



REGION 2—GENESEE

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Following the record cold of February, the spring season began with a cold, dry, quiet month. There were no strong systems or real warm spells to bring early migrants. Temperatures averaged 30.0° F, 4.3° below normal, with only two days reaching 50° and a maximum of only 53° on 16 March. There was light snow on 15 days, but the total of 12.3" was 3.5" below normal. By month's end, only minor shore ice remained on our part of Lake Ontario, but the east end of the Lake, most of the Finger Lakes, and most smaller ponds were still largely ice-covered.

April brought its usual ups and downs, but generally a return to more comfortable days, especially compared with the harsh winter. Temperatures averaged 47.6°, 1.3° below normal, and precipitation totaled 2.70", 0.03" below normal, with only 0.5" of snowfall. Effects on migration lay in the details. A first warm shot of the spring into the 70s on 2 April brought a burst of birds, with delayed March arrivals and some very early other additions. Then about 10

days of seesaw ended in a spike to 84° on the 13th, a couple of weeks early for that high, and another burst of arrivals and good counts. The last third of the month was dominated by a set of slow-moving lows and persistent cool, cloudy weather. Adding to this was a mass of storms between us and the Gulf Coast. Few new migrants made it until the very last days of the month. Near Lake Ontario it still looked like March and blossoming trees were much delayed.

May was a pleasant spring month with a taste of summer. Temperatures averaged 64.0°, 7.0° above normal. There were two record highs on the 8th and 9th which were the second earliest dates for back-to-back 90° days recorded locally. The 10th also brought a record high low temperature. In contrast, on the 23rd we had the latest freeze since 1956. Precipitation totaled 3.41", 0.54" above average, but of that 1.64" fell on the 30th-31st with most of the month dry. The weather systems far off to our southwest continued to block migrants for long stretches, with burst of arrivals during brief openings in that wall.

Overall species diversity was good, with most expected species found at normal arrival dates and with totals for the months and year-to-date near their 10-year averages. However, peak numbers were relatively low for most species, and occurrences of migrant waves were spotty in both time and over the landscape. There were too many days with few birds to be found, and even when birders were excited by lots of birds in one lakeshore hotspot, just down the road the next spot was empty, and off the lakeshore birds were scarce most of the time.

Moving right to the waterfowl, with snow, cold, and ice cover migration was slow. Snow Goose was an exception in this Region, with good numbers pushed into the Region more than usual by ice on the main Finger Lakes. Our best counts were in Genesee and Livingston Counties in late March and just into April. In the same time frame, a single Greater White-fronted Goose was found on Braddock Bay, at least 11 Ross's Geese were scattered from Hamlin to Wayne County, a Ross's x Snow Goose was in Hamlin, and approximately 21 Cackling Geese were found across the Region. In addition, Tundra Swan numbers were good, with a maximum of 535 in the Groveland Flats on 22 March. Interestingly, the departure date for virtually all of these species was 2 April, when the first burst of warmth arrived. To finish the goose part of the story, Brant was reported in only a very narrow window of 20-23 May, with the maximum reported only 40 and few reports from the Lake Ontario shore.

With most of the inland waters still frozen, nearly all the interesting duck reports for March and most of April were from along the south shore of Lake Ontario and immediately adjacent bays. Arrivals were a bit late other than a male Eurasian Wigeon found by Mike Tetlow and seen by others in the Town of Hamlin on 21 March, tying last spring's record early date. Eurasian Wigeon then continued at Braddock Bay, with a female on 28 March and a male from 30 March-4 April. A Green-winged "Eurasian/Common" Teal was also present at Braddock Bay on 28 March. Duck maxima, both puddle and diving, were generally low, with the exception of 950 Northern Pintail in Kendall, Orleans

County, on 20 March and then 2000 in the NMWMA on 19 April, when waterfowl numbers were finally building there. Generally it seemed that once the weather broke in April most waterfowl simply pushed through the Region rapidly. Numbers in May were very low except for a few good counts of Northern Pintail, Long-tailed Duck, and Red-breasted Merganser. Departures were average to early for most species. Interesting rarer species included King Eider and Barrow's Goldeneye and a Common x Barrow's Goldeneye present through mid-March.

Among the other waterbirds, we have all the regular loons and grebes reported but no really large counts in historical context. On a positive note, Andy and Rich Guthrie found an adult Pacific Loon off Hamlin Beach SP on 26 April and Bill Howe located a cooperative alternate plumaged Eared Grebe on Hemlock Lake on 22 April that remained through the 28th. Among the waders, arrivals were normal to even a bit early, but numbers poor. The only rarity was Glossy Ibis, with one seen passing Hamlin Beach on 21 April by Andy Guthrie and another found on 8 May in the NMWMA by Jay McGowan, Livia Santana, and Bob McGuire. Black Vulture made it back on the list, with birds found at the Riga Landfill in March and in four scattered locations in early May, though there were none seen passing the hawkwatch. Turkey Vultures were present in good numbers all season, a good indicator of numbers being a new record day count of 6680 on 2 April at the Braddock Bay hawkwatch.

The official counter at the hawkwatch this spring was Dave Tetlow. Daily tallies and some notes may be found online at www.hawkcount.org. As expected with the weather, March was slow and the bulk of the birds, 84% of the total, Turkey Vultures. The weather continued poor through most of April and especially late in the month when we normally look for the big flights of Broad-winged Hawks. Only five days in April totaled over 1000 birds of all species, the Broad-winged maximum was 7454 on the 21st, and at month's end Turkey Vultures still outnumbered Broad-winged Hawks. The biggest day of the whole season was 21 April with just 8035 total birds. The highlights of the season were three dark morph adult Swainson's Hawks, two on 10 April first spotted by Frank Nicoletti, one on 13 April photographed by Brian Morse, then a fourth, a light-morph second year bird, on 4 May. A table of the daily totals for all species is included below. The total count of 53,768 birds is near the long-term average. Away from the hawkwatch, highlights included four additional Northern Goshawks, though none in May, and about eight additional Golden Eagles. This spring there was less than usual effort toward counting the late, young Broad-winged Hawks and dispersing Bald Eagles, with weather again a major factor.

A count of the Sandhill Cranes passing the hawkwatch was not kept, so we do not have numbers comparable with those of other recent years. But eBird and geneseebirds reports and posts indicate typical, substantial numbers. By season's end there were also reports of the pair back in the NMWMA, Carncross Road

area. Hope remains for increased breeding in other areas, but there were few reports from the most likely sites this spring.

The shorebird passage was very weak in both March and April, with none of the usual late March arrivals other than Killdeer, Wilson's Snipe, and American Woodcock, and few additions until well into April. There were two clear highlights for the month, and even the spring, among the shorebirds. Two record early Long-billed Dowitchers found by Dave Tetlow in a field in the Town of Hamlin on 6 April remained to be seen, studied, and photographed by many through 12 April, and a State record high 17+ American Avocets passing Hamlin Beach SP on 21 April, unfortunately seen here only by Andy Guthrie, were likely a part of numbers of up to 24 seen toward the west end of Lake Ontario in Ontario, Canada around that date. The shorebird picture improved a bit in May, with nearly all expected species reported, though habitat remained scarce in the Region and counts low. Highlights were a Regional high five "Western" Willets on Salmon Creek, Town of Greece on 6 May found by Dave Tetlow and seen and photographed by several others, with another Willet in Hamlin on 29 May; Sanderling, a species sometimes missed in spring, at both Hamlin Beach SP and Sodus Point; a fallout of 500-700 Semipalmated Sandpipers at Salmon Creek on 28 May; and a Wilson's Phalarope in the Hogan Point area of Greece on 10 May.

With the late opening of bays and ponds, there was no extended period with ice edges for gulls to gather on. Gull and tern numbers were generally unremarkable at best. Still, there is a surprising number of interesting records. In March we had decent numbers of Iceland, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous Gulls at several locations. There was a Thayer's Gull seen off Rigney Bluff (T. of Greece) on 22 March by Jessie Barry and Chris Wood and another at Hamlin Beach on 22 May by Dave Tetlow, Andy Guthrie, and Bob Spahn. Given the weather, a Caspian Tern arriving on 31 March was a surprise. The winter gulls of March persisted in fair numbers through April to departure dates in late May. In April we added a decent number of Bonaparte's Gulls, six adult Little Gulls; an amazing **State record early Black Tern** photographed at the ponds at the DEC office in Avon by Art Kirsch on 8 April; and reports of Forster's Terns. In May, an adult Franklin's Gull was seen at Ontario Beach Park (Charlotte) on the 7th by Ethan Gyllenhaal and Greg Lawrence.

This season there was more interest in and reports of the owls than usual. This winter had a nice echo influx of Snowy Owls after last winter's mega invasion. There were still at least 14 individuals observed at 10 locations through much of March, with a maximum of five at the Genesee County Airport near Batavia on 16 March. Then on 29 April in the Town of Gates Kim Sucy found a Snowy that lingered until 1 May, and finally Tom Smith and Bob Spahn found a different bird sitting on a drain structure in Hamlin Beach SP on 4 May. Short-eared Owls on the west side of the Region were monitored through the winter into spring by the DEC out of the Avon office led by Michael Palermo with the help of a group of volunteers conducting standard counts every two

weeks. The spring maximum was 17 owls on the 24 March count, and there were still four found on the 21 April count. A last bird was reported on 27 April in Caledonia by Mike Wasilco. The owl roost survey in the “Owl Woods” area along Manitou Beach Road produced counts of Long-eared and Northern Saw-whet Owls very near their 10-year averages. Jim Adams has produced a comprehensive report for the effort and arrivals; maxima, and departures are included in the species section below, all typical this year. An unexpected event was the finding of a Boreal Owl in that area on 9 May by owl counter Nancy Widger. Details provided were sufficient to accept this State record late report.

Among the goatsuckers, Common Nighthawk numbers were up a bit, with a maximum of 107 in Greece on 24 May, and Eastern Whip-poor-will reports were typical of recent years. Chimney Swift and Ruby-throated Hummingbird arrived a bit early at the end of April, and the total of 53 hummingbirds banded at BBBO was down a bit from the past two springs. Red-headed Woodpecker and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker are both usually reported during the winter, but spring arrivals this year of Red-headed at Hamlin Beach and sapsuckers generally were delayed into April. Month by month, the falcon reports remained typical of recent years, though there were some comments around American Kestrel being harder to find than usual.

The passerines provide the biggest block of species and reports and most winter far south, so we await the arrivals of both transient migrants and breeding birds. This year weather to our southwest blocked new arrivals for long periods. Between that and local weather, we had almost no March arrivals—only Eastern Phoebe and Tree Swallow. A break and temperature spike into the 70s on 2 April brought a quick catch up and even some early new arrivals. This occurred again with a jump to 84° on the 13 April. Otherwise little happened until the very end of April and into early May. Only 11 species of warblers and two flycatchers had arrived by April’s end. The few warblers early relative to our old date guide all have been seen at even earlier dates in the intervening years. Numbers for all remained low, with an example being only Black-capped Chickadee and the two kinglet species banded in double digit numbers on any days in April. The early April burst did bring a few good counts by Ian Davies, Tim Lenz, and Brad Walker at Hamlin Beach SP on 2 April—21,732 American Robin, 7040 Red-winged Blackbird, 2500 Common Grackle, and 760 Brown-headed Cowbird. Late in the month a homeowner, Candy Giles, brought a surprise to the BBBO station, a photo of a Varied Thrush from her backyard in East Irondequoit. She kindly allowed birders to visit and from 26-28 April many had great looks and added more photos of this twelfth Regional record for the species.

As we moved into May, when the weather blockage opened, the bursts of migrants continued to produce strange mixes of overdue arrivals with early birds. In the end we recorded essentially all of the expected passerines this spring. The only species missing were Kentucky Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, and Yellow-breasted Chat, all among the rarer expected species. On

the rarer side of those reported, we had two White-eyed Vireos, two Worm-eating Warblers, three Prothonotary Warblers, a Connecticut Warbler, four Prairie Warblers, four+ Clay-colored Sparrows, and a Yellow-headed Blackbird. Among other species many have been tracking for some time, there were six Golden-winged Warblers and 34 Orange-crowned Warblers, 18 banded and 16 others, very high for this latter species locally. Of special interest locally: the Fish Crows in the Ontario Beach Park area are doing well and there were reports from a few other locations; there were a few Monk Parakeet reports at the known site from 1-4 April; and there were no Eurasian Collared-Dove reports. The winter finch scene consisted of a few Common Redpoll and Pine Siskin reports through late May and a single report of one Pine Grosbeak on 19 April by Wade & Melissa Rowley, and an Evening Grosbeak at a Webster feeder 16-17 May by Peggy Mabb.

Much of the passerine data, including many arrival dates and peak counts come from the Kaiser-Manitou passerine banding station operated by the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory. A quick look at the data shows that overall this spring's total banded was similar to numbers for the past several years. Looking at individual species, one notices that the variance is high, and numbers over a period of years are consistent once that is recognized. Even some species following seesaw patterns are consistent, e.g., Black-capped Chickadee ranges from almost none banded to on the order of 1000 in alternating years. This year, an "up" year, yielded only 100. Yellow-bellied and "Trail's" Flycatchers were up a bit, but Brown Creeper, Gray-cheeked Thrush, and Hermit Thrush were down a bit from expected. Birds like Golden-crowned Kinglet can be hard to assess as their peak can fall just before the station opens for the spring. Cedar Waxwing seemed almost totally missing until 719 were counted at Hamlin Beach on 24 May but essentially none were banded. Spring is always interesting and there is lots of accessible data to search for information of personal interest. The BBBO daily banding tables are online on their website.

Generally, it is difficult to try to portray some idea of numbers. For most passerine species, most of the reports are of small numbers, with occasional double digit counts when someone takes the time to watch and record for a bit. The problem is that one does not know the level of aggregation related to a count without digging in to the details of time spent counting and geographic area covered, and skill and attention to the task by the observer. In the species section below, I have tried to list a few maxima as illustrations. One can see that by choosing a good date during migration and taking the time to count for a bit some large, almost amazing, numbers can be tallied. But if one does standard counts, like Breeding Bird Surveys, and becomes aware of the totals for common species over a set of 3-minute counts, the bigger numbers become less amazing, and one begins to think about how to induce more to take the time to do a few counts.

Overall for the season, we had about 90,291 eBird records and about 10% more, different geneseebirds records plus the data from the hawkwatch and

BBBO and personal inputs from others. Species for the month and total species for the year to date for the three months are: March – 133 and 146; April – 198 and 211; and May – 234 and 268; vs. their 10-year averages: March – 138.0 and 152.1; April – 192.9 and 208.3; and May – 231.8 and 263.1.

Braddock Bay Hawkwatch Totals

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Turkey Vulture	9 Mar	6680	2 Apr	24312
Osprey	2 Apr	29	10 Apr	213
Bald Eagle	6 Mar	72	9 May	521
N. Harrier	15 Mar	78	10 Apr	511
Sharp-sh. Hawk	10 Mar	1107	10 Apr	3697
Cooper's Hawk	7 Mar	121	2 Apr	388
N. Goshawk	21 Mar	2	13 Apr	7
Red-shld Hawk	13 Mar	116	2 Apr	366
Swainson's Hawk	10 Apr	2	10 Apr	4
Broad-wngd Hawk	12 Apr	7454	21 Apr	20421
Red-tailed Hawk	2 Mar	603	10 Apr	2817
Rough-legd Hawk	11 Mar	46	10 Apr	152
GoldenEagle	20 Mar	5	21 Apr	31
Am. Kestrel	16 Mar	70	10 Apr	285
Merlin	13 Mar	3	25 Mar	23
Peregrine Falcon	10 Mar	4	9 May	18

Total including unidentified raptors: 53,768

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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; ConL – 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; IBO – Irondequoit Bay Outlet to Lake Ontario; LSP – Letchworth SP; M – Manitou Beach area, MONR; MP – Mendon Ponds P, MONR; NMWMA – Northern Montezuma WMA, T of Savannah, WAYN; NMWMA (AR) – north side of Armitage Rd.; NMWMA (CR) – along Carncross Rd. east of Savannah-Spring Lake Rd.; NMWMA (VDS) – area along Van Dyne Spoor, T Savannah, WAYN; NMWMA (SCU) – Sandhill Crane Unit, T Savannah, WAYN; OB – Ontario Beach P, Charlotte, MONR; OCP – Oatka Creek P, MONR; SB – Sodus Bay, WAYN; SC – Salmon Creek, T Greece MONR; SPT – Sodus Pt, WAYN; TCEA – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, T Avon, LIVI; W – T of Webster, MONR.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: arr BB 29 Mar (JeB, Ji), only report.

Snow Goose: 10000 ConL 22 Mar (AC); max 20000 T Byron GENE 28 Mar (GL, JPod); 4880 Broadway Rd WAYN 2 Apr; last 1 NMWMA (CR) 21 May (MG).

Ross's Goose: arr 2 H 14-20 Mar H 20-21 Mar (A&CGu, KS); Cranberry Pd Greece 21 Mar (NK); 3 T Lyons WAYN 21 Mar (W&MR); T Lyons 24 Mar (JW); H 30 Mar (AGu); 2 Macedon WAYN 30 Mar (JW, ph); max 4 H 2 Apr (AGu); HB 2 Apr (AGu, ID, BWlk); 2 Broadway Rd WAYN 2 Apr (DF, W&MR); last date 2 Apr with first warm spike in Reg.

Ross's x Snow Goose: 1 H 2 Apr (AGu);

Brant: arr 40 NMWMA (AR) 20 May (MG); last 5 off Greece 23 May.

Cackling Goose: total approx 21 many loc 17-29 Mar; max 6 BB 19 Mar (CW); last 2 HB 2 Apr & 1T Parma MONR 2 Apr.

Canada Goose: max 22,500 H 26 Mar (AGu).

Trumpeter Swan: max 14 NMWMA (VDS) 23 Apr (DSi); fewer reports across Reg than in recent years.

Tundra Swan: max 535 Groveland Flats 22 Mar (DBea); 232 BB 30 Mar (BriM), high for loc; last 2 H 25 Apr.

Wood Duck: arr Henrietta 6 Mar.

Gadwall: arr 4 Caledonia 3 Mar; max 103 BB 4 Apr.

Eurasian Wigeon: arr 1m H (Moscow Rd) 21 Mar (MT, mob), ties Reg record early; 1f BB

28 Mar (AGu, mob); 1 m BB 30-31 Mar – 4 Apr (BriM, ph, mob).
Am. Wigeon: arr 4-16 sev loc 10 Mar; max 180 BB 28 Mar, low; last Greece 25 May.
Am. Black Duck: max 50 Port Byron WAYN 11 Apr, very low.
Blue-winged Teal: arr H 21 Mar.
N. Shoveler: arr Greece (Long Pd) 10 Mar; last 2 SC 28 May.
N. Pintail: arr 4 IBO 10 Mar; 950 Kendall 20 Mar (R&SS); max 2000 NMWMA (VDS) 19 Apr (JMc, LS); last 2 NMWMA (CR) 21 May (MG), late.
Green-winged Teal: arr 2 IBO 10 Mar; last 15 NMWMA (VDS) 20 May.
GREEN-WINGED “EURASIAN” TEAL: 1 BB 28 Mar (Ji, Je, & MB).
Canvasback: max 62 SB 16 Mar, low; last 1 HB 26 Apr, early last rep.
Redhead: max 160 ConL 2 Apr; last 2 Burger P, Greece & 14 NMWMA (SCU) 2 May.
Ring-necked Duck: max 350 Burger P, Greece 4 Apr; last 2 SC 6 May.
Greater Scaup: max 900 Rigney Bluff, Greece 1 Mar; last 2 BB 18 May.
Lesser Scaup: max 234 BB 4 Apr; last Spt 29 May.
King Eider: 1 ad m Genesee River mouth 9 Mar (RS); last 1 ad m off Greece 19-21 Mar (KG, JeB, CW).
Surf Scoter: last 1 HB 1 May (AGu), early departure.
Long-tailed Duck: max 800 Rigney Bluff, Greece 1 Mar; 483 HB 21 May (AGu), late for so many.
Bufflehead: last HB 25 May.
Com. Goldeneye: last 2 ED 9 May.
Barrow’s Goldeneye: 1 m Spt 16-19 Mar (sev); 1 m Pt Breeze 1-24 Mar AGu, ASa, DBea)
COM. X BARROW’S GOLDENEYE: 1 m Spt 1-19 Mar (JW, ph, mob).
Com. Merganser: max 175 Buck Pd, Greece 6 Apr.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 1078 HB 3 May (RS).
Ruddy Duck: arr Spt 13 Mar; last 2 NMWMA (VDS) 20 May, may be related to draining of Montezuma NWR main pool where species sometimes nests.
Red-throated Loon: max 16 HB 23 Apr, low; last HB 30 May (AGu), late.
PACIFIC LOON: 1 ad HB 26 Apr (AGu, RGu).
Com. Loon: max 148 HB 26 Apr (AGu, RGu), low.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr IBO & Summerville Pier 13 Mar.
Horned Grebe: max 46 HB 26 Apr, low; last 3 OB 7 May.
Red-necked Grebe: max 154 HB 5 Apr, low; last 1 HB 21 May.
EARED GREBE (R2): 1 ad Hemlock L 22-28 Apr (BH, ph, mob).
Double-crested Cormorant: arr ED 29 Mar; max 450 Pt Breeze 9 May (GL).
Least Bittern: arr BB 26 Apr (GL), early.
Great Egret: arr Buck Pd, Greece 3 Apr.
Green Heron: arr Burger P, Greece & HANA 25 Apr.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr H 2 Apr
Glossy Ibis: H 21 Apr (AGu); NMWMA (CR) 8 May (JMc, LS, BMc).

HAWKS – LARIDS

Black Vulture: 2 Riga Landfill 12 Mar (BriM); 4 Eva & Harlan Braman Pres MONR 2 Apr (KH); Bear Crk Harbor WAYN 4 Apr (JW); LSP 7 Apr (EK); WAYN/MONR Line 9 Apr (J&GM).
Turkey Vulture: max 6680 BB 2 Apr (DT, *et al.*), Reg record high.
Osprey: arr 2 BB 26 Mar (PM).
Bald Eagle: 19 BB +76 others many loc Mar; 145 BB + approx. 110 other many loc Apr; 357 BB + approx. 106 other many loc May.
N. Goshawk: approx 4 rep away from BB Mar & Apr; no reports including BB May.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr 1 Frisbee Hill & 126 Broadway Rd WAYN 12 Apr; ma 7454 BB 21 Apr (DT, *et al.*), low max.
SWAINSON’S HAWK: 2 drk ad BB 10 Apr (FN, *et al.*); 1 drk ad BB 13 Apr (DT, ph BriM); 1 BB 4 May (DT).
Rough-legged Hawk: last BB & Rochester 9 May.
Golden Eagle: arr BB 20 Mar; approx 8 rep away from BB 21 Mar-30 Apr; last BB 9 May.
Sandhill Crane: arr H 13 Mar (KS); 38 rep of 39+ ind many loc Apr.
AM. AVOCET (R2): 17+ HBSP 21 Apr (AGu), State record high.
Black-bellied Plover: arr NMWMA (CR) 8 May; last 2-3 NMWMA (CR) 31 May.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr south Caledonia 30 Apr; last 2 Spring Farm WAYN 23 May.
Greater Yellowlegs: max 90 NMWMA (CR) 24 Apr (JMc, LS).
Willet: 5 SC 6 May (DT, RS, ph KH, mob), Reg record high; 1 HB 29 May (RS).
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 SC 17 Apr; last SC 28 May.

Upland Sandpiper: no reports.

Whimbrel: SPT 28 May (MG), only report.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr SPT 16 May.

Sanderling: arr HB 24 May (CW); 5 other rep 28-31 May, sometimes missed in spring.

Dunlin: arr sev loc 12 Apr; max 45 NMWMA (CR) 16 May, low.

Least Sandpiper: arr H 3 May; max 40 NMWMA (CR) 8 May, low.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr 2 Groveland Flats LIVI 12 May (KC).

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 2 T Savannah WAYN 11 Apr.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 500-700 NMWMA (CR) 28 May (AGu, PM, KG).

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 1-3 SC 10 May; max 10 NMWMA (VDS) (W&MR).

Long-billed Dowitcher: 2 H 6-12 Apr (DT, mob, ph), Reg record early.

Wilson's Phalarope: 1 f Hogan Pt Greece 10 May (mob). **Bonaparte's Gull:** arr sev loc 29 Mar, late arrival; max 500 Geneseo 27 Apr (KMcGa), odd loc for number.

Little Gull: arr 1 ad BB 4-5 Apr (mob); 1 ED 19 Apr (JeB); 1 ad Bear Crk Harbor WAYN 19 Apr (ph JW); 1 ad HB 20 Apr (AGu); 1 ad off Cranberry Pd Greece 26 (RBuc); 1 ad HB 28 Apr (R&SS).

FRANKLIN'S GULL (R2): 1 ad OB 7 May (EG, GL).

THAYER'S GULL: Rigney's Bluff Greece 22 Mar (JeB, CW); 3rd cyc HB 22 May (DT, ph AGu, RS).

Iceland Gull: 11 rep, 10 ind sev loc 4-29 Mar; approx. 16 sev loc Apr; total 5 sev loc 1-12 May; last 1 HB 24 May (CW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 8 rep, 8 ind sev loc 11-28 Mar; approx 19 Apr; max 5 Cranberry Pd Greece 2 Apr (GL); approx 12 sev loc 3-24 May.

Glaucous Gull: 12 rep, 12 ind many loc 4-27 Mar; approx 11 sev loc 2-7 Apr; 4 total sev loc 1-21 May; last HP 24 May (AGu, B&BM, CW).

Caspian Tern: arr 1 BB 31 Mar (DH), early; max 60 SB 25 May (LL).

Black Tern: arr TCEA 8 Apr (AKi, ph), State record early

Com. Tern: arr Cranberry Pond, Greece 12 Apr (GL).

Forster's Tern: arr BB 14 Apr (JRy); last BB 24 May (CW).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: No reps.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Rochester 9 May.

Snowy Owl: approx 14 at 10 loc Mar; max 5 Genesee County Airport Batavia 16 Mar; T Gates MONR 29 Apr-1 May (ph KS); last HB 4 May (TS, RS).

Long-eared Owl: total roost count 37 M (Owl Woods) 21 Mar – 30 Apr, *intro*; max 7 M (Owl Woods) 11 Apr.

Short-eared Owl: max 17 DEC SEOW Survey 24 Mar, data from M. Palermo, *intro*; last Caledonia 27 Apr (MW).

N. Saw-whet Owl: arr South Conesus 16 Mar; total roost count 29 M (Owl Woods) 19 Mar – 18 Apr, *intro*; max 4 M (Owl Woods) 22 Mar & 5 Apr.

Com. Nighthawk: arr T Rush MONR 9 May; max 107 Greece 24 May (KG), good count.

E. Whip-poor-will: arr 2 M (Owl Woods) 29 Apr (JRy, PMac); 1-4 M (Owl Woods) 4, 7, 8 May (sev); last M (Owl Woods) 24 May (CW), late for recent years.

Chimney Swift: arr 1-4 sev loc 29 Apr.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr N Rush 30 Apr (NK); total b 53 M 5-29 May (BBBO).

Red-headed Woodpecker: Stafford GENE 8 Mar (DBea), new loc;

Merlin: 16 rep, 20 ind sev loc 8-30 Mar; total 8 incl hawkwatch 10-29 Apr; total incl hawkwatch 20 sev loc May; no reports of nesting in Reg.

Peregrine Falcon: 4 rep, 4 ind sev loc 13-21 Mar; total 5 ind incl hawkwatch 13-29 Apr; total 24 ind incl hawkwatch May; nesting in downtown Rochester normal, see posts rfalconcam website.

MONK PARAKEET: 1 West Ridge Plaza Greece 1-4 Apr (JW, ID, TL, BWlk, NK).

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Casey P WAYN 13 May (JW); Cobbs Hill P 16 May (CMA); HB 17 May (AGu, MMe); MP 21 May (NK); Rush Oak Openings 25 May (MBe); Badgerow P 26 May (KS, mob, ph); good showing.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr 1 Firehouse Woods, Greece 14 May; total b 47 M 15 May thru.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr Huckleberry Swamp WAYN 24 May, late.

“Trail’s” Flycatcher: arr 1b M 5 May, early; max b 31 M 27 May; total b 135 M 5 May thru.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr T Gates 27 Apr (BriM).

E. Kingbird: arr T Lima LIVI 30 Apr (CaG).

N. Shrike: 10 rep, 10 ind Mar; last Doran & Town Line Rd T Richmond ONTA 7 Apr (BH).

White-eyed Vireo: 1 Firehouse Woods, T Greece 24 May (ST); BB – West Spit 24 May (ST); rare

Blue-headed Vireo: arr HHSpencer SRA ONTA 19 Apr (DD).

Warbling Vireo: arr T Henrietta MONR 28 Apr (MW).

Philadelphia Vireo: arr Tinker Nature P 9 May; last 1b M 25 May, early for last.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr OCP 30 Apr (JAd); total b 52 M 30 Apr – 31 May; max 33 HHSpencer SRA ONTA 25 May, indicative of forest numbers.

Blue Jay: max 2000 BB-WS 4 May (BriM), only modest max.

Am. Crow: max 2025 LIVI 8 Mar (SSh), low max.

Fish Crow: 1- 10 Charlotte area thru; 1 BB 13 Apr; 1-4 M 2-4 May (RK, AVK); 9 BB-West Spit 4 May (BriM); x & y HB 18 May (BriM); 1 Webster 22 May (PMab, PMar); 2 HB 29 May (RS); IBO 30 May (B&BM).

Purple Martin: arr 3 Batavia & 1 ED 4 Apr (DBea & JiB); max 150 Batavia 25 May (DBea).

Tree Swallow: arr 1 SPt 20 Mar (MG); max 400 ConL Inlet 23 Apr.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr 1 Irondequoit Bay P West 2 Apr (AGa), early; max 110 ConL Inlet 23 Apr (DBea).

Bank Swallow: max 300 ED 22 May (CW).

Black-capped Chickadee: total b 100 M 18 Apr – 17 May, not many for an “up” year.

Winter Wren: arr 2 ICW 2 Apr; low this season.

SEDGE WREN (R2): 1 NMWMA (CR) 13 May (*fide* DWh), only report

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr BB – West Spit 13 Apr (PMar).

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 18 M (Owl Woods) 11 Apr, low.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 6 Batavia 11 Apr; max b 56 M 8 May; total b 366 M 18 Apr-18 May; last 1 MP 24 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr 1 Webster 10 May; total b 10 M 12-26 May, very low.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell’s Thrush: 1b M 26 May, only one banded.

Swainson’s Thrush: arr 3 Webster & 1 H 7 May; max b M 25 May; total b 106 M 8-30 May.

Hermit Thrush: Whiting Road Nature preserve 2 Mar, winter; arr M (Owl Woods) 6 Apr; total b 28 18 Apr – 12 May.

Am. Robin: max 21,572 HB 2 Apr (ID, TL, BWlk), high count.

VARIED THRUSH: East Irondequoit 26-28 Apr (ph CGi, mob, ph), 12th Reg record, CGi and neighbors allowed birders access to yards to view.

Gray Catbird: total b 377 M 2-30 May.

Am. Pipit: arr 1 HB 11 Mar; max 120 H 7 Apr; last 1 HB 25 May.

Cedar Waxwing: max 719 HB 24 May; 311 BB – West Spit 25 May (JeB, CW).

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: last H 20 Apr.

Snow Bunting: max 120 GENE 5 Mar; last B 2 Apr.

Ovenbird: arr 2 loc T Canadice ONTA 3 May.

Worm-eating Warbler: Marrowback Hill Rd ONTA 4 May (KKo); Church Trail, Greece 15 May (KFr).

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 1 Canadice Lake ONTA 19 Apr.

N. Waterthrush: total b 54 M 30 Apr-28 May.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr 1b M & 1 U of Rochester 4 May, singles also b 7 & 11 May; 1 Firehouse Woods, Greece 7, 11 May; HB-Yanty Crk 11 May; 1-2 N Wolcott WAYN 14 May thru (W&MR, *et al.*).

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 1 M 3 May (RK).

“Brewster’s” Warbler: BB – West Spit 4, 8 May (PMar, BCL, AGu); 1b M 10 May.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R2): arr NMWMA (AR) 7 May thru (JGK, mob); Church Trail, Greece 17 May (GF); 1b M 22 May.

Tennessee Warbler: total b 53 M 8-29 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr 2b M 4 May; total b 18 M 4-29 May; 16 others sev loc 6-25 May (mob); huge number for spring here.

Nashville Warbler: total b 57 M 3-28 May.

Connecticut Warbler: Webster 13 May (R&SS), singing, only report.

Mourning Warbler: arr 1 sev loc 10 May; total b 35 M 10-30 May.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr T Portage LIVI 20 Apr (AWa), very early; total b 169 M 6-30 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr 1b M 4 May.

Am. Redstart: max b 37 M 16 May; total b 237 M 7-30 May; abundant this spring.

Cape May Warbler: arr sev loc 4 May; last Firehouse Woods, Greece & HB 24 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr LSP 5 May (AWa); found in expected sites.

N. Parula: arr Durand-Eastman P, Rochester 22 Apr (PMar), early; last OCP 29 May (JAd).

Magnolia Warbler: max b 60 M 16 May; total b 368 M 7-29 May.

Yellow Warbler: arr 2 TCEA 22 Apr (KKi), very early; max b 15 M 9 May; total b 157 M 3-30 May; max 100 MP 18 May (PMar); 1038 eBird "records" in just May, abundant as usual.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: total b 77 M 4-30 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: total b 50 M 10-30 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: total b 87 M 4-30 May.

Palm Warbler: arr 1 Burger P, Greece 25 May (KH); 1b "Yellow" Palm M 25 Apr, only "Yellow" Palm for season; total b 138 M 25 Apr-18 May; max b 22 M 10 May; last Northampton P 27 May (DB).

Pine Warbler: arr Rochester (AGa) & Ontario County P (DD) 6 Apr, early.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr Church Trail, Greece & South Conesus 12 Apr, late arr; max 82 BB-East Spit 4 May (BW); total b 134 M 21 Apr-21 May; max b 62 M 10 May.

Prairie Warbler: arr Canadice Lake Rd ONTA 30 Apr (ST), early; Nunda LIVI 4 May (KB); HH Spencer P- S 17 Mat (KKi); Broadway Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 19 May (TR).

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr four Mile Crk Pres, Webster 16 Apr (PMar, JMi), very early.

Canada Warbler: total b 46 M 7-29 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr Conesus Inlet Marsh 5 May (MW), early; total b 113 M 9-30 May.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: last Honeoye Falls 2 May (BCI).

Clay-colored Sparrow: arr North Rush 9 May (ph NK); 5 rep H (Cook Rd) 11-24 May, known nesting area; Henrietta 13-18 May (SRo, PMar, JPow, ph CS); HB 18 May (ph BriM).

Vesper Sparrow: arr BB - West Spit 11 Apr, late arr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Sandy Bottom P ONTA 28 Apr (GL).

Fox Sparrow: arr sev loc 2 Apr; last 1b M 3 May; no high counts reported.

Lincoln's Sparrow: last sev loc 25 May.

White-throated Sparrow: total b 114 M 18 Apr-24 May, low; last 1b M 24 May.

White-crowned Sparrow: last HB & 1b M 29 May, often found into June.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr m & f Dalton LIVI 22Apr (JCI), early; max 34 BB-West Spit 9 May (AGa), good count.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 7040 HB 2 Apr (ID, TL, BWlk).

E. Meadowlark: arr IBO 21 Mar; max 20 HB 2 Apr.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: Henrietta (Lehigh Valley Trail) 6-8 Mar (BCI, CS, *et al.*).

Rusty Blackbird: arr 20 Greece 20 Mar; max 65 HB 2 Apr, low max; last 2 ICW 15 May.

Com. Grackle: max 2500 Macedon WAYN 29 Mar (JPow) & HB 2 Apr (ID, TL, BWlk).

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 760 HB 2 Apr (ID, TL, BWlk).

Orchard Oriole: arr Highland P Rochester & Webster 3 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Lima 30 Apr; max 57-64 BB – West Spit 8-9 May (BCL, AGu, AGa).

Pine Grosbeak: 1 T Savannah WAYN 19 Apr (W&MR), only report.

Com. Redpoll: max 120 H 3 Mar (AGu); last E Palmyra WAYN 19 Apr.

Pine Siskin: max 209 HB 24 May (CW).

Evening Grosbeak: 1 Webster 16-17 Apr (PMab), only report.