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## COVER PHOTO

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### **Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)**

*Photo © Jean Iron*

A flock of Whimbrel viewed from Colonel Samuel Smith Park on 23 May 2007 frames the Toronto skyline. Since the early 20th century, Toronto ornithologists have noted the impressive spring migration of Whimbrel past the city's waterfront within a narrow 22-27 May time frame. In this short stretch of May, thousands of Whimbrel migrate past Toronto each spring, between their South American wintering grounds and their breeding grounds on the tundra coast of the Hudson Bay Lowlands. In some years, as much as one-quarter of the entire eastern North American population is witnessed passing along the Lake Ontario shoreline. Afforded protection by the Migratory Birds Convention Act of 1917, its population is probably still rebounding from the persecution of intense market hunting pressure in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The following is Jean Iron's description of her iconic photograph – "Whimbrel with background of CN Tower in downtown Toronto, Ontario. The CN Tower is about 11 km (7 miles) away. Photo taken from Colonel Sam Smith Park on northwest shore of Lake Ontario. Over 2000 Whimbrel migrated through here between 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 23 May 2007.

The Whimbrel went through in flocks of 35 to 160 individuals. They were very vocal, trilling constantly. They circled with most flying east possibly to rest for the day on the Leslie Street Spit, a large peninsula jutting into Lake Ontario at the east side of Toronto. About 1/3 may have continued northward heading for the coasts of James and Hudson Bays. There are very few spring sightings of Whimbrel in Ontario away from Great Lakes and the province's northern coast."

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## GREATER TORONTO AREA BIRD REPORT – APRIL 2007

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The following are largely unchecked reports, not authenticated records. Key to counties: DU = Durham R.M.; HL = Halton R.M.; PL = Peel R.M.; MT = City of Toronto; LO = Lake Ontario Pelagic; YO = York R.M. [County not specified for sites in Toronto]. Frequently cited place names in Toronto are abbreviated as follows: CSSP = Colonel Sam Smith Park; HP = High Park; HBP = Humber Bay Park (E or W); LSS = Leslie Street Spit; TI = Toronto Islands. Other abbreviations: HFR, DRF, YRF = Halton, Durham and York Regional Forests, respectively. TBO = Toronto Bird Observatory; TTPBRS = Tommy Thompson Park Bird Research Station.

Species names in **bold, underlined BLOCK CAPITALS** are OBRC rarities. These reports require acceptance by OBRC before they can be considered as part of the local records. They are qualified by [Documentation received] or [No documentation received], as applicable.

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Species names in [square brackets] indicate reports believed to relate to escaped or released birds, or to introduced birds which have not yet become established.

Names in *ITALICS* indicate subspecies, hybrids, morphs or other 'recognizable forms', which may be identifiable in the field. This does not necessarily imply that the compilers agree with such designations, or accept their validity.

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MUTE SWAN - 23 at HBP [W] on 2<sup>nd</sup> (WP).

TRUMPETER SWAN - 2 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 14<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA), 1 (wing tag #875) at Gzowski Park, Sunnyside on 18<sup>th</sup> (Ed Wugalter fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 at Bluffer's Park on 19<sup>th</sup> (TDo fide ONTBIRDS). These were 1 AD w wing tag #875 and 2 juv one of which had tag # 087 [perhaps D87](?). 1 (tag #914) at CSSP on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Lloyd Paul fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 (tag #875) at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

TUNDRA SWAN - 1 at HBP [W] on 2<sup>nd</sup> (WP) & 1 at Sunnyside on 19<sup>th</sup> (Ed Wugalter fide ONTBIRDS).

WOOD DUCK - 7 reports of from 4 to a high 10 at HP from 4<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> (SMF;Lloyd Paul fide ONTBIRDS). 4 in Don R. at North Toronto Sewage Plant on 15<sup>th</sup> (Margaret McRae fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at 218 Humbercrest Blvd. (area) on 17<sup>th</sup> (JRC) & 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

**EURASIAN WIGEON** - 1 at South Trail/Platform, Cranberry Marsh [DU] in the morning on 21<sup>st</sup> [No doc. seen] (GG fide JDL, fide DRBA) & 1 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] @ 07:00hrs on 21<sup>st</sup> [No doc. seen] (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL - 2 (pair) at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 21<sup>st</sup> (GDe fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Corbett Creek, Thicksons Woods [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN SHOVELER - 6 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS) & 8 there on 4<sup>th</sup> (HK,JMG). 6 reports from 4<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> from HP with a high of 28 on 13<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 15 at Sobey's Pond, Whitby [DU] on 14<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA) & 1 M there on 29<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP). 20 at Bernhardt Rd, Ansnorveldt [YO] on 24<sup>th</sup> (PW), 6 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC).

NORTHERN PINTAIL - 9 at Bonniebrae Pt. Oshawa [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (THo fide DRBA) & 1 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC).

CANVASBACK - 14 at TI on 2<sup>nd</sup> (SMF), 5 on 8<sup>th</sup> (MM), 10 at Nature Reserve, TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,&) & 5 at Trout Pond, TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 5 (3 M, 2 F) at Cell #2, LSS on 8<sup>th</sup> (RBHS), 11 at Cell #1, LSS on 14<sup>th</sup> (JRC), 6 at LSS on 21<sup>st</sup> (SMF) & 12 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC). 9 at Bonniebrae Pt. Oshawa [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (THo fide DRBA).

REDHEAD - 31 at LSS on 8<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP) & 35 at Bonniebrae Pt. Oshawa [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (THo fide DRBA).

RING-NECKED DUCK - 27 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor), 40+ at St Johns Sideroad Marsh [YO] on 9<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 14 at LSS on 14<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

GREATER SCAUP - 4 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS) & 54 at LSS on 8<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

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LESSER SCAUP - 6 at HBP [W] on 2nd (WP), 6 at ON-X.com, Markham [YO] on 17<sup>th</sup> (WP) & 10 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC).

HARLEQUIN DUCK - 1 F at HBP [E] on 7<sup>th</sup> (RJo), at Humber Shores, HBP on 14<sup>th</sup> (Don Ford fide ONTBIRDS) & at HBP [E] on 15<sup>th</sup> (anon fide OUTON). 1 M at Outer Harbour Marina, LSS on 9<sup>th</sup> (JFa,John Stirrat, fide ONTBIRDS).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - 140 at Regatta Road on 2<sup>nd</sup> (WP), 91 at LSS on 2<sup>nd</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe) & 93 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (GC). 31 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor) & 20 at Bonniebrae Pt. Oshawa [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (THo fide DRBA).

BUFFLEHEAD - 12 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS), 271 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor) & 4 at Lake Wilcox [YO] on 15<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP). 6 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 21<sup>st</sup> & 8 there on 29<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

HOODED MERGANSER - 5 at Elgin Pond, Uxbridge [DU] on 6<sup>th</sup> (D. Connolly fide DRBA), 5 at Oakbank Pond [YO] on 6<sup>th</sup> (anon fide OUTON) & 2 at Cell #2, LSS on 8<sup>th</sup> (RBHS).

COMMON MERGANSER - 6 at St Johns Sideroad Marsh [YO] on 9<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 42 at LSS on 14<sup>th</sup> (JRC).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER - 22 at LSS on 8<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

RUDDY DUCK - 7 at Cell #2, LSS on 8<sup>th</sup> (RBHS), 2 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 14<sup>th</sup> (RPy fide DRBA), 3 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC) & 1 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT - 2 at Silo Cattle Ranch, Sidelane 12, Pickering [DU] on 15<sup>th</sup> (ETB fide DRBA), 1 at Vaughan Crest Park [YO] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (RBHS) & 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (RPy fide DRBA).

RUFFED GROUSE - 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

WILD TURKEY - 1 M at Halls Rd. [DU] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Holland R Trail, N Newmarket [YO] on 6<sup>th</sup> (MvdT fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 5 at North Trail/Platform, Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP) are very much habituated to people!

RED-THROATED LOON - 1 at Bronte Bluffs Park, Oakville [HL] on 13<sup>th</sup> (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at 155 Ravenscroft Rd, Ajax [DU] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA) & 1 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC).

COMMON LOON - 4 at SE Tip, LSS on 8<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP), 2 at Ward's Island, TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor), 2 at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 15<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 33 flying over at 218 Humbercrest Blvd. (area) between 06:30-07:30h on 21<sup>st</sup> (JRC). 12 Flying over at HP on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Lloyd Paul fide ONTBIRDS) & 7 at LSS on 30<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

PIED-BILLED GREBE - 1 at St Johns Sideroad Marsh [YO] on 1<sup>st</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at HP on most days from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> & 2 there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (SMF). 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (HK,JMG) & 3 there on 14<sup>th</sup> (RPy fide DRBA). 1 at LSS on 5<sup>th</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe), 3 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor), 2 at Milne C. A., Markham [YO] on 15<sup>th</sup> (DW), 3 at Holland R Trail, Newmarket [YO] on 19<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Corbett Creek, Thicksons Woods [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

HORNED GREBE - 2 at Bronte Cemetery, West St. [HL] on 7<sup>th</sup> (Barry Chierriere fide ONTBIRDS) included 1 leucistic (looked almost albino) individual. Photo posted to OFO website. 15 at CSSP on 9<sup>th</sup> (Marc Lichtenberg fide ONTBIRDS) & 10 there on 17<sup>th</sup> (Karl & Marienna Egressy fide ONTBIRDS). 23 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor), 10 there on 17<sup>th</sup> (MM), 90 at Bonniebrae Pt. Oshawa [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (THo fide DRBA) & 6 at Lake Ontario off Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 20<sup>th</sup> (GCarp fide DRBA).

RED-NECKED GREBE - 8 reports from CSSP beginning with 25 on 3<sup>rd</sup> (SMF) & high counts of 200 on 9<sup>th</sup> (Marc Lichtenberg fide ONTBIRDS), 113 on 20<sup>th</sup> (NMacd) & 207 on 28<sup>th</sup> (GC). 75 at Bronte Cemetery, West St. [HL] on 5<sup>th</sup> (GE fide ONTBIRDS) & 50+ there @ 08:00hrs on 7<sup>th</sup> (FP fide ONTBIRDS). 38 at LSS on 8<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP), ~500 at Bluffer's Park on 9<sup>th</sup> (JI), 827 at Bonniebrae Pt. Oshawa [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (THo fide DRBA) & 14 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC).

**EARED GREBE** - 2 at Ward's Island, TI on 9<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor). 'One of them was no more than 60 to 75 feet away from us for 20 mins as it moved along with us'. 1 (non-breeding) at CSSP on 20<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (NMacd).



**WESTERN GREBE** - The bird at Leslie St Spit (staying from 10 Mar 2007) was last reported off the SE Tip @ 13:43hrs on 8<sup>th</sup> (WP, RBHS). It was only seen briefly, but this sighting established it as different from one which turned up off Bronte Cemetery, West St. [HL] at 10:40h on 5<sup>th</sup> (MJ fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS), and was seen by many observers over the next five days (GE; JI; Andrew Don; Peter Sproule & Bev McDonald; Barry Chierre; John Millman; FP; Karl & Marienna Egressy, all fide ONTBIRDS; RBHS, WP; &). It was last reported there @ 12:00hrs on 9<sup>th</sup> (CMH fide ONTBIRDS) and could not be found on 13<sup>th</sup> (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS). Good photographs of this bird were obtained by a number of people; and some have been posted e.g. Jean Iron on 6<sup>th</sup> (<http://www.jeaniron.ca/>); and John Millman on 7<sup>th</sup> ([http://home.cogeco.ca/~alexandra5/grebe\\_western.htm](http://home.cogeco.ca/~alexandra5/grebe_western.htm)).

### Two Western Grebes



Leslie Street Spit on 17 March 2007 (Left) and Off Bronte Bluffs on 7 April 2007 (Right)  
Photos © Winnie Poon

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT - 5 at TI on 2<sup>nd</sup> (SMF), 10 at CSSP on 3<sup>rd</sup> (SMF) & 6 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (HK, JMG). 3 at HP on 4<sup>th</sup>, 30 on 5<sup>th</sup>, 11 on 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 on 12<sup>th</sup> & 12 there on 13<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

AMERICAN BITTERN - 1 at LSS on 3<sup>rd</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe) & on 28<sup>th</sup> (GC; SMF; JBMW, HC).

GREAT BLUE HERON - 42 at Cherrywood Swamp Heronry [DU] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS), up to 35 nests, with birds bringing sticks etc. 12 nests (8 birds) at Leslie & 19th Heronry [YO] on 15<sup>th</sup> (RBHS, WP); (not sure # active?).

GREAT EGRET - 1 at HP on 6<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 1 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> (MM). 1 at LSS on 14<sup>th</sup> (JRC) & 4 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW, HC).

**LITTLE BLUE HERON** - 1 AD at CSSP on 20<sup>th</sup> [Photographed] (Jody Melanson fide OFO-W), 2 flight photos posted to OFO website. Also reported at 11:30hrs [No doc. seen] (Graham Jones fide ONTBIRDS) & watched for about 1/2hr on the outermost dock of the marina, then flew off towards Toronto Islands.

**CATTLE EGRET** - 1 at Snake Island, TI @ 12:30hrs on 24<sup>th</sup> [Documented] (SMF), seen down to 5m; flew off to NW.

GREEN HERON - 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (anon fide JDL, fide ONTBIRDS).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - 15 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL, Ed O'Connor) & 3 at Shoreacres Park [HL] on 11<sup>th</sup> (Bill Morden fide ONTBIRDS).

TURKEY VULTURE - 2 at Dufferin & Finch on 25<sup>th</sup> (Leslie Kinrys) & 25 at Hendrie Valley [HL] on 29<sup>th</sup> (SHa). 7 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL), "Unusual to see more than 1 or 2 here".

OSPREY - 1 at nest platform at Westside Marsh [DU] on 1<sup>st</sup> (J. McKnight fide DRBA), 1 at Keswick [YO] on 9<sup>th</sup> (anon fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Beaverton Harbour [DU] on 13<sup>th</sup> (Greg Jaski fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 14<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA) & 1 carrying nest material to tower at Bloomington SR & Hwy 404 [YO] on 17<sup>th</sup> (TH). 3 at N End Old Yonge Street [YO] on 21<sup>st</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 1 on nest on a hydro tower at

Holland Landing Prairie PNR [YO] on 21<sup>st</sup> (BB fide TH) & 2 (pair) at Westside Marsh [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS), occupying platform at West Beach Rd and Cove Rd.

BALD EAGLE - 1 at Beaverton Harbour [DU] on 13<sup>th</sup> (Greg Jaski fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN HARRIER - 1 F at CN rly S of Britannia [HL] on 7<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP). 1 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 19<sup>th</sup> & 6 at N End Old Yonge Street [YO] on 21<sup>st</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 1<sup>st</sup> (D. Docherty fide DRBA), 1 at Steeles just W of Yonge St. [YO] on 8<sup>th</sup> (NMu) & 2 (nestbuilding) at Edwards Gardens (nr. the butterfly garden) on 29<sup>th</sup> (GLKJ fide OUTON), 3 photos posted to OUTON.

COOPER'S HAWK - 2 (pair) at LaSalle Park [HL] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (Karl & Marienna Egressey fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Nature Reserve, TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor) & 2 (nesting) at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (TWRB fide DRBA). 13 other reports of single birds thro' the month.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK - 1 at Silver Lakes Golf Course [YO] on 8<sup>th</sup> (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS).

\* BROAD-WINGED HAWK - 1 (dark morph) JUV at Kerncliff Park, Burlington [HL] on 26<sup>th</sup> [Photographed] (Tom Thomas fide JI). Photos were sent (by Jean Iron) to Brian Wheeler, who commented 'I would vote for juvenile Broad-winged Hawk on this one.' [This was 2 days after the AD at Beamer (*Niagara R.M.*); another dark morph AD was seen at Derby Hill, New York on 3 May 2003].

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK - 2 (1 dark, 1 light) at CN rly S of Britannia [HL] @ 15:40hrs on 7<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

PEREGRINE FALCON - 1 at Edgeview Dr & Grenview Blvd S on 4<sup>th</sup> (presumably from Clarica Centre site) & 1 at Clarica Centre, Islington on 6<sup>th</sup> (SHa), perched on nest ledge; no functioning camera this year, so could not verify if nesting in progress. 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (J. McKnight fide DRBA), 1 at TI on 17<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 1 at Corbett Creek, Thicksons Woods [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS).

VIRGINIA RAIL - 1 at Amos Ponds [DU] on 7<sup>th</sup> (R. Stephenson fide DRBA), 1 at Bathurst Street Marsh [YO] on 12<sup>th</sup> (BB fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 again there on 19<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 21<sup>st</sup> (GDe fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA) & 1 heard at North Trail/Platform, Cranberry Marsh [DU] @ 12:50hrs on 29<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP,HK), responded to HK's tape.

SORA - 2 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA).

AMERICAN COOT - 2 at TI on 8<sup>th</sup> (MM) & 1 there on 24<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 2 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 14<sup>th</sup> & 3 on 25<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA). 1 at LSS on 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 2 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC). Singles at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 21<sup>st</sup> (GDe fide ONTBIRDS), HBP on 23<sup>rd</sup> (SMF) & 1 at Corbett Creek, Thicksons Woods [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS).

SANDHILL CRANE - 1 flying over at Centennial Golf Course @ 17:00hrs on 14<sup>th</sup> (Iain Fleming fide OUTON) & 5 flying over at W. End Ravenshoe Rd. [YO] on 19<sup>th</sup> (anon fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), flew across Holland R. and landed nr E end 13th Conc. W. Gwillimbury [in *Simcoe Co.*] 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 21<sup>st</sup> (GDe fide ONTBIRDS).

KILLDEER - 12 at CSSP on 9<sup>th</sup> (Marc Lichtenberg fide ONTBIRDS).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER - 1 at CSSP on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Lloyd Paul fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Shoreacres Park [HL] on 24<sup>th</sup> (John Karner fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC) & 2 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS - 1 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 20<sup>th</sup> (FP fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 there on 21<sup>st</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

**WILLET** - 9 reported to have landed on the pier at Bronte Harbour [HL] on either 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS - 1 at Sobey's Pond, Whitby [DU] on 14<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA).

WILSON'S SNIPES - 2 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 19<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK - 6 at LSS on 2<sup>nd</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe) & 1 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC). 1 (displaying) at Silver Lakes Golf Course [YO] on 20<sup>th</sup> (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Kipling & Bloor (SE Corner) @ 15:50hrs on 22<sup>nd</sup> (RBHS) & 6 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (RPy fide DRBA).

LITTLE GULL - No reports from Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] is surprising, especially since BOGU were present.

BONAPARTE'S GULL - 200 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (THo fide DRBA).

ICELAND GULL - 1 2W at Regatta Road on 2<sup>nd</sup> (WP) & 3 (2 1W, 1 AD) at Bluffer's Park on 9<sup>th</sup> (JI).

GLAUCOUS GULL - 2 at LSS on 3<sup>rd</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe).

CASPIAN TERN - Singles at Bronte Cemetery, West St. [HL] on 7<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP), Bluffer's Park on 9<sup>th</sup> (JI), Humber Shores, HBP on 14<sup>th</sup> (Don Ford fide ONTBIRDS) & at LSS on 14<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 1 at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 15<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at N End Old Yonge Street [YO] on 21<sup>st</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

BLACK TERN - 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 21<sup>st</sup> (GDe fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON TERN - 1 at N End Old Yonge Street [YO] on 20<sup>th</sup> (Chris Dunn,Julia Marko, fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at LSS on 21<sup>st</sup> (SMF) & 1 at HBP on 23<sup>rd</sup> (SMF). 1 at CSSP on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Lloyd Paul fide ONTBIRDS), 2 there on 24<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 15 at TI on 24<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

GREAT HORNED OWL - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS).

LONG-EARED OWL - 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 1<sup>st</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

SHORT-EARED OWL - 1 at 60 Miles Hill Cr, Richmond Hill [YO] on 9<sup>th</sup> (FP) & 1 at LSS on 21<sup>st</sup> (SMF).

WHIP-POOR-WILL - 1 at Whitby [DU] on 28<sup>th</sup> (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (anon fide JDL, fide ONTBIRDS).

CHIMNEY SWIFT - 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (Leslie Kinrys fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at HP on 26<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 1 at Olive Ave & Rossmore (N of Bloor & Bathurst) @ 19:00hrs on 27<sup>th</sup> (MKP) & 1 at 218 Humbercrest Blvd. (area) on 30<sup>th</sup> (JRC).

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD - 1 at Gibb St, Oshawa [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (DRuch fide DRBA).

BELTED KINGFISHER - 1 at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (HK,JMG) & 1 at Elgin Pond, Uxbridge [DU] on 6<sup>th</sup> (D. Connolly fide DRBA).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (TWRB fide DRBA).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER - 1 at Amos Ponds [DU] on 7<sup>th</sup> (R. Stephenson fide DRBA), 1 at N of Jane Ave, Oshawa [DU] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Ken Ridge fide DRBA), 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (TWRB fide DRBA), 2 at Glen Stewart Ravine on 27<sup>th</sup> (Anthony Glenesk fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 M at Nature Reserve, TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 11 reports from HP from 1<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 reports were of 1 F & a pair were seen there on 13<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> (SMF).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 2<sup>nd</sup> (JDL fide DRBA), 3 on 5<sup>th</sup> (J. Stirrat fide DRBA) & 8 there on 21<sup>st</sup> (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 4<sup>th</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe) & 8 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor).

DOWNY WOODPECKER - 5 (3 M, 2 F) at HP on 6<sup>th</sup> & 6 (3 M, 3 F) there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (SMF).

NORTHERN FLICKER - 6 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] & 10 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (HK,JMG). 93 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor) & 17 there on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

PILEATED WOODPECKER - 1 F at HP on 9<sup>th</sup> (RJo;SMF), 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 30<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS).

LEAST FLYCATCHER - 1 at Ward's Island, TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL)."My earliest for TI and 2nd earliest for Ontario."

EASTERN PHOEBE - 2 at HP on 2<sup>nd</sup> & on 15<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 1 at Magwood Park on 6<sup>th</sup> (JRC), 1 at Bronte Cemetery, West St. [HL] on 9<sup>th</sup> (CMH fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at Shoreacres Park [HL] on 11<sup>th</sup> (Bill Morden fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Beatrice & Mary St, Oshawa [DU] on 11<sup>th</sup> (DRuch fide DRBA) & 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 30<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS).

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER - 1 at LSS on 30<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

NORTHERN SHRIKE – Singles at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (RJo), at Holland R Trail, N Newmarket [YO] on 6<sup>th</sup> (MvdT fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), 60 Miles Hill Cr, Richmond Hill [YO] on 11<sup>th</sup> (FP), Ecopark S of Mulock, Newmarket [YO] on 17<sup>th</sup> (Chris Dunn,Julia Marko, fide RJF) & at German Mills Park [YO] on 19<sup>th</sup> (DW).

\* WHITE-EYED VIREO - 1 at HBP [E] @ 10:30hrs on 23<sup>rd</sup> [Documented] (SMF). Seen on E side of Mimico Creek, nr, pedestrian bridge & seen later in afternoon by Bob Yukich. [Doc required prior to 1 May – Guidelines].

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO - 1 at Lynde Shores C. A. [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RPy fide DRBA).

BLUE-HEADED VIREO – Singles at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), HP on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> (SMF), at Thornton Bales C. A. [YO] on 24<sup>th</sup> (BB fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (SMF;JBMW,HC).

COMMON RAVEN - Singles at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (RJo), flying over Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on 8<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & at Stouffville Rd & Leslie [YO] on 21<sup>st</sup> (FP fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS).

PURPLE MARTIN - 2 at Sutton [YO] on 20<sup>th</sup> (Tom Mills fide ONTBIRDS) & 11 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

TREE SWALLOW - 6 at Baselands, LSS on 2<sup>nd</sup> (WP), 10 at CSSP on 7<sup>th</sup> (Brian Bailey fide OUTON), 4 at Bronte Cemetery, West St. [HL] on 7<sup>th</sup> (FP fide ONTBIRDS) & 8 at S. Newmarket [YO] on 17<sup>th</sup> (Chris Dunn,Julia Marko, fide RJF).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW - 1+ at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 21<sup>st</sup> (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA). 1 at CSSP on 21<sup>st</sup> (Brian Bailey fide ONTBIRDS), 1 on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 2 there on 24<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 1 at HBP on 23<sup>rd</sup> (SMF) & 1 at Vandorf SR E of Woodbine [YO] on 28<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

BANK SWALLOW - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 21<sup>st</sup> (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA).

CLIFF SWALLOW - 2 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 2 at Centre Island, TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

BARN SWALLOW - 1 at CCIW-Centre for Inland Waters [HL] on 19<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at CSSP on 21<sup>st</sup> (Brian Bailey fide ONTBIRDS), 6 at N End Old Yonge Street [YO] on 21<sup>st</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Nashdene Yard East, Scarb. on 21<sup>st</sup> (RBHS,WP).

BROWN CREEPER - 20 at LSS on 2<sup>nd</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe), 5 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (HK,JMG) & 3 there on 9<sup>th</sup> (FP fide ONTBIRDS). 160 (incl. 34 banded) at Peninsula D, LSS on 4<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (TTPBRS fide DDe) will be a new record count if documented. 4 at Ward's Island, TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor).

CAROLINA WREN - 1 at Snake Island, TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor) & 2 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

HOUSE WREN - 1 at HP on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Lloyd Paul fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 28<sup>th</sup> (TWRB fide DRBA).

WINTER WREN - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 1<sup>st</sup> (D. Docherty fide DRBA), 1 at HP on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 3 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (HK,JMG) & 17 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor). 1 at Oshawa Creek [DU] on 11<sup>th</sup> (DRuch fide DRBA) & 6 at TI on 22<sup>nd</sup> (MM).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET - 12 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (HK,JMG), 190 at Peninsula D, LSS on 4<sup>th</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe), 10 at Cell #1, LSS on 8<sup>th</sup> (WP,RBHS) & 1 at HP on 30<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET - 50 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC) & 55 (incl. 11 banded) at Peninsula D, LSS on 29<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER - Singles at Baselands, LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (GC;JBMW,HC), HP on 29<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & at Nature Reserve, TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD - 4 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 8<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA), 1 at Claireville Cons. Area [PL] on 21<sup>st</sup> (John Thompson fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Vandorf SR E of Woodbine [YO] on 28<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).



HERMIT THRUSH -8 reports from Thicksons Woods [DU] began with 1 on 2<sup>nd</sup> (JDL fide DRBA), a high of 9 on 23<sup>rd</sup> (TWRB fide DRBA) & last report was 3 on 29<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at TI on 2<sup>nd</sup> (SMF), 5 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor), 10 on 21<sup>st</sup> & 17 there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (MM). 1 at 216 Humbercrest Blvd. on 1<sup>st</sup> (JRC), 1 at LSS on 4<sup>th</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe) & 9 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC). 1 at HP from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 6<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Corner Marsh [DU] on 8<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA)

WOOD THRUSH – Singles at Southwood Park, Ajax [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (J. Foster fide DRBA), Glen Stewart Ravine on 27<sup>th</sup> (Anthony Glenesk fide ONTBIRDS) & at LSS on 30<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

AMERICAN ROBIN - 125 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD – Despite the first two weeks of April being unusually cold, in total there were 127 reports, with 79 from [MT], 32 from [YO], 1 from [PL], 5 from [HL] and 10 from [DU]. These numbers are not significant at this stage in the season, due to varying amounts and timing of fieldwork by RBHS & WP. The first reports of largely complete nests (N4 or NL stage) occurred on 22<sup>nd</sup> (RBHS,WP) and the first nest with eggs was found in the Leaside area, with 2 eggs on 25<sup>th</sup> (ETB), implying 1<sup>st</sup> egg date of 24<sup>th</sup>. This is 10 days later than the earliest ever recorded for the GTA, probably due to the cold conditions of the first half of the month. [Note: an N4 nest is a complete but unlined nest, while NL is a complete, *and lined*, nest. These codes as used by the Ontario Nest Record Scheme (ONRS)].

BROWN THRASHER - Singles at LSS on 6<sup>th</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe), Thicksons Woods [DU] on 7<sup>th</sup> (R. Stephenson fide DRBA) & on 21<sup>st</sup> (DBar fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at Lakeside Park, Clarkson [PL] on 25<sup>th</sup> (SHA), 3 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMacd), 15 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC), 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

AMERICAN PIPIT - 2 at N End Old Yonge Street [YO] on 21<sup>st</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

NASHVILLE WARBLER - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> (TWRB fide DRBA) & 2 there on 29<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Lakeside Park, Clarkson [PL] on 25<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEde, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at 218 Humbercrest Blvd. (area) on 27<sup>th</sup> (JRC) & 2 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 1 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (GC;JBMW,HC) & 2 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 30<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

YELLOW WARBLER - 1 at Hanlan's Point, TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (TWRB fide DRBA).

CAPE MAY WARBLER - 1 F at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (MKP fide GC;SMF;JBMW,HC).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER - 1 M at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (SMF;JBMW,HC).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER - 1 at HP on 4<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 4 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 21<sup>st</sup> (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA), 3 at Claireville Cons. Area [PL] on 21<sup>st</sup> (John Thompson fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at 218 Humbercrest Blvd. (area) on 23<sup>rd</sup> (JRC). 50 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC), 90 at Peninsula D, LSS on 29<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & 48 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER - 1 at HP on 27<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 1 at Baselands, LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (GC), 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 28<sup>th</sup> (TWRB fide DRBA) & on 30<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

PINE WARBLER - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (THo fide DRBA) 1 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (D. Wysotski fide DRBA), 2 at Bronte Woods [HL] on 24<sup>th</sup> (John Karner fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Snake Island, TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 6 reports from Thicksons Woods [DU] from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> with highs of 3 on 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> (TWRB, fide DRBA).

PALM WARBLER - 2 at Shell Park [HL] on 8<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEde, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Bronte Bluffs Park, Oakville [HL] on 13<sup>th</sup> (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> & on 28<sup>th</sup> (TWRB fide DRBA). 1 at HP on 27<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 8 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC) & 4 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER - 1 at HP on 27<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 2 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC), 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 30<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

OVENBIRD - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (TWRB fide DRBA).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH - Singles at Ghost Road Bush [DU] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (DW fide DRBA), Glen Stewart Ravine on 27<sup>th</sup> (Anthony Glenesk fide ONTBIRDS) & at Baselands, LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (GC). 3 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC) & 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 29<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

HOODED WARBLER - 1 first reported at Lakeside Park, Clarkson [PL] @ 07:55hrs on 24<sup>th</sup> (MCR fide ONTBIRDS) & seen again there on 25<sup>th</sup> (Andrew Don fide ONTBIRDS;SHA;Iain Fleming,OFO-W). Photo posted to OFO website by Iain Fleming.

\* WILSON'S WARBLER - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (TWRB fide DRBA). Exceptionally early if correct? [Doc. required if before 1 May, per Guidelines].

EASTERN TOWHEE -6 reports from Thicksons Woods [DU] from 5<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of 1 or 2 birds. 3 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor) & 2 on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 8 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC) & 6 other reports of 1 or 2 from 4<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> from different locations.

CHIPPING SPARROW - 2 at TI on 2<sup>nd</sup> (SMF) & 7 reports of singles from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW - 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

FIELD SPARROW - 2 at LSS on 2<sup>nd</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe), 1 on 9<sup>th</sup> (JFa,John Stirrat, fide ONTBIRDS) & 12 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC). 4 at Island Airport, TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor). Singles at Brookbanks Ravine on 3<sup>rd</sup> (RJP,JI), Ecopark S of Mulock, Newmarket [YO] on 17<sup>th</sup> (Chris Dunn,Julia Marko, fide RJF), Thicksons Woods [DU] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) and at Halls Rd. [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (D. Wysotski fide DRBA).

SAVANNAH SPARROW - 4 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 20<sup>th</sup> (GCarp fide DRBA).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW - 1 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC), about 200m S of the toll booth.

FOX SPARROW – 26 reports from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> included; 6 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 24 on 4<sup>th</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe), 8 reports from HP with a high of 4 mid month & on the 21<sup>st</sup> (SMF), Thicksons Woods [DU] had 12 on 4<sup>th</sup>, 24 on 5<sup>th</sup> (J. Stirrat fide DRBA), 12 on 8<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA), 15+ on 9<sup>th</sup> (FP fide ONTBIRDS) & 6 on 21<sup>st</sup> (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA), 5 reports from TI with highs of 9 on 8<sup>th</sup> (MM), 24 on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor) & 8 on 21<sup>st</sup> (MM), 5 at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on 11<sup>th</sup>, 4 on 14<sup>th</sup> & 6 on 15<sup>th</sup> (MM), 3 at CSSP on 20<sup>th</sup> (NMacd), 12 at Baselands, LSS on 20<sup>th</sup> (Cellan Jay fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at York University Keele Campus on 20<sup>th</sup> (Bob Read fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at LSS on 21<sup>st</sup> (SMF).

SONG SPARROW - 30 at Cell #1, LSS on 8<sup>th</sup> (WP,RBHS) & 82 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor).

SWAMP SPARROW - 1 at TI on 8<sup>th</sup> (MM) & 20 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW - 100 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (TWRB fide DRBA) & 150 there on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMacd), included 68 in one concentrated group (could have been 200 there). 23 at Mill St., Bond Head [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS), 1 (leucistic) at N end Sandale Rd, Stouffville [YO] on 30<sup>th</sup> (Jack Walker fide ONTBIRDS) & 84 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW - 1 at Hendrie Valley [HL] on 29<sup>th</sup> (SHA).

DARK-EYED JUNCO - 240 at Peninsula D, LSS on 4<sup>th</sup> (TTPBRS fide DDe), 50 at Cell #1, LSS on 8<sup>th</sup> (WP,RBHS) & 126 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor).

**"OREGON" JUNCO** - 1 at 79 Portsmouth Dr, Port Union 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (Keith Sharp fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN CARDINAL - 19 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor) & 2 at LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,HC).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBREAK - 1 M at HP on 27<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 1 at 218 Humbercrest Blvd. (area) on 28<sup>th</sup> (JRC) & 1 at Lynde Shores C. A. [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA).

BOBOLINK - 1 M at Hanlan's Point, TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), singing near Ferry Dock; "my earliest for Ontario by 5 days" [but record early for GTA is 20 Apr 1976]. 5 at LSS on 30<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD - 69 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,Ed O'Connor).

BALTIMORE ORIOLE - 1 at Mill St., Bond Head [DU] on 30<sup>th</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 very early, coming to a feeder at Lakeshore & White Pines, Burlington [HL], in the week ending on the 19<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

PURPLE FINCH - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 29<sup>th</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS).

[EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH] - 1 (singing) M at Peninsula D, LSS on 3<sup>rd</sup> (Seabrooke Leckie fide DDe).

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