

REGION 2—GENESEE

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Overall it was a cool, wet spring of '14, with the temperature average 1.4° F below normal and precipitation 1.28" above normal and snowfall 9" above normal. In more detail, March was cold and snowy, with the average temperature 27.7°, 6.6° below normal, and snowfall at 29.3", 13.0" above normal. A low of -9° on 6 March was the lowest ever officially recorded for March locally. The snowfall of 14.9" on the 12th was the heaviest single fall of the winter. Lake Ontario ice coverage was a bit above normal and extended farther west than typical. April brought a typical spring mix, with temperatures averaging 46.1°, 0.2° below normal, and precipitation 3.8", 1.12" above normal, and almost no snow at 0.3". Vegetation remained about a week delayed, contrasting strongly with springs recently past. Finally, May was a mild, quiet month, with the average temperature 59.8°, 2.8° above normal. Precipitation was 3.17", 0.30" above average, but 1.99" of that fell on just 15-16 May. The above average temperature was the first for a month since October 2013.

Early snow and cold left much of the Region's water frozen through March and into April and resulted in slow arrivals, though nearly all expected waterfowl were reported then and in each subsequent month of the season. By the end of April the rest of the waterbirds caught up with normal dates and just some shorebirds and a few flycatchers and warblers seemed late, but that was mainly compared with recent springs which were early. By the end of the season, the total species reported was well above the 10-year average and the only misses were Whimbrel, Sedge Wren, and Worm-eating Warbler, the latter two of these not quite annual. The windows of occurrence for many species seemed narrow this year and numbers of individuals relatively low. However, arrival dates were mainly in the first quartile of their distributions in the 1985 Monroe County Checklist, but with very few record-early relative to that and most of those with multiple earlier reports over the past 30 years. Over the season, about 13,703, 29,989, and 41,969 records were entered into the eBird database for the Region, with another 10-15% more reported through listservs or direct reports through other means.

Looking at major groups and families in more detail, we start with the waterfowl. In March, most of the ponds and bays and "inland" lakes in the Region were largely frozen, so most reports were from the south shore of Lake Ontario or at small areas that opened or remained open in other bodies of water. Most puddle duck numbers remained low, and we had continuing reports of Red-breasted Merganser and a few other diving duck species that feed in shallows or bays dying of starvation. The last half of the month brought good numbers and variety of geese and swans scattered across the Region, including

quite a few Greater White-fronted Geese, good numbers of Snow Goose, at least 3 Ross's Geese, many Cackling Geese, and some good Tundra Swan gatherings. In addition there was a regionally record early Eurasian Wigeon found by Steve Taylor on Braddock Bay on 21 March seen off and on to 1 April and continuing King Eiders from the high numbers in February. In April, numbers seemed low, but there were some decent peaks of puddle ducks, mainly in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) in southern Wayne County, and diving ducks near the Lake Ontario shore. Interestingly, Jessie Barry and Chris Wood visiting her parents on Edgemere Drive in Greece tallied high counts for many waterfowl on 11 April and added more plus some good passerine counts along the lakeshore on 13 April. Others west of there echoed or surpassed the numbers on those dates. How much are we missing without an organized lakewatch? In spite of the feel of early departure for most waterfowl, there were many late departure dates, with quite a few of the persistent birds seen in fields south of the eastern part of Carncross Road in the NMWMA which remained wet and good for waterfowl and shorebirds through the season.

Loons and grebes were slow in arriving and generally never reached their typical peaks. However, there were good counts including a record high 2,239 Horned Grebes off Edgemere Dr. and 678 farther west at Hamlin Beach SP on 11 April, a modest 150 Red-necked Grebes on 21 April, and Eared Grebes on 21 April at Hamlin Beach and 3 May at Braddock Bay. An interesting Red-necked Grebe was a late bird at the Carncross Road wetland from 25 May through end of season. Other rarer waterbirds included an American White Pelican found by Judy Slein at Irondequoit Bay Outlet on 11 April, Cattle Egret in the Town of Leroy found by Brian Morse on 21 May, and two reports of Glossy Ibis.

The weather made it a tough year at the hawkwatch; there were many long stretches with "wrong" winds. However, there were some decent days, some of these matching dates of planned raptor events. The 40th Anniversary HMANA conference was here with the April hawk flights anticipated. Unfortunately, a large part of May was not conducive to hawk movements, though 1 May saw the biggest movement of the season, with 18,006 raptors counted and peak counts for the year for six species on that date. The only record highs for the season were the day counts of 10 Golden Eagles on 2 April and 1 May and 64 Golden Eagles for the season. Dark morph adult Swainson's Hawks on 9 and 10 April and a gray Gyrfalcon on 2 April were the major rarities. On the negative side were only one Black Vulture for the count and no kites. Away from the hawkwatch, there was one more Black Vulture nearby, but very few N. Goshawks were reported all season. See page 218 for summary table.

A King Rail found by Jessie Barry on 18 May in the Buck Pond marshes is a very good, occasional report in the Region, though it is expected that more are present and just very hard to locate. Sandhill Crane totals, both passing migrants and birds in the NMWMA, remain good. This year there were no reports from the East Lakeshore Marshes area and only one report from the area north of Honeoye Lake, both likely breeding areas.

Among the shorebirds, habitat in the Region was again poor near Lake Ontario, with mainly passing birds reported from there. But to the southeast, the fields along the east end of Carncross Road attracted some good species and numbers through April and May. March was slow, with only the usual Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Wilson's Snipe, and American Woodcock arriving at late average dates. April continued cool and arrivals slow, but we had two record early American Avocets passing Jessie Barry and Chris Wood off Edgemere Dr. on 11 April and a record early Wilson's Phalarope found by Chris Wood at Carncross Rd. on 19 April. In addition there was a scarce-in-spring American Golden Plover at Carncross Rd. on 27 April. May brought records for 21 species of shorebirds, most of these at the Carncross Rd. site, with another Am. Golden Plover, Red Knots, Sanderlings (often missed in spring), and Red-necked Phalarope among these. For most species, numbers were low, but there were good counts for Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plovers, yellowlegs, Red Knot, Dunlin, and Semipalmated Sandpiper.

Along the lakeshore we had several reports of Little Gull; Laughing Gull on 3, 5, and 7 May first seen by Mike Tetlow at Ontario Beach and another seen by Andy Guthrie at Hamlin Beach on 31 May; and an adult Franklin's Gull seen by Brian Morse and Andy Guthrie at Braddock Bay on 26 May as rarities. There were also Iceland and Lesser Black-backed Gulls in each month, a huge gathering of Ring-billed Gulls at Ontario Beach, all the regular terns arriving at relatively early dates in April; and a good count of 261 Caspian Terns at Sodus Pt. on 9 May.

Continuing through the non-passerines, both cuckoos arrived fairly early in May, but Eurasian Collared-Dove was reported only on 8-9 Mar at the usual Town of Hamlin site. The end of the Snowy Owl invasion extended through March and April. We had a near miss for May when a bird was seen on the potato shed north of Rt. 31 in the NMWMA only a hundred yards or so south into Region 3. Back near Braddock Bay, the spring owl searches in "Owl Woods" along Manitou Beach Road turned up 34 N. Saw-whet Owls and 24 Long-eared Owls between 12 March and 3 May. Interestingly, there was a 13 day gap in the second half of April followed by a small burst of birds on 2 and 3 May. Jim Adams has written a detailed summary for Braddock Bay Raptor Research. Also of interest, spring N. Saw-whet Owl banding at nearby Braddock Bay Bird Observatory netted a similar 26 birds.

Common Nighthawk and Eastern Whip-poor-will remain scarce but were found at typical April and May dates, and there were good counts of 87 and 83 nighthawks on 29 and 30 May by Andy Guthrie in Hamlin. Both Chimney Swift and Ruby-throated Hummingbird seemed fairly late and scarce to many, but a Chimney Swift arrival on 13 April was very early and the number of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds banded at BBBO was typical of recent years. Woodpeckers usually don't generate excitement, but 2,000 Northern Flickers seen by Luke Tiller, et al. passing Braddock Bay on 13 April was a record high count. Nearby on Edgemere Dr. Jessie Barry and Chris Wood tallied 608 on that

day. Counts for the three regular falcons at the lakewatch were low, but a gray Gyrfalcon seen by Luke Tiller on 2 April made up a bit for that. The usual Rochester Peregrine Falcons in a nest box were monitored, but there were no certain reports of nesting Merlin received.

The rest of the list, about half of the species, is passerines. Generally they showed much the same weather effects as those noted earlier for water birds. Early arrivals tended to slip a bit, so there were fewer April arrival dates. Yet relative to the 1985 arrival dates distributions, 73 species were in the first quartile or earlier, 31 in their interquartile ranges, and only five in their fourth quartile. Other than a couple of late month Eastern Kingbirds and the March-arriving Eastern Phoebe, there were no April flycatchers and only a few isolated vireos. There were no warblers reported in March and only 13 species of warblers arriving in April. Yet by the end of the season nearly all expected passerine species plus a few rarities were found. Many thought many species relatively scarce or spotty in migration. This was echoed by BBBO banding numbers, nearly a third lower than for last spring. But several species that seemed abundant to field birders also held up in banding numbers. Trying to pull too much from any data like banding numbers can be risky unless you really dig into extensive historical data with averages and some measure of variances.

Moving on to details, we find only two Olive-sided Flycatcher reports, one found in "Owl Woods" by Brad Carlson on 14 May and the other seen in the Town of Gates by Brian and Brooke Morse on 26 May. As usual, about 1/3 of the Yellow-bellied Flycatchers banded were in the first few days of June beyond this season. Other flycatcher banding numbers compared well with recent years. Northern Shrike reports continued through 13 April. Among the vireos, a White-eyed Vireo was present from 6-9 May in the Firehouse Woods in Greece for many to see. Otherwise dates and numbers were typical for the other vireos other than Philadelphia, which was relatively scarce. Our peak spring counts for Blue Jay and American Crow were low, and Fish Crow was reported in small numbers only in the usual Charlotte area near the Genesee River mouth plus singles on Salmon Creek in Greece and at Sodus Point.

Next we find Black-capped Chickadee a good illustration of the numbers issues; only five were banded this spring at BBBO vs. 962 last year but only eight the year before. Yet out birding the woods, there was no evident shortage of resident chickadees. However, Brown Creeper, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and Winter Wren all seemed scarce in passage, and even the kinglets did not peak to their usual large numbers. Veery, Gray-cheeked, and Swainson's Thrushes were banded in much reduced numbers, with only small evidence of the usual early June peak by the latter two species. Yet the rest of the thrushes and the mimic thrushes were present in typical to even high numbers.

Moving to the warblers, as noted earlier, all expected species except Worm-eating were reported. For at least brief periods, Black-and-white Warbler, American Redstart, Yellow, Yellow-rumped, Palm, and Wilson's Warblers were present in high numbers. In contrast, Blue-winged, Tennessee, Bay-breasted,

Blackpoll, and Mourning Warblers were thought low. Rarer species or ones of special interest to others included: at least 10 Golden-winged Warblers, "Lawrence's" Warbler on 29 May, Prothonotary Warbler at four locations, 18 Orange-crowned Warblers from 4-19 May, two Connecticut Warblers, Kentucky Warbler on 10 May, Yellow-throated Warbler on 24 May in Greece (an addition to Kevin Griffith's yard list and water garden plantings), Prairie Warbler at five locations, and Yellow-breasted Chat found by Dominic Sherony at HANA on 11 May and another at the Church Trail in Greece on 18 May. Record details and other interesting numbers will be found in the species section of the report.

Among the sparrows, there was relatively little of special note. American Tree Sparrow was reported through 7 May; there were about seven Clay-colored Sparrows reported; Fox Sparrow was found 23 March to 10 May, with no large numbers reported; and peak counts for other migrant sparrows were low. Blackbird reports of special interest included: Yellow-headed Blackbird found in Penfield on 6 May by Andy Garland and many Rusty Blackbird reports from 19 March to 18 May, with the highest counts 600+ at Braddock Bay on 10 April, 963 and 387 past Edgemere Dr. in Greece on 13 April in two counting sessions, and 1000+ at Braddock Bay also on 13 April. Many thought Baltimore Oriole numbers very good in May, but Orchard Oriole harder to find than last year.

Winter finches were essentially non-existent. The only reports with locations and observer names were a lone Common Redpoll in Penfield on 1 May and Pine Siskins on 1 April and 8 May. A good-sounding Evening Grosbeak report had no contact information.

The monthly species counts were: March – 129, April – 198, and May – 244, with their respective prior 10-year averages 138.0, 192.6, and 230.9. The year-to-date count of 268 at season's end was high but well below the record 275 in 2006. The hawkwatch totals for Braddock Bay are presented with the Spring Highlights and Arrival Dates tables.

A bit more on the Arrival Date Table, since some would use it to assess climate change. The overall average over the 93 species in the table was the ninth earliest in the 28 years of our asking specifically for the data. Data before that has issues with both effort and the guidelines for *Kingbird* regional reports. For Region 2, there are only three at record early dates this spring. I can supply Excel files to those with a serious interest in study (with caveats required reading). For the past 28 years for Region 2, 24 of the averages over all 93 species are within 1 STD of the 28-year average and only two years fall outside 2 STD, one at each end – early and late.

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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 L, LIVI; ED – off Edgemere Dr., T Greece, MONR; G – T Greece, MONR; H – T Hamlin, MONR; HANA – High Acres Nature Area, MONR; HB – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; ICW – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; IB – Irondequoit Bay, MONR; IBO – Irondequoit Bay Outlet to Lake Ontario; 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; NMWMA (AR) – north side of Armitage Rd.; NMWMA (CR) – along Carncross Road east of Savannah-Spring Lake Rd.; 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: 1-6 MP 15-18 Mar (CS, mob); 3 Caledonia 17 Mar (MW); max 7 MP 21 Mar (J&AH); Clyce WAYN 29 Mar (LL); NMWMA (CR) 30-31 May (JMcG, LS, mob).

Snow Goose: 9000 Lyons Flats 21 Mar (LL); max 10,000's Macedon area WAYN 23 (M&JT); 8500 Nations Rd IBA, North Avon 24 Mar (MW); 4000-10000 MP 25-31 Mar (JBal, JBo, J&AH); 8000-10000 Genesee Airfield LIVI 28 Mar (JK); 3000 NMWMA (AR) 1 Apr (W&MR); 1 NMWMA CR 26-31 May (mob).

Ross's Goose: arr H 20-21 Mar (AGu); MP 26, 31 Mar (J&AH); HANA 27 Mar (JPo); 2 NMWMA (AR-N) 1 Apr (W&MR).

Brant: arr 65 Broadway Rd T Wolcott WAYN 21 May; last 2 Brown Rd T Wolcott WAYN 25 May.

Cackling Goose: total approx 53 many loc Mar; 12 at 8 loc thru 25 Apr; max 20+ Groveland Flats 19 Mar (JK); 18 MP 1 Mar (BCI); last 1 South Caledonia LIVI 25 Apr (MW).

Canada Goose: max 40,000 BB 19 Mar (LT).

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

Tundra Swan: max 750 Groveland Flats 31 Mar (KC) & 4 Apr (D&DR); 423 BB 22 Mar (AGu); last 1 BB 24 Apr.

Wood Duck: arr BB 10 Mar.

Eurasian Wigeon: 1m BB 21 Mar – 1 Apr (ST, mob); NMWMA (sev units) 2-17 May (mob).

Am. Wigeon: max 225 MP 3 Apr.

Am. Black Duck: max 200 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 5 Mar.

Mallard: max 6500 Nations Rd IBA, North Avon 5 Mar (MW).

Blue-winged Teal: arr 4 IB 15 Mar.

N. Shoveler: arr 1 MP 11 Mar.

N. Pintail: max 250 BB 19 Mar & NMWMA (Savannah) 1 Apr, low.

Green-winged Teal: arr 2 BB 10 Mar; max 200 NMWMA CR) 13 Apr.

Canvasback: max 150 BB 2 Mar, low; last 1 BB 16 Apr, early last rep.

Redhead: max 151 BB 11 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: max 298 MP 3 Apr, low.

Greater Scaup: max 800 Rigney Bluff, Greece 1 Mar; last 3 BB 17 May.

Lesser Scaup: max 457 ED 11 Apr (JeB, CW).

Greater/Lesser Scaup: max 379 ED 11 Apr (JeB, CW).

King Eider: 2-6 off Manitou Beach 1-27 Mar (mob); 1-2 Charlotte 7-9 Mar (sev); 1 off Lighthouse Rd, T Parma 8 Mar (CW); 3m & 2f off Irondequoit 11 Mar (LT, MT); 8-11 off Manitou Beach 1-6 Apr (mob).

Surf Scoter: last 2 HB 31 May (AGu).

White-winged Scoter: max 230 Pt Breeze 8 Mar, wintering flock around Regions 1-2 boundary most of winter.

Long-tailed Duck: max 10137 ED 11 Apr (JeB, CW), reg record high; 1465 HB 11 Apr (AGu); 800 Pt Breeze 9 May, late for the number.

Bufflehead: max 644 IBO 11 Apr (CW); 224 ED 11 Apr (JeB, CW); 240 BB 13 Apr (JeB, CW); last Webster 17 May.

Com. Goldeneye: last 2 off Brown Rd T Wolcott 2 May.

HOODED MERGANSER x COMMON GOLDENEYE: BB 21-23 Mar (AGu, sev).

Com. Merganser: max 250 IB 1 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 1406 ED 11 Apr (JeB, CW); 550 HB 11 Apr (AGu).

Ring-necked Pheasant: max 27 NR 25 May (MW), high for recent years.

Red-throated Loon: max 47 ED 11 Apr (JeB, CW), low; last 3 HB 31 May (AGu).

Com. Loon: max 143 ED 11 Apr (JeB, CW), low.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr MP 22 Mar.

Horned Grebe: max 2239 ED 11 Apr (JeB, CW), Reg record high; 678 HB 11 Apr (AGu); last 2 BB 20 May.

Red-necked Grebe: max 150 HB 21 Apr, low, late max; last 1 NMWMA (CR) 25 thru, late, unusual loc.

EARED GREBE (R2): HB 21 Apr (AGu, et al.); BB 3 May (DNu, mob).

Double-crested Cormorant: arr IB 27 Mar; max 688 HB 10 May (KF).

AM WHITE PELICAN (R2): 1 IBO 11 Apr (JSle).

Am. Bittern: arr BB 6 Apr.

Least Bittern: arr 2 Conesus Inlet WMA 6 May.

Great Egret: arr BB 2 Apr.

Cattle Egret: 1 T Leroy, MONR 21 May (BriM).

Green Heron: arr H 12 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr BB 24 Apr.

Glossy Ibis: NMWMA (CR) 3-7 May (JMcG, LS, mob); BB 17 May (LT, AGu, J&AH).

Black Vulture: arr BB 10 Apr (LT, et al.); 1 ED 13 Apr (JeB, CW).

HAWKS – LARIDS

Osprey: arr 1 OCP 28 Mar (JAd).
Bald Eagle: 111+ rep 23+ loc Mar; 256+ rep many loc Apr; 211+ rep 25+ loc May.
N. Goshawk: approx 11 rep away from BB.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr 1 BB & Broadway Rd WAYN 10 Apr.
SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 drk ad BB 9 Apr (LT, et al.); 1 drk ad BB 10 Apr (LT, et al.).
Golden Eagle: approx 6 rep away from BB 5-20 Apr.
KING RAIL: Buck Pond Marshes, T Greece 18 May (JeB), *intro*.
Sandhill Crane: arr 2 NMWMA (AR) 19 Mar (CL); arr 3 BB 19 Mar; totals: approx 37 sev loc Mar; 27 sev loc Apr; approx 16 sev loc May; 2 ad & 2 colts NMWMA (CR) 28 Apr thru; 2 T Richmond, ONTA 9 Apr (KK).
AM. AVOCET (R2): 2 ED 11 Apr (JeB, CW).
Black-bellied Plover: arr NMWMA (CR) 3 May; max 45 NMWMA (CR) 26 May.
Am. Golden-Plover: arr NMWMA (CR) 27 Apr (JoR, et al.); NMWMA (CR) 16-18 May JMcG, LS), rare in spring.
Semipalmated Plover: max 75 NMWMA (CR) 17 May.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr H 18 Apr (AGu), early; last 3 Conesus L Inlet 30 May.
Greater Yellowlegs: max 250 NMWMA (CR) 24 Apr (DWh); 200 NMWMA (CR) 1 May (W&MR).
Lesser Yellowlegs: max 100 NMWMA (CR) 3 May (JGK).
Greater/lesser Yellowlegs: max 150 NMWMA (CR) 26 Apr (DNi).
Upland Sandpiper: arr 1 H 11 May.
Whimbrel: no reports.
Ruddy Turnstone: arr 2 NMWMA (CR) 16 May.
Red Knot: arr off Manitou Beach 14 May (RS); max 25 NMWMA (CR) 30 May (JWi); last HB 31 May (AGu).
Sanderling: arr Charlotte 21-23 May (R&SS); 2 NMWMA (CR) 27 May (W&MR), scarce in spring.
Dunlin: arr 2 Salmon Crk, T Greece 16 Apr; max 700 NMWMA (CR) 27 May (sev), good count.
Least Sandpiper: arr 3 Geneseo Greenway 20 Apr (JK), early; max 200 NMWMA (CR) 25 May (JGK).
White-rumped Sandpiper: 1-2 NMWMA (CR) 26-28 May (mob).
Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 250 NMWMA (CR) 27 May (sev).

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 2 H 10 May; max 24 NMWMA (CR) (BPu).

Short/Long-billed Dowitcher: 4 NMWMA (CR) 2 Apr (DWh, ph).

Wilson's Phalarope: 1 f NMWMA (CR) 19 Apr (CW), Reg record early.

Red-necked Phalarope: NMWMA (CR) 27-28 May (mob).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 346 ED 11 Apr (JeB, CW).

Little Gull: arr HB 11 Apr (AGu); 1 IBO 11 Apr (CW); 3 ad Salmon Crk, T Greece 16 Apr (LT, mob).

LAUGHING GULL (R2): 1 Charlotte & off Greece & passing Manitou 3, 5, 7 May (MT, JeB, EB), likely same bird; 1 HB 31 May (AGu).

FRANKLIN'S GULL (R2): 1 ad BB 26 May (BriM, AGu).

Ring-billed Gull: max 25,000+ Ontario Beach, Charlotte 18 May (RS), very high count.

Iceland Gull: 20 rep, 19 ind sev loc Mar; last 1 HB & SP 25 May.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: present all season; max 7 T Bergen 11 Mar & HB 28 May: approx 20 sev loc May.

Glaucous Gull: 42 rep, 53 ind many loc Mar; max 25 IB 24 Mar (MT); last SP 23-25 May (DD, W&MR).

HERRING x GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 IB 8 Mar (CW).

Great Black-backed Gull: max 240 IB 8 Mar (CW); 50 Ontario Beach 30 May (RS), late for so many.

Caspian Tern: arr 1 ED 6 Apr (CW); max 261 SP 9 May (LL).

Black Tern: arr 3 NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) 26 Apr; 1 HANA 3 May (JaR), unusual location.

Com. Tern: arr Cranberry Pond, T Greece & T Wolcott 5 Apr (CW & W&MR), early.

Forster's Tern: arr IBO 11 Apr (J&AH), early.

PIGEONS – PARROTS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 1 Hamlin (Greenwell farm) 8-9 Mar (CW, J&AH), only rep.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr TCEA 9 May.

Snowy Owl: approx 30 18 loc Mar; approx 18 rep, 12 ind thru Apr, *intro*.

Long-eared Owl: total roost count 24 M (Owl Woods) 17 Mar - 3 May, *intro*.

Short-eared Owl: max 23 Sand & Taft Rd, T Bloomfield (M&JT).

N. Saw-whet Owl: total roost count 34 M (Owl Woods) 12 Mar - 3 May, *intro*; 26b M 11 Mar - 21 Apr (BBBO), *intro*.
Com. Nighthawk: arr M (hawk blind) 3 May; max 87 & 83 H 29 & 30 May (AGu).
E. Whip-poor-will: arr 1 M (Owl Woods) 14 Apr (DP, ph); singles M 4, 9, 13 May, scarce now.
Chimney Swift: arr M 13 Apr (DT), early.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Fairport 5 May; total b 77 M 7-29 May (BBBO).
N. Flicker: max 2000 BB-WS 13 Apr (LT, et al.), Reg record high; 608 ED 13 Apr (JeB, CW).
Merlin: 9 rep, 11 ind sev loc 7-31 Mar; total 17 incl hawkwatch Apr; total incl hawkwatch 14 sev loc 1-29 May; 2 Fairport 29-31 Mar, but not after; no reports of nesting in Reg.
GYRFALCON: gray morph BB 2 Apr (LT).
Peregrine Falcon: 9 re, 9 ind sev loc Mar; total 8 ind incl hawkwatch Apr; total 16 ind incl hawkwatch May; nesting in downtown Rochester back to normal, see posts rfalconcam website.
MONK PARAKEET: no reports.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr M (Owl Woods) 14 May (BCI); T Gates 26 May (B&BM).
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr 1 & 4b sev loc 14 May; total b 28 M 14 May thru.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr Perinton 15 May, late.
“Trail’s” Flycatcher: arr 2b M 14 May; max b 16 M 27 May; total b 60 M 14 May thru.
E. Kingbird: arr Durand-Eastman P 27 Apr (RBA/BOS Field Trip), early.
N. Shrike: 27 rep, 21 Mar; last BB 13 Apr.
White-eyed Vireo: 1 Firehouse Woods, T Greece 6-9 May (PM, mob).
Blue-headed Vireo: arr M 18 Apr (BBBO), early.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr T Groveland 10 May.
Red-eyed Vireo: total b 26 M 14 May thru, low.
Blue Jay: max 1000 BB-WS 10 May (CH), low max.
Fish Crow: 1- 6 Charlotte area thru; 1 Salmon Crk, T Greece 20 Apr (J&AH); 1 SP 21 May (LL).
Purple Martin: arr MAC 6 Apr (DT), early.
Tree Swallow: max 3000 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 26 Apr.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr 2 Sodus Bay 8 Apr (W&MR), early.

Black-capped Chickadee: total b 5 M Mar – May, big drop from last yr, *intro*.
Winter Wren: arr 1 OCP 17 Mar; low this season.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr MP 12 Apr (J&AH); arr 1b M 12 Apr.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 40 M (Owl Woods) 11 Apr, low.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: max b 58 M 9 May; total b 256 M 13 Apr-17 May; last 1 (Owl Woods) 26 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr 2b M 14 May; total b 7 M 14-29 May, very low.
Gray-cheeked/Bicknell’s Thrush: total b 2 M 27, 31 May, very low.
Swainson’s Thrush: total b 40 M 6 May thru.
Am. Robin: max 3500 BB 19 Mar (LT, et al.); 1467 & 681 ED 13 Apr (JeB, CW), counts in two periods of day.
Gray Catbird: total b 286 M 6 May thru.
Am. Pipit: arr 1 Caledonia 18 Mar; max 120 H 7 Apr; last 6 Genesee Airfield & HB 19 May.
Bohemian Waxwing: 1 ED 13 Apr (JeB, CW), only report.
Cedar Waxwing: max 607 & 265 HB 26 May (RS & AGu).

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: max 80 H 7 Apr (AGu); last 2 H 14 Apr.
Snow Bunting: max 700 Genesee Co. airport 6 Mar (BPu); 600 NR 4 Mar; (JK); last 4 HB 10 Apr.
Ovenbird: arr NMWMA (CR) 26 Apr (DNI), early.
Worm-eating Warbler: no reports.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 1 Reynold’s Gully, T Canadice ONTA & E side Hemlock L 27 Apr (ST), late 1st rep.
N. Waterthrush: total b 46 M 28 Apr-31 May.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr Beech woods SP WAYN 10 May; approx 10 ind at 9 loc 10-20 May.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr 1 MP 3 May.
“Brewster’s” Warbler: MP 9 May (BCL); 1b M 12 May.
“Lawrence’s” Warbler: NR 29 May (DD, JK, GL).
Black-and-white Warbler: arr 1b M 14 Apr (BBBO), Reg record early.
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R2): arr 1 Groveland LIVI 20 Apr (SH), early; arr NMWMA (AR) 10 May thru (PH, mob); arr Conesus Inlet Swamp 10, 11 May (MW),

possibly different birds; MAC trail 10 May (PH).

Tennessee Warbler: total b 15 M 15-28 May, low.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Firehouse Woods, T Greece 4 May; total 18 sev loc 4-19 May.

Nashville Warbler: total b 45 M 2-29 May.

Connecticut Warbler: River Rd T Leicester 24 May (MW); M (Owl Woods) 27 May (DD).

Mourning Warbler: arr 1 sev loc 10 May; total b 14 M 10-31 May, low.

Kentucky Warbler: 1 Cobbs Hill 10 May (MBe), only report.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye ONTA 11 Apr (DD), very early; total b 152 M 8-31 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr T Groveland LIVI 25 Apr (SH), early.

Am. Redstart: 38 HB-W 17 May (R&SS); max b 28 M 27 May; total b 210 M 7-31 May; abundant this spring.

Cerulean Warbler: arr NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 8 May; found in expected sites.

Magnolia Warbler: max b 113 M 14 May; total b 276 M 8-31 May.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr LSP 27 Apr (AC), early.

Yellow Warbler: arr H 21 Apr (RS), very early; max 52b M 12 May; total b 150 M 1-31 May; 897 eBird "records" in just May, abundant this spring.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: total b 75 M 8-31 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: total b 8 M 5-31 May, low; scarce this spring.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: total b 79 M 5-29 May.

Palm Warbler: arr 1 Beatty Pt, Greece 13 Apr (J&AH, early; total b 164 M 1-18 May; max 150 HB 9 May (KF); last sev loc 23 May.

Pine Warbler: arr Hemlock L NW trail 9 Apr (CJ), early.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr 1-2 HANA 11 Apr; max 125 HB 9 May (KF); 120 WP 3 May (AGa); total b 209 M 26 Apr-19 May, high.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (R2): 1 Greece 24 May (KG), *intro*.

Prairie Warbler: arr MP 8 May (J&AH); 1 NR 10 May (PT); 1 HB 14 May (AGu); 3 Canadice

Hill Rd, ONTA 25 May (KK); Conesus Inlet Marsh 28 May (MW).

Canada Warbler: total b 49 M 12-29 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr Conesus Inlet Marsh 6 May (MW), early; total b 140 M 9-31 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 HANA 11 May (DS); Church Trail, T Greece 18 May (mob).

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: last BB 7 May (LT).

Clay-colored Sparrow: arr BB 7 May (LT); total 6 sev expected loc 7 May thru; 1 OCP 18 May thru (JAd, ph), new loc.

Vesper Sparrow: arr 23 T Groveland LIVI 8 Apr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr 3 NR, Geneseo 8 May (JK).

Fox Sparrow: arr 1 Lyons WAYN 23 Mar (TB); last T Groveland LIVI 10 May (SH); no high counts reported.

Lincoln's Sparrow: last 1b M 30 May (BBBO).

White-throated Sparrow: total b 159 M 13 Apr-25 May, low.

White-crowned Sparrow: last H 27 May, often found into June.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr 1 f Greece 7 Apr (JF), very early, well described.

E. Meadowlark: arr 2 Burger P T Greece 19 Mar.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: T Penfield 6 Apr (AGa).

Rusty Blackbird: arr H 19 Mar; 600+ BB 10 Apr (LT, et al.); max 963 & 387 ED 13 Apr (JeB, CW), two counting periods; 1000+ BB 13 Apr (LT, et al.); last 1 Beatty Pt T Greece 18 May.

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

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 531 ED 13 Apr (JeB, CW). **Orchard Oriole:** arr at 3 loc 8 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Irondequoit 30 Apr; good number this spring.

Com. Redpoll: 1 Penfield 1 May (JSlo), only rep.

Pine Siskin: Highland P, Rochester 1 Apr; Henrietta 8 May.

