June-like weather started on the 16th and spring growth accelerated rapidly. The eastern basin of Lake Erie, including harbors, was ice free on the 19th, about one week later than average. The average temperature in May was 53.4°F, 3.6° below normal. Rainfall was frequent but light, with 2.54" falling, 0.81" below normal. A northwest flow of air dominated the month similar to March.

Waterfowl migration was a little slow in the first half of March, which was likely attributable to the colder weather and mostly frozen water bodies. Snow Geese were reported in modest numbers again this spring, with a maximum of 111. They occur far less regularly and in much lower numbers than in the Regions to the east. There was a strong showing, likely the best ever, for **Greater White-fronted Geese**. Eight in Wilson on 17 March represents the record maximum count for Region 1. **Cackling Geese** also made a good showing, with sightings from eight different locations. Only one Brant was reported. **Eurasian Wigeon** was the highlight of the migrant ducks even though it has occurred on an annual basis in recent years. Numbers of many dabbling species, especially Blue-winged Teal, were lower than usual in May, when remaining birds are likely looking to breed.

Turkey Vultures continue to dominate the Region's hawk watches, Hamburg and Ripley, especially in March when they far outnumbered other species combined. Somewhat surprisingly, neither hawk watch had a **Black Vulture** this year, but Richard Salembier spotted one migrating over Amherst State Park on 22 April. The peak days for migrant Broad-winged Hawks were 19 April and 26 April this spring. A very rare **dark morph Broad-winged Hawk** was observed by Willie D'Anna in Ripley on 27 April. A rare dark morph Red-tailed Hawk was observed by several hawk watchers at Hamburg on 20 April. Previously documented Bald Eagle, Osprey, and Peregrine Falcon nesting locations were active again this year.

Sandhill Cranes continue to increase as migrants, and documented breeding is likely only a matter of time and luck in finding them. Two rare waders this season included a **Snowy Egret** in Wilson found by Gerry Teal and a **Little Blue Heron** found at Dunkirk Harbor by Terry Mosher and Dave Neveu. The Great Egret rookery at Motor Island continues to increase; Bill Watson counted 57 birds and 37 nests there on 2 May. Great Blue Herons and Black-crowned Night-Herons also continue to thrive at the Motor Island rookery.

Shorebirds were found with some regularity at Kumph Marsh at Iroquois NWR as well as several locations at the nearby Oak Orchard and Tonawanda WMAs. Elsewhere, shorebird migration was mostly inconsistent, as usual in spring for Region 1. The prolonged mid-April warm up may have had something to do with the second earliest Black-bellied Plover on record. Kate Shulgina identified one in flight at Iroquois NWR on 19 April. I identified an **American Golden-Plover** at Barcelona Harbor on 23 April, a species that is rare in spring. The shorebird rarity of the spring was a **Long-billed Dowitcher** found and photographed by Jim Pawlicki at Kumph Marsh on 2 May. This is only the second documented Regional occurrence in spring with the first being in 2006. Many shorebirds were found in good numbers at several locations over the last few days of May including record Regional spring counts of Semipalmated Sandpipers.

The passerine migration seemed to be ahead of schedule after two weeks of extremely warm weather in April but then steadied back to a normal pace in

May. There were some high counts of warblers, especially Palm, at several locations on 2 May. Otherwise, there were only isolated high counts of species and/or numbers of warblers. This spring's rarities included: a **Kentucky Warbler** at Beaver Island State Park, a **Connecticut Warbler** at Amherst State Park, and a migrant **Prothonotary Warbler** at Fort Niagara State Park. A migrant **Yellow-throated Warbler** was found at Amherst State Park in April, and they were also found at Allegany State Park in May where they have bred for the past few years. There was only one report of Golden-winged Warbler, another troubling sign for this regionally declining species.

Common Nighthawks arrived late in May, and there were several reports of more than 20 birds per night, a number which has rarely occurred in recent spring seasons. There were several reports of **Bohemian Waxwings** along the Lake Ontario plain in March constituting the first ever spring reports for the Region. American Pipits are known to push through in May, sometimes in larger numbers than when they first arrive in March and April. On 11 May, Jim Pawlicki witnessed a large movement of pipits along Lake Erie in Ripley. Using a handheld counter, he tallied 675 pipits during a two hour period.

As expected, **Common Redpolls** were seen in good numbers in March following the good fall and winter seasons for sightings. Sightings trailed off in April. Doug Beattie was surprised to find one at a hanging feeder on 19 May, which ties the latest on record in the Region. Also unusual was an apparent leucistic Common Redpoll photographed by Barbara Patterson in Freedom in March. The bird maintained its red cap and black on the wings and tail but was otherwise entirely white and devoid of all brown coloration. Unlike the redpolls, Pine Siskins were not widely distributed; however, there were several sightings per month this spring. Two **White-winged Crossbills** remained from February as occasional visitors to Mark Morgante's Clarence feeder in March. There were only several **Evening Grosbeak** sightings and no Red Crossbill sightings this spring, as more were expected following the late fall flights of these species.

The most notable rarity this spring was an immature male **Blue Grosbeak** found by David Wheeler at Woodlawn Beach State Park on 11 May. The bird remained in the same area through 15 May allowing many birders to find it, although it was not always easy to do so. This constitutes the 4th documented occurrence in the Region. Another southerner that rarely reaches our Region is **Summer Tanager**. Richard Salembier and Jim Pawlicki were delighted to find an immature male at Amherst State Park on 27 May while they were waiting patiently and unsuccessfully for a singing Connecticut Warbler to show itself. As the climate moderates, we might expect to find more Blue Grosbeaks and Summer Tanagers reaching the Region in the years ahead.

The B.O.S. April Count on 13 April was held on a cold day with rain and snow showers in the morning. A total of 153 species was tallied over the entire Region 1 and the portion of the B.O.S. Study Area in Ontario. There were nine record high counts since the 1935 inception including: Green-winged Teal (392), Wild Turkey (435), Eared Grebe (5, all seen in Ontario), Virginia Rail

(7), Sandhill Crane (4), Greater Yellowlegs (121), Upland Sandpiper (2), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (183), and Yellow-rumped Warbler (69). No record low counts were recorded.

The B.O.S. May Count on 18 May was conducted on a cloudy morning with bouts of heavy rain. The weather likely contributed to a below average number of total birds and low counts for many species. A total of 204 species was observed. Three species were recorded at their highest total ever (since 1935): Mute Swan (12), Red-throated Loon (31), and Great Egret (60), while there were also high counts for Black-crowned Night Heron (196), Sandhill Crane (4), Ruddy Turnstone (24), Common Tern (590), and Horned Lark (58). Sora was not recorded on the count for the first time ever. Other historical low counts included Blue-winged Teal (4), Cerulean Warbler (1), and Canada Warbler (5), while other very low counts were for Common Moorhen (3), Red-shouldered Hawk (3), Ovenbird (91), and Brown Creeper (6).

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP, CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP, ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BOSAC – Buffalo Ornithological Society April Count – 13 April; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count – 18 May; BuSP – Buckhorn Island SP, ERIE; BWWTWP – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant, GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L, CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor; FMCSPP – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; Hamburg HW – Hamburg Hawk Watch, ERIE; INWR – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; MI – Motor I NR ERIE; NFSP – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard Wildlife Management Area, GENE; PG – Point Gratiot, CHAU; Ripley

HW – Ripley Hawk Watch, CHAU; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary, ERIE; Tiftt NP – Tiftt Nature Preserve, ERIE; TBNP – Times Beach Nature Preserve, ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area, GENE/NIAG; WoBSP – Woodlawn Beach SP, ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Gr. White-fronted Goose: arr 4 WTSP 15 Mar (DS); 4, 8, 1 Wilson NIAG 16; 17, 29 Mar (GT; WD, BPO), record maximum for Reg; Yates ORLE 23 Mar (PY, BH); INWR 29 Mar (JP, RSa); 4 Somerset NIAG 30 Mar (JP, WD, mob); excellent showing.

Snow Goose: 11 Elma ERIE 13 Mar; 3 wh, 8 bl Oakfield GENE 16 Mar; 45 Somerset NIAG 21 Mar (DS); 5 Wilson NIAG 21 Mar; max 111 Yates ORLE 22 Mar (WD); 10 Belmont ALLE 24 Mar; Sheridan CHAU 24 Mar; 19 Alexander GENE, 23 BeSP 30 Mar; last DH, OOWMA 6 Apr.

Cackling Goose: arr 2 Elma ERIE (MZ) & DH 13 Mar (JP, WW, JGu); max 8 TWMA 15 Mar (JP, RE); 2, 3 INWR 22, 29 Mar (JP); Wilson NIAG 23 Mar; 2 Yates ORLE 23 Mar; 4 Newstead ERIE 29 Mar (PY); last 4 OOWMA 6 Apr (PY); good showing.

Brant: ORLE BOSMC, only report.

Mute Swan: 2 OOWMA 27 Apr; Porter NIAG 11, 12 May; only reports away from now regular 3-4 nest locations along L Ontario.

Tundra Swan: arr multiple locations 3 Mar; 150 ChauL 8 Mar (JB); 200, 125 Conewango CATT 23, 29 Mar (TB, SE); 160 Wilson NIAG 29 Mar (WD); last 10 BOSAC.

Wood Duck: Belmont ALLE 5 Mar, second arrival report.

Gadwall: arr 5 Tonawanda ERIE 2 Mar.

EURASIAN WIGEON: INWR 27 Mar (GR, NV); annual in spring in recent years.

Am. Wigeon: arr 5 Amity ALLE 11 Mar.

Am. Black Duck: arr 11 Alexander GENE 10 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 2 Tiftt NP 27 Mar.

N. Shoveler: arr 6 BWWT 16 Mar; 2 INWR 25 May.

N. Pintail: 52 Sheridan CHAU 21 Mar (DN); 168 Pomfret CHAU 22 Mar (DN); max 870 INWR 5 Apr (JP, WW).

Green-winged Teal: arr OOWMA 16 Mar.

Canvasback: arr 3 Amity ALLE 14 Mar.

Redhead: arr 6 ChauL 16 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 12 Amity ALLE 14 Mar; 2 Tiftt NP 31 May (RSa).

Greater Scaup: last 2 DH 24 May.

Lesser Scaup: arr Belmont ALLE 16 Mar; last 2 TBNP 29 May.

Surf Scoter: Pt Breeze ORLE 2 Mar; 4, 4, 2 DH 4, 12, 29 Mar; only reports.

White-winged Scoter: 2 BWWT 27 Apr, uncommon inland.

Black Scoter: PB 2 Mar; 2, 2 DH 24 Mar, 6 Apr; 2 Wilson NIAG 29 Mar; only reports.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 6 ChauL 16 Mar; Pomfret CHAU 31 Mar; TWMA 5 Apr; 3 Dayton CATT 6 Apr; 3 OOWMA 6 Apr; Bethany GENE 14 Apr; last 274 BOSMC.

Bufflehead: arr 3 Pomfret CHAU 18 Mar; last BOSMC.

Hooded Merganser: arr 2 Belmont ALLE 9 Mar.

Com. Merganser: arr 7 Belmont ALLE 6 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 1024 DH 29 Mar, counts rarely made in spring when abundant on L Erie.

Ruddy Duck: arr 7 DH 13 Mar; max 77 BWWT 27 Apr; 2 Dayton CATT 6 Apr; Cuba L ALLE 15 Apr; 21 TWMA 27 Apr; AISP 13 May.

Red-throated Loon: Olcott NIAG 2 Mar; DH 13 Mar (WW, JP, JGu); ChauL 28 Mar (JB); Dayton CATT BOSAC, rare inland; last 31 BOSMC, all along L Ontario.

Com. Loon: arr 3 Hamburg HW 23 Mar.

Horned Grebe: arr 7 ChauL 16 Mar; max 70 Somerset NIAG 30 Mar; 6 Cuba L ALLE 15 Apr; last 2 BOSMC.

Red-necked Grebe: 10 LBSP 2 Mar; 2 PB 2 Mar; 2 Yates ORLE, GHSP 15 Mar; 1-2 DH 2 - 22 Mar; max 25, 14 Somerset NIAG 30 Mar, 9 Apr; 333 BOSAC.

EARED GREBE: Buffalo ERIE 28 Apr (WD), found dead in parking lot.

Double-crested Cormorant: arr ChauL 28 Mar; 282 + 119 n BuSP 26 Apr.

Am. Bittern: arr ALLE BOSAC; 3 ALLE BOSMC; no other reports away from INWR complex.

Least Bittern: arr Amherst ERIE 15 May (JP, RSa).

Great Blue Heron: max 82 + 64 n MI 8 Apr.

Great Egret: arr 3 MI 30 Mar; max 57 + 39 n MI 2 May.

SNOWY EGRET: WTSP 8 May (GT), rare but regular in spring.
LITTLE BLUE HERON: DH 24 May (TM!), DN), rare.
Green Heron: arr BOSAC.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 163 NF 10 Apr.
BLACK VULTURE: AmSP 22 Apr (RSa!), nearly annual in spring.
Turkey Vulture: arr Lancaster ERIE 3 Mar; max 1716 Ripley HW 25 Mar; 1711 Hamburg HW 30 Mar.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr 2 Allegheny Res CATT 24 Mar (TL); 2 Conewango WMA CATT 30 Mar, building nest; 1 + n BuSP 26 Apr, 2nd year nesting in this area; max 44 Ripley HW 2 May; 4 nests INWR & vicinity.
Bald Eagle: too numerous to report all nesting locations; 14 BOSAC; max 12 Ripley HW 5 May; 15 BOSMC; 6 im Sheridan CHAU 24 May (DN).
N. Goshawk: im Newfane NIAG 15 Mar (WD!); im Wilson NIAG 5 Apr (WD, BPO); AISP 16 May (JR); only reports away from hawkwatches.
Red-shouldered Hawk: arr Orchard Park ERIE 9 Mar; 2 Ashford CATT 11 Mar; relatively low numbers at hawkwatches.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr BOSAC; max 2650 Ripley HW, 838 Hamburg HW 19 Apr; **dark morph** Ripley CHAU 27 Apr (WD), very rare; last 23 Hamburg HW 26 May.
Red-tailed Hawk: **dark-morph** Hamburg HW 20 Apr (JP, WD), rarely reported.
Rough-legged Hawk: max 7 INWR 22 Mar; 4 BOSMC; last Ripley CHAU 20 May.
Golden Eagle: arr Yates ORLE 30 Mar (JP!, WW!); 2 Tift NP 31 Mar (DW); Carlton ORLE 26 Apr (PY!); Hamburg HW 27 Apr (DH!).
Merlin: 2 continued at SUNY Buffalo thru 29 Mar; arr Hamburg HW 3 Apr; Williamsville ERIE 5 Apr; 2 BOSAC; Wilson NIAG 2 May; only reports.
Peregrine Falcon: Tonawanda ERIE 2 Mar; 2 Grand I NR 2 Mar; arr Hamburg HW 3 Mar; 2 Buffalo Psych Center ERIE 13 Mar; Tift NP 31 Mar; 2 NF 10 Apr; 1 + n Buffalo ERIE thru, from annual nest location downtown; Ripley CHAU 27 Apr; 1, 1 Hamburg HW 29 Apr, 5 May; INWR 4 May; last Wilson NIAG 31 May (WD).

Virginia Rail: arr SPNS BOSAC (LH); FMCSP 14 Apr; BuSP 15 Apr; Alexander GENE 1 May; Porter NIAG 31 May; only reports.
Sora: arr BOSAC; 3 Tift NP 11 May; 3 Tonawanda ERIE 11 May.
Com. Moorhen: arr BOSAC; Pomfret CHAU 1 May.
Sandhill Crane: arr Pomfret CHAU 15-23 Mar (JS, JGo, TM); 4 Somerset NIAG & Yates ORLE 30 Mar (WD); BuSP 15 Apr (CR, MG); WTSP 15 Apr (BPO); 2 Tift NP 26 Apr (RSa); 2 Somerset NIAG 26 Apr (WD); 4,1 Hamburg HW 27, 30 Apr (MZ, DH; JiL); INWR 4, 7 May (WW, PH); 3 BOSMC; last 2 TWMA 21 May (WW, JP).
Black-bellied Plover: arr INWR 19 Apr (KS!), second earliest ever; 1, 3 Wilson NIAG 9, 10 May; WoBSP 28 May; max 25 INWR 29 May (RSp); 9 Wilson NIAG 31 May.
AM. GOLDEN-PLOVER: Barcelona Harbor CHAU 23 Apr (MiM!); rarely reported in spring.
Semipalmated Plover: arr 2 INWR 3 May; max 27 INWR 21 May; 2 Sheldon WYOM 29 May, uncommon to rare in WYOM.
Killdeer: arr Wellsville ALLE 1 Mar.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr 8 INWR 3 Apr; max 39 BWWT 15 Apr.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 INWR 3 Apr; last BWWT 29 May.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr Porter NIAG 19 Apr (WD!), early; last 2 INWR 25 May.
Willet: INWR 19-20 May (WD; RSp), only report, rare in spring.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr BOSAC.
Upland Sandpiper: arr 2 BOSAC; 4 Tillman WMA ERIE 18 Apr; NIAG BOSMC; only reports.
Whimbrel: arr BOSMC; Westfield CHAU 23 May (JP); only reports.
Ruddy Turnstone: arr 6 BOSMC; 3 DH 29 May; max 11 BWWT 29 May (RSp).
Sanderling: arr 2 BOSMC; DH 28 May (DN), only reports.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 25 BOSMC; max 400 BWWT 29 May (RSp); 11 Sheldon WYOM 29 May (JeL); 110 Alexander GENE 29 May (DB, ED); 225 OOWMA 31 May (WD); 150 INWR 31 May (WD); record high counts for spring.
Least Sandpiper: arr OOWMA 4 May.
White-rumped Sandpiper: arr 2, 1 INWR 19, 21 May (JP); 2 BWWT 29 May (RSp), only reports.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 7 BOSAC ; last 6 OOWMA 21 May.
Purple Sandpiper: 3 NF 10 Apr; last 2 NF BOSMC, traditional location for spring reports.
Dunlin: arr INWR 6 Apr (PY!), early; 36 INWR 21 May; 2, 2 Alexander GENE 21, 29 May; max 150 BWWT 29 May (RSP).
Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 4 BOSMC; max 36 INWR 21 May; 15 Alexander GENE 21 May (DB, ED); 15 OOWMA 29 May; only reports.
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: INWR 3 May (JP!), 2nd ever spring report.
Wilson's Snipe: arr 40 Randolph CATT 29 Mar (TB); 16 Villanova CHAU 12 Apr.
Am. Woodcock: arr 3 WTSP 19 Mar.
LAUGHING GULL: Barcelona Harbor CHAU 23 Apr (DN), rare in any season.
Little Gull: DH 2, 11 Mar; max 8 Lewiston NR 18 Mar; 10 BOSAC.
Bonaparte's Gull: 4 Riverwalk ALLE 14 Mar; 16 Chaul 29 Mar; 2 Warsaw WYOM 7 Apr; 20, 20 Cuba L ALLE 9, 15 Apr; 130 BeSP 22 May; 35 Wilson NIAG 30 May; 125 FNSP 31 May, good counts for late in season.
Iceland Gull: 1-2 Wilson NIAG 18 Mar – 23 Apr; BeSP 28 Apr; Olcott NIAG 29 Apr; Wilson NIAG 19 May (WD); only reports away from NR in Mar.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: im Wilson NIAG 19, 24, 31 May (WD!), late.
Glaucous Gull: DH 2 Mar; Chaul 28 Mar; Wilson NIAG 30 Mar; Silver Creek CHAU 16 Apr; DH 27 Apr; last DH 23 May (DN).
Great Black-backed Gull: 480 DH 11 Mar (RR), outnumbered ring-bills and herrings.
Caspian Tern: arr Brant ERIE 9 Apr; 75 Barcelona Harbor CHAU 19 Apr; 80 Olcott NIAG 29 Apr; max 140 DH 1 May (DN, JP).
Com. Tern: arr 2 Buffalo NR 6 Apr (JP), slightly early; 195 Wilson NIAG 19 May (WD), high count for location and date.
Forster's Tern: arr NR BOSAC (WD!); CHAU BOSMC; 3 Olcott NIAG 19 May (WD); last Wilson NIAG 26 May (WD).
Black Tern: arr INWR 26 Apr; max 15 TWMA 4 May; 2 NR 10 May (DS); 13 BOSMC; BeSP 22 May (JP).

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Alexander GENE 6 May.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr FNSP 13 May.
Long-eared Owl: 1, 2 FMCSP 23 Mar, 3 Apr (BPo); Jamestown CHAU 16 Apr (JM),

perched in open in front yard of residential area; only reports.
Short-eared Owl: 2 Shelby ORLE 2 Mar; Royalton NIAG 11 Mar; 4 Hartland NIAG 17 Mar; 4, 1 TWMA 5, 20 Apr, only reports.
N. Saw-whet Owl: INWR 16 Mar (CR); Alabama GENE 29 Mar (RSa); only reports.
Com. Nighthawk: arr Buffalo ERIE 25 May; 3 Alexander GENE 27 May; 12 WoBSP, 3 Elma ERIE 28 May; max 30, 40 Dunkirk CHAU 29, 30 May; 7 Ripley CHAU 29 May; 20 WTSP 30 May.
Chimney Swift: arr 4 Buffalo ERIE 23 Apr.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Eden ERIE 29 Apr.
Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 BOSAC; 1-2 PG 26 Apr thru; Williamsville ERIE 13 May; 2 FNSP 15 May; 9 BOSMC; Orchard Park ERIE 19-22 May; Barre ORLE 21 May; Olcott NIAG 24 May; only reports.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr BeSP 4 Apr; max 183 BOSAC, record high count.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr 1, 1 AISP 13, 31 May (TB); BeSP 24 May (DS), only reports.
E. Wood-Pewee: arr FNSP 8 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Tift NP 15 May; 2 AmSP 22 May; Tift NP 31 May; only reports.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr AISP 13 May; 2 Holland ERIE 24 May; Pomfret CHAU 24 May; 2 Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 25 May; only reports.
Alder Flycatcher: arr Carroll CHAU 24 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr AmSP 16 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr Tift NP 30 Apr; empid at PG 25 Apr was likely this species.
E. Phoebe: arr TWMA, Alexander GENE 29 Mar.
Gr. Crested Flycatcher: arr Tift NP, GHSP, Ripley CHAU 26 Apr.
E. Kingbird: arr Alexander GENE 29 Apr.
N. Shrike: last BOSAC.
White-eyed Vireo: arr Sheridan CHAU 26 Apr (DN); Westfield CHAU 1-23 May (JP); Tift NP 13 May (RSa).
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Alexander GENE 8 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr PG 17 Apr.
Warbling Vireo: arr Tift NP 26 Apr.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr Westfield CHAU 8 May; WTSP 14 May; 2 BOSMC; FMCSP 26 May; Tonawanda ERIE 28 May; last Tift NP 31 May; only reports.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr NFSP, Orchard Park ERIE 10 May.
Com. Raven: Wales ERIE 15 Mar; Hamburg HW 11 Apr; Arkwright CHAU 4 May; Bethany GENE 4-11 May; 2 Attica Res WYOM 29 May; only reports outside ALLE, CATT besides BOS counts.
Purple Martin: arr FNSP 11 Apr.
Tree Swallow: arr 3 INWR 27 Mar.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr DH 6 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr 2 Hamburg ERIE 20 Apr.
Cliff Swallow: arr 6 BuSP 26 Apr.
Barn Swallow: arr TWMA 29 Mar; 4587 BOSMC, cool weather on count day concentrated swallows in many locations.
Carolina Wren: 12 BOSAC & 10 BOSMC; low numbers for this decade.
House Wren: arr 2 PG, Bethany GENE 17 Apr.
Winter Wren: arr FMCSP 3 Apr.
Marsh Wren: arr 2 Alexander GENE 27 Apr.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 3 BeSP 2 Apr.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Silver Creek CHAU 7 Apr.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr BOSAC.
Veery: arr Tift NP, Sheridan CHAU 2 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr NIAG BOSMC; NFSP 24 May; Tillman WMA ERIE 25 May; Wilson NIAG 31 May; only reports.
Swainson's Thrush: arr Tonawanda ERIE 6 May.
Hermit Thrush: arr Tift NP 7 Apr.
Wood Thrush: arr Tift NP 26 Apr.
Gray Catbird: arr AmSP 15 Apr.
Brown Thrasher: arr PG 8 Apr.
Am. Pipit: arr 16 Alexander GENE, 3 Hamburg HW 29 Mar; max 675 Ripley CHAU 11 May (JP), count of flyovers over two hour period.
BOHEMIAN WAXWING: WTSP 6 Mar (BPo!); Newfane NIAG 11 Mar (WW!, JP!); max 22 WTSP 15 Mar (DS); 7 Wilson NIAG 27 Mar (BPo!); first ever spring reports for Reg.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr Tift NP 26 Apr (RSa!), slightly early.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr Wilson NIAG 2 May (BPo, WD), only report.
"Brewster's" Warbler: TWMA 13, 19, 21 May (EL, JP); Amherst ERIE 15 May (JP, RSa); only reports.
Tennessee Warbler: arr FNSP 8 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr BeSP 6 May (DS); 1, 1, 1 Wilson NIAG 7, 19, 25 May (BPo, WD); 2 FMCSP 10 May (WD); Woodlawn ERIE 11 May (JP); Newfane NIAG 24 May (WD, BPo); good showing.
Nashville Warbler: arr Wilson NIAG 25 Apr.
N. Parula: arr Wilson NIAG 3 May.
Yellow Warbler: arr 2 Westfield CHAU 25 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr NFSP 1 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr Alexander GENE 27 Apr (DB!, ED), record early.
Cape May Warbler: arr AmSP 30 Apr; max 3 Sheridan CHAU 8 May (JP, DN).
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr BeSP 29 Apr.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr AmSP 2 Apr; 73 Sheridan CHAU 2 May (DN); max 150 FNSP 4 May (LL).
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 3 Ripley CHAU, Sherman CHAU, 2 AmSP 23 Apr.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr BeSP 27 Apr.
YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: AmSP 23, 24 Apr (JP, RSa); 2 AISP 31 May (TB, JP), in previous breeding area.
Pine Warbler: arr Orchard Park ERIE 11 Apr; max 4 WTSP 19 Apr; Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 25 May; 2 AISP 31 May.
Prairie Warbler: arr 2 Woodlawn ERIE 11 May (DW).
Palm Warbler: arr Tift NP 20 Apr; 16 NFSP 1 May (DR); 55 AmSP 2 May (RSa); max 96, 47 Sheridan CHAU 2, 4 May (DN); last 25 BOSMC.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Wilson NIAG 3 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr WoBSP 13 May; max 11 Tift NP 31 May (RSa).
Cerulean Warbler: arr Tift NP 5 May (JK).
Black-and-white Warbler: arr 2 Wilson NIAG 25 Apr.
Am. Redstart: arr 2 Wilson NIAG, PG 3 May.
Prothonotary Warbler: arr FNSP 7 May (LL!), rare away from breeding areas; TWMA 20 May (DB, ED), has bred in this area in recent years.
Ovenbird: arr Pomfret CHAU 27 Apr.
N. Waterthrush: arr 2 Portland CHAU, Tift NP 26 Apr.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 2 BOSAC.
KENTUCKY WARBLER: BeSP 21 May (DS), nearly annual in spring.
Connecticut Warbler: AmSP 27 May (JP!, RSa!), only report.
Mourning Warbler: arr Sherman CHAU 13 May.

C. Yellowthroat: arr Moss L ALLE 29 Apr.
Hooded Warbler: arr Hamburg ERIE 26 Apr (MiM).
Wilson's Warbler: arr Tift NP 4 May (DP), early; Sheridan CHAU 5 May (DN), early.
Canada Warbler: arr BeSP 14 May.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

SUMMER TANAGER: im m AmSP 27 May (JP!, RSa!), rare.
Scarlet Tanager: arr Bethany GENE 6 May.
E. Towhee: Dunkirk CHAU 6-11 Mar; arr Pomfret CHAU 3 Apr.
Am. Tree Sparrow: last TBNP 19 Apr.
Chipping Sparrow: arr 5 Alfred ALLE 9 Apr.
Clay-colored Sparrow: no reports.
Field Sparrow: arr Belmont ALLE 10 Apr.
Vesper Sparrow: arr 7 BOSAC; 3 BOSMC; Barre ORLE 21 May; Batavia GENE 31 May; only reports.
Savannah Sparrow: arr 2 Clarence ERIE & 2 Bethany GENE 10 Apr.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Ripley CHAU 14 May; 12 BOSMC; 3 Tillman WMA ERIE 25 May; only reports.
Henslow's Sparrow: no reports.
Fox Sparrow: arr Pomfret CHAU 1 Mar (TM); Amherst ERIE thru 6 Apr; max 19 Tift NP 7 Apr (RSa); last Tonawanda ERIE 9 May (BC).
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr 2 PG 25 Apr (DN), early; last Sheridan CHAU 26 May.
Swamp Sparrow: arr 56 BOSAC.
White-throated Sparrow: max 150 Tift NP 26 Apr.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr 2 NFSP 23 Apr; last Wilson NIAG 25 May.
Lapland Longspur: 20, 10 Yates ORLE 2, 11 Mar; only reports.
Snow Bunting: 200 Yates ORLE 2 Mar; 180 Bethany GENE 10 Mar; 271 Somerset & Hartland NIAG 11 Mar; last 9 BOSAC.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr several locations 26 Apr.

BLUE GROSBEAK: im m WoBSP 11-15 May (DW, mob, NYSARC), 4th in Reg, see intro.

Indigo Bunting: arr Hamburg ERIE 29 Apr, early (PL).

Bobolink: arr 6 Bethany GENE 1 May.

Red-winged Blackbird: arr 8 Houghton ALLE 2 Mar; max 1110 Hamburg HW 31 Mar.

E. Meadowlark: arr Eden ERIE 4 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 3 Angelica ALLE 25 Mar; 25 Conewango CATT 29 Mar; max 600 TWMA 23 Apr (PY); last 12 BOSMC.

Com. Grackle: arr 4 Hamburg HW 3 Mar; max 4526 Hamburg HW 31 Mar (WW).

Orchard Oriole: arr 1, 2 Silver Creek CHAU 26, 29 Apr (DN); max 5 Ripley CHAU 8 May (JP); SPNS 12 May (LH); 10 BOSMC;

Varysburg WYOM 19 May (TS); 2 Pomfret CHAU 24 May, seems to be slowly increasing.

Baltimore Oriole: arr BuSP 26 Apr.

Purple Finch: arr Wilson NIAG 8 Apr; 159 BOSAC; 152 BOSMC; low numbers.

White-winged Crossbill: 2 Clarence ERIE 11, 20, 24 Mar (MaM), only report.

Com. Redpoll: max 300 Hartland NIAG 2 Mar (JP, CR); leucistic Freedom CATT 11 Mar (BPa); well reported in Mar; 42 banded Alfred ALLE 4 Apr (EB); 71 BOSAC; last Bethany GENE 19 May (DB!), latest on record along with same date in 1971.

HOARY REDPOLL: Varysburg WYOM 21 Mar (WW! JP! TS), rare.

Pine Siskin: 15 Orchard Park ERIE 1-31 Mar; only scattered reports in Apr & May; 15 Varysburg WYOM 19 May (TS); last Boston ERIE 25 May.

Evening Grosbeak: "large flock" Hume ALLE early Mar; 8 Caneadea ALLE 27 Mar (LW); 2 Wales ERIE 5 Apr (D&DS); 6 ALLE BOSAC; Fredonia CHAU 3 May (JGo); Buffalo ERIE 10 May (PY, BH); last ALLE BOSMC; only reports.

