

REGION 2—GENESEE

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Overall, this was a warm and relatively dry season other than May being the third year in a row with the temperature average below normal. It started with a nice, quiet March; in and out like a lion, but only briefly at either end and long stretches of quiet with lots of sunshine between. It was a mild month, with little snow and only one wind event, on the 26th. Temperatures averaged 39.3° F, 5.0° above normal, while precipitation totaled 1.02", 1.48" below normal. Snowfall at 1.4" was 14.9" below normal. It was the eleventh warmest March on record. Record highs occurred at 68° on 10 March and 71° on 11 March plus a record high low of 50° on the 25th. It was the eighth driest March with the sixth least snow. April followed as a typical see-saw month, the first half warm and the second cooler. Only a few days with measurable snow were scattered through the month. Even winds were a bit less than usual for a spring month. Temperatures averaged 47.2°, 0.9° above normal. The warmest day was 79° on the 10th. Precipitation totaled 3.38", 0.65" above normal, with some rainfall on 16 of the 30 days. Snowfall at 4.7" was 0.8" above normal. Leaf-out was advanced and was coated with 2.8" of snow over 20-21 April. May 2021 continued the cool of late April and moved back to dry. Temperatures averaged 56.9°, 1.9° below normal. It was the third consecutive May with a below normal average. Precipitation totaled 1.28", 1.58" below normal, the seventeenth driest May on record. The only significant rain events were 0.24" on the 7th and 0.57" on the 28th. There was an official trace of snow at the airport and some more on the hilltops south of Rochester through the 9th. The first half of the month and the last five days were cool, with some summer warmth between. One record high was tied at 88° on 26 May.

Looking quickly at the season in general, we start with a record high species count of 149 for March, reflecting most of the lingering half hardies making it into this month and many of the irruptive species also still to be found. There were two species arriving record early, Chimney Swift on the 29th and Yellow-rumped Warbler on the 5th, and a tie record early Caspian Tern on the 28th. The eBird download was about 53,759 lines, up about 20% from last March. April continued with a good number of reports, about 66,401 eBird lines only a few % down from last year. The species count and year-to-date total were right on last year. Spring was well advanced until April cooled later in the month. May's 139,389 eBird lines was <5% down from last year. With the cool late April extending into May, a number of arrivals expected then were delayed, but really only back toward historically average dates. Breeding Bird Atlas work and special May bird counts resulted in 716 unique observers in the eBird download. As usual, the more interesting information lies in the details.

Jumping right into the waterfowl, we find essentially all expected species reported each month. Following recent trends, most peak counts, especially for diving ducks, were low; the bulk of the waterfowl passage seemed to be over by early April; and departure dates for most species were on the early end of their historical distributions. Lake Ontario water levels were on the low side, and levels in much of the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) were also low. Most peak counts were from the general Lake Ontario and its bays and ponds area or from a very few NMWMA locations. By late April, the Braddock Bay barrier beach island off the East Spit (BB-ES) was becoming an increasingly interesting hotspot. Looking at more specifics, we find good Snow Goose counts in March, lingering small numbers into mid-April, and an individual to late May. Greater White-fronted, Ross's, and Cackling Geese were found into much of March, with a total of about 86 Cackling Geese at 29+ locations. Decent Trumpeter Swan numbers were reported, mostly in the NMWMA and dropping as nesting progressed and vegetation filled in. Tundra Swan was reported in decreasing numbers through a typical May departure, and Mute Swan remained too abundant in the Lake Ontario bays and ponds. Among puddle ducks, the main stories are numbers lingering around the BB-ES site through season's end and low counts from the NMWMA. Eurasian Wigeon had a good showing, with adult males reported from six locations and least three of these certainly different individuals, possibly more. Among the diving ducks, generally low numbers is the major message. In March it was interesting to have a female Harlequin Duck, likely one present most of the winter on the lakeshore, and two immature male Barrow's Goldeneyes in the Genesee River only a short distance in from the mouth to Lake Ontario. One of the goldeneyes is likely an individual reported late in the month in Irondequoit Bay. Among the grebes, numbers were also generally low, though there were a couple of good Red-necked Grebe counts, 192 and 236, in early April and a report of a rare **Eared Grebe** off the Town of Greece on 24 March. A bit out of order, we can note the usual paucity of rail and related marsh bird reports, but, typical of recent years, good numbers of Sandhill Cranes, both migrating and in the expected breeding areas.

Quickly looking at the doves, cuckoos, nightjars, to hummingbirds, we note: the Region's fifth **White-winged Dove** seen and photographed by David Brown as it passed the Braddock Bay Hawkwatch on 8 March; cuckoos at typical arrival dates and in good numbers in gypsy moth caterpillar outbreak areas; Common Nighthawk reports poor; Eastern Whip-poor-will as the usual scattered few; Chimney Swift records early as noted earlier; and many comments around Ruby-throated Hummingbird late to arrive and scarce, though good numbers were reported later.

Shorebirds were off to an uninspiring start in March, though there were a few decent Killdeer counts and the usual early arrivals were reported, American Woodcock on the 3rd and the others in the last third of the month. Later, the BB-ES site, the NMWMA (Carncross Rd.) site, and a scattering of other places produced good shorebird reports, many with photos, for 24 species. The Region's

eighth, ninth, and tenth spring records for **Piping Plover** on 20-21 April, 15 May, and 23 May and **Marbled Godwit** reports on 14, 21, and 31 May plus a spring Stilt Sandpiper, were the rarest. Whimbrel, Red Knot, and Willet are always interesting. Finally, there was an influx of Wilson's Phalaropes, at least 11, with up to three at a pond on Hogan Point Road, Greece on 14 May and up to four at NMWMA (Carncross Rd.) on 19 May; part of a widespread occurrence in the Northeast.

The gull and tern picture was generally on the weak side. Much of this is due to a lack of the usual late-winter ice edges on the bays and ponds and near shore on Lake Ontario, where the gulls usually congregate. Regular species were all reported except Little Gull, a close-to-regular; arrival dates were typical; and "winter gulls" persisted well into May and even beyond. Bonaparte's Gulls arrived as expected, but peak counts, either passing or at resting sites, were low, and none of the rarer gulls often found with them were reported until 1-3 **Laughing Gulls** were observed, first one passing off Greece on 14 May and later at the BB-ES site from 20-28 May. Iceland Gull was seen off and on through the season and Glaucous Gull to 13 May. Lesser Black-backed Gull was especially noteworthy, with good numbers all season and counts to 15 at BB-ES and to 10 at Ontario Beach in May. The terns saw a record-tying arrival for Caspian Tern on 28 March, a few decent counts for that species and Common Tern, a few Black Tern reports, and the second Regional spring report for **Least Tern** at the BB-ES site on 23 May with many observers and photos.

Echoing the diving duck story, loons too were scarce this spring, with the Red-throated Loon peak only 12 in April and Common Loon peaks of 115 and 110 for April and early May, respectively. Double-crested Cormorant had departed in late winter and returned in March and increased through the season as expected. Among the regular species in this grouping up to the vultures, we have relatively early arrival dates for Great Egret and Green Heron and other species' arrivals and counts typical. Then we can turn to a host of fun records. First, there was a very rare spring, **adult Northern Gannet** on 13 May passing the hawkwatch at 7:18 AM and off Sodus Point in Wayne County about 38 miles to the east at 9:42 AM. Next, there were several American White Pelican records from 22 April to 27 May, with a group of **nine** in the Braddock Bay area and nearby on 26 May. Moving on we have a Cattle Egret in that general area on 2 May and **Snowy Egret** there on 28 April and passing off Greece on 13 May (same, or two?). Then, Glossy Ibis in the NMWMA (Carncross Rd.) area on 8 April, Braddock Bay on 10 April, and the Town of Ogden in western Monroe County 12-14 April; up to **22** in the Beechwood State Park area and nearby in Wayne County on 19 May; and one back at the BB-ES site on 24 May. Finally, toss in **White-faced Ibis** at NMWMA (Carncross Rd.) on 18 May and at BB-ES and nearby from 22-23 May, both records with photos. We can then wrap up this grouping with Black Vulture at the Braddock Bay Hawkwatch on 2 April and 22 May and at the NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.) area on 2 May. Lots of "good" birds!

With the hawks, we have much data, including lots of notes with the daily counts for the Braddock Bay Hawkwatch at the hawkcount website. Looking at some detail, we start with the official counter again David Brown, who adds good notes on both the raptors and non-raptor species seen, and captures many photos, with posting to eBird as well. The season was off to a good start, with 8506 birds tallied in March. This was down about 1/3 from the 2020 tally, but this just serves to illustrate the variability year to year due to many factors. As usual, Turkey Vulture accounted for 77% of that total. Golden Eagle and Rough-legged Hawk numbers were good, but no Northern Goshawk was tallied, and that would hold for the whole season. In April, most species were up 20-50% over 2020 numbers, except for Golden Eagle flat, Rough-legged Hawk notably up, Broad-winged Hawk way down, and all the regular falcons down a bit. May continued the mixed news, with peak counts and totals down and only 12,804 raptors total for the month, about half of those Broad-winged Hawks. As at least a little compensation, May saw the passage of two **Mississippi Kites** on 25 and 26 May and a light morph immature **Swainson's Hawk** on 26 May, this latter bird also seen passing points to the east. Quickly looking to the falcons, while down some, the numbers were good through the season.

Next, the non-passerines not covered earlier are now mainly owls and woodpeckers. There were only two Snowy Owls, one at the Genesee County Airport near Batavia on 9 March and the second on a road sign along the Lake Ontario Parkway to the west of Braddock Bay on 23 March. Short-eared Owl numbers on the biweekly DEC surveys out of the Avon office remained in double digits through April, and individuals were still noted in the Braddock Bay area into early May. The owl roost monitoring in the Manitou area summarized by Jim Adams added 40 Northern Saw-whet Owls in March and eight more in April for a count season total of 58. Long-eared Owl was found, with 11 in March, 14 in April, and five more to the 13th in May for a total of 31 for the count season. Among the woodpeckers, we note a first Red-headed Woodpecker on 6 April and later about 35 individuals at 25 locations reported in May. They are often resident year-round in the Region, if their winter food supplies are good. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker numbers remained far above typical for late winter into March, with about 31 birds at 21 locations, where normally one would not need to take off even one glove to tally all for the month on your fingers. Finally in this grouping, we again had good Northern Flicker movements noted passing the hawkwatch and farther east passing Beechwood State Park in Wayne County in April.

On to the passerines, our largest group. Way too much data now to address all the interesting observations in great detail. The Noteworthy Records tables on the Rochester Birding Association (RBA) website and banding data with BBBO will have a good deal more, including many detailed records as illustrations, and some will also appear below in the species section. Again, for all three months the many birders out searching and reporting have recorded all the expected passerine species and a few others besides. A warm, open March encouraged the usual early arrivals, and a couple record-early as noted above. Most of this winter's lingering,

half-hardy species were still reported, though at fewer sites and in reduced numbers. Among the full set of winter finches starting this winter, Evening Grosbeak, Hoary Redpoll, and both crossbills were not found in March, but, of these, all but the redpoll were noted again in return flights later and on into May, a typical occurrence after irruption winters. There were actually few real rarities among the passerines all season, with the most notable being **White-eyed Vireo** in late April and May, Clay-colored Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat, Prothonotary Warbler, and Prairie Warbler, all species close to being regularly expected. Only Worm-eating Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, and Yellow-throated Warbler, also close to being “expected” species, were missed. In April, banding numbers increased by about 20% over 2020, but net hours also increased about 20% and the total of new bands was close to the average for the prior nine years. With the cool temperatures in late April, only seven species of warblers were banded then and only Yellow-rumped Warbler saw more than five individuals captured (at 22). But overall, 18 species of warblers were reported by all observers in April, the same as in 2020. The cool late April and first half of May led to many comments around late arrivals, especially among flycatchers, some vireos and warblers, and hummingbird, but these generally caught up later. Banders also added a feeling, largely backed up by daily data, that the bulk of their bands were added in the 14-22 May period of a bit warmer weather. Looking at banding totals by species and comparing with their prior 9-year averages, only Cape May Warbler and Northern Parula numbers were two standard deviations or more above their averages. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, “Traill’s” Flycatcher, and Wilson’s Warbler seemed significantly below their averages, but in those three cases peak banding is often in the first week of June, and when those data were included none were two standard deviations or more below their averages. Black-capped Chickadee continued its annual see-saw, with totals for the most recent five years 593, 6, 232, 3, and this year 745.

The usual monthly statistical summary gives us totals of species seen: March – 149 vs. a prior 10-year average of 141.3, April – 198 vs. 200.4, and May – 249 vs. 241.1. Rarities included: Barrow’s Goldeneye, Eared Grebe, **White-winged Dove**, **Piping Plover**, **Marbled Godwit**, Laughing Gull, **Least Tern**, **Northern Gannet**, American White Pelican, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, **White-faced Ibis**, Mississippi Kite, Swainson’s Hawk, White-eyed Vireo, Clay-colored Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat, Prothonotary Warbler, and Prairie Warbler.

As time goes by, the increase in data available makes selection for treatment and inclusion in these summary reports more and more difficult. Feedback relative to your, the readers’, thoughts and interests is virtually nonexistent and would be much appreciated at any time.

BRADDOCK BAY HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	4/2	1	4/2, 5/22	2
Turkey Vulture	3/3	2343	4/9	25,778
Mississippi Kite	5/25	1	5/25, 5/26	2
Osprey	3/28	16	4/9	164
Golden Eagle	3/10	5	3/11	20
No. Harrier	3/1	75	4/9	572
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3/10	327	4/9	1785
Cooper's Hawk	3/8	31	4/9	343
No. Goshawk		0		0
Bald Eagle	3/2	73	5/25	830
Red-shouldered Hawk	3/10	85	3/22	390
Broad-winged Hawk	4/9	1705	4/24	11,587
Swainson's Hawk	5/26	1	5/26	1
Red-tailed Hawk	3/3	161	3/11	1956
Rough-legged Hawk	3/3	14	3/11	97
Am. Kestrel	3/10	147	4/9	384
Merlin	3/3	3	4/24	33
Peregrine Falcon	3/11	4	5/15	26
Unidentified		0		0
Short-eared Owl	4/3	1	4/3	1
Total incl unidentified				43,971

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ABBREVIATIONS

b – indicate banded this season, usually at BBBO’s Kaiser-Manitou passerine banding station; **BB** – Braddock Bay, MONR; **BB-ES** – East Spit at mouth of Braddock including newly constructed barrier beach island just off spit; **BB-HW** – Braddock Bay Hawkwatch; **BB-WS** – West Spit of Braddock Bay; **BBBO** – Braddock Bay Bird Observatory; **CIWMA** – Conesus In WMA, LIVI; **ConL** – Conesus L, LIVI; **DEP** – Durand-Eastman P, Rochester; **ED** – off Edgemere Dr., T Greece, MONR; **G** – T Greece, MONR; **H** – T Hamlin, MONR; **HANA** – High Acres Nature Area, T Perinton, MONR; **HB** – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; **HB-W** – Hamlin Beach SP, West end trails; **HB-YC** – Hamlin Beach SP, Yanty Creek trails at east end; **IBO** – Irondequoit Bay Outlet to Lake Ontario; **IB-S** – Irondequoit Bay south, LaSalle Landing P and nearby; **IB-W** – west side of Irondequoit Bay water and parks; **ICW** – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; **LSP** – Letchworth SP; **M** – Manitou Beach area, MONR; **MP** – Mendon Ponds P, MONR; **NMWMA** – Northern Montezuma WMA, T of Savannah, WAYN; **NMWMA (AR)** – north side of Armitage Rd.; **NMWMA (CR)** – along Carncross Rd. east of Savannah-Spring Lake Rd.; **NMWMA (GBM)** – Guy Baldassarre Marsh, T Savannah; **NMWMA (MRdM)** – Morgan Rd. marshes near DEC field office; **NMWMA (SCU)** – Sandhill Crane Unit, T Savannah, WAYN; **NMWMA (VDSR)** – area along Van Dyne Spoor Rd., T Savannah, WAYN; **OB** – Ontario Beach P, T Charlotte, MONR; **PtB** – Point Breeze, Orleans County at border with Region 1; **SalCrk** – Salmon Creek, T Greece just inland from BB; **SPt** – Sodus Pt, WAYN; **TCEA** – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, T Avon, LIVI; **W** – T of Webster, MONR; **WP** – Webster P., MONR.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: 10,000 Penfield Rd, T Macedon WAYN 19 Mar (BCar, DSh, MT, JWi); max 12,000 NMWMA (West Shore Trail) 21 Mar (KBard); last NMWMA (CR) 30 May (JMcG, GC).

Ross’s Goose: off Edgemere Dr, G 11 Mar (MBa); 2 NMWMA (CR) 11 Mar (W&MR); 1-2 Carey Lake, T Macedon WAYN 18-20 Mar (MG, BCar, DSh).

Snow x Canada Goose: SalCrk, G 7 Mar (MBa).

Greater White-fronted Goose: N Hamlin Rd nr Westphal Rd, H 12-14 Mar (AGu, 16+ oth obs), only reports.

Brant: arr 31 BB-ES 27 May (MBa), only rep.

Cackling Goose: max 13 BB-HW 10 Mar (DBr); total ~86 ind 29+ loc Mar, good showing.

Canada Goose: max 63000 BB-HW 10 Mar (DBr).

Mute Swan: max 250 IB-W 3 Mar; 175 Buck Pd, G 15 Mar; 134 Buck Pd, G 28 Apr, Apr max; 192 IB-W 12 May.

Trumpeter Swan: max 29 NMWMA (CR) 9 Apr.

Tundra Swan: max 700 BB-HW 11 Mar (DBr); last SalCrk 6 May.

Wood Duck: max 47 CIWMA 27 May, low max.

Blue-winged Teal: arr NMWMA (CR) 24 Mar; BB-ES 29 May, species present all month in areas nr Lake Ontario, unusual in recent years.

Northern Shoveler: max 250 Sodus Bay at Old Ridge Rd 3 Apr (TL); 1-4 BB-ES all May, unusual in recent years.

Gadwall: max 200 BB-HW 12 Mar (DBr); 9 Beatty Pt, G 29 May (CW), late for loc.

Eurasian Wigeon: arr 1m IB-W 10-21 Apr (GF, mob, ph); 1m BB-HW 11 Apr (DBr, GLaw); 1m NMWMA (CR) 11Apr (GDa, W&MR); 1m NMWMA (SCU) 12-17 Apr

(W&MR, 5+ oth obs); 1m Buck Pd, G 15-24 Apr (CMit); 1m Northrup Crk area, G 23 Apr (CMit).
American Wigeon: 900 Buck Pd, G 23 Apr (CMi).
Mallard: max 300 NMWMA (CR) 11 Mar, low max.
American Black Duck: max 55 NMWMA (VDSR) 17 Mar.
Northern Pintail: max 1500 NMWMA (West Shore Trail) 21 Mar (KB); last BB-ES 24 May.
Green-winged Teal: max 200 Sodus Bay 3 Apr (TL); last 2 HB 25 May (AGu).
Canvasback: max 150 SPT 1 Mar (W&MR); last BB-HW 25 Apr.
Redhead: max 600 SPT 1 Mar (W&MR), low max; last HB 22 May.
Ring-necked Duck: max 350 BB 15 Mar, low max; 2 DEP 15 May.
Greater Scaup: max 345 BB 9 Mar, low max; BB-ES 26 May, ph.
Lesser Scaup: max 250 SPT 3 Mar, low max.
Harlequin Duck: last 1f ED 10-11 Mar (MBa).
Surf Scoter: last 3 HB-YC 28 Apr.
White-winged Scoter: max 42 OB 6 Mar, low max; last 2 HB 14 May.
Black Scoter: last 1m off Dewey Av, G 1 May (R&SSp).
Long-tailed Duck: max 1460 HB-YC 25 Apr (AGu); 890 HB-YC 8 May (AGu).
Bufflehead: max 158 Castile WYOM 7 Apr (LMou).
Common Goldeneye: max 125 sev loc 7-10 Mar; last 4 off Lakeshore Dr, W 8 May.
Barrow's Goldeneye: 1-2 imm m Genesee R mouth area 1-8 Mar (mob, ph); last 1 imm m IB-S 18 Mar (NU, ph).
Common Merganser: max 250 IBO 7 Mar.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 1116 HB 20 Apr (RSp); 530 ED 8 May (MBa), late for number.
Pied-billed Grebe: arr 1-2 sev loc 12 Mar; max 55 NMWMA (CR) 24 May.
Horned Grebe: max 41 Bear Crk Harbor WAYN 8 Mar, low max; last sev loc 9 May.
Red-necked Grebe: arr 12 Centenary Shores WAYN 9 Mar (BHac, ArJ, JH, MJ, GH); 361 HB 6 Apr (AGu); last 2 Lac de Ville, T Brighton HB 6 May.
EARED GREBE (R2): ED 24 Apr (MBa).
WHITE-WINGED DOVE: BB-HW 8 May (DBr, ph), 5th Reg record.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Letchworth SP 9 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Abraham Lincoln P, W & Wynn's Wood, T Brighton 15 May.
Common Nighthawk: arr Indian Fort NP & 2 G 15 May; max 104 ED 21 May (MBa).
Eastern Whip-poor-will: arr 2 M-OW (KS) & T Gates MONR (B&BM) 28 Apr; last Pond View Heights, ROC 18 May (NR).
Chimney Swift: arr BB-HW 29 Mar (DBr), Reg record early; max 55 Cobbs Hill P ROCH 6 May; 54 Park Ave ROCH 3 May.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr sev loc 1 May; total b 37 BBBO 10-30 May.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: arr Ellison P, T Penfield 2 Apr.
Sora: arr NMWMA (Deep Muck) & GBM) 13 Apr.
Common Gallinule: arr NMWMA (GBM) 10 Apr.
American Coot: max 71 IB-S 15 Apr, low max.
Sandhill Crane: total 24 BB-HW 3-30 Mar; max 12 NMWMA (MRdM) 27 Mar (MG); total 40 ind 20+ loc 2-30 Mar; total ~42 ind 13+ loc Apr; max 14 NMWMA (MRdM & CR) 3 & 23 Apr (5 obs); total 9 BB-HW 1-30 May; 40+ ind 17+ oth loc May; max 22 NMWMA (Savannah mucklands) 23 May (W&MR).
Black-bellied Plover: arr BB-ES 29 Mar (DBr, MG, PMar, AGu, ph); max 18 BB-ES 25 May.
Semipalmated Plover: arr Peter Smith Rd, T Kendall ORLE 12 May; max 76 Hemlock L – S 21 May (BCar, MG).
PIPING PLOVER (R2): BB-ES 20; 21 May (MBa; JaG, RR), 8th Reg spring record, record early; BB-ES 15 May (MBa. 28+ oth obs phs), 9th Reg spring record; BB-ES 23 May (DBr, 49+ oth, phs), 10th Reg spring record, previously banded.
Killdeer: max 50 BB-HW 11 Mar.
Upland Sandpiper: no reports.
Whimbrel: arr BB-ES (MBa, sev oth obs) & IB-S (15+ obs) 26 May; 1-2 BB-ES 27 May (RB, 6 oth obs).
MARBLED GODWIT (R2): arr 14 Hogan Pt Pd 14 May (RCi, 38+ oth obs, phs); BB-ES 21 May (DBr; BB-ES 31 May (B&LSpr, RSp).
Ruddy Turnstone: arr 1-2 BB & SPT 19 May.
Red Knot: 1-2 BB-ES 27 May thru (CGi, 41+ oth obs, phs).
Stilt Sandpiper: BB-ES 25 May (MBa, 18+ oth obs, phs), rare in spring

Sanderling: arr 2 BB-ES 25 May thru (mob, phs), often scarce in spring.

Dunlin: arr BB-WS 27 Mar (D&ER), early; max 189 BB-ES 22 May (AGa).

Least Sandpiper: arr 3 NMWMA (CR) 3 Apr (R&SSp), early; 250 Hemlock L – S 15 May (BHo); max 350 NMWMA (CR) 18 May (TL).

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr BB-ES & SalCrk, G 14 May.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 2 NMWMA (CR) 30 Mar; max 22 NMWMA (CR) 9 Apr, low max.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 3 BB-ES 16 May; max 144 BB-ES 25 May (MBa, GLaw, AGu).

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr BB-ES & NMWMA (CR) 16 May.

American Woodcock: arr Sand Rd, T W. Bloomfield ONTA 3 Mar.

Wilson's Snipe: arr 3 N Hamlin Rd fields & 1 T Walworth WAYN 21 Mar; max 37 Peter Smith Rd, T Kendall ORLE 27 Apr (AGu).

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Hemlock L – N 19 Apr; max 15 BB-ES 22 May (JaG, RR), high.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Buttonwood Crk, G 3 Apr (CGi, ET, ph), early.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr SalCrk, G 30 Mar; max 52 CIWMA 10 May (MW).

Willet: arr NMWMA (CR) 2 May (MT); OB 5 May (JiM); BB-ES 23 May (DBr, 7 oth obs).

Greater Yellowlegs: arr BB–Burger P 21 Mar (MBa), early; max 40 NMWMA (CR) 11 Apr (W&MR), low max.

Wilson's Phalarope: arr Moscow Rd puddle nr West Fork 14 May (RSp, 8 oth obs, phs); arr 1-3 Hogan Pt Pd, G 14-16 May (HSw, 32+ oth obs, phs); 1-2 BB-ES 17-25 May (27+ obs, phs); 2 Berg Rd, T Ontario WAYN 15 May (DE); NMWMA (CR) 17 May (W&ME); 3; 4 NMWMA (CR) 19 May (MG; NK, RB); flooded field nr Piffard LIVI 20 May (JK); major incursion.

Large shorebird sp.: 35 headed W over I-90 nr Victor ONTA 25 May (BroM), likely Whimbrel.

Bonaparte's Gull: arr 4 OB 5 Mar; max 63 SalCrk, G 2 Apr (NU), low max.

LAUGHING GULL (R2): 1 ad ED 14 May (MBa); 1 ad BB-ES 20-28 May (DBr, GLaw, phs, mob); 3 BB-ES 23 May (FL, TC).

Ring-billed Gull: max 1750 BB-HW 26 May (DBr).

Herring Gull: max 1500 BB-HW 1, 4, 6 Mar (DBr).

Iceland Gull: total 10 ind 8 loc 5-16 Mar; total 9 ind 9 loc 3-28 Apr; BB-HW 2 May (DBr,

mob, phs); 3 OB 5 May (JiM); last OB 28 May (AGu).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 7 ind 6 loc 2-21 Mar; ~ 30 ind 16 loc Apr; 253 eBird lines May; 10 OB 8 May (AGu); 14 BB-ES 27 May (AGu); max 15 BB-ES 31 May (DBr); large numbers, especially late in the season.

Glaucous Gull: total 10 ind 7 loc 1-20 Mar; 6 ind 6 loc 2-28 Apr; last Lakeshore Marshes WMA WAYN (W&MR) & Sodus Bay (MG) 13 May.

Larus species: 5000 BB-HW 6 Mar (DBr).

LEAST TERN: BB-ES 1 May (DBr, 19+ oth obs, phs), 2nd Reg spring record.

Caspian Tern: arr Sodus Bay 28 Mar (W&MR), tie Reg record early; max 250 BB-ES 2 May (SG).

Black Tern: arr BB-ES 7 May (GLaw).

Common Tern: arr 3 HB 9 Apr (AGu); max 85 BB-ES 30 Apr (DBr, GLaw).

Forster's Tern: arr BB-ES 28 Apr (DBr, GLaw).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: max 12 ED 9 Mar, very low max; last 3 HB 17 May.

Common Loon: max 115 HB 19 Apr, low max; 110 HB-YC 8 May.

NORTHERN GANNET (R2): 1 ad BBBO 13 May (MGrey), flyover at 7:18 AM; 1 ad SPT 13 May (MG), flyby at 942 AM, rare in spring.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 700 BB-HW 1 May, low max.

American White Pelican: arr BB area 22 Apr (DBr, MBa, SG); 9 BB-HW (DBr, *et al.*) & Greece ponds farther east later (mob, phs) 26 May; 2 BB area 27 May (mob).

American Bittern: arr NMWMA (GBM) 13 Apr (GD, KGa, AnM).

Least Bittern: arr BB-WS 2 May.

Great Egret: arr Sandra L. Frankel NP, T Brighton 27 Mar (J&TV), early.

SNOWY EGRET (R2): arr BB to SalCrk 28 Apr (GLaw, 24+ oth obs, phs); ED 13 May (MBa), passing, rare.

Cattle Egret: 1 ad alt Manitou to BB area 2 May (KMcG, 26+ oth obs, phs), rare in spring.

Green Heron: arr Nunda-Dalton Rd, LIVI 28 Mar (JGo, ph), early.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr Ellison P, T Penfield 23 Apr (JiM).

Glossy Ibis: arr BB-HW 10 Apr (KGa, AA, ph); Rt 531, T Ogden MONR 12-14 Apr (BBr, 40+ oth obs, phs); 22 Beechwood SP WAYN area 19 May (RB, NK, MG, JWi); 7

Beechwood SP WAYN area 19 May (HN, JSh); BB-ES 24 May (BCar, 10+ oth obs).
WHITE-FACED IBIS: NMWMA (CR) 18 May (KGa, MG, W&MR, phs); BB-ES 22-23 May (AGu, 48+ oth obs, phs), rare.
Black Vulture: BB-HW 2 Apr, 22 May (DBr, phs); NMWMA (VDSR) 2 May (W&MR).
Turkey Vulture: total 6618 BB-HW 3-30 Mar; max 1980 BB-HW 30 Mar; total 14363 BB-HW Apr; 1151 Broadway Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 10 Apr (GWO); *intro*.
Osprey: arr NMWMA (VDSR) 22 Mar (W&MR), early.
Golden Eagle: max 5 BB-HW 11 Mar; total 12 BB-HW 10-25 Mar; total ~13 ind 9 oth loc 1-25 Mar; total 6 BB-HW 5-19 Apr; Beechwood SP WAYN 3 Apr (TL); Broadway Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 10 Apr (GWO); BB-HW 1,12 May.
Northern Goshawk: no reports.
Bald Eagle: 632 lines eBird Mar; 520 lines eBird Apr; 667 lines eBird May; down some from 2020; max 73 BB-HW 25 May; total 506 BB-HW May.
MISSISSIPPI KITE: BB-HW 25 May (DBr, MG); ED 25 May (MBa); BB-HW 26 May (DBr, MG).
Broad-winged Hawk: arr 14 BB-HW 9 Apr, early; max 1705 BB-HW 24 Apr, low max.
SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1b lt morph imm Manitou & seen at points east 26 May (BBRR, 14 oth obs).
Rough-legged Hawk: total 64 BB-HW Mar; total ~72 ind many oth loc Mar; total 28 BB-HW 1-24 Apr; last BB-HW 15 May (DBr, *et al.*).
Eastern Screech-Owl: Bushnell's Basin MONR Apr (C&HH), red morph, rare.
Snowy Owl: 1 f Genesee County Airport 9 Mar (CCh); Lake Ontario State Parkway, T Parma 23 Mar (R&SSp, ph, GLaw, BWat).
Long-eared Owl: total 11 M-OW 7-31 Mar; total 14 M-OW 9-30 Apr; total 5 M-OW 1, 2, 5, 6, 13 May, ph, surprise late burst.
Short-eared Owl: max 28 DEC Owl Survey, sev loc 16 Mar; total 13 ind DEC Owl Survey, sev loc 27 Apr; last 1-2 BB area 1 May (CGa, R&SSp), late.
Northern Saw-whet Owl: total 40 M-OW Mar; 18b & 1 recap BBBO 17 Mar (AP); total 8 M-OW 1-2, 28 Apr.
Red-headed Woodpecker: arr HB 6 Apr; total ~35 ind 25 loc May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: total ~31 ind 21 loc 3-31 Mar, most potentially overwintering; 264 eBird lines Apr, high number.
Northern Flicker: 51 BB-HW 8 Apr (DBr); max 80 Beechwood SP WAYN 28 Apr (TL).
American Kestrel: 154 eBird lines Mar; 328 eBird lines Apr, high; 34 BB-HW 1-25 May; 141 eBird lines many oth loc May.
Merlin: total ~78 ind 25 loc Mar; total 17 BB-HW 4-30 Apr; ~32 ind many oth loc 4-30 Apr; 6 BB-HW 2-21 May; total ~28 ind 20+ oth loc May; pr nesting 19th Ward ROCH May (LBra).
Peregrine Falcon: total ~24 ind 20 loc 4-31 Mar; total 5 BB-HW 7-27 Apr; total ~20 ind 13 oth loc Apr; total 16 BB-HW 1-25 May; ~19 ind 16 oth loc May; nesting in downtown Rochester, see posts rfalconcam website & *intro*.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Recall, for species where the only notable record is arrival and that is in the arrival date table, there may be no entry in this section.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Beatty Pt, G 28 Apr (KH).
Eastern Kingbird: arr CIWMA 26 Apr (AF).
Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Hamlin 18 Apr (AGu); total 3 ind 3 loc 18; 30; 31 May.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr Highland P ROCH 11 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Firehouse Wood, G 17 May; total b 14 BBBO 20-26 May.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr Dishmill Crk, LSP 16 May.
Alder Flycatcher: arr Nations Rd IBA LIVI 14 May (TB), early.
Willow Flycatcher: arr 2 Dishmill Crk, LSP 9 May (TBo, LH).
"Traill's" Flycatcher: max b 20 BBBO 26 May; total b 69 BBBO 17 May thru.
Least Flycatcher: arr Ellison P, T Penfield 30 Apr; total b 38 BBBO 3, 14-27 May.
Eastern Phoebe: arr Ganonadagan SHS 15 Mar.
Northern Shrike: 6 rep, 4 ind 2 loc 1-20 Mar, early dep.
WHITE-EYED VIREO (R2): MP 29 Apr (NU, ph); 1b M 12 May (BBBO).
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Cobbs Hill P, ROCH 28 Apr, early.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr Mission Rd, T Conesus 19 Apr; Persimmon P, T Brighton

MONR 9 Apr (RB, JWa), Reg record early; total B 6 BBBO 27 Apr-22 May.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr Ellison P, T Penfield 13 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr Dishmill Crk, LSP 2 May; total b 32 M 15-30 May; 914 eBird lines May.

Blue Jay: max 4300 BB-WS 11 May (GLaw), good count; total b 136 BBBO 18 & 19 Apr, 1-24, 31 May.

American Crow: max 2000 NMWMA (CR) 9 Mar (W&MR), low max; typically max nr BB.

Fish Crow: 13 HB 14 Apr (AGu), many for loc; max 14 Beechwood SP WAYN 2 May (TL), new loc.

Horned Lark: max 90 BB-HW 11 Mar, low max.

Purple Martin: arr BB-HW 4 Apr.

Tree Swallow: arr BB-HW 11 Mar; max 525 Beechwood SP WAYN 3 Apr, low max.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr BB-HW 30 Mar; max 200 Beechwood SP WAYN 30 Apr.

Bank Swallow: arr 2 IB-W & West Port Bay, T Huron WAYN 16 Apr; max 200 IB-W 4 May & HB-W 22 May, low max.

Cliff Swallow: arr West Port Bay, T Huron WAYN 16 Apr.

Barn Swallow: arr BB-HW 24 Mar (DBr); max 250 Hemlock L – S 11 May.

Black-capped Chickadee: 1988 eBird lines Mar; 2018 eBird lines Apr; max b 106 BBBO 17 Apr; total b 745 BBBO 25 Mar- 28 May; 2525 eBird lines May.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 682 eBird lines Mar; 414 eBird lines Apr; 653 eBird lines May.

White-breasted Nuthatch: 1161 eBird lines Mar; total b 0 season.

Brown Creeper: total b 23 BBBO 25 Mar-5 May.

Winter Wren: 15 ind 14 loc 3-31 Mar, most overwintered.

Marsh Wren: arr NMWMA (CR) 11 Apr; max 20 BB – Buttonwood Crk 15 May (D&ER) & Turning Point P ROCH 30 May (CW), good counts.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max b 22 BBBO 27 Apr; total b 70 BBBO 7 Apr-16 May.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Highland P ROCH 7 Apr (KW); max b 101 BBBO 27 Apr; 30 sev loc 29 Apr; max 89 Beechwood SP WAYN 1 May (EBS); 82 HB-W 1 May (AGu); 32b BBBO 1 May; total b 534 BBBO 8 Apr-18 May; last M-OW 29 May (CW).

Veery: arr 2 Oatka Crk P MONR 28 Apr (JGu); total b 15 BBBO 16-25 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Oatka Crk P 18 May; total b 4 BBBO 22-27 May, low.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: total b 4 BBBO 20-29 May, low.

Swainson's Thrush: arr Highland P ROCH 4 May (KH); max b 13 BBBO 25 May, low; total b 65 BBBO 16-31 May.

Hermit Thrush: 9 ind 7 loc Mar; total b 18 BBBO 25 Apr-19 May.

Wood Thrush: arr 1-2 ind 3 loc 28 Apr.

American Robin: max 645 BB-HW 25 Mar; 2142 eBird lines Mar.

Gray Catbird: 9 ind 8 loc 8-27 Mar; arr Sandra L. Frankel NP, T Brighton 4 Apr; max 33 HB_W 19 May (AGu); max b 45 BBBO 16 May; total b 325 BBBO 5-31 May.

Cedar Waxwing: max 1375 HB 26 May (AGu).

American Pipit: arr 2 Hamlin 10 Mar; max 200 BB-HW 3 May (DBr); Jacobs Rd, H 26 May (PMar).

Evening Grosbeak: max 30 nr Linwood, T York LIVI 9 May (NG); last ED 29 May (CW), historically typical.

Pine Grosbeak: last MP 7 Mar (JiM, LMa).

Common Redpoll: max 95 BB-HW 12 Mar (DBr); 60 Nations Rd IBA 6 Apr (RSp); last Lake Rd, W 18 Apr (PMab).

Red Crossbill: max 45 Holy Sepulchre Cemetery ROCH 13 Mar (BriM); last 9 Grandview Heights, G 22 May (KGr).

White-winged Crossbill: last 6 Beechwood SP WAYN 15 May (TL).

Pine Siskin: max 70-71 Beechwood SP WAYN 3 may (BCar, MG).

American Goldfinch: max 75 BB-HW 9 May, low max.

Lapland Longspur: max 25 BB-HW 26 Mar (DBr); last NMWMA (AR) 8 May (Team Sapsucker 2021).

Snow Bunting: last NMWMA (Railroad Rd.) Mar, early dep.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: arr 1 Cornwall Pres WAYN & 2 Beechwood SP WAYN 28 Mar.

American Tree Sparrow: last Moscow Rd., H 29 Apr.

Clay-colored Sparrow: arr Cook Rd, H 2 sites 8 May; 1-2 Cook Rd, H sev sites 8-31 May.

Field Sparrow: arr T Canadice ONTA 22 Mar.

Savannah Sparrow: arr N Hamlin Rd 23 Mar.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr T Henrietta MONR 3 May (MW).

Fox Sparrow: max 20 Highland P ROCH 5 Apr (JBal, DHe); last Thousand Acre Swamp, T Penfield & CIWMA 2 May.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Church Trail, G 1 May; total b 29 BBBO 15-29 May.

Swamp Sparrow: max 40 CIWMA 2 May (BCar).

White-throated Sparrow: max 43 BB P 2 May, low max; max b 18 BBBO 15 May, low; total b 115 BBBO 19 Apr-26 May, low.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 80 Highland P, ROCH 9 Apr, ok count.

Yellow-breasted Chat: HB-W 21 May (AGu).

Bobolink: arr 1-3 sev loc 2 May; max 45 Nations Rd IBA 20 May.

Eastern Meadowlark: arr Doran & Townline Rds, T Lima LIVI 10 Mar (BHo).

Orchard Oriole: arr Marrowback Rd, T Conesus LIVI (SM) & Lagrange Rd WYOM (RSt) 1 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr 1-2 ind 4 loc 28 Apr; max 31 BB-WS 11 May (GLaw) & HB 14 May (AGu); 3147 eBird lines May.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 2000 Church Rd, H 13 Mar & NMWMA (West Shore Trail) 21 Mar; 4382 eBird lines May.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 325 NMWMA (West Shore Trail) 21 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 3 BB-WS 3 Mar (MG); max 150 BB-HW 9 Apr & NMWMA (AR) 8 May; last 2 CIWMA 19 May.

Common Grackle: max 1000 NMWMA (West Shore Trail) 21 Mar, low max; 3535 eBird lines May.

Ovenbird: arr 4 loc 28 Apr; total b 23 BBBO 5-26 May.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Jersey Hill Rd, Honeoye 23 Apr.

Northern Waterthrush: arr 1b BBBO 25 Apr; total b 36 BBBO 25 Apr-31 May.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr Firehouse Woods, G 2 May (MBA, GLaw), early; 1b BBBO 20 May; 8 ind 8 loc 2-31 May.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 1-3 Mendon, sev loc 29 Apr.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr 4 T Victor ONTA 27 Apr; total b 26 BBBO 29 Apr-24 May.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R2): NMWMA (AR) 3 May thru (GDa, 67 oth eBird lines); Abraham Lincoln P, T Penfield 12 May (D&VH); NMWMA (CR) 20 May (BBe).

Tennessee Warbler: arr T Penfield 6 May; max 22 DEP 18 & 24 May (JSI); max b 14 BBBO 18 May; total b 49 BBBO 15-27 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Cranberry Pd Nature Trail 2 May (BriM); 1b BBBO 22 May; total ~10 ind 9 loc 2-27 May, typical number for species.

Nashville Warbler: arr 2 Nunda-Dalton Rd LIVI 27 Apr (JGo), early; total b 34 BBBO 29 Apr-22 May.

Mourning Warbler: arr Hemlock L – S & NMWMA (AR) 15 May; total b 14 BBBO 20-27 May.

Common Yellowthroat: arr MP & NMWMA (AR) 29 Apr; max 20 MP 13 May (RW) & Lakeshores Marshes WMA 14 May (DW); total b 93 BBBO 5-31 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr Highland P ROCH 28 Apr (KW).

American Redstart: arr 3 loc 2 May; max 30 HB-YC 21 May (AGu); max b 24 BBBO 21 May; total b 163 BBBO 6-31 May.

Cape May Warbler: arr Beechwood SP WAYN 28 Apr; total b 13 BBBO 14-19 May; last Cemetery Mountain Bike Trail ROCH 29 May (CW).

Cerulean Warbler: arr 2 NMWMA (VDSR) 3 May.

Northern Parula: arr Whiting Rd NP, W 18 Apr (JaG, JeG, RR), early; total b 19 BBBO 3, 14-21 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr BB-ES (LBe) & BB (D&JC) & Honeoye Falls (BCar) 2 May, early; max b 65 BBBO 21 May; total b 189 BBBO 10-31 May; low numbers.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Genesee River Trail 5 May; 28 M-OW 21 May (CGo); max b 15 BBBO 20 May, total b 47 BBBO 15-25 May.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr 1b BBBO & LSP 28 Apr; total b 13 BBBO 15-26 May.

Yellow Warbler: arr 4 Lakeshore Marshes WMA WAYN 23 Apr (LCB, SBe), early; max 43 HB-W 19 May (AGu); max b 21 BBBO 18 May; total b 153 BBBO 28 Apr-29 May; 1307 eBird lines May.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr 1-2 Cobbs Hill P ROCH 29 Apr (7 obs); max 13 BB-WS 17 May (DF); max b 10 BBBO 20 May; total b 47 BBBO 11-31 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr 1-2 ind 3 loc 15 May; total b 20 BBBO 19-31 May, low.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Greece River Trail 28 Apr; max b 21 BBBO 15 May; total b 69 M BBBO 3-31 May.

Palm Warbler: arr HB 10 Apr (AGu, BriM), early; max 44 BB-ES 4 May (MBa); max b 23 BBBO 15 May; total b 76 BBBO 18 Apr-18 May; last Church Trail, G 26 May.

Pine Warbler: arr 2 Hemlock L – S 28 Mar (BHo), early.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr 2 Corbetts Glen, T Penfield 5 Mar (KMu), early; 100 ICW 27 Apr (PMar); 125 BB-HW 3 May (DBr); max 650 Beechwood SP WAYN 3 May (BCar); max b 73 BBBO 15 May; total b 254 BBBO 20 Apr-21 May, good numbers; 1307 eBird lines May.

Prairie Warbler: arr Wetmore & Townline Rds, T Wayland LIVI 4 May (TB); total~6 ind 6 lov 4-24 May (17+ obs).

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Cobbs Hill P 24 Apr (PMar); max 33 IB-W 19 May (LBe); total b 14 BBBO 5-27 May.

Canada Warbler: arr nr Dansville LIVI 8 May (OA); total b 33 BBBO 17-27 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr HB-YC 14 May; max b 11 BBBO 20 May; total b 39 BBBO 17-31 May.

Scarlet Tanager: arr 2 Dishmill Crk, LSP 3 May.

Northern Cardinal: 2351 eBird lines Mar; 2751 eBird lines Apr; 4109 eBird lines May.

Indigo Bunting: arr South Conesus LIVI 5 May; max 18 HB 26 May (AGu); total b 14 BBBO 14-31 May, low.