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Field report for spring 1996, observed by Jean Braley and Marie Tiemann.

End of April through mid May a large number of Clay colored sparrows (8) were seen in our backyards. Also seen in area by other observers.

A ^(one) male lazuli bunting was in Shenandoah for 4 days eating bird seed observed by neighbors. I, Marie Tiemann, saw it on May 16 in neighbor's yard. I was in their house looking out the window when L. bunting flew in to eat the seed.

I observed the bird at a distance of 6-7 feet away. Its head and upper rump were turquoise blue, two distinct white wing bars, light cinnamon across breast and sides and belly white. It was sharing the feeding station with a group of chipping sparrows (16+)

A wave of shore birds were at Riverton Refuge May 17 and 21. (16 different species). Black bellied plover, Hudsonian Godwit, Whimbrel (8+), lesser yellowlegs, solitary sandpiper, spotted sandpiper, Wilson's phalarope, common snipe, short billed dowitcher, sanderling, semipalmated sandpiper, least sandpiper, white rumped sandpipers, Baird's sandpiper, pectoral sandpiper, and dunlin (12+).

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One peregrine falcon was also at Riverton Refu.
on May 26.

Sedge wrens (10+) seen at Riverton Refuge.

A good number of ovenbirds going through town
from May 3-24.

A good number of whitethroated sparrows migrated
through Shenandoah which is normal.

Indigo buntings and rose breasted grosbeck were eating
at feeders in town were seen by many observers.

Five rose breasted ^{grosbecks} ~~grosbeck~~ were seen at one time at
Mary Beth Vaughn's feeders. Two male and one female r. b. g.
beck were seen daily for 7 days at Marie Tiemann's
Sunflower feeder.

LeConte sparrow seen at Riverton Refuge May 21.

A very spotty warbler migration, Notable lack of quantity
of Tennessee warblers.

Swainson's Thrush late date May 27 in Jean Braley's
No veeries were seen.

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