

REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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After a mild late February, the Spring 2017 season began with a resurgence of winter weather. In Syracuse the average temperature for March was 30.1° F, which is 4.1° lower than normal. A low temperature of 2.0° was recorded on 5 March. In Syracuse the snowfall for the month amounted to 30.9", which is over a foot above average. Other portions of the Region received significantly more snow. On 14-15 March, a single storm deposited over 36" on the Town of Kirkland in southern Oneida County. Ken Burdick reported that Onondaga Lake was nearly completely covered with a thin sheet of ice on 18 March. Burdick wrote that, to his knowledge, this was the most ice coverage the lake had all winter. The month of April was much milder, with an average temperature of 50.9°, which is 4° higher than the norm. Virtually all the precipitation in April came down in the form of rain. Just less than 5" of rain fell in Syracuse in April, which is 1.76" above average. May was nearly 2 degrees cooler than normal and much wetter, with 6.46" of rain falling in Syracuse. That total is 3.24" higher than average.

At the end of the previous period, favorable winds and mild weather led to a strong push of geese, raptors, blackbirds, and others into the Region. At least a portion of the early migrants had cause to regret their decision when faced with the harsh reality of March's weather. There were even some reports of waterfowl flocks backtracking by mid-month. Finding food in deep snow can be problematic especially for raptors, shorebirds, and songbirds, many of which wound up in the hands of wildlife rehabilitators. The lack of winds from the "right" direction made March the least productive month, in what was otherwise a highly productive season for raptors migrating over Derby Hill. Despite this period of doldrums, by the end of the month the migrants were flying again and some longstanding record high counts began falling by the wayside.

Although many Snow Geese had already passed through the Region in February, a healthy maximum of 33,429 flew over Derby Hill on the relatively late date of 27 March. On the same day, Wayne Fidler picked out six Ross's Geese among the skeins of Snow Geese. As is typical, the best count of Brant was over Northwestern Oneida Lake. There on 21 May, Bill Purcell counted 1,240 of them flying by. For the most part, waterfowl numbers were on the low side and unremarkable. This season two of our perennial rarities were found—Eurasian Wigeon and Harlequin Duck. Two females and a juvenile of the latter species were found in Oswego on 6 March by Greg Dashnau. All three scoter species were reported this season. Both Surf Scoter and White-winged Scoter were seen well into May.

On the early morning of 12 April, Bill Purcell counted 58 Common Loons flying by his watch site at Phillips Point on Oneida Lake. In northern Herkimer County in the Adirondacks, Gary Lee wrote that in much of his territory excessive flooding destroyed the nests of Common Loons. He also implicates Bald Eagles as predators of loon chicks on some Adirondack lakes. Lee said that in two years, five pairs of loons on Woodhull Lake have managed to produce only a single chick. He is convinced that the eagles are a primary cause of the loons' breeding failures. Besides the Region's three expected grebe species, this season brought two bonus species. The **Clark's Grebe**, continuing from the Winter Period, lingered at Oswego Harbor until 6 March and then was never relocated. An **Eared Grebe** was observed from the bluff at Derby Hill on 19 May. A student visiting Derby Hill along with a SUNY-ESF Field Ornithology Class was the first one to spot the rarity as it associated with Long-tailed Ducks on Lake Ontario. **American White Pelicans** were found at three different locations this season. One lingered at Onondaga Lake from 14-19 April. Two were found at Three Rivers WMA on 23 April, and two were spotted flying over Derby Hill on 23 May. A notable 145 Great Blue Herons migrated over Derby Hill on 24 March. On 25 April, Wayne Fidler found a **Little Blue Heron** in breeding plumage at the Maple Avenue wetland in Volney. The rarity lingered for five days, thus affording birders ample opportunity to see it. Adult Little Blues are always a treat, as the white immature version is more commonly found.

This spring the Derby Hill hawk watch experienced a much better than average season. Record high counts were attained for Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, and Peregrine Falcon. Several other raptor species surpassed the site's most recent ten-year average. A total of six **Black Vultures** was spotted; three passed on 5 April. Generally it was a better than average season for Black Vulture sightings in the Region, and the species was reported from three locations away from Derby Hill. The season's official hawk counter at Derby Hill, Anna Stunkel, reported a record total of 26,111 Turkey Vultures passing over the site. That total is several thousand birds above the site's previous record set in 2014. A total of 913 Bald Eagles were counted passing over Derby Hill this season. That total easily surpasses the previous record count of 680 (also

from 2014). On 29 May an impressive one-day count of 70 Bald Eagles flew over Derby. The Broad-winged Hawk flight, although short of record breaking, came in well above the ten-year average for the site. From their arrival on 9 April through the end of May, a total of 30,334 Broad-winged Hawks passed over Derby Hill. The number of migrating Red-tailed Hawks over the site was close to average. Two leucistic Red-tails were among the 3,852 that passed over the hawkwatch, but no dark-morph western types were seen. Rough-legged Hawk numbers over Derby Hill were relatively low, with a total season count of 118. Thirteen of those flew over on 4 April. A total of five **Swainson's Hawks** passed over Derby Hill this season. Four of them flew over particularly low, thus permitting great views to observers on the hill. Please refer to Derby Hill's annual report "The Rough Leg" for a more detailed discussion of the season.

Reports of Sandhill Crane were way up this year. Most were of single birds passing over Derby Hill. All tallied, the total number of cranes over Derby was 48! Ten flew over the site on 2 April. Although most expected shorebird types were encountered only in very modest numbers, Bill Purcell reported an impressive 75 Black-bellied Plovers on 28 May on northwestern Oneida Lake. On 14 May, Amanda Dillon found and photographed a female Wilson's Phalarope. The breeding-plumaged bird was associating with a handful of other shorebirds in a small wetland in the Town of Cato. On 18 May, Bill Purcell picked out five Whimbrels on Oneida Lake at Constantia. Other notable shorebirds observed this season included two **Red Knots** and seven Short-billed Dowitchers found in a farm field near Phoenix. Gull numbers were about average for the season, and there were few rarities or impressive high counts tallied. A maximum of 269 Bonaparte's Gull observed at Philip's Point on 15 April is a good number. Purcell also found a **Little Gull** on 13 April at the same location. An oft-photographed first cycle Thayer's Gull at Phoenix held over from the previous period. It was last reported on 1 April. This is likely to be the last record of this bird as a full species, at least for the time being. The AOS recently lumped the bird with Iceland Gull, ending its long run at species status. Three Black Terns viewed from Philip's Point on 8 May were the only ones reported in the Region.

Arrival dates for our two resident cuckoo species were separated by one day. Yellow-billed Cuckoo arrived on 12 May and Black-billed Cuckoo arrived on 13 May. Although birders had a relatively hard time coming up with either cuckoo in the field, once again it was no problem for Utica's resident male Peregrine Falcon. The tercel managed to put its talons on over 15 of them before the end of May. As was the case during the previous two breeding seasons, cuckoos (both species combined) were the third most common prey item brought back to the falcon's nest this season. Eastern Screech-Owl reports were few and came from only seven locations. Some traditional breeding grounds for screech-owls seemed to be devoid of them. The spring yielded only two Snowy Owl reports, one from Derby Hill on 16 March and one from the Syracuse airport on 4 April. The Region had a slightly better showing of Northern Saw-

whet Owls than is typical. Four individuals were reported from four different locations. Eastern Whip-poor-will numbers were down this season. The scant amount of reports came from traditional areas. An interesting dove was described from Syracuse on 18 April but not seen again. The observer thought it to be a Eurasian Collared-Dove but could not conclusively eliminate an escaped Ringed Turtle-Dove, the domesticated form of African Collared-Dove occasionally seen free-flying in North America. Intriguing pale gray flight feathers were found at the base of the tree but after some research were thought to be too large for a dove. From what bird did they come? Was the dove taken by a predator?

Red-headed Woodpecker reports were higher than usual this period although most derived from the Lake Ontario Shoreline. A maximum number of six was reported from Fair Haven on 20 May. Lower than average numbers of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported in some areas and are the cause of some concern. Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary in Southern Oneida County has consistently hosted both a large migrant and breeding population of the species. However, this spring Matt Perry noted that very few sapsuckers were heard drumming or calling in the preserve's forest. Further data collection is needed to verify the decline, to determine how widespread it is, and to determine if it's indicative of a trend. There was better news for American Kestrels. The smallest of our falcons may be in the midst of resurgence, at least one that is local in scope. Reports of kestrels in both traditional breeding sites and at new sites seem to be on the increase. A total of 500 passed over Derby Hill this season, which is well above the most recent 10-year average. A record high of 25 Peregrine Falcons flew over Derby Hill this season. The resident breeding pair in Syracuse shunned their usual downtown nest site due to the host building undergoing major renovations. Reportedly the pair attempted to nest on the porch of an apartment on a nearby tall apartment building. As far as anyone could determine their breeding attempt failed. In Utica, the resident pair began laying eggs on 1 April. Ultimately four young hatched. Among the prey species retrieved by the male falcon were: Dunlin, American Woodcock, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Black-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Screech-Owl, Northern Flicker, Great-crested Flycatcher, Eastern Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and American Goldfinch. Bats were the only non-avian prey recorded being brought back to the nest box. This spring a pair of Peregrines at Oswego were provided a nest box on the roof of a power plant located on the west side of the harbor. So far the pair failed to discover the box or chose not to use it. Perhaps they will adopt it before the next breeding season commences.

An Acadian Flycatcher arrived at its traditional breeding location at Whisky Hollow on 18 May. The species was also found at another site in Minetto. Only three Northern Shrikes were reported this season. The last shrike departed the area on 1 April. Joe Brin found an early arriving Blue-headed Vireo on 28 March at Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville. Single Philadelphia Vireos were reported from several different locations. Spring Blue

Jay migration was a remarkable event at Derby Hill this season, with tens of thousands passing over between the latter part of April and late May. On 1 May Anna Stunkel observed 10,695 migrating past the hill. 5,550 flew by on 12 May. Other days were nearly as impressive as the birds flooded back toward their Canadian breeding grounds. Fish Crows were a persistent presence at Phoenix and on Onondaga Lake but also reported in a few other places including Derby Hill. In March, Deborah Dohne watched a pair of American Crows building a nest in Syracuse. Stick-by-stick the nest grew as both male and female took turns working on it. The birds often called to each other as they changed position, as if to say “ready for you.” The pair was seen nest-building every day for a few hours after first light, thus deferring foraging for food until the day’s work was done. Swallow numbers appeared to be down this spring, and there are no signs that Cliff Swallows are stemming their decline. There was only one report of Cliff Swallows that exceeded single digits. Kinglet migration was widespread and strong even though the maximum numbers reported were not remarkable. There were several reports of migrating Gray-cheeked Thrushes in the Region. Most of them emanated from the Lake Ontario Shoreline and from the town of Kirkland in Oneida County. Although they were not nearly as numerous as Blue Jays, American Robins were seen migrating over Derby Hill in large flocks. A total of 4,400 robins passed over the site on 26 March. A single Bohemian Waxwing made its way over Derby on 18 March and would be the only one of its species reported for the season.

There were two reports of Lapland Longspur, both before the end of March. Warbler migration was fairly unremarkable, with the notable exception of a few good fallout days along the Lake Ontario shoreline. Louisiana Waterthrush arrived slightly earlier than usual on 12 April and was reported from 14 locations, which represents a marginally better showing than in recent years. Golden-winged Warblers were again very scarce, which is now expected. A male “Lawrence’s” Warbler, seen on 20 May at Great Bear Recreation Area in Fulton, is possibly the same individual returning annually to that location since 2014. Prothonotary Warblers were again found at Howland Island, which remains the Region’s only reliable haven for the species. Tennessee Warblers arrived in the Region fairly early on 6 May and some respectable tallies were reported. With virtually every other warbler species’ population experiencing a decline, it’s interesting to have a species like Tennessee hopefully trending in the opposite direction. Twelve Cape May Warblers found at Sunset Bay Park on 17 May is a healthy count for this species that is sometimes only barely represented in our Region. Cerulean Warblers were found in ten locations this period. It will be interesting to see if any of the birds outside of the species’ breeding stronghold at Howland Island remain into the summer season. A rather early Chestnut-sided Warbler was found by Jessi Lyons on 23 April at the Woodford State Forest in Sangerfield. An early Yellow-rumped Warbler reported from Scriba near Lake Ontario is presumed to have overwintered. An exceptional maximum number of 1500 Yellow-rumped Warblers were counted

as they migrated over Derby Hill on 1 May. A single **“Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler** was photographed by Mary Magistro at the Sterling Nature Center on 24 April. Surprisingly, given the number of yellow-rumps that migrate on the Ontario Lakeshore, this is the first Region 5 spring record of the subspecies and only the third overall. There were relatively few reports of migrating Canada Warblers and Wilson’s Warblers. It’s speculated that the former species, when presented with favorable winds, may go directly to its breeding grounds, thus avoiding stopover habitats.

Reports of Clay-colored Sparrows came solely from Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary in Kirkland, which continues to be the Region’s most reliable breeding ground for the species. Vesper Sparrows were counted in somewhat higher numbers than usual. A White-crowned Sparrow on 14 March may have wintered in the Region. On 4 April, a male “Oregon” Junco began frequenting the bird feeders at David Cesari’s residence in Rome. He was able to get some great photos of the rarity before it departed five days later. A male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was seen and photographed in Phoenix on 27 May. The rarity remained for only a single day. After a winter with virtually no winter finches, we had low expectations for any manifesting themselves in the spring season. There were two reports of single Common Redpolls. Pine Siskins were in evidence, but their flock sizes were relatively low. There were only two reports of Evening Grosbeaks this season.

This season a total of 250 species was reported, which is four above the recent 10-year average for the Region. There were also four hybrids and two uncommon subspecies reported. Highlights of the season included: Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross’s Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, **Harlequin Duck, EARED GREBE, CLARK’S GREBE, AM. WHITE PELICAN, LITTLE BLUE HERON, Black Vulture, Wilson’s Phalarope, Whimbrel, Red Knot, Little Gull, Thayer’s Gull, Snowy Owl, Bohemian Waxwing, “Lawrence’s” Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, “AUDUBON’S” WARBLER, YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD,** and **“Oregon” Junco.**

Spring 2017 produced 88,657 eBird records for Region 5, and these were processed by Swan Swan Hummingbird v 4.02. Reports were contributed by 392 people.

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DERBY HILL HAWK MIGRATION TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	5 Mar	3	5 Apr	6
Turkey Vulture	18 Feb	4021	5 Apr	26111
Osprey	27 Mar	63	27 Apr	411
Bald Eagle	18 Feb	70	29 May	913
No. Harrier	23 Feb	76	4 Apr	623
Sharp-sh. Hawk	23 Feb	559	1 May	4271
Cooper's Hawk	18 Feb	48	26 Mar	326
N. Goshawk	29 Mar	2	27 Apr	10
Red-sh. Hawk	22 Feb	212	29 Mar	803
Broad-wng. Hawk	9 Apr	5103	21 Apr	30334
Red-tailed Hawk	X Feb	567	29 Mar	3852
Rough-lgd. Hawk	X Feb	13	4 Apr	118
Swainson's Hawk	15 Apr	2	15 Apr	5
Golden Eagle	23 Feb	7	8 Mar	36
Am. Kestrel	25 Feb	100	4 Apr	500
Merlin	28 Feb	10	26 Mar	80
Peregrine Falcon	21 Feb	4	9, 10 May	25
Total, inc. unid.				68,486

ABBREVIATIONS

ADK – Adirondacks, n. HERK; BLNC – Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville; Brew – Oneida L at Brewerton; Bville – Baldwinsville; CM – Clay Marsh, Clay; Const – Oneida L at Constantia; DB – Ditch Bank Rd & vicinity, T Sullivan/Lenox; DH – Derby Hill, T Mexico; Dolgeville – Dolge, HERK; FH – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay, and vicinity; GB – Great Bear Rec Area, Fulton; GLSP – Green Lakes SP, Fayetteville; OF – Old Forge; OLC – Onondaga L Creekwalk, Syracuse; OneiL – Oneida L; OnonL – Onondaga L; OswH – Oswego Harbor; PPt – Oneida L at Phillips Pt, W Monroe; Pville –

Pennellville; SBP – Sunset Bay P, Scriba; SFNS – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; SH – Southern Highlands of Onondaga & Madison Co.; Skan – Skaneateles; SNC – Sterling Nature Center, Sterling; SP – Sandy Pd and vicinity; SSSP – Selkirk Shores SP; Syr – Syracuse; TR – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; UM – Utica Marsh; WH – Whiskey Hollow; WP – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: WP 19 – 29 Mar (GM), only report.

Snow Goose: max 33429 DH 27 Mar (WF); 4300 OswH 26 Mar; last West Monroe 4 May.

Ross's Goose: OswH 26 Mar; max 6 DH 27 Mar (WF); 2 Mexico 29 Mar; only reports.

Brant: arr 15 SBP 9 May; max 1240 Const 21 May (BP); 110 DH 22 May; last 130 DH 28 May.

Cackling Goose: arr Otisco Lake 18 Mar; max 2 DH 27 Mar; last SFNS 26 May (TJ), late.

Canada Goose: max 2500 Skan 25 Mar; 2100 DH 28 Mar.

Mute Swan: max 35 FH 10 Apr.

Trumpeter Swan: max 10 SNC 23 Apr (MM); 7 TR 30 Apr; pair remains at TR thru.

Tundra Swan: 7 Weaver Lake, s. HERK 9 Mar; max 51 Oneil 8 Mar; 7 DH 28 Mar; last 2 Oswego 14 Apr.

Wood Duck: max 32 Pville 25 Mar; 30 DH 27 Mar; relatively low counts.

Gadwall: 28 WP 8 Mar; max 30 TR 1 Apr; last Loop Rd MNWR 29 May.

EURASIAN WIGEON (R5): OnonL 12 – 13 Mar (PR, DA, ph); West Monroe 7-8 Mar (BP, mob, ph).

Am. Wigeon: max 112 OnonL 6 Mar; 79 West Monroe 8 Apr; last 2 FH 20 May.

Am. Black Duck: max 24 Herkimer 18 Mar; 23 OnonL 23 Mar.

Mallard: 155 Brew 13 Mar; max 600 Syr 19 Mar.

Am. Black Duck X Mallard: PPt 11 Mar; max 2 Skan 11 Mar; Volney 4 May; only reports.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 21 Mar; max 6 SNC 14 Apr – 20 May.

N. Shoveler: 6 TR 9 Mar; max 19 UM 14 Apr; last PPt 10 May; relatively low numbers.

N. Pintail: max 600 Phoenix 1 Mar, very high count for date; 216 Pville 1 Apr; last DH 19 May.

Green-winged Teal: 54 Pville 5 Apr; max 122 West Monroe 8 Apr; last DB 31 May.

Canvasback: max 38 OnonL 13 Mar (KK); 4 Brew 19 Mar; 3 OswH 28 Mar; last OswH 2 Apr.

Redhead: max 435 OnonL 6 Mar (KK); 26 Brew 20 Mar; max 195 OnonL 23 Mar; last 6 Loop Rd MNWR 29 May.

Ring-necked Duck: max 230 Fulton 1 Apr; 225 Leland Pond. MADI 1 Apr; 3 remain WP thru.

Greater Scaup: 290 OswH 19 Mar; max 780 OnonL 23 Mar; last 2 TR 7 May.

Lesser Scaup: max 215 OnonL 23 Mar; 150 OswH 23 Mar; last OswH 22 May.

Greater/Lesser Scaup: 500 OswH 23 Mar; max 2000 PPt 10 Apr; last 2 Const 28 May.

Harlequin Duck: 3 Oswego 6 Mar (GD, ph), 2 fem & 1 juv, 7th Reg rec for Spring.

Surf Scoter: arr OswH 5 Mar; 2 SSSP 29 Apr; max 3 PPt 2 May; 3 PPt 15 May; only reports.

White-winged Scoter: max 180 OswH 13 Mar; 44 PPt 11 Mar; last 22 Const 22 May.

Black Scoter: 2 OswH thru Mar; PPt 10 Apr; last WP 28 Apr.

Long-tailed Duck: 200 OswH 12 Mar; max 248 PPt 12 Apr; last DH 24 May.

Bufflehead: 54 OnonL 23 Mar; max 61 Const 18 Apr.

Com. Goldeneye: max 411 OnonL 13 Mar; 120 Brew 13 Mar; last 2 PPt 30 Apr.

Hooded Merganser: max 105 Oswego 19 Mar; 92 Brew 20 Mar.

Com. Merganser: max 900 OnonL 23 Mar; 250 Oneil 26 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 175 DH 20 Apr; 87 PPt 8 May.

Ruddy Duck: 8 Fulton 30 Apr; max 18 Loop Rd MNWR east 29 May.

Ring-necked Pheasant: max 2 GLSP 24 Apr; few reports.

Ruffed Grouse: max 4 SH 11 May, 4 Hamilton 14 May.

Wild Turkey: max 40 DB 24 Mar; 37 SP 30 Mar.

Red-throated Loon: max 2 OswH 5 – 6 Mar; last 2 OnonL 28 Apr.

Com. Loon: max 58 PPt 12 Apr; 32 Otisco Lake 20 Apr.

Pied-billed Grebe: 6 OswH 28 Mar; max 10 Weaver Lake s. HERK 9 Mar.

Horned Grebe: max 13 PPt 12 Apr; 10

Jamesville 13 Apr; last WP 9 May.

Red-necked Grebe: 11 Ppt 12 Apr; max 23 OnonL 18 Apr (BP); 6 Brew 10 May; last Ppt 20 May.

EARED GREBE (R5): DH 19 May (AB & SUNY ESF class, mob, ph), only the 4th Reg spring rec, 14th overall.

CLARK'S GREBE: OswH thru 6 Mar, potential first State rec.

Double-crested Cormorant: 261 Bville 18 Apr; max 320 OswH 3 May.

AM. WHITE PELICAN (R5): OnonL 14 – 19 Apr (CB, DD, mob); 2 TR 23 Apr; 2 DH 23 May; 11th Reg spring rec.

Am. Bittern: arr SP 3 Apr; max 3 Pville 16 – 20 Apr; 2 SP 14 – 20 May; 2 Central Square 20 May.

Least Bittern: arr Oswego 28 Apr; 2 Volney 20 May; 2 TR 28 May; West Monroe 28 May (JS), impact casualty; reports of singles from 3 other locs.

Great Blue Heron: max 145 DH 24 Mar; 63 Port Byron 14 Apr, at active rookery.

Great Egret: arr Oswego 14 Apr; max 4 DH 4 May; 2 Elbridge 12 May; last SNC 22 May; relatively few reports.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (R5): Volney 25 – 30 April (WF!, mob, ph), 10th Reg spring rec, 18th overall.

CATTLE EGRET (R5): Bridgeport 25 Apr – 22 May (DA, mob, ph), dozens of prior Reg rees.

Green Heron: arr 2 TR 23 Apr; max 9 DH 17 May.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr TR 9 Apr; max 3 OLC 13 – 16 May.

HAWKS - LARIDS

BLACK VULTURE (R5): max 3 DH 5 Apr (DW, BP, WF); 2 Ava 23 Apr; 4 other reports of singles.

Turkey Vulture: 4201 DH 5 Apr; 2679 DH 9 Apr; record numbers over DH, *intro*.

Osprey: arr SSSP 25 Mar; max 45 DH 27 Apr (BP); 44 DH 1 May (AS).

N. Harrier: 27 DH 4 Apr; max 29 DH 1 May (AS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 350 DH 27 Apr; max 559 DH 1 May (AS).

Cooper's Hawk: max 31 DH 27 Mar; 18 DH 29 Mar.

N. Goshawk: 2 DH 27 Apr (BP); SBP 17 May; four additional individuals over DH.

Bald Eagle: 30 DH 27 Apr; max 36 DH 2 May (BP).

Red-shouldered Hawk: max 110 DH 30 Mar

(WF), 110 DH 29 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 5 DH 9 Apr; max 5103 DH 21 Apr (AS); 4951 DH 23 Apr; 4295 DH 28 Apr.

SWAINSON'S HAWK: 2 DH 15 Apr (BP, AS, mob, NYSARC); DH 16 Apr (AS, BP, mob); DH 21 Apr (AS, WF, mob); DH 26 Apr (KM).

Red-tailed Hawk: max 567 DH 29 Mar (AS); 180 DH 30 Mar; 191 DH 9 Apr (WF).

Rough-legged Hawk: 7 DH 30 Mar, max 13 DH 4 Apr; 7 DH 9 Apr; last DH 21 May.

Golden Eagle: 5 DH 8 Mar; max 6 DH 30 Mar (WF); last DH 17 May.

Virginia Rail: arr 2 UM 14 Apr; 2 WP 25 Apr; 3 Volney 25 – 29 Apr; max 6 Pville 20 Apr; 5 CM 20 May.

Sora: arr SP 15 Apr; 2 Fulton 26 Apr – 23 May; 2 West Monroe 20 May.

Com. Gallinule: arr DH 15 Apr; 6 Volney 30 Apr; max 7 Fulton 23 May; 6 HI 27 May.

Am. Coot: 11 OnonL 25 Mar; max 57 Skan 4 Apr; low numbers.

Sandhill Crane: arr SP 21 Mar; max 10 DH 2 Apr (AS); 7 DH 1 May; 2 HI 22 May; season total at Derby Hill is 48.

Black-bellied Plover: arr & max 75 Const 22 May (BP), great number; last 31 Const 28 May.

Semipalmated Plover: arr West Monroe 7 May; max 30 Phoenix 17 May; 18 Bridgeport 20 May; last 4 DB 27 May.

Killdeer: 73 DH 24 Mar; max 106 DH 26 Mar (AS); 101 DH 27 Mar.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Syr 10 Apr; 8 West Monroe 7 May; max 9 OnonL 24 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Bridgeport 15 Apr; 8 DH 1 May; max 19 DB 13 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr 4 DH 4 Apr; 18 DB 22 Apr; max 20 Bridgeport 24 Apr.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 DH 4 Apr; max 24 Bridgeport 7 May; 21 West Monroe 7 May; last Volney 22 May.

Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs: max 87 Loop Rd Montezuma 22 Apr (KM).

Upland Sandpiper: arr Volney 21 Apr; max 2 Volney 20 May; Poland 20 May; only locs.

Whimbrel: arr & max 5 Const 18 May (BP); Const 19 May; only reports.

Red Knot: arr & max 2 Phoenix 22 May, only report.

Dunlin: arr 2 DB 13 May; max 18 Phoenix 17 May; last 4 DB 28 May.

Least Sandpiper: arr 6 Bridgeport 28 Apr; max 100 Bridgeport 18 May; last 6 DB 28 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 2 Cato 14 May,

only report.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 2 DB 8 Apr; max 3 West Monroe 7 May; last Bridgeport 22 May.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Bridgeport 2 May; max & last 24 OnonL 31 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr & max 7 Phoenix 17 May (WF); last OnonL 26 – 30 May; only locs.

Wilson's Snipe: arr DB 4 Mar; max 24 DB 9 Apr; 16 Volney 10 Apr.

Am. Woodcock: 5 SFNS 20 Apr; max 12 TR 8 Apr; 5 Williamstown 26 Apr.

Wilson's Phalarope: Cato 14, 15 May (AD, mob, ph), only report.

Bonaparte's Gull: arr OnonL 1 Apr; max 269 Ppt 15 Apr (BP); 103 OnonL 19 Apr.

LITTLE GULL (R5): Ppt 13 Apr (BP), at least 10 prior Reg spring rees.

Ring-billed Gull: 2600 OswH 19 Mar; max 3000 FH 20 May.

Herring Gull: 500 Phoenix 5 Mar; max 680 OswH 3 May.

THAYER'S GULL: Phoenix 3 Mar – 1 Apr (GD, mob), 1st cyc, continuing from last period.

Iceland Gull: max 5 Phoenix 18 – 20 Mar; last OswH 2 May.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 4 Fabius 26 Mar (CS); 3 DB 1 Apr (TS); 2 Phoenix 3 Apr; last OnonL 31 May.

Glaucous Gull: max 2 OswH 21 Mar; last SBP 19 May.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 20 Phoenix 20 Mar, 20 OLC 23 Mar.

Caspian Tern: arr OswH 2 Apr; 82 OLC 30 Apr; max 126 OswH 2 May.

Black Tern: 3 Ppt 8 May, only report.

Com. Tern: arr SBP 15 Apr; 50 Const 15 May; 80 Ppt 20 May; max 87 FH 22 May.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Rock Pigeon: 127 Tully 11 Mar; max 470 23 Mar.

Eurasian Collared-Dove/Ringed Turtle Dove (domestic): Syr 18 Apr (MMY), *intro*.

Mourning Dove: 55 Dolgeville 7 Mar; max 91 DH 27 Mar.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr SFNS 12 May; 2 GLSP 14 May; 2 TR 20 May; max 4 HI 28 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Scriba 13 May; max 4 GLSP 18 May; 3 BLNS 23 May.

E. Screech-Owl: max 3 FH 22 May; singles at only 6 other locs.

Great Horned Owl: 2 Waterville 22 Mar; 2 TR 11 – 22 Apr; max 3 Canastota 23 Apr.

Snowy Owl: DH 16 Mar (AS); Syr 4 Apr (JW); only reports.

Barred Owl: 3 Const 30 Apr; max 4 TR 20 May; 3 Volney 20 May; 3 Canastota 20 May.

N. Saw-whet Owl: BLNC 7 Mar – 1 Apr; DH 29 Mar; Syr 11 Apr; Cold Brook 16 May.

Com. Nighthawk: arr 2 DH 16 May; 50 DH 24 May; max 52 DH 28 May.

E. Whip-poor-will: arr Const 30 Apr; max 3 Const 18 May, 3 Salisbury 31 May; few reports.

Chimney Swift: arr 5 Oswego 22 Apr; max 50 UM 9 May; 32 DH 21 May; 30 DH 22 May.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr DH 1 May; 3 Skan 18 May; 3 Westmoreland 19 May; max 8 DH 22 May.

Belted Kingfisher: max 5 SP 10 Apr; 4 OnonL 22 Apr.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Manlius 8 May; 3 SBP 11 – 20 May; Brew 19 May; max 6 FH 20 May (JM, DWe); DH 22 May; WH 26 May; most reports from Lake Ontario shoreline.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 7 Elbridge 1 Apr; max 8 DH 16 May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Fayetteville 9 Mar; 5 SFNS 12 – 28 Apr; max 6 Hamilton 24 Apr; *intro*.

Downy Woodpecker: 6 OLC 18 Apr; max 10 CM 16 Apr, 10 SFNS 27 May.

Hairy Woodpecker: 4 Dolgeville 6 Mar; max 5 SFNS 1 May.

N. Flicker: 199 DH 9 Apr; max 215 DH 11 Apr (AS); 96 DH 15 Apr.

Pileated Woodpecker: 3 SFNS 28 Apr – 7 May; 3 Redfield 14 Apr; max 4 SH 27 May.

Am. Kestrel: max 32 DH 27 Mar; 19 DH 4 Apr; widespread reports.

Merlin: max 8 DH 24 Mar (AS); 6 DH 3 Apr; 6 DH 27 Apr.

Peregrine Falcon: max 3 Utica 29 Mar, 3 Utica 1 Apr, 3 DH 27 Apr; Syracuse nest fails; four eggs hatch in Utica nest; *intro*.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr SBP 9 May; OF 24 May; Westmoreland 31 May; only reports.

E. Wood-Pewee: arr Brookfield 6 May; max 7 FH 20 May; 6 CM 20 May; 5 GLSP 31 May; 5 SFNS 24 – 28 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr 2 OswH 22 May; max 2 Whitestown 31 May; singles at three other locs.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr WH 18 May (JB); Minetto 20 – 24 May.

Alder Flycatcher: arr 2 Scriba 17 May; 5 OF 25 May; max 8 SFNS 27 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr Brookfield 11 May;

max 9 CM 20 May; 6 Tully 20 May; 7 OnonL 22 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr DH 27 Apr; max 8 Williamstown 28 Apr; 5 Orwell 19 May.
E. Phoebe: arr SNC 26 Mar; max 23 DH 9 Apr; 10 Williamstown 12 – 21 May.
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr TR 28 Apr; 6 BLNC 16 May; max 14 CM 20 May; 7 FH 20 May.
E. Kingbird: arr Williamstown 23 Apr; max 18 FH 6 May; 10 DH 18 May.
N. Shrike: Mexico 20 Mar; TR 1 Apr; Cazenovia 1 Apr; only reports.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Richland 28 Apr; 4 Williamstown 6 May; max 5 TR 11 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr BLNC 28 Mar (JB), early; max 6 Williamstown 28 Apr; 4 OF 24 May.
Warbling Vireo: arr Volney, Tully, TR, Manlius, WP 28 Apr; 12 FH 13 May; 12 CM 20 May; max 20 OnonL 29 May.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr WP 9 May; DH 17 May; SBP 23 May; last Rome 24 May; singles at a few other locs.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr Manlius & SH 28 Apr; 20 Williamstown 12 May; 30 OF 24 May; max 37 Redfield 31 May.
Blue Jay: 2800 DH 27 Apr; max 10695 DH 1 May (AS); 4225 DH 4 May; 5550 DH 12 May; DH 14 May, leucistic individual (AS); 2375 DH 17 May; 3290 DH 18 May; *intro*.
Am. Crow: 3260 Syr 13 Mar; 1370 DH 29 Mar.
Fish Crow: 5 Liverpool 9 Mar; 3 Phoenix 29 Mar; 3 OnonL 30 Mar; max 7 Belgium 17 Apr; DH 25 – 26 Apr; persistent presence at Phoenix and OnonL.
Com. Raven: max 6 OF 28 Apr, 6 Hamilton 23 May; 5 Fulton 23 May.
Horned Lark: 150 Otisco Lake 12 Mar; 80 Fabius 19 Mar; max 165 DH 27 Mar.
Purple Martin: arr Const 17 Apr; 18 DH 2 May; 30 Const 19 May; max 36 Loop Rd MNWR 29 May.
Tree Swallow: arr Phoenix & DH 24 Mar; 550 Phoenix 7 Apr; 475 DH 21 Apr; max 1000 Otisco Lake 22 Apr.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr Bville 5 Apr; max 10 Jamesville 19 Apr, 10 Fulton 30 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr 3 DB 20 Apr; max 30 Skan 21 May; 24 Phoenix 30 May.
Cliff Swallow: arr 3 Phoenix 17 Apr; max 12 Phoenix 7 May; 9 DH 16 May.
Barn Swallow: arr 2 DH 3 Apr; 90 TR 30 Apr; max 100 Bridgeport 19 May.
Black-capped Chickadee: max 42 Moss Lake

ADK 9 Mar; 30 SP 1 Apr; 21 Salisbury Center 13 May.
Tufted Titmouse: 9 BLNC 8 Apr; max 10 SFNS 19 – 27 May.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 6 Hamilton 24 Apr; 6 Orwell 28 Apr; 4 SFNS 9 May; 4 SBP 11 – 14 May.
White-breasted Nuthatch: max 14 SFNS 4 May; 7 FH 20 May.
Brown Creeper: max 6 Williamstown 3 Mar, 6 SBP 11 – 17 Apr.
Carolina Wren: 3 Fayetteville 9 – 20 Mar; max 7 Manlius 22 – 24 May (KC), adults and young.
House Wren: arr Pompey 15 Apr; max 8 Camillus 29 Apr.
Winter Wren: 3 SH 23 Apr; max 7 Williamstown 28 Apr; 4 OF 24 May.
Marsh Wren: arr SSSP, Port Ontario 29 Apr; max 17 CM 20 May; 8 FH 20 May; 4 Pville 20 May.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr DH 12 Apr; 4 TR 27 Apr – 2 May; 4 Clark Reservation 30 Apr; max 10 CM 1 May; 4 Bridgeport 18 May, 4 GB 24 May.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 20 SP 1 Apr; 16 Williamstown 6 Apr; 18 Noyes Sanctuary 7 Apr.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr TR 8 Apr; 25 WP 22 Apr; max 30 SBP 29 Apr; last SBP 19 May.
E. Bluebird: 8 SFNS 28 Apr; 8 GLSP 16 May; max 29 DH 22 May.
Veery: arr GLSP 28 Apr; 8 Oswego 22 May; max 10 Erieville 27 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr SFNS, CM, Kirkland, 17 May; max 2 Oswego 22 – 24 May; FH 20 May; last Oswego 26 May.
Swainson's Thrush: arr Oswego 9 May; 5 FH 20 May; max 10 Oswego 22 May.
Hermit Thrush: arr Syr 1 Apr; max 6 SP 15 Apr; 5 BLNC 18 Apr.
Wood Thrush: arr BLNC, SFNS WP 28 Apr; max 13 CM 20 May; 12 FH 20 May; 11 SH 20 May.
Am. Robin: 4400 DH 26 Mar; max 7133 DH 27 Mar (WF); good numbers from DH.
Gray Catbird: arr SNC 8 Apr; 20 GB 12 May; max 30 SP 17 May.
N. Mockingbird: 3 Syr 3 Mar; 2 Fayetteville 12 Mar – 7 Apr; max 4 Clay 23 May; most reports from greater Syr.
Brown Thrasher: arr SP, FH 10 Apr; max 6 SP 17 May; 4 GLSP 28 May.
European Starling: 700 Fabius 19 Mar; max 2348 DH 27 Mar (WF).
Am. Pipit: arr BLNC 9 Mar; 37 DB 13 May;

max 70 Oswego 20 May.

Bohemian Waxwing: DH 18 Mar (BP), only report.

Cedar Waxwing: max 1200 DH 22 May (AS); 18 Phoenix 28 May; 18 Syr 30 May; relatively few reports.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: Pulaski 17 Mar; DH 30 Mar; only reports.

Snow Bunting: max 200 Dolge 17 Mar; 60 Fabius 19 Mar; last OswH 2 Apr.

Ovenbird: arr Volney 26 Apr; max 26 Happy Valley 17 May, 26 Redfield 31 May; 11 SH 20 May.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr & max 2 SFNS 12 Apr; singles reported from 13 other locs.

N. Waterthrush: arr 2 TR 21 Apr; 7 TR 29 Apr; 7 Hubbardsville 20 May; max 8 Williamstown 21 May.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr DH, Brew 1 May; max 2 GB 21 May; GB 24 May; only reports.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 2 SFNS 29 Apr; max 8 GB 1 – 12 May; 6 SFNS 17 May.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: SBP 14 May; Scriba 17 May; only reports.

“Lawrence’s” Warbler: GB 20 May (DWo), only report, *intro*.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr DH 27 Apr; max 5 SFNS 11 May; 4 Williamstown 12 May; 4 FH 13 May.

Prothonotary Warbler: arr 2 HI 11 May (DC); 3 HI 22 May (CL), only reports.

Tennessee Warbler: arr 2 SFNS 6 May; max 24 GB 16 May (GD); 12 Syr 24 May; good numbers.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr TR 1 May; last SH 18 May; singles SBP, GB, & DeWitt.

Nashville Warbler: arr Chittenango 14 Apr (KK), early; 5 Brew 9 May; max 7 SBP 16 May; 5 CM 20 May.

Mourning Warbler: arr Dolge 2 May; max 6 SH 20 May; 4 WH 27 May.

Com. Yellowthroat: arr WP 27 Apr; 20 SP 13 May; 12 TR 11 – 20 May; max 28 CM 20 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr BLNC 2 May; max 7 Orwell 19 May; 5 WH 27 May.

Am. Redstart: arr OswH 27 Apr; 18 Williamstown 12 May; max 35 SSSP 20 May; 19 OnonL 28 May; 28 CM 20 May.

Cape May Warbler: arr DH 1 May; max 12 SBP 17 May (BP); 5 Bridgeport 14 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr & max 6 HI 11 May; Verona 14 May; 3 Ppt 20 May; GB 24 May; Cicero 30 May; singles 5 other locs.

N. Parula: arr CM, TR 1 May; max 6 SBP 11 May; 4 FH 20 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr & max 12 DH 27 Apr (KM), early; 4 OF 24 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr FH 13 May; max 5 DH 14 May; 4 Brew 17 May; last 2 SFNS 26 May.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr DH, TR, SFNS 1 May; 7 Orwell 19 May; max 9 OF 24 May.

Yellow Warbler: arr UM, SH 23 Apr; 24 Fulton 19 May; max 40 SP 17 May; 36 CM 20 May.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Sangerfield 23 Apr (JG), early; max 11 SFNS 6 May; 10 SH 27 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr Midland 9 May; arr TR 14 May; max 12 Brew 23 May, 12 FH 22 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Oswego, SFNS 28 Apr; max 12 Williamstown 12 May; 7 FH 13 May.

Palm Warbler: arr DH 15 Apr; 12 SP 29 Apr; max 28 1 May.

Pine Warbler: arr 2 BLNC 9 Apr; 5 DH 10 Apr; max 8 DH 11 Apr; 5 TR 30 Apr.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Scriba 20 Mar, presumed wintering; arr SBP 4 Apr; 65 WP 22 Apr; max 1500 DH 1 May (AS), great number; highest counts along Lake Ontario shore.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (AUDUBON’S): SNC 24 Apr (MM, ph), 3rd Reg rec & 1st spring rec.

Prairie Warbler: arr DH 1 May; GLSP 14 – 28 May; only reports.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr SH 23 Apr; max 7 SFNS 5 May, 7 Bridgeport 11 May, 7 OF 24 May.

Canada Warbler: arr TR, SFNS 14 May; max 3 Orwell 19 May. 3 BLNC 26 May; relatively few reports.

Wilson’s Warbler: arr Bridgeport 11 May; max 5 DH 17 May; 2 FH 20 May; relatively few reports.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr SP, BLNS 3 Apr; 8 SBP 7 Apr; 8 SFNS 28 Apr – 17 May; max 11 GLSP 15 May.

Am. Tree Sparrow: 35 SP 7 Mar; max 42 Dolge 14 Mar; last SP 29 Apr.

Chipping Sparrow: arr Dolge 28 Mar; 22 SBP 7 May; 15 Scriba 7 May; max 24 Clay 20 May.

Clay-colored Sparrow: 2 SFNS 10 – 25 May, only loc.

Field Sparrow: arr SH 21 Mar; 6 TR 14 Apr; 6 OnonL 15 Apr; max 8 GLSP 24 Apr.

Vesper Sparrow: arr DeWitt 2 Apr; 5 New

Haven 6 Apr; 2 Fayetteville 1 May; max 6 Scriba 15 Apr (BP); relatively high counts.
Savannah Sparrow: arr SP 4 Apr; 4 New Haven 6 Apr; max 6 Fulton 7 Apr; 5 GLSP 28 May.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Richland 28 Apr; Albion 29 Apr – 4 May; 2 Rome 20 May; max 3 DeWitt 26 May; singles at 3 other locs.
Fox Sparrow: max 5 Fabius 18 Mar, 5 Williamstown 7 Apr; 4 SFNS 3 Apr; last Syr 25 Apr (DD).
Song Sparrow: max 150 Scriba 4 Apr (KM); 136 SBP 4 Apr.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Elbridge 25 Apr; max 4 SBP 14 May; around 10 rep.
Swamp Sparrow: arr 2 Bridgeport 27 Mar; 14 West Monroe 18 Apr; 15 TR 30 Apr; max 41 CM 20 May.
White-throated Sparrow: max 40 DeWitt 29 Apr; 18 SFNS 4 May; 35 SBP 7 May.
White-crowned Sparrow: Clinton 14 Mar (IR); arr Syr 10 Apr; 15 DH 13 May; last SP 26 May.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 64 Dolge 7 Apr; 59 OF 7 Apr; 50 BLNC 10 Apr.
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon): Rome 9 Apr (DC, ph).
Scarlet Tanager: arr BLNC 1 May; OF 2 May (GL), early for ADK loc; 6 TR 13 – 14 May; 7 SFNS 16 May; max 12 DH 17 May.
N. Cardinal: 13 Syr 14 Mar; 13 Fayetteville 18 Apr; max 14 FH 13 May.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr WP 27 Apr; 6 Mexico 10 May; 7 SH 11 May; max 8 CM 20 May; 6 SFNS 21 May.
Indigo Bunting: arr LaFayette 29 Apr; 5 DH 22 May; max 6 GLSP 28 May.

Bobolink: arr Volney 28 Apr; max 25 TR 14 May; 20 Poland 23 May; 20 Hamilton 24 May.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 5484 DH 27 Mar; 2000 TR 1 Apr; 2400 DH 1 May.
E. Meadowlark: arr SH 16 Mar; max 22 DH 27 Mar; 8 Fulton 11 Apr.
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: ad m Phoenix 27, 28 May (ph, NYSARC), at least 10 prior Reg spring recs.
Rusty Blackbird: arr 6 Ppt 4 Mar; max 314 Phoenix 5 Apr; 160 DH 26 Apr.
Com. Grackle: Tully 4 Mar (GH), leucistic ind; max 10006 TR 2 Apr; 3000 Pville 3 Apr.
Brown-headed Cowbird: 81 Elbridge 13 Apr; max 250 DH 27 Apr.
Orchard Oriole: arr DH 1 May; 3 DB 14 May; max 5 GLSP 16 May.
Baltimore Oriole: arr BLNC 28 Apr; 12 SBP 12 May; max 36 DH 12 May (AS); 15 DH 18 May; 14 DB 23 May.
blackbird species: max 20000 New Hartford 2 Apr.
Purple Finch: 12 Dolge 21 Apr; max 125 DH 27 Apr (AS).
House Finch: max 14 Chittenango 12 Mar; 12 Syr 15 Mar; 12 DH 27 Mar.
Com. Redpoll: Oriskany 13 Mar; Cazenovia 19 Mar; only reports.
Pine Siskin: max 8 DH 15 Apr; 2 Dolge 27 Apr; few reports & small flock sizes.
Am. Goldfinch: 63 Dolge 2 Mar; max 140 DH 1 May.
Evening Grosbeak: 2 Elbridge 4 Mar (SS); max 8 SH 4 Mar (LS); only reports.
House Sparrow: 27 Westmoreland 7 Mar; max 30 Syr 4 Apr;

