

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The weather in March was an extension of the colder than usual winter months, and it was the coldest March in eight years. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 31.9° F, 2.4° below average. There was 4.63" of precipitation, 1.64" above average, much of which fell in rainfalls on the 5th and 10th. Snowfall was 13.3", 0.9" above average. Buffalo Harbor remained filled with ice through March and wasn't clear of ice until 19 April. The April weather that followed was the third wettest in 141 years. The mean temperature was 45.7° F, 0.4° above average, and featured a cold first week while reaching the 80s during the fourth week. A strong push of songbirds, including numerous early arrivals, occurred 26-28 April during the warm stretch that often featured southerly winds. Precipitation was 5.69", 2.65" above average, and snowfall was 1.0", 2.6" below normal. Winds gusted above 60 mph on the 28th bringing widespread tree damage, especially in Niagara County where gusts exceeded 80 mph! The wet and gloomy weather continued in May. The average temperature was 58.7° F, 1.7° above normal. It was the wettest May and spring season on record. Rainfall was 8.09", 4.54" below normal. The frequent rain was a likely factor in the good numbers of migrant songbirds observed in May.

There seemed to be a typical spring Canada Goose migration, with the peak during mid-March. Tundra Swan migration was evident during the first two weeks of March. Snow Geese were more plentiful than usual, especially following a few days with easterly winds. The maximum Snow Goose count was 238 at Alabama on 13 March. A **Ross's Goose** was observed by many in early March at Dunkirk Harbor. Three reports of **Greater White-fronted Geese**, with a maximum of seven, is becoming the new normal. **Cackling Geese** were again reported in some higher numbers, with a maximum of 37 at Hartland on 12 March. Rounding out the less common goose species was a lone Brant much earlier than usual on **2-3 April**.

Typical of recent springs, there were several **Eurasian Wigeons** reported, with most sightings in the vicinity of Iroquois NWR. There was also at least one **Eurasian x American Wigeon** hybrid there. Willie D'Anna had an impressive count of 2,050 Northern Pintails at a large field in Hartland on 11 March. New bike/walking trails along the Buffalo Outer Harbor have provided easier access to view waterfowl. Jim Pawlicki found three **King Eiders** there on 17 March among a few thousand diving ducks. Many birders were able to find them, although often not present, through at least 27 April. Willie D'Anna found another at Wilson Harbor on 21 April. Two **Harlequin Ducks** at Dunkirk Harbor delighted birders through 12 March, while one in the Niagara River gorge was present 12-20 May, later than usual. There were fewer scoters reported on Lake Ontario than usual. However, all three species were reported from Batavia WWTP this spring, where irregular inland. Red-necked Grebes

were scarce, with only a few reported. An **Eared Grebe** continued from winter at Dunkirk Harbor and another was found on Lake Ontario in mid-April.

Three **Snowy Egrets** were found, with the third earliest on record found at Tifft Nature Preserve by Chris Newton on 11 April and two at Tonawanda WMA on 26 April. A **Cattle Egret** in Hartland was a nice find on 30 May. The rarest wader of the season was an adult **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** found among Black-crowns at Tifft Nature Preserve by Alec Humann on 26 April.

Four reports (five total birds) of **Black Vulture** continue the upswing of sightings in recent years. Broad-winged Hawk migrants peaked during the unseasonably warm weather 26-27 April. Willie D'Anna found a rare **Swainson's Hawk** among broad-wings over Wilson on the 27th. The other rare raptor for the season was a **dark morph Red-tailed Hawk** in Gaines originally found by Dave Tetlow on 1 April which was later observed by several birders.

Sandhill Cranes were well reported even away from the hawkwatches. **King Rail** was heard but not seen on at least two occasions along Feeder Road on Tonawanda WMA in May. This was the same location where reported last year.

Shorebirds were conspicuously scarce in the third week of May, when they are often most prevalent. The top shorebird locations this spring were the mucklands in Elba and Kumph Marsh at Iroquois NWR, but even they were hit or miss. Kurt Fox had good numbers of shorebirds at Elba in late April and early May, including two, separate **Wilson's Phalaropes**. Other uncommon species sightings included two **Purple Sandpipers** and a flock of **Whimbrels** off Niagara Falls SP. **Upland Sandpipers** were reported from two recent breeding locations.

Two **Black-headed Gulls**, with a large group of Bonaparte's Gulls on the Niagara River in Buffalo, were a nice find by Jim Pawlicki on 22 April. One at Dunkirk Harbor in early March was observed by many birders. Pawlicki carefully counted 48 Little Gulls on the Niagara River at Lewiston on 16 March, 46 of which he noted were adults. A **Slaty-backed Gull** was found by Willie D'Anna in Porter on 16 March. Chris Newton found one on 22 March in Wilson that was likely the same bird. It is possible that these sightings are from the same bird observed at Lewiston Reservoir in February.

Long-eared Owl calls heard at Iroquois NWR multiple times in May were likely from a breeder, while one sighted at Tifft Nature Preserve 1 May could have been a late migrant. A **Northern Saw-whet Owl** found at Tifft on 13 May is more questionable as a late migrant and perhaps was a local breeder. There were several **Short-eared Owls** throughout the Region in March and April. One in Shelby through at least 22 May was more indicative of a possible breeder. There was only one double digit report of **Common Nighthawks**, with Marty Sanden counting 22 on 26 May. The only **Eastern Whip-poor-will** report was from Fort Niagara SP on 19 May.

Migrant songbirds were especially plentiful through much of May at classic migrant spots like Tifft Nature Preserve, Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, and parks along Lake Ontario. Birders were also happy to report many migrants inland as well. There were only two Golden-winged Warbler reports,

oddly no “Brewster’s” Warbler reports, and one “**Lawrence’s**” Warbler, found by Art Buddington on 5 May at Tifft Nature Preserve. A migrant **Yellow-throated Warbler** was found by Jim Pawlicki at Point Gratiot on 17 Apr, while one at Allegany SP in May was at a recent breeding location. Migrant **Prothonotary Warblers** were at Amherst SP 30 Apr and Carlton 1 May plus 1-2 at the recent breeding location at Tonawanda WMA. Four **Yellow-breasted Chats** were more than in recent springs and included one long-staying bird at Wilson-Tuscarora SP.

Common Redpolls were widespread until the first week of April, and there were some lingering reports until 3 May. **Hoary Redpolls** were documented from four locations, with multiple sightings at each location. While it was an excellent ‘winter’ season for redpolls, the increase in Hoary reports is likely influenced by birder effort in sorting through the Common Redpolls and advances in identification. Pine Siskins were present in low numbers and usually not lingering long in any one location. There was one report of Evening Grosbeaks in Allegany County, where they occur most frequently in the Region.

The B.O.S. April Count was held on 10 April. Light easterly winds gave way to gusty southwest winds associated with a warm front during the afternoon. A total of 147 species were tallied over the entire Region 1 and the portion of the B.O.S. Study Area in Ontario. There were seven record high counts since the 1935 inception including: Mute Swan (37), Eurasian Wigeon (2), Turkey Vulture (4607), Cooper’s Hawk (73), Golden Eagle (2), Glaucous Gull (6), and Northern Cardinal (1197), plus the first ever occurrence of **Bohemian Waxwing**.

The full report for the B.O.S. May Count on 15 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 10 April; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count 15 May; BuSP – Buckhorn Island SP, ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant, GENE; ChauL –

Chautauqua L, CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; DLSP - Darien Lakes SP, GENE; FMCSPP – 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; NF – Niagara Falls, NIAG; 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; SPNS – Sinking Ponds NS, ERIE; Tiftt NP – Tiftt Nature Preserve, ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area, GENE/NIAG; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Somerset NIAG 26 Mar (WD); max 7 Barre ORLE 29, 30 Mar (JM, JP, RS); Carlton ORLE 1 Apr (DT).

Snow Goose: arr 24 DH 3 Mar (TM); 30 Alexander GENE 7 Mar; 125 Hartland NIAG 11 Mar (WD); max 283 Alabama GENE 13 Mar (JM, JP); 61 Hamburg HW 14 Mar; 57 Porter NIAG 15 Mar; 46 Clymer CHAU 25 Mar; BOSAC; BESP 4, 20 Apr; last Somerset NIAG 18 May (WD); better showing than most springs.

ROSS'S GOOSE (R1): DH 3 Mar (JP! photo), in company with Canada Geese.

Brant: Albion ORLE 2 Apr (JP, WD), very early, in company with Canada Geese.

Cackling Goose: arr 2 DH 3 Mar; TWMA 4 Mar; 6, 9 Somerset NIAG & Yates ORLE 11, 27 Mar; max 37, 18 Hartland NIAG 12, 20 Mar; 6 INWR 22 Mar; 7 Carlton ORLE 1 Apr; 4 Gaines ORLE 2 Apr; 4 Yates ORLE 4 Apr.

Mute Swan: 2 Grand I NR 7 Mar; 2 WTSP 8, 26 Mar; 37 BOSAC; BeSP 22, 24 Apr; 3 Youngstown NR 6 May; GHSP 29 May; only reports.

Trumpeter Swan: several sightings Elba GENE, OOWMA, late Apr, early May (KF, CN).

Tundra Swan: arr 7 Tonawanda ERIE 1 Mar; 306 BeSP 3 Mar; max 588 Hamburg HW 4 Mar; 200 Tiftt NP 15 Mar; 162 BWWT 19 Mar; last Kiantone CHAU 30 Apr.

Wood Duck: arr Wilson NIAG 1 Mar; max 62, 85 Batavia GENE 27, 29 Mar (KF).

Gadwall: arr 3 TWMA 10 Mar; max 22 OOWMA 7 Apr; 10 BWWT 20 May.

Eurasian Wigeon: Alexander GENE 25 Mar (ED); OOWMA 29 Mar – 7 Apr (JM, mob); TWMA 6 Apr, 7 May (JM, JP, KF); INWR 15 Apr (GR, CH); Elba GENE 29 Apr (KF); annual in spring in recent years.

EURASIAN X AM. WIGEON: TWMA 6, 10 Apr (JM, JP, DG); showing features of both species.

Am. Wigeon: arr 6 Wilson NIAG 1 Mar; 144 Oakfield GENE 20 Mar; max 655, 662 OOWMA 30 Mar, 7 Apr (WW).

Blue-winged Teal: arr 2 Alexander GENE 14 Mar; max 16 INWR 19 Apr; 5 Tiftt NP 4 May.

N. Shoveler: arr 3 Wilson NIAG 4 Mar; max 89 INWR 22 Mar.

N. Pintail: arr Wilson NIAG 1 Mar; 100 DH 3 Mar; max 2050 Hartland NIAG 11 Mar (WD); 223 INWR 7 Apr; 168 Elba GENE 29 Apr; Hartland NIAG 30 May.

Green-winged Teal: arr 3 BeSP 4 Mar; 330 INWR 30 Mar; max 417, 325 Elba GENE 29 Apr, 1 May (KF).

Canvasback: arr Clymer CHAU 12 Mar; 4, 17 BWWT 13, 19 Mar; last 7 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 30 Apr.

Redhead: arr 21, 144 BWWT 9, 19 Mar; max 400, 300 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 20, 27 Mar; Hartland NIAG 26 May.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 30 BWWT 9 Mar; 290 DH 24 Mar; max 646 BWWT 27 Mar; 240, 240 INWR 14, 19 Apr.

Greater Scaup: arr 2 ChauL 12 Mar; max 3400, 2000 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 17, 27 Mar; 2 NF 20 May.

Lesser Scaup: arr, max 4, 206 BWWT 9, 27 Mar; 200 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 3 Apr.

King Eider: 3 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 17 Mar - 27 Apr (JP, mob), not always present but seen by many; Wilson NIAG 21 Apr (WD).

Harlequin Duck: 2 DH 1-12 Mar (JeL, JG, mob); NF 12-20 May (MM), late.

Surf Scoter: 2, 1 PB 1, 27 Mar; FNSP 15 Mar; BWWT 6, 16, 22 Apr; 2 Wilson NIAG 24 Apr; only reports.

White-winged Scoter: ChauL 22 Apr (JB); BWWT 30 Apr, 20-22 May (KF), uncommon inland.

Black Scoter: DH 3 Mar; Youngstown NR 11 Mar; 2 PB 15 Mar; 2 BWWT 27 Mar-9 Apr (KF, mob), rare inland; only reports.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 11 Celeron ChauL, 2 BWWT 13 Mar; Alexander GENE 18 Mar; last 2 FN 25 May.

Bufflehead: arr Newstead ERIE 10 Mar; 55 INWR 18 Mar; max 222 BWWT 30 Apr. last 10 BOSMC.

Com. Goldeneye: arr ChauL 12 Mar; last NF 12-20 May.

Hooded Merganser: arr 6 Newstead ERIE 10 Mar; max 109, 103 BWWT 27 Mar, 2 Apr.

Com. Merganser: 129 BWWT 14 Mar; max 240 NF 26 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: arr 2 BWWT 20 Mar.

Ruddy Duck: arr BWWT 14 Mar; max 292, 367 BWWT 9, 30 Apr.

Red-throated Loon: arr 8 FN 22 Mar; ChauL 26, 31 Mar, 1 Apr (JB); PB 27 Mar; max 73 Wilson NIAG 24 Apr.

Com. Loon: arr GHSP 17 Mar; max 203 Somerset NIAG to PB 14 Apr.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr PB 15 Mar.

Horned Grebe: arr Jamestown CHAU 1 Mar; 4 BuSP 6 Mar; 55 BWWT 19 Mar (JP); max 73 FN 22 Mar; 20 INWR 19 Apr; 17 Dayton CATT 24 Apr; 2 BOSMC; last BWWT 22 May (KF).

Red-necked Grebe: 3 Shadigee ORLE 13 Mar; 4 Somerset NIAG 20 Mar; 2 Wilson NIAG 24 Apr; BWWT 30 Apr; only reports.

EARED GREBE (R1): DH 1-14 Mar,

continued from winter; Yates ORLE 14 Apr (JP).

Double-crested Cormorant: 90, 728 DH 1 Mar, 17 Apr; arr 26 BuSP 26 Mar; 2 ChauL 27 Mar; max 1060 MI 24 Apr.

Am. Bittern: arr 2 BOSAC; 1, 2 Tift NP 11 Apr, 4 May; INWR 21, 24 Apr; BWWT 30 Apr (KF); 3 TWMA 7 May.

Least Bittern: arr 2, 2 Tift NP 7, 22 May (JM, MM); TWMA, INWR 20 May; only reports.

Great Blue Heron: 125 MI 3 Mar (WW); 114 + 86 n MI 12 Apr (WW).

Great Egret: arr MI 20 Mar (DG, WW); 110 + 56 n MI 24 Apr; BWWT 10 May; LBSP 19 May; INWR 20 May.

SNOWY EGRET (R1): Tift NP 11 Apr (CN), third earliest ever; 2, 1 TWMA 26, 30 Apr (BE, JeL, JP).

Cattle Egret: Hartland NIAG 30 May (WD!).

Green Heron: arr Tift NP 16 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 106 Strawberry I NR 8 Apr (WW).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: ad Tift NP 26 Apr (AH!); rare, only 2nd Reg Apr report.

Black Vulture: Buffalo Harbor ERIE 20 Mar (BC, DD); Wilson NIAG 9 Apr (WD); Hamburg

HW 27 Apr (JiL, WW); 2 NF 5 May (WD); increasing.

Turkey Vulture: max 1843, 2224 Ripley HW 8, 9 Apr.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr ChauL 22 Mar (JB); 22 Hamburg HW 9 Apr; pair nesting on platform at Tift NP.

Bald Eagle: too numerous to report all nesting locations; 10 INWR 24 Mar (JP); 8 imm, 1 ad Allegheny Res CATT 26 Mar (TB); 34 BOSAC; 10 Hamburg HW 26 Apr; max 17 Wilson & Porter NIAG 27 Apr (WD, BP).

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 84, 417 Ripley HW 9, 10 Apr; 240 Hamburg HW 26 Apr.

N. Goshawk: Wilson NIAG 2, 17 Apr (WD, PY); Alden ERIE 27 Apr (JM); only reports away from hawkwatches.

Red-shouldered Hawk: arr 3 Orchard Park ERIE 8 Mar; max 206, 74 Ripley HW 17, 18 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr Ripley HW 9 Apr; max 5854 Ripley HW, 2250 Hamburg HW 26 Apr; 2250 Wilson NIAG 27 Apr (WD).

SWAINSON'S HAWK: Wilson NIAG 27 Apr (WD! NYSARC), rare.

Red-tailed Hawk (DARK MORPH): Gaines ORLE 1-3 Apr (DT, WD, JP), very rare.

Rough-legged Hawk: 17 Ripley HW 17 Mar; max 23 Hamburg HW 9 Apr; last BOSMC.

Golden Eagle: arr Tift NP 15 Mar (CN); Hamburg HW 9 Apr (JP); 2 ORLE BOSAC; Shadigee ORLE 23 Apr (WD); 2 Wilson NIAG 27 Apr (WD).

Merlin: 12 reports away from hawk watches; 6 BOSAC; pair Salamanca CATT 25 Apr (TB); last WTSP 20 May.

Peregrine Falcon: arr Somerset NIAG 5 Mar; 3 Tift NP 15 Mar; 3 Ripley HW 26 Apr; numerous reports from nesting locations and elsewhere.

KING RAIL: TWMA 13, 22 May (KF), heard only; not documented.

Virginia Rail: arr INWR 21 Apr.

Sora: arr Conewango CATT 6 Apr (PM), slightly early; Porter NIAG 27 Apr; 3 Tift NP 8 May; Kiantone CHAU 7 May; 2 BWWT 20 May; Alexander GENE 26, 30 May.

Com. Moorhen: arr INWR 18 Apr; dead Derby ERIE 20 Apr.

Am. Coot: arr ChauL 12 Mar; max 69 INWR 5 May.

Sandhill Crane: arr Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 13 Mar (RS); migrants reported from eight other locations away from hawk watches.

Black-bellied Plover: arr 2 Wilson NIAG 17, 20 May (DM), only report.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 1 Elba GENE 1 May; ties Reg record early; 7 Elba GENE 11 May; max 11 Hartland NIAG 19 May.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Bethany GENE 12 Apr.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr 2 Kiantone CHAU 24 Apr; max 9 Elba GENE 1 May; last Lancaster ERIE 24 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr ChauL 19 Mar (JB); 35 INWR 18 Apr; max 38, 30 Elba GENE 27 Apr, 7 May.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 9 BOSAC; max 138, 137, 125 Elba GENE 27 Apr, 1, 7 May (KF).

Upland Sandpiper: arr 1, 3 Tillman Rd. WMA ERIE 6, 30 May (BC, PY); Colden ERIE 12 May (JIL); only reports.

Whimbrel: 15 NFSP 24 May (JB), distant view, likely correct ID.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr NFSP 20 May (MM); 2 BWWT 27 May (GL).

Sanderling: arr PB 13 May (KF), Reg record early, only report.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Hartland NIAG 26 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr Carroll CHAU 1 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: no reports.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr INWR 6 Apr; max 24 INWR 14 Apr.

Purple Sandpiper: 2, 1 NFSP 12, 25 May (MM, PY), traditional location for spring reports.

Dunlin: arr 5 BOSAC; 17, 24 Elba GENE 30 Apr, 1 May; max 25 INWR 7 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: 23 Hartland NIAG 18 May (WD), only report.

Wilson's Snipe: arr Portland CHAU 21 Mar; max 30 Pomfret CHAU 25 Mar (TM).

Am. Woodcock: arr Alden 6 Mar.

Wilson's Phalarope: 1, 1 Elba GENE 1, 7 May (KF), different birds.

Bonaparte's Gull: 6 ChauL 20 Mar; Bethany GENE 4 Apr; 5 Shelby ORLE 11 Apr; max 5500, 3000 Buffalo NR 15, 30 Apr (JP, PH); 16 BWWT 16 Apr; 12 Dayton CATT 24 Apr; 40 FNSP, 40 WTSP 25 May (PY).

BLACK-HEADED GULL (R1): DH 1-4 Mar (JP); 2 Buffalo NR 22 Apr (JP! mob), on the late side.

Little Gull: 3 DH 1-7 Mar; max 48 Lewiston NR 16 Mar (JP), 46 of these ad; BeSP 15 Apr; 3 Buffalo NR 22 Apr; Tonawanda NR 28 Apr.

Iceland Gull: max 5, 5 Porter NIAG 16, 20 Mar; last DH 25 Apr.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: INWR 19 Mar (JP), unusual inland; ad Hamburg HW 21 Mar (WW, JP); max 5 DH 28 Apr.

SLATY-BACKED GULL: Porter NIAG 16 Mar (WD!, BP, NYSARC); Wilson NIAG 22 Mar (JP! NYSARC); same bird suspected, also possibly same bird seen in Feb.

Glaucous Gull: max 6 Lewiston Res NIAG 20 Mar; last Hamburg ERIE 22 Apr.

Caspian Tern: arr FNSP 4 Apr; 100 DH 12 Apr; max 220 Wilson NIAG 1 May (CM); 128 PB 1 May.

Black Tern: arr 12 INWR 26 Apr; 1, 1, 1 BWWT 30 Apr, 20, 26 May; Lewiston NR 1 May; max 47 INWR 5 May (WW).

Com. Tern: arr Lewiston NR 4 Apr (JP), Reg record early; 1, 1, 3 BWWT 9 Apr, 26, 27 May; 2 Dayton CATT 24 Apr; 101 Wilson NIAG 1 May; max 350 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 4 May (WW).

Forster's Tern: arr BWWT 9, 10 Apr (JH, DB, KF); Buffalo NR 11 Apr (JP); 1, 1 BWWT 3, 26 May (CN, JM).

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Hinsdale CATT, Watts Flats WMA CHAU 14 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Tift NP 14 May.

Long-eared Owl: NIAG BOSAC; Tift NP 1 May (CN); INWR 13, 22 May (KF); BOSMC; rarely reported beyond Apr.

Short-eared Owl: BWWT 9 Mar (KF); Oakfield GENE 13 Mar; 1, 1 Tift NP 15 Mar, 26 Apr; BOSAC; LBSP 17 Apr; Shelby ORLE 21 Apr-22 May (CM, KF), date suggestive of breeding.

N. Saw-whet Owl: WTSP 3-22 Mar (BP); 2 WTSP 4, 5 Apr (BP); Tift NP 13 May (J&KL); only reports.

Com. Nighthawk: arr 1, 1, 1 Alfred ALLE 2, 6, 22 May (RP); Buffalo ERIE 13, 30 May; 7 LBSP 19 May; Tonawanda ERIE 22, 28 May; 4 Portland CHAU 22 May; PG 27 May; max 22 Dunkirk CHAU 26 May (MS); NF 29 May.

E. Whip-poor-will: FNSP 19 May (LL), only report.

Chimney Swift: arr Hamburg HW 25 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Orchard Park ERIE 30 Apr.

Red-headed Woodpecker: ALLE BOSAC; Colden ERIE 30 Apr – 4 May; reported from seven known or likely breeding locations in May.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: Alfred ALLE 29 Mar (EB), rare in higher terrain of ALLE.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr 2 Williamsville ERIE, 3 BeSP 4 Apr.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Buffalo ERIE 18 May (RS); SPNS 19 May (LH); WTSP 22 May (WD, BP).

E. Wood-Pewee: arr Tift NP 11 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Buffalo ERIE 22 May; max 12 Wilson & Porter NIAG 27 May (WD, BP), impressive count; five other reports in late May.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr INWR 19 May; Carroll CHAU 30 May.

Alder Flycatcher: arr Watts Flats WMA CHAU 14 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr Carroll CHAU 9 May, ties Reg record early.

Least Flycatcher: arr Tifft NP 26 Apr.

E. Phoebe: arr Randolph CATT 20 Mar.

Gr. Crested Flycatcher: arr Tifft NP 26 Apr.

E. Kingbird: arr Tifft NP, 2 Eden ERIE, 5 TWMA 26 Apr.

N. Shrike: six reports in Mar; last Carlton ORLE 1 Apr.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr OOWMA 30 Apr.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr SPNS BOSAC 10 Apr, ties Reg record early.

Warbling Vireo: arr multiple locations 27 Apr.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr Buffalo ERIE 12 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr Wilson NIAG 1 May.

Com. Raven: 3 Glenwood ERIE 22 Mar; N Java WYOM 27 Mar; Tonawanda NR 30 Mar, 21, 22 Apr (JP); 2 Hamburg HW 9 Apr (JP); DLSP 21 Apr (JM); 3 E. Concord ERIE 22 Apr; Basom GENE 3 May (CM); Eden ERIE 4 May; Sardinia ERIE 20 May; only reports outside ALLE, CATT, CHAU besides BOS counts; cont to incr.

Purple Martin: arr 12 BOSAC.

Tree Swallow: arr 2 INWR 18 Mar; 900 Elba GENE 26 Apr (KF); max 1125 BWWT 4 May (KF), cold, windy day.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr TWMA 9 Apr.

Bank Swallow: arr Tifft NP 20 Apr; max 225 BWWT 4 May (KF).

Cliff Swallow: arr Alexander GENE, Buffalo Harbor ERIE 27 Apr.

Barn Swallow: arr 2 Alexander GENE 5 Apr.

House Wren: arr Bethany GENE, Tonawanda ERIE 25 Apr.

Winter Wren: arr 3 Tifft NP 7 Apr.

SEDGE WREN (R1): arr INWR 22 May (KF).

Marsh Wren: arr Tifft NP 22 Apr (JM, JP); AmSP 27 Apr (RS).

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 10 Williamsville ERIE 4 Apr.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Williamsville ERIE 4 Apr.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr 2 Tifft NP 23 Apr.

Veery: arr BeSP 2 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Buffalo ERIE 12 May; BOSMC; three other reports.

Swainson's Thrush: arr Bethany GENE, Buffalo ERIE 5 May; max 12 Tifft NP 22 May (MM).

Hermit Thrush: arr Buffalo ERIE 8 Apr.

Wood Thrush: arr BeSP, INWR 27 Apr.

Gray Catbird: SPNS 12 Mar; Tifft NP 15 Mar; arr multiple locations 26 Apr.

N. Mockingbird: S. Buffalo ERIE 8 Mar; 1, 2 Alexander GENE 30 Mar, 27 Apr; Hamburg HW 25 Apr; Grand I ERIE 10 May; less common in these areas.

Brown Thrasher: arr 2 BOSAC.

BOHEMIAN WAXWING (R1): Bethany GENE BOSAC 10 Apr (DB!), very late, with group of Cedars; latest spring record for Reg.

Am. Pipit: arr 3 Batavia, Alexander GENE 8 Mar; last Wilson NIAG 20 May.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: 2 Alabama GENE 3 Mar; 20 Oakfield GENE 19 Mar; 30 Shelby ORLE 24 Mar (JM, JP); max 40 Carlton ORLE 1 Apr (DT); 24 Tillman Road WMA 3 Apr; last 12 Shelby ORLE 20 Apr.

Snow Bunting: 80 Alabama GENE 3 Mar; 40 BeSP 6 Mar; 150 Bethany GENE 7 Mar; max 1100 Hartland NIAG 11 Mar (BP, WD).

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 2 Alden ERIE, 2 Lewiston NIAG 27 Apr (NY, NS).

Golden-winged Warbler: arr Buffalo ERIE 12 May (PY, RS); Wilson NIAG 27 May (BP, WD); only reports.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: no reports.

“Lawrence’s” Warbler: Tifft NP 5, 7 May (AB, CN, CHo), rare.

Tennessee Warbler: arr Wilson NIAG 6 May; max 17 Buffalo ERIE 19 May (RS).

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Tifft NP 6 May (DS); 1, 1 Buffalo ERIE 8, 19 May; FNSP 11 May; 1, 1 Wilson NIAG 13, 16 May; 2 FMCSP 14 May.

Nashville Warbler: arr TWMA, Alden ERIE 26 Apr.

N. Parula: arr Tifft NP 27 Apr; max 8 Wilson NIAG 14 May (BP, WD); seemingly more common in migration this year.

Yellow Warbler: arr 2 SPNS, Sandusky CATT 24 Apr.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr BeSP 30 Apr.

Magnolia Warbler: arr Tifft NP 27 Apr.

Cape May Warbler: arr Wilson NIAG 1 May; max 4 Wilson NIAG 14 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Tifft NP 27 Apr (MG, GR, DS), Reg record early.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Alexander GENE 16 Mar; arr 15 BOSAC.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Williamsville ERIE 11 Apr (RS!), early; Tifft NP 21 Apr.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr Wilson NIAG 26 Apr (BP), slightly early.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (R1):

PG 17 Apr (JP); AISP 10 May (TB), recent breeding location.

Pine Warbler: arr Colden ERIE 4 Apr (CN); max 9 Tift NP 16 Apr (RS).

Prairie Warbler: arr Buffalo ERIE 7 May (DG); Carroll CHAU 29 May, breeder.

Palm Warbler: arr 2 AmSP, Sandusky CATT 24 Apr; last Tift NP 22 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Tift NP 8 May; max 20 Wilson & Porter NIAG 22 May (BP, WD).

Blackpoll Warbler: arr Tift NP 10 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr BeSP 5 May; Sherman CHAU 7 May; 3 AISP 28 May.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr multiple locations 26 Apr.

Am. Redstart: arr BeSP 27 Apr (JP), ties Reg record early.

Prothonotary Warbler: arr AmSP 30 Apr (GR!); Carlton ORLE 1 May (KF); TWMA 7, 20 May, regular breeding location.

Ovenbird: arr multiple locations 26 Apr.

N. Waterthrush: arr 2 Tift NP, INWR 26 Apr.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Tift NP 11 Apr (KF), rare in migration.

Mourning Warbler: arr Tift NP 12 May.

C. Yellowthroat: arr Eden, Alden ERIE 27 Apr.

Hooded Warbler: arr Colden ERIE 26 Apr.

Wilson's Warbler: arr Tift NP 2 May (CN), Reg record early; max 20 Wilson & Porter NIAG 27 May (WD, BP).

Canada Warbler: arr 5 Watts Flats WMA CHAU 7 May (JB); max 15.

Wilson & Porter NIAG 27 May (WD, BP).

Yellow-breasted Chat: arr Alden ERIE 9-15 May (CW); INWR 13, 22, 29 May (KF, JeL); WTSP 14-31 May (BP, WD, mob); Clymer CHAU 20 May (ST); increase over recent springs.

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E. Towhee: arr Alden ERIE 18 Mar (NY).

Am. Tree Sparrow: 6 Alexander GENE 28 Apr; last GHSP BOSMC (HS).

Chipping Sparrow: arr 2 Belfast ALLE 1 Apr.

Clay-colored Sparrow: no reports.

Field Sparrow: arr Pomfret CHAU 23 Mar; 4 Belfast ALLE 2 Apr.

Vesper Sparrow: arr 6 BOSAC; Shelby ORLE 24 Apr; BuSP 30 Apr; 2 Carlton ORLE 1 May; 2 BOSMC.

Savannah Sparrow: arr Barre ORLE 3 Apr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Times Beach NP ERIE 30 Apr (MM), rarely sighted in migration; 2, 4 Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 12, 30 May (NY,

PY); 2 Middlebury WYOM 14 May; Carlton Hill MUA WYOM 14 May; DLSP 20 May; 2 Artpark NIAG 20 May; Conewango CATT 28 May; 2 Pomfret CHAU 29 May; more reports than usual.

Fox Sparrow: arr Ashford CATT 7 Mar; max 17, 15 Tift NP 11, 20 Apr (WW, RS); last Clymer CHAU 7 May.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Tift NP 26 Apr (AH); max 5 Buffalo ERIE 12 May; 4 Tift NP 22 May; last WTSP, FMCSP 27 May.

Swamp Sparrow: BWWT 13 Mar; 2 INWR 20 Mar; either wintering or early spring arrivals.

White-throated Sparrow: max 91 Tift NP 1 May (RS).

White-crowned Sparrow: arr Tift NP 11 Apr; max 46 Tift NP 11 May.

Scarlet Tanager: arr Tift NP 27 Apr, ties Reg record early.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr multiple locations 26 Apr.

Indigo Bunting: arr Wilson NIAG 27 Apr (WD, BP), slightly early.

Bobolink: arr DLSP 29 Apr; 4 Knox Farm SP ERIE 30 Apr.

E. Meadowlark: arr Hamburg HW, Randolph CATT 12 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 2 Portland CHAU 6 Mar; 50 Barre ORLE 24 Mar; 19 Poland CHAU 27 Mar; 35 Alabama GENE 29 Mar; est 3500 INWR, 2500 TWMA 26 Apr (KF), near dusk; last 8 BOSMC.

Orchard Oriole: arr Knox Farm SP ERIE 30 Apr (CC); 1, 4 Portland CHAU 1, 17 May (Cha); BeSP 6 May; LBSP 7 May; Buffalo ERIE 8-12 May; Wilson NIAG 15, 19 May; Ransomville NIAG 20 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr 3 Colden ERIE, Alden ERIE 27 Apr.

Purple Finch: slightly lower than normal numbers.

Com. Redpoll: 50, 60 Youngstown NIAG 5 Mar, 5 Apr; 70, 50 Orchard Park ERIE 19 Mar, 2 Apr; 70, 1 Wilson NIAG 19 Mar, 1 May; Grand I ERIE 1 May; last Alfred ALLE 3 May; well reported through first week of Apr.

HOARY REDPOLL (R1): 1f, 2m Wilson NIAG 11, 17 Mar (WD, BP); Colden ERIE 11 Mar (CN); 1, 1, 1 Youngstown NIAG 14, 16, 20 Mar (LL, TY); 1, 1 Orchard Park ERIE 26, 31 Mar (MM); more documented reports than usual.

Pine Siskin: 25 FNSP 4 Mar; max 60 Wilson NIAG 6 May; present in low numbers Mar through mid-May.

Evening Grosbeak: 18 ALLE BOSAC; 8 ALLE BOSMC, only reports.