

Records Report

1. A typical seesaw, transition month. It was mild with little snow and no major snow events. There was only one serious wind event, which brought down a few tress and limbs on the 6th. Near month's end there was a period of bitter cold for about 10 days. A maximum of only 22° on the 28th was only the 7th time that a high temperature that low has been recorded on or after 28 March. Temperatures averaged 37.4°F, 2.2° above normal, while precipitation totaled 1.55", 0.94" below normal. Snowfall at 12.3" was 5.6" below normal.

2. At times, arrivals seemed slow, but the species total added one more to the record high species count for the month at 150. The year-to-date total was down just a bit, but well above average. Only four species arrived at dates earlier than our 1985 Monroe County Checklist earliest, with Laughing Gull, Great Egret, and Yellow-rumped Warbler at new record early dates and Dunlin with only three other intervening years earlier. In addition there were several rarities with no date distributions for comparison: A regional first and state 2nd **Tundra Bean-Goose**, found first by Tim Lenz at the top of Seneca Lake on the 10th, then the next day there and plus four more days in the mucklands in Wayne County just north of Rt. 31, with Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross's Goose, and Eurasian Wigeon also in the mucklands. A 2nd regional **Cinnamon Teal** was found by John & Karla Gordinier in the flooded flats near Groveland in Livingston County and seen by many from the 21st to month's end. And a 1st regional, well-documented **Smith's Longspur** was found by Jim Kimball in the fields SE of Geneseo on the 13th and by many others through the 15th. Several other regional rarities included: Cackling Goose, King and Common Eiders, Black Vulture, and Hoary Redpoll. Then add six identified waterfowl hybrids. Again this year, most of the typical March arrivals were reported. Many of the lingering half hardies were still reported, but numbers were way down for most. The various irruptive species and winter finches were scarce. The eBird data download for the region was ~ 50,175 lines of reports, down about 6% from last March (basically in the noise). Once more we have David Brown back as the official hawk counter at Braddock Bay; applause please!

3. Among the waterfowl, the trend continued that all expected species were reported, with many bonus species added. Peak counts remained low for most species, but large numbers were reported for Snow Goose, Canada Goose, Tundra Swan, and decent numbers for a few other species. The Snow Goose counts could prompt some discussion among interested birders around the issues with arriving at such numbers. The trend to earlier passage on from the region also continued and was very apparent by month's end. Snow melt was basically done and water levels for Lake Ontario were a foot or more high and also high for many other bodies of water, and many puddles scattered about in fields. Grebes were generally poor, with only two double-digit Red-necked Grebe counts. Sandhill Cranes numbers passing the Hawkwatch and elsewhere were very good.

4. Shorebirds remained scarce through the month, with only token numbers of the few early arrivers noted: Killdeer, a very early Dunlin, Pectoral Sandpiper, American Woodcock, Wilson's Snipe, and both yellowlegs. The first spring Bonaparte's Gulls were seen on 17 March, but numbers remained low through the month. Again, overall, gull numbers were relatively low. The three usual winter gulls, Iceland, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous, were reported through the month in low numbers. A Laughing Gull on Conesus Lake was a surprise and appeared to possibly be injured.

5. The typical spring loon movement was very slow through month's end. Double-Crested Cormorant numbers increased, after essentially disappearing with the February cold, but remained low. Great Blue Herons were on nests in several areas, and Great Egret arrived at a record early date. The hawk count was off to a modest start, but bumped up to 14,113 for the month by a record high Turkey Vulture count of 10,083 on the 31st to a total 13,062 for the month. As usual, no Northern Goshawk and only a lone, hawkwatch Golden Eagle, with three others elsewhere. Numbers were good for Rough-legged Hawk. A table with all the details and daily notes can be found on the Hawkcount website.

6. There were many reports, but only about five Snowy Owls were noted from about five locations, fortunately including the Braddock Bay area. The DEC Short-eared Owl surveys out of the Avon office con-

tinued, but with fairly low numbers of owls through this season. Jim Adams reported numbers from the usual Owl Woods counts, with a very good 76 N. Saw-whet Owls and nine more Long-eared Owls for this month; a very good season to date. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were back to more normal numbers for the time of year after a couple of very high years. Once more, no Red-headed Woodpeckers were reported. The three regular falcons were all reported in good numbers at the hawkwatch and elsewhere.

7. There were basically few surprises among the passerines. New arrivals were about as expected for dates, but light on numbers, likely due to the deep cold snap at month's end. There were no really outstanding peak counts. Many of our lingering, overwintering, half-hardies were very scarce. A lone Hoary Redpoll was the only rarity until the mega-rarity event of the Smith's Longspur. The table of Noteworthy Records to be posted on the RBA website will provide more details and illustrations.

	2022	2021	10-year Average
Species for Mar.	150	149	142.3
New for the year	19	19	17.7
Total for the year to date	159	163	152.6

8. Please send your reports by the 5th of the month to Greg Lawrence.

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