

## Weather--

March was warmer than usual (5 degrees) and moisture a little below  
 April also warmer and dryer.

May cooler and wetter.

This pattern of weather did not seem to have much effect on the early pattern of migration, but the cool and wet weather of May seemed to delay the late migrants and then hold them around for a much longer period than usual. Thus warblers were around for two weeks when they often go past in a few days. In fact the bulk of the warblers was ten days late, and a goodly number still about on the 21<sup>st</sup>. of May. Even more striking was the absence of any shore birds. Fewer early ones like yellow-legs and pectorals and perhaps the bulk of later ones (peeps etc) are still to arrive.

## Ducks &amp; Geese.

Normal pattern and numbers with good numbers on Swan Lake and Conesville, as the Reservoir was so low that it did not attract them. Mch. 9 to 15 showed good variety and numbers. Swan Lake had fine concentrations clear through April with also some geese there too (unusual), and on Mch 25 there were 4 species including a small flock of White-fronts which spent a week.

## Items.

Mch 16-7 very warm. turtles, snakes, small mammals out.

" 20 6 Pectorals

Apr. 8 Fox Sparrows

" 9 Woodcock at "Ridge" On Apr. 25 heard the evening flight song and performance (8 times)

" 15 Egrets 5

" 16 A Hybrid Shoveler-Mallard? (mallard breast- white cheeks) (will write up separately)

" 19 Broad wing Hawks (50-60) . Hermit Thrushes 10

" 24 1 Golden Plover

" 25 7 Willets.

May 8 For a trip 90 species. Many Myrtles and water thrushes

16 "" no shore birds

" 21 White-eyed Vireo 2

Also 3 different reports on Cape May warblers.

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Out several times the past week. Good warblers all week. Saturday with Seddie and Lee Eberle out north of river and in the "Ridge" (where I sent one trip) which proved to be all I had hoped it would on the field trip. Lots of warblers. A number of golden-wings, magnolia, blue-wings, and the other more common ones. But the highlight of walk in there was 2 White-eyed Vireos. When I first heard it I had to search my memory a bit but soon remembered hearing one in Maryland with Tom. The boys got good look at them and quite a thrill at their first. Also had a few shore birds- Peeps, Dunlins, a golden plover, and a Bonapartes Gull. (94 for the trip) No cuckoos yet. And fewer sparrows than usual.

Sure appreciated your taking the Reece pictures back with you. And enjoyed the whole meeting. Hope you all did too.

Not much to add to this I sent Woody. All the migrants seemed to move out last Sunday (May 22) only had a Mourning & Canada this week (& Tenn) Today saw 2 ringed plovers. Shore birds very scarce this year. Even early ones were down (pectoras and yellow-legs). Had a hunch last week that you would not get much. Sure high water. Guess I saw my shore birds on the trip east down the coast from N.J. to Va. with Tom the first week in May. Those tidal marsh refuges are fabulous.