

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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There was only one previous March with less snow than 2009 (0.5"). Outside of a few cold days early in the month, temperatures were mostly above average and sunshine was abundant. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 35.4° F, 1.1° above average. There was 3.25" of precipitation, 0.26" above average. Tranquil weather continued in April. The mean temperature was 46.7° F, 1.4° above average. Precipitation was 3.15" (0.11" above average). A four day stretch in the last week brought summer-like weather, 77° F or higher each day, and many migrant passerines. The eastern basin of Lake Erie, including harbors, was ice free on the 13th, about normal. May was mild, dry, and sunny. The average temperature was 57.2° F, 0.2° above normal. Rainfall was scarce with 1.89", 1.46" below normal, most of which fell late in the month.

Besides the prolonged pleasant weather, this spring season was remarkable for the number of early returning migrants. Many were associated with the warm spell and predominantly southwest winds during the period 25-29 April; however, the pattern of earlier arrivals was not limited to that weather event, nor is the pattern limited to this year. Tracking first arrivals is not an exact science as it is affected by weather, observer effort (including weekend bias), and reporting effort among other possible influences. Even though many of the arrivals are just a few days ahead of schedule, it is clear the migration phenology of many species is slowly changing. In many cases what has been considered "early" should now be considered the new normal. Birders are in an interesting position of seeing and tracking the changes in avifauna as a result of changing climate and corresponding ecosystem change.

The first two early arrival species this spring were also the most dramatic in relation to the previous earliest arrivals. Jim Pawlicki and Bill Watson were surprised to find a Great Egret at a pond near the Hamburg Hawk Watch on 9 March, eleven days earlier than the previous earliest return in the Region. On the next day, 10 March, Elaine Dart spotted a shorebird along a wetland in Batavia that was subsequently refound, heard calling, and photographed on 12 March by Doug Beattie. It became the earliest Lesser Yellowlegs in Region 1 by a full two weeks!

Other early arrivals that were either record early, tied with record early date, or second or third earliest included: American Bittern, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, Semipalmated Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Common Tern, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (although with more wintering, it's becoming challenging to peg the first arrival), Acadian Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Bank Swallow, Swainson's Thrush, Blue-winged Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Northern Parula,

Magnolia Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Canada Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Lincoln's Sparrow, Bobolink, Orchard Oriole, and Baltimore Oriole.

With the tranquil weather, waterfowl migration seemed to be right on schedule. Tundra Swans peaked around mid-March as usual. Migrant geese numbers were highest in March and largely dwindled after the first week of April, a migration pattern that has clearly advanced earlier over the past several decades. Snow Geese reports were few this spring, with a maximum count of 44. No Brant were reported. There was only one report of **Greater White-fronted Goose**, but it tied the maximum count of eight set last spring. **Cackling Goose** made another good showing. There were two, separate sightings of probable Ross's Geese; however, viewing distance precluded confident identification. Multiple sightings of **Eurasian Wigeon** continued the trend of recent spring seasons, as there were three to four identified in addition to a likely Eurasian x American Wigeon hybrid. A hen **Harlequin Duck** was a surprise find on the Niagara River at the late date of 7 May representing the second May record.

Among the ever increasing numbers of Turkey Vultures at the Region's hawk watches, Hamburg and Ripley, three **Black Vultures** were spotted, all in March. The peak for migrant Broad-winged Hawks was on 24 April, with 6,360 counted at Ripley Hawk Watch that day. Three Golden Eagles were identified this spring. Bald Eagle, Osprey, and Peregrine Falcon nesting locations were active and increasing again this year. More details will follow in the summer season report.

Shorebirding seemed about average for spring, with only a few locations around Tonawanda WMA and Iroquois NWR providing suitable habitat. Exposed mud at a wetland in Sherman also attracted shorebirds early in the season. A flock of **Willetts** at Bemus Point on Chautauqua Lake, originally found by Paul Baglia, was a rare occurrence. Three distant dowitchers at Tonawanda WMA on 2-3 May were thought to be Long-billed. Six dowitchers at Sherman on 1 May may have also been Long-billed, as the earlier date is more supportive of this species. However, with all the early arriving species this spring, the old calendar is not reliable. Ruddy Turnstones were found at a few more locations than usual, including an early individual at Tonawanda WMA on 9 May. Oddly, there were no Black-bellied Plover reports this spring.

Immature gulls lingering into late May have either been increasing in recent years or observer effort to search through them for uncommon species has increased, or both. Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, and Lesser Black-backed Gull were all identified along Lake Ontario in late May. Several Little Gulls and a **Black-headed Gull** were found among immature Bonaparte's Gulls on 29 May at Fort Niagara State Park, consistent with similar findings from early June 2006. Earlier in the season, a good count of 43 **Little Gulls** was made at the same location on 10 April, and an adult Black-headed Gull was spotted on the Niagara River in Lewiston. Inland sightings of Iceland Gull and Lesser Black-backed Gull in March at Oak Orchard WMA and Iroquois NWR were also unusual.

Short-eared Owls were identified at several locations, and a sighting in Porter on 18 April included apparent courtship activities. However, there were

no subsequent sightings at the site. A **Northern Saw-whet Owl** found at Tiff Nature Preserve in mid-May and one heard during the day at Tonawanda WMA on 23 May offer suggestions of breeding based on the dates. A **Boreal Owl** found by Betsy Potter roosting in a tree at Wilson-Tuscarora SP. on 27 March was the fifth Regional report.

There were only a few reports of **Common Nighthawk**, with the first coming in mid May. A Whip-poor-will flushed at Lakeside Beach S.P. on 25 April provided a rare actual sighting.

Continuing from the winter season, **White-winged Crossbills** were common in March, but reports declined in April and there were only two May reports. No evidence of breeding was noted during their stay, however, given their unprecedented abundance it would not be surprising if they did breed somewhere in the Region. Pine Siskins remained very common throughout most of the spring season. Several were still hanging around feeders in late May. Common Redpolls were still around in decent numbers in early March, but most soon departed. Two **Hoary Redpolls** were carefully identified in early March as well. The only reports of Red Crossbill and Evening Grosbeak were on the B.O.S. May Count from Allegany County.

Among rarities not already mentioned, two **American White Pelicans** on Chautauqua Lake 25-29 March were seen by most birders. They were the earliest spring occurrence in the Region. Another pelican reported from Cuba Lake in early April was not found the next day; it is reported here under the assumption that it is difficult to misidentify an out-of-place pelican on a small lake. Wader wanderers included two **Snowy Egrets**, including one that remained at Dunkirk Harbor for 10 days in May; a **Tricolored Heron** at Tiff Nature Preserve; a **Cattle Egret** in Pomfret; and 15+ reports of **Sandhill Crane**. An immature **Summer Tanager** at Golden Hill SP. was a nice find for Jim Pawlicki during the B.O.S. May Count. The male **Dickcissel** originally found in late January at a feeder in Clarence Center remained until 19 April. Its plumage brightened considerably during its lengthy stay.

The B.O.S. April Count was held on the third Sunday of the month rather than the customary second Sunday because of the Easter holiday. The weather was cloudy and cool on the count day resulting from a cold front passage. A total of 154 species were tallied over the entire Region 1 and the portion of the B.O.S. Study Area in Ontario. There were 16 record high counts since the 1935 inception including: Great Egret (57), Bald Eagle (36), Upland Sandpiper (3), Iceland Gull (6), Lesser Black-backed Gull (4), Caspian Tern (194), Red-bellied Woodpecker (234), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (283), Pileated Woodpecker (57), Blue-headed Vireo (14), Barn Swallow (250), House Wren (2), Winter Wren (42), Pine Warbler (18), Palm Warbler (9), and Louisiana Waterthrush (12). The later count date influenced many of these high counts. The Dickcissel in Clarence Center was a first count record. No record low counts were recorded.

The B.O.S. May Count was held on 17 May. The weather was cloudy, gusty, and cool. A total of 210 species was recorded over the B.O.S. Study Area. Maximum counts since 1935, inclusive of the Ontario portion, were attained for Mute Swan (21), Double-crested Cormorant (5,029), Great Egret (71), Bald

Eagle (24), Peregrine Falcon (9), Least Sandpiper (372), Bonaparte's Gull (2,711), Glaucous Gull (2), and Caspian Tern (241). Record low counts were attained for Common Moorhen (1) and Golden-winged Warbler (0) while Purple Martin (278) was the second lowest ever.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AlSP – Allegany SP CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP ERIE; BOSAC – Buffalo Ornithological Society April Count – 19 April; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count, 17 May; BuSP – Buckhorn Island SP ERIE; BWWT – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor; FMCSP – 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; LESP – L Erie SP CHAU; MI – Motor I NR ERIE; NF – Niagara Falls NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard Wildlife Management Area GENE; PB – Point Breeze ORLE; PG – Point Gratiot CHAU; 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; WFWMA – Watts Flats Wildlife Management Area CHAU; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: 8 OOWMA 15 Mar (PY), unusually high count; only report.
Snow Goose: arr 7 Pomfret CHAU 10 Mar; 2 Porter NIAG, INWR 13 Mar; 2 OOWMA 15 Mar; max 22, 44 Yates ORLE 28 Mar, 2 Apr; last INWR 5 Apr.

Cackling Goose: arr SPNS 6 Mar (LH); 2 Lewiston NIAG, INWR 9 Mar; 5, 9 INWR 13, 17 Mar (PY, JP); 1, 3, 1 OOWMA 11, 15, 31 Mar; 2 Somerset NIAG 21 Mar; 3, 5 Yates ORLE 21 Mar, 2 Apr; 2 TWMA 22, 29 Mar; last INWR 6 Apr; good showing.

Mute Swan: 5 BeSP 3 Mar; TWMA 29 Mar; INWR 5 Apr, 2 May; only reports away from now regular 3-4 nest locations along L Ontario.
Trumpeter Swan: 2 N Harmony CHAU 10-12 Apr (JB), most recent sightings have occurred in CHAU.

Tundra Swan: 52 Rushford ALLE & Farmersville CATT 10 Mar; 85 Batavia GENE 12 Mar; 290 Hamburg HW, 40 TWMA 13 Mar; 215 Clymer CHAU, 66 Silver Creek CHAU 14 Mar; max 300 TWMA 19 Mar (RSo); last 106 BOSAC.

Wood Duck: arr Porter NIAG 7 Mar.

Gadwall: arr 10 INWR & 3 Alexander GENE 8 Mar.

EURASIAN WIGEON: OOWMA 17 Mar (CN); Alexander GENE 21, 22 Mar (DB, ED, JM); INWR 4-25 Apr, 2-3 May (DG, mob); OOWMA 25 Apr (PY); annual in spring in recent years.

Eurasian x Am. Wigeon: m INWR 11 Apr (JP!), best described as hybrid.

Am. Wigeon: max 300 TWMA 11 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 2 Alexander GENE 12 Mar.

N. Shoveler: arr 2 INWR 8 Mar; max 29 INWR 11 Apr.

N. Pintail: max 750 INWR 13 Mar (PY, RSa); 189 INWR 2 May (WD, BP, PH), good count for date.

Canvasback: max 8000 NR 1 Mar (D&DS); arr 2 BWWT 8 Mar.

Redhead: 72 Celeron ChauL 4 Mar; arr 11 TWMA, BWWT 8 Mar; 2 NF 7 May.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 9 Newstead ERIE, BWWT 8 Mar; 500 TWMA 13 Mar; 81 Tift NP 1 Apr; 3 BWWT 6, 14 May.

Greater Scaup: max 1582 DH 10 Mar (DN); 12 NF 7 May.

Lesser Scaup: arr 18 BWWT 11 Mar.

HARLEQUIN DUCK: f NF 7 May (JP, WW), second May record.

Surf Scoter: FNSP 13 Mar; 2 TBNP 15 Mar; 1, 2 Wilson NIAG 22 Mar, 5 Apr; 3 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 28 Mar; 3 FNSP 5 Apr; last Wilson NIAG 25 May (WD!).

White-winged Scoter: 2 Celeron ChauL 3 Mar; 10 DH 13 Mar, only reports away from L Ontario; last 2 Wilson NIAG 31 May.

Black Scoter: FNSP 1 Mar; 2 PB 21 Mar; only reports.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 2 INWR 19 Mar; 2 Oakfield GENE 22 Mar; S Dayton CATT 29 Mar; last 5 Olcott NIAG 29 May.

Bufflehead: arr TWMA 8 Mar; last 20 BOSMC.

Com. Goldeneye: arr BWWT, TWMA 8 Mar; Tift NP 3, 9 May; last 3 BOSMC.

Hooded Merganser: arr 4 Wilson NIAG 6 Mar; max 48 Bethany GENE 11 Mar.

Ruddy Duck: arr BWWT 8 Mar; max 36, 66, 60 BWWT 31 Mar, 6 Apr, 3 May; 7 INWR 25 Apr.

Red-throated Loon: 3 FMCS 7 Mar; 13 GHSP 21 Mar; max 105 Wilson NIAG 5 Apr; Celeron ChauL 28 Apr (JB); OOWMA 3 May (WW); last Wilson NIAG 25 May.

Com. Loon: arr Shadigee ORLE 21 Mar; ChauL 23 May; Wilson NIAG 31 May.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr BeSP 11 Mar.

Horned Grebe: arr Alexander GENE 10 Mar.

Red-necked Grebe: 5 BuSP 8 Mar; max 291 Somerset NIAG to PB 21 Mar (WD); 3 DH 21 Mar; INWR 22 Mar; last 23 BOSAC.

AM. WHITE PELICAN: 2 ChauL 25-29 Mar (ML, JB, BS, mob), earliest spring report; Cuba L ALLE 22 Apr (BeC), one day only.

Double-crested Cormorant: 192 MI 13 Apr; 138 + 39 n Strawberry I NR 29 Apr; Alma ALLE 15 May (RR, JeL), unusual location.

Am. Bittern: arr INWR 29 Mar (PY!), early; Alden ERIE 27 Apr (JM); TWMA 3, 25 May; Darien GENE 3 May (JM); Tift NP 3 May; 3 INWR 9 May; only reports.

Least Bittern: arr Tift NP 2, 3 May (DM); INWR 23, 30 May; only reports.

Great Blue Heron: max 99 + 92 n MI 29 Apr.

Great Egret: arr Hamburg ERIE 9 Mar (WW, JP), earliest ever by 11 days; BeSP 25 Mar; Conewango CATT 28 Mar; 2 MI 30 Mar; 2 ChauL 1 Apr; Jamestown CHAU 27 Apr; 66 + 36 n MI 29 Apr; max 106 MI 12 May; 2 Westfield CHAU 15 May.

SNOWY EGRET: BeSP 28 Apr (DS); DH 5-15 May (MaH, DN, mob), rare but regular in spring.

TRICOLORED HERON: Tift NP 24 May (BE), rare.

CATTLE EGRET: Pomfret CHAU 3 May (TM, DN), rare.

Green Heron: arr Pomfret CHAU 13 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 8 Strawberry I NR 9 Mar; max 150 MI 13 Apr; TWMA 30 May.

BLACK VULTURE: 1, 1 Hamburg HW 13, 23 Mar (JP, MiH; WW); Ripley HW 14 Mar; now nearly annual in spring.

Turkey Vulture: arr Amherst ERIE 4 Mar; 2184 Ripley HW 24 Mar; max 2460 Hamburg HW 2 Apr.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr TWMA, Allegheny Res CATT 28 Mar; 2 + n Tonawanda NR 24 Apr, new nesting

location, 2nd on the NR; max 17 Ripley HW 24 Apr.

Bald Eagle: too numerous to report all nesting locations; 8 N Harmony CHAU 11 Apr (JB); 36 BOSAC; 8 INWR & vicinity 30 May (DG, VR); max 15 Ripley HW 13 May; 24 BOSMC.

N. Goshawk: arr Yates ORLE 28 Mar (JP, BK); Newfane NIAG 24 Apr (BP, WD!); only reports away from hawkwatches.

Red-shouldered Hawk: arr 2 Orchard Park ERIE 1 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 2 Ripley HW 13 Apr; max 6360 Ripley HW 24 Apr.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 3 S Dayton CATT 1 Mar; 3 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 13 Apr; last 6 BOSMC.

Golden Eagle: Hamburg HW 13 Mar (JP, MiH!); Ripley HW 16 Mar; im SPNS 27 Apr (LH); only reports.

Merlin: 2 continued at SUNY Buffalo thru 20 Mar; arr Hamburg HW 21 Mar; Yates ORLE 28 Mar; 4 BOSAC; 2 INWR 25 Apr; Carlton ORLE 25 Apr; Eden ERIE 27 Apr; Salamanca CATT 24 May (TB!); last Olcott NIAG 27 May (JP!).

Peregrine Falcon: arr Hamburg HW 16 Mar; 2 + n SUNY Buffalo 21 Mar, new nesting location; Buffalo Central Terminal ERIE 6 Apr (MZ); numerous reports from nesting locations and elsewhere.

Virginia Rail: arr TWMA 29 Mar (PY!), early.

Sora: arr BuSP 9 Apr; 2 Cuba ALLE 15 May.

Com. Moorhen: arr INWR 5 Apr (CH!), early.

Am. Coot: arr TWMA 15 Mar; max 103 INWR 26 Apr.

Sandhill Crane: arr Napoli CATT 14 Mar (ME); 2 Buffalo ERIE 22 Mar (BH); Amherst ERIE 25 Mar; 2 Yates ORLE 2 Apr (WD, BP); 2 INWR 4 Apr; 2 Sinclairville CHAU 6 Apr (VR); 2 Tift NP 9 Apr (JP, RSa); 2 Hamburg HW 13 Apr (WW); 2 Pomfret CHAU 18 Apr (JG); 2 BOSAC; 4 Carlton ORLE 24 Apr (BP, WD); 2 WFWMA 10 May (JB); LESP 13 May (DN); 2 Varysburg WYOM 15 May (TS); 2 BOSMC; good showing.

Black-bellied Plover: no reports.

Semipalmated Plover: arr Sherman CHAU 1 May, earliest ever; max 32 TWMA 14 May.

Killdeer: arr 3 DH 6 Mar.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr INWR 27 Mar.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr Batavia GENE 10, 12 Mar (ED, DB!, photo), earliest ever by two weeks; max 151 TWMA 3 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Yates ORLE 24 Apr; max 12 TWMA 2 May.

Willet: 28, 17 Bemus Pt ChauL 30 Apr, 1 May (PB, KV, BS), earliest spring report, good count, rare.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr 5 BOSAC.

Upland Sandpiper: arr 3 BOSAC; BOSMC; only reports.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr TWMA 9 May (CM), early; Wilson NIAG 27 May; 4 BWWT, 2 Buffalo Harbor ERIE, 2 TWMA 31 May (JP, DW); only reports.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 5 TWMA 13 May; max 20 Olcott NIAG 29 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr 2 Sherman CHAU 30 Apr; max 158 Yates ORLE 19 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr 1, 1, 3 TWMA 23, 30, 31 May (WD, DW); only reports.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr FMCSP 28 Mar; last TWMA 23 May.

Purple Sandpiper: NF 22, 29 Mar, 13 Apr (WW, DW, PY), traditional location for spring reports.

Dunlin: arr Sherman CHAU 1 May; max 40 TWMA 25 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 2 TWMA 14 May; 3 Conewango WMA CATT 15 May (TB); last TWMA 23 May; only reports.

Dowitcher species: 6 Sherman CHAU 1 May; 3 TWMA 2, 3 May (AG, WW!), distant but considered to be probable Long-billed.

Wilson's Snipe: arr Dunkirk Airport CHAU 18 Mar; 12 AISP 21 Mar; 30 Randolph CATT 28 Mar; 25 Lancaster ERIE 7 Apr.

Am. Woodcock: arr Pomfret CHAU 12 Mar.

Little Gull: 7, 11 Lewiston NR 5, 28 Mar; 2 Buffalo NR 9, 13 Apr; max 43 FNSP 10 Apr (JP, WD); 2 Wilson NIAG 28 Apr; 2 Lewiston NR 29 May (JP!); 2 FNSP 29 May (JP!), late.

BLACK-HEADED GULL: Lewiston NR 5 Apr (JP, WD); FNSP 29-30 May (JP!), late.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 5784 FNSP 10 Apr (JP, WD); 300 Lewiston NR 21 May (JP); 250 FNSP 29 May, good counts for late in season.

Iceland Gull: INWR 15 Mar (WD, AG), rare inland; max 8, 8 NF 28 Mar, 16 Apr; 2, 2 Porter NIAG 26, 29 Mar; 2 Lewiston NR 5 Apr; Wilson NIAG 27-29 May (JP! WW!), late.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1, 1 INWR 13, 15 Mar (PY; WD, AG); OOWMA 15 Mar (WD, AG), rare inland; 3 Porter NIAG 26 Mar; Silver Creek CHAU 13, 14 Apr (DN); max 6 NF 16 Apr; 2 Wilson NIAG 28 Apr; last NF 21 May.

Glaucous Gull: FMCSP 7, 28 Mar; 2 Porter NIAG 29 Mar; Silver Creek CHAU 12, 14 Apr; WTSP 28 Apr; last Wilson NIAG 27-29 May (JP! WW!), late.

Great Black-backed Gull: ChauL 30 May, unusual location for date.

Caspian Tern: arr 5 DH 7 Apr; max 271, 175 Wilson NIAG 28 Apr, 16 May; 6 ChauL 1 May; 67 DH 2 May.

Com. Tern: arr 2 Lewiston NR 6 Apr (BC); 10 ChauL 1 May; 84 Wilson NIAG 4 May (WD); 19 TWMA 14 May; 180 Lewiston NR 21 May; 150 FNSP 29 May.

Forster's Tern: arr Tonawanda NR 24 Apr (JP, DG); 2 BeSP 30 Apr (DS); only reports.

Black Tern: arr 8 INWR 2 May; max 30 INWR 13 May (JM); FNSP 29 May (JP, WW); N Harmony CHAU 30 May (JB, BS).

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr 3 Alma, 2 Willing ALLE 15 May.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Bethany GENE, Alexander GENE 16 May.

Snowy Owl: NF Airport NIAG 8-14 Mar (CR), only report.

Long-eared Owl: FMCSP 21 Mar; WTSP 27 Mar; Hartland NIAG 28 Mar; only reports.

Short-eared Owl: Royalton NIAG 11 Mar; 4 Cambria NIAG 12 Mar; 3 Hartland NIAG 28 Mar; 2 Darien GENE 1, 7 Apr (JM); Hamburg HW 13 Apr; last 3 Porter NIAG 18 Apr (VR), courtship behavior observed but no sightings followed.

BOREAL OWL: WTSP 27 Mar (BP!, mob), 5th regional report.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 22 Mar-1 Apr WTSP; Tift NP 15 May (CN); TWMA 23 May (WD, BP); only reports.

Com. Nighthawk: arr Clarence ERIE 16 May; 2 BOSMC; Orchard Park ERIE 18 May; Wilson NIAG 22 May; Buffalo ERIE 29 May; only reports.

Whip-poor-will: LBSP ORLE 25 Apr (WD), only report.

Chimney Swift: arr 15 INWR 9 Apr (DG, VR), earliest ever.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Alma ALLE 29 Apr (HL), ties earliest ever.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Silver Creek CHAU 1 Mar; Bond Lake NIAG 8 Mar; arr Reinsteins Preserve ERIE 21 Mar; Alexander GENE 22 Mar.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Newfane NIAG 28 Mar; BOSAC; arr Buffalo ERIE 28 Apr; Oakfield GENE 2, 13 May; 2 FNSP 3 May; 2 LBSP 6, 18 May; Wilson NIAG 16, 18 May; 20 BOSMC; Olcott NIAG 27 May; only reports.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr BOSMC, only report.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr LESP 13 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr 2 BOSMC; AmSP 21 May; Perrysburg CHAU 25 May; Pomfret CHAU 31 May; only reports.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr INWR 6 May (BrC), 2nd earliest ever; Pomfret CHAU 15 May; Newfane NIAG 27 May (JP), migrant; Wilson NIAG 28 May (WD, BP), migrant; rarely identified in migration away from breeding locations.

Alder Flycatcher: arr 2 BOSMC.

Willow Flycatcher: arr Sheridan CHAU 16 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr Tift NP 25 Apr.

E. Phoebe: arr Grand I ERIE 24 Mar.

Gr. Crested Flycatcher: arr Tift NP 26 Apr.

E. Kingbird: arr Darien Lakes SP GENE 28 Apr.

N. Shrike: last Conewango CATT 8 Apr.

White-eyed Vireo: arr 2, 1 Tift NP 30 Apr, 3 May (WW, DS); Wilson NIAG 3 May (WD); Sheridan CHAU 17 May; Cherry Creek CHAU 21 May (JeL).

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Buffalo ERIE 28 Apr.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr 14 BOSAC.

Warbling Vireo: arr AmSP 25 Apr.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr Tift NP 9 May; Wilson NIAG 16 May; 14 BOSMC; 3 AmSP 18 May; INWR 24 May; Newfane NIAG 27 May; only reports.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr BeSP 1 May (DS).

Com. Raven: 2, 1 Colden ERIE 15 Mar, 25 May; Concord ERIE 17 Apr; Carroll CHAU 24 May; only reports outside ALLE, CATT besides BOS counts.

Purple Martin: arr Tift NP 14 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr INWR 15 Mar; BWWT 16 Mar.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr 2 Tift NP 9 Apr.

Bank Swallow: arr Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 10 Apr (RSa!), early.

Cliff Swallow: arr 2 BOSAC.

Barn Swallow: arr Tonawanda ERIE 2 Apr.

Carolina Wren: 19 BOSAC and 15 BOSMC; up slightly from last year's count totals.

House Wren: arr 2 BOSAC.

Winter Wren: arr 2 Tift NP 1 Apr.

Marsh Wren: arr 3 Tift NP 3 May.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr WTSP 23 Mar.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Tift NP 5 Apr.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Tift NP 25 Apr.

Veery: arr Carroll CHAU 2 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Tonawanda ERIE 15 May; four other reports.

Swainson's Thrush: arr 3 Buffalo ERIE 27 Apr (DG!); AmSP 28 Apr; early.

Hermit Thrush: arr Tift NP 31 Mar.

Wood Thrush: arr Wilson NIAG 25 Apr.

Gray Catbird: arr Houghton ALLE 16 Apr.

Brown Thrasher: arr 21 BOSAC.

Am. Pipit: arr 75 Yates ORLE 2 Apr; max 100 S. Dayton CATT 4 Apr.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr WTSP, PG 26 Apr (WD, MC!; DW); slightly early.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr AmSP 25 Apr (SM), earliest ever; Sheridan CHAU 27 Apr (DN!); Wilson NIAG 6 May (BP, WD); WTSP 6 May (BP); Holland ERIE 15 May (CN), with some 'extra yellow'; only reports.

"Brewster's" Warbler: arr Alexander GENE 4 May; Pomfret CHAU 6 May; 2 INWR 23 May; only reports.

"Lawrence's Warbler: AmSP 15 May (JP!); Sheridan CHAU 19 May (R&CB); this hybrid form is still rare.

Tennessee Warbler: arr 2 Wilson NIAG, FMCS, Williamsville ERIE 8 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr BeSP 4 May (DS); 2 BOSMC; only reports.

Nashville Warbler: arr Andover ALLE, 2 PB 25 Apr.

N. Parula: arr PG 26 Apr (DW); 2 AmSP 27 Apr (MM!), early.

Yellow Warbler: arr INWR 24 Apr.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr WFWMA 26 Apr (JB); 2 Wilson NIAG (BP!) 27 Apr; early.

Magnolia Warbler: arr Buffalo ERIE 27 Apr (DG!), early.

Cape May Warbler: arr Tift NP 1 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Sheridan CHAU 30 Apr.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Orchard Park ERIE 15 Mar (MZ); arr Alden ERIE 11 Apr.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Sheridan CHAU 24 Apr.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr 2 Wilson NIAG, SPNS 27 Apr.

Pine Warbler: arr 18 BOSAC; 4 Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 10 May; Wilson NIAG 25-31 May; 2 Somerset NIAG 27 May.

Prairie Warbler: arr AISP 26 Apr (PC); 3 Cherry Creek CHAU 20 May (JeL); AISP 24 May.

Palm Warbler: arr 9 BOSAC; last LESP 18 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Silver Creek CHAU 6 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr PG 2 May (DW), early; Tift NP 9 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr PG 2 May (DW); Wilson NIAG 13 May (BP); Alexander GENE 24 May (KF).

Black-and-white Warbler: arr Sheridan CHAU 25 Apr.

Am. Redstart: arr Shelby GENE 2 May.

Prothonotary Warbler: arr 1, 3 TWMA 9, 23 May; INWR 24 May (JeL).

WORM-EATING WARBLER: BeSP 12 May (DS), only report.

Ovenbird: arr PG 26 Apr.

N. Waterthrush: arr AmSP, Tift NP 25 Apr.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 12 BOSAC; max 4 Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 10 May.

Mourning Warbler: arr Tift NP 13 May.

C. Yellowthroat: arr Williamsville ERIE 28 Apr.

Hooded Warbler: arr AmSP 27 Apr.

Wilson's Warbler: arr LESP, AmSP 13 May.

Canada Warbler: arr Buffalo ERIE 2 May, early.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

SUMMER TANAGER: imm m GHSP 17-18 May (JP!, GC!), rare.

Scarlet Tanager: arr AmSP 27 Apr (RSa! PY!), early.

E. Towhee: 2 Colden ERIE, Silver Creek CHAU 26 Mar.

Am. Tree Sparrow: 2 Cassadaga CHAU & 2 AmSP 22 Apr; last Attica WYOM 17 May (JoL), late.

Chipping Sparrow: arr Wilson NIAG 1 Apr.

Clay-colored Sparrow: WTSP 16 May (JP!, WD!), only report.

Field Sparrow: arr Tift NP 28 Mar.

Vesper Sparrow: arr Wilson NIAG 5 Apr; 4, 4 N. Harmony CHAU 6, 10 Apr (JB); 3 Pomfret CHAU 7 Apr; Belmont ALLE 12 Apr; 4 BOSAC.

Savannah Sparrow: arr Busti CHAU 6 Apr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr 2 Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 6 May; 2 BOSMC; 2 Artpark SP NIAG 24 May (BP, WD); only reports.

Henslow's Sparrow: no reports.

Fox Sparrow: arr AISP 21 Mar; max 10 Tift NP 17 Apr; last 2 BOSMC.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr PB 25 Apr (JP), early; last Tift NP 28 May.

Swamp Sparrow: arr INWR 5 Apr.

White-throated Sparrow: last Wilson NIAG 30 May.

White-crowned Sparrow: Porter NIAG 28 Mar; arr Tift NP 9 Apr.

Lapland Longspur: 2 Yates ORLE 28 Mar; 7 Somerset NIAG 2 Apr; max 60 Yates ORLE 2 Apr; only reports.

Snow Bunting: max 400 Eagle WYOM 10 Mar; last 3 Eden ERIE 18 Mar.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Collins ERIE 25 Apr.

Indigo Bunting: arr NF 27 Apr (DR), early; Alma ALLE 29 Apr (HL); Elma ERIE 30 Apr.

DICKCISSEL: Clarence ERIE thru 19 Apr (DA), continued since late January.

Bobolink: arr Pomfret CHAU 25 Apr (DN!); Batavia GENE 27 Apr (JM!); early.

E. Meadowlark: arr Tiffn NP 14 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 15 Sheridan CHAU 8 Mar; max 165 S. Dayton CATT 9 Mar (DN); 40 Clarence ERIE 14 Mar; 110 INWR 4 Apr; last 3 BOSMC.

Brown-headed Cowbird: arr 2 Silver Creek CHAU 8 Mar.

Orchard Oriole: arr Collins ERIE 25 Apr (GR); Silver Creek CHAU 29 Apr (DN); Eden ERIE 5 May; 4 Varysburg WYOM 15 May (TS); 2 Wilson NIAG 16 May; 2 Pomfret CHAU 31 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Sheridan CHAU, Collins ERIE, Orchard Park ERIE 26 Apr.

Purple Finch: 327 BOSAC; 23 Silver Creek CHAU 23 Apr (DN), at feeder; 20 Wilson NIAG 27 Apr (WD), at feeder; good numbers around in mid to late Apr; 197 BOSMC.

Red Crossbill: 21 ALLE BOSMC.

White-winged Crossbill: 2 Fredonia CHAU 1-12 Mar; 26 Rushford ALLE 10 Mar; 25 Eggertsville ERIE 22 Mar; 15 AmSP 30 Mar; 36 Alfred ALLE 3 Apr; Wilson NIAG 6 Apr; Ward ALLE 18 Apr; 9 BOSAC; 2 Williamsville ERIE 21 Apr; flock Wales ERIE 16 May (GL); last 6 Olcott NIAG 27 May (JP); sightings decreased considerably after March.

Com. Redpoll: 43 BuSP 6 Mar; 40 Alexander GENE 12 Mar; Silver Creek CHAU 10 Apr; 58 BOSAC; Wilson NIAG 21 Apr; last Williamsville ERIE 23 Apr; few reports after March.

HOARY REDPOLL: Holland ERIE thru 3 Mar (CN!); BuSP 6 Mar (WW!); rare.

Pine Siskin: 112 banded Alfred ALLE 8-31 Mar (EB); 1409 BOSAC; max 100 Youngstown NIAG 26 Apr; 58 Eden ERIE 4 May; 6 Jamestown CHAU, 2 Williamsville ERIE 31 May; well reported until late May.

Evening Grosbeak: 5 ALLE BOSMC; only report.