

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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March was extremely mild and remarkable in that no measurable snow fell. It was only the second time in recorded history with no snow and followed March 2009 when only 0.5" fell. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 38.1° F, 3.8° above average. There was 1.70" of precipitation, 1.29" below average. Buffalo Harbor was clear of ice by 23 March, nearly a month earlier than normal. The April weather that followed was the second warmest in 140 years, including record heat during the first week and another heat spell near the end of the month. The mean temperature was 51.1° F, a whopping 5.8° above average. Precipitation was 2.07", 0.97" below average. May continued the warm and dry trend. The average temperature was 60.2° F, 3.2° above normal despite a cool snap 7-13 May, when temperatures were 10° below normal. A strong northeast rainstorm on the 7th was followed by a severe windstorm and a Lake Erie seiche on the 8th. The windstorm destroyed two Bald Eagle nests and forced numerous swallows down to the ground. Rainfall was 2.84", 0.51" below normal. A few snowflakes fell on the 9th, when temperatures were near freezing and an inch of snow accumulated in some of the higher elevations in the Southern Tier where Jeff Reed remarked on how unusual it was to see Yellow Warblers and Baltimore Orioles foraging in snow. A large and widespread influx of migrants occurred on the 14th following the brief cold spell, and migration peaked over the next seven days. There was very limited migration by the last week of May, a noticeably earlier dwindling than most years.

The warm spring continued the trend in recent years of earlier returning migrants. Repeating what I wrote in the summary for last year's spring article, it is clear that the migration phenology of many species is slowly changing. First arrivals are often occurring a few days earlier than the established 'normal' of the recent or not so recent past.

Goose migration was a little slow to start but then peaked heavily during the second and third weeks of March, then subsided soon thereafter. Tundra Swans had a strong movement on the 10th, as evidenced by over 2,400 counted at the Hamburg Hawk Watch. The maximum Snow Goose count was 57 at Oakfield on 15 March, and none were reported after March. Five reports of **Greater White-fronted Geese** were a good showing. There have usually been more **Cackling Geese** reports and totals in the fall season rather than the spring, which made the record counts on 14 March even more surprising. Peter Yoerg had **81** at Windmill Marsh at Oak Orchard WMA, with 11 earlier in the afternoon at Iroquois NWR. Jim Pawlicki and Dave Wheeler counted **79** coming in to roost with thousands of geese and waterfowl on Town Line Road in Hartland. The birding highlight for March was clearly the **Barnacle Goose** that was found at Forrestal Flats on the Iroquois NWR by Peter Yoerg on 17 March

and seen around the refuge several times over the next few days. A Barnacle Goose found by Willie D'Anna in Hartland on 27 March may or may not have been the same bird. Given that it/they arrived during the peak of goose migration, cavorted with other migratory geese, and appeared to be wild, we had little reason to suspect captive origins, but we'll just never know.

There were several higher counts of Northern Pintail in mid-March. The other duck highlight was at least two **Eurasian Wigeons**, which have become annual in spring in recent years. **Red-necked Grebes** were in decent numbers on Lake Ontario during late March, and 60 Horned Grebes at Batavia WWTP on 20 March may have been a high count for the location. The **Eared Grebe** at Dunkirk Harbor in late February continued into early March.

Although none were observed at the Region's hawk watches, Hamburg and Ripley, two **Black Vultures** were identified this spring. Both were observed perching. They are believed to be the first sightings in the Region that weren't merely flyovers. Broad-winged Hawk numbers were lower at the hawk watches this spring. However, a rare dark morph Broad-wing was observed and photographed at Hamburg on 21 April. Rough-legged Hawks were sparse, similar to the past winter, although 24 at the Hamburg Hawk Watch on 1 April was a nice count. Seven Golden Eagles were identified this spring, with five coming from the hawk watches. A new Osprey nest on the Niagara River in Wheatfield increases the count to three nests on the river, all started in recent years. Peregrine Falcon nesting locations increased again this year; details to come in the summer season report. A farmer in the Town of Willing, Allegany County, pleaded guilty after two Bald Eagles were poisoned from secondarily ingesting highly toxic pesticide that was inappropriately applied on a farm.

The top shorebird locations this spring were along the Feeder Road on the Tonawanda WMA and on the previously mentioned field on Town Line Road in Hartland. There were very early reports of regular species and some uncommon species sightings. Terry Mosher found a Solitary Sandpiper on the very early date of 4 April in the Town of Pomfret; there is only one earlier Regional record. Willie D'Anna's White-rumped Sandpiper on **1 May** in Hartland was a full nine days earlier than the previous earliest Regional arrival. Uncommon sightings included: two **American Golden-Plovers** and a **Wilson's Phalarope** in Hartland, a **Purple Sandpiper** off Niagara Falls State Park, and a female **Red-necked Phalarope** at Batavia WWTP in late May.

A **Black-headed Gull** was identified on the Niagara River in mid-March and immature Iceland, Glaucous, and Lesser Black-backed Gulls were all identified along Lake Ontario well into May. Inland records of Glaucous and Lesser Black-backed in spring are uncommon, but perhaps a sign that the Chaffee landfill is under-birded.

Short-eared Owls were regular in a field in North Collins for several weeks in late March and early April. Hopes were raised for a breeding attempt after a photograph was forwarded to me of downy young Short-ears at a nest in this same field from May 1997; however, the owls were last seen on 9 April. There were only several **Common Nighthawk** reports, all in low numbers. Four

Whip-poor-will reports made for an above average season, including some excellent photographs by Joe Mitchell of a bird at Darien Lakes S.P.

Migrant flycatchers were numerous in the days after the brief cold spell in May. Five **Olive-sided Flycatcher** reports were more than usual in recent years. An Acadian Flycatcher present at Tifft Nature Preserve from 23-31 May was apparently holding a territory even though the habitat wasn't typical. There are usually a few **White-eyed Vireo** reports each spring, but one found at Tifft Nature Preserve on 16 April was the earliest ever documented for the Region. Similarly, a **Sedge Wren** at Tifft Nature Preserve on 12 May was the earliest sighting in decades. The three previously mentioned species at Tifft Nature Preserve were all found by Dean DiTommaso and sighted by several other birders. Four Sedge Wrens heard at night in fields near the Iroquois NWR headquarters building was an impressive count.

Betsy Potter had a morning walk around her yard in Wilson near Lake Ontario that she'll always remember. Early on 18 May she was drawn to a Magnolia Warbler in an open area among some tangles about 20 feet away. She then saw a larger warbler next to it with a yellow throat and belly with some faint streaking, a bluish gray head and back, and it was bobbing its tail repeatedly, which made her realize she had a **Kirtland's Warbler**. After studying the bird for a few seconds longer to make a mental picture, she dashed off to get a camera, but the bird was not found again despite hours of searching. Betsy made a computer sketch and wrote down details of her sighting before consulting a field guide. Given that this was a single observer sighting and without a photograph, it is unlikely to pass muster with NYSARC to become the first State record. However, there seems little doubt to the accuracy of the identification based on the sketch and description, not to mention Betsy's skills with warbler identification. The only other warblers that regularly pump their tails are Prairie and Palm, neither of which could be confused in this sighting.

Among rarities not already mentioned, three **Snowy Egrets** were reported from multiple locations between 6 and 12 May. Overlap of sightings is possible, but at least two birds were present, if not three on occasion. A **King Rail** was heard but not seen on multiple occasions by several birders along Feeder Road on Tonawanda WMA in May. There are fewer than 10 documented records of this species in Region 1. However, little effort is made to try and find them. The marshes around the Iroquois NWR and adjacent WMAs offer the most extensive habitat in the Region. A male **Summer Tanager** at Wilson-Tuscarora SP was a nice find for Willie D'Anna. It was later photographed by several others.

The B.O.S. April Count was held on 11 April. Gusty overnight southwest winds associated with a cold front passage preceded a mostly mild and cloudy day. A total of 145 species was tallied over the entire Region 1 and the portion of the B.O.S. Study Area in Ontario. There were 12 record high counts going back to the 1935 inception including: Surf Scoter (75), Bald Eagle (45), Cooper's Hawk (55), Common Tern (332), Red-bellied Woodpecker (278), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (283), Blue-headed Vireo (15), Common Raven (32), Tufted Titmouse (244), Brown Thrasher (30), Pine Warbler (23), and Eastern Towhee (71). Most of these species have shown increasing trends in recent

years, while some of the maxima were likely influenced by the warm weather in early April. The only record low count was Canvasback, for only the second time in count history at zero. Other than species totals, the report for the B.O.S. May Count on 16 May was not received in time for inclusion in this report.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ALSP – Allegany SP – CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP – ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP – ERIE; BOSAC – Buffalo Ornithological Society April Count – 11 April; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count – 16 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; MI – Motor I NR ERIE; NFSP – Niagara Falls SP -- 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; Tifft NP – Tifft Nature Preserve – ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area – GENE/NIAG; WoBSP – Woodlawn Beach SP – ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP – NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Oakfield GENE 13 Mar (CW); Hartland NIAG 14 Mar (WD, DW); 5 INWR 19 Mar (DW); Porter NIAG 30, 31 Mar (WD); max 7 Royalton NIAG 9 Apr (BB).
Snow Goose: Wilson NIAG 10 Mar; 11, 28 Yates ORLE 11, 14 Mar; DH 11 Mar; 31 Hamburg HW 11 Mar; 6 INWR 11 Mar; 5 Alabama GENE 12 Mar; 28, max 57 Oakfield GENE 13, 15 Mar (JP, KF); 2 Newstead ERIE 16 Mar; last Hamburg HW 31 Mar.
BARNACLE GOOSE: INWR 17, 20-21 Mar (PY, JM, WW!, WD!, mob) & Hartland NIAG 27 Mar (WD!, WW!), both to NYSARC; undoc reports thru 2 Apr; apparent wild bird(s).
Canada Goose: arr INWR 12 Mar; 6, 22 Oakfield GENE 13, 22 Mar (JM, JP, WW); 11 INWR 14 Mar (PY); **max 81** OOWMA 14 Mar (PY); **79** Hartland NIAG 14 Mar (JP!, DW), record high counts on this date, possible

overlap; 4 Alabama GENE 15 Mar; 5 OOWMA 17 Mar; last Somerset NIAG 23 Mar.

Mute Swan: DH 9 Apr; 15 BOSAC; Wilson NIAG 9, 21 May; 3 BOSMC; only reports.

Tundra Swan: 2 Celeron ChauL 1 Mar; 105 Bethany GENE 10 Mar; max 2408 Hamburg HW 10 Mar (DW, JP); 176 Evangola SP ERIE 11 Mar; 59 BWWT 20 Mar; last Tifft NP 21 Apr.

Wood Duck: arr 10 Lancaster ERIE 11 Mar.

Gadwall: arr 3 BeSP 5 Mar; 25 Hartland NIAG 19 Mar; 19 BWWT 1 May.

EURASIAN WIGEON: 2, 1, 2, 1 OOWMA 30, 31 Mar, 3, 4 Apr (DW, JP, JM, PY, WD); TWMA 7, 11 May (DW, KF); annual in spring in recent years at these locations.

Am. Wigeon: arr 14 BeSP, 16 Buffalo ERIE 16 Mar; max 280 & 272 OOWMA 30 Mar & 4 Apr; 36, 1 TWMA 11, 22 May.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 2 INWR 19 Mar; few reports.

N. Shoveler: arr 4 Yates ORLE 11 Mar; TWMA 21, 22 May; 2 BWWT 27 May.

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N. Pintail: arr 2 Tonawanda NR, BeSP 10 Mar; 500 INWR 12 Mar (WD, BP); max 1150 Hartland NIAG 14 Mar (WD).

Green-winged Teal: arr 3 INWR 12 Mar.

Canvasback: arr 7 BWWT 20 Mar.

Redhead: max 120 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 11 Mar; Yates ORLE 14 Mar; 30 Celeron ChauL 21 Mar; OOWMA 21 Mar; ChauL 13 Apr.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 2 BeSP 5 Mar; 307 Celeron ChauL 16 Mar; 250 OOWMA 21 Mar; 6, 2 BWWT 13, 27 May.

Greater Scaup: max 900 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 11 Mar; arr BWWT 20 Mar; last PB 19 May.

Lesser Scaup: 20 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 11 Mar; arr 15, 95 BWWT 20, 27 Mar.

Surf Scoter: FNSP 14 Mar; 75 BOSAC, high count; 2 BWWT 11 Apr (CM); only reports.

White-winged Scoter: last BWWT 22 May (KF), uncommon inland.

Black Scoter: PB 8 Mar; only report.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 2 OOWMA, 4 BWWT 20 Mar; 4 AISP 21 Mar; 3 Celeron ChauL 21 Mar; 360 Lewiston NR 26 Mar; last 10 Wilson NIAG 21 May.

Bufflehead: 204 DH 4 Mar; arr BWWT 13 Mar; 45 OOWMA 22 Mar; 91 BWWT 10 Apr; 11 Sheridan CHAU 11 May; 14 BOSMC; last PB 19 May.

Com. Goldeneye: arr 5 BWWT 17 Mar; last BOSMC.

Hooded Merganser: arr 7 Allegheny Res CATT 7 Mar.

Com. Merganser: arr 36 BWWT, TWMA 13 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: arr 4 BWWT 20 Mar.

Ruddy Duck: arr Buffalo Harbor ERIE 11 Mar; arr BWWT 17 Mar; 74, max 313, 67 BWWT 27 Mar, 10 Apr, 1 May; 12 Attica Res WYOM 18 Apr.

Red-throated Loon: 11, 3 GHSP 7, 27 Mar; 9 FNSP 14 Mar; 3 Attica Res 2 Apr (KF); 1 Orangeville WYOM 2 Apr (KF); 42 BOSAC; last Wilson NIAG 21 May.

Com. Loon: arr GHSP 7 Mar.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr Ashville Bay ChauL, BWWT 20 Mar.

Horned Grebe: 30 GHSP 7 Mar; max 60 BWWT 20 Mar (KF); 24 Celeron ChauL 21 Mar; last ALLE BOSMC.

Red-necked Grebe: 15 GHSP 7 Mar; max 143 Somerset NIAG & Yates ORLE 20 Mar (WD); OOWMA 20 Mar; 98, 95 Somerset NIAG 27, 28 Mar; last 21 BOSAC.

EARED GREBE: DH thru 4 Mar (DN).

Double-crested Cormorant: 138 DH 11 Mar; arr INWR 21 Mar; max 772 DH 9 Apr.

Am. Bittern: arr INWR 3 Apr; 1, 2 TWMA 4 Apr, 28 May; Tift NP 20 Apr, 7 May; Bethany GENE 29 Apr; LBSP 2 May (DW); Buffalo ERIE 7 May (JL); last two sightings were migrants away from typical habitat.

Least Bittern: arr Tift NP 2 May (CN); 2 INWR 22 May; only reports.

Great Blue Heron: 68, 121 MI 24 Mar, 6 Apr; 94 n MI 15 Apr (WW).

Great Egret: arr 2 MI 23 Mar; Brant ERIE 14 Apr; Tift NP 19 Apr; 57 + 36 n MI 30 Apr; max 90 MI 6 May (WW).

SNOWY EGRET: BeSP 6 May (JP, DW); Wilson NIAG 7-12 May (WD); TWMA 11, 12 May (JM, KF, DW); good showing, although cannot rule out sightings were from two birds.

Green Heron: arr 2 BOSAC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 81 NFSP 10 Apr; 36 MI 15 Apr; INWR 19 May; Wilson NIAG 20, 21 May; last 2 were only reports away from NR.

BLACK VULTURE: Hartland NIAG 14 Mar (WD, BP); Alden ERIE 29 Apr (JM); both birds seen perched, possibly first perched birds witnessed in Region.

Turkey Vulture: arr Hamburg HW 3 Mar; 1479, 1742 Hamburg HW 24, 31 Mar; max 3164, 1460 Hamburg HW 1, 2 Apr.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr AISP 22 Mar (TL); up to 3 nests on NR.

Bald Eagle: too numerous to report all nesting locations; 7 imm DH 7 Mar; 45 BOSAC; 2 nests destroyed in high winds 8 May, *intro*; 44 BOSMC, continued increases on counts.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 122 Ripley HW 3 Apr.

N. Goshawk: Alden ERIE 19 Apr (JM); BOSAC; only reports away from hawkwatches.

Red-shouldered Hawk: arr Ashford CATT 2 Mar; max 80 Hamburg HW 24 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 2 Ripley HW 8 Apr; max 1424, 1316 Ripley HW, Hamburg HW 21 Apr; **dark morph** Hamburg HW 21 Apr (JP, DD, photo).

Rough-legged Hawk: max 24 Hamburg HW 1 Apr (FR); fewer than usual, consistent with winter.

Golden Eagle: 1, 1 Hamburg HW 19, 20 Mar (JP); Attica Res WYOM 21 Mar (KF); Yates ORLE 28 Mar (KF); 3 Ripley HW for season.

Merlin: Tonawanda ERIE 1 Mar; S. Dayton CATT 6 Mar; INWR 27 Mar; LBSP 28 Mar; Alden ERIE 3 Apr; Darien Lakes SP GENE 3 Apr; dead Lancaster ERIE 21 Apr; Wilson

NIAG 3 May; Silver Creek CHAU 6 May; WTSP 20 May.

Peregrine Falcon: arr Hamburg HW 18 Mar; Yates ORLE 27 Mar; Darien GENE 13 Apr; Amherst SP 10 Apr; numerous reports from nesting locations and elsewhere.

KING RAIL: TWMA 9-22 May (KF, MM!), heard only; rarely documented in Reg.

Virginia Rail: arr Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 6 Apr.

Sora: arr BOSAC.

Com. Moorhen: arr 4 OOWMA 24 Apr.

Am. Coot: arr 2 TWMA 13 Mar.

Sandhill Crane: arr INWR 20 Mar (WD, BP); 2 GHSP 2 Apr; Yates ORLE 4 Apr; 2 Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 6 Apr; 2 Tift NP 18 Apr; 4 TWMA 29 Apr (DW); 4 BOSMC; reports away from hawk watches.

Black-bellied Plover: arr INWR 28 May; only report.

Am. Golden-Plover: 2 Hartland NIAG 22 Apr (DW, JP), rare in spring.

Semipalmated Plover: arr Somerset NIAG 9 May.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr CHAU BOSAC, slightly early; max 37 BWWTP 8 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Pomfret CHAU 4 Apr (TM!), very early; max 15 TWMA 7 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr 2 Eden ERIE 25 Mar; max 26 BWWTP 2 May.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr BWWTP 3 Apr; max 80, 75 TWMA 7, 11 May.

Upland Sandpiper: arr 4 Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 16, 30 May; only reports.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr TWMA 21 May (WD), only report.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 5 BOSMC; 2 Hartland NIAG, TWMA 21 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr 2 Hartland NIAG 1 May; max 67 Yates ORLE 6 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr Hartland NIAG 1 May (WD!), record early; TWMA 21 May; only reports.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 56 BOSAC; max 31 Hartland NIAG 1 May; last 12 BOSMC.

Purple Sandpiper: NFSP 29 Apr, 7 May (JP, WW, PY), traditional location for spring reports.

Dunlin: arr NIAG BOSAC.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 6 BOSMC, only report.

Wilson's Snipe: 4 Clymer CHAU 1 Mar; arr Clarence ERIE 9 Mar; max 12 Oakfield GENE 5 Apr.

Am. Woodcock: arr Buffalo ERIE 17 Mar.

Wilson's Phalarope: Hartland NIAG 8, 9 May (WD), only report.

Red-necked Phalarope: BWWTP 25 May (RSp), female, only report.

Bonaparte's Gull: 49 Allegheny Res CATT 27 Mar; 2 Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 13 Apr; only inland reports.

BLACK-HEADED GULL: Lewiston NR 14, 26 Mar (DW, JP); FNSP 15 Mar (DW), probably same bird.

Little Gull: max 20 Lewiston NR 14 Mar (CW); 9 FNSP 15 Mar (DW); BWWTP 4 Apr (WW), inland reports very rare.

Iceland Gull: max 5 WTSP 3 Mar; 2, 3 NFSP 26 Mar, 10 Apr; Buffalo NR 9 Apr; Olcott NIAG 24 Apr; last 2, 1, 1 Wilson NIAG 12, 18, 22 May.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 6, 4 NFSP 5, 26 Mar; 2 WTSP 5 Mar; 3 Porter & Wilson NIAG 11 Mar; Batavia GENE 13 Mar (JP, JM), unusual inland; GHSP 27 Mar; Chaffee ERIE 28 Mar (JW), inland; WoBSP 8 May; Olcott NIAG 18 May; 2 Wilson NIAG 23 May.

Glaucous Gull: max 3 FMCSP 2 Mar; Chaffee ERIE 28 Mar (JW), rare inland; Sheridan CHAU 9 Apr; Silver Creek CHAU 14 Apr; last Wilson NIAG 21 May (WD).

Caspian Tern: arr 5 DH 9 Apr; max 72 DH 1 May.

Black Tern: arr 6 INWR 29 Apr; max 18 INWR 27 May.

Com. Tern: arr 157 Buffalo NR, PG, Lancaster ERIE 9 Apr.

Forster's Tern: arr 2 BOSMC; 2 PB 22 May (DW).

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Hinsdale CATT 9 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Bethany GENE 7 May.

Snowy Owl: Somerset NIAG thru 7 Mar.

Long-eared Owl: no reports.

Short-eared Owl: 4-2 N. Collins ERIE 15 Mar – 9 Apr (AF, LF); NIAG BOSAC; only reports.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 2, 1 WTSP 1, 2-12 Apr (BP); Hinsdale CATT 30 Apr (JR), tooting; only reports.

Com. Nighthawk: arr 2 BOSMC; Clarence ERIE 21 May; 1, 3 TWMA 22, 28 May; Alden ERIE 23 May; only reports.

Whip-poor-will: arr Darien Lakes SP GENE 2 May (JM, photo); Portland CHAU 3 May, BOSMC (CH), probably different migrants; TWMA 19 May (KF).

Chimney Swift: arr 2 Buffalo ERIE 21 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Alfred ALLE 4 May.

Red-headed Woodpecker: LBSP 28 Mar; 5 BOSAC; Westfield CHAU 21 Apr; PG 1 May; 2 Silver Creek CHAU 4, 9 May; Clarence ERIE 5-31 May; Yates ORLE 6 May; 3 Hamburg ERIE 17 May; 24 BOSMC; Emery P ERIE 27 May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr 2 N.
Tonawanda NIAG & E Aurora ERIE 2 Apr.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr AmSP 12 May; BOSMC; Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 22 May; Tift NP 23 May; Wilson NIAG 23 May; more reports than usual.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr Williamsville ERIE, Bethany GENE 14 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr BOSMC; WTSP 22 May; 2 Wilson NIAG 23 May; LBSP 27 May; Ward ALLE 30 May; only reports.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr BOSMC; Portland CHAU 17 May; Wilson NIAG 18 May (JP), migrant; Tift NP 23-31 May (DD, DW), apparently holding territory in atypical habitat; 3 Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 29 May; TWMA 31 May (WD); Carlton Hill MUA WYOM 31 May.

Alder Flycatcher: arr Holland ERIE 15 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr Sheridan CHAU 12 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr Tift NP 25 Apr; 12 AmSP 15 May (JP).

E. Phoebe: arr Conewango Swamp CATT 21 Mar.

Gr. Crested Flycatcher: arr Alexander GENE 1 May.

E. Kingbird: arr Yates ORLE 1 May.

N. Shrike: a few reports in Mar.

White-eyed Vireo: arr Tift NP 16, 18 Apr (DD), record early; AmSP 15 May (JP); BeSP 16 May (DS); Sheridan CHAU 21 May (DN).

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr GHSP, Alexander GENE 1 May.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr 15 BOSAC; TWMA 31 May (WD), at n edge of range in Reg.

Warbling Vireo: arr multiple locations 30 Apr.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr Buffalo ERIE 6 May (JP, DW, photo), early; six other reports.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr AmSP 30 Apr (GR).

Com. Raven: Concord ERIE 8 Mar; Darien GENE 10, 31 Mar; Bethany GENE 11 Mar; Colden ERIE 28 Mar; Arcade WYOM 4 Apr; Warsaw WYOM 4 Apr; Attica Res WYOM 18 Apr; 5 Holland ERIE 20 Apr (CN); Beaver Meadow Audubon WYOM 6 May; only reports outside ALLE, CATT, CHAU besides BOS counts.

Purple Martin: arr 12 BOSAC.

Tree Swallow: arr 10 AISP, Oakfield GENE 21 Mar; 125 BWWT 8 May.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr BWWT 3 Apr (KF), record early; max 185 BWWT 8 May (KF).

Bank Swallow: arr DH 9 Apr (JP!), early; max 505 BWWT 8 May (KF).

Cliff Swallow: arr 8 BuSP 27 Apr.

Barn Swallow: arr 8 Orangeville WYOM 2 Apr.

Brown Creeper: arr Wilson NIAG 1 Apr.

Carolina Wren: 22 BOSAC and 20 BOSMC; up slightly from last year's count totals.

House Wren: arr Tift NP 15 Apr.

Winter Wren: arr Wilson NIAG 1 Apr.

SEDGE WREN: arr Tift NP 12-16 May (DD!, mob); 4, 1, 1 INWR 19, 22, 28 May (KF, MM, DW).

Marsh Wren: arr Tift NP 2 May.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 6 GHSP 27 Mar.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Wilson NIAG 6 Apr; last 2 Buffalo ERIE 19 May.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr 3 Sheridan CHAU, PG 9 Apr (DN, WW, JP), early.

Veery: arr 2 Alfred ALLE 5 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr 2 BOSMC; six other reports.

Swainson's Thrush: arr Williamsville ERIE 30 Apr; max 12 WTSP 20 May (CN).

Hermit Thrush: arr Buffalo ERIE 5 Apr.

Wood Thrush: arr AmSP 30 Apr.

Gray Catbird: arr multiple locations 1 May.

N. Mockingbird: Bethany GENE 3, 16 Mar; Clarence ERIE 9 Mar; Alexander GENE 11 Mar; BWWT 20 Mar; uncommon in these areas.

Brown Thrasher: arr 2 Alfred ALLE 2 Apr.

Am. Pipit: arr Hamburg HW 24 Mar.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 4 Tift NP 30 Apr.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr 1, 1 Buffalo ERIE 5, 14 May; Pomfret CHAU 13, 19 May; Tift NP 14 May; WTSP 14 May; Somerset NIAG BOSMC; only reports.

"Brewster's" Warbler: arr BeSP 6 May; only report.

Tennessee Warbler: arr Buffalo ERIE 5 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Hamburg ERIE 30 Apr; four other reports.

Nashville Warbler: arr 2 AmSP 27 Apr.

N. Parula: arr AISP 15 Apr (TL), very early.

Yellow Warbler: arr NFSP 29 Apr.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr AmSP 3 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr Tift NP 1 May.

Cape May Warbler: arr multiple locations 5 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Alfred ALLE 1 May.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 2 Porter NIAG 20 Mar; arr E Aurora ERIE 5 Apr.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 2 AmSP 29 Apr.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr 2 AmSP 30 Apr.
Pine Warbler: arr Pomfret CHAU 3 Apr.
KIRTLAND'S WARBLER: Wilson NIAG 18 May (BP!, NYSARC), *intro*.
Prairie Warbler: arr 15 BOSMC.
Palm Warbler: arr Como P ERIE BOSAC (WG).
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr BeSP 10 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr Sheridan CHAU 10 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr Tonawanda Ind Res GENE 2 May.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr multiple locations 30 Apr.
Am. Redstart: arr Sheridan CHAU 1 May.
Prothonotary Warbler: 1, 2, 2 TWMA 2, 9, 23 May (JP, JM, PY).
Ovenbird: arr 2 Tift NP, Wilson NIAG 30 Apr.
N. Waterthrush: arr Alexander GENE 26 Apr.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr BOSAC; Tift NP 15 Apr (DD, WW), rare in migration.
Mourning Warbler: arr PB, WTSP 14 May.
C. Yellowthroat: arr Tift NP, DLSP 2 May.
Hooded Warbler: arr Tift NP 30 Apr.
Wilson's Warbler: arr Sheridan CHAU 10 May.
Canada Warbler: arr WoBSP 1 May (DW), early.
Yellow-breasted Chat: arr WTSP 8 May (BP, WD); TWMA 19 May (KF), heard singing at night; only reports.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr Buffalo ERIE 3 Apr.
Am. Tree Sparrow: last Tift NP 19 Apr.
Chipping Sparrow: Shelby ORLE thru (CM); arr Alfred ALLE, Bethany GENE 2 Apr.
Clay-colored Sparrow: Almond ALLE 1 May (EB); Wilson NIAG 14 May (BP, WD); only reports.
Field Sparrow: arr Holland ERIE 26 Mar.
Vesper Sparrow: arr 19 BOSAC; 5 BOSMC; Newfane NIAG 21 May; Alabama GENE 22 May.
Savannah Sparrow: arr Bethany GENE 6 Apr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr AmSP 15 May; 10 BOSMC; Orchard Park ERIE 29 May (MM, DD); max 10 Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 30 May (PY); only reports.
Fox Sparrow: arr 1, 6 Ashford CATT 19, 26 Mar; well reported in early Apr.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Tift NP, Wilson NIAG 30 Apr; last Wilson NIAG 23 May.
Swamp Sparrow: arr Alexander GENE 26 Mar.
White-throated Sparrow: max 80 Tift NP 30 Apr (WW).
White-crowned Sparrow: arr Eden ERIE 17 Apr.
Lapland Longspur: Yates ORLE 7 Mar; last 20 INWR 3 Apr (DG); only reports.
Snow Bunting: max 50 Sherman CHAU 1 Mar; 10 S. Dayton CATT 6 Mar; 2 Oakfield GENE; last BWWTSP 27 Mar.
SUMMER TANAGER: WTSP 22 May (WD!), nearly annual in spring in recent years.
Scarlet Tanager: arr Wilson NIAG 1 May.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr BeSP 27 Apr.
Indigo Bunting: arr Portland CHAU 4 May.
Bobolink: arr multiple loc 1 May.
E. Meadowlark: arr 2 Hamburg HW 10 Mar.
Rusty Blackbird: arr 2 Evans ERIE 11 Mar; 50 TWMA 28 Mar; 50 Orangeville WYOM 2 Apr (KF); 50 INWR 3 Apr; 20 Hamburg ERIE 25 Apr; last 48 BOSMC.
Orchard Oriole: arr Wilson NIAG, Portland CHAU 6 May; 16 BOSMC; Somerset NIAG 21 May.
Baltimore Oriole: arr multiple loc 30 Apr.
Purple Finch: 162 BOSAC, down considerably from last year; 170 BOSMC.
Pine Siskin: Youngstown NIAG 19 Mar; 3 Holland ERIE 26 Mar; 2, Marilla ERIE 10 Apr, 19 May; 5 BOSAC; BOSMC; only reports; few and far between after last year's surge.

EXOTICS

Chukar: TWMA 17-22 May (several obs).

ADDENDUM

YELLOW RAIL: W Seneca ERIE 26 Apr 2009; landed in residential yard apparently injured or sick; brought to Hawk Creek rehabilitation center 3 days later; died from starvation shortly after arrival.