

## ADDENDUM

On Feb. 24 the remains of a **Band-rumped Storm-Petrel** were picked up on the L. Erie shore in Fairview Twp., PA., the 2nd occurrence in Pennsylvania (\* ph., *fide* JM).

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Observers categorized the spring migration as being poor throughout the Region. As is often true, this may have been a result of the unusual weather during the period. In general, March was mild early and cold and stormy late. A late-March storm in Minnesota was responsible for killing or injuring hundreds of birds. Mild weather returned in April, with near normal to slightly above-average temperatures and precipitation. The first half of May was much warmer than normal, but temperatures were cooler than average in the latter half of the month. The early warm weather resulted in the early arrival of many species. The warm weather also resulted in trees leafing-out early, making detection of migrant songbirds very difficult. Even though most observers found the migration uneventful, a surprising number of interesting species were reported, including first state records for Eurasian Collared-Dove in both Minnesota and Wisconsin,

Black-bellied Whistling Duck in Wisconsin, and Eurasian Tree Sparrow in Michigan.

**Abbreviations:** M.B.R.C. (*Michigan Bird Records Committee*); W.P.B.O. (*Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, Chippewa Co., MI*).

## LOONS TO IBISES

Record early for Wisconsin were several Red-throated Loons Mar. 7 at Cleveland, *Manitowoc* (DT, CS), while the latest birds were five May 24 at Wisconsin Pt., *Superior* (DT). Minnesota reported Red-throated Loons from May 16–31 in *St. Louis*, where they peaked at five May 16 (FN et al.), and an individual May 27 in *Cook* (KH, MH). At W.P.B.O. there were 937 Red-throated Loons reported between Apr. 16 and May 31, with a peak of 82 May 24. More unusual in Michigan were singles inland Apr. 21–22 at *Sleepy Hollow S.P., Clinton* (MO), and May 1 in *Hillsdale* (RH). In Minnesota, a Pacific Loon was present May 16–31 in *St. Louis*, while individuals were seen May 5 & 22 at W.P.B.O. in Michigan. There were 3

reports of Eared Grebe in Wisconsin, including individuals from Apr. 10–11 in Milwaukee (MK), May 17 in *Sheboygan* (DT, JBa), and from May 21 into June at L. Maria (MP, RHo). Michigan reported this species Mar. 25–29 at Sleepy Hollow S.P. (MO), and two Apr. 25 and May 25 at the Muskegon Wastewater System (JP, GW, ES). Record-early for Wisconsin were two W. Grebes Apr. 5 at L. Maria (JSm, KS). In Minnesota, a Clark's Grebe was seen May 8 on Boone L., *Renville* (KE, et al).

Also in Minnesota was an unusual number of Snowy Egret reports. Wisconsin had individuals May 2 in Kewaunee (DT), May 12 in Ashland (RB), and at Cat I. in Green Bay. Little Blue Herons were widely reported in the Region. Tricolored Heron was also reported throughout the Region, with Michigan reporting an individual Apr. 25 at Nayanquing Pt. (KO) and May 3 at Bay City Recreation Area (EP, GP, JGi, MS), both in *Bay*. Wisconsin had an individual from May 20 into June at Bay Beach Sanctuary in Green Bay (IB, TB) and Minnesota had one May 9 at the Louisville Swamp, *Scott* (BF). A Green Heron Mar. 29 in *Aitkin* (WN) tied Minnesota's 2nd earliest arrival date for that species. Minnesota reported an ad. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron May 25 in *Nicollet* (BB), while Wisconsin had individuals from May 6 into June in *Milwaukee* (MK), May 16 in *Dane* (KB), and May 23 in *Green* (WMu). The only ibis report came from Minnesota, where a White-faced was documented May 9 in *Meeker* (RE et al.), and seven seen in flight May 16 in *Jackson* (RG, RJ) were thought to be of that species.

## WATERFOWL

Remarkably, both Minnesota and Wisconsin recorded **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck**. The Minnesota bird was first found May 18 in *Steele* (*fide* AH) and remained into June. It would provide the 5th state record, if accepted. Wisconsin had 2 sightings, with an immature May 10 at Horicon Marsh (LM, BV et al. ) and three adults at Mud L., *Jefferson*, May 17 (KB). If accepted, these would constitute Wisconsin's first and 2nd state records. All 3 states had good migrations of Greater White-fronted Goose. In Michigan, where the species is rarest, an individual was seen Mar. 7 at Fish Pt., *Tuscola* (JS, MHu), and from Mar. 17–18 (TWe) & 26 (KT) at Maple R. State Game Area, *Gratiot*. Peak totals in Minnesota were 700 Mar. 26 in *Lyon* (RS) and 470 Apr. 7 in *Wilkin* (KBa). Wisconsin reported flocks of 20–40 in the 2nd week of March in the s c

and e.c. portions of the state. Minnesota had 4 first county records of Ross's Goose, including one Mar. 27 in *Redwood* (RJ), three Mar. 27 in *Sibley* (RJ), three Apr. 1 in *Lyon* (RS), and two May 26 in *Fairbault* (RJ). There were reports from 9 additional Minnesota counties. Wisconsin reported this species from Mar. 4–6 in Shiocton, *Outagamie* (DT et al.), from Apr. 2–3 in Ashland (RB, DV), and two Apr. 5 in *Eau Claire* (JPo). Michigan had reports of three Mar. 5 at Shiawassee NWR, *Saginaw* (DP), and a first county record for *Berrien* Apr. 28 (TW, m.ob.).

There were 3 reports of Eur. Wigeon in Wisconsin. In Michigan, a male was seen Mar. 21–31 at the Erie Gun Club, *Monroe* (PC, TWe, AC, KT), and a male and female in *Clinton* (MO). Very rare in Michigan was a **Cinnamon Teal** Apr. 26 in *Kalamazoo* (JPl). Also rare in spring, there was a flyby eider May 22 at W.P.B.O. (AB), not identified to species. Minnesota had a new county record for Harlequin Duck in *Lac Qui Parle* with a female Apr. 12 (KR); singles were also reported on L. Superior in *Lake* and *St. Louis*. Wisconsin had a single report with two Apr. 14 at Manitowoc (CS). The overwintering male Barrow's Goldeneye in *Scott*, MN, was seen to Mar. 11 (PBu), while the two males and a female at Virmond Park in Wisconsin were seen intermittently to May 4 (PL, TU et al.).

## RAPTORS TO GALLIFORMES

**Mississippi Kites** made a good showing throughout the Region. In Michigan, an individual was seen at Estral Beach, *Monroe*, May 14 (WP) and an adult was seen May 15–16 at W.P.B.O. (NM, m.ob.). Wisconsin reported one migrating over Concordia College, *Ozaukee*, May 13 (BC), while Minnesota had an adult May 17 at Agassiz N.W.R., *Marshall* (AH, PS), and a sub-adult May 20 at Duluth (FN). Also in Minnesota was an impressive peak of 438 Bald Eagles Mar. 28 during the Enger Tower hawk watch at Duluth (FN).

In Michigan an ad. and imm. Swainson's Hawk were reported May 5 at W.P.B.O. (KT), while Minnesota had migrants e. of normal Apr. 20 & 22 and May 13 at Duluth (FN). Exceptional for Wisconsin were reports of **Prairie Falcon** Apr. 21 in Buena Vista Marsh, *Portage* (MB), and Apr. 22 at Wisconsin Pt., *Superior* (RJo, SP). The only Gyrfalcon report was one Mar. 22 in *Kittison*, MN (PS). Gray Partridge continue to increase in Minnesota with reports from 18 counties, up from 12 counties a year ago

## RAILS TO SHOREBIRDS

Unusual was a migrant Yellow Rail May 2 at Nayanquing Pt., *Bay*, MI (KT). After last year's absence, Michigan had 2 reports of King Rail with individuals May 1 at Nayanquing Pt. (BMu, SRo) and May 28 at Maple R. State Game Area, *Clinton* (JB). In Minnesota, a record-early Virginia Rail was recorded Apr. 5 in *Anoka* (KBa). Common Moorhen is declining in Minnesota, this spring only 2 sightings were reported A Sandhill Crane Mar. 1 in *Sherburne*, MN (DS), was record-early.

Encouraging were reports of Piping Plover from all 3 states. In Michigan, individuals were recorded Apr. 27 and May 9 at Tawas Point S.P., *Iosco* (GN); 2 pairs were at the Platte R. mouth, *Benzie*, May 14 (KW), nine were reported between May 7 and May 31, with a maximum of three May 29 at W.P.B.O.; and pairs nested at the traditional locations at Vermilion, *Chippewa*, and Wilderness S.P., *Emmet*. In Minnesota, two arrived May 18 at Pine-Curry I., *Lake-of-the-Woods* (AH, PS), while Wisconsin had reports of two May 13 in Ashland (DV) and individuals May 16 in *Dodge* (RHo, AS), May 20 in *Bayfield* (SD), and May 24 at Wisconsin Pt. (DT). Good numbers of Am Avocet were reported in Michigan, with two May 6 at the Muskegon Wastewater System (JP, GW, ES), one May 19 in *Bay* (JS, SMD), and one May 28 at the Shiawassee NWR (DP). Minnesota also had a good migration, with 53 in 10 counties including first county records in *McLeod* and *Meeker* (PBu, AH). Wisconsin had only 4 reports Minnesota also had a good migration of Willets with 38 birds in 16 counties Michigan reports included high totals of 27 May 4 at Erie Metropark, *Wayne* (TWe) and 52 May 4 at Pt. Mouillee, *Monroe* (JL) In Michigan, 55 Hudsonian Godwit were seen May 21 in *Keweenaw* (LB). Marbled Godwit reports in Michigan included one May 4 at W.P.B.O. (KT) and one May 22–June 3 in Presque Ilse (BG). Minnesota reported a first county record of Marbled Godwit for *Fillmore* Apr. 18 (CK et al.). Wisconsin reported an impressive 1000 Ruddy Turnstone May 27 in Manitowoc (KH). Very rare in Michigan during the spring was a W Sandpiper Apr. 29 at Shiawassee NWR (DP). A Dunlin Apr. 3 in *Jackson*, MN, was record early, as was a dowitcher sp. at the same location (KBa). Michigan had a male Ruff reported Apr. 11, 20 at Pt. Mouillee (WP, TS), and another May 21 at the Muskegon Wastewater System (DPe). An impressive 386 Wilson's Phalarope was reported May 13 in *Roseau*, MN (PS)

**JAEGERS TO TERNS**

Seven Parasitic Jaegers were reported at W.P.B.O. between May 18–30, with a peak of three May 30 (KBa, m.ob.). Also there were an additional eight jaegers not identified to species between May 24–28. Minnesota had one–two Parasitic Jaegers May 16–30 at Duluth (m.ob.), while Wisconsin managed two Parasitics May 24 off Wisconsin Pt. (DT) and another unidentified jaeger there in mid-May. Franklin's Gulls were scarce this season, with one in Michigan at W.P.B.O. May 24 (AB, JG, PC, KBa); and in n.e. Minnesota at Two Harbors, *Lake*, Apr. 12 (JLi), and Duluth May 16 (m.ob.). The species was also rare in Wisconsin. The only Little Gull report was in Minnesota, where an adult was seen May 7 at Minnesota L., *Faribault* (RG). Also in Minnesota was an ad. **Black-headed Gull** in Grover's Lake W.M.A., *Jackson*, from Apr. 18 (KE) to May 20 (PS), and another adult and immature May 29 in Duluth (AH); only the 3rd and 4th state records. Minnesota also had the only California Gull reports with a 2nd-year bird Apr. 5 at Thief R. Falls, *Pennington* (PS), and a 3rd-year bird May 13 in Roseau, *Roseau* (PS). Thayer's Gull was reported to May 14 at Milwaukee (JF), and to Apr. 13 in *Dakota*, MN (KBa).

All 3 states reported good numbers of Iceland Gull. Lesser Black-backed Gull has become regular enough in Michigan that individual birds are no longer reported; in Minnesota and Wisconsin the species is still rare, but becoming more common. In Minnesota, reports included a 3rd-winter bird Mar. 4–5 in *Ramsey* and *Dakota* (KBa et al.), adults Apr. 5 in *Isanti* (KBa), Apr. 9 in *Dakota* (KBa), and a 3rd-winter bird at the Pine Bend Landfill, *Dakota*, Apr. 9 (KBa). Wisconsin had individuals Feb. 28–Mar. 1 at LaCrosse (FL), from Mar. 4–24 in *Dane* (SR, DT, TTwo, et al.), Apr. 6 in *Ozaukee* (TU), and Apr. 29 in *Bayfield* (RB). Both Minnesota and Wisconsin reported good numbers of Glaucous and Great-blacked gulls, the latter state having Glaucous present at the end of the period. Very rare in spring was an ad **Black-legged Kittiwake** May 29 at Pt. LaBarbe, *Mackinac*, MI (JWo). An Arctic Tern was in Milwaukee May 23.

**DOVES TO SWALLOWS**

Both Minnesota and Wisconsin reported first state records for **Eurasian Collared-Dove**. Minnesota had two individuals found Apr. 25 in Ortonville, *Big Stone* (KE, PE et al.), which remained into May, possibly nesting. Wisconsin had an individual May 23 in s. *Ozaukee* (NCu, m.ob.),

remaining into June. The only N. Hawk Owl report came from Minnesota with one Mar. 7–15 in *Lake* (m.ob.). Great Gray Owl news in that state included a nest with two young in Stony River Twp., *Lake* (DVe), and reports from *Atkin*, *Lake of the Woods*, and *St. Louis*. In Michigan, W.P.B.O. reported Great Grays from Apr. 6 to May 29. Most exciting was a pair exhibiting courtship behavior into late May. All 3 states reported good numbers of Long-eared Owls. Neither Michigan nor Wisconsin reported any Boreal Owls, while Minnesota had only 10 singing males in the n.e part of the state (BL). The N. Saw-whet Owl migration was excellent at W.P.B.O. with 131 from Apr. 1 to May 19. In Minnesota, 45 were banded between Mar. 28 to Apr. 17 in Lakewood Twp. near Duluth (FN).

A **Say's Phoebe** made a one day appearance in Minnesota May 6 in Bicentennial Prairie, *Clay* (AH, PS). Both Michigan and Wisconsin had good numbers of W. Kingbirds. In Michigan, individuals were reported May 21–31 at Tawas Pt. (GN, DGa, KT, m.ob.), May 27–28 at W.P.B.O., and May 29 in *Barry* (CF). Wisconsin had individuals May 17 in *Door* (JR), May 19 in *Ozaukee* (NCu, TU), May 21 in *Ashland* (RB), May 24 in *Douglas* (DT), May 27 in *Vilas* (JBa) and May 29 in *Dunn* (AG). Individual Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were seen in Minnesota May 15 in *Morrison* (WB), and in Wisconsin May 18–19 in *Door* (CL, RL, DT). A Rough-winged Swallow Apr. 6 in *Dane* (SR) was only 3 days short of a record-early date for Wisconsin, while a Barn Swallow Mar. 28 at W.P.B.O. (JRe) was early that far north in Michigan.

**WRENS TO WARBLERS**

A Bewick's Wren discovered May 20, which remained into June at *Sherburne* (JHa et al.), provided Minnesota's first record since 1990. A Marsh Wren Apr. 10 in *Waukesha* (JSt) was 2 days short of a record arrival for Wisconsin, while a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Mar. 30 in *Ozaukee* (BC) was record early. As usual, the only Mt. Bluebird came from Minnesota, where a female was reported Apr. 5 in *Kittison* (PS). A Townsend's Solitaire was seen Mar. 23 in Duluth (m.ob.), and another was reported in Michigan Apr. 13 at W.P.B.O. (RP). Varied Thrush in Minnesota included individuals from Mar. 25–31 in *Medina*, *Hennepin* (*vide* AH), and from Mar. 1 to Apr. 11 in *Howland*, *Cook* (*vide* OL, SLu). Wisconsin had a Varied Thrush linger to Mar. 18 in *Luck* (CP). An exceptional peak of 3928 Bohemian Waxwings was reported Mar. 5 in Duluth at

the Enger Tower hawk watch, where the season total was 9578 (FN et al.). Loggerhead Shrikes were down in Minnesota for the 2nd consecutive spring with reports coming from only 11 counties, the previous 5-year average being 20 counties. Michigan had no reports for the first time in several years. Conversely, Wisconsin had good news, with nesting in *St. Croix* (TSO) and *Marathon*.

White-eyed Vireo numbers were down in Wisconsin. In Minnesota, where the species is considered casual, there was a single White-eyed Vireo May 28 at Afton S.P., *Washington* (RJ). Michigan had a good showing with reports from 10 counties, including one May 11–16 at Arcadia, *Manistee* (KW, JWo), well n. of normal. A Bell's Vireo from May 19–22 in *Lac Qui Parle* (WM et al.) was outside its normal range in that state. Wisconsin reported territorial Bell's in 4–5 counties, while Michigan had no reports for the 2nd consecutive spring.

Early in Minnesota was a Blue-winged Warbler Apr. 20 in *Rice* (CGJ), while two May 25 in *Douglas* (DM, SM) provided a first county record. A Blue-winged Warbler May 18 in *Houghton* (JY) was n. of normal in Michigan. Wisconsin had a first overwintering record of Orange-crowned Warbler with an individual to Apr. 17 in *Franklin*, *Milwaukee* (PBr). A **Black-throated Gray Warbler** was reported in Michigan from May 15–16 at Nyanquing Pt. (DD); the record is pending M.B.R.C. approval. Wisconsin had a first overwintering record of Yellow-throated Warbler with an individual to at least late March in Onalaska, *LaCrosse* (CMA, LMa). Also in that state were two males at Wyalusing S.P. and a male May 20 at Bay Beach Sanctuary, Green Bay (TB, IB, DT). A Yellow-throated Warbler May 7 in *Hillsdale* (JRe) was away from its normal range in Michigan. Minnesota had a record arrival date for Pine Warbler Apr 12 in *Anoka* (KBa). A Kirtland's Warbler identified by song May 10 in Ann Arbor (MKi) would furnish a very rare record away from its normal range in Michigan if accepted by the M.B.R.C. Wisconsin had a Kirtland's Warbler return to last summer's nesting site in *Vilas* May 27 (BR).

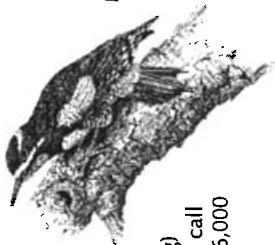
Michigan had an excellent spring for Prairie Warbler, with reports from 6 counties including one May 10 at W.P.B.O. (AB), n. of normal. Prairie Warblers were reported in Wisconsin from May 22 into June at Willow River S.P., *St. Croix*, and a migrant May 29 at Manitowoc (CS). A Prothonotary Warbler May 22 in *Lac Qui Parle* (AH, PS) was a first for that Minnesota county

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Michigan reported individual Worm-eating Warblers May 6 at Fenner Arboretum, Ingham (BCo), and May 16 in Berrien (AB), while Minnesota had a single report May 9–10 in Frontenac, Goodhue (BSt). Wisconsin had several territorial birds in Sauk and Dane. Two Kentucky Warblers returned to Lost Nations State Game Area, Hillsdale, MI (JRe), where they bred last year; a migrant was reported May 16 in Warren Woods, Berrien (MW). Minnesota had individuals of this species May 20 at Louisville Swamp (AH), May 25 at Murphy-Hanrahan, Scott (m.ob.), and May 25–30 at Nerstrand Woods, Rice (TBo, m.ob.). Kentucky Warblers were at their unusual nesting sites in Grant and Sauk, WI, and migrants in several other counties.

### TANAGERS TO FINCHES

In Michigan a male Summer Tanager was present Apr. 30–May 3 near Warren Dunes, Berrien (AB, KT, JG, RSh), while another was heard in Hillsdale near the Ohio border (JD). Minnesota had an individual May 9 in Camden S.P., Lyon (RS). The only W. Tanager report came from Minnesota, with one May 4 in Frontenac (DN). Minnesota also reported a Spotted Towhee May 4 at Blue Mounds S.P., Rock (KE, PS). An Am. Tree Sparrow lingered in Wisconsin into June in Oconto (KS, JSm). Michigan reported a single Lark Sparrow May 16 in New Buffalo, Berrien (AB, KT). In Minnesota, a Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow May 12 provided a first county record for Douglas (GK, SW), and Wisconsin reported this species May 12 near Two Rivers (JR) and May 25 at Crex Meadows (MP, DT, JH). Michigan had only one report of Harris's Sparrow, an individual May 6 at Saux Head L., Marquette (CW). East of normal in Minnesota was a male Chestnut-collared Longspur May 21 in Cook, St. Louis (RJ). On the Minnesota-Iowa border a small colony of **Great-tailed Grackles** was discovered at Grovers Lake W.M.A., Jackson (KE, BM, DMA). Nesting was noted in Iowa, but no nests were found in Minnesota.

Hoary Redpolls were reported in all 3 states, the latest in the Region an individual May 17 in Douglas, MN (SW). If accepted by the M.B.R.C., a **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** seen on May 14 at Saux Head L., Marquette (CW), would provide Michigan a first state record.

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