

AFN - Spring, 1966

March was warm and by the end of that month the foliage was well advanced for that date, but April was cold enough to stop the growth. The result was a late spring and migrants behaved accordingly. It was felt that the earlier migrants came earlier than usual, and the later ones even later than usual.

Shorebirds were almost nil despite the fact that there were ample mud flats.

Very few cuckoos have been seen (I've seen one and not heard any).

The empidonax group have been the only flycatchers seen in any numbers.

Gray-cheeked Thrushes preceded the Swainson's and were relatively numerous. Swainson's were likewise numerous. Fewer Wood Thrushes and more Veeries than usual were seen.

Vireos presented an unusual situation as there were more Solitary than Warbling or Red-eyed. These latter two are usually common but have been very scarce thus far.

Warblers were present on 17, 18 and 19 May in the largest numbers in years. Magnolias were extremely plentiful, and Redstarts, which have been scarce for several years, were all over.

Purple Finches did not seem unusually numerous except at the feeders of the Harold Peasley's where 50[#] of sunflower seed^{per week} was being consumed for some time. Pine Siskins were seen more often than usual and for a much longer time. They have still been coming to to the feeder of Mrs. Dwight Brooke after the first of June.

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