

REGION 10—MARINE

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March's mean temperature was 40.3°F, 0.5° above normal. Precipitation was 1.3" higher than average, with 5.89" of rain. April was 2.2° warmer than average at 51.3°, and 3.87" of rain was 0.26" less than normal. Mean temperature for May was 57°, 2.2° below average, and 3.68" rain was 0.22" less than average.

Fellow birder and keen weather watcher Bob Kurtz keeps track of "leaf-out" dates year to year, and found that this spring it was actually behind schedule (relatively speaking) for a change, until ... "a major change occurred from April 10th to the 26th. In that 17 day period not only was there no rain in the local environs, there were above normal temperatures and sun, sun, sun—think desert southwest! In that period leaf-out went from at least one week behind schedule to at least 10 days ahead of schedule, a ghastly circumstance to say the least!" Despite that warm spell, easterly winds persisted and many observers bemoaned the slow birding during April.

As usual, this spring featured many notable holdovers from winter, especially among waterfowl. The Stony Brook **Pink-footed Goose** persisted into March, as did a number of Greater White-fronted Geese, the Montauk **Barnacle Goose**, a "Richardson's" Goose, and multiple Eurasian Wigeon and "**Eurasian**" **Green-winged Teal**. Maxing out the goose diversity were the Region's first **Ross's Goose** in several years, at Shorts Pond on 2 March, and a stunning adult "**Black**" **Brant** along Staten Island's Raritan Bay shore 30 March-6 April.

Two vagrant landbirds evinced a striking and probably under-appreciated ecological interaction: lower Manhattan's continuing **Scott's Oriole** and Central Park's **Western Tanager** both associated closely with Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers and fed avidly from fresh sap wells. (Fig. B, p. 260). Offhand, we can recall a couple of Cape May Warblers behaving in the same fashion during winter in the Northeast. Given the increasing abundance of wintering sapsuckers here, observers might consider lingering a little longer with sapsuckers they find from November through March.

The status of many short-distance migrants in our Region during early spring is changing as a consequence of two ongoing trends: increasing over-winter survival of species that rarely wintered in the past and earlier arrival dates

of genuine northbound migrants. Careful perusal of the species accounts will reveal numerous records during periods when the species in question were formerly completely absent.

Some very high counts of both scaup at Jamaica Bay during mid March were independently corroborated by multiple observers. Peter Dorosh gave careful attention to numbers on the 11th and 16th, as did the writers on the 17th. At least **5,000** Lesser Scaup were present on the West Pond alone, with many more on the East Pond and at other Long Island sites.

Focus on the Grumman grasslands increased as the battle over this area's fate heated up. Short-eared Owls lingered into mid April (Fig. D, p. 262), raising hopes that this state-listed species and former Long Island nester might attempt to breed there. Two Upland Sandpipers seen there in mid May also raised hopes for this beleaguered Regional breeder. American Kestrel, Horned Lark, Grasshopper Sparrow, and Eastern Meadowlark, although less rare, also represent local breeders at this site whose habitat prospects are shrinking in the Region. The grasslands also attracted a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**, found on 18 May by Bob McGrath.

There were no fallouts of Indigo Buntings, Blue Grosbeaks, etc. this spring on the barrier beaches, but a territorial male Blue Grosbeak was present once again in the Calverton area. On the opposite fringe of their species' breeding range, late lingering Red Crossbills in East Hampton and Flanders suggested possible breeding, but no nesting activity was confirmed.

Other rarities, not mentioned above, included Seth Wollney's pet **Western Grebe** at Staten Island; a **Wilson's Plover** photographed by Mike Bottini at Napeague; two **Black-necked Stilts** found by Karen Rubinstein at Hook Pond on the exceptional date of **14 March**; two **Mississippi Kites**, reflecting an exceptional incursion this year; a confiding Red Phalarope at Shinnecock Inlet, found by Joe DiCostanzo *et al.*; a probable **Thick-billed Murre** seen at great range by Lloyd and Sandy Spitalnik at Jones Beach; a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** at Pelham Bay Park on 5 May; and a **Painted Bunting** at Cindy Wodinski's consistently productive feeders in Cedarhurst on 6 May.

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ABBREVIATIONS

1S – 1st summer plumage; 1W – 1st winter plumage; 1Y – 1st year plumage; 2S – 2nd summer plumage; 2Y – 2nd year plumage; alt – alternate plumage; Amagansett – Amagansett, T EH SUFF; APP – Alley Pond P QUEE; BHP – Blue Heron P RICH; CaPd – Capri Pd, W. Islip SUFF; CCP – Cupsogue County P SUFF; CHP – Conference House P RICH; CLP – Clove Lakes P RICH; CP – Central P NEWY; CRSP – Connetquot R SP Preserve SUFF; DOP – Dreier Offerman P KING; EH – East Hampton SUFF; EPd – Eastport Pd., Eastport SUFF; FP – Forest P QUEE; FT – Fort Tilden QUEE; GCP – Gardiner CP, T Islip SUFF; Gilgo – Gilgo Beach, T Babylon SUFF; GKP – Great Kills P RICH; Grumman – former Grumman property, Calverton SUFF; HG – Hunters Garden, T Eastport SUFF; HLSP – Hempstead L SP NASS; IHP – Inwood Hill P NEWY; Jam Bay – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge QUEE/KING; JBSP – Jones Beach SP NASS; JBWE – Jones Beach SP West End NASS; LCP – Lemon Creek P RICH; LI – Long Island; Mass – Massapequa Preserve NASS; MB – Mecox Bay SUFF; migr – migrant, migrating; MLUA – Mt Loretto Unique Area RICH; MP – Montauk Pt SUFF; Mtk – Montauk, T EH SUFF; NRSP – Nissequogue R SP SUFF; PB – Pike's Beach, Westhampton SUFF; PBP – Pelham Bay P KING; PL – Pt Lookout NASS; PP – Prospect Park KING; RMSP – Robert Moses SP SUFF; Sagg – Sagaponack Pd SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock In SUFF; ShPd – Shorts Pd, Bridgehampton SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP SUFF; SSNC – South Shore Nature Center, E. Islip SUFF; SY –

2nd year plumage; Tobay – John F. Kennedy Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary, T Oyster Bay NASS; TRiCP – Terrell R CP SUFF; VCP – Van Cortland P BRON; VSSP – Valley Stream SP NASS; WPP – Wolfe's Pd P RICH.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: Stony Brook Mill Pd SUFF thru 13 Mar, from winter.

Greater White-fronted Goose: Hendrickson P, Valley Stream NASS thru 2 Mar, from winter; Silver L Preserve RICH thru 3 Mar, from winter; Mass 2-9 Mar, from winter; Calverton SUFF 9 Mar (BA).

Snow Goose: 29 ShPd 5 Mar (GaB, PJJ); max 2000 Jam Bay 17 Mar inc 7 blue morph.

ROSS'S GOOSE (R10): ShPd 2 Mar (PJJ, SSM!) to 9 Mar.

Cackling Goose: 2 ShPd 2-15 Mar; at least one cont from winter.

Brant: 8,000 Jam Bay 11 May, inc 3,000 in flocks rising high and moving northwest (PJJ, SSM).

"BLACK" BRANT: LCP 30 Mar (TWB, GaB, *et al.*) and WPP (PJJ, SSM ph) thru 6 Apr.

BARNACLE GOOSE: Mtk thru 9 Mar, from winter.

Tundra Swan: 4 (2 ads, 2 imm) Orient farm field SUFF 11-15 Mar (JBrJr); poss same birds also reported from Sagg 15 Mar and Barcelona Neck SUFF 16 Mar (JGi, BMcC).

Wood Duck: m Ditch Plains, Mtk 16 Mar, roosting in steep swells on ocean with flock of Com. Eider! (AnW); max 16-18 HLSP 11 Apr.

Gadwall: 200 Swan L, Patchogue SUFF 1 Mar.

Eurasian Wigeon: m W Sayville Golf Course SUFF thru 1 Mar; 2 Old Field lighthouse SUFF 12 Mar; m Tobay 15 Mar; Mass 23 Mar, cont from winter; Greenwood Cemetery KING 9 Apr (MHa); prob hybrid w Am. Wigeon Mattituck SUFF 12 Mar (PG).

Am. Wigeon: 200 W Sayville Golf Course SUFF 1 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 3 MLUA 21 Mar (R McGovern).

Green-winged Teal: 160 Pond X, Lawrence NASS 9 Mar; 200 Tobay 22 Mar.

"EURASIAN" GREEN-WINGED TEAL: drakes Mass thru 23 Mar, CaPd 15 Mar, and Norman J. Levy Pres NASS 6 Apr, all cont from winter.

Canvasback: 14 JBWE 11 Mar, usus loc; 18 EPd 16 Mar.

Redhead: 41 CaPd 9 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: 40+ St John's Pd NASS 14 Mar.

Greater Scaup: 15,000 Jam Bay 11 & 17 Mar; 15,000 Gravesend Bay RICH 25 Mar, began to disperse mid Apr; *intro*.

Lesser Scaup: v large numbers Mar, e.g., 850 CaPd 9 Mar, 1100 EPd 16 Mar, 5000 West Pd, Jam Bay 17 Mar; *intro*.

King Eider: 5-10 Ditch Plains, Mtk 2-30 Mar; imm m Bayville NASS thru 15 Mar, cont from winter.

Com. Eider: max 5000 MP 2 Mar; CCP 18 May (SBI), late.

Harlequin Duck: PL 2 Mar, cont from winter; m Cedar Beach, T Babylon SUFF 14-16 Mar (JQ, mob); Amagansett 19 Apr (AnW); 2 f MP 19 Apr.

Surf Scoter: tens of thousands, est 30,000 MP 5 Mar.

White-winged Scoter: est 300 MP 5 Mar.

Black Scoter: est 15,000 MP 5 Mar.

Bufflehead: max 662 MB 30 Mar.

Com. Goldeneye: max 100+ GKP 3 Mar (TF).

Barrow's Goldeneye: ad m Bayville-Centre Is NASS thru 7 Mar, cont from winter.

Hooded Merganser: f lingered CP Res thru, v late.

Com. Merganser: 39 CRSPP 13 Mar.

Ruddy Duck: 500+ Jam Bay in Mar; 260 CaPd 9 Mar.

Red-throated Loon: one hour counts of migrs Amagansett: 195 13 Apr, 340 19 Apr (AnW); 52 RMSP 21 May (SSM, PJJ).

Horned Grebe: generally low numbers, i.e., 30 Ditch Plains, Mtk 2 Mar; 26 Jam Bay 26 Apr (RKe).

Red-necked Grebe: PL 2 Mar; 2 Brighton Beach RICH 3 Mar (SBI); Culloden Pt, Mtk 16 Mar (AnW); 2 Amagansett 13 Apr (AnW).

Eared Grebe: Cedar Beach, T Babylon SUFF 14-16 Mar (JQ, mob).

WESTERN GREBE: WPP 23 Mar (SWo!) thru 30 Mar (mob!).

Sooty Shearwater: 2 Shinn 15 May (DF), first report; small numbers thru.

Manx Shearwater: Amagansett 20 Apr (AnW); first report; small numbers thru.

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: Shinn 17 May (PJL *et al.*), inside bay, early.

N. Gannet: 500+ ads Upper Raritan Bay RICH/KING 16 Mar (SWo); 2000+ off PL 16 Mar; 856 Amagansett 20 Apr (AnW); 100+ well inside Jones In 5 Apr (RJK).

Great Cormorant: max 25+ WPP 16 Mar (SWo); last GKP 4 May.

Am. Bittern: last GKP 25 May (SWo), late.

Great Egret: NRSP thru 6 Mar, overwintered.

Snowy Egret: arr LCP 22 Mar.

Little Blue Heron: arr TRiCP 6 Apr (CS, SSw), early.

Tricolored Heron: arr Jam Bay 20 Apr (SA).

Cattle Egret: Oak Beach, T Babylon SUFF 15 Apr (K&SF); Jam Bay 20 Apr (SA).

Green Heron: arr CP 12 Apr.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: arr 6 Cow Meadow NASS (BBe) & Neck Creek RICH 30 Mar (CB); 14 nesting Cedarhurst NASS 13 Apr (CW), large number.

Glossy Ibis: arr Gilgo 2 Apr.

BLACK VULTURE (R10): 1-2 MLUA, CLP, Snug Harbor RICH 26 Mar-2 May (mob); PP 13 Apr (SN); 29 May Riverhead SUFF (ABa).

Turkey Vulture: increasingly common even into May east end and North Fork LI; max 8 Mtk 25 May (PR); 7 Orient SUFF 12 Mar; daily over Brown's Hills Orient SUFF (TM) and Mtk "all of May and before" (*fide* HMcG).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr Orient SUFF 9 Mar.

MISSISSIPPI KITE: PP 18 May (SBI, DD, RC); IHP 25 May (KA).

Bald Eagle: juv upper Manhattan NEWY 10 Mar; imm MLUA 2 Apr; ad CP 1 May; 2Y GKP 6 May; ad CP 10 May; 2 ads BHP 18 May; imm Springs EH 23 & 27 May; ad Shelter Is SUFF 24 May; juv CP 30 May.

N. Harrier: up to 3 Grumman thru 26 Apr.

Cooper's Hawk: increasingly common, many reports.

Red-shouldered Hawk: imm MLUA 2 Mar (SA, SWo, DK); Greenbelt area RICH 15 Mar (HF); Mattituck SUFF 30 Mar (S&JBenson); PP 12 Apr (RJ); 2 Camp Hero, Mtk 22 May (VB).

Broad-winged Hawk: migrs noted from CP 12-13 Apr thru mid May; 2 Camp Hero, Mtk 22 May (VB).

Rough-legged Hawk: JBWE 2 Mar (KF); Grumman thru 30 Mar, cont from winter; dm Gardiner Is SUFF 15 Mar (AnW); Cutchogue SUFF 29 and 31 Mar (JBrSr).

Am. Kestrel: max 14 Grumman 26 Apr (RMcGr); at least one reported from here thru mid May, known nest site.

Merlin: last report Lakeland CP SUFF 10 May (JGI).

Com. Moorhen: Saw Mill Creek RICH 26 May (EJ).

Am. Coot: max 170 Patchogue L SUFF 1 Mar.

Black-bellied Plover: 95 Dune Rd CCP to Shinn 26 May.

WILSON'S PLOVER: Napeague SUFF 11 May (M Bottini), ph to HMcG.

Semipalmated Plover: 11 Apr Zach's Bay JBSP (PJL, SSM ph), v early.

Piping Plover: arr 9 PL 22 Mar (M Bochnik *et al.*); max 31 JBWE 23 Mar (BF).

Am. Oystercatcher: 4 JBSP 9 Mar, poss arrivals.

BLACK-NECKED STILT: 2 Hook Pd EH 14 Mar (KRu).

Solitary Sandpiper: arr 3rd week Apr.

Willet: arr Jam Bay 20 Apr (SA).

Spotted Sandpiper: arr CP 12-13 Apr.

Upland Sandpiper: JBWE 4 May (K&SF); 2 Grumman 19 May (ABa).

Whimbrel: Big Egg Marsh QUEE 25 May (SWa); Ponquogue Bridge SUFF 26 May (E Marks).

Ruddy Turnstone: 720 Dune Rd CCP to Shinn 26 May.

Red Knot: 200+ JBWE 17 May; 107 Dune Rd CCP to Shinn 26 May.

Sanderling: 900 Dune Rd CCP to Shinn 26 May.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 320 Dune Rd CCP to Shinn 26 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr Jam Bay 20 Apr (SSM, PJL).

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr MB 4 May.

Purple Sandpiper: max 51 Gravesend Bay RICH 13 Apr (AxW); last 5 FT 27 May (RKe).

Dunlin: 800+ JBWE 3 Mar; 670 Dune Rd SUFF 16 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr JBWE 4 May; 180 Dune Rd CCP to Shinn 26 May.

Long-billed Dowitcher: Heckscher SP SUFF 7 Mar (KT, JGI); 8 Mass thru 17 Apr, from winter.

Wilson's Snipe: max 21 MLUA 22 Mar (EJ).

Wilson's Phalarope: f Rita's Horse Farm, Mtk 18 May (VB, BH); near Shinn 22 May (KT); MB 23-26 May (W&GBec, mob).

Red-necked Phalarope: f Jam Bay 10 May (SA).

RED PHALAROPE (R10): alt m Shinn 18-24 May (JDI, AS, SSI ph, mob ph).

Laughing Gull: arr ad alt DOP 15 Mar (AxW).

Black-headed Gull: 1W Malibu Beach NASS 11 Mar (KF); ad Iron Pier, Northville SUFF 28 Mar, 3 Apr (JS; mob); 1S MB 19-21 Apr (MC; mob).

Bonaparte's Gull: 200 Gilgo 2 Mar; 300+ Malibu Beach NASS 11 Mar; last report 2 JBWE 4 May.

Iceland Gull: imm GKP 2 Mar (SWo); 1W Malibu Beach NASS 11 Mar (KF); 1Y WPP 14 Mar (SWo); Iron Pier, Northville SUFF 28 Mar-24 Apr; imm Tottenville RICH 30 Mar (SWo); WPP 6 Apr (SWo).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: ad VSSP 14 Mar, cont from winter; 1-2 Arden Av, RICH mid Mar.

Glaucous Gull: SY CHP 29 Mar (HF); 2S or 3S MB 20 Apr (AnW).

Gull-billed Tern: arr 3 JBSP 30 Apr & Jam Bay 7 May, traditional sites; 2 PB 25 May (PJJ), increasingly regular in spring on e LI.

Caspian Tern: JBWE 9 Apr (SSch); 2 Carmans R, Mastic SUFF 18 Apr (PD, ME); JBWE 19 Apr (B May); 2-5 MB 19-21 (MC, K&SF, mob); ad Wertheim NWR SUFF 24 Apr (CS); Cedar Beach, Southold SUFF 26 Apr.; 2 MB 4 May.

Royal Tern: 2 MB 18 May (JDi, AS, SSi); Napeague SUFF 24 May (KRu, BRu); both early.

Roseate Tern: arr 2 CCP (PJJ, SSM) and 10-15 Cartwright Shoal, e SUFF (AnW) 16 May; max 54 Cedar Pt CP SUFF 26 May (KG).

Com. Tern: arr 2 NRSP 24 Apr; max 200+ Amagansett 24 May (AnW).

Forster's Tern: arr 5 JBWE 12 Apr.

Least Tern: arr NRSP SUFF 24 Apr, early.

Black Tern: arr JBWE 4 May (SSM, PJJ); singles at PB 8 May, Shinn 17 May, CCP 20 May, all alt.

Black Skimmer: arr Plum Beach RICH 17 May (RJ).

THICK-BILLED MURRE: distant ind Jones In NASS 17 Apr was most likely this species (L&SSp).

Razorbill: Amagansett 20 Apr (AnW), last report.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Monk Parakeet: JBWE 18 Apr (J&GF, JQ); Cow Meadow NASS 17 May (RJK), unus locs.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr PP 1st wk May.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr CHP 27 Apr (SWo).

Barn Owl: pr nested at Big John's Pd, Jam Bay.

Great Horned Owl: pr nested in Double-crested Cormorant nest at Stonybrook Mill PD SUFF.

Long-eared Owl: Calverton SUFF 21 May (R McGrath), loc and date suggest poss breeding.

Short-eared Owl: max 4 Grumman 28-30 Mar, 3 - 16 Apr, cont from winter, *intro*.

N. Saw-whet Owl: St George RICH 12 Mar (IG), in entryway of apt building.

Com. Nighthawk: arr CP 13 May.

Chuck-will's-widow: arr e LI territories 1st week May; roosting bird CP 14 May.

Whip-poor-will: roosting bird CP 14 Apr; Grumman 18 Apr (PD *et al.*), first report from breeding loc.

Chimney Swift: arr CP 14 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr CP 24 Apr.

Belted Kingfisher: numerous reports early Mar supplementing wintering birds.

Red-headed Woodpecker: ad CP 26-27 Apr, 6 May; PP 10 May (ECr, PPa); River Rd, Calverton SUFF 18 May (TWB, GaB), then pair discovered here 20 May thru (RMGr, ESa), traditional site; ad Orient SUFF 29 May (RMcGi).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: sap wells at NYC parks were food source for Scott's Oriole and Western Tanager during Mar, Apr; 10+ Willowbrook P RICH 15 Apr (TBr, JGo), many; small numbers widely reported thru.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CP 14, 18, 21, 29 May; PP 14 May; IHP 20 May (CFi, MBe); 2 PP 23 May (RJ *et al.*); APP 24 May (JGi *et al.*); William Floyd Estate, Mastic Beach SUFF 24 May (CS, SSw).

Acadian Flycatcher: arr CP 10 May, sev reports from this loc thru; Hoyt Farm P, T Smithtown SUFF 23 May (JG1); West Islip SUFF yard 27 May (RG); Jam Bay 30 May (DK), breeding loc; SSNC 30 May.

Alder Flycatcher: singing HG 17 May (ESa, ESch, ABa); singing VCP 25 May; singing Jam Bay 31 May (RJK).

Willow Flycatcher: arr CP 2 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr CP 24 Apr (JDi).

E. Phoebe: arr JBWE 12 Mar; max single site 35 PP 2 Apr.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr CP 24 Apr.

E. Kingbird: arr CP 24 Apr.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: ad PBP 5 May (*fide* RDe, ph to TWB); ad Grumman 18 May (RMcGr).

N. Shrike: Grumman 16 Mar (CS); MLUA 16 Mar (SWo); GKP 23 Mar (D Amos), from winter; imm SMSP 24 Mar (NK).

White-eyed Vireo: arr PBP 16 Mar (DB), v early.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Southards Pd, T Babylon SUFF 25 Apr.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr CP and PP 12 Apr.

Warbling Vireo: arr CHP and CP 26 Apr; on terr VSSP 30 Apr (BBe), v local breeder sw LI.

Philadelphia Vireo: singing CP 3 May (*fide* TF); CP 28 May (JPO).

Red-eyed Vireo: arr CP 26 Apr.

Horned Lark: of 74 Nickerson Beach, Long Beach SUFF 3 Mar, 2 were apparently *pratensis* (PJL, SSM).

Purple Martin: arr RMSP 21 Mar, early.

Tree Swallow: 5 near Cedar Beach, T of Babylon SUFF thru 7 Mar; arr 20 JBWE 7 Mar.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr HLSP 2 Apr.

Bank Swallow: arr Gilgo 13 Apr.

Cliff Swallow: arr PP 21 Apr.

Barn Swallow: arr Jam Bay 9 Apr, early.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: spring echo of last fall's major flight evident.

White-throated Nuthatch: spring echo of last fall's major flight evident; Tobay 13 Apr, unus on barrier beach.

House Wren: arr southern end RICH 19 Apr.

Winter Wren: max 8 southern end RICH 13 Apr.

Marsh Wren: arr Tobay 13 Apr.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: first migrs arr mid Mar.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 3 PP 12 Mar (AxW), early.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr CHP 2 Apr.

Veery: arr HG 15 Apr, very early.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr CP 7 May.

BICKNELL'S THRUSH: calling CP 9 May, compared to simultaneously calling Swainson's Thrush (*fide* TF); FP 18 May, based on plumage and calls (DF, mob).

Swainson's Thrush: arr CP 2 May; reported in v good numbers from western parks, max 30 FP 18 May.

Hermit Thrush: reported in good numbers; peaked 20-30 PP 12 Apr (RJ); last migr VSSP 18 May (BBe), late.

Wood Thrush: arr CP 26 Apr; nested VSSP.

Gray Catbird: many overwintered; notable influx noted CP 25-26 Apr; "explosion" PP 2 May; "many hundreds" CP 3 May.

Brown Thrasher: many overwintered; migrs arr mid Apr.

Am. Pipit: JBWE 23 Mar (BF); JBSP 5 Apr (RJK).

Cedar Waxwing: widely reported thru; max 100+ PP 4 Mar.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 2 Apr Snug Harbor RICH (MSh), record early; next CP 23 Apr.

"Lawrence's" Warbler: PP 6 May (*fide* R Badia).

Tennessee Warbler: arr CP and PP 3 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: LCP 14-21, 24 Mar, prob same bird; MLUA 22, 25 Mar; WPP 23, 29 Mar, 8, 9 Apr, cont from winter; CP 2 May; Jam Bay 6 May, unus in spring.

Nashville Warbler: arr CP 19 Apr.

N. Parula: arr PP 12 Apr.

Yellow Warbler: arr CP 17 Apr.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr CP and SMSP 27 Apr.

Magnolia Warbler: arr CP 25 Apr.

Cape May Warbler: arr CP 24 Apr.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr CP 26 Apr.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 100+ Crooke's Pt RICH 3 Mar, from winter; spring migrs arr early Apr, e.g. 50 Bay Pkwy JBSP 8 Apr.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr CP 19 Apr.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr CP and PP 26 Apr.

Yellow-throated Warbler: PP 22 Apr (EG, IC); CP 27 Apr (RDe *et al.*); Riverside P NEWY 11 May (LJ, JN); CP 17 May (SSa, *et al.*); IHP 23 May (KA).

Pine Warbler: arr PP 6 Mar, early.

Prairie Warbler: arr Southards Pd P, T Babylon SUFF 13 Apr, early.

Palm Warbler: *hypochrysea* arr CCP 23 Mar.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr CP 3 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr CHP 27 Apr.

Cerulean Warbler: arr upper Manhattan NEWY, BHP, and FP 4 May; PP 10 May (ECr, P Pane, SBI); FP 10 May; Peconic SUFF 10 May (KH); PP (RJ) & APP (BBe) 17 May; IHP 23 May (KA), many.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr TRiCP, Tobay, and HLSP 12 Apr.

Am. Redstart: arr CP 26 Apr.

Prothonotary Warbler: m arr CP 26 Apr; CLP 27 Apr (SWo, TDu); imm m Jam Bay 27

Apr (JA, KL); Willowbrook P RICH 1 May; CRSP 6 May (NL); PP 7 May (R Badia, GW), 2 here 8 May; APP 11 May (AGi *et al.*); Jam Bay 18 May (GS); PP 23 May; TRiCP 23 May; CLP 27 May; singing male exploring nest hole at SSNC 30 May, not seen subsequently.

Worm-eating Warbler: arr PP 20 Apr.

Ovenbird: FP 20 Mar (CFi), poss wintered; CP 16 Apr, more likely arr date.

N. Waterthrush: arr Fuch's Pd, Northport SUFF 11 Apr.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr CLP 25 Mar (RA, CFa), early.

Kentucky Warbler: arr Brooklyn Botanical Garden KING 2 May; up to 4 PP 4-10 May; Mass 5 May; CP 7 May; FP 10 May; APP 12 May; Riverhead SUFF 15 May; Shelter I SUFF to 18 May; APP 23 May; Jam Bay 24 May.

Mourning Warbler: arr Snug Harbor RICH 22 May; PP 23-24 May; 2 CP 23 May, up to 6 here 28 May; APP 23 May; 2 FP 25 May; Jam Bay 30 May; SSNC 30 May; 2 APP 31 May; FP 31 May.

Com. Yellowthroat: NRSP 14 Mar, prob overwintered?; arr CP 19 Apr.

Hooded Warbler: arr PP 12 Apr; many widespread reports thru, inc 6 NRSP 24 Apr; 4+ CP 4 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr JBWE 24 Apr.

Canada Warbler: arr CP 2 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Rocky Pt SUFF 25 Mar, 2 here 26 Mar (KK), prob wintered in Region; arr? PP 26 Apr; Jam Bay 24 May.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Summer Tanager: f Ridgewood Res KING 20 Apr (DLA); ad m PP 7 May; m FP 10-17 May; Egypt Beach, EH 10 May; PP 10 May; Willowbrook P RICH 11-14 May; imm m Riverside P NEWY 14 May; Jam Bay 14 May; FP 16 May; imm m MP 16 May; Westhampton SUFF 20-21 May; PP 23 May; ad m CP 24 May.

Scarlet Tanager: arr CP and PP 26 Apr.

WESTERN TANAGER: CP 26 Mar-12 Apr (MP; mob!).

E. Towhee: 8+ TRiCP 6 Apr (CS, S Swain), poss wintered locally; migrs noted supplementing winterers in Reg 12-13 Apr.

Am. Tree Sparrow: last report 2 NRSP 24 Apr.

Chipping Sparrow: arr JBWE 30 Mar (BBE).

Vesper Sparrow: FT 10 Apr (RKe); CP 11 Apr (R Bate, *et al.*); GKP 13 Apr (SWo); DOP

13 Apr (AxW); RMSF 13 Apr; MLUA 21 Apr (RV); VSSP 30 Apr (BBE); Dell Water RICH 5 May (MZ); 2 Gabreski Airport, Westhampton SUFF, breeding loc.

Lark Sparrow: Greenwood Cemetery KING 3 May (JBo), unus in spring.

Savannah Sparrow: first migrs supplementing winterers noted 11-12 Apr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr first wk May; breeding birds inc 2 Grumman 18 May; GA 20 May; 23 Napeague SUFF 25 May.

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow: Jam Bay 10 May (TWB, GaB); CCP 25 May (PJL, SSM).

Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: arr GCP 2 May.

Seaside Sparrow: arr 2 GCP 24 Apr.

Fox Sparrow: last report CP and southern RICH 14 Apr.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr CP 2 May.

White-throated Sparrow: migrs supplementing winterers noted around 24 Apr.

White-crowned Sparrow: JBWE thru 9 Mar.

Dark-eyed Junco: migrs supplementing winterers noted around 10 Apr.

Snow Bunting: 2 JBWE 6 Apr (SSM, PJL), late.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: GCP 26 Mar (PJL), wintered locally or v early arr?; arr CP 20 Apr.

Blue Grosbeak: imm m PP 3 May (PD, mob); m PP 7 May; m Radar Access Rd, Calverton SUFF 21 May thru (MHi), prob breeder; PP 23 May; singing m road to Kismet Fire I SUFF 25-26 May (EsCu); f Cedar Pt CP SUFF 26 May (W&GBE).

Indigo Bunting: arr JBWE 21 Apr.

PAINTED BUNTING: f Cedarhurst feeder NASS 6 May (CW, ph to PJL).

Dickcissel: ad m CP 10-11 May (LB, mob), rare in spring.

Bobolink: arr CP and PP 2 May.

E. Meadowlark: at least 15 cont from winter at Grumman, breeders reported from here thru mid May.

Rusty Blackbird: max 12+ Willowbrook P RICH 15 Apr (TBr *et al.*); 10 APP 24, 29 Apr; smaller numbers reported widely.

Boat-tailed Grackle: cont to increase, esp between Gilgo and Jam Bay.

Orchard Oriole: arr CP 19 Apr.

SCOTT'S ORIOLE: from winter, rediscovered near and in Tompkins Sq P NEWY end Mar (*vide* LS), singing here 1-2 Apr (R Bate, ABo, mob).

Baltimore Oriole: ad m PP thru 4 Mar (AxW), Shelter I SUFF 17 Mar, wintered; arr 18 Apr.

Purple Finch: spring arr supplemented wintering birds beginning of Apr.

Red Crossbill: late reports include 7 Barcelona Neck SUFF 16 Mar (JGi, BMcC); 10 EH 1 Apr (HMcG); 4 (2m, 2f) Maple Swamp SUFF 19 Apr (BA *et al.*) and 3 here 26 Apr (ABa, *et al.*); 2 Sarnoff Pres SUFF 6 - 7 May; Northwest Woods EH 20 May (HMcG); *intro*.

Com. Redpoll: max 25 Gin Beach Mtk 10 Mar; last 16 Jam Bay and 3 CLP 22 Mar.

Pine Siskin: 3 SSNC feeder 18 Apr (PD); 12 CRSPP feeder thru 8 May; FP 8 May (CFi),

migr; PP 10 May (RC); CP 2nd week May (*fide* TF).

EXOTICS

South African Shelduck: Belmont L SP SUFF 10 Mar, present for many years.

Black-faced Lovebird: NY Botanical Garden 14 Mar (ABl).

European Goldfinch: HLSP 13 Apr (DF, mob).

