

REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

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There were no archived weather data for the month of March. There was a high of 75° on 19 April and a low of 19° on 2 April. This was 0.1° below average. April totaled 5.88" of precipitation, 2.88" above average. May had a high temperature of 86° on 26 May and a low of 37° on 9 May, 2.6° above average. There was 4.81" of precipitation, 1.20" above average.

There were some nice records of waterfowl during the spring period. A Ross's Goose was found in Norwich on 24 March by Logan Kahle and Augie Kramer. Cackling Geese were reported in both Tioga and Delaware Counties, the latter a holdover from the winter period. As many as two Eurasian Wigeon were found at Murphys Pits in Broome County and remained for an extended period. There were several reports of White-winged and Surf Scoters in Broome and Chenango Counties.

A flyover **Sandhill Crane** was seen at Upper Lisle County Park on 3 May by David Nicosia, rare for the Region.

A nicely photographed Glossy Ibis was an excellent find in Tioga County on 7 April by Sandy Covington. Also nicely photographed was a **Mississippi Kite** found by Steven Gorgos on 31 May in Broome County. Neither bird continued after the initial sighting.

The “Winter Finch Irruption” continued into the spring period with Evening Grosbeaks seen in many locations. Common Redpolls lingered as well, though slightly less plentiful. Pine Siskins continued throughout much of the area. There were two reports of Lapland Longspur, one in Chenango County, the other in Cortland.

A Grasshopper Sparrow at Russell Hill Farm in Delaware County was a great find by Whitney Mortimer. The bird of the season was the ongoing **Golden-crowned Sparrow** in Delaware County. Found by Lance Verderame during the winter period, it continued well into the spring, last seen the first week of April (see article on pp. 206-208).

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ABBREVIATIONS

ALk – Allen L, OTSE; **AqPk** – Aquaterra P, BROO; **BCBC** – Binghamton CBC, BROO; **BPd** – Boland Pd, BROO; **BUNP** – Binghamton University Nature Preserve, BROO; **CaHo** – Cannon Hole, T Barton, TIOG; **CanL** – Canadarago L, OTSE; **CannR** – Cannonsville Res, DELA; **CG** – Carantouan Greenway, T Barton, TIOG; **ChenL** – Chenango L, T New Berlin, CHEN; **ChRB** – Chenango Ri, Greater Binghamton, BROO; **CoPk** – Confluence P, Owego, TIOG; **CRes** – Cannonsville Res & outflow, DELA; **CVSP** – Chenango Valley SP, T Fenton, BROO; **DeLR** – Delaware Ri, Deposit, DELA; **DorP** – Dorchester P, Whitney Pt, BROO; **FMHW** – Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch, DELA; **FMt** – Franklin Mt., T Davenport, DELA; **GrwP** – Greenwood CP, BROO; **HCP** – Hillcrest Pits, Port Dickenson, BROO; **LHNC** – Lime Hollow Nature Center, T Cortlandville, CORT; **LPSF** – Long Pd State Forest, CHEN; **MHL** – Michigan Hollow L, TIOG; **NSpM** – N Spencer Marsh, T Spencer, TIOG; **OnCBC** – Oneonta CBC, OTSE/DELA; **OtsL** – Otsego L, OTSE; **OwCBC** – Owego CBC, TIOG; **PRes** – Pepacton Res & outflow, DELA; **SCBC** – Sherburne CBC, CHEN (mostly);

SkaL – Skaneateles L, (SE), T Scott, CORT; **StPd** – Stupke Pd, T Cortlandville, CORT; **SusRB** – Susquehanna Ri, Greater Binghamton, BROO; **UL** – Upper Lisle, BROO; **ULCP** – Upper Lisle CP, T Triangle, BROO; **WPRes** – Whitney Pt Res, BROO.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: 2800 ULCP (JW); 730 Harold Moore P BROO 14 Mar (JH); 4000 14 Mar Castle Creek (JW); North Sanford Rd BROO 14 Mar (PP); 120 County Highway 8 OTSE 20 Mar (LG); 90 Norwich CHEN 24 Mar (LK).

Ross's Goose: Norwich 24 Mar (LK, AK), *intro*.

Cackling Goose: NSpM 14 Mar (CW); Laurel Bank Rd DELA 16 Mar (LV), *intro*.

Eurasian Wigeon: max 2 Murphys Pits BROO 19 Mar-4 Apr (DL, DN, mob); River Rd Endwell BROO 25 Mar-3 Apr (DN, SR, JH, mob), *intro*.

Canvasback: max 9 River Road Endwell 3-24 Mar (VL, SR, DN, mob); max 9 Murphys Pits 11-25 Mar (DW, VL, WM, mob).

Redhead: max 7 River Rd Endwell (DN, VL, JH, mob); Cincinnati L CHEN 20 Mar (LK, AK).

Surf Scoter: 2 Lisle P 14 Apr (DN, DW); 2 DorP 14 Apr (JW, LK, mob); 2 River Rd Endwell 17 Apr (GW, FT), *intro*.

White-winged Scoter: Lisle P 8 Apr (DN); River Road Endwell 11 Apr (MJ); 20 ULCP 6 May (DN); 26 Dor P 6 May (SR), *intro*.

Long-tailed Duck: max 36 Lisle P 3-17 Apr (DN, MDW, DW); max 3 River Rd Endwell 10-31 Mar (DN, SR, VL, mob); 4 CRes 7 Apr (LV); max 4 Whitney Pt BROO 8-10 Apr (DW, DN); Plymouth Res 20-26 Apr (LK, AK, mob); 7 PRes 26 Apr (LV).

Red-breasted Merganser: max 4 ULCP 29 Mar-16 May (DN, JH, ID, mob); 15 UL 8 Apr (DN).

Ruddy Duck: 11 ULCP 26 Apr (DN); 9 DorP 26 Apr (LK).

Horned Grebe: 2 PRes 30 Mar (LV); max 3 River Rd Endwell 30-31 Mar (JC, GW, DN, mob); max 14 UL 31 Mar-1 May (DN, JH, ID, mob); max 4 Lockheed Martin P TIOG 17 Apr (DM, DG).

Red-necked Grebe: Harold Moore P 9 Mar (DN, GW); ULCP 22-24 Apr (DN); 5 DorP 6 May (SR, DN).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: AqPk 20-25 May (DW, VL); Richford TIOG 22 May (DM).

Black-billed Cuckoo: Houck Mountain DELA 25 May (LV); Thornridge Lane CHEN 16 May (AT); AqPk 18-31 May (VL, WK, SO).

Common Nighthawk: max 6 Covered Bridge Road DELA 22-31 May (RS); 3 River Road DELA 27 May (LV); 10 Owego River Walk TIOG 30 May (RD).

RAILS – LARIDS

Virginia Rail: ULCP 5 May (JH); ULCP 21 May (JW); BPd 4 Apr-27 May (VL, JH, DW, mob); Waterman Conservation Education Center 8 May TIOG (DG).

Sora: NSpM 19-29 May (SC); ULCP 30 Apr (DN); max 2 BUNP 30 Apr – 2 May (AB); ULCP 4 May (JH).

American Coot: BPd 30 Mar (DN); max 2 ULCP 4 Apr-3 May (DN, AB, TL); Murphys Pits BROO 30 Apr-3 May (VL, SB).

Sandhill Crane: ULCP 3 May (DN), *intro*.

Semipalmated Plover: max 6 ULCP 19 -27 May (JH, JW, VL, mob); 4 River Rd Endwell 20 May (DN); max 2 NSpM 17-23 May (SCo).

Dunlin: 3 DorP 27 Apr (DN, WK, JW); 2 Smith Kingsman Rd Wetlands CHEN 26 May (MDW); 8 Deposit Farm P DELA 26 May (LV).

Pectoral Sandpiper: BPd 28 May (DW).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 2 ULCP 24 May (DW); max 7 BPd 26-27 May (JH, WK, DN); Kinney Road TIOG 14 May (DG).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 10 DorP 31 Mar-16 May (ID, AB, DN, mob).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: River Rd Endwell 10 Mar (SR, AB); 5 ULCP 14 Apr (LK, AK); 5 Lisle P 14 Apr (DN, DW).

Caspian Tern: max 5 ULCP 8 Apr-11 May (DN, JH); 2 DorP 6 May (DN, SR).

Common Tern: 10 ULCP 26 Apr (LK, DN); DorP 11 May (JH).

Forster's Tern: ULCP 14-26 Apr (LK, DN, AK); 4 Lisle P 17 Apr (WM).

LOONS – FALCONS

Red-throated Loon: 21 ULCP 6 Apr (DN, AB, JAM); DorP 4 May (DN).

Least Bittern: BUNP 13 May (AB).

Great Egret: ULCP 26 Apr (LK); ULCP 9 May (VL); ULCP 18 May (DN); Long Pd SF 25 May (MD).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: White Church Rd Trail 21 Apr (TA); Killawog Hill Rd Pd 9-16 May (DG, DN).

Glossy Ibis: NSpM 7 Apr (SCo), *intro*.

Black Vulture: Murphys Pits 22 Mar (DN); 2 BPd 2 Apr (DN).

Golden Eagle: Hillcrest Pits BROO 22 Mar (DW); 2 Confluence P TIOG 26 Mar (KH); Glen Aubrey BROO 20 Apr (JH); Downsville DELA 3 Mar (LV, KB, SC); ULCP 6 May (DN).

MISSISSIPPI KITE: Hawlyton BROO 31 May (SG), *intro*.

Rough-legged Hawk: Cortland 3 Mar (JG, AVK); Kerrigan Rd BROO 10 Mar (JH); ULCP 16 Mar (JH); Oxford CHEN 13 Mar (MDW); Bainbridge CHEN 21 Mar (MJ); Catskill Turnpike Rd DELA 2 Mar (LV); 2 Catskill Turnpike Rd 9 Mar (LV, AW).

Eastern Screech-owl: Newark Valley TIOG 3 Mar (DG); Arabia DELA 28 Apr (PP); ULCP 4 May (JH); Sherburne CHEN 21-28 Mar (FvM).

Great Horned Owl: NSpM 24 Mar (SCo); AqPk 22 Apr (DW); ULCP 3 May (DN).

Barred Owl: ULCP 17 Mar (MR); 2 AqPk 28 Apr (WK); 2 Mackey Rd Treadwell DELA 7 Mar-25 May (PP); max 2 Moran Rd Oxford CHEN (MDW).

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Shepard Rd Waverly TIOG 8 Mar (SCo).

Merlin: ULCP 14 Apr-11 May (DN, LK, JW, mob); DorP 20 Apr (LK, AK, DB).

Peregrine Falcon: ULCP 31 Mar (DN); Cortland Gravel Pits 8 Apr (JC); Cheri A. Lindsey P and R Walk BROO (AB, RD, MH).

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: AqPk 18 May (VL, SO).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: ULCP 18 May (DN); Lockheed Martin Pd 31 May (DG).

Northern Shrike: Turnpike Rd DELA 2 Mar (CWo); Home OTSE 9 Mar (AD); Kilroy and Owlville Rd Oxford CHEN 13 Mar (MDW); Sherburne Railroad Grade Marsh CHEN 4 Apr (JC).

Philadelphia Vireo: max 3 ULCP 18-22 May (DN, VL); King Street BROO 18 May (DN); Hickories P TIOG 19 May (DG).

Horned Lark: 7 State Route 221 CORT (AVK); 7 Edwards Hill Rd 10 Mar (JH); 150 Arnold Rd BROO 9 Mar (DN); 20 Moran Rd

CHEN 15 Mar (MDW); 13 Deposit Farm Pd 31 Mar (LV).

Purple Martin: ULCP 20 Apr (LK, DB, AK).

Swainson's Thrush: NSpM 11 May (CW); Lake Delaware 12 May (RP); Ellis L 21 May (SB); Johnson City BROO 28 May (DN); Riverfront Vestal BROO 17 May (AB); 2 BUNP 21 May (VL).

American Pipit: 5 Spencer L Tamarac Marsh 14 Mar (CW); max 45 NSpM 14 Mar-16 May (CW, SCo); Pd Barton TIOG 15 May (DM); 2 Hickories P 30 Mar (CW); 2 Kinney Rd Campville 7 May (DG); Binghamton Plaza 1 Apr (JW); Cheri A. Lindsey P 1 Apr (DW); Hillcrest Pits 2 Apr (SB).

Evening Grosbeak: 3 Oneonta Susquehanna Greenway OTSE 2 Mar (CW); max 14 Home Feeders DELA (RP); 9 West River Rd Marathon CORT 7 Mar (CW); Mackey Rd Treadwell 23 Mar (PP); Tubs Hill Rd Richford TIOG 10-16 Apr (DM); max 15 Smith Kingsman Rd CHEN 28 Mar-8 May (MDW), *intro*.

Common Redpoll: max 25 Johnson City BROO 1-31 Mar (JH); 45 Masonville DELA 2 Mar (CW); Moran Rd Oxford CHEN 10-13 Apr (MDW); max 9 Tubbs Hill Rd Richford 21-27 (DM), *intro*.

Lapland Longspur: Hunsicker-Lawrence Rd Sherburne CHEN 8 Mar (MDW); 2 Cornell Lane Harford 3-7 Mar (KMcGo, KMcGa, CWo, JC), *intro*.

Snow Bunting: 63 NSpM 1 Mar (SCo); 100 Arnold Rd BROO 9 Mar (SR); max 350 Cornell Lane Harford CORT 3-7 Mar (KMcGo, KMcGa, JC, CW).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS - CARDINALIDS

Vesper Sparrow: max 2 Klecha Farm Coventry CHEN 1-6 Apr (MDW); 2 Knapp Rd Johnson City 5 Apr (DN); BPd 9 Apr (VL); Victory Street Johnson City 19 May (MJ).

Grasshopper Sparrow: Russell Hill Farm DELA 2 Jun (WM), *intro*.

Lincoln's Sparrow: River Rd Downsville 4 May (LV); Death Valley Rd Johnson City 7 May (JH); Moran Rd Oxford 13-14 May.

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW: Downsville DELA 1 Mar- 6 Apr (LV, SCa, KB, mob), from winter; *intro*.

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