

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The spring 2022 season both started off and finished with above average temperatures, making for a rather mild spring season. Though March was mild overall, it was punctuated with brief cold snaps, as is typical for this month. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 38.3° F, 4.2° above normal, with 2.21" of precipitation, 0.68" above average. April weather consisted of typical ups and downs followed by a late season snow event. The mean temperature of 45.5° was just 0.1° below average. Precipitation was 2.79", 0.58" below average. A warm front on the 24th brought with it many of the Region's first Neotropical migrants of the season. Warm spring weather really took hold in May, which turned out to be a rather quiet month without any severe weather events. The average temperature of 61.3° was 3.4° above normal. Rainfall was 3.01", 0.35" below normal.

Waterfowl represented nicely in March and April with a few notable species sneaking into May. Snow Geese made a nice showing in March with a flock of 1,200 on 12 March in Somerset and a flock of 1,000 in Oakfield. Numerous smaller flocks were also seen throughout the Region. A Ross's Goose, found by Joel Strong, was playing Where's Waldo amongst the large flock of Somerset Snow Geese and stuck around for two days on 12-13 March. Ross's Geese were also reported from Buffalo and Oakfield on 15-16 March and 2-4 April, respectively. This species has become an expected, annual spring migrant. Greater White-fronted Geese were reported from a handful of locations spread around the Region, with one bird sticking around until 4 May. Brant are a rare migrant within the Region during spring, but two were reported; one at the Batavia WWTP on 24 May and another on a pier in Wilson on 30 May. Numerous Cackling Geese were reported throughout the Region including a nice count of 14 in Somerset on 5 March. The spring arrival of Tundra Swans is always a sight to see when flocks numbering in the hundreds make their way north through the Region. Evangola SP hosted a flock of 300 on 1 March, as did Tonawanda WMA on 16 March. The only Eurasian Wigeon reported was from Tonawanda WMA on 24 March and 4 and 10 April, possibly representing the same drake. A high count for the season of 1,200 Redhead was reported from Buffalo Harbor on 5 March and an impressive count of 2,500 Greater Scaup came from the same location on 14 March. The only spring King Eider reports came from Fort Niagara SP on 22 March and 3 April.

Shorebirds and waders were well represented in spring, in part thanks to a drawdown at Paddy 1 in Tonawanda WMA. The freshly exposed mudflats attracted a **White-faced Ibis** found by Phil Mills on 22 May. Two days later, on the 24th, Dean DiTommaso discovered three Glossy Ibises foraging with the White-faced, making

for a nice side-by-side comparison of the two species. This group of ibises was last reported on the 27th. Bruce Hoover spotted a Red-necked Phalarope at the same location on the 28th, representing the only spring report for the Region. A flyover Glossy Ibis was also seen independently by Kevin Rybczynski and Hedy Bisen at Tift NP, a great report away from the usual Iroquois NWR vicinity. Josh Kettry counted an amazing 52 Red Knots at Conewango Swamp WMA on 19 May, representing a great inland record. Martin Dibble found four Wilson's Phalaropes there on 23 April, one of which was last reported on 1 May. Gale VerHague found a nice flock of 38 Willets at Dunkirk Harbor on 2 May, which was the only spring report. Joel Strong found a Long-billed Dowitcher in Yates on 4 May and Willie D'Anna found a rare-for-spring Stilt Sandpiper in Wilson on 6 May. A beautiful male **Ruff** in black breeding plumage was discovered by Strong in a flooded hay field on 30 April in Somerset. This bird and his display antics were enjoyed by many as it stayed in the area until 5 May. Other notable shorebird sightings were four early American Avocets at Dunkirk on 16 April and sightings of an American Golden-Plover along Buffalo Harbor on multiple dates ranging from 26 March to 1 May, that may have represented different birds.

An immature Black-headed Gull was the only rare gull sighting for the spring. This individual was seen and photographed from the Canadian side of the Niagara River near Lewiston on 7 May by Ryan Griffiths. Others were able to position themselves at the mouth of the Niagara River near dusk when the Bonaparte's Gulls fly out to the lake to roost and catch the Black-headed with them. A respectable count of six Little Gulls was made at Lewiston on 24 March. They were also reported from two unusual inland locations including Tonawanda WMA and Batavia WWTP on 13 and 25 April, respectively. A handful of Forster's Tern reports were scattered around the Region, including a mix of both lakeshore and inland locations.

A Great Cormorant, originally found by Shelley Seidman in February, continued along the Niagara River in Tonawanda until 5 April. There were two reports of American White Pelicans; one on Chautauqua Lake on 17 April and two birds along the Niagara River in Grand Island on 3 May. An early Least Bittern was reported at Tift NP on 18 April. Strong found a rare Yellow-crowned Night Heron in Somerset on 3 May, a species that seems to be increasingly reported in the Region.

There were only two Golden Eagle reports, one on 21 March and the other on 30 April. Maximum counts of 33 Red-shouldered Hawks, 1,339 Broad-winged Hawks, and 53 Red-tailed Hawks were made from the Hamburg Hawkwatch site. Rough-legged Hawks were well reported throughout the Region. A handful of Snowy Owls were reported, mostly along Lake Erie and the Niagara River. Only one Long-eared Owl was reported (17 March), along with five Short-eared Owl reports, and three Northern Saw-whet Owl reports.

Red Crossbills made a nice showing with numerous reports throughout the Southern Tier, including a nice count of 20 at Canaseraga on 20 May. There was just one Evening Grosbeak report (10 April during the BOS Count) and one White-winged Crossbill report (17 March-18 April).

The last week of April is when the flood gates really opened for Neotropical migrants in the Region, with the largest pulse on Sunday the 24th, when a warm front moved into the area. During this front and the following days we enjoyed the arrival of the much anticipated flycatchers, vireos, thrushes, warblers, orioles, and

hummingbirds. Highlights included an exceptional three (!) separate Summer Tanager reports on the same day on 27 April. Dennis Thomas photographed one in Jamestown, as did Amy Whitman at her feeders in Eden. Amazingly on the same day Deborah Abgott photographed a third individual at her home feeders in Clarence, which remained until the 30th. Kevin Rybczynski and others also enjoyed an adult male Yellow-headed Blackbird in Buffalo on 28-29 April that was seen roaming area feeders with a flock of blackbirds. Yellow-throated Warblers also made an excellent showing in April and into May with several reports throughout the Region. May highlights included up to two Sedge Wrens at Iroquois NWR, a Yellow-breasted Chat at Allegany SP found by Alec Humann, a handful of Golden-winged Warbler reports, and a rare Kentucky Warbler in Clarksville found by Sharon Furlong. Rounding out the highlights was an apparent male/female pair of Dickcissels found by Brad Carlson in Somerset on 23 May.

The 87th annual BOS April Count was held on 10 April on an unseasonably cold (high of 44° F) and cloudy day. This count, compiled by Joel Strong, includes both Region 1 and the adjacent area to the west in Ontario, Canada. A total of 210 birders on both sides of the border tallied 148 species (12 more than average) totalling 106,235 birds. Although no notable rarities or firsts occurred during the count, several record high counts were set including Great Egret (124), Bald Eagle (84), Great Horned Owl (36), Common Raven (62), Red-breasted Nuthatch (92), Marsh Wren (1). This was the third time since 1966 that a Marsh Wren was recorded during the April Count.

The annual BOS May Count was held on 15 May on a mild (high of 69° F), cloudy day. This count was compiled by Robert L. DeLeon. A total of 213 observers recorded 206 species (on par with average of 205) totalling 69,355 birds. Record high counts were set for numerous species on this count: Canada Goose (4,846), Great Blue Heron (626), Great Egret (248), Turkey Vulture (1,034), Merlin (9), Red-bellied Woodpecker (458), Acadian Flycatcher (12), Willow Flycatcher (209), Great Crested Flycatcher (306), Yellow-throated Vireo (54), Warbling Vireo (445), Tufted Titmouse (251), Brown Creeper (49), Carolina Wren (81), Northern Mockingbird (56), Tennessee Warbler (593), Prairie Warbler (28), American Redstart (427), Baltimore Oriole (1,393). A Yellow-throated Warbler was a notable rare species reported on the count.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACNC – Audubon Community Nature Center, Jamestown CHAU; **AISP** – Allegany SP, CATT; **AmSP** – Amherst SP, ERIE; **BeSP** – Beaver I SP, ERIE; **BMAC** – Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, WYOM; **BOSAC** – Buffalo Ornithological Society April Count – 10 Apr; **BOSMC** – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count – 15 May; **BufH** – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; **BuSP** – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; **BWWTP** – Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant, GENE; **ChauL** – Chautauqua L, CHAU; **CHMUA** – Carlton Hill Multiple Use Area, GENE/WYOM; **CSWMA** – Conewango Swamp WMA, CATT; **DH** – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; **EvSP** – Evangola SP, ERIE; **FLC** – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, ERIE; **FMCS** – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; **FNSP** – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; **GHSP** – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; **Hamburg HW** – Hamburg Hawk Watch, ERIE; **HBWMA** – Hanging Bog WMA, ALLE; **INWR** – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; **JWWMA** – John White WMA, GENE; NIAG; **Krull CP** – Krull CP NIAG; **LBSP** – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; **NF** – Niagara Falls, NIAG; **NFSP** – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; **NR** – Niagara R; **OOWMA** – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE/ORLE; **PB** – Point Breeze, ORLE; **PG** – Point Gratiot, CHAU; **RWNP** – Reinstein Woods NP, ERIE; **Tiftt NP** – Tiftt NP, ERIE; **TRWMA** – Tillman Rd WMA, ERIE; **TWMA** – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; **WFWMA** – Watts Flats WMA, CHAU; **WBSP** – Woodlawn Beach SP, ERIE; **WTSP** – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

Snow Goose: 140 Sheridan CHAU 3 Mar; max 1200 Somerset NIAG, 131 Hartland NIAG 12 Mar (JSt); 1000 Oakfield GENE 13 Mar; last 3 BMAC 26 Apr.

Ross's Goose: Somerset NIAG 12-13 Mar (JSt); Buffalo ERIE 15-16 Mar (RT); Oakfield GENE 2-4 Apr (JWo); has become annual in spring.

Greater White-fronted Goose: Porter NIAG 12 Mar; Lyndonville NIAG 13 Mar; 2 N Collins ERIE 20 Mar; max 3, 2 Oakfield GENE 21 Mar, 2-4 Apr; Grand Island ERIE 26 Mar; last Yates ORLE 24 Apr - 4 May (JSt).

Brant: arr BWWTP 24 May (BC, CM); Wilson NIAG 30 May (JSt); only reports; rare in spring.

Cackling Goose: max 14 Somerset NIAG 5 Mar; 10 INWR 6 Mar; 3 Oakfield GENE 2 Apr.

Canada Goose: max 8500 Shelby ORLE 10 Mar (CM); 4846 BOSMC, record high for count.

Mute Swan: 2 BeSP 12 Mar; CSWMA 5 Apr; Buffalo ERIE 22 Apr; max 7 WTSP 28 May; 5 PB 29 May.

Trumpeter Swan: 6 INWR 9 Mar, 3 Apr; 2 Porter 13-20 Mar (PM); Moss L NS ALLE 20

May (HW, SG); Rushford ALLE 22 May (RB, JWa), last two odd locations for date.

Tundra Swan: max 300 EvSP 1 Mar; 200 BuSP, 130 Concord ERIE, 200 Celoron ChauL 5 Mar; max 300 TWMA 16 Mar; last Dayton CATT 1 May.

Wood Duck: max 48 Tiftt NP, 46 Stockton CHAU 23 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: arr Tonawanda NR ERIE 10 Mar; max 32 Tiftt NP 12 Apr.

Northern Shoveler: max 76 INWR 2 Apr.

Gadwall: 35 Tiftt NP 31 Mar; max 64 OOWMA 10 Apr; 35 Jamestown CHAU 17 Apr.

Eurasian Wigeon: 1, 1, 1 TWMA 24 Mar, 4, 10 Apr (BS, PY, PC), possibly same drake.

American Wigeon: 189 INWR 22 Mar; max 400 OOWMA 10 Apr; 259 TWMA 20 Apr.

Mallard: max 254 INWR 26 May.

American Black Duck: max 19 Olcott NIAG 1 Mar.

Northern Pintail: max 310 INWR 8 Apr; 184 Hartland NIAG 28 Apr.

Green-winged Teal: max 344 INWR 8 Apr.

Canvasback: max 500 BeSP 4 Mar; last 2 INWR 19 Apr.

Redhead: max 1200 BufH 5 Mar; 14 INWR 18 May.

Ring-necked Duck: 550 TWMA 23 Apr; max 1109 INWR 8 Apr.

Greater Scaup: max 2500 BufH 14 Mar; last INWR 23, 29 May.

Lesser Scaup: 85 BWWT 11 Apr; max 100 N Harmony ChauL 20 Apr.

King Eider: 1, 1 FNSP 22 Mar (JP), 3 Apr (JSt); only reports.

Harlequin Duck: no reports.

Surf Scoter: max 3 GHSP 10 Apr; few reports.

White-winged Scoter: max 350 FNSP 5 Mar; Mayville ChauL 23 May; last 2 GHSP 30 May.

Black Scoter: BufH 13 Mar; only report.

Long-tailed Duck: max 250 PB 13 Mar; 133 Chautauqua ChauL 12 Apr; last FMCS 18 May.

Bufflehead: max 200 Tonawanda NR 5 Mar; 192 Rushford ALLE 12 Apr; last BWWT 22 May.

Common Goldeneye: max 350 Tonawanda NR 5 Mar; 300 BufH 14 Mar; last NF 15 May.

Hooded Merganser: max 76 BeSP 9 Mar.

Common Merganser: max 675 Buffalo NR 5 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 1540 Buffalo NR 10 Apr.

Ruddy Duck: max 57, 585, 68 BWWT 24 Mar, 17 Apr, 2 May; 40 N Harmony ChauL 21 Apr.

Wild Turkey: max 39 Shelby ORLE 10 Mar.

Ruffed Grouse: max 8 Allegany CATT 14 Mar.

Ring-necked Pheasant: few reports.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 20 INWR 20 Apr.

Horned Grebe: max 132 BWWT 12 Apr; last 2 BWWT 20 May.

Red-necked Grebe: max 33 GHSP 21 Mar; 30 Somerset NIAG 26 Mar; 2 Rushford ALLE 20 Apr; last FNSP 26 Apr.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Buffalo ERIE 10 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr FLC, 3 NFC Orchard Park ERIE 11 May; max 16 NFC Orchard Park ERIE 16 May (CB).

Common Nighthawk: arr Arkwright CHAU 8 May; 8 Newstead ERIE 20 May; 8 Buffalo ERIE 22 May; max 15 TWMA 23 May.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: arr East Aurora ERIE, WBSP 24 Apr; Lockport NIAG 28 Apr; 1, 1 GHSP 30 Apr, 5 May; 2 North Tonawanda NIAG 3 May (TK); 2 Yates ORLE 5 May.

Chimney Swift: arr 2 Buffalo ERIE 22 Apr; max 46 FLC 8 May.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Olean CATT 24 Apr (DY), early; Orchard Park ERIE 25 Apr.

Virginia Rail: arr Tift NP 1 Apr; 6, 13 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 14, 24 Apr (CB).

Sora: arr RWN 5 Apr; 7, 4 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 24, 25 Apr (CB).

Common Gallinule: arr Tift NP 8 Apr; max 30 INWR 29 Apr.

American Coot: max 91 INWR 22 Apr.

Sandhill Crane: 1, 3 ACNC 1 Mar, 5 May; 3, 1 CSWMA 2 Mar, 19 May; max 13, 11 Hamburg HW 6 Mar, 4 Apr; 11 OOWMA 6 Mar; 5 Alexander GENE 9 Mar; 5 Shelby ORLE 12 Apr; 10 TWMA 20 May.

American Avocet: 4 DH 16 Apr (JGo), early.

Black-bellied Plover: arr Yates ORLE 1 May; max 11 Keeney Swamp SF ALLE, 4 BufH 19 May; 6 BWWT, 9 TWMA 21 May.

American Golden-Plover: 1, 1, 1 BufH 26 Mar (SP), 3 Apr (SB), 1 May (MN, CIR); uncertain if same bird for all sightings.

Killdeer: max 32 NFC Orchard Park ERIE 17 Mar.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 1, max 32 Yates ORLE 5, 23 May.

Upland Sandpiper: arr 1, 2 TRWMA 7, 16 May; only reported at this location.

Whimbrel: no reports.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr BWWT 21 May; 3 PB 22 May; 4 BufH 30 May.

Red Knot: 52 (!) CSWMA 19 May (JK ph!), amazing record for inland location.

RUFF: Somerset NIAG 30 Apr - 5 May (JSt, mob), stunning male in black plumage.

Stilt Sandpiper: Wilson NIAG 6 May (WD!), very rare in spring.

Sanderling: arr 2 BWWT 21 May; 3, 1 BufH 23, 28 May; PB 27 May.

Dunlin: arr 2 Middleport NIAG 23 Apr; 36 TWMA 20 May; 56 Yates ORLE 23 May; max 149 PB 27 May.

Purple Sandpiper: no reports.

Least Sandpiper: arr 5 Cherry Creek CHAU, CSWMA, Somerset NIAG 1 May; max 200 TWMA 20 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr 1, max 5 TWMA 23, 28 May; 4 PB 27 May.
Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 7 Sheridan CHAU 31 Mar; max 32 Royalton NIAG 24 Apr.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Somerset NIAG 3 May; max 67 PB 27 May; 44 TWMA 31 May.
Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 27 Yates ORLE, 6 CSWMA 19 May (JSt, JM); 21 BWWT 21 May (JSo); Amherst ERIE 22-28 May.
Long-billed Dowitcher: Yates ORLE 4 May (JSt ph!), only report.
American Woodcock: max 10 Holland ERIE 21 Mar.
Wilson's Snipe: arr 2, max 16 CSWMA 13 Mar, 24 Apr.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr 2 NFC Orchard Park ERIE 14 Apr.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr 2 Hartland NIAG 14 Apr; max 9 TWMA 20 May.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 Apr; max 94, 112 Somerset NIAG 5, 6 May.
Willet: arr 38 DH 2 May (GV), only report.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr INWR 22 Mar; max 52 Somerset NIAG 30 Apr.
Wilson's Phalarope: arr 4, 1 CSWMA 23 Apr (MD), 24 Apr - 1 May.
Red-necked Phalarope: TWMA 28 May (BH); only report.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 2000 Buffalo NR 14 Apr.
Black-headed Gull: imm Lewiston NR 7 May (RG), observed from Ontario.
Little Gull: max 6 Lewiston NR 24 Mar; TWMA 13 Apr (PM), unusual location; BWWT 25 Apr (GL), unusual location; last PB 22 May (AG).
Herring Gull: max 425 DH 22 Mar.
Iceland Gull: max 4 BuFH 19 Mar; 2 GHSP 26 Mar; 2 DH 27 Mar; Hamburg HW 31 Mar; Freedom CATT 3 Apr; Leon CATT 11 Apr; Orchard Park ERIE 12 Apr; WBSP 6 May; last Wilson NIAG 8 May.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 11 DH 22 Mar (GV); Krull CP 26 Mar; BuFH 8 Apr; Chautauqua ChauL 13 May; last PB 22 May.
Glaucous Gull: max 2, 2 DH 19 Mar, 14 Apr; BuFH 26 Mar, 13 Apr; Hamburg HW 30 Mar; last WBSP 24 Apr.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 22 DH 22 Mar.
Caspian Tern: arr DH 6 Apr; 95 Wilson NIAG 29 Apr; max 349 BuFH 31 May (KR), high count at colony.

Black Tern: arr 3, max 42 INWR 29 Apr, 12 May; ACNC 20 May (JCI); Rushford L ALLE 20 May (JCo); BWWT 21 May.

Common Tern: arr Tift NP 9 Apr; max 200 Buffalo NR 14 May.

Forster's Tern: arr Barcelona CHAU, Mayville ChauL 12 Apr (TL); 2 Buffalo NR 14 Apr (JK); BWWT 25 Apr (GL); 2 Allegheny Res CATT (BR); Chautauqua ChauL 15 May; Wilson NIAG 22 May; 2 PB 27 May.

Red-throated Loon: max 48 Olcott NIAG 5 Mar (WD, JSt); 31 Krull CP 10 Apr; Cuba L ALLE 11 Apr (TL); Allegheny Res CATT 3 May (BR); last Rushford ALLE 21 May (JCo, FB).

Common Loon: arr 2 Findley L CHAU 20 Mar; max 39 Yates ORLE 30 Apr.

Great Cormorant: Tonawanda NR ERIE thru 5 Apr (mob), rarity continued from Feb.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 1050 Porter NIAG 29 Apr; 650 BeSP 30 Apr.

American White Pelican: arr Chautauqua ChauL 17 Apr (DAn, GS); 2 Grand Island NR 3 May (RT); only reports.

American Bittern: arr Tift NP 31 Mar; JWWMA 3 Apr; BeSP 5 Apr; 3 Lancaster ERIE 29 Apr; max 4 INWR 12 May; max 4 TWMA 22 May; Ashford CATT 29 May.

Least Bittern: arr Tift NP 18 Apr (JF), early; RWNP 2 May; Olean CATT 8 May; PB 15 May; 2 Tift NP 28 May; 2 INWR 29 May.

Great Blue Heron: max 110 Motor I NR 21 Mar; 626 BOSMC, record for count.

Great Egret: arr BeSP 20 Mar; 124 BOSAC, record for count; 75 Motor I NR 6 May; 248 BOSMC, record for count; max 95 TWMA 22 May.

Green Heron: arr Buffalo ERIE, Hamburg ERIE 14 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: arr NFSP 22 Mar; 27 NF 16 Apr; max 40 MI 22 Apr.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: Somerset NIAG 3 May (JSt ph!), rare but reports increasing.

Glossy Ibis: 3 TWMA 24-27 May (DD, mob); Tift NP 25 May (HB; KR), few reports historically away from INWR and vicinity.

WHITE-FACED IBIS: TWMA 22-27 May (PM, mob); 4th Reg record.

Black Vulture: max 4 Youngstown NIAG 1 Mar; Lackawanna ERIE 30 Mar (RT); 2 FNSP 11 Apr; RWNP 18, 24 Apr; Lancaster ERIE 15 May (MM).

Turkey Vulture: max 2583, 4894 Hamburg HW 24, 31 Mar; 1034 BOSMC, record for count.

Osprey: arr CSWMA 19 Mar; max 10 AISP 24 Apr.

Golden Eagle: arr TRWMA 21 Mar (SB); Somerset NIAG 30 Apr (KB); only reports.

Northern Harrier: max 8 JWWMA 20 Mar.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 28, 22 Hamburg HW 6, 24 Apr.

Cooper's Hawk: max 12 Hamburg HW 12 May.

Northern Goshawk: no reports.

Bald Eagle: 8 Buffalo NR 4 Mar; 7 Dayton CATT 20 Mar; max 11, 12, 14 Hamburg HW 24 Mar, 24 Apr, 9 May; 84 BOSAC, record for count; 7 CSWMA 30 Apr; 8 LBSP 26 May.

Red-shouldered Hawk: max 29, 33 Hamburg HW 16, 17 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr West Seneca ERIE 7 Apr; max 1339 Hamburg HW 24 Apr.

Red-tailed Hawk: max 53 Hamburg HW 24 Mar.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 3 Carlton ORLE 17 Mar; well reported; last BOSMC.

Great Horned Owl: 36 BOSAC, record for count.

Snowy Owl: NF Airport NIAG 2, 12 Mar; Lewiston Res NIAG 9 Mar; max 2 BuFH 16 Mar; Aurora ERIE 21 Mar; Fredonia CHAU 4-6 Apr; Yorkshire CATT 24 Apr; last BuFH 1 May.

Long-eared Owl: Yates ORLE 17 Mar (PY); only report.

Short-eared Owl: 1, 2 Shelby ORLE 8, 23 Mar; Hume ALLE 18 Mar; 2 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 31 Mar, 3 Apr; Hamburg HW 31 Mar; last 2 INWR 10 Apr; only locations reported from.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Yates ORLE 5 Mar (PM); 1, 2 Forestville CHAU 9 Mar, 4 Apr (GV); Alexander GENE 10 Apr (JSO); only reports.

Red-headed Woodpecker: PG 16 Mar; LBSP 26 Mar; Bennett Beach ERIE 31 Mar; apparent overwintered at these locations.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 458 BOSMC, record for count.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: more overwintered than usual making first arrival difficult to track.

American Kestrel: max 10 Carlton ORLE 31 Mar.

Merlin: max 3 Hamburg HW 6 Apr; 9 BOSMC, record for count.

Peregrine Falcon: regular breeding locations plus several in migration.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Caneadea ALLE 24 Apr; 306 BOSMC, record for count.

Eastern Kingbird: arr Tift NP 24 Apr.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Wellsville ALLE 15 May; six other reports.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr FLC 6 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr BuFH 19 May; five other reports.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr 2 Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 14 May; 12 BOSMC, record for count; max 6 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 22 May (CB).

Alder Flycatcher: arr HBWMA 11 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr BuSP, WBSP 11 May; 209 BOSMC, record for count.

Least Flycatcher: arr Cassadaga CHAU 24 Apr.

Eastern Phoebe: arr Dunkirk Airport CHAU 5 Mar (GV), early.

White-eyed Vireo: arr S Valley CATT 1 May (JM); LBSP 15 May (BC); only reports.

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr AISP 28 Apr; 54 BOSMC, record for count.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr ACNC 14 Apr.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr GHSP 10 May.

Warbling Vireo: arr 2 ACNC 24 Apr; 445 BOSMC, record for count.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr 2 South Valley CATT, Olean CATT 3 May.

Northern Shrike: last Newfane NIAG 2 Apr.

Blue Jay: max 815 GHSP 21 May, flyovers.

American Crow: max 500 Buffalo ERIE 26 Apr.

Fish Crow: max 14, 11 Buffalo ERIE 2 Mar, 1 Apr (SD, GL); BeSP 16 Apr; Lockport NIAG 17, 30 Apr, 1 May (AHe), unusual location; Wilson NIAG 3 May (WD).

Common Raven: max 8 N Harmony CHAU 9 Mar; 62 BOSAC, record for count.

Tufted Titmouse: 251 BOSMC, record for count.

Horned Lark: max 67 Barre ORLE 13 Mar.

Bank Swallow: arr BMAC 15 Apr; max 100 Portland CHAU 29 May.

Tree Swallow: arr 2 BWWTP 11 Mar; max 500 INWR 16 Apr.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr Hamburg HW 6 Apr

Purple Martin: arr CSWMA 5 Apr.

Barn Swallow: arr Tift NP 25-27 Mar (KR), early; max 135 BWWTP 2 May.

Cliff Swallow: arr Tift NP 25-26 Mar (PM, RSi), early.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Buffalo ERIE 24 Mar; last TWMA 20 May.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 60 FLC 7 Apr.

Cedar Waxwing: max 478 GHSP 21 May, flyovers.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 92 BOSAC, record for count.

Brown Creeper: 49 BOSMC, record for count.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr BeSP 11 Apr.

House Wren: arr Tift NP 17 Apr.

Winter Wren: arr Buffalo ERIE 16 Mar.

Sedge Wren: 1-2 INWR 24 May thru (DD, BC), only location reported.

Marsh Wren: arr West Seneca ERIE 10 Apr.

Carolina Wren: 73 BOSAC; 81 BOSMC, record for count.

Gray Catbird: reported from 5 locations in Mar; arr Chautauqua Inst CHAU 23 Apr.

Brown Thrasher: arr Tift NP 29 Mar.

Northern Mockingbird: max 7 S Buffalo ERIE 3 Apr; 56 BOSMC, record for count.

Eastern Bluebird: max 17 Knox Farm SP ERIE 20 Mar.

Veery: arr Sherman CHAU 27 Apr, early; max 41, 41 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 16, 20 May (CB).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr ACNC 16 May; max 18 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 20 May.

Swainson's Thrush: arr AmSP 25 Apr (ChR), early; max 374 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 20 May.

Hermit Thrush: arr ACNC 14 Mar; max 32 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 14 Apr.

Wood Thrush: arr Ripley CHAU, 2 NFC Orchard Park ERIE 24 Apr.

American Robin: max 240 Hamburg HW 6 Apr.

American Pipit: arr Allegany CATT 12 Mar; max 60 GHSP 25 Mar; last 3 Wilson NIAG 21 May.

Evening Grosbeak: Stockton CHAU 10 Apr (GV); only report.

Purple Finch: max 16 Rushford ALLE 5 Mar.

Common Redpoll: max 12 Gerry CHAU 1 Mar (AL); last Grand Island ERIE 29 Mar.

Red Crossbill: 1, 2 Rock City SF CATT 1, 5 Mar; 2 Keeney Swamp WMA ALLE 1 Mar; 10 North Harmony SF CHAU 2-29 Mar (AL); 4 Ashford CATT 3 Mar; 2 Hatch Creek SF ALLE 6-10 Mar; Mt Pleasant SF CHAU 17 Mar; Hamburg HW 22 Mar; Bush Hill SF CATT 4 Apr; 3 Alfred ALLE 16 May; 10 Almond ALLE 20 May (JCo); max 20 Canaseraga ALLE 20 May (AL); 3 HBWMA 25 May; 2 Randolph CHAU 29 May; excellent showing included breeding evidence.

White-winged Crossbill: 1-2 Gerry CHAU 17 Mar - 8 Apr (AL, JGu, BR); only location reported.

Pine Siskin: max 12 Andover ALLE 17 Mar; 6 Birdsall ALLE 18 May; Randolph CHAU 31 May.

American Goldfinch: max 102 Shelby ORLE 26 Apr.

Lapland Longspur: Porter NIAG 12 Mar; Dunkirk Airport CHAU 24 Mar; Sherman CHAU 30 Mar; last Amherst ERIE 25 Apr (CHo), odd location, breeding plumage.

Snow Bunting: max 100 Bethany GENE 6 Mar; last 2 Attica WYOM 30 Mar.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Tift NP 20 Apr; max 5 TRWMA 10 May.

Chipping Sparrow: arr Newfane NIAG 13 Mar.

Clay-colored Sparrow: arr 1, 3 Krull CP 30 Apr, 8 May; Waterport NIAG 4 May; JWWMA 15 May; Dunkirk Airport CHAU 29 May.

Field Sparrow: arr 3 Tift NP, Hamburg HW 19 Mar.

Fox Sparrow: arr Granger ALLE 6 Mar; 9 HBWMA 26 Mar (KS); 6 Buffalo ERIE 14 Apr (JF); max 13 Tift NP 14 Apr (KR), good numbers; last BOSMC.

American Tree Sparrow: last Porter NIAG 6 May.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 49 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 14 Apr.

White-crowned Sparrow: max 126 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 16 May.

White-throated Sparrow: max 130 Tift NP 25 Apr; 81, 91 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 24, 25 Apr.

Vesper Sparrow: arr Forestville CHAU 5 Apr; good showing in migration.

Savannah Sparrow: Middleport NIAG 12 Mar; arr EvSP 15 Mar; max 37 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 14 Apr..

Song Sparrow: max 73 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 14 Apr.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr ACNC 30 Apr; max 4 Wilson NIAG 14 May; last Portland CHAU 25 May.

Swamp Sparrow: arr Buffalo ERIE 14 Mar.

Eastern Towhee: arr Hamburg HW 8 Mar.

Yellow-breasted Chat: AISP 21-24 May (AHu), heard but never seen.

Yellow-headed Blackbird: Buffalo ERIE 28, 29 Apr (KR), only report.

Bobolink: arr 2 JWWMA, Carlton ORLE, BMAC 30 Apr.

Eastern Meadowlark: arr BufH 2 Mar.

Orchard Oriole: arr Orangeville WYOM 29 Apr.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Pendleton NIAG 24 Apr, slightly early; 1393 BOSMC, record for count.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 400 Alexander GENE 16 Mar.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 40 Fredonia CHAU 28 Mar.

Rusty Blackbird: max 200 INWR 12 Apr; last multiple locations 15 May.

Common Grackle: max 136 Somerset NIAG 18 Mar.

Ovenbird: arr AmSP 24 Apr.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Ripley CHAU, Hunters Creek CP ERIE 12 Apr; GHSP 22 Apr (WD), rare in migration; Royalton Ravine CP

NIAG 2-9 May (MN, mob), interesting location.

Northern Waterthrush: arr AmSP, Tift NP 23 Apr.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr AmSP 9 May (AB); BuSP, East Aurora ERIE, WTSP 10 May; Yates ORLE 11 May; Buffalo ERIE 20 May; only reports.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr FLC 2 May.

"Brewster's" Warbler: arr AmSP 6 May; CHMUA 13 May.

"Lawrence's" Warbler: EvSP 14 May (MN); Poland CHAU 28 May (AL); only reports.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr multiple locations 24 Apr.

Prothonotary Warbler: 1, 2 TWMA 18, 21 May; INWR 29 May; regular breeding locations.

Tennessee Warbler: arr Ripley CHAU, Ellicott Creek CP ERIE 3 May; 593 BOSMC, record for count.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr AmSP, GHSP 10 May.

Nashville Warbler: arr AmSP, Tift NP 24 Apr.

Connecticut Warbler: no reports.

Mourning Warbler: arr 2 AmSP 6 May.

Kentucky Warbler: Clarksville ALLE 28 May (SF), rare.

Common Yellowthroat: arr Tift NP 24 Apr.

Hooded Warbler: arr Tift NP 28 Apr.

American Redstart: arr AISP 24 Apr; 427 BOSMC, record for count.

Cape May Warbler: arr FLC 26 Apr.

Cerulean Warbler: arr FLC 4 May.

Northern Parula: arr AmSP 20 Apr; max 15 FLC 18 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr HBWMA 2 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr FLC 6 May; max 23 GHSP 14 May.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr AISP, PG 25 Apr.

Yellow Warbler: arr 2 Tift NP 23 Apr.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr INWR 29 Apr.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr Amherst ERIE 7 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr 3 FLC, AmSP, GHSP 1 May.

"Eastern" Palm Warbler: arr AmSP 11 Apr (JSa); S Buffalo ERIE 23 Apr (SB); irregular.

"Western" Palm Warbler: arr Fredonia CHAU 14 Apr; max 25 AmSP 8 May.

Pine Warbler: Portland CHAU 4, 14 Mar (CHa); arr 2 East Aurora ERIE 6 Apr.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 3 Chautauqua CHAU 9 Mar; 6 Newfane NIAG 13 Mar; 2 BuSP 18 Mar; max 148 LBSP 4 May (CM).

Yellow-throated Warbler: arr Orchard Park ERIE 19-20 Apr (AWe); East Amherst ERIE 22 Apr (KLL); AmSP 24-26 Apr (RSh, SL); WFWMA 29 Apr (JCI); Youngstown NIAG 29 Apr (VR); ACNC 15 May (TL); excellent showing.

Prairie Warbler: arr Tifft NP 6 May; 28 BOSMC, record for count.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr multiple locations 24 Apr.

Canada Warbler: arr Portland CHAU 9 May.

Wilson's Warbler: arr Alden ERIE 7 May.

Summer Tanager: Jamestown CHAU 27 Apr (DT); Eden ERIE 27 Apr (AWh); Clarence

ERIE 27-30 Apr (DAb); interesting that all were found same day.

Scarlet Tanager: arr 2 WBSP 3 May.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Olean CATT, Ripley CHAU 23 Apr.

Indigo Bunting: arr Wilson NIAG 29 Apr.

Dickcissel: 2 Somerset NIAG 23-25 May (BC, JSt), apparent pair.

EXOTICS

Northern Bobwhite: Darien GENE 22 May (MW), apparent releases.

California Quail: Grand Island ERIE 11 Mar (BT); BuSP 5 Apr (NLP); a few reports of apparent escapes recently.