

REGION 2—GENESEE

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Spring is always an interesting season as we search for species not seen for months and many of these only transients. Weather is often a major factor and certainly was this year. We dealt with a late spring providing strong contrast with last year, and then a persistent omega block pattern with storms in the midsection of the country coming between us and our trans-gulf migrants except for brief breaks in the pattern.

March was cool, dry, and uneventful on the weather front. Temperatures averaged 33.5° F, 0.8° below normal, and precipitation totaled 0.85", 1.65" below normal. Snowfall at 11.9" was 4.4" below average. Precipitation fell on 14 days but exceeded 0.10" on only two days. With this lack of push, new arrivals only trickled in. Total species for the month remained above average, but new arrivals and year-to-date data were well below the 10-year averages. The first big push for the season was on the 31st.

April brought a near-normal month, with winter transitioning into spring. Temperatures averaged 46.6°, 0.3° above normal, and precipitation totaled 2.71", just 0.02" below normal. Snowfall was just 2.3". The blocking systems resulted in bursts of migrants, sometimes in strange mixes when breaks occurred. May was a sunny, warm month with a few late season chilly, wet spells. Temperatures averaged 61.4°, 4.4° above normal, but with few extremes and only one day just hitting 90° and another just matching a 32° low. Rainfall at 3.96" was 1.09" above normal, but of that 1.68" fell on the 28th-29th. There were no major storms.

There were some interesting events and rarities this season, but no spectacular happenings to analyze, so this provides a good opportunity to look at some of the tools available to a Regional coordinator to study the season while wandering through the checklist.

Waterfowl are always an early component of the spring migration. In this Region a long-term lakewatch has become less useful as a tool without the dedicated observations of Bill Symonds; coverage is now less regular and of shorter daily duration. We continue to see the trends to earlier passage and to fewer birds spending long periods on our West Lakeshore fields. The Hamlin Beach State Park lakewatch is still covered, especially when movements are anticipated from weather patterns or history, but peak counts this season were low, especially for diving ducks, loons, and grebes. Often high counts were from the Finger Lakes and from the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA). It is hard to separate no birds from no one looking.

Some of the more interesting observations start with the geese. We had only a single report of Greater White-fronted Goose at the west edge of the Region, but at least a dozen Ross's Geese, and over 40 Cackling Geese persisting into early April. It was another big spring for Snow Goose, with huge numbers at the north end of Cayuga Lake in Region 3 and many wandering north into Wayne County and beyond. On 11 March 100,000+ settled for a bit onto the Mucklands in southeast Wayne County. Over the next two weeks other large counts were noted farther north and west. With such numbers, individuals straggling into May were not a surprise. Our breeding swans, Mute and Trumpeter, persist but with fewer Trumpeter nest locations reported. Good Tundra Swan counts for the Region included 696 in the Elba mucklands and 261 at Braddock Bay on 10 March. Historically such counts typically occurred farther west and south of us.

Among the puddle ducks there were no really notable arrival or departure dates and few big counts. Most interesting are: a male Eurasian Wigeon at Braddock Bay from 1-9 April, a Gadwall x Mallard hybrid there 12-16 March, the Am. Black Duck peak for the season only 24 on 10 March, and 3000 N. Pintail on the NMWMA on 11 March. On 11 March there were much better counts of several waterfowl species on both sides of Rt. 31 just outside Region 2. Diving duck counts for birds passing or resting at the Hamlin Beach lakewatch were poor; only a couple of Long-tailed Duck and Red-breasted Merganser counts even made the local noteworthy records. Many of the diving duck highlights were from elsewhere. After a weak winter showing, 520

Canvasback in the NMWMA was a good peak, as well as 3500 Redhead on Conesus Lake, 525 Ring-necked Duck at the Conesus Lake Inlet WMA, and 350 Common Goldeneye on Conesus Lake. Surprises included 458 Bufflehead and 385 Horned Grebe found by Kurt Fox on Silver Lake, Wyoming County, on 14 April, with Andy Guthrie counting 151 Bufflehead at Braddock Bay that day.

Loon and grebe counts usually peak in the last few days of March to the first two weeks of April. Counts were generally very low, with only a couple of Horned Grebe counts even reaching 100. Several **Western Grebe** reports were interesting for this Regional rarity. There were different individual birds seen near Irondequoit Bay Outlet from 9-21 March and at Sodus Bay from 16-18 March. There can only be speculation as to whether either of these could relate to a bird reported mid-January off Irondequoit Bay Outlet and a later individual seen off Greece a few miles west on 2 April by Jim Barry.

Among the waders, we had a number of interesting reports: a very early Least Bittern found on 28 April in the NMWMA; a record early Snowy Egret briefly visiting the High Acres Nature Area (HANA) on 14 April; a **Tricolored Heron** found on 5 May in the NMWMA by Jay McGowan and seen by many that day (and later off and on to at least 9 May in other areas of the Montezuma complex, mostly out of our Region); and two Glossy Ibis spotted by searchers for the Tricolored Heron on 5 May. Two American White Pelicans dropped into Braddock Bay on 19 May. But probably the biggest surprise of the season was an **adult Northern Gannet** seen and photographed by Andy Guthrie passing Hamlin Beach on 7 May and then likely the same bird dropping onto the water there off the lakewatch on 18 May, with Andy again the only one there. Northern Gannet has become fairly regular here in the fall, but this is the first spring record and adults are extremely rare here, this being only the second Regional record.

The Braddock Bay hawkwatch has a special place in our spring birding picture. The usual table with record data highlighted in boldface and with vultures and falcons still included in spite of recent taxonomic changes, can be found in the records section below. Once again Luke Tiller was the principal counter. Overall, March was SLOW, with the first good movement on the 31st bringing nearly 70% of the month's total Turkey Vultures and 10% more Red-shouldered Hawks. April was better, but the normal high counts for Broad-winged Hawks ended up a spread out trickle. For the first time the peak day count for Turkey Vulture, 6160, surpassed the peak day count for Broad-wings, 6123! Turkey Vulture and Bald Eagle produced record seasonal totals, 28,301 and 648, respectively. The overall hawkwatch count ended above average at 75,519. There were two Swainson's Hawks on 16 April and 1 May and an interesting dark morph immature Red-tailed Hawk on 15 May. An interesting addition was over 80 Sandhill Cranes tallied passing this season. Black Vultures totaled 15 birds moving past the hawkwatch plus about five elsewhere in the Region. Other than the hawkwatch birds, other interesting raptors included: Osprey arrival again in March; about five other Northern Goshawk reports; the northern Wayne County Red-shouldered Hawks reported last year again on nest; a Rough-legged Hawk on 22 May; and Dave Tetlow's counts of 126 and 227

American Kestrels at the West Spit of Braddock Bay on 16 and 21 April. Both Merlin and Peregrine Falcon counts were typical of recent springs, and the nesting Rochester peregrines were back to a more normal family life.

As usual, the marsh birds were poorly reported. Sandhill Cranes numbers continued high, with at least 45 reported in addition to the Braddock Bay birds and the usual pair with two colts by season's end on Carncross Road in the NMWMA. Again, there are other likely breeding sites, but no definite breeding reports. Common Gallinule reports were all from Wayne County other than at HANA, which is very nearly into that county.

Shorebirds were relatively poor for both diversity and numbers in our Region, in contrast with some very good species and counts reported in Regions immediately to our east and west. Arrival dates were typical other than Solitary Sandpiper on 16 April at Braddock Bay and Least Sandpiper on 20 April, both early. Only Killdeer, Wilson's Snipe, and American Woodcock arrived in March. A maximum of 110+ Black-bellied Plovers is based on the assumption that a flock passing the Knox-Marcellus overlook in the Montezuma complex continued the half mile or so north into Region 2. Peaks of 45 Lesser Yellowlegs and 32 Least Sandpipers are very low. Only a couple of reports of Upland Sandpiper, a lone Whimbrel, a maximum of four Ruddy Turnstones, and a lone Wilson's Phalarope highlight a pathetic showing.

The gulls and terns did not do much to pick things up. Bonaparte's Gull numbers were again low, and there were no Little Gull reports. On the positive side, Andy Guthrie found an adult **California Gull** near his home in Hamlin on 12 April; there were at least 25 Lesser Black-backed Gull reports, with maxima of seven in March and five in May; Iceland and Glaucous Gulls continued to mid-April and mid-May, respectively; and Steve Taylor found a gull concentration at the south end of Irondequoit Bay with an adult Thayer's Gull and 150 Great Black-backed Gulls on 8 April. Terns arrived on the early side, with a Caspian Tern at Braddock Bay on 31 March, Common Tern on 7 April, Forster's Tern on 14 April, and Black Tern on 27 April. Eleven Forster's Terns on 16 April at Braddock Bay was a good count here, but Black Tern remains scarce, with most of our records now from the NMWMA.

Among the non-passerine landbirds, Eurasian Collared-Dove was spotted only occasionally at or near the usual Town of Hamlin site and cuckoos appeared at typical dates but remained low in numbers in keeping with the scarcity of their hairy caterpillar prey. Of special interest to many is the annual roosting of migrating Long-eared Owl and N. Saw-whet Owl in the "Owl Woods" area northwest of Manitou Beach Road. Over the season 73 Long-eared Owls were observed, a bit short of the 2002 record of 83, and 101 N. Saw-whet Owls were tallied, nearly double the previous spring high count. Peak counts were 19 and 12, respectively. Jim Adams has prepared an excellent summary. Common Nighthawk peaks of 61 in Greece and 63 in Hamlin in late May were encouraging for recent years, but sightings generally were from a limited number of sites near the Lake Ontario shore. E. Whip-poor-will is represented by only a few late April and May records. A Chimney Swift spotted by Dave Tetlow at Braddock Bay on 1 April was record early, but later there were

questions around low numbers. In early May notes appeared on the local listservs wondering about Ruby-throated Hummingbird; arrival on 6 May seemed late. However, that date is only a couple of days past average, and at the BBBO banding station a very good count of 86 was banded, more than double last year's number. Finally, woodpeckers don't typically provide much excitement, but many ask about Red-headed Woodpecker. There were many reports, but these were from a very few sites (five in eBird, though there are multiple locations in Hamlin Beach SP). Then we have Dave Tetlow's tally of 451 Northern Flickers passing the West Spit of Braddock Bay on 16 April and another 153 there on 21 April. This can serve as a reminder that big numbers can be counted if one studies historical records and weather maps and gets out on the right days.

The Monk Parakeet nest site we have been following was visited sporadically, and a single bird was reported at least a couple of times each month, though the nest seems diminished.

Passerines occupy the rest of the checklist and I often wander through the families noting interesting tidbits. This time, for a change, I will first note that lots of detail will be included in the records section below in checklist order. I'll then note a few rarities and special occurrences, followed by addressing this grouping through looking at some of the tools available to Regional Editors for trying to make some sense out of the season. For species with the arrival date being the only "notable" record and not unusual for date or location, the entry will be only in the arrival date table, an original intent of the table.

Sources and tools include eBird records, now nearly 90% of the individual records (though other sources provide interesting records not in that database for a variety of reasons); listservs (geneseebirds and, to a lesser extent locally, cayugabirds); BBBO banding records; special study summaries and data; lakewatch and other watch counts; the NYSOA arrival date tables; the 1985 Monroe County Checklist; Bob Marcotte's draft summary of local records; and published books and records archives useful for assessing historical perspective.

This season eBird received just over 60,000 Region 2 records, 38,800 of these for passerines. Dave Wheeler, the Region 5 co-editor, has produced a tool he named Swan Swan Hummingbird, which he is willing to use on the various Regions' data and which is very useful for pulling summary information from this data. Searching this database and the other sources, one can quickly spot some of the standout rarities. Among the passerines I would highlight are: White-eyed Vireo banded record early on 16 April and another sighted on 18 May; several Prothonotary Warblers; a Kentucky Warbler on 5-6 May; Yellow-throated Warbler in Rush from 21-23 April and another banded on 28 April; and Dark-eyed "Oregon" Juncos photographed at feeders in North Wolcott and the Town of Ontario in March. The Fish Crows along the Genesee River in the Charlotte area were reported there at times each month, and a few other reports were received from other sites, mostly nearby.

The rest, the bulk, of the passerine records of interest are related to arrivals, departures, and counts relative to historical expectations. This can start with

eBird and the output of Swan Swan Hummingbird, but then requires looking at the other sources or records and finally checking historical perspective.

For a general look, we can start with the Monroe County Checklist arrival date distributions. Here we have date distributions for all data up to 1984 plus marginal notes for interesting new data since then (clearly an update is needed). For this season we have 136 arrivals: 70 were in the first quartile, 30 in the interquartile range, and five in the fourth quartile of their 1985 distributions plus 18 record-early or ties and 13 not assessable due to too little data to have generated a distribution. However, of those 18 record-early relative to the old distributions, all but six have been recorded at earlier dates one or more times since. Since we started asking birders to specifically look for and report arrivals, nearly all years have showed a bias toward the early quartiles of their historical distributions, as expected. It is similar for departures, with most in the interquartile range or fourth quartile and this year with only one species tying a record late date in the 1985 booklet, but with one later date since 1984. The real record early birds this spring include White-eyed Vireo, Nashville Warbler, and Northern Parula, all normally April arrivals. Other notable early arrivals included Eastern Phoebe, 10 warbler species, and Baltimore Oriole. There were no record late departures, but late departures of interest included numbers of Lapland Longspurs in the Carncross Road area of the NMWMA thru 11 May, a Pine Grosbeak on 20 May, and Common Redpoll to 16 May.

For those wishing to pursue the arrival date questions further, we can look at the Spring Arrival Date tables published in *The Kingbird* since 1987. This list of 93 species includes 62 passerines. We now have 27 years of data, so we can look at data for this 27th year vs. averages and standard deviations for the previous 26 years. One can spend hours looking at this data and making comparisons. But this must be done with care and thought. Generally there appears to be a shift to earlier arrivals, especially in very recent years. One is tempted to draw conclusions that may really not be well founded. A simple issue is separating such an apparent shift from the effects of increased reporting, especially with the advent of listserve and now the expanding use of eBird. Averaging over all 93 species, last year was the earliest ever, but this year jumped to four days later, and looking back, 1988 was among the earliest and 1989 the latest. Relative to the 26 year overall average and standard deviation, only 2012 was > 2 STD early and only 1989 and 1996 > 2 STD late; all the rest were close to the average. Looking more specifically to this year, we find only five species statistically significantly (> 2 STD) early: Chimney Swift, Nashville Warbler, Northern Parula, Northern Waterthrush, and Black-throated Blue Warbler. None were significantly late. Black-throated Blue Warbler is interesting because it was only about six days early, but it has the tightest distribution of all 93 species, with 1 STD only 2.37 days. In contrast, Northern Parula was 24 days early.

One can continue to search for information; maybe it's to beat this one table to death. Even if individual dates are not statistically significant, how about looking at patterns of early and late? Looking at average arrivals by parts of months, we find only the latter half of April with way more early than late

arrivals. Doing the same across families, we find the normally 1-10 May average flycatchers late, but the normally late April species and the later May Olive-sided early. The swallows were all early, thrushes were split, 17 of the 22 warblers in the table arrived early, and all the sparrows but Chipping were late.

The last part of the passerine records to look at is the assessment of numbers. This is always more difficult and somewhat subjective. Assessing record highs involves considering the level of aggregation of the count across both space and time. We have data from the sources noted and peak numbers from eBird through Swan Swan Hummingbird. Historical perspective is an issue and relies on experience and comparison with all the historical references—a time consuming prospect. Banding totals at BBBO provide an interesting starting place. The overall total banded was up nearly 20% from 2012, so I'll just note sizable (to me) changes with that in mind. Interesting changes include the following: 2013 vs. 2012 - Black-capped Chickadee, 962 vs. 8; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 115 vs. 281 (but stop and consider that this species peaks in early to mid April so the total depends on the official start date for banding relative to the peak date for the year); Tennessee Warbler, 34 vs. 77; Chestnut-sided Warbler, 50 vs. 113; Magnolia Warbler, 282 vs. 460; Blackpoll Warbler, 15 vs. 121; Am. Redstart, 267 vs. 205; Canada Warbler, 46 vs. 82; and White-throated Sparrow, 209 vs. 118. This might well be better done with a full summary table of banding data over the years normalized for effort.

Other interesting counts this spring include Dave Tetlow's totals of passing birds from the West Spit of Braddock Bay on 16 & 21 April, with 160 Black-capped Chickadees, 5,250 American Robins, 105,000 Red-winged Blackbirds, 620 Rusty Blackbirds, 45,000 Common Grackles, and 730 Brown-headed Cowbirds on the 16th and 72 Purple Finches on the 21st. Later we have a maximum of 1,022 Blue Jays at the West Spit on 4 May, actually a low maximum; 2,129 Cedar Waxwings at Hamlin Beach on 30 May and 2,267 there the next day by Andy Guthrie; and 500+ Baltimore Orioles in one hour at the West Spit on 10 May, and 1,000+ Pine Siskins there on 19 May, both by Luke Tiller in moments spent away from the hawkwatch.

To accommodate the general interest in this winter's huge winter finch irruption, the bounce back through here began with a few Evening Grosbeaks in late April and continued with all the species except Hoary Redpoll through much of May, but generally in small numbers, mostly 1-2 at a time.

For the Region, species counts were a bit above the 10-year averages each month. Year-to-date totals ranged from low at the end of March to six species up after April, ending up at 259, three species below average, at the end of May.

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ABBREVIATIONS

b – indicates banded this season, usually at BBBO's Kaiser-Manitou passerine banding station; BB – Braddock Bay, MONR; BB-WS – West Spit of Braddock Bay; BBBO – Braddock Bay Bird Observatory; CL – Conesus Lake, LIVI; G – T Greece, MONR; H – T Hamlin, MONR; HANA – High Acres Nature Area, MONR; HB – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; HP – Hogan Pt, T Greece; ICW – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; IB – Irondequoit Bay, MONR; LE – Lake Edwards, T of Perinton, MONR; LSP – Letchworth SP; M – Manitou Beach area, MONR; MAC – Montezuma Audubon Center, T of Savannah, WAYN; MP – Mendon Ponds P, MONR; NMWMA – Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area, T of Savannah, WAYN; NR – Nations Road, T Avon, LIVI; OCP – Oatka Creek P, MONR; SB – Sodus Bay, WAYN; SPt – Sodus Point, WAYN; TCEA – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, T Avon, LIVI; W – T of Webster, MONR.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: T Byron, GENE 11 Mar (JSk), only rep.

Snow Goose: max 100,000+ NMWMA (Rt 31) 11 Mar (RS); 20,000 NMWMA 9, 21 Mar (SK, SH, BW); 15,000 CL 9 Mar (MW); 6500 LE 21 Mar (JP, MT); last 1 T Ogden 20 May (JPo).

Ross's Goose: arr 4 G & BB 4 Mar (RS, DT, LT, KS); 2 T Galen, WAYN 18, 21 Mar (W&MR); W 9 Mar (JWi); 1, 3 LE JP, MT); 2 TCEA 11 Mar (MW).

Brant: no reports.

Cackling Goose: total approx 40 sev loc Mar, none after; max 14 BB 10 Mar (GL, *et al*); 12 H 11 Mar (AGu); last 3 TCEA 3-4 Apr (MW).

Mute Swan: breeding still out of control; max 117 BB 3 Mar.

Trumpeter Swan: mainly in the NMWMA; fewer nest sites reported this year.

Tundra Swan: max 696 Elba Mucklands 10 Mar (KF); 261 BB 10 Mar (GL); last 8 LIVI 15 Apr.

Wood Duck: arr 5 NMWMA (Morgan Rd) 5 Mar.

Gadwall: last 1 MAC 29 May (CL).

Gadwall x Mallard hybrid: 1 BB 12-16 Mar (GL).

Eurasian Wigeon: 1m BB 1-9 Apr (LT, *et al*, mob), only report.

Am. Wigeon: max 500 NMWMA (Carncross Rd) 17 Mar.

Am. Black Duck: max 24 BB 10 Mar, very low.

Blue-winged Teal: arr NMWMA (Morgan Rd) 16 Mar.

N. Shoveler: last HB 18 May.

N. Pintail: max 3000 NMWMA (Savannah) 10 Mar (W&MR); last NMWMA (Carncross Rd) 10 May.

Green-winged Teal: arr 3 BB 3 Mar.

Canvasback: max 520 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 5 Apr (W&MR); last 1-14 BB & SB 14 Apr, very early last rep.

Redhead: max 3500 CL 19 Mar (MW); last 3 MP 26 Apr, early dep.

Ring-necked Duck: max 525 CL inlet WMA 15 Mar (MW); last 4 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 12 May.

Lesser Scaup: last 4 BB-WS 24 May.

Surf Scoter: last 3 HB 8 May.

Long-tailed Duck: max 410 HB 8 May, late, low max; last HB 30 May (AGu).

Bufflehead: max 458 Silver Lake, WYOM 14 Apr (KF); 151 BB 14 Apr (AGu).

Com. Goldeneye: max 350 CL 19 (MW); last 2 HB 23 May (AGu).

Red-breasted Merganser: max 800 BB HB 28 Apr, low.

Ruddy Duck: max 60 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 14 Apr (W&MR).

Ring-necked Pheasant: 15 NR 7 May (MW), high.

Red-throated Loon: arr G (North Ave) 8 Mar; max 14 HB 14 Apr; last 3 HB 30 May (AGu), low numbers.

Com. Loon: max 78 HB 7 May, low, late for max.

Horned Grebe: max 385 Silver Lake, WYOM 14 Apr (KF); 101 G (North Ave) 8 Mar; last 2 HB 30 May.

Red-necked Grebe: max 32 G (North Ave) 8 Mar, low.

WESTERN GREBE: off IB Outlet 9-21 Mar (JMiles, mob); SPt 16-18 Mar (DCr, mob); off Greece 2 Apr (JiB), *intro*.

NORTHERN GANNET (R2): 1 ad HB 5, 18 May (AGu, ph), 1st spring Reg record and 2nd ad Reg record, *intro*.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 138 IB-S 21 Apr, low.

AM. WHITE PELICAN (R2): 2 BB 19 May (LT, *et al*), same bino view as 2 Sandhill Cranes.

Am. Bittern: arr H 12 Apr (LT), recently dead.

Least Bittern: arr NMWMA (Marten Tract) 28 Apr, early.

Great Egret: arr 2 HANA & 1 IB-S 4 Apr.

SNOWY EGRET (R2): HANA 14 Apr (BCd, JPo), Reg record early.

TRICOLORED HERON: NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 5-9 May (JMcG, LS, mob), *intro*.

Green Heron: arr Victor 19 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr 2 IB-S 11 Apr; max 10 NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) 5 May.

Glossy Ibis: 2 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 5 May (sev).

Black Vulture: total 15 passing hawkwatch 10 Mar thru; T Huron, WAYN 21 Mar (W&MR); N Wolcott, WAYN 22 Mar (W&MR; Wolcott, WAYN (W&MR); 1 each BB & BB-WS 18 May (KH); BB 25 May (TP).

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: arr 2 BB 31 Mar; arr 2 Broadway Rd WAYN 31 Mar.

Bald Eagle: 74+ rep 23+ loc Mar; 162 rep Apr; 377 BB + 50 other rep May.

N. Goshawk: 5 rep all season away from Braddock Bay, low.

Red-shouldered Hawk: pr on nest WAYN 25 Mar (J&MM), rare nest for county.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 5 BB 13 Apr (LT, *et al*); max 6123 BB 28 Apr, 1st time season's max < TUVU max.

SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 lt imm BB 16 Apr (MT, LT); 1 lt ad BB 1 May (LT, *et al*).

Red-tailed Hawk: 1 drk imm G (Frisbee Hill) 15 May (LT, *et al*).

Rough-legged Hawk: last 1 Sodus Bay 22 May (W&MR).

Golden Eagle: arr 1 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 9 Mar (JMcG, *et al*); approx 11 rep away from BB.

Com. Gallinule: arr 1 HANA 15 Apr; all other eBird rep WAYN.

Sandhill Crane: arr 4 NMWMA (Muckrace Flats) 15 Mar (CL); max 10 BB 24 Mar (LT, *et al*); totals: approx 22 sev loc Mar; 48+ sev loc Apr; approx 17 sev loc May; 2 ad & 2 colts Carncross Rd, 7 May thru (mob); 3 T Richmond, ONTA 7 Apr, near suspected breeding area of sev yrs.

Black-bellied Plover: max 110+ NMWMA 27 May (M&JT).

Solitary Sandpiper: arr BB-WS 16 Apr (DT), early.

Upland Sandpiper: arr 1 NR 6 Apr (LBe), early; 1 T Clarkson, MONR 13 Apr (AGu, DGu), only reports.

Whimbrel: 1 HB 23 May (AGu), only report.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr 2 Summerville Pier 17 May (J&VL, RS); max 4 SPt 22-25 May.

Sanderling: no reports.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 33 HB 23 May, low max.

Least Sandpiper: arr 1 BB & 2 H 20 Apr (KH, GL), early; max 32 NMWMA (Carncross Rd) 11 May (JMcG, LS), low max.

Dunlin: arr BB & Parma 20 Apr.

Short-billed Dowitcher: no reports.

Wilson's Phalarope: 1 f NMWMA (Carncross Rd) 4-6 May (LL, LC-B&SB, mob), only reports.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 102 HB 16 Apr, low max.

CALIFORNIA GULL: 1 ad H 12 Apr (AGu).

THAYER'S GULL: 1 ad IB-S 8 Mar (ST).

Iceland Gull: last 1 BB 17 Apr.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 4 rep sev loc 10-17 Mar; max 7 T Bergen, GENE 11 Mar (JL, DBE); 5 rep sev loc 5-24 Apr; total 9 sev loc May.

Glaucous Gull: H 15 May (AGu).

Great Black-backed Gull: max 150 IB-S 8 Mar (ST).

Caspian Tern: arr 1 BB 31 Mar (LT, CHam); max 200 IB outlet 26 Apr (BriM).

Black Tern: arr 3 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 27 Apr; 2 MP (Quaker Pond) 19 May (PM), unusual location.

Com. Tern: arr IB-S 7 Apr (JCh), early.

Forster's Tern: arr HB 14 Apr; max 11 BB 16 Apr (LT, *et al*).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: seen sporadically known site Hamlin thru, usually only single bird; rep submitted few.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr G 15 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr 2 Caledonia 4 May (MW).

Long-eared Owl: total roost count 73 M (Owl Woods) 11 Mar - 2 May, 2nd highest spring count, *intro*.

N. Saw-whet Owl: total roost count 101 M (Owl Woods) 7 Feb - 4 May, double previous spring high, *intro*.

Com. Nighthawk: arr M (hawk blind) 10 May; 61 G 19 May (KG); max 63 H 29 May (AGu), good counts.

E. Whip-poor-will: arr 3 M 30 Apr (RK); singles M & G 7-26 May, scarce now.

Chimney Swift: arr M 1 Apr (DT), Reg record early.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Honeoye Falls 6 May; total b 86 M 17-30 May (BBBO), low.

Red-headed Woodpecker: arr HB 16 Apr; many rep, but only about 5 loc.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 26 ICW 7 Apr (KS).

N. Flicker: max 451 BB-WS 16 Apr (DT); 153 BB-WS 21 Apr (DT), good counts.

Am. Kestrel: 126 BB-WS 16 Apr (DT); 227 BB-WS 21 Apr (DT), good counts.

Merlin: 12 rep of 12 ind Mar; total 42 incl hawkwatch Apr; total incl hawkwatch 17 sev loc 1-29 May; no reports of nesting in Reg.

Peregrine Falcon: 10 rep of 11 ind Mar; total 24 ind incl hawkwatch Apr; total 18 ind incl hawkwatch May; nesting in downtown Rochester back to normal, see posts rfalconcam website.

MONK PARAKEET: 1-4 West Ridge Plaza site 5-10 Mar; 1-2 West Ridge Plaza 7, 17, 28 Apr; 1 West Ridge Plaza 19, 20 May.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr LSP 18 May (NM); H 30 May (AGu).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr 1 OCP, GENE 15 May (JAd); max b 10 M 29 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr 2 Huckleberry Swamp 26 May, late. "**Trail's**" **Flycatcher:** arr 4b M 19 May; max b 48 M 30 May; total b 131 M 8-31 May.

E. Phoebe: arr BB & M 10 Mar (JBo, RS), early.

Great Crested Flycatcher: HP 24 Apr (DT), early.

E. Kingbird: arr Thousand Acre Swamp, T Penfield, MONR 27 Apr (BWi), early.

N. Shrike: last Webster 9 Apr (BWi).

White-eyed Vireo: 1b M 16 Apr (BBBO), Reg record early; BB 18 May (LT).

Philadelphia Vireo: arr South Conesus 14 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: total b 62 M 15-31 May.

Blue Jay: max 1022 BB-WS 4 May (B&BM), low max.

Fish Crow: 1- 5 Charlotte area thru; 1 BB 14 Mar (LT); 2 G (Long Pond Firehouse) 4 May (SG); 1 N Wolcott, WAYN 22 May (W&MR). Purple Martin: arr M 1 Apr (DT), early.

Tree Swallow: arr sev loc 11 Mar; max 500 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 19 Apr, low max.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr 1 ICW 7 Apr (JiB), early.

Black-capped Chickadee: total b 962 M 22 Mar – 6 Jun, big jump from last year's total 8; max 160 BB-WS 15 Apr (DT), near banding station where 55b that date.

Winter Wren: 1b w brood patch M 30 May (BBBO), no known breeding sites nearby.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr ICW 15 Apr (DD).

Golden-crowned Kinglet: "huge #" Cobbs Hill 8 Apr (JGr); max b 44 M 15 Apr; biggest numbers often before official banding station opening.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: max b 49 M 19 Apr; total b 446 M 13 Apr-26 May; last 1b M 26 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr ICW 7 May (LBe, *et al*); total b 13 M 21-30 May, very low.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: total b 2 M 19, 29 May, very low.

Swainson's Thrush: arr Beechwoods SP 24 Apr (LL), early; max 15 ICW 19 May; total b 66 M 15-31 May.

Am. Robin: max 5250 BB-WS 16 Apr (DT).

Gray Catbird: total b 270 M 3-31 May.

Am. Pipit: arr 1 Charlotte Pier 10 Mar (JBo, RBA field trip); max 126 H 7 May; last 6 H 29 May.

Cedar Waxwing: 2129 HB 30 May (AGu); max 2267 HB 31 May (AGu).

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: 1-19 NMWMA (sev) 5-11 May (JMcG, LS, mob); max 100 NMWMA (Carnecross Rd) 8 May (WH), many for so late.

Snow Bunting: last 1 Broadway Rd, T Wolcott, WAYN 31 Mar.

Ovenbird: arr Cobbs Hill & ICW 28 Apr (CMA, PM), early,

Worm-eating Warbler: G (Long Pond Firehouse) 19 Apr (AGa), only report.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 3 Canadice L area 28 Apr (ST), late 1st rep; Sodus (Alasa Farms), WAYN 9 May (JMiller), unusual location.

N. Waterthrush: 1 ICW 16 Apr (DP), early; total b 52 M 23 Apr-31 May; 1b w brood patch M 31 May, no known breeding location nearby.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr ICW 3 May; approx 13 ind at 9 loc 3-25 May.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 1b M 1 May, early; total b 20 M 1-27 May.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr M & CL Inlet 19 Apr (PM, KC), early.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R2): arr 1 BB 1 May (DH); NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 9 May (CL), heard bird former loc; South Conesus 14 May (KC), well described; 1-2 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 16 May thru (CL, DO, mob), same area where breeding 2 prior yrs; ICW 18 May (GL).

Tennessee Warbler: total b 33 M 10-29 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr G 27 Apr (DT), early; total 13 sev loc 8-28 May.

Nashville Warbler: arr BB-WS 16 Apr (DT), Reg record early; total b 54 M 2-30 May.

Mourning Warbler: arr 1b M 10 May; total b 25 M 10-31 May.

Kentucky Warbler: 1 Sodus, WAYN 5-6 May (R&SS, W&MR), only report.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr MP P 26 Apr (MW), early; total b 173 M 5-31 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr ICW 4 May.

Am. Redstart: arr M 28 Apr (KGa, FW), early; 43 ICW 18 May (GL); 42, 46 HB-Yanty Creek 19, 20 May; max b 39 M 19 May; total b 261 M 7-29 May; abundant this spring.

Cerulean Warbler: arr Armitage Rd & Beechwoods SP 5 May; found in expected sites.

N. Parula: 1 ad m BB-WS 7 Apr (B&BM), Reg record early, well described.

Magnolia Warbler: max b 56 M 21 May; total b 280 M 5-30 May.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr Highland P, Rochester 24 Apr (KH) & n Hemlock L 24 Apr (MW), very early.

Yellow Warbler: arr sev loc 22 Apr, very early; max 150 G (church trail to Beatty Pt) 17 May (PM); total b 118 M 1-31 May; 686 eBird records in just May, abundant this spring.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: total b 50 M 6-30 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: total b 10 M 21-30 May, low; scarce this spring.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr ICW 24 Apr (KS), very early; total b 63 M 3-30 May.

Palm Warbler: arr 6 ICW 16 Apr (DP) & 2 BB-WS 16 Apr (DT), early; total b 89 M 19

Apr-21 May; last G (Long Pond Firehouse) 22 May (PM).

Pine Warbler: arr Irondequoit 8 Apr (TF), early.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr OCP 24 Mar (JAd), early; max 157 BB-WS 11 May (GL); total b 90 M 16 Apr-23 May.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: 1 ph Rush 21-23 Apr (EP); 1b M 28 Apr (BBBO).

Prairie Warbler: arr TCEA 29 Apr (MW), early; 1b M 1 May; 2 Canadice Hill Rd, ONTA 5 May (KK); River Rd, LIVI 8 May (MW); ICW 18 May (GL).

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 1b M 24 Apr (BBBO), early.

Canada Warbler: arr Beechwood SP 5 May (Eaton Birding Soc.), early; total b 44 M 15-31 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr M 6 May (DD), early; total b 125 M 8-31 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: 1b M 25 May; Broadway Rd, WAYN 30 May (SF).

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: last Honoeve Falls 4 May (BCI).

Clay-colored Sparrow: arr 1, 2 H (Cook Rd) 11, 19 May (AGu); 1b M 30 May (BBBO); total approx 10 ind at 8 loc 11-30 May, good number for Reg.

Field Sparrow: arr HANA 24 Mar (BCad).

Vesper Sparrow: arr 3 G (Frisbee Hill) 9 Apr, late arr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr 4 NR, Geneseo 30 Apr (MW).

Fox Sparrow: arr 1 Webster P 23 Mar (KH); last Beechwoods SP 5 May (Eaton Birding Soc.).

Lincoln's Sparrow: last 2b M 30 May (BBBO).

White-throated Sparrow: total b 208 M 13 Apr-30 May.

Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco: 1 ph N Wolcott, WAYN 8 Mar (W&MR); 1 ph T Ontario, WAYN 13 Mar (JWi).

Scarlet Tanager: arr 2 MONR 30 Apr, early.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr N Wolcott, WAYN 25 Apr (W&MR).

Bobolink: arr BB 27 Apr (LT), early.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 105,000 BB – West Spit 16 Apr (DT).

E. Meadowlark: arr H 11 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: arr NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 14 Mar; max 620 BB – West Spit 16 Apr (DT); last 1-24 G (Long Pond Firehouse) 15 May.

Com. Grackle: max 45,000 BB – West Spit 16 Apr (DT).

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 730 BB – West Spit 16 Apr (DT)

Orchard Oriole: arr BB 3 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Honoeve Falls 23 Apr (BCI), early; max 500+ BB-WS 10 May (LT), 1 hr count.

Pine Grosbeak: 1 f Webster P 5 Mar; last 1 f G (Long Pond Firehouse) 20 May (KD), late; only reports.

Purple Finch: max 72 BB-WS 21 Apr.

Red Crossbill: 1 M 10 Mar; none Apr; G 17 May (KG); 2 HB 31 May (AGu).

White-winged Crossbill: 1 BB 20 Mar; none Apr; Webster 20-21 May (JBo, NP); HB 31 May (AGu).

Com. Redpoll: max 200 South Conesus 4 Mar (KC); last 1 N Wolcott, WAYN 1, 16 May (W&MR), ph.

Com. "Greater" Redpoll: 1 N Wolcott, WAYN 8 Mar (W&MR).

Hoary Redpoll: H (Sandy Creek boat launch) 6 Mar (RS), w large flock of Commons; N Wolcott 14, 18 Mar (W&MR), ph; last H 26 Mar (AGu).

Pine Siskin: max 1000+ BB-WS 19 May (LT); 196 eBird records in May.

Evening Grosbeak: arr 8 BB-WS 16 Mar (DT); HP 22 Mar (DT); Pittsford 26 Apr (SD); 1 M (BBBO) 27 Mar (mob); 2 Scottsville 28 Mar (*fide* JAd); 6 Manitou Beach Rd 6 May (RS, *et al*); 2 Irondequoit 7 May; 2 M 8 May; 2, 1 G (Long Pond Firehouse) 12, 17 May; 1 HB 6, 14, 20 May; last 1 BB 19 May.

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Braddock Bay Hawkwatch Totals

<u>Species</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Max Date</u>	<u>Total</u>
Black Vulture	10 Mar	2	24 Apr, 26 Apr	15
Turkey Vulture	8 Mar	6160	7 Apr	28301
Osprey	31 Mar	44	19 Apr	387
Bald Eagle	1 Mar	75	23 May	648
N. Harrier	10 Mar	119	16 Apr	783
Sharp-sh. Hawk	8 Mar	1301	16 Apr	4917
Cooper's Hawk	10 Mar	139	7 Apr	585
N. Goshawk	11 Mar	3	16 Apr	18
Red-shld Hawk	10 Mar	419	31 Mar	777
Swainson's Hawk	16 Mar	1	16 Mar, 1 May	2
Broad-wngd Hawk	13 Apr	6123	28 Apr	34314
Red-tailed Hawk	10 Mar	681	7 Apr	3732
Rough-legd Hawk	10 Mar	81	7 Apr	191
GoldenEagle	12 Mar	5	16 Apr	25
Am. Kestrel	10 Mar	220	18 Apr	752
Merlin	11 Mar	6	16 Apr	42
Peregrine Falcon	26 Mar	9	1 May	30

Total including unidentified raptors:

75,519