

REGION 10—MARINE

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After a virtually snowless winter here in Region 10, March came in like a lion, dumping 11" of snow at Islip on the 3rd and a few inches more in some localities. Still, the month's precipitation total came in at only 2.43", -2.33" compared to normal. The mean temperature for March was 38.3° F, 1.0° below normal. April featured many days with significant wind. A warm spell began on the 23rd and reached 90° + on the 27th, causing accelerated leaf-out of trees, much like last year. April's mean temperature was 1.6° above normal, at 50.7°, and precipitation was near normal at 4.86". It rained for eight of the first ten days of May and sporadically thereafter, and the precipitation total for the month was 5.88", 1.98" above average. Only a few days were really warm, but the mean temperature was just 0.2° cooler than average, at 59°.

As usual, quite a few winter rarities lingered into spring, including Ross's Geese, two **"Black" Brant**, "Richardson's" Cackling Geese, most of the scarce but regular ducks, and the continuing **Western Grebe** at Staten Island. Doug Kurz's **Varied Thrush** remained at Sands Pt., in northern Nassau County, through 24 March.

May's cool, wet weather didn't discourage the late spring seabird flight, which featured a strong showing by Sooty Shearwaters mid-month, the usual scattering of small numbers of Manx Shearwaters, good numbers of Wilson's

Storm-Petrels by month's end, several flocks of near-shore Red-necked Phalaropes, several Parasitic Jaegers, and about a dozen Black Terns. On 17 May, Sooty Shearwaters were observed over both Shinnecock and Moriches Bays, a very unusual context in our Region; several birds were seen settling on the latter bay at dusk. Exceptional numbers of Gull-billed Terns were observed at Jones Inlet, peaking at 15 on 15 May. The trend toward earlier arrival of Royal Tern continued this year with a breeding-plumaged bird at Pike's Beach on 30 May. A female Roseate Tern was photographed copulating repeatedly with a male Common Tern at Democrat Pt. on 29 May (see *Notes and Observations*, this issue).

Mary Normandia counted **100** Pine Warblers at Shu Swamp, in northern Nassau County, on 8 April—an astonishing total by historical norms. It is worth noting that this species has increased markedly as a spring migrant in recent years, and that double-digit counts have become the norm at favorable sites during mid April (e.g., 25 at Hempstead Lake SP on 10 April 2006, KB 56: 296).

The first big wave of Neotropical migrant landbirds arrived early, on 25 April, overlapping to a greater than usual degree with the main passage of medium-distance migrants. Prior to this date, several trans-Gulf “slingshot” events brought early examples of characteristic Neotropical species, such as Indigo Bunting, Blue and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Summer and Scarlet Tanagers, and several wood-warblers (see KB 55, No. 3). Clusters of these birds appeared on 4-5 April and 8-10 April at outer coastal sites, usually unaccompanied by waves of more seasonal migrants, suggesting long-distance displacement. Although 22 April was a big day for medium-distance migrants in the southwestern part of the Region, the few migrants recorded further east that day evinced a decided slingshot flavor. Quite unexpected among the earliest pulse was a Yellow-throated Vireo, a species seldom involved in (or perhaps seldom surviving) these events, photographed at Baiting Hollow on **5 April** by Linda Sullivan.

The big push of Neotropicals 25-26 April included many species for which such a date would have seemed preposterous just a few years ago, for instance, Swainson's Thrush and Blackpoll, Bay-breasted, and Canada Warblers. One of the rarest birds of the season, a **Townsend's Warbler** at Prospect Park, occurred in this context but was seen by few apart from its finders. A more obliging Yellow-throated Warbler was also present there on 25 April, where it was regarded as a barely adequate consolation prize by some of the jaded twitchers who missed the Townsend's! The spectacular breeding-plumaged **Ruff** found by Tom Burke in Rye (in Reg. 9) that evening should have perked up even the most blasé New York area listers, provided they didn't mind squandering lots of gasoline. Unfortunately, May did not live up to expectations raised by this early start to the Neotropical migration season. Many observers failed to connect with a single stellar morning this spring, a plaint that has become alarmingly routine in recent years.

Both vultures continued to increase in frequency in New York City and on Long Island, to the extent that enumerating all records has become impossible—

even for Black Vulture. Turkey Vulture has catapulted from year-round scarcity on Long Island to ubiquity (e.g., Salzman 2007, KB 57: 301), winter roosts (Gillen 2009, KB 59: 123), and even breeding (KB 58:400) over the course of less than a decade. During the same interval, Black Vulture has moved from real rarity to regular occurrence in Region 10, and breeding here now seems almost inevitable. Why these species are finally now invading the coastal zone, decades after their respective colonizations of mainland New York, deserves attention.

Seemingly following the examples of the vultures is another large, black, carrion-feeding denizen of the inland ridges—**Common Raven**. Rare even in the Adirondacks during the early 20th Century and almost unknown in Region 10 throughout historical times, this species has been increasing steadily now for several decades (*The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State*, McGowan and Corwin, eds.). If Long Island's heavily urbanized, low-relief landscape can be regarded as the Raven's last frontier in New York State, then the species seems poised for ubiquity at last! This spring's records from around the Queens –Nassau County line follow a couple of pioneering visits near there in 2006, documented by Peter Martin (KB 57: 15-16), as well as a spate of reports from Staten Island last winter (KB 59: 100-106).

Other rarities, not mentioned above, include a **Sandhill Crane** found by Claire Borrelli and Amy Simmons at Gabreski Airport on 17 May and seen by many others through the next day; and a **Black-necked Stilt** found by Pat Egen and Rich Carlan at Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area on 8 May and present for more than a week thereafter. The crane remains genuinely rare in Region 10, despite its recent increases upstate. Sam Jannazzo's **Lark Sparrow** at Jones Beach on 24 April is one of very few ever seen in Region 10 during spring.

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ABBREVIATIONS

1S, 2S—first, second summer plumage; APP—Alley Pond P, QUEE; BBG—Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, KING; CCP—Cupsogue CP, SUFF; CHP—Conference House P, RICH; CLP—Clove Lake P, RICH; CP—Central Park, NEWY; DOP—Drier-Offerman P, KING; DP—Democrat Pt, SUFF; EH—East Hampton, SUFF; FBF—Floyd Bennett Field, KING; FP—Forest P, QUEE; GCP—Gardiner CP, Bay Shore, SUFF; GKP—Great Kills P, RICH; Grumman—former Grumman property, Calverton, SUFF; GW Cem—Greenwood Cemetery, KING; HLSP—Hempstead L SP, NASS; Jam Bay—Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, KING & QUEE; JBSP—Jones Beach SP, NASS; JBWE—Jones Beach SP West End, NASS; MB—Mecox Bay, SUFF; MI—Moriches In, SUFF; MLUA—Mount Loretto Unique Area, RICH; MP—Montauk Pt, SUFF; moot—status ambiguous, winter resident vs. spring migrant; OMNSA—Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, NASS; OP—Orient Pt, SUFF; PiB—Pike's Beach, Westhampton Dunes, SUFF; PL—Point Lookout, NASS; PP—Prospect P, KING; RMSP—Robert Moses SP, SUFF; Sagg—Sagaponack Pd & vic., SUFF; Shinn—Shinnecock In and vic.; SI—Staten Island, RICH; SMSP—Sunken Meadow SP, SPCP—Smith's Pt CP, SUFF; SY—second year plumage; VSSP—Valley Stream SP, NASS; WPP—Wolfe's Pd P, RICH.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: 1,500 Jam Bay 4 Mar; departed e LI 25 Mar & w LI 22 Apr; GW Cem 10 May, injured.

Ross's Goose: SY Camman's Pd, NASS thru 10 Apr, from winter; SY Big Egg Marsh, QUEE thru 28 Mar, from winter.

"BLACK" BRANT: Corona P, QUEE 20 Mar (KM, SA); WPP 25 Mar (AnW)-22 Apr (SSM ph).

"Richardson's" Cackling Goose: Hook Pd, EH 1 Mar; Further Lane, EH 15 Mar.

Mute Swan: 242 MB 26 Apr.

Tundra Swan: 7 Georgica Pd, EH 1 Mar, from winter; Water Mill, SUFF 21 Mar (MMcB).

Eurasian Wigeon: m Mattituck, SUFF 8-15 Mar (PG); m hybrid x Am. Wigeon also present.

Blue-winged Teal: arr WPP & FBF 27 Mar; SI & Jam Bay thru 9 May at least.

N. Shoveler: pr Montauk 12 Apr, where rare; Jam Bay thru 9 May at least.

Green-winged Teal: max 130 Terrell Ri P, SUFF 13 Mar; last Jam Bay & Sagg 26 Apr.

Canvasback: 35 Water Mill 31 Mar.

Redhead: last Capri Pd, W Islip, SUFF 5 Apr.

Ring-necked Duck: m PP thru; otherwise last SMSP 26 Apr.

Greater Scaup: 12,000 GKP 4 Mar (SBI).

Lesser Scaup: last Jam Bay 9 May.

King Eider: 5 Montauk thru 21 Mar, from winter; 3 Plumb Beach, KING 8 May.

Com. Eider: no large numbers reported; lingering 14 OP 24 May & 2 MP 30 May.

Harlequin Duck: f GKP 3-25 Apr (J Gavrity, et al.), where v rare; cont from winter at trad sites; last OP 26 May.

Surf Scoter: Riis P, QUEE 28 May.

White-winged Scoter: MP and off Oyster Pd, Montauk 30 May.

Black Scoter: SPCP 31 May.

Long-tailed Duck: SI 24 May.

Bufflehead: DOP 10 May.

Barrow's Goldeneye: m Orient Harbor, SUFF thru 14 Mar.

Hooded Merganser: CP 18 May.

Com. Merganser: HLSP 26 Apr.

Ruddy Duck: 1000 Water Mill 31 Mar.; CP 8 May.

Ring-necked Pheasant: inds Jam Bay, JBSP, & RMSP locally unus; max 15 Peconic, SUFF 26 Mar.

RUFFED GROUSE (R10): reported Calverton, SUFF 5 May (BA); photos or full details of any record would be greatly appreciated.

Wild Turkey: WPP 5 Apr, unus on SI.

N. Bobwhite: reported from four areas in SUFF.

Red-throated Loon: CP Res 4 Mar, unus loc; 14 SPCP 31 May, late for so many.

Com. Loon: 553 Montauk 7 Mar; 22 migr DP 30 May.

Pied-billed Grebe: CP Res 14 May-13 Apr, unus loc; Babylon, SUFF 8 May, late.

Red-necked Grebe: 4 Gravesend Bay, KING 18 Mar; alt Gravesend Bay 8 May; SI 9 May, late.

Eared Grebe: Lemon Cr Pier, RICH 1-31 Mar (SWo, mob).

WESTERN GREBE: Lemon Cr Pier-WPP 13-31 Mar, presumably same ind from winter.

Sooty Shearwater: arr 3 DP 16 May; 6

Moriches Bay, ca. Pikes's Beach, SUFF 17 May, v unus context; max 20 MP 22 May; 2 Fort Tilden, QUEE 26 May, westernmost.

Manx Shearwater: arr MP 22 May.

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: arr 44 DP 29 May.

N. Gannet: many reports 4 Apr of birds exploring Raritan Bay, south shore inlets, & e LI Sound; 750+ Plumb Beach, RICH 16 Apr; 280 Amagansett 21 May; 150 DP 29 May, late for so many.

Brown Pelican: L Montauk, SUFF 5 Apr (JP).

Am. Bittern: migrants perched 60-100' in trees mid Apr & early Mar attracted attention PP and FP.

Least Bittern: Plumb Beach 9 May; SI 9 May; Northville 12 May.

Great Egret: widespread arr 21 Mar.

Snowy Egret: arr e LI Mecox 31 Mar.

Little Blue Heron: Springs, EH 29 Mar & 9 Apr (AnW).

Tricolored Heron: Springs, EH 9 Apr (AnW), unus loc; very few reports away from Jam Bay.

Cattle Egret: 5 widely scattered reports 30 Apr-18 May.

Green Heron: HLSP 12 Apr; widespread arr 25 Apr.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: Camman's Pond 22 Mar, early.

Glossy Ibis: arr 2 Bellport Bay Marina 14 Mar, early.

Black Vulture: more than a dozen widely scattered reports 15 Mar-24 May, continues to increase.

Turkey Vulture: at least 46 reports from throughout Region.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: widespread arrival around 10 Mar.

Bald Eagle: 12 widely scattered reports.

N. Harrier: potential breeders include pr Cedar Beach, T Babylon, SUFF 16 May, displaying; pr Grumman thru; Shinn 17 May.

Cooper's Hawk: many reports, inc nest E. Islip.

N. Goshawk: imm Napeague 4 Apr.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 4 reports North Fork 26 Mar-26 Apr; ad Water Mill 19 Apr; PP 9 May.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr BBG 3 Apr (DG), early; a few scattered reports late Apr; Jam Bay 10 May.

Rough-legged Hawk: dark morph Grumman thru 21 Mar; last Fresh Kills, RICH 22 Mar.

Am. Kestrel: max 10+ Grumman 5 Apr; 8 Grumman 23 Apr.

Merlin: last MP 30 May.

Virginia Rail: arr Little Reed Pd, Montauk 18 Apr.

Sora: SI big day 9 May, only report.

Com. Moorhen: SI big day 9 May, only report.

Am. Coot: lingered into May Jam Bay; present Aquebogue thru, only regional nesting site.

SANDHILL CRANE (R10): Gabreski Airport 17-18 May (C Borrelli, AS, mob ph).

Black-bellied Plover: max 500 Jam Bay 26 May.

Semipalmated Plover: arr MB 25 Apr; max 55 Sagg 16 May.

Piping Plover: 13 JBWE 22 Mar; 14 prs at Westhampton Dunes by mid Apr (fide RJK).

Am. Oystercatcher: arr GKP 5 Mar; also PL, Captree SP, SUFF, & Shinn 8 Mar.

BLACK-NECKED STILT: OMNSA 8 May (PE, RC) thru 15 May; also Cow Meadow P, NASS 12-17 May, prob same ind.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr Forge R 14 Mar, early for genuine migr, but possibly wintered.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 Montauk 12 Apr; max 25 Goethals Bridge Pd, RICH 8 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: widespread arr 22-24 Apr.

Willet: arr Jam Bay 17 Apr; arr e LI Sagg 25 Apr.

Willet (*inornatus*): 1S MB 26 Apr (AnW); 1S Shinn 24 May (PJJ, SSM); 2 1S CCP 25 May (PJJ, SSM), rare in spring.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr 2 Marine P, KING 22 Apr; arr e LI Northville 29 Apr.

Upland Sandpiper: Grumman 16 Apr (PS ph); Orient 15 May (R&N Willot).

Whimbrel: MB 26 Apr; Dune Rd, SUFF 3 May; 2 RMSP 17 May; only reports.

Ruddy Turnstone: max 507 PiB 24 May.

Red Knot: largest counts 50 JBWE 1 May; 73 PiB 24 May; 235 Big Egg Marsh, Jam Bay 26 May.

Sanderling: 2300 Plumb Beach 28 May, high count; max 2700 PiB 28 May.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Sagg 25 Apr; 1400 Jam Bay 26 May, high count; max 2800 MI 24 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr Jam Bay 18 May; max 208 Sagg 16 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr 2 Sagg 16 May; 8 MI 30 May; max 11+ Plumb Beach 31 May.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 2 Rita's Horse Farm, Montauk 5 Apr; Sammy's Beach, EH 26 Apr; only reports.

Purple Sandpiper: last Tiana Beach, SUFF bay shore 30 May.

Dunlin: max 350 Jam Bay 26 May.

Stilt Sandpiper: alt Sagg 17 May, only report.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr Sagg 25 Apr; no large counts reported, e.g., 20 Triton Lane near Shinn 17 May.

Wilson's Snipe: arr Georgica Pd 14 Mar; max 7 MLUA 21 Mar.

Red-necked Phalarope: 3 CCP 25 May; 4 RMSP 27 May; 27 DP 29 May; all on ocean, only reports.

Black-legged Kittiwake: MP 1 Mar, only report.

Bonaparte's Gull: zero PL 15 Mar, formerly the time and place for thousands; max 100 WPP mid Mar.

Black-headed Gull: imm Accabonac, SUFF 12 Apr; imm Paerdegat Basin, KING 6 May.

Little Gull: ad MP 30 May (AnW), only report.

Laughing Gull: arr Rockaway Beach 19 Mar; widespread arr 4 Apr.

Iceland Gull: at least a dozen reports; last RMSP 7 May, JBSP 9 May, and Northville thru 27 May (AB).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: at least 23 reports; max 3 Heckscher SP, SUFF 7 May.

Glaucous Gull: Jones Inlet 7-17 Mar, 17 Apr; SI Raritan Bay shore 13 Mar, 5 Apr; HLSP 12 Apr.

Least Tern: arr MB 25 Apr.

Gull-billed Tern: arr 2 JBWE 2 May; 10 JBWE 13 May (S Brody); 15 JBWE 15 May (JGI); 12 JBWE 16 May (mob ph), all without precedent in spring.

Caspian Tern: arr 7 Georgica Pd 23 Apr; four other widely scattered reports thru 17 May.

Black Tern: arr Shinn 10 May & Jam Bay 15 May; max 3 RMSP 24 May; about six more reports from outer shore thru 30 May.

Roseate Tern: arr Northville 3 May; 21 DP 16 May, many for site; small numbers MI & Shinn, inc 1-2 pairs marsh island colony near Triton Lane; 100+ MP 17 May; female copulating with Common Tern DP 29 May, see pp. 236-237.

Com. Tern: widespread arr 2 May; 550 DP 16 May, high count; max 1500 MP 17 May; 1S arr JBWE 16 May, early; 1S & 2 2S CCP 25 May.

Forster's Tern: arr 4 JBSP 10 Apr; 5 (1S, 3 2S, ad) CCP 31 May, east of regular breeding areas.

Royal Tern: alt PiB 30 May (K&SF, mob).

Black Skimmer: arr 66 Plumb Beach 29 Apr; 310 Plumb Beach 14 May.

Parasitic Jaeger: CCP 23 May; 2 RMSP 26 May.

Dovekie: Lemon Creek P, RICH 9 Mar (S Saphir, L Swenson).

THICK-BILLED MURRE: Ditch Plains, SUFF 1 Mar, from winter.

Razorbill: last Amagansett 4 Apr.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Monk Parakeet: 30 Pelham Bay P, BRON 5 Apr; Amityville, SUFF 13 Apr.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr PP 29 Apr; HLSP 2 May, both early.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr 26 Apr Jam Bay & Inwood Hill P, NEWY, early.

Barn Owl: pr nesting again 30 Mar in box visible at Jam Bay.

Snowy Owl: 3 JBWE thru 14 Mar, from winter; Napeague thru 8 Mar, from winter.

Short-eared Owl: 2 Grumman 6 Mar; Westhampton 9 Mar.

Com. Nighthawk: widespread arr 8-10 May.

Chuck-will's-widow: Westhampton & Quogue week of 26 Apr.

Whip-poor-will: arr 25 Apr GKP and Westhampton & Quogue week of 26 Apr; migr Jam Bay 27 Apr; CP 24 May.

Chimney Swift: 2 PP 22 Apr; widespread arr 24-25 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: widespread arr 26 Apr; late migr CCP 30 May & CP 31 May.

Belted Kingfisher: arr 8 Mar GCP, SUFF & Fort Pond, Montauk.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Shinn 26 Apr; HLSP 28 Apr; EH 29 Apr; PP 30 Apr-10 May; VSSP 2-9 May; CHP 9 May; FBF 9 May; MLUA 18 May; breeders present again Calverton 7 May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: widespread arr 14-15 Mar.

N. Flicker: conspicuous migr 1 Apr.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: PP 12, 25 May; CLP 19 May; CP 20, 31 May.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr FP 28 Apr, early; widespread arr 7 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: CP 7, 15, 30, 31 May; SI 8, 30 May; Rocky Pt DEC, SUFF 24 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: PP 11, 23, 31 May; CP 16, 23 May; nest VSSP 23 May-19 Jun (BBe, MB).

Alder Flycatcher: CP31 May (TF), only report.

Willow Flycatcher: widespread arr 9 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr CP 25 Apr; arr e LI Greenport 2 May.

E. Phoebe: widespread arr 14-15 Mar.

Great Crested Flycatcher: widespread arr 25-26 Apr.

E. Kingbird: widespread arr 25-26 Apr; max 20 Shelter I 9 May, in dense fog.

White-eyed Vireo: arr HLSP 8 Apr, early.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Baiting Hollow 5 Apr, exceptionally early (L Sullivan ph); Mt Sinai 23 Apr; widespread arr 25 Apr.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr CP 12 Mar; max 7 JBSP 19 Apr.

Warbling Vireo: arr HLSP 8 Apr, exceptionally early; widespread arr 25 Apr.

Philadelphia Vireo: PP 11 & 19 May; CP 12 May (C Bloch); FP 24 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr CP 25 Apr; widespread arr 8 May.

Blue Jay: JBSP 25 Apr, barrier beach migr.

COMMON RAVEN (R10): Frick Estate, Roslyn 25 Mar, 12 Apr (PM); 2 Riverdale 26 Mar (JD); SI 15 Apr (SWo), 18 Apr (RRV), & 23 Apr (2, HF); FP 12 May (EM et al.) & 21 May (SP); Bethpage SP 17 Apr (WB); Pelham Bay P 18 Apr (RJ); unprecedented series of reports.

Horned Lark: max 200 Bridgehampton 1 Mar.

Purple Martin: arr Hither Hills SP, SUFF 12 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr JBWE 1 Mar, early for genuine migr, but possibly wintered.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr Cold Spring Harbor 25 Mar, record-early but in line with recent trends.

Bank Swallow: arr 3 Peconic 22 Apr.

Cliff Swallow: 3 Shinn 10 May, migr.

Barn Swallow: widespread arr 5 Apr.

Tufted Titmouse: JBWE thru 14 Mar, from winter; v rare on barrier beach.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: northbound migr difficult to distinguish from wintering birds.

Brown Creeper: JBWE 8 Mar, unlikely site for overwintering; widespread reports 13-14 Mar; breeding EH 4, 10, 17 May.

House Wren: arr 2 s end SI 22 Apr; widespread arr 25 Apr.

Winter Wren: northbound migr difficult to distinguish from wintering birds; poss arr 19-20 Mar; Muttontown 9 May, late.

Marsh Wren: arr GCP, Bay Shore 26 Apr.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: widespread records through Mar, northbound migr difficult to distinguish from wintering birds.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: CP 15 Mar, prob from winter; arr APP & HLSP 8 May; 30 CP 19 Apr; max 50 PP 22 Apr; 30 CLP 22 Apr.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr HLSP 30 Mar, record-early but in line with recent trends.

E. Bluebird: 1 Cold Spring Harbor & 2 EH 14 Mar, poss arr.

Veery: arr CP 25 Apr, early.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr CP and VSSP 3 May, early.

BICKNELL'S THRUSH: singing FP 9 May (JL, JR, et al.).

Swainson's Thrush: arr PP 25 Apr; CP 26 Apr, early.

Hermit Thrush: widespread records through Mar, northbound migr difficult to distinguish from wintering birds; widespread arr 12-13 Apr; max 45 CP 19 Apr; last migr CP 23 May, late.

Wood Thrush: widespread arr 25 Apr.

Am. Robin: 350 Deep Hollow, Montauk 12 Apr.

VARIED THRUSH: Sands Pt, NASS 5, 24 Mar (D Kurz ph), from winter.

Gray Catbird: many wintered; widespread arr 25 Apr.

Brown Thrasher: widespread arr 10 Apr; max 8 Plumb Beach 26 Apr.

American Pipit: SMCP 25 Mar.

Cedar Waxwing: influx end Mar/early Apr.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: widespread arr (four counties) 25 Apr.

Golden-winged Warbler: Riverside P 4 May (JN); PP 7 May.

"Brewster's" Warbler: CP 2 May; CP 6 May (ph, fide DA).

Tennessee Warbler: arr CHP 7 May, more widely 8 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: APP 22-31 Mar, prob from winter; six reports 19 Apr-9 May.

Nashville Warbler: arr CP 25 Apr.

N. Parula: arr HLSP 31 Mar, v early; 2 Hunters Garden, SUFF 10 Apr.

Yellow Warbler: arr WPP & PP 22 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr 2 CP 25 Apr.
Magnolia Warbler: arr 2 CP 25 Apr; arr e LI Northport 27 Apr.
Cape May Warbler: arr CP 25 Apr.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr 2 CP & PP 25 Apr.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: heavy migr 22 Apr: 50 s end SI, 25 CLP, 40 PP, & 'teeming' HLSP; 125+ PP 27 Apr.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr PP 17 Apr, CP & HLSP 19 Apr.
TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: PP 25 Apr (SA ph, mob).
Blackburnian Warbler: arr Owl's Head P & PP 26 Apr; arr e LI 2 Greenport 2 May.
Yellow-throated Warbler: DOP 10-13 Apr (RJ et al.); CP 10-18 Apr (TM, mob); PP 22-27 Apr (R Anderson, mob); SMSP 25 Apr (VP); CP 30 Apr-1 May; GW Cem 26 Apr; Muttontown Pres 23 May; West Islip 24 May (RG).
Pine Warbler: northbound migr difficult to distinguish from wintering birds, e.g., Connetquot Ri SP Pres 5 Mar & Quogue Ref 7 Mar; def migr HLSP 19 Mar & NY Botanical Gardens 25 Mar; max 100 Shu Swamp 8 Apr, cont trend of v large spring counts in recent years; last migr NY Botanical Gardens 6 May.
Prairie Warbler: arr CLP 18 Apr & WPP 24 Apr; widespread arr 25 Apr.
Palm Warbler: *hypochrysea* arr Owls Head P, KING 5 Apr; no definite reports of *palmarum*.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr CP 26 Apr, v early; more widespread 8 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr PP 25 Apr, early.
Cerulean Warbler: arr f CLP 18 Apr (SWo); m CLP 19 Apr (EJ); 8 reports 27 Apr-24 May, east to FP & Jam Bay; HLSP 2 May.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr CP 12 Apr; SI 14 Apr (MS).
Am. Redstart: arr f CP 25 Apr; arr e LI Northville 1 May; late pulse 30 May, e.g., city parks & 4 CCP.
Prothonotary Warbler: arr Southards Pd, Babylon 4 Apr (PM); 12 reports 12 Apr-10 May.
Worm-eating Warbler: arr Babylon 12 Apr; arr more widely 19 Apr; arr e LI Greenport 26 Apr.
Ovenbird: arr VSSP 18 Apr (RJK).
N. Waterthrush: arr HLSP 19 Apr.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr CP & 2 PP 8 Apr; arr more widely 10 Apr.
Kentucky Warbler: PP 27 Apr; CP 29 Apr; Southards Pd, Babylon 4-7 May; APP 7 May; FP 10 May; Rocky Pt DEC 18-19 May;

Riverside P & PP 19 May; PP 23 May; CP 27 May.
Mourning Warbler: widespread arr 15 May; about 20 reports through 31 May.
Com. Yellowthroat: Manhattan 12 Mar, prob from winter; SI 14 Apr, moot; widespread arr 25 Apr.
Hooded Warbler: arr CP 20 Apr; widespread arr 25 Apr; arr e LI Amagansett 3 May.
Wilson's Warbler: PP 19 Apr, bizarre date, conceivably a bird that wintered nearby; arr Riverside P 1 May.
Canada Warbler: arr CP 26 Apr, v early.
Yellow-breasted Chat: arr CP 6 May; only 4 more reports thru 24 May.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Summer Tanager: ad m GCP, Bay Shore 10 Apr; m Sayville 16-17 Apr; 2 FP 2 May; ad m CP 6-10 May; f CP 10 May; HLSP 9 May; Owl's Head P, KING 9 May; GW Cem 10 May; Babylon 11 May; 2 PP 9-11 May w 3 sep inds here 10 May; GW Cem 10 May; Park Place, KING 15 May; imm m Riverside P 20 May; ad m CP 21 May.
Scarlet Tanager: Snug Harbor, RICH 10 Apr (EC), exceptional date; widespread arr 26 Apr.
E. Towhee: widespread reports of winter survivors early Mar; general arr mid Apr.
Am. Tree Sparrow: last JBWE 29 Mar except 1 CP 18 Apr, late; 1 Marine P **KINGS 1 May** (HL ph), v late.
Chipping Sparrow: JBWE 3 Mar & CP 8 Mar, prob wintered; major flight 22 Apr, e.g., 50 s end SI, 75 CLP, & 25 PP.
Field Sparrow: small numbers cont from winter; migr max 12 GKP 10 Apr.
Vesper Sparrow: RMSP 4 Mar (JQ), prob wintered; migr CP 2 May; Calverton 7 May, breeding site.
Lark Sparrow: JBWE 24 Apr (SJ), v rare in spring.
Savannah Sparrow: 6 JBWE 4 Mar, from winter; major flight barrier beaches 18 Apr; 14 CP 7 May, many for site; *princeps* cont thru early Mar from winter, last Sagg 25 Apr, late.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr 2 Calverton 7 May; Riverside P 18 May, unus away from breeding sites.
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow: Marine P, KING 22-29 Apr prob wintered nearby; Plumb Beach 8 May; moot; 4 s Plumb Beach 28 May; s Dune Rd 30 May, typical dates/locs for migr.
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: arr GCP, Bay Shore 6 May; migr CP 13 May, unus loc.
Seaside Sparrow: arr Plumb Beach 17 Apr.
Fox Sparrow: five widespread reports 2-17 Mar.

Song Sparrow: major flight 21-22 Mar.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr JBWE 26 Apr; about five other reports, all NYC.

White-throated Sparrow: max 200 s end SI 22 Apr; 100 s end SI 7 May.

White-crowned Sparrow: imm *gambelii* Shinn 1 Mar (PJL, SSM ph).

Dark-eyed Junco: last RMSP 8 May, late.

Lapland Longspur: max 14 JBWE 1 Mar, from winter; last 4 JBWE 8 Mar.

N. Cardinal: fledgling KING 6 May.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: one pulse prior to general arrival end Apr/early May: Barclay, RICH 21 Apr & imm m Cedar Beach, SUFF 22 Apr.

Blue Grosbeak: several pulses prior to arr of breeders mid-late May: imm m Montauk 5 Apr; m E Moriches 7-12 Apr; m JBSP 8 Apr; f Peconic 22 Apr; m Kissena P 23 Apr; GW Cem 25 Apr; imm m FBF 29 Apr; BBG 29 Apr; Camp Hero 29 Apr, incr to 3 on 1 May and 4 on 4 May; 2 Shelter I feeder 7-10 May; m Riverside P 10-16 May; PP 10-13 May; f VSSP 15 May; APP 17 May; m CP 22, 24 May; likely breeders inc: f Rocky Pt. DEC 14 May; ad m Hunters Garden 17 May; ad m & imm m Rte. 51 Bikepath 23 May & f there 30 May; 2 m Montauk 29 May; imm m Pine Meadows, Eastport 30 May; *intro*.

Indigo Bunting: three pulses prior to general arrival in early May: EH 4 Apr & 2 Jam Bay 5 Apr; 3 Cutchogue 15 Apr; and Marine P, RMSP, & Rocky Pt 22 Apr; *intro*.

Bobolink: widespread reports of migr early May; max 50 Garvey's Pt Rd, Glen Cove 9 May (MN).

E. Meadowlark: s Grumman 28 Mar, one of few remaining Regional breeding sites.

Rusty Blackbird: many reports thru Mar from all counties except KING; max 100 Oakland L, QUEE 22 Mar; last 3 CP 26 Apr, Northport 2 May, & FP 3 May.

Orchard Oriole: widespread arr 25 Apr.

Baltimore Oriole: widespread arr 25 Apr, four counties.

Purple Finch: 3 Water Mill 7 Mar prob wintered; widespread reports 1-10 May.

White-winged Crossbill: many widespread counts of 5-30 thru Mar; late reports inc 17 Maple Swamp, Flanders 17 Apr (CS), pr Huntington 19 Apr (B Brandine), 30 EH 3-4 May (HM), and Hunters Garden 23 May.

Pine Siskin: many widespread reports thru 25 Apr; max 120 Calverton 11 Apr; 85 Hunters Garden 25 Apr, good count; late reports inc 4 EH 10 May & 'lots' Riverhead 11 May.

EXOTICS

Mitred Parakeet: 15 Forest Hills, QUEE 13 Apr (SA), see article this issue.

European Goldfinch: two reports SI, 2 & 25 Mar; FBF 6 May (mob).

European Greenfinch: DOP 6 May (ph, video).

