

REGION 10—MARINE

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The spring season was wet, windy and very warm, with one of the better land bird migrations in recent memory, and many seabird highlights reflecting the intensive efforts of several birders. 303 species were recorded in the Region, with three additional exotics and one particularly notable subspecies. The most sought-after species were generally found in good numbers and odd mixes. There were many early arrivals.

Perhaps the most notable aspect of the season was the extreme weather. Following a cold and wet winter, 9.41" of rain fell at Islip in March, twice the average. Precipitation records were smashed at other stations too, with Central Park receiving 10.69" for the month and 4.6" in back-to-back storms from 12-15 March. The earlier of these storms produced wind gusts up to 78 mph at JFK Airport. March was warm, too, with a mean temperature of 45.1° F at Islip, 5.3° above normal. On 18 March, record high temperatures for the date occurred throughout the Region, e.g., 74° at Central Park. Another storm on 30 March produced around 4" of rain at western stations, and 6-7" over much of eastern Long Island. Groundwater levels in the Region were at record heights following the rains—seven feet above normal in some areas. April was drier than normal, but the extreme warmth continued. 2.78" of rain fell at Islip, 1.35" below normal. About half fell during the storm of 25-26 April. The average temperature was 53.4°, 4.3° above normal. Conditions were even warmer in the western portion of the Region, with an average temperature of 57.9° at Central Park, 5.4° above normal. The high temperature at Central Park on 7 April was 92°. Another big warmup occurred in late April. Warm and dry conditions continued through May. The average temperature was 62.3° at Islip, 3.1° above normal. Precipitation was 2.85", 1.05" below normal. But strong cold fronts produced several blustery weekend days during the peak of passerine migration. On 8 May, sustained winds built to 35-40 mph across Long Island. 9 May was windy, with temperatures 15-20° below normal. On 15 May, sustained winds were 25-30 mph by dawn. The extremely warm and dry conditions in April and early May, coupled with high groundwater levels providing soil moisture, accelerated foliage development by 2-3 weeks or more in western and inland areas.

Rarities lingering from winter included four **Greater White-fronted Geese** at East Hampton; a **"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal** at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge; drake **Barrow's Goldeneyes** at Jamaica Bay and Centre Island, Nassau County; and a **"Common" Mew Gull** at Bensonhurst Park, Brooklyn. A **Western Grebe**, found by Shane Blodgett at Prince's Bay, Staten Island on 20 March, was reported subsequently on 21 March and 2 April. The bird was probably one of at least two Western Grebes that were seen sporadically along the Brooklyn-Queens and northern New Jersey coasts through the winter.

The efforts of Angus Wilson and John Shemilt, along with several other equally dedicated but mostly shore-bound sea watchers, resulted in many notable records of pelagic species this spring. Angus noted a seabird flight on 7 March at Montauk that included a **Thick-billed Murre**. Another flight on 28 March, viewed from several eastern Long Island locations, included good numbers of Black and Surf Scoters, Northern Gannets, and 60 Razorbills. The huge storms of 12-15 March did not produce a correspondingly notable seabird flight. Over 15,000 Common Terns were seen from Breezy Point, Queens on 13 May. Land-based sea watches in late May produced such notable species as Cory's, Sooty and Manx Shearwaters, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, and Parasitic Jaeger. But the greatest seabird highlights of the season came from offshore.

On 3 April, John Shemilt reported the following birds 12-22 nautical miles south of Shinnecock Inlet: **Little Gull**, five **Dovekies**, three **Common Murres**, 100 **Razorbills**, and 25 **Atlantic Puffins**. On 21 April, he ventured offshore to 72 nautical miles southeast of Shinnecock with Angus Wilson and found two **Northern Fulmars**, 31 **Sooty Shearwaters**, four **Wilson's Storm-Petrels** (a very early date for the latter two species), and four **Red Phalaropes**. Finally on 29 May, a trip as far as 65 nautical miles off Shinnecock and also to the "Little Fishtails" 42 nautical miles southeast of the inlet produced five **Cory's Shearwaters**, 15 **Greater Shearwaters**, a **Leach's Storm-Petrel**, two **Red Phalaropes**, at least five jaegers, one of which was a near-adult **Long-tailed Jaeger**, and three late **Dovekies**, along with other expected birds.

Razorbills virtually disappeared through much of the winter after record flights in January. Numbers observed in the spring season did not approach those of January, but Razorbills were persistently present in eastern Long Island coastal seabird flights and pelagic observations through April.

An early shorebird flight was observed in coastal marshes along the barrier island in eastern Nassau and western Suffolk Counties on 18 April by Shai Mitra, Pat Lindsay, Tom Burke, Gail Benson, and others. The highlight was a basic-plumaged **American Golden-Plover** at Cedar Beach, Suffolk County, but the flight also included 5000 **Dunlin**, 500 **Black-bellied Plovers**, and three early **Short-billed Dowitchers**, among other species. Shorebird numbers built in the last days of May but were generally very low the remainder of the season. **Red Knots** were particularly scarce. The maximum of 282 on 31 May, viewed on the tidal flats of Moriches Bay from Cupsogue County Park and Pikes Beach in Westhampton Dunes, Suffolk County, was not approached by any other observations.

Impressive numbers of scaup congregated in western bays in the late winter. Numbers of **Greater Scaup** built to a maximum of 40,000 in Dead Horse Bay, Brooklyn on 2 March. 1500 **Lesser Scaup** were reported at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge on 20 March. There were large spot counts of a number of other waterfowl species, too, but overall numbers of species such as **American Wigeon**, **Northern Pintail**, **Canvasback**, and **Redhead** were low.

The season did not produce a pronounced "trans-gulf slingshot" migration event, but there were many early arrivals. The trend toward early arrival dates was evident across a wide variety of species, including both short-distance migrants that traditionally arrive during early spring and long-distance migrants that arrive later. In terms of numbers, most early spring species failed to appear in noteworthy concentrations (although individual birds arrived remarkably early in many cases), whereas many late spring species appeared in large numbers well ahead of schedule, obscuring the expected phenological sequence.

More than 35 passerine species, including 17 warblers, were reported arriving in the Region substantially before their long-term average arrival dates. Species approaching or exceeding extreme early arrival dates included: **Alder Flycatcher**; **Tree Swallow**; **Nashville Warbler**; **Eastern Kingbird**; **White-eyed Vireo**; **Prothonotary Warbler**; a *Seiurus* warbler, probably a **Louisiana Waterthrush** by date; and **Bobolink**. Early arrivals continued into May. On 8

May, Blackpoll Warblers competed with Yellow-rumped Warblers for the most numerous migrants in the city parks. By that point, the mix of birds included typically late migrants such as Tennessee, Bay-breasted, Canada, and Wilson's Warblers (all first reported about a week earlier), Mourning Warbler, and Olive-sided Flycatcher. Female birds also tended to arrive early. Moreover, only a few species arrived substantially later than normal. The phenomenon of early spring arrivals and odd assemblages is comparable to the pattern of recent years, though this year, as well as 2009, was particularly pronounced.

The first big neotropical migrant push occurred on 30 April, when 20 or more species of warblers were observed in city parks. This event continued through the first days of May, with many new arrivals. Peak passerine migration occurred in the Region on 14 May, when at least 26 species of warblers were observed in Central Park, with similar diversity in other city and western Long Island parks.

The night of 14 May, a migratory movement was interrupted by a strong cold front accompanied by northwest winds of 25 mph or more. While abundant migrants were observed in city parks on the windy Saturday of 15 May, the overnight wind shift produced a particularly notable reorientation flight along the ocean coast. Thousands of migrants reached the shore, fighting the head winds and were observed as they flew westward along the barrier beaches. Among the highlights were 20 species of warblers at Robert Moses State Park, Suffolk County, including 110 Magnolia Warblers, 70 Black-throated Blue Warblers, and 33 Canada Warblers. Also seen there were 250 Chimney Swifts, 9 Cliff Swallows, Black-billed Cuckoo, and Alder Flycatcher. A wayward Blue Jay was also associated with this flight.

An unusual crepuscular flight was noted by Andrew Farnsworth on the east side of mid-town Manhattan on 21 May. The flight was highlighted by 435 White-winged Scoters, 22 Surf Scoters, 125 scoter sp., 22 Short-billed Dowitchers, 43 unidentified "peeps", 7 Whimbrels, 2 Black Skimmers, and 2 Common Nighthawks.

Bird diversity was outstanding this season and was certainly a reflection of both increased birder effort and the many vehicles for reporting. The only "expected" species missed were Eurasian Wigeon, Short-eared Owl, and Vesper Sparrow. Species recorded in low numbers, in addition to those mentioned above, included: Common Moorhen, Northern Bobwhite, Tricolored Heron, Sharp-shinned Hawk, American Kestrel, Bonaparte's Gull, and Common Nighthawk. Declines in these species have been previously documented in our area. On the positive side, some species were recorded in good numbers, among them: Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Blue Grosbeak, Boat-tailed Grackle, and Orchard Oriole.

The most unusual rarity of the season was a "**Sooty**" **Fox Sparrow** (*unalaschcensis* subspecies group), the first record for New York State if accepted. It was found on 13 May in Central Park's "Strawberry Fields" section by Steve Chang and Andrew Rubinfeld and remained there the next day. Photographs and comments posted on the Internet helped to confirm the identification. This bird followed one that frequented a feeder in Barrington,

New Hampshire last winter. The only other record east of the Rocky Mountains was a bird in Burlington, North Dakota in the winter of 1994-1995. Interestingly, there is one other record of a western Fox Sparrow in New York State. A "Slate-colored" Fox Sparrow (*schistacea* subspecies group) was collected at the Fire Island Lighthouse on 12 May 1971 and identified as *P.i. altivagans*, breeding in interior British Colombia and Alberta. Both of these records are about a month later than the normal spring departure dates of our usual eastern "Red" Fox Sparrows, *P.i. iliaca*.

The season featured some other exceptional rarities. A **Barnacle Goose**, found by Norm Klein at Sunken Meadow State Park, Suffolk County on 2 March, may have been the same bird that spent several weeks there in the fall. It was a one-day wonder this time. Jay McGowan and Andrew Van Norstrand spotted a fly-by **Pacific Loon** during a sea watch at Cupsogue County Park on 24 May. Perhaps even more impressive is that they managed to get good photos of the bird, an adult in alternate plumage.

A **White-Faced Ibis** was found by Shane Blodgett on April 26 and seen sporadically through 26 May at the West Pond and surrounding marshes of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. There was speculation based on plumage details that two birds were present, but the photographic documentation is inconclusive. White-faced Ibis was listed as a possible breeder at Jamaica Bay in the first Breeding Bird Atlas, based on the presence of two individuals there in 1979, 1980, and 1983.

Vicki Bustamante spotted a **Swallow-Tailed Kite** flying over Montauk on 7 April. It was a day of strong southwest winds and record heat, and followed sightings at Sandy Hook, New Jersey on 6 April. Two **Sandhill Cranes** were found at Southampton, Suffolk County on 20 March by Evan Marks and then relocated by Peter Matthiessen in nearby Sagaponack on 27 March. The birds stayed in the same farm field until the morning of 2 April. They were seen in Block Island, Rhode Island later that day! The recent string of Sandhill Crane records on eastern Long Island includes single birds in May, June, and November 2009.

A female **Wilson's Plover** delighted many birders as the winds increased to 40 mph at Jones Beach West End on 8 May. The bird was found by Andrew Baksh and was seen again on 15 May by Steve Schellenger and others. Another female Wilson's Plover was found by Angus Wilson on 21 May at Sagaponack Pond but stayed only briefly. Shai Mitra found an adult **Arctic Tern** on the tidal flats north of the parking lot at Cupsogue County Park on 23 May. Roseate and Black terns were also seen there in late May. The first Royal Tern of the year was seen on 31 May at nearby Pikes Beach. A **White-winged Dove** was found at the Jones Beach West End Coast Guard Station on 2 May by Joan Quinlan and Gerta Fritz. It stayed for a few hours before flying off toward the west.

Common Ravens continued their recent expansion into New York's coastal lowland region. Corey Finger brought the Region's first known nest to the attention of the birding community after investigating a report he heard at a local butterfly club meeting. The nest was on a water tower in the Kew Gardens section of Queens. Three young fledged on 31 May; two were seen in the area

subsequently (see article this issue). Ravens were also seen in early March in Roslyn, Nassau County; in northeastern Queens, where they have been regular the past few seasons; and in May on Staten Island.

An immature male **Painted Bunting** visited a feeder in the yard of Roseanne Blackburn, Sea Cliff, Nassau County on 2 May. She got good photographs. An adult male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was seen 12-14 May at the Mount Loretto Unique Area, Staten Island. The bird was photographed and reported by Seth Wollney after it was found by his non-birding but keenly observing parents. Birders observing 85 Bobolinks at Garvies Point Preserve in Glen Cove, Nassau County on 3 May, described it as a wonderful spectacle. The maximum number of Bobolinks recorded in spring in Region 10 was 100 in Lattingtown, Nassau County on 16 May 1967.

Some other notable birds of the spring season included a Red-necked Grebe at Jamaica Bay on 31 May; Upland Sandpipers at Robert Moses State Park and Drier-Offerman Park, Brooklyn in April; 1-2 Wilson's Phalaropes at Jamaica Bay from 21 May; a singing Orange-Crowned Warbler that spent two weeks at the Water Hole in Forest Park, Queens in May; and a Clay-Colored Sparrow at Drier-Offerman Park on 16 May.

A covey of eight Northern Bobwhites was seen in early March in Calverton, Suffolk County at a site just north of the former Grumman Property, where several Regionally rare species have nested recently. The site has since been leveled for development.

Mitred Parakeets returned to Hillcrest, Queens for a few days in April to feed on cherry blossoms, as they have for the past decade or so. The blossoms and the birds were earlier than normal this year. Information on any additional sightings is welcomed.

The author mined the Cornell eBird data base for many records in this report. The other major sources used include NYSBirds, eBirds NYC, SINaturaList, other local Internet sources, and the New York Rare Bird Alert.

Finally, the author notes with great sadness the untimely passing of Matt Bayer, a respected local birder and frequent contributor to these pages.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMA – Amagansett, SUFF; APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; BPT – Breezy Pt, QUEE; Calv – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), SUFF; CB – Cedar Beach, Babylon, SUFF; CCP – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; CHP – Conference House P, RICH; CP – Central Park, NEWY; CRSP – Connetquot R SP, SUFF; DOP – Drier-Offernam P, KING; DP – Democrat Pt, SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; FIHW – Fire I Hawkwatch, SUFF; FMCP – Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, QUEE; FP – Forest Park, QUEE; FT – Fort Tilden, QUEE; GKP – Great Kills P, RICH; HHSP – Hither Hills SP, SUFF; HISP – Hempstead L SP, NASS; HSP – Hecksher SP, SUFF; Jam Bay – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; JBSP – Jones Beach SP, NASS; JBWE – West End, Jones Beach SP, NASS; KP – Kissena Park, QUEE; Mass – Massapequa Preserve, NASS; MB – Mecox Bay, SUFF; MI – Moriches Inlet, SUFF; MLUA – Mt. Loretto Unique Area, RICH; MNSA – Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, NASS; MP – Montauk Pt, SUFF; nm – nautical miles; BPB – Pelham Bay P, BRON; PP – Prospect P, KING; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; RP – Riis P, QUEE; Sagg – Sagaponack Pd, SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock Inlet, SUFF; SPCP – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF; VCP – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; VSSP – Valley Stream SP, NASS; WPP – Wolfe's Pd P, RICH.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: 4 imm East Hampton, SUFF thru 4 Mar (HM).

Snow Goose: max 1500 Jam Bay 20 Mar (KM); last Jam Bay 28 Mar.

Brant: max 4000 Jam Bay 11, 16 Apr; few lingering thru, multiple locations; 50 Jam Bay 29 May (SA).

"Black" Brant: 2 Mt. Loretto, RICH 21 Mar (RV, et al).

BARNACLE GOOSE: SMSP 2 Mar (NK), same bird from fall?

Cackling Goose: Caumsett SP, SUFF 8 Mar (RK).

Mute Swan: numbers of ad on ponds at Jam Bay built to 75-100 in May; at least 25 cygnets Jam Bay 30 May (SA).

Tundra Swan: 4 Sagaponack, SUFF 14 Mar (AnW); 2 Sagaponack 21-27 Mar (SSM, PJL, MN, HM).

Wood Duck: max 16 migr PP 10 Mar (AxW); 3 FP 19 Mar (CF), unusual location; 4 Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF 6 Apr (RBA); 4 JBSP 22-25 Apr (DK, mob); 14 SMSP 14 May (VP); 3 Flushing Airport, QUEE 21 May (CF, SA).

Eurasian Wigeon: not reported.

Am. Wigeon: about 50 reports; max 15 Bayville, NASS 6 Mar (BF).

Blue-winged Teal: arr MLUA 6 Mar (LZ), early; WPP 27 Mar (JS); Cow Meadow P, NASS 1 Apr (RKe); 4 Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF 6 Apr (RBA); 3 JBSP 22-30 Apr (DK, mob); 3 Bergen Beach, KING 6 May (DG); fem Jam Bay 30 May (SA).

N. Shoveler: max 169 Jam Bay 10 Apr (AB), large number.

N. Pintail: scarce; max 10 sev loc sw RICH 6 Mar (CB); 7 Mill Pd, NASS 1 Mar (JPi).

“EURASIAN” GREEN-WINGED TEAL (R10): Jam Bay thru 5 Mar (TWB, GB, mob); Nissequoque R SP, SUFF 7 Mar (DF); 2 same loc 20 Mar (VP); 2 identified as hybrids of American and Eurasian forms Jam Bay thru 5 Mar (TWB, GB, mob).

Canvasback: scarce; max 16 Maratooka L, SUFF 7 Mar (JSe); Jam Bay 31 Mar (AL); SMSP 1 Apr (VP).

Redhead: max 50 Willet’s Pt, West Islip, SUFF 7 Mar (DF), large number; 6 other rep of 11 birds.

Ring-necked Duck: max 40 Calverton Ponds Preserve, SUFF 7 Mar (JB); 25-35 SMSP late Mar; 3 PP 21 Apr (RBA), late.

Greater Scaup: max 40,000 Dead Horse Bay, KING 2 Mar (RBo), large number; 8400 Jam Bay 7 Mar (SA); 320 Southampton 20 Mar (SSM, PjL); FMCP 12 May (CF); few lingering Jam Bay thru.

Lesser Scaup: 30 Jam Bay 7 Mar (SA); 260 West Islip 7 Mar (DF); max 1500 Jam Bay 20 Mar (KM), large number.

King Eider: fem Montauk 28 Mar (AnW), poss. continuing from winter.

Com. Eider: large numbers persisting from winter, a few lingering thru: 500 Shinn 9 Mar (TWB, GB); 520 Shinn 20 Mar (SSM, PjL); 93 Jones Inlet, NASS 17 Mar (K&SF); 41 Jones Inlet 21 Mar (SA); 16 JBWE 18 Apr (BB); 15 JBWE 25 Apr (SA); 70 Shinn 23 May (JM); 29 Shinn 27 May (SA, SM); BPT 30 May (SA); 3 CCP 31 May (PjL).

Harlequin Duck: 1-7 incl. as many as 3 drakes Pt. Lookout, NASS & JBWE; last 7 JBWE 15 Apr (BF, SA, BR, mob); 2 Shinn thru 9 Mar (RA, LO); fem Prince’s Bay, RICH 31 Mar (SIW); 2 MP 2-4 Apr (LO, AnW); 3 MP 1-2 May (AnW, HM).

Surf Scoter: 307 Coney I, KING 25 Mar (SB); 195 AMA 28 Mar; max 770 Ditch Plains, SUFF 28 Mar (AnW); 22 E52 St, NEWY 21 May (AF), unusual loc; a few lingering thru.

White-winged Scoter: 290 Breakwater Beach P, Mattituck, SUFF 17 Mar (JSe); 22 AMA 28 Mar (AnW); 10 Ditch Plains, SUFF 28 Mar (AnW); max 435 E52 St 21 May (AF), unusual loc; a few lingering thru.

Black Scoter: 28 Jones Inlet 16 Mar (K&SF); 180 AMA 28 Mar (AnW); max 1002 Ditch Plains, SUFF 28 Mar (AnW).

Long-tailed Duck: max 3200 Coney I 4 Mar (DG).

Barrow’s Goldeneye: Jam Bay thru 12 Mar (mob); Centre I, NASS thru 7 Mar (JGI).

Com. Merganser: 70 SMSP 3 Mar (SF), large number; 28 SMSP 6 Mar (SA); 11 SMSP 1 Apr (VP); 6 FP 1 May (CF), fly-over, unusual loc.

Ruddy Duck: 977 Jam Bay 8 Apr (DG); 1200 Jam Bay 11 Apr (RBo); more than in winter.

N. Bobwhite: 8 Calverton, SUFF 2-6 Mar (RM, SA), *intro*; 5 Hecksher SP, SUFF 28 Apr (KT); MP 1 May (HM); BPT 23 May (AB).

Ring-necked Pheasant: MNSA 16 Mar; several reports from KP, Flushing Airport, JBWE, GKP, FBF, and other loc.

Wild Turkey: about 20 reports; max 12 Cove Hollow Farm, SUFF 7 Mar (JRo); 6 Northville, SUFF 17 Mar (MLL).

Red-throated Loon: max 32 Gravesend Bay, KING 14 Apr (DG).

PACIFIC LOON: ad alt CCP 24 May (JM, AVN), ph.

Horned Grebe: max 155 Montauk 7 Mar (AnW); 52 Jam Bay 14 Apr (DG).

Red-necked Grebe: SPCP 2 Mar (CS); AMA 27 Mar (AnW); 2 RMSP 6 Apr (SSM); Jam Bay 31 May (JGa), ph, very late.

WESTERN GREBE: Prince’s Bay 20-21 Mar (SB, mob); same area 2 Apr (RV), *intro*.

N. Fulmar: 2 approx 72nm SE Shinn 21 Apr (AnW, JSh).

Cory’s Shearwater: 5 approx 42nm SE Shinn 29 May (JSh), ph, *intro*; CCP 31 May (PjL), early.

Greater Shearwater: 10 sev mi off MP 25 May (JP); 15 approx 42nm SE Shinn 29 May (JSh), *intro*.

Sooty Shearwater: one 31nm SE Shinn 21 Apr (AnW, JSh), very early; DP 23 May (SSM); 12 CCP 23 May (SSM, PjL, TWG, GB); 2 RMSP 24 May (SSM); 10 sev mi off MP 25 May (JP); Shinn 26 May (SA, SM); 2 RMSP 28 May (RJK); 25 off Shinn to 42nm SE 29 May (JSh); 5 MP 29 May (RBA); RMSP 30 May (RBA).

Manx Shearwater: MP 2 May (AnW); Shinn 23 May (TWB, GB); RMSP 24 May (SSM).

Wilson’s Storm-Petrel: 4 approx 70nm SE Shinn 21 Apr (AnW, JSh), very early; 3 CCP 24 May (JM); 2 sev mi off MP 25 May (JP); Shinn 27 May (SA); 50 off Shinn to 42nm SE 29 May (JSh); 6 MP 29 May (RBA); 8 RMSP 30 May (RBA).

LEACH’S STORM-PETREL: one 42nm SE Shinn 29 May (JSh), *intro*.

N. Gannet: 665 AMA 28 Mar (AnW); 482 Ditch Plains 28 Mar (AnW); 1617 Coney I, KING 14 Apr (DG); max 2200 Plumb Beach, KING 16 Apr (DG); 100 Verrazano Bridge, RICH 16 Apr (LN).

Double-crested Cormorant: 1100 JBWE & RMSP 16 Apr (SSM); 463 AMA 17 Apr (AnW); 150 DOP 17 Apr (AxW); 500 AMA 19 Apr (AnW, HM).

Great Cormorant: 2 Plumb Beach 16, 19 Apr (DG); DOP 17 Apr (AxW); AMA 15 May (AnW).

Am. Bittern: Quogue, SUFF 6 Mar (SA); Quogue 16 Mar (LO); Captree SP, SUFF 20 Apr (KT); Forest Hills, QUEE 1 May (CF), unusual loc.

Least Bittern: Mariners Marsh P, RICH 8 May (CB); VCP 22 May (AB).

Great Egret: arr Babylon, SUFF 11 Mar (BGr).

Snowy Egret: arr MNSA 3 Apr.

Little Blue Heron: arr Accabonac, SUFF 27 Mar (AnW); max 5 Jam Bay 11 Apr (RBo); approx 10 rep RICH; otherwise few.

Tricolored Heron: arr Jam Bay 2 Apr; scarce, fewer than 20 reports, all Jam Bay; max 2 Big Egg Marsh 26 May (DG).

Cattle Egret: 3 Southampton 31 Mar (RA, DB); Montauk 2-6 Apr (LO, mob); East Moriches, SUFF 3 Apr (DB); Orient, SUFF 18 Apr (JSe).

Green Heron: arr Jam Bay 8 Apr (DG), early.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: arr 2 Apr; Camman's Pd, NASS 18 Apr (SSM); 8 Jam Bay 26 May (SA, DG); 16 MNSA 30 May (BB); 16 Jam Bay 31 May (DG); large numbers.

Glossy Ibis: 13 Greenwood Cemetery, KING 7 Apr (DG).

WHITE-FACED IBIS: sporadically Jam Bay 26 Apr – 26 May, incl: 26-28 Apr (SB, AB, mob); 7 May (RJK); 13 May (DG, mob); 15 May (TWB, *et al*); 16 May (DG, SS, LZ); 20-21 May (AB); 22 May (TWB, GB); 23 May (JM); 26 May (RBA); ph GB, AB; *intro*.

Black Vulture: at least 15 rep of at least 20 birds, mostly from RICH; 3 Greenwood Cem 24 Mar (RJ); 2 PP 24 Mar (PD); Jam Bay 30 Apr (SA, GH, RJK); Merrick Road P, NASS 9 May (SS); Camp Hero SP, SUFF 16 May (AnW); nesting pair at Ft. Wadsworth, RICH apparently returned, details desired.

Turkey Vulture: approx 30 rep of at least 85 birds; 8 Camp Hero SP 17 May (AnW).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: present from winter.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: Montauk 7 Apr (VB), *intro*.

Bald Eagle: imm Sag Harbor 11 Apr (HM); GKP 17 Apr (JGa); 2yr Sag Harbor 21Apr (HM); PP 21 Apr (RBA); William Floyd Estate,

SUFF 2 May (MLL); Napeague, SUFF 2 May (AnW); Captain's Cove, NASS 3 May (MN); Darwin James Preserve, NASS 9 May (BBo); imm PP 14 May (R. Bate); Sawmill Creek, RICH 15 May (CB); East River, KING 17 May (D. Gustafson).

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 33 E52 St 30 Apr (AF), large number; 6 PP 30 Apr (DG); <50 other birds rep, scarce.

Red-shouldered Hawk: imm Montauk 7 Mar (AnW); Glen Cove, NASS 17 Mar (MN); Owls Head P, KING 27 Mar (AxW); imm SMSP 3-4 Apr (VP, JGJ); Shu Swamp, NASS 3 Apr (KF); Patchogue, SUFF 13 May (DT); Jam Bay 20 May (AB!), late, unusual loc.

Broad-winged Hawk: 80 CP 17 Apr (RBA); 8 Plum I, SUFF 29 Apr (JSe); 9 Camp Hero SP 17 May (AnW).

Rough-legged Hawk: SPCP 1 Mar (DB), only report.

Am. Kestrel: migr 8 Greenwood Cem 7 Apr (DG), max; migr 7 FBF 19 Apr (DG); 2 Calv 11 Apr (RK); Rocky Pt 12-15 Apr (RK); 6 E52 St 30 Apr (AF); Calv 22 May (RK); <50 other birds rep .

Peregrine Falcon: approx 100 rep of approx 30 birds.

Virginia Rail: Sag Harbor, SUFF 17 Apr (HM); Arshamomaque Preserve, SUFF 1 May (JSe); SMSP 3 May (VP); 2 Jam Bay 13 May (DG, *et al*).

Sora: RICH 15 May, only rep on "Rails Trails Walk" (fide SIW).

Com. Moorhen: CP 7-20 May (mob), released by rehabilitator; only 3 other rep, all RICH.

SANDHILL CRANE (R10): 2 Southampton 20 Mar (E. Marks, fide HM); same pr Sagaponack 27 Mar – 2 Apr (P. Matthiessen, fide HM, mob), *intro*.

Black-bellied Plover: max 500 Tobay, NASS to Cedar Beach, SUFF 18 Apr (SSM, PJJ, TWB, GB).

Am. Golden-Plover: Cedar Beach 18 Apr (TWB, GB, mob).

WILSON'S PLOVER: fem/imm JBWE 8 May (AB, mob); 15 May (SSch, mob); fem Sagaponack 21 May (AnW, *et al*).

Semipalmated Plover: 2 JBWE 17 Apr (SSM, PJJ), early.

Piping Plover: arr JBWE 20 Mar; max 20 BPT 29 May (KM), incl newly hatched chicks.

Am. Oystercatcher: arr JBWE 1 Mar (JG); max 32 BPT 28 Mar (SB).

Spotted Sandpiper: arr E52 St 22 Apr (AF); widespread 28 Apr .

Solitary Sandpiper: arr 1 May; 3 SMSP 3 May (SF, VP); 5 Bergen Beach, KING 6 May (DG);

up to 3 APP 1-16 May (mob); 9 PP 15 May (DG), large number.

Greater Yellowlegs: 25 MNSA 17 Apr (BB), large number.

Willet: arr 2 JBWE 17 Apr (SSM), early; max 27 CCP 5 May (BY); 12 Jam Bay 16 May (DG, SS), few, reflecting marsh loss?

“Western” Willet: CCP 31 May (SSM), early.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 4 MNSA 6 April (AB); 2 Spring Creek, QUEE 8 Apr (DG); max 10 Flushing Airport 13 May (DG, *et al*).

Upland Sandpiper: RMSP 5-11 Apr (SSM, mob); DOP 17 Apr (AxW); DOP 1 May (AxW).

Whimbrel: 3 MP 2 May (AnW); 5 Shinn 8 May (RK, *et al*); 7 E52 St 21 May (AF), unusual loc.

Ruddy Turnstone: 500 Jam Bay 26 May (DG); max 700 Pikes Beach & CCP 31 May (SSM, PJJ).

Red Knot: scarce; 2 Cedar Beach 18 Apr (SSM, PJJ, TWB, GB); 35 JBWE 10 May (RJK); 40 JBWE 11 May (KF); 125 Jam Bay 26 May (DG); 16 Pikes Beach, SUFF 27 May (SA); 58 Pikes Beach 29 May, 29 same loc. 30 May (HB, *et al*); max 282 Pikes Beach & CCP 31 May (SSM, PJJ).

Sanderling: 2000 BPT 27 May (DG); max 3000 Pikes Beach & CCP 31 May (SSM, PJJ).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 19 JBWE 3 May (SSM); 3000 Jam Bay 26 May (DG, SA); max 4000 Pikes Beach & CCP 31 May (SSM, PJJ).

Western Sandpiper: ad alt Pikes Beach 31 May (PJJ, mob).

Least Sandpiper: arr Sagaponack 4 Apr (AnW); RMSP 6 Apr (SSM), early.

White-rumped Sandpiper: Plumb Beach 6 May (DG), early; 10 JBWE 11 May (KF); 13 JBWE 16 May (SA); up to 4 Sagg, 21-23 May (RBA); max 35 Bay County P, NASS 30 May (BB), large number; 4 Pikes Beach & CCP 31 May (SSM, PJJ).

Pectoral Sandpiper: 3 Goethal’s Br. Pd, RICH 10 Apr (CB, BC), early; 1-2 there thru 30 Apr; MNSA 2 May (RJK, BB); max 7 Big Egg Marsh, QUEE 3 May (HL); Flushing Airport 8 May (CF).

Purple Sandpiper: 11 Montauk 7 Mar (AnW); 8 Montauk 28 Mar (AnW); Georgica Pd 30 May (AnW), late.

Dunlin: 2000 JBWE 7 Mar (BF); 5000 Tobay, NASS to Cedar Beach, SUFF 18 Apr (SSM, PJJ, TWB, GB), large numbers.

Short-billed Dowitcher: 3 Cedar Beach 18 Apr (SSM, PJJ); 3 Tobay 20 Apr (SSM), early; 90 JBWE 3 May (SSM); 100 JBWE 11 May (KF); 22 E52 St 21 May (AF), unusual loc.

Wilson’s Snipe: DOP 14 Mar (AxW); 8 MLUA 27 Mar (HF); 10 Four Sparrow Marsh, KING 28 Mar (RJ, HL); max 11 FBF 11 Apr (AB).

Am Woodcock: present from winter.

Wilson’s Phalarope: Jam Bay 21 May (SW); m & f 2 Jam Bay 22-23 May (TWB, GB, AB, mob); f Jam Bay 29-31 May (SW, mob).

RED PHALAROPE (R10): Sagaponack 9 Apr (HM); 4 off Shinn 21 Apr (AnW, JSh); 2 m approx 65nm SE Shinn 29 May (JSh), ph, *intro*.

Black-legged Kittiwake: Montauk 7 Mar (AnW) & 21 Mar (SSM, PJJ, MN); AMA 28 Mar (AnW); Shinn 23 May (TWB, GB).

Bonaparte’s Gull: 15 Sally Rupert Preserve, SUFF 7 Mar (BBo); 23 Coney I 14 Mar (SB); 15 DOP 14 Mar (AxW); coastal max 60 RMSP 6 Apr (SSM); 75 off Shinn 21 Apr (AnW, JSh); 2 Sagg 21-23 May (RBA); 11 Georgica Pd 30 May (AnW); very low numbers.

Black-headed Gull: Georgica Pd, SUFF 17 May (AnW, HM), only report.

Little Gull: one 12 nm S Shinn 3 Apr (JSh); 2 off Shinn 21 Apr (AnW, JSh); BPT 13 May (DG, *et al*); Shinn 23 May (TWB, GB).

Laughing Gull: arr DOP 3 Apr.

MEW GULL: Bensonhurst P, KING thru 5 Mar (DG).

Iceland Gull: at least 17 reports of 19 birds; last BPT 23 May.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: at least 17 reports of 24 birds; wintering birds thru 28 Mar (Sagaponack) & 17 Apr (Napeague); DP 23 May (SSM); Pikes Beach 23 May (SSM).

Glaucous Gull: East Hampton 6 Mar (AnW); ad Sagaponack 13 Mar (RBA); East Hampton 13-14 Mar (AnW); Lido Beach, NASS 31 Mar (PM); Mattituck, SUFF 10 Apr (RBA); Plumb Beach 19 Apr (DG).

Least Tern: arr Jam Bay 1 May; 75-100 DP 25 May (RJK).

Gull-billed Tern: arr JBWE 30 Apr (SSM); 4 JBWE 2 May (CF); 4 JBWE 5 May (SyS); 2 JBWE 6 May (RJK); 3 BPT 13 May (DG, *et al*); 2 JBWE 16 May (SA, mob); 4 Jam Bay 22 May (RBA); 4 JBWE 22 May (RBA); 2 JBWE 26 May (RJK).

Caspian Tern: Mecox 17, 19 Apr (AnW); 2 Mecox 21 Apr (HM).

Black Tern: 5 BPT 13 May (DG, *et al*); DP 23 May (SSM); 3 RMSP 28 May (RJK); 2 MP 29 May (RBA); 2 CCP 31 May (SSM).

Roseate Tern: 3 BPT 12 May (DG); 2 DP 12 May (fide SSM); 2 BPT 13 May (DG, *et al*); 2 Georgica Pd 17 May (AnW, HM); 9 AMA 19 May (AnW); 13 DP 23 May (SSM); 2 CCP 26 May (SA, SM).

Com. Tern: 57nm SE Shinn 21 Apr (AnW, JSh); coastal arr 7 RMSP 30 Apr; 100 Hampton Bays, SUFF 2 May; 170 JBWE 3 May; max 15,000 BPT 13 May (DG, *et al*), large number.
ARCTIC TERN: ad CCP 23 May (SSM!), ph, *intro*.

Forster's Tern: arr 6 Apr; 150 Jam Bay 23 May (BF), large number.

Royal Tern: arr Pikes Beach 31 May (SSM, PJL).

Black Skimmer: arr 13 Plumb Beach 2 May (TP); Gardiner's Bay, SUFF 15 May (fide AnW); 2 E53 St 21 May (AF), *intro*; 5 Sagg 21-23 May (RBA); max 350 Nickerson Beach, NASS 23 May (BF); 275 BPT 27 May (DG); 8 Mecox 30 May (AnW).

Parasitic Jaeger: ad Orient Pt, SUFF 14 Mar (NB!, fide AnW), very early; CCP 23 May (SSM, PJL, TWG, GB); RMSP 14 May (SSM); 2 Amagansett 29 May (RBA).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: one 42nm SE Shinn 29 May (JSh), ph, *intro*.

Dovekie: MP 14 Mar (AnW); 5 16nm S Shinn 3 Apr (JSh); 3 approx 42nm SE Shinn 29 May (JSh), late.

COMMON MURRE: 3 approx 16nm S Shinn 3 Apr (JSh).

THICK-BILLED MURRE: MP 7 Mar (AnW).

Razorbill: 46 MP 7 Mar (AnW); 3 MP 14 Mar (AnW); coastal max 60 MP 28 Mar (AC, *et al*); 2 Amagansett 28 Mar (AnW); 100 approx 12-22nm S Shinn 3 Apr (JSh); 3 RMSP 17 Apr (SSM); 48 Amagansett 17 Apr (AnW, HM); 77 off Shinn 21 Apr (AnW, JSh); *intro*.

ATLANTIC PUFFIN: 25 approx 16-22nm S Shinn 3 Apr (JSh); 4 off Shinn 21 Apr (AnW, JSh).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: JBWE 2 May (JQ, GF, mob).

Monk Parakeet: 2 Freeport, NASS 14 May (RC); many rep KING, incl. 20-25 birds Greenwood Cemetery; other reports from QUEE, BRON, SUFF, NEWY.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr CP 3 May, early; scarce, <20 rep.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Sands Pt Preserve, SUFF 18 Apr (GQ), very early.

Barn Owl: nested Jam Bay for 3rd year.

Great Horned Owl: Jam Bay 11 Apr (RBA), unusual loc; nested APP (mob), but 2 y apparently lost at fledging.

Snowy Owl: Shinn 6 Mar (LO); Jamesport, SUFF 9 Mar (fide LO), ph.

Long-eared Owl: PBP 11 Mar.

Short-eared Owl: not reported.

N. Saw-whet Owl: CP 18-19 Mar.

Com. Nighthawk: arr 5 Moravian Cemetery, RICH 11 May (HF); 3 Forest Hills 20 May (CF); 2 E52 St 21 May (AF), *intro*; scarce, < 25 birds rep.

Chuck-will's-widow: Napeague 16 May thru (AnW, mob); Quogue Preserve, SUFF 25 May thru (ES).

Whip-poor-will: Edgewood Preserve, SUFF 19 Apr thru (JGL, mob); CP 2 May (fide TF); PP 4 May (mob).

Chimney Swift: arr 16 Apr; 200 PP 10 May (PD); 250 RMSP 15 May (SSM), *intro*; 50 Caumsett SP 25 May (PM); large numbers.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Southold, SUFF thru 17 Mar (JSe); Caumsett SP thru 28 Mar (KF); CLP thru 21 Apr (CB); Wading River, SUFF 3 Apr (RG); CP 2-4 May (mob); RMSP 2 May (SSM); JBWE 5 May (KT); JBWE 15 May (RBA); Stony Brook, SUFF 18 May (H. Moller).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr 10 Mar, early.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: FP 8 May (DK); CP 9 May (JD), early; widespread from 14 May; 2 PP 14 May (AxW); 2 PP 16 May (RJ, HL).

E. Wood-Pewee: arr 2 May, early.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr 14 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr APP 14 May (SW); West Hills Co P, SUFF 15 May (BBo); PP 16 May (RJ, HL); FP 17 May (AB); CLP 20 May (JGa); Wagner College, RICH 23 May (HF); 2 CP 25 May (RBA).

Alder Flycatcher: arr RMSP 15 May (KF), early, *intro*; 6 other rep.

Willow Flycatcher: arr 5 May, early.

Least Flycatcher: arr MLUA 30 Apr (JGa).

E. Phoebe: arr PP 10 Mar; 63 JBWE 2 Apr (AB), large number.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr 28 Apr.

E. Kingbird: arr Shadmoor SP, SUFF 3 Apr (BHo, fide AnW), very early.

White-eyed Vireo: Heady Cr, Southold, SUFF 31 Mar (CR), very early; scarce on local breeding grounds until mid-May.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr CP 30 Apr.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr CLP 4 Apr (HF), very early.

Philadelphia Vireo: CP 14 May (SA, GH, JR); CP 15 May (MT, *et al*); FP 20 May (RA).

Red-eyed Vireo: arr CLP 21 Apr (CB), early.

Blue Jay: RMSP 15 May (SSM), usually absent from barrier beaches; *intro*.

COMMON RAVEN (R10): 2 Oakland L, QUEE 8 Mar (SW); Frick Estate, Roslyn,

NASS 10 Mar (PM); 2 ad Kew Gardens, QUEE, thru (CF, mob), CO 3y; 2 Clay Pit Ponds SP, RICH 15 May (EJ); no rep BRON, where regular past few seasons; *intro*; see article this issue.

Purple Martin: arr Sag Harbor 11 Apr (HM); JBWE 6 May (DK); large colonies rep Cove Hollow Farm & Arden Av., RICH.

Tree Swallow: arr JBSP 2 Mar (BB), very early; widespread 17 Mar.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr CP 28 Mar (RBA), very early; 8 RMSP 15 May (SSM), *intro*.

Bank Swallow: arr 7 Apr, early; 30 Caumsett SP 25 May (PM).

Cliff Swallow: arr Breakwater Beach P 25 Apr (JSe); 6 KP 12 May (CF); max 9 RMSP 15 May (SSM), *intro*.

Barn Swallow: arr Sag Harbor 28 Mar (HM), early.

House Wren: arr CP 15 Apr (MT), early; widespread 24 Apr.

Marsh Wren: arr 1 May.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr HLSP 18 Mar; last 30 Apr.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 5 Apr, incl. 10 CP; last 16 May.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr 4 Apr (RBA), early.

E. Bluebird: Shinn 7 Mar (TWB, GB); only 17 other rep; max Caumsett SP 20 Mar (SF).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: FP 8 May (SA); West Hills Co. P 15 May (BBo); 10+ addtl reports.

BICKNELL'S THRUSH: PP 12 May (SB, RJ!); FP 13 May (SB, CF, DG); PP 16 May (RJ, HL); APP 22 May (JV, mob).

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: SMSP 9 May (VP); 2 FP 15 May (SA); APP 19 May (VP).

Swainson's Thrush: arr Southold 30 Apr (JSe); CP 2 May (fide TF), early.

Hermit Thrush: arr 10 CLP 6 Apr (HF); 10 CP6 Apr (CF); max 150 CP 30 Apr (MT); 120 PP same day (DG); CLP 19 May (JGa), late.

Am. Robin: group of 4-5 leucistic birds APP.

Gray Catbird: 6 SMSP 21 Mar (VP), from winter? widespread 11 Apr, early; bird trapped in IBM Atrium 590 Madison Ave, NEWY, overwintered, rep 23 Mar (Joseph Pescatore).

Brown Thrasher: arr CHP 16 Mar, early; widespread 4 Apr.

Cedar Waxwing: widespread and abundant, especially in May.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr CP 21 Apr, early.

Golden-winged Warbler: m CP 20 May (Craig Rasmussen!), late migr, only report.

Tennessee Warbler: arr 30 Apr E52 St (AF), early; widespread 14 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: HLSP thru 19 Apr (KF, mob); PP 18 Mar – 29 Apr (RBA, mob); CLP 6 Apr (HF); PP 19 Apr (DG); FP 20-24 Apr (PR, mob); CP 24 Apr (RBA); 2 PP 1 May (RJ, SA, DK, *et al*); FP 1-14 May (TWB, GB, mob), m singing at the Water Hole; FP 5 May (CF); E 52 St 17 Mar (AF), unusual loc.

Nashville Warbler: arr 20 Apr Willowbrook P (RV), very early.

N. Parula: arr HLSP 5 Apr (RJK), very early.

Yellow Warbler: arr 2 E 52 St 16 Apr (AF), early; widespread 22 Apr.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr 30 Apr; widespread 14 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr 30 Apr; widespread 14 May; 110 RMSP 15 May (SSM), *intro*.

Cape May Warbler: arr 2 May; max 8 CP 14 May (SA); ca. 25 other rep of ca. 35 birds.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr PP 24 Apr; 70 RMSP 15 May (SSM), *intro*.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: migr arr HLSP 18 Mar; max 541 PP 30 Apr (DG); last 23 May.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr CP 18 Apr.

Yellow-throated Warbler: Garvies Pt Preserve, NASS 28 Apr (RC, fide MN); CP 30 Apr, details desired; CP 6 May (AG!); Quogue Preserve 13 May (ES, *et al*).

Pine Warbler: Quogue thru 2 Mar (RM); arr PP 20 Mar; migr thru approx. 30 Apr.

Prairie Warbler: arr HLSP 21 Apr (RJK), early.

Palm Warbler: GKP 25 Mar, migr or wintering?; arr 2 HLSP 4 Apr (RJK); migr thru approx 15 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr CP 1 May (DF), early; widespread 14 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr FP 1 May (TWB, GB), early.

Cerulean Warbler: PP 30 Apr (DG); CP 30 Apr-2 May (fide TF); CLP 2 May (SSM).

Black-and-white Warbler: arr CP 7 Apr, very early.

Prothonotary Warbler: SPCP 24 Mar (BGr), record early date; Fuch's Pd, East Northport, SUFF 3-18 Apr (GL, NK, mob); CP 26 Apr – 1 May (SH, mob); Willowbrook P 30 Apr – 6 May (RV, TB); CLP 30 Apr (CB); CLP 19-20 May (JGa, EJ).

Worm-eating Warbler: arr FP 15 Apr (PR), very early.

Ovenbird: arr 24 Apr; bird trapped in IBM Atrium 590 Madison Ave, NEWY, overwintered, rep 23 Mar (Joseph Pescatore).

N. Waterthrush: arr 18 Apr, early; 12 FP 29 Apr (SA); 18 PP 30 Apr (DG).
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 2 Apr; last 30 Apr (FP).
Northern/Louisiana Waterthrush: Jam Bay 19 Mar (JA, RJK!), identified by call note; very early for either species.
Kentucky Warbler: APP 5-7 May (K&SF, MN); VSSP 9-10 May (BB, RJK, mob); PP 22 May (PD, mob); rep CP 3 May, 8 May, 10 May.
Mourning Warbler: arr APP 7-9 May (K&SF, MN, TWB), early; widespread 14-23 May.
Com. Yellowthroat: arr CP 19 Apr (SH), early; widespread 1 May; bird trapped in IBM Atrium 590 Madison Ave, NEWY, overwintered, rep 23 Mar (Joseph Pescatore).
Hooded Warbler: arr Riverside P, NEWY 20 Apr (JN); 14 rep of at least 15 birds, incl. singing m Rocky Pt 21 May thru (RK).
Wilson's Warbler: arr CP 2 May (fide TF), early.
Canada Warbler: arr FP 1 May, early; 33 RMSP 15 May (SSM), *intro*.
Yellow-breasted Chat: CP 2 May (fide TF); CP 13-14 May (mob); FP 15 May (SA).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: widespread 7 Apr, early; numerous March rep, migr or wintering?
Chipping Sparrow: arr sev loc 4 Apr; 20 Owls Head P4 Apr (AxW), early.
Clay-colored Sparrow: DOP 16 May (AxW!).
Field Sparrow: 2 JBWE thru 19 Mar (KF).
Vesper Sparrow: not reported, though likely present in breeding habitat.
Savannah Sparrow: 45 FMCP 17 Apr (CF).
Grasshopper Sparrow: Lutheran Cemetery, QUEE 12-15 May (DC, fide K. Mirth), ph, unusual loc; breeders Calv and vic.
Nelson's Sparrow: MNSA 17 Apr (BB), early; Napeague 2 May (AnW); MNSA 15 May (SyS); CCP 23 May (P JL, SSM); Plumb Beach 31 May (DG); all reports *subvirgatus*.
Saltmarsh Sparrow: arr 1 May; widespread 5 May.
Seaside Sparrow: Plumb Beach 16 Apr (DG).
Fox Sparrow: last CP 2 Apr, Montauk 10 Apr; *intro*.
"SOOTY" FOX SPARROW: *Unalaschcensis* subspecies group CP 13-14 May (SC, AR, mob), ph, first state record, *intro*.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr CP 10 May; at least 16 rep of 21 birds.

White-crowned Sparrow: 2 imm JBWE thru 2 Apr (mob); 3 Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF thru 6 Apr (HM); 4 Calverton 28 Mar (RBA), Montauk 3 Apr (VB); 2 Jam Bay 30 Apr (SA, RJK); 2 JBWE 30 Apr – 2 May (mob); ca. 25 reports during May.

Lapland Longspur: 3 JBWE thru 5 Mar (K&SF).

Summer Tanager: arr 2 May (RBA); at least 15 rep of 16 birds; 2 FP 23 May (SA), imm m singing and displaying with fem.

Blue Grosbeak: MP 1 May (AnW, HM); CP 11 May (mob); RMSP 12-16 May (KF, mob); Hoyt Farm P, SUFF 13 May (JGL); Riverside P, NEWY 13-14 May (mob); Brookhaven Natl Lab, SUFF 15 May (RK); FP 16 May (CF, mob); DOP 16 May (AxW); Camp Hero SP 17 May (AnW); Eastport, SUFF 23 May - thru (TWB, GB, SA, mob); 2 Cutchogue, SUFF 23 May (RBA); 2 Calverton 30 May – thru (RBA).

Indigo Bunting: arr CP 16 Apr (CC), early; 7 Muttontown Preserve, NASS 22 May (BB).

PAINTED BUNTING: imm m Sea Cliff, NASS 2 May (R. Blackburn, fide MN), ph.

Bobolink: arr 6 PP 27 Apr (RJ), early; 2 MP 1 May (AnW, HM); 85 Garvies Pt Pres 3 May (MN, mob), large number; 35 same loc. 4 May, 6 same loc. 5 May (MN); 2 KP 12 May (CF); 8 Huntington Station, SUFF 15 May (BB).

E. Meadowlark: frequent rep Calv.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: MLUA 12-14 Apr (fide SIW), ph.

Rusty Blackbird: 23 Mill Neck, NASS 6 Mar (PM); as many as 8 singing m APP thru 28 Apr (RJK); last 3 APP 1 May (AB); not present HLSP, where usually regular in spring (RJK).

Boat-tailed Grackle: many rep coastal RICH & south shore LI; max 50 GKP 2 Apr (JGa); 35 Lido Passive Nature Center, NASS 18 Apr (BB); 9 Howard Beach, QUEE 30 Apr (SA).

Orchard Oriole: arr 29 Apr, early; widespread breeding.

Purple Finch: CP 8 May (MT), only report.

EXOTICS

Trumpeter Swan: 2 Yaphank, SUFF thru 10 Mar.

Mitred Parakeet: 12 Hillcrest, QUEE 1-7 Apr (SA, mob); approx. 10 Lutheran Cemetery 1, 3 Apr (DC, fide K. Mirth); ph, all same flock.

European Goldfinch: PP 1 May (DK, RJ, SA, *et al*).