

REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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The period was cooler and wetter than normal overall. March was cold early in the month and was slow to warm even by the end of the month. As had become the norm this winter, the cold temperatures warmed with weather events and most of the precipitation was in the form of rain. No archived data were available for March. April was just about average temperature wise. There was a high of 78° F 19 April, 4° above normal, and a low of 20° on 2 April, 2° below normal. Precipitation totaled 3.85", .7" above normal. May continued cool and wet with a high of 88° on 26 May, and a low of 40° 15 May. This averaged out to 71.3°, 1.7° below normal. There was 4.77" of precipitation, .36" above normal.

As one might expect, spring was an active period throughout the Region, with exceptional birds being found in many areas.

On 5 March Curt McDermott found an adult Ross's Goose on Bruyn Turnpike, Town of Wallkill, Ulster County. The bird was seen for five days moving between Lippencott Road, Blue Chip Farms and Shawangunk Grasslands NWR, allowing many birders to track it down.

On 6 March an adult Greater White-fronted Goose that had been seen throughout the winter period was again found at Edith G. Read Nature Sanctuary in Rye, Westchester County, relocated by Gail Benson and Tom Burke.

The **Trumpeter Swan** found by the author in February on the Rondout Reservoir continued throughout March, allowing many to enjoy it through its last day on 1 April.

On 4 March Gail Benson and Tom Burke relocated an adult male Eurasian Wigeon in Rye, which they had originally found in February. More cooperative this time around, the bird was seen by several observers over the next two weeks.

A “**Eurasian**” **Green-winged Teal** discovered 20 March on Round Pond in Amenia by Chet Vincent was cited as a first record for Dutchess County in the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club’s newsletter, *Wings Over Dutchess* April 2019 edition. This sighting was followed by **two** Eurasian Green-winged Teals found by Carena Pooth and Barbara Butler on 26 March at the Strever Farm pond in Pine Plains. Photos were obtained from both locations.

On 8 April, a front from the south was accompanied by a rain event from the southwest. The rain began in the middle of the night with migration well under way, and this put down many birds throughout our Region, resulting in a good fallout. The Bashakill State Wildlife Management Area seemed to get the highest number of birds: Horned Grebe (37), Red-necked Grebe (7), Red-breasted Mergansers (13), Long-tailed Duck (2), Lesser Scaup (7) and Bufflehead (36) joined the already abundant waterfowl present. Ruddy Ducks were found at Swan Lake and Bonaparte’s Gulls were in three locations around the county. Neighboring Orange County had similar results in somewhat lower numbers, except for Long-tailed Duck, 27 of which were found on Orange Lake.

On 11 May, Wendy Tocci found a calling **King Rail** at Great Vly in Ulster County, a good location for this vagrant in the past.

Sandhill Cranes made a good showing in the Region this spring. On 16 March during a Mearn’s Bird Club field trip, Bruce Nott found a pair at the Bashakill. The birds remained most of the morning, eventually lifting off and heading over the ridge into Orange County. On 20 March a Sandhill Crane was seen on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail on a Waterman Bird Club Field Trip. On 27 March, one was seen flying over Sturgeon Pool in Ulster County, but not seen again. On 30 March a pair of cranes, possibly the same birds seen earlier in the month at the Bashakill, were found in the Black Dirt Region. They moved back and forth into New Jersey, returning regularly to the Orange County side as the period progressed. These birds were observed performing a courtship display and they mated. Near the end of April, one was found on a nest in the Wallkill River NWR just across the state line in New Jersey. As of this writing, three eggs have been confirmed in the nest. (The nesting ultimately failed.) Additional cranes were also seen. On 11 May Scott Baldinger’s “Big Day” team had a flyby at the Bashakill, and as many as five were seen on 18 May in the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge.

On 10 April, Heather Perusini found and photographed a basic plumaged American Golden-Plover at Croton Point Park. This species is rarely seen in the Region in spring, this being only the second Regional record for this time of year.

On 10 May, Sean Camillieri found a beautiful alternate plumaged black and white **Ruff** at Marshland Conservancy in Rye. It remained just long enough for a few more lucky birders to see it.

On 11 May Sean Camillieri found a pair of Black Terns at the Bashakill State Wildlife Management Area. Historically fairly common there, this was the first record in many years. They were found in the middle of a “Big Day” weekend and many birders got to see them. These were followed three days later by two more Black Terns, one of which continued the following day.

Jim Yates found an **American White Pelican** at Sleightsburg Spit on 2 May. The bird was seen by many observers from several vantage points around the area. It was also recorded for Dutchess County from Grimmel Street in Rhinecliff when it flew across the river briefly.

A Tricolored Heron was found at Tivoli Bays Wildlife Management Area on 21 April and remained for several days. On 22 April it was joined by a Little Blue Heron, these both seen by several observers.

Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were found early in the season at two locations. Aiello Park in Westchester County was a location where one might expect to find this species, but finding one, and later a pair, at a small stillwater pond in Orange County was most unexpected. First found by Joyce Depew and her grandson, they were ultimately seen by many observers. Only one bird had been seen since, but breeding is suspected, and continued observation of the site may yet confirm it (two birds again being seen in early June). An article containing details of the discovery and subsequent observations of this pair will be published in the next issue of *The Kingbird*.

On 20 April, Bruce Nott found five Glossy Ibis at the Route 207 Marsh in Montgomery. This was to be the first of many sightings in the Region throughout the period. On 4 May Jim Tuman found two at Croton Point Park, followed by three found by Matthew Strobino on the 17th. Two more were found by the author and his “Big Day” team at the Bashakill State Wildlife Management Area on 10 May. Finally, Matt Zeitler found a Glossy Ibis at Walkill River National Wildlife Refuge on 12 May. This bird remained in the area through 21 May and was seen by many.

On 11 May, Mark DeDea found a singing Clay-colored Sparrow at Scenic Hudson on Kukuk Lane in the Town of Ulster. The bird was reported several times over the next two weeks.

On 23 March Matt Zeitler found an adult male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** on Lynch Avenue in the Orange County Black Dirt Region. The bird was in striking alternate plumage. Matt got the word out quickly and after some searching the bird was relocated and viewed by several birders. The bird could not be found the next day. On 31 March Tom Crepet and Jane Vechionne were having breakfast at their home in Gardiner when they looked out at their feeders as an adult male Yellow-headed Blackbird flew in with a group of Red-winged Blackbirds. They were able to get many photos of the bird in the half hour it remained, but unfortunately, the bird took off before any other birders could arrive. A search of the area failed to relocate the bird.

On 6 May Matthew and Barbara Strobino reported a Prothonotary Warbler at Rockefeller State Park. This was followed shortly thereafter on 7 May by another

found by Linda Scrima at the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Port Jervis, where it was seen by several people. Yet another Prothonotary was found by Anne Swaim at the Oscawana Island Nature Preserve on 13 May and remained until the following day.

On 4 May Curt McDermott, Tom Burke and Gail Benson found an adult male **Townsend's Warbler** at the Bashakill State Wildlife Management Area. The bird was seen and described well by the group but did not linger for additional birders who came to see it. This is a first record for Sullivan County. On 9 May Wilma Amthor spotted an adult female **Summer Tanager** feeding on the oranges in her yard. She had prolonged looks at the bird and managed some nice photos as well. This is only the second record for Sullivan County. On 28 May Melinda Cormier discovered an adult male **Western Tanager** at her feeders. She got some excellent photos of the bird, but it was not seen after that day. This is a first record for Sullivan County. A Blue Grosbeak was found by Bob Shriber at Marshland Conservancy on 6 May, only lingering a short time.

Notable this spring were record-setting early arrival dates for several passerines including Wilson's Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Cerulean Warbler and Yellow-throated Vireo.

Addendum: On 5 May 2018 Chris Chappell was birding along Haven Road at the Bashakill in Sullivan County, New York. He came upon a sparrow foraging in the undergrowth along the road. It caught his attention and he immediately began to video the bird. At that time, he couldn't identify the bird. He later reviewed his video and created still photos from that video. Upon extensive review the only identification he could come up with was **Seaside Sparrow**! He completed an eBird report identifying the bird as such and welcoming input from the regional reviewers to further aid in a conclusive identification. The report was ultimately confirmed and accepted by eBird. This is an amazing, rare, inland record of this species and a remarkable addition to the Sullivan County list. We congratulate Chris on his astute observation and follow up to confirm this unprecedented find.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AP – Apollo Plaza, SULL; **BCF** – Blue Chip Farm, ULST; **BFAS** – Buttercup Farm Audubon Sanctuary, DUTC; **BMSP** – Bear Mountain SP, ROCK; **BP** – Browns Pd, ORAN; **BSWMA** – Bashakill State WMA, SULL; **CFSP** – Clarence Fahnestock SP, PUTN; **CIOES** – Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, DUTC; **CMACS** – Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary, DUTC; **CPP** – Croton Pt P, WEST; **DHCLP** – D and H Canal Linear P, SULL; **DR** – Doodletown Rd, ROCK; **DRT** – Dutchess Rail Trail, DUTC; **EGR** – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, WEST; **EMLH** – Esopus Meadows Light House, ULST; **FPNC** – Forsythe P and Nature Center, ULST; **GL** – Glenmere L, ORAN; **GMP** – Glasco Mini P, ULST; **GV** – Great Vly WMA, ULST; **HS** – Harcourt Sanctuary, ULST; **HVRT** – Harlem Valley Rail Trail, DUTC; **II** – Iona I, ROCK; **KL** – Kiamasha L, SULL; **KP** – Kingston Pt, ULST; **LGC** – Laurel Grove Cemetery, ORAN; **LM** – Liberty Marsh, ORAN; **LNP** – Lenoir Nature Preserve, WEST; **LR** – Larchmont Res, WEST; **MC** – Marshlands Conservancy, WEST; **MF** – Muscoot Farm, WEST; **MP** – Morningside P, SULL; **MPHW** – Mount Peter Hawk Watch, ORAN; **NCR** – New Croton Res, WEST; **NR** – Neversink

Res, SULL; **NW** – Newburgh Waterfront, ORAN; **OCBDR** – Orange County Black Dirt Region, ORAN; **OINP** – Oscawana I Nature Preserve, WEST; **OMRLMSP** – Ogden Mills and Ruth Livingston Mills SP, DUTC; **PHP** – Peach Hill P, DUTC; **PITN** – Pine Island Turf Nursery, ORAN; **PP** – Piermont Pier, ROCK; **RL** – Rhinecliff Landing, DUTC; **RLSP** – Rockland L SP, ROCK; **RNC** – Rye Nature Center, WEST; **RR** – Rondout Res, SULL; **RSP** – Rockefeller SP, WEST; **SFSP** – Sterling Forest SP, ORAN; **SGNWR** – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR, ULST; **SHSR** – Six and a Half Station Road, ORAN; **SS** – Sleightsburg Spit, ULST; **SSF** – Stewart State Forest, ORAN; **TBWMA** – Tivoli Bays WMA, DUTC; **THMUA** – Taconic-Hereford Multiple Use Area, DUTC; **WL** – Wickham L, ORAN; **WRNWR** – Wallkill Ri NWR, ORAN.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: 500 WRNWR 14 Mar (RAuthier); 82 NR 31 Mar (JHaa); 15 OCBDR 24 Mar (SHernandez, APerkins). Unusually low numbers.

Ross's Goose: Bruyn Turnpike-Lippencott Rd, ULST 5-10 Mar (CMc, JHaa, BNo, KMcd, mob).

Greater White-fronted Goose: LR 3 Mar (MBo); EGR 6-7 Mar (GB, SCam, KMcGr); Rye Brook, WEST 12 Mar (GB, TBU).

Brant: 8008 II 18 May (GB, TBU). 24 migrating flocks.

Cackling Goose: Stissing Pd DUTC 3 Mar (SMit, PLi, PMo, DvZ); Wisner Rd ORAN 6 Mar (JCI); BCF 9 Mar (DHuessy, JPr); Tarrytown L P WEST 13 Mar (SK); BSWMA 14 Mar (JHaa); FPNC 15 Mar (MD); SS 15 Mar (JU, JJ); Millerton DUTC 16 Mar (BM).

TRUMPETER SWAN (R9): RR continuing 1 Mar-1 Apr (JHaa, TBU, GB, mob).

Tundra Swan: Stoneridge ULST 1 Mar (PD, GB, LTa, DHayes); HVRT 11 Apr (MNI, MSO); 4 Amenia 13 Mar (DFI); 3 Ryder Pd DUTC 15 Mar (DK); Tamarack L DUTC 18 Mar (JAs).

Eurasian Wigeon: Rye, WEST 4-18 Mar (BSh, GB, TBU, mob).

“Eurasian” Green-winged Teal: m Round Pd, Amenia DUTC 20 Mar (C. Vincent, ph) and 26 Mar (CP); 2 males Strever Farm pond, Pine Plains DUTC (CP, BB, T. Macchiarola ph, mob); first record for county; unclear whether one was the same as the Round Pd bird.

Canvasback: NCR 1-19 Mar (CR, Swa, GB); 2 BP 4-11 Mar (BNo, JHaa, KMi); LR 4 Mar (KMcGr); 2 CPP 9 Mar (ASw, CR, DM); max 9 PP 10-31 Mar (VH, KR, ME); 2 Hudson Highland SP PUTN 11 Mar (RB); Beacon Waterfront 13 Mar (AMac); GL 14 Mar (KA).

Redhead: max 18 Lake Mahopac 1-7 Mar (KMcGr, SMit, PLi, mob); 3 BP 7-11 Mar (BNo, JHaa, KMi); 2 GMP 10-18 Mar (MD, FM, mob); 4 KP 14 Mar (FM).

Surf Scoter: 2 EGR 2 Mar (GB, TBU); 2 Ashokan Res. 18 Apr (SCam).

White-winged Scoter: Kensico L 11 Mar (DSi); max 23 EGR 11 Apr (GB, TBU); 2 WL 22 Apr (KA, KMi, MZe, BNo); 4 Orange L 24 Apr (BNo); 3 EMLH 26 Apr (DO); 3 KL 3 May (JHaa).

Long-tailed Duck: 2 BSWMA 3 Apr (SBa, JHaa); KL 8 Apr (JHaa, KMi); WL 8 Apr (KA); 2 BSWMA 8 Apr (BNo, KMi, SBa, JHaa); max 85 EGR 12 Mar (GB, TBU); 6 Sylvan L DUTC 14 Mar (BM); 3 KP 15 Mar (MD); 11 Walton L DUTC 5 May (MZe).

Bufflehead: 3 RR still present 31 May (RSt, SBa) very late.

Barrow's Goldeneye: GMP 12-30 Mar (MD, PD, KMcd, mob); KP 16 Mar (DH).

Red-breasted Merganser: 2 Lake Mahopac 1-5 Mar (KMcGr, SMit, PLi, mob); 4 CPP 9 Mar (ASw, LTr); 3 EMLH 31 Mar (DT); 3 NW 1 Apr (BNo); max 16 EGR 6 Apr (GB, TBU); max 13 BSWMA 8 Apr (BNo, SBa, JHaa, KMi, PD); 3 TBWMA 11 Apr (DO); KP 2 May (PSch, WTo, NM, MCors, mob).

Ruddy Duck: PP 8 Mar (KR); max 16 LR 7 Apr (SO); 4 Swan L 8 Apr (JHaa, SBa); 3 Rhinebeck Landing 15 Apr (CP); max 26 Lake Carmel 19 Apr (AMac); 6 WL 28 Apr (MZe); 5 MP 3 May (JHaa).

Ruffed Grouse: Minnewaska SP 30 Apr (NM, SBa); BSWMA 3 Apr (SBa); Harriman SP 7 Apr (LD); Slide Mountain 19 Apr (LD).

Horned Grebe: max 37 BSWMA 8 Apr (BNo, SBa, JHaa, KMi, PD); 25 SS 8 Apr (DFe, FM); 30 Orange L 8 Apr (BNo); max 63 EGR 11 Apr (GB, TBU), *intro*.

Red-necked Grebe: Rondout Creek 8 Mar (KMCD); 3 KP 8 Mar ((DWe); 7 BSWMA 8 Apr (BNo, SBA, JHaa, KMi, PD); 5 KL 8 Apr (JHaa, KMi); 3 GL 8 Apr (KA); 6 EGR 6 May (GB, TBu), *intro*.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: RNC 4 May (PCI, JClA); CMACS 15 May (KBA, CR); CPP 16 May (KBA, LG); 2 OMRLMSP 25 May (DLu); 3 SFSP 25 May (AMar, EZM); 2 HS 26 May (DWe). 2 BSWMA 27 May (CWo).

Black-billed Cuckoo: LGC 9 May (KA, LScr, MBu); DRT 13 May (MK, DvZ); 2 Mine Rd 17 May (BNo); RSP 18 May (JAb); max 3 SFSP 22-26 May (GB, KFu, SMit); HS 26 May (DWe); Prun Sanctuary WEST 27 May (ASw).

Common Nighthawk: 3 BSWMA 10 May (JHaa, LV, KMi); 2 MC 11 May (AMac); PHP 15 May (JAs, DvZ, BM); 4 CPP 16 May (CR); 2 TBWMA 16 May (SRo, AF); BMSP 25 May (PR); 30 BSWMA 24 May (SMit, PLi).

Eastern Whip-poor-will: KP 4 May (WTo); max 6 SFSP 10 May (MZe); max 6 Mine Rd 17 May (BNo); Cooperstown Rd DUTC 18 May (CP); max 5 BSWMA 18 May (SSi, JDi).

RAILS – LARIDS

Clapper Rail: max 8 MC 29 Apr-31 May (GB, MBo, MSt, SWr, mob).

KING RAIL: GV 11 May (WTo), *intro*.

Virginia Rail: max 4 BSWMA 12 Apr (SBA, JHaa, GL, KMi); 2 BFAS 27 Apr (BM, MK, LMar, SRo); 4 SFSP 4 May (BSh, GB, TBu); 2 HS 11 May (DHu); 3 Humpo Marsh ULST 15 May (PSch); 2 KP 16 May (DHu); 2 Thompson Pd 17 May (SRo); 2 SGNWR 19 May (KFe, SF).

Sora: SHSR 27 Apr (KFe, SF); Mudder Kill Swamp DUTC 6 May (SJ); 2 CIOES 9 May (DvZ, mob); Humpo Marsh 10-15 May (PSch); BSWMA 10-21 May (JHaa, LV, mob); max 4 WRNWR 15 May (KA, mob); DHCLP 16 May (BG, JPa).

Common Gallinule: max 10 BSWMA 7 May (GB, TBu, mob); max 4 WRNWR 26 May (JS, DWa); 2 DRT 20-21 May (DvZ, MK).

American Coot: max 35 Lake Mahopac 3 Mar (SMit, PLi, PMo); Sylvan L 1 Apr (CP); 2 RLSP 10 Apr (CCo, AW, mob); max 3 GV 7-25 Apr (DH, PSch, mob); DRT 20-21 May (BM, MK, DvZ); 3 WRNWR 26 May (JS, DWa).

Sandhill Crane: 2 BSWMA 16 Mar (BNo, SBA, JHaa, KMi, RSt, mob); HVRT 20 Mar (MK, mob); max 5 WRNWR 30 Mar-31 May

(LScr, mob); SGNWR 4 May (LTa); BSWMA 11 May (SBA, MBu, JDi, SA), *intro*.

American Oystercatcher: max 5 EGR 27 Mar-31 May (GB, DvZ, ASw, mob); 2 CPP 20 May (CCo); max 7 MC 2 Apr-31 May (KA, MSt, BSt, mob).

Black-bellied Plover: max 3 MC 10-20 May (BSh, GB, KMcGr); 2 OCBDR 15-16 May (BNo, KA, mob); 3 PP 28 May (BKenny).

American Golden-Plover: CPP 10 Apr (HPerusini), *intro*.

Semipalmated Plover: max 6 Rt. 207 Marsh ORAN 11-28 May (BNo, MZe); max 5 CPP 10-12 May (MSt, EB, mob); max 6 EGR 15-29 May (GB, MSt, BSt); max 2 AP 16-29 May (JHaa, SBA, NH); 3 Camel Farm ORAN 18 May (JHaa, KMi); max 11 WRNWR 26 May (LScr, JS, DWa).

Ruddy Turnstone: MC 26 May (SRA, SK, MStr, BSt), only report.

RUFF MC 10 May (SCam, BSh, TBu, GB).

Sanderling: EGR 17 May (MBo), only report.

Dunlin: 2 MC 10 May (GB, ASw); SSF 18 May (BF); 2 Rt 207 Marsh 18-19 May (BNo); CMACS 23 May (JCollis).

White-rumped Sandpiper: 3 MC 10 May (GB, BSh, TBu); WRNWR 15 May (KA).

Pectoral Sandpiper: AP 4-9 May (JHaa, SBA, KMi, PD); Pine Hill Rd ORAN 6 May (KA); WRNWR 17 May (KA, SBA, MBu); BMSP 19 May (CMi, JVG).

Solitary Sandpiper: max 21 AP 3-26 May (JHaa, SBA, mob), unusually high number.

Willet: max 4 MC 15 Apr-30 May (GB, SCam, BNi, mob).

Bonaparte's Gull: 3 BSWMA 8 Apr (BNo, SBA); 8 RL 13 Apr (JAs); 7 NR (JHaa, SBA); max 39 CPP 15 Apr-16 May (GB, ASw, DvZ, mob); 26 KP 5 May (NM); 33 Kowawese Unique Area, Plum Pt ORAN (BNo); 5 Norrie Pt 17 May (SR, RMa).

Laughing Gull: 30 CPP 20 Apr (LTr); max 2 MC 21 Apr-13 May (MSt, BSt, GB, MV, SCam); max 5 EGR 28-30 May (GB); CPP 1 May (BSt, SCam, SWr).

Iceland Gull: Beacon Waterfront 2-3 Mar (KBA, ASw, CR); Hunter Plaza WEST 6 Mar (VH).

Least Tern: Five Islands P WEST 30 Apr (VH); max 2 MC 10-27 May (GB, MSt, BSt).

Caspian Tern: 2 CPP 13 Apr (LTr, GB, mob); Orange L 15 Apr (BNo); 2 CMACS 17 Apr (DvZ, KBA, CR); 2 CPP 1 May (SWr, BSt, SRA, PCI); PP 2 May (KR, SCo); 3 KP 11 May (WTo, JPr, JClI).

Black Tern: GV 4 May (PSch, SRo, SSc); max 2 BSWMA 11-15 May (SCam, KBa, JHaa, LV, mob); EGR 29 May (GB, TBu).
Common Tern: 3 Ashokan Res 30 Apr (PSch, DH); 4 Cornwall Bay (BNo, MZe); 4 Long Dock P 5 May (CP, MZe, BNo); High Banks Preserve 5 May (MD); KP 11 May (WTo, JPr, JCLi); 5 RL 17 May (RMa).
Forster's Tern: max 9 MC 15 Apr- 17 May (GB, SCam, ASw, mob).

LOONS – FALCONS

Red-throated Loon: max 3 EGR 2 Mar-20 Apr (GB, KMcGr, SCam); max 2 MC 15 Mar-4 May (DJ, ASw, SWr, mob); 13 KL 31 Mar (JHaa, PD, RDe, KMi, KMcD, SBA); KP 31 Mar (PSch, RMi, WTo, NM); GMP 5 Apr (RMi, DT).
Northern Gannet: max 33 EGR 26 Mar- 20 Apr (GB, KMcGr, SWr, mob).
Great Cormorant: max 7 EGR 2 Mar- 12 Apr (GB, TBu, VH, mob); 30 Fleishman's Pier P 3 Mar (CR); KP 7-8 Mar (DH, NM, DWa, mob); 2 Steamboat Riverfront P WEST 10 Mar (SRo); Cornwall Bay 19 Mar (KMcD); max 2 Hudson Highlands SP 20-24 Mar (CP, MRy, AMac, mob); CPP 27-28 Mar (KBa, CR, LG); RSP 16 Apr (VH).
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R9): SS 2 May (JY, DH, WTo, mob); Rhinecliff 2 May (DK).
American Bittern: max 2 WRNWR 4 Apr-31 May (LScr, KA, BNo, mob); max 4 BSWMA 11 Apr- 31 May (JHaa, SBA, SSI, JDi, mob); SHSR 14 Apr- 26 May (KA); Pine Cliff Sanctuary 13 Apr (VH); CPP 26 Apr (VH); Kendrige Farm ORAN 7 May (BT); SFSP 29 May (CH).
Least Bittern: GV 4 May (PSch, SRo); BSWMA 13 May (JHaa, SMit, PLi, SBA, mob); TBWMA 15-16 May (MGra, SRo, AF); WRNWR 20-31 May (LScr, JS, DWa, mob); 2 CMACS 23 May (JAn); SHSR 27 May (KA); PP 31 May (ME); TBWMA 31 May (DvZ, SRo, BM).
Great Egret: KP 12 Apr (CP, PSch); WRNWR 13 Apr (BNo, KMi); CPP 13 Apr (SK, GB, MSt, mob); TBWMA 17 Apr (SRo); 2 CMACS 21 Apr (KBa); BSWMA 4-11 May (JHaa, KMi, SBA, BNo, mob); PP 5 May (ME); GV 11 May (WTo, JPr, JCLi, DT); WRNWR 16 May (KMcD, AA, LA, LScr); SSF 22 May (KA, BNo, MBu); 6 II 25 May (KFu).
Snowy Egret: max 4 EGR 5 Apr- 29 May (GB, KA, NG, mob); max 3 CPP 13-17 Apr (LTr, SWr, mob); 2 PP 22 Apr (KR).

Little Blue Heron: TBWMA 22 Apr (CP, SeC), *intro*.
Tricolored Heron: TBWMA 21-22 Apr (BM, SRo, mob); Titus Millpond WEST 17-31 May (MBo, SWr, CP, BNi, BST), *intro*.
Cattle Egret: 2 WRNWR 15-20 May (BNo, JHaa, KMi, LScr, mob).
Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 4 EGR 6 Apr- 31 May (GB, KA, MBo, mob); 2 CPP 13-15 Apr (SK, GB, mob); Saugerties 14 Apr (PSch, RMi); TBWMA 17-18 Apr (SRo); Lents Cove P 19 Apr (SRo); Quassaic Creek ORAN 20 Apr (BNo, JHaa); BMSP 4 May (RGo, mob); RL 31 May (JAs).
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: max 2 VanBurenville Rd ORAN 15 Apr-31 May (JD, BNo, KMcD, mob); 2 EGR 22 Apr (GB, TBu); *intro*.
Glossy Ibis: 5 Route 207 Marsh 20 Apr (BNo); HVRT 28 Apr (M. Nicosia); 2 KP 4 May (WTo); 2 CPP 4 May (JT); 2 BSWMA 10 May (LV, JHaa, KMi); 3 CPP 17 May (MStr); WRNWR 12-21 May (MZe, LScr, RSt, KMcD, BNo, mob), *intro*.
Golden Eagle: Dover 3 Mar (SMit, PLi, PMo); OCBDR 9 Mar (DK); Goshen 13 Mar (KA); Millbrook 17 Mar (DK); Gibson Hill Rd ORAN 2 Apr (JS); FPNC 5 Apr (MD).
Peregrine Falcon: max 2 CPP 5 Mar-31 May (SRo, CR, mob); KP 13 Mar (DWe, DH); Dockside P 27 Mar (CR, KBa); BSWMA 25 Apr (SA); DR 27 Apr (KFe, SF); 2 Hawks Nest 18 May (KMi, MZe, JHaa); WRNWR 20-21 May (LScr, AB, AC).

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Olive-sided Flycatcher: max 2 BMSP 18-31 May (UM, MBK, mob); SFSP 19-26 May (SMit, PLi, LK, mob); Gumaer Falls Rd SULL 25 May (PRi).
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: WRNWR 19 May (JG, PA, FP); max 2 PHP 19 May (JAs, DSt); BSWMA 25 May (SMit, PLi, SBA, mob); RNC 31 May (GB, KMcGr).
Acadian Flycatcher: max 4 SFSP 11-30 May (GL, MBK, SMit, PLi, mob); BMSP 14-31 May (AC, mob); Dug Hill Rd ULST 17-19 May (MCors, PSch, WTo); max 2 Port Orange Rd ORAN 17-20 May (JHaa, KMi, mob); Gumaer Falls Rd SULL 18-31 May (GB, JG, PD, mob); Quacker L Rd 21 May (CP, BP); Glazier Preserve and Arboretum WEST 25 May (BNI).
Alder Flycatcher: BSWMA 17 May (JHaa, mob); max 5 CIOES 18-28 May (JAs, CP, ASw); 2 SSF 22 May (KA, BNo, MBu);

SGNWR 25 May (KA, mob); 2 OMRLMSP 26-28 May (JCl, GB, SRo); TBWMA 31 May (BM, SRo, DvZ).

White-eyed Vireo: PHP 20 Apr (ASw, DvZ); RSP 2 May (MGro, TW); MC 3 May (GB, BSt); Dover 6-18 May (CP, SJo, mob); SFSP 11 May (GL); CIOES 20 May (CP, BP); SSF 22 May (KA, BNo, MBu); BFAS 26-27 May (CP, MRy); BSWMA 31 May (EB).

Purple Martin: max 15 Gibson Hill Rd 9 Apr-31 May (JS, mob); BSWMA 15-17 Apr (JHaa, SA); 20 Glynwood Farm PUTN 17 Apr (CR); max 10 Paradies Lane ULST 25 Apr-31 May (DO, MF, mob); North Highland P PUTN 1 May (DvZ); 4 EMLH 28 Apr (APa); Esopus Meadows P ULST 3 May (DT); PHP 15 May (JAs); SSF 15 May (BF).

Cliff Swallow: 4 Cross River Res 13 Apr Beacon Waterfront 23 Apr (DvZ); max 8 BSWMA 28 Apr-21 May (GL, JHaa, SBa, mob); 12 KP 15 May (PD); 12 CPP 22 May (DvZ, ASw); 4 RR 23 May (SBa); 60 Cross River Res WEST 23 May (GB, TBu).

Marsh Wren: max 3 TBWMA 15 Apr-31 May (SRo, BM, mob); CMACS 21 Apr-31 May (KBa, LG, CR, mob); GV 24 Apr-27 May (RMi, AC, AG, mob); max 6 SHSR 27 Apr-31 May (KFe, SF, mob); max 4 BSWMA 29 Apr-31 May (JHaa, SBa, mob); max 3 MC 10-31 May (BSt, GB, SWr, mob); max 3 WRNWR 15-31 May (JS, JHaa, LScr, mob); 2 II 17-19 May (CR, IR, SeC). Conservative numbers, range continues to expand in Region.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: BSWMA 9-21 May (SBa, SA, MBu, mob); Nuclear L DUTC 10 May (CP, BP); CIOES 12 May (AMac); PHP 15 May (JAs); Ulster P 15 May (DT); BMSP 24 May (MStr); MF 25 May (SO). Low numbers this season.

Swainson's Thrush: max 4 RNC 3-31 May (GB, SO, KMcGr, mob); max 6 BSWMA 4-25 May (SBa, JHaa, KMi, mob); max 4 BMSP 4-31 May (ME, AC, CR, mob); 2 PHP 8-15 May (BM, LMar, mob); SSF 22 May (BNo, MBu, KA).

Brown Thrasher: max 18 PHP 6 Apr-31 May (JAs, CP, mob); max 4 BSWMA 7Apr-31 May (SBa, JHaa, BNo, mob); 2 MC 8 Apr-31 May (DJ, GB, ASw, mob); max 3 Kukok Lane ULST 14 Apr-11 May (MD, FM, mob) max 11 Beechwoods Area SULL 30 May (JHaa).

Evening Grosbeak: max 42 Smith Rd SULL 1-24 Mar (JHaa, SBa, mob); 4 Olivebridge, ULST 1 May (MZi); 2 Willow General Store, ULST 15 May (MLa); Kingston, ULST 5 May

(MD, PSch, mob); West Point, ORAN 5 May (BT).

Common Redpoll: max 21 Aden Rd SULL 1-24 Mar (SSu, JHaa, SBa, GL, mob); Fehr, ULST 1 Mar (RMi); Ulster P 2 Mar (DT); Carmel 2 Mar (EJ); 8 Cross River Res WEST 13 Mar (SCam).

Pine Siskin: max 33 BSWMA 1Mar-19 May (SBa, JHaa, KMi, mob); max 10 Peel Lane DUTC 7 Mar-15 May (SI, CP); max 8 FPNC 24 Apr-9 May (MD); max 7 Gibson Hill Rd ORAN 27 Apr-19 May (JS). Widespread, late in good numbers.

Lapland Longspur: max 3 OCBDR 9-10 Mar (KA, EF); OCBDR 23 Mar (PSch).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS - CARDINALIDS

Vesper Sparrow: 2 CPP 13 Apr-28 May (NG, SRo, ASw); PHP 14 Apr (JAs); 2 SSF 16 Apr (KMcd, BNo, BF); WRNWR 20 Apr (LScr); Ward Pound Ridge 21 Apr (BNi) OCBDR 22 Apr (BNo); BSWMA 29 Apr (JHaa, SBa, KMi).

Grasshopper Sparrow: max 10 SGNWR 1-31 May (PSch, SA, BNo, mob); 2 OCBDR 4-31 May (BNo, LScr, CCha, MCh); SSF 15-30 May (BF); CPP 24-31 May (LTr, ASw, BStr, mob); 4 Grieg Farm 31 May (DvZ, BM, SRo).

Lincoln's Sparrow: MC 2 May (GB, TBu); CMACS 3 May (KBa); max 2 PHP 4-24 May (JAs, BM, DvZ, mob); BSWMA 11-17 May (JHaa, KMi, PD); OMRLMSP 17 May (SRo, RMa).

Yellow-breasted Chat: Cranberry L P 6 May (MJ); OMRLMSP 25-31 May (CP, JAs, GB, mob); New Paltz 31 May (DO).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (R9): OCBDR 23 March (MZe, JHaa, BNo, GB, TBu, mob); Gardiner, Ulster County 31 March (TC, JV), *intro*.

Bobolink: max 7 MF 4-27 May (PLe, ASw, DvZ, mob); max 6 BFAS 7-27 May (BM, SRo, mob); max 25 Drayton Grant P 10 May (LW); max 35 SGNWR 19 May (KFe, SF); 6 RSP 27 May (VH); max 50 Beechwoods Area 30 May (JHaa).

Eastern Meadowlark: 2 Strever Farm 25 Mar-29 May (DK, CP, CV, mob); max 4 OCBDR 22 Mar (DBr); 3 Knapp's View 4 May (CCha, MCh, mob); max 10 SGNWR 29 May (JR, JM, mob); max 7 Beechwoods Area 30 May (JHaa).

Boat-tailed Grackle: MC 2-18 May (GB, TBu, MBo). Rare in Region.

Worm-eating Warbler: SFSP 4-20 May (FP, BSh, LK, mob); max 5 DR 4-31 May (JCI, KSch, GB, mob); max 4 High Banks P 5-19 May (MD, DO, PSch, FM); max 5 Mohonk Preserve 7-27 May (PCa, DWe, mob).

Golden-winged Warbler: RSP 2-11 May (BNi, TK); 2 DR 17-25 May (FP, WTe); max 4 SFSP 4-31 May (SeC, KBa, KMcGr, mob).

Prothonotary Warbler: RSP 6 May (MStr, BStr); LGC 7 May (LScr, JHaa, KMcd, KMi, GB); OINP 13-14 May (RMa, ASw, PCI),

Tennessee Warbler: max 5 RSP 27 Apr- 20 May (MStr, BStr, BNi, mob); max 15 DR 6-31 May (IR, AG, ASw, mob); max 2 BSWMA 5-25 May (SBa, PD, SCam, KBa, mob); max 4 CMACS 10-28 May (DvZ, DK, CP, mob); 2 THMUA 19-24 May (AMac, MK, SCam); 14 High Banks Preserve 19 May (MD).

Nashville Warbler: SFSP 30 Apr- 29 May (MCha, CCh, GL, mob); MC 2-10 May (TJ, GB, BSt, RMa); max 6 PHP 2 May (CP, DvZ, BM, mob); max 4 BSWMA 2-8 May (JHaa, SBa, KMi, mob); Minnewaska SP 7-14 May (KA, SBa, MBu, mob).

Mourning Warbler: TBWMA 17 May (SRo, RMa); 2 SFSP 19-29 May (SMit, PLi, PA, JG); SSF 22 May (KA, BNo, MBu); BFAS 24-27 May (LW, CP, AL); Tymor Forest P 24-28 May (AMac); max 3 BSWMA 24-26 May (SMit, PLi, JHaa, SBa, mob); DR 25 May (MGro, mob); MC 27-30 May (GB, TBu).

Kentucky Warbler: SFSP 3 May (MZe); Phillis Bridge Road 6 May (PCa); PHP 15 May (JAs, CF); Mine Road 19 May (JG, PA); RNC 21 May (GB, TBu).

Hooded Warbler: max 13 DR 29 Apr- 31 May (AW, ME, BNo, mob); max 6 SFSP 1-31 May (MZe, CCha, SCam, mob); MC 2 May (TJ, GB); 2 BSWMA 4 May (JHaa, JCli, mob); max 9 Dover 5-18 May (CP, BP, DK, mob); max 11 Minnewaska SP 7-31 May (SBa, KA, NM, AL, mob); 7 Pawling Nature Reserve 11 May (KH, BB, mob); Ferncliff Forest 14 May (BM, DvZ, ASw, SRo); 2 MF 18-20 May (EG, SWr, LTr, SK).

Cap May Warbler: max 3 BSWMA 4-26 May (JHaa, GB, CMc, KMcd, mob); max 5 LGC 7-19 May (KMcd, JHaa, KMi, MZe, mob); max 3 DR 9-18 May (KSch, GB, GL,

mob); max 8 OINP 13-16 May (CR, ASw, LTr, mob); 2 RSP 15-18 May (MSt, mob); 2 Gibson Hill Road 19-30 May (JS).

Cerulean Warbler: max 6 BSWMA 26 Apr- 31 May (JHaa, SBa, KMi, mob); max 7 SFSP 30 Apr- 31 May (GB, MZe, KBa, SCam, mob); max 18 DR 2-31 May (GL, CShe, KMcGr, mob); 4 Mohonk Preserve 7 May (DWe); 2 TBWMA 9 May (BM, SRo, AF).

Bay-breasted Warbler: max 3 RNC 8-22 May (SO, PCI, GB); BSWMA 8-18 May (JHaa, SBa, LV, mob); max 6 Ferncliff Forest 14-17 May (ASw, DvZ, BM, mob); GV 15-19 May (PP, PSch, KMcGa, mob); 2 CPP 16 May (KBa, LTr, mob); max 4 DR 18 May (ASw, CR, KMcGr, mob); max 5 THMUA (JAs, AMac, BM, mob).

Yellow-throated Warbler: RNC 6-7 May (KMcGr, PCI), only report.

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: BSWMA 4 May (CMc, TBu, GB). First Sullivan County record, *intro*.

Canada Warbler: max 3 BSWMA 4-26 May (JHaa, KMi, KMcd, mob); max 5 LGC 7-19 May (KMi, KMcd, JHaa, mob); max 3 DR 9-18 May (ME, GL, mob); max 8 OINP 13-16 May (CR, ASw, LTr, mob); 2 RSP 15-18 May (MSt, mob).

Wilson's Warbler: max 5 BSWMA 17 Apr-27 May (BNo, SBa, JHaa, mob); max 3 CPP 4-16 May (NZ, KBa, LG, mob); 2 Kukok Lane (MD, ASch); GV 13-14 May (PSch, AG); 2 OINP 14-15 May (SK, KMcGr, SCam). Early date, widespread reports.

SUMMER TANAGER (R9): Bloomingburg, SULL 9 May (WAmthor) second county record, *intro*; DR 31 May (AKopitov, YHoffman).

WESTERN TANAGER: Jeffersonville, SULL 28 May (McCormier), first county record, photos, *intro*.

Blue Grosbeak: MC 6 May (BSh, GB, TBu).

ADDENDUM FOR 2018

SEASIDE SPARROW (R9): BSWMA 5 May 2018 (C. Chappell, ph, vid), first SULL record.