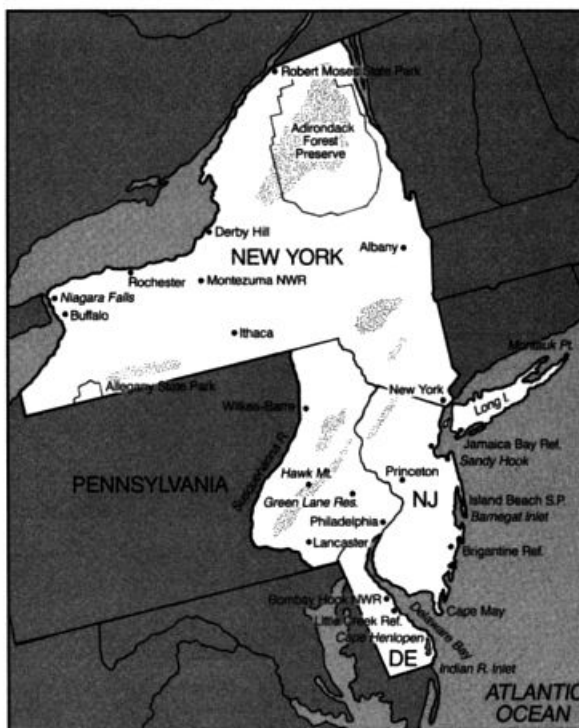


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Harvey Conservation Area/Logan Lane Tract, *Kent, DE*); Middlecreek (Middlecreek N.W.R., *Lancaster, PA*); Montauk (Montauk Point S.P., *Suffolk, NY*); Peace Valley (Peace Valley Park, Doylestown, *Berks, PA*); Sandy Hook (Sandy Hook Unit, Gateway National Recreation Area, *Monmouth, NJ*); S.C.M.M. (South Cape May Meadow, *W. Cape May, NJ*).

LOONS THROUGH VULTURES

Horned Grebes were numerous, with peak counts of 408 at the Hamlin Beach lake watch, *Monroe, NY* 15 Apr (William Symonds) and 220 in Rehoboth Bay, *DE* 1 Apr (FR). Counts on inland ponds were good too, with a high of 64 at L. Ontelaunee, *Berks, PA* 16 Apr (KK) And with nearly 70 reported, Red-necked Grebes also enjoyed a good season. Single Eared Grebes were observed at Peach Bottom, *Lancaster, PA* 12-20 Mar (Rick Blom, Brian Monk, m. ob.); Pt. Lookout, *Nassau, NY* 3-24 Mar (R. J. Kurtz, m. ob.); probably the same individual at nearby Ft Tilden 2 Apr; at Lansing, *Tompkins, NY* 19 Mar (KM); and possibly the same individual at Ithaca, *Tompkins, NY* 18 Mar (Pete Hosner, Bruce Tracey). About 40 observers on a pelagic trip from Barnegat Light, *Ocean, NJ* to the Hudson Canyon 26 May were treated to 39 Northern Fulmars. The peak count of 200+ Sooty Shearwaters was recorded at McCrae Shoal 29 May (MG). The only Manx Shearwater was seen from Democrat Pt., *Fire I., Suffolk, NY* 23-24 May (PLi, SM et al.). And 3-5 Leach's Storm-Petrels were observed at Hudson Canyon 26 May (ABr et al.).

Control measures for Double-crested Cormorants on L. Ontario and L. Erie have strongly reduced the number of imms. present along the New York Great Lakes' shores. A high count of 86 Great Cormorants was at Sandy Hook 3 Mar (MF), while 10 was an excellent number farther s. at Claymont, *New Castle, DE* the same day (MS). And well out of place was a single individual at Derby Hill 22 Apr (GP, Gerald Smith). Similarly out-of-place herons included a Snowy Egret at Grand I *Erie, NY* 11 May (†RoK) and probably the same individual at nearby Motor I. 23 May (RoK); a Little Blue Heron at Braddock Bay 28 May (DT); and a Tricolored Heron at Hogan Pt. *Monroe, NY* 12 Apr (DT). A White Ibis was an excellent find at Nummy I., *Cape May, NJ* 24 Apr (*vide* VE). Glossy Ibis made an incursion into a number of areas where they are quite rare, including 2 at Chazy, *Clinton* 18 Apr (MH) for a 5th county record; 2 at N. Rose, *Wayne* 11 Apr (Don & Donna Traver); one at Braddock Bay 1-4 May (DT, Mike Davids); 4 at

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As described very succinctly by Yunick, four weather events entirely dominated the season: March snows; April-May drought; April-May heat wave; and late May clouds, rain, and cool weather. The cold, wet March brought 45 inches of snow to Syracuse and even more to the northeast corner of New York, delaying early migrants. April, however, was warmer than average, and by mid-month, migrants were streaming in. The migration caught up, possibly even surpassing normal with early arrivals. During the last week of April and the first three weeks of May, there

was virtually no rainfall. The warm weather of April developed into a heat wave with record high temperatures in New York City in the first four days of May, and migration ground nearly to a halt. By about 20 May the weather cooled, with frequent clouds and rain through the end of the month, but this period produced the largest fallout of the season on 22 and 23 May, one that covered the southern three states of the region.

Highlights included Black-tailed Godwit and Lewis's Woodpecker in New York, Cinnamon Teal and multiple White-faced Ibis in New Jersey, and Black-backed Woodpecker in Pennsylvania. Also noteworthy were Sabine's Gull in New Jersey; Swainson's Warbler in Pennsylvania; two Boreal Owls and, continuing from last season, Mew Gull in New York.

Abbreviations: Bivalve (Public Service Electric and Gas Impoundments near Bivalve, *Cumberland, NJ*); Bombay Hook (Bombay Hook N.W.R., *Kent, DE*); Braddock Bay (Hawkwatch at L. Ontario, *Monroe, NY*); Brigantine (Brigantine Unit, Forsythe N.W.R., *Atlantic, NJ*); C.H.S.P. (Cape Henlopen S.P., *Sussex, DE*); Derby Hill (Hawkwatch at L. Ontario, *Oswego, NY*); Logan Tract (Ted



This is one of three Ross's Geese, near Sharptown, Salem County, New Jersey, photographed 9 March. The species continues to increase as a visitor to the East, South, and Far West along with the numbers of its congener Snow Goose. *Photograph by Tom Bailey.*

Derby Hill 14 Apr; one at Iroquois N.W.R., Orleans/Genesee, NY 5–15 May (Bill Burch, †Tom O'Donnell, †BK); and one at Middlecreek 19 Mar. More unusual, 3–5 **White-faced Ibis** were present in New Jersey simultaneously; there are only about a dozen previous state records. An ad., observed near Reed's Beach, Cape May 9–19 May (m. ob.), was joined by an imm. a few days after first found (m. ob.). Another ad., discovered at Bivalve 12 May (S. Rottenborn, et al.), was also later joined by an imm. and remained a few days. The imm. was last seen 27 May. And an ad. was present at Brigantine 16 May–2 June (m. ob.). Black Vultures, rare in ne. Pennsylvania, were recorded one each at Tunkhannock, Wyoming 21 Mar (BR), and Scranton, Lackawana 24 May (BR), both probably first county records. On 8 Apr, an unprecedented flight of Turkey Vultures took place along the L. Ontario shore, with 5834 at Braddock Bay (JG), 2643 at Derby Hill, and 4514 on the Buffalo Ornithological Society's April Count, totaling nearly 13,000 and far surpassing any previous Regional records.

WATERFOWL

Fourteen Greater White-fronted Geese were reported, 5 of them at Peace Valley and nearby Pine Run Dam until 11 Mar (DF). Again Middlecreek produced the peak count of Snow Geese, 80,000 on 3 Mar (Carl Bruce), with

huge flocks at several other locations; and 12,000 were observed near Centerville in n. Delaware (Winston Wayne), where they were nearly unknown just a few years ago. A count of 12 Ross's Geese was near normal, with maxima of 3 each reported from Salem, NJ 31 Mar (TB), and from Middlecreek for most of Mar (DH). Eight small Canada Geese were reported, with 5, all from nw. New York, specifically identified as *hutchinsii*, continuing the trend of recent years. Black Brant were reported, one each, from Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, New York City 19 May (AG, AW), from Liberty S.P., Hudson, NJ 7 Apr (m. ob.), and from Brigantine 8 Apr (m. ob.). And a Barnacle Goose of unknown origin returned to Lysander, Onondaga, NY 29 Apr–1 May, where it had been recorded last year. Four Trumpeter Swans remained at Fair Haven, Cayuga, NY, with the last present 31 Mar. Nine Eurasian Wigeon was about normal, but a Eurasian x American Wigeon hybrid at Plymouth, Luzerne, PA 31 May (RKo) was unusual.

An ad. male **Cinnamon Teal** at a park pond in Northfield, Atlantic, NJ 29 Mar–6 Apr (K. Post, m. ob.) will provide that state with its 3rd record, pending a decision on its origin by the New Jersey Bird Records Committee. No fewer than 10 Common (Eurasian Green-winged) Teal were reported, 3 from New York, 6 from New Jersey, and one from Delaware. And Common x Green-winged Teal hybrids were

reported from Maurice R., Cumberland, NJ 8 Mar (JD, Clay Sutton) and from the Logan Tract 18 Mar (MS). Springport, Cayuga, NY produced the top count of 3000+ Redheads 10 Mar (Matt Young), continuing the recent trend in that part of New York. But elsewhere in the Region, where much smaller numbers are typical, it was also an excellent season with more than 125 reported. L. Parsippany, Morris, NJ held an amazing total of 3500+ Ring-necked Ducks on 14 Mar (Glenn and Eileen Mahler). This small pond has produced a number of surprises in the past. Tufted Ducks remained at South Hampton, Suffolk, NY until 11 Mar (AG et al.) and at Oswego, NY until 12 Mar (*vide* BP). Twelve King Eiders were recorded in the L. Ontario Littoral, NY 3 Mar (KM), while singles were present at Montauk 4–24 Mar (m. ob.) and on Grand I., Erie, NY 18 Mar. The only Common Eiders of the season were observed at Montauk, with a maximum of 7 on 25 Mar (m. ob.). About 15 Harlequin Ducks remained from winter, with a high of "several" at Barnegat until late Mar. Though Montauk produced maxima of 3000+ Surf Scoters and 5000+ White-winged Scoters 15 Apr (HM), there were very few Black Scoters there McGuinness points out that this is curious because good numbers of Blacks were migrating along the s. shore of Long I. at the time. In general, however, only very small numbers of Black Scoter were reported, with the only other

exception being at Cape May, NJ where a mixed flock of thousands of Surfs and Blacks with about 25 percent Black was observed 22 & 23 Apr (Richard Crossley). Six Barrow's Goldeneye remained from last season, 4 in New York, and one each in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

RAPTORS THROUGH CRANES

Kites made a respectable showing but did not repeat last year's extravaganza. Five Swallow-tailed Kites graced the Region, one each at W. Sayville, *Suffolk*, NY 13 Mar (*vide* TL); Bridgehampton, *Suffolk*, NY 18 Apr (Chris Roberts); Cape May, NJ 2 May; Tewksbury, *Hunterdon*, NJ 4 May (Evan Obercian); and near Dover, DE 22 Apr. Meanwhile about a dozen Mississippi Kites were reported. The usual 3-4 were at Cape May (m. ob.), and 2 different individuals at Sandy Hook, one each on 4 & 10 May (Bruce McWharter). Meanwhile, about 6 visited Pennsylvania, where it seems on its way to becoming annual: one at several locations near Bethlehem, *Northampton* 18 Apr-20 May (AK et al.); an ad. at Middlecreek 2 May (DH); 2 at Chickies Rock, *Lancaster* 28 May (Joe Yoder); one seen twice in May at L. Nockamixon, *Bucks* (DF, Bill Etter); and one at Blue Marsh L. *Berks* 12

(JS) & 24 May (KK). Several hawkwatches reported record high counts of Bald Eagles. Outstanding among these were Derby Hill with 59 on 27 May and 224 for the season, both new records, and Braddock Bay, with a new single day record of 46 (JG). A pair of Northern Goshawks at Burlington I., *Burlington*, NJ 12 May and a single one patrolling that area two weeks later (WD) suggested possible nesting, unusual for the area but not unheard of. Part of a major hawk flight, Broad-winged Hawks peaked on 23 Apr with 22,600 at Braddock Bay and 10,813 at Derby Hill. Swainson's Hawks were about normal, one each at Derby Hill 8 Apr (Jan and David Muir, GP), Braddock Bay 8 Apr (Michael Tetlow, †DS), and Hogan Pt. *Monroe*, NY (DT). Golden Eagles were well represented even away from hawkwatches. Twenty-three were recorded at Derby Hill on 23 Apr, only 2 short of the record. American Kestrel numbers were quite low. The Sandy Hook hawkwatch recorded only 655 for the year, their worst year ever. Last winter's Gyrfalcon at Fair Haven, *Cayuga*, NY remained until 26 Mar, while another was reported in Hector, *Schuyler*, NY (John and Sue Gregoire), but as yet no details are available.

Rediscovering a 60-year-old site, two observers found a Yellow Rail at Bombay Hook 30 Apr (JL, AE). Black Rails reported in Delaware included a peak of 2 on 14 May at Port Mahon, *Kent* (JL) and 2 at Big Stone Beach marsh e. of Milford, *Sussex* 17 May (Jeff Gordon, Jim White, AE). The only one reported from New Jersey was at Jake's Landing, *Cumberland* 9 May (*vide* PL). With about 75 reported, Sandhill Cranes continued in the high numbers of the past two seasons. A report of 35, a flock substantially larger than any in the past, flying over New Era near Wyalusing, *Bradford*, PA 15 Mar (Trudy Gerlach, *vide* BR) was astounding. The crane flock comprised of Sandhill Cranes and Common Crane and hybrids between the two species at L. Bostwick, *Cumberland*, NJ had 9 holdovers from winter (WD). On 31 Mar Dasey observed 2 of the hybrids mating. The flock gradually dwindled during the season, with the last one seen at the end of May (WD). In light of these observations, birders throughout the East should use caution in the identification of wayward cranes.

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH ALCIDS

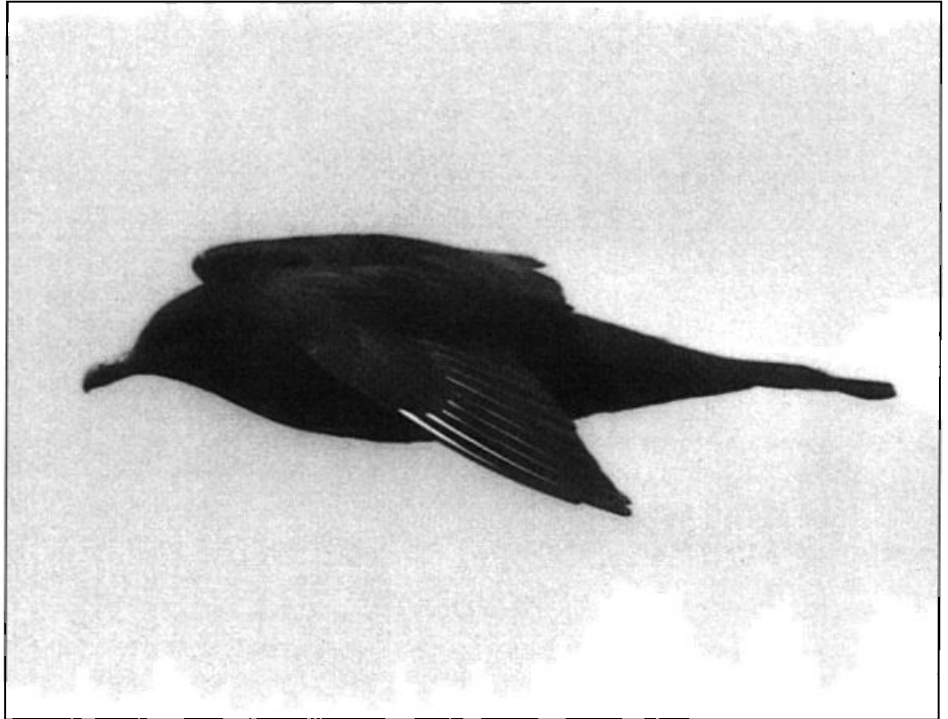
Piping Plovers continued in very low numbers, though some reports gave cause for guarded optimism. Eleven at C.H.S.P. 1 Apr (FR) was, according to Ednie, the highest single count in Delaware in decades. And a single individual at Dunkirk Harbor, *Chautauqua*, NY (DM et al.) provided New York's Niagara Frontier Region with its first spring record since the 1950s. Thirteen Black-necked Stilts were recorded in New Jersey, with 9 at S.C.M.M. 4 May (Michael O'Brien et al.), 2 at Brigantine 4 May (SK), one near Reed's Beech, *Cape May* 8 May (JD), and one at Cape May Pt. S. P. 10 May (J. Hanson). Though common enough in Delaware, Black-necked Stilts are rare just across the Bay. Numbers of American Avocets, another species common in the Region only in Delaware, peaked at 518 at Little Creek W.M.A., *Kent*, DE 13 Apr (Colin Campbell) The shorebird of the season surely was a **Black-tailed Godwit** at Eastport, *Suffolk* 5-17 Apr (Paul Gillen), New York's first and the Region's 4th, seen by hundreds and well photographed A Hudsonian Godwit near Monty Bay, *Clinton*, NY 5 May (J&RH) and a Marbled Godwit at the Chazy Riverlands, *Clinton*, NY 6 (J&RH) & 8 May (Bill Krueger, Charles Mitchell), provided respectively the 5th and 2nd records for both the county and the state's Adirondack-Champlain Region. Another Marbled Godwit at Pedricktown, *Gloucester*, NJ 4-14 Apr (Bill and Naomi Murphy) provided that shorebird mecca with its first record



A Ruff at Southampton Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, photographed 27 May, provided the county with its first record. Photograph by Tom Bailey.

Over 10,000 Semipalmated Sandpipers at Bivalve 18 May (VE) and 9000 at Thompson's Beach, *Cumberland*, 24 May (VE) were presumably lured in to the mudflats from the Horseshoe Crab eggs of the Delaware Bay beaches. A Baird's Sandpiper at Wilkes-Barre, *Luzerne*, PA 23 May (RKO, SG) was a very rare spring observation at a location where the species is rare at any season. Three Curlew Sandpipers in breeding plumage at Thompson's Beach, *Cumberland*, NJ 21–26 May (VE, Dave Mizrahi) were the season's highlights there. Another was present at Mecox, *Suffolk*, NY 12 May (HM); and 3 were recorded in Delaware, one at Woodland Beach Wildlife Area, *Kent* 19–21 May (Ellen Short, m. ob.), one at Bombay Hook 26 May (m. ob.), and a different individual 27 May also at Bombay Hook (M. Barnhill, ph. Mary Scott). Ruffs in unusual places were one in Southampton Twp. *Burlington*, NJ 9 May (TB, DJ) for a first county record, and single Reeves recorded at Great Swamp N.W.R. *Morris*, NJ 1–2 May (RK, m. ob.) and at Blue Chip Farm, *Ulster*, NY 19 May (TWP, Gail Benson), both well inland. Ruffs in more usual locations included 3 more in New Jersey and 3 in Delaware. An amazing 6500 Short-billed Dowitchers were at Bivalve 18 May (VE) in a season for which relatively low numbers were reported elsewhere, though 60 at a farm pond near Shartlesville, *Berks*, PA 21 May (Harold Lebo) was an excellent inland total. Very uncommon along the East Coast in spring, a report of 50 Long-billed Dowitchers identified by call at the Logan Tract 17 Mar (BGP) was astounding at such an early date; local wintering is conceivable.

A pelagic trip to Hudson Canyon on 26 May produced one imm. South Polar Skua, a high count of 49 Pomarine Jaegers, nearly all ads., 3 Parasitic Jaegers, and the season's only Long-tailed Jaeger (ABr et al.). One other Pomarine Jaeger was off Sagaponack, *Suffolk*, NY 20 May (HM, AB), and several Parasitic Jaegers were reported from shoreline locations. The winter season's Mew Gull at Shinnecock Inlet, *Suffolk*, NY was last recorded on 5 & 10 May (TL). An inland Iceland Gull provided a 3rd county record at Wyoming, *Luzerne*, PA 7 Apr (BR). Observers scouting for the World Series of Birding discovered a Sabine's Gull just n. of Nummy I. *Cape May*, NJ 8 May (Marshall J. Iliff, A. Schreck). New Jersey has 11 previous records of this attractive species, with only two of them in spring. *Cape May Pt.*, NJ yielded the only Sandwich Tern of the season on 5 May (Matt Sharp). A few Roseate Terns visited *Cape May Pt.* and *S.C.M.M.* in mid-May (*fide* VE), and singles were recorded at Shinnecock,



A dark-morph adult Pomarine Jaeger at Hudson Canyon, 89 miles east of Barnegat Inlet, New Jersey, was one of just three dark morphs noted among 49 Pominaries on 26 May. There are few higher counts from the mid-Atlantic and Gulf Stream from the spring. *Photograph by Alan Brady.*

Suffolk, NY 11 May (Orhan Birol), Sandy Hook 20 May (Bruce Fetz, Lou DeMarco), and C.H.S.P. 17 May (MG). Very intriguing was a report of 2 Arctic Terns near Columbia, *Lancaster*, PA 22 May (Jason Horn, Bob Schutsky). With only one or two previous records in Pennsylvania, documentation of this report will be important. A 2nd report of this rare tern was of one seen at long distance off Indian River Inlet, *Sussex*, DE 19 May (MG, BGP). Also rare, a Common Murre found at Montauk 18 Mar (Al Ott) was seen there sporadically until 7 Apr. A bit less rare, last winter's Thick-billed Murre at Montauk was relocated 3 Mar (Eric Salzman, Paul Osenbaugh), and 3 were there 19 Mar (*fide* HM), with one to 2 present until 7 Apr. One other was reported from the e. end of Moriches Bay 25 Mar (Andy Murphy). Razorbills were reported in excellent numbers, with a high count of 511 off Montauk 3 Mar (AB). And 2 Atlantic Puffins 60 mi. e. of Barnegat Inlet, *Ocean*, NJ rounded out a pelagic trip on 26 May (ABr, †JB et al.), while another washed ashore moribund near Mecox Bay, *Suffolk*, NY 28 Mar (*fide* Gini Frati).

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A Eurasian Collared-Dove at Derby Hill 15 May (†Marge Rusk) was the first recorded in

New York's Oneida Lake Basin, marking the continued spread of that species. A **White-winged Dove** at the Niagara-Mohawk Energy Information Center, Scriba, *Oswego*, NY 9 May (GP, Dave Cowell), also with details, was the 2nd of its species recorded in the same Region. Both Northern Hawk Owls from the winter season remained into Mar, the one at Exit 31 of the Adirondack Northway, *Clinton*, NY until 17 Mar (NO), and the one at Bloomingdale Bog, *Franklin*, NY until 19 Mar (NO). Two Boreal Owls visited New York, one photographed at Manitou, *Monroe*, NY 25–28 Mar (T. MacDonald, Carolyn Cass, †Kurt Fox), while the other at Tift Nature Preserve, Buffalo 6 May (†Robert Andrie, †BK) provided the Niagara Frontier Region of the state with its 2nd record. There are about two dozen previous records of this species in New York, with the Tift report much later than most. May produced a flood of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds. Seventy-two were accidentally netted then released at the banding station at Manitou, *Monroe*, NY after 9 May (B.B.B.O.). Over 30 were recorded on 22 & 23 May at Sandy Hook (MF, TBo, Dave Roche). And a record total of 28 was banded at Jenny L. *Saratoga*, NY after 11 May (RY). An ad. **Lewis's Woodpecker** surprised an observer at Fort Drum, *Jefferson*, NY 1–3 May (†Jeff Bolsinger)



Providing only the third spring record for New Jersey, this Sabine's Gull (on right) was discovered by Marshall Iliff at Hereford Inlet on 9 May while scouting for the World Series of Birding. Photograph by George L. Armistead.

If accepted by the New York State Avian Records Committee, this will be the 4th or 5th record for New York and the first for the state's St. Lawrence Region. Reports of 30 Red-headed Woodpeckers—with 18 coming from areas where it has become scarce—made for a good showing. Pennsylvania's 2nd **Black-backed Woodpecker**, at the Pocono Environmental Education Center, *Pike*, PA 6 Mar–16 May (Kristine Dzurison, Jack Padalino, ph. Rick Wiltraut), was enjoyed by hundreds of observers during its extended stay.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WARBLERS

A Western Kingbird was present at Democrat Pt. Fire I, *Suffolk*, NY 25–27 May (PLi, SM), a species of which New York has only about a half-dozen spring records. Two or 3 Loggerhead Shrikes visited New Jersey, where it has been very rare for the past decade or so. The first was near Eldora at the *Cumberland/Cape May* line 3 Apr (David Freeland); another, possibly the same individual, at Heislerville, *Cumberland*, 18 Apr (J. DiOrio) and seen again 7 May (WD, m. ob.); and the last at Springfield Twp., *Burlington* 6 May (TB). And a single Loggerhead Shrike at Carlton, *Orleans*, NY (†MM, †W. D'Anna et al.) 18–19 May provided the first May report for that region since 1981. An outstanding total of 34 Northern Shrikes was reported.

There was an unusually large number of Philadelphia Vireos (16) reported this spring. A single Cave Swallow was observed at S.C.M.M. 8 May (George L. Armistead). There are 17 previous New Jersey records of this species with the first in 1990, though only three in spring. With very few migrants, Red-breasted Nuthatch remained scarce for another season. Brown-headed Nuthatch continues to hold on in Delaware, with a maximum of 8 at S. Bethany, *Sussex* 27 May (John Jankowski), and smaller numbers at a few locations farther n. A Sedge Wren was observed at Panama, *Chautauqua*, NY 18 May (Kirk Vanstrom), where it is rare. Other singles were found at Bivalve, *Cumberland*, NJ 25 Apr; at Bombay Hook 30 Apr (JL); and at Port Mahon, *Kent*, DE 17 May (AE), all locations where it is at least uncommon. Following their winter absence, Bohemian Waxwings were reported at a half-dozen locations, with a maximum of 70 at Chateaugay, *Franklin*, NY 22 Mar (MH) and small flocks at the other sites. Sandy Hook was swarming with Cedar Waxwings, with 2000 present 24 Mar (RK). By 9 Apr the flock had diminished by half (MF).

A Blue-winged Warbler at Crown Pt. State Historical Site, *Essex*, NY 12 May (Gillian Horgan, Gary Lee, JP) and banded on 14 May provided the county with its 4th record, all four at this location. And while Golden-

winged Warblers were very scarce, curiously enough, 5 Lawrence's Warblers and 5 Brewster's Warblers were reported. Though Tennessee Warbler reports remained sparse, this year's exceeded last year's total. A high count of 11 was recorded in woods near Linden, *Union*, NJ 14 May (RR). Cape May Warblers, however, showed little sign of recovery. Prothonotary Warblers increased considerably in their strongholds and were observed elsewhere in better-than-average numbers. One of the more unusual sites was Wilkes-Barre, *Luzerne*, PA, where a Prothonotary was observed on 26 Apr (SG). A Swainson's Warbler at Blue Marsh L., *Berks*, PA 19–20 May (†Peter Githens, †JS) provided the first county record, pending a decision by the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee. Connecticut Warblers at Manitou, *Monroe*, NY banded 24 May (B.B.B.O.), and at Stony Valley, *Dauphin*, PA 23 May (Tom Smith) provided unusual spring reports. And Yellow-breasted Chats in unusual locations were one at Dunkirk, *Chautauqua*, NY 15 May (Joanne Goets, DM) and one banded at Manitou, *Monroe*, NY 17 May (B.B.B.O.).

TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

With 31 reported in n. New Jersey and se. New York, Summer Tanagers spread out from their more favored areas farther s. A bird showing characters of a Spotted x Eastern Towhee hybrid was observed at Central Park, New York City 22 Apr (Michael Stubblefield, Deborah Allen), and photographs are currently being studied. Clay-colored Sparrows were observed at Central Park, New York City 1 May (AG), a part of the Region where it is rare in spring; at Island Cottage Woods, *Monroe*, NY 3 May (RS); and at Ward, *Allegany*, NY 20 May (Vivian & Michael Pitzrick), possibly a new breeding location. Rare in spring, a Lark Sparrow visited C.H.S.P. 8 May (John Pilgrim), for about the 2nd spring record in Delaware, pending a decision by the Delaware Records Committee. Lark Sparrows also appeared at a feeder in Scarsdale, *Westchester*, NY 9–13 Mar (Sandra Marafino), and in Scriba, *Oswego*, 14 May (K. McIntyre, J. Cashier, m. ob.) Exceedingly rare in New Jersey in spring, a Henslow's Sparrow was recorded at Cape May 22 Apr (VE et al.). And about 18 others were reported in parts of the Region where they are more traditional. Several Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows were observed along the shores of Delaware Bay through late May. Ednie points out that we still have more to learn about their spring migration and departure dates. Over 100 Lapland Longspurs along Nations Road between Avon and Geneseo, *Livingston*, NY 7

Mar (Jim Kimball) was the season high. And a peak count of 900 Snow Buntings was recorded at Somerset, *Niagara*, NY 18 Mar (BK). A male Blue Grosbeak was out of place at Dunkirk, *Chautauqua*, NY 4–5 May (Joe Gula, DM), where it was the 3rd record for New York's Niagara Frontier region. High counts of Rusty Blackbirds were 400+ at Derby Hill 7 Apr (Scilingo, Mickey) and 200 near Lafayette, *Sussex*, NJ 29 Apr (JB, Tom Halliwell). The only Brewer's Blackbird of the season was a female at Sharptown, *Salem*, NJ first found 10 Mar (TB, DJ) and rediscovered 17 Mar (Laurie Larson, WD). Orchard Orioles made a northward incursion in New York, with reports as far as *St. Lawrence*, *Oswego*, and *Madison*. A Bullock's Oriole was observed at Braddock Bay 10 May (†DS); New York has no more than a dozen previous records of this species. With two exceptions, winter finches were again scarce. While only a small handful of Red Crossbills were reported, White-winged Crossbills were abundant in New York's Adirondack and Tug Hill regions, with numerous flocks along the roads, irruptions into many towns, and young being fed as early as 20 Mar (BL). *Clinton*, NY acquired its 2nd and 3rd atlas breeding records, and pairs were found throughout n. *Herkimer* and *Oneida*. Pine Siskins were recorded in large flocks also in the Adirondack and Tug Hill regions but were scarce otherwise. With few exceptions, Evening Grosbeaks were also scarce.

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Two Atlantic Puffins, 60 miles east of Barnegat Inlet, New Jersey, were seen while returning from Hudson Canyon 26 May. *Photograph by Alan Brady.*

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