

REGION 10—MARINE

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	Central Park			Islip		
Temp	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Mar	41.7°	42.5°	-0.8°	38.7°	39.3°	-0.6°
Apr	55.4°	53.0°	+2.4°	51.9°	49.1°	+2.8°
May	62.2°	62.4°	-0.2°	59.8°	58.6°	+1.2°

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Precip	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Mar	3.87"	4.36"	-0.49"	3.19"	4.44"	-1.25"
Apr	4.55"	4.50"	+0.05"	5.95"	4.34"	+1.61"
May	6.82"	4.19"	+2.63"	5.05"	3.78"	+1.27"

If I had to summarize the spring of 2019 in one adjective, it would be “Texan”. However, that would fail to capture the interesting finch flight leftovers from the prior winter, and the new peak season for mega shorebirds.

March 2019 was slightly colder and drier than average, while April and May were warmer and wetter, by 2.8° in Islip April and 2.63" in Central Park in May. The largest snowfall during this period was the evening of 3 March into the next morning, which accumulated to several inches along the North Shore of Long Island but was distinctly lesser elsewhere. The relative lack of snowfall this March was a welcome relief from the previous March, in which there was at least one significant snowstorm each week. A slingshot event on 21 April, per notes from Patricia Lindsay, brought a variety of migrants north and east rapidly, including some southern species that otherwise would not have travelled so far.

Following an autumn that brought a large population of Evening Grosbeaks south, it was not surprising that a few more individuals of that species were sighted into spring. The most notable was a single male that was found in Riverside Park on the Upper West side on 15 December, 2018, and continued there for nearly a third of the year—all the way through 28 March, 2019. Several transient grosbeaks were seen as well, including a cooperative bird in Prospect Park in mid-April and several disparate feeder visitors in mid-May. The other interesting finch observed in this period was a more expected irruptive, the Red Crossbill. Despite a poor southbound flight in the latter half of 2018, a flock was discovered along the Paumanok Trail near Upton, Suffolk County, in late March. One pair was seen gathering nesting material and repeatedly visiting a nest site. Reports continued into mid-April, but the success of the nesting attempt was not confirmed. Like Pine Siskins, which were also seen moving late through this period, Red Crossbill is known for unexpected nesting activity, even well south of its expected range.

While the beginning of spring is traditionally associated with movements of common birds, a few surprises appeared before the main Neotropical waves. The first was a **Western Tanager** that began visiting a feeder in Bohemia in late March. This bird may well have been displaced for some time, recently having abandoned its makeshift wintering territory that was somewhere else in our general region. The same may have happened to a Dickcissel that was found singing in a highly urban setting a half mile west of Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Forest Hills, Queens, on 6 April.

It would be a stretch to call the push of Black Vultures into Region 10 “Texan”, but for Long Island birders it felt like it. All Region 10 counties got a healthy dose of sightings, even though sightings are usually concentrated to Richmond, New York, the Bronx, and less frequently western Brooklyn and Queens. In 2016, the only eBird record east of Queens was an October migrant along the barrier beach in Suffolk. In 2017, there were some single Black Vulture sightings around central Nassau County and a few small groups along the North Fork. In 2018, the Riverhead roost was discovered, but outside of the Peconic River area, there were only two other sight records in Central Suffolk. This spring, the East End had records as far as Orient on the North Fork and Springs on the South Fork, and several individuals were seen over western Nassau and Queens in early April. A mid-May record from Charles Memorial Park in Queens broke this pattern, and Flushing Meadows Corona Park produced a high count of four in one visit. Hawkwatching from Alley Pond in Queens produced this species on many occasions in April, with up to three seen at once.

In mid-April, the Texan theme was gaining ground. Central Park is well-visited and thus it rarely records new species for its park list, but a **White-winged Dove** found in mid-April was an exception. Nickerson Beach in Nassau had a cooperative **Black-necked Stilt** around this time. **White-faced Ibis** began showing up at Timber Point and adjacent Great River sites in Suffolk as well, and were seen irregularly throughout the entire period. Repeated visits by local birders with cameras proved there were at least four individuals (per Shai Mitra’s notes) around. A group of **Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks** was observed in Nassau County beginning on 21 May; originally four were seen at Cow Meadow, but the group moved between that site, the Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, Nickerson Beach, and the Ocean Parkway/Bay Parkway cloverleaf at Jones Beach West End. During that time the flock swelled to twelve individuals, as counted in the air at the Jones Beach cloverleaf on 3 June, just past this report’s coverage period. That was a new high count for New York State. Everything is bigger in Nassau (sic). This incursion follows their recently-minted trend of northeastern spring dispersal, something akin to what Cave Swallows suddenly began doing in late autumn.

The writers of the Regional reports are tasked with determining arrival dates for a select number of species that have been tracked in a separate report through the years. The criteria for determining the true arrival is somewhat subjective, but my arrival dates were consistently earlier than the 30-year average, usually on the

order of a few days. One individual Swainson's Thrush beat its average arrival by two weeks. The only notable exception to this trend was Black Tern, which went unreported in Region 10 until 11 days after its average arrival of 12 May. The shift forward in arrival dates of our migrants is well-studied and better described elsewhere, and the connection to rising temperatures in the eastern United States will be only mentioned briefly now; not that it isn't important, rather it will probably be the most profound trend mentioned in any *Kingbird* Regional narrative for the next century.

In addition to earlier arrivals, certain species have continued trends of occurring more frequently. Common Ravens and southern passerines such as Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, and Yellow-throated and Prothonotary Warblers were widely encountered across the Region this season.

May brought some rarity highlights. For shorebirds, a Wilson's Phalarope on 25 May at Nickerson Beach was notable, especially as this species is recorded with much lower frequency in Nassau County than its neighbor counties. Another highlight was a **Wilson's Plover** that spent seven days around Cupsogue Beach starting on 15 May. This is a species that tends not to linger, so many birders were thrilled with a Wilson's Plover that fit their schedule. An offshore surveying vessel picked up a **South Polar Skua** on 24 May. A **Mississippi Kite** was observed moving across Brooklyn on 20 May. Jamaica Bay had a wonderful **Sage Thrasher** that cooperated in the South Garden over two days in mid-May. The bird was the fifth record for New York State, and the first in 46 years. This record was not diminished, but rather made more extraordinary, when New York's *sixth* Sage Thrasher record occurred 13 days later at Watch Hill on Fire Island.

Another highly celebrated New York City find this spring was a **Burrowing Owl** at Big Egg Marsh. The bird was found by Jennifer Kepler perching on poles in a small construction area right in the parking lot from its discovery in the late afternoon of 16 May through nightfall, when it was observed flying off into the marsh. Substantial efforts to relocate the bird the following morning, once its access had been better detailed, did not produce any further sightings. Interestingly, five days prior, a Burrowing Owl was photographed in central Quebec, about 730 miles north of Queens. It is worth noting that the western populations of Burrowing Owl, such as the two aforementioned vagrant individuals, breed at comparable latitudes near the Canadian border in the Great Plains. With only six prior records of Burrowing Owl in New York State and Sage Thrashers verging on routine, it is hard to imagine that there was an even greater rarity this season, albeit one that broke the Texan mold.

After Pat Lindsay's stellar find of a Wood Sandpiper amongst a small group of shorebirds at the Timber Point Golf Course last April, one may have perceived a perverse inevitability when she found a **Common Greenshank** at the same location and under the same circumstances on 5 May. Given that Common Greenshank had only been recorded in the Lower 48 three times previously (in California, Massachusetts, and New Jersey—see article elsewhere in the present issue), and that the Great River shorebird spots do not seem to be stopover sites

for any great volume of shorebirds, this latest find seems even more spectacular. Both this bird and the Wood Sandpiper spent most of their stays feeding at the same ephemeral puddle on the green itself, along with yellowlegs and other common shorebirds. The weather was particularly unpleasant for migration, with fits of rain and a considerable east wind. It is worth noting that Common Greenshank, like Wood Sandpiper and several other Old World shorebirds, has also been recorded in the Lesser Antilles and Bermuda. Even when migrating along the wrong continent, these species tend to keep a similar pace, so we know when to look for next year's Great River headliner. The question is: why there?

298 species were reported in the Region this spring, one fewer than last spring.

The editors of Region 10 note with sadness the passing of Robert G. May on 8 April 2019. Dave Klauber, long-time friend of Bob's contributed the following:

Bob was a familiar face to many New York birders over the last four decades, especially in the Long Island area. He co-led field trips for Huntington Audubon for 10 years, and continued to lead big days and participate in Christmas counts for many years afterwards. Bob was born in Brockton, Massachusetts and, although he resided in New York for most of his adult life, never lost his strong Massachusetts accent. One day years ago, Bob left a message on the answering machine to meet him at the hawk watch. His accent was interpreted by my mother to say Bob would meet me at the 'hog wash'—seriously.

He was a teacher and a natural educator which carried through to birding. Many a new birder was encouraged and educated through birding outings with Bob. He was an excellent mentor, a passionate birder and lister, and chased birds all over the region and country. His memory was excellent. Bob would run into a birder in the field and would remember their name and where they had met from years earlier. You could not want a better birding buddy than Bob—always good-natured and easy going no matter what the circumstances. He will be deeply missed by those who knew him.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APEC – Alley Pond Environmental Center, Bayside, QUEE; **APP** – Alley Pd P, QUEE; **BBrP** – Brooklyn Bridge P, KING; **BBYC** – Bellport Bay Yacht Club, SUFF; **BNL** – Brookhaven Nat'l Lab, Upton, SUFF; **BPt** – Breezy Pt, QUEE; **CCP** – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; **CMP** – Cow Meadow P, NASS; **CP** – Central P, NEWY; **CRSP** – Connetquot Ri SP, SUFF; **CVP** – Calvert Vaux P, KING (formerly Drier-Offerman P); **DR** – Dune Rd, CCP to Shinn, SUFF; **EPCAL** – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), Calverton, SUFF; **FBF** – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; **FKP** – Fresh Kills P, RICH; **FP** – Forest P, QUEE; **FT** – Fort Tilden, QUEE; **FWP** – Fort Washington P, NEWY; **GwC** – Greenwood Cemetery, KING; **HP** – Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF; **HSP** – Heckscher SP, SUFF; **IHP** – Inwood Hill P, NEWY; **JBWE** – West End, Jones Beach SP, NASS; **JBWR** – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; **Mon** – Montauk, T of

East Hampton, SUFF; **MPB** – Marine P Brooklyn, KING; **Nap** – Napeague, SUFF; **NB** – Nickerson Beach, NASS; **NYBG** – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; **OMNSA** – Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, NASS; **PBP** – Pelham Bay P, BRON; **PL** – Point Lookout, NASS; **PlumbB** – Plumb Beach, KING; **PP** – Prospect P, KING; **RI** – Randall’s I, NEWY; **Riv** – Riverhead, SUFF; **RMSP** – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **RP** – Jacob Riis P, QUEE; **SC** – Santapogue Creek, SUFF; **Shinn** – Shinnecock Inlet, SUFF; **SPCP** – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; **SPP** – Southards Pd P, West Babylon, SUFF; **TP** – Timber Point Golf Course and marinas, SUFF; **VCP** – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; **WPP** – Wolfe’s Pd P, RICH.

WATERFOWL-HUMMINGBIRDS

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK:

4, CMP, 21 May (JLa, mob), likely same flock also seen at JBWE and OMNSA thru June, flock incr to 12 at JBWE by 3 Jun, *intro*.

Snow Goose: max 600, JBWR, 17 Mar (SSi).

Barnacle Goose: Cherry Creek Golf Course, SUFF, 1 Mar (R&G Dean), cont from winter.

Cackling Goose: VCP, 17-39 Mar (mob); Arthur Hendrickson P, NASS thru 9 Mar (mob); Caumsett SP, SUFF, 27 Mar (SF, KFe); HP, 3 Mar (ACo).

Tundra Swan: 2, Georgica Pd, SUFF, thru 9 Mar (mob).

Eurasian Wigeon: MPB, thru 27 Mar (mob); Bush Terminal Piers Pk, KING, thru 8 Apr (mob).

“Eurasian” Green-winged Teal: SC, thru 6 Apr (PMo, mob)

Redhead: max 54, Avon L, SUFF, 9 Mar (mob), declining in Region but increasing over whole range.

Harlequin Duck: dep PL, 14 Apr (A. Milillo, C. Braut); 2 SPCP, 14-24 Mar (KCa).

Bufflehead: max 600, TP, SUFF, 14 Apr (SSM), uncommon in large flocks.

Wild Turkey: 2, Ft Tryon Pk, NEWY, 11-17 Apr (mob), unusual loc; 2, IHP, 13 Apr (D. Karlson), likely same pair as Ft Tryon; 6, along Long Island Expwy in Syosset, NASS, 16 Mar (JGa), unusual loc.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: CP, 14 Apr (JDi, mob), first for New York County.

Common Nighthawk: first rep 19 Apr IHP; many widespread reports throughout May, but all single birds except max 4 Wildwood SP SUFF 22 May (C. Fernandes).

Chuck-will’s-widow: arr Quogue, SUFF, 16 May (V. Glasser); CP, 18 May (mob).

Eastern Whip-poor-will: migrants singing in 3 urban neighborhoods, Jackson Heights, QUEE, 4 May (J.Beirne); Clinton Hill, KING,

6 May (N. Mindos); Highbridge Park, NEWY, 10 May (AF), max 12, Nap, 26 May (AnW).

RAILS-LARIDS

Sora: Mon, 14-30 Apr (CG, TS); 2, Oakwood Bch, RICH, 25 Apr-19 May (mob).

SANDHILL CRANE (R10): Nap, 27-31 May (mob), unusual upland habitat.

BLACK-NECKED STILT: NB, 21 Apr-7 May (S. Walter, mob).

American Golden-Plover: NB, 20-24 Apr (mob), only report.

WILSON’S PLOVER: CCP, 15-21 May (R. Erin, reported by Nick Giordano; mob).

Piping Plover: max 39, JBWE, 19 Apr (M. Holquist).

Western Sandpiper (Spring): 3, Shinn, 30 Apr (mob).

Spotted Sandpiper: 21 FKP 8 May (RG), breeding birds.

COMMON GREENSHANK: TP, SUFF 5-6 May (PJJ, mob), 1st state record, *intro*.

Wilson’s Phalarope: NB, 25 May (mob), rarely encountered in Nassau.

SOUTH POLAR SKUA: pelagic coordinates 38.882, -73.073, 24 May (J.Loeh), rarely sought or encountered in spring.

Razorbill: PlumbB, 1 Mar (T. Preston); from ferry off Coney Island, KING, 3 Mar (JMa); dep 2, RMSP 30 May (SF, KFe), late.

Black-legged Kittiwake: imm JBWE, 11 Mar (G. Farley).

Black-headed Gull: Georgica Pd, SUFF, 10 Mar (DF); Conscience Bay, SUFF, 13 Mar (M. Schrimpf); Bush Terminal Piers and area, KING, thru 26 Mar (mob).

Little Gull: RP, 12 May (SA).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 61, RMSP, 5 May (PJJ, SSM).

Glaucous Gull: RI, 13 Mar (B. Sadock), scarce in NYC; RI, 19 Apr (D. Barrett).

Gull-billed Tern: arr JBWR, 17 May (R. Bate).

Black Tern: arr NB, 23-26 May (JGa, mob), 11 days later than 30y avg.

ARCTIC TERN (R10): NB, 27 May-9 Jun (SSM, PJL; mob), slightly early at reliable (since ~2014) site.

LOONS- WOODPECKERS

PACIFIC LOON: Oyster Bay Marine Center, 3 Feb thru 3 Mar (mob); RMSP, 30 May (KFe, mob).

Sooty Shearwater: singles CCP 19 May, pelagic 24 May, RMSP 29 and 30 May, 10 Napeague 26 May; very low numbers this season.

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: off shore coordinates 39.882, -73.073 24 May (J. Loch), with note that >100 seen earlier on same track by other obs, only report.

Northern Gannet: max 4,400, BPT, 17 Mar (L. Kahle).

American Bittern: CP, 31 Mar-15 May (mob), unusual loc, likely more than one ind; Cunningham Pk, QUEE, 14 Apr (mob), unusual loc; Pier 44 Waterfront Garden, KING, 2 May (JMa, R. Fleming), unusual loc; SPP, 5 May (PMo).

Least Bittern: Mon, 30 Apr (TS).

Little Blue Heron: Hillview Res, BRON, 24 Apr (SCa), unusual loc.

Tricolored Heron: 2, BBP, 16-20 May (mob), unusual loc.

Cattle Egret: 2, Miller Field, RICH, 22-30 Apr, (mob); 2, Oakwood Bch, RICH, 5-13 May (mob), likely same birds as Miller; BBYC, 19 May (V. Vila)

Glossy Ibis: max 114, HSP, 14 May (J. Watson)

WHITE-FACED IBIS: TP, SUFF, 15 Apr (SSM, KT, KFe), distinct indiv addl to following obs; 3, HSP, 30 Apr-20 May (mob), 1-2 seen on any given day.

Black Vulture: max 6, NYBG, 25 Apr (J. Schuler), elevated sightings and counts this year.

MISSISSIPPI KITE: Ceasar's Bay Bazaar, 20 May (ShB); GwC, 20 May (SSi, JMa), 20 minutes after ShB's sighting and likely same bird.

Red-shouldered Hawk: nest CRSP, 3 yg, thru; pr photographed in Patchogue, SUFF 3 May (fide M. Cooper), poss breeders?

Rough-legged Hawk: EPCAL, thru 18 Mar (R, Shea).

Eastern Screech-Owl: IHP, thru 18 Apr (mob), unusual loc.

Snowy Owl: BPT, thru 20 Mar (mob); JBWR, thru 7 Apr (mob); JBWE, thru 12 Mar; DR, thru 16 Mar (mob); Great Gull Is, 13 Apr (P. Paton), unusual loc.

BURROWING OWL: Big Egg Marsh, QUEE, 16 May (J. Kepler, mob), 7th state record; *intro*.

Short-eared Owl: BFB, 11 Mar (ShB).

Red-headed Woodpecker: JBWE, 24 Apr (SCa); Lido Passive Preserve, NASS, 25 Apr (SMe); PP, 29 Apr (RCR); Robert Cushman CP, SUFF, 8 May thru summer; nest (TS, mob); CRSP, 11 May thru summer, appeared to be feeding y by one obs but no confirmed breeding (mob); Speonk, SUFF, 15 May (E. Schwinn); JBWR, 17 May (D. Lichter, L. Meyers); 4, BNL, 23 May (E. Lewis); SUFF 2, HSP, 25 May (A. Blanchard).

FLYCATCHERS-LONGSPURS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Fire Island Pines, SUFF, 26 May (V. Witmer), scarce on barrier beaches in spring.

Least Flycatcher: max 30, CP, 16 May (L. Musher).

Common Raven: many records across Region, increasing.

Cliff Swallow: max 6 at colony, APEC, 23 May (BF, mob), rare R10 breeder away from BRON.

BICKNELL'S THRUSH (R10): PP, 24 May (RyM). CP, 28-30 May (mob).

Swainsons Thrush: arr Mattituck residence, 17 Apr (JSep), 2 weeks earlier than 30y avg.

SAGE THRASHER: JBWR, 17-18 May (CF, mob), 5th state record; Watch Hill, SUFF, 31 May (D. Swamback), 6th state record, *intro*.

Evening Grosbeak: all singles; Riverside Pk, NEWY, winter thru 28 Mar (mob); PP, 17 Apr (mob); f Riv residence, SUFF, 23 Apr (MLL, RA); Riv residence, SUFF, 7 May (C. Montalbano); CP, 8 May (RBA); Sag Harbor residence, SUFF, 12 May (CG).

Common Redpoll: 1 GwC, 11-18 Mar (mob).

Red Crossbill: various numbers 25 Mar thru, Robert Cushman CP, SUFF (K. Klecan, mob), max at least 28 24 May, breeding behavior observed but not confirmed, last 10 Jun (K. Klecan).

Pine Siskin: dep, CP, 29 May (E. Schumann, A. Burke, M. Klein).

Lapland Longspur: dep NB, thru 27 Mar, (mob).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS- CARDINALIDS

Clay-colored Sparrow: Quogue, SUFF, winter thru 29 Mar (mob).

Lark Sparrow: East Hampton property, SUFF, winter thru 4 Mar (D. Rogers).

Savannah Sparrow: flock of 23 Suff Co Farm and Environmental Center 6 May (PJJ), large number of migrs; 42 FKP 8 May (JRG), breeding; 3 EPCAL 24 May and 2 here 31 May prob breeders.

Grasshopper Sparrow: max 31 FKP 8 May (JRG), known breeding site; 21 EPCAL 24 May (JSep), max for this site and adjacent Calverton grasslands, known breeding area.

Nelson's Sparrow: marsh near Oceanside, NASS, 29 May (A. Koczek), banded and rarely detected in spring in R10.

Song Sparrow: max 403, JBWE, 25 Mar (EB), exceptional count.

Yellow-breasted Chat: CP, 18 May, (mob); CP, 26 May (EG, DBa).

Eastern Meadowlark: BBrP, 25 Mar (H. Wolf), unusual loc.

Baltimore Oriole: max 60, CP, 16 May (L. Musher).

Boat-tailed Grackle: max 350, JBWR, 17 Mar (D. Lichter).

Worm-eating Warbler: max 4, PP, 2 May (P. Linden-Brans).

Golden-winged Warbler: Clove Lakes Pk, RICH, 29 Apr (CBa, mob); CP, 30 Apr-2 May (mob); FP, 5-7 May (mob).

Black-and-white Warbler: max 125, CP, 16 May (L. Musher).

Prothonotary Warbler: many records across Region, particularly to the west, increasing.

SWAINSON'S WARBLER: CP, 16 May (BVD, mob).

Orange-crowned Warbler: MPB, 20 Mar (anon); W Babylon residence, 21 Mar (J. Christopher); SPP, 13 Apr (PMo); PP, 25 Apr (JMa); CP, 25 Apr-16 May (mob), likely multiple ind; RMSP, 4 May (TD, PMo).

Mourning Warbler: max 5, CP, 29 May (A. Burke).

Kentucky Warbler: Jones Pd, Calverton SUFF 29 Apr (K. Klecan); PP, 2 May (mob); NYBG, 4 May (D. Rodriguez); CP, 7-9 May (mob); FP, 9 May (E. Miller); JBWR, 13 May (P. Henson); Greentree Estate, NASS, 16 May (SP); APP, 16-21 May (CeC, EB); Laurel Hollow, NASS, 18 May (R. Taylor); PP, 25 May (mob); FP, 26 May (CF).

Cerulean Warbler: Willowbrook Pk, RICH, 2 May (JRG); PP, 2-6 May (mob); FP, 2-5 May (CF, SA, MN); CP, 3-8 May (mob), likely multiple inds; CVP, 4 May (AxW); Greentree Estate, NASS, 4 May (SP), scarce east of Queens; SPP, 4-8 May (mob), scarce east of Queens.

Yellow-throated Warbler: many records across Region, particularly to the west, increasing.

Summer Tanager: many records across Region, particularly to the west, increasing.

WESTERN TANAGER: Bohemia residence, SUFF, thru 26 Mar (R. Brenn).

Blue Grosbeak: numerous reports of 1-2 birds (migrs) from all counties 21 Apr-19 May; 2 FKP 20 May, known breeding loc; 2 (m & f) Preston Pds 29 May thru, and 1-3 birds VOR near EPCAL 24 May thru, suspected breeders at these known sites in Calverton.

Dickcissel: OMNSA, thru 5 Mar (mob); Forest Hills, QUEE, 6 Apr (RBA), bizarre record of bird singing in urban residential area; JBWE, 25 May (GK).

