

The Spring Season: 1991

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WEATHER EYE

Rather than a review of the usual *Crop Weather Report* statistics, let's take an *observers* eye view of the weather in southern, central and northern Wisconsin:

Southern (Jefferson County)—March was wet and windy. 3.45" of rain; and snow on 4 days. Windy 3/5–6, 3/11–14 and 3/23 (WSW 30+mph). April was rainy, windy and cool. 4.25" of rain on 8 days. Wind 4/6–7 (SW to S at 20–25) brought in record 80 degree temperatures. Otherwise cool (50's for highs on 11 days). May was very hot and humid! 18 days over 80 degrees (5/10–5/16 & 5/21–31). Record 92 on 5/28 and 91 on 5/29.

Central (Portage County)—March began cold through mid-month; short period of snow early. Temperature reached 50–65 degrees only on 19th, 26th & 27th. Otherwise a cold month with overcast 50% of the time and normal rainfall. April 1–8 saw highs 60–85 degrees, then cool through the 16th. A mild finish to the month with persistent south winds April 24–May 2. May 1–8 cool and unsettled with fre-

quent rain. Except for May 17–19, remainder of month with highs of 80+ degrees. Rainfall totaled at 8.0" with 70% in the last two weeks.

North (Douglas County)—“To summarize, it was another strange spring. . . . Instead of daily up and down trends in temperature, it was conversely weeks of cold and weeks of hot. As I believe elsewhere in the state, it was a spring of incredible precipitation.”

THE MIGRATION AT A GLANCE

What did you, the observers, think of the migration? Some excerpts:

“The poorest waterfowl migration ever. Most species represented but in small numbers. This follows a year which was one of the best.”

“This is a spring to remember! Without a doubt this was the poorest passerine migration for me in 20–25 years! . . . Missed an unbelievable number of standard birds.”

“I have talked with southern Wisconsin birders, Iowa birders, southern Illinois birders and Tennessee birders,

and by golly, they all said the same thing: 'where are the shorebirds?'"

"Enclosed is my account of the most miserable spring of birding I have ever experienced. The May migration was horrible, but part of the problem may have been that I was in Ohio May 8–11 . . ."

"If I had not been birding on Wednesday, May 8, I would have rated this spring's migration as poor. Luckily, I had that day off work and hit one of the best wave days in years."

The above quotes typify the majority of comments received this year. In combination with the raw data contained in the seasonal report forms, they suggest three key phenomena about spring migration 1991:

1. Many migrants overflowed all or significant portions of the state;
2. Unlike 'normal' years, the migration 'windows' for many spring migrants were very narrow; and
3. Observer impressions about the migration were highly dependent on whether they are 'lucky' enough to correspond their field activities with wave phenomena.

Following are summaries of the migration of selected groups of species:

Waterfowl—The majority of observers around the state considered the waterfowl migration as "normal." However, there were a few exceptions to this rule of thumb. The waterfowl migration at Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay was deemed to be the poorest ever. Both Red-throated Loons and Common Loons were in lower numbers than normal. Red-necked Grebes were both widespread and in above average numbers across the state; 50 observed off Wisconsin Point highlighted an otherwise bleak migration there. In-

terestingly, observers have begun to report sightings of Trumpeter Swans—not all of these were banded or marked birds; the Records Committee will need to make a decision on the disposition of records of this species in the state. Unlike the past few years, the scoter migration was abysmal—Black and White-winged Scoters were each only reported from one location, and Surf Scoters were not reported at all!

Hérons—A nice assortment of species was observed this spring, but continued overall concern for this group is warranted. Reports of American and Least Bitterns dropped significantly from last year's more encouraging statistics. Black-crowned Night-heron numbers were also down from recent years.

Raptors—Cooper's Hawks were again widespread across the state; this species certainly appears to have re-established itself as a fairly common nesting species in Wisconsin. The Northern Goshawk may be in an upswing in its ten-year population cycle as the number of sightings increased for the third spring in a row. Merlins and peregrines were again seen in good numbers; with several reports of nesting Merlins along the south shore of Lake Superior.

Shorebirds—For the second year in a row, observers decried the shorebird migration was universally decried as "poor" or "abysmal." Observers attributed the lack of shorebirds to the unusual abundance of habitat; others conjectured that shorebird "overflight" of the state was responsible. Despite the scarcity of numbers, 35

species were recorded—two more than in 1990 and three more than in 1989.

Gulls—This spring produced another excellent year for gull divers. Ity with 11 species being reported. Seven Laughing Gull reports from the Lake Michigan shoreline from early March to the EOP continued this species' recent presence in the state.

Owls—This was the third spring in a row that nine owl species were recorded. Long-eared, Short-eared and Saw-whet Owls were widespread and in good numbers. Following last spring's single record, snowy owls were reported in six counties.

Warblers—After the usual late April push of early arrivals for many species, most observers considered the spring's warbler migration to be a 'one-wave' phenomenon. In southern Wisconsin, the peak for warblers was early and condensed—May 8–9; the same peak was noticed a few days later in northern Wisconsin. Across the state after this seemingly good start, however, the warbler migration was seemingly non-existent—no discernable waves, no concentrations and poor variety after mid-May. Many observers hypothesized that 'overflight' was responsible. Despite this poor showing, some excellent single day maximums were recorded.

Flycatchers, Thrushes, and other Song Birds—The thrush and flycatcher migration was considered poor by most observers, largely due to the lack of 'waves.' An exception to this was good numbers of veerys and flycatcher species noted in southern Wisconsin on May 15.

Sparrows—Arrival dates for most species were 'normal.' However, the perspective on the quality of the sparrow migration depended on location: those observers reporting from the northern part of the state thought migration was excellent in terms of variety and numbers; those observers reporting from the southern part had the opposite impression. Fox Sparrow typified this phenomenon with northern observers reporting a prolonged migration and high numbers of this species, while southern observers provided few reports and low numbers.

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Eighty five observers submitted 113 separate county field report forms. The number of observers, while quite a bit below 1990's record of 97, was still above the ten-year average of 77. A commendable sixty-six counties received coverage of some extent. Reports were not received from the following six counties: Crawford, Florence, Iron, Juneau, Rusk, and Wau-shara. The counties receiving the most extensive coverage were as follows: Dane and Milwaukee with 13 separate reports each; Manitowoc with 11; Columbia and Dodge with 9 each; Brown, Ozaukee, Portage and Waukesha with 7 each; and Burnett, Dunn, Jefferson, Rock, St. Croix and Sheboygan with 6 reports each.

A total of 309 species were reported during the period, 11 more than in either 1989 or 1990 and nine higher than the ten year average of 300. Notable rare birds were: Tri-colored Heron, Snowy Egret, Ferruginous Hawk, Prairie Falcon, Snowy Plover, Laughing Gull, Thayer's Gull, Iceland

Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Northern Hawk Owl, Great Gray Owl, Bewick's Wren, Yellow-throated Warbler, Kirtland's Warbler, Western Tanager, Green-tailed Towhee, and Eurasian Tree Sparrow.

MISCELLANY

Abbreviations used in the following species accounts are: BOP = Beginning of the Period, EOP = End of the Period, TTP = Throughout the Period. Once again, I wish to extend a special thanks to Suzan Shea for her extensive assistance in preparing this report.

REPORTS (MARCH 1–MAY 31, 1991)

Red-throated Loon.—Reported as follows: Sheboygan County, April 7 (E. Hansen); Ozaukee County, April 21 (B. Domagalski); Douglas County, May 14–15 (J. Robinson and R. Johnson); and Manitowoc County, March 24–April 2 (M. Peterson, C. Sontag, and D. Tessen). On April 7, 6 birds were sighted in Sheboygan County (E. Hansen).

Common Loon.—First reported in Dane County, March 15 (A. & S. Shea).

Pied-billed Grebe.—First reported in Chippewa County, March 3 (C. Kemper).

Horned Grebe.—First reported in Milwaukee County, March 3 (S. Diehl). On May 5, 400 birds were sighted in Douglas County (L. Semo). Present at the end of the period in Douglas County (T. Schultz).

Red-necked Grebe.—First reported in Douglas County, April 13 (R. Johnson). Also reported during the period in Ashland, Burnett, Chippewa, Columbia, Dunn, Manitowoc, Marathon, St. Croix, Taylor, and Winnebago Counties. On May 5, 50+ birds were sighted in Douglas County (L. Semo). Present at the end of the period in Dunn, Green Lake, Taylor, and Winnebago Counties.

Eared Grebe.—Reported as follows: Columbia County, April 26 (B. Hilsenhoff); Sauk County, May 15 (Randy Hoffman, A. Shea); Dunn County, May 16–24 (Randy Hoffman, M. Peterson, J. Polk, and S. Robbins); and Chippewa County, May 16 (M. Peterson & J. Polk).

Western Grebe.—On May 27, 2 birds were sighted in Manitowoc County (C. Sontag).

American White Pelican.—On April 5, 33 birds were sighted in Trempealeau County (T. Hunter); on April 28, 12 birds were sighted in Buffalo County (F. Leshner); also reported in Douglas County, April 27 (R. Johnson & J. Robinson); Ashland County, April 29 (D. Verch); and LaCrosse County, May 11 (F. Leshner).

Brown Pelican.—A May 3 report of this species in Winnebago County was rejected by the Records Committee.

Double-crested Cormorant.—First reported in Buffalo County, March 27 (B. Domagalski). On May 3, 600 birds were sighted in Door County (R. & C. Lukes).

American Bittern.—Over-wintering in Dodge County, February 27–March 9 (B. Domagalski). Also reported in: Ashland, Burnett, Columbia, Dodge, Douglas, Green Lake, Lincoln, Marathon, Oconto, Price, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Vilas, Washburn, Waukesha, Winnebago, and Wood Counties.

Least Bittern.—First reported in Dodge County, May 7 (B. Domagalski). Also reported during the period in Ashland, Douglas, Green Lake, Oconto, Taylor, and Winnebago Counties.

Great Blue Heron.—Present at beginning of period in Dodge and Trempealeau Counties.

Great Egret.—First reported in Dane County, March 23 (D. Tessen).

Snowy Egret.—Reported as follows: Washington County, May 10 (M. Peterson); Fond du Lac County, May 11 (T. Schultz); and Oconto County, May 11–end of period (J. & K. Smith).

Little Blue Heron.—Reported in Ozaukee County, May 13 (B. Cowart).

Tri-colored Heron.—The following records for this species were accepted by the Records Committee: Ozaukee County, 05/25/91 (R. Gustschow), 05/26/91 (B. Cowart), and 05/26/91 (J. Frank).

Cattle Egret.—Reported as follows: Dodge County, April 13–15 (B. Domagalski) and May 15 (Randy Hoffman and A. Shea); Brown County, May 15–20 (M. Peterson); and Trempealeau County, May 23 (T. Hunter).

Green-backed Heron.—First reported in Taylor County, April 13 (B. Armbrust).

Black-crowned Night-Heron.—First reported in Dodge County, April 3 (B. Domagalski). On April 10, 75 birds were sighted in Dodge County (B. Domagalski). Also reported in: Ashland, Brown, Calumet, Columbia, Dane, Door, Green Lake, Jefferson, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Oconto, St. Croix, and Winnebago Counties.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron.—Reported as follows: Marathon County, March 22 (D. Belter and M. Tacke); Rock County, May 1–25 (Randy Hoffman, J. Robinson, D. Tessen); and Dodge County, May 15 (Randy Hoffman and A. Shea).

Tundra Swan.—First reported in Dane County, March 13 (A. & S. Shea). On March 29, 4000+ birds were sighted in Outagamie County (D. Tessen). Last reported in Green Lake County, May 19 (T. Schultz).

Trumpeter Swan.—Reported as follows: On March 9, 7 birds were sighted in Buffalo County (J. Polk); also reported in Douglas County, April 24 (R. Johnson) and Burnett County, May 18–19 (M. Peterson).

Mute Swan.—Reported at the beginning of the period in Dane, Douglas, Ozaukee, and Portage Counties. Also reported in Ashland, Brown, Burnett, Green Lake, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Shawano, Vernon, Walworth, and Waukesha Counties.

Greater White-fronted Goose.—First reported in Milwaukee County, March 10 (W. Woodmansee). On March 30, 14 birds were sighted in Columbia County (T. Schultz). Also reported in Brown, Columbia, Dane, and Eau Claire Counties. Last reported in Brown County, May 10 (B. Mead).

Snow Goose.—First reported in Dodge County, March 5 (B. Domagalski). Also reported during the period in Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Portage, Rock, Taylor, and Trempealeau Counties.

Canada Goose.—Present at beginning of period in Dane, Kenosha, and Taylor Counties.

Wood Duck.—Present at beginning of period in Trempealeau and Waukesha Counties. On April 6, 40 birds were sighted in Dane County (A. & S. Shea).

Green-winged Teal.—First reported in LaCrosse County, March 13 (J. Dankert). On April 5, 100+ birds were sighted in Calumet County (C. Rudy).

American Black Duck.—Present at the beginning of period throughout the state.

Mallard.—Present at the beginning of period throughout the state.

Northern Pintail.—First reported in Dodge County, March 10 (B. Domagalski). On March 29, 400+ birds were sighted in Outagamie County (D. Tessen).

Blue-winged Teal.—First reported in Dane County, March 23 (A. & S. Shea). On April 13, 112 birds were sighted in Dane County (A. & S. Shea).

Cinnamon Teal.—Reported as follows: Jefferson County, March 29–30 (B. Cowart); Waukesha County, April 2 (M. Peterson); Kenosha County, April 8 (Ron Hoffmann); and Winnebago County, May 7 (P. Bruce).

Cinnamon × Blue-winged Teal.—This hybrid was reported in Eau Claire County, May 29 (J. Polk).

Northern Shoveler.—Present at the beginning of period in Dane and Milwaukee Counties (several observers).

Gadwall.—Present at the beginning of period in Dane County (several observers).

American Widgeon.—Present at the be-

ginning of period in Dane County (several observers).

Canvaback.—Present at beginning of period in Ozaukee County (S. Fischer), probably an over-wintering bird. First migrant reported March 15 in Dane County (P. Ashman). A bird(s) at the end of the period in Ozaukee County was very late.

Redhead.—First reported in Dane County, March 4 (E. Hansen).

Ring-necked Duck.—Present at beginning of period in Dane, and Portage Counties. On April 13, 425 birds were sighted in Dane County (A. & S. Shea).

Greater Scaup.—Present at beginning of period in Door, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, and Sheboygan Counties. This species was reported inland in LaCrosse, Marathon, Portage, and Trempealeau Counties. On March 10, 3000+ birds were sighted in Milwaukee County (W. Woodmansee). Present at the end of the period in Manitowoc County.

Lesser Scaup.—Present at beginning of period in Dane County (A. & S. Shea).

Harlequin Duck.—Milwaukee County, March 4–17 (B. Domagalski and (D. Tessen) and April 20 (M. Peterson); and Door County, May 19 (N. Stevenson & V. Heig).

Oldsquaw.—Present at beginning of period in Door, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, and Sheboygan Counties. This species was reported inland in Taylor County. Present at the end of the period in Manitowoc County.

Black Scoter.—The only report of this species was in Ozaukee County, April 21 (B. Domagalski).

Surf Scoter.—There were no reports of this species!

White-winged Scoter.—The only report of this species in Ashland County, May 22 (D. Verch).

Common Goldeneye.—Present at beginning of period throughout the state. Late sight-

ings reported as follows: Dane County, May 18 (A. & S. Shea and D. Tessen); Buffalo County, May 19 (S. Robbins); and Ashland County, EOP (D. Verch).

Bufflehead.—Present at beginning of period in Dane, Door, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, and Taylor Counties. On March 20, 78 birds were sighted in Portage County (M. Berner). Present at the end of the period in Ashland County.

Hooded Merganser.—Present at beginning of period in Manitowoc, Portage, St. Croix, Taylor, and Vernon Counties.

Common Merganser.—Present at beginning of period in Dane, Door, Douglas, Manitowoc, Ozaukee, Polk, St. Croix, Shawano, Taylor, and Vernon Counties.

Red-breasted Merganser.—Present at beginning of period in Door, Milwaukee, and Ozaukee Counties. On May 3, 350+ birds were sighted in Portage County (D. & M. Brassler).

Ruddy Duck.—First reported in Dane County, March 2 (P. Ashman). This species was reported as far north as Douglas County (R. Johnson).

Turkey Vulture.—First reported in Monroe County, March 15 (E. Epstein).

Osprey.—First reported in Barron County, March 31 (A. Goff).

Bald Eagle.—Present at beginning of period throughout the state.

Northern Harrier.—Present at beginning of period in Dodge, Marathon, Monroe, and Portage Counties. Present at the end of the period in 17 Counties.

Sharp-shinned Hawk.—Reported at the beginning of the period in Barron, Dane, Door, Green Lake, and Taylor Counties. On May 7, 384 birds were sighted in Ozaukee County (B. Cowart). Present at the end of the period in Ashland, Barron, Burnett, Door, Douglas, Jefferson, Marinette, Portage, Sawyer, and Taylor Counties.

Cooper's Hawk.—Reported at the begin-

ning of the period in Brown, Dane, Door, Green Lake, and Taylor Counties. Present at the end of the period in Brown, Burnett, Dane, Dodge, Door, Douglas, Green Lake, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marinette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Ozaukee, Polk, Portage, and Taylor Counties.

Northern Goshawk.—Reported at the beginning of the period in Ashland, Dane, Door, Marinette, and Taylor Counties. Also reported in Bayfield, Chippewa, Douglas, Forest, Grant, Marathon, Monroe, Outagamie, and Sawyer Counties. Present at the end of the period in Ashland, Door, Douglas, Marinette, Oconto, Sawyer, and Taylor Counties.

Red-shouldered Hawk.—Reported at the beginning of the period in and Polk Counties. Also reported during the period in Bayfield, Brown, Dane, Forest, Monroe, Oconto, Outagamie, Portage, St. Croix, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, and Trempealeau Counties.

Broad-winged Hawk.—First reported in Marathon County, April 3 (K. & J. Luepke).

Swainson's Hawk.—Reported in Brown County, May 14 (P. Bruce).

Red-tailed Hawk.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Ferruginous Hawk.—A report of this species in Pepin County on May 4 (R. Hoffman) was accepted by the Records Committee.

Rough-legged Hawk.—This species lingered later in the state than normal with 12 May sightings in 10 counties. Notable were the following reports: St. Croix County, May 19 (S. Robbins, J. Robinson, and J. & K. Smith); Taylor County, May 19 (P. Risch); and Ashland County, May 20, (D. Verch). On April 14, 17 birds were sighted in Portage County (A. & S. Shea).

Golden Eagle.—Reported as follows: Monroe County, March 3 (E. Epstein) and Marathon County, March 24 (D. Belter).

American Kestrel.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Merlin.—First reported in Marathon County, April 14 (D. Belter). Also reported dur-

ing the period in Manitowoc, Ozaukee, Polk, Portage, and Sawyer Counties.

Peregrine Falcon.—First reported in Dane County, March 29 (P. Ashman). On April 11, 2 birds were sighted in Dane County (P. Ashman). Reported at the end of the period in Dane and Douglas Counties. Also reported in Burnett, Dodge, Marathon, Ozaukee, Sawyer, and Trempealeau Counties.

Gyr Falcon.—Reported in Buena Vista Marsh, Portage County, March 15 (D. Spuhler). This, or another of the two (3?) over-wintering birds was still present at this location April 14 (A. & S. Shea).

Prairie Falcon.—A report of this species in Portage County at the Buena Vista Marsh on March 15 (D. Spuhler) was accepted by the Records Committee.

Gray Partridge.—Reported during the period in Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Door, Marathon, Portage, St. Croix, Shawano, and Winnebago Counties.

Ring-necked Pheasant.—Reported in 30 Counties during the period.

Spruce Grouse.—There were no reports of this species.

Ruffed Grouse.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Greater Prairie-Chicken.—Reported during the period in Adams, Burnett, Clark, Marathon, Portage, and Taylor Counties. On March 16, 33 birds were sighted in Marathon County (D. Belter).

Sharp-tailed Grouse.—Reported during the period in Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, and Taylor Counties. On April 13, 42 birds were sighted in Taylor County (B. Armbrust).

Wild Turkey.—Reported in 20 Counties during the period. This species appears to be well established in the state except the north central counties. Reported as far north as Burnett and Marinette Counties.

Northern Bobwhite.—Reported during

the period in Dunn, Green Lake, LaCrosse, Marquette, Monroe, Pepin, Portage, Richland, Rock, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties. On March 26, 12 birds were sighted in Richland County (B. Duerksen).

Yellow Rail.—Reported as follows: Burnett County, April 28-EOP (K. Castelein, D. Lauten, J. Hoefler, M. Peterson, J. Robinson, and A. & S. Shea); and Green Lake County, May 5–16 (T. Schultz). The Burnett County reports were from 4 widely dispersed locations in the Crex Meadows and Fish Lake Wildlife Areas. The Green Lake County report marks the second year in a row that this species has been found in southern Wisconsin away from its traditional Burnett and Vilas County locales.

King Rail.—Reported as follows: Dane County, May 7 (Randy Hoffman); Fond du Lac County, May 11 (T. Schultz); LaCrosse County, May 11 (F. Leshner and S. Robbins); Waukesha County, May 12 (S. Diehl); Dodge County, May 15 (Randy Hoffman and A. Shea); and Columbia County, May 18–19 (T. Schultz and D. Tessen). On May 28, 4 birds were sighted in Dane County (Randy Hoffman).

Virginia Rail.—First reported in Marathon County, March 23 (P. Risch). This possibly was an over-wintering bird. The next earliest sighting was in Dane County, April 23 (E. Hansen).

Sora.—First reported in Taylor County, April 10 (B. Armbrust).

Common Moorhen.—First reported in Oconto County, April 16 (J. & K. Smith). Also reported in Brown, Columbia, Dodge, and Winnebago Counties. On May 11, 12 birds were sighted in Winnebago County (T. Ziebell).

American Coot.—Present at beginning of period in Dane and Ozaukee Counties.

Sandhill Crane.—First reported on March 5 in Dodge (B. Domagalski); Jefferson (K. Hale); and Outagamie (J. Anderson & S. Petznick) Counties.

Black-bellied Plover.—First reported in Dodge County, April 27 (B. Domagalski). Also reported during the period in Dane, Door, Douglas, Milwaukee, Oconto, and Shawano

Counties. Present at the end of the period in Ashland and Manitowoc Counties.

Lesser Golden Plover.—Reported as follows: Dane County, April 27 (B. Isenring); Dodge County, April 27 (B. Domagalski); Dodge County, May 1 (S. Robbins); and Shawano County, May 11 (M. Peterson).

Snowy Plover.—Ten reports of this species in Manitowoc County were accepted by the Records Committee. The reports were as follows: April 20 (R. Domagalski and J. Smith); April 21 (B. Cowart, C. Sontag and D. Tessen); April 22 (S. Robbins); April 25 (J. Frank); and April 26 (M. Peterson, C. Sontag and T. Soulen).

Semipalmated Plover.—First reported in Taylor County, April 2 (B. Armbrust). On May 13, 47 birds were sighted in Dodge County (B. Domagalski).

Piping Plover.—Only one sighting again for this species for the third year in a row: 1 bird seen in Manitowoc County, April 26 (B. Boldt).

Killdeer.—First reported in Trempealeau County, March 3 (T. Hunter).

Black-necked Stilt.—A May 11 report of this species in Sheboygan County was rejected by the Records Committee.

American Avocet.—First reported in Milwaukee County, April 16 (B. Domagalski). The only other sighting of this species was on April 25 when 65 birds were sighted in LaCrosse County (T. Hunter and J. Skewes).

Greater Yellowlegs.—First reported in Dodge County, March 30 (J. Haseleu).

Lesser Yellowlegs.—First reported in Dodge County, April 4 (B. Domagalski).

Solitary Sandpiper.—First reported in Taylor County, April 26 (P. Risch). Present at the end of the period in LaCrosse County.

Willet.—First reported in Manitowoc County, April 25 (J. Frank and M. Peterson). Also reported during the period in Ashland, Barron, Dodge, Milwaukee, and Sheboygan Coun-

ties. On May 2, 28 birds were sighted in Manitowoc County (C. Sontag).

Spotted Sandpiper.—First reported in Wood County, April 14 (K. Merkel).

Upland Sandpiper.—First reported in Portage County, April 14 (A. & S. Shea).

Whimbrel.—Reported as follows: Douglas County, May 17 (R. Johnson and L. Semo); Sheboygan County, May 18 (D. & M. Brasser); Manitowoc County, May 19-EOP (C. Sontag); and Kewaunee County, May 20 (M. Peterson). On May 20, 55 birds were sighted in Manitowoc County (M. Peterson).

Hudsonian Godwit.—Reported as follows: Ashland County, May 11 (D. Verch); Dunn County, May 17 (J. Polk); Columbia County, May 18 (B. Isenring); and Dane County, May 18 (A. & S. Shea and D. Tessen).

Marbled Godwit.—Reported as follows: Ozaukee County, May 11–12 (B. Cowart, J. Frank, and D. Tessen); Winnebago County, May 11 (T. Ziebell); Ashland County, May 15 (D. Verch); and Douglas County, May 16 (R. Johnson).

Ruddy Turnstone.—First reported in Manitowoc County, May 6 (C. Sontag). On May 26, 850 birds were sighted in Manitowoc County (C. Sontag). Present at the end of the period in Ashland, Douglas, Manitowoc, and Winnebago Counties.

Red Knot.—Reported as follows: Winnebago County, May 17 (B. Harriman); Douglas County, 7 birds were seen on May 19 (R. Johnson) and on May 26 (J. Robinson); and Manitowoc County, May 29 (C. Sontag). Present at the end of the period in Manitowoc County.

Sanderling.—First reported in Manitowoc County, May 13 (J. Frank). Present at the end of the period in Ashland, Douglas, Manitowoc, and Winnebago Counties.

Semipalmated Sandpiper.—First reported in Dane County, May 7 (Randy Hoffman). Present at the end of the period in Ashland, LaCrosse, and Manitowoc Counties.

Western Sandpiper.—There were no reports of this species.

Least Sandpiper.—First reported in Taylor County, April 20 (B. Armbrust). On May 16, 60 birds were sighted in Dane County (P. Ashman). Present at the end of the period in Ashland, LaCrosse, and Manitowoc Counties.

White-rumped Sandpiper.—First reported in Taylor County, May 7 (B. Armbrust). Also reported during the period in Columbia, Dane, and Milwaukee Counties. Present at the end of the period in LaCrosse County.

Baird's Sandpiper.—Reported as follows: Dane County, May 9 (E. Hansen) and May 18 (A. & S. Shea); Ozaukee County, May 12 (D. Tessen); and Manitowoc County, May 19 (C. Sontag).

Pectoral Sandpiper.—First reported in Ozaukee County, March 22 (B. Cowart).

Purple Sandpiper.—Four reports of this species in Sheboygan County were accepted by the Records Committee. The reports were as follows: March 3 (M. Peterson); March 7 (J. Frank); March 10 (T. Schultz); and March 18 (T. Soulen).

Dunlin.—First reported in Sheboygan County, May 11 (D. & M. Brasser). On May 18, 400 birds were sighted in Dodge County (D. Tessen). Present at the end of the period in Ashland, Dane, Dodge, Douglas, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan Counties.

Stilt Sandpiper.—Reported as follows: Dane County, May 12 (Randy Hoffman); and Ozaukee County, May 12 (D. Tessen).

Ruff.—Reported in Brown County, April 27–May 3 (I. & C. Baumann, B. Cowart, B. Mead, M. Peterson, and P. Risch).

Short-billed Dowitcher.—First reported in Dodge County, May 1 (B. Domagalski). Present at the end of the period in Manitowoc County.

Long-billed Dowitcher.—After no reports last year this uncommon spring migrant was reported as follows: Dodge County, April 30 (B. Domagalski); Winnebago County, May 2 (B.

Harriman); and Dane County, May 19, 17 birds— a high number (Randy Hoffman).

Common Snipe.—Present at beginning of period in Trempealeau County (T. Hunter). The next observation of this species was in Portage County, April 3 (M. Berner). On April 14, 78 birds were sighted in Portage County (A. & S. Shea).

American Woodcock.—First reported on March 16 in Dane (E. Hansen) and Milwaukee (S. Diehl) Counties.

Wilson's Phalarope.—First reported in Dodge County, April 27 (B. Domagalski).

Red-necked Phalarope.—This uncommon spring migrant was reported only once: Dane County, May 18, 3 birds were sighted (A. & S. Shea and D. Tessen).

Laughing Gull.—Seven reports of this species in Milwaukee County were accepted by the Records Committee. The reports were as follows: March 3 (B. Cowart and J. Frank); March 4 (D. Tessen); March 7 (A. Henning); March 10 (T. Schultz); and March 24 (B. Boldt). In addition, a report of this species in Manitowoc County from May 17—EOP (C. Sontag) was also accepted by the Records Committee.

Franklin's Gull.—Reported as follows: Buffalo County, May 4 (Randy Hoffman); Dane County, May 4 (P. Ashman) and May 18 (A. & S. Shea and D. Tessen); Dodge County, May 5 (M. Peterson); and Milwaukee County, May 29 (B. Breihan).

Little Gull.—Reported in Manitowoc County, May 22—EOP (C. Sontag).

Bonaparte's Gull.—First reported on April 5 in Dane (Randy Hoffman) and Ozaukee (B. Cowart) Counties. On May 5, 1000+ birds were sighted in Ashland County (D. Verch).

Ring-billed Gull.—Present at the beginning of the period along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Herring Gull.—Present at beginning of period along the Great Lakes' shorelines.

Thayer's Gull.—A report of this subspecies in Ozaukee County, May 13 (J. Frank) was accepted by the Records Committee. A May 19 report of this subspecies in Manitowoc County was rejected by the Records Committee.

Iceland Gull.—A report of this species in Milwaukee County, March 3 (B. Cowart) was accepted by the Records Committee.

Lesser Black-backed Gull.—A report of this species in Sheboygan County, May 18 (D. & M. Brasser) was accepted by the Records Committee.

Glaucous Gull.—Late sightings reported as follows: Manitowoc County, May 3 (C. Sontag); Sheboygan County, May 19 (D. & M. Brasser); and Douglas County, May 27 (R. Johnson and J. Robinson). Also reported in Marathon and Winnebago Counties. On April 18, 6 birds were sighted in Douglas County (R. Johnson).

Great Black-backed Gull.—A report of this species in Manitowoc County, TTP (C. Sontag) was accepted by the Records Committee.

Caspian Tern.—First reported in Ozaukee County, April 7 (B. Domagalski). On May 12, 400 birds were sighted in Manitowoc County (D. Tessen).

Common Tern.—First reported in Door County, April 13 (R. & C. Lukes).

Forster's Tern.—First reported in Sheboygan County, April 6 (D. & M. Brasser).

Black Tern.—First reported on May 4 in Marathon (D. Belter); Pierce (N. Carlson); and Sheboygan (D. & M. Brasser) Counties.

Rock Dove.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Mourning Dove.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Black-billed Cuckoo.—An extremely early and northerly report was of one in Marinette County, April 30.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo.—First reported on

May 12 in Dane (Randy Hoffman) and Winnebago (T. Ziebell) Counties.

Eastern Screech-Owl.—Reported in 15 Counties during the period. This species was reported as far north as Chippewa, St. Croix, and Taylor Counties.

Great Horned Owl.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Snowy Owl.—Following last year's single spring report, there were 6 reports as follows: Douglas County, BOP—March 25 (L. Semo); Winnebago County, BOP—March 13 (T. Ziebell); Marathon County, March 3 (D. Belter); St. Croix County, March 3–20 (J. & K. Smith); Clark County, March 15 (K. & J. Luepke); and Burnett County, April 16 (J. Hoefler).

Northern Hawk-Owl.—Following last winter's 'invasion' of this species, two reports of birds in March were accepted by the Records Committee. These were: Douglas County, March 6 (D. Lauten); and Pierce County, March 6 (N. Carlsen).

Barred Owl.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Great Gray Owl.—A report of this species in Bayfield County, March 30 (P. David) was accepted by the Records Committee.

Long-eared Owl.—Another good spring for this species reported as follows: Trempealeau County, March 17 (T. Hunter); Clark County, March 22 (K. & J. Luepke); Taylor County, April 7 (B. Armbrust); Portage County, May 8—EOP, where two nests fledged three young each (E. Jacobs); and St. Croix County, May 19, where nesting documented for the second year in a row (J. Robinson).

Short-eared Owl.—For the third year in a row, reports of this species have increased. Present at beginning of period in Clark and St. Croix Counties. Reported in 15 other Counties during the period. Present at the end of the period in Clark County. On April 1, 18 birds were sighted in Portage County (D. Tessen).

Northern Saw-whet Owl.—Present at beginning of period in Marinette and Portage Counties. Reported in 10 other Counties during

the period. Present at the end of the period in Douglas, and Marinette Counties. On March 10, 7 birds were sighted in Portage County (E. Jacobs); the Linwood Springs Research Station banded a total of 50 saw-whets during the period.

Common Nighthawk.—First reported in Jefferson County, April 27 (K. Hale).

Chuck-will's-widow.—A May 23 report of this species in Dane County was rejected by the Records Committee.

Whip-poor-will.—First reported in Milwaukee County, April 16 (S. Diehl).

Chimney Swift.—First reported in Marathon County, April 4 (K. & J. Luepke).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird.—First reported in Marinette County, May 1 (S. La-Valley).

Belted Kingfisher.—Present at beginning of period in Dane, Door, and Trempealeau Counties.

Red-headed Woodpecker.—Present at beginning of period in Dunn, Marathon, Marinette, and Portage Counties.

Red-bellied Woodpecker.—Present at beginning of period in 22 Counties, as far north as Burnett, Marinette, and Sawyer Counties.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.—First reported in Dane County, March 24 (P. Ashman).

Downy Woodpecker.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Hairy Woodpecker.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Black-backed Woodpecker.—Reported as follows: Ashland County, TTP (D. Verch); Douglas County, TTP (R. Johnson and L. Semo); and Vilas County, May 5 (J. Baughman).

Northern Flicker.—Present at beginning

of period in Dane, Outagamie, and Ozaukee Counties.

Pileated Woodpecker.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Olive-sided Flycatcher.—First reported in Buffalo County, May 4 (Randy Hoffman).

Eastern Wood Pewee.—First reported in Dane County, April 29 (B. Isenring).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.—First reported in Douglas County, May 11 (R. Johnson).

Acadian Flycatcher.—First reported in Rock County on May 13 (Randy Hoffman). Also reported in Buffalo, Grant, Green Lake, Milwaukee, Monroe, and Sauk Counties. On May 15, 5 birds were sighted in Rock County (Randy Hoffman and A. Shea).

Alder Flycatcher.—First reported on May 9 in Chippewa (C. Kemper); Milwaukee (W. Woodmansee); and Portage (M. Berner) Counties.

Willow Flycatcher.—First reported in Monroe County, April 27 (E. Epstein).

Least Flycatcher.—First reported in Marathon County, April 10 (K. & J. Luepke).

Eastern Phoebe.—First reported in Richland County, March 21 (B. Duerksen).

Great-crested Flycatcher.—First reported in Dane County, May 5 (A. & S. Shea).

Western Kingbird.—There were no reports of this species.

Eastern Kingbird.—First reported in Monroe County, April 24 (E. Epstein).

Horned Lark.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Purple Martin.—First reported in Trempealeau County, April 4 (T. Hunter).

Tree Swallow.—First reported in Dodge County, March 21 (B. Domagalski).

Rough-winged Swallow.—First reported in LaCrosse County, April 13 (J. Dankert).

Bank Swallow.—First reported in Portage County, April 14 (M. Berner).

Cliff Swallow.—First reported in Portage County, April 8 (M. Berner). On May 4, 240 birds were sighted in Marathon County (D. Belter).

Barn Swallow.—First reported in Winnebago County, April 8 (T. Ziebell).

Gray Jay.—Reported as follows: Douglas County, TTP (L. Semo); Price County, TTP (M. Hardy); Sawyer County, BOP–April 4 (K. Castelain & D. Lauten) and April 28 (J. Robinson); and Forest County, April 2 (D. Tessen).

Steller's Jay.—A report of this species in Forest County from May into June was deferred by the Records Committee until more information on the record could be obtained.

Blue Jay.—Present during the period throughout the state.

American Crow.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Common Raven.—Reported in 22 Counties during the period as far south as Calumet and Jackson Counties.

Black-capped Chickadee.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Boreal Chickadee.—Reported as follows: Oneida County, April 2 (D. Tessen) and Vilas County, May 15–27 (J. Baughman).

Tufted Titmouse.—Reported at the beginning of the period in Dane, St. Croix, and Waukesha Counties. Also reported in Buffalo, Clark, Columbia, Grant, Milwaukee, Richland, and Rock Counties.

Red-breasted Nuthatch.—Present during the period throughout the state.

White-breasted Nuthatch.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Brown Creeper.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Carolina Wren.—Reported as follows: Milwaukee County, BOP—May 8 (M. Berner, W. Woodmansee, and N. Zehner); Dane County, March 7 (E. Hansen); and Sauk County, May 19 (T. Schultz).

Bewick's Wren.—For the second year in a row, a report of this species was received. This spring a record from Dunn County, May 25 (R. Hoffman) was accepted by the Records Committee.

House Wren.—First reported in LaCrosse County, April 25 (F. Leshner).

Winter Wren.—First reported in Portage County, March 23 (M. Berner).

Sedge Wren.—First reported in Columbia County, April 18 (B. Isenring).

Marsh Wren.—First reported in Columbia County, April 18 (B. Isenring).

Golden-crowned Kinglet.—Reported at the beginning of the period in Dane, Douglas, Jefferson, Sawyer, and Taylor Counties. Present at the end of the period in Door, Douglas, Taylor, and Vilas Counties.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet.—First reported in Portage County, April 2 (M. Berner). On May 8, 45 birds were sighted in Dane County (P. Ashman). Present at the end of the period in Ashland, Door, and Douglas Counties.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.—First reported in Milwaukee County, April 20 (B. Domagalski). This species was reported as far north as Burnett County.

Eastern Bluebird.—First reported in Dane County, March 5 (E. Hansen).

Veery.—First reported in Dane County, April 28 (A. & S. Shea). On May 15, 20+ birds

were sighted in Rock County (A. Shea and R. Hoffman).

Gray-cheeked Thrush.—First reported on April 28 in Dodge (J. Haseleu); and Milwaukee (B. Breihan) Counties.

Swainson's Thrush.—First reported in Door County, April 17 (R. & C. Lukes).

Hermit Thrush.—First reported in Marathon County, March 28 (K. & J. Luepke).

Wood Thrush.—First reported in Dane County, May 5 (A. & S. Shea).

American Robin.—Present at beginning of period in Dane and Milwaukee Counties.

Varied Thrush.—Reported in Ashland County, BOP—April 14 (D. Verch).

Gray Catbird.—First reported in Milwaukee County, April 21 (W. Woodmansee).

Northern Mockingbird.—Reported as follows: Sawyer County, May 8 (K. Castelein & D. Lauten); Bayfield County, May 12 (P. David); Outagamie County, May 13 (J. Anderson & S. Petznick); and Ashland County, May 17 (D. Verch).

Brown Thrasher.—First reported in Door County, April 8 (R. & C. Lukes).

Water Pipit.—Reported as follows: Dane County, May 4 (D. Tessen and May 18, A. & S. Shea); Douglas County, May 8–15 (R. Johnson, J. Robinson, and L. Semo); and Ashland County, May 10 (D. Verch).

Bohemian Waxwing.—Reported as follows: Ashland County, BOP—March 15 (D. Verch) and Eau Claire County, March 2 (J. Polk).

Cedar Waxwing.—Present at beginning of period in Barron, Dane, Marinette, Milwaukee, Polk, Trempealeau, and Waukesha Counties.

Northern Shrike.—Reported in 13 counties during the period. Last reported on March

30 in Ashland (D. Verch) and Taylor (P. Risch) Counties.

Loggerhead Shrike.—Similar to 1989, this species made a good showing again this spring. Reported as follows: Buffalo County, March 27 (B. Domagalski); Calumet County, April 20 (C. Rudy); Oconto County, April 21-EOP, 4 birds (successful nest?) (J. & K. Smith and M. Peterson); Douglas County, May 2 (L. Semo); St. Croix County, May 18 (J. Robinson); and Polk County, May 19 (J. Hudick).

European Starling.—Present during the period throughout the state.

White-eyed Vireo.—Reported as follows: Manitowoc County, May 6 (C. Rudy); Dane County, May 7–11 (E. Hansen, B. Hilsenhoff, Randy Hoffman, and S. Robbins); and Green County, May 10 (M. Peterson) and May 25 (D. Tessen).

Bell's Vireo.—A dismal spring for this species with only two reports: Iowa County, May 24 (M. Peterson) and Green County, May 25 (D. Tessen).

Solitary Vireo.—First reported in Marinette County, April 26 (S. LaValley).

Yellow-throated Vireo.—First reported in Outagamie County, April 27 (J. Anderson & S. Petznick).

Warbling Vireo.—First reported on April 27 in Dane (B. Hilsenhoff) and Marinette (S. LaValley) Counties.

Philadelphia Vireo.—First reported in Milwaukee County, April 27 (B. Cowart).

Red-eyed Vireo.—First reported in Wood County, April 23 (K. Merkel). On May 16, 22 birds were sighted in Chippewa County (C. Kemper).

Blue-winged Warbler.—First reported in Rock County, May 1 (J. Robinson).

Golden-winged Warbler.—First reported in Price County, May 6 (M. Hardy).

Tennessee Warbler.—First reported on April 27 in Dane (P. Ashman) and Milwaukee (W. Woodmansee) Counties. On May 17, "100s" birds were sighted in western Wisconsin County (Randy Hoffman).

Orange-crowned Warbler.—First reported in Brown County, April 25 (M. Wierzbicki).

Nashville Warbler.—First reported on April 27 in Dane (P. Ashman and B. Hilsenhoff) and Milwaukee (B. Cowart) Counties.

Northern Parula Warbler.—First reported in Milwaukee County, April 21 (R. Guttschow).

Yellow Warbler.—First reported in Dane County, April 23 (E. Hansen).

Chestnut-sided Warbler.—First reported in Dane County, May 1 (B. Isenring).

Magnolia Warbler.—First reported in Milwaukee County, April 27 (W. Woodmansee). A bird present in Jefferson County at the EOP was very late (K. Hale).

Cape May Warbler.—First reported in Portage County, May 2 (M. Berner).

Black-throated Blue Warbler.—First reported in Milwaukee County, April 27 (B. Cowart and W. Woodmansee). Also reported during the period in 11 other counties.

Yellow-rumped Warbler.—First reported on April 6 in Columbia (P. Ashman); Dane (E. Hansen); Door (R. & C. Lukes); Milwaukee (B. Breihan); Outagamie (J. Anderson & S. Petznick); and Portage (M. Berner) Counties. On May 8, 150+ birds were sighted in Dane County (P. Ashman).

Black-throated Green Warbler.—First reported in Milwaukee County, April 27 (W. Woodmansee). On May 8, 18 birds were sighted in Dane County (P. Ashman).

Blackburnian Warbler.—First reported in Portage County, May 1 (M. Berner).

Yellow-throated Warbler.—Reported in Rock County, May 1–25 (M. Peterson, J. Robinson, and D. Tessen).

Pine Warbler.—First reported in Sawyer County, April 18 (J. Robinson).

Kirtland's Warbler.—Reported in Jackson County, May 30 (J. Polk). This singing male was in the same location as last year.

Prairie Warbler.—For the second year in a row, no individuals of this species were observed.

Palm Warbler.—First reported in Dane County, April 21 (Randy Hoffman). On May 8, 200 birds were sighted in Dane County (P. Ashman).

Bay-breasted Warbler.—First reported in Dane County, May 7 (Randy Hoffman).

Blackpoll Warbler.—First reported in Grant County, May 3 (F. Leshner). On May 18, 70 birds were sighted in Trempealeau County (F. Leshner).

Cerulean Warbler.—First reported in Rock County, May 1 (J. Robinson).

Black-and-white Warbler.—First reported in Dane County, April 23 (E. Hansen).

American Redstart.—First reported on May 9 in Dane (Randy Hoffman); Milwaukee (W. Woodmansee); and Portage (M. Berner) Counties. On May 8, 40 birds were sighted in Dane County (P. Ashman).

Prothonotary Warbler.—First reported in Dane County, April 28 (Randy Hoffman). Also reported in Buffalo, Grant, Monroe, Polk, Rock, St. Croix, Taylor and Trempealeau Counties.

Worm-eating Warbler.—First reported in Dane County, April 27 (Randy Hoffman) also observed on May 9 (E. Hansen); Milwaukee County, May 2 (R. Gutschow); Sauk County, May 24, 4 birds in Hemlock Draw (M. Peterson); and Grant County, May 25 (D. Tessen).

Ovenbird.—First reported on April 23 in

Marinette (S. LaValley) and Wood (K. Merkel) Counties.

Northern Waterthrush.—First reported in Dane County, April 26 (Randy Hoffman).

Louisiana Waterthrush.—First reported in Dane County, April 12 (P. Ashman). Also reported in Grant, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Portage, St. Croix, and Sauk Counties.

Kentucky Warbler.—First reported in Winnebago County, May 11 (T. Ziebell). Also reported in Grant, Lafayette, Milwaukee, and St. Croix Counties. On May 25, 7 birds were sighted in Grant County (D. Tessen).

Connecticut Warbler.—First reported in Chippewa County, May 14, (C. Kemper). Also reported during the period in Ashland, Dane, Douglas, Green Lake, Milwaukee, Oconto, Ozaukee, Pepin, St. Croix and Vilas Counties.

Mourning Warbler.—First reported in Milwaukee County, May 9, (B. Cowart).

Common Yellowthroat.—First reported in Dodge County, April 27, (B. Domagalski).

Hooded Warbler.—First reported in Milwaukee County, May 2, (W. Woodmansee). Also reported during the period in Dane, Fond du Lac, and Waukesha Counties.

Wilson's Warbler.—First reported in Dane County, April 28, (D. Cederstrom).

Canada Warbler.—First reported in Milwaukee County, May 9, (W. Woodmansee). On May 15, 20 birds were sighted in Rock County (Randy Hoffman and A. Shea).

Yellow-breasted Chat.—Reported as follows: Dane County, May 13, (E. Hansen); Milwaukee County, May 15, (W. Woodmansee); and Green County, May 27 (M. Peterson).

Summer Tanager.—After last spring's excellent showing, there was only one report: Walworth County, May 8 (P. Parsons).

Scarlet Tanager.—First reported in Clark

County, April 21 (P. Risch). On May 11, 12 birds were sighted in Marathon County (D. Belter).

Western Tanager.—Two reports of this species in Marathon County were accepted by the Records Committee: April 28 (P. Risch and J. Roti). A report of this species in Buffalo County, May 4 (R. Hoffman) was also accepted by the Records Committee.

Northern Cardinal.—This species was reported as far north as: Ashland, Burnett, Marinette, Sawyer, Taylor, and Vilas Counties. On March 3, 22 birds were sighted in St. Croix County (J. & K. Smith).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak.—First reported in Richland County, April 28 (B. Duerksen). On May 12, 15 birds were sighted in Marathon County (D. Belter).

Indigo Bunting.—First reported on April 28 in Dane (P. Ashman) and Door (R. & C. Lukes) Counties.

Dickcissel.—Reported as follows: Dane County, May 17 (A. & S. Shea) and May 27 (E. Hansen); Door County, May 21 (R. & C. Lukes); Green County, May 25 (D. Tessen); Pepin County, May 25 (Randy Hoffman); Rock County, May 25 (D. Tessen); and LaCrosse County, May 30 (F. Leshner).

Green-tailed Towhee.—A report of this species in Milwaukee County, May 16 (B. Cowart) was accepted by the Records Committee.

Rufous-sided Towhee.—First reported in Walworth County, March 28 (P. Parsons), possibly an over-wintering bird.

American Tree Sparrow.—Last reported in Door County, May 10 (R. & C. Lukes).

Chipping Sparrow.—First reported in Richland County, March 25 (B. Duerksen).

Clay-colored Sparrow.—First reported in Dane County, April 28 (P. Ashman).

Field Sparrow.—First reported in Dane County, March 27 (E. Hansen).

Vesper Sparrow.—First reported on April 6 in Columbia (P. Ashman) and Richland (B. Duerksen) Counties.

Lark Sparrow.—First reported in Portage County, May 9 (M. Berner). Also reported during the period in Dane, Dunn, LaCrosse, Pepin, Rock, Sauk, Sawyer, and St. Croix Counties.

Savannah Sparrow.—First reported in Dane County, May 21 (B. Isenring).

Grasshopper Sparrow.—First reported in Door County, April 28 (R. & C. Lukes).

Henslow's Sparrow.—First reported in Marathon County, April 28 (D. Belter). Also reported during the period in Green Lake, Lafayette, Lincoln, Pepin, Richland, and Taylor Counties.

LeConte's Sparrow.—First reported in Ozaukee County, April 23 (B. Cowart). Also reported during the period in Ashland, Burnett, Douglas, Green Lake, LaCrosse, Marathon, Sawyer, Shawano, and Taylor Counties. A singing male in Green Lake County on May 19 (T. Schultz) was extremely far south for this late date.

Sharp-tailed Sparrow.—The only report of this species came was from Burnett County, March 25 (K. Castelein & D. Lauten and J. Robinson).

Fox Sparrow.—First reported in Milwaukee County, March 8 (S. Diehl).

Song Sparrow.—Present at beginning of period in Dane, Milwaukee, and Taylor Counties.

Lincoln's Sparrow.—First reported in Ozaukee County, April 29 (B. Cowart).

Swamp Sparrow.—Present at beginning of period in Dane County (P. Ashman).

White-throated Sparrow.—Present at beginning of period in Dane County (P. Ashman).

White-crowned Sparrow.—First re-

ported in Ozaukee County, April 29 (B. Cowart). On May 8, 10 birds were sighted in Dane County (P. Ashman).

Harris' Sparrow.—First reported in Rock County, May 4 (D. Tessen). Also reported during the period in Ashland, Barron, Douglas, Milwaukee, Pepin, and Price Counties.

Dark-eyed Junco.—Present at the end of the period in Ashland, Douglas, and Vilas Counties.

Lapland Longspur.—Present at beginning of period in Taylor and Winnebago Counties. Reported in 11 other Counties during the period. On April 11, 400 birds were sighted in Marathon County (K. & J. Luepke). Last reported in Winnebago County, May 11 (T. Ziebell).

Snow Bunting.—Present at beginning of period in Ashland, Douglas, Dunn, Marathon, Portage, Taylor, and Vilas Counties. Reported in 9 other Counties during the period. Last reported in Ashland County, April 29 (D. Verch).

Bobolink.—First reported in Dodge County, May 9 (B. Domagalski).

Red-winged Blackbird.—Present at beginning of period in Dane, Dodge, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Racine, Walworth, and Winnebago Counties.

Eastern Meadowlark.—First reported on March 10 in Dane (E. Hansen) and Jefferson (K. Hale) Counties.

Western Meadowlark.—First reported in Richland County, March 20 (B. Duerksen).

Yellow-headed Blackbird.—First reported in Dodge County, April 7 (B. Domagalski).

Rusty Blackbird.—Present at beginning of period in Trempealeau County (T. Hunter).

Brewer's Blackbird.—Present at beginning of period in Dodge County (B. Domagalski).

Common Grackle.—Present at beginning

of period in Dane, Milwaukee, Walworth, and Washington Counties.

Brown-headed Cowbird.—Present at beginning of period in Dane, Dodge, Jefferson, Walworth, and Washington Counties.

Orchard Oriole.—First reported in Dane County, May 3 (B. Hilsenhoff). On May 9, 6 birds were sighted in Dane County (Randy Hoffman). Reported in 13 other counties during the period as far north as Dunn and Oconto Counties.

Northern Oriole.—First reported in Milwaukee County, April 27 (B. Cowart). On May 9, 27 birds were sighted in Dane County (Randy Hoffman).

Pine Grosbeak.—Reported as follows: Ashland County, BOP—March 10 (D. Verch); Douglas County, BOP (L. Semo); Price County, BOP—March 14 (M. Hardy); Shawano County, March 5 (M. Peterson); and Portage County, March 17 (M. Berner).

Purple Finch.—Present at the end of the period in 11 Counties, as far south as Portage County.

House Finch.—Reported in 35 counties during the period; seven more than last spring and 18 more than spring 1989. This species was reported as far north as: Ashland, Oconto, Price, Sawyer, and Taylor Counties. The corner of northwest Wisconsin without this species is getting smaller.

Red Crossbill.—Present at beginning of period in Douglas and Vilas Counties. Also reported in Jackson, LaCrosse, Marinette, Portage, Sawyer, and Shawano Counties. Present at the end of the period in Ashland, Douglas, and Marinette Counties. On April 25, 50 birds were sighted in Marinette County (S. LaValley).

White-winged Crossbill.—The only report of this species was in Portage County, March 27 (M. Berner).

Common Redpoll.—As opposed to last year's 28 counties, this species was present at the beginning of period in only 2: Ashland and Door Counties. Also reported in Price, St. Croix, Sawyer, Taylor, and Vilas Counties. Last reported in Taylor County, April 15 (B. Armbrust).

Pine Siskin.—Present at beginning of period in 12 Counties, as far south as Jefferson, Ozaukee, and Trempealeau Counties. Present at the end of the period in Ashland, Barron, Burnett, Douglas, Marathon, and Winnebago Counties.

American Goldfinch.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Evening Grosbeak.—Present at beginning of period in 8 counties, and reported during the period as far south as Shawano and Portage Counties. Present at the end of the period in Ashland, Douglas, Marinette, Price, Sawyer, and Vilas Counties.

House Sparrow.—Present during the period throughout the state.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow.—Reported in Pierce County, March 9 (D. Tessen).

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