

REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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2021 continued the theme of winter and by the end of the snow season was the fifth lowest total since record-keeping of this began in 1949. March average high temperature of 50.3 °F was 7.1° (!) above normal with only 1.36" of rain and 4.6" of snow, both much less than typical. Both metrics were top-ten low. April average high was 59.5°, 2.3° above normal with 2.5" of rain and 4.3" snow. May continued the trend with an average maximum of 70.4°, 1.2° over the usual and 2.55" rain. All three months had 17-19 days that were partly-sunny or better.

Water levels on inland lakes were typical of the season but exceptionally low on Lake Ontario, pointing to a dryer than normal winter on the other Great Lakes which feed Ontario through the Niagara River. Sand beach was still present at West Barrier Bar in Fair Haven, while the Carl Island shoal at Sandy Pond was exposed almost to the channel, perhaps unprecedented in modern times at least for spring.

An excellent Snow Goose flight passed Derby Hill in mid-March, the best day being 151,400 birds on 12 March. Several Ross's Geese were noted and a Greater White-fronted spent two days at the Biddlecum Road floodlands. A rare hybrid of this species with Canada Goose was noted there by Gregg Dashnau and Mickey Scilingo, while Santos Rodriguez photographed a Snow x Canada. The Loop Road floodland in western Cayuga county again hosted many Pintail and other dabblers. Another unusual hybrid continued from winter at Oswego Harbor, a Mallard x Northern Pintail. Three King Eider were noted there also plus good counts of White-winged Scoter (720) and Long-tailed Duck (1500). An excellent count of 200 Bufflehead came from Onondaga Lake with 2000 Common Merganser estimated there. A Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser, seemingly regular at Port Ontario, was noted there on 17 March. Eighteen Sandhill Cranes passing Derby Hill on 18 March may be a new record for the spot but no substantial Common Nighthawk flight was noted in late May.

Matt Brown predicted an excellent shorebird season with so much sand bar available at Sandy Pond for passing birds and indeed 20 species were found there, close to the theoretical limit for spring at the site. Brown's regular trips to the channel and shoal area were rewarded with a seventh Regional record **Marbled Godwit** present from 21-29 May and enjoyed by many as its large size and favorite sand-patch allowed it to be seen by spotting scope from Greene Point Road. Other highlights were 20 Black-bellied Plover on 26 May, Piping Plover returned to breeding, Whimbrel, **Hudsonian Godwit** (scarce in spring), Red Knot, and **Willet**. **Laughing Gulls** were found on 10, 13, and 22 May, possibly the same bird lingering. Always hard to come by, Forster's Tern was seen there between 22 and 25 May. Meanwhile on Oneida Lake, morning re-orientation flights produced a Regional record 345 Whimbrel for Drew Weber from Oneida Shores Park and a likely record 80 Red Knots. Upland Sandpiper was absent from the long-standing Fulton airport spot and was reported only from the Deerfield grasslands in Oneida County. An **American White Pelican** passed Derby Hill on 30 March and was present in the Pine Grove Road spot at Selkirk Shores from 31 March to 1 April. Gregg Dashnau saw a **Glossy Ibis** at Fair Haven on 27 April. A **White-faced Ibis** present a few hundred yards outside the Region boundary at the usual spot on Carncross Road (Wayne county) was observed flying over Howland Island by Mike Gullo before flying out of sight to the south-south-east. This represents a first record for Region 5 and Cayuga County.

Black Vulture was missed at Derby Hill but reported from expected locations. Official counts were down substantially for several species including Osprey, Kestrel, and Merlin. Weather, however, has such a strong influence on totals that

it is difficult to draw conclusions from any single year's numbers. A new count record-low was set for Northern Goshawk with only one bird passing. A putative **Red-shouldered x Red-tailed Hawk** was spotted by Bryce Robinson at Derby Hill on 10 March. Excellent photos of the bird's underside were obtained and available on eBird. The hawk is superficially most like an adult Red-shouldered with reddish breast and underwing coverts but a tail pattern with vague, narrow dark bands, wrong for an adult of the species. The bird shows other features of Red-tailed influence including an obvious belly band of dark streaks (rather than bars) and pale primaries/secondaries instead of the usually bold and heavy dark markings of Red-shouldered. No photos of the bird's upperside were obtained but presumably would show a reddish tail and a mixture of traits on the back and underwing. This rare hybrid was the raptor highlight of a season with no other rarities.

A good Northern Flicker movement was noted at Derby Hill on 28 April with 750 of these colorful birds. Olive-sided Flycatcher, always scarce, was especially so this season. Acadian Fly again returned to the woods of Sterling Nature Center but was seen only one day at the usual Whiskey Hollow location. Will this be the first year in many it does not breed there? Like a few other species, central New York is just out of range of **White-eyed Vireo** but that did not stop one from being banded on 31 May at Baltimore Woods. Will it eventually reach us as a breeder in this age of climate change? Barbara Barker added another report from Sauquoit on 16 April.

On 18 May Matt Brown found and photographed an apparent **Yellow-throated x Blue-headed Vireo** hybrid in one of the upland areas of Deer Creek Marsh. The next day Jay McGowan observed it nest-building with a singing Yellow-throated Vireo, thus implying the bird to be female. This very rare hybrid was previously unknown to the eBird taxonomy and indeed a new taxon was created in response. Species accounts in *Birds of the World Online* discuss a specimen from the 1800s thought to be this combination but at the time taken to be a distinct species. References also describe several observed nesting attempts between Yellow-throated and members of the 'Solitary Vireo' complex, its closest genetic relative. An actual hybrid vireo—thus evidence of successful nesting—is an exceptional discovery. Was the bird hatched locally and thus it is returning 'home'? Was nesting successful?

Good lakeshore flights of Black-capped Chickadee were reported from Derby Hill, where 332 were seen on 10 April doing their typical jump from tree to tree along the bluff. An excellent flight of Blue Jays occurred during May with 7809 counted at Derby Hill on the 10th. These low-passing diurnal migrants are a highlight of any visit. Early-season migration of American Crows peaked on 10 March with 10,416. Movements north begin in late February. Sedge Wren was found at Three Rivers 19 May on, while a new location in West Monroe hosted two birds from 22 May. Will they nest at either location?

A flock of 49 **Bohemian Waxwings** was seen by Kevin Topping in Salisbury, a good number given it did not appear to be a strong invasion year for

the species. Ditto four **Pine Grosbeaks** at the same place as it was a disappointing year for them as well. Winter's great irruption of redpolls and Evening Grosbeaks wound down as the species made their way north. A number of **Hoary Redpolls** were photographed or well-described, perhaps not surprising considering the number of Common flocks about. Derby Hill noted 169 Evening Grosbeaks on 3 May, an awesome finale to the best irruption in years. Both crossbills continued in the Southern Highlands of Onondaga County with 12 Reds passing Derby on 10 March and 162 Pine Siskins passed on 3 May. Lapland Longspur is often missed in spring but not this year, while 800 Snow Buntings were seen by Matt Brown at the always-productive Bishop Road spot near Pulaski on 6 March. Clay-colored Sparrow made its only appearance of the season at Sunset Bay Park on 16 May and another was photographed near Alder Creek by David Chandler on the same date. Vesper Sparrow continues to be scarce but can still be found along the fields of Scriba during migration. Orchard Oriole returned to territory on Ditch Bank Road and at Green Lakes State Park. Peak day for Red-winged Blackbirds passing Derby Hill was 11 March with 27,100 estimated, while for Common Grackles it was 26 March with 18,700 birds. The 8th of April gave 1,047 Rusties.

Most long-time observers agreed it was an epically poor warbler migration year, with small numbers and few good days. David Wheeler awaited the 'big one' at West Barrier Bar but it never came. Normally abundant in the cozy confines of the park, Blackburnian, Northern Parula, and Cape May Warblers were absent most days and Wheeler noted only 1-2 decent days at the nearby much-bigger Sterling Nature Center. Sunset Bay Park perhaps fared better but still yielded only one really good day. Wheeler heard many Tennessee singing there on 15 May only to find few at the Cayuga County lakeshore spots but was consoled by two Prairie Warblers. Was the poor showing an illusion, influence of weather, or population changes? Ken Burdick found Prothonotary Warblers at Cross Lake, and at least some returned to the Seneca River around Howland Island. Early-arriving Warblers like Yellow-rumped fared better with 1,404 passing Derby Hill on 27 April. 'Rumps winter in North America. Was this a factor or was May weather?

Region 5 hosts five MOTUS receivers (motus.org) located at Derby Hill, Three Rivers WMA, Rome WMA, Utica Zoo, and Amboy Center. Tagged birds passing within range of the receivers (15 miles in some directions) are logged and can be seen at the website above. Several interesting detections this spring included a Ruddy Turnstone tagged on 27 May near Savannah, GA detected on 29 May by the Derby, Three Rivers, and Amboy Center stations, implying the bird was attracted to Oneida Lake before heading to the Ontario lakeshore. A Common Nighthawk tagged on 10 May 2020 near Gravenhurst, Ontario was heard on 22 and 23 May by the Utica station, then a few days later back near Gravenhurst (along the east shore of Georgian Bay) where it presumably will nest. At least some of the bird's adventures so far have been captured by 18 different receivers throughout eastern North America. Three Canada Warblers tagged at Braddock Bay's banding operation to our west were picked up several days later

by Derby Hill, while two birds tagged on Presque Isle, PA (Red-eyed Vireo and Blackpoll Warbler) were heard at Three Rivers, Amboy Center, and Derby. Several Rusty Blackbirds, Horned Larks, and American Pipit tags were heard at multiple stations, having been tagged near Tadoussac, Quebec in 2020. Finally, an Evening Grosbeak tagged near Marienville, PA on 17 February passed Derby Hill on 14 May. What is the ultimate destination of these birds?

This season a total of 255 species and eight hybrids was reported, which is four above the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights of the season included: Ross's Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, Piping Plover, Whimbrel, **Hudsonian Godwit**, **Marbled Godwit**, Red Knot, **Willet**, **Laughing Gull**, Forster's Tern, **American White Pelican**, **Glossy Ibis**, **White-faced Ibis**, Black Vulture, **Red-shouldered x Red-tailed Hawk (hybrid)**, **White-eyed Vireo**, **Yellow-throated x Blue-headed Vireo (hybrid)**, Sedge Wren, Bohemian Waxwing, **Pine Grosbeak**, Hoary Redpoll, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, and Clay-colored Sparrow.

Spring 2021 produced 174,124 eBird records for Region 5, which were processed by Swan Swan Hummingbird v5.5. Reports were contributed by 854 people. With so many submitting to eBird, the editor would like to take this opportunity to share how the 'Contributor' names below are compiled. Names appear in the list if at least one of the following four criteria are met: (1) a person's initials are used in the 'Synopsis' section; (2) a person submits a written list of sightings to the editor; (3) a person is the only one contributing from a particular part of the Region that would otherwise have no reports; or (4) a person submits above a 'participation threshold' number of eBird records which varies by season and was set at 500 for this report. Most listed below qualified under (4) but rest assured that all submissions contribute to this report.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADK – Adirondacks, n. HERK; **BLNC** – Beaver L Nature Center, Baldwinsville; **Brew** – Oneida L at Brewerton; **BRH** – Bishop Rd 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 Ri, Indian Pt, 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 Rd Wetland, Colombia Center, s. HERK; **OakC** – Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse; **OF** – Old Forge; **OLC** – Onondaga L Creekwalk; **OLP** – Onondaga Lake P; **OneiL** – Oneida L; **OnonL** – Onondaga L; **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 Ri 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; **Skam** – 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.

DERBY HILL HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arr*	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	-	-	-	0
Turkey Vulture	2 Mar	2800	8 Apr	28,069
Osprey	28 Mar	40	4 May	273
Golden Eagle	3 Mar	26	11 Mar	79
No. Harrier	4 Mar	34	9 Apr	365
Sharp-shinned Hawk	10 Mar	272	4 May	2188
Cooper's Hawk	3 Mar	23	11 Mar	286
No. Goshawk	9 Mar	1	9 Mar	1
Bald Eagle	1 Mar	66	3 May	839
Red-shouldered Hawk	10 Mar	89	11 Mar	517
Broad-winged Hawk	Apr	3946	24 Apr	21,911
Swainson's Hawk	-	-	-	0
Red-tailed Hawk	3 Mar	510	11 Mar	3379
Rough-legged Hawk	4 Mar	16	10 Mar	112
Am. Kestrel	9 Mar	28	28 Apr	263
Merlin	3 Mar	3	30 Mar	36
Peregrine Falcon	3 Mar	4	27 Apr	24
Unidentified	-	-	-	0
Total incl unidentified				58,348

*first migrants at the Hawkwatch

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: 20550 DH 11 Mar; 32625 DH 21 Mar; 33410 DH 17 Mar; max 151400 DH 12 Mar; a few stragglers noted after end of Mar.
Ross's Goose: OakC 11 Mar (AP); SBP 17 Mar (GD); 2 DH 21 Mar.

Greater White-fronted Goose: Biddlecum Rd Phx 14-15 Mar (MS).

Brant: arr 2 OnonL 24 Apr; max 835 Ppt 14 May.

Cackling Goose: 5 OnonL 9 Mar; 6 Biddlecum Rd Phx 15 Mar; last DH 22 Mar.

Canada Goose: 13895 DH 20 Mar; max 17860 DH 11 Mar.

Greater White-fronted x Canada Goose (hybrid): Biddlecum Rd Phx 14-15 Mar (GD, MS).

Snow x Canada Goose (hybrid): Phx 14-15 Mar (SR).

Mute Swan: max 68 FH 5 Mar; smaller nums typ locs.

Trumpeter Swan: small nums typ locs; max 12 HI 24 Apr.

Tundra Swan: max 32 OnonL 3 Mar; last 6 Ppt 24 Mar.

Wood Duck: max 48 Port Ont 1 Apr.

Blue-winged Teal: arr SkanL 22 Mar; max 14 DC; small nums to late May.

Northern Shoveler: max 48 FH 26 Mar; last 2 SP 22 May.

Gadwall: max 34 OnonL 8 Apr.

Eurasian Wigeon: Canastota 30 Mar; Volney 28 Mar – 14 Apr.

American Wigeon: max 84 FH; last 2 SP 27 May.

Mallard: common, widespread throughout Reg; max 750 LoopR 11 Mar.

American Black Duck: max 62 SSSP 9-11 Mar.

Mallard x Am. Black Duck (hybrid): max 2 SSSP 9 Mar.

Northern Pintail: max 1600 LoopR 11 Mar; last LoopR & 4 SP 10 May.

Mallard x Northern Pintail (hybrid): OswH 7 Mar, unusual.

Green-winged Teal: arr 2 Hannibal 10 Mar; max 75 WP 21 Apr.
Canvasback: max 36 OnonL 20 Mar; last 2 OnonL 23 Mar.
Redhead: max est 1000+ OnonL 9-15 Mar; last 8 LoopR 1 May
Ring-necked Duck: 277 WP 11 Mar; 300 OnonL 11 Mar; 370 DL 6 Apr; max 400 SP 24 Mar.
Greater Scaup: max 960 OswH 5 Mar; last 5 PPt 10 May.
Lesser Scaup: max 300 OnonL 17 Mar; last WP 25 May.
Greater/Lesser Scaup: max 1400 PPt 26 Mar.
King Eider: max 3 OswH 3-9 Mar; only rep.
Surf Scoter: 1-2 OswH 3-10 Mar; 2 PPt & WP 2 May; max 3 PPt 8 May; Rome 19 Apr.
White-winged Scoter: max 720 OswH; last 45 Const 21 May.
Black Scoter: 1-3 OswH 3-19 Mar; WP 30 Apr; last 2 OnonL 1 May.
Long-tailed Duck: 1100 DH 3 May; 1500 OswH 7 Mar; max 1930 DH 25 Apr; last OSP 30 May.
Buffhead: max 200 OnonL 7 Apr; last OnonL 31 May.
Common Goldeneye: max 300 SP 24 Mar; last Const 22 May.
Hooded Merganser: max 75 OnonL 17 Mar.
Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser (hybrid): Port Ont 17 Mar (MB, ph).
Common Merganser: max est 2000 OnonL 23 Mar.
Red-breasted Merganser: max est 500 LOnt 8 May.
Ruddy Duck: 5 OnonL 7 Apr; 11 CazL 24 Apr; 18 WP 30 Apr; max 21 BLNC 7 Apr.
Ring-necked Pheasant: max 2 DH thru; few other reps.
Ruffed Grouse: max 11 Fabius 21 May.
Wild Turkey: max 55 DB 13, 25 Mar.
Pied-billed Grebe: max 9 HI 5 Apr.
Horned Grebe: max 12 PPt 20 Apr; last WP 5 May.
Red-necked Grebe: arr OnonL 2 Apr; max 10 PPt 13 Apr; last OnonL 14 May.
Rock Pigeon: flocks widespread.
Mourning Dove: max 42 Camillus 6 Mar; small groups common & widespread.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr SBP 9 May; max 2 SBP 26 May.
Black-billed Cuckoo: arr Fayetteville 5 May; max 5 DC 16 May.
Common Nighthawk: arr Pennellville 20 May; max 8 Manlius 26 May; no big lakeshore flight noted.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: arr WH 4 May; singles typ locs.
Chimney Swift: arr DH 25 Apr; max 60 DeWitt 9 May.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Osw 30 Apr; max 51 Stillwater Hotel banding op (GL) 29 May.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: arr WP 4 Apr; max 7 Verona 18 May.
Sora: arr Verona 17 Apr; max 6 Verona 4 May.
Common Gallinule: arr WMonroe 10 Apr; max 8 DeWitt 9 May.
American Coot: max 23 Forestport 26 Mar, unusual loc; 20 OnonL 8 Apr.
Sandhill Crane: arr 3 DH 10 Mar; max 18 DH 23 Mar; small nums var locs, some possibly remain to nest.
Black-bellied Plover: arr 5 WMonroe 4 May; max 20 SP 26 May.
Semipalmated Plover: arr 2 IH 5 May; max 44 SP 26 May.
Piping Plover: arr SP 24 Apr (CN, MB); SP 22 May; early season reports suppressed.
Killdeer: max 19 DH 10 Mar.
Upland Sandpiper: 2 Deerfield 9 May; only rep.
Whimbrel: arr Const 21 May; 3 SP 27 May; 40 PPt 25 May; 113 Const 25 May (MS); max 345 OSP 25 May (DWe), morning re-orientation flight on OneIL, *intro*, known phenomenon but rec num.
Hudsonian Godwit: Biddlecum Rd Phx 6 May (KM, BP); SP 15 May (MB).
MARbled GODWIT (R5): SP 21-29 May (MB, ph, mob), 3rd county rec, 7th Reg rec.
Ruddy Turnstone: arr Biddlecum Rd Phx 12 May; max 15 SP 26 May.
Red Knot: arr 6 Const 22 May (MS); 21 SP 22 May (JM); 20 PPt 25 May (JCo, LC); max 80 OSP 25 May (DWe); 2 Const 27 May.
Sanderling: no reports.
Dunlin: arr SP 3 May; max 83 Const 26 May.
Least Sandpiper: arr 3 IH 5 May; max 51 SP 15 May.
White-rumped Sandpiper: arr MSI 14-15 May; Biddlecum Rd Phx 15 May; 1-2 SP 21-26 May.
Pectoral Sandpiper: arr MSI 6 Apr; max 3 Biddlecum Rd Phx 20 May.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Munnsville 10 May; max 60 SP 26 May.
peep sp.: 100 Const 25 May; 120 Const 26 May; sev reps smaller flocks.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr FH 18 May (BC); 3 - max 4 SP 21-26 May (MB, CN)

American Woodcock: arr TR 15 Mar; max 12 LH 26 Mar.

Wilson's Snipe: arr 2 Salisbury 22 Mar; max 37 WMonroe 31 Mar.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Kirkville 7 Apr (TM, ph), early, next 2 OnonL 21 Apr; max 20 OnonL 7 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr OnonL 29 Apr; max 16 Brookfield 15 May.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 PSS 9 Apr; max 9 Biddlecum Rd Phx 9 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr Little Falls 25 Mar; max 23 LoopR 13 Apr.

Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs: max 25 LoopR 16 May.

Willet: SP 25-27 May (MB).

Bonaparte's Gull: arr OnonL 26 Mar; max 149 Ppt 6 May.

LAUGHING GULL (R5): SP 10, 13 May (MB); SP 22 May (DDu, TMe, JMa).

Ring-billed Gull: max est 4500 OswH 5 Mar.

Herring Gull: max est 1000 OswH 6 Mar.

Iceland Gull: max 3 OswH 5 Mar; last 2 OswH 10 May.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 6 SP 27 Apr (MB); 5 OswH 15 Apr; FH 27 May (DWh).

Glaucous Gull: max 3 SP 27 Apr (MB); last OswH 8 May (GD).

Great Black-backed Gull: max 37 IH 2 Mar.

Caspian Tern: arr 11 SP 9 Apr; max 263 OswH 8 May.

Black Tern: arr OSP 30 Apr; singles 4 typ locs incl OnonL 6, 10, 15 May; nums down & not reported from SSSP.

Common Tern: arr OnonL 23 Apr; max 52 OSP 23 May.

Forster's Tern: 2 SP 22 May (JM); 4 SP 23 May (MB); 3 SP 25 May (MB).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: WP 7 Apr; DC 11 Apr; only reps.

Common Loon: max 43 Ppt 29 Apr; mig flight DH mid-Apr to mid-May.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 600 FH 15 May; best nums mid-Apr to early May.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R5): DH 30 Mar; SSSP 31 Mar – 01 Apr (MB).

American Bittern: arr TR 11 Apr; max DC 16 May.

Least Bittern: arr DC 14 Apr; max 5 Brew 30 May.

Great Blue Heron: max 100 est LoopR 1 May; 63 Biddlecum Rd Phx 10 Apr; 46 SNC 14 May; widespread throughout Reg.

Great Egret: arr 2 West Leyden 27 Mar; max 20 LoopR 16 May.

Green Heron: arr CM 11 Apr; max 4 DH 28 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: SkanL 16 May; WP 18 May; only reps.

GLOSSY IBIS (R5): FH 27 Apr (GD).

WHITE-FACED IBIS: HI 18 May (MG), flew from Carncross Rd, Wayne county, across Cayuga county line and over HI before disappearing in SSE direction. 1st Reg & county rec.

Black Vulture: OakC 11 Mar (AP); 3 Little Falls 19 Mar (KT); 1-2 Jville area sev dates 24 Mar – 19 May; Clinton 22 Mar (EW); 2 MH 25 Apr (SP), very unusual loc; 2 New York Mills 3 May (LM); 2 Rome 12 May (WR).

Turkey Vulture: max 2800 DH 8 Apr.

Osprey: arr Pulaski 23 Mar; max 40 DH 4 May.

Golden Eagle: arr DH 3 Mar; max 26 DH 11 Mar, rec num; SNC 10 Mar (DWh); 4 BRH 11 Mar (MB); last DH 9 May.

Northern Harrier: max 34 DH 9 Apr.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 272 DH 4 May.

Cooper's Hawk: max 23 DH 11 Mar.

Northern Goshawk: DH 9 Mar, rec low, *intro*; only rep.

Bald Eagle: 66 DH 3 May; max 78 OnonL 9 Mar.

Red-shouldered Hawk: arr DH 8 Mar; max 89 DH 11 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr DH 8 Apr; max 3946 DH 24 Apr.

Red-tailed Hawk: max 510 DH 11 Mar; dark morph 5 Apr, rare.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 17 DH 11 Mar; last DH 8 May.

Eastern Screech-Owl: singles typ locs but few reps.

Great Horned Owl: singles/nesting pairs widespread typ locs.

Snowy Owl: T Fenner MADI 14 Mar; Salisbury 21 Mar; Eaton 6 Apr; only reps.

Barred Owl: singles/nesting pairs widespread typ locs.

Long-eared Owl: no reports.

Short-eared Owl: Oneida 17 Mar; DH 23, 24 Mar; 2 LoopR 29 Mar; only reps.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: no reports.

Belted Kingfisher: max 6 DH 24 Apr.

Red-headed Woodpecker: pairs at established locs Ont & Onei lakeshore; max 5 FH 17 May.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: common & widespread throughout Reg.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 6 Pratts Falls 25 Apr.
Downy Woodpecker: common & widespread throughout Reg.
Hairy Woodpecker: common & widespread throughout Reg.
Northern Flicker: max 750 DH 28 Apr.
Pileated Woodpecker: widespread resident most places in Reg.
American Kestrel: max 28 DH 28 Apr.
Merlin: max 3 DH 30 Mar.
Peregrine Falcon: max 5 Utica May thru, incl 3 young.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr TR 29 Apr; max 13 HI 23 May.
Eastern Kingbird: arr TR 28 Apr; max 21 DH 3 May.
Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr HF 15 May; Rome 26 May; WH 27 May; only reps.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr WP 1 May; max 10 Kirkland Woods 25 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Salisbury 16 May; DC 19 May; FH 30 May; only reps.
Acadian Flycatcher: arr 2 SNC 19 May; singles 4 known locs; only reps.
Alder Flycatcher: arr GB 12 May; max 5 GLSP 28 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr Dolge 6 May; max 10 OLP 20 May.
Least Flycatcher: arr OLP 29 Apr; max 15 OLP 7 May.
Eastern Phoebe: arr Mexico 10 Mar; DH 22 Mar; max 10 FH 4 Apr.
Northern Shrike: few reps singles; last Ohio & Oneida 5 Apr.
WHITE-EYED VIREO (R5): Sauquoit 16 Apr (BaB); BW 31 May (MSt, AK) at banding station.
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr HV 24 Apr; max 6 Brookfield 15 May.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr TR 12 Apr; max 6 MH 24 Apr.
YELLOW-THROATED x BLUE-HEADED VIREO (hybrid): DC 18 May (MB, ph) & 19 May (JM, ph), first record for eBird, *intro*.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr Syr 12 May; singles 8 locs.
Warbling Vireo: arr Eagle Bay 27 Apr; max 15 HI 23 May.
Red-eyed Vireo: arr 2 Osw 1 May; max 25 DL 24 May.

Blue Jay: 4290 DH 3 May; 4565 DH 16 May; 7499 DH 4 May; max 7809 DH 9 May.
American Crow: 2257 DH 22 Mar; 4531 DH 11 Mar; max 10416 DH 10 Mar, migratory flight.
Fish Crow: max 12 DH 11 Apr; 11 Clay 3 Mar; continuing reps mostly from known locs and mostly ONON.
Common Raven: many reps throughout Reg; max 18 Fulton 23 May.
Horned Lark: max 115 DH 30 Mar.
Purple Martin: arr SkanL 22 Apr; max 25 Oneil 5 May & SkanL 30 Apr.
Tree Swallow: arr Biddlecum Rd, TR 21 Mar; 300 DH 20 Apr; max 500 Phx 1 Apr.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr Phx 1 Apr, early; max 25 Phx 21 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr 12 SNC 23 Apr; max 100 Phx 11 May.
Cliff Swallow: arr Phx 21 Apr; max 14 Bridgeport 9 May.
Barn Swallow: arr Port Ont 1 Apr; max 200 OnonL 9 May.
Black-capped Chickadee: 236 DH 8 Apr; 244 DH 13 Apr; max 332 DH 10 Apr, migratory flight on lakeshore; else widespread resident throughout Reg.
Tufted Titmouse: widespread resident throughout Reg.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 12 SBP 13 May.
White-breasted Nuthatch: widespread throughout Reg.
Brown Creeper: max 14 SBP 15 Apr.
House Wren: arr 2 Munnsville 10 Apr; max 12 New Hartford 2 May.
Winter Wren: arr Hamilton 14 Mar; max 5 Sithe 29 Apr.
Sedge Wren: TR 19, 26, 31 May (GD); 2 WMonroe 22, 25, 26 May (BP, MS, mob); only reps.
Marsh Wren: arr DC 12 Apr; max 18 Brew 29 May.
Carolina Wren: typ nums/locs mostly ONON, resident.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr TR 12 Apr; max 8 HI 14 May.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr DH 8 Mar; max 24 Osw 1 May.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Fville 31 Mar; max est 160 DC 30 Apr.
Eastern Bluebird: max 20 Clinton 10 Mar.
Veery: arr Pleasant Valley Pr 2 May; max 14 Camden 25 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr HF 13 May; SBP 18, 21, 25, 28 May; MPSP 21 May; max 2 Sithe 21 May; only reps.

Swainson's Thrush: arr OLC 4 May; max 6 FH 17 May.

Hermit Thrush: arr Syr 16 Mar; max 8 Syr 22 Apr.

Wood Thrush: arr 3 TR 28 Apr; max 11 Canastota 31 May.

American Robin: max 1440 26 Mar, migration; else common & widespread in Reg.

Gray Catbird: arr 5 OakC 26 Apr; max 38 DC 16 May.

Brown Thrasher: arr OLP 6 Apr; max 12 Scriba 29 Apr.

Northern Mockingbird: singles/pairs typ locs, mostly ONON.

European Starling: max est 2000 DH 10 Mar.

Bohemian Waxwing: max 49 Salisbury 18 Mar (KT); Salisbury 28 Mar (KT); MSI 10 Apr (GM).

Cedar Waxwing: max 113 DH 11 Mar.

House Sparrow: flocks widespread throughout Reg.

American Pipit: arr DH 10 Mar; 80 BRH 1 Apr; max 127 DH 28 Apr.

Evening Grosbeak: 28 DH 3 Mar; 36 Erieville Apr – 14 May; max 169 DH 3 May; last Rome 16 May; end of irruption winter.

Pine Grosbeak: 4 Salisbury 9 Mar (KT); only rep.

House Finch: max 19 DH 10 Mar; small groups widespread throughout Reg.

Purple Finch: 19 Dolge 4 May; max 26 DH 28 Apr; typ nums/locs.

Common Redpoll: 53 DH 11 Mar; 78 DH 28 Mar; max 152 DH 24 Mar; last Alder Crk 11 May; end of irruption winter.

Hoary Redpoll: Salisbury 3, 16 Mar (KT); Dolge 6-15 Mar (EF); Marcellus 6 Mar (KF); Pulaski 10 Mar (MB, BiB); Palermo 16 Mar (JoM); Syr 6 Apr (TM); Alder Crk 9 Apr (DC); most rees well documented.

Red Crossbill: 12 DH 10 Mar; max 50 HF 21 Mar; flocks to 25 MH thru, permanent residents?

White-winged Crossbill: 1-5 MH from winter thru 24 Apr; mild irruption year for sp.

Pine Siskin: max 162 DH 3 May; small flocks usual locs.

American Goldfinch: max 188 DH 4 May; widespread resident throughout Reg.

Lapland Longspur: BRH 4, 6, 12 Mar (MB, BP); max 2 Fenner 12 Mar; Salisbury 24 Mar (KT); last Waterville 22 Apr (RW); only reps.

Snow Bunting: max est 800 BRH 6 Mar (MB); last BRH 1 Apr.

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Eastern Towhee: several in Mar likely wintered nearby; arr DC 3 Apr; max 10 Memphis 9 May, GLSP 28 May.

American Tree Sparrow: max 40 OLP 10 Mar; last DeWitt 11 May, late.

Chipping Sparrow: a few wintering birds through Mar; arr early/mid Apr; max 50 SBP 28 Apr.

Clay-colored Sparrow: SBP 16 May (mob); Alder Crk 16, 19 May (DC, ph); only reps.

Field Sparrow: arr Pulaski 23 Mar; max 12 GLSP 17 May.

Vesper Sparrow: arr Mexico 24 Mar, early; max 6 SBP 9 Apr; best nums Apr, only a few in May.

Savannah Sparrow: SNC 2 Mar, likely wintered nearby; arr OLP 28 Mar; max 8 'Honeywell grasslands' 28 Apr.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Manheim 29 Apr; max 6 Camillus 19 May; small nums typ locs.

Fox Sparrow: arr Fville 11 Mar; max 12 TR 4 Apr; last Osw 6 May (ph).

Song Sparrow: max 150 SBP 28 Mar.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Clinton 28 Apr; max 7 FH 17 May; last OLC 23 May.

Swamp Sparrow: small num Mar typ locs; arr late Mar/early Apr; 14 PSS 4 Apr; max 23 PSS 2 May.

White-throated Sparrow: max 154 DC 30 Apr.

White-crowned Sparrow: a few wintering birds through Mar-Apr; arr late Apr/early May; max 25 Osw & SNC 15 May; last Salisbury 27 May.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 61 OakC 9 Apr.

Bobolink: arr Salisbury 28 Apr; max 50 TR 19 May & Lacona 27 May.

Eastern Meadowlark: arr Memphis 10 Mar; 9 BRH 12 Mar; max 23 DH 28 Apr.

Orchard Oriole: arr Clinton 3 May; max 4 GLSP 15 May & DB 16 May; scarce in Reg.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Lafayette 18 Apr, early; Bridgewater 21 Apr, early; max 50 DH 17 May.

Red-winged Blackbird: 9330 DH 17 Mar; 11240 DH 10 Mar; max 27100 DH 11 Mar.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 465 DH 30 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 4 OLP 11 Mar, early; 200 DC 8, 12, 14, 18 Apr; 547 DH 30 Mar; 660

DH 28 Apr; 670 DH 4 May; max 1047 DH 8 Apr.
Common Grackle: 14290 DH 8 Apr; max 18700 DH 26 Mar.
Ovenbird: arr TR 28 Apr; max 22 GB 30 May.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Pratts Falls 14 Apr; max 4 MH 24 Apr.
Northern Waterthrush: arr WP 24 Apr; max 6 PPt.
Golden-winged Warbler: arr SBP 5 May; singles rep at 9 locs.
Blue-winged Warbler: arr five locs 3 May; max 4 typ locs 7-18 May.
Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler (hybrid): DC 19 May.
“Brewster’s” Warbler: Const 3 May.
“Lawrence’s” Warbler: Memphis 9 May.
Black-and-white Warbler: arr TR 27 Apr; max 12 SBP 5 May.
Prothonotary Warbler: 2 HI 15 May; 2 WP 17 May (GM, RC); 2 Cross Lake 21 May (KB); 4 HI 23 May; Cato 24 May (KB); only reps.
Tennessee Warbler: arr Syr 5 May; max 9 SBP 15 May; last SP 27 May.
Orange-crowned Warbler: SBP 17 May; only report.
Nashville Warbler: arr HI 30 Apr; max 6 SBP 15 May.
Mourning Warbler: arr SBP 10 May; max 5 WH 26 May & MH 24 May & HF 22 May.
Common Yellowthroat: arr Marcellus 18 Apr; max 20 PSS 15 May.
Hooded Warbler: arr Syr 2 May; max 6 Clinton 21 May.
American Redstart: arr TR 29 Apr; max 60 DC 16 May.
Cape May Warbler: arr FH 1 May; max 14 SBP 15 May, good num; last DH 26 May.
Cerulean Warbler: arr 2 HI 3 May; max 13 HI 14 May; scarce away from known locs.

Northern Parula: arr TR 29 Apr; max 7 Sithe, SBP, DC 15-16 May.
Magnolia Warbler: arr OakC 2 May; max 4 DC 19 May, low.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Oneida 7 May; max 4 SFNS 17, 19 May; last 30 May.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr Spafford 29 Apr; max 12 Bubb Lake 29 May.
Yellow Warbler: arr DC 21 Apr; max 35 DC 17 May.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Verona 28 Apr; max 13 GLSP 28 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr SBP 15 May; max 13 FH.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr TR 2 May; max 10 Moss Lake 25 May.
Palm Warbler: arr LH 15 Apr; max 75 DH 5 May; last FH 21 May.
Pine Warbler: arr TR, Salisbury, Rome 30 Mar; max 8 DC 29 Apr.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: RRP 1 Mar; several other Mar rees poss wintered; arr DH 7 Apr; 125 FH 4 May; 260 DH 4 May; max 1404 DH 27 Apr.
Prairie Warbler: arr Scriba 8 May; 2 FH 15 May; GLSP 18-28 May; Georgetown 9 May; New Woodstock 11 May; only reps.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Syr 28 Apr; max 11 SFNS 3 May.
Canada Warbler: arr 2 Williamstown 2 May; max 2 var locs 17-25 May.
Wilson’s Warbler: arr Syr 14 May; max 2 DC 18 May; last FH 26 May.
Scarlet Tanager: arr TR 1 May; max 11 Camden 24 May.
Northern Cardinal: widespread resident throughout Reg.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr 2 Cross Lake 28 Apr; max 16 DH 17 May.

