

REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Spring 2022 continued the theme of 'warmer' established in February with an average maximum of 46.8 °F for March, 4.4° above normal. Average low of 27.2° was 2° higher than usual and four fewer days dropped below freezing. Rainfall was 0.5" below normal while snowfall was 3.9" below at 15.9". The snow season finished at 76", 52" short of expected and sixth lowest since 1948. Cloudy days numbered 21. April temperatures were very typical with a 55.8° average maximum and 35.7° minimum. Rain was also typical at 3.64" and 13 days were partly-sunny or better. May came in 4.5° warmer than usual with an average maximum of 73.7° and the overnights 2° above at 49.2°. The month featured a fair amount of south-component winds and only 11 cloudy days. At 1.8", precipitation was just over half the normal value. No prolonged blocking patterns were noted.

A massive Snow Goose concentration in the Seneca River floodlands just west of the Region began migrating in earnest during the second week of March, with good numbers passing Derby Hill and peaking at 28,700 birds over Pulaski on the 11th. Amidst a big flight on the 16th Matt Brown picked out a **Ross's Goose** from the Pine Grove Road boat launch at Selkirk Shores. Santos and Jamie Rodriguez found a **Greater White-fronted Goose** near Brewerton on 6 March while David Wheeler found three at the Maiden Lane/Towpath Road fields north of Port Byron on the 11th amidst a good season at the spot. Derby Hill enjoyed excellent Brant numbers in late May with 2000 noted on the 24th. Cackling Geese were noted from various locations associating with groups of Canada Geese. Wood Ducks arrived quickly with 177 counted at Selkirk on 6 March, early for such a big number. Jacob Hewitt found a Eurasian Wigeon at Helmer Marsh on 14 March, while Brown found one at Sandy

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Pond on the 21st. The bird was seen off and on through 5 April. Webster Pond in Syracuse hosts domestic ducks and geese but also wild birds. A Cackling Goose there was seen by many and Jay McGowan found a very unusual Wood Duck x Mallard hybrid. Northern Pintail spilled over from the Montezuma mucklands to the Loop Road unit just inside the Region, with 1000 estimated there on 10 March. The Gerber Topsoil spot in eastern Onondaga County yielded an excellent count of 210 Green-winged Teal on 21 March for Scott Peterson. The early spring diving-duck scene is largely a continuation of winter in our Region, with increasing numbers and movement happening by early April. Oneida Lake at Constantia hosted an impressive 400 Bufflehead on 20 April, while Onondaga Lake produced three Surf Scoter for Bryan Rutledge and Martin Mau on the 12th. A Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser hybrid was found on the Oneida River by David Wheeler on 15 March. Otherwise, numbers were typical for the Region.

Common Nighthawks again graced the skies over Derby Hill with 130 counted on 20 May. Eastern Whip-poor-will was reported from the usual locations plus a migrant found by Santos and Jamie Rodriguez across from Nottingham High School in Syracuse on 2 May. Gary Lee reported that 60 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were banded on 29 May at Stillwater. One had been previously banded there in August 2014, at that time an after-hatch-year bird, thus making it at least nine years old and a potential longevity record for the species. Consider the number of migratory-roundtrips to Central America this bird must have completed!

Sandhill Cranes were seen at the usual locations with 17 passing Derby Hill on 5 April. Upland Sandpipers were (again) not reported from the traditional airport/landfill location in Fulton where, in the past, they have been conspicuous in late April and May. Piping Plovers again returned to Sandy Pond with five reported there in mid-May. No great Whimbrel flight was seen on Oneida Lake but David Wheeler observed four at Fair Haven while lakewatching on the 28th. The day also produced 40 Ruddy Turnstones. The season's only Red Knot report came from Sandy Pond where three were seen by Claire Nellis on 31 May. Sanderlings showed at Sandy Pond and Fair Haven in late May. The first Dunlin was reported by Gregg Dashnau on 4 April near Cato while Matt Brown counted 94 at Sandy Pond on 19 May and Wheeler saw 136 going by Fair Haven. An excellent day for shorebirds everywhere, Brown added 72 Short-billed Dowitchers at Sandy where low water levels in the Pond allowed for more shorebird habitat than usual. Marge Rusk's records for the Region showed this to be a new maximum, the prior highs being 60 at the Biddlecum Road floodlands on 15 May 1987 and 55 at Sandy Pond on 13 May 1979. The editor was surprised to discover that the best counts for the Region were mostly from Spring rather than Fall. Aside for one huge year (Fall 2006) with several hundred birds, a count of 72 would even be a maximum for Montezuma. The Gerber Topsoil mudflat produced a **Long-billed Dowitcher** on 23 April for Scott Peterson. The species is much rarer in Spring migration than Fall, the bulk of its numbers using the 'Central Flyway' and points west to reach breeding grounds centered around the north shore of Alaska. Birds wintering in the southeastern US and (in small numbers) up the Atlantic coast are likely the source of the Region's Spring records.

Bonaparte's Gull was reported from the usual locations, with excellent counts of 293 from Skaneateles Lake by David Dubois and Ken Burdick and 420 by Bill Purcell

on Oneida Lake. David Wheeler photographed an adult **Laughing Gull** passing Fair Haven on 23 May. At the Ditch Bank Road farm operation in Madison County, Wheeler found 22 Lesser Black-backed Gulls (all but one were adults) on 26 March, a new Regional maximum, amidst approximately 2000 gulls split roughly equally between Herring and Ring-billed. Outside the corn-growing season, the spot hosts large numbers of birds due to constant spreading of waste milk products from a tank tractor that keeps the field in a plowed state with deep ruts and standing water. Wheeler notes that on north or west winds the sour-milk smell often lingers on clothing as a reminder of one of the Region's most unusual birding experiences. Other gull highlights include a recurring Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (also known as 'Great Lakes Gull') at Selkirk Shores State Park found by Matt Brown on 10 March. Glaucous Gull was scarce with only three birds noted, up to 12 March. Iceland Gull counts were also disappointing. Low water at Sandy Pond provided loafing area for 328 Caspian Terns on 3 May, with good numbers noted by Matt Brown to the end of the period. Drew Weber found two Forster's Terns at Onondaga Lake, always a tough species especially in Spring.

Red-throated Loon was poorly represented with a max of only two birds on 17 April from Skaneateles and Onondaga Lakes, normally good spots for the species. Singles were reported from 10 other dates/locations thus less than 15 birds total. At the same time, Common Loon numbers were typical both in count and distribution. A Black-crowned Night-Heron seen at Utica Marsh on 2 May was the only report submitted, presumably pointing to continued decline of the species in the Region. Judy Thurber spotted a **Glossy Ibis** approaching the North Lookout at Derby Hill on 26 May. The bird passed low overhead giving great looks and photos confirmed it as Glossy rather than the very similar White-faced.

New hawk counter Brandon Brogle manned the clickers at Derby Hill, a veteran of Hawk Mountain and Waggoner's Gap watches on the ridge-tops of southeastern Pennsylvania. An overall good season commenced with no long 'omega blocks' dominating weather and thus few prolonged periods of unfavorable winds. Highlights were plenty, kicking off with the first of four Black Vultures on 5 March. Still a rarity on the lakeshore, reports also came from known locations inland. The site's fourth **Swallow-tailed Kite** of the last ten years was picked up in the distance on 3 May by David Wheeler and followed as it came in with Broad-winged Hawks along the shoreline. Seeing from the bluff that the bird was indeed making the northward turn along the Lake's east shoreline, Wheeler phoned Matt Brown in Pulaski who then scrambled to successfully intercept it from the Bishop Road spot used for Fall hawk watching. Another sighting of the species on 24 April near Canastota was reported to the Editor by Reuben Stoltzfus on behalf of Amish birding community members who observed the bird (and also a Black Vulture!) during an excellent flight of Broad-wingeds over their farm. Jeriah and Sharon Kline documented the sighting with an article in the 2022 edition of "Nature Farm Journal", complete with field notes and two terrific illustrations of the species. Their write-up ended on a philosophical note: "Where did it come from? Where was it going? How did it happen that we were in the same place at the same time? Unanswered questions that don't need to be answered". The date was a huge flight-day Region-wide with over 20,000 hawks counted at Derby Hill.

An amazing 17 Golden Eagles passed Derby in the first half of May, including eight on 3 May, very late in the season for these kinds of numbers. Other highlights included two dark Red-tailed Hawks spotted by Wheeler, including one that snuck by the South Lookout and was first seen on the back sky (thus the importance of watching there). The taxonomy as represented in eBird suggests these be entered as 'calurus/abieticola', which may surprise some readers, but the current treatment of Red-tailed subspecies there is a complicated topic. Two excellent Peregrine Falcon days were recorded with a new record of seven on 24 April and five on 3 May. Late in the day on 24 April, Brogle spotted the season's only **Swainson's Hawk** passing low over the North Lookout. A discussion ensued among the observers still present about the importance of maintaining vigilance for stragglers coming in after the main flight had ended, especially on such busy days when a lot of movement was happening. The scenario repeated itself in late May when Brogle spotted a late-flying bird already past the lookout that he thought to be Mississippi Kite. One had been seen recently at Braddock Bay so it seems likely to have been this species. If so, it would mean the site's first 19-species season and a sweep of the rarities expected at an eastern hawk watch.

DERBY HILL HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arr*	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	-	-	-	4
Turkey Vulture	3/1	3111	4/5	32,413
Osprey	3/17	65	4/24	340
Golden Eagle	3/4	9	3/17	60
Swallow-tailed Kite	-	-	-	1
No. Harrier	3/6	48	3/31	480
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3/1	611	4/25	2642
Cooper's Hawk	3/1	17	3/19, 31	236
No. Goshawk	3/1	1	3/1, 14, 4/5	3
Bald Eagle	3/1	68	5/21	968
Red-shouldered Hawk	3/5	96	3/19	442
Broad-winged Hawk	4/11	19,335	4/24	39,973
Swainson's Hawk	-	-	-	1
Red-tailed Hawk	3/1	277	4/13	2680
Rough-legged Hawk	3/1	13	3/24	108
Am. Kestrel	3/2	57	4/13	351
Merlin	3/2	8	4/25	56
Peregrine Falcon	3/4	7	4/24	28
Unidentified	-	-	-	59
Total incl unident.				80,845

*first migrants at the Hawkwatch

Snowy Owl was reported only from Hancock Airport in Syracuse. Two Short-eared Owls continued for Dennis Anderson on 8 March at the Burnet Road spot in Clay, future home to the huge Micron computer chip plant. The proposed development will surely destroy the fields there. Jonathan Kresge found two Black-backed

Woodpeckers on 30 April in the Black River Wild Forest. The species is presumed to be present throughout northern Herkimer County but may be thinly distributed and is thus rarely reported and then only with substantial effort by birders.

Two Olive-sided Flycatchers were found, one in Hamilton and the other at Sandy Pond. Joe Brin and Renee Kittleman reported that Acadian Flycatcher was not found at Whiskey Hollow. Will they return to this long-time breeding location? Though at the north end of its range, there are likely more in the Region than we realize as birders tend to twitch birds at known locations. A **White-eyed Vireo** on the 'Farmer's Hill Trail' at Green Lakes was well-described by James Williams on 10 May. Common Raven continues to be reported widely and often. A singing Sedge Wren was found early in the morning of 7 May by Mickey Scilingo in the 'big fields' area of Three Rivers WMA. Two Gray Catbirds found on the Erie Canal Trail near Canastota on 6 April were possibly local winterers, as they are known from other stretches of the same trail. Gray-cheeked Thrush was reported from only five locations. Gilbert Thomson photographed 16 **Bohemian Waxwings** on 3 March in Norway, Herkimer County, the season's only reported sighting. The Bishop Road hawkwatch spot is good for field birds all year long and produced 60 American Pipit on 3 May. Purple Finch migration as seen from Derby Hill was good in mid-April with counts of 450 on the 13th and 24th. It was not a big irruption year for Common Redpoll with the best of only a few sightings being 30 that passed Derby on 5 March. Red Crossbills were reported from the 'Southern Highlands' part of the Region as well as the northern areas of Oneida and Herkimer Counties. White-winged was found only three times, all in Herkimer. The Dolgeville area was the only hotspot for Pine Siskins aside from 14 birds that showed up at a feeder in Pulaski on 3 March. While birding the hilltop fields in the Madison County town of Fenner, Gary Meyers found a flock of 20 Lapland Longspurs on 11 Mar, an excellent number for the Region. Clay-colored Sparrows were found four places in mid-May, all on the Ontario lakeshore.

Gregg Dashnau found a singing **Henslow's Sparrow** at Three Rivers WMA on 5 May. The species is finicky about the age and condition of fields it will frequent, and is thus very rare for the Region as both a migrant and possible nester. Decline in appropriate weedlands has rendered the bird highly endangered in New York. Many birders got to hear the unusual 'song' typical of the species and two birds were reported vocalizing on 21 May. A historical perspective for the Region is provided in records kept by Marge Rusk dating back to the early 1950s and will be provided in the next issue of this report.

A singing **Yellow-breasted Chat** was found by Bruce Carpenter on 24 May at Griffiss Airport in Rome. Now rare, the species was always scarce but a former nester in the Region. David Wheeler and Brandon Brogle photographed a male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** flying by Derby Hill during 'morning flight' on 16 May, while Jay Chapman photographed a female passing on 21 April. These constitute the fourth and fifth records for the site and the first in 18 years. Given the volume of migrating icterids that go by every year it is perhaps surprising that more aren't seen. Morning flight on 11 May produced 351 Baltimore Orioles counted by Brogle amidst an overall strong flight of passerines. Orchard Oriole was reported returning to known locations plus a few random migrants, but only one was noted at Derby Hill. An estimate of 700 Rusty Blackbirds flying by was a good count at Derby on 3 May.

Golden-winged Warblers continue to be scarce, represented this period with six reports. One each 'Brewster's' and 'Lawrence's' hybrids were found. A Prothonotary Warbler was reported from Delta Lake on 5 May by Audrey Mihalko. No others were sighted. Orange-crowned records came from Derby Hill, Erieville, and Sandy Pond. Lots of favorable early-morning winds in May led to good morning flights at Derby, a phenomenon which commences during the 2-3 hours after first light. Observers noted 50 American Redstarts on 20 May, 125 Yellow Warblers on 11 May (amidst 500 warblers estimated migrating by), and 350 Yellow-rumps on 24 April. Prairie Warbler was reported from six spots in mid-late May.

Region 5 currently has five operating MOTUS stations located at Derby Hill, Three Rivers WMA, Rome WMA, Utica Zoo, and a site four miles south of Williamstown known as 'Fassler'. These register radio-tagged birds that fly through their 15-mile-diameter circle of detection. This season 20 'hits' were logged of nine different species. Horned Larks continue to be frequent with individuals tagged in Tadoussac Quebec in Fall 2021 being detected from 8-23 April. American Pipits from the same project checked in on 15 and 21 May, while a Chimney Swift tagged near Montreal on the 20th was picked up by multiple stations in the Region a few days later. White-throated Sparrow and Ovenbird were heard from on 7 and 13 May, respectively, having been tagged on 28 April and 9 May at Presque Isle PA. A Magnolia Warbler tagged on 12 May near Knox OH checked in on 21 May, while a Chestnut-sided Warbler tagged on 8 May near Rector PA was detected at Derby Hill on 14 May. Two Tennessee Warblers tagged near Deersville OH on 11-12 May passed our stations on 20 May and by the end of the month were near the Gulf of St Lawrence. Finally, a Blackpoll Warbler tagged on 13 April in Colombia was picked up on the Atlantic coast of Florida in mid-May, then in southern Pennsylvania on the 21st, and finally Fassler on the 26th. A different bird was still in Colombia near the tagging site on 5 May but passed Derby on the 31st.

This season a total of 253 species and six hybrids were reported, which is two above the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights included: Ross's Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, Whimbrel, Red Knot, Long-billed Dowitcher, **Laughing Gull**, Forster's Tern, **Glossy Ibis**, Black Vulture, **Swallow-tailed Kite**, **Swainson's Hawk**, Black-backed Woodpecker, **White-eyed Vireo**, Sedge Wren, Bohemian Waxwing, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, Clay-colored Sparrow, **Henslow's Sparrow**, **Yellow-breasted Chat**, and **Yellow-headed Blackbird**. American Robin was the most frequently reported species, with 6449 records. Red-winged Blackbird, Northern Cardinal, American Crow, Song Sparrow, Black-capped Chickadee, Canada Goose, Common Grackle, American Goldfinch, and Mourning Dove round out the top 10. Expected species that were missed this spring include Black Scoter, Long-eared Owl, and Evening Grosbeak, while those represented by only one sighting include Surf Scoter, Upland Sandpiper, Red Knot, Forster's Tern, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Short-eared Owl, Sedge Wren, Bohemian Waxwing, and Prothonotary Warbler.

Spring 2022 produced 170,880 eBird records on 12,539 checklists for Region 5, and were processed by Swan Swan Hummingbird v6.0. Reports were submitted by 837 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 300 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; **BW** – Baltimore Woods, Marcellus; **BLNC** – Beaver L Nature Center, Baldwinsville; **Brew** – Oneida L at Brewerton; **BRH** – Bishop Road Hawk Watch, T Richland; **Bville** – Baldwinsville; **Const** – Oneida L at Constantia; **DB** – Ditch Bank Rd & vicinity, T Sullivan/Lenox, MADI; **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; **HM** – Hamlin Marsh, Clay; **HV** – Happy Valley WMA, Parish; **KK** – Kindred Kingdom Wildlife Center, *The Kingbird* 2022 September; 72 (3)

Pennellville; **LH** – Labrador Hollow Unique Area; **L Ont** – L Ontario; **LoopR** – Loop Rd, Montezuma NWR, CAYU; **MH** – Morgan Hill State Forest, Fabius; **MSI** – Madison St Impoundment, Hamilton; **OakC** – Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse; **OF** – Old Forge; **OLC** – Onondaga L Creekwalk; **OneiL** – Oneida L; **OnonL** – Onondaga L; **OLP** – Onondaga Lake P (east and west shore); **OSP** – Oneida Shores P, Brewerton; **OswH** – Oswego Harbor; **Ppt** – Oneida L at Phillips Pt, W Monroe; **PSS** – Peter Scott Swamp, Phoenix; **RCFS** – Rice Creek Field Station, Oswego; **SBP** – Sunset Bay P, Scriba; **SFNS** – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; **SH** – Southern Highlands of ONON & MADI; **Sk an** – Skaneateles; **Sk anL** – Skaneateles L; **SNC** – Sterling Nature Center, Sterling; **SP** – Sandy Pd and vicinity; **SSSP** – Selkirk Shores SP; **Syr** – Syracuse; **TR** – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; **UM** – Utica Marsh; **VBSP** – Verona Beach SP; **WH** – Whiskey Hollow, Memphis; **WP** – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

Snow Goose: max est 28700 Pulaski 11 Mar; last late Apr, few singles cont May.

Ross's Goose: SSSP 15 Mar (MBr); only rep. **Greater White-fronted Goose:** Brew 6 Mar (SRo, JRo); 3 Port Byron 11 Mar (DWh).

Brant: arr 20 Ppt 10 May; max est 2000 DH 24 May; last 40 DH 26 May.

Cackling Goose: max 3 DB 8 Mar (TSh) & Port Byron 11 May (DWh) 1-2 sev locs thru 14 May.

Canada Goose: max est 4200 Pulaski 17 Mar; nums thru, main movement mid-Mar.

Mute Swan: most reps OnonL & FH; max 66 FH 17 Mar.

Trumpeter Swan: 1-4 var expected locs; max 10 FH 15 Mar.

Tundra Swan: max 44 Brew; last 3 Sandy Cr 26 Mar.

Wood Duck: max 177 SSSP 6 Mar, early for good num.

Blue-winged Teal: arr HM 20 Mar; max 13 HM 22 Apr.

Northern Shoveler: max 24 LoopR 28 Apr; last 2 Rome 25 May.

Gadwall: max 19 SSSP 15 Mar.

Eurasian Wigeon: LoopR 14 Mar (JHe); SP 21 Mar – 5 Apr (MBr).

American Wigeon: max 58 FH 11 Mar; last HM 14 May.

Mallard: max 284 DB 13 Mar.

Wood Duck x Mallard (hybrid): Webster Pond Syr 27 Apr (JMc).

American Black Duck: max 60 DB 12 Mar.

Mallard x American Black Duck (hybrid): few reps var locs.

Northern Pintail: max est 1000 LoopR 10 Mar.

Green-winged Teal: arr SNC 2 Mar; max 210 TCicero 21 Mar.

Canvasback: max 20 OnonL 6 Mar; last SkanL 2 Apr.

Redhead: est 1000 SkanL 10 Mar; max est 1300 OnonL 10 Mar; last var locs late May.

Ring-necked Duck: max est 600 SP 25 Mar; 150 WP 6 May, small num linger WP thru.

Greater Scaup: max 350 Brew 16 Mar; last small flocks early May, singles linger thru.

Lesser Scaup: 400 OnonL 10 Mar; max est 500 SkanL 10 Mar; last small flocks early May, singles linger thru.

Greater/Lesser Scaup: est 1000 SP & Ppt 25 Mar; max est 1400 Ppt 3 Apr.

Surf Scoter: 2 OLP 12 Apr (MMa, BRu); only rep.

White-winged Scoter: max 50 FH 9 Mar & OswH 21 Mar; last FH & 8 Const 23 May.

Black Scoter: no reps.

Long-tailed Duck: max 353 Ppt 9 Apr; last flocks mid May, small nums thru.

Bufflehead: max 364 Const 16 Apr, good num; last flocks early May, small nums thru.

Common Goldeneye: max 300 OnonL 6 Mar & SP 16 Mar; small flocks to early Apr, small nums thru.

Hooded Merganser: max 140 SSSP 8 Mar.

Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser (hybrid): Pville OneiR 15 Mar (DWh, ph) & 16 Mar (KFi, RFi, MFi).

Common Merganser: max est 1500 OnonL 10 Mar.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 200 DH 24 Apr; last flocks mid May, small nums thru.

Ruddy Duck: arr 2 OnonL 16 Mar; max 15 OnonL 26 Apr; last 2 WP 5 May.

Northern Bobwhite: MH 27 Mar, unusual date & loc but modern reps presumably released origin.

Wild Turkey: max 65 Dolge 31 Mar.

Ruffed Grouse: small nums var locs.

Ring-necked Pheasant: small nums var locs, most presumably released by state.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 5 SP 22 Mar.

Horned Grebe: max 14 OnonL 9 Mar & 26 Apr; last OneiL 23 May, late.

Red-necked Grebe: arr OnonL 14 Mar; max 7 Francis Pond Const 8 Apr, unusual loc (BPu); last OnonL 5 May.

Rock Pigeon: flocks widespread.

Mourning Dove: widespread; max 54 Pulaski 4 Mar.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr Cleveland 13 May; max 2 var locs late-May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr UM 9 May; max 4 SFNS 15 May.

Common Nighthawk: arr 12 DH 15 May; max 130 DH 20 May.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: arr Syr 2 May, unusual loc (SRo, JRo); 1-3 typical locs May.

Chimney Swift: arr DH 24 Apr; max 50 Fult 18 May.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Salisbury 24 Apr; 15 DH 12, 14, 20 May; max 60 Stillwater 29 May (GLE), banding operation, *intro*.

Virginia Rail: arr WMonroe 31 Mar; max 4 var locs/dates May.

Sora: arr MSI 6 Apr; max 4 Verona 5, 11 May & UM 9 May.

Common Gallinule: arr DC 15 Apr; max 10 HI 3 May.

American Coot: max 22 SkanL 19 Mar; last flocks mid-Apr, small nums thru.

Sandhill Crane: arr Barneveld 2 Mar; 16 DH 11 Apr; max 17 DH 5 Apr.

Black-bellied Plover: arr SP 12 May (MBr, AKo); max 12 FH 27 May (DDo, TSh, DWh).

Killdeer: max 15 OLP 18 Mar & DB 25 Apr.

Semipalmated Plover: arr SP 12 May; max 30 FH 27 May.

Piping Plover: arr 2 SP 25 Apr (CNe); max 5 SP 14 May (CNe).

Upland Sandpiper: Deerfield 14 May (MVo); only rep.

Whimbrel: arr PPt 20 May (BPu); max 4 FH 28 May (DWh).

Ruddy Turnstone: arr SP 19 May (MBr); max 43 FH 28 May (DWh), exc num.

Red Knot: 3 SP 31 May (CNe); only rep.

Sanderling: arr 4 FH 19 May (DWh); 2-4 SP 19-31 May (mob); max 10 FH 27 May (TSh).

Dunlin: arr Cato 4 Apr (GDa); 94 SP 19 May (MBr); max 136 FH (DWh).

Least Sandpiper: arr 6 DH 1 May; max 21 Jville Res 21 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: arr 2 SP 19 May (MBr); max 4 FH 27 May (DWh, TSh, DDo); only reps.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 5 SP 8 Apr; max 12 TCicero 25 Apr; last DB 20 May.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr SP & OLP 16 May; max 36 SP 19 May.

Peep sp: max 100 SP 31 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr FH 19 May (DWh) & max 72 SP 19 May (MBr), Reg rec; OLP 25-29 May; only reps; *intro*.

Long-billed Dowitcher: TCicero 23-25 Apr (SPe, mob), rare in spring; *intro*.

American Woodcock: arr TR 6 Mar; max 11 TR 7 May.

Wilson's Snipe: arr DH 17 Mar; max 16 DB 28 Mar.

Spotted Sandpiper: arr Cicero 13 Apr; max 20 OLP 16 May.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Verona 31 Mar, very early; max 24 DH 11 May; last OLP 23 May.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 TCicero 22 Apr; max 12 TCicero 6 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr Port Byron 19 Mar, early; max 20 TCicero 23, 25 Apr.

Bonaparte's Gull: arr OnonL 18 Mar; 293 SkanL 17 Apr; max 420 OneiL 8 Apr.

LAUGHING GULL (R5): FH 23 May (DWh, ph).

Ring-billed Gull: max est 3000 OnonL 10 Mar & DB 27 Mar.

Herring Gull: max est 700 DB 26 Mar.

Iceland Gull: max 6 DB 26-27 Mar; last Minoa 26 Apr.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 22 DB 26 Mar (DWh), Reg rec, *intro*; singles typ locs thru.

Glaucous Gull: IH 1-3 Mar; SP 10 Mar; last DB 12 Mar; only reps, poor nums.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 52 IH 4 Mar.

Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid): SSSP 10, 14 Mar (MBr).

Caspian Tern: arr 6 SP 4 Apr; max 328 SP 3 May (MBr), good num.

Black Tern: arr Eaton 2 May; Jville Res 4 May; Port Ont 6 May; max 2 HI 9 May; Const 21 May; OLP 22 May; SP 27 May; only reps.

Common Tern: arr 3 SP & 5 Little Sandy Cr 12 Apr; max 124 Const 25 May.

Forster's Tern: 2 OnonL 19 Apr (DWe); only rep.

Red-throated Loon: arr OswH 17 Mar; max 2 SkanL & OnonL 17 Apr; last Lebanon Res 28 May; poor nums.

Common Loon: mig arr late-Mar; 79 OnonL 16 Apr; max 80 SkanL 17 Apr.

Double-crested Cormorant: main mig mid-Apr – early-May; max 600 SP 8 May.

American Bittern: arr WMonroe 9 Apr; max 5 DC 1, 10, 11 May.

Least Bittern: arr Brew 2 May; max 2 HI 6 May & PSS 21 May.

Great Blue Heron: max 60 Minetto 25 May; highest nums all at breeding sites.

Great Egret: arr & max 2 Fulton 31 Mar & 2 LoopR 25 May; singles var locs.

Green Heron: arr Kirkville 15 Apr; max 8 DH 16 May.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: UM 2 May (Rwi), only rep; sp declining in Reg.

GLOSSY IBIS (R5): DH 26 May (JTh, mob).

Black Vulture: reps continue known locs Jamesville, Oneida, Little Falls; migrants DH 22 Mar (DWh, BBr) & 20 Apr (DWh, BBr) & 26 May (BBr, DWh, BPu), remains scarce on Ontario Lakeshore; Canastota 24 Apr (JSK), unusual loc.

Turkey Vulture: mig arr early-Mar; max 3111 DH 5 Apr.

Osprey: arr DH 17 Mar; max 65 DH 24 Apr.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: DH 3 May (DWh, BBr, ph) & BRH (MBr), same bird; Canastota 24 Apr (JSK) per RST; 6th and 7th Reg recs; *intro*.

Golden Eagle: mig arr 3 DH 4 Mar; BLNC 5 Mar (APe); max 9 DH 17 Mar; 8 DH 3 May, exc num for date; last DH 14 May; 17 total DH in May is unprecedented; *intro*.

Northern Harrier: max 48 DH 31 Mar.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 611 DH 25 Apr.

Cooper's Hawk: max 17 DH 19, 31 Mar.

Northern Goshawk: DH 1, 14 Mar (BBr); only reps.

Bald Eagle: max 68 DH 21 May.

Red-shouldered Hawk: max 96 DH 19 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: arr 3 DH 11 Apr; 600 Canastota 24 Apr (JSK), unusual loc; max 19,335 DH 24 Apr.

SWAINSON'S HAWK: DH 24 Apr (BBr, DWh, JCh, ph), late in day.

Red-tailed Hawk: max 277 DH 13 Apr; dark morphs DH 24 Apr (DWh, BBr, ph) & 26 Apr (DWh, BBr).

Rough-legged Hawk: max 13 DH 24 Mar; last DH 9 May; 6 total DH May.

Eastern Screech-Owl: singles/pairs typical locs.

Great Horned Owl: widespread resident.

Snowy Owl: 1-2 Syr Airport 2 Mar – 16 Apr; only reps.

Barred Owl: widespread resident.

Long-eared Owl: no reps.

Short-eared Owl: 2 Clay 8 Mar (DAn); only rep.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: BLNC 5 – 14 Mar; TR 18 Mar; OakC 16 Apr; Forestport 29 May; only reps.

Belted Kingfisher: widespread; max 6 DH 5 Apr.

Red-headed Woodpecker: reps from established locs.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: widespread resident.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Mar reps likely loc winterers; mig arr DH 1 Apr; max 8 LH 23 Apr & Erieville 25 May.

Black-backed Woodpecker: 2 Black River Forest 30 Apr (JKr); only rep.

Downy Woodpecker: widespread resident.

Hairy Woodpecker: widespread resident.

Northern Flicker: small nums Mar, winterers; mig arr early Apr; max 100 DH 14 Apr.

Pileated Woodpecker: widespread resident.

American Kestrel: max 57 DH 13 Apr.

Merlin: 4 DH 6 Mar, early but sp cont as winterer; max 8 DH 25 Apr.

Peregrine Falcon: singles/nesting pairs typ locs; 3 DH & FH 25 Apr; 5 DH 3 May; max 7 DH 24 Apr, exc num and new day rec for site.

Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Syr 25 Apr; max 15 BLNC 11 May.

Eastern Kingbird: arr DH 24 Apr; max 16 DH 10 May.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr SP 16 May (MBr); Hamilton 24 May (JSp); only reps.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr RCFS 6 May; max 13 HI 25 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr SH 11 May; max 3 SBP 27 May.

Acadian Flycatcher: arr 3 Hannibal 16 May; singles/pairs Hannibal, SNC, Minetto, Parish, Spafford; not rep from traditional WH loc.

Alder Flycatcher: arr SH 11 May; max 6 TR 22 May & Brandy Lake 20 May.

Willow Flycatcher: arr Hamilton 6 May; max 16 DB 16 May.

Least Flycatcher: arr OLP 25 Apr; max 10 OLP 8, 12 May.

Eastern Phoebe: arr Syr 16 Mar; max 14 FH 14 Apr (BCI).

WHITE-EYED VIREO (R5): GLSP 10 May (JWi).

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr OSP 1 May; max 7 HI 25 May.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr DH 17 Apr; max 8 MH 30 Apr.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr OLC 4 May; max 3 Pratts Falls CP 18 May.

Warbling Vireo: arr WP 26 Apr; max 16 WP 19 May.

Red-eyed Vireo: arr DH 2 May; max 32 Pratts Falls 24 May.

Northern Shrike: DH 2 Mar; TR 5-22 Mar; 5 other locs Mar; last Salisbury 27 Mar.

Blue Jay: max 880 DH 20 May, mig flight.

American Crow: max 10000 OLP 2 Mar, roost flight; 3000 DH 17 Mar, mig flight.

Fish Crow: max 5 OLP 19 Mar & Phoenix 10 Apr; reps typ locs.

Common Raven: max 9 Eagle Bay 10 Mar; widespread reps.

Black-capped Chickadee: widespread resident; max 38 HV 2 Apr; poor mig flight DH.

Tufted Titmouse: widespread resident except N HERK & N ONEI.

Horned Lark: max 75 Deansboro 10 Mar.

Bank Swallow: arr HI 17 Apr; max 80 DH 5 May.

Tree Swallow: arr DB 12 Mar; max 200 DC 1, 10 May & SP 9 Apr & Oneil 4 Apr.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr Hamilton 6 Apr; max 35 DB 5 May.

Purple Martin: arr DH 11 Apr; max 20 Cleveland 12 May.

Barn Swallow: arr DH 9 Apr; max 400 SP 3 May.

Cliff Swallow: arr Brew 20 Apr; max 25 DH 11 May.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr WP 5 Apr; max 50 RCFS 1 May; last SP 25 May, late.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 38 DC 13 Apr.

Bohemian Waxwing: 16 Norway HERK 3 Mar (GTh); only rep.

Cedar Waxwing: max 457 DH 30 May; best nums Mar and late May.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: small groups typ locs; max 16 Bear Lake 7 May.

White-breasted Nuthatch: widespread resident.

Brown Creeper: max 26 DC 13 Apr.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr WP 14 Apr; max 8 DC 11, 14 May.

House Wren: arr Syr 15 Apr; max 15 BW 12 May.

Winter Wren: mid-Mar birds early mig or local winterers, main arr early Apr; max 5 sev locs late-Apr – May.

Sedge Wren: singing m TR 7 May thru (MSc, GDa, mob); only rep.

Marsh Wren: arr 3 HM 5 Apr; max 18 Brew 2 May.

Carolina Wren: small nums typ locs, mostly ONON.

Gray Catbird: 2 Canastota 6 Apr, poss winterers; arr var locs 24 Apr; max 30 var locs mid May.

Brown Thrasher: arr 3 DH 14 Apr; max 6 GLSP 29 May.

Northern Mockingbird: singles/pairs typ locs, mostly ONON; DH 4, 21, 22 May, unusual on lakeshore.

European Starling: max 500 DB 13 Mar.

Eastern Bluebird: widespread; max 35 DH 20 May; best nums DH mid-late May.

Veery: arr TR 30 Apr; max 10 HV 25 May.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr DC 15 May (MBr); Bville & Noyes S 27 May (JBr, RKi, GCh); Rome 29 May (BCa); Pratts Falls 24 May (DNA); only reps.

Swainson's Thrush: arr Erieville 5 May; max 3 var locs 11-20 May.

Hermit Thrush: likely winterers 2 locs Mar; arr OSP 26 Mar; max 7 Syr 3 May.

Wood Thrush: arr BLNC 26 Apr; max 12 Erieville 15 May & Earlville 29 May.

American Robin: max 934 DH 6 Mar; best nums Mar – early Apr.

House Sparrow: flocks widespread resident.

American Pipit: arr 2 TR 19 Mar; max 60 BRH 3 May; last 4 TMexico 19 May.

House Finch: widespread resident; max 15 BLNC 7 May.

Purple Finch: est 400 DH 14 Apr; max est 450 DH 13, 24 Apr; morning flights.

Common Redpoll: small nums in 7 locs Mar; max 30 DH 5 Mar; undoc reps early Apr incl last DH 21 Apr.

Red Crossbill: flocks typ locs SH & ADK thru; max 50 Earlville 27 May.

White-winged Crossbill: ADK 23 Mar (PFe), 5 Apr (MKe), 14 May (SDe); only reps.

Pine Siskin: small flocks typ locs; max 14 Pulaski 3 Mar.

American Goldfinch: flocks common & widespread; max 200 DH 10 May.

Lapland Longspur: 20 TFenner 11 Mar (GMe), good num; 5 TR 21 Mar; last DH 24 Apr; only reps.

Snow Bunting: max 35 TMexico 13 Mar; last 20 LoopR 14 Mar.

Grasshopper Sparrow: arr Hastings 5 May; max 4 Rome 28 May.

Chipping Sparrow: arr TR 6 Apr; max 22 SBP 9 May; no Mar reps.

Clay-colored Sparrow: arr SNC 1 May (JDA); DC 11 May (MBr); SBP 14 May (SBe, KHa); 2 DH 16 May (DWh, BBr); only reps.

Field Sparrow: SFNS 17 Mar; GLSP & TR 18 Mar, early mig or winterers; arr OLP 6 Apr; max 14 GLSP 30 Apr.

Fox Sparrow: arr TR 12 Mar, early or nearby winterer; max 10 SP 13 Apr; last SFNS 25 Apr.

American Tree Sparrow: max 37 Verona 12 Mar; last 2 Madison 3 May.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 47 Pulaski 13 Mar.

White-crowned Sparrow: 8 Bville 4 Mar (JBr, RKi); Mar-early Apr reps cont winterers; mig arr late Apr; max 25 SNC 11 May; last Jordan 21 May.

White-throated Sparrow: max 40 SBP 9 May
Vesper Sparrow: arr Osw 17 Mar (GDa), very early; 8 BRH 13-14 Apr; max 10 GLSP 13 Apr.

Henslow's Sparrow: TR 5 May thru (GDa); 2 TR 21 May (CBr, JFa) both rep calling, males or m/f pair unknown; very rare in Reg in modern era as both mig & nester; *intro*.

Savannah Sparrow: arr Hamilton 6 Apr; max 6 BRH 3 May.

Song Sparrow: max 70 OLP 6 Apr.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Syr 3 May; max 4 DC 11 May; last SBP 27 May but likely nest N HERK.

Swamp Sparrow: early Mar reps local winterers; mig arr DH 18 Mar; max 37 HM 21 May.

Eastern Towhee: Pennellville 12 Mar; arr TR 31 Mar; max 14 Skan 9 May.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (R5): Rome 24 May (BCa).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (R5): fem 21 Apr (JCh, ph); male 16 May (DWh, BBr, ph), both in morning flight.

Bobolink: arr DH 26 Apr; max 98 DH 11 May.
Eastern Meadowlark: arr DH 10 Mar; max 28 DH 19 Mar.

Orchard Oriole: arr SNC 2 May; max 5 DB 15 May.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Clay 14 Apr, very early (TWe, ph); max 351 DH (DWh, BBr), morning flight.

Red-winged Blackbird: max est 5000 DH 17 Mar.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 200 DH 1 May.

Rusty Blackbird: Pulaski 1 Mar cont from prev per; arr 2 DH 6 Mar; max est 700 DH 3 May in morning flight (DWh).

Common Grackle: max est 5000 TR 20 Mar.
blackbird sp: max est 10000 DH 6 Apr.

Ovenbird: arr 2 BW 24 Apr; max 30 HV 25 May.

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr HF 23 Apr; max 3 var locs.

Northern Waterthrush: arr DB 24 Apr; max 7 LH 15 May.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr SH 11 May; singles 4 locs LOnt shore 12-14 May; only reps.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr DB 24 Apr; max 7 GSC 12 May.

“Lawrence’s Warbler”: GLSP 17-25 May.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr SBP 24 Apr; max 9 FH 11 May.

Prothonotary Warbler: DL 5 May (AMi); only rep.

Tennessee Warbler: arr Canastota 6 May; max 30 Pulaski 14 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: DH 9 May (DWh, BBr, ph); Erieville 10 May (GMe); SP 12 May (MBr); only reps.

Nashville Warbler: arr DH 25 Apr; max 7 TR 11 May.

Mourning Warbler: arr GB & BW 12 May; max 5 WH 30 May.

Common Yellowthroat: arr WP 27 Apr; max 20 RCFS 19 May.

Hooded Warbler: arr Clinton 5 May; max 6 var locs 13-31 May.

American Redstart: arr TR & Hamilton 2 May; max 50 DH 20 May.

Cape May Warbler: arr 2 DH 1 May; max 6 GLSP 6 May; last FH 27 May.

Cerulean Warbler: arr 2 HI 6 May; max 11 HI 25 May; other reps expected locs.

Northern Parula: arr OakC 25 Apr; max 8 Otter L ADK 20 May.

Magnolia Warbler: arr DH 1 May; max 10 FH 13 May.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr FH 10 May; max 7 FH 20 May; last HI 23 May.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr HM 24 Apr (DNa), early; max 15 Earlville 27 May.

Yellow Warbler: arr OLC 20 Apr, early; max 125 DH 11 May.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr 2 OLP 3 May; max 14 Erieville 15 May.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr Canastota 6 May, early; max 25 FH 27 May.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr DH 25 Apr; max 9 Brandy Lake ADK 20 May.

Palm Warbler: arr DC 13 Apr; max 25 DH 2 May; last 2 FH 20 May but likely nests N HERK.

Pine Warbler: arr Syr 22 Mar (SRo), very early; max 9 VBSP 5 May.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 2 RCFS 5 Mar, likely wintered at loc; arr Osw 16 Mar; max 350 DH 24 Apr.

Prairie Warbler: arr DH 10 May (DWh, BBr); SH 11 May (GMe); max 2 Canastota 14 May (STr); SNC 21 May (LWe); SNC 22 May (JDA); Dolge 28 May (EFr); only reps.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Kirkland 25 Apr; max 12 GLSP 12 May.

Canada Warbler: arr BLNC 10 May; max 4 Camden 30 May.

Wilson’s Warbler: arr Hamilton 6 May; max 4 DH 14 May.

warbler sp: 100 DH 9 May; 300 DH 11 May; morning flights.

Scarlet Tanager: arr TR 2 May; max 16 DH 11 May.

Northern Cardinal: widespread resident.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Jordan 24 Apr; max 13 DH 11 May.