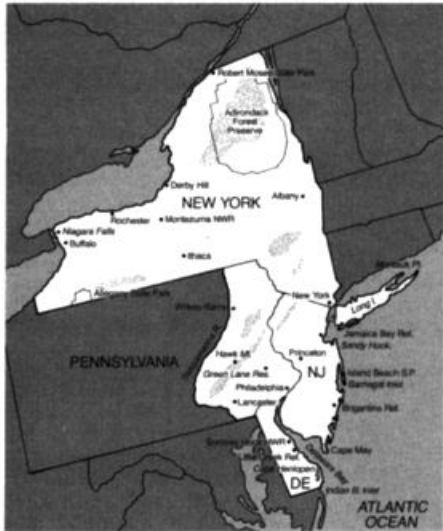


# HUDSON-DELAWARE REGION



**Little Egret in alternate plumage at Little Creek, Delaware, 25–27 April 1999, a first for the Region and one of the southernmost for the Atlantic Coast. Note the distinctive pair of long plumes, unlike the shaggy crest of the Snowy Egret. Photograph/Mary Gustafson**

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Following last winter's mild weather, March brought major snowstorms to western New York and sub-zero temperatures to northern New York in early and mid-month, but nearer normal temperatures and precipitation to the remainder of the Region. April was dry to very dry, with near normal temperatures, and May near normal both in temperature and precipitation. Persistent highs and north and east

winds kept totals low at Great Lakes hawk watches, and the same highs kept passerine migration spotty, with scattered dead areas and some fall-outs.

The birds of the season were Little Egret in Delaware and yet another Black-tailed Gull in New York. Notable also was an explosion of migrating Sandhill Cranes. Other highlights included White-faced Ibis, Wilson's Plover, Sabine's Gull, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Cave Swallow, Varied Thrush, Harris's Sparrow, and Painted Bunting. Continuing from the winter season were Mew Gull, Townsend's Solitaire, another Varied Thrush, and Black-headed Grosbeak.

**Abbreviations:** Braddock Bay (*Braddock Bay S.P. and vicinity, Monroe Co., NY*); Bombay Hook (*Bombay Hook N.W.R., Kent Co., DE*); Brig. (*Brigantine Unit, Forsythe N.W.R., Atlantic Co., NJ*); Cape Henelopen (*Cape Henelopen S.P., Sussex Co., DE*); Derby Hill (*hawk watch near L. Ontario, Oswego Co., NY*); Garret Mt. (*Garret Mt. Park, Passaic Co., NJ*); L.I. (*Long Island, NY*); Oak Orchard (*Oak Orchard W.M.A., Genesee Co., NY*); Port Mahon (*marshes and bay shore along road e. of Little Creek, Kent Co., DE*); S.C.M.M. (*S. Cape May Meadow, W. Cape May, NJ*).

## LOONS THROUGH IBISES

Loon numbers were low, with a notable exception being 500 Red-throats feeding off Cape May Pt., NJ, 10 Apr (FM). Also notable were 74 Commons observed all the way out to Wilmington Canyon on a pelagic trip from Cape May 30 May. Red-necked Grebe numbers were modest, reflecting last winter's mild conditions, with nearly all reports from n. New York. Three Eared Grebes were reported at Hamlin Beach S.P., Monroe, NY, 7 Apr (W. Symonds), Sodus Bay, Wayne, NY, 9 Apr (DT), and Glen Morgan L. n. of Morgantown, Berks, PA, 10 Apr (*fide* AH).

A N. Fulmar was reported off the beach at Cape May 4 Mar (AR, LA). A pelagic trip from Cape May to Wilmington Canyon 30 May produced a Cory's and five Sooty shearwaters (m.ob.), but the high count of Sootys came from shore, with  $\pm 30$  off Cape May Pt. 14 May (m.ob.). Two singles were also seen off L.I. 15 May. Great Cormorants

continued in low numbers, with a maximum of 23 at Sandy Hook 2 Mar (M. Fahay), and in unusual locations, with five at Martin's Cr., Northampton, PA (RW), two at Oswego, NY, to 28 Mar (*fide* BP), and one at New Baltimore, Greece, NY, (R. Guthrie). Tantalizing were reports of possible Anhingas: two over the Rose Tree Park Hawkwatch, Media, Delaware, PA, 26 Apr (D. Washaugh, T. McParland), and three over the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Preserve, Mercer, NJ, 17 May (M&A Gotz, *fide* BV).

American Bitterns were widely reported in good numbers, with an astounding 30 at Port Mahon 11 Apr (FR). The bird of the season was an ad. **Little Egret** with head plumes and dull yellow lores at Little Creek W.M.A., Kent, DE, 25–27 Apr (MG, BGP), a first record for the Region. Tricolored Heron numbers were low, with only two from Delaware and singles from each of the other 3 states. The season's only White Ibises, both adults, were at Allaire S.P., Monmouth, NJ, 23 May (M. Casper, M. Meriney), and Avalon, Cape May, NJ (D&M Gray, A. Morris). Several Glossy Ibises wandered to inland locations, with singles in Berks, PA, Seneca, NY, and Saratoga, NY, and three in Columbia, NY. Two **White-faced Ibises** were at Bombay Hook 29 May into June (MG, BGP), one a yearling and one an adult not quite into full alternate plumage. Although almost annual in the last few years, this western species is still rare in the Region.

## WATERFOWL

A Pink-footed Goose made its 3rd annual appearance at L. Ontelaunee, Berks, PA, 20 Mar (R. Keller), and is presumed to be the same individual reported from neighboring Montgomery in Dec–Jan. Greater White-fronted Geese made a strong showing, with 13 reported: three from Delaware, five from Pennsylvania, and eight widely separated from Erie, Monroe (two), Seneca, Oswego, Saratoga, Washington, and L.I., NY. Ross's Geese continue to appear in small numbers, with one at Sharptown, Salem, NJ, 4 Apr, (TB), one at Galen, Wayne, NY, 11 Mar (DT), two–four at Montezuma N.W.R. and Cayuga L., Seneca, NY, 11–28 Mar (v.o.), and two at Ft. Miller, Washington, NY,

20–21 Mar (JG, S. Adair, A. Van Keuren). Three to four Canada Geese of small subspecies included birds reported as Richardson's at Chazy Riverlands, *Clinton*, NY, 12 Apr–3 May (B. Krueger) and at Hamlin, *Monroe*, NY (RM); reported with race unspecified were singles at Nehf's Pond, Eckville, *Berks*, PA, 15 Mar (M. Monroe), and possibly the same individual at L. Ontelaunee, *Berks*, PA, 17 Mar (K. Knight). A Black Brant was at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, NY, 28 Mar (*vide* SS). Small numbers of Trumpeter Swans continue to appear, with four at Perch River W.M.A., *Jefferson*, NY, two of last year's young 4 Apr and two of unspecified age 10 Apr (*vide* LC). An adult was reported from Woodman Pond, Eaton, *Madison*, NY, 18 Mar (*vide* BP).

In addition to several appearing in the usual coastal locations in Delaware, New Jersey, and L.I., Eur. Wigeon made a good showing at inland locations, with singles at Oak Orchard 4 Apr (B. Chilton), Braddock Bay 20–21 Mar (D. Shernoy, G. Chapin et al.), Buck Pond, *Greece*, NY, 28 Mar (KG), the Chazy Riverlands, *Clinton*, in extreme n. New York 9–13 Apr (J&R Heintz et al.), and Plymouth, PA, 16 Mar (R. Koval, JH, JS), the last a 2nd for *Luzerne*. Five Com. Teal visited the Region, in Delaware at Prime Hook, N.W.R., *Sussex*, 23 Mar (N. Holger-son) and Bombay Hook 27 Mar (I. Govers), and in New York at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge (two), *Queens*, in March (*vide* SS) and Oak Orchard 6 Apr (W. Watson). Three Tufted Ducks were observed at Halsey Neck Pond, 1 Mar–1 Apr and Cooper's Pond 13 Mar, both in Southampton, L.I. (*vide* SS), and at Old Sam's Pond, Pt. Pleasant, *Ocean*, NJ, 27–28 Mar (female; F. Lesser, D. Heddy, D. Brill). Harlequin Ducks were widely reported, with a maximum of 31 at Barnegat Inlet, *Ocean*, NJ, 25 Mar (EB, H. Fenimore, D. Jones). A spectacle worth seeing, 10,000+ scoters, mostly Black and Surf, occupied the mouth of Delaware Bay off Cape May Pt. 6 & 9 Mar and 7 Apr (CS, FM, BMi). The only Barrow's Goldeneye reported for the season was at Piscataway, *Middlesex*, NJ, 23 Mar (M. Rothkopf).

#### HAWKS THROUGH CRANES

A possible Swallow-tailed Kite was reported from *Union*, NJ, 25 May (P. Howley, C. Knapp), but is as yet undocumented. Mississippi Kite returned to Cape May 9 May, with three or possibly four present over *s. Cape May* 10 May through the end of the period (m.ob.). More remarkable, however, were Hawk Mountain Sanctuary's first

record 11 May (AK) in *Schuylkill*, PA, and individuals at Wissahickon Cr., near the Gwynedd Preserve, *Montgomery*, PA, 13 May (A. Mirabella) and Forest Park, L.I., 25 May (J. Rabkin). Bald Eagles were present in excellent numbers, with reports of more than 230 from *s. Delaware* to extreme *w.* and *n.* New York. Nesting pairs and fledged young were reported from both new and traditional locations. An exceptionally early Broad-winged Hawk was reported from Fishkill, *Dutchess*, NY, 11 Mar (B. Buchanan) and another early one 17 Mar was a good find at Newark, DE (M. Little). High counts were 9803 at Derby Hill and 2368 at Wildcat Ridge Hawkwatch, *Morris*, NJ; also, 585 were counted in a 2 hr interval at Ellisburg, *Jefferson*, NY, 26 Apr (LC). Swainson's Hawks were recorded at Dividing Cr., *Cumberland*, NJ, 27 Apr (A. Nicholson), Braddock Bay 7 May (DT), and Webster, *Monroe*, NY, 16 May (RS, C&S Spahn); this rare vagrant is becoming increasingly regular. Reports of nesting Am. Kestrels continue to dwindle in *s.* portions of the Region, but are holding up better in the *n.* ones. High counts of migrants were 462 at the Cape Henelopen Hawkwatch, 343 at Derby Hill, and 294 at the Montclair, *Essex*, NJ, Spring Hawkwatch. The Cape Henelopen Hawkwatch recorded a record-high 283 Merlins, and 172 were tallied at the newly reestablished Sandy Hook Spring Hawkwatch.

Ruffed Grouse numbers remain low in *s.* portions of the Region, with only four reported from New Jersey and none from Pennsylvania; however, good counts continue in *n.* New York, with 10 at Louisville, *Saint Lawrence*, 1 Mar, six at Kring Point S.P., *Jefferson*, 16 Mar (LC), and two-three/day in good habitat in the Oneida L. Basin (BP). A Yellow Rail was reported from Port Mahon 30 Apr (JL), and two-three were present at Turkey Pt. near Dividing Cr., *Cumberland*, NJ, 30 Apr–16 May (m.ob.). The Black Rail of the season was one found by Hawk Mountain Sanctuary staff at a marsh near the sanctuary 17 May–4 Jun (m.ob.); there are only a handful of records from *e.* Pennsylvania. While it was a lean season for Black Rails at Port Mahon (DAC, APE), they seemed to be present in about normal numbers at some New Jersey locations. One was at Port Mahon 17 Apr (JL) and two were there 30 Apr (APE, JL); one-four were at Jake's Landing near Dennisville, *Cumberland*, NJ, 8–21 May (m.ob.) and one was at Turkey Pt. near Dividing Cr., NJ, 22 May (SK, J. Gutmuth, LA). Continuing a trend noted last spring,

Sandhill Cranes passed through the Region in unprecedented numbers. No fewer than 56 individuals were reported, 33 from New York, 21 from New Jersey, and one each from Pennsylvania and Delaware, though some could have been repeats.

#### SHOREBIRDS THROUGH ALCIDS

The shorebird of the season was a **Wilson's Plover** at Westhampton Dunes, L.I., 4–5 May (*vide* A. Lauro); although it formerly bred as far north as New Jersey, it is now a rare vagrant to the Region. Piping Plovers continue to hang by a thread, with five reported from Delaware (CB), two from L.I. (RJK), and 3 pairs from New Jersey. Upland Sandpiper numbers remained low this spring, with only three reported from Delaware and three from New Jersey. A bright spot however, was the Hudson-Mohawk Region of New York, with reports of 18 at several locations 29 Apr–22 May (JG). Whimbrels moved through in good numbers, with a maximum of 60 at Shell Bay Landing, Cape May Court House, NJ, 5 May (SK), 55+ at Brig. 19 Apr (EB), and 30 at C.H.S.P. 3 May (CB). Single Hudsonian Godwits were at Brig. 15 May (J. Kolodziej, J. Collis) and S.C.M.M. 22 May (E. Johnson). Three Marbled Godwits were reported from Absecon Inlet, *Atlantic*, NJ, 17 Mar (EB), and one from Cape May 5–13 May (v.o.). Ruffs appeared in good numbers, with six each reported from Delaware and New York, three from New Jersey, and one, a first county record, from Plains, *Luzerne*, PA, 8 May (JH, JS). Of 20 Wilson's Phalaropes reported, nine were at Bombay Hook and only two at Brig. Wiltraut recorded the high of seven Red-necked Phalaropes at Martins Cr., *Northampton*, PA, 24 May.

A S. Polar Skua was seen at Wilmington Canyon near the New Jersey–Delaware boundary on a 30 May pelagic trip (m.ob.), Delaware has one accepted previous record and New Jersey eight. One to two Pomarine Jaegers were in the mouth of Delaware Bay off Cape May Pt. 4 May (AR, BS). One to two Parasitic Jaegers were at the same location 2–5 May (AR, BS, P. Hodgett), with two 11 May (v.o.) and one 25 May (J. Gambler and M. Leffand). A Franklin's Gull appeared at Elmira Dam, *Chemung*, NY, 23 Apr (R. Clements, BO, DR); although one–two are recorded almost annually in New York along the Great Lakes, this species is a good deal less common inland. Predictably, the high count of Little Gulls was at *Niagara*, NY, with 85 at the Niagara R. 19 May (G. Bellerby); 20 were reported at other loca-

tions The most notable Black-headed Gull was at Derby Hill 17 May (G. Smith, m.ob.), the 2nd spring record for the Oneida L. Basin. A dozen others were reported coastally, with one more from *Niagara*, NY. P. A. Buckley and Shaibal Mitra found a 3rd-year **Black-tailed Gull** at Breezy Pt., *Queens*, L.I., 6 May for the 2nd New York record. Since last winter's East Coast sightings were all reported to be of adults, this is probably another individual, bringing the minimum total to three. Last season's **Mew Gull** continued at Shinecock Inlet, L.I., until 23 Mar (*fide* SS). A Thayer's Gull reported from Elmira Dam, *Chemung*, NY, 25 Mar (BO, DR) awaits a verdict from the New York State Avian Records Committee. A **Sabine's Gull** visited Cape May Pt. 23 Mar (BS, BMi, FM); New Jersey has 8 accepted records.

Caspian Terns in unusual locations were two in *Broome* 9–10 Apr and at Hillcrest 23 Apr in New York's Susquehanna region (*fide* PB & ES), with only approximately 3 previous records. A Sandwich Tern visited Villas, *Cape May*, NJ, 5 May (JD), and what was most probably the same individual was off Cape May Pt. 11 May (D. Womer, C. Aquila, D. Dandler). Cape May also hosted two–four Roseate Terns 4–31 May (v.o.) and two others were reported from Tuckerton, *Ocean*, NJ, 10–11 May (RR). An out-of-place Least Tern was found on driftwood 42 mi off shore between Cape May and Wilmington Canyon 30 May (m.ob.). The high count of Razorbills was 40+ at Montauk Pt., L.I., 10 Mar (*fide* SS). An Atlantic Puffin landed on a boat about 70 mi s of Montauk Pt. ca. 21 Mar and was brought ashore for rehabilitation (*fide* SS). A 2nd Atlantic Puffin was seen near the New Jersey–Delaware boundary on a pelagic trip to Wilimington Canyon 30 May (m ob ); Delaware has one previous accepted record and New Jersey nine.

## DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A White-winged Dove visited a feeder in Long Beach, *Nassau*, L.I., 3–5 May (E&L Eaton); although still rare, this species is showing up more frequently. The only Snowy Owl reported was at Lyons Falls, *Lewis*, NY, 11 Mar (*fide* LC). Long-eared Owls appeared in lower-than-normal numbers over most of the Region; the maximum was 11 at Manitou, *Monroe*, NY, 31 Mar (DT, K. Tetlow) in the Genesee region, where Griffith commented that numbers were only fair. Northern Saw-whet Owls were almost non-existent.

A sprinkling of Red-headed Woodpeckers passed through this spring, but at least in s. portions of the Region the number of nesting sites appears to be dwindling. Several traditional sites in Delaware and New Jersey were not active this year, but three–five were at a new site near Redden, *Sussex*, DE (JL, APE), and eight of last winter's 10 at Central Park, New York City, were still present after 6 Mar, with some remaining to nest (SS). Pileated Woodpeckers were numerous in several parts of the Region, most notably n. New Jersey, with good numbers in Delaware as well. Very unusual was an individual sighted at Tarklin Pond, *Cape May*, in s. New Jersey (R. Barber, B. J. Gerhart, B. Behrstock).

## FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatchers were present in good numbers in New Jersey, with additional reports from Delaware and n. New York. Notable was a **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** at Brig. 29 May (E. Borowik, JD); as often true with this rarity, it was present only briefly. Now very rare even in w. New York, its last stronghold in the Region, was a Loggerhead Shrike at Braddock Bay 5 May (DT). Out of place were Warbling Vireos in n. New York, one at Louisville, *Saint Lawrence*, 12 May (M. Badger) and one at Firehouse, *Greece*, 23 May (DT, S. Taylor). An unusually large total of eight migrating Philadelphia Vireos was reported, with one each at Statten I., Buffalo, Syracuse, and New Hartford, *Oneida* in New York; at Garret Mt., and Hazlett, *Monmouth*, in New Jersey; at Ridley Creek S.P., *Delaware*, in Pennsylvania; and at Bombay Hook in Delaware. Five more were reported from New York's St. Lawrence region (LC), where it is an uncommon breeder in the Adirondack foothills and the Tug Hill Plateau.

Common Ravens continue to increase in n. New Jersey, where Radis reported a pair with fledged young in Rockaway, *Morris*, a new location, and singles were reported in 2 other new locations; they also were widely reported in good numbers across n. New York. One to two **Cave Swallows** at Cape May 25 Mar (M. O'Brien, L. Zemaitis et al.) provided the 2nd spring record for both New Jersey and the Region. Following last winter's near absence, Red-breasted Nuthatches continued their scarcity, with almost no migrants. The brightest spots were Gallupville, *Schoharie*, NY, with 5 pairs (breeders?; B. Boehm), and New York's St. Lawrence region, with 9 pairs(?) (LC). In Delaware, two–three Sedge Wrens

were at Port Mahon (JR, JL) and two were at Oyster Rocks Rd., *Sussex* (CB); two were at S.C.M.M., with singles at Moore's Beach, *Cumberland*, and Jake's Landing, *Cape May*, NJ (m.ob.). However, the only one farther north was at Geneseo, *Livingston*, NY, 18 May (J. Kimball).

Last winter's **Townsend's Solitaire** at the Heislerville W.M.A., *Cumberland*, NJ, remained until 18 Apr (m.ob.). Migrating Gray-cheeked and Bicknell's thrushes were reported in modest numbers through most of the Region, but there were no reports of Bicknell's Thrush from breeding areas in the Catskills (JG). A large wave of Swainson's Thrushes 12 May left 25+ at Garret Mt. (JB, MB, RK, TH) and 8–12 at N Hudson Park, *Hudson*, NJ (G. Mahler); fifteen or more were recorded at Stokes S.F., *Sussex*, NJ, 13 May (JB, MB), and 20 or more were at Namann's Cr., Arden, *New Castle*, DE, 15 May (APE). Last season's **Varied Thrush** at Saranac, *Clinton*, NY, remained until 6 Apr (B. Conkley), and another, a female, was reported from Manitou, *Monroe*, NY, 4 Apr (DT). A pair of Bohemian Waxwings visited Tompkins–Cortland Community College, *Tompkins*, NY, 1 Mar (M. Young). Though this species has become nearly annual in the Adirondack–Champlain region, it is considerably less common in the remainder of New York.

## WARBLERS

The season's most impressive wave of warblers to n. New York and as far south as Garret Mt. occurred 12 May. At Snowshoe Pt. in Henderson, *Jefferson*, NY, Chamberlaine tallied season high totals of three Tennessee, five Cape May, 19 Black-throated Blue (two off the peak of 21 on 13 May), 2500+ Yellow-rumped, 24 Black-throated Green, 30 Blackburnian, and 29 Bay-breasted warblers, and 15 Am. Redstarts. On the same day at Garret Mt., Kane tallied season-high totals of 40+ Magnolia and 35+ Black-throated Green warblers. As noted above, 12 May also brought a flood of Swainson's Thrushes to New Jersey and Delaware.

A Blue-winged Warbler, banded n. of its range at Crown Pt. State Historical Site, 8 May (GL, JP, JT, PT), provided the 3rd *Essex*, NY, record. Tennessee Warblers continued in low numbers, with peak daily counts of only three, recorded at 2 locations. An overwintering Orange-crowned Warbler at Cape May, NJ, remained until 1 Apr (RC); another at Frenchtown, *Hunterdon*, NJ, 16 Mar (L. King) probably also overwintered. Cape May Warbler numbers remained low. Out of

place in n. and w. New York were Yellow-throated Warblers at Golden Hill S.P., *Niagara*, 15 May (M. Morgante, WDA) and at Letchworth S. P., *Wyoming/Livingston*, 30 May (m.ob.), and Worm-eating Warblers at Webster, *Monroe*, 7 May (D&D Traver), Cobb's Hill, *Monroe*, 9 May (A. Watson, m.ob.), and the Allegany Indian Reservation, *Erie/Cattaraugus*, 29 May (WDA). A Swainson's Warbler at Cape May (AR) on the very early date of 23 Apr would provide the state's 9th record if accepted by the New Jersey Bird Records Committee. Far afield Kentucky Warblers were singles in *Erie*, *Tompkins*, *Monroe*, and *Oswego*, NY, and two in *Onondaga*, NY. Migrating Mourning Warblers made a good showing with reports of 26, almost all singles.

### TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

A singing male Clay-colored Sparrow at Crown Pt. State Historical Site 11 May (GL, JP, KM, R. Wei) topped a list of 10–11 reported in the Region; three–four were present in the L. Ontario Littoral, mostly *Oswego*, NY, 15–17 May (M. Scilingo, M.A. Koeneke), a record spring number for the Oneida L. Basin. Two at Ft. Drum, *Jefferson*, NY, 29 May (NL) were probably there to nest. Small colonies of Henslow's Sparrows were again reported from *Jefferson*, NY (NL), and *Luzerne*, PA (BR et al.).

A Seaside Sparrow, photographed far from its normal habitat, was a surprise at Conejohela Flats on the Susquehanna R., *Lancaster*, PA, 20 Apr (J. E. Whitmer). For the 2nd consecutive year the sparrow of the season was a Harris's, this time at Bridgehampton, L.I., 7 Mar–12 May (J. Askilden, v.o.). Not only is this species rare in the Region, but coastal records are only about one-fifth as numerous as inland ones. Three Gambel's White-crowned Sparrows visited the Region, with one each at Bridgehampton, L.I., 10 Mar–1 Apr (*vide* SS), the Martins Cr. Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. fly-ash basin, *Northampton*, PA, until 12 Apr (RW), and at Cape May 1 Apr (RC). Snow Buntings peaked at an impressive 1000 at Kirkland, *Oneida*, NY, 17 Mar (*vide* BP).

Winter's **Black-headed Grosbeak** at Goshen, *Cape May*, NJ, remained until 6 Mar (CS, PS). A pair of Blue Grosbeaks was discovered in n. Sparta Twp., *Sussex*, NJ, 22 May (C. Purrenhage) and seen copulating 26 May (MB). If breeding occurred it would be the northernmost record in New Jersey and one of the 2–3 northernmost in the Region. Far out of place was a Blue Grosbeak at Bethany, *Genesee*, NY, 11 May

(S. Beattie, J. Douglas). Notable also was a **Painted Bunting** at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, NY, 25 Mar–6 Apr (P. Dorosh, m.ob.); there are fewer than  $\pm 30$  records for New York.

Yellow-headed Blackbirds remained scarce for another spring, with five reported from Delaware (one), New Jersey (two), and n. (one) and w. (one) New York. Brewer's Blackbirds made an appearance, with a maximum of 12 at Hamlin, *Monroe*, NY, 21 Mar (DT, B. Ewald, KG) and one at Oakfield, *Genesee*, NY, 2 Apr (RM, C. McKinney). No fewer than three subregional coordinators commented that this was a very good spring for Orchard Oriole, with more-than-the-usual number of reports. As expected, most were confined to the s.e. portion of the Region, however reports of one–four each came from the Niagara Frontier, *Genesee*, Finger Lakes, Susquehanna, and Oneida L. Basin regions of New York, where it is much less common. Most unusual, however, was a singing sub-ad. male in the Adirondack–Champlain Region 27–31 May, with a 2nd one 30 May (G. Howard, KM, JP, JT, PT).

Purple Finches remained scarce, with reports scattered over the 4 states. The best numbers came from Henderson, *Jefferson*, NY, with five 17 Mar, eight 1 Apr, and "many" in May (LC), and a total of 15–16 was reported on various dates and locations in *Dutchess*, NY (v.o.). Small numbers of Red Crossbills were reported from *Hamilton* and *Essex*, NY (GL, J. Denning), a few through the period from *Herkimer*, NY (BP), and a single from Ward, *Allegany*, NY, 31 May (E. Brooks). White-winged Crossbills were also present in small numbers through the period in *Herkimer*, NY (BP). Pine Siskins were reported only in small numbers and only in n. New York (v.o.). The lone exception was an individual in Pennsylvania (AK). American Goldfinches remained abundant in extreme n. New York (JP), where last winter they seemed to have replaced the n. finches. In *Saratoga*, NY, Yunick banded 121, a 30-year record. Evening Grosbeak numbers remained low, and most reports also came from n. New York, with high counts of 15–25 at Inlet, *Hamilton*, in March (GL), and 25 at Old Forge, *Herkimer* into April (BP). Yunick banded 27 at Jenny L., *Saratoga*, NY, in April and May.

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