

SPRING MIGRATION, 1965

March was cold, there was snow on the ground at the end of the month.
April had normal temp but was wet, and had less than 50% sunshine.
May was warm early, causing foliage to come out quickly, and was wet
toward the end. It was generally thought to be a late migration,
with many species spending but little time here.

Four Common Loons at one time at the Reservoir were unusual. On 28 Apr.
there were 10 Horned Grebes seen by Albert Berkowitz.

Almost no Great Blue Herons; few, if any, Black-crowned Night, but
two Yellow-crowned where they doubtless nested last year.

Most of the waterfowl were seen briefly in a flooded field, Lesser
Scaups were the only duck seen in numbers. Four Canada Geese on 16 April.
Hawks- few Red-tailed and no Red-shouldered or Marsh. Few Sparrow Hawks.
Coots were the most I've seen; Killdeers scarce. Small flocks of Golden
Plovers seen, but no Black-bellied.

Yellow-legs, both seen in good numbers, but other than Pectorals there
were almost no shorebirds.

Hummingbirds, few seen.

Flickers, lots early in the migration.

E. Kingbird and Crested Flycatchers at least normal. Others fewer.

Wood Thrushes few, Swainson's and Gray-cheeked many more than usual.

Shrikes, almost none.

Red-eyed Vireos, a wave on 19 May.

Warblers, no wave. Black-and-white fewer, Tenn. usual, and quite a few
Nashvilles in first 10 days of May. Not as many Orange-crown, Myrtles
way down, Chestnut-sided and Palm fewer.

Bobolinks numerous and seen in more fields.

Sparrows- White-throats only ones seen in any numbers.

There's been an amazing lack of cuckoos. I've seen 3 Black-billed, (one in our yard) and only one Yellow-billed. There doesn't seem to be the worm infestation that existed last year, but there should be more cuckoos here.

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...and nested in great numbers as last year. Their lower
...and numbers low, but some were seen in small
...almost none.
...a wave on 19 May.
...Black-and-white lower, but a single a few
...for a very large amount, but
...in new places.
...only one seen in six numbers.

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