

REGION 2 – GENESEE

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Weather is often a major influence in determining the picture of a season, especially a migration season like spring. This year the weather factor was particularly strong and obvious, though much of the impact was due to weather far removed from our Region and even our State. For much of April and May, a mass of storms set up over the south-central portion of the country—from Texas to the Carolinas and the Gulf Coast states to above the Ohio Valley. Severe storms and heavy rains essentially blocked the path for trans-gulf and Central American migrants moving toward the Northeast. Brief breaks in this pattern sent strong fronts sweeping rapidly northeast, producing a few bursts of sometimes strange mixes of regular migrants plus some interesting rarities. But for much of the time the migration season was SLOW and THIN.

Focusing on the local weather, March was changeable as usual, but still largely a continuation of winter. Most statistics were average, but the ground remained snow-covered and most of the bays and ponds were mostly frozen for much of the month. Temperatures averaged 33.8° F, 0.1° below normal, precipitation totaled 2.67", 0.09" above normal, and 15.1" of snow fell, bringing the total for the winter to 127.0". Sunshine was well above normal at 54%, but persistent northerly winds most of the month meant little migration, especially for hawks. Early April brought some sign of a warm up and the beginning of migration, but then the second half turned very wet, with rain on 10 of the last 15 days. The highlight was a weather break on the 26th and 27th, with strong winds bringing the best ever single day hawk flight to Braddock Bay, plus a burst of migrants and rarities. The temperature for the month averaged 46.4°, 1.1° above normal, and precipitation totaled 5.81", 3.06" above normal, a record high for the month. Rain and clouds continued to rule the picture through May. Temperatures see-sawed, and after nine dry days from the 4th-12th which brought in migrants, the next nine days were wet. Hot, humid days and storms ensued, followed by a nice Memorial Day weekend. Temperatures averaged 58.8°, 1.8° above normal, and precipitation totaled 4.80", 1.98" above normal, capping the second wettest spring on record here.

Moving on to the groups of migrants we follow in spring, first a look at the waterbirds. Typical of recent years, waterfowl moved in relatively early and moved through quickly. Ice cover on the lakeshore ponds and bays limited the build-up of numbers to well below expectations. Few birds lingered there even into April. The only high counts near or on Lake Ontario were of some of the divers, namely, scaup, scoters, Long-tailed Duck, and Red-breasted Merganser—and even these were low. Among the puddle ducks, all of the high counts were from the Northern Montezuma Wetlands Complex, mainly in March. Along the lakeshore, monitoring of the lakewatch at Hamlin Beach SP 230

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was irregular, and there were very few days with any significant movements noted. Even Canada Goose numbers in fields near the lakeshore were low. The numbers of Snow Geese in this Region near the Montezuma NWR were unusually poor, probably due to ice on the ponds and snow cover during the time of their peak passage. In contrast, Dave Tetlow tallied over 30,000 Snow Geese in the Genesee Valley southwest of Rochester on 11 March, a record count for that area. Historically the bulk of the Snow Goose movement through the Region is to the east of Rochester. Among the rarer waterfowl were a Greater White-fronted Goose, three Ross's Geese, 2-3 Eurasian Wigeons, Harlequin Duck, and Barrow's Goldeneye. Noting some trends, we find 33+ Cackling Geese over all three months; Trumpeter Swan breeding in Wayne County, with a maximum of 21 in Savannah; and Mute Swan all over near the Lake Ontario shore ponds.

Among the other waterbirds, after low numbers this winter, we had a late 1 March arrival date for Common Loon and low maxima for both loons. Reasonable, but not really high, peak counts were noted for Horned and Red-necked Grebes on 8 April, and an **Eared Grebe** was found at Hamlin Beach SP on 7 May. Two American White Pelicans visited the Braddock Bay area on 11-12 April, then two were seen in Savannah on 5 May—the same birds? 1290 Double-crested Cormorants passing Hamlin Beach on 7 April was the best high count, and an adult **Great Cormorant** flyby near Braddock Bay seen by Brad Carlson was a real surprise. The warm pulse in late April pushed in a **Tricolored Heron** and a Snowy Egret. Then on 18-20 May the Region's first **White-faced Ibis** was found and photographed by Bruce Cady and subsequently by many others in the High Acres Landfill mitigation area in Perinton. Finally, on 30 May a **Cattle Egret** dropped in near the Braddock Bay hawkwatch platform. Interestingly, there were several other Western NY sightings of Cattle Egret at this time.

This year the official Braddock Bay Hawkwatch counter was Luke Tiller, with prior experience at the Greenwich, CT fall watch. By mid April he must have wondered why he came. March was generally cold and rainy or snowy, with winds wrong even well into April. 9-11 April finally brought a burst of hawks, peaking at 8870 on 11 April, but then it was back to more rain. Then, 27 April brought the biggest single day count at Braddock Bay, with 42,235 birds; 39,417 of these were Broad-winged Hawks. May reverted back to poor winds and rain, with no 1000-bird days until 21 May, but 23 May brought another 11,350 Broadwings, an adult **Mississippi Kite** passed on 28 May, 94 Bald Eagles were tallied on 29 May, and the season ended with the second highest all-time count at 107,219. Maybe Luke will be back! To put things into perspective, even with this high total, only the 24,619 Turkey Vultures and 413 Bald Eagles were record high species totals and only the one-day Bald Eagle and Broad-winged Hawk counts were records. All other record highs are found well in the past. Other raptors of note include 11 Black Vultures through the season and a single Swainson's Hawk at the watch, but another nearby the next day. Luke also paid attention to the other birds in the area as hawk numbers allowed.

Rail reporting is always iffy. **King Rail** is a rarity in the Region and Beechwoods SP (the old Camp Beechwoods Girl Scout camp and Maxwell Creek area west of Sodus Point in Wayne County) was a surprise location for one found by Doug Daniels. Many Sandhill Cranes passed, with a peak of 13 on the record early arrival date of 17 March, also arriving at the Carncross Road breeding area in Savannah on that same date. Over the season, there were at least 72 Sandhill Cranes tallied in the Region.

The shorebird picture this season was crazy and hard to assess. The bottom line was terrible numbers, but essentially all expected species and several rarities were reported. High lake levels limited the lakeshore habitat and eliminated several places on creeks, ponds, and bays that often would normally have mudflats. The rains provided many areas with puddles in the farm fields, but some have now been tilled or can be pumped out to drain quickly. In other cases, during prime shorebird migration time, flooded fields in our Region were visited but simply held few or no birds. The late season period, when birds are often found at Ontario Beach or on the nearby piers at the mouth of the Genesee River, or seen passing the lakewatch, was not productive. The piers and beaches at the outlet of Sodus Bay to Lake Ontario were only slightly better. In spite of the negatives on habitats and numbers, early shorebirds were found at normal dates and Solitary Sandpiper arrived record early. Am. Golden-Plover, relatively rare in spring, was found in April and May. “Western” Willet, **Marbled Godwit**, three reports of Sanderling, and two White-rumped Sandpipers all were reported in May, and Wilson’s Phalarope in late April. Yet there were no reports of good numbers of Semipalmated Sandpiper after a very late 23 May arrival and there were few reports of Short-billed Dowitcher.

Gull and tern reports were also on the low end this season. The best location for interesting gulls was in the area around a large landfill in the Town of Riga in western Monroe County and into nearby Genesee County. Dave Tetlow surveyed these birds most actively and turned up **California Gull** on 24 March, Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull in March and May, Thayer’s Gull in March and April, and a maximum of 13 Lesser Black-backed Gulls on 22 March. In addition, the saga of rooftop-nesting Ring-billed Gulls in Batavia opened a new chapter, with their return reported by Kurt Fox on 19 March. Efforts continue to discourage the colony. Tern arrival dates were on the early average end, except for Black Tern. In all cases there were no really good counts other than 128 Caspian Terns at Point Breeze.

Among the non-passerine landbirds, we start with Eurasian Collared-Dove in March and May at the usual Parma and Hamlin sites, but with only singles reported on scattered dates. There were only two sightings of Snowy Owl reported, on 5 and 30 March, both at Braddock Bay. There were good numbers of No. Saw-whet Owl over an extended period in the usual area on the west side of Manitou Beach Road, but few Long-eared Owls. Jim Adams recorded the GPS coordinates of all locations he was aware of and has prepared a map and summary report. Among the woodpeckers, the continuing highlight was the **Lewis’s Woodpecker** in the Town of Richmond, Ontario County. It continued through 9 April and in the last month or so was more widely publicized and so

was seen by many more observers. The big push on 27 April brought the Region's fifth **Chuck-will's Widow** and four Whip-poor-wills found by Dave Tetlow in the hawk banding area west of Manitou Beach Road. Whip-poor-will continued in the area at least through May. Dave also had an excellent peak count of 112 Common Nighthawks there on 23 May.

The passerine picture was another wild and messy one. Clearly, reduced numbers for many species have led to patchy or spotty migration in recent years. This year this trend was enhanced by weather effects. We do have some tools for trying to analyze the information or at least to try to make sense of observations. These include the daily banding numbers from Braddock Bay Bird Observatory's (BBBO) Kaiser-Manitou passerine banding station; a Migration Stopover Project with sets of point counts in progress; 25 years of Spring Arrival Dates tabulated for 66 landbird species (plus 27 waterbirds); and now thousands of eBird records. Using these, we find the best banding days—27 April and 13-14 and 22-28 May—correspond with some of the best periods generally for good numbers and rarer records. The weather-related backups of migrants to the south and subsequent bursts of migration corresponded closely with many arrivals and records of rarer birds during several discrete periods: 23 and 27-30 April and 7, 22-23, and 25-30 May. In early May there were several days on which observers commented on the great numbers of migrants. However, this typically involved big numbers of one or a few species and was spotty; if you were in the right woodlot at the right time, GREAT, but miss that time by minutes or miss the place and you'd be asking, WHERE ARE THE BIRDS? As an example, I personally experienced this on 24 May when I heard 20+ Blackpoll Warblers singing in every tree all along Edgemere Drive, then turned inland to see how many there were in the woods near the hawkwatch, but within 0.2 miles heard no song. Heading back toward the lake and turning into the Braddock Bay marina (0.2 mile off the lakeshore), within 100 yards Blackpoll song was everywhere and a walk on the East Spit produced many more. A strange feature in early May was the simultaneous arrival or presence of big numbers of some species at normal dates, but with normally much later migrants mixed in, e.g., Willow Flycatcher, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Blackpoll Warbler, and Mourning Warbler at very early dates.

To many, spring arrivals seemed early. It takes a look at the date tables and maybe some study to put this into perspective. First, the overall average arrival this spring was only 0.06 of a day later than last year, when the foliage, crops, etc. were weeks ahead of this year. Next, the big push from the southwest over 26-28 April was accompanied by a large number of arrivals and record early dates for Blue-winged Warbler, "Brewster's" Warbler, and Cerulean Warbler and ties of early records for Warbling Vireo, Yellow Warbler, and Scarlet Tanager. Of the 66 landbirds in the Spring Arrival Date table, 49 were at dates earlier than the average over the 25 years we have been keeping the table, but only one species was statistically significantly early (>2 standard deviations). Also of interest, looking at the later-than-average birds, seven had average dates after 6 May (and only Willow Flycatcher was early among all the set of birds normally arriving later than that date) and six had normal average arrival dates

in the 1-4 April period. The exceptions were House Wren with 12 April and Swainson's Thrush with 4 May as normal arrival dates, and Eastern Bluebird, for which overwintering individuals make choosing the "arrival" date problematic.

Scanning the passerine families, we find five Olive-sided Flycatcher records, a good number for recent years, but many of the other flycatchers noted in low average numbers, especially the later arrivals. A couple of White-eyed Vireos, one banded, in late May is typical, though often they appear earlier. The Fish Crows of winter along the Genesee River continued to be reported, mostly in the same corridor, in numbers up to ten through the season. Clearly, breeding is suspected and hopefully will be confirmed. Peak counts for all of the swallow species in the Region were dismally low this spring. Counts of migrant Blue Jay and American Crow never reached their usual highs. Among the thrushes, banding totals for Veery and Gray-cheeked Thrush (including Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's) were particularly low and no Bicknell's was banded. Swainson's and Hermit Thrush banding totals were at least decent. The peak count for Am. Robin at 30,000 was very high but well below the record high of 86,600 of 1 April 2008.

Among the warblers, 34 species were reported this spring, with 22 of these plus "Brewster's" hybrid arriving in April. The flood of migrants in late April, when the weather broke, brought two reports of Worm-eating Warbler, and in May rarer species were added with three reports of Prothonotary Warbler and two of Connecticut Warbler. In the case of Prothonotary Warbler, 2-3 birds moved into the Armitage Road area on the Wayne/Seneca County line border between Regions 2 and 3. This is an area where they have nested successfully in the past but not for several years. Looking to other species of special interest, five Golden-winged Warblers were reported in April and May; at least 19 Orange-crowned Warblers were reported in May, six of these banded; and two Yellow-breasted Chats were reported late in May. Species commented upon as especially numerous at times included Yellow Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, and Wilson's Warbler. On the lower than expected side were Tennessee, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Palm, and Bay-breasted Warblers, and Ovenbird.

There was little of note among the sparrows. Peak counts for most of the migrants were low and arrival and departure dates typical. Highlights were five Clay-colored Sparrow reports and a maximum count of 15 Grasshopper Sparrows in the Nations Road area between Avon and Geneseo. Additional rarities included a female Summer Tanager on 13 May and a flyby Dickcissel on 20 May. Blackbird counts were decent but not particularly noteworthy, other than 1840, 4365, and 1760 Rusty Blackbirds tallied by Dave Tetlow on the West Spit of Braddock Bay on 11, 27, and 28 April, respectively. Both Orchard and Baltimore Orioles appeared with the rush in late April and continued in good numbers. Finch highlights included a good count of 416 Purple Finch passing Braddock Bay on 11 April; a White-winged Crossbill on 7 May; holdover records of redpolls including 1 "Greater" on 9 March; a maximum of 375 Common on 10 March; 13+ Hoary in March, with a maximum of six on 10

March, and single Hoary on 4 and 10 April; and single Evening Grosbeaks on 11 March and 10 April and two on 1 May.

Species counts for the season were 139 vs. a 10-year average of 132.8 for March, 217 vs. 185.6 for April, and 243 vs. 228.7 for May. The strange weather certainly appears to have aided in sending a diverse array of birds to this Region.

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ABBREVIATIONS

b – indicates banded this season, usually at BBBO's Kaiser-Manitou passerine banding station; BB – Braddock Bay, MONR; BBBO – Braddock Bay Bird Observatory; CB – Chimney Bluffs, WAYN; CH – Cobbs Hill, Rochester, MONR; G – T Greece, MONR; H – T Hamlin, MONR; HA – High Acres Trails, MONR; HB – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; HP – Hogan Pt, T Greece; ICW – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; K – T Kendall, ORLE; M – Manitou Beach area, MONR; NR – Nations Road, T Avon, LIVI; PB – Point Breeze, ORLE; R – C Rochester, MONR; S – T Savannah, WAYN; SP – Sodus

Point, WAYN; TC – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, T Avon, LIVI; W – T of Webster, MONR; WL – West Lakeshore, MONR, ORLE.

Braddock Bay Hawkwatch Totals

<u>Species</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Max Date</u>	<u>Total</u>
Black Vulture	15 Mar	2	19 Mar	8
Turkey Vulture	1 Mar	5230	11 Apr	24,619
Osprey	28 Mar	60	27 Apr	180
Bald Eagle	11 Mar	94	29 May	413
No. Harrier	1 Mar	145	11 Apr	777
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 Mar	1530	27 Apr	7949
Cooper's Hawk	3 Mar	64	11 Apr	487
No. Goshawk	15 Mar	14	11 Apr	33
Red-shouldered Hawk	15 Mar	178	17 Mar	385
Broad-winged Hawk	11 Apr	39,417	27 Apr	67,895
Swainson's Hawk	28 Apr	1	28 Apr	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1 Mar	1124	11 Apr	3568
Rough-legged Hawk	1 Mar	71	11 Apr	328
Golden Eagle	11 Mar	7	17 Mar	37
Am. Kestrel	4 Mar	138	7 Apr	470
Merlin	15 Mar	16	11 Apr	51
Peregrine Falcon	4 Apr	3	11 Apr	15
Mississippi Kite	28 May	1	28 May	1

Total including unidentified raptors: 107,219

Braddock Bay Hawkwatch Records

<u>Species</u>	<u>Early Date</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Max Date</u>	<u>High Total</u>
Black Vulture	3/13/91	3	5/26/10	11 (2010)
Turkey Vulture	---	5834	4/8/01	24,619 (2011)
Osprey	3/19	110	5/9/88	511 (1990)
Bald Eagle	---	94	5/29/11	413 (2011)
No. Harrier	---	440	4/16/96	3177 (1996)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	---	5130	4/26/96	19,429 (1996)
Cooper's Hawk	---	283	4/19/96	1474 (1987)
No. Goshawk	---	42	4/4/83	141 (1883)
Red-shouldered Hawk	1 Mar	1414	3/26/88	3258 (1988)
Broad-winged Hawk	19 Mar	39,417	4/27/11	93,788 (1996)
Swainson's Hawk	>41 records			
Red-tailed Hawk	---	628	3/26/88	11,412 (1986)
Rough-legged Hawk	---	189	3/14/97	55 (2007)
Am. Kestrel	---	1166	4/14/83	1889 (1988)

Merlin	---	32	5/10/96	115 (1996)
Peregrine Falcon	---	—		45 (2004)
Mississippi Kite	21 prior records			

Total: **144,008 (1996)**

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 1 H 22 Mar (DT), only report.

Snow Goose: max 30,000 Genesee River Valley 11 Mar (DT); 8500 S 9 Mar; last 1 S 30 Apr.

Ross's Goose: arr T W Sparta, LIVI 8 Mar (DT); T Wheatland, MONR 11 Mar (DT); 1 near Lyons, WAYN 26 Mar (LL), ph.

Brant: arr 1 TC 25-30 Mar (MW), only report.

Cackling Goose: total 33+ for season; max 7 BB 13 Mar (mob); last 1 G 1 May (CWo).

Trumpeter Swan: max 21 Carncross Rd, S 19 Apr (mob); breeding sev loc WAYN.

Tundra Swan: max 720 T Groveland, LIVI 15 Mar (JK).

Eurasian Wigeon: 1m BB 18, 24 Mar (AT, mob); 1-2m S 14-25 Mar (DWh, mob); 1 m S 1-10 Apr (mob).

Am. Wigeon: max 1500 Marten Tract, S 25 Mar (JMcG).

Am. Black Duck: max 1150 Carncross Rd, S 12 Mar (JMcG).

Mallard: max 4000 Carncross Rd, S 10 Mar (IBA).

N. Shoveler: arr 3 BB 9 Mar; last 1 HB 24 May.

N. Pintail: max 5,000 Carncross Rd, S 10 Mar (IBA); last 1 K 22 May.

Green-winged Teal: max 400 Carncross Rd, S 30 Mar (HB).

Canvasback: last 1 BB 28 May.

Redhead: last 2 HB 23 May (DT).

Ring-necked Duck: max 1200 S 25 Mar (JMcG).

Greater Scaup: max 670 BB-West Spit 3 Mar; last 2 BB 21 May.

Lesser Scaup: max 330 off G 18 Mar, low; last 2 BB 28 May.

Harlequin Duck: 1 HB 20 Apr (DT).

Surf Scoter: last 2 HB 7 May.

White-winged Scoter: max 230 HB 1 Mar, low.

Long-tailed Duck: max 870 off Ontario Beach 12 May (JeB, CWo).

Bufflehead: last 2 HB 21 May.

Com. Goldeneye: last 2 HB 7 May.

Barrow's Goldeneye: 1m BB - West Spit 2 Mar (LT).

Red-breasted Merganser: max 5000 WL 8 Apr.

Ruddy Duck: last 1 Cranberry Pond 15 May.

Red-throated Loon: last 1 HB 22 May.

Com. Loon: arr 1 HB 1 Mar, late; max 486 HB 20 Apr.

Horned Grebe: max 293 M - H 8 Apr (RS).

Red-necked Grebe: arr 2 HB 1 Mar; max 616 M - H 8 Apr (RS, DT); last 1 HB 4 May.

EARED GREBE: 1HB 7 May (JeB, CWo, AGu).

Double-crested Cormorant: max 1290 7 May (JeB, CWo, AGu).

GREAT CORMORANT: 1 ad M 5 May (BCI).

AM WHITE PELICAN: 2 BB 11-12 Apr (mob); 2 S 5 May (WR), same birds?

Least Bittern: arr 1 BB & S 30 Apr, early.

Great Egret: arr 1 Salmon Crk, G 3-4 Apr.

SNOWY EGRET: Salmon Crk, G 29 Apr (DT).

TRICOLORED HERON: BB - West Spit 27 Apr (DT)

CATTLE EGRET: BB 30 May (LT, *et al.*)

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr 3 M 10 Apr.

WHITE-FACED IBIS: 1 High Acres Trails, Perinton 18-20 May (BCd, ph, mob), ph by many, **1st Reg record.**

Black Vulture: total 8 passing hawkwatch 15 Mar thru; 1 Webster 4 Mar (M&JT); 1

Irondequoit 8 Mar (M&JT); 1 Burger P, G 22 Mar (KG); 1 M 7 May (RK), good total.

Turkey Vulture: see hawkwatch table.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: 2 Avon 8 Apr (JB, mob), at nest.

MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 ad Frisbee Hill, G 28 May (LT, *et al.*).

Bald Eagle: max 94 BB 29 May, record high single day count (LT, *et al.*).

Red-shouldered Hawk: arr 2 T Wolcott 4 Mar (DT).

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 70 BB 11 Apr (LT, *et al.*); max 39,417 BB 27 Apr, record high single day count; 11,350 BB 23 May, good count.

SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 Hogan Pt, G 27 Apr (DT); 1 BB 28Apr (LT, *et al.*).

Golden Eagle: arr 1 T Wolcott 4 Mar (DT), Reg record early; last 1 ad BB 24 May (RS), late.

Merlin: pr nesting Genesee 21 Mar thru (JK, mob).

KING RAIL: Beechwoods SP, WAYN 20 Apr (DD).

Sandhill Crane: arr and max 13 BB 17 Mar (LT, *et al.*), Reg record early; arr 2 Carncross Rd, S 17 Mar (sev), also Reg record early; 2 T Richmond 19 Mar (DWe), likely breeding area; total 72+ reports for the season at several sites.
Am. Golden-Plover: arr 1 Carncross Rd, S 21, 23 Apr (DN, JMcG), early; 1 M 23 May (DT).
Solitary Sandpiper: arr 1 HA 3 Apr (JP), Reg record early; HA 6 Apr (BCd), same bird.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr 1 K 17 Mar (DT), early; max 250 Carncross Rd, S 23 Apr (JMcG).
“Western” Willet: 1 HB 8 May (JeB, CWo), photos.
Lesser Yellowlegs: max 100 S Apr.
Upland Sandpiper: no reports.
Whimbrel: arr Ontario Beach, Charlotte 22, 23 May; 8 HB 27 May (DT).
MARBLED GODWIT: H 20 May (AGu, mob), photos.
Ruddy Turnstone: arr 1 Ontario Beach, Charlotte 18 May (KF).
Sanderling: arr SP 23-24 May (DD, DW); Ontario Beach, Charlotte 28 May (JO); 2 SP 31 May (LL); rare in spring.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr HB 23 May, late arrival and scarce.
White-rumped Sandpiper: 2 HB 27 May (DT).
Dunlin: arr 7 Geneseo 16 Apr (JK); max 70 HB 27 May (DT).
Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 1 Geneseo Airfield (JK) & HB (DT) 18 May, only reports.
Wilson’s Snipe: max 14HS 22 Apr, low.
Wilson’s Phalarope: arr near Cuylerville 30 Apr (JK).
Bonaparte’s Gull: arr 1 H 18 Mar, late.
Ring-billed Gull: back at rooftop nesting colony Batavia 19 Mar (Kfo).
CALIFORNIA GULL: 1 T Riga 24 Mar (DT).
HERRING X LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 T Riga 25, 29 Mar (DT).
THAYER’S GULL: 1imm T Leroy 5 Mar (DT); 1 imm T Riga 22, 25 Apr (DT, KFr).
Iceland Gull: last 1 G 7 May.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 13 T Riga 22 Mar (DT); 9 T Riga 23-25 Mar (DT), high counts.
Caspian Tern: max 128 PB May (Kfo).
Black Tern: arr 1off G 8 May (JeB, CWo), late arrival.
Com. Tern: arr 3 BB 5 Apr.
Forster’s Tern: max 5 HB 7 May.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 1 H/PA Mar, May, continued where seen for sev yrs.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr 1 G 8 May & 2 CH 8 May.

Snowy Owl: BB 5, 30 Mar (LT, GL), only reports.
Com. Nighthawk: arr 1 G 12 May; max 112 M 23 May (DT), very good count.
CHUCK-WILLS-WIDOW: M 27 Apr (DT), 5th Reg record.
E. Whip-poor-will: arr 4 M 27 Apr (DT, LT); 1 M 31 May.
Chimney Swift: arr 1 M 23 Apr (DT); 2 Greggsville, LIVI 21 Apr, early.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr 1 Huckleberry Swamp, WAYN 26 Apr (KS), early; max 19b M 23 May; total b 101 M 8-30 May (BBBO).
LEWIS’S WOODPECKER: T Richmond, ONTA thru 9 Apr (F&EJ, mob, ph), continued from fall and winter.
Red-headed Woodpecker: arr HB 14 Apr, no winter rep this year.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr 1 ICW 5 Apr.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr WAYN 22 May (SB, LL); M 28 May (DT); Badgerow P 29-31 May (KS); W 29 May (D&DTr); R 30 May (PD); good number of reports.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr 1b M 20 May.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr 1 M 27 May, late arrival.
“Traill’s” Flycatcher: max 45 b M 23 May; total b 169 M 14-30 May.
Least Flycatcher: total b 66 M 8-29 May.
E. Phoebe: arr 1 T York, LIVI 1 Mar (DT), record early LIVI.
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr 1 HB & G 26 Apr, very early.
E. Kingbird: arr 1 G 27 Apr, early.
White-eyed Vireo: arr 1b M 25 May (BBBO); 1 M 27-29 May (BCL, mob), inland a ways from banding station.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr 1 M 18 Apr, early.
Warbling Vireo: arr 1 Newark, WAYN 22 Apr (SB), ties Reg record early.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr 1 ICW 12 May (BCL).
Red-eyed Vireo: total b 50 14-30 May.
Blue Jay: max 1790 HB 7 May, low max.
Fish Crow: 1-10 many loc thru.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr 2 M 10 Apr, early.
Black-capped Chickadee: max 620 BB – West Spit 11 Apr (DT).
Sedge Wren: no reports.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr 1 HB 9 Apr (DT), early; max 34 BB – West Spit 28 Apr (DT).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: total b 136 1-26 May; last 1 BB – West Spit 29 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr 1 ICW & W 14 May; total b 10 M May, very low.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: total b 7 M May, very low.

Swainson's Thrush: 26b M 23 May; max 30+ HB – West 22 May (RS); total b 84 M 15-30 May.

Hermit Thrush: total b 42 M Apr-May.

Am. Robin: max 30,000+ BB 4 Apr (DT, LT), good count.

Gray Catbird: total b 157 m 2-30 May.

Am. Pipit: arr G 15 Mar; max 122 HB 7 May, low.

Bohemian Waxwing: last 2 Hogan Pt, G 27 Apr (DT), Reg record late.

Cedar Waxwing: max 377 T Wolcott 4 Mar (DT).

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: last 3 BB – West Spit 11 Apr.

Snow Bunting: max 500 S 5 Mar; last 1 BB – West Spit 11 Apr.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 1b M 26 Apr (BBBO), Reg record early.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr 1 BB – West Spit 27 Apr (DT, JSk), early; 4 rep sev loc May.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: 1 M 26 Apr (BCI), Reg record early.

Orange-crowned Warbler: total b 6 M 7-28 May; 13 other rep 8-22 May.

Nashville Warble: total b 92 M 1-28 May.

N. Parula: max 10 CH 9 May (BCI).

Yellow Warbler: arr 1b M 17 Apr (BBBO), ties Reg record early; total b 212 M 2-30 May.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: total b 58 M 7-30 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr 1 Victor 30 Apr (BBe), early; max 79b M 14 May; total b 474 M 2-30 May.

Cape May Warbler: last 1 BB 28 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr 1ICW 26 Apr (KG), early.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr 2 BB 10 Apr; max 275 HB – West 1 May (CWo); total b 53 M 1-28 May, low.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 1 Beechwoods SP, WAYN 22 Apr, early.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr 2 G 26 Apr, early.

Pine Warbler: 1 W thru 4 Mar (JBo, NP), winter, photos; arr 2 W 9 Apr.

Prairie Warbler: arr 1 G 2 May (LBe, GL).

Palm Warbler: arr 1 BB – West Spit 11 Apr, early; total b 60 M 1-22 May, low.

Blackpoll Warbler: maxb 29 M 27 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr 1 Thousand Acre Swamp 25 Apr (BWl), Reg record early, photos.

Am. Redstart: 55 HB – West 21 May (AGu); 50+ HB – West 22 May (RS); max 58b M 19 May; total b 329 M 2-30 May.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: BB 13 May (LT, mob); 1-3 Armitage Rd WAYN/SENE 29 May thru (CJ, mob), likely will nest; T Rush 30 May (BCI); best showing in recent years.

Worm-eating Warbler: BB – West Spit 27 Apr (DT); 1b M 29 Apr (BBBO).

Ovenbird: arr 1 Thousand Acre Swamp 25 Apr (CiM), early.

N. Waterthrush: total b 66 M May.

Connecticut Warbler: HB 27 May (DT); M 27 May (LT).

Com. Yellowthroat: total b 177 M 3-30 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr 1 ICW 27 Apr (TPh), early.

Wilson's Warbler: maxb 27 M 27 May; total b 148 M 12-30 May.

Canada Warbler: maxb 21 M 23 May; total b 86 M 12-29 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 Bergen Swamp, GEN 25 May (RS, KW); 1 M 31 May (DT).

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: last 1 MONR 1 May.

Chipping Sparrow: max 138 BB – West Spit 27 Apr (DT).

Clay-colored Sparrow: arr 1 T Avon 3 May (DT); 1 Cook Rd, H 10 May thru RS, mob); 1 H 13 May (AGu); T Wolcott 13 May (sev); HB 20 May (AGu).

Field Sparrow: arr 1 East Bay, WAYN 2 Apr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr 1 NR, Geneseo 1 May; max 15 NR 29 May (DD).

Fox Sparrow: arr 1 S 25 Mar.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr 1 Badgerow P 26 Apr; last 1 M 28 May.

White-throated Sparrow: total b 70 M 1-25 May, ver low; last 1 H 29 May.

White-crowned Sparrow: last 1 BB – West Spit 27 May.

SUMMER TANAGER: 1 fem BB – West Spit 13 May (Kfo, DT).

Scarlet Tanager: arr 1 ICW 26 Apr (KG), Reg record early.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr 1 sev 26 Apr.

Indigo Bunting: arr 1 BB – West Spit 27 Apr (DT), early.

DICKCISSEL: 1 HB 20 May (AGu).

Bobolink: max 64 HB 7 May, low.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 22,000 BB – West Spit 11 Apr (DT).

E. Meadowlark: arr 1 S 9 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: 1840 BB – West Spit 11 Apr (DT); max 4365 BB – West Spit 27 Apr (DT); 1760 BB – West Spit 28 Apr (DT); last 2 M 23 May.

Com. Grackle: max 18,700 BB – West Spit 11 Apr (DT).

Orchard Oriole: arr BB – West Spit 27 Apr.

Purple Finch: max 416 BB – West Spit 11 Apr (DT).

White-winged Crossbill: 1 HB 7 May 10 May (JeB, CWo, AGu).

Com. Redpoll: max 325 HF 10 Mar (BCL); last 3 Webster P 2 May & 1 G 2 May.

Com. “Greater” Redpoll: 1 HF 9 Mar (BCL).

HOARY REDPOLL: max 6 HF 10 Mar (BCL), many photos; total 13+ sev Mar; 1 T Naples 4 Apr (MF); last 1 HF 10 Apr (BCL).

Pine Siskin: max 145 BB – West Spit 28 Apr (DT).

Am. Goldfinch: max 818 HB 7 May (JeB, CWo, AGu).

Evening Grosbeak: 1 M 111 Mar (KG); 1 M 10 Apr (BCL, DD); 2 Hogan Pt G 1 May (DT).

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