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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>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	10-year Average (2005-2014)
Total species for April	198	203	192.9
New species for the year	<u>62</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>56.1</u>
Total for the year to date	208	213	208.3

Notes:

1. The birding picture for April 2015 is especially heavily dominated by weather effects. Generally we saw a return to more comfortable days after the harsh winter, but with typical ups and downs of an April. It was the first month since December 2014 with temperatures above normal - average 47.6°F, 1.3° above normal. Precipitation at 2.70" was just 0.03" below normal. There was rain or snow showers on 13 days, but only 2 days had over ½", and the snowfall total was only 0.5", 3.4" below normal. The major effects were in the details. The first warm shot into the 70's on the 2nd brought a burst of birds and early arrivals. Ten days of seesaw ended with a jump to the first 80° day at 84° on the 13th and another burst of migrants. Then the last third of the month was dominated by a slow moving set of lows with persistently cool and cloudy weather. Adding to the cool blah weather, there was a mass of storms between us and the Gulf Coast for most of the month limiting any movements of migrants from there. Vegetation was more than a week behind toward month's end. Near the lake it looked like March, and all over blossoming of trees was much delayed.

2. Virtually all the expected waterfowl were recorded, but with the lakes (other than Ontario), bays, and ponds locked in ice nearly all of March, the bulk of waterfowl seemed to pass right by or to depart early. Few places held numbers of lingering birds after mid-month, and the peak numbers for most species were way below normal, as illustrated in the maxima in the Noteworthy table. From the data, it is still hard to separate low numbers from reduced efforts focused on counts in the face of the cold conditions along the lake. This year there were not even particularly good counts from the NMWMA, even with the Carncross Road area again flooded. In spite of generally low numbers among the loons and grebes, a passing breeding plumaged **Pacific Loon** at Hamlin Beach and a breeding adult **Eared Grebe** on Hemlock Lake were highlights.

3. The hawkwatch was again slow at times, especially later in the month when we look for the big movements of **Broad-winged Hawks**. There were only five days with totals over 1000 birds and only one really good **Broad-wing** day. At month's end the **Turkey Vulture** total was still well ahead of the **Broad-winged** total! There were no **Black Vultures** for the month, but three dark morph **Swainson's Hawks** made up for things a bit.

4. Shorebird variety was low and numbers poor. Highlights were two record early **Long-billed Dowitchers** found by Dave Tetlow at the Martin Road wet spot and staying for nearly a week to be seen by many and a flock of 17+ passing **American Avocets** seen by Andy Guthrie at the Hamlin Beach lakewatch. Gull and tern numbers were again unremarkable, yet there were early arrival dates, decent numbers of scarcer winter gulls lingering, and a good number of passing adult Little Gulls. A major surprise, given recent local status, was a **Black Tern** two weeks record early photographed at the DEC Ponds near Avon.

5. The owl counting at the “Owl Woods” area on Manitou Beach Road was again very slow this spring. The totals for the month were not far from those of last spring. Still, many had good views of roosting birds. A lone **Snowy Owl** was spotted late in the month. **Short-eared Owl** counts by the DEC found birds still present through April 21; watching for potential breeding will continue.

6. Given this month’s weather, another slow BBBO banding start was not a surprise. Arriving warblers dropped again this month to only 11 species. Beyond the banding, eBird records showed low counts for nearly all the woodland species we expect to arrive in April. For most there were very few counts above single digits. First arrivals were fairly normal, numbers just not there. As always, it is hard to separate low numbers conclusively from a lack of observers spending time to make counts due to the conditions. There were no really good counts for any of the sparrow species that we often find in the brushy areas in April. A bright spot was good numbers for **American Robin** and several blackbird species at Hamlin Beach on the 2nd tallied by a group from Cornell Lab. This April about 2/3 of the arrival dates were in the 1st quartile of their arrival date distributions. Three 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. Reinforces the need to update the distributions! The passerine rarity was the region’s 12th **Varied Thrush**.

7. Please send your records by the 5th of the month to Lynn Bergmeyer, 107 Longridge Ave., Greece, NY 14616.

Observers:

Jim Adams, Janet Akin, Terri Armata, BBBO (Betsy Brooks, etal.), John Ballou, John Banks, Ted Barnett, Jessie Barry, Jim Barry, Sue Barth, Doug Beattie, Don Bemont, Linda Clark Benedict, Steven Benedict, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, Robert Buckert, Bruce Cady, Doug Cameron, Brad Carlson, Jim Cleveland, Kelly Close, Andrew Consler, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna, Ian Davies, Robert Dobson, Joseph Fell, Wayne Fidler, George Ford, Drew Fowler, Kurt Fox, Cathy Gardner, Andrew Garland, Candy Giles, Charles Goulet, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, William Gruenbaum, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Michael Gullo, Judy Gurley, Andrew Guthrie, Chris Guthrie, Richard Guthrie, Anita Gwara, Ethan Gyllenhaal, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Allison & Jim Healy, Jennalee Holzschuh, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Carolyn Jacobs, Nicholas Kachala, Ryan Kayhart, Tom Kerr, Jim Kimball, Kathy Kirsch, Stuart Krasnoff, Elijah Kruger, Tom Lathrop, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan Lindberg, Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Peggy Macres, Mark Magistro, Mary Magistro, Bill Maier, Cynthia Marino, Patricia Martin, Lauri Mattle, Ben McGann, Kevin McGann, Jay McGowan, Bob McGuire, Chita McKinney, Matthew Medler, Jim Miles, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Tom Nash, Frank Nicoletti, Dave Nutter, Joe Oddi, Sue O'Neil, Michael Palermo,

Andrea Patterson, Jay Powell, David Prill, Bill Purcell, Carolyn Ragan, Thomas Riley, Dick & Dorothy Rosche, Dave Robertson, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Jesse Rubenstein, Jennifer Rycenga, Scott Salber, Livia Santana, Michael Scheibel, Kathryn Schneider, Shirley Shaw, David Sibley, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Kimberly Sucey, Jim Tarolli, Steve Taylor, David Tetlow, Michael & Joann Tetlow, Rick Thomas, Luke Tiller, Brian Tuttle, Tom & Jeanne Verhulst, Brad Walker, Mike Wasilco, Ann Watson, Bridget Watts, David Wheeler, Joe Wing.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

APRIL 2015

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Snow Goose	<u>max 4880</u>	2	Broadway Rd. (Wayne Co.)	T. Riley
* <u>Ross's Goose</u>	<u>max 4</u>	2L	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
<u>Ross's Goose</u>	1	2L	Hamlin & Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, I. Davies, B. Walker
<u>Ross's Goose</u>	2	2L	Broadway Rd. (Wayne Co.)	D. Fowler, W. & M. Rowley
<u>Ross's X Snow Goose</u>	1	2L	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Cackling Goose	2	2L	Hamlin Beach SP	I. Davies, T. Lenz, B. Walker
Cackling Goose	1	2L	T Parma (Monroe Co.)	I. Davies, T. Lenz, B. Walker
Trumpeter Swan	<u>max 14</u>	23	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	D. Sibley
Tundra Swan	<u>max 170</u>	2	NMWMA (Camcross Rd)	L. Lauster
Tundra Swan	2	25L	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Gadwall	<u>max 103</u>	4	Braddock Bay	A. Guthrie
<u>Eurasian Wigeon</u>	1 m	thru 4	Braddock Bay	mob
Am. Black Duck	<u>max 50, low</u>	11	Port Byron (Wayne Co.)	M. Medler
Mallard	<u>max 500</u>	23	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	D. Sibley
Northern Pintail	<u>max 2000</u>	19	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	J. McGowan, L. Santana
Ring-necked Duck	<u>max 350</u>	4	Burger Park (Greece)	G. Lawrence, E. Gyllenhaal
Greater Scaup	<u>max 100, low</u>	12	Braddock Bay	A. Garland
Lesser Scaup	<u>max 234</u>	4	Braddock Bay	A. Guthrie
Long-tailed Duck	<u>max 545</u>	26	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie
Common Merganser	<u>max 175</u>	6	Buck Pond (Greece)	B. & B. Morse
Red-throated Loon	<u>max 16, low</u>	23	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Pacific Loon</u>	1 ad	26F	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie
Common Loon	<u>max 148</u>	26	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie
Horned Grebe	<u>max 46</u>	26	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie
Red-necked Grebe	<u>max 154</u>	5	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Eared Grebe</u>	1 ad, ph	22F - 28	Hemlock Lake	B. Howe, mob
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 300</u>	24	Braddock Bay	P. Martin
American Bittern	1	20F	Monroe Co.	J. Holzschuh
Lesast Bittern	1	26F	Braddock Bay - West Spit	G. Lawrence
Great Egret	1	3F	Buck Pond (Greece)	P. Martin
Green Heron	1	25F	Burger Park (Greece); HANA	K. Hartquist; RBA Field Trip
Black-cr. Night-Heron	1	2F	Hamlin	I. Davies, T. Lenz, B. Walker
<u>Glossy Ibis</u>	1	21F	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Turkey Vulture	1881	2	Hamlin Beach SP	I. Davies, T. Lenz, B. Walker
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 6680, RH</u>	2	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
Turkey Vulture	<u>total 15891</u>	all month	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
Osprey	<u>max 29</u>	10	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, M. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
Bald Eagle	<u>max 29</u>	13	Braddock Bay	L. Tiller, <i>et al.</i>
Bald Eagle	<u>total 255+</u>	month	many (includes BB)	mob
Northern Harrier	<u>max 78</u>	10	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, M. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<u>max 1107</u>	10	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, M. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
Cooper's Hawk	<u>max 121</u>	2	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
Northern Goshawk	<u>total 6</u>	11-29	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
Northern Goshawk	1	2	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Northern Goshawk	1	24	Greece	K. Griffith
Red-shouldered Hawk	<u>max 116</u>	2	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
Broad-winged Hawk	1; 126	12F	Frisbee Hill; Broadway	J. Powell; D. Cameron
Broad-winged Hawk	<u>max 7454</u>	21	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow
<u>Swainson's Hawk</u>	2 dk ad	10F	Braddock Bay	F. Nicoletti, <i>et al.</i>
<u>Swainson's Hawk</u>	1 dk ad?	13	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, ph Bri. Morse.
Red-tailed Hawk	<u>max 603</u>	10	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, M. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
Rough-legged Hawk	<u>max 46</u>	10	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, M. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
Golden Eagle	<u>total 24</u>	1-26	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
Golden Eagle	<u>max 5</u>	21	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow
Golden Eagle	<u>6 other rep</u>	all month	sev	sev

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Virginia Rail	1	14ES	HANA	J. Powell
Sora	1	25F	HANA	J. Powell

Common Gallinule	1	22F	NMWMA (Deep Muck)	M. Gullo
Sandhill Crane	<u>38 rep of 39+</u>	all month	sev	sev
<u>American Avocet</u>	<u>17+, RH</u>	<u>21F</u>	Hamlin Beach lakewatch	A. Guthrie
Spotted Sandpiper	2	<u>20F</u>	Sodus Bay	W. & M. Rowley
Solitary Sandpiper	1	<u>30F</u>	south Caledonia	M. Wasilco
Greater Yellowlegs	1	<u>6F</u>	Braddock Bay	D. Horsey
Greater Yellowlegs	<u>max 90</u>	24	NMWMA (Camcross Rd)	J. McGowan, L. Santana
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	<u>17F</u>	Salmon Creek (Greece)	K. Sucky, J. Powell
Dunlin	1	<u>12F</u>	sev	sev
Dunlin	<u>max 26</u>	28	NMWMA (Camcross Rd)	J. McGowan, L. Santana
Pectoral Sandpiper	2	<u>11F</u>	T Savannah (Wayne Co.)	W. Fidler, M. Magistro
Long-billed Dowitcher ph	2	<u>6F-12, RE</u>	Hamlin	D. Tetlow, mob
Wilson's Snipe	<u>max 20</u>	26	NMWMA (Camcross Rd)	J. McGowan, L. Santana
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 500</u>	27	Geneseo	K. McGann
<u>Little Gull</u>	1 ad	<u>4F-5</u>	Braddock Bay	mob
<u>Little Gull</u>	1	19	off Edgemere Dr. (Greece)	Je. Barry
<u>Little Gull ph</u>	1 ad	19	Bear Creek (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing
<u>Little Gull</u>	1 ad	20	Hamlin Beach lakewatch	A. Guthrie
<u>Little Gull</u>	1 ad	26	off Cranberry Pond	R. Buckert
<u>Little Gull</u>	1 ad	28	Hamlin Beach lakewatch	S. & R. Spahn
Iceland Gull	1 ad	28; <u>30L</u>	Hamlin Beach lakewatch	R. & S. Spahn; A. Guthrie
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<u>max 5</u>	2	Cranberry Pond (Greece)	G. Lawrence
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<u>total approx 19</u>	all month	sev	sev
Caspian Tern	<u>max 60</u>	25	Sodus Bay	L. Lauster
Black Tern ph	1	<u>8F, RE</u>	DEC Ponds (Avon)	K. Kirsch
Common Tern	2	<u>12F</u>	Cranberry Pond (Greece)	G. Lawrence
Forster's Tern	1	<u>14F</u>	Braddock Bay	J. Rycenga
Snowy Owl ph	1	<u>29 thru</u>	T Gates (Monroe Co.)	K. Sucky
Long-eared Owl	<u>max 400</u>	2	Manitou (Owl Woods)	count team
Long-eared Owl	<u>total count 11</u>	1-21	Manitou (Owl Woods)	count team
Short-eared Owl	1	<u>27L</u>	Caldonia	M. Wasilco
N. Saw-whet Owl	<u>total count 10</u>	1-18	Manitou (Owl Woods)	count team
E. Whip-poor-will	2	<u>29F</u>	Manitou (Owl Woods)	J. Rycenga, P. Macres
Chimney Swift	1-4	<u>29F</u>	sev	sev
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	<u>30F</u>	N. Rush	N. Kachala
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	<u>2FS</u>	Manitou (Owl Woods)	I. Davies, T. Lenz, B. Walker
American Kestrel	<u>max 70</u>	10	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow, M. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
Merlin	<u>total 8</u>	10-29	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow <i>et al.</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<u>total 5</u>	13-29	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow <i>et al.</i>
<u>Monk Parakeet</u>	1	<u>1F-4</u>	West Ridge Plaza (Greece)	sev
Great Crested Flycatcher	1	<u>27F</u>	Gates	Bri. Morse
Eastern Kingbird	1	<u>30F</u>	T Lima	C. Gardner
Northern Shrike	1	<u>7L</u>	Doran & TLR (T Richmond, ONT)	B. Howe
Blue-headed Vireo	2	<u>19F</u>	HH Spencer State Rec. Area	D. Daniels
Warbling Vireo	1	<u>28F</u>	T Henrietta (Monroe Co.)	M. Wasilco
Red-eyed Vireo	1	<u>30F</u>	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
<u>Fish Crow</u>	<u>max 8</u>	24	Ontario Beach parking lot	R. Spahn
Purple Martin	3; 1	<u>4F</u>	Batavia; Edgemere Dr (Greece)	D. Beattie; Ji. Barry
Tree Swallow	<u>max 400</u>	23	Conesus Lake Inlet WMA	D. Beattie
N. Rough-winged Swallow	1	<u>2F</u>	Irondequoit Bay Park West	A. Garland
N. Rough-winged Swallow	<u>max 400</u>	23	Conesus Lake Inlet WMA	D. Beattie
Bank Swallow	2	<u>13F</u>	Bear Creek (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing

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Cliff Swallow	1	<u>25F</u>	Hemlock Lake SP	B. Howe
Barn Swallow	1	<u>2F</u>	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Black-capped Chickadee	<u>max 20, low</u>	19	Mendon Ponds Park	D. Bemont
Black-capped Chickadee	<u>total B 80</u>	18-30	Manitou	BBBO
House Wren	1	<u>13F</u>	Webster Park	G. Ford
Winter Wren	2	<u>2FS</u>	Island Cottage Woods	P. Martin
Marsh Wren	2	<u>9F</u>	Braddock Bay	B. Watts
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	<u>13F</u>	Braddock Bay - West Spit	P. Martin
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<u>max 18, low</u>	11	Manitou (Owl Woods)	A. Garland
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6	<u>11F</u>	Batavia	D. Beattie

Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>max B 33</u>	30	Manitou	BBBO
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>32</u>	27	Webster Park	R. Spahn
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>total B 94</u>	18-30	Manitou	BBBO
Veery	1	<u>30F</u>	University of Rochester	E. Gyllenhaal
Hermit Thrush	1	<u>6FS</u>	Manitou (Owl Woods)	B. & B. Morse
Wood Thrush	1	<u>26F</u>	Four Mile Crk Preserve (Webster)	D. Horsey
American Robin	<u>max 21572</u>	2	Hamlin Beach SP	I. Davies, T. Lenz, B. Walker
<u>Varied Thrush ph</u>	1	26F-28	E. Irondequoit	C. Giles, mob
Brown Thrasher	1	<u>12F</u>	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
European Starling	<u>max 5620</u>	2	Hamlin Beach SP	I. Davies, T. Lenz, B. Walker
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 10, very low</u>	29	Portage (Livingston Co.)	A. Watson
Lapland Longspur	<u>max 80</u>	7	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Lapland Longspur	1	<u>20L</u>	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Snow Bunting	1	<u>2L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	I. Davies, T. Lenz, B. Walker
Northern Waterthrush	1	<u>26F</u>	Mendon Ponds Park	J. & A. Healy
Louisiana Waterthrush	1	<u>19F</u>	Canadice Lake - east side	D. Daniels
Black-and-white Warbler	1	<u>29F</u>	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
Common Yellowthroat	1	<u>20F</u>	Portage (Livingston Co.)	A. Watson
Northern Parula	1	<u>22F</u>	Durand-Eastman Park	P. Martin
Yellow Warbler	2	<u>22F</u>	Avon DEC Ponds	K. Kirsch
Palm Warbler	1	<u>25F</u>	Burger Park (Greece)	K. Hartquist
Pine Warbler	1	<u>6F</u>	Rochester (Lake Ave.)	A. Garland
Pine Warbler	1	<u>6F</u>	Ontario County Park	D. Daniels
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	<u>12F, late</u>	Church Trail (Greece)	P. Martin
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	<u>12F, late</u>	South Conesus	K. Close
Prairie Warbler	1	<u>30F</u>	Canadice Lake Rd	S. Taylor
Black-throated Green Warbler	1	<u>16F</u>	Four Mile Crk Preserve (Webster)	J. Miles, P. Martin
Eastern Towhee	1	<u>3F</u>	Broadway Rd. (Wayne Co.)	L. Lauster
American Tree Sparrow	1	<u>29L</u>	Honeoye Falls	B. Carlson
Chipping Sparrow	1	<u>1F</u>	Batavia	D. Beattie
Field Sparrow	1	<u>6F</u>	Webster; Canadice Hollow Rd	J. Miles; B. Howe
Vesper Sparrow	1	<u>11F</u>	Braddock Bay - West Spit	R. Thomas
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	<u>28F</u>	Sandy Bottom Park area	G. Lawrence
Fox Sparrow	1	<u>2F</u>	sev	sev
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2	<u>22F</u>	Dalton (Livingston Co.)	J. Cleveland
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>max 7040</u>	2	Hamlin Beach SP	I. Davies, T. Lenz, B. Walker
Eastern Meadowlark	<u>max 20</u>	2	Hamlin Beach SP	I. Davies, T. Lenz, B. Walker
Rusty Blackbird	<u>max 65</u>	2	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Grackle	<u>max 2500</u>	2	Hamlin Beach SP	I. Davies, T. Lenz, B. Walker
Brown-headed Cowbird	<u>max 760</u>	2	Hamlin Beach SP	I. Davies, T. Lenz, B. Walker
Baltimore Oriole	1	<u>30F</u>	Lima	C. Gardner
Pine Grosbeak	1	<u>19F</u>	T Savannah	W. & M. Rowley
Common Redpoll	<u>max 50</u>	9	Webster Arboretum	J. Miles
Common Redpoll	1	<u>19L</u>	East Palmyra (Wayne Co.)	S. Salber
Evening Grosbeak	1	<u>16-17F</u>	Webster	P. Mabb