

REGION 10—MARINE

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A long stretch virtually devoid of migrants was perhaps the most memorable phenomenon of the spring season in Region 10. However, in most respects, the season was closer to normal than we have seen recently. 296 species were recorded in the Region.

Temperatures below normal lingered well into the spring season, a stark contrast to recent years. Though it seemed rather cold, temperatures were much closer to historical norms than we have seen recently. March average monthly temperatures ranged from 1.0° F below normal at Islip (38.3°), to 2.4° below normal at Central Park (40.1°). The average monthly temperatures were close to normal the remainder of the season, for example 49.7° at Islip, 0.6° above normal in April, and 59.1° there in May, 0.5° above normal. March and April were dry. Precipitation was 2.64" at Islip in March, 1.80" below normal, and 1.53" in April, 2.81" below normal. May precipitation at Islip was 3.05", 0.73" below normal. But 8.00" of rain fell in Central Park, 3.81" above normal. About 3.00" fell on 8 May. From late April until about 8 May, a weather pattern known as an Omega Block settled over northeastern North America. Persistent high pressure blocked the normal west to east flow of weather systems, resulting in persistent easterly winds and a lack of precipitation for most of this period. The impact on migration is discussed below.

Lingering winter rarities were highlighted by an adult gray-morph **Gyr Falcon** seen around the barrier island in the Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, usually at Gilgo Beach, through 11 March. A **Ross's Goose** was at Aquebogue, Suffolk County through 6 March, and another was seen at Edgemere, Queens County on 4 April. At least two and possibly three drake **Tufted Ducks** were present early in the season. The last was seen at Upper Francis Pond, Mill Neck, Nassau County 13-17 March. A pelagic trip out of Freeport, Nassau County on 2 March recorded 36 **Common Murres** and not much else.

A good showing of Eurasian Wigeon continued into March. At least 11 birds were present in the Region, including a maximum of seven seen at the West Sayville Golf Club, Suffolk County on 2 March. The irruption of winter finches continued well into spring with the northbound migration. White-winged Crossbills and Common Redpolls were seen into April. Pine Siskins and Red Crossbills were seen well into May, though there is apparently no documentation of nesting in the Region this year. A female **Evening Grosbeak** seen at Prospect Park on 25 April may have been the same bird that was there in early winter.

The overall timing of the passerine migration was much closer to normal than we have experienced in recent years. Small numbers of many neotropical and short-range migrants appeared in the last several days of April. Whereas numbers and diversity during the past several years' migration peaked during late April and early May, this year's peak was from 10-15 May. However, there was a pronounced interruption of migration observed from late April through 9 May as the Omega Block pattern settled in, followed by rain on 8 May. For example, on 4-5 May, the author spent many hours in typically good areas for migrants in Queens County, and tallied a total of five species of warblers for the two days! Birders' experiences were similar throughout the Region. The eBird records clearly bear this out: for some 20 species, there is a gap with no records between roughly 1 May and 10 May, when there were widespread arrivals of many species, often later than historical norms. The extreme impact of the

Omega Block pattern on observed migration is likely due both to the strength and precise location—to our northeast—of the blocking high pressure system. A likely scenario is that the persistent high pressure and east winds prevented many birds from moving north traversing our Region, or diverted them westward where winds were persistently more favorable. Reports from northerly breeding grounds during this period generally showed low numbers of breeding species arriving, in some cases before any had been reported in our Region. While many birders lamented the lack of migrants, at least the weather was crystal-clear and beautiful.

Our swallows, in particular, seem to have settled into a pattern of arrival earlier than historical norms. The data also indicate a pattern of late records in the fall for the same species recently.

Yellow-throated Warbler continues to increase in our area. At least 15 individuals were present in the Region this season, including several long-staying birds. Three birds at Connetquot River State Park, Suffolk County, including at least one singing male present through the end of the season, provided hope for breeding.

A recently completed salt marsh restoration project at Big Egg Marsh, Jamaica Bay, near Broad Channel, Queens County resulted in notable concentrations of migrant shorebirds. Seasonal maxima of Black-bellied Plover (650), Ruddy Turnstone (300), Red Knot (167), and Semipalmated Sandpiper (1500) were recorded there, along with large numbers of other shorebirds. An American Golden-Plover was present 21-29 May and a Western Sandpiper on 27 May, both rare in spring.

There were a few other notable rarities during the season. A frigatebird sp., most likely a **Magnificent Frigatebird**, was spotted soaring over the Long Island Expressway at Patchogue, Suffolk County, on 21 May by one fortunate observer who hopefully was not the driver. Two **Ruffs** were the season's most accessible rarities, seen by many at the Timber Point Golf Club, Great River, Suffolk County from 13 April to 7 May. A **King Rail** was also seen there from 21-25 May and photographed. A **Varied Thrush** was usually accommodating at Prospect Park from 7 March-5 April. A **Say's Phoebe** was there on 27 April. The season featured two **Swallow-tailed Kites** and one **Mississippi Kite**, all seen and then gone, as usual. A **White-faced Ibis** was seen at Jamaica Bay on 21 April. A **Golden Eagle** was seen at Central Park on 6 May. A **Pileated Woodpecker** showed up in northern Manhattan. A **Painted Bunting** was at a feeder in Ridge, Suffolk County on 4 April. And finally, the **Arctic Tern** show began at Cusogue County Park a bit earlier than usual on 20 May, with two adult birds.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMA – Amagansett, SUFF; APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; BPT – Breezy Pt, QUEE; BRY – Bryant P, NEWY; Calv – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), 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-Offerman P, a.k.a. Calvert-Vaux P, KING; DP – Democrat Pt, SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; FIHW – Fire Island Hawk Watch, Robert Moses SP, SUFF; FMCP – Flushing Meadows-Corona P, QUEE; FP – Forest P, 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 P, QUEE; Mass – Massapequa Preserve, NASS; MB – Mecox Bay/Mecox Inlet, SUFF; MLUA – Mt. Loretto Unique Area, RICH; MNSA – Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, NASS; MP – Montauk Pt, SUFF; NYBG – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; PBP – Pelham Bay P, BRON; PP – Prospect P, KING; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; RP – Riis P, QUEE; Sag – Sagaponack Pd, SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock Inlet, SUFF; SPCP – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF; TP – Timber Point Golf Club, Great River, SUFF; VCP – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; VSSP – Valley Stream SP, NASS; WPP – Wolfe's Pd P, RICH.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Aquebogue, SUFF 6 Mar (PPr).

Snow Goose: max 1500 Edgemere, QUEE 17 Mar (CF).

ROSS'S GOOSE (R10): Aquebogue thru 6 Mar (PPr, JSe, DR); Edgemere 5 Apr (CF).

“Black” Brant: HSP and TP 31 Mar - 25 Apr (SSM, PJL, JGI, DR, KF).

Cackling Goose: Inwood Hill P, NEWY thru 27 Mar (JDi, RBA); 2 Avalon Gardens Pres, SUFF 16 Mar (Michael Mulqueen); 2 Randalls I, NEWY 24 Mar (AF, CW, MI); Riverhead 3 Mar (DR); Uplands Farm Pres, SUFF 11 Mar (DR).

Wood Duck: max 32 Bronx Zoo, BRON 22 Mar (Todd Olson).

Eurasian Wigeon: 7 West Sayville Golf Club, SUFF 2 Mar (MMcB), 4 m, 3 fem, at least 6 fr winter; 2 Mass thru 27 Mar (DK, SSc, mob); Mass thru 17 May (RBA), provenance in question; fem Marine Park, KING 10 Mar -15 Apr (PC), ph; Mill Pd, Bellmore, NASS 24 Mar (JGa).

Eurasian x Am. Wigeon: Mass thru 27 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 10 Mar; max 9 DOP 11 Apr (DG).

N. Shoveler: max 150 PP 6 Mar.

N. Pintail: max 8 Jam Bay 17 Mar (SA, HL).

Green-winged Teal: max 143 Terrell R CP, SUFF 17 Mar (MMcB); 127 Jam Bay 17 Mar (SA, HL), large number.

“EURASIAN” GREEN-WINGED TEAL

(R10): Smith Pd, Rockville Centre, NASS thru 16 Mar (SA, RK); 2 Terrell R CP 17 Mar (MMcB).

“Eurasian” x Am. Green-winged Teal: 2

Terrell R CP, SUFF 17 Mar (MMcB);

Blydenburgh CP, SUFF 3 Apr (PS).

Canvasback: max 400 Wolf Swamp Pres, SUFF 21 Mar (MSc), large number.

Redhead: max 68 L Capri, West Islip, SUFF 2 Mar (Paul Wolter); 10 Baisley Pd P, QUEE 17 Mar (CF), large number for loc.

TUFTED DUCK: Blydenburgh CP thru 8 Mar (PSc); Heckscher P, Huntington, SUFF thru 10 Apr (RBA); Upper Francis Pd, Mill Neck, NASS 13-17 Mar (MN, BR, SA).

Greater Scaup: max 15,000 Dead Horse Pt., KING (Keith Michael), large number.

King Eider: 2 Orient Pt, SUFF 13 Mar (JSe); Orient Pt. 15 Mar (MH).

Com. Eider: max 150 Montauk 3 Mar (SSM, PJL), fewer than recent years.

Harlequin Duck: 2-8 present Pt. Lookout, NASS and vic. Magnolia Blvd., Long Beach, NASS thru 6 Apr; max 8 Pt. Lookout 19 Mar (SP); drake MP 6 Apr (PMP); fem Pt. Lookout 21 Apr (SW), last.

Surf Scoter: max 7000 Shinn 22 Apr (SSM, PJL), large number.

Black Scoter: max 3500 Shinn 2 Mar (SSM, PJL), large number.

Long-tailed Duck: max 3600 Coney I, KING 25 Mar (DG), large number.

Barrow's Goldeneye: 2 Lake Montauk, SUFF thru 3 Mar (BB, PJL); m & f; fem Fire I Inlet, SUFF thru 4 Mar (RBA); fem Caumsett SP, SUFF 2 Mar (KF, SF); drake Sands Pt Pres, NASS 22 Mar (SP).

Hooded Merganser: m TP 20 May (MMcB), late.

Com. Merganser: max 33 Blydenburgh CP (John Brush, Jr.); 20 L Ronkonkoma, SUFF 5 Mar (PJL); PP 7 Mar (GW); KP 13 Mar (CCo); 2 PP 16-22 Mar (PD); VCP 26 Mar (TF); WPP 2 Apr (MSh); CLP 10 Apr (SIW).

N. Bobwhite: 6 reps, all likely released; max 2.

Ring-necked Pheasant: up to 6 KP (CF, SA, EM); max 9 CR 6-13 May (ACi)

Wild Turkey: max 97 South Beach Psychiatric Center, RICH 24 Mar (CW, MI), large number.

Red-throated Loon: max 2383 East Hampton, SUFF 13 Apr (AnW), large number.

Com. Loon: max 735 East Hampton 13 Apr (AnW), large number.

Horned Grebe: PP 16 Mar (PD); HLSP 1 Apr (BB); unusual locs.

Red-necked Grebe: Captree SP, SUFF and RMSP thru (RBA), injured; Marine Park 16 Mar (fide HL); FBF 31 Mar – 3 Apr (HL, DG); 4 East Hampton 13 Apr (AnW).

Sooty Shearwater: 28 Fire Island National Seashore, SUFF 23 May (DR); 47 SPCP 24 May (DR); 14 RMSP 24 May (SSM, PJL); 100 Pikes Beach, Westhampton Dunes, SUFF and CCP 25 May (TWB, GB); 8 SPCP 25 May (MMcB); 28 SPCP 26 May (RKA); 3 RMSP 31 May (MN).

Manx Shearwater: 3 Ama 3 May (AnW); 3 SPCP 24 May (DR); 2 Pikes Beach and CCP 25 May (TWB, GB).

Brown Pelican: 2 Nickerson Beach, NASS 30 Mar (ABi, PP); Shinn 27 May (JSh).

FRIGATEBIRD SP: Long Island Expwy, Patchogue, SUFF 21 May (JH).

Am. Bittern: 3 Gilgo, SUFF thru 1 Mar (mob); 2 Gilgo thru 10 Mar (mob); Shu Swamp, Mill Neck, NASS 30 Mar (JGI), unusual loc.

Least Bittern: Mariners Marsh P, RICH 10-11 May (CB, MK).
Snowy Egret: arr 27 Mar.
Little Blue Heron: nested CLP, unusual loc.
Tricolored Heron: Third House, Montauk, SUFF 23 Mar (JGi), unusual loc, early.
Cattle Egret: MNSA 31 May (MF).
Green Heron: arr 10 Apr.
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: arr 27 Mar.
Glossy Ibis: arr 29 Mar.
WHITE-FACED IBIS: Jam Bay 21 Apr (AB).
Black Vulture: 2 West Bronx, BRON 26 Mar (TF); Heckscher P, Huntington 4-11 Apr (Charleen Turner), ph, rare on L.I.; max 8 CR 31 Mar (ACi).
Turkey Vulture: now common on L.I.; max 12 Northville, SUFF 27 Apr (MLL).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr 8 Mar.
SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: VCP 25 Apr (John Young, *fide* AB); KP 10 May (CCo), ph.
MISSISSIPPI KITE: Ama 20 May (JGi).
Bald Eagle: Montauk 1 Mar (ES, MH); 116 St., NEWY 3 Mar (James O'Brien); 2 GBP 11 Mar (SIW, MSh, *et al*); imm NYBG 16 Mar (DB); ad South Haven CP, SUFF 17 Mar (MMcB); imm MB 17 Mar (MMcB); ad Calv 30 Mar (ES); 1 yr Blydenburgh CP 3 Apr (PS); ad South Av., RICH 10 Apr (DE); 3 yr Wave Hill, BRON 14 Apr (GW); 3 Underhill Pres., Jericho, NASS 21 Apr (*fide* MN), 1 ad, 2 imm; 2 ad Sag 21 Apr (PMP); imm CP 22 Apr (NS); ad PP 22 Apr (*fide* PD); nr ad HLSP 24 Apr (RJK); PP 15 May (PD); ad South Haven CP 27 May (MMcB); pr nested vic Wertheim NWR, SUFF (*fide* McMcB).
N. Goshawk: imm JBWE thru 12 Mar (MY, Bob Washburn); Wantagh, NASS 5 Apr (BB).
Red-shouldered Hawk: about ten LI reps incl: ad APP 28 Mar (SP, RJK); William Floyd Estate, SUFF 5 Apr (MLL); Northville 30 Apr (MLL).
Broad-winged Hawk: 1-2 CR 26-30 May (ACi), carrying nesting material.
Rough-legged Hawk: MNSA 22 Mar (MF).
GOLDEN EAGLE (R10): CP 6 May (RBA).
KING RAIL: TP 20-25 May (MMcB), ph.
Virginia Rail: arr 6 Apr; PP 17 Apr (RBA); Gardiner CP, SUFF 16 May (JGi); 3 Wertheim NWR 27 May (MMcB); about ten other reports.
Sora: Jam Bay 21 Apr (AB); North Mt. Loretto SF, RICH 6-29 May (ACi).
Black-bellied Plover: max 650 Big Egg Marsh, Broad Channel, QUEE 11 May (AB), *intro*.

Am. Golden-Plover: Big Egg Marsh, 21-29 May (Michael Lester, mob), ph.
Piping Plover: arr 24 Mar; 44 JBSP 16 Apr (CCa); 31 Pt. Lookout 7 Apr (RBA), large numbers.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr 10 Apr, early.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr 24 Apr.
Willet: TP 13 Apr (SSM, MMcB), eastern race, early.
"Western" Willet: 3 Norman Levy Pres., NASS 14 Apr (PJL, SSM).
Lesser Yellowlegs: 7 TP 13 Apr (MMcB), early.
Whimbrel: Big Egg Marsh 2 May (IG).
Ruddy Turnstone: 300 Big Egg Marsh, 24 May (CF), *intro*.
Red Knot: max 167 Big Egg Marsh 11 May (CF), *intro*.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 2500 Big Egg Marsh 29 May (SB), *intro*.
Western Sandpiper: Big Egg Marsh 27 May (RBA).
Least Sandpiper: arr 13 Apr.
White-rumped Sandpiper: max 8 Big Egg Marsh 27 May (AB).
Pectoral Sandpiper: Deep Hollow, Montauk, SUFF 19 Mar (PMP), early; 3 GBP 15-19 Apr (CB, IG); TP 21 Apr (SW).
Purple Sandpiper: 8 Pt. Lookout 12 May (CF), late.
Dunlin: max 3000 JBWE 1-2 Mar (SA, RK, MN), large number; 1400 Big Egg Marsh 6 May (DG), *intro*.
RUFF: 2 TP 13 Apr - 7 May (MMcB, AB, JGi, mob).
Am. Woodcock: 1-2 BRY 30 Mar - 11 Apr (mob), unusual loc.
Red-necked Phalarope: Dune Rd., Hampton Bays, SUFF 21-24 Apr (DR, BH, mob); RMSP 26 May (RBA).
Bonaparte's Gull: max 100 WPP 14 Apr (MSh); 4 Patchogue 8 May (MMcB), unusual loc; TP 20 May (MMcB), unusual loc, late.
Black-headed Gull: imm Ditch Plains, Montauk, SUFF thru 3 Mar (RBA); ad L. Montauk, SUFF thru 3 Mar (RBA).
Iceland Gull: WPP 1 Mar (DJ); Iron Pier, Jamesport, SUFF thru 3 Mar (ES); 3 pelagic trip out of Freeport, NASS 2 Mar (AnW, *et al*); CP thru 2 Mar (RBA); Montauk Inlet 16 Mar (PPr); Coney I 16 Mar (HL); ad Montauk Inlet 23 Mar (JGi); Bellport, SUFF 27 Mar (J. Heidecker); Ama 4 May (RBA).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Inwood Hill P 5 Mar (JDi); 4 pelagic trip out of Freeport 2 Mar (AnW, *et al*); Lazy Pt, Napeague, SUFF thru 28

Mar (PPR); ad Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF 12 Apr (PMP); East Hampton 11 Apr (RBA); FBF 8 May (RBA); 8 RMSP 24 May (SSM, PJL); 2 SPCP 25 May (MMcB).

Glaucous Gull: 1 cy Bellport Bay Yacht Club, Bellport, SUFF 16-17 Mar (MMcB); HLSP 24 Apr (RJK), late, unusual loc.

Least Tern: arr 30 Apr.

Gull-billed Tern: 3 Sag 14 Apr (PMP); 2 JBWE 26-28 Apr (KF, DK); Big Egg Marsh 10 May (CF).

Caspian Tern: MB 16 Apr (DR); 3 Sag 25 Apr (PMP); 2 MB 25 Apr (PMP); 2 Patchogue 8 May (MMcB).

Black Tern: Big Egg Marsh 11 May (AB); unusual loc.

Roseate Tern: arr 7 May.

Com. Tern: arr 26 Apr.

ARCTIC TERN: 2 ad CCP 20 May (SSM, *et al*).

Forster's Tern: arr 13 Apr.

Black Skimmer: max 120 Plumb Beach, KING 12 May (John Rowden).

Parasitic Jaeger: Ama 28 Apr (AnW); RMSP 24 May (SSM, PJL); Pikes Beach/CCP 25 May (TWB, GB); 8 RMSP 25 May (TWB, GB, *et al*); RMSP 31 May (MN).

COM. MURRE: 36 pelagic trip out of Freeport 2 Mar (AnW, *et al*).

Razorbill: 18 pelagic trip out of Freeport 2 Mar (AnW, *et al*); MP 28 Mar (RB); MP 7 Apr (PMP); max 143 MP 12 Apr (PMP); 67 East Hampton 13 Apr (AnW); 99 East Hampton 16 Apr (PMP); 4 MP 21 Apr (PMP); 3 East Hampton 25 Apr (PMP).

"large Alcid" sp: 13 pelagic trip out of Freeport 2 Mar (AnW, *et al*).

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr 10 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr 10 May, late; about 35 reports, more than recent years.

Barn Owl: present Jam Bay for 4th year until raccoons invaded nest box; last rep 2 Apr.

Great Horned Owl: Jam Bay 24 Mar (DF), unusual loc.

Snowy Owl: JBWE thru 1 Mar (*fide* SA).

Barred Owl: CP thru 14 Apr; BPB thru 9 Apr.

Long-eared Owl: Northville 7 Mar (MLL), found dead; MNSA 12-15 Mar (SyS, MF); FP 16-25 Mar (KM); VSSP 21 Apr (RJK, BB), found dead.

Short-eared Owl: 2 reports.

N. Saw-whet Owl: CP thru 9 Apr; APP thru 28 Mar (*fide* MN, RJK); APP 14 Apr (AB).

Com. Nighthawk: arr 11 May, late; PP 15 May (KR, mob); CP 16 May (JD, *et al*); found roosting.

Chuck-will's-widow: Edgemere 4 May (MY, *et al*); CP 16 May (DA), ph; Wagner College, RICH 17 May (HF).

E. Whip-poor-will: arr 26 Apr.

Chimney Swift: arr 7 Apr, early.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr 25 Apr.

Red-headed Woodpecker: JBSP 26-29 Apr (SJ, mob); Owl's Head P, KING 10 May (RBA); JBWE 14 May (KT); HLSP 16-20 May (PPa); Southold, SUFF 24 May (OB); CP 27 May (APE).

PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): Inwood Hill P 19-21 Apr (RBA, JDi).

GYRFALCON: barrier island, Town of Babylon, SUFF thru 11 Mar, from winter.

Peregrine Falcon: 6 MNSA 2 May (SSc), large number.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CP 11-12 May (mob), first; about 30 reports.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr 10 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr 20 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr 10 May.

Alder Flycatcher: Mt. Loretto State Forest, RICH 20 May (ACi); Rocky Pt. Pres., SUFF 27 May (JGI); FBF 28 May (SB); Rocky Pt. Pres 29 May (RKA); several other reps.

Willow Flycatcher: arr 11 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr 26 Apr; widespread arrival 10 May, late.

E. Phoebe: arr 16 Mar.

SAY'S PHOEBE: PP 27 Apr (Bobbie Manion, MY, mob).

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr 25 Apr.

E. Kingbird: arr 21 Apr.

White-eyed Vireo: arr 18 Apr.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr 24 Apr; PP 13 Apr (RBA), early.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr 10 Apr.

Warbling Vireo: arr 25 Apr.

Philadelphia Vireo: Owls Head P, KING 15 May (Melissa Antinori), only report.

Red-eyed Vireo: CLP 2 Apr (DJ!), early; arr 28 Apr; widespread arrival 10 May, late.

COMMON RAVEN (R10): pr present vic. Green-wood Cemetery, KING thru; pr nested Hampton Bays, SUFF; HLSP 17 Mar (KF); 2 CR 21-26 Mar (ACi); 2 Shoreham, SUFF 21-29 Mar (MC, DH), grooming, noted fr winter; Hauppague, SUFF 22 Mar (MC); Kew Gardens, QUEE 6 Apr (SA); Theodore Roosevelt CP,

Montauk, SUFF 7 Apr (PMP); Hugenot, RICH 12 Apr (MSh); South Av., RICH 12 Apr (EJ); Wave Hill, BRON 14 Apr (GW); Lakeland CP, Islandia, SUFF 18 Apr (JGI); 2 Underhill Pres. 12 Apr (fide MN); 2 HLSP 25 Apr (RJK); FP 28 Apr (EiM); FP 11 May (EM); Hudson R at Christopher St., NEWY 23 May (Alex Krycek-Tyrell).

Purple Martin: arr 2 Apr; max 50 Wainscott, SUFF 5 May (AnW).

Tree Swallow: arr 2 Mar.

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

Bank Swallow: arr 6 Apr, early.

Cliff Swallow: arr 6 Apr, early.

Barn Swallow: arr 1 Apr.

House Wren: arr 14 Apr.

Marsh Wren: arr 12 Apr.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 26 Mar.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr 9 Apr.

E. Bluebird: arr 3 Mar, early.

Veery: arr 25 Apr.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: CP 10 May (Patrick Baglee); 3 FP 12 May (SA, KM, TWB, mob); 2 CLP 16 May (HF); 2-3 FP 18 May (RJK); over 30 reports.

BICKNELL'S THRUSH: Green-wood Cemetery 22 May (RJ), singing.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: BRY 26 May (GW, *et al*); CP 30 May (JR); Glen Cove 30 May (MN).

Swainson's Thrush: arr 10 May, late.

Wood Thrush: arr 28 Apr.

Gray Catbird: arr 26 Apr, late.

VARIED THRUSH: PP 7 Mar – 5 Apr (Mark Salvadalena, KR, mob).

Cedar Waxwing: abundant 15 May thru.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: JBWE thru 31 Mar; 2 JBWE 6-8 Apr (SyS, SW, CCo).

Ovenbird: arr 25 Apr.

Worm-eating Warbler: PP 17-23 Apr (mob), early.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 5 Apr.

N. Waterthrush: arr 19 Apr.

Golden-winged Warbler: PP 10 May (MY, *et al*).

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 20 Apr.

"Lawrence's" Warbler: PP 25 Apr (TS, *et al*).

Black-and-white Warbler: arr 10 Apr.

Prothonotary Warbler: Cranberry Bog CP, SUFF 26 Apr (SW); fem type Muttontown Pres, NASS 2 May (PPa, RJK, mob); CLP 4-5 May (JSt, mob); PP 5 May (fide PD); CP 11-12 May

(GW, mob); PP 13 May (*fide* PD); Blue Heron P 31 May (RV, SIW, *et al*).

Tennessee Warbler: arr 10 May, late.

Orange-crowned Warbler: not reported.

Nashville Warbler: arr 25 Apr; widespread arrival 10 May, late.

Mourning Warbler: about 20 reports; Upper Francis Pd 13 May (DR); CP 15 May (*fide* APe); FP 16 May (CCo); Glen Cove 17 May (MN, SA); CLP 20 May (IG); FP 20 May (EM, CCo); Rocky Pt Pres 21 May (RKA); DOP 28 May (SB); PP 30 May (*fide* PD).

Kentucky Warbler: PP 28 Apr (mob); CLP 15 May (SIW, IG).

Com. Yellowthroat: arr 18 Apr.

Hooded Warbler: Oakland L, QUEE 18-20 Apr (EM, mob), early; arr 27 Apr.

Am. Redstart: arr 28 Apr.

Cape May Warbler: arr 27 Apr; widespread arrival 10 May.

Cerulean Warbler: Lois Lane, RICH 15 May (DE); CLP 16 May (HF).

N. Parula: arr 10 Apr, early.

Magnolia Warbler: arr 27 Apr; widespread arrival 9 May, late.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr 10 May, late.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr 28 Apr; widespread arrival 10 May, late.

Yellow Warbler: arr 13 Apr, early.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr 28 Apr; widespread arrival 9 May, late.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr 25 Apr, early; widespread arrival 9 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr 21 Apr.

Palm Warbler: arr 8 Apr.

"Western" Palm Warbler: JBWE 11 May (BB!).

Pine Warbler: arr 26 Mar; FP 17 May (SA, EM, CF), singing m, late.

Yellow-throated Warbler: HLSP 8 Apr (SJ, JQ); 1-3 CRSP 13 Apr – 12 May (DR, mob); at least 1 singing m thru; APP 14-17 Apr (EM, *et al*); Glen Cove 15 Apr (fide MN); HLSP 18-26 Apr (SJ, mob); Mass 18 Apr (AM); Seatuck NWR, SUFF 20 Apr (RK); Inwood Hill P 27 Apr (NS); PP 28 Apr – 10 May (mob); CLP 30 Apr (IG); CLP 4 May (JSt, mob); Wertheim NWR 26 May (RKA); Caumsett SP 27 May (BF).

Prairie Warbler: arr 20 Apr.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 21 Apr.

Canada Warbler: arr 10 May, late.

Wilson's Warbler: arr 10 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Jam Bay 13 Apr (CF); Sands Pt Pres 26-31 May (SP, PPa).

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Am. Tree Sparrow: last 21 Apr.

Chipping Sparrow: arr 26 Mar, early.

Clay-colored Sparrow: Plum I, SUFF 17 May (Jody Levin).

Vesper Sparrow: CLP 13 Apr (CB); CP 17 Apr (TP); KP 12 Apr (PR, JR); Camp Hero 25 Apr (PMP).

Grasshopper Sparrow: Captain's Cove, Glen Cove, NASS 17 Apr (PGi), ph, unusual loc.

Nelson's Sparrow: Plumb Beach, KING 27 May (HL).

Fox Sparrow: VSSP 10 May (BB), late.

Lincoln's Sparrow: APP 10 May (AB, JR); CLP 15 May (IG); Jam Bay 16 May (SW); CP 16 May (JD, *et al*); 2 Rocky Pt Pres 17 May (RKA); Glen Cove 17-18 May (MN, SA, BB); BRY 17 May; HLSP 17 May (SyS); FP 17 May (*fide* AB); 3 Wagner College, RICH 17 May (HF); 3 CP 18 May (PSc); BRY 24 May (GW, mob).

White-crowned Sparrow: 3 JBWE thru 30 Mar; 4 JBWE 14 Apr (Tim Dunn); 4 FBF 11 May (TP); 4 Jam Bay 11 May (KR); 6 CP 15 May (AF, mob); over 100 reports.

Snow Bunting: last 23 Mar.

Summer Tanager: fewer than recent years; FP 2 May (MMcB); CP 10 May (PJ); HLSP 15 May (SyS); FP 16 May (SW); Willowbrook P, RICH 29 May thru (SSM, mob).

Scarlet Tanager: arr 4 May, late.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr 17 Apr, early.

Blue Grosbeak: Camp Hero 21 Apr (JGi); Mashomack Pres, Shelter I, SUFF 22 Apr (MSch); JBWE 22 Apr (RK); fem CR 26 May (ACi); Calv 27 May (RBA).

Indigo Bunting: arr 17 Apr; widespread arrival 10 May, late.

PAINTED BUNTING: Ridge, SUFF 4 Apr (*fide* Melissa Hahn).

Bobolink: max 9 Owls Head P 11 May (AxW).

E. Meadowlark: Green-wood Cemetery thru 17 Mar (mob).

Rusty Blackbird: CLP 15 May (CB), late.

Boat-tailed Grackle: 2 Bayside, QUEE 10 Apr (EM); 5 Napeague Harbor 28 Apr (AnW); unusual locs; max 106 MNSA 6 Mar (MF).

Orchard Oriole: arr 26 Apr.

Baltimore Oriole: arr 25 Apr.

Purple Finch: Hoyt Farm, Commack, SUFF 11-13 Apr (PR); Quogue, SUFF 13 Apr (ES); 4 CP 17 Apr (CC); CP 25 Apr (NS); 2 HLSP 25 Apr (RJK); 5 PP 28 Apr (SA, PA); max 8 Northport, SUFF 29 Apr (NK); JBSP 30 Apr (RJK); Wading R, SUFF 15 May (DR).

Red Crossbill: 6 JBWE 1 Mar (SA, RK); Longwood Estate, Middle Island, SUFF 29 Mar (MC); 14 Maple Swamp, Flanders, SUFF 15 Apr (CS); 33 Maple Swamp 5 May (DR), flocks of 2-14, Type 3 & 10; 2 Blydenburgh CP 20 May (PS); 12 David Sarnoff Pres, Flanders 26 May (RBA); 20 Calv 27 May (RBA), *intro*.

White-winged Crossbill: 25 Gilgo 1 Mar (SA, *et al*); JBWE 1 Mar (SA, RK); 75 JBWE 3 Mar (PD); Mass 8 Mar (RBA); PP 13 Mar - 22 Apr, incl: 5 PP 13 Mar (RBA); 10 PP 16 Mar (PD); 5 PP 24 Mar (SA, *et al*); 5 PP 1 Apr (PD); 7 PP 11 Apr (*fide* PD); 3 PP 22 Apr; 3 Bronx Zoo, BRON 10 Apr (RBA); *intro*.

Com. Redpoll: Ridge thru 18 Mar (JH); 7 GBP 11 Mar (SIW, MSh, *et al*); PP 13 - 26 Mar, incl: 3 PP 13 Mar (RBA); 2 PP 22-23 Mar (PD); PP 26 Mar; 33 Wading R 22 Mar (DR); 35 Calv 28 Mar (CS, *et al*); CR 31 Mar - 1 Apr (ACi); 2 CR 3 Apr (EJ); *intro*.

Pine Siskin: PP 7 - 6 Apr, incl: 9 PP 7 Mar (GW); 20 PP 10-13 Mar (SA, DR, DK); 12 PP 16 Mar (PD); 20 PP 18 Mar (EM, GS); 8 PP 24 Mar (SA, *et al*); PP 6 Apr; CP 10 Apr (NS); William Floyd Estate 11 May (MLL); 3 CP 14 May (DSp), gathering nesting material; *intro*.

EVENING GROSBEAK (R10): fem PP 25 Apr (PPa, mob); *intro*.

EXOTICS

Egyptian Goose: A.J. Hendrickson P, Valley Stream, NASS 19 Apr (BB).

Mitred Parakeet: 2 Broad Channel, QUEE 22 Mar (AB); several Hillcrest, QUEE 11 Apr (*fide* Jackie Forrestal).

European Goldfinch: about 20 reports.