

REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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A tumultuous Spring 2020 began with the tenth warmest March on record and very little snow. Average daily high was 49.6 °F, 6.4° above normal, and every day of the month got above freezing. Overnight lows were similarly mild. Early April continued the theme set in March but dramatically broke the warm trend mid-month and finished with an average daily high 3.9° below normal. May became a tale of two seasons with the first half double digits off normal highs and persistent northwest winds during the normal arrival window of many neotropical migrants. The pattern broke on 15 May with a few days of average weather, and the 22nd was the first of eight consecutive warm (even hot) days now double digits above average. Variations on south wind were the norm, with migration catching up quickly.

No report on this season would be complete without noting the influence of the growing Coronavirus pandemic. By mid-March schools and businesses were closing and stay-at-home quarantine orders were being issued for most parts of the state that continued through spring. Though outdoor activities were considered lower risk for spread of the virus, impact on birding effort and/or reporting is unknown. Did effort from experienced birders suffer due to the pandemic? Some speculated that with most indoor activity forbidden, birding and other outdoor recreation would surge. Indeed, the Region saw an unprecedented 780 eBird contributors versus 525 the previous spring and only 392 for the winter season just ended. Total records submitted took a similar leap, with 166,182 a new high in the Region for a single season and up 50% (!) compared to a year ago. Will these new birders continue in the future?

With the mild March came plenty of early migrating waterfowl. Snow Goose and dabbling duck numbers peaked in the first week and Matt Brown found a Blue-winged Teal in Port Ontario on 2 March, very early for the species and

nearly two weeks before the next report. Eurasian Wigeon, no longer really a rarity when wigeon are around, was found in four spots. Ross's Goose was seen a few places and Greater White-fronted also. Gary Meyers found two **Barrow's Goldeneye** on Oneida Lake on 22 March, and the **Tufted Duck** at Fair Haven continued from winter. Good diving duck numbers continued on Onondaga Lake while an impressive 3500 Brant stopped in on 18 May. Blue-winged Teal again set up shop on the pond at Sterling Nature Center, likely breeding there and one of the Region's few such pairs.

It was an exceptionally poor year for Common Nighthawk reports, especially on the Ontario lakeshore where virtually no meaningful flight was noted at Derby Hill. Lack of observer presence late in May? This is always a possibility given the late-day timing of nighthawk flights amid the morning emphasis of birding during May. An Eastern Whip-poor-will was found at SUNY Oswego, always an excellent find given their secretive nature. Most marsh birds arrived on time and Sandhill Crane were seen in all the expected places. Piping Plover returned again to Sandy Pond and the pair was joined briefly by a prior year's offspring destined for other parts of the Great Lakes. Early shorebird migration seemed unexceptional with few Ruddy Turnstones, only one Red Knot, and no Whimbrel. Bill Purcell's Oneida lakewatch from Phillips Point yielded a Parasitic Jaeger on 16 May, while Robert Whitman found a Little Gull at Fair Haven on 15 April. Large gull numbers collected on Ditch Bank Road, with 12 Lesser Black-backed seen on 5 April. Black Tern continues to be scarce but put on a good show at Onondaga Lake on 15 May with seven seen. The species status in the Deer Creek Marsh area of Lake Ontario is uncertain. Forster's Tern was again found at Woodman Pond near Hamilton. Common Loon migration was in full swing on 22 April with 836 moving on Oneida Lake. Scott Peterson found an adult **Little Blue Heron** at Hamlin Marsh in Clay on 3 May. The bird was enjoyed by many for several days. Six **Glossy Ibis** landed in a farm field in the Town of Richland on 16 May, found there by Bill Purcell but gone within minutes. Black-crowned Night-Heron continues to be scarce.

Derby Hill's spring hawk count pressed forward with social distancing rules in effect, observers spread around the lookouts. While a new high count of Turkey Vultures was set, record low numbers of Northern Goshawk and Rough-legged Hawk disappointed watchers. Similarly, Golden Eagles were down with only 38 counted. These three species often remain north of the Region in mild winters like that just completed and thus aren't available to be counted. A new single-day Bald Eagle record was set with 152 seen on 25 May. Large flights this late in the count period are comprised of immatures and some adults, mostly of far southern origin where nesting occurs in winter and is thus a post-breeding dispersal of birds seeking cooler places. Broad-winged Hawks put up numbers second only to last year. The author is aware, however, of at least three occasions when the official count was conducted at the 'wrong' lookout as specified in the Derby Hill protocol. On at least one of those days a huge Broad-winged flight south of route 104B was counted from the south lookout in spite of strong south winds. This resulted in

several thousand additional birds that wouldn't have been seen under correct application of the protocol, and thus it is difficult to compare these record numbers to prior years. For current and future counters, awareness and adherence to the official protocol of the site is essential.

Peregrine Falcons were known to nest at least four places in the Region this spring. The heavily-watched pair in Utica hatched two young that could be seen 24/7 thanks to a sophisticated camera system both at the nest box and also capable of being pointed throughout the airspace and adjacent buildings. Matt Perry and Deb Saltis again coordinated the efforts, including the daily 'fledge watch' which kept an eye on the birds during the scary time around first flight. Meanwhile in Syracuse, a new nest box installed on city hall also produced two birds. Little Falls hosted a pair for the third or fourth year using a natural ledge, as did a spot near Syracuse that hatched three young. Peregrines were seen off and on at Oswego Harbor (as they have been for years) but are not known to have nested there yet. The next issue of this report will have an update on the fledglings as they learn to be one of the world's top predators.

While **Black Vulture** was missed this year on the official count, David Wheeler observed one inland of the watch site, noting that it spun tighter, faster circles than any other bird soaring in the sky that day. Scattered reports of the species continue intermittently from the Jamesville area, while on 28 May Deborah Dohne found four in Oakwood Cemetery and the south campus area of Syracuse University. Short-eared and Saw-whet Owl were represented by one report apiece, with Long-eared again missed amid loss of appropriate roosting trees at traditional locales. Red-headed Woodpeckers continued at expected spots. Few Olive-sided Flycatchers were seen, possibly due to overflight on the strong southerly winds of late May. Other flycatchers were late in arriving due to early May's wintry weather. Acadian continues to be known from only a couple locations. Very little Blue Jay or Chickadee migration was noted on the lakeshore. Mary Magistro discovered a pair of Common Ravens nesting in the rafters of a town highway garage. The birds had built an impressive nest that contained three young. An early Sedge Wren was heard singing from a wet swale at Fulton airport by Kevin McGann on 1 May.

While birding the Deer Creek Marsh area near Port Ontario on 23 May, Mickey Scilingo heard a light, springy, song and recognized it as a likely **Bicknell's Thrush** due to the upward inflection of the final phrase. Scilingo also obtained good looks at the bird and provided both audio of the song and photographs to supplement his analysis. Breeding in the Adirondack mountains east of the Region, difficulties in separating the species from Gray-cheeked Thrush during migration have led to few records anywhere in the state away from the nesting grounds. While many are separable in the hand, song and call are considered the most diagnostic under field conditions. Marge Rusk documents four prior records: three sight records from experienced birders and a flight call heard during night migration monitoring. Interestingly, Rusk further notes that

brown thrushes were frequently found dead under TV and radio towers in the 1950s-70s (when access to such places was still possible).

Few finches were reported this season away from traditional areas and little movement was seen at Derby Hill. A male Clay-colored Sparrow returned to the spot it favored last year at Oakwood Cemetery, found by Deborah Dohne. Would it again nest with a Chipping Sparrow and produce hybrid offspring? Another Clay-colored was found singing vigorously at West Barrier Bar County Park on 20 May. David Wheeler found a **Lark Sparrow** there on 22 May, a fifth Regional record and the third for spring. Wheeler previously found the only fall record at the same location in 2011. Meanwhile, the bird overwintering at Matt Brown's feeders near Pulaski was noted up through 12 April. Wilma Mount found a first Regional record **Golden-crowned Sparrow** at her feeders in West Winfield and saw it intermittently through the first week of March. Last confirmed on 10 March, the bird is a mega-rarity for New York state with only four prior records. A former breeder for the Region but now absent, a **Yellow-breasted Chat** was found at Labrador Hollow by Andrew Van Norstrand on 31 May singing vociferously. How long would it stay?

Early May's ugly weather delayed the main pulse of warblers and vireos until at least the second week, if not mid-month. Early-arriving Louisiana Waterthrush beat the weather, being found at the Cedarvale '13-curves' spot on 7 April. A few Golden-winged Warblers were found, possibly still a breeder in the Region. Always scarce in migration, several Orange-crowned Warblers were reported, as was a Prothonotary Warbler at Sterling Nature Center. While paddling the Seneca River near Jordan, Ken Burdick found several other Prothonotaries, presumably nesters. Reports of the species also came from the traditional Howland Island area. A **Connecticut Warbler** was well seen by Deborah Dohne walking on the ground in the brushy dunes at West Barrier Bar park on 24 May. Several Ceruleans held territory in late May at Sterling and it appeared to be a good year there for Hooded Warbler. David Wheeler estimated there might be as many as 15 singing males on the nature center property. On 7 May Dohne heard a **Yellow-throated Warbler** singing on Ditch Bank Road but thought heard-only wasn't enough to confirm the bird. It was found independently a few hours later by Matt Volker in the same place but did not linger. Prairie Warbler was seen in migration and again returned to Green Lakes State Park.

On 14 May Katie Fenlon found a female **Painted Bunting** keeping company with goldfinches at her feeders near Marcellus. Four prior records exist for the Region, half each male/female: on 4 Jun 1978 a female was netted and banded in West Monroe; a female was found at Beaver Lake Nature Center on 22 May 1996; a breeding male on 18 April 2014 in Oswego; and another on 21 May 2019 in the city of Syracuse. Nine total records for Upstate are shown in eBird. The present bird remained for two additional days and was seen by many. Last but not least, the wintering **Dickcissel** (also near Marcellus) was reported by Lisa Mather through 16 April.

This season a total of 254 species and four hybrids was reported, which is three above the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights of the season included: Ross's Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, **Tufted Duck**, Barrow's Goldeneye, Piping Plover, Red Knot, Wilson's Phalarope, Parasitic Jaeger, Little Gull, Forster's Tern, **Little Blue Heron**, **Glossy Ibis**, Black Vulture, **Swainson's Hawk**, Sedge Wren, **BICKNELL'S THRUSH**, **Lark Sparrow**, **GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW**, Yellow-breasted Chat, **Connecticut Warbler**, **Yellow-throated Warbler**, **PAINTED BUNTING**, Dickcissel.

Spring 2020 produced 166,182 eBird records for Region 5, and were processed by Swan Swan Hummingbird v5.5. Reports were contributed by 780 people.

DERBY HILL HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arrival*	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	-	-	-	0
Turkey Vulture	1 Mar	5363	30 Mar	32,167
Osprey	24 Mar	94	29 Apr	458
Golden Eagle	5 Mar	5	16, 22, 26 Mar	38
No. Harrier	3 Mar	46	13 Apr	488
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2 Mar	448	29 Apr	2920
Cooper's Hawk	5 Mar	26	26 Mar	285
No. Goshawk	14 Mar	2	7 Apr	4
Bald Eagle	1 Mar	152	25 May	1344
Red-shouldered Hawk	1 Mar	103	18 Mar	642
Broad-winged Hawk	12 Apr	13,204	2 May	40,929
Swainson's Hawk	-	1	1 May	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1 Mar	310	27 Mar	2815
Rough-legged Hawk	3 Mar	11	26 Mar	64
Am. Kestrel	9 Mar	122	29 Apr	470
Merlin	4 Mar	10	30 Apr	71
Peregrine Falcon	13 Mar	3	29 Apr, 3 May	28
Unidentified	-	-	-	0
Total including unidentified:				82,684
*first migrants at the Hawkwatch				

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADK – Adirondacks, n. HERK; **BLNC** – Beaver L Nature Center, Baldwinsville; **Brew** – Oneida L at Brewerton; **BRH** – Bishop Road Hawk Watch, T Richland; **Bville** – Baldwinsville; **CM** – Clay Marsh, Clay; **Const** – Oneida L at Constantia; **DB** – Ditch Bank Rd & vicinity, T Sullivan/Lenox; **DC** – Deer Creek Marsh, T Richland; **DH** – Derby Hill, T Mexico; **DL** – Delta L; **Dolge** – Dolgeville, HERK; **FH** – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay, and West Barrier Bar; **Fult** – Fulton area including Oswego River, Indian Point, L, Neatahwanta; **GB** – Great Bear Rec Area, Fulton; **GLSP** – Green Lakes SP, Fayetteville; **HF** – Highland Forest CP; **HI** – Howland I WMA, CAYU; **HV** – Happy Valley WMA, Parish; **KK** – Kindred Kingdom Wildlife Center, Pennellville; **LH** – Labrador Hollow Unique Area; **LOnt** – L Ontario; **LoopR** – Loop Rd, Montezuma NWR, CAYU; **MCL** – Madison County Landfill; **MexPt** – Mexico Pt SP; **MH** – Morgan Hill State Forest, Fabius; **MSI** – Madison St Impoundment, Hamilton; **MW** – McKoons Road Wetland, Colombia Center, s. HERK; **OakC** – Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse; **OF** – Old Forge; **OLC** – Onondaga L Creekwalk; **OneiL** – Oneida L; **OnonL** – Onondaga L & Onondaga Lake P (east and west shore); **OSP** – Oneida Shores P, Brewerton; **OswH** – Oswego Harbor; **Phx** – Phoenix dam area; **PPt** – Oneida L at Phillips Pt, W Monroe; **PSS** – Peter Scott Swamp, Phoenix; **RCFS** – Rice Creek Field Station, Oswego; **RRP** – Radisson River P, Three Rivers confluence, Phoenix; **SBP** – Sunset Bay P, Scriba; **SFNS** – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; **Sithe** – trails at Independence P, formerly Sithe Energy, Scriba; **SH** – Southern Highlands of ONON & MADI; **SHTF** – Sky High Turf Farm, Chittenango; **Skaneateles**; **SNC** – Sterling Nature Center, Sterling; **SP** – Sandy Pd and vicinity; **SSSP** – Selkirk Shores SP; **SVB** – Sylvan & Verona Beach; **Syr** – Syracuse; **TNP** – Tuscarora Nature P, MADI; **TR** – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; **UM** – Utica Marsh; **VBSP** – Verona Beach SP; **WH** – Whiskey Hollow; **WP** – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: arr 2 Mar, var num/loc; max 70470 DH 9 Mar; last 53 SkanL 5 Apr; small num thru.

Ross's Goose: DB 10 Apr (DWh); max 4 DH 18 Mar; Tully 20-21 Mar (MMn); 2 DH 16 Mar, 7 Apr.

Greater White-fronted Goose: Memphis 1 Mar (TG); Bville 4 Mar (GD).

Brant: arr PPT 14 May; max 3500 OnonL 18 May, good num; last OneiL 25 May.

Cackling Goose: small nums early Mar, few locs, none after.

Canada Goose: max 19336 DH 9 Mar; counts over 1000 var locs, early Mar.

Mute Swan: max 54 FH 9 Mar, good num thru; smaller nums east LOnt thru.

Trumpeter Swan: max 9 SSSP 8 Mar & TR 28 Mar; small nums FH, HI; most reps thru and likely breeding.

Tundra Swan: max 59 Brew 1 Mar; last OswH 26 Mar.

Wood Duck: arr 7 Pulaski 3 Mar; max DC 9 May.

Blue-winged Teal: arr 2 Pulaski 2 Mar, early, next 15 Mar; max 7 LoopR 25 Apr; SNC & GSC thru, likely breeding.

Northern Shoveler: max 30 LoopR 15 Mar & 24 Apr.

Gadwall: max 45 LoopR 9 Apr.

Eurasian Wigeon: OnonL 9 Mar (SP, GD, DD); HI 15, 20, 22 Mar (mob); Ox Creek 28 Mar (BP, mob); PSS 25 Apr (DD).

American Wigeon: max 500 LoopR 22 Mar; last DeWitt 9 May.

Mallard: max 250 Port Byron 3 Mar.

American Black Duck: max 63 Ox Creek 19 Mar.

Northern Pintail: max 4000 LoopR 5 Mar; last LoopR 15 May.

Green-winged Teal: arr SSSP 3 Mar; max 110 LoopR 31 Mar.

Canvasback: max 15 OnonL 1 Mar; last 2 WP 5 Apr.

Redhead: max 800 OnonL 4 Mar; last 2 OnonL 28 Apr.

Ring-necked Duck: max 1950 HI 15 Mar; last WP 27 May.

TUFTED DUCK: FH 2 Mar (DD, DWh), FH 4 Mar; cont from winter.

Greater Scaup: max 550 Brew 11 Mar; last OnonL 18 May.

Lesser Scaup: max 200 OnonL 12 Mar; last WP 27 May.

Surf Scoter: small nums OnonL, PPt, WP Apr; last PPt 14 May.

White-winged Scoter: max 340 PPt, 16 May; last FH 29 May.

Black Scoter: no reps.

Long-tailed Duck: max 450 DH 16 May; small nums LOnt to late May.

Bufflehead: max 93 PPt 9 May; small nums var locs thru.

Common Goldeneye: max 235 FH 4 Mar; last SH 29 Apr.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (R5): 2 OneiL 22 Mar (GM), ad m & 1c m.

Hooded Merganser: max 21 DeWitt 6 Mar.

Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser (hybrid): Pulaski 2, 4 Mar (MB).

Common Merganser: max 1240 OnonL 5 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 661 DH 24 Apr; small nums thru.

Ruddy Duck: arr Jamesville 18 Mar; max 17 Fult 1 May; last 2 OnonL 15 May.

Ring-necked Pheasant: small nums var loc.

Ruffed Grouse: max 5 HF 2 May.

Wild Turkey: max 63 Orwell 3 Mar.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 10 HI 12 May.

Horned Grebe: max 32 OnonL 25 Apr; last 2 DH 16 May.

Red-necked Grebe: arr 11 PPt 27 Mar; max 21 OnonL 26 Apr; last 2 PPt 15 May.

Rock Pigeon: flocks widespread.

Mourning Dove: max 41 Dolge 1 Mar; small groups widespread.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr LH 14 May; max 2 SBP 23 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Syr 15 May; max 2 Pulaski 29 May.

Common Nighthawk: arr 2 Syr 17 May; max 9 TR 25 May; few reports & poor nums; *intro*.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: arr DH 2 May; Osw 16 May, unusual loc; 1-2 typ locs north shore OneiL late May.

Chimney Swift: arr Port Byron 21 Apr; max 30 DB 10 May.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Clay 3 May; max 5 Cicero 31 May & Williamstown 24 May.

RAILS — TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: arr PSS 4 Apr; max 6 Salisbury 20 May.

Sora: arr MSI 8 Apr; max 5 Salisbury 20 May.

Common Gallinule: arr 2 HI 16 Apr; max 13 HI 21 May.

American Coot: max 41 SkanL 14 Mar; last OnonL 28 May; best nums SkanL.

Sandhill Crane: arr 3 DH 13 Mar; max 7 DH 4 Apr & HI 12 May; singles & small groups typ locs.

Black-bellied Plover: arr Const 25 May; max 24 Const 27 May.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 5 LoopR 6 May; max 105 LoopR 14 May.

PIPING PLOVER: arr SP 23 Apr; max 3 SP 22 May; nesting pair & migrant.

Killdeer: arr OnonL 3 Mar; max 25 DH 20 Mar.

Upland Sandpiper: Poland 3 May; DB 25 May (GM), unusual loc; only reps.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr SP 10 May (MB); max 2 FH 25, 28 May (DWh); OSP 14 May (SP).

Red Knot: Const 16 May (MS); only rep.
Sanderling: arr FH 15 May (DWh); FH 29 May; max 2 SP 25 May (MB); only reps.
Dunlin: arr SP 23 Apr (AK); max 20 FH 15 May (DWh); good num reps.
Least Sandpiper: arr LoopR 29 Apr; max 150 LoopR 14 May.
White-rumped Sandpiper: LoopR 18 May; Bridgeport 18, 20 May; only reps.
Pectoral Sandpiper: arr DB 23 Mar; max 8 DB 20 Apr; last DB 11 May.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr LoopR 9 May; max 50 LoopR 30 May.
Short-billed Dowitcher: 2 Pennellville 20 May; only rep.
American Woodcock: arr 2 Manlius 4 Mar; max 6 TR 1 Apr & 1 May.
Wilson's Snipe: arr Salisbury 14 Mar; max 35 LoopR 1 Apr, good num.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr DB 17 Apr; max 14 SBP 18 May.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr Bridgeport 25 Apr; max 12 Lysander 1 May.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 DB 27 Mar; max 57 LoopR 12 May.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr DB 29 Mar; max 50 LoopR 6 May.
Wilson's Phalarope: DB 10 May (JC); LoopR 29 May (TL); only reps.
Parasitic Jaeger: PPt 16 May (BP, mob).
Bonaparte's Gull: arr OSP 21 Mar; max 175 PPt 10 Apr; last 14 OSP 20 May.
Little Gull: FH 15 Apr (RWh).
Ring-billed Gull: max 2000 est, DB 11 Mar, 3 Apr & SkanL 6 Mar.
Herring Gull: max 1200 est DB 4 Mar.
Iceland Gull: max 9 DB 4 Mar; last DB 25 Apr.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 11 Tully 22 Mar; 12 DB 5 Apr; max 13 Fabius 22 Mar; last DH 30 Apr.
Glaucous Gull: DB 4, 6 Mar & 5, 11 Apr; SSSP 29 Apr; last SP 25 May (MB), late.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 10 Const 5 Apr, low.
Caspian Tern: arr OnonL 5 Apr; max 359 SP (MB).
Black Tern: arr WP 1 May; max 7 OnonL 15 May, good num, unusual loc; few reps, poor nums.
Common Tern: arr OnonL 11 Apr; max 37 PPt 16 May, but no late May reps from Const.
Forster's Tern: 2 WP 3 May (GM, RC); only rep.

LOONS — PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: max 4 WP 13 Apr, unusual loc; last SP 16 May; low nums.
Common Loon: 70 OnonL 24 Apr; max 836 PPt 22 Apr (BP).
Double-crested Cormorant: max 1200 DH 19 May.
American Bittern: arr OnonL 26 Mar; max 7 DC 21 May.
Least Bittern: arr DC 28 Apr; max 2 DeWitt 25 May.
Great Blue Heron: max 60 GSC colony 5 Apr.
Great Egret: arr SNC 8 Apr; max 4 DH 15 May, DC 17 May, TR 27 May.
LITTLE BLUE HERON (R5): ad CM 3-5 May (SP, ph, mob).
Green Heron: arr T Onondaga 19 Apr; max 5 TR 15 May.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: SP 1 May; Osw 3 May; CM 9 May; DH 11 May; only reps.
GLOSSY IBIS (R5): 6 Pulaski 16 May (BP).
Black Vulture: Jamesville intermittent late Mar thru; T Mexico 3 May (DWh); 2 OakC & 4 Syr 28 May (DD).
Turkey Vulture: max 5363 DH 30 Mar.
Osprey: arr OnonL, Osw 22 Mar; max 94 DH 29 Apr.
Golden Eagle: arr Old Forge 7 Mar; max 5 DH 16, 26 Mar; last 15 May.
Northern Harrier: max 46 DH 13 Apr.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 448 DH 29 Apr.
Cooper's Hawk: max 26 DH 26 Mar.
Northern Goshawk: DH 14 Mar; 2 DH 7 Apr; only reports.
Bald Eagle: max 152 DH 25 May, new single-day rec for site.
Red-shouldered Hawk: arr T Richland 8 Mar; max 103 DH 18 Mar.
Broad-winged Hawk: arr 9 DH Apr 12; max 13204 DH 2 May.
SWAINSON'S HAWK: dark morph DH 1 May (KBa).
Red-tailed Hawk: max 310 DH 27 Mar.
Rough-legged Hawk: max 11 DH 26 Mar; last DH 15 May, all but last 3 birds before 18 Apr.
Eastern Screech-Owl: singles typ locs but few reps.
Great Horned Owl: singles/nesting pairs widespread typ locs.
Snowy Owl: 1-2 Syr Airport thru first wk Mar; only reps.
Barred Owl: singles/nesting pairs widespread typ locs.
Long-eared Owl: no reports.

Short-eared Owl: OnonL 26 Mar (DB); only rep.
Northern Saw-whet Owl: Moss Lake 13 Mar (GL); only rep.
Belted Kingfisher: max 5 DeWitt 30 May & DB 3, 30 May; widespread reps.
Red-headed Woodpecker: pairs at established locs Ont & Onei lakeshore; max 4 Scriba 14 May.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 8 Jamesville 3 May; widespread reps.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr various locs 5 Apr; max 10 Bald Mtn 20 Apr.
Downy Woodpecker: common & widespread throughout Reg.
Hairy Woodpecker: common & widespread throughout Reg.
Northern Flicker: max 214 DH 26 Apr.
Pileated Woodpecker: max 3 var locs; widespread.
American Kestrel: max 122 DH 29 Apr.
Merlin: max 10 DH 30 Apr.
Peregrine Falcon: max 3 DH 29 Apr; pairs nest Syr, Jamesville, Utica, Little Falls.

FLYCATCHERS — SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr CM 30 Apr; max 8 OSP & GB 19 May & OSP 23 May.
Eastern Kingbird: arr DH 30 Apr, max 88 DH 11 May.
Olive-sided Flycatcher: LH 25-26 May, only rep; poor showing.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr CM & GLSP 12 May; max 11 WH 27 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Syr 16 May; max 3 FH 25 May (DWh).
Acadian Flycatcher: arr 2 Noyes Sanc 22 May (KBa); SNC 23 May (DWh, DD) & WH (JB, RK), both locs known nesters; TR 27 May (GD); FH 27 May (RWh) & 29 May (GD); Red Crk 29 May (ST, LC); only reps.
Alder Flycatcher: arr Fabius 13 May; max TR 25 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr W Monroe 11 May; max 9 OnonL 28 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr CM 2 May; max 10 DH 15 May.
Eastern Phoebe: arr 2 New Hartford 24 Mar; max 8 SBP 8 Apr.
Northern Shrike: few reps singles; last TR 27 Mar.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr SVB 28 Apr; max 7 SNC 26 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr DeWitt 25 Apr; max 7 Remsen 11 May.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr SBP 17 May; max 3 FH 25 May.
Warbling Vireo: arr Osw 1 May; max 15 Brutus 28 May.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr OakC 10 May; max 22 OSP 25 May.
Blue Jay: max 500 DH 14 May, low num & disappointing mig flight in May.
American Crow: max 3152 Pulaski 6 Mar, else disappointing mig flight in early Mar.
Fish Crow: 2 DH 14, 21 May (KBa); 5 DH 29 May (BP); max 8 IH 9 May; continuing reps mostly from known locs and mostly ONON.
Common Raven: many reps throughout Reg; max 10 Pulaski 27 Mar; pair nests in town garage (MMo), 3 young.
Horned Lark: max 70 DH 2 Apr.
Purple Martin: arr 2 Otisco L 11 Apr; max 25 Cicero 26 May.
Tree Swallow: arr DH 12 Mar; max 1750 est DH 30 Apr.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr DH 7 Apr; max 46 DH 30 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr 2 Phx 20 Apr; max 2610 est DH 30 Apr.
Cliff Swallow: arr Phx 20 Apr; max 32 DH 30 Apr.
Barn Swallow: arr Syr 29 Mar; max 700 OnonL 26 Apr.
Black-capped Chickadee: widespread throughout Reg; no migratory movement at DH.
Tufted Titmouse: widespread throughout Reg.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 6 Bald Mtn 20 Apr & MH 2 May.
White-breasted Nuthatch: widespread throughout Reg.
Brown Creeper: max 13 SSSP 12 Apr.
House Wren: arr Dolge 17 Apr; max 12 DB 7 May.
Winter Wren: arr Kirkville 8 Mar; max 6 WH 3, 17 May.
Sedge Wren: Fult 1 May (KM), unusual loc; only rep.
Marsh Wren: arr DeWitt 2 Apr; max 12 HI 12 May.
Carolina Wren: DH 5 Apr, unusual loc; max 5 Elbridge 14 May.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr OnonL 12 Apr; max 16 DC 17 May.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 30 SP 11 Apr.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr OSP & TR 21 Mar; max 60 DC 1, 12 May; last DC 23 May.
Eastern Bluebird: max 23 TR 18 Apr.

Veery: arr 2 DeWitt 25 Apr; max 12 SNC 26 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr SBP 16 May; max 2 SNC 26 May; 6 other reps.
BICKNELL'S THRUSH: DC 23 May (MS), 5th Reg rec, *intro*.
Swainson's Thrush: arr 2 HI 12 May; max 9 SNC 26 May.
Hermit Thrush: arr OakC 5 Apr; max 60 SBP 26 Apr.
Wood Thrush: arr Syr 27 Apr; max 14 HI 16 May.
American Robin: max 3425 DH 25 Mar.
Gray Catbird: Syr 27 Mar – 26 Apr, likely wintered; arr WP 25 Apr; max 32 DC 17 May
Brown Thrasher: arr TR 11 Apr; max 5 Syr 26 Apr.
Northern Mockingbird: singles/pairs typ locs, mostly ONON.
European Starling: max 2930 DH 13 Mar.
Cedar Waxwing: max 320 DH 20 May.
House Sparrow: flocks widespread throughout Reg.
American Pipit: arr DB 23 Mar; max 60 DH 5 Apr; last Bridgeport 19 May.
House Finch: small groups widespread throughout Reg.
Purple Finch: max 12 HF 24 Apr; few away from HERK; very little migration at DH.
Common Redpoll: Syr 31 Mar; 3 Sauquoit 3 Apr; TR 14 Apr; only reps.
Pine Siskin: 12 reps 29 Apr-15 May; max 7 Pulaski 2 May; poor nums.
American Goldfinch: max 183 DH 19 May.
Snow Bunting: max 120 T Richland 2 Mar; last 101 Dolge 10 Mar; 6 other reps.

NEW WORLD – SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: arr Clay & Oriskany 23 Mar; max 12 GLSP 3, 8 May.
American Tree Sparrow: max 32 TR 24 Mar; DC 12 May, late; last DeWitt 14 May at feeder, late.
Chipping Sparrow: wintering birds through Mar; arr var locs 5 Apr; max 26 SBP 29 Apr.
Clay-colored Sparrow: SBP 1 May (KM); OakC 5 May thru (DD); SBP 16 May (DWe); FH 20 May (DWh, ph); SBP 21 May (BP); only reps.
Field Sparrow: Const 16, 21 Mar; arr 6 OnonL 31 Mar; max 26 SBP 1 May, good num.
Vesper Sparrow: arr W Monroe & DH 5 Apr; max 16 T Richland 10 Apr (MB), exc num.

LARK SPARROW: Pulaski thru 12 Apr (MB, ph), continues from winter; FH 22 May (DWh, ph), 3rd Reg rec spring, 5th overall.
Savannah Sparrow: arr Erieville 27 Mar; max 12 T Richland 27 Apr.
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr DeWitt 3 May; max 5 Rome 17 May.
Fox Sparrow: arr 2 Pompey 13 Mar; max 9 TR 3 Apr; last Osw 29 Apr.
Song Sparrow: max 200 Scriba 28 Mar.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr TR 7 May; max 4 SNC 18 May.
Swamp Sparrow: Syr 19 Mar; arr CM 29 Mar; max 25 PSS 26 Apr.
White-throated Sparrow: max 80 DC 12 May.
White-crowned Sparrow: Cross Lake thru mid-Apr; Utica 30 Mar – mid-Apr; arr DB 19 Apr; max 30 DH 15 May.
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW: W Winfield at feeders 3-10 Mar (WM, ph), 1st Reg rec & 5th for state.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 150 SBP 28 Mar.
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (R5): LH 31 May (AV, mob).
Bobolink: arr TR 30 Apr; max 132 DH 15 May.
Eastern Meadowlark: arr T Richland 8 Mar; max 15 Fult 25 Apr.
Orchard Oriole: arr 2 Rome 1 May; max 3 DB 17 May & GLSP 12 May.
Baltimore Oriole: arr Waterville 27 Apr; max 86 DH 17 May.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 21700 DH 13 Mar.
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 500 est Memphis 4 Mar.
Rusty Blackbird: arr Dolge 10 Mar; max 827 DH 29 Apr; last Nelson 23 May.
Common Grackle: max 36100 DH 13 Mar.
Ovenbird: arr WH 25 Apr; max 23 GB 19 May.
Louisiana Waterthrush: Cedarvale 7 Apr (DA), early; max 4 Litchfield 7, 16 May; singles/pairs typ locs.
Northern Waterthrush: arr TR 25 Apr; max 11 TR 2 May.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr CM 11 May; GB 13 May; Sithe 15 May; HI 16 May; 2 DH & Richland 17 May; 2 DC 18 May; SNC 18 May; TR 20 May; only reps.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr Osw 25 Apr; max 8 Verona 17 May.
"Brewster's" Warbler: 5 reps 8-23 May.
"Lawrence's" Warbler: RCFS 31 May (DBa).

Black-and-white Warbler: arr Dolge 26 Apr; max 11 SBP 16 May.

Prothonotary Warbler: arr HI 2 May (SY); max 4 HI 24 May thru (JM, LS); Brutus 28 May (KBU); SNC 28 May (SDi), only Ont lakeshore rep; Port Byron 29 May (ST, LC); only reps.

Tennessee Warbler: arr HI 6 May; max 15 SBP 24 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr SBP 15 May (KM); Sithe 16 May (BP, KM); 2 SBP 17 May (GD); OnonL 18 May (GD); FH 19 May (RWh); last FH 25 May (KBa).

Nashville Warbler: arr Waterville 24 Apr; max 9 SBP 16 May.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (R5): FH 24 May (DD).

Mourning Warbler: arr 2 WH 15 May; max 6 WH 27 May.

Common Yellowthroat: arr New Hartford 25Apr; max 33 DC 17 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr GLSP 3 May; 8 SNC 26 May & WH 27 May; max 10 GB 19 May.

American Redstart: arr var locs 2 May; max 30 SNC 22 May thru.

Cape May Warbler: arr SNC 30 Apr; next var locs 11 May; max 14 HI 16 May, exc num; last Williamstown 27 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr 2 HI 3 May; FH 15 & 24 May; 2 FH 29 May; 2 SNC 22 May thru; max 13 HI 17 May.

Northern Parula: arr Little Moose L Adks 2 May; max 18 Sithe 15 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr Rome 1 May; max 30 FH 24 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Rome 12 May; max 13 GLSP 19 May; last SNC 26 May.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr DeWitt 30 Apr; max 12 GLSP 19 May.

Yellow Warbler: arr Syr 27 Apr; max 52 HI 17 May.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr CM 3 May; max 14 SBP 18 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr Bville 15 May; max 14 FH 26 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Sithe 30 Apr; max 20 RCFS 16 May.

Palm Warbler: arr TR 14 May; max 30 DH 15 May; last 2 FH 20 May.

Pine Warbler: arr Noyes Sanc 4 Apr; max 5 SSSP 29 Apr.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr OSP 21 Mar; max 2118 DH 18 May, mig flight past lookout.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (R5): DB 7 May (DD, MV, ph).

Prairie Warbler: arr Georgetown 7 May; max 2 GLSP 22 May.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 2 SNC 25 Apr; max 18 GLSP 16 May.

Canada Warbler: arr FH 15 May; max 4 FH 24 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr GLSP 10 May; max 4 DH 25 May; last LH 30 May.

Scarlet Tanager: arr Const & Marietta 3 May; max 24 DH 17 May.

Northern Cardinal: max 30 RCFS 21, 31 May; widespread throughout Reg.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr 2 Canastota 25 Apr; max 16 SBP 14 May.

Indigo Bunting: arr Deansboro 3 May; max 6 SBP 18 May.

PAINTED BUNTING: fem Marcellus 14-16 May (KF, ph, mob), 4th Reg rec spring, 5th overall, *intro*.