

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The mild winter continued into March 2016. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 39.9° F, 5.9° above normal, and temperatures hit the 70s by then end of the month. There was 2.85" of precipitation, 0.02" below average. There was only 0.9" of snowfall, 12.0" below average. Lake Erie never froze this winter, and a strong seiche event occurred on the 29th after several wind storms. April was cooler and barely distinguishable from March. The mean temperature was 43.1°, 2.8° below average. Precipitation was 1.90", 1.11" below average, with 7.1" of snowfall, 4.4" above normal. The first two weeks were cold and with occasional snow that drove migrants to roadsides and feeders. The only warm spring days occurred during the third week of the month. May was dry, with cool weather prevailing over the first three weeks and then summer-like warmth for the remainder of the month. The average temperature was 58.9°, 2.0° above normal. Rainfall was 1.21", 2.25" below normal, with a trace of snow on the 15th to dampen the spirits of those conducting the Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count.

The waterfowl migration started early with the warm winter, and geese and swans had largely passed by the end of March. A few large counts of Snow Geese continued along Lake Ontario in early March. There were five sightings of **Greater White-fronted Goose** within a small window in early March. The maximum Cackling Goose flock count was 20, and this species is becoming less noteworthy. The most unusual goose sighting this spring was a group of four **Brant** at Batavia WWTP, originally found by Greg Lawrence on the early date of 1 May. The next day, a Harlequin Duck was identified at Batavia WWTP, thought to be the first at this location. It remained through 10 May. **Harlequin Ducks** grew in number in the Niagara River off Niagara Falls SP to seven in late April, and several continued well into May. There were two **King Eider** sightings on Lake Ontario, which might have been of the same immature male. There were four to five **Eurasian Wigeon** reports, a few more than in other recent spring seasons. Other notable duck sightings included a high count of 400 Gadwall on Chautauqua Lake at Ellicott by Nathan Goldberg and Mary Margaret Ferraro, who later in the month had a nice count of 1,350 Redhead there. Blue-winged Teal numbers remain a concern, as the maximum spring count was only 12 and low numbers were recorded on both BOS counts, with only 75 in April and just eight in May.

Red-necked Grebes were sighted in good numbers on Lake Ontario in March and into mid-April. It's tough to say whether the **Eared Grebe** discovered at Batavia WWTP on 31 May was "coming or going" as that is early for when this species usually shows up in summer at this location. Bob Peterson

was delighted to find and photograph five **American White Pelicans** along Lake Erie at Wright Beach in Dunkirk during the BOS May Count. Charles and Nicholas Militello observed one flying over Buffalo a few days later on 22 May. No uncommon or rare waders or ibis were found this spring.

There were no rarities reported from the raptor migration. There were four **Golden Eagle** sightings, including Ripley and Hamburg Hawkwatch data. Rough-legged Hawks remained relatively scarce. A **Northern Goshawk** in Alfred was the only one other than a few at the hawk watches.

The spring shorebird migration was unspectacular. An early highlight was an **American Golden-Plover** at Carol Hardenburg's farm in Portland. The weather conditions on 1-2 May that brought Brant, Harlequin Duck, and more White-winged Scoters than usual for Batavia WWTP may have had something to do with putting **small groups of Willets** down. There were seven at Batavia WWTP, three at Point Breeze, and five at Dunkirk Harbor on those days. Adding one later at Chautauqua Lake made for an impressive showing. An early Short-billed Dowitcher was documented off Route 98 in Batavia.

An adult **Thayer's Gull** nicely photographed by Willie D'Anna at Niagara Falls SP was the only notable larid find this spring. D'Anna was also surprised to find and photograph a Common Tern on the pier at Wilson on the record early date of 13 March. **Forster's Terns** were notable, with four on the BOS April Count and a few sightings in May including three on Chautauqua Lake on 17 May.

A few **Snowy Owls** could be found around Buffalo Harbor in March, lasting into early April with only one other report. **Northern Saw-whet Owl** was reported on two dates in March at Wilson-Tuscarora SP. There were only two **Short-eared Owl** reports, with one a daytime migrant sighted at the Hamburg Hawkwatch.

Common Nighthawk reports were relatively few and in low numbers. An **Eastern Whip-poor-will** sighted on 6 May at Forest Lawn Cemetery allowed many birders to look at this Regional rarity during daylight. Merlin and Peregrine Falcon sightings are now too numerous to include all the records in this account. An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** photographed by Marcia Dirnberger near the University at Buffalo was remarkably early on 30 April. There were only two other reports of this species. Carolina Wrens have decreased in the last few years, as evidenced by only nine on this year's BOS April Count compared with 75 two years ago. The harsh winters of 2013-14 and 2014-15 are likely the cause of this decrease. There were higher counts of Lapland Longspurs in early April, in part as snow pushed them to roadsides. Vicki Rothman had an impressive count of 215 in Hartland on 7 April.

Birders were content with the songbird and warbler migration, especially at Forest Lawn Cemetery, where the number of birders continues to increase in this urban migrant oasis. Besides higher warbler species counts and often excellent looks, Forest Lawn Cemetery boasted two rarities, or perhaps "semi-rarities" given their increasing occurrence in spring, in **Worm-eating Warbler** and a

Yellow-throated Warbler. Another Yellow-throated was found in late May in Chautauqua. There were six **Golden-winged Warbler** sightings plus one Brewster's and one Lawrence's. This is about par or slightly above for Golden-winged in recent Mays. The only **Prothonotary Warbler** was at the regular breeding location at Tonawanda WMA. Tim Lenz described a "Yellow" or "**Eastern Palm Warbler**" on 23 April at Tiffitt NP. While this subspecies is infrequently reported in this Region it is likely overlooked as well.

Clay-colored Sparrows are becoming more regular. There were seven sightings in May, with many of them in Niagara County. The loyal "**Oregon Junco**" remained at the Landau feeders through at least 30 April.

Western Tanager takes claim for the biggest rarity this spring. Only documented once before in this Region, in April 2013, there were two sighted in different locations during the first week of May. Alan Baczkiewicz was greeted with quite the yard bird on the morning of 7 May when he found a male Western Tanager. He diligently used the local rare bird text system and phone alert to spread the word and many made it in time to see the bird in his Williamsville neighborhood. The tanager was rediscovered that afternoon at nearby Amherst State Park. Photos spread later of another male Western Tanager visiting Pam Bliss's feeder in Rushford, Allegany County 3-7 May, along with a female Scarlet Tanager. Nice feeder action! To complete the regional tanager hat trick, Bill and Linda Seleen found a **Summer Tanager** in Ellery, which was observed by a few others during its stay of 15-16 May.

A male **Painted Bunting** was photographed by Sue and George Anthony as it visited their feeder in the Town of Allegany near Olean over a three day period during the third week of May (I've yet to be able to determine the exact dates). This is only the fourth record for the Region, all of which have occurred in May. Rounding out the rarities was an adult male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** visiting a backyard in Buffalo for several days in April.

Similar to the winter, there were just a few Common Redpoll reports, and Pine Siskins were present but not in overwhelming numbers.

The 81st BOS April Count was held on 10 April, and totals of 144 species and 111,177 individuals were recorded. The totals were affected by the weather, as temperatures barely broke into the 30s and some light snow occurred. The most notable sighting was a Rose-breasted Grosbeak by Michael DeSha, a first in the history of the count. No record high counts were reported.

The BOS May Count was held on 15 May, with the aforementioned cold weather and trace of snow, with 202 species recorded. High counts vs. the last 50 years included Northern Shoveler (30), White-winged Scoter (224), Osprey (39), Bald Eagle (40), Cliff Swallow (337), Northern Mockingbird (46), Northern Parula (32), and Pine Warbler (21). Fifty-year low counts included Wilson's Snipe (1), Belted Kingfisher (39), Eastern Wood-Pewee (9), Wood Thrush (103), Savannah Sparrow (65), Swamp Sparrow (53), and Bobolink (241).

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP, CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP, ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BMAC – Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, WYOM; BOSAC – Buffalo Ornithological Society April Count – 10 Apr; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count – 15 May; BufH – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWT – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant, GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L, CHAU; CSWMA – Conewango Swamp WMA, CATT; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; FLC – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, ERIE; FMCS – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; Hamburg HW – Hamburg Hawk Watch, ERIE; INWR – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; NF – Niagara Falls, NIAG; NFSP – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; NPP – Niagara Power Project, NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE/ORLE; PB – Point Breeze, ORLE; PG – Point Gratiot, CHAU; RWNP – Reinstein Woods NP, ERIE; Ripley HW – Ripley Hawk Watch, CHAU; Tift NP – Tift Nature Preserve, ERIE; TRWMA – Tillman Road WMA, ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; WFWMA – Watts Flats WMA, CHAU; WoBSP – Woodlawn Beach SP, ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Dunkirk CHAU 4 Mar; max 5 Medina ORLE 4 Mar; 3 PB 6 Mar; 2 INWR, 4 Porter NIAG 8 Mar; sightings occurred in this small window.
Snow Goose: max 1000, 3200 Yates ORLE 7, 9 Mar (WD); 6, 5 INWR 7, 10 Mar; 12 Amherst ERIE 9 Mar; 65 Orangeville WYOM 11 Mar.
Brant: 4 BWWT 1, 2 May (GLa), early.

Cackling Goose: 4 Yates ORLE 7 Mar; max 20 INWR 8 Mar (PY); 4 Newstead ERIE 21 Mar; 3 Hartland NIAG 26 Mar; last BOSAC.

Mute Swan: sev reports along L Ontario shore; 20 BOSAC; 9 BOSMC.

Trumpeter Swan: 2 Elba GENE 31 Mar (DB), only report.

Tundra Swan: 406 Celoron ChauL 2 Mar; max 825 Elba GENE 9 Mar (DB); 381 INWR 10 Mar; 80 TWMA 5 Apr; last BOSMC.

Wood Duck: arr 3 WTSP, 3 BWWT, 2 Dunkirk CHAU, Pomfret CHAU 7 Mar; max 71 INWR 20 May.

Gadwall: max 400 Ellicott ChauL (NG, MMF), record count; 125 TWMA 29 Mar (DB).

Eurasian Wigeon: Dunkirk CHAU 3 Mar (CH), early; 1, 1 TWMA 8, 26 Mar (PY, JW); OOWMA 19 Mar (WD); Tift NP 25 Apr (DGr).

Am. Wigeon: 275 Ellicott ChauL 25 Mar; max 407 TWMA 29 Mar (DB).

Blue-winged Teal: arr 2 Alexander GENE 10 Mar; max 12 WFWMA 27 Apr; 75 BOSAC; 8 BOSMC.

N. Shoveler: 48 OOWMA 19 Mar; max 71 Elba GENE 31 Mar.

N. Pintail: 212 INWR 5 Mar; max 1850 Elba GENE 9 Mar (DB); 500, 535 TWMA 30 Mar, 5 Apr; 2 BuSP 25 May.

Green-winged Teal: 65 TWMA 27 Mar; max 76 INWR 6 May.

Canvasback: max 100 NF 6 Mar, low; last 13 BOSAC.

Redhead: max 1350 Ellicott ChauL 25 Mar (MMF, NG); 87 BWWT 26 Mar; 300 S Dayton CATT 30 Mar; BWWT 31 May.

Ring-necked Duck: max 881, 1022 INWR 22 Mar, 6 Apr; 442 TWMA 26 Mar.

Greater Scaup: max 300 NF 6 Mar; last 4 BWWT 5 May.

Lesser Scaup: max 1300 Ellicott ChauL 25 Mar (MMF, NG); BWWT 31 May.

King Eider: Somerset NIAG 26 Mar (WD); imm m PB 9, 10 Apr (KM, GL); only reports.

Harlequin Duck: 4-7, 4, 4, 2 NFSP 23-27 Apr, 1, 17, 19 May (CK; JM; WD); BWWT 2-10 May (MT), believed to be first time at this location.

Surf Scoter: Olcott NIAG 3 Mar; BufH 4 Mar; max 12, 4 Wilson NIAG 22 Mar, 1 Apr; Somerset NIAG 26 Mar; 2 GHSP 9 May; PB 10 May.

White-winged Scoter: max 159 Wilson NIAG 22 Mar; 12 NFSP 25 Apr; 15, 20 BWWT 1, 2 May (GLa, MT), good count for location; last 8 Carlton ORLE 28 May.

Black Scoter: Wilson NIAG 1 Apr, only report.

Long-tailed Duck: max 861 Wilson NIAG 1 Apr; 45 Porter NIAG 20 May.

Bufflehead: 162 Grand I NR 1 Mar; max 185, 222, 140 BWWT 26 Mar, 11 Apr, 2 May; last 16 BOSMC.

Com. Goldeneye: max 1249 Grand I NR 11 Mar; last 2 GHSP 9 May.

Hooded Merganser: 30 DH 3 Mar; max 47 Tift NP 26 Mar.

Com. Merganser: max 1600 Grand I NR 8 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 552 Wilson NIAG 1 Apr.

Ruddy Duck: 16 Ellery ChauL 14 Mar (JBe); 20 OOWMA 19 Mar; 8 BMAC 24 Mar (TK); max 248, 400, 20 BWWT 26 Mar, 6 Apr, 30 May; 160 N Harmony ChauL 26 Apr.

Red-throated Loon: max 274, 345 Wilson NIAG 22 Mar, 1 Apr (WD); last Yates ORLE 28 May.

Com. Loon: arr 2 BufH 21 Mar; max 75 Portville CATT 4 Apr (KE); 22 Alma ALLE 12 Apr (ABr); 37 Cassadaga CHAU 13 Apr; some good inland counts.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr Dunkirk CHAU 4 Mar; 15 S Dayton CATT 15 Apr.

Horned Grebe: 67 BWWT 23 Mar; max 108 Amherst ERIE 25 Mar; 21 Ellery ChauL 14 Apr; 14 Cuba L ALLE 24 Apr; 2 GHSP 18 May.

Red-necked Grebe: 2 Somerset NIAG 9 Mar; max 135 Somerset NIAG 26 Mar; 32 Wilson NIAG 22 Mar; 657 BOSAC, good count; Ellery ChauL 14, 16 Apr; GHSP 9 May.

EARED GREBE (R1): BWWT 31 May (CM, SB), early if this was 'summer' arrival.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 1110 BufH 20 Apr; 358 Ellery ChauL 9 May; 445 Tonawanda NR 26 May.

AM. WHITE PELICAN: 5 Dunkirk CHAU BOSMC (BPe, ph.); Buffalo ERIE 22 May (C&NM); rare, but most likely to appear in May.

Am. Bittern: arr Tift NP 25 Apr; Pomfret CHAU 27 Apr; 1, 4 INWR 29 Apr, 27 May; 3 TWMA 25 May.

Least Bittern: arr 1, 4 INWR 4, 28 May; OOWMA 30 May.

Great Egret: arr Tift NP 24 Mar; max 70 Tonawanda NR 25 Apr.

Green Heron: arr 2 BOSAC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr 4 Grand I NR 16 Mar.

Black Vulture: 8, 3 Lewiston NIAG 16 Mar, 30 Apr, reg loc where resident; Hamburg HW 17 Mar (JL).

Turkey Vulture: max 2274, 1480 Hamburg HW 16 Mar, 1 Apr.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: arr 2 CSWMA 25 Mar; max 31 Hamburg HW 14 Apr.

Bald Eagle: max 33 Hamburg HW 4 Apr.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 246 Hamburg HW 4 May.

N. Goshawk: 1, 2 Ripley HW 24 Mar, 3 May; Alfred ALLE 19 Apr (RP); 1, 1, 1 Hamburg HW 16, 28, 30 Apr; only reports.

Red-shouldered Hawk: arr Alden ERIE, Cassadaga CHAU 4 Mar; max 35 Hamburg HW 16 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr BOSAC; max 1749, 1342 Hamburg HW 25, 30 Apr.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 3 CSWMA 4, 5 Mar.

Golden Eagle: OOWMA 7 Mar (WD); BOSAC; INWR 17 Apr (J&AS); Ripley HW 7 May; only reports.

Virginia Rail: arr Tift NP 3 Apr; 2 Pomfret CHAU 1 May; 2 BWWTP 21 May.

Sora: arr BWWTP 16 Apr; 2 BWWTP 1 May; max 4 Jamestown Airport CHAU 4, 7 May.

Com. Gallinule: arr INWR 17 Apr; max 26 INWR 12 May.

Am. Coot: arr TWMA 5 Mar; max 123 Celoron ChauL 27 Mar; 122 Ellery ChauL 16 Apr.

Sandhill Crane: too many to report all; 12 eleven loc Mar & Apr, 1-4 each; 11 BOSAC; 5 BOSMC; 2 Jamestown CHAU 25 May; 3 INWR 20, 28 May.

Black-bellied Plover: arr Batavia GENE 18 May; 1, 1 BWWTP 19, 30 May; only reports.

AM. GOLDEN-PLOVER (R1): Portland CHAU 7, 11 Apr (CH), rare in spring.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 3 BWWTP 10 May; max 41 BWWTP 20 May.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Amherst ERIE 1 Apr (BM), record early; max 27 BWWTP 20 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr 4 Chautauqua CHAU, 2 Alexander GENE, LBSP 23 Apr; last Chautauqua CHAU 24 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr 8 INWR 26 Mar; max 21 BWWTP 1 May.

Willet: 7 BWWTP, 3 PB 1 May (SB; SB, GLa); 5 DH 2 May (GV); Ellery ChauL 17 May (KV); good showing.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 CSWMA 23 Mar; max 72 BWWTP 10 May.

Upland Sandpiper: arr 2, max 4 TRWMA 20 Apr, 22 May; 3 Java WYOM 22 Apr; regular loc.

Whimbrel: no reports.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr BufH 19 May, only report.

Sanderling: BWWTP 30 May (CW), uncommon inland, only report.

Dunlin: arr 6, max 12 INWR 29 Apr, 20 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr 2 BWWTP 1 May; max 449 INWR 12 May (CM).

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr Batavia GENE 18 May; 2 Chautauqua CHAU 24 May; LBSP 26 May; only reports.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 7 Portland CHAU 16 Mar.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 2 LBSP 12 May; max 30 CSWMA 27 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr Batavia GENE 2 May (MT; JP, BH), early; LBSP 9 May; only reports.

Wilson's Snipe: arr 4 Portland CHAU 17 Mar; max 37 N Harmony CHAU 9 Apr.

Am. Woodcock: arr Ashford CATT, Forestville CHAU 7 Mar.

Bonaparte's Gull: 32 CSWMA 25 Mar; max 945 Unity 1 NR 5 Apr; 41 Ellery ChauL 10 May.

Little Gull: arr 1, 3, 4 Lewiston NR 22, 23 Mar, 2 Apr; 4 Unity 1 NR 28 Mar; 2 BOSAC.

Thayer's Gull: NFSP 27 Apr (WD, ph), rarely documented.

Iceland Gull: max 5 NPP 6 Mar; 2 NFSP 11 Mar; GHSP 27 Mar; last Porter NIAG 1 Apr.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 4, 2, 1 NFSP 6 Mar, 23 Apr, 1 May; Somerset NIAG 27 Mar; WoBSP 21 Apr; ad Shelby ORLE 1 May (AVK, ph.).

Glaucous Gull: WoBSP 12 Mar; 3 BOSAC; NFSP 23 Apr; FMCS 15 May; last BOSMC.

Caspian Tern: arr 2 DH 7 Apr; max 65 PB 10 May.

Black Tern: arr 17, max 31 INWR 30 Apr, 28 May; N Harmony CHAU 1 May (KV); 2 Newstead ERIE 1 May (JM); 2 BWWTP 7 May; 2, 1 Ellery ChauL 18, 19 May (WS).

Com. Tern: arr Wilson NIAG 13 Mar (WD, ph.), record early; max 180 Unity 1 NR 18 May.

Forster's Tern: arr 4 BOSAC, good showing; BWWTP 1-2 May; 3 Ellery ChauL 17 May (SB).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 11 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr FLC 11 May.

Snowy Owl: 1-4 BufH thru 1 Apr; Somerset NIAG 24 Mar (CA); last BOSAC; only reports.

Long-eared Owl: no reports.

Short-eared Owl: 3 Hartland NIAG 17 Mar; Hamburg HW 16 Apr (RB); only reports.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 1, 1 WTSP 9, 28 Mar; only reports.

Com. Nighthawk: arr Buffalo ERIE 12 May; max 8 Orchard Park ERIE 27 May.
E. Whip-poor-will: FLC 6 May (GLi, NJ), sighted during daytime allowing many observers to see, only report
Chimney Swift: arr 4 FLC 19 Apr; max 300 Tonawanda ERIE 8 May.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Ellery CHAU 1 May.
Red-headed Woodpecker: 1, 4 PG 8 Mar, 29 May; 3 Emery Park ERIE 28 May; reg loc.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Tift NP 24 Mar.
Merlin: over 20 locations; 4 Chautauqua CHAU 29 May (TL, BW), apparent new breeding site.
Peregrine Falcon: sev reports Mar-May near known breeding sites; Somerset NIAG 14 Mar; 15 BOSAC; 21 BOSMC.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Amherst ERIE 30 Apr (MD.ph.), record early; FLC, AmSP 11 May; Emery Park ERIE 28 May; only reports.
E. Wood-Pewee: arr BuSP, Sheridan CHAU 12 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr FLC 14 May.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr Chautauqua CHAU 14 May; max 3 INWR 21 May.
Alder Flycatcher: arr Stockton CHAU, WFWMA, Alabama GENE 20 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr INWR, Forestville CHAU 12 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr FLC 30 Apr.
E. Phoebe: arr Pomfret CHAU, Porter NIAG 16 Mar.
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Hamburg ERIE 26 Apr.
E. Kingbird: arr Jamestown Airport CHAU 22 Apr.
N. Shrike: last OOWMA 22 Mar; few reports.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr AmSP 25 Apr.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr Chautauqua CHAU 16 Apr.
Warbling Vireo: arr 2 FLC, Tift NP 26 Apr.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr FLC 13 May.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr Jamestown CHAU, FLC 7 May.
Com. Raven: Tift NP 3 Mar; RWNP 3 Mar thru 17 Apr; 2 Somerset NIAG 9 Mar; NF 11 Mar; max 3 Hamburg HW 24 Apr; INWR 7, 30 May.
Purple Martin: arr INWR 7 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr 32 TWMA 16 Mar; general thought that cold snaps in Apr and May impacted local population.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr Tift NP 3 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr Tift NP 12 Apr.
Cliff Swallow: arr BufH 19 Apr.
Barn Swallow: arr 3 Tift NP 3 Apr.
House Wren: arr Clarence ERIE 16 Apr.
Winter Wren: RWNP 19, 20 Mar; 2, 1 FLC 27, 29 Mar; Tift NP 27 Mar; hard to judge if arrivals or wintered at these locations.
Marsh Wren: arr Tift NP 25 Apr.
Carolina Wren: only 9 on BOSAC and 16 BOSMC; plummeted over last two years following harsh winters of '13-'14, '14-'15; there were 75 on BOSAC just two years ago.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Tift NP 16 Apr.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Tift NP 22, 25 Mar (BF; SSe); Buffalo ERIE 5 Apr; last Attica WYOM 26 May.
Veery: arr AISP 28 Apr.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Wilson NIAG 13 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr FLC, AmSP 9 May.
Hermit Thrush: arr 2 Tift NP 29 Mar.
Wood Thrush: arr FLC, 4 WFWMA 26 Apr.
Gray Catbird: Tift NP 6, 7 Mar, 3 Apr; Westfield CHAU 20 Mar; more likely wintering than early arrivals.
Brown Thrasher: arr BeSP 1 Apr.
Am. Pipit: arr 28 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 2 Apr; last BOSMC.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: 2 Bethany GENE 19 Mar; 38 Shelby ORLE 5 Apr; max 215 Hartland NIAG 7 Apr (VR); 70 BOSAC; last Portland CHAU 15 Apr.
Snow Bunting: last Hartland NIAG 7 Apr; few reports.
Ovenbird: arr Tift NP 18 Apr (CG), early.
Worm-eating Warbler: FLC 13-16 May (AH), observed by many; less than annual in spring.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 22 Apr.
N. Waterthrush: arr FLC 23 Apr.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr BeSP 2 May; AmSP 8, 10 May; FLC 9 May; Tonawanda ERIE 13 May; 2 BOSMC; only reports.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr WFWMA 26 Apr.
"Brewster's" Warbler: GHSP 12 May (BPo, WD, CM), only report.
"Lawrence's" Warbler: Ashford CATT 4 May (JR), rare.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr Tift NP 21 Apr.
Prothonotary Warbler: TWMA 16 May, regular breeding location.
Tennessee Warbler: arr 3 INWR, 2 Aurora ERIE 5 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr NFSP 27 Apr.
Nashville Warbler: arr FLC, AmSP 25 Apr.
Mourning Warbler: arr 2 Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 8 May.
Com. Yellowthroat: arr WFWMA 26 Apr (JBe).
Hooded Warbler: arr 2 Sheridan CHAU, Jamestown CHAU 2 May.
Am. Redstart: arr 3 Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 30 Apr.
Cape May Warbler: arr FLC, Jamestown CHAU 4 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr INWR, Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 4 May.
N. Parula: arr Tift NP 16 Apr (OG, AJR); FLC 19-20 Apr, early.
Magnolia Warbler: arr 2 FLC, Ward ALLE 1 May.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Jamestown CHAU 8 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr AmSP 27 Apr.
Yellow Warbler: arr 3 AmSP, FLC 23 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Tift NP 30 Apr.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr 2 Tift NP 7 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Amherst ERIE 27 Apr.
“Western” Palm Warbler: arr Tift NP 17 Apr.
“Yellow” Palm Warbler: Tift NP 23 Apr (TL), rarely documented but likely more regular in spring than reported.
Pine Warbler: arr Wilson NIAG 1 Apr.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: BuSP 30 Mar; arr TWMA 9 Apr.
Yellow-throated Warbler: FLC 14 May (PY); Chautauqua CHAU 29 May (TL, BW); no reports from AISP this spring or last.
Prairie Warbler: arr Tift NP 15 Apr (NJ).
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr FLC 25 Apr.
Canada Warbler: arr 3 Alma ALLE, Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 7 May.
Wilson’s Warbler: arr FLC 12 May.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr Dunkirk Airport CHAU 19 Mar.

Am. Tree Sparrow: last BMAC 30 Apr.
Chipping Sparrow: arr Fredonia CHAU 31 Mar.
Clay-colored Sparrow: arr GHSP 8 May; reported from six other loc mostly in NIAG.
Field Sparrow: arr Pomfret CHAU 17 Mar.
Vesper Sparrow: arr Dunkirk Airport CHAU 2 Apr.
Savannah Sparrow: arr Sheridan CHAU 24 Mar.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr TRWMA 25 Apr.
Fox Sparrow: arr Pomfret CHAU 15 Mar; last Tift NP 2 May.
Lincoln’s Sparrow: arr Tift NP 25 Apr; last Sheridan CHAU 25 May.
Swamp Sparrow: too difficult to guess at migr arr vs. wintering; arr early Apr.
White-crowned Sparrow: four loc Mar; arr Tift NP 16 Apr; last BWTP 30 May.
Dark-eyed Junco (*J.h. oreganus*): Colden ERIE thru 30 Apr (J&KL); continued from winter.
SUMMER TANAGER: Ellery CHAU 16-17 May (W&LS, JBe); becoming nearly annual.
Scarlet Tanager: arr Jamestown CHAU 30 Apr.
WESTERN TANAGER: Rushford ALLE 3-7 May (PB, ph.), at feeder; Williamsville ERIE 7 May (ABa), observed by many; 2nd and 3rd records for Reg.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr BOSAC, early; Chautauqua Institution CHAU 21 Apr.
Indigo Bunting: arr 2 Ellery CHAU 3 May.
PAINTED BUNTING: m Allegany CATT dates uncertain but over three days in third week of May (S&GA, ph.), visiting feeder; 4th record for Reg, all May.
Bobolink: arr 2 Hinsdale CATT, 2 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 25 Apr.
E. Meadowlark: arr Kiantone CHAU 4 Mar.
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: ad m Buffalo ERIE 22-26 Apr (JBr, TK), observed by many at feeder/yard.
Rusty Blackbird: max 65 TWMA 27 Mar; last 9 BOSMC.
Orchard Oriole: arr Gerry CHAU 2 May.
Baltimore Oriole: arr Portland CHAU 25 Apr (CH), slightly early.
Com. Redpoll: four Mar reports; 3 BOSAC; 2 BOSMC, on late side.
Pine Siskin: max 63 Gaines ORLE 2 Mar; numbers in double digits in all three spring months.

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