

REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

Lance Verderame

8 Elm Hollow Road, Livingston Manor, NY 12758

flybynight9@hvc.rr.com

Weather data obtained from the Binghamton Station showed a high of 67° F on 9 March and a low of 15° on 1 March. The average temperature for the month of March was 38.1° which was 5.3° above normal. March precipitation was 2.35" which was 0.64" below normal. The high temperature for the month of April was 64° on 13 April and the low was 24° on 17 and 22 March. The average temperature for April was 41° which was 4.1° below normal. The average precipitation for the month of April was 4.50" which was 1.07" above normal. For the month of May

the high temperature was 88° on 26 May with the low being 24° on 9 May. The average temperature for the month of May was 54.1° which was 1.7° below normal. The average precipitation for May was 2.91" which was 0.66" below normal.

Once again, as in the winter report, waterfowl were represented well in the period. Cackling Geese were reported from both Broome and Otsego Counties. There were scattered reports of Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall and American Wigeon as well as Canvasback and Redhead. All three scoters were reported including a lone Black Scoter spotted by Chris Wood on Chenango Lake. This species is not recorded often in the spring period. All three expected grebes were reported with six Red-necked Grebes reported from Lisle Park by David Nicosia on 20 April.

Virginia Rails were reported in three counties, as was Sora. In addition to the expected shorebirds for the period a Black-bellied Plover was a nice find at Dorchester Park on 26 May and an Upland Sandpiper on Palmer Road in Cortland County was a welcome sighting of this declining species. A Dunlin spotted from Upper Lisle County Park on 16 May was a nice find as well.

Other interesting reports for the period included Lesser Black-backed Gulls on both 4 and 25 May at the Cortland Gravel Pits. Three records of Least Bittern were nice finds. A Red-headed Woodpecker in Deposit is an excellent record for Delaware County. Also in Delaware County the author spotted the only Northern Shrike for the period, in Deposit. Multiple observers viewed a White-eyed Vireo at Lime Hollow in Cortland County and there were a few rare spring reports of Philadelphia Vireo as well. Also of note were a lone report of Golden-winged Warbler and two records of Yellow-throated Warbler.

The bird of the period is the Snowy Egret found by Rick Bunting on 16 May in Afton, Chenango County. This inland sighting for the Region is an exceptional record.

CONTRIBUTORS

Ryan Andrew, Kyle Arvin, Tom Auer, Jessie Barry, Marty Borko, Sandy Bright, Jody Brodsky, Ted Buhl, Rick Bunting, Adrian Burke, Julie Buss, Gabriel Campos, Larry Chen, Jeremy Collison, Sandy Covington, Jenna Curtis, Ian Davies, Renee DePrato, Michael DeWispelaere, Kevin Ebert, Pete Feinberg, Pete Fenner, Allison Finch, Mark Fitzsimmons, Elizabeth Frascatore, Derek Green, Paul Greenberg, David Harrison, Sam Heinrich, Tristan Herwood, Louis Hicks, Melissa Hildebrant, Wesley Hochachka, Karen Holm, James Hoteling, Trish Janos, Matthew Janson, Jacob Jensen, M. Jordan, Sara Kinch, Gail Kirch, William Kuk, Victor Lamoureux, Zion Laudermilch, David McCartt, Kevin McGann, Jay McGowan, Deborah Miller, Catherine Murphy, Lukas Musher, Michael Newhouse, Kristen Nicholas, David Nicosia, Ruth Pedersen, Ethel Pulaski, Mickey Ryan, Jo Ann Salo, Thomas Salo, Charles Scheim, Cynthia Staley, Suzanne Summers, Renner Thomas, Patricia Thorpe, Sarah Toner, Alex Trifunovic, Adam Troyer, Kathy Rogerson Turner, Alison Van Keuren, Lance Verderame, Fred von Mechow, Jason Wanaselja, , Dan Watkins, Jonathan Weeks, Kelly White, Nelson Wilbury, Glenn Wilson, Sam Wilson, Chris Wood.

ABBREVIATIONS

ALk – Allen L, OTSE; **AqPk** – Aquaterra P, BROO; **Bpd** – Boland Pd, BROO; **BUNP** – Binghamton University Nature Pres, 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 Mtn, T Davenport, DELA; **GrwP** – Greenwood CP, BROO; **HCP** – Hillcrest Pits, Port Dickenson, BROO; **LHNC** – Lime Hollow Nature Center, T Cortlandville, CORT; **LPSF** – Long Pd SF, CHEN; **MHL** – Michigan Hollow L, TIOG; **NSpM** – N Spencer Marsh, T Spencer, TIOG; **OtsL** – Otsego L, OTSE; **PRes** – Pepacton Res & outflow, DELA; **SkaL** – Skaneateles L, L (SE), T Scott, CORT; **StPd** – Stupke Pd, T Cortlandville, CORT; **SusRB** – Susquehanna Ri, Greater Binghamton, BROO; **UL** – Upper Lisle, BROO, **ULCP** – Upper Lisle County P, T Triangle, BROO; **WPres** – Whitney Pt Res, BROO.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: 75 Moran Rd 2 Mar (MD); 250 Oneonta OTSE 2 Mar (AVK); 90 BUNP 2 Mar (AB); 150 Nichols TIOG 2 Mar (SC); 150 Broome BROO 2 Mar (DN); 120 Glendale P BROO 8 Mar (MJ); 250 Castle Cr BROO 17 Mar (JWe).

Brant: 100 Otsego 15 May (CSt).

Cackling Goose: StPd 4 Mar (DG); 12 ULCP 5 Mar (GW,KE,SH,DN); Port Crane Farm Pd 7 Mar (DW,MF,DH); 2 Springfield OTSE 7 Mar (SS); Springfield Ctr OTSE 17 Mar (PFen,CSt).

Mute Swan: 4 Whitney Pt BROO 5 April (JWe,DN); 4 ULCP 5 April (JCu,DN,SH); Chenango Forks BROO 16 May (JWe).

Tundra Swan: 9 ULCP 2 Mar (GW); StPd 4 Mar (DG); 3 Clark Pd OTSE 9 Mar (PFen); 5 Goodyear Swamp OTSE 9 Mar (JCo); 11 MHL 11 Mar (SC).

Blue-winged Teal: site max 8 Enwell BROO 20 April (DN); site max 4 Sherburne Marsh CHEN 21 & 22 April (SH,MD); site max 4 ULCP 25 April (SR); site max 3 Bpd 26 & 27 April (JWe,MR).

Northern Shoveler: 10 SusR TIOG 13 Mar (KH); 10 Lisle P BROO 11 Mar (DW); 3 OtsL 20 Mar (PFen,CSt); site max 4 Bpd 25 Mar (JH).

Gadwall: 57 Lisle P 13 Mar (DN,SR); 11 Cincinnatis L CHEN 25 Mar (MD); 12 Clark Pd 29 Mar (TB).

American Wigeon: 8 HCP 1 Mar (JWe); 7 Murphy Pits BROO 3 Mar (DW); 12 OtsL 12 Mar (KM); 8 West Corners Marsh BROO 27 Mar (AF)

American Black Duck: 74 CRes 1 Mar (LV); 30 Bpd 7 Mar (GW); 26 Bpd 29 Mar (GK).

Northern Pintail: 10 ULCP 5 Mar (KE,SH); 16 Richfield Springs OTSE 8 Mar (PFei); 18 Lisle P 13 Mar (DN,SR).

Green-winged Teal: 24 OtsL 12 Mar (KM); 25 Nichols 16 Mar (DMc); 46 Harford CORT 3 Apr (CW); 26 Sherburne Marsh 8 Apr (MD).

Canvasback: Murphy Pits 21 Mar (GK); 4 ULCP 29 Mar (DN); 7 Lisle P 30 Mar (DN); Lockheed Martin Pd TIOG 18 Apr (DG).

Redhead: 4 Lake Front P OTSE 1 Mar (EF); 2 Downsville DELA 1 Mar (LV); 2 HCP 1 Mar (JWe,JH); site max 10 Canadarago L 22 Mar (SH); 2 Cincinnatus L CHEN 4 Apr (CW).

Ring-necked Duck: 190 Clarke Pd. 11 Mar (PFen); 250 OtsL 12 Mar (KM); 137 CRes 14 Mar (LV); 300 Long Pd CHEN 25 Mar (MD); 420 Allen L OTSE 7 Apr (TB).

Greater Scaup: 6 Marathon 12 Mar (DN); 19 Hickories Pk 13 Mar (MR).

Lesser Scaup: 181 Allen L 15 April (DMi).

Surf Scoter: 2 Keibel Rd BROO 12 Mar (DN); UCLP 15 Mar (DN); ChenL 25 Apr (MD).

White-winged Scoter: Cortland Gravel Pits CORT 16 Apr (CW); 27 Lisle P 18 May (DN).

Black Scoter: ChenL 16 Apr (CW).

Long-tailed Duck: 16 Lisle Pk 1 Apr (SW); 4 Deans Pd CORT 5 Apr (JCu); 4 ChenL 25 Apr (MD).

Bufflehead: 48 ULCP 27 Mar (ATri); 50 Cincinnatus L 21 Apr (SH); 32 CRes 24 Apr (ID).

Common Goldeneye: 6 Owego TIOG 1 Mar (DG); 6 CRes 1 Mar (LV); 30 Clarke Pd 14 Mar (PFen,CSt).

Red-breasted Merganser: 19 Lisle P 13 Mar (JWe,SR,DN); 3 Cortland Gravel Pits 25 Mar (JCo); 14 ULCP 25 Apr (DN).

Ruddy Duck: 3 Hickories P 23 Mar (SC); 2 Cincinnatus L 25 Mar (MD); 4 ULCP 12 Apr (JWe).

Ring-necked Pheasant: 3 ULCP 29 Mar (DN); 2 Middlefield OTSE 15 Apr (PT).

Ruffed Grouse: many reports.

Pied-billed Grebe: 3 Dorchester P BROO 15 Mar (JWe); 3 Chenango Valley SP BROO 8 Apr (SW).

Horned Grebe: 12 Cortland Gravel Pits 25 Mar (JCo); 7 ULCP 25 Mar (DN); 5 Plymouth Res CHEN 27 Mar (MD,CM); 16 Lisle P 8 Apr (DN).

Red-necked Grebe: Lockheed Martin Pd 25 Mar (SK); Honeymoon Cottage TIOG 27 Mar (DG); 2 ULCP 5 Apr (DN,SH); Cortland Gravel Pits 16 Apr (CW); 6 Lisle P 20 Apr (DN).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Johnson City BROO 28 May (JH); Oneonta DELA 28 May (CSc); Keibel Rd 30 May (GK); Aquaterra P BROO 31 May (WK); Cuyler Hill SF CORT 31 May (WH); Tubs Hill Rd TIOG 31 May (DMc).

Black-billed Cuckoo: scattered reports in all counties.

Common Nighthawk: nine reports of single birds in the Region.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: many reports.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: 2 Hancock DELA 12 Apr (LV); 2 CG 19 Apr (MB); 2 BUNP 23 Apr (AB,GC); 3 Bpd 2 May (DN); 2 Sherburne Marsh 24 May (MD).

Sora: Boland BROO 20 Apr (DW); Bpd 25 Apr (SW); Whitney Pt 1 May (LH); Victory St Marsh BROO 11 May (VL); Naylor Rd Wetlands OTSE 16 May (CW); 3 Laurens OTSE 21 May (CSc); Apalachin Marsh TIOG 29 May (GW).

Common Gallinule: 3 Sherburne Marsh 14 May (MD); MHL 17 May (SC); Richford CORT 18 May (TA); Apalachin Marsh 19 May (DG); Brick Pd TIOG 23 May (DG,TR,DMc).

American Coot: 30 Lake Front P 17 Mar (ML); other scattered reports.

Sandhill Crane: 5 Preston CHEN 29 Mar (CM); 4 Pharsalia Woods SF CHEN 30 Mar (MD); Plymouth CHEN 5 Apr (MD).

Black-bellied Plover: Dorchester P 26 May (RA,BN,AB,VL,DW).

Semipalmated Plover: 7 ULCP 15 & 17 May (DN); 5 Murphys Pits 18 May (DN); 18 Kinney Rd TIOG 23 May (DG,DMc).

Upland Sandpiper: Palmer Rd CORT 2 May (CW).

Dunlin: ULCP 16 May (JWe,VL,RA,JH,DN).

Least Sandpiper: 14 Kilroy Rd CHEN 11 May (MD); 33 ULCP 13 May (DW); 7 Sherburne Marsh 14 May (MD); 9 Kinney Rd 12 & 16 May (DMc,DG).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: site max 2 ULCP 25 May (DN); 2 Kinney Rd 16 & 18 May (DG,DMc).

Wilson's Snipe: Birdsong Meadows Farm TIOG 19 Mar (ATro); 9 Daisy Hollow Rd 28 Mar (JBa,CW); 17 Murphys Pits 5 Apr (SW); 8 Winton Rd CHEN 26 May (FvM).

Lesser Yellowlegs: 3 ULCP 9 May (JW); 6 Kinney Rd 11 May (DG); 3 Bpd 11 May (DN).

Greater Yellowlegs: 4 Endwell 20 Apr (DN); 3 Depoist DELA 3 May (LV); 3 Harring Bone Blvd TIOG 12 May (GW); 3 Kinney Rd 16 May (DMc).

Bonaparte's Gull: 56 CannR25 Apr (ID); 26 ChenL 25 Apr (MD); 25 Lockheed Martin Pd 25 Apr (DMc); 146 ULCP 25 Apr (DN); 190 Lisle Pk 25 Apr (RD).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Cortland Gravel Pits 4 & 25 Mar (JCo).

Great Black-backed Gull: 7 Cortland Gravel Pits 25 Mar (JCo); 2 Cortland Gravel Pits 8 Apr (JCo).

Caspian Tern: site max Papish Pd CORT 8 Apr (CW); Plymouth Res 9 Apr (CW); 8 ULCP 19 Apr (JWe).

Black Tern: ULCP 14 May (DN,JH,DW); Lisle Pk 18 May (DN).

Common Tern: Region max 6 Whitney Pt 6 May (DN).

Forster's Tern: 1 ULCP 13 Apr (DN); HCP 6 May (DW).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: 2 Lisle P 31 Mar (GW); 6 Lisle Pk 10 Apr (DN); Lisle P 25 Apr (RD); Keibel Rd 1 May (DW).

Common Loon: 58 (flyovers) Birdsong Meadows Farm 12 Apr (ATro); other scattered reports from all counties.

Double-crested Cormorant: 10 Cincinnatus L 8 Apr (JCo); 15 Plymouth Res 10 Apr (CM); 82 (flyovers) Birdsong Meadows Farm 12 Apr (ATro); max site 117 Lisle P 23 Apr (DN); 50 HCP 8 May (JWe).

American Bittern: ULCP 18 Apr (CW); Smith Kingsman Rd CHEN 25 Apr (JBa,CW); CG 29 Apr (MB); Apalachin Marsh 30 Apr (DG); Dubbins Cross Rd OTSE 16 May (JWa); Allens Pd 16 May (CW); Broome 16 May (DN).

Least Bittern: ULCP 16 May (VL,RA); Sherburne Marsh 24 May (MD); CG 25 May (MB).

Great Egret: 2 Winding Riv 8 Apr (ZL); 2 Lockheed Martin Pd 21 Apr (DG).

Snowy Egret: Afton CHEN 16 May (RB).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: ULCP 22 Apr (DW,JWe); ULCP 16 May (JWe,JH).

Black Vulture: Riverview Cemetery DELA 21 Mar (LV); 2 Stoller Hill Rd OTSE 22 Mar (SS); Endicott BROO 1 May (GW); Palmer Hill Rd DELA 2 May (PG); 3 Route 17 DELA 20 May (MN); 2 Stamford DELA 24 May (RT); Bloomville DELA 24 May (EP); Oneonta 25 May (TJ).

Golden Eagle: Birdsong Meadows Farm 5 Mar (ATro); Betty & Wilbur Davis SP 5 Mar (TS); Glimmerglass SP 6 Mar (PFen); W Burlington 22 Mar (TS,JS); W Corners Marsh BROO 6 Apr (MJo); Brick Pd 10 Apr (DG).

Northern Goshawk: sensitive Species in eBird but scattered reports throughout period.

Rough-legged Hawk: W Burlington 1 Mar (TS,JS); Oneonta 2 Mar (AVK); Murphys Pits 21 Mar (GK); Doing Rd 27 Mar (MD).

Eastern Screech-Owl: reports of single birds in all counties in Region.

Great Horned Owl: reports in all counties in Region.

Barred Owl: many reports.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Calhoun Rd. CHEN 9 Apr (CW).

Red-headed Woodpecker: Deposit 31 May (KN), only record in Region for period.

American Kestrel: many reports throughout Region.

Merlin: many reports throughout Region.

Peregrine Falcon: ULCP 4 Apr (SW); Smith Kingsman Rd 5 Apr (MD); Murphys Pits 5 Apr (SW); Pruitt Ln CHEN 12 Apr (MR); CRes 15 Apr (MR); ULCP 25 Apr (DW); Apalachin March 30 Apr (DG); Bainbridge DELA 2 May (JBr); max site 6 Downtown Binghamton BROO 26 May (AB).

FLYCATCHERS — SNOW BUNTING

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Sherburne CHEN 25 May (FvM).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Spencer TIOG 31 May (TH).

Northern Shrike: Deposit Farm Pd 1 Mar (LV).

White-eyed Vireo: Lime Hollow CORT 7 May (JJ); Lime Hollow 14 May (JM,JCo).

Philadelphia Vireo: King St BROO 21 May (DW); ULCP 22 May (TH).

Fish Crow: many reports in the Binghamton area.

Horned Lark: 40 Sherburne 1 Mar (SH,MJa,KE); 18 Moran Rd CHEN 2 Mar (MD); 15 E Springfield OTSE (PFen,CST).

Marsh Wren: Hancock DELA 3 May (LV); 2 BPd 9 May (MR); 2 ULCP 14 May (DN); Whitney Pt 17 May (DN); 4 Sherburne Marsh 24 May (MD); 2 BPd 29 May (AB).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Brooktondale TIOG 17 May (TA); Otsiningo P BROO 19 May (AB).

American Pipit: 25 Cheri A. Lindsey P 24 Mar (AB); 15 Binghamton (GW); 16 Laurel Bank Rd DELA 3 May (LV); 14 Moran Rd 5 May (MD).

Evening Grosbeak: Long Pd SF 18 Apr (CW).

Red Crossbill: 4 Worchester OTSE 31 May (KA).

Pine Siskin: Stoller Hill Rd 14 & 24 Mar (SS); New Michagan SF 3 May (JBa,CW).

Snow Bunting: 150 Sherburne 1 Mar (SH,MJa,KE).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS — CARDINALIDS

Vesper Sparrow: 10 Murphys Pits 4 Apr (SW); 5 Marathon 8 Apr (JCo); 3 Downsview 16 Apr (LV); 3 Moran Rd 20 Apr (MD).

Lincoln's Sparrow: Moran Rd 1 May (MD); ULCP 3 May (JWe,JH); ULCP 5 May (DW); Thornridge Ln CHEN 10 May (ATri); Nuthatch Hollow Nature Pres BROO 10 May (VL,AB,GC); Richford TIOG 14 May (TA); Lime Hollow 14 May (JM); Smithboro TIOG 16 May (MH); Haber L 17 May (NW); 2 Long Pd SF 17 May (JBa, CW).

Orchard Oriole: Owego TIOG 12 May (GW); Binghamton 13 May (KW); L Delaware DELA 14 May (RP); Lime Hollow 14 May (JM); Sherburne 16 May (KRT); Lockheed Martin Pd 23 May (DG); max site 2 ULCP 27 May (ATri).

Rusty Blackbird: 18 CG 31 Mar (MB); 11 Mead Pd CHEN 10 Apr (MD); 7 Taylor Valley Rd CORT 11 Apr (CW); max site 7 ULCP 18 May (DN).

Golden-winged Warbler: Plymouth Res 17 May (CM).

Tennessee Warbler: many reports.

Mourning Warbler: scattered reports in all counties in Region.

Hooded Warbler: scattered reports throughout Region.

Cape May Warbler: 7 Riverview Cemetery 15 May (LV); 16 Calhoun Creek SF 16 May (CW); Long Pd SF 17 May (JBa,CW); 6 Binghamton 17 May (JBU).

Bay-breasted Warbler: Region max 3 BUNP 20 May (AB).

Yellow-throated Warbler: Dorchester P 16 May (DN,GW); Chenago Valley SP 18 May (AB).

Wilson's Warbler: 2 Cortland CORT 18 May (JJ); many other reports of single birds.