

REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

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Weather data obtained from the Binghamton Station showed a high of 71° F on 25 March and a low of 8° on 2 March. The average temperature for the month of March was 35.8° which was 3.5° above normal. March precipitation was 1.98" which was 1.07" below normal. The high temperature for the month of April was 77° on 28 April and the low was 17° on 2 April. The average temperature for the month of April was 45.3°, 0.7° above normal. April precipitation was 4.86" which was 1.23" above normal. The high temperature for the month of May was 86° on 21 May and the low was 30° on 1 May. The average temperature for the month of May was 55.1° which was 1.1° below normal. May precipitation was 5.29", 1.51" above normal.

The Region, once again, was well represented as far as waterfowl species were concerned. There were multiple records of a thousand plus Snow Geese migrating through. A Cackling Goose was reported during the period, as were all three species of swan. This included two Trumpeter Swans in Broome County. The expected duck species such as Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal and Ring-necked Duck were reported in good numbers. There were scattered reports throughout the Region of "sea ducks" such as White-winged Scoter, Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck and Red-breasted Merganser.

There were two reports of Eastern Whip-poor-will in the Region. Any reports of this declining species are notable. Virginia Rail is a species that seems to slowly be increasing in the Region and was reported in five of the six counties. Both Sora, Common Gallinule and American Coot were reported multiple times as well. In addition to the expected shorebird species, Black-bellied Plover, Dunlin, and Short-billed Dowitcher were reported.

The tern species reported included Caspian, Black, Common, and Forster's Tern. There were multiple reports of both bittern species. There was only one report of Northern Goshawk in the entire Region for the period. This report was from Otsego County. While never common, this species has been exceedingly hard for the author to find over the past decade. In my experience in Delaware County there are many areas that seem to provide good habitat, as well as a good population of squirrels and Ruffed Grouse for this species to prey upon. Hopefully this species can increase its population in the Region.

It was a good finch year as far as species diversity was concerned. Evening Grosbeaks were reported throughout the entire Region, as were Purple Finch. Common Redpolls and Pine Siskins were mostly reported in small numbers, also throughout the entire Region, as were Red Crossbills which were reported in all six counties. A single report of a Hoary Redpoll was an excellent find by Sandy

Covington on 9 March and 13 March. Very good pictures of the bird can be seen in her eBird report.

There were some excellent rare sightings in the Region this period. A Little Gull was found at Dorchester Park in Broome County on 5 May and was seen by many lucky observers. For the second consecutive spring a Snowy Egret was reported. It was found and photographed by Derek Green at Lockheed Martin Pond in Tioga County on 21 April. Pete Fenner found and recorded a **Western Meadowlark** in Springfield Center in Otsego County on 28 April. An immature male Summer Tanager was discovered by David Tanner and photographed by Jay McGowan in Cortland on 10 May.

The bird of the period, however, was an adult male **Painted Bunting** reported to Rick Bunting (no relation to the Painting Bunting) that was at a private feeder station in Bainbridge in Chenango County. The owner did get pictures of the bird which are included in the eBird report.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ALk – Allen L, OTSE; **AqPk** – Aquaterra P, BROO; **BCBC** – Binghamton CBC, BROO; **BMF** – Birdsong Meadow Farm, Candor, TIOG; **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; **DeIR** – 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 State Forest, CHEN; **MHL** – Michigan Hollow L, TIOG; **N^{Sp}M** – N Spencer Marsh, T Spencer, TIOG; **OnCBC** – Oneonta CBC, OTSE/DELA; **OtsL** – Otsego L, OTSE; **OwCBC** – Owego CBC, TIOG; **PRes** – Pepacton Res & outflow, DELA; **SCBC** – Sherburne CBC, CHEN (mostly); **SkaL** – Skaneateles L, CORT; **StPd** – Stupke Pd, T Cortlandville, CORT; **SusRB** – Susquehanna Ri, Greater Binghamton, BROO; **UL** – Upper Lisle, BROO, **ULCP** – Upper Lisle CP, T Triangle, BROO; **WPres** – Whitney Pt Res, BROO.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: 5,000 ULCP 10 Mar (DN); 1,000 Binghamton BROO 14 Mar (AS,CT); 2,000 Binghamton 14 Mar (GW); 4,000 BMF 20 Mar (ATro).

Ross's Goose: flyover BMF 20 Mar (ATro).

Cackling Goose: 5 flyovers BMF 5 Mar (ATro); Brick Pd. Wetland Pres TIOG 17 Mar (WB).

Mute Swan: Oneida Street Ponds OTSE 9 May (BW).

Trumpeter Swan: Chenango Forks BROO 3 Apr (mob); site max 2 E. Hill Rd. 26-28 May.

Tundra Swan: MHL 30 Mar - 15 Apr (mob).

Wood Duck: 40 HCP 20 Mar (RA,MMc); 21 Deposit DELA 10 May (LVe).

Blue-winged Teal: site max 5 Murphys Pits BROO 19 Apr; site max 9 Brick Pd Wetland Pres 30 Apr (JR); site max 6 ULCP 30 Apr (DN,SO).

Northern Shoveler: site max 4 BPd 4 Apr (JW); site max 7 UCLP 19 Apr (DN); 7 Cortland Gravel Pits CORT 21 Apr (JMc).

Gadwall: 9 CRes 12 Mar (LVe); site max 8 ULCP 28 Mar (VL); site max 12 Lisle P BROO 8 May (RA,MMc).

American Wigeon: 7 Clinton P CHEN 9 Mar (MDe); max site 8 ULCP 14 Mar (JH,DN); max site 15 BPd 21 Mar (RA).

American Black Duck: 30 BPd 5 Mar (DN,LVi); 42 Barton TIOG 8 Mar (MB); 34 PRes 12 Mar (LVe).

Northern Pintail: 10 PRes 27 Mar (LVe); site max 10 ULCP 30 Mar (DN).

Green-winged Teal: site max 22 BPd 16 Mar (VL); site max 15 ULCP 21 Mar (JH); site max 31 30 Mar (DG); 16 Willet Line Rd CHEN 23 Apr (MDe,ATa).

Canvasback: site max 3 Chugnut River Walk BROO 6 Mar (MSt).

Redhead: site max 5 Chugnut River Walk 7 Mar (DN); site max 21 HCP 11 Mar (LVi); 2 ULCP 30 Mar (DN).

Ring-necked Duck: site max 120 Downsville DELA 14 Mar (MSe); site max 46 StPd 23 Mar (DG); site max 67 27 Mar (JMc).

Greater Scaup: small numbers (2 max) of scattered reports throughout Region.

Lesser Scaup: reported in all counties in Region.

Surf Scoter: 2 CannRes 25 Apr (LV); 2 Cortland Gravel Pits 5 May (JMc); 2 Murphys Pits 6 May (mob); Lisle P 8 May (mob).

White-winged Scoter: 6 CannRes 1 May (LVe); 16 UCLP 5 May (JMc); 24 ChenL 8 May (MDe); site max 400 Lisle P 8 May (DN,JH).

Long-tailed Duck: Region max 18 Lisle P 7 Apr (DN,DW); other scattered reports throughout Region.

Bufflehead: site max 100 Lisle P 21 Apr (DN); site max 92 Cortland Gravel Pits 21 Apr (JMc); 30 Fly Creek OTSE 3 May (TB).

Common Goldeneye: Region max 20 Downsville 7 Mar (LV); 9 Owego TIOG 11 Mar (DG).

Hooded Merganser: many reports throughout Region.

Common Merganser: many reports throughout Region.

Red-breasted Merganser: region max 13 Lisle P 26 Mar (DN).

Ruddy Duck: site max 6 Lisle P 5 May (DN,GW,ATri); 3 Murphys Pits 8 May (VL); site max 6 Lockheed Martin Pd TIOG 10 May - 12 May (DG,WB).

Ring-necked Pheasant: scattered reports in all counties in Region, almost all single birds.

Ruffed Grouse: many reports throughout entire Region.

Wild Turkey: many reports throughout entire Region.

Pied-billed Grebe: site max 8 ULCP 3 Apr (JC).

Horned Grebe: 3 Plymouth Res CHEN 11 Apr (CM); 7 ULCP 13 Apr (DW); site max 8 Cortland Gravel Pits 21 Apr (JMc).
Red-necked Grebe: CannR 17 Apr (LV); Murphys Pits 19 Apr (Dn,GW,DW); Millbrook Town Pk CHEN 21 Apr (MDe); site max 4 Lisle P 8 May (DN,RA).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 2 ULCP 23 May (VL,DN); 2 LHNC 25 May & 29 May (BM,EL); 2 CG 25 May & 26 May (MB,DG); 2 Cortland CE CORT 26 May (CW).
Black-billed Cuckoo: scattered reports throughout entire Region.
Common Nighthawk: 21 BMF 21 May (ATro); 10 Owego TIOG 25 May (KH); 4 Ball Flats P CHEN 27 May (MDe); 3 Greene CE 31 May (ATri).
Eastern Whip-poor-will: Goey Pd Rd OTSE 5 May (ML); Newark Valley TIOG 8 May (SD).

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: site max 5 Sherburne Marsh CHEN 13 Apr (MDe); site max 2 CG 13 Apr (NH); 2 Richfield Springs OTSE 27 Apr (CST); 2 Tully CORT 15 May (SD).
Sora: Homer CORT 6 May (JJ); Daisy Hollow Rd CORT 6 May (JMc); Sherburne Marsh 8 May (MDe); BPd 8 May (DN,RA,MMc); Waverly 9 May (DG).
Common Gallinule: site max 3 Sherburne Marsh 8 May (MDe); Brick Pd Wetland Pres 8 May (DG); BPd 10-14 May (SD,JH,DW,RA,GW).
American Coot: 38 Lk Front P OTSE 19 Mar (HH); 16 Cooperstown OTSE 24 Mar (LP).
Sandhill Crane: Portlandville OTSE 8 May (LP); Sherburne Marsh 13 May (MDe); site max 3 Round Pd CHEN 24 May (MDe).
Black-bellied Plover: Tully L CORT 15 May (CW); Dorchester P BROO 28 May (VL,GW,DW,RAMMc).
Semipalmated Plover: 3 Deposit 10 May (LV); site max 2 Murphys Pits 24 May (VL); site max 8 Otselic River Overlook BROO 24 May (DN); 2 Greene CHEN 26 May (MDe).
Dunlin: Cheri A. Lindsey P BROO 10 Apr (RA,MMc); Baton Pavillion TIOGA 28 Apr (DG); 2 Dorchester P 26 May (ATri).
Least Sandpiper: site max 35 ULCP 14 May (JH); 6 Deposit 23 May (LV); 12 Murphys Pits 24 May (VL).
Pectoral Sandpiper: Otselic River Overlook 9 Apr (GW); ULCP 9 Apr - 11 Apr (DN,JH,RA,VL); ULCP 30 Apr (SO); Sherburne Marsh 14 May (MDe).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: Dorchester P 25 May (DN); site max 3 Murphys Pits 25 May (DN); Harford CORT 26 May (JMc).
Short-billed Dowitcher: ULCP/Otselic River Overlook 21 May (GW,DW,VL,RDe,DN,RA,MMc).
Wilson's Snipe: many reports throughout all counties in Region.
Lesser Yellowlegs: Region max 12 Deposit 10 May (LV); scattered reports throughout most of Region.
Greater Yellowlegs: Region max 7 Deposit 10 May (LV); reported in all counties in Region.
Bonaparte's Gull: site max 67 Lisle P 7 Apr (DN); 37 CannR 10 Apr (LV); reported in all counties in Region.
Little Gull: Dorchester P 5 May (DN,DW,ATri,GW,JH,JMc,JC,LC).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 2 UCLP 21 Mar (DN); Cortland Gravel Pits 1 Apr (JC); 2 Cortland Gravel Pits 6 Apr (JMc).
Caspian Tern: Region max 14 Dorchester P 21 Apr (DW); 5 Lisle P 21 Apr (GW,JH,DN); 8 MHL 21 Apr (SC); 3 Plymouth Res 27 Apr (CM).
Black Tern: Dorchester P 5 May (DN,JMc,DW,JC,LC); Glimmerglass SP OTSE 6 May (PFe); Norwich CHEN 8 May (MDe); ULCP 13 May (GW,AS,BF).
Common Tern: 8 MHL 21 Apr (SC); 7 Chenango L CHEN 8 May (MDe); reports also in DELW and BROO counties.
Forster's Tern: Goodale L CORT 29 Apr (JC,LC).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: 2 Long Pd CHEN 24 Apr (MDe); 1 Lisle P 21 Apr (JH,DN,GW,SR,RDe); 3 CannR 24 Apr (LV); Murphy Pits 14 May (DW).
Common Loon: 28 PRes 21 Apr (LV); 16 Genegantslet L CHEN 21 Apr (MDe); 145 Lisle P 21 Apr (SR,RDe,DN,JH).
Double-crested Cormorant: site max 31 Cannon Hole TIOG 10 Apr (MB); 45 Owego 18 Apr (KH); site max 200 Lisle P 20 Apr (DN); 53 Cincinnatus L CHEN 21 Apr (MDe); 36 Cortland Gravel Pits 21 Apr (JMc).
American Bittern: 2 Sherburne Marsh 25 Apr (MMe); Moran Rd CHEN 1 May (MDe); Daisy Hollow Rd 6 May (JMc,JC,LC); 2 Lk Delaware Pd DELA 8 May (RP).
Least Bittern: ULCP 7 May (VL,RA); BPd 9 May (VL,GW,DN,JW,RDe); Ely Rd CORT 26 May (CW).

Great Blue Heron: many reports throughout entire Region.

Great Egret: Region max 3 Lockheed Martin Pd 21 Apr (DG); scattered reports in DELA, CHEN, BROO, CORT, and TIOG counties.

Snowy Egret: Lockheed Martin Pd 21 Apr (DG).

Green Heron: many reports throughout Region.

Black Vulture: 10 Vestal BROO 27 Mar (RA); 2 BMF 28 Mar (ATro); 9 Vestal 29 Mar (RM); 4 Hancock DELA 25 Apr (LV).

Osprey: many reports throughout entire Region.

Golden Eagle: 2 flyovers BMF 5 Mar (ATro).

Northern Harrier: many reports throughout entire Region.

Northern Goshawk: Betty & Wilbur Davis SP OTSE 10 Mar (JBa).

Red-shouldered Hawk: scattered reports in all counties in Region.

Rough-legged Hawk: Region max 3 Plymouth CHEN 3 Mar (MDe); other scattered records, throughout most of Region.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 2 Binghamton 11 May (JBU); 2 Upton OTSE 25 May (MY); 3 Sherburne 26 May (FvM).

Great Horned Owl: scattered reports in BROO, CORT, DELA, OTSE & TIOG counties.

Barred Owl: many reports in all counties in Region.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Maryland OTSE 9 Apr (CSc, SBri).

Red-headed Woodpecker: Richford TIOG 31 May (DMc).

American Kestrel: many reports throughout entire Region.

Merlin: scattered reports in all counties in Region.

Peregrine Falcon: reported in small numbers in CORT, BROO & TIOG counties.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Ely Rd CORT 26 May (JMc); Lash Rd CORT 26 May (CW); Chenango Ri, Greene CHEN 27 May (MDe); Richford TIOG 31 May (DMc).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Griggs Gulf SF CORT (CW); Lime Hollow CORT 26 May (JMc); Harford 29 May (JC).

Acadian Flycatcher: Griggs Gulf SF 27 May (JC, JK).

Northern Shrike: Hoag-Childes Rd CHEN 3 Mar (MDe); Vestal 1 Mar (RA).

Philadelphia Vireo: Castle Creek BROO 21 May (DW); Castle Gardens BROO 21 May (MJ); Bovina Ctr DELA 23 May (RP); Kellogg Rd CORT 26 May (CW); Shafer Rd CHEN 31 May (MDe).

Fish Crow: many reports along the Chenango Ri and Susquehanna Ri in BROO and TIOG counties. A few scattered reports in CORT and CHEN counties.

Common Raven: many reports throughout entire Region.

Horned Lark: 60 Flat Iron Rd CHEN 5 Mar (MDe); 100 Smith Hill Rd BROO 6 Mar (DN, MJ); 34 Delancey DELA 7 Mar (LV); 50 Tri-City Airport BROO 8 Mar (GW); 50 Cherry Hill Rd BROO 10 Mar (DW).

Purple Martin: 6 Bainbridge CHEN 8 May (BO); Ely Rd 26 May (JMc).

Bank Swallow: Region max 50 Sherburne Marsh 23 May (MDe); other scattered records throughout entire Region.

Marsh Wren: ULCP 6-10 May (DN, JW, GW); site max 3 Sherburne March 23 May (MDe).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Owego Hill Rd CORT 27 May (JC, JK).

Swainson's Thrush: Lime Hollow 17-18 May (DG, OB); Marathon CORT 18 May (CW); BUNP 20 May (VL); Coventry SF CHEN 21 May (MDe); Johnson City BROO 25 May (DN).

Northern Mockingbird: scattered reports in BROO, CORT, DELA, OTSE and TIOG counties.

American Pipit: Region max 37 Dorchester Pk 1 Apr (DW); 30 Moran Rd CHEN 10 May (MDe).

Evening Grosbeak: 33 Stoller Hill Rd OTSE 1 Mar (SS); Region max 60 S. Otselic CHEN 29 Apr (MF); a nice scattering of records throughout the entire Region.

Purple Finch: many reports throughout the entire Region.

Common Redpoll: 80 Scott CORT 8 Mar (PH); 42 Stroller Hill Rd 17 Mar (SS); 30 Otsiningo P BROO 19 Mar (WK); other scattered reports throughout the Region.

Hoary Redpoll: MHL 9 & 13 Mar (SC); Blodgett Rd, Owego TIOG, cont from winter to 2 Mar (ATro).

Red Crossbill: Region max 35 Richford TIOG 14 May (DMc); reported in all counties in Region.

Pine Siskin: many reports of this species throughout the Region in small numbers with the exception of the Region max of 75 Chenango Valley SP 30 Apr (DN).

Snow Bunting: 8 Fly Creek 4 Mar (DD); 20 Carrigan Rd BROO 5 Mar (JH); 26 Smith Hill Rd 6 Mar (MJ); 6 Delancey 7 Mar (LV).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Clay-colored Sparrow: 2 Huizinga Farm TIOG 23 May (DG).

Vesper Sparrow: 4 Whitney Pt BROO 7 Apr (DW); Cortland 15 Apr (JMc); Binghamton 16 Apr (JW,GW); site max 2 Murphys Pits 19 Apr (DN); Downsville 21 Apr (LV); Tom Dunn Rd CHEN 25 Apr (MDe).

Grasshopper Sparrow: Huizinga Farm 23 May (DG); site max 2 Harford 19 May (CW) & 26 May (JMc).

Fox Sparrow: many reports throughout entire Region.

White-crowned Sparrow: scattered reports throughout entire Region.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Helen Ave CORT 30 Apr (SBro).

Bobolink: many reports throughout entire Region.

WESTERN MEADOWLARK: Springfield Center OTSE 28 Apr (PFe,CSt) audio recordings on eBird.

Eastern Meadowlark: 5 Downsville 20 Mar (LV); Region max 7 Mt. Hunger Rd 7 Apr (DW); 6 Standish Rd CHEN 3 May (ATri).

Orchard Oriole: reports of single birds in BROO,CORT,DELA and TIOG counties.

Rusty Blackbird: Region max 12 Brick Pd Wetland Pres 23 Apr (DH); other scattered reports throughout entire Region.

Golden-winged Warbler: 2 LHNC 11 May (JMc,DG,PH).

“Lawrence’s” Warbler: King St BROO 9 May (DN).

Tennessee Warbler: Region max 5 ULCP 18 May (ATri); scattered reports throughout entire Region.

Mourning Warbler: scattered reports throughout entire Region.

Hooded Warbler: Region max 4 Griggs Gulf SF 21 May (CW); isolated reports in all counties in Region.

Cape May Warbler: Region max 5 Treadwell DELA 3 May (PP); isolated reports in all counties in Region.

Cerulean Warbler: Dorchester P 5 May (DN); Lordville DELA 23 May (LV).

Bay-breasted Warbler: reports of one or two birds in 12 locations in BROO,CHEN,CORT and TIOG counties.

Blackpoll Warbler: Region max 12 Kellogg Rd 26 May (CW); scattered reports throughout entire Region.

Wilson’s Warbler: Dorchester P 9 May (ATri); site max 2 ULCP 10 May (DN); Aquaterra BROO 11 May (DW); BUNP 11 May (AS); BUNP 15 May (JD); Bovina Ctr 20 May (RP); Kellogg Rd 26 May (CW).

SUMMER TANAGER (R4): Cortland 10 May, immature male (DT,JMc).

PAINTED BUNTING: Bainbridge 15 May, adult male (Chenango Bird Club record).