

Underlined items indicate noteworthy factors.

F indicates first record for the year.

FS indicates first record for the spring migration, though seen earlier in the year.

L indicates probable last record for the season.

B indicates trapped and banded this month.

RE indicates record early arrival.

RH indicates regional record high count.

NMWMA = Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area, Wayne County.

HANA = High Acres Nature Area.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	10-year Average ( <u>2003-2012</u> )
Total species for April	198	203	192.6
New species for the year	<u>64</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>56.4</u>
Total for the year to date	203	213	209.7

**Notes:**

1. April 2014 brought a typical spring mix. There were the usual few snow showers, the annual battle between warmth and cold, and some nice days matched by periods of showers. There were no real extremes. Near the lake cool temperatures and breezes from the north seemed too persistent at times. The first 80 degree day on the 13<sup>th</sup> was a couple of weeks earlier than the norm. Temperatures averaged 46.1°F, 0.2° below normal. Precipitation at 3.85” was 1.12” above normal. There was rain or snow showers on 15 days, but only 3 days had over ½” and the snowfall total was only 0.3”, 3.6” below normal. A period of spring warmth brought a major surge of migrants in the period from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. Vegetation was about a week behind normal and contrasted with several recent springs when it was far ahead.

2. Again, waterfowl seemed to depart early and few places held numbers of lingering birds well into this month. This is well illustrated in the maxima in the Noteworthy table. Given this, it was interesting to see the big movements recorded by Jessie Barry and Chris Wood off Edgemere Drive in Greece on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, echoed by others at other sites on the lakeshore. This reinforces our loss locally in no longer having the nearly daily extended counts of Bill Symonds and others at Hamlin Beach. It also points out the local and short term nature of some of these events. The interested observer really needs to go back to the detailed data on the eBird website to make sense out of the comparisons of some of these numbers by looking at times of day and lengths of time spent acquiring the count numbers. One of the other interesting sites this month was Carncross Road in the NMWMA. This year it was flooded and waterbirds and shorebirds were there. Such sites vary greatly year to year.

3. The hawkwatch was slow at times due to the persistence of winds from wrong directions. But there were good days and some nice movements coinciding with Bird of Prey weekend and the HMANA Conference. Black Vulture finally showed for the year and two dark morph Swainson’s Hawks passed. Numbers of both eagles were good. The best Broad-winged Hawk days held off until next month. Sandhill Crane numbers passing the hawkwatch continued good.

4. Shorebird arrivals were very slow, especially near the lakeshore. But then there were record early American Avocets passing along the lakeshore and a record early Wilson's Phalarope at Carncross Road. Gull and tern numbers were unremarkable, yet arrival dates for all were near the early end of their distributions. There were no really special species other than possibly the Little Gulls that have become harder to find in recent years.

5. The owl counting at the "Owl Woods" area on Manitou Beach Road was very slow this spring, as summarized in the table and in a report by Jim Adams. David Prill managed a good photo of an E. Whip-poor-will, but there were no other reports.

6. Given this month's weather, BBBO banding started slowly. This month the banding records provided the fewest arrival and high count records that I can recall. Some of the often most numerous species for banding either hit a down year together or are delayed; Black-capped Chickadee, both kinglets, and White-throated Sparrow numbers were very low. 3 chickadees total banded! Similarly, warblers were slow to move, with banded birds few. Yet thirteen species of warblers were reported for the month, down only four species from last year. In spite of the late spring, nearly all of the arrival dates for new species were in the 1<sup>st</sup> quartile of their arrival date distributions. Several warblers arrived at dates record early relative to their 1983 distributions, but all have been seen at earlier yet dates over the past 30 years.

7. Please send May records by the 5<sup>th</sup> of June to

**Observers:**

Jim Adams, Janet Akin, Ted Barnett, Jessie Barry, Jim & Liz Barry, Sue Barth, Steve Benedict, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Lynn Braband, Steve Brenner, George Briggs, Elizabeth Brooks (for BBBO), Michael Burdick, Bruce & Mary Ann Cady, Doug Cameron, Brad Carlson, Jill Church, Linda Clark-Benedict, Kelly Close, Russell Conard, Andrew Consler, Don Cowley, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna, Crystal Doyle, Judie Farress, Daena Ford, George Ford, Kurt Fox, Kyle Gage, Andrew Garland, Liz Goodfellow, David Gordon, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Lucretia Grosshans, Georgia & Ralph Gunther, Judy Gurley, Andy Guthrie, Ethan Gyllenhaal, Robert Hagggett, Helen & Chris Haller, Catherine Hamilton, Kristina Hannam, Kim Hartquist, Jim & Allison Healy, Susan Heffner, John Heyer, Katlyn Hojnacki, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Carolyn Jacobs, Ryan Kayhart, Brian Keyes, Jim Kimball, Kathy Kirsch, Tom Klotzbach, J. Gary Kohlenberg, Melissa Kunzer, Chris Lajewski, Alex Lamoreaux, Tom Lathrop, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Jerry Lazarczyk, John Lehr, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Bill Maier, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Jay McGowan, Chita McKinney, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Frank Nicoletti, Dave Nicosia, Dave Nutter, Joe Oddi, Joe Osiovitch, Andrea Patterson, Norma Platt, Carena Pooth, Betsy Potter, Jay Powell, David Prill, RBA/BOS Field Trip, Carolyn Ragan, Joan Renninger, Dick & Dorothy Rosche, Peggy Rowe, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Jesse Rubenstein, Livia Santana, Michael Scheibel, Shirley Shaw, Judy Slein, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Garry Stone, Al & Di Stout, Kimberly Sucy, Jim Tarolli, Steve Taylor, Michael & Joann Tetlow, Luke Tiller, Don & Donna Traver, Brian Tuttle, Brad Walker, Bridget Watts, Mike Wasilco, Drew Weber, Joe Wing, Chris Wood.

# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

APRIL 2014

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Snow Goose	<u>max 3000</u>	1	NMWMA (Armitage Rd N)	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Ross's Goose</u>	2	1L	NMWMA (Armitage Rd N)	W. & M. Rowley
Cackling Goose	singles	<u>1-25L</u>	5 loc	sev
Cackling Goose	2	<u>2</u>	Nations Rd area (Avon)	J.Kimball
Cackling Goose	3	<u>5</u>	Hamlin (TLR at Moul)	C.Wood
Cackling Goose	2	<u>6</u>	Northrup Creek (Greece)	C.Wood
Tundra Swan	<u>max 750</u>	4	Groveland Flats	D. & D.Rosche
<u>Eurasian Wigeon</u>	1 m	thru 1	Braddock Bay	S.Brenner, D.Weber
American Wigeon	<u>max 225</u>	3	MendonPonds Park	J. & A.Healy
Am. Black Duck	<u>max 200</u>	5	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	C.Pooth
Northern Pintail	<u>max 250</u>	1	NMWMA (Savannah)	W. & M. Rowley
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 200</u>	13	NMWMA (Carncross Rd))	T.Lenz, B.Walker
Canvasback	1	<u>16L</u>	Braddock Bay	J.Powell
Ring-necked Duck	<u>max 298</u>	3	Mendon Ponds Park	J. & A.Healy
Greater Scaup	<u>max 90, low</u>	5	Sodus Pt	L.Lauster
Lesser Scaup	<u>max 457</u>	11	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Greater/Lesser Scaup	<u>max 379</u>	11	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
King Eider	<u>8-11</u>	1-6 <u>L</u>	off Manitou Beach	mob
Surf Scoter	<u>max 17, low</u>	11	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
White-winged Scoter	<u>max 34, low</u>	11	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Long-tailed Duck	<u>max 10137, RH</u>	11	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Long-tailed Duck	<u>1465</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Bufflehead	<u>max 644</u>	11	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	C.Wood
Bufflehead	<u>224</u>	11	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Bufflehead	<u>240</u>	13	Braddock Bay	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Common Merganser	<u>max 125</u>	5	Buck Pond (Greece)	C.Wood
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 1406</u>	11	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>550</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Red-throated Loon	<u>max 47, low</u>	11	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Common Loon	<u>max 143</u>	11	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Horned Grebe	<u>max 2239, RH</u>	11	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Horned Grebe	<u>678</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Red-necked Grebe	<u>max 150</u>	21	Hamlin Beach SP	B.Carlson
<u>Eared Grebe</u>	1	21FS	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie, <i>et al</i>
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 250</u>	20	Braddock Bay	J. & A.Healy
<u>American White Pelican</u>	1	11F	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J.Slein
American Bittern	1	<u>6F</u>	Braddock Bay	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Great Egret	1	<u>2F</u>	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Green Heron	1	<u>12F</u>	Hamlin	B. & B.Morse
Black-cr. Night-Heron	1	<u>24F</u>	Braddock Bay	R.Conard, B.Watts
<u>Black Vulture</u>	1	10F	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
<u>Black Vulture</u>	1	13	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 5099</u>	2	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Turkey Vulture	<u>total 17671</u>	2 thru	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Osprey	<u>max 25</u>	14	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Bald Eagle	<u>max 49</u>	27	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Bald Eagle	<u>256 rep of 290+</u>	month	many (includes BB)	mob
Northern Harrier	<u>max 47</u>	2	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<u>max 1036</u>	10	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Cooper's Hawk	<u>max 49</u>	2	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Northern Goshawk	<u>total 12</u>	2,14,26,27	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Red-shouldered Hawk	<u>max 161</u>	2	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Broad-winged Hawk	1	<u>10F</u>	Braddock Bay & Broadway	sev
Broad-winged Hawk	<u>max 4297</u>	27	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>

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<u>Swainson's Hawk</u>	1 dk ad	9F	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
<u>Swainson's Hawk</u>	1 dk ad	10	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	<u>max 622</u>	10	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Rough-legged Hawk	<u>max 67</u>	10	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Golden Eagle	<u>total 42</u>	month	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Golden Eagle	<u>max 10</u>	2	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Golden Eagle	<u>6 other rep</u>	5-20	sev	sev
Virginia Rail	1	16FS	Mendon Ponds Park	J. & A.Healy
Sora	1	12F	Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Common Gallinule	1	13F	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	T.Lenz, D.Nutter, B.Walker
Sandhill Crane	<u>30 rep of 37+</u>	all month	sev	sev
<u>American Avocet</u>	2	<u>11F, RE</u>	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Am. Golden-Plover	1	27F	NMWMA (Carncross Rd))	J.Renninger, <i>et al</i>
Spotted Sandpiper	1	19F	Sandy Bottom P (Honeoye)	B.Tuttle
Solitary Sandpiper	1	18F	Hamlin	A.Guthrie
Greater Yellowlegs	<u>max 250</u>	24	NMWMA (Carncross Rd))	D.Wheeler
Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs	<u>max 150</u>	26	NMWMA (Carncross Rd))	D.Nicosia
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	1F	HBSP	R.Spahn
Dunlin	2	16F	Salmon Creek (Greece)	L.Tiller, mob
Dunlin	<u>max 26</u>	28	NMWMA (Carncross Rd))	J.McGowan, L.Santana
Least Sandpiper	3	20F	Greenway (Geneseo)	J.Kimball
Pectoral Sandpiper	2	9F	NMWMA (Carncross Rd))	W. & M. Rowley
Wilson's Phalarope	1	<u>19F, RE</u>	NMWMA (Carncross Rd))	C.Wood
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 346</u>	11	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Little Gull	1	11F	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Little Gull	1	11F	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	C.Wood
Little Gull	3 ad	16F	Salmon Creek (Greece)	L.Tiller, mob
Iceland Gull	1	22L	T Riga	Bri.Morse
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<u>max 6</u>	11	Hamlin	A.Guthrie
Glaucous Gull	1	13L	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Caspian Tern	1	6F	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	C.Wood
Black Tern	3	26F	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	A.Lamoreaux, D.Weber
Common Tern	1	5F	Cranberry Pond (Greece)	C.Wood
Common Tern	1	5F	Wolcott (Wayne Co.)	W. & M. Rowley
Forster's Tern	1	11F	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. & A.Healy
Snowy Owl	<u>18 rep of 12 ind</u>	all month	sev	sev
Long-eared Owl	<u>max 7</u>	3	Manitou (Owl Woods)	count team
Long-eared Owl	<u>total count 19</u>	1-24	Manitou (Owl Woods)	count team
N.Saw-whet Owl	<u>total count 7</u>	1-18	Manitou (Owl Woods)	count team
E. Whip-poor-will	1 ph	14F	Manitou (Owl Woods)	D.Prill
Chimney Swift	1	13F	Manitou	D.Tetlow
Red-headed Woodpecker	11 ind	all month	5 loc	mob
Northern Flicker	<u>max 2000, RH</u>	13	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Northern Flicker	<u>608</u>	13	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
American Kestrel	<u>max 82</u>	14	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Merlin	<u>total 17</u>	6-30	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
<u>Gyrfalcon, gray morph</u>	1	2F	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller
Peregrine Falcon	<u>total 8</u>	2-29	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Eastern Kingbird	1	27F	Durand-Eastman Park	RBA/BOS field Trip
Northern Shrike	1	13L	Braddock Bay	D.Daniels, C.Stanger
Blue-headed Vireo	1B	18F	Manitou	BBBO
Warbling Vireo	2	27F	Wolcott (Wayne Co.)	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Fish Crow</u>	1	20	Salmon Creek (Greece)	J. & A.Healy

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Purple Martin	1	6F	Montezuma Audubon Center	S.Benedict, L.Clark-Benedict, D.Cameron, L.Lauster
Tree Swallow	<u>max 3000</u>	26	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	J.McGowan, L.Santana
N. Rough-winged Swallow	2	8F	Sodus Bay	W. & M. Rowley
Bank Swallow	1	10F	Braddock Bay	W.D'Anna
Cliff Swallow	2	13F	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Barn Swallow	2	4F	Island Cottage Woods	C.Wood
Barn Swallow	1	4F	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Black-capped Chickadee	<u>max 24, low</u>	16	Mendon Ponds Park	J.Osiovitch
Black-capped Chickadee	<u>total B 3, low</u>	12-30	Manitou	BBBO
House Wren	1	17F	Conesus	K.Close
Marsh Wren	1	21F	Church Trail (Greece)	S.Gracewski
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	12F	Mendon Ponds Park	J. & A.Healy
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1B	12F	Manitou	BBBO
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<u>max 40, low</u>	11	Manitou (Owl Woods)	K.Sucy
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6	10F	Mendon Ponds Park	J.Oddi
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>max B 22, low</u>	26	Manitou	BBBO
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>total B 92</u>	13-30	Manitou	BBBO
Veery	1	25F	Caledonia	M.Wasilco
Swainson's Thrush	1	27F	Rochester	M.Kunzer
Hermit Thrush	1	11FS	Highland Park (Rochester)	K.Hartquist
Wood Thrush	1	30F	Mendon Ponds Park	J. & A.Healy
American Robin	<u>max 1467</u>	13	Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
American Robin	<u>681</u>	13	Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Barry family, C.Wood
<u>Bohemian Waxwing</u>	1	13F	Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je.Barry, C.Wood
Brown Thrasher	1	11F	Indian Fort Nat. Preserve (Geneseo)	K.Hannam
American Pipit	<u>max 120</u>	7	Hamlin	A.Guthrie
Lapland Longspur	<u>max 80</u>	7	Hamlin	A.Guthrie
Lapland Longspur	2	14L	Hamlin	A.Guthrie
Snow Bunting	4	10L	Hamlin Beach SP	R.Spahn
Ovenbird	1	26F	NMWMA (Camcross Rd))	D.Nicosia
Louisiana Waterthrush	1	27F	Reynolds Gully (Ontario Co.)	K.Kirsch
Louisiana Waterthrush	1	27F	Hemlock Lake (E Side trail)	B.Howe
Northern Waterthrush	1	25F	Tinker Nature Park	C.Stanger
Northern Waterthrush	1B	25F	Manitou	BBBO
Black-and-white Warbler	1B	<u>14F, RE</u>	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Prothonotary Warbler</u>	1	20F	Groveland (Livingston Co.)	S.Heffner
Common Yellowthroat	1	11F	Sandy Bottom P (Honeoye)	D.Daniels
Hooded Warbler	1	25F	Groveland (Livingston Co.)	S.Heffner
Blackburnian Warbler	1	27F	Letchworth SP	A.Consler
Yellow Warbler	1	21F	Hamlin Beach SP	R.Spahn
Palm Warbler	1	13F	Beatty Pt. (Greece)	J. & A.Healy
Pine Warbler	1	9F	Hemlock Lake (NW trail)	C.Jacobs
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<u>max 100</u>	29	Long Pond Firehouse	D.Daniels
Black-throated Green Warbler	1	27F	Durand-Eastman Park	R.Spahn
Eastern Towhee	1	2FS	Rochester (UofR)	L.Goodfellow
Chipping Sparrow	1	6F	HANA	B.Cady
Field Sparrow	1	9F	sev	sev
Vesper Sparrow	2	8F	Groveland (Livingston Co.)	K.Close
Savannah Sparrow	1	6FS	Caledonia	M.Wasilco
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	27F	Caledonia	M.Wasilco
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1 fem	7F	Greece	J.Farress
<u>Yellow-headed Blackbird</u>	1	6F	Penfield	A.Garland
Rusty Blackbird	<u>600+</u>	10	Braddock Bay	L.Tiller, <i>et al</i>

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Rusty Blackbird	<u>963</u>	13	Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Rusty Blackbird	<u>387</u>	13	Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Barry family, C. Wood
Rusty Blackbird	<u>max 1000+</u>	13	Braddock Bay	L. Tiller, <i>et al</i>
Brown-headed Cowbird	<u>max 521</u>	13	Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Baltimore Oriole	1	<u>30F</u>	Irondequoit	L. Grosshans
Pine Siskin	1	<u>1F</u>	Highland Park (Rochester)	K. Hartquist