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THE MONTH: May

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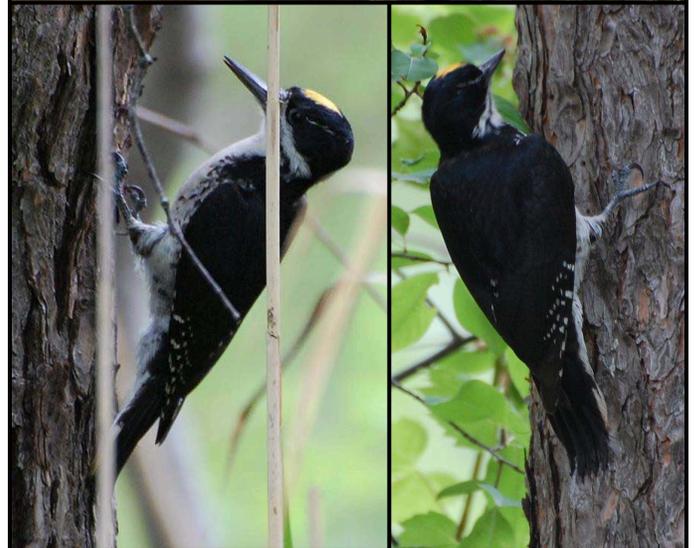
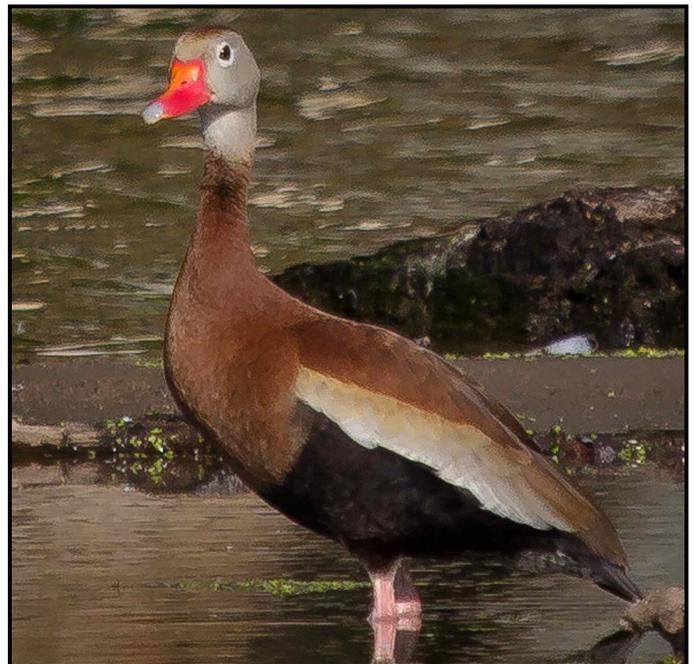
*"When April steps aside for May,
Like diamonds all the rain-drops glisten;
Fresh violets open every day;
To some new bird each hour we listen."*

Lucy Larcom, excerpt from
"The Sister Months", 1881

The month of May 2015 opened her eyes and stayed warm and dry throughout her stay. The sun's shine was welcome and abundant and granted us the 5th warmest May on record. She set her record temperatures early in the month on May 8th and 9th, baking the soil of our newly tilled gardens with 88 and 89 degrees of Fahrenheit. We did not receive any verification reports regarding local birders being attired in bathing suits, however given that May is a month in which all seems possible we would not discount the possibility. After this initial, memorable hot flash we cooled rather quickly, overcompensating with two record warm minimums of 67 and 64 degrees F. More comfortable birding weather to be sure. There were a couple of temperamental frosty mornings registered in the southern tier. Given that meaningful rainfall only arrived on two occasions, our rain gear remained remarkably dry and free of mildew. The month closed with a weekend record drenching 2.44 inches of rain, more than an inch above the previous record set in 1889. Thankfully the prior thirsty conditions left our creeks and rivers more than able to handle the fresh water. There were no reports of flooded basements keeping birders out of field and forest. In addition, there was scant breeze to receive or report. When all was said and done May left us a mean temperature of 62.5 degrees, 5.7 degrees above normal. All in all there was little to dismay us in this month of May.

Betsy Potter's golden ears ushered in the first rare find of the month. She heard the distinctive "coo-cooh-

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50	Noteworthy Records <i>Joe Mitchell & Statisticians</i>	Collared-Dove on the first of
57	BOS May Count - 2015 <i>Compiler: Robert DeLeon</i>	May in the
60	Calendar	vicinity of the Wilson, NY harbor. Both



(Top) Black-bellied Whistling Duck photographed by Charlie F. Horton at Wilson-Tuscarora State Park on May 29th and (Bottom) Black-backed Woodpecker photographed by Kathleen Thomas at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve on May 26th.

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Betsy and Willie D'Anna were able to successfully locate the singing dove on the top of a large picnic shelter. This bird's mournful call is thought to echo the cries of a servant girl. Willie's photos show an elegantly cool gray colored bird, a gainsboro gray, with a hint of cinnamon along the back and tail feathers. The black slash of a collar is visible both at rest and in flight. The species is thought to have been introduced into the Bahamas in the 1970s. According to Willie the bird "may have been in the area for about a year now and possibly longer." The Potter/D'Anna duo were able to relocate the bird on several occasions between May 1 - 5.

While in his vehicle

during the noon hour of May 3rd the aforementioned Willie reported hearing the repeating, about six times, nasal "cah" of a **Fish Crow** in flight, over a section of reverting woods at Wilson-Tuscarora State Park. This call was not the usual two-note version the species is better known for, but instead the less frequently delivered one-note version. It was his first Fish Crow encountered in Niagara County and marks our second record for this county. We are happy to also report that the Fish Crow appears "to be more resistant to West Nile Virus than the American Crow."

Additional notable sightings during the month include an immature male **Summer Tanager** on May 15 at Point Abino, Niagara, Ontario by Cameron Williams and Sue Merritt, and a **Harlequin Duck** on May 16th at Niagara Falls, Ont. by Michael Mulqueen.

Nearing dusk on May 17th Joe Fell found a resting **American White Pelican (AWPE)** in the middle of man-made pond in Port Maitland, Ontario. A species in decline, this bird's size dwarfs both Great Blue Heron and Canada Goose in comparison. The AWPE can weight almost 30 pounds, with an extended wingspan of more than 9 feet, and its bill can hold 3 gallons of water! This was Joe's third sighting of this species. He had previously enjoyed viewing an AWPE at Custer's Bird Sanctuary in Niagara-on-the-Lake in November of 2011, and again at Tiff Nature Preserve in June of 2012.

On May 26th local photographer Kathleen Thomas uploaded four images of a mystery bird to the Buffalo and WNY Wildlife Photography Facebook page. She had spied this bird around 1:00 PM in the pines along the boardwalk close to the Nature Center at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. The images clearly showed an active woodpecker with a yellow crown with a black black! Thomas requested assistance with the ID saying "This is all new to me! I was just happy to see him - I had no idea what he was." Talk about beginner's luck! Her discovery of a **Black-backed Woodpecker**



(Top to Bottom) Sandhill Crane photographed by Kayo Roy near Chippawa, Ontario on May 17th, Cattle Egret photographed by Kayo Roy at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario on May 30th, and a Eurasian Collared-Dove photographed by Willie D'Anna near Wilson Harbor on May 1st.

(BBWO), a very rare northern vagrant, set the internet on fire. She received much guidance from local birders who helped to spread news of the sighting. Unfortunately the bird was not subsequently relocated. President Mike Morgante tells us that the last sighting of a BBWO was on May 25th, 1976. Maybe we should all mark our calendars for a BBWO search party on May 25/26, 2016? Beardslee and Mitchell (1965) list eight records of Black-backed Woodpecker from 1844 to 1918 and the BOS Noteworthy Database lists 15 additional records of this northern vagrant since 1918.

Late in the month a Gold Star sighting of another peculiar looking bird brought Wilson-Tuscarora State Park back into the birding news. On May 29th observer Charlie Horton took several photographs of a duck with a red bill, a red-brown crown and nape, dark eyes set within a bright white eye ring, pink legs clearly visible. The bird was keeping to the west mouth of Twelve Mile Creek, and was visible from the beach side of WTSP. This **Black-bellied Whistling Duck** (BBWD) was very out of range! Formerly known as a Black-bellied Tree Duck, this bird will perch and nest in trees, as well as nest boxes. While this southern bird typically resides in Texas and Florida, one of its kind found its way to Western New York's Tonawanda WMA in 2010 during August 11-21. In 2011 A BBWD was noted at the Conewango Swamp WMA between August 24-26. There is also a record of a stopover visit to Stow, in 2011 between Sept. 19-25.

Our last noteworthy sighting of the month found Jan Errick without her camera. After finding a **Snowy Owl** on a rainy May 31, at the North-East corner of Beaver Island State Park, on a spit near the maintenance building, she rushed home to retrieve her lens. Thankfully the bird was still present when she returned, and she was able to obtain a few images of the bird. This helped enormously to negate any naysayers that might have suggested she may have seen an angel in disguise.

In summary, this was a May that gave us ample opportunity to add to our life lists. Whether your quarry was your favorite among the warbler family, or the opportunity to yet again welcome your resident friends the **hummingbirds** and **orioles**, or whether you appreciated the chance to give chase to a rare sight, or to camp out under your favorite giving tree at Forest Lawn Cemetery, we were given a great month. We hope you were able to find time to enjoy the frenzy of house hunting activity that brings to life Thoreau's reminder that Spring is an experience in immortality. We were also happy to learn that in the month of May cows can be milked three times a day.

Thanks to Mike Morgante, for his help in the development of this The Month: May.

Additional sources of information were Buffalo National Weather Service, Ebird online data base, ibird Pro: North America - version 7.2, Genesee Listserve, the Buffalo-Niagara Rare Bird Alert (FB), The Buffalo and WNY Wildlife Photography Page (FB), BirdTrax, Beardlee and Mitchell, 1965 - Birds of the Niagara Frontier Region, and BOS Noteworthy Database.



(Top to Bottom; all photographs by Sue Barth) Prairie Warbler at Bird Swamp in Cattaraugus County on May 24th, Blackburnian Warbler at Bird Swamp in Cattaraugus County on May 24th, Black-billed Cuckoo in South Wales on May 18th, and Orchard Oriole (2nd year male) at Tiff Nature Preserve on May 8th.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable written verification according to the Verification Date Guide to the Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario (9th Edition - Revised 2012) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Underlines of numbers of birds indicate unusually high counts for the species. Such numbers must be accompanied by detailed notes on the observations including counting methods used by observers.

* = First record for the year.

F - First record for the migration.

L - Last record for the migration.

(f) - Indicates feeding station; (n) Record of a nest; (yg) Record of nestling or fledgling.

(imm or juv) Indicates immature or juvenile. PV - Indicates Previously Documented

Please mail NWRs for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the Compiler: Joe Mitchell, 2269 Crittenden Road, Alden, NY 14004; Email: bosnoteworthyrecords@gmail.com (effective November 1, 2014).

<u>Species</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observer(s)</u>
* <u>Black-bell. Whistling-Duck</u>	29	1	Wilson-Tuscarora SP	Horton
Snow Goose	9	1	Portville	Miles
"	10	1	Beaver Meadow Audubon	Barton
"	25	1	Iroquois NWR	Morien; Morgante
Trumpeter Swan	7	1	Iroquois NWR	Morien
"	23	1	Batavia WWTP	Morien, Barth, Fox, Beattie
"	27	1	Tonawanda WMA	Morien
Tundra Swan	16	2	Findley Lake	Lenz
"	31	1	Clay Pond WMA	Stineman
American Wigeon	1	69	Iroquois NWR	Morien
Northern Shoveler	26	2	Batavia WWTP	Fox
Northern Pintail	1	348	Iroquois NWR	Morien
Green-winged Teal	1, 7	68, 38	Iroquois NWR	Morien
Canvasback	16	1	Findley Lake	Lenz
"	24	1	Buffalo – Outer Harbor	Pawlicki
Redhead	1	2	Iroquois NWR	Morien
"	1; 4; 5	1	Batavia WWTP	Nash; Morien; Fox
"	16	1	Buckhorn Island SP	Hoover
Ring-necked Duck	1	119	Iroquois NWR	Morien
"	23	1	North Harmony	Berry
Lesser Scaup	2; 30	33; 2	Batavia WWTP	Fox; Pawlicki
Harlequin Duck	<u>16</u>	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Mulqueen
Surf Scoter	2	1	Batavia WWTP	Fox; Beattie
"	2	9	Somerset	Morgante
Long-tailed Duck	16	150	Albion	Morien
"	18	124	Lakeside Beach SP	D'Anna, Morien
Bufflehead	2, 5; 30	38, 36; 1	Batavia WWTP	Fox; Pawlicki
Common Goldeneye	7	1	Porter	D'Anna; Kerr
Red-breasted Merganser	1	214	Dunkirk Harbor	Drucker
"	5	225	Wilson	D'Anna, Morien
"	16	170	Lakeside Beach SP	Purcell
Ruddy Duck	2; 5; 30	29; 34; 10	Batavia WWTP	Beattie; Fox; Pawlicki
Ruffed Grouse	14	1	Wainfleet, Ont.	B&J Farnan
Red-throated Loon	18	5	Lakeside Beach SP	D'Anna, Morien
"	24	1	Buffalo – Outer Harbor	Pawlicki
Horned Grebe	4; 14-28	17; 1	Batavia WWTP	Morien; Morien, Beattie et al
Red-necked Grebe	2	7	Somerset	Morgante
"	2; 23	1	Batavia WWTP	Fox; Morien, Beattie et al
"	9	1	Tillman Rd. WMA	Mitchell
Double-crest. Cormorant	1	350	Dunkirk Harbor	Drucker
"	9	450	Point Breeze	Lawrence
"	23	160	Ellery	Berry
* American White Pelican	17	1	Port Maitland, Ont.	Fell
American Bittern	1	1	Batavia WWTP	Barth
"	1; 21	4; 6	Iroquois NWR	Morien; Morien, Barth
"	25	1	Tonawanda WMA	Morgante
* Least Bittern	8F	1	Tiff NP	DiTommaso

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"	25, 27; 30	1, 2; 1	Iroquois NWR	Morien; Lenz
* Cattle Egret	30	1	Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Roy
Black Vulture	22	1	Lewiston Reservoir	Pawlicki
"	24	3	Lewiston	Morgante
Osprey	1	6	Allegheny SP	Shiperd
"	2	8	Hamburg Hawk Watch	Landau
Bald Eagle	1	7	Iroquois NWR	Morien
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	22	Carlton	D'Anna
"	8	27	Hamburg Hawk Watch	Landau
Cooper's Hawk	2	14	Hamburg Hawk Watch	Landau
Broad-winged Hawk	2, 3, 8	89, 57, 52	Hamburg Hawk Watch	Landau
Red-tailed Hawk	3	22	Hamburg Hawk Watch	Landau
Virginia Rail	18	2	Conewango Swamp WMA	Lenz
"	30	2	Batavia WWTP	Pawlicki
Sora	2	4	Jamestown Audubon	Tome
"	16	4	Tiff NP	Laughlin
"	18	2	Conewango Swamp WMA	Lenz
Sandhill Crane	1; 21; 25	1; 2; 2	Iroquois NWR	Morien et al; Morgante
"	4	3	Sinking Ponds NS	Vigyikan (EABC)
"	15	1	Jamestown Audubon	Tome, Fedak
Black-bellied Plover	23	6	Fort Erie, Ont.	Yoerg
* Semipalmated Plover	6F	1	Newstead	Mitchell
"	22	14	Batavia WWTP	Pawlicki, Mitchell
Spotted Sandpiper	22	25	Batavia WWTP	Fox
Solitary Sandpiper	6	9	Sheridan	VerHague
"	7	6	Hanging Bog WMA	McNeill
"	7	6	Lewiston	Kerr
"	22L	2	Cheektowaga	Brunner
Greater Yellowlegs	28L	1	Iroquois NWR	Morien
* Willet	10F	1	Windmill Pt., Ont.	Yoerg
"	10F	1	Grabell Pt., Ont	Yoerg
"	30	1	Tonawanda WMA	Pawlicki, Mitchell
Lesser Yellowlegs	25L	1	Batavia WWTP	Morien
Upland Sandpiper	8-29	1-2	Java	Kerr et al
* Whimbrel	20F	36	Windmill Pt., Ont.	Yoerg
"	22	16	Morgan's Point, Ont.	Roy, Farnan
"	22; 28	1	Batavia WWTP	Pawlicki, Mitchell; Harbison
"	28	9	Tonawanda WMA	Spahn, Whittum
* Ruddy Turnstone	10F	1	Hamburg Town Park	Hoecle
"	10F	1	Rock Point P.P. , Ont.	Yoerg
"	24	3	Buffalo – Outer Harbor	Pawlicki
"	25; 28	16; 12	Batavia WWTP	Morien; Harbison
* Sanderling	28F	2	Batavia WWTP	Harbison
"	30	4	Dunkirk Harbor	Lenz
* Semipalmated Sandpiper	16F	1	Point Breeze	Morien
"	26; 28	54; 62	Batavia WWTP	Fox; Harbison
"	30	52	Tonawanda WMA	Pawlicki, Mitchell
* Least Sandpiper	5F	3	Chautauqua	Vanstrom
"	5F; 14	6; 106	Batavia WWTP	Fox; Lawrence, Podoliak
"	7	163	Iroquois NWR	Morien
White-rumped Sandpiper	30	1	Tonawanda WMA	Pawlicki, Mitchell
Dunlin	16	3	Point Breeze	Morien
"	20	40	Windmill Pt., Ont.	Yoerg
"	22	5	Lewiston Reservoir	Pawlicki
"	23	25	Batavia WWTP	Morien, Barth
"	23	50	Long Beach, Ont.	Yoerg
* Short-billed Dowitcher	17F; 22-24	3; 1-2	Batavia WWTP	Fox; Pawlicki, Mitchell et al
"	18	1	Newstead	Mitchell
"	20	8	Conewango Swamp WMA	Shiperd
* Wilson's Phalarope	22F	1	Batavia WWTP	Pawlicki, Mitchell
Bonaparte's Gull	1	60	Wilson	Morien
"	1	42	Dunkirk Harbor	Drucker
"	3	65	Four Mile Creek SP	D'Anna
"	7	68	Fort Niagara SP	Kerr

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"	14	90	Ellery	Vanstrom
Iceland Gull	1	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Drucker
"	7	1	Four Mile Creek SP	D'Anna
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	1	Dunkirk Harbor	VerHague
"	22	1	Lewiston Reservoir	Pawlicki
Glaucous Gull	22	1	Lewiston Reservoir	Pawlicki
Caspian Tern	1; 2	55; 50	Dunkirk Harbor	Drucker; Goetz
"	1	33	Wilson	Morien
"	23	120	Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Yoerg
* Black Tern	1F; 14; 27	11; 56; 35	Iroquois NWR	Morien; Nicosia; Beattie
"	23	2	Batavia WWTP	Beattie
"	24	6	Chautauqua Lake	Feinberg
"	28	1	Middlebury	Beattie
Common Tern	1; 2	65; 50	Dunkirk Harbor	Drucker; Goetz
"	9	198	Woodlawn Beach SP	Fell
"	24	150	Buffalo – Outer Harbor	Pawlicki
Forster's Tern	1	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Pawlicki
"	5	2	North Harmony	Vanstrom
"	7	1	Port Weller, Ont.	Black, Salisbury, Fazio
"	30	2	Batavia WWTP	Pawlicki
<u>Eurasian Collared-Dove</u>	1-5	1	Wilson	D'Anna, Potter et al
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	23	1	Iroquois NWR	Kachala
"	23	1	Pomfret	Mosher
* Black-billed Cuckoo	9F	1	Iroquois NWR	Lawrence
Snowy Owl	31	1	Beaver Island SP	Erick
Barred Owl	14	1	Tiftt NP	Sharon
* Common Nighthawk	16F	1	Cambria	Morse
"	16F, 23	10, 29	Celeron	Simmons
Eastern Whip-poor-will	23	4	Wainfleet, Ont.	Yoerg
Chimney Swift	23	50	Batavia WWTP	Morien, Barth, Beattie
"	31	170	Goat Island	Pawlicki
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	2	1	Alfred	Peterson
Red-headed Woodpecker	6, 9; 24	2, 3; 2	Point Gratiot	Goetz; Salim
"	10; 16	2	Lake Erie SP	VerHague; Pawlicki
"	16	2	Lakeside Beach SP	Purcell
"	19	1	Wilson-Tuscarora SP	D'Anna, Potter
"	22	2	Point Abino, Ont.	Humann
"	26	2	Evangola SP	Tedesco
* <u>Black-backed Woodpecker</u>	26	1	Reinstein Woods NP	Thomas
Merlin	3	1	Tiftt NP	Seidman
"	16	1	Buffalo	Yoerg
"	16; 30	1	Lakeside Beach SP	Morien; Bemont
"	18, 26	2, 1	Celeron	Simmons
Peregrine Falcon	2	1	Buffalo – Outer Harbor	Barth
"	7	1	Lewiston Reservoir	Walters
"	7	1	Goat Island	Kerr; Walters
"	11	1	Lockport	Perry
"	24	1	Niagara Falls	Morgante
"	29	2	Grand Island	Humann
* Olive-sided Flycatcher	8E; 16; 26	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Humann; Sweeney; Humann
"	31	1	Allegany SP	Morien, Light; Rose-Burney
* Eastern Wood-Pewee	5F	1	Iroquois NWR	Sweeney
"	5F	1	Newstead	Morien
* Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	9F	1	Amherst SP	Yoerg
"	13, 25	1, 2	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Pawlicki, Salembier et al
"	16; 18; 26	1	Lakeside Beach SP	Purcell; Morien; Bemont
"	19	1	Wilson-Tuscarora SP	Potter, D'Anna
"	23	1	Knox Farm SP	Tedesco
* Acadian Flycatcher	10F	1	Middlebury	Beattie
"	25	3	Iroquois NWR	Morien
* Alder Flycatcher	18	7	Conewango WMA	Lenz
"	18; 26	5	Lakeside Beach SP	D'Anna, Potter; Bemont
* Willow Flycatcher	9F	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Salembier
"	9F	1	Tiftt NP	Barth

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"	9F	1	Iroquois NWR	Lawrence
Least Flycatcher	2	1	Jamestown Audubon	Weyandt
"	2	1	Jamestown	Leenders
"	3	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Harbison
* Great Crested Flycatcher	1F	1	Forestville	VerHague
"	8	7	Beaver Meadow Audubon	Kerr
"	8	2	Point Gratiot	Goetz
Eastern Kingbird	1	1	Batavia WWTP	Barth
"	27	10	Iroquois NWR	Morien
* Yellow-throated Vireo	4F	3	Batavia	Beattie
"	4F	2	Pomfret	Mosher
"	7; 7; 12	1; 2; 4	Iroquois NWR	Beattie; Morin; Rising, Galas
* Philadelphia Vireo	4F	1	Four Mile Creek SP	Adams
"	8	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Humann et al
"	12	3	Amherst SP	Pawlicki, Salembier
* Red-eyed Vireo	5F	2	Newstead	Morien
"	5F	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Kester
<u>Fish Crow</u>	3	1	Wilson-Tuscarora SP	D'Anna
Common Raven	3	2	Mud Lake, Ont.	Robins
"	6	2	Port Colborne, Ont.	Staton
Bank Swallow	9	125	Woodlawn Beach SP	Fell
Cliff Swallow	1	20	Tonawanda	Barton
"	18	25	Allegany	Lenz
"	31	30	Goat Island	Pawlicki
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	23L	1	Iroquois NWR	Kachala
* Veery	2F	1	Portland	VerHague
* Gray-cheeked Thrush	8F	1	Wilson	D'Anna, Potter, Morien, Adams
"	25	3	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Pawlicki, Salembier
* Swainson's Thrush	4F; 16	1; 9	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Mitchell et al; Humann
"	31	2	Allegany SP	Morien
Hermit Thrush	24	1	Lakeside Beach SP	Bemont
American Pipit	2	30	Lyndonville	Morgante
"	9	7	Chautauqua	Vanstrom
* Ovenbird	1F	1	Harmony	Berry
Louisiana Waterthrush	6	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Barth, Thomas, Vizzi
* Golden-winged Warbler	7F	1	Lake Erie SP	Hardenburg
"	8	1	Tiftt NP	Bacher
"	9	1	Lakeside Beach SP	Lawrence
* Blue-winged Warbler	3F	1	East Aurora	Holmes
"	3F	1	Iroquois NWR	Morien
* "Brewster's Warbler"	8	1	Amherst SP	Salembier
* Prothonotary Warbler	8F-25	1-3	Tonawanda WMA	Kerr et al
* Tennessee Warbler	3F	1	Batavia	Beattie
"	5	1	Newstead	Morien
"	5	2	Wilson-Tuscarora SP	D'Anna et al
* Orange-crowned Warbler	3F, 4	1	Wilson	Potter
"	4	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Mitchell
"	4	1	Amherst	Salembier
Nashville Warbler	30	2	Napoli	D'Anna et al
* Connecticut Warbler	23F	1	Canadaway Creek WMA	VerHague
"	25	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Salembier, Pawlicki
* Mourning Warbler	10F	1	Bethany	Beattie
"	10F	1	Beaver Meadow Audubon	Barton
"	10F	1	Carlton Hill WMA	Beattie
Common Yellowthroat	2	1	Portland	VerHague
"	2	1	Iroquois NWR	Kerr; Benedetti
* Hooded Warbler	5F	2	Newstead	Morien
"	5F	1	Iroquois NWR	Kester
"	5F	2	Beaver Meadow Audubon	Kerr
"	6, 8	1	Fonthill, Ont.	Robins
* American Redstart	3F	1	Allegany SP	Rycenga
"	3F	1	Colden	Dermen
* Cape May Warbler	3F	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Rose-Burney
"	3F	1	Amherst SP	Yoerg

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"	13	14	North Harmony	Vanstrom
"	22L	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Seidman
* Cerulean Warbler	5F	2	Iroquois NWR	Sweeney
"	9; 21	1; 7	Tonawanda WMA	Lawrence; Morien, Barth
"	16	1	Alexander	Beattie
* Northern Parula	2F	1	Allegany SP	Rycenga, Macres
"	2F	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Barth et al
* Magnolia Warbler	2F	1	Jamestown Audubon	Weyandt
"	3	1	West Seneca	Yerkovich
* Bay-breasted Warbler	5F; 7	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Kester; Salembier et al
"	7	1	Amherst	Morse
* Blackburnian Warbler	1F	1	Pomfret	Moeller
"	2	2	Allegany SP	Rycenga, Macres
* Chestnut-sided Warbler	4F	1	Point Gratiot	VerHague, Barth
"	4F	1	Amherst SP	Sweeney
"	4F	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Humann et al
"	4F	1	Grand Island	Thomas
"	4F	1	Wilson	Potter
* Blackpoll Warbler	8F	2	Iroquois NWR	Kerr
"	9	1	Golden Hill SP	Wojewodzki
"	9	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Humann, Coleman, Fell
* Black-throated Blue Warbler	3F	1	Four Mile Creek SP	D'Anna
"	3F	1	Jamestown	Leenders, Kruitbosch
"	3F	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Humann et al
"	3F	1	Colden	Dermen
"	3F	1	Amherst SP	Yoerg
Palm Warbler	22L	1	Bethany	Beattie
* Yellow-throated Warbler	7F	1	Port Weller, Ont.	Black, Fazio, Salisbury
* Prairie Warbler	6F	1	Ashford	J Rosenberg
"	6F	1	Portland	Hardenburg
"	7	1	Fonthill, Ont.	Salisbury, Fazio
"	12-14	1	Port Weller, Ont.	Stoltz
"	16	1	Point Gratiot	Pawlicki
"	29	3	Yorkshire	Rising, Hollister, Meier, Rubin
* Canada Warbler	8F	1	Andover	Peterson
"	8F	1	Wilson	Potter, D'Anna
"	9	1	Golden Hill SP	Wojewodzki; Frauen
* Wilson's Warbler	8F	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Humann et al
"	8F	1	Wilson	Frauen
"	29	1	Allegany SP	Morin, Light
American Tree Sparrow	3L	4	Bethany	Beattie
Clay-colored Sparrow	28	1	Machias	Morien
Vesper Sparrow	5	1	Middlebury	Beattie
"	29	1	Yorkshire	Rising, Hollister, Meier, Rubin
"	30	1	Barre	Lenz
* Grasshopper Sparrow	8F, 9	1, 2	Dunkirk Airport	VerHague
"	9	1	Tillman WMA	Mitchell
"	11, 26	1	Middlebury	Beattie
Fox Sparrow	1	1	Wilson-Tuscarora SP	D'Anna
"	15L	1	Tift NP	Sharon
* Lincoln's Sparrow	4F	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Mitchell, Pawlicki
"	5, 6	1	Point Gratiot	Goetz
"	24L	1	Tift NP	Pawlicki
White-throated Sparrow	25	1	Wilson	D'Anna, Potter
"	30	2	Allenberg Bog	D'Anna et al
White-crowned Sparrow	24L	1	Batavia WWTP	Sucy
* Summer Tanager	15	1	Point Abino, Ont.	Williams, Merritt
* Scarlet Tanager	4F	1	Jamestown	Leenders, Kruitbosch
"	5	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Humann et al
"	5	1	Tift NP	Barth
* Indigo Bunting	3F, 4	1	Amherst	Salembier
"	4	2	Jamestown	Leenders, Kruitbosch
"	4	1	Colden	Dermen
* Bobolink	3F	1	Dunkirk Airport	Stineman

<u>Species</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observer(s)</u>
"	3F	1	Bethany	Beattie
Orchard Oriole	5	1	Newstead	Morien
"	6	1	Fredonia	Goetz
"	6	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Gainey
"	16	1	S. Dayton	J Landau
"	23	4	Fort Erie, Ont.	Yoerg
"	24	2	Bird Swamp	D'Anna, Potter
Baltimore Oriole	1	1	Portland	Hardenburg
Pine Siskin	1; 4, 25	30; 78, 60	Wilson	Morien; D'Anna, Potter
"	4	63	Carlton	D'Anna
"	4	30	Lakeside Beach SP	Yoerg
"	5	30	Fredonia	Goetz
"	6, 24	48, 1	Forestville	VerHague
"	6, 25	46, 2	Jamestown	Berry
"	6	24	Grand Island	Humann

Species, subspecies, and named hybrids previously recorded this year: 203

Species, subspecies, and hybrids new for the month: 65

Total for the year (to date) 2015: **268**

Statisticians' Note: If any observer wishes to know the status of their verification report, please contact the Statisticians and we will give them the reasons for our decision. Please advise us of any errors in the Noteworthy Records.

(Clockwise from upper left) Snowy Owl photographed by Jan Errick at Beaver Island State Park on May 31st, Short-billed Dowitcher photographed by Sue Barth at Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant on May 23rd, and Whimbrel photographed by Kayo Roy along the Lake Erie shoreline at the foot of Morgan's Point Road, Wainfleet, Ontario on May 22nd.



Report of the 2015 Annual B.O.S. May Bird Count

Date: May 17, 2015

Compiler: Robert L. DeLeon

Weather Synopsis

Greater Buffalo International Airport

Sunrise: 5:50 AM EDT Sunset: 8:33 PM EDT

Time	Temp	Dew Pt	Humid	Pressure	Vis	Wind Dir	Wind Speed	Conditions
1 AM	61.0 °F	57.0 °F	87%	30.15 in	7.0 mi	Calm	Calm	Mostly Cloudy
4 AM	60.1 °F	55.0 °F	83%	30.15 in	10.0 mi	ENE	5.8 mph	Overcast
7 AM	62.1 °F	57.0 °F	84%	30.18 in	8.0 mi	ENE	3.5 mph	Overcast
10 AM	70.0 °F	57.9 °F	65%	30.18 in	10.0 mi	East	4.6 mph	Mostly Cloudy
1 PM	78.1 °F	59.0 °F	52%	30.16 in	10.0 mi	North	-	Scattered Clouds
4 PM	81.0 °F	59.0 °F	47%	30.11 in	10.0 mi	Calm	Calm	Partly Cloudy
7 PM	80.1 °F	59.0 °F	48%	30.08 in	10.0 mi	NNE	6.9 mph	Mostly Cloudy
10 PM	72.0 °F	57.0 °F	59%	30.09 in	10.0 mi	ESE	5.8 mph	Scattered Clouds

Compilation: The following is a list of species recorded on the count together with the number of individuals tabulated. Bold face names indicate species for which acceptable written verification forms were received. **F** represents first and **L** last dates for the spring migration, * first date for the year. Where a species was recorded in three or fewer sections, the section numbers are given in parentheses.

G e e s e – H e r o n s			
Canada Goose		3522	Hooded Merganser 38
Mute Swan		16	Common Merganser 47
Trumpeter Swan		1 (23)	Red-breasted Merganser 1294
Wood Duck		185	Ruddy Duck 17 (1,13,17)
Gadwall		6 (7,10,13)	Unspecified waterfowl 195
American Wigeon		2 (10)	Ring-necked Pheasant 3 (19,21,27)
American Black Duck		3 (9,13)	Ruffed Grouse 18
Mallard		488	Wild Turkey 73
Blue-winged Teal		8 (10,19,21)	Red-throated Loon 195 (3,4)
Northern Shoveler		1 (7)	Common Loon 114
Redhead		11 (4,7,17)	Pied-billed Grebe 15
Ring-necked Duck		3 (15,25)	Horned Grebe 2 (13,19)
Greater Scaup	L	1 (3)	American White Pelican * 1 (7)
Lesser Scaup		3 (10,13)	Double-crested Cormorant 2916
White-winged Scoter	L	7 (4)	American Bittern 2 (10)
Long-tailed Duck		926	Great Blue Heron 475
Bufflehead		10	Great Egret 109
Common Goldeneye	L	4 (1,4,16)	Green Heron 56
			Black-crowned Night-Heron 118
V u l t u r e s - C r a n e s			
Turkey Vulture		574	American Kestrel 59
Osprey		38	Merlin 2 (7,13)
Bald Eagle		35	Peregrine Falcon 19 (3,11)

Northern Harrier	9	Unspecified hawks	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	11	Virginia Rail	3 (13,23)
Cooper's Hawk	13	Sora	5
Red-shouldered Hawk	10	Common Gallinule	3 (1,7,10)
Broad-winged Hawk	13	American Coot	3 (9,10)
Red-tailed Hawk	141	Sandhill Crane	2 (2,6)

Plovers – Terns

Black-bellied Plover	*F	1 (21)	Wilson's Snipe	5
Semipalmated Plover		21	American Woodcock	11
Killdeer		378	Unspecified shorebirds	2
Greater Yellowlegs		7	Bonaparte's Gull	270
Lesser Yellowlegs		8 (6,10,20)	Ring-billed Gull	5629
Solitary Sandpiper		12	Herring Gull	610
Spotted Sandpiper		155	Lesser Black-backed Gull	2 (4)
Upland Sandpiper		3 (10,15)	Great Black-backed Gull	12
Ruddy Turnstone		2 (5,7)	Unspecified gulls	422
Semipalmated Sandpiper		12 (6,7,18)	Caspian Tern	226
Least Sandpiper		131	Common Tern	574
White-rumped Sandpiper		1 (6)	Forster's Tern	3 (6)
Pectoral Sandpiper		1 (1)	Black Tern	29 (10,17)
Dunlin		114		

Pigeons - Swallows

Rock Pigeon		781	Alder Flycatcher	*F	63
Mourning Dove		1013	Willow Flycatcher		153
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	*F	17	Least Flycatcher		126
Black-billed Cuckoo		31	Unspecified Empidonax		9
Eastern Screech-Owl		11 (4,9,23)	Eastern Phoebe		217
Great Horned Owl		11	Great Crested Flycatcher		261
Barred Owl		15	Eastern Kingbird		355
Common Nighthawk		15 (21)	White-eyed Vireo	*	1 (13)
Eastern Whip-poor-will		7 (7)	Yellow-throated Vireo		24
Chimney Swift		193	Blue-headed Vireo		26
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		175	Warbling Vireo		429
Belted Kingfisher		54	Philadelphia Vireo		6
Red-headed Woodpecker		17	Red-eyed Vireo		489
Red-bellied Woodpecker		258	Blue Jay		944
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		78	American Crow		1360
Downy Woodpecker		173	Common Raven		35
Hairy Woodpecker		87	Horned Lark		61
Northern Flicker		259	Purple Martin		534
Pileated Woodpecker		33	Tree Swallow		1252
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1 (5)	Bank Swallow		334
Eastern Wood Pewee		134	N. Rough-winged Swallow		167
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		2 (20)	Cliff Swallow		190
Acadian Flycatcher		9	Barn Swallow		1379

Tits - Waxwings

Black-capped Chickadee		575	Eastern Bluebird		218
Tufted Titmouse		127	Veery		121
Red-breasted Nuthatch		22	Swainson's Thrush		23
White-breasted Nuthatch		133	Hermit Thrush		18
Brown Creeper		9	Wood Thrush		311
Carolina Wren		19	American Robin		4484
House Wren		334	Gray Catbird		1500
Winter Wren		9	Northern Mockingbird		40
Marsh Wren		9	Brown Thrasher		91
Golden-crowned Kinglet		8	European Starling		4421
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1 (13)	American Pipit	L	8 (4,5,15)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	52	Cedar Waxwing	135
Warblers			
Blue-winged Warbler	162	Bay-breasted Warbler	63
Tennessee Warbler	166	Blackpoll Warbler	119
Orange-crowned Warbler	1 (4)	Cerulean Warbler	5
Nashville Warbler	45	Black-and-white Warbler	13
Northern Parula	32	American Redstart	350
Yellow Warbler	2167	Prothonotary Warbler	1 (10)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	283	Ovenbird	252
Magnolia Warbler	145	Northern Waterthrush	26
Cape May Warbler	15	Louisiana Waterthrush	7
Black-throated Blue Warbler	39	Mourning Warbler	42
Yellow-rumped Warbler	201	Common Yellowthroat	1241
Black-throated Green Warbler	77	Hooded Warbler	163
Blackburnian Warbler	78	Wilson's Warbler	35
Pine Warbler	20	Canada Warbler	30
Prairie Warbler	13Unspecified warblers	17
Palm Warbler	31		
Tanagers – House Sparrows			
Scarlet Tanager	110	Indigo Bunting	180
Eastern Towhee	236	Bobolink	728
Chipping Sparrow	712	Northern Cardinal	695
Clay-colored Sparrow	*F 7 (4,18,20)	Red-winged Blackbird	5207
Field Sparrow	177	Eastern Meadowlark	145
Vesper Sparrow	3 (5,7,8)	Rusty Blackbird	L 4 (4,22,28)
Savannah Sparrow	269	Common Grackle	2317
Song Sparrow	1391	Brown-headed Cowbird	708
Lincoln's Sparrow	4	Orchard Oriole	16
Swamp Sparrow	104	Baltimore Oriole	978
White-throated Sparrow	41	Purple Finch	89
White-crowned Sparrow	147	House Finch	186
Unspecified sparrows	50	Pine Siskin	74
Dark-eyed Junco	112	American Goldfinch	1358
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	374	House Sparrow	1256

SUMMARY INFORMATION: Total species observed: 207 (above average)
Total individual birds observed: 68,446 (well below average)
Number of observers: 218

COMMENTS: The 2015 May count was good with a number of species observed that were missed last year and a large number of species observed in record numbers in spite of the fact that the total number of individuals observed continued its downward trend.

HIGHEST COUNTS FOR 2015 (COMPARED TO 1965-2015)

The following species recorded the highest count in 2015: Red-throated Loon (195), Common Loon (114), Peregrine Falcon (19), Forster's Tern (3), Eastern Screech Owl (11), Acadian Flycatcher (9), Alder Flycatcher (63), Willow Flycatcher (153), Great Crested Flycatcher (261), Common Raven (35), Gray Catbird (1500), Ovenbird (252), Common Yellowthroat (1241), Hooded Warbler (163), Clay-colored Sparrow (7).

HIGH COUNTS FOR 2015 (COMPARED TO 1965-2015)

The following species recorded a high count in 2015 which was 2 standard deviations above their average count for 1965-2015: Long-tailed Duck (926), Red-breasted Merganser (1294), Great Egret (109), Osprey (38), Bald Eagle (35), Caspian Tern (226), Yellow-billed Cuckoo (17), Red-bellied Woodpecker (258), Warbling Vireo (429), Northern Parula (32), Pine Warbler (20), Blackpoll Warbler (119).

LOW COUNTS FOR 2015 (COMPARED TO 1965-2015)

The following species recorded a low count in 2015 which was 2 standard deviations below their average count for 1965-2015: None.

LOWEST COUNTS FOR 2015 (COMPARED TO 1965-2015)

The following species recorded the lowest count in 2015: Ring-necked Pheasant (3), Barn Swallow (1379).

NOTABLE SPECIES MISSING FROM THE COUNT FOR 2015

The following species were missing from the 2015 count: Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Golden-winged Warbler, Grasshopper Sparrow.

NOTABLE RARE SIGHTINGS FOR 2015

Lesser Black-backed Gull (2), Clay-colored Sparrow (7), Trumpeter Swan (1), American White Pelican (1).

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Summer - Fall Calendar and Announcements

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Bird Hotline: 1-877-698-3261 or 866-321-4255 or 614-384-2335
Buffalo-Niagara Region Nature Blog: <http://bnnatureblog.com/>

July 6 - Oct. 9 (Weekly): Bill Watson memorial waterbird counts on the upper Niagara River and Iroquois NWR and vicinity. Please consider participating in this effort to help count Great Egrets and other colonial nesting waterbirds on the upper Niagara River and around the Iroquois NWR complex as they return to communal roosts starting approximately one hour prior to sunset. Contact Jim Pawlicki (jimpawli10@gmail.com; Niagara River) and/or Celeste Morien (celeste.morien@gmail.com; Iroquois NWR) to coordinate count efforts and data compilation.

Sept. 5: Saturday. At 6:45 PM the Buffalo Ornithological Society and the New York State Purple Martin Project are leading a Purple Martin Fall Roost Site Field Trip. The event is at Buckhorn Island State Park on Grand Island, New York. We will meet at the large parking lot on East-West Park Road. Directions: For people going to the September Purple Martin trip from points south.... Take the Long Road exit on the northbound 190. This exit will take you to Grand Island Blvd. Turn left and drive 100 feet or so to the 4-way stop. This is the intersection of Long Road and Grand Island Boulevard. At this 4-way stop, turn right onto Long Rd. Take Long Rd all the way to Baseline and turn left onto Baseline. Take Baseline to East River Road and turn left. Find the large parking lot on the north side of East River Road. A non-strenuous short walk is required. Reminder: There are no restroom facilities available at Buckhorn Island State Park. This link provides a map of the park showing the

reed bed we will be viewing in the Niagara River:<http://nysparks.com/parks/attachments/BuckhornIslandBuckhornIslandBCAMap.pdf> Contact information is as follows: Celeste Morien (585-721-8202) or celeste.morien@gmail.com or nyspurplemartins@gmail.com

Sept. 9: Wednesday BOS Meeting in the Jaeger Room of the Buffalo Museum of Science at 7:00 PM. Members Night. Bring along your favorite stories and photo files to share with other members. (Note the new room location at the Museum for our meetings).

Sept. 13: Sunday. Tiff Nature Preserve for fall migrants.

Leader: Joe Mitchell (josephcmitchell@gmail.com 716-604-7701). Meet at 7:30 AM in the Tiff Nature Preserve parking lot. This is a half day trip.

Oct. 10: Saturday NOT Sunday! BOS Annual October Count.

The compiler is Marcie Jacklin at mjacklin@brocku.ca or 905-871-2577. BOS members are encouraged to participate.

Oct. 21: Wednesday, 2015 Vaughan Lecture, "Birds-of-Paradise: Extreme, Bizarre, Extraordinary", 7PM at the Buffalo Museum of Science. Dr. Edwin Scholes, Evolutionary Biologist and Director of Research & Interpretation at the Macaulay Library at Cornell University, will be speaking about the Birds of Paradise Project. In 2012, Edwin Scholes and world-renowned wildlife photographer Tim Laman released the National Geographic book "*Birds of Paradise: Revealing the World's Most Extraordinary Birds*". This book was the culmination of a near decades long quest to find and document all 39 species of birds-of-paradise for the first time. Join Ed for an engaging presentation with fascinating stories of research and adventure paired with stunning imagery, sounds and video illuminating the secret lives of these incredible birds.



Acadian Flycatcher
photographed by Sue Barth at
Chestnut Ridge Park on May 30th.

