

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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March 2017 was colder than February for just the eleventh time in recorded history. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 33.0° F, 1.0° below normal. There was 4.36" of precipitation, 1.49" above average, with much of it falling near month's end. There was 26.8" of snowfall, 13.9" above average and mostly from a nor'easter storm at mid-month. A significant wind event on the 8th brought 60 mph gusts, a lot of damage, and was perhaps responsible for a first Regional record; more on that just below. April was warm and the wettest on record. The mean temperature was 50.5°, 4.6° above average. Precipitation was 6.38", 3.37" above average, with 2.3" of snowfall, 0.4" below normal. The longest stretch without a trace of precipitation was only three days. May continued the trend of a very wet spring. The average temperature was 56.1°, 0.8° below normal and without any lengthy warm spells. Rainfall was 6.35". 2.89" above normal.

It's possible that a warm spell 6-8 March, followed by severe wind event on the 8th may have had something to do with the finding of a Regional first. Gale VerHague ventured out to Dunkirk Airport on 8 March and photographed what turned out to be a **Smith's Longspur**. She questioned her identification as the expected Lapland Longspur when reviewing her photos at home later in the day. Alec Humann and several others determined the ID as a rare Smith's Longspur possibly blown off course on its way back north from wintering grounds.

The extremely wet spring resulted in very high water levels on Lake Ontario and a preponderance of wet fields that attracted shorebirds in good numbers and diversity. Thus, local birders paid more attention to looking for shorebirds this spring than usual and rarities ensued. Willie D'Anna found the first spring season **Hudsonian Godwit** in Region 1 since 1992 in a field in Wilson. Two days later he found Niagara County's first ever **Piping Plover** in a field in Somerset. A whopping six reports of **Long-billed Dowitcher** occurred between late March and early May, and **White-rumped Sandpipers** were sighted in greater numbers than usual, including a record early bird on 1 May. There were also plenty of shorebird sightings not necessarily linked to the wet spring, highlighted by the Region's first **Black-necked Stilt** at Iroquois NWR. It was originally found by Celeste Morien at Kumpf Marsh on 8 May and then re-sighted with some regularity through the remainder of the month and into June. Watching the Lake Erie shoreline was beneficial this spring too. There were two reports of **Willetts**, including 14 at Barcelona Harbor and one lingering for a few days at Buffalo Outer Harbor. Five **Red Knots** and a Whimbrel were sighted at

Buffalo Harbor, while Paul Hess saw a group of **27 Whimbrel** make a brief landing at Cayuga Pool at Iroquois NWR on 19 May. A **Sanderling** at a drainage pond in Amherst was an unusual location for the only spring sighting. There were three reports of **Wilson's Phalarope** and one **Red-necked Phalarope** sighting.

The waterfowl migration started during the warm February. Geese and swans had mostly passed through before the end of March. A few large counts of Snow Geese continued along Lake Ontario in early March. There were several sightings of **Greater White-fronted Goose**, including a group of 10 at Iroquois NWR on 2 March. Three **Ross's Goose** sightings were scattered throughout the Region in March. Less than annual in spring, **Brant** made a showing on 7-8 May with flocks along the Niagara River and at Buffalo Harbor. A pair of **Trumpeter Swans** took up at Cayuga Pool throughout the season; while one wing-tagged swan was less expected in Olean in March and another was sighted in Porter. **Eurasian Wigeons** were identified in Elba and Iroquois NWR in March. **Harlequin Ducks** continued off Niagara Falls SP, with one staying until at least the BOS May Count.

A few counts of Red-necked Grebes topped 100 in late March and early April along Lake Ontario. An **Eared Grebe** was photographed at Dunkirk Harbor on 29 March. **American White Pelican** has been recorded in seven of the last eight spring seasons; a clear increase in sightings. This year there were three found on Chautauqua Lake by Wendy Akin on 16 April. Much more rare is **Brown Pelican**, and Region 1 pulled off a spring season with both native pelican species when one was found in Buffalo Harbor on the morning of 27 May and then remained highly visible into early June at a nearby spot on the Niagara River. This marked the fourth Regional record, three of which have occurred in the last nine years.

Snowy Egrets appeared at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo and on Buffalo Creek in Elma in May; the first Regional sightings in five years. A **Cattle Egret** in Lewiston on 25 April was a nice find by Beverly Seyler. Sandhill Crane has reached the point of having too many sightings to report all occurrences during the spring season. A group of **14 Sandhill Cranes** that remained for just over two weeks in an Alexander corn field were notable for their number and persistence.

The spring raptor migration did not produce any rarities. There were four **Golden Eagle** sightings.

Near daily searches of the gulls roosting and foraging off Niagara Falls SP in March revealed regular presence of up to five **Thayer's Gulls** and high counts of Lesser Black-backed Gull and Iceland Gulls into the 30s and 20s, respectively. With the lumping of Thayer's Gull back into Iceland Gull, consider this the last Region 1 report where you see it reported as a stand-alone species. **Franklin's Gulls** were identified in May roosting in fields in North Collins and Somerset; these sightings represented the first spring records in more than a decade. The most unusual gull found this spring was a **Black-headed x Ring-**

billed Gull hybrid found by Derek Lovitch at Niagara Falls SP on 9 May and relocated the next day.

A few **Snowy Owls** lingered into early April. A **Long-eared Owl** was a bit of a surprise find by Sue Barth at Woodlawn Beach SP, where she saw it chased by crows out over Lake Erie. **Short-eared Owls** were found at four locations, and there were two **Northern Saw-whet Owl** reports. Common Nighthawks were scarce except for a count of 29 in Hanover late in May.

There were several Ruby-throated Hummingbirds that arrived slightly early compared with previous years. A **Great Crested Flycatcher** returned to a Virginia Elliott's property in East Otto on a record early date of 13 April. Record early dates were obtained through Gates Dupont's nocturnal flight call recording station in Amherst for Swainson's Thrush and Indigo Bunting on 15 April. A Grasshopper Sparrow call recorded that same night made for a remarkable set of data from one night.

Highlights from the spring warbler migrants included a **Worm-eating Warbler** at Forest Lawn Cemetery, a "Yellow" or "**Eastern**" **Palm Warbler** at Tifft NP, a **Yellow-throated Warbler** at Amherst SP, and two reports of **Yellow-breasted Chat** along Lake Ontario. Five **Golden-winged Warbler** sightings included three migrants and two in later May that could have been looking to breed. It was unusual to have two "**Lawrence's**" **Warbler** reports while not having any "**Brewster's**" **Warblers** reported. **Prothonotary Warblers** were again reported at Tonawanda WMA.

Clay-colored Sparrows were found only in a previously documented breeding area in Niagara County. A **Summer Tanager** was a nice find at Forest Lawn Cemetery on 13 May. A **Dickcissel** made an appearance 7-9 April at a feeder at Jamestown Audubon Society. A **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was seen briefly in a blackbird flock at Tifft NP on 8 April.

There were few Pine Siskin reports, and **Evening Grosbeaks** were reported at one location in Whitesville, Allegany County into mid-May.

The 82nd BOS April Count was held on 9 April with 148 species and 97,470 individual birds recorded; the number of species was around average, while it was the lowest number of individuals recorded ever, which could be attributable to participation. High counts were tallied for Gadwall (340), Northern Shoveler (316), Ruddy Duck (619), Great Egret (101), Sandhill Crane (15), Snowy Owl (2), Red-bellied Woodpecker (270), and Merlin (10).

The BOS May Count was held on 21 May on a day with locally heavy thunderstorms and rain. Two hundred four species (above average) and 59,240 individual birds (well below average) were recorded. High counts over the last 50 years included Great Egret (166), Osprey (45), Merlin (3), Peregrine Falcon (25), Caspian Tern (472), Acadian Flycatcher (11), and Alder Flycatcher (70). Golden-crowned Kinglet was surprisingly missed, which was a low count.

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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 – 9 Apr; BOSMC – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count – 21 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; EvSP – Evangola SP, ERIE; FLC – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, ERIE; FMCSP – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; HW – Hamburg Hawk Watch, ERIE; INWR – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; JAS – Jamestown Audubon Society, CHAU; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; NF – Niagara Falls, NIAG; NFSP – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE/ORLE; RWNP – Reinstein Woods NP, ERIE; TBNP – Times Beach NP, ERIE; Tiff NP – Tiff 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: arr, max 10 INWR 2 Mar (CM, PH); 2 Oakfield GENE 5 Mar; 4 INWR 26 Mar; 3 Yates ORLE 30 Mar; 2 Somerset NIAG 12 Apr.

Snow Goose: max 800, 1526 Yates ORLE 3, 20 Mar (JS, WD); 336, 596 Somerset NIAG 3, 4 Mar; 22 Pomfret CHAU 31 Mar; 30 Dunkirk CHAU 1 Apr; last Waterport ORLE 21 Apr.

ROSS'S GOOSE (R1): Orchard Park ERIE 1 Mar (SH); Carlton ORLE 11 Mar (RT); Yates ORLE 20 Mar (WD, JS); good showing.

Brant: arr, max 208 BufH, 26 NFSP 7 May (PY, CK); 36 Grand I NR 8 May (MD); less than annual in spring.

Cackling Goose: 4 Oakfield GENE 7 Mar; max 14 Somerset NIAG 20 Mar; 4 N Collins ERIE 20 Mar; 10, 5 Yates ORLE 27, 30 Mar; last Cassadaga CHAU 5 Apr.

Mute Swan: 2 Grand I NR 3 Mar; Cassadaga CHAU 11 Mar, 5 Apr; Clay Pond WMA CHAU 9 Apr; TBNP 19 Apr; Cuba ALLE 6

May; only rpts away from L Ontario shore; 27 BOSAC; 25 BOSMC.

Trumpeter Swan: 2 tagged INWR 10 Mar thru; 1 tagged Olean CATT 4 Apr (KN); Porter NIAG 8 May (WD); only reports.

Tundra Swan: 325 INWR 5 Mar; max 1063 Ellery ChauL 6 Mar; 250 Carlton ORLE 11 Mar; 100 AISP 23 Mar; last JAS 3 May (JT).

Gadwall: max 90, 58 N Harmony CHAU 1, 11 Mar; 48 Celeron ChauL 20 Mar.

Eurasian Wigeon: INWR 24, 29 Mar (PH, DSh); Elba GENE 22 Apr (WD, BP); only reports.

Am. Wigeon: max 50 INWR 18 Mar.

Am. Black Duck: 33 BOSAC; 1 BOSMC; continue low.

Blue-winged Teal: arr BeSP 17 Mar; 83 BOSAC; 4 BOSMC.

N. Shoveler: max 104 BWWTP 11 Mar; 53 S Buffalo ERIE 5 Apr.

N. Pintail: max 220 OOWMA 8 Mar; 200 INWR 11 Mar; 200 Hartland NIAG 5 Apr.

Green-winged Teal: max 72 Elba GENE 17 Apr.

Canvasback: max 350 BufH 26 Mar; last 2 NF 3 May.

Redhead: max 500 Ellery ChauL 25 Mar; 90 Cuba L ALLE 26 Mar; INWR 25 May; WTSP 30 May.

Ring-necked Duck: 179 N Collins ERIE 26 Mar; max 185 N Harmony ChauL 15 Apr.

Greater Scaup: max 720 BufH 26 Mar; 80 Mayville ChauL 30 Apr (TL); INWR 25 May (PH).

Lesser Scaup: 130 Cuba L ALLE 27 Mar; 295 BufH 1 Apr; max 307 Ellery ChauL 9 Apr; 2 INWR 28 May.

King Eider: GHSP 30 Mar (WD), only report.

Harlequin Duck: 3, 2, 1 NFSP 21, 30 Apr, BOSMC; regular at this location in recent winter and spring seasons.

Surf Scoter: 4, 2 Ellery ChauL 6 Mar, 14 Apr (WS); Hamburg ERIE 28 Mar; Wilson NIAG 2 Apr; last 2 Somerset NIAG 15 Apr.

White-winged Scoter: max 100 FNPS 17 Mar; 8, 2 BWWTP 17 Mar, 6 May; Ellery ChauL 5 May.

Black Scoter: BufH 4-6 Mar; Barcelona CHAU 29 Apr; only reports.

Long-tailed Duck: max 235 Somerset NIAG 15 Apr; last BOSMC.

Bufflehead: 300 Grand I NR 5 Mar; max 350 Mayville ChauL 30 Apr; last 2 INWR 28 May.

Com. Goldeneye: max 250 Grand I NR 5 Mar; last FNPS 27 May.

Hooded Merganser: max 170 S Dayton CATT 26 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 850 Somerset NIAG 15 Apr.

Ruddy Duck: 21, 35 Cuba L ALLE 26 Mar, 16 Apr; 26 N Collins ERIE 31 Mar; 179 N Harmony ChauL 5 Apr; 151, 248 BWWTP 27 Apr, 2 May; max 600 Mayville ChauL 30 Apr; AISP 30 May, on the late side.

Red-throated Loon: 3 Shadigee ORLE, 1 BufH 20 Mar; max 104 Wilson NIAG 2 Apr; Barcelona CHAU 15-30 May.

Com. Loon: arr 8 AISP 23 Mar; max 38 Somerset NIAG 15 Apr.

Horned Grebe: max 32 AISP 26 Mar; last GHSP 23 May.

Red-necked Grebe: max 128 Shadigee ORLE, 84 Somerset NIAG 20 Mar; 101 GHSP 5 Apr; last Wilson NIAG 1 May.

EARED GREBE (R1): DH 29 Mar (GV, ph!); irregular in spring.

Double-crested Cormorant: 679 Wilson NIAG 21 Apr; max 800, 650 BufH 17, 29 May.

AM. WHITE PELICAN (R1): 3 Chautauqua ChauL 16 Apr (WA); becoming near annual in spring.

BROWN PELICAN: Buffalo NR 27-31 May (MM, mob); 4th Reg record, likely more extensively viewed than any previous report.

Am. Bittern: arr Tift NP 2 Apr; 3, 5 INWR 4, 9 May; TBNP 27 May (SS).

Least Bittern: arr 1, 1 TWMA 4, 28 May; Tift NP 10 May; OOWMA 18 May; INWR 28 May.

Great Egret: arr Hamburg HW 24 Mar; 41 Tonawanda NR 3 Apr; max 49 TWMA 26 May.

SNOWY EGRET (R1): FLC 8 May (MN, TK); Elma ERIE 21-22 May (GT); few reports in recent years.

CATTLE EGRET (R1): Lewiston NIAG 25 Apr (BS, AH), rare.

Green Heron: arr Tift NP 8 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr 3 Tonawanda NR 3 Apr, on the late side, or possibly overlooked.

Black Vulture: Porter NIAG 18 Mar; 1, 2, 5 Lewiston NIAG 24 Mar, 17 Apr, 14 May; regular location where resident all year; 2 Tift NP 3 Apr (AH, SB); Hamburg HW 3 Apr (JL).

Turkey Vulture: max 2764 Hamburg HW 3 Apr.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: arr Hamburg HW 17 Mar.

Bald Eagle: max 9 Hamburg HW 3 Apr; increasing everywhere.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 81 Hamburg HW 3 Apr.

N. Goshawk: Ward ALLE 22 Apr (JK), only report.

Red-shouldered Hawk: max 50 Hamburg HW 29 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr BOSAC; max 497 Hamburg HW 21 Apr.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 3 Hamburg HW 3 Apr; last Tifft NP 25 Apr.

Golden Eagle: arr ad BufH 12 Mar (SS, ph!); 1, 1, 2, 1 Hamburg HW 27 Mar, 3, 13, 14 Apr; Carlton ORLE 10 Apr; Sheldon WYOM 4 May.

Virginia Rail: arr Tifft NP 1 Apr; max 11 INWR 9 May.

Sora: arr TRWMA 21 Apr; max 8 INWR 9 May.

C. Gallinule: arr BOSAC.

Am. Coot: max 245 DH 9 Mar.

Sandhill Crane: rep 13 loc; max 14 Alexander GENE 7-26 Mar (DB); 7 Carlton ORLE 6 May.

BLACK-NECKED STILT: INWR 8-26 May (CM, GL, mob), 1st Reg record.

Black-bellied Plover: arr Wilson NIAG, Porter NIAG 1 May; Porter NIAG 12 May; 2, 4 Yates ORLE 22, 25 May; Somerset NIAG 22 May; only reports.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 2, max 23 Somerset NIAG 5, 23 May.

PIPING PLOVER: Somerset NIAG 22 May (WD, ph!), 1st NIAG.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Amherst ERIE 18 Apr.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr BOSAC; max 21 Brant ERIE 13 May; last OOWMA 24 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr Brant ERIE 31 Mar; max 70 INWR 11 Apr.

Willet: arr 14 Barcelona CHAU 29 Apr (TL); BufH 2-4 May (TK); only reports.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr N Collins ERIE 24 Mar (SB); max 176 Somerset NIAG 8 May.

Upland Sandpiper: TRWMA BOSMC, 30 May; regular location.

Whimbrel: arr BufH 17 May; 27 INWR 19 May (PH), brief landing at Cayuga Pool; only reports.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (R1): Wilson NIAG 20 May (WD, ph!), first spring record since 1992.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr Somerset NIAG 12, 24 May; 3, 2 BufH 17, 30 May, only reports.

Red Knot: 5 BufH 25 May (SB, ph!), increasingly rare in spring.

Sanderling: arr Amherst ERIE 23 May (DSu), uncommon inland; only report.

Dunlin: arr Wilson NIAG 11 Apr; max 75 Wilson NIAG, 75 Yates ORLE 25 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr Elba GENE 17 Apr; max 71 Brant ERIE 14 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr CSWMA 1 May (TL, ph.), early; 3, 3, 3 Wilson NIAG 8, 25, 28 May; BOSMC; Yates ORLE 22, 23 May; TWMA, Somerset NIAG 25 May; 1, 2 INWR 27, 31 May; good showing.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 6, 26 Elba GENE 17, 22 Apr; max 39 Porter NIAG 1 May; last BOSMC.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 1, 62 Somerset NIAG 5, 22 May; 100 Wilson NIAG 25 May; 100 Sheridan CHAU 30 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 2 Lewiston NIAG 7 May; 14 OOWMA 17 May; 18 Wilson NIAG 25 May.

Long-billed Dowitcher: 2 Sheridan CHAU 29, 31 Mar (GV, ph.); Elba GENE 18 Apr (MG); Porter NIAG 29 Apr (BS); CSWMA 1 May (TL); Brant ERIE 5, 6 May (SB, JM); Wilson NIAG 5 May (WD); unprecedented spring showing.

Wilson's Snipe: arr Holland ERIE 3 Mar; max 34 Hartland NIAG 15 Apr.

Am. Woodcock: max 9 Forestville CHAU 28 Mar.

Wilson's Phalarope: arr INWR 8 May (PH); BWWT 20 May (CW); Wilson NIAG 31 May (WD).

Red-necked Phalarope: 2 INWR 26 May (CM), only report.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 1000 Buffalo NR 7 Apr.

Black-headed x Ring-billed Gull: NFSP 9, 10 Mar (DL, CK, WD), very rare.

Little Gull: 2 Lewiston NR 23 Mar, only report.

FRANKLIN'S GULL: N Collins ERIE 14 May (JP, JM); Somerset NIAG 25 May (WD, JS); few spring reports in recent years.

Thayer's Gull: 5, 3 NFSP 6, 24 Mar (CK, ph.); at least one observed at this location most days thru March; will be lumped with Iceland in future reports.

Iceland Gull: max 25, 22, last 1 NFSP 4, 19 Mar, 7 May (CK).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 37, 34, 13 NFSP 6, 11 Mar, 7 Apr; Newstead ERIE 26 Mar; 2 Gaines ORLE 12 Apr; 2 Elba GENE 22 Apr; inland reports becoming more regular; six May rpts of singles.

Glaucous Gull: max 7 NFSP 6 Mar; Elba GENE 1 Apr (JS, RW), inland reports rare; last Lewiston NR 12 May.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 93 DH 4 Mar.
Caspian Tern: arr 2, 60 DH 8, 29 Apr; 120, 113 Wilson NIAG 1, 22 May; max 135 DH 2 May; 75 BufH 29 May.
Black Tern: arr 2, 36 INWR 24 Apr, 2 May.
Com. Tern: arr 18 BOSAC; 400 BeSP 2 May; 133 DH 11 May; 300 BufH 30 May.
Forster's Tern: arr 1, 1 DH 24 Apr, 5 May; 2 Somerset NIAG 5 May; Chautauqua ChauL 7 May (KV).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr INWR 11 May.
Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Bethany GENE 13 May.
Snowy Owl: 1-2 BufH thru 1 Apr; Hinsdale CATT 1 Apr (JR); Lewiston NIAG 3, 7, 14 Apr; only reports.
Long-eared Owl: 1, 2, 2 Yates ORLE 20, 27 Mar, 5 Apr; WoBSP 18 Apr (SB); only reports.
Short-eared Owl: 3, 2 Shelby ORLE 3, 19 Mar; Portland CHAU 3 Mar; 2 Yates ORLE 19 Mar; INWR 23 Mar; 2 BOSAC; only reports.
N. Saw-whet Owl: Yates ORLE 27 Mar (WD, SB); BOSAC; only reports.
Com. Nighthawk: arr Jamestown CHAU 1 May (KV); max 29 Hanover CHAU 28 May (KRY).
Chimney Swift: arr 3 FLC 24 Apr.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Jamestown CHAU (JB), Busti CHAU (WS) 26 Apr; Newfane NIAG 28 Apr (JS); all slightly early.
Red-headed Woodpecker: Albion ORLE 11 Mar; 2 EvSP 27 Apr; WoBSP 28 Apr; Ellery CHAU 28, 30 Apr; 4 Westfield CHAU 8 May; 4 FNSP 10 May; mostly regular locations.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Orchard Park ERIE 17 Mar.
Merlin: too many sightings to report; 2 West Seneca ERIE 1-30 May, apparent new breeding site.
Peregrine Falcon: reports Mar-May near known breeding sites; 8 BOSAC; 25 BOSMC.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Ellery CHAU 12 May; six other reports.
E. Wood-Pewee: arr RWNP 9 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr FLC 18 May.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr N Harmony CHAU 17 May.
Alder Flycatcher: arr WFWMA 15 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr Cheektowaga ERIE 13 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr BuSP, Jamestown CHAU 1 May.
E. Phoebe: arr AISP, WFWMA 25 Mar.
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr East Otto CATT 13 Apr (VE), record early.
E. Kingbird: arr BWWTWP, Wellsville ALLE 28 Apr.
N. Shrike: last INWR 4, 5 Apr.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr OOWMA, Hamburg ERIE 3 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr Shelby ORLE 13 Apr.
Warbling Vireo: arr AmSP 25 Apr.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr FLC 9 May.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr Chautauqua CHAU 9 May.
Com. Raven: continued increase rep n ERIE & NIAG.
Purple Martin: arr OOWMA 4 Apr.
Tree Swallow: arr mult loc 26 Mar; max 500 BWWTWP 6 May.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr 2 S Buffalo ERIE 5 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr WoBSP 22 Apr.
Cliff Swallow: arr 3 BufH 10 Apr.
Barn Swallow: arr Grand Island ERIE 5 Apr.
House Wren: arr Jamestown CHAU 3 Apr (JB), early; 2 Tift NP 14 Apr.
Winter Wren: arr 2 FLC 28 Mar.
Marsh Wren: arr TWMA 28 Apr.
Carolina Wren: only 15 on BOSAC and 12 BOSMC.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Hamburg ERIE 13 Apr.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr AmSP 13 Mar.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr FLC 28 Mar; last Wilson NIAG 27 May.
Veery: arr WFWMA, FLC 28 Apr.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr FLC 18 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr Amherst ERIE 15 Apr (GD), recorded flight call at nocturnal flight call station; record early.
Hermit Thrush: arr WTSP, New Hudson ALLE 3 Apr.
Wood Thrush: arr mult loc 28 Apr.
Gray Catbird: 2 Sturgeon Pt ERIE 5 Apr; 5 BOSAC; difficult to tell which are migrants.
Brown Thrasher: arr Tift NP, Buffalo ERIE 5 Apr.
Am. Pipit: arr JAS 15 Mar; max 200 Brant ERIE 31 Mar (SB).

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: 7, 4 Hartland NIAG 4, 16 Mar; 2, 4 N Collins ERIE 12, 15 Mar; max 23

Porter NIAG 15 Mar; 12 Wilson NIAG 16 Mar; last BOSAC.

SMITH'S LONGSPUR: Dunkirk Airport CHAU 8 Mar (GV, ph!), 1st Reg record; identified later by photos.

Snow Bunting: max 500 Porter NIAG 18 Mar; last 15 BuFH 1 Apr.

Ovenbird: arr 2 INWR, Granger ALLE 29 Apr.

Worm-eating Warbler: FLC 1 May (HMB), rare.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr N Harmony CHAU 15 Apr.

N. Waterthrush: arr WFWMA, Tift NP 26 Apr.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr WTSP, Sturgeon Pt ERIE 13 May; Tift NP 17 May; Yorkshire CATT 27 May (TK, TJM); Middlebury GENE 27 May; last two dates suggestive of breeding; only reports.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr BuSP 29 Apr.

"Brewster's" Warbler: no reports.

"Lawrence's" Warbler: BMAC 3 May (TK), regular at location in recent years; Alden ERIE 5 May (JM, ph!); unusual to have more reports than Brewster's; rare.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr FLC 26 Apr.

Prothonotary Warbler: 2 TWMA 17 May, regular breeding location.

Tennessee Warbler: arr Bethany GENE 3 May; max 15 Chautauqua CHAU 15 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Buffalo ERIE, Wilson NIAG 9 May.

Nashville Warbler: arr 2 FLC 24 Apr.

Mourning Warbler: arr 2 Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 3 May (GV, ph!), early.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr JAS 22 Apr (JT).

Hooded Warbler: arr CSWMA 1 May.

Am. Redstart: arr 2 BWWTP 27 Apr.

Cape May Warbler: arr BuFH 30 Apr.

Cerulean Warbler: arr INWR 4 May; AmSP 12 May, uncommon as migrant.

N. Parula: arr BuSP 29 Apr.

Magnolia Warbler: arr 3 LBSP 2 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr FMCSP 1 May.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr WoBSP 27 Apr.

Yellow Warbler: arr 3 BWWTP, 2 Tift NP 23 Apr.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Willing ALLE 30 Apr.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr Tift NP 12 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr 2 Sheridan CHAU, FLC 28 Apr.

"Western" Palm Warbler: arr AmSP 15 Apr.

"Yellow" Palm Warbler: BuSP 21 Apr (AH), rarely documented in spring.

Pine Warbler: arr Jamestown CHAU 28 Mar.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 2 Portland CHAU 22 Mar; Newfane NIAG 28 Mar; only reports before Apr.

Yellow-throated Warbler: AmSP 25 Apr (RS); only report; no reports from AISP for three straight springs.

Prairie Warbler: arr Alfred ALLE 1 May.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr AISP 17 Apr.

Canada Warbler: arr 3 WFWMA, 2 Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU 14 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr EvSP 13 May.

Yellow-breasted Chat: WTSP 21 May (WD); Wilson NIAG 24 May (BP, WD); only reports.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr Brant ERIE 31 Mar.

Am. Tree Sparrow: last Wilson NIAG 9 May.

Chipping Sparrow: arr 2 Buffalo ERIE, Sheridan CHAU 3 Apr.

Clay-colored Sparrow: arr 4 NIAG BOSMC, only report.

Field Sparrow: arr 2 Sheridan CHAU 26 Mar.

Vesper Sparrow: arr Dunkirk Airport CHAU 29 Mar; more Apr rpts than usual.

Savannah Sparrow: arr Hartland NIAG 16

Mar (JS), slightly early, or possibly wintered.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Amherst ERIE 15 Apr (GD), recorded nocturnal flight call; 2 TRWMA 27 Apr; Lewiston NIAG 14 May; 2 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 22 May.

Fox Sparrow: Hinsdale CATT, INWR 5 Mar; 6 Whitesville ALLE 10 Mar (KRe); continued from winter; arr Portland CHAU 26 Mar; max 12 Tift NP 12 Apr.

Song Sparrow: max 70 Hamburg HW 27 Mar (MZ), hawk watchers reported numerous birds on the ground.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Grand Island ERIE 29 Apr.

Swamp Sparrow: too difficult to guess at migrant arrival vs. wintering; arr late Mar.

White-crowned Sparrow: 5 loc Mar; arr late Apr; last Hamburg ERIE 27 May.

SUMMER TANAGER: FLC 13 May (TK); nearly annual in spring now.

Scarlet Tanager: arr BWWTP 2 May.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Clarence ERIE 18 Apr.

Indigo Bunting: arr Amherst ERIE 15 Apr (GD), recorded nocturnal flight call, record early.

DICKCISSEL (R1): JAS 7-9 Apr (DC; RL, JB), at feeder, rare.

Bobolink: arr N Harmony CHAU 30 Apr.
E. Meadowlark: max 20 Olcott NIAG 27 Mar.
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: Tifft
NP 8 Apr (KRY); seen briefly with blackbird
flock.
Rusty Blackbird: max 300 INWR 9 May.
Orchard Oriole: arr Buffalo ERIE 1 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr FLC 25 Apr (DG),
slightly early.
Purple Finch: max 30 Wilson NIAG 15 Apr.
Pine Siskin: max 6 Clarence ERIE 26 Apr; few
reports.
Evening Grosbeak: 1, 1, 7, 1 Whitesville
ALLE 10 Mar, 13, 8 Apr, 14 May (KRe); only
loc.