

REGION 10—MARINE

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The spring season was once again characterized by good showings of some typically southern species and early arrivals of some other species. But the overall timing of the migration, while still early relative to historical norms, seemed more usual than recent seasons. An exceptionally warm late winter and early spring contributed to a dramatically earlier leaf-out than historical norms. But cooler and damp conditions in May, including several warm fronts followed by southwest winds, made for some outstanding birding during the passerine migration. The mild winter probably contributed to a reduction in overall avian diversity relative to recent years, with only 285 species reported in the Region.

After the second warmest winter on record in our Region, the spring season continued very warm. The average temperature at Islip in March was 47.3° F, an astounding 8° above normal. It was even warmer in Central Park, 8.4° above normal. March was also extremely dry. Only 0.99" of rain fell at Islip, 3.45" below normal. April was warm and dry too, though not as extreme. Temperatures were 3.1° above normal at Islip, average 52.2°, and 1.8° above normal at Central Park, average 54.8°. Precipitation at Islip was 3.39", 0.95" below normal. Readings were similar at other stations. A storm on 22-23 April dumped 2-3" of rain around the Region. May was warm but wetter. The average temperature at Islip was 62.7°, 4.1° above normal. Central Park was 2.7° above normal, average 65.1°. Precipitation varied around the Region. For example 4.22" at Islip, 0.44" above normal; 5.38" at Central Park, 1.19" above normal; and 7.08" at JFK Airport, 3.14" above normal.

The mild conditions led to a dearth of typical rarities lingering from winter. The few still present included a **Greater White-fronted Goose** seen until 5 May at Van Cortland Park, Bronx; a female **King Eider** in Glen Cove, Nassau County through 3 March; a **Snowy Owl** at Hicks Island, Napeague, Suffolk County through 10 March; and several Red-headed Woodpeckers and Northern Shrikes. Red-necked Grebes were reported from Floyd Bennett Field through 31 March following a good winter showing there. In the "rarer still" department, a "**Eurasian**" **Green-winged Teal** in Rockville Centre, Nassau County was last reported 4 March; a **White-winged Dove** visited a Staten Island feeder thru 21 May; and a **Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco** was seen at another Staten Island feeder through 5 March.

Several atypical species overwintering in our area were perhaps most interesting. A **Rufous Hummingbird**, the first of its species to survive the winter in New York State, was seen at the American Museum of Natural History through 13 March. A Semipalmated Plover was last reported at Jones Beach West End on 14 March. A Black-throated Blue Warbler wintered at a Napeague feeder through 31 March. A Common Yellowthroat was reported at Prospect Park on 2 March, and a Northern Parula found in late February at Silver Lake,

Staten Island was seen until 18 March, raising the possibility that these birds overwintered. A Dickcissel overwintered at the same Staten Island feeder that hosted the “Oregon” Junco. A Yellow-breasted Chat at Union Square Park, Manhattan was seen by many through 31 March. Other species overwintering included Blue-winged Teal, Great Egret, Orange-crowned Warbler, and Pine Warbler.

About 15 passerines and several other species arrived in our Region substantially earlier than historical norms. Many other species arrived around or after historical norms. A coastal land bird fallout was associated with the storm of 22-23 April. In particular, large numbers of Indigo Buntings were involved and several Blue Grosbeaks were the highlight. Many of these birds lingered for several days. City parks experienced several good migrant fallouts including 27 April, when 17 species of warblers were recorded in Central Park, and 23 May, with about 20 species of warblers. But the peak of migration throughout the Region occurred in early May. For example, 2 & 3 May brought 25 and 30 species of warblers to Central Park, respectively. Another coastal fallout on 2 May included 30 Indigo Buntings and 15 Eastern Kingbirds at Montauk Point. Migrants noted on Great Gull Island, Suffolk County 4-6 May included 76 passerine species and 17 warblers.

Does the strong showing of passerines typically of southerly distribution portend new or increased breeding in our area? For example, at least ten individual Prothonotary Warblers were recorded in the Region this spring, the last on 28 May; 15 Kentucky Warblers; 18 Summer Tanagers; and 14 Blue Grosbeaks. Ten Yellow-throated Warblers were recorded, including a pair observed in close interaction at Connetquot River State Park, one a singing male.

The scarcity of Bonaparte’s Gulls in the Region was once again notable. A report of 1,500 at Conference House Park, Staten Island on 17 April appears to indicate a localized flight, but otherwise reports were few. A few late stragglers were seen in May. Royal Terns were also scarce relative to recent years, with only three birds reported all season.

Reports of Northern Bobwhite were received from only one location this season, where Chukar has also been seen recently. This raises the question of provenance and of the potentially imminent extirpation of the species in our Region.

Sightings of Common Ravens were once again widespread throughout the Region, including a Central Park report. The curious exception was the lack of reports from the former stronghold in northern Nassau County. By season’s end it was clear that ravens had nested in at least two and probably three locations in Region 10. Nests were known in Hampton Bays, Suffolk County, and Co-op City, Bronx. At least one raven was observed repeatedly carrying food on several occasions in Richmond Hill and Forest Park, Queens. These locations are near the water tower in Kew Gardens where ravens nested in 2009-2011. However, a nest has not been found.

A pelagic trip to “The Dip”, approximately 50 miles south-southeast of Shinnecock Inlet, on 26 May recorded 54 **Leach’s Storm-Petrels**, 11 Cory’s

Shearwaters, **Arctic Tern**, and **Pomarine Jaeger**. Arctic Terns made a good late-season showing on the mud flats of Moriches Bay at Cupsogue County Park, Westhampton Dunes, Suffolk County. Four were seen on 27 May and several on other days through 31 May. Sooty Shearwaters were virtually omnipresent at traditionally favorable Long Island observation points from 15 May. A maximum of 81 was counted at Robert Moses State Park on 22 May.

The season featured some additional noteworthy rarities. A **Magnificent Frigatebird** was spotted by Peter Polshek at Montauk Point following the storm on 23 April. A **White-faced Ibis**, perhaps a returning bird, was present at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge from 22 April to 26 May and seen by many. Two each of **Swallow-tailed Kite** and **Mississippi Kite** were reported, the former at Prospect Park on 19 April and Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge on 27 May, and the latter at Bay Shore, Suffolk County on 10 May by Bobby Berlingeri and Clove Lakes Park, Staten Island on 25 May by Howie Fischer and others. A **Black-necked Stilt** was at Zach's Bay, Jones Beach State Park on 29 May. Another **White-winged Dove** was seen at Jones Beach West End on 13 May by Doug Futuyma, a virtual redux of last year's bird. **Pileated Woodpecker** was recorded in the Region for the second straight season: A female was seen at Buck's Hollow, Staten Island on 7 March and another bird was reported at the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx on 5, 9, and 12 May. A **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** was briefly at Gilgo Beach, Suffolk County on 29 May. A singing **Bicknell's Thrush** was seen well near The Water Hole at Forest Park on 16, 19, and 20 May by several observers.

Some miscellaneous notables include the following: Bald Eagle sightings were frequent, with about 40 individual birds reported through the season. There were at least 40 individual Turkey Vultures reported on Long Island, including nine at Calverton, Suffolk County on 30 April. While Yellow-billed Cuckoo was widely reported, Black-billed Cuckoo was exceptionally scarce. A White-winged Crossbill on 25 March at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, and a Pine Siskin, out of place at Gilgo Beach on 29 May, were interesting exceptions in a season otherwise almost devoid of irruptive finches.

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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; CR – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; 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; FMCP – Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, QUEE; FP – Forest Park, QUEE; FT – Fort Tilden, QUEE; GBP – Goethal's Bridge Pd, RICH; GKP – Great Kills P, RICH; HHSP – Hither Hills SP, SUFF; HLSP – 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/Mecox Inlet, SUFF; MI – Moriches Inlet, SUFF; MLUA – Mt. Loretto Unique Area, RICH; MNSA – Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, NASS; MP – Montauk Pt, SUFF; PBP – 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: VCP thru 5 May (BVD, mob); Deep Hollow, Montauk thru 11 Mar (mob).

Snow Goose: Rita's Stables, Montauk 28 Apr (AnW), late.

Wood Duck: from winter

Eurasian Wigeon: Mass 8 Mar (JOS); Cooper's Neck Pd, Southampton, SUFF 15 Mar (RA, *et al*); Tottenville, RICH thru 26 Mar (fide SIW).

Blue-winged Teal: from winter; Canarsie Beach P, KING 28 Mar (DG), unusual location; 27 Northville, SUFF 28 Mar (MLL), large number; Deep Hollow 28 Apr (AnW), unusual location; 2 Rita's Stables 28 Apr (AnW), unusual location.

“EURASIAN” GREEN-WINGED TEAL: Smith Pd, Rockville Centre, NASS thru 4 Mar (SA, PA).

American x Eurasian Green-Winged Teal: GBP 16 Apr (RV).

King Eider: fem East I, Glen Cove, NASS thru 3 Mar (MN).

Com. Eider: max 175 Shinn 18 Mar (RA, *et al*); 40 MP 19 ay (HM, PMP, *et al*).

Harlequin Duck: Pt. Lookout, NASS thru 3 Apr incl: 5 on 6 Mar (AC); 2 drake, 2 fem 18 Mar (SyS); 1 on 3 Apr (SyS); 3 MP 28 Apr (AnW).

Com. Merganser: 9 SMSP 9 Mar (RA); 7 Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF 10 Mar (CS, *et al*); PP 14 Apr (RJ, HL); fem Stony Brook Mill Pd, SUFF 13 May (SBu, *et al*), noted as present for several months prior.

Ruddy Duck: max 1000 Jam Bay in March.

N. Bobwhite: at least 3 present Oregon Rd, Cutchogue, SUFF (RP, SSM, mob), provenance suspect, *intro*.

Red-necked Grebe: MP 1 Mar (PMP); 3 Coney I, KING 4 Mar (PD); 3 FBF 4 Mar (RBA); 1-2 FBF thru 31 Mar (mob); JBWE 6 Mar (AC); MB 18 Mar (AC); VCP 12-16 Apr (RBA).

Cory's Shearwater: 11 “The Dip” appx 50 mi SSE Shinn 26 May (AnW); 3 appx. 25 mi S MP 31 May (TJ).

Great Shearwater: RMSP 12 May (ABe, *et al*).

Sooty Shearwater: RMSP 15 May (PJL); 2 RMSP 16 May (JGI); 3 Sagg 18 May (AC); 4 RMSP 19 May (DR); 8 RMSP 20 May (MN, *et al*); 8 MB 19 May (HM, PMP, *et al*); max 81 RMSP 22 May (SSM, KF); 30 Westhampton Dunes, SUFF 22 May (DR, *et al*); 77 SPCP 22 May (MM); 2 RP 22 May (AB); 43 RMSP 23 May (SSM); 54 RMSP 29 May (RBA); 3 RMSP 27 May (SA); 13 RMSP 28 May (PJL); RMSP 30 May (SSM, JGI); RMSP 31 May (PP).
Manx Shearwater: 2 MB 18 May (HM, PMP, *et al*); RMSP 28 May (PJL); RMSP 31 May (PP).
Wilson's Storm-Petrel: RMSP 26 May (RBA); CCP 26 May (RBA).
LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: 54 "The Dip" appx 50 mi SSE Shinn 26 May (AnW)
N. Gannet: 3200 12 Apr RMSP (RBA), large number.
Great Cormorant: FBF 1 May (DG, *et al*), late.
MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: MP 23 Apr (PMP).
Am. Bittern: sev reports Dune Rd, Hampton Bays, SUFF thru 9 Apr; Jam Bay 9 Apr (AC); CP 17 Apr (mob); Mt. Loretto State Forest, RICH 27 Apr (ACi).
Little Blue Heron: Jam Bay 28 Mar (RF), early; CP 14 May (SS, *et al*), unusual location.
Tricolored Heron: arr 26 Apr Jam Bay.
Cattle Egret: JBWE 24 Apr (DK); Sound Av, Riverhead, SUFF 2-3 May (ES); Mecox Dairy, Bridgehampton, SUFF 4-19 May (BHo, mob); Argyle P, Babylon, SUFF 17 May (KT).
Green Heron: arr 16 Apr.
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: FBF 28 Mar (Maureen Matthews), early.
Glossy Ibis: 3 Terrell R Co P, East Moriches, SUFF 17 Mar (CS, *et al*), early.
WHITE-FACED IBIS: Jam Bay 22 Apr – 26 May (SSc, AB, MM, mob); Scoy Pd, Grace Estate, East Hampton 13-22 May (SSM, PJL, mob).
Black Vulture: 2 MLUA 4 Mar (DE, *et al*); 2 Greenwood Cem, KING 8 Mar (PD); Blue Heron P, RICH 10 Mar (HF, *et al*); MLUA 11 Mar (SIW, *et al*); CR 13 Mar (ACi); 2 Bronx Zoo, BRON 14 Mar (Todd Olsen);
Turkey Vulture: at least 15 LI reports involving at least 40 birds incl: 6 Edwards Av., Riverhead, SUFF thru; 5 Northville, SUFF 12 Mar (RA, *et al*); 6 Canarsie Beach P, KING 28 Mar (DG); 9 Calv 30 Apr (AM).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr 8 Mar.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: PP 19 Apr (Russ Alderson!); Jam Bay 27 May (Roy Woodford), ph.
MISSISSIPPI KITE: Bay Shore, SUFF 10 May (BB); CLP 25 May (HF, J.Trezza).
Bald Eagle: at least 35 reports involving appx. 40 birds.
Red-shouldered Hawk: Mt. Moses, RICH 4 Apr (AP).
Broad-winged Hawk: Stillwell Woods, NASS 17 Apr (RK, AL); 2 MP 7 May (HM, PMP, *et al*).
Virginia Rail: CR 18 Apr (ACi).
Sora: Dune Rd, Hampton Bays 28 Apr (MH).
Com. Gallinule: River Rd, RICH 29 Apr (CB).
Semipalmated Plover: JBWE thru 14 Mar (EE).
Piping Plover: 18 JBWE 3 Apr (SyS), large number.
Am. Oystercatcher: from winter.
BLACK-NECKED STILT: Zach's Bay, Jones Beach State P, NASS 29 May (fide BB).
Spotted Sandpiper: arr 16 Apr, early.
Solitary Sandpiper: 4 Bridgehampton 28 Apr (AnW); 3 A.J. Hendrickson P, NASS 6 May (BB).
"Western" Willet: ad FT 1 May (DG, *et al*).
Upland Sandpiper: PP 25 Apr (AxW).
Whimbrel: MB 23 May (AM); 2 PB 28 May (RBA).
Red Knot: max 205 JBWE 23 May (RJK).
Semipalmated Sandpiper: Jam Bay 25 Apr (AC), early.
Least Sandpiper: arr 28 Apr.
White-rumped Sandpiper: 2 Jam Bay 27 May (SA, PA); 14 MB 27 May (AnW, PMP); 6 MB 30 May (KF, SF).
Pectoral Sandpiper: few; 3 GBP 28 Mar (RV), early; 2 GBP 16 Apr (RV).
Purple Sandpiper: 19 JBWE 25 Mar (DR); 3 FT 1 May (DG, *et al*), late.
Am. Woodcock: displaying, from winter.
Wilson's Phalarope: Jam Bay 3 May (AB); CR 21 May (ACi), ph; fem PB 26 May (TWB, GB); 2 m MB 27 May thru (Anya Auerbach, AnW, mob).
Black-legged Kittiwake: ad MB 8 May (JD, AC), late, only report.
Bonaparte's Gull: 1500 CHP 17 Apr (RV), otherwise few; East Hampton 8 May (PMP); Mecox 8 May (JD, AC), late; CP 9 May (JD), unusual location.
Laughing Gull: Coney I 11 Mar (RJ, *et al*), early; arr 8 Apr.
Iceland Gull: 2 Gin Beach, Montauk, SUFF 1 Mar (PMP), ad & 3rd win; Bellport, SUFF 3 Mar (MC); Coney I Creek, KING 11 Mar (RJ, *et al*); Shinn thru 11 Mar; DOP 11 Mar (AxW); The "Mud Hole", appx 20 mi SSW BP (AG, *et al*);

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Accabonac Harbor, SUFF thru 16 Mar (AC); ad Northville thru 27 Mar (mob); imm Hampton Bays 31 Mar (MM); 1 win WPP 12 Apr (SIW, *et al*); HSP 24 Apr (SF); 1st sum Springs, SUFF 6 May (AnW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: ad Napeague, SUFF thru 10 Mar (mob); ad FT thru 14 Mar (mob); ad Pt. Lookout 17 Mar (SW); 2 ad Sagg 18 Mar (AC); ad CSP 4 May (MM); RMSP, 3 CSP, JBWE 23 Apr (KF); HSP 23 Apr (SF); 2 MB 21 May (HM); 6 SPCP 22 May (MM); imm RMSP 22 May (SSM); 3rd sum JBWE 25 May (SA, CF).

Glaucous Gull: Bellport 3 Mar (MC); 2 Pt. Lookout 4 Mar (RBA), incl 1 ad; st sum Shinn 5 May (AnW), late; 1st sum SPCP 22 May thru (MM, RKa).

Gull-billed Tern: Gilgo, SUFF 25 Apr (JQ); 5 JBWE 5 May (RBA); 2 JBWE 8 May (JD, AC); PB 19 May (SSM, PJL); Jam Bay 26 May (MM, *et al*).

Caspian Tern: MB 21 Apr (AC); 2 MB 25 Apr (PMP); MB 28 Apr (AnW); MB 19 May (AC); Twin Causeway, Babylon, SUFF 22 May (SSM); 3 MB 27 May (AnW, PMP).

Black Tern: BP 13 May (CF); RMSP 15 May (PJL); DP 20 May (MN, SSM, PJL); CCP 24 May (Mike Scheibel); JBWE 25 May (SA, CF, DR); RMSP 26 May (RBA); DP 28 May (JGI).

Roseate Tern: arr 25 Apr MB; max 10 RMSP 15 May (PJL).

Com. Tern: arr 5 May.

ARCTIC TERN: 4 CCP 27 May (SSM); “The Dip” appx 50 mi SSE Shinn 26 May (AnW); 2 CCP 28 May (MM, SSM, *et al*); ad CCP 30 May (AC); ad CCP 31 May (AC, RA, SF).

Forster's Tern: arr 4 Apr.

Royal Tern: MB 24 Apr (PMP), early; RMSP 26 May (RBA); RMSP 30 May (SyS, JGi).

Black Skimmer: Gerritsen Creek, KING 15 Apr (SA, AG, mob); 2 MB 20 Apr (AnW), early; 225 JBWE 5 May (BB), large number.

Pomarine Jaeger: “The Dip” appx 50 mi SSE Shinn 26 May (AnW).

Parasitic Jaeger: 4 RMSP 8 May (KF, JGI); 3 East Hampton 8 May (PMP); BP 13 May (CF); 4 RMSP 20 May (MN); RMSP 22 May (SSM); 2 RMSP 26 May (RBA); 2 RMSP 28 May (CCa); PB 28 May (SSM, *et al*), noted harassing terns over Mecox Bay.

jaeger sp.: The “Mud Hole”, appx 20 mi SSW BP 11 Mar (AG, *et al*)

Razorbill: MP 1 Mar (PMP); 2 Jones Inlet, NASS 4 Mar (AB); Jones Inlet 6 Mar (AC).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: Mt. Loretto, RICH thru 21 May (ACi); possibly joined by a second bird 4 Apr – 16 May, pending NYSARC review; JBWE 13 May (DF).

Monk Parakeet: Pt Lookout 3 Apr (SyS); CP 4 Apr (TF); unusual locations; 4 Babylon 12 Apr (KF).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: CP 16 Apr (TF), early; widespread arr 29 Apr.

Black-billed Cuckoo: fewer than 10 reports.

Barn Owl: nested Jam Bay for 4th yr, 3 nestlings.

Great Horned Owl: nested FP; first time documented in appx 20 years; one nestling observed 5 May (EiM, SA, EM, *et al.*).

Snowy Owl: Hicks I, Napeague, SUFF thru 10 Mar.

Chuck-will's-widow: Quogue 26 May thru (TWB, GB, ES)

E. Whip-poor-will: CR 28 Apr (ACi); CP 3 May (fide TF); unusual locations.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: PP 7 Apr (RBA); Tottenville, RICH 16 Apr (fide RV); early.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: American Museum of Natural History, NEWY thru 13 Mar.

Red-headed Woodpecker: CP thru 29 Mar; Baiting Hollow, SUFF thru 4 Apr (mob); imm St. John Cemetery, QUEE 8 Mar – 6 Apr (DC, fide K. Mirth, C. Veltri), probably wintered; RMSP 15 Apr (JQ); Jam Bay 26 May (JGi, *et al*).

PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): fem Buck's Hollow, RICH 7 Mar (HF); NY Botanical Garden, BRON 5 May (DB, *et al*); same loc 9 May (PAB), 12 May (D. Becker).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Matinecock, NASS 3 May (MN); Allison Pd P, RICH 4 May (MS); Jam Bay 5 May (TWB, GB, AGu); Sands Pt. Pres., NASS 5 May (GQ); CP 5 May (D. Kurz); JBSP 6 May (RJK); early; CLP 10 May (HF); HLSP 12 May (ABe, *et al*).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr 17 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: APP 4 May (RJK), early; widespread arr 12 May.

Alder Flycatcher: Fuchs Pd, Northport, SUFF 23 May (BB0).

Willow Flycatcher: arr 12 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr 3 May.

E. Phoebe: arr 12 Mar.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr 1 May.

E. Kingbird: arr 28 Apr; 15 MP 2 May (PMP); 25 JBWE 5 May (BB); large numbers.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: Gilgo 29 May (RPx).

N. Shrike: FBF thru 11 Mar (mob); Wading River, SUFF thru 25 Mar (SA, MN, P.Priolo).

White-eyed Vireo: Quogue 31 Mar (MM), early.

Warbling Vireo: arr 16 Apr, early.

Philadelphia Vireo: North Fork Pres., Jamesport, SUFF 6 May (RA); PP 7 May (PD); PP 10 May (fide PD).

Red-eyed Vireo: 2 JBWE 23 Apr (BB), early.

COMMON RAVEN (R10): nested Hampton Bays, SUFF, Co-op City, BRON; probably bred vicinity of Kew Gardens/Richmond Hill, QUEE: Richmond Hill 23 Apr (JL), carrying food; FP ca. 16-21 May (JL), observed 3 times carrying food over 1 hour; other sightings widespread: CP 14 Mar (DA); N. Amityville, 15 Mar (PJ);

Argyle P, Babylon, SUFF 16 Mar (Tim Dunn); River Rd., RICH 21 Mar (EJ); Ft. Wadsworth, RICH 30 Mar (CB); Astoria, QUEE 8 Apr (AOC); Woodhaven, QUEE 8 Apr (EiM); CR 10 Apr (ACi); Southards Pd, Babylon, SUFF 14 Apr (Tim Dunn); Stillwell Woods 17 Apr (RK, AL); Blydenburgh County P, SUFF 19 Apr (PS); East Farm Pres., SUFF 12 May (SBu); 2 NY Botanical Garden 12 May (DB); Jam Bay 13 May (SA, EiM); Tottenville 18 May (ACi); Fresh Kills, RICH 30 May (GBo); *intro*.

Purple Martin: RMSP 25 May (SA, CF); FT 26 May (CF), migr.

Tree Swallow: from winter.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr 1 Apr, early.

Bank Swallow: arr 5 Apr, early.

House Wren: arr 13 Apr.

Marsh Wren: arr 15 Apr, early.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Coney I Creek P 28 Mar (DG); CLP 29 Mar (GBo); widespread 30 Mar; early.

Veery: MNSA 14 Apr (MF), early; widespread 28 Apr.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: FP 19-20 May (TWB, GB, SA, *et al*); singing.

BICKNELL'S THRUSH: FP 16 May (CF!); possibly same bird FP 19-20 May (TWB, GB, SA, *et al*); singing.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: arr 10 May; about 10 reports.

Swainson's Thrush: arr 29 Apr.

Hermit Thrush: 30 CLP 4 Apr (HF), large number; 2 Chatfield's Hole, East Hampton 18 May (HM, PMP, *et al*), singing males, late.

Wood Thrush: arr 29 Apr.

LONGSPURS-WARBLED

Worm-eating Warbler: arr 16 Apr, early.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 29 Mar; 5 CP 4 Apr (RBA), large number.

N. Waterthrush: arr 16 Apr.

Golden-winged Warbler: Crocheron P, QUEE 30 Apr (EM); CP 1-2 May (mob).

Blue-winged Warbler: Blydenburgh County P 21 Apr (GQ), early.

Prothonotary Warbler: CP 21 Apr (JD); Terrell River County P, SUFF 21 Apr (CS, *et al*.); Bryant P, NEWY 23 Apr-10 May (MR, mob); Quogue 2 May (BHo); Upper Francis Pd, NASS 5-6 May (fide MN), ph; Green-wood Cemetery, KING 10 May (RJ); HLSP 10 May (RBA); Long Pd, Sag Harbor, SUFF 18 May (B. Kane, fide HM); Mt. Loretto State Forest 28 May (ACi), ph.

Tennessee Warbler: arr 30 Apr.

Orange-crowned Warbler: CP thru 16 Apr (mob); Babylon, SUFF 12 Apr (KF); 2 CP 18 Apr (Claude Bloch); CP 19 Apr (CC); Owls Head P, KING 29 Apr (AxW); FP 2 May (SA, CF, EiM), singing; Muttontown Pres., NASS 2 May (MN); St. George, RICH 4 May (IG).

Mourning Warbler: CLP 4 May (SSM), early; PP 10 May (fide PD); CP 10 May (RBA); FP 13 May (K. Mirth, *et al*); CLP 22 May (GBo); 2 CP 23 May (ABi, JDi); CP 24 May (CC).

Kentucky Warbler: A good showing: CP 27 Apr (AC, mob); Bryant P 3 May (MR); Riverside P, NEWY 3 May (TF); CP 4 May (TF); Willowbrook P, RICH 4 May (EJ); FT 5 May (RK); RMSP 5 May (RBA); CP 6 May (CC); CP 10 May (RBA); HLSP 12 May (DK); CLP 13-17 May (HF); PP 14 May (RJ, *et al*); CP 26 May (SS, *et al*); CP 28 May (SC).

Com. Yellowthroat: PP 2 Mar (R. Campos), possibly wintered.

Hooded Warbler: JBWE 18 Apr (KF); 2 CP 20 Apr; early; FP 24-25 May (PR, *et al*), late; at least 25 other reports.

Cape May Warbler: CP 21 Apr (JD, RF, *et al*), early.

Cerulean Warbler: PP 26 Apr (fide PD); Riverside P 4 May (TF); CP 4 May (TF); CP 5 May (SS); FP 6 May (SW, mob); FP 10 May (ABe, mob); CP 8 May (RBA).

N. Parula: Silver L, RICH thru 18 Mar (CB), possibly wintered.

Magnolia Warbler: arr 2 May.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr 28 Apr.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr 27 Apr.

Blackpoll Warbler: PP 29 Apr (HL, RJ), early.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: Napeague thru 31 Mar (fide HM), wintered at feeder.

Palm Warbler: arr 30 Mar.

Pine Warbler: a few wintered; migr arr 12 Mar, early.

Yellow-throated Warbler: A good showing: APP 5-7 Apr (RJK, mob); Riverside P 14 May (TP, mob); PP 14 Apr (RJ, HL); CP 14-15 Apr (mob); APP 16-21 Apr (KF, SF); JBWE 18 Apr (SJ, *et al.*); CP 30 Apr (AC, mob); Ft. Tryon, NEWY 10 May (RBA); CRSP 21 Apr – thru (A. McIntyre, DR, KF, mob); 2 incl singing m CRSP 28 Apr (SSM, PJL); 2 observed in close interaction CRSP 2 May (CCa).

Prairie Warbler: CP 16 Apr (TF), early.

Wilson's Warbler: arr 4 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Union Square P, NEWY thru 31 Mar (mob); HILSP thru 8 Apr (SSc, *et al.*); CHP 23 Mar (JS, TSP); CR 25 Mar – 3 Apr (ACi); DOP 14 Apr (AxW); CP 2 May (D. Kurz); JBWE 5 May (BB, BBo, *et al.*); RMSP 5 May (DR).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Chipping Sparrow: arr 28 Mar, early; 80 CLP 4 Apr (HF), large number.

Vesper Sparrow: JBWE 4 Apr (MM); CP 4 Apr (TF); CLP 6 Apr (HF, MS); early.

Grasshopper Sparrow: CP 3-6 May (SC); All Faiths Cemetery, Middle Village, QUEE 11 May (DC), ph; 26 Calv 25 May (SA, CF).

Saltmarsh Sparrow: arr 26 Apr

Seaside Sparrow: arr 29 Apr

Lincoln's Sparrow: PP 30 Apr (RJ); CP 1 May (CF); CP 6-7 May (CC); FP 11 May (SA, EiM); SMSP 11 May (JGI); Jam Bay 13 May (SA, EiM); Bryant P 12-14 May (GW, ABe, *et al.*);

White-crowned Sparrow: arr 4 May; 3 JBWE 5 May (BB).

DARK-EYED "OREGON" JUNCO:

Tottenville thru 5 Mar (Lisa Manne, fide RV), ph.

Summer Tanager: 2 VSSP 28 Apr (JGI, GB, TWB, mob), fem & imm m; APP 1 May (JR, EM); fem JBWE 5 May (BB); ad m VSSP 6 May (BB); PP 7 May (fide PD); CP 7 May (fide P. Pollock); 2 PP 8 May (fide PD); CLP 10 May

(HF); CP 9 May (DF); FP 10 May (ABe, *et al.*); 2 CP 10 May (PR, RBA); APP 12 May (SA, IR, *et al.*); FP 12 May (TWB, mob); FP 17 May (PR); FP 19 May (TWB, GB).

Scarlet Tanager: arr 26 Apr.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 15 RMSP 5 May (KF, SF).

Blue Grosbeak: CP 21 Apr (JD, RF, *et al.*); All Faiths Cemetery 23 Apr (DC); JBSP 24 Apr (DK); AMA 24 Apr (fide HM); Gilgo 24 Apr-1 May (DR, mob); 2 CRSP 29 Apr, imm m & ad m; fem DOP 28 Apr AxW; fem MP 28 Apr (AnW); CP 1 May (TF); FBF 6 ay (SW); MP 7 May (PMP, HM, *et al.*); Stony Brook University, SUFF 8 May (SBu, *et al.*); CP 9 May; MLUA 16 May (EJ, *et al.*).

Indigo Bunting: numerous in migr fall out at barrier beaches: 13 MP 23 Apr; 11 JBWE 23 Apr (BB); 11 Gilgo 24 Apr (DR); 15 MP 28 Apr (AnW); max 30 MP 2 May (PMP).

Dickcissel: Tottenville thru 5 Mar (Lisa Manne, fide RV); ad m Maspeth, QUEE 25 Mar (Francis Koziol).

Bobolink: Upland Farm Pres, Cold Spring Harbor, SUFF 4 May (DR); 9 Edgemere, QUEE 18 May (CF), 5 m 4 fem; 4 Wainscott, SUFF 18 May (HM, PMP, *et al.*).

Orchard Oriole: arr 22 Apr; 10 RMSP 4 May (KF, SF).

Baltimore Oriole: 52 RMSP 4 May (KF, SF).

Purple Finch: only 2-3 reports.

White-winged Crossbill: Green-wood Cemetery 25 Mar (Orrin Tilevitz).

Pine Siskin: Gilgo 29 May (SSM, *et al.*).

EXOTICS

Mitred Parakeet: pr at former nest site, Kew Gardens, QUEE 13 Mar-12 Apr, but did not nest there; 5-12 Hillcrest, QUEE 20-26 Mar (Jackie Forrestal), early; 2 Bay Ridge, KING 29 Mar (Nina Shope), ph!, first record in KING.

