

Rhode Island, one in Vermont, 2 in Massachusetts, and 3 in Maine. None appeared to be territorial. A **Lark Bunting** made a rare spring visit to the Region when a male visited a feeding station in Truro, MA, 25 Apr–4 May (B.O.). A **Le Conte's Sparrow** captured at a banding station on White I., *Rockingham*, NH, 16 May (DHa, M. Charette, ph.), represented the first state record. The great majority of the previous sightings elsewhere in the Region are from fall. A count of 40–50 White-crowned Sparrows in Burlington, VT, 6 May (S. Morrical) represented a high count for that state. A Gambel's White-crowned that spent most of the winter at a feeder in Marshfield, MA, was last seen 1 May (D. Furbish). A report of a **Golden-crowned Sparrow** in Oakland, ME, 6 May (G. York) was accompanied by a sketchy but convincing description. Pending review by the state committee, this bird would represent either the 2nd or 3rd record for Maine. A **Harris's Sparrow** made a one-day showing in Amherst, MA, 13 May (B. Lafleche et

al.). Most of the few annual records of Lark Sparrow come from the fall season, so one in New Sharon, *Franklin*, ME, 29–30 May (LB) was noteworthy.

Two early Indigo Buntings in W. Tisbury, MA, on Martha's Vineyard 1–3 Apr (M. Keefe), may have arrived with the early warblers mentioned above. A Dickcissel that spent the winter at a feeding station in S. Boston remained until 15 Apr (RD). A male Yellow-headed Blackbird put in a one-day appearance in Northampton, MA, 16 May (B. Bieda et al.). The Boat-tailed Grackle was confirmed breeding again this year at the only known nest site in the Region, the Lordship Marshes in Stratford, CT (CB). The **Brambling** first found during the winter season at a feeding station in Weston, CT, was seen sporadically through 22 Mar (E. Lamore); see the previous issue for more details. Following the relatively big redpoll flight this past winter, a few attendant Hoary Redpolls remained at feeders into spring. They included one in Sandwich, NH, through 14 Mar (T.

Vazzano), one in Easthampton, MA, through 21 Mar (BO), and at least 9 in Maine (*vide* JD, WT).

CORRIGENDA

The Tufted Duck reported last year from Bantam Lake, CT, was present 26 Apr, not 26 May.

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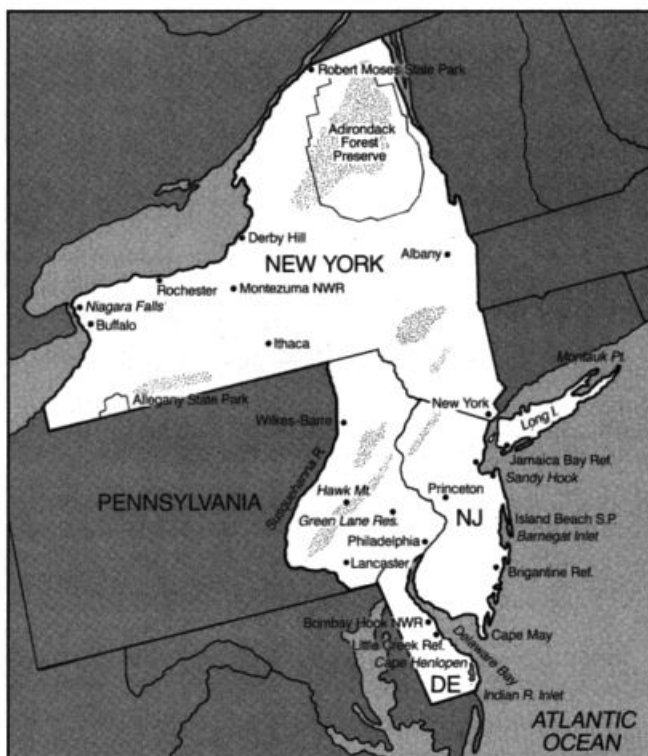
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March was a continuation of late February, with warm weather and somewhat lower-than-normal rainfall. After a moderate beginning which encouraged many early arrivals, April was dominated by below-normal temperatures and above-average rainfall, resulting in a lackluster migration. However, conditions improved by the last two days of the month, with a good movement. May began very warm, with a good flight during the first week. Overall, May was warm with well-above normal rainfall and a few good flight days.

The highlights of the season were Yellow-nosed Albatross in New York and New Jersey, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck in New Jersey, Cinnamon Teal in Delaware, Long-tailed Jaeger in Pennsylvania,



Hammond's Flycatcher in Pennsylvania, and Sprague's Pipit in New York. Also notable were Anhinga in New Jersey, White-faced Ibis in New York, a strong influx of Swallow-tailed and Mississippi Kites in the southern part of the region, Wilson's Plovers in New York and New Jersey, four Scissor-tailed Flycatchers in New Jersey, Swainson's Warbler in New York, and Lark Bunting in New York.

Abbreviations: Bivalve (Public Service Electric and Gas Impoundments near Bivalve, Cumberland, NJ); Bombay Hook (Bombay Hook N.W.R., Kent, DE); Brigantine (Brigantine Unit, Forsythe N.W.R., Atlantic, NJ); C.H.S.P. (Cape Henlopen S.P., Sussex, DE); Derby Hill (hawkwatch near L. Ontario, Oswego, NY); E.I.C. (Niagara-Mohawk Energy Information Center, Scriba, Oswego, NY); Hamlin Beach (Lakewatch at Hamlin Beach S.P., Monroe, NY); Jamaica Bay (Jamaica Bay Refuge, Brooklyn/Queens, NY); Logan Tract (Ted Harvey Conservation Area/Logan Lane Tract, Kent, DE); Middlecreek (Middlecreek N.W.R., Lancaster, PA); Montauk (Montauk Pt., Suffolk, NY); NJBRC (New Jersey Birds Records Committee); NYSARC (New York Avian Records Committee); PORC (Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee); Sandy Hook (Sandy Hook Unit, Gateway National Recreation Area, Monmouth, NJ); SCMM (S. Cape May Meadow, W. Cape May, NJ).

LOONS THROUGH IBISES

Continuing the trend of last season, Red-necked Grebes staged a good movement during late Mar and Apr, with peak numbers of 51 at Hamlin Beach 30 Mar (WS) and 15 at Watervliet Reservoir, *Albany*, NY, 9 Apr. Two Eared Grebes visited New York, one 14–15 Apr at Hamlin Beach (WS, S. Skelly) and one 29 Apr at a wastewater treatment plant in Batavia, *Genesee* (MM).

Other tubenoses included 20 Northern Fulmars seen from a fishing boat out of Manasquan Inlet, *Ocean*, NJ, 1 Mar (E. DeBellevue), and 3–4 each seen off Delaware and New Jersey in early March. But the numbers game was won by Sooty Shearwaters, with 250 about two miles off Cape May, NJ, 28 May (MG). On the following day, 125 were seen from shore at SCMM (PL), undoubtedly a New Jersey record. No fewer than 3 Manx Shearwaters were seen from land, one each 4 Mar at Sandy Hook (TBo, Derek Lovitch, *et al.*), 30 Apr at Georgica, *Suffolk*, NY (AB, HM), and 20 May off the Rockaway Inlet jetty, *Brooklyn*, NY (L. DeMarco).

An American White Pelican with a damaged left eye visited Ellenville, *Ulster*, NY, 26 Mar–7 Apr (P. Berger, m.ob.) and reap-

SA The bird of the season was a Yellow-nosed Albatross, first seen 15 May at Fire I., Suffolk, NY, where it was discovered on the beach by park rangers and then immediately flew out to sea. It reappeared in New Jersey 21 May, flying over the s. end of the Garden State Parkway, Cape May (SF). It made its longest appearance over the Delaware Bayshore of s. Cape May for most of the day on 23 May (JL, m.ob., ph.), where it was seen at various locations cruising over land as often as over water and then roosting on the beach in the evening. This individual is almost certainly the same one that appeared in Massachusetts over Penikese I. 9 May and that was reported in Maryland over the shoreline at Assateague I. 11 May. Later sightings were 4 Jun over the woods and shoreline at S. Kingston, RI, and 5 June over Nantucket I., MA. It is worth noting that a Yellow-nosed Albatross, probably the same individual, was also seen last season off the coast of North Carolina 5 Feb. Many thanks to Shawnee Finnegan, Sy Schiff, and Phil Davis for helping us get this straight.

peared in Massachusetts 15 Apr. Another visited Dryden, *Tompkins*, NY, 27 May (M. Haribal). In recent years, New York records of White Pelicans have shifted inland from the coast. But the best of the pelican allies was an Anhinga over Whittingham WMA, *Sussex* (T. Halliwell *et al.*); there are fewer than 10 accepted records for New Jersey. Fifteen White Ibises were a good find over Cape May, NJ, 20 Apr (L. Amery). Even better was a White-faced Ibis at Jones Beach S.P., *Nassau*, 27 May (A. Guthrie), seen sporadically thereafter; of about 10 previous New York records, most are from Long Island.

WATERFOWL

A **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** paid a one-day visit to Brigantine 27 May (J. Ambrozy, v.ob., ph.) for New Jersey's first state record, if accepted by NJBRC. This species has been reported from numerous widely scattered locations in North America in the past decade, although the possibility of escape from captivity remains. Eleven Greater White-fronted Geese were reported from locations scattered over New York; the only other report was of 2 at Peace Valley Park, *Bucks*, PA, until 8 Apr (A. Mirabella). The peak Snow Goose count was 75,000+ at Middlecreek 4

Mar (DH); huge flocks were also reported from *Bucks* and *Delaware*, PA, and from *Clinton*, NY, in the following month. Two Ross's Geese each were at Middlecreek 4 Mar (DH *et al.*) and Fogelsville, *Lehigh*, PA, at the beginning of that month (*fide* AH). Single individuals at Derby Hill 9 Mar (G. Phillips), and Schroepel, *Oswego*, NY, 11 Mar (BP, MV) provided the 4th and 5th records for the Oneida L. Basin (details to NYSARC). Other reports, all of singles, were 2 from Pennsylvania, 2 from New Jersey, and one from New York. Small Canada Geese reported as *hutchinsii* were at Iroquois N.W.R., *Genesee*, NY, 10 Mar (2 birds, P. Yoerg) and one at Somerset, *Niagara*, NY, 19 Mar (B. Klick). A Barnacle Goose of unknown origin visited Lysander, *Onondaga*, NY, 16 Mar and remained for about eight days (BP, m.ob., ph. KMG; details to NYSARC).

Small numbers of Trumpeter Swans continue to occur in nw. parts of the Region. Six visited New York, one at Mendon Ponds, *Monroe*, 4 Mar (A. Clarridge) and 5 at Butler, *Wayne*, 22 Apr (RS). Another of unknown origin was at Conejohela Flats, *Lancaster*, PA, 15 Mar (B. Schutsky), where one or more have appeared in recent years. A **Cinnamon Teal** was at Bombay Hook 29 Mar (P. Dumont, H. Hallowell, B. Leewenburg). There is at least one previous accepted Delaware record; at this writing, no details have reached the Delaware Bird Records Committee. A Common Teal was at the Logan Tract 7 Mar (SO); another was at Bivalve (CS, JD, m.ob.) and one from the winter season remained in the Jamaica Bay area 3–14 Mar (v.ob.). A Common × Green-winged Teal hybrid with a wide white vertical bar and a horizontal white stripe was reported from Ingraham, *Clinton*, NY, 16 Mar (DHo). By far the highest count of American Green-winged Teal was 4000 at Bivalve 27 Mar (CS, JD, v.ob.).

Last season's female Tufted Duck at Silver L., Rehoboth Beach, *Sussex*, DE, remained until 5 Mar (SD). Another, possibly the same individual present there last fall, was at Old Sam's Pond, Pt. Pleasant, *Ocean*, NJ, until 11 Mar (v.ob.). And single males were recorded at Cooper's Neck Pond, Southampton, *Suffolk*, NY, 4 Mar (J. Askildsen, P. Maldonado, M. Wolf) and Eastport, *Suffolk*, NY, 7 Mar (J. DiCostanzo). Four King Eiders, including 2 adult males, were at e. Long I. in early March; another remained to late May off Cupsogue County Park on Moriches Bay, *Suffolk*, NY. Common Eiders were present

in all three months of the season, including 5 at Montauk 12 Mar (HM, AB, A. Lauro), one off Sandy Hook 6 Apr (R. Kane), and one at Montauk 5 May (PAB, SM). Over 60 Harlequin Ducks were reported in Mar and Apr, all but two from coastal locations. The maximum count was 25 at Barnegat Light S.P., *Ocean*, NJ, 6 Mar (*fide* AH). Late were 15 Surf Scoters at C.H.S.P. 20 May (MG, B. Peterjohn). Long-tailed Ducks were at Port Mahon, *Kent*, DE, 10 May (G. Lovelace) and Sandy Hook 30 May (MF).

HAWKS THROUGH CRANES

Several stretches of unfavorable weather reduced numbers at the Great Lakes hawk-watches; with notable exceptions, numbers were down at coastal hawk-watches as well. However, kites put on a fabulous show this year. Swallow-tailed Kites visited all four states. One appeared in Delaware at Bombay Hook, 12 May (*fide* C. Campbell). Seven visited New Jersey, a record year for the state. Three were in the Cape May area 8 May (D.&E. Schwenk), 11 & 12 May (v.ob.), and 20 May (C. Lewis); 2 were at Sandy Hook 6 May (JLi) and 11 May (DB, WM); one was at the Watchung Reservation, *Union*, 28 May and the following few days (D.&C. Knowlton et al.); and one was at Roosevelt, *Monmouth*, 7 May (G. Wilson). In Pennsylvania a single bird was reported 19 May near L. Nockamixon, *Berks* (B. Huntsberger). And 2 were in New York, at Alley Pond Park, *Queens*, 10 May (E. Carrozza et al.) and at the Ripley hawk-watch, *Chautauqua*, 10 May (LDF et al.). Meanwhile 23 Mississippi Kites graced the area 26 Apr–28 May. Fourteen were reported in New Jersey, 8 in Pennsylvania, and one in New York.

Bald Eagles were widespread in excellent numbers this season. The Pennsylvania Game Commission reported 18 nests in e. PA. A single Swainson's Hawk graced the Region, down from last spring's three; it was at Ripley 27 Apr (LDF). Rough-legged Hawks echoed last winter's high numbers, particularly in n. parts of the Region. The peak count was 25 at Ft. Edward, *Washington*, NY (*fide* JDG). Golden Eagles were well-represented even away from hawk-watches, with one in Delaware at Prime Hook, *Sussex*, DE, 25 Mar (MG), one in New Jersey at Paulinskill L., *Sussex*, 2 Apr (JB, MBa), and about 20 scattered through New York, mostly upstate. Derby Hill had a record maximum of 25 on 25 Apr, with a total of 92 for the season. The 24th of April produced several seasonal peak raptor counts: Sharp-shinned Hawk—649 at Sandy Hook and 270 at C.H.S.P.; Cooper's



The Black-bellied Whistling-Duck continues to explore new territory in the East. This one at Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge 27 May 2000 was the first to be recorded in New Jersey. Photograph by Alan Brady

Hawk—24 at Sandy Hook; American Kestrel—84 at C.H.S.P.; and Merlin—90 at C.H.S.P., one of the biggest Merlin days ever in Delaware.

A Purple Gallinule was found at Sandy Hook 21 Apr (JLi), where it has appeared previously. Sandhill Cranes continued last year's record-shattering performance with 52 reported: 6 in New Jersey, 4 in Pennsylvania, and 42 in upstate New York.

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH ALCIDIS

For the second consecutive spring Wilson's Plovers were one of the seasonal highlights. One reported at Shinnecock Inlet, *Suffolk*, 19–24 Mar consorting with Piping Plovers (G. Arpino) appears to be New York's earliest by more than a month (HM). Another was reported at Bivalve 26 May (MI, details to NJBRC). In spite of our recent good luck, this species remains a rare vagrant in the Region. Piping Plover remains in trouble, with only about 12 reported from New Jersey and Delaware. Eastern Long Island provided a bright spot, however, with 24 on 18 Mar at Westhampton Dunes (R. Guthrie) and at least 11 nests on the North Fork (B. Prentice).

Black-necked Stilts ventured n. from their Delaware strongholds, with 6 reported from New Jersey and 2 from New York. The

New Jersey reports were one 8 May at Turkey Point, *Cumberland* (J. Hanson), one 12 May at Brigantine (JDa), 3 on 26 May at Two Mile Landing, *Cape May* (BC), and one on 1 May at Locust, *Monmouth* (G. Dempster). The New York reports were of one 29 Apr at Sagaponack Pond, *Suffolk* (HM, AB) and 9–17 May at Jamaica Bay (K. Feustel). Seven Whimbrels 21 May at Pierpont Pier provided the second *Rockland*, NY, record (C. Weiss), while a white-backed individual at Brigantine 12 May (JDa) was of one of the Eurasian races. Brigantine hosted the peak number of 125 on 30 Apr (*fide* AH). Two Curlew Sandpipers visited the Region, one at Thompson's Beach, *Cumberland*, NJ, 23 May (D. Mizrahi, P. Hodgetts) and one at Bombay Hook 14–17 May (S. Gonzaga, v.ob.). Six Ruffs were recorded: males were present 15 May at Thousand Acre Marsh, Delaware City, *New Castle*, DE (AE, JGo, J. White) and 25 Mar at Bivalve (MI). Females were in New Jersey at Bivalve 14 Mar (J.&K. Lukens) and 6 Apr (CS), at Del Haven, *Cape May*, 11 May (M. Hoffman), and at Cape May 5–6 May (G. Graham, A. Robinson).

A Long-tailed Jaeger 22–23 May, first sighted from the *Lancaster* shore at Conejohela Flats and later from the *York*

side, gave Pennsylvania its first state record (DE, JH, ph. RW, vt.). A Franklin's Gull was reported 21–23 May at Conejohela Flats (DH *et al.*), along the lower Susquehanna where the species has appeared previously on a few occasions; another was reported at Silver Lake, *Monmouth*, NJ, 18 Mar (E. Bellevue). Following several sightings at the same location last season, an adult Thayer's Gull was reported at Florence, *Burlington*, NJ, 11 Mar (TB, W. Dasey, W. Murphy, F. Winfelder, details requested for NJBRC).

Sandwich Terns were present, one each off Two Mile Landing, *Cape May*, NJ, 26 May (BC) and at C.H.S.P. 30 May (A. Guarante). This rare visitor is much less common in spring than in fall. Five Roseate Terns were reported in New Jersey, one at Island Beach S.P., *Ocean*, 13 May (F. Lesser, R. Steelman); one at Sandy Hook 18 May (MF); two 5–22 May off Cape May Pt. jetties (v.ob.); and one, possibly one of the two above, at Bunker Pond, Cape May Pt., 25 May (TP, LZ *et al.*). Though it breeds as close as e. Long Island, Roseate Terns are scarce in New Jersey. An Arctic Tern in bad weather at C.H.S.P. 21 May (MG) was an excellent sighting. Extremely tantalizing was an inland report, yet to be considered by PORC, of one at Glen Morgan L., *Berks*, PA, 20 May (K. Lebo, M. Wlasniewski). Arctic Terns seen from land along the coast in our Region are rare enough; inland reports need careful consideration. A Least Tern at Collins L., *Schenectady*, 4 May (S. Adair, W. Lee) provided New York's Hudson-Mohawk Region with its 3rd record, the first since 1889. One to two Black Guillemots were at Montauk 5–11 Mar (JF *et al.*) and 3 were at Moriches Inlet, *Suffolk*, NY, 6 Mar. Atlantic Puffins were reported, 2 each at sea, off Manasquan Inlet, *Ocean*, NJ, 5 Mar (*vide* AH) and e. of Indian River Inlet, *Sussex*, DE, 6 Mar (P. Guris).

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A Eurasian Collared-Dove visited Kempton, *Berks*, PA, 7 May (D. Barber). Pennsylvania has only 1–2 previous records. PORC will need to consider not only the identification, by an observer familiar with the species, but also the bird's origin. Another collared-dove appeared in Central Park, NYC, 19 May. The NYSARC has been leery of accepting records of this species because of the number in captivity in the area. A White-winged Dove of unknown origin was at Pierpont Pier, *Rockland*, NY, 11 May (G. Herskovics). Records of this rare vagrant have increased in the past decade.

SA The big flycatcher news was a Hammond's Flycatcher trapped, measured, and banded 13 May at the John Heinz N.W.R. at Tinicum, *Philadelphia*, PA (R.&M. Miller). The banders became suspicious upon noting the bird's small, pointed bill, and gray breast-band. Measurements, coloration, and bill shape confirmed the identification. A probable Hammond's Flycatcher was collected in Pennsylvania in 1966, but the specimen was damaged, and the species is listed as hypothetical. If accepted by PORC, this record will represent Pennsylvania's first and only the Region's second.

Though cuckoos of both species were scarce in the southernmost part of the Region, they were well-represented elsewhere and increasing toward the end of the season, presumably in response to infestations of Tent and Gypsy Moth caterpillars. The only Snowy Owl of the season, a somewhat late individual, was at Remsen, *Oneida*, NY, 4 Apr (D. Hill). In contrast to last year when Northern Saw-whet Owls seemed "almost non-existent," they were well-reported n. of Delaware, particularly in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley (AK), sw. *Burlington*, NJ (TB), and several New York locations. Chuck-will's-widows at unusual locations included one in e. *Berks*, PA, 26 May (C. Elwell), a county with only three previous records, and one in Howell Township, NJ, 13 May in interior *Monmouth* (A. Spears).

A fantastic 417 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were trapped and released at the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory's two banding locations at Hamlin Beach and near Braddock Bay, *Monroe*, NY (*vide* RS). Above-average numbers of migrating Red-headed Woodpeckers passed through and 4 pairs were noted at Redden State Forest, *Sussex*, DE (MG, F. Rohrbacher, DAC), while others were present at Lebanon State Forest, *Burlington*, NJ (*vide* AH), both traditional nesting areas. Four pairs at a breeding area in Delaware are the most in several decades. A pair of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers nested successfully for the third consecutive season at High Point S.P., *Sussex* (MBa, R. Bramhall). This pair earlier provided New Jersey's 2nd documented breeding record just a short time ago. A Black-backed Woodpecker 27 Apr at Old Forge, *Herkimer*, NY, provided the season's only report.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WAXWINGS

An excellent flight on 24 May at Sandy Hook produced 10+ Eastern Wood-Peewees and 40+ *Empidonax*, including 6 Yellow-bellieds, 3 Alders, and 8 Least (TBo). Yellow-bellied and Alder Flycatchers passed through in excellent numbers, particularly in the southern portions, where they do not nest.

Also of note were four reports of Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in s. New Jersey, at SCMM 6 May (SF, PL), at Stone Harbor Pt., *Cape May*, 6–7 May (P. Kerlinger, S. Sperlak), in Lawrence Township, *Cumberland*, 8 May (L. Johnson), and at Tuckahoe W.M.A., *Cape May/Atlantic*, 16 May (JL). This rare vagrant has been seen in New Jersey in five of the past ten years. Two Loggerhead Shrikes in New York made the season a good one, though not in the same league with winter 1995–1996. One was at Guilderland, *Albany*, 20 Mar (S. Tuttle), the first in New York's Hudson-Mohawk Region since 1995 (details requested for NYSARC); a second was near Montezuma N.W.R., *Wayne*, 20 May (†C. Butler, K. Hawley, ph. KMG). Reports of 29 Northern Shrikes echoed last winter's incursion. One in *Essex* in ne. New York 26 Apr (R. Brown, C. Slatkin) provided a record late date for the county and nearly for the entire state as well. An exceptionally high total of 19–21 Philadelphia Vireos was reported. Of these, 4 were in NJ and 9 were in se. NY, where the species is a rare spring migrant. Six to 8 came from the Oneida L. Basin, NY, where it is somewhat more common. Identification of this rare spring migrant requires caution.

In contrast to the recent annual fall incursions was a notable spring sighting of a Cave Swallow at Cape May 30 Apr–2 May (JD), only the 3rd in spring for NJ and the Region. Reports of 30 Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrushes made a good showing. Of these thrushes, 8 were part of the fallout at Sandy Hook 24 May (TBo). A large Swainson's Thrush flight took place on the night of 21 May at Hamburg, *Berks*, PA, at about 2230 EDT under a cloudy sky with a low ceiling and the nearby Kittatinny Ridge in fog. There were several thrush calls per second from different directions; many hundreds must have passed (K. Grim). The flight continued for three nights. On 9 Apr, 175 Hermit Thrushes were reported along roadsides in *Sussex* and *Warren*, NJ, where they had been driven by a late-season snowstorm that ended that morning (W.&S. Wander). Other reports of 20, 60, and 83 behaving the same way came from *Morris*, *Sussex*, and *Warren*, NJ, and *Sullivan*, NY.

Echoes of this movement came from as far away as *Berks*, PA, and *Albany*, NY.

A search for the Western Meadowlark present in the area turned up a **Sprague's Pipit** at Dryden, *Tomkins*, NY, 22 Apr (PLi, †B. Kurtz), furnishing a first record for New York and the Region if accepted by NYSARC. Also in upstate New York, the remainder of last winter's Bohemian Waxwing invasion left 50 at Warrensburg, *Warren*, 7 Mar (D. DiPietro); 300 in Paris, *Oneida*, 14–15 Mar (MPe); 200 at Kirkland, *Oneida*, 29 Mar (MPe); and 100 and 300 at two locations near Plattsburgh, *Clinton*, 6 Apr (E. Fitts).

WARBLERS

With a few exceptions, the weather was not conducive to warbler fallouts. There seemed to be an unusual number of Blue-winged × Golden-winged Warbler hybrids this year, with 10 Brewster's and 9 Lawrence's reported from n. New Jersey and Pennsylvania northward. Tennessee Warblers improved significantly on last year's showing, with 49 reported and a peak count of 11 at W. Monroe, *Oswego*, 13 May, but Cape May Warblers continued scarce. A Yellow-throated Warbler at Central Park, NYC, 2–7 Apr (R. Pasquier, *vide* TF) may well have been New York's earliest ever. A Swainson's Warbler 7–8 May at Central Park (E. Lam, N. Wagerick, TF), was an excellent find; there are only about 10 previous records for New York. Single Connecticut Warblers, rare spring migrants, visited two locations: Verona, *Oneida*, 17 May (B. Best) and Lancaster, *Erie*, 28 May (MM). Mourning Warblers did well, too, with reports of about 60. Sandy Hook produced the two high counts, with 5 each, on 21 May in drizzle (TBo, S. Keller) and on the fallout day of 24 May (Tbo).

TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

Consistent with a continuing range expansion, Summer Tanagers staged a modest incursion into ne. New Jersey and se. New York. About 17 were reported away from their usual breeding areas: 6 at Sandy Hook, one at Tom's River, *Ocean*, NJ, one at Schunemunk Mt., *Orange*, NY, 3 in NYC, and 6 on Long Island.

Two Lark Sparrows were reported from e. Long Island, one 18 Mar at Water Mill (SM, PLi) and one 5 May at Montauk (PAB, SM, JE, PLi). An outstanding find was a Lark Bunting at Alabama, *Genesee*, NY, 5–19 Mar (A. Kehlanbeck, m.ob.); of fewer than records for New York, only one or two have been away from the se. corner of the state. A Harris's Sparrow at E.I.C. 9 May (M. A.

Koeneke, MV, BP) provided New York's Oneida Lake Basin with its first spring record and 4th overall (ph. and details to NYSARC). Along with an excellent movement of White-Crowned Sparrows this spring, an adult Gambel's turned up at Water Mill, *Suffolk*, NY (SM, PLi), where it was seen with the Lark Sparrow. A Dark-eyed Junco, probably Pink-sided, was trapped, photographed, banded, and released at Fire I., *Suffolk*, NY, 2 May (SM); museum skins are now being reviewed. A female Blue Grosbeak, far from its normal haunts, was at E.I.C. 7 May (BP, KMG, MV, m.ob.) and will provide the Oneida Lake Basin's 3rd record if accepted (details and ph. to NYSARC). And a Painted Bunting visited Bethpage SP, *Nassau*, NY, 24 May (Sharon Bart) for the day, but could not be relocated later.

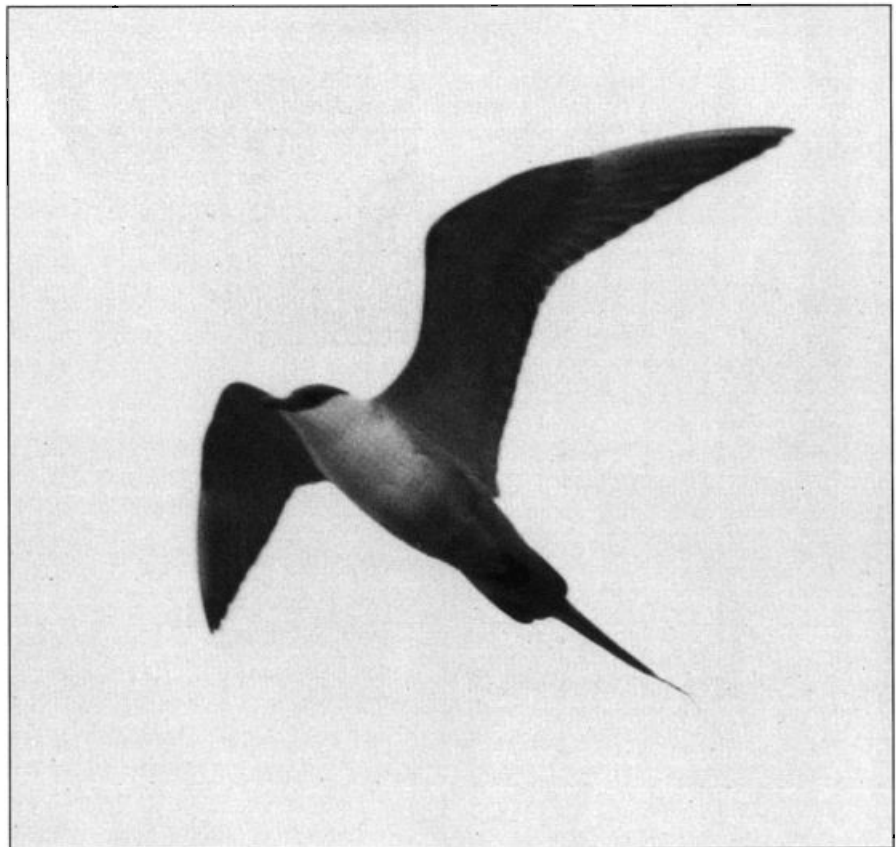
A Western Meadowlark at Dryden, *Tompkins*, 8 Apr–25 May (K. Rosenberg, ph. KMG, m.ob.) provided considerable excitement. Even though New York has at least two breeding records, the species is still a rare vagrant. Four Yellow-headed Blackbirds were reported, 2 each in w. and se. New York. A female was at Hamlin, *Monroe*, 7–8

Mar (m.ob.) and an ad. male was at Amity Lake, *Allegany*, 11–12 Apr (V. Pitzrick), while one of unspecified sex was at Van Cortlandt Park, *Bronx*, 9–16 Mar (m.ob.); another was at Montauk 16 Mar (PAB, F. Buckley).

The only reports of Pine Grosbeak were of one at Greenfield Center, *Saratoga*, NY, 10 Apr (J. de la Torre) and 2 at Hague, *Warren*, NY, 17 Apr (R. Lamb). White-winged Crossbills at a Newark, *New Castle*, DE, feeder until 21 May (JGo *et al.*) may well be record-late for the state. Large numbers of Common Redpolls from last winter's invasion remained into March, with just a few present until late April. Many flocks of a hundred or more were reported from n. NY, with good numbers as far s. as *Sullivan* and *Ulster*, where nearly 300 were reported. And no fewer than 11 Hoary Redpolls were reported from widely scattered locations through n. and w. NY, nearly one for every 100 Common.

ADDENDA

On 2 Jan this year, a Black-tailed Gull was reported at L. Ontelelaunee, *Berks* (†P. Saenger, K. Knight, ph.), providing



Adult Long-tailed Jaegers are always a stunning sight, this one at Conejohela Flats all the more so as it provided Pennsylvania with its first state record. The photo was taken the second day of the bird's 22–23 May 2000 visit. Photograph by Rick Wiltraut

Pennsylvania's first record if accepted by PORC. After repeated viewings of the videotape of a skulking bird, the NJBRC concluded that the Le Conte's Sparrow reported at Sandy Hook for the week following 26 Dec 1998 was in fact a Grasshopper Sparrow, itself a good find, though not quite up to a Le Conte's.

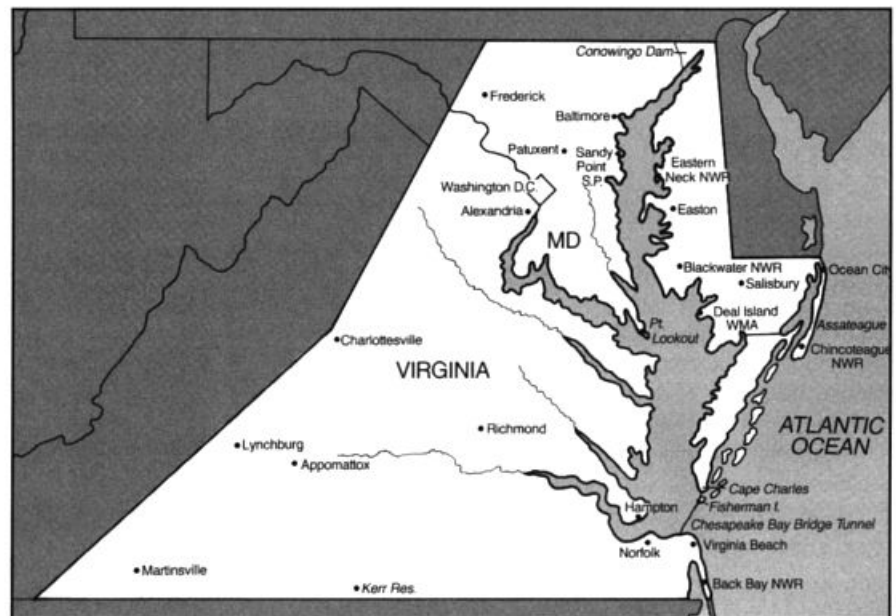
Observers (subregional compilers in bold-face): Tom Bailey, Andy Baldelli, **Scott Barnes** (North Coast Region, NJ: Owl Haven, P.O. Bpx 26, Tennent, NJ 07763), Marge Barrett (MBa), **Chris Bennett** (Sussex, DE: Cape Henlopen SP, 42 Cape Henlopen Dr., DE 19958), **Michael Bochnik** (Hudson-Delaware Region, NY: 86 Empire St., Yonkers, NY 10704), Tom Boyle (TBo), Dan Brill, P. A. Buckley, **Thomas W. Burke** (New York Rare Bird Alert), **Peg Burnett** (Susquehanna Region, NY: 2 Ayers St., Binghamton, NY 13905), Bob Carlo, John Danzenbaker (JDa), Len DeFrancesco (LDF), Jim Dowdell, **A. P. Ednie** (New Castle and Kent, DE: 59 Lawson Ave., Claymont, DE 19703), **Vince Elia** (South Coast and Delaware Bay Region, NJ: CMBO R&E Center, 600 Rt 47 North, Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08120), Mike Fahay, Shawneen Finnegan, Tom Fiore, John Fritz, **Jane Denker Graves** (Hudson-Mohawk Region, NY: 133 York Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866), Jeff Gordon (JGo), **Kevin Griffith** (Genesee Region, NY: 61 Grandview Lane, Rochester, NY 14612), Mary Gustafson, **Armas Hill** (Philadelphia Birdline), **Deuane Hoffman** (Eastern Squehanna Valley, PA: 3406 Montour St. Harrisburg, PA 17111), Michael Ivanick, **Rudy Keller** (Baird Ornithological Club), Paul Lehman, Patricia Lindsay (PLi), Jerry Liquori, Wendy Malmid, Kevin McGowan, **Hugh McGuinness** (Eastern Long Island, NY: P.O. Box 3005, Southampton, NY 11969), Shai Mitra, **Mike Morgante** (Niagara Frontier Region, NY: 16 Lakeside Crescent, Lancaster, NY 14086), **Bill Ostrander** (Finger Lakes Region, NY: 80 Westmong Ave., Elmira, NY 14904), **Ed Patten** (Northwestern Region, NJ: 9 Cornfield Ter., Flemington, NJ 08822), Matt Perry, **John M. C.**

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Spring was early again, as has been the recent trend. March migrants were certainly helped along by a period of strong southerlies that may have been responsible for such remarkably early discoveries as the

Barn Swallow and Whip-poor-will listed below. The trend continued into early and mid-April, when most species arrived ahead of schedule and record-early dates continued to be set.

Locations can be assumed to be in Maryland, except that each Virginia locale is annotated the *first time* it appears in the text.

Abbreviations: Assateague (Assateague I. National Seashore, Worcester, MD); Bay (Chesapeake Bay); C.B.B.T. (Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Northampton, VA); Craney