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### **Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)**

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The Green Heron is a widespread but somewhat local summer resident in the Greater Toronto Area. It can be secretive in the breeding season and the database holds relatively few nesting records, but it still nests occasionally within the city. For example, at least five different *Toronto* sites (Rowntree Mills Park, Leslie Street Spit, Scarborough Townline Swamp, Humber Marsh #3 and Riverdale Farm Ponds) provided confirmed breeding evidence during the recent Atlas project (2001-2005).

Largest numbers are reported in late summer, with the record single site count for the GTA being 30, seen at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham R.M.* on 23 August 1975. The observer was George A. Scott who commented in his notes that he “had never seen anything like it”. These days, an exceptional count might be 10 or 12, with 4 or 5 perhaps more typical.

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## GREATER TORONTO AREA BIRD REPORT – MAY, JUNE, JULY 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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CANADA GOOSE - 126 at Peninsula D, LSS on May 30<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

TRUMPETER SWAN - 2 (1 w tag #887) at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on May 9<sup>th</sup> (Bob Hartley fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 (wing tag #126) at Marie Curtis Park on 25<sup>th</sup> (SHA). 2 at Scarborough Townline Swamp on June 9<sup>th</sup> (GCarp,Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 (no band or tag) at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

WOOD DUCK - 4 (3 M, 1 F) at HP on May 8<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 8 at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on 11<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 7 (6 M, 1 F) at HP on 22<sup>nd</sup> (SMF). 3 (1 F & 2 FY) at Pearse House Pond, Rouge Park (North) on June 10<sup>th</sup> (RBHS) & 11 (1 F, 10 FY) at North Duck Pond, HP on July 21<sup>st</sup> (GC).

GADWALL - 18 at TI on May 21<sup>st</sup> (JBMW,LF) & 10 (1 AD, 9 yng) at Cell #1, LSS on July 1<sup>st</sup> (RBHS).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL - 1 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on June 10<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN SHOVELER - 2 at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY), 1 M at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 6<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 4 at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on 11<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on June 1<sup>st</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS). 2 at Schomberg S.L. [YO] on 21 July (AA).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL - 15 M at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on June 28<sup>th</sup> (John Tyacke fide ONTBIRDS).

CANVASBACK - 7 at Trout Pond, TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> & 2 (pair) @ Ferry Dock at Ward's Island, TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (both NMu,MVL). 1 at Snake Island, TI on May 10<sup>th</sup> (Jay Peterson fide ONTBIRDS), 4 M at Hanlan's Point, TI on 12<sup>th</sup> (CJH) & 6 (3 M, 3 F) at Trout Pond, TI on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu). 4 (2 pairs) at Triangle Pond, LSS on May 6<sup>th</sup> (GC), not nesting yet since no emergent cattails, & 9 at LSS on 12<sup>th</sup> (MM).

REDHEAD - 2 at CSSP on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (SMF) & on 19<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,SMF).

GREATER SCAUP - 4 at TI on May 21<sup>st</sup> (JBMW,LF).

LESSER SCAUP - 1 M at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY), 50+ at Cook's Bay (S End) [YO] on 10<sup>th</sup> (FP fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at CSSP on 19<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,SMF). 2 (molting) M at Cell #2, LSS on July 1<sup>st</sup> (RBHS).

HARLEQUIN DUCK - 1 (non-breeding) F at Bronte Bluffs Park, Oakville [HL] @ 09:30hrs on May 4<sup>th</sup> (Jacques Giraud fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 M at Wineva Ave, Toronto Beaches on 27<sup>th</sup> (Peter Hall fide ONTBIRDS).

SURF SCOTER - 1 F at West Beach, TI on May 19<sup>th</sup> (GC, Alison Paul) & 8 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (JBMW,LF).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - 11 at CSSP on May 23<sup>rd</sup> (NMu fide ONTBIRDS).

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LONG-TAILED DUCK - 22 at LSS on May 14<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & 26 at Gibraltar Point, TI on 19<sup>th</sup> (GC,Alison Paul).

BUFFLEHEAD - 14 at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY), 9 at TI on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 4 at Snake Island, TI on 18<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

COMMON GOLDENEYE - 1 at LSS on May 12<sup>th</sup> (MM) & 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (GCarp,&, fide ONTBIRDS).

HOODED MERGANSER - 1 at TI on May 10<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 1 F at CSSP on 23<sup>rd</sup> (NMu) & on 26<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 5 (F/imm) at Cell #3, LSS on July 1<sup>st</sup> (RBHS), first seen together in SE corner of C3 (thought might be a F + 4 large yng); later 2 flew into Triangle Pond.

COMMON MERGANSER - 2 at TI on May 21<sup>st</sup> (JBMW,LF).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER - 1 F at Lake Ontario off Cranberry Marsh [DU] on May 29<sup>th</sup> (DEP).

RUDDY DUCK - 1 at LSS on May 1<sup>st</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & 7 at Grenadier Pond, HP on 5<sup>th</sup> (GC).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT - 1 at Scarborough Townline Swamp on June 9<sup>th</sup> (GCarp,Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 heard at Sideline 23, Pickering [DU] on 10<sup>th</sup> (JMG,HK).

WILD TURKEY - 1 at Major Mackenzie & Huntington [YO] @ 08:30hrs on May 26<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP) & 4 at Halls Rd. [DU] on June 3<sup>rd</sup> (HE). 5 (1 F & 4 yng) at Halls Rd. [DU] on July 4<sup>th</sup> (Chris McConnell fide JDL, fide ONTBIRDS), video was obtained of F with 2 of 4 very small young. 2 at Oshawa Gun Club [DU] on July 8<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP), and 3 at transformer on Rutherford Rd W of Hwy 27 [YO] on 29 July (AA).

COMMON LOON - 9 flying over at HP on May 9<sup>th</sup> (Iain Fleming fide OUTON), 3 at CSSP on 23<sup>rd</sup> (NMu fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Peninsula D, LSS on June 1<sup>st</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

PIED-BILLED GREBE - 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on May 8<sup>th</sup> (CMH fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 heard at Cook's Bay (S End) [YO] on 10<sup>th</sup> (FP fide ONTBIRDS). 3 (1 AD, 2 FY) at Windsor Lake [YO] on July 8<sup>th</sup> (RBHS).

RED-NECKED GREBE - 2 investigating nest site at Bronte Harbour [HL] on May 7<sup>th</sup> (GE fide ONTBIRDS) & 9<sup>th</sup> (RJB fide ONTBIRDS). A nest with at least 5 eggs was reported there 27<sup>th</sup> (GE fide ONTBIRDS) & 46 were at Lake Ontario off Rattray Marsh [PL] on 9<sup>th</sup> (AA). 1 (nest w eggs) at Bronte Harbour [HL] on July 29<sup>th</sup> (GE fide ONTBIRDS): nest had 5 eggs (4 heavily soiled, 1 white hence fairly fresh). On 10 June there were 7 eggs; they have been incubating since 7 May (!). A third hand report that a chick hatched 2 weeks ago, but was taken by a gull.

**AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN** - 1 at Cook's Bay (S End) [YO] @ 19:00hrs on May 9<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (Andrew Davis fide ONTBIRDS). It was seen again on 10<sup>th</sup> (in breeding plumage, with bill plate) [No doc. seen] (FP fide ONTBIRDS) & on 11<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (Liz MacDonald,Julie MacDonald, fide ONTBIRDS) & digiscoped photos were obtained.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT - 500 flying over at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 750 on 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> & 700 there on 18<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&). 2 at Allstate Parkway & Hwy 7 [YO] @ 10:30hrs on May 8<sup>th</sup> (WP).

AMERICAN BITTERN - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on May 12<sup>th</sup> (MB fide DRBA) & 1 at Kerncliff Park, Burlington [HL] on 17<sup>th</sup> (Stephen Cheesman fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at CSSP on May 19<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,SMF) & on 25<sup>th</sup> (FP fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on June 23<sup>rd</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

LEAST BITTERN - 1 at CSSP on May 25<sup>th</sup> (DJM,FP, fide ONTBIRDS;NMacd) & 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 28<sup>th</sup> (David Wysotski fide RPy). 1 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on June 10<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & again on 24<sup>th</sup> (Rod & Denise Potter,KDu, fide RJF), this was the 6th sighting there since 20 May 2007.

GREAT BLUE HERON - 25 nests at Lower Baseline Heronry [HL] @ 19:20hrs on June 23<sup>rd</sup> (RBHS,WP). Minimum of 25 active nests, maybe more since difficult to count scanning N about 400-50m from Lower Baseline, W of 8<sup>th</sup> Line. Large young standing on the nests.

GREAT EGRET - 10 reports singles thro' May & 4 at Peninsula C, LSS on May 6<sup>th</sup> (GC,&) where there were 4 nests; 3 close together, 1 further in. 2 at HP on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 on 5<sup>th</sup> & 1 on 29<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 1 at Amos Ponds [DU] on June 8<sup>th</sup> (MDW fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Scarborough Townline Swamp on 9<sup>th</sup> (GCarp,Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at Rattray Marsh [PL] on 12<sup>th</sup> (DEP) & 2 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS). Singles at Rattray Marsh [PL] on July 7<sup>th</sup> (DEP), HP on 7<sup>th</sup> (SMF), Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 18<sup>th</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS) & at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on July 30<sup>th</sup> (JDL,&, fide ONTBIRDS;NMacd).



**LITTLE BLUE HERON** – one reported at Stouffville [YO] on 9 July (Al Johnston, fide OUTON); no doc. seen but an OBRC report was apparently submitted.

GREEN HERON - 1 at CSSP on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (Jacques Giraud fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Claireville C. A. [PL] on 6<sup>th</sup> (John Thompson fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 19<sup>th</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS) & 1 at CSSP on 19<sup>th</sup> (JBMW, SMF).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - Singles at G. Ross Lord Park on June 9<sup>th</sup> (WP), Scarborough Townline Swamp on 9<sup>th</sup> (GCarp, Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS) & at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (Don Sands fide ONTBIRDS).

TURKEY VULTURE - 1 at Beare Road Landfill @ 14:41hrs on June 10<sup>th</sup> (RBHS).

OSPREY - 1 on nest at Bloomington SR & Hwy 404 [YO] on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (TH) & 3 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (MDW fide ONTBIRDS). 1 AD at Pond on Woodbine, N of 16th Av [YO] on July 20<sup>th</sup> (WP), 1 at South Trail/Platform, Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 21<sup>st</sup> (JMG, HK) & 1 at Bronte Harbour [HL] on July 29<sup>th</sup> (GE fide ONTBIRDS).

COOPER'S HAWK - 12 reports of singles & 1 report of 2 at TI during May. 1 AD at HP on June 7<sup>th</sup> & 1 IMM there on 29<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 1 AD at Purple Woods C.A. [DU] on July 8<sup>th</sup> RBHS & 5 (2 AD, 3 FY) seen at Spring Road, HP on July 21<sup>st</sup> (GC).

PEREGRINE FALCON - 1 at Island Airport, TI on May 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL), 1 AD-M at Island Airport, TI on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu) & 1 at St Lawrence Cement Plant [PL] on 21<sup>st</sup> (RBHS, WP). A nest with 4 yng at Clarica Centre, Islington on May 27<sup>th</sup> (SHa) & 2 AD & 4 yng were reported there on June 7<sup>th</sup> (SHa). Chicks very active and near fledging. They were not banded due to a technical glitch with the swing stage. At the Sheraton Centre, two young were banded on June 12<sup>th</sup>; named Kevin and Dina after CITY-TV personalities Kevin Frankish and Dina Pugliese, who participated in the event (anon fide Richard Holt) [Report in *The Bulletin*, July 2007, p.13].

VIRGINIA RAIL - 1 at Lower Turtle Cr, NE of Rattray [PL] on May 15<sup>th</sup> (WER, David Hallett, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 heard at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on June 10<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on July 30<sup>th</sup> (JDL, &, fide ONTBIRDS).

SORA - 1 at Bathurst Street Marsh [YO] on May 1<sup>st</sup> (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on June 10<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON MOORHEN - 11 (2 AD, 9 FY) at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on June 23<sup>rd</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN COOT - 3 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 at HP on 7<sup>th</sup> & 1 at CSSP on May 19<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER - 4 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on May 15<sup>th</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS) & 56 at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS). 1 AD at Milne Cons. Area, Markham [YO] on June 19<sup>th</sup> (AW) was considered a late spring migrant, rather than a summering individual, since in alternate plumage. [AW gives latest spring dates for Point Pelee as 24 June 1982 and 22 June 1981].

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER - 1 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] @ 14:00hrs on May 27<sup>th</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER - 7 May reports from 5<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> included high counts of 9 at Ravenshoe Rd & Woodbine [YO] on 11<sup>th</sup> (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), 25 at Cook's Bay (S End) [YO] on 11<sup>th</sup> (AAn fide ONTBIRDS), 20 at Nonquon S.L. [DU] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (GCarp, &, fide ONTBIRDS) & 12 at LSS on 23<sup>rd</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS). 1 at Rattray Marsh [PL] on June 12<sup>th</sup> (DEP). 1 AD at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 on 15<sup>th</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS), 1 AD on 17<sup>th</sup> (RJP, DWi, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 20<sup>th</sup> (DW fide ONTBIRDS).

KILLDEER - 60 - 70 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on July 18<sup>th</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

**AMERICAN AVOCET** - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on May 22<sup>nd</sup> [No doc. seen] (DDe, TTPBRS).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER - 21 (20 AD, 1 juv) at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on July 11<sup>th</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER – Singles at Corbett Creek, Thicksos Woods [DU] on May 15<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA). 6 AD at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 AD on 15<sup>th</sup>, 8 AD on 17<sup>th</sup> & 15 AD there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS).

**GREATER YELLOWLEGS** - 10 at Jim's Pond, McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res. [DU] on May 12<sup>th</sup> (MB fide DRBA) & 2 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on June 29<sup>th</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Rattray Marsh [PL] on July 7<sup>th</sup> (DEP), 1 AD at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 on 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 on 21<sup>st</sup> & 2 there on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS; DW).

**WILLET** - 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] @ 12:00hrs on May 8<sup>th</sup> (CMH fide ONTBIRDS), found by Jim Fairchild. 1 at Darlington Prov. Park [DU] on May 26<sup>th</sup> (DBe, & fide ONTBIRDS), flew in high from S, plummeted down to the marsh, stayed about 5 mins and flew off to E. Seen during a 'Big Day'. [No doc. seen for either].

**LESSER YELLOWLEGS** - 10 at Nonquon S.L. [DU] on May 22<sup>nd</sup> (GCarp, & fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on June 28<sup>th</sup> (John Tyacke fide ONTBIRDS). 12 at Guelph Line Stormwater Lagoon [HL] on July 4<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS), 43 AD at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on 11<sup>th</sup>, 60 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 53 on 17<sup>th</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS) & first 2 JUV of the fall were there among the many AD on 22<sup>nd</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS).

**WHIMBREL** - A spectacular showing this May especially from CSSP where birds were seen each day from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. Highlights for each day were: 27 @ 06:20hrs on 21<sup>st</sup> (WER fide ONTBIRDS); 308 on 22<sup>nd</sup> (WER, David Hallett, fide ONTBIRDS), in flocks of 175, 12, 85, 35 and 11 between 07:30-11:00hrs, all moving rapidly NE parallel to shore; 2542 on 23<sup>rd</sup> (WER fide ONTBIRDS, between 05:30-10:30hrs [3<sup>rd</sup> highest count in database]; 1641 on 24<sup>th</sup> (WER, JI, RJo), between 05:30-11:30hrs, 200 @ 14:00hrs & another 30 @ 15:00hrs (WER, David Hallett, fide ONTBIRDS), all afternoon birds were additional to morning count; 912 on 25<sup>th</sup> (WER, JI, fide ONTBIRDS), counted in 14 groups moving quickly to NW, between 05:40-08:30hrs; 436 @ 05:30hrs on 26<sup>th</sup> & many more seen throughout the day circling around, a total of 1916 was reported (WER, & fide ONTBIRDS) but many of these would have been the same birds doubling back; 225 on 27<sup>th</sup> (Jerry Lewchysnyk fide WER, fide ONTBIRDS) were seen before 10:00hrs.

4 reports from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> at LSS with highs of 170 on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 61 on 26<sup>th</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS). Other reports which probably involved the same birds seen at CSSP were 175-200 at J.C. Saddington Park [PL] 23<sup>rd</sup> (CEdge fide ONTBIRDS), 350 at Marie Curtis Park @ 11:30hrs on 23<sup>rd</sup> (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 108 at J.C. Saddington Park [PL] on 24<sup>th</sup> (RC, GSI, fide ONTBIRDS), 40 at Rattray Marsh [PL] @ 18:00hrs on 25<sup>th</sup> (WER, David Hallett, fide ONTBIRDS) & 26 there in late afternoon on 27<sup>th</sup> (A & K. Williams fide ONTBIRDS).



**Three Whimbrels at Darlington Provincial Park, Durham R.M., 40 km east of Toronto, on 28 May 2007.**  
Photo © Jean Iron.

**MARbled GODWIT** - 1 at Cell #1, LSS @ 13:00hrs on May 12<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (Julia Marko Dunn fide ONTBIRDS) & seen again there @ 15:30hrs & documented by MM (MM, Martin Wiener, fide ONTBIRDS).

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on May 21<sup>st</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS), 2 at CSSP on 24<sup>th</sup> (DEP), 1 at Nonquon S.L. [DU] on 26<sup>th</sup> (Jim Dixon fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at LSS on 27<sup>th</sup> (JRC).

**RED KNOT** - 1 at Nonquon S.L. [DU] on May 26<sup>th</sup> (Jim Dixon fide ONTBIRDS) & 8 at Ward's Island, TI on 28<sup>th</sup> (Lloyd Paul fide ONTBIRDS).

**SANDERLING** - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on May 22<sup>nd</sup> (GCarp, & fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at CSSP on 24<sup>th</sup> (DEP).

**SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER** - 2 at Nonquon S.L. [DU] on May 22<sup>nd</sup> (GCarp, & fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at LSS on 27<sup>th</sup> (JRC) & 12 at Corner Marsh [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (DEP). 3 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on June 10<sup>th</sup> (JMG, HK). 2 AD at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 on 21<sup>st</sup> & 3 on 22<sup>nd</sup> (RJP, DWi, fide ONTBIRDS).

LEAST SANDPIPER - 150 at Nonquon S.L. [DU] on May 22<sup>nd</sup> (GCarp, &, fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on June 9<sup>th</sup> (GCarp, Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 AD at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (John Tyacke fide ONTBIRDS). 67 AD at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on July 11<sup>th</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS), 74 on 14<sup>th</sup> (Albert Kuhnigk fide RJP, fide ONTBIRDS), 55 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 40 on 17<sup>th</sup> & first 2 JUV there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER - 3 at Nonquon S.L. [DU] on May 22<sup>nd</sup> (GCarp, &, fide ONTBIRDS).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER - 1 AD at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on July 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS), 2 on 20<sup>th</sup> (DW fide ONTBIRDS) & 6 there on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS).

DUNLIN - 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on May 8<sup>th</sup> (CMH fide ONTBIRDS), 25 at Nonquon S.L. [DU] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (GCarp, &, fide ONTBIRDS) & 350 at CSSP on 22<sup>nd</sup> (DEP), on the far end of the spit, making a loud chorus of calls; then all except about 30 flew off. 14 at CSSP on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 8 at Corner Marsh [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> & 1 at Rattray Marsh [PL] on June 12<sup>th</sup> (all DEP).

STILT SANDPIPER - 1 AD at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on July 17<sup>th</sup> (RJP, DWi, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 18<sup>th</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 (molting) AD at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER - 2 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on May 11<sup>th</sup> & 15 there on 15<sup>th</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 18<sup>th</sup> was unusual for the study area (DDe, TTPBRS), 2 at Nonquon S.L. [DU] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (GCarp, &, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Rattray Marsh [PL] on 27<sup>th</sup> (K & A. Williams fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Rattray Marsh [PL] on July 7<sup>th</sup> (DEP). 3 (*hendersoni*) AD at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 on 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 AD (1 *griseus*, 1 *hendersoni*; *griseus* is rarer in fall than in spring) on 27<sup>th</sup> & 1 JUV there on 29<sup>th</sup> (all RJP).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE - 2 at Nonquon S.L. [DU] on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (John Stirrat, &, fide ONTBIRDS).

**LAUGHING GULL** - 1 flying W at Bronte Harbour [HL] @ 16:00hrs on May 7<sup>th</sup> (MJ fide ONTBIRDS) [No doc. seen]; not seen at 18:00hrs (GE).

LITTLE GULL - 1 at CSSP on May 24<sup>th</sup> (WER, JI, RJo).

BONAPARTE'S GULL - 60 at LSS on May 5<sup>th</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS). 1 AD at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on July 14-15<sup>th</sup> was the first fall migrant; 3 (2 AD, 1 1S) on 22<sup>nd</sup> (1st summer = 1 year old), 50+ on 29<sup>th</sup> & 75 (incl. 1 juv.) there on 31<sup>st</sup> (all RJP).

CASPIAN TERN - 20 at SE Tip, LSS on May 6<sup>th</sup> (GC), 40+ at Cook's Bay (S End) [YO] on 10<sup>th</sup> (FP fide ONTBIRDS) & 150 there on 11<sup>th</sup> (AAn fide ONTBIRDS). 10+ at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on June 27<sup>th</sup> (Don Sands fide ONTBIRDS).

BLACK TERN - 1 at Nonquon S.L. [DU] on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (John Stirrat, &, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Cook's Bay (S End) [YO] on 10<sup>th</sup> (FP fide ONTBIRDS) & 28 at Nonquon S.L. [DU] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (GCarp, &, fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON TERN - 5 reports from May 11<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of 50-60 seen at the tern raft at Trout Pond, TI (NMu).

**FORSTER'S TERN** - 1 at Bronte Harbour [HL] on May 7<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (GE fide ONTBIRDS).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO - 1 at HP on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 on 27<sup>th</sup> & 5 other reports of singles there from May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 1 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on June 1<sup>st</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO - 10 May reports from 10<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of 1 or 2 birds. Singles at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on June 10<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & at Whitby Water Pollution Control Plant [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (GC).

EASTERN SCREECH-OWL - 5 (1 AD, 4 FY) at Burloak Woods [HL] on May 24<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEde, fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK - 3 reports from [MT] of single birds from 17<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May. Singles at Warland & O'Connor, Toronto on June 4<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> (Kevin Seymour), at Yonge & St. Clair @ 09:00hrs on 15<sup>th</sup> (Pat Hodgson fide OUTON), and 2 at College & Spadina on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA). One heard at Richmond Hill [YO] @ 03:30hrs on 5<sup>th</sup> (NMu fide ONTBIRDS). 'Lots' were calling at Brock Ave & College on June 24<sup>th</sup> (Rob Miller fide Kevin Seymour). 1 at HP on July 21<sup>st</sup> (GC).

NIGHTHAWK SP. - 1 at NW corner Hwy 7 & Islington [YO] @ 16:30hrs on May 17<sup>th</sup> (AA). 'At PetroCan station; observed

while pumping gas! Flew rapidly and directly E, 15' off ground. Underside with strongly buff colouration; wingbar also buffy. Wings appeared fairly short in proportion to body length and tips more rounded in comparison to Common'.

WHIP-POOR-WILL - 1 at Snake Island, TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&).

CHIMNEY SWIFT - 8 at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY), 16 at Peninsula D, LSS on 16<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & 40 at HP on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER - 1 AD at Erindale Park [PL] on May 10<sup>th</sup> (Judi Parker,Rita Schulze, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at 218 Humbercrest Blvd. (area) on 19<sup>th</sup> (JRC), 1 at Parklawn Blvd, Beaverton [DU] on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 2 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (Greg Jaski fide ONTBIRDS). 1 AD at 26th SR 600m N of Hwy 7 [DU] on June 24<sup>th</sup> (GC). 1 first reported at Whitby Psychiatric Hospital [DU] on May 13<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA), 2 AD seen there on July 8<sup>th</sup>, carrying food to nest hole at 9m height in 27m London Plane (?), young heard in nest but not seen (RBHS, WP) & 1 there on July 23<sup>rd</sup> (Mark Jensen fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER - 7 reports from May 4<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of singles from Thicksons Woods [DU], TI, Beaverton [DU], Mount Pleasant Cemetery & LSS.

DOWNY WOODPECKER - 5 (2 M, 3 F) at HP on May 3<sup>rd</sup> (SMF) & 7 on 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW, BY). 13 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

HAIRY WOODPECKER - 3 at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW, BY) & 6 at Rattray Marsh [PL] on 9<sup>th</sup> (AA).

NORTHERN FLICKER - 36 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&) & 15 at HP on 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY).

PILEATED WOODPECKER - Singles at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on May 5<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), at Claireville C. A. [PL] on 6<sup>th</sup> (John Thompson fide ONTBIRDS), Rattray Marsh [PL] on 9<sup>th</sup> (AA) & at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on 11<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER - 1 at Nature Reserve, TI on May 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE - 5 at TI on May 15<sup>th</sup> (AA) & on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu), 3 at Peninsula D, LSS on 16<sup>th</sup> & 7 there on 29<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER - 7 May reports from 21<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> with maxima of 3 at TI on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu) & 4 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 31<sup>st</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 at 218 Humbercrest Blvd. (area) on June 2<sup>nd</sup> (JRC) was #148 for his house list!

**ACADIAN FLYCATCHER** - 1 at Snug Harbour, TI on May 15<sup>th</sup> 'Among the 101 sp. observed, a silent Acadian Flycatcher was well studied'. [No doc. seen] (AA). 1 calling at North Duck Pond, HP @ 07:25hrs on May 26<sup>th</sup> [Documented] (TFI fide RJP, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Ward's Island, TI on May 28<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (NMu).

ALDER FLYCATCHER - 8 May reports of 1 or 2 from 19<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. 1 at HP on June 1<sup>st</sup> (SMF) & 1 (singing) at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on July 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER - 5 at CSSP on May 23<sup>rd</sup> (NMu), 5 (on territory) at LSS on 27<sup>th</sup> (JRC), 6 at TI on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu) & 3-4 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (DEP).

TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER - 4 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on May 25<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

LEAST FLYCATCHER - 10 May reports beginning with 5 at Ward's Island, TI on 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&), 4 reports of singles to 8<sup>th</sup>, high counts of 30 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 38 on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA) & last report of 2 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu). One at Eglinton Flats on 16 June (AA).

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER - 7 May reports from 5<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> with highs of 7 at HP on 19<sup>th</sup> & 5 at TI on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

EASTERN KINGBIRD - 9 May reports included from 1 to 3 birds from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> & 17 at TI on 18<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

WHITE-EYED VIREO - 1 at Hanlan's Point, TI on May 10<sup>th</sup> (DBe fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 11<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & 1 at South Duck Pond, HP on 17<sup>th</sup> (George W. Prieksaitis fide ONTBIRDS).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO - Singles at Colborne Lodge, HP on May 8<sup>th</sup> (Jay Peterson fide ONTBIRDS), Hanlan's



Point, TI on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), Shell Park [HL] on 16<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS) & at HP on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

BLUE-HEADED VIREO - 5 at HP on May 9<sup>th</sup> (Iain Stanley, &), 25 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), "Throughout - in threes and fours - my personal record", 13 there on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 4 at HP on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

WARBLING VIREO - 13 May reports from 7<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> included high counts of 80 at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA), (new all-time record high count for GTA, if documented), 50 on 21<sup>st</sup> (JBMW, LF) & 32 there on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO - 1 at TI on May 10<sup>th</sup> (Jay Peterson fide ONTBIRDS), 1 on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 3 there on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA). 2 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on May 15<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 27<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

RED-EYED VIREO - 11 May reports from 9<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> included 3 or less until the 15<sup>th</sup> then high counts of 21 at TI on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 13 there on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu) & 18 at Peninsula D, LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

COMMON RAVEN - 1 flying S at Miller Creek, Ajax [DU] on May 9<sup>th</sup> (PNP fide ONTBIRDS), NW of Harwood & Rossland, N of 401, E of Westney Rd.

PURPLE MARTIN - 10 at TI on May 21<sup>st</sup> (JBMW,LF).

TREE SWALLOW - 216 at Peninsula D, LSS on May 1<sup>st</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW - 30 at Rattray Marsh [PL] on July 7<sup>th</sup> (DEP), in a dead tree by the outlet.

BANK SWALLOW - 40 at Mouth of Joshua Creek [PL] on May 6<sup>th</sup> (MCR), this was the date they arrived back. A small colony with ~40 recently started holes at S end of Kateson Drive [PL] on June 2<sup>nd</sup> (RBHS, WP). In a temporary site (dirt pile) which will disappear as construction continues.

CLIFF SWALLOW - 1 at LSS on May 1<sup>st</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS), 16 at TI on 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 on 7<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&) & 9 there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (NMu). 12 at Bronte Harbour [HL] on May 6<sup>th</sup> (MCR), 48 active nests on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 31 active nests (some had been taken over by HOSP) there on 27<sup>th</sup> (GE fide ONTBIRDS). There was also a small colony at Bronte Cr bridge, Lakeshore Rd [HL] on May 27<sup>th</sup> (GE fide ONTBIRDS). 240 nests at Rouge Beach Park on June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Barry Harrison fide RBHS). Counted and estimated (for central section over Rouge R). A few incomplete or inactive, plus 3 HOSP nests. [May be currently the largest colony in Toronto, but no other counts reported (RBHS)].

BARN SWALLOW - 50+ at Cook's Bay (S End) [YO] on May 10<sup>th</sup> (FP fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 1 at HP on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 on 29<sup>th</sup> & 1 there on July 7<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 4 at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW, BY).

BROWN CREEPER - 5 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on May 4<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

CAROLINA WREN - 1 at Nature Reserve, TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&), 15<sup>th</sup> (AA) & on 28<sup>th</sup> (Lloyd Paul fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Victoria St, Beaverton [DU] on May 9<sup>th</sup> (Greg Jaski fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 heard at Mouth of Joshua Creek [PL] on 21<sup>st</sup> (RBHS, WP). 1 (nest w 1 egg) at nr Tuck Creek, S Burlington [HL] on June 5<sup>th</sup>, first egg laid on bare aluminium, 2 were present on the 6<sup>th</sup> & the nest cup is still being worked on; but nest material underneath the eggs now. On June 9<sup>th</sup> the F was now sitting tightly (viewed from 2 foot distance!), so probably incubating, clutch complete at 5 eggs (Philip Waggett fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Foot of Bexhill Rd., Rattray Marsh [PL] on June 12<sup>th</sup> (DEP) & 2 at Rattray Marsh [PL] on July 7<sup>th</sup> (DEP).

HOUSE WREN - 1 at HP on May 3<sup>rd</sup> (SMF) & on 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY). 5 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&) & 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 5<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS).

WINTER WREN - 5 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&) & 3 at HP on 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY).

MARSH WREN - 6 or 7 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on May 29<sup>th</sup> (DEP) & 2 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on June 23<sup>rd</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET - 5 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&), 13 at Peninsula D, LSS on 4<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & 1 at Seneca College (King) [YO] on 5<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET - 72 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 37 on 9<sup>th</sup>, 35 on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&) & 4 there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (NMu). 30 at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW, BY) & 1 there on 21<sup>st</sup> (SMF). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on May 23<sup>rd</sup> & on June 2<sup>nd</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER - 1 or 2 birds reported at HP on most days throughout May (SMF) & 8 there on 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY). 13 reports from TI throughout May with high counts of 14 on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 12 there on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA), last report was of 8 on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu). Other May reports were 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Claireville C. A. [PL] on 6<sup>th</sup> (John Thompson fide ONTBIRDS), 8 at Rattray Marsh [PL] on 9<sup>th</sup> (AA), 2 at Lambton Woods on 12<sup>th</sup> (JBMW, DEB) & 2 (nesting) at Baselands, LSS on 17<sup>th</sup> (TDo fide ONTBIRDS) & 21<sup>st</sup> (JRC). 1 at HP on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 2 there on 30<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on July 30<sup>th</sup> (JDL, & fide ONTBIRDS).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD - 1 M at Claireville C. A. [PL] on May 6<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (John Thompson fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Mt Pleasant Rd, Palgrave area [PL] on May 26<sup>th</sup> (DEP). 2 at Humber Trail N of Rutherford [YO] on July 26<sup>th</sup> (AA).

VEERY - 16 May reports from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> with high counts of 9 at TI on 10<sup>th</sup> (Jay Peterson fide ONTBIRDS), 23 there TI on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 10 at LSS on 14<sup>th</sup> & 18 there on 19<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH - 15 May reports from 7<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> with high counts of 5 at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA) & 22<sup>nd</sup> (NMu), 14 at Peninsula D, LSS on 25<sup>th</sup>, 8 on 28<sup>th</sup> & 14 on 31<sup>st</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 (migrant) singing at Constance St, Toronto on June 1<sup>st</sup> (GBry).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH - 19 May reports from 5<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> included high counts of 35 at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA), 45 there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (NMu), 28 at Peninsula D, LSS on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 26 at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

HERMIT THRUSH - 14 May reports beginning with a high counts of 81 at TI (NMu,MVL,&) & 65 at Peninsula D, LSS (DDe,TTPBRS) on 4<sup>th</sup>, then numbers decreased to 1 or 2 from 10<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.

WOOD THRUSH - 10 May reports from 4<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> included 5 reports of singles & 4 reports from TI of 5 or more birds with the high count being 7 there on the 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

GRAY CATBIRD - 7 May reports beginning with 3 at Peninsula D, LSS on 5<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & high counts of 65 at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA), which would be a new all-time record count for GTA if documented, & 32 there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (NMu).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD - A very large number of reports were received, as usual mostly from the ongoing study by WP and RBHS, and not all had been entered in the database by the time of this compilation. Other reports came from: AA, ETB, GC, SMF, SHa, TH, RDJ, Leslie Kinrys, JMack, RLau, NMu, DEP, DShil, and DW. In total, there were 206 reports from May [MT] 70; [YO] 78; [PL] 41; [HL] 14 and [DU] 3 and 237 reports from June [MT] 96; [YO] 61; [PL] 55; [HL] 22 and DU] 3. Exact numbers for July are not yet available. These represent nearly 500 occupied territories – a new record!

BROWN THRASHER - 7 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL,&), 6 on 21<sup>st</sup> (JBMW,LF) & 3 there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (NMu). 4 at HBP [E] on June 1<sup>st</sup> (Ed Wugalter fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN PIPIT – 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS).

CEDAR WAXWING - 40 at TI on May 15<sup>th</sup> (AA) & 75 there on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER - 9 reports of singles in May from 4<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 at TI on May 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 6 M at Westney Rd Bluebird Trail [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (RLau).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER - 1 at HP on May 10<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 2 (1 M, 1 F) at Baselands, LSS on 15<sup>th</sup> (Cellan Jay fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Rattray Marsh [PL] on 15<sup>th</sup> (WER,David Hallett, fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 M at Glen Major [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (RLau).



**Northern Mockingbird fledgling -17 July 2007 at Etobicoke, Toronto. Photo © Sandra Hawkins.**

**BREWSTER'S WARBLER** - 1 at Lakeside Park, Clarkson [PL] on May 10<sup>th</sup> (MCr fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 11<sup>th</sup> (Allan Roitner fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS).

**TENNESSEE WARBLER** - 3 at TI on May 10<sup>th</sup> (Jay Peterson fide ONTBIRDS), singles at HP on 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 15<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 7 at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA).

**ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER** – Singles at HP on 9<sup>th</sup> (SMF), Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 11<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (DW FIDE DRBA).

**NASHVILLE WARBLER** - 6 May reports from 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> with highs of 40 at Peninsula D, LSS on 11<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & 20 at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA).

**NORTHERN PARULA** - 27 reports in May from 4<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> with most sightings of 3 or less. However, a count of 22 at TI on 10<sup>th</sup> (Jay Peterson fide ONTBIRDS), would be a new all-time record high, if documented. Six there on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA) & 4 there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (NMu).

**YELLOW WARBLER** - 11 reports in May beginning with 3 at TI on 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&), high counts of 88 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup>, 66 on 25<sup>th</sup> & 69 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

**CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER** - 12 May reports beginning with 1 at Seneca College (King) [YO] on 6<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), high counts of 23 at TI on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 15 at CSSP on 17<sup>th</sup> (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & last report was 5 at Peninsula D, LSS on 28<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).



**Chestnut-sided Warbler.** Painting by Barry K. MacKay.

**MAGNOLIA WARBLER** - 12 reports from May 9<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> with highs of 32 at Peninsula D, LSS on 15<sup>th</sup>, 55 there on 19<sup>th</sup> & last report was of 17 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS).



**Cape May Warbler.** Painting by Barry K. MacKay.

**CAPE MAY WARBLER** - 12 reports during May beginning with 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 6<sup>th</sup> (SMF), high counts of 10 at Hanlan's Point, TI on 10<sup>th</sup> (DBe fide ONTBIRDS), 16 at Peninsula D, LSS on 16<sup>th</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS) & last report of 8 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (JBMW,LF).

**BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER** - 22 reports in May beginning with 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 at TI (NMu,MVL,&) on 4<sup>th</sup>, and a high count of 60 [documented] at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA), which will be a new record high if accepted. The last reports were 9 at TI on 22<sup>nd</sup> (NMu) & 1 at CSSP on 25<sup>th</sup> (FP fide ONTBIRDS).

**YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER** - 9 May reports from 4<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> with highs of 86 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 112 on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MLV,&)& 18 at CSSP on 17<sup>th</sup> (WER fide ONTBIRDS).

**BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER** - 10 at Seneca College (King) [YO] on May 5<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 35 at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA fide ONTBIRDS) [documented]; will be a new seasonal high count, if accepted. *This new high count, and several others on 15<sup>th</sup> (e.g. see American Redstart, Warbling Vireo, Gray Catbird, Lincoln's Sparrow and Baltimore Oriole) can be attributed to weather in the period just before dawn. The Buffalo, NY NEXRAD base reflectivity image for 05:10DST shows a line of intense thunderstorms exactly coinciding with the north shore of L. Ontario, extending from west of Hamilton to east of Coburg. Alfred Adamo's correct interpretation of the conditions, and decision to take a day off, was amply rewarded!*





**Blackburnian Warblers.** Painting by Barry K. MacKay.

**BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER** - 11 reports in May beginning at with 1 at TI on 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&); highs of 11 at TI on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 8 there on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA) & 8 Peninsula D, LSS on 16<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS); last report of 1 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 at HP on June 4<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

**YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER** - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on May 11<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS). No doc. provided, but a diagnostic photo by Seabrooke Leckie included in DDe's migration monitoring report for 6-12 May.

**PINE WARBLER** - 7 at Seneca College (King) [YO] on May 5<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at HP on 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY) & 2 there on 8<sup>th</sup> (Jay Peterson fide ONTBIRDS).

**PRAIRIE WARBLER** - 2 M at Shell Park [HL] on May 9<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (Andrew Don fide ONTBIRDS). 1 F at Goldfish Pond, LSS on May 27<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (JRC,OFO, fide ONTBIRDS).

**PALM WARBLER** - 9 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&), 10 at HP on 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY), 22 at Peninsula D, LSS on 6<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & 5 at CSSP on 17<sup>th</sup> (WER fide ONTBIRDS).

**BAY-BREASTED WARBLER** - 5 reports from May 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of 1 or 2 birds, 4 at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA), 7 at Peninsula D, LSS on 16<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & 18 at CSSP on 17<sup>th</sup> (WER fide ONTBIRDS).

**BLACKPOLL WARBLER** - 19 reports from May 12<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> mainly of 5 or less birds seen, high counts were 8 at TI on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu) & 10 at Peninsula D, LSS on May 30<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

**CERULEAN WARBLER** - 1 M at HP on May 17<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 1 M at Shell Park [HL] on 24<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

**BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER** - 10 reports from May 5<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> with highs of 12 at Seneca College (King) [YO] on 6<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 8 at HP on 8<sup>th</sup> (Jay Peterson fide ONTBIRDS), 20 at TI on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & last report was 1 at HP on 31<sup>st</sup> (SMF).



**Palm Warbler.** Painting by Barry K. MacKay.

**AMERICAN REDSTART** - 15 May reports from 5<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> were of 1 or 2 up until the 10<sup>th</sup> then high counts of 30 at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA), 18 at Peninsula D, LSS on 22<sup>nd</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & last report was 10 at TI on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

**PROTHONOTARY WARBLER** - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on May 7<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (DDe,TTPBRS) was 1st record for TTPBRS. 1 at Bronte Bluffs Park, Oakville [HL] on June 3<sup>rd</sup> [No doc. seen] (GE fide MCr, fide ONTBIRDS; AA).

**WORM-EATING WARBLER** - 1 at Lakeside Park, Clarkson [PL] @ 18:30hrs on May 9<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (BFf fide ONTBIRDS).

**OVENBIRD** - 2 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&), 1 at HP on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 1 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 4<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & 9 at HP on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu). 3 at Peninsula D, LSS on June 1<sup>st</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

**NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH** - 3 at Seneca College (King) [YO] on May 5<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at LSS on 26<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS) & 3 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on June 2<sup>nd</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).



**LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH** - 1 at Snake Island, TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (NMu,MVL,&). 1 singing M at Ganaraska Forest Centre [DU] @ 10:00hrs on May 13<sup>th</sup> (RPye). 'This is the 7th year it has been at this location'.

**KENTUCKY WARBLER** - 1 at 41 Hampshire Heights, Etobicoke @ 19:25hrs on May 12<sup>th</sup> (David Pryor fide OBRC website, fide IR) was seen in a backyard which backs onto West Deane Park [Documented]. 1 F at Rattray Marsh [PL] on May 15<sup>th</sup> (WER,David Hallett, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res. [DU] on May 24<sup>th</sup> (DRuch fide RPye) was seen in small scrubby tree growth along W edge of McLaughlin Bay [No doc. seen for either].

**CONNECTICUT WARBLER** - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on May 15<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 6 reports from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of 1 at CSSP (AA;NMu;WER fide ONTBIRDS & obs). 1 M at Burloak Woods [HL] on 24<sup>th</sup> (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 F at Goldfish Pond, LSS on 27<sup>th</sup> (JRC, OFO, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on 28<sup>th</sup> (Attila Fust fide ONTBIRDS).

**MOURNING WARBLER** - 17 May reports from 9<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> with maxima of 3 at TI on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 5 there on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

**COMMON YELLOWTHROAT** - 10 May reports from 4<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> beginning with single birds reported until the 10<sup>th</sup> & high counts of 11 at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA) & 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu), 17 there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (NMu) & 9 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 23<sup>rd</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

**\*HOODED WARBLER** - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on May 7<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 heard at Shell Park [HL] on 9<sup>th</sup> (Andrew Don fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Wychwood Park on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> (HE). 1 singing M at Woodbridge [YO] on June 5<sup>th</sup> (PNP fide ONTBIRDS), reported as 'in a small forest patch to the south Woodbridge (alongside Hwy 407). Again, unfortunately, this bird was on private property'. 1 at Westney Rd 3.6km S of Conc 6 [DU] on June 10<sup>th</sup> (HC fide RPye). 17 (12 M, 5 F) in the Durham section of Ganaraska Forest [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (Ben Walters fide MB, fide RPye). These included 4 confirmed nesting pairs, although one had already lost its nest to predation.

**WILSON'S WARBLER** - 23 May reports beginning with 1 at HP (SMF) & 2 at TI (Jay Peterson fide ONTBIRDS) on 10<sup>th</sup>, high counts were 18 at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA), 9 at Peninsula D, LSS on 19<sup>th</sup> & 14 there on 29<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

**CANADA WARBLER** - 17 May reports from 10<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> mainly of 1 or 2 birds & high counts of 3 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 15<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 at LSS on 26<sup>th</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

**SUMMER TANAGER** - 1 2Y-M at 2784 Conc 4, Bowmanville [DU] from May 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> (Mary Ruth Moore fide DBar, fide RPye). Almost at corner of Conc 4 & Bethesda Rd, S of Ayren Links Golf Course and 1km E of Bowmanville Golf Course. First seen 18:30h on 13<sup>th</sup> & stayed to 18<sup>th</sup> (2 photos on 17<sup>th</sup>) [Documented]. 1 2Y-M at Allotment Gardens, HP @ 12:15hrs on May 25<sup>th</sup> [Documented] (SMF), was watched for 45min, singing frequently, and foraging in top of a large oak tree. 1 (singing) 2Y-M near Chalk Lake Rd & Lakeridge [DU] on June 12<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (PNP, MB, fide ONTBIRDS).

**SCARLET TANAGER** - 17 May reports from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 14 reports were of 1 to 3 birds & high counts were 8 at TI on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 10 (all in pairs) at HP on 17<sup>th</sup> (NMu) & 5 at Peninsula D, LSS on 22<sup>nd</sup> (DDe,TTPBRS).

**AMERICAN TREE SPARROW** - 1 at Hanlan's Point, TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&).

**CHIPPING SPARROW** - 18 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> & 21 on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&). 12 at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY).

**CLAY-COLORED SPARROW** - 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & June 10<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Claireville C. A. [PL] on May 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (John Thompson fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Mt Hope Rd N of Pine St. [PL] & 1 south of this location on May 26<sup>th</sup> (DEP).

**FIELD SPARROW** - 1 at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW, BY) & 2 (singing) at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on July 21<sup>st</sup> (RJP fide ONTBIRDS).

**LARK SPARROW** - 1 at CSSP on May 21st [No doc. seen] (WER fide ONTBIRDS). Seen and heard singing S of the Power Plant, at S edge of the small oldfield area.

**SAVANNAH SPARROW** - 13 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> & on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL,&).

**GRASSHOPPER SPARROW** - 1 at Gibraltar Point, TI on May 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 1 at Mt Pleasant Rd S of Hunsden SR [PL] on 26<sup>th</sup> (DEP).

**LE CONTE'S SPARROW** - 1 at Island Airport, TI on May 10<sup>th</sup> (DBe fide ONTBIRDS), flushed from S end of airport fence, gave great views perched on chainlink fence. Also reported that day in same location by Jay Peterson, Roger Powley, fide ONTBIRDS [No doc. seen].

**NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW** - 1 reported at Gordon Richards Park, Whitby [DU] on June 17<sup>th</sup> (Don Sands fide ONTBIRDS). This is along Waterfront Trail W of Thicksons Rd. 'The bird was very tame and allowed me to get within 2m of it'. [No doc. seen, doc. required for spring records, per Guidelines].

**SONG SPARROW** - 12 at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW, BY) & 34 at TI on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL).

**LINCOLN'S SPARROW** - 9 May reports from 4<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> included high counts of 13 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL), 32 on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA), (new all-time record count for GTA, if documented), 9 there on 22<sup>nd</sup> (NMu) & 3 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 29<sup>th</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS).

**SWAMP SPARROW** - 14 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL, &).

**WHITE-THROATED SPARROW** - 6 May reports included 500 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL, &), 185 (incl 82 banded) at Peninsula D, LSS on 4<sup>th</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS), 109 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL) & only 1 at HP on 22<sup>nd</sup> (SMF). 1 singing at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on June 23<sup>rd</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

**WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW** - 7 May reports included 6 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 137 on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL, &), 190 there 15<sup>th</sup> (AA) & 6 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 5<sup>th</sup> of which 1 showed characters of 'Gambell's White-crowned Sparrow' [no doc. seen] (DDe, TTPBRS). 1 at Lynde Shores C. A. [DU] on June 3<sup>rd</sup> [no doc. seen] (HE) was extremely late [doc required after 31 May per Guidelines].

**DARK-EYED JUNCO** - 7 at LSS on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS), 1 at HP on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 4 at TI on 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL, &). 1 M at Heart Lake C. A. [PL] on July 3<sup>rd</sup> (BNo fide ONTBIRDS). [V. unusual date for GTA - RBHS].

**NORTHERN CARDINAL** - 10 at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11 on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 17 on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu). 10 at Lambton Woods on May 12<sup>th</sup> (JBMW, DEB) & 13 at HP on 19<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

**ROSE-BREASTED GROSBREAK** - 17 reports in May beginning with 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 7 at TI (NMu, MVL, &) on 4<sup>th</sup>, high counts of 22 at TI on 9<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL) & 9 there on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA).

**INDIGO BUNTING** - 13 May reports from 8<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> with highs of 9 at Colborne Lodge, HP on 8<sup>th</sup> (Jay Peterson fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 15<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at HP on 19<sup>th</sup> (NMu) & 4 (3 M, 1 F) at TI on 20<sup>th</sup> (MM).

**DICKCISSEL** - 1 F at 13201 Mast Rd, off Cty Rd 21 [DU] on June 3<sup>rd</sup> (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), was found on the Durham Spring Roundup [N o doc. seen].

**BOBOLINK** - 15 at Thickson's Point [DU] on May 13<sup>th</sup> (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA).

**RUSTY BLACKBIRD** - 1 at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW, BY) & 6 at Shell Park [HL] on 9<sup>th</sup> (Andrew Don fide ONTBIRDS).

**COMMON GRACKLE** - 30+ at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW, BY).

**ORCHARD ORIOLE** - 2 F at TI on May 4<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL, &) & singles there on 8<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 15<sup>th</sup> (AA) & on 30<sup>th</sup> (FP fide OUTON). First report from HP was of 1 M on May 6<sup>th</sup> (SMF), high count was 5 on 9<sup>th</sup> (Iain Stanley fide OUTON) & 1 to 3 were seen there on many dates throughout the month. 1 at Lakeside Park, Clarkson [PL] on May 9<sup>th</sup> (BFe fide ONTBIRDS), 1 1A-M at Rattray Marsh [PL] on 9<sup>th</sup> (AA), 2 M at Claireville C. A. [PL] on 12<sup>th</sup> (John Thompson fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (GCarp, &, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 2Y at German Mills Park [YO] on 25<sup>th</sup> (DW) & 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 27<sup>th</sup> (DDe, TTPBRS). 1 M at Floral Maple Leaf area, HP on June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 1 singing M at McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res. [DU] on June 27<sup>th</sup> (Don Sands fide ONTBIRDS).

**BALTIMORE ORIOLE** - 23 reports in May from 4<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> included high counts of 29 at HP on 8<sup>th</sup> (Jay Peterson fide ONTBIRDS), 76 at TI on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu, MVL), 140 there on 15<sup>th</sup> (AA) (new all-time record count for GTA, if documented, previous record was 75), 63 on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 65 there on 28<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

**PURPLE FINCH** - 1 at CSSP on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (Jacques Giraud fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 singing M at Duffy's Lane, Palgrave C. A. [PL] on 26<sup>th</sup> (DEP).

HOUSE FINCH - 8 at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH - 30 at HP on May 5<sup>th</sup> (JBMW,BY), 33 at TI on 11<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 42 there on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu).

[EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH] - 1 near a feeder at #81 at Wychwood Park @ 18:00hrs on May 4<sup>th</sup> (SE,Linda Wells).

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## **WELCOME TO TORONTO BIRDS** – Glenn Coady (Records Councillor)

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Welcome to the Toronto Ornithological Club's new e-journal *Toronto Birds*. At the July meeting of the TOC executive council, it was decided to create a separate new electronic journal to publish the club's bird records and articles and reports on the status of birds and bird monitoring in the Greater Toronto Area.

The new journal, *Toronto Birds*, will be produced by the TOC Records Committee and distributed separately from the traditional TOC Newsletter. It has been decided by the Records Committee to produce ten issues of *Toronto Birds* per year. In order that all calendar years of this new journal will have a standard ten issues, we have retroactively re-packaged all Records Committee reports for 2007 into the first five issues of *Toronto Birds*.

The design and layout of *Toronto Birds* is the result of a combined effort by four members of the Records Committee: Glenn Coady, Winnie Poon, Roy Smith and Dave Worthington. We recognize the work of Winnie Poon in producing many drafts and sample layouts as part of this process, and thank those photographers (Sam Barone, Mark Peck, Jean Iron, Sandra Hawkins) and artists (Barry Kent MacKay) who have contributed thus far.

We hope that the TOC membership will enjoy and benefit from the information conveyed in *Toronto Birds*, and that they will support its ongoing publication with their continued submission of bird records, articles, photographs, artwork and feedback. Please assist us in making *Toronto Birds* the journal of record of the birds of the Greater Toronto Area.