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COVER ARTWORK

Bay-breasted Warblers (*Dendroica castanea*)

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GREATER TORONTO AREA BIRD REPORT – MAY 2008

The following are largely unchecked reports, not authenticated records. County/Region codes used in the *database* are: MT = City of Toronto; HL = Halton R.M.; PL = Peel R.M.; YO = York R.M.; DU = Durham R.M.; LO = Lake Ontario Pelagic, but full names are provided in the Report, except for locations within City of 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: HRF, DRF, YRF = Halton, Durham and York Regional Forests, respectively. TBO = Toronto Bird Observatory; TTPBRS = Tommy Thompson Park Bird Research Station.

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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.

BRANT - 40 at Westney Rd & Ravenscroft, Ajax, *Durham* on 14th (Terrie Smith fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 flying W at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* @ 09:51hrs on 23rd (SLaF fide THo, fide ONTBIRDS) & 23 @ 09:36hrs on 24th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

TRUMPETER SWAN - 1 (tag #137) at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 10th (SCH fide ONTBIRDS).

WOOD DUCK – 4-6 at HP from 1st to 5th (SMF;NMu,MVL). 5 at LSS on 2nd (DDe,TTPBRS) & 2 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 18th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

GADWALL - 30+ at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 13th & 9 on 20th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 2 (pair) at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 31st (GC).

AMERICAN WIGEON - 2 (pair) at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 31th (GC).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL - 4 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS).



Two **Northern Shovelers** feeding at Grenadier Pond, High Park, *Toronto*, 6 May 2008. *Photo © Sandra Hawkins.*

NORTHERN SHOVELER – 1 M at HP on 3rd (JBMW,SMF) & 5th (SMF), 3 M there on 6th (SCH). 8 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street, York on 4th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Nonquon S.L., Durham on 28th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 (3 M, 1 F) there on 31st (GC).

NORTHERN PINTAIL - 1 M at West Beach, TI on 24th (GC,& fide ONTBIRDS) & on 29th (NMu).

CANVASBACK – 12 reports from Trout Pond, TI beginning with 1 M on 4th (NMu,&), a high count of 4 M on 22nd (NMu,ICa) & last report of was of 3 (2 M, 1 F) there on 29th (NMu).

REDHEAD - 2 (pair) at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 6th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 25th (BH fide RPye) & on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Nonquon S.L., Durham on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & on 31st (GC).

RING-NECKED DUCK - 3 at Nonquon S.L., Durham on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 22nd (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Cranberry Marsh, Durham on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

GREATER SCAUP - 3 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 20th, 22nd (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

LESSER SCAUP - 2 (M & F) at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 6th, 3 on 18th & 4 on 22nd (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 6 at Nonquon S.L., Durham on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 (1 M, 2 F) there on 31st (GC). 1 at Cranberry Marsh, Durham on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

SURF SCOTER - 7 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 6th & 1 on 18th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER – 8 reports from Darlington Prov. Park, Durham beginning with 34 on 6th, highs of 78 on 18th & 148 on 24th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & ending with of 10 on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at TI on 19th (JBMW,LF).

BLACK SCOTER - 2 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 6th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

LONG-TAILED DUCK - 450+ at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 5th, 530+ on 6th, 420 on 13th, 474+ on 18th & 154 on 22nd (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 7 at Peninsula D, LSS on 20th (DDe,TTPBRS).

BUFFLEHEAD - 1 F at CSSP on 12th (SMF), 5 at TI on 13th & 4 on 16th (NMu,MVL). 7 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 13th, 17 on 18th, 8 on 20th & 22nd (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 7 at Nonquon S.L., Durham on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON GOLDENEYE - 5 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 13th, 4 on 18th & 1 on 20th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 1 M at CSSP on 29th (SMF).

HOODED MERGANSER - 5 (2 M, 3 F) at Oshawa Second Marsh, Durham on 2nd (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS). 2 F at HP on 3rd & 4th (NMu,MVL). 2 at Nonquon S.L., Durham on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON MERGANSER - 5 at Oshawa Second Marsh, Durham on 4th (SMF) & 1262+ at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 6th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER - 815 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 5th, 1200+ on 13th, 2170+ on 18th, 610 on 20th & 1488 on 22nd (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

RUDDY DUCK - 1 at Grenadier Pond, HP on 3rd (JBMW,SMF).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT - 2 at Finch Ave nr York/Durham Line, Durham on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-THROATED LOON - 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, Durham on 5th (THo fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Thickson's Bay, Durham on 19th (anon fide JDL, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at CSSP on 25th (FP) & 3 at Rotary Park, Ajax, Durham on 25th (GCarp fide DRBA). 6 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 13th, 7 on 18th, 1 on 20th, 11 on 22nd, 36 on 23rd & 5 on 24th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON LOON - 7 at CSSP on 3rd (Jacques Giraud fide ONTBIRDS) & 9 there on 17th (JBMW,SMF). 11 at Oshawa Second Marsh, Durham on 5th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 7 at Peninsula D, LSS on 9th (DDe,TTPBRS). 6 reports from Darlington Prov. Park, Durham beginning with 22 on 13th, highs of 52 on 22nd & 51 on 23rd, last report of 30 on 24th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

PIED-BILLED GREBE - 1 at HP on 5th, 6th & 8th (SMF;SCH). 3 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 5th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

HORNED GREBE - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 5th & at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 13th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at TI on 19th (JBMW,LF;SMF) & 2 at CSSP on 30th (GC).

RED-NECKED GREBE - 4 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 6th & 1 on 18th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 3 (2 AD, 1 FY) at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 25th (GE fide ONTBIRDS), one newly hatched young in nest. It slipped off the nest and swam off, only to be snatched by a RBGU. The adults appeared quite disinterested, 6 or 7 eggs remain in nest. A second nest started on another tire.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT - 294 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 23rd (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 1500 seen from CSSP on 23rd (NMu,ICa) & 2500 from TI on 26th (NMu,Peter McParland).

AMERICAN BITTERN - Singles at Baselands, LSS on 3rd (Robert Cumming fide ONTBIRDS), Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 4th (SMF) and 13th (THo fide ONTBIRDS), & at Triangle Pond, LSS on 25th (OFO,JRC, fide ONTBIRDS).



Great Egret at High Park, Toronto, 6 May 2008. Photo © Sandra Hawkins.

LEAST BITTERN - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 19th (C. Adey fide DRBA).

GREAT EGRET – 13 reports from 3rd to 19th of 1-2 at High Park (SMF, &). 2 at Old Mill (Humber River/Bloor) on 11th (AA) & 1 flying W at Darlington Provincial Park, *Durham* on 18th & 22nd (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Toronto Islands on 19th (JBMW,LF) & 1 on 22nd (NMu,ICa). 1 at Amos Ponds, *Durham* on 19th (GCarp fide DRBA) & 1 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 31st (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

GREEN HERON - 1 at Peninsula D, Leslie Street Spit, on 16th (DDe, TTPBRS) & 2 at Corbett Creek, Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 26th (NMacd).

TURKEY VULTURE - 5 (on beach) at Darlington Provincial Park, *Durham* on 22nd (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

OSPREY - 3 nests at Beaverton area, *Durham* on 2nd (THo fide DRBA) & 1 at CSSP on 3rd (Jacques Giraud fide ONTBIRDS). 2 (pair) at Oak Ridges Trail, King City, *York* on 3rd (RJF,WHNC, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Westside Marsh, *Durham* on 4th (J. McKnight fide DRBA) & 1 nesting at Port Perry Baseball Fields, *Durham* on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at Darlington Provincial Park, *Durham* on 20th & 1 there on 23rd (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

MISSISSIPPI KITE - 1 IMM at West Deane Park on 18th [No doc. seen] (AA) was seen crossing the valley from W to E. 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* @ 07:17hrs on 18th [No doc. seen] (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 'Just after 7am while watching the jaeger I noticed a bird a few km offshore coming straight over from NY State. It looked like raptor that was seriously regretted [sic] trying to cross a cool lake at dawn. As it approached the beach I was finally able to ID it as Mississippi Kite'. Flew off NE.

NORTHERN HARRIER - 1 at Markham Bypass E of 9th Line, *York* @ 18:20hrs on 31st (RBHS,WP).

COOPER'S HAWK – 1 at HP on 3rd, 14th & 26th (SMF). 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 6th (THo fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 17th (Andrew Don fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at TI on 19th (SMF;JBMW,LF). 1 (nesting) at CSSP on 16th, 17th, 24th & 25th (JBMW,SMF;FP).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK - 1 2Y-F eating a Gray Squirrel at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 5th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK - 1 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 26th (DRuch fide DRBA).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK - 1 at Stephen's Gulch C.A., *Durham* on 4th (RPye fide DRBA).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK - 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 23rd (FP,JHS, fide ONTBIRDS) was seen on a birdathon.

MERLIN – Singles at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd (DDe,TTPBRS), Fox St., Oshawa, *Durham* on 19th (GCarp fide DRBA), Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 20th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS). 2 (pair) at High St, Whitby, *Durham* on 4th (RPye,THo) were nesting in a backyard spruce, about 14m up (RPye). This is about 500m NW of centre of Whitby, the 2nd confirmed breeding location in GTA.

PEREGRINE FALCON - 2 (2 AD, 3 yng) at Clarica Centre, Islington on 5th (SCH), 3 yng hatched today; video available on CPF website. Singles at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 17th (JI,RJP), Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 19th (GCarp fide DRBA), Peninsula D, LSS on 21st (DDe,TTPBRS) & at Island Airport, TI hunting ROPI on 31st (AA)

VIRGINIA RAIL - 1 at Baselands, LSS on 1st (AA) & 4th (Jacques Giraud fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Hillside Gardens, HP on 3rd (GC,&), 1 at Corbett Creek, Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 3rd (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 there on 6th (NMacd). 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 5th & 6th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 1 heard at Gibraltar Point, TI on 13th (NMu,MVL).

SORA - 3 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 1st, 1 heard there on 10th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 17th (Andrew Don fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 6th (THo fide ONTBIRDS), 2 there on 13th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 1 at Scott's Marsh, Whitby, *Durham* on 28th (DRuch fide DRBA).

COMMON MOORHEN - 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 5th & 5 on 6th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN COOT - 4 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 5th & 2 on 6th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

SANDHILL CRANE - 2 flying N at Beaverton Valley, Sunderland, *Durham* on 1st & 6 flying S along the valley there on 18th (RDJ). 1 flying NE at Hwy 407 and Hwy 27, *Peel* @ 12:28hrs on 22nd (Eric Single fide ONTBIRDS).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 4th & 15 on 29th (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 22nd, 2 on 23rd, 1 on 24th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 there on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS). 5 at CSSP on 24th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & 15 at Ravenshoe Rd E of Woodbine, *York* on 27th (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 26th, 29th & 31st (SLo fide ONTBIRDS). 32 at West Beach, TI on 29th (NMu).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER – 8 reports from Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* from 13th to end of month with high counts of 12 on 18th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 20+ on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS). 20 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 15th, 50+ on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & 11 there on 31st (GC). 25 at Ravenshoe Rd E of Woodbine, *York* on 27th (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 50-60 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 31st (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

PIPING PLOVER - 1 at West Beach, TI @ 11:00hrs on 31st [No doc. seen] (AA). Appeared to be an unmated M. Banded: L leg with one orange band, R leg with 2 green bands (1 above the 'knee', 1 below). [Banded at Sleeping Bear Dunes Nat. Lakeshore, Michigan 2007?].

KILLDEER - 14 (incl 8 FY) at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 31st (GC), 2 broods of 4.

AMERICAN AVOCET - 1 at West Beach, TI @ 13:45hrs on 24th [No doc. seen] (GC,&, fide ONTBIRDS) was still there at 19:30hrs but not present at 20:00hrs [No doc. seen] (AA).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER – 5 reports from 13th to 24th from Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* with high counts of 21 at on 13th & 18 of 20th & 24th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 12 at West Beach, TI on 24th (GC,&, fide ONTBIRDS) & 9 there on 26th (NMu,Peter McParland). 9 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 31st (GC). 8 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 31st (RBHS), when a nest with 4 eggs was also found.

SOLITARY SANDPIPER - 1 at Baselands, LSS on 4th (Jacques Giraud fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at Dufferin, 2km N of Miller SR, *York* on 4th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 at Lambton Woods on 10th (SMF). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 14th (DDe,TTPBRS) & 1 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS - 10 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS - 16 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street, York on 4th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 35 at Nonquon S.L., Durham on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

WILLET - 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 25th [No doc. seen] (THo,C. Adey, fide DRBA;BH fide RPye) was seen moving along beach between Oshawa 2nd Marsh and Darlington Prov. Park.

WHIMBREL - 5 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on the morning of the 18th & 19th. On the 20th between 07:44 & 08:11 hrs there were 65 reported, 290 between 06:30 and 10:20hrs on 22nd, 6 on 23rd & 30 on 24th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 86 (2 flocks) at CSSP on 22nd (DEP). 65-70 there @ 06:30hrs (anon fide WER, fide ONTBIRDS), 20 @ 07:35hrs & 1151 reported there between 13:00-16:00hrs on 24th (WER fide ONTBIRDS). 54 @ 15:00hrs on 26th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS) & final report of 4 there on 29th (SMF). 20 at Peninsula D, LSS on 24th (DDe,TTPBRS).

RUDDY TURNSTONE - 2 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 22nd (THo fide ONTBIRDS), 4 on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & 25 there on 27th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 10 at West Beach, TI on 24th (GC,& fide ONTBIRDS) & 7 there on 29th (NMu). 3 at CSSP on 26th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS), 1 there on 30th (GC) & 12 at Ravenshoe Rd E of Woodbine, York on 27th (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS).

RED KNOT - 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 24th & 3 on 27th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

SANDERLING - 6 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 18th & 2 on 20th, 26th & 27th (THo fide ONTBIRDS;GCarp). 1 at West Beach, TI on 24th (GC,& fide ONTBIRDS), 26th, 29th (NMu,&) & 3 there on 31st (AA). 2 at Nonquon S.L., Durham on 28th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 on 30th (DRuch fide DRBA).

SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER - 9 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 13th, 6 on 22nd, 3 on 24th & 77 there on 27th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 13 at CSSP on 26th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS) & 7 on 30th (GC). 10+ at Nonquon S.L., Durham on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & 579 there on 31st (GC). 50-60 at Reesor Road Ponds, York on 29th (SLo fide ONTBIRDS) & 47 on 31st (RBHS). 14 at Richmond Heights, Richmond Hill, York (WP,RBHS), 22 at Peninsula D, LSS (De,TTPBRS) & 10 at Country Glen Pond, Markham Bypass E of 9th Line, York (WP,RBHS) all on 31st.

LEAST SANDPIPER – 7 reports from Darlington Prov. Park, Durham beginning with 83 on 13th, high count of 97 on 22nd & last report of 12 there on 27th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 50+ at Nonquon S.L., Durham on 15th & 100+ on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER - 1 at Nonquon S.L., Durham on 17th (JI,RJP), 1 on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), 5 on 28th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS), 3 on 30th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 7 there on 31st (GC). 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 23rd, 24th (THo fide ONTBIRDS), 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & 11 there on 27th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Ravenshoe Rd E of Woodbine, York on 27th (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER - 1 at Nonquon S.L., Durham on 17th (JI,RJP), originally found by Brian Henshaw. JI showed it to James Kamstra when he arrived, 'It was our first record of a spring Baird's ...' (see photos). 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 27th [No doc. seen] (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at West Beach, TI on 29th [No doc. seen] (NMu). *Spring records of Baird's Sandpiper are very rare in GTA (and southern Ontario in general) [Eds].*



Baird's Sandpiper in alternate plumage at the Nonquon Sewage Lagoons, Durham, 17 May 2008. First GTA spring record with material evidence. Photos © Jean Iron.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER - 1 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 15th, 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 there on 28th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 22nd (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 31st (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

DUNLIN – 9 reports from Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* beginning with 13 on 13th, high counts of 135 on 18th & 159 on 27th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 15 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 15th, 50+ on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & 122 there on 31st (GC). 22 at West Beach, TI on 24th (GC,& fide ONTBIRDS). 60+ at Ravenshoe Rd E of Woodbine, *York* on 27th (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), 38 at West Beach, TI on 29th (NMu). 400+ at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 29th (SLo fide ONTBIRDS), they had all gone by 30th.

STILT SANDPIPER - 1 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), 30th (DRuch fide DRBA) & on 31st (GC). 1 at Ravenshoe Rd E of Woodbine, *York* on 27th (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER - 5 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), 7 on 17th (JI,RJP), 2 on 28th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 30th (DRuch fide DRBA). 9 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 20th, 5 on 22nd & 3 (*griseus*) there on 31st (SLo fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 22nd, 1 on 23rd & 10 on 24th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 1 (*griseus*) at West Beach, TI on 24th (GC,& fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at CSSP on 26th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE - 1 M at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), 2 F on 17th (JI,RJP), 1 M on 25th (BH fide RPy), 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & on 28th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Ravenshoe Rd E of Woodbine, *York* on 27th (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS).

LITTLE GULL - 2 AD at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS), 1 on 5th & 18 on 6th, 6 coming into the marsh and doing display flights (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Lake Ontario off Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 18th & 20th, 3 on 22nd & 7 there on 24th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

BONAPARTE'S GULL - 100 at Ward's Island, TI on 5th (NMu,MVL) & 90 at Peninsula D, LSS on 6th (DDe,TPBRS). 22 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 5th & 914 off shore there on 6th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 238 (all imms) at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 20th, 223 on 22nd, 78 on 23rd & 190 there on 24th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 34 at CSSP on 23rd (NMu,ICa).

CALIFORNIA GULL - 1 AD at West Beach, TI @ 13:45hrs on 24th [No doc. seen] (GC,& fide ONTBIRDS).

HERRING GULL - 120+ at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 18th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

THAYER'S GULL - 1 AD at Ajax, *Durham* on 23rd (GCarp fide DRBA). 1 AD at West Beach, TI on 24th (GC,& fide ONTBIRDS), very close views obtained, including the purple eyering.

ICELAND GULL - 1 2S at Rotary Park, Ajax, *Durham* on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL - 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 13th, 2 on 18th & 1 on 24th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at TI on 19th (JBMW,LF) & 1 1S at West Beach, TI on 26th (NMu,Peter McParland).

CASPIAN TERN - 5 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS). 15 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 18th, 38 on 20th, 28 on 22nd, & 12 on 23rd (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 31st (RBHS).

BLACK TERN - 3 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 13th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & there 4 on 26th (DRuch fide DRBA). 40 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 15th, 50+ on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & 120 there on 28th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 22nd & 4 on 23rd (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 27th (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON TERN – 3 reports from 4th to 13th of 35 at Trout Pond, TI & 4 reports from 16th to 29th of 50 there, on or around the raft (NMu,&). 6 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 23rd (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

ARCTIC TERN - 2 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 25th [No doc. seen] (BH fide RPy).

FORSTER'S TERN - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 5th [No doc. seen] (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

PARASITIC JAEGER - 1 AD at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* @ 06:40hrs on 18th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) was seen chasing a Ring-billed Gull which had stolen a Round Goby from a Red-breasted Merganser. Last seen just after 08:00h.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER - 1 at 14 Centre St, Orono, *Durham* @ 15:25hrs on 30th [No doc. seen] (JMR fide RPy), flew NNW over his house!

[RINGED TURTLE-DOVE] - 1 at 89 Constance St, Toronto on 1st (GBry).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO - 1 at Happy Valley Forests (Oak Ridges Trail - 7th Conc N of 15th SR), *York* on 6th (TM&GR fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO – 1 at Scott's Marsh, Whitby, *Durham* on 15th & 28th (DRuch fide DRBA). 1 at West Deane Park on 17th (D. Pryor fide ONTBIRDS) & 22nd (SMF). Other reports of single birds were from Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 18th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), TI on 19th (NMu,MVL,MM), HRF – Wilson Tract, *Halton* on 21st (Bill Karner fide ONTBIRDS) & Peninsula D, LSS on 27th (DDe,TTPBRS).

EASTERN SCREECH-OWL - 1 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 10th (WER fide ONTBIRDS).

GREAT HORNED OWL - 1 JUV at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 2nd (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA) had now fledged and was staying high in trees in SW part of the woodlot.

LONG-EARED OWL - Singles at Snake Island, TI on 10th (MVL), Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 13th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 13th (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 25th (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 at Beaverton Valley, Sunderland, *Durham* on 26th & 2 there 28th (RDJ), they were silent on both occasions, he had not seen any there in several years. 4 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 31st (GC) & 1 at The Meadow, Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 31st (JFa fide DRBA).

WHIP-POOR-WILL - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd (DDe,TTPBRS) [photo by Seabrooke Leckie in TTPBRS Migration Monitoring report for 29 Apr-5 May 2008]. 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 13th (DRuch fide DRBA).

CHIMNEY SWIFT - 50 at HP on 3rd & 50+ there on 4th (NMu,MVL). 200+ at TI on 19th (JBMW,LF), 25 on 22nd (NMu,ICa) & 20 there on 29th (NMu). 55 at Peninsula D, LSS on 22nd (DDe,TTPBRS) & 27 at downtown Whitby, *Durham* on 24th (CSAM fide DRBA).

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 20th (DDe,TTPBRS).

BELTED KINGFISHER - 3 at TI on 4th & 5th (NMu,&).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER – 4 reports from 4th to 13th of singles at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA;JDL fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 10th (RPy fide DRBA).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER - 1 at TI on 10th (Marc Lichtenberg fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 11th (anon fide JDL, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 21st (TWRB fide DRBA). 1 at 4th Line, N of 90 degree bend., *Halton* on 25th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER - 2 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street, *York* on 4th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at TI on 5th (NMu,MVL).

DOWNY WOODPECKER - 13 at HP on 3rd & 4th (NMu,MVL).

HAIRY WOODPECKER - 3 at HP on 3rd & 4th (NMu,MVL). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 23rd (DDe,TTPBRS).

NORTHERN FLICKER - 10 at TI on 4th (NMu,&).

PILEATED WOODPECKER - 1 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street, *York* on 4th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER - Singles at Sheldon Park, Valermo Dr. on 24th (AK fide ONTBIRDS), HP on 26th (SMF), Glendon Ravine, Sunnybrook Park on 29th (Bob Ross fide ONTBIRDS), Gibb St & Townline, Oshawa, *Durham* on 30th (DRuch fide DRBA), Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 31st (GC) & Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 31st (RPy fide DRBA).

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE - Singles at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & HP on 11th & 13th (SMF). 9 at TI on 19th, 5 on 26th & 29th (NMu,&).

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER - 1 at TI on 19th (JBMW,LF), 7 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 25th (TWRB,RPye, fide DRBA) & 1 there on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS). 1 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 25th & 3 on 31st (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 at Baselands, LSS on 25th (OFO,JRC, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at TI on 31st (AA).

ALDER FLYCATCHER - 1 at TI on 19th & 31st (AA). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 25th (DDe,TTPBRS).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER - 1 at CSSP on 17th (JBMW,SMF) & 1 at Ward's Island, TI on 26th (NMu,Peter McParland). 4 at TI on 29th (NMu) & 2 on 31st (AA).

LEAST FLYCATCHER – Early reports were of 1 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 1st (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Oak Ridges Trail, King City, *York* on 3rd (RJF,WHNC, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at HP on 3rd (JBMW,SMF), 6 at TI on 4th (NMu,&), 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS;SMF) & 2 at Peninsula D, LSS on 4th (DDe,TTPBRS). During the rest of the month high counts from TI were 11 on 5th & 24 on 19th (NMu,MVL); while Peninsula D, LSS had 12 on 12th & 25th (DDe,TTPBRS).

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER – Early in the month there were 7 reports of single birds from various location from 1st to 4th & 2 at HP on 3rd (JBMW,SMF). 11 at TI on 19th & 5 on 26th (NMu,&). 7 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 31st (RPye fide DRBA).

EASTERN KINGBIRD - 1 at G. Ross Lord Park on 3rd (Glen Steplock fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at HP on 3rd (JBMW,SMF) & on 8th to 9th (SMF). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 7th (DDe,TTPBRS) & 1 at Lambton Woods on 10th (SMF).

WHITE-EYED VIREO – 5 reports from 1st to 12th of 1 at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* (m. obs) & 2 seen there on 4th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 first reported at Humber Trails Cons. Area, *York* on 16th (SM fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & rediscovered there on 25th (BB fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 17th (Andrew Don fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at North Halton, *Halton* on 23rd (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO - Singles at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 3rd (DW), CSSP on 4th (Robert Cumming fide ONTBIRDS), Magwood Park on 13th (AA) & at Peninsula D, LSS on 21st (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 at HP on 7th, 9th, 10th & 28th (SMF). *This was a lot more reports than usual for May!*

BLUE-HEADED VIREO – 5 reports from HP beginning with 4 on 3rd (GC,&), high counts of 11 on 3rd & 4th (NMu,MVL), last report was of 1 on 24th (SMF). 6 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 3rd (RPye fide DRBA), 4 at TI on 5th (NMu,MVL), 1 at West Deane Park on 21st & 23rd (SMF) & 2 at Peninsula D, LSS on 24th (DDe,TTPBRS).

WARBLING VIREO – Early reports were of 2 at HP on 3rd (GC,&), 1 at Oak Ridges Trail, King City, *York* on 3rd (RJF,WHNC, fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at TI on 4th (NMu,&) & 2 at Peninsula D, LSS on 4th (DDe,TTPBRS). 6 other reports from TI thro' the month with highs of 28 on 22nd (NMu,ICa) & 29 on 29th (NMu). 5 at CSSP, 7 at West Deane Park & 5 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* all on 23rd (NMu,ICa).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO – 4 reports from 8th to 21st of 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* (Siegmar Boadach;JDL; fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Baselands, LSS on 25th (OFO,JRC, fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-EYED VIREO - 1 first reported at HP on 3rd (GC,&) & 1 there from 11th to 15th (SMF). 1 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 15th, 8 there on 20th & 5 on 29th (DDe,TTPBRS). 36 at TI on 19th (NMu,MVL,MM) & 11 there on 26th (NMu,Peter McParland). 6 at West Deane Park on 23rd (NMu,ICa).

BLUE JAY – 100+ seen flying E at HP on 3rd & 4th (NMu,MVL).

COMMON RAVEN - 1 at Beaverton area, *Durham* on 2nd (Tho fide DRBA), 1 at Ganaraska Forest Centre, *Durham* on 11th (RPye fide DRBA) & 2 at Whites Rd & Taunton Rd., Pickering, *Durham* on 15th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS). 2 (pair) at Beaverton Valley, Sunderland, *Durham* on 18th, circling for about 10 minutes & again there on 21st, probably prospecting for a place to call home next year (RDJ).

PURPLE MARTIN - 1 M at HP on 3rd (GC,&) & 3 there on 6th (SCH). 12 at Centre Is, TI on 26th (NMu,Peter McParland).

TREE SWALLOW - 50 at TI on 22nd (NMu,MVL,MM).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW - 20 at TI on 19th (NMu,MVL,MM) & 35 there on 22nd (NMu,MVL,MM).

CLIFF SWALLOW – 9 reports from TI beginning with 10 on 4th (NMu,&), high counts of 24 on 19th (JBMW,LF), & 18 on 22nd (NMu,MVL,MM).

BARN SWALLOW - 20 at TI on 19th (AA) & 50 there on 22nd (NMu,MVL,MM).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 7 at HP on 3rd & 4th (NMu,MVL). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 29th & 8 on 31st (DDe,TTPBRS).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 8 at HP on 3rd (NMu,MVL).

CAROLINA WREN - 2 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 23rd (NMu,ICa).

HOUSE WREN - 1 at HP on 2nd (SMF), 3 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd (DDe,TTPBRS), 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* & at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 4th (SMF). 6 reports from TI beginning with 3 on 4th; high counts of 11 on 13th & 9 on 26th (NMu,&).

WINTER WREN - Singles at Oak Ridges Trail, King City, *York* on 3rd (RJF,WHNC, fide ONTBIRDS), Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 21st (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS) & banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 25th (DDe,TTPBRS). 2 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 31st (RPye fide DRBA).

SEDGE WREN - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 6th & on 13th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 18th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

MARSH WREN - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 13th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET - 1 at CSSP on 2nd & 13th (SMF).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET - 28 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd, 2 on 21st & 1 on 25th (DDe,TTPBRS). 57 at TI on 5th, 2 on 22nd & 1 on 26th (NMu,&). 1 at CSSP on 23rd (NMu,ICa) & on 24th (SMF).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER - 1 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 1st (DDe,TTPBRS) 1 at Baselands, LSS on 3rd (Robert Cumming fide ONTBIRDS) & several at LSS on 11th Lisa den Besten fide ONTBIRDS). 1 first reported at HP on 2nd, 1 or 2 reported there on most days up to the 19th (SMF) & 3 seen there on 8th (Marc Lichtenberg fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 3rd (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), on 8th (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS) & on 10th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS). 11 reports from TI beginning with 8 on 4th (NMu,&); high counts of 9 on 16th (NMu,MVL), plus a nest near Trout Pond & 11 on 19th (NMu,MVL,MM); last report was of 9 on 29th (NMu). 1 at Waterfront Trail, Bowmanville, *Durham* on 9th (Jim Yaki fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 10th (RPye fide DRBA) & 3 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 23rd (NMu,ICa) which included a pair that seemed to be feeding young in nest? 1 at West Deane Park from 20th to 23rd (SMF).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD - 4 (2 prs) at Oak Ridges Trail, King City, *York* on 3rd (RJF,WHNC, fide ONTBIRDS).

VEERY - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 1st (anon fide DRBA), 2 at TI on 5th (NMu,MVL) & 3 at HP on 7th (SMF). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 4th, 3 on 11th, 5 on 14th 15 on 20th & 10 on 22nd (DDe,TTPBRS). 10 at TI on 19th (NMu,MVL,MM).

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH – Singles at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 10th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 11th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & at HP on 14th (SMF). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 16th, 4 on 25th, 3 on 28th & 7 on 30th (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 at CSSP on 25th (FP) & at Island Ferry Docks on 29th (NMu).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH - 6 at Peninsula D, LSS on 14th, 30 on 20th, 17 on 25th, 11 on 29th & 12 on 30th (DDe,TTPBRS). 6 at TI on 19th (NMu,MVL,MM) & 12+ at CSSP on 24th (WER fide ONTBIRDS).

HERMIT THRUSH – 5 reports from 3rd to 19th of 1 at HP (NMu,MVL;SMF). 4 at TI on 4th & 18 on 5th (NMu,&).

WOOD THRUSH – Singles at Holland Landing, *York* on 3rd (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), HP on 3rd (JBMW,SMF) & at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA). 2 at Ward's Island, TI on 5th & 3 there on 19th (NMu,MVL). Singles at Peninsula D, LSS on 7th, 12th, 14th, 17th & 4 there on 20th (DDe,TTPBRS).

GRAY CATBIRD - Singles at HP on 3rd (JBMW,SMF), Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd (DDe,TTPBRS) & at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (SMF). 6 reports from TI beginning with 4 on 4th & high counts of 21 on 26th & 13 on 29th (NMu,&).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD – Only 48 reports this month, with 13 from *Toronto*, 29 from *York*, 5 from *Durham*, 1 from *Peel* and zero from *Halton*. These numbers are low compared to recent years, mostly due to the fact that RBHS and WP were away for 3 weeks. Thanks to the other 15 observers who contributed reports: ICa; GC; GDe; SMF; Petra Grass; SCH; THo; LGK; GEL; MVL; MM; NMu; DRuch; Glenn Steplock; DW.

- BROWN THRASHER - 5 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 3rd (RPye fide DRBA), 10+ on 5th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 there on 10th (RPye fide DRBA). 16 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 3rd (THo fide ONTBIRDS), 6 at TI on 4th & 3 on 5th (NMu,&).
- AMERICAN PIPIT - 6 at Peninsula D, LSS on 5th, 10 on 7th & 2 on 14th (DDe,TTPBRS).
- CEDAR WAXWING - 200+ at Rhododendron Gardens, *Peel* on 11th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 75 at Ward's Island, TI on 16th (NMu,MVL) & 30 at Rebecca & 4th Line, Oakville, *Halton* on 18th (Bill Morden fide ONTBIRDS). 1000 (moving W) at TI on 26th (NMu,Peter McParland) & 210 at Peninsula D, LSS on 26th (DDe,TTPBRS).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER - 1 at HP on 5th & 17th (SMF). 1 at Thicksens Woods, *Durham* on 11th & 14th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at CSSP on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 8 at HRF - Currie Tract, *Halton* on 25th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 26th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 26th (DDe,TTPBRS).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER – 9 reports of singles starting with 1 at Darlington Provincial. Park, *Durham* on 5th (Tho fide ONTBIRDS); 1 at Thicksens Woods, *Durham* on 7th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS); 1 at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* 8-10th (Rob Cummings; W.J.Karner; anon, all fide ONTBIRDS); 1 at Rhododendron Gardens, *Peel* on 11th, 1 at Jack Darling Park, *Peel* on 18th and 1 at Colonel Sam Smith Park on 18th (all WER fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Wards Island, TI on 19th (NMu, MVL,MM); 1 at Darlington Provincial Park, *Durham* on 20th (Tho fide ONTBIRDS) and 1F at Thicksens Woods, *Durham* on 21st (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS).
- BREWSTER'S WARBLER - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 at Thicksens Woods, *Durham* on 8th (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS) & on 9th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER - 1 at Baselands, LSS on 3rd (Robert Cumming fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 12th & 4 on 23rd (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 at CSSP on 13th (SMF), 3 on 18th & 4 on 24th (WER fide ONTBIRDS). 6 at TI on 16th (NMu,MVL).
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER - 1 at HP on 3rd & 4th (NMu,MVL). 1 at Crother's Woods on 6th (Anthony Glenesk fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Thicksens Woods, *Durham* on 7th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), on 24th & on 25th (TWRB,RPye, fide DRBA). 1 at Baselands, LSS on 8th (Rob Cumming fide ONTBIRDS), 1 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 13th & 20th, 2 banded there on 23rd (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 at TI on 10th (Marc Lichtenberg fide ONTBIRDS), 19th & 22nd (NMu,MVL,MM). Singles at West Deane Park on 18th (AA), Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 20th (Tho fide ONTBIRDS) & at CSSP on 24th (WER fide ONTBIRDS).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER - 1 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 1st (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 2nd (DDe,TTPBRS) & 3 at Oak Ridges Trail, King City, *York* on 3rd (RjF,WHNC, fide ONTBIRDS). 12 at HP on 3rd & 12 on 4th (NMu,MVL). 8 at CSSP on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS).
- NORTHERN PARULA – First report from HP was of 1 (singing) M on 3rd (GC,&) & then 8 other reports up to the 25th of 1 individual there (SMF). 1 at Baselands, LSS on 3rd & 8th (Robert Cumming fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd, 2 on 7th, 1 banded on 8th & 2 banded there on 20th (DDe,TTPBRS). 5 reports from 8th to 21st of singles at Thicksens Woods, *Durham* (m. obs) & 3 there on 25th (TWRB,RPye, fide DRBA). 1 at TI on 10th (Marc Lichtenberg fide ONTBIRDS), 4 on 10th (AA), 2 on 19th (AA) & 1 there on 22nd, 23rd & 26th (NMu, &). 3 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 10th (RPye fide DRBA), 4 at Rhododendron Gardens, *Peel* on 13th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at CSSP on 16th (SMF) & 8 there on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at West Deane Park on 18th (Cecilia Verkeley fide ONTBIRDS) & on 20th (SMF).
- YELLOW WARBLER -1 at HP from 2nd (SMF) & 5 on 3rd (NMu,MVL). Singles were seen on the 3rd at Halls Rd., *Durham* (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), Baselands, LSS (Robert Cumming fide ONTBIRDS) & Holland Landing, *York* (KDu fide RjF, fide ONTBIRDS). 8 were reported on the warbler count at Unwin Avenue on 3rd (TFI fide GC) & 1 was at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 4th (SMF). First report from TI was of 21 on 4th & high counts thro' the month from there were 68 on 16th, 70 on 26th & 74 on 29th (NMu, &). 30 at Peninsula D, LSS on 19th (DDe,TTPBRS) & 13 at West Deane Park on 23rd (NMu,ICa).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER - 1 at HP on 3rd (JBMW,SMF), 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd & 14 there on 24th (DDe,TTPBRS). 35 at CSSP on 18th & 9 on 24th (WER fide ONTBIRDS). 36 at TI on 19th & 15 on 22nd (NMu,MVL,MM).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER – First reports was of 1 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 1st (WER fide ONTBIRDS), then 7 reports from 3rd to 6th of 1-3. 24 (incl. 14 banded) at Peninsula D, LSS on 18th, 58 on 20th & 30 on 25th (DDe,TTPBRS). 25 at CSSP on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 67 at TI on 19th (NMu,MVL,MM).

CAPE MAY WARBLER - Singles at HP on 3rd (NMu,MVL), Toronto Necropolis on 7th (TDo fide ONTBIRDS) & at Iroquois Ridge Comm. Centre, *Halton* on 14th (Larissa Neumann fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Baselands, LSS on 3rd (Robert Cumming fide ONTBIRDS) & 4th (Jacques Giraud fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at LSS on 11th (Lisa den Besten fide ONTBIRDS). 5 at CSSP on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & several at West Deane Park on 18th (GVR fide ONTBIRDS). 1 F at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 18th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 (1 M, 1 F) there on 21st (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS). 1 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 22nd, 4 there on 23rd & 7 on 24th (DDe,TTPBRS).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER – 5 at HP on 3rd (GC,&), 3 on 4th (NMu,MVL, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 (M & F) on 6th & 7th, 2 M on 9th & 1 F on 26th (SMF). 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 3rd (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 4th (SMF) & 5 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd (DDe, TTPBRS). 1 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street, *York* on 4th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 7 at Rhododendron Gardens, *Peel* on 13th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 10 at CSSP on 18th & 6 on 24th (WER fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at TI on 4th, 3 on 5th, 9 on 16th & 19th, 1 F there on 26th (NMu,&).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER - 36 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 1st (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 112 at HP on 3rd (GC,&). 95 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd, 85 on 6th, 16 on 25th & 1 there on 27th (DDe,TTPBRS). 113 at TI on 5th, 32 on 19th & 1 singing M on 29th (NMu,&).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER– on the 3rd there were 10 at HP (GC,&), 6 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* (RPye fide DRBA), 8 at Oak Ridges Trail, King City, *York* (RJF, WHNC, & fide ONTBIRDS) & 7 at Peninsula D, LSS (Dde, TTPBRS). 10 at HP on 4th (NMu, MVL, fide ONTBIRDS), 7 at Rhododendron Gardens, *Peel* on 13th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 32 at CSSP on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 9 at TI on 19th (NMu,MVL,MM).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER – Singles at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 3rd (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), Holland Landing, *York* on 3rd (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & at HP on 3rd & 4th (SMF). 5 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd, 1 (banded) on 11th & 10 (4 banded) on 23rd (DDe,TTPBRS). 2 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA), 5 at Rhododendron Gardens, *Peel* on 13th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 10 at CSSP on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 6 at TI on 19th (NMu,MVL,MM).

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER - 1 at Jack Darling Park, *Peel* @ 07:15hrs on 18th [No doc. seen] (WER fide ONTBIRDS), feeding in a willow on Birchwood Creek along E edge of park.

PINE WARBLER - 3 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 1st (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 3rd (RPye fide DRBA) & 3 (singing) M at HP on 3rd (GC,&). 1 at Oshawa Creek, N of John St., *Durham* on 10th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 7 at Rhododendron Gardens, *Peel* on 13th (WER fide ONTBIRDS).

PRAIRIE WARBLER - 1 M at Floral Maple Leaf area, HP @ 10:30hrs on 6th [Documented] (SMF) & @ 13:30hrs (BY fide SMF). 1 at HRF - Unspecified, *Halton* on 21st [No doc. seen] (Bill Karner fide ONTBIRDS).

PALM WARBLER - 8 at HP on 3rd (GC,&) & 7 on 4th (NMu,MVL, fide ONTBIRDS). 55 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd, 40 on 6th & 8th, 7 on 20th & 5 on 24th (DDe,TTPBRS). 12 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA), 6 at Rhododendron Gardens, *Peel* on 13th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 5 at CSSP on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS). 17 at TI on 5th & 4 there on 19th (NMu,MVL).



The bill and face of this **Cape May Warbler** were seen to be completely covered in pollen; the bird, along with a Nashville Warbler, had been feeding on the flowers of a sour cherry tree for several days. Interestingly, a recent article 'Nectar-Feeding by a Nashville Warbler' appeared in *Ontario Birds* 26(1) April 2008. This photo was taken in a Scarborough yard, *Toronto*, 8 May 2008. Photo © Rick Lauzon

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER - 1 at West Deane Park on 18th (Cecilia Verkeley fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Peninsula D, LSS on 18th & 3 there on 23rd (DDe,TTPBRS). 7 at CSSP on 18th & 3 on 24th (WER fide ONTBIRDS). 4 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 19th (TWRB fide DRBA) & 3 (2 M, 1 F) there on 21st (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER - 3 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 13th (DRuch fide DRBA), 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 14th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), 1 M at West Deane Park on 20th & at HP from 20th to 23rd (SMF). 3 at CSSP on 24th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 25th (TWRB,RPye, fide DRBA) & 5 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 31st (RPye fide DRBA). 6 reports from TI with 1 on 13th; 5 on several dates from 19th to 29th (NMu,&) & 4 there on 31st (AA). 2 at Peninsula D, LSS on 24th, 7 on 29th & 16 on 31st DDe,TTPBRS).

CERULEAN WARBLER - 1 at Solina Rd, N of Nash, *Durham* on 3rd (P. Hogenbirk fide DRBA), 1 M at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 3rd (JLam fide GC), 1 M at HP on 5th (SMF) & 1 F at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 13th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS). 1 M at Rhododendron Gardens, *Peel* on 13th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 13th (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA), 1 F banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 21st (DDe,TTPBRS) was the 1st banded by TTPBRS. 1 at CSSP on 24th (WER fide ONTBIRDS).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER - 3 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 1st (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at HP on 3rd (GC,&), 2 there on 25th & 1 on 26th & 30th (SMF). 5 at TI on 5th, 5 on 13th & 6 on 19th (NMu,&). 6 at CSSP on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 31st (GDe,&, fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN REDSTART – 8 reports from 3rd to 12th of single birds from HP, Peninsula D, LSS, Thicksons Woods, *Durham*, TI & CSSP (m. obs). Then numbers started to increase with 5 at Rhododendron Gardens, *Peel* on 13th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 36 at CSSP on 18th & 16 there on 24th (WER fide ONTBIRDS). 13 at TI on 19th (AA), 16 on 22nd (NMu,ICa) & 9 on 26th (NMu,Peter McParland). 24 at Peninsula D, LSS on 21st & 20 on 25th (DDe, TTPBRS). Late reports were of 1 at CSSP on 30th (GC) & at Hanlan's Point, TI on 31st (AA).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER - 1 M seen up to 12:30 hrs at Bronte Bluffs Park, Oakville, *Halton* on 10th [No doc. seen] (CEdge fide ONTBIRDS) & relocated at 17:00hrs [No doc. seen] (Rod Murray fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 10th [No doc. seen] (WER fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at West Deane Park on 18th [No doc. seen] (AA;D. Pryor fide ONTBIRDS; Cecilia Verkeley fide ONTBIRDS). It was seen again there on the 20th singing loudly in a Silver Maple where the 2 trails meet, some 250m N and W of the bridge [No doc. seen] (SMF;LF,&, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 near a small pond at HRF - Unspecified, *Halton* on 21st [No doc. seen] (Bill Karner fide ONTBIRDS).

WORM-EATING WARBLER - 1 singing loudly in wet woods at Baselands, LSS on 1st [No doc. seen] (AA). 1 first reported on April 29th remained at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* and was seen from 1st to 4th (m. obs). 2 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 1st [No doc. seen] (WER fide ONTBIRDS), seen not far apart about 100m E of where trail in from Bexhill joins main trail & 1 there on 3rd [No doc. seen] (JLam fide GC). 1 first reported at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (m.obs) where "It spent the morning in the south valley and was not seen in the afternoon". It was photographed (CMH). On the 6th it was relocated [No doc. seen] (NMacd;GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & then again on the 9th it was seen actively feeding from dried oak leaves hanging from trees [No doc. seen] (JDL fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at HRF - Unspecified, *Halton* on 21st [No doc. seen] (Bill Karner fide ONTBIRDS), reported as Wilson Tract; seen in low bushes under a hydro line, about 400m in.



Worm-eating Warbler at Thicksons Woods, *Durham*, 4 May 2008.
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OVENBIRD – 1-3 at HP from 1st to 5th (m. obs). 1 at Baselands, LSS on 3rd (Robert Cumming fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Holland Landing, York on 3rd (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Oak Ridges Trail, King City, York on 3rd (RJF,WHNC, fide ONTBIRDS). 5 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd & 10 on 20th (DDe,TTPBRS). 3 at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 4th (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA) & 1 at Stephen's Gulch C.A., Durham on 4th (RPye fide DRBA). 1 at Ward's Island, TI on 4th & 5th (NMu, &).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH - 1 at Rattray Marsh, Peel on 1st (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at HP on 3rd (GC,&), 6 at Oak Ridges Trail, King City, York on 3rd (RJF,WHNC, fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 10th (RPye fide DRBA). 8 at Peninsula D, LSS on 18th & 11 on 23rd (DDe,TTPBRS).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH - 1 at Rhododendron Gardens, Peel on 13th (WER fide ONTBIRDS).

KENTUCKY WARBLER - 1 M at West Deane Park on 17th [No doc. seen] (D. Pryor fide ONTBIRDS), on 20th [No doc. seen] (LF,& fide ONTBIRDS) & on 21st [No doc. seen] (3 observers fide LF, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 25th [No doc. seen] (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

CONNECTICUT WARBLER - 1 at Bronte Woods, Halton on 28th (anon fide BRH, fide ONTBIRDS).

MOURNING WARBLER – Singles at Rhododendron Gardens, Peel on 13th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), CSSP on 17th (JBMW,SMF) & at Rattray Marsh, Peel on 17th (Andrew Don fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 24th & 25th (TWRB,RPye, fide DRBA). 4 at HRF - Currie Tract, Halton on 25th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Silver Lakes Golf Course, York on 25th (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Baselands, LSS on 25th (OFO,JRC, fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 26th (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 at TI on 26th & 29th (NMu,&). 4 at Heber Down C. A., Durham on 31st (RPye fide DRBA).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT – Early reports were of 1 at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 3rd (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at TI on 4th & 6 on 5th (NMu,&), 1 at HP from 6th & 7th SMF) & 1 at CSSP on 8th (SMF). 13 at TI on 19th & 22 on 26th (NMu,&). 30 at Peninsula D, LSS on 26th & 8 on 27th (DDe,TTPBRS).

HOODED WARBLER - 2 (M & F) at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 14th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 M at West Deane Park on 22nd (LS fide LF, fide ONTBIRDS), 50m W of the bridge in mature maple tree.

WILSON'S WARBLER – Singles at HP on 16th (SMF), TI on 16th (NMu,MVL), CSSP on 17th (JBMW,SMF) & 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 19th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS). 6 at Peninsula D, LSS on 23rd, 13 on 25th & 9 on 31st (DDe,TTPBRS). 8 at TI on 26th (NMu,Peter McParland) & 2 on 31st (AA).

CANADA WARBLER - 1 at HP on 14th, 15th & 17th (SMF). 1 at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 14th (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA), 18th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 21st (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS), 5 there on 24th (TWRB,RPye, fide DRBA). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 17th, 6 on 24th & 2 banded there on 29th (DDe,TTPBRS). 2 at CSSP on 18th, 3 on 24th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 there on 25th (FP). 3 at TI on 19th & 2 on 29th (NMu,&).

SUMMER TANAGER - 1 2Y-M at West Deane Park @ 08:15hrs on 18th [No doc. seen] (GVR fide ONTBIRDS). 1 F at Peninsula D, LSS on 19th [No doc. seen] (DDe,TTPBRS) was 1st record for TTPBRS.

SCARLET TANAGER - 1 at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 7th, 4 (3 M, 1F) on 11th, 3 (2M, 1F) on 19th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 on 25th (TWRB,RPye, fide DRBA). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 7th & 1 banded there on 14th (DDe,TTPBRS). 3 M at HP on 14th (SMF), 4 F at TI on 16th & 6 there on 19th (NMu,&). 4 (3 M, 1 F) at West Deane Park on 22nd (SMF) & 7 there on 23rd (NMu,ICa).

EASTERN TOWHEE - 10+ at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 5th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

CHIPPING SPARROW - 28 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd (DDe,TTPBRS), 13 at TI on 4th & 15 on 5th (NMu,&). 25+ at HP on 4th (NMu,MVL, fide ONTBIRDS).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW - 1 at Baselands, LSS on 8th (Rob Cumming fide ONTBIRDS).

FIELD SPARROW - 4 at TI on 5th (NMu,MVL).

SAVANNAH SPARROW - 17 at CSSP on 23rd (NMu,ICa).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd (DDe,TTPBRS).

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW - 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 18th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) was at the W end of the maintained beach in the wet sedge/willow area.

SONG SPARROW - 33 at TI on 4th, 16 on 16th & 22 on 22nd (NMu,&).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW - 1 at TI on 4th, 4 on 16th (NMu,&) & 3 there on 19th (AA). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 8th, 13 on 14th & 11 on 26th (DDe, TTPBRS).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW - 225 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 2nd (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA), 340 at HP on 3rd (GC,&), 2000+ at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 3rd (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 175 at TI on 5th (NMu,MVL). 45 at Peninsula D, LSS on 2nd, 140 on 3rd, 130 on 6th & 40 on 14th (DDe, TTPBRS).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW – 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 1st (DDe, TTPBRS), 1 Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS) & 12 at HP on 3th (GC,&). 6 reports from TI included first report of 41 at on 4th, high count of 56 on 5th, 33 on 19th & last report of 1 on 29th (NMu,&).

DARK-EYED JUNCO - 1 at CSSP on 2nd & on 7th SMF). 1 at TI on 4th & 2 on 5th (NMu,&).

NORTHERN CARDINAL - 12 at TI on 5th & 10 on 16th (NMu,MVL).

ROSE-BREADED GROSBREAK - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 2nd (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA), 8 (6 M, 2 F) on 3rd (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), 2 M on 4th (SMF) & 5 there on 11th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS). 1-4 at HP from 3rd to 10th (SMF). Singles at CSSP on 2nd (SMF), Holland Landing, *York* on 3rd (KDu fide RfJ, fide ONTBIRDS) & TI on 4th (NMu,&). 4 M at Earl Bales Park on 4th (LGK), ~25 at Hanlan's Point, TI on 5th (MVL), 10 at Rebecca & 4th Line, Oakville, *Halton* on 7th (Sylvia & Bill Morden fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 at Lakeside Park, Clarkson, *Peel* on 10th (SCH fide ONTBIRDS). 7 reports from Peninsula D, LSS, beginning with 1 on 5th; high counts of 10 on 12th & 15 on 14th; last report was 10 on 23rd (DDe, TTPBRS).

INDIGO BUNTING – 5 reports from 8th to 15th of 1 M at HP (SMF). 2 at Peninsula D, LSS on 13th (DDe, TTPBRS), 6 at TI on 16th (NMu,MVL), 3 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 20th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 31st (RPye fide DRBA).

BOBOLINK - 4 at Fox St., Oshawa, *Durham* on 2nd (THo fide DRBA), 1 at CSSP on 3rd (Jacques Giraud fide ONTBIRDS) & 6 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd (DDe, TTPBRS). 3 at 3239 Dundas St W, Oakville, *Halton* on 13th (Eric Harrison fide ONTBIRDS), 2 F at West Deane Park on 18th (AA) & 1 M at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 31st (RBHS).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD - 1 at Tansley Woods Community Centre, *Halton* on 2nd (CEdge fide ONTBIRDS). 6 at Peninsula D, LSS on 2nd, 12 (incl. 2 banded) on 3rd & 1 banded there on 7th (DDe, TTPBRS).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD - 2 at Peninsula D, LSS on 9th (DDe, TTPBRS), one seen attacking (and eventually drowning) a rival M!

ORCHARD ORIOLE - 1 AD-M was first reported at Floral Maple Leaf area, HP on 5th, on the 8th there were 3 (AD-M, imm M, F) & thro' the month there were 9 other reports of 1-3 individuals (SMF). 1 at Baselands, LSS on 8th (Rob Cumming fide ONTBIRDS), 4 reports from 9th to 25th of 1 at Peninsula D, LSS & 2 there on 10th (DDe, TTPBRS). 3 (2 ASY-M, 1F) at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 12th (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS) & on 15th (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA), 1 on 19th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 there on 21st (TWRB fide DRBA). 6 reports from 13th to 22nd of 1 at TI (m. obs). 1 M at Jack Darling Park, *Peel* on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 20th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Gibb St, W of Park, Oshawa, *Durham* on 21st (DRuch fide DRBA).

BALTIMORE ORIOLE – 8 reports from HP beginning with 1 on 1st (SMF), a high of 8 on 4th (NMu,MVL, fide ONTBIRDS) & last report saw of 4 on 10th (SMF). 1 M at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 2nd (Art Hurn fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (anon fide TWRB, fide DRBA), 1 at Lambton Woods on 10th (SMF) & 4 at Lakeside Park, Clarkson, *Peel* on 10th (SCH fide ONTBIRDS). 8 reports from TI beginning with 14 on 4th; high counts of 63 on 16th, 70 on 22nd & 65 on 26th; last report was 63 on 29th (NMu,&). 8 at Peninsula D, LSS on 11th & 14 on 18th (DDe, TTPBRS). 16 at CSSP & 22 at West Deane Park on 23rd (NMu,ICa).

PURPLE FINCH - 7 (5 M, 2 F) at Edge Pegg's Property, *Durham* on 2nd (Betty Pegg fide JDL, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 M at TI on 5th & 13th (NMu,MVL).

PINE SISKIN -1 at Osler Tract, *Durham* on 25th (BH fide RPye).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH - 34 at TI on 19th, 47 on 22nd, 55 on 26th & 51 on 29th (NMu,&). 19 at CSSP, 20 at West Deane Park & 25 at Jack Darling Park, *Peel* on 23rd (NMu,ICa).

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CANADA GOOSE - 110 at Peninsula D, LSS on 2nd & 105 on 7th (DDe, TTPBRS).

MUTE SWAN - 22 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* & 31 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (GC).

TRUMPETER SWAN - 6 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* & 2 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (GC). 18 at LaSalle Marina, *Halton* on 23rd (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

WOOD DUCK - 15 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (GC). 11 (2 M, 1 F, 8 FY) at HP on 11th, 10 (1 F, 9 FY) on 16th & 26 (1 M, 3F, 16 FY) on 26th (SMF).

GADWALL - 69 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (GC).

EURASIAN WIGEON - 1 M at Jim's Pond, McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res., *Durham* @ 08:00hrs on 1st (John Houston fide ONTBIRDS) [No doc. seen]. Flew off and not relocated.

AMERICAN WIGEON - 2 (pair) at Holland Landing S.L., *York* on 3rd (Linda Wells fide ONTBIRDS).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL - 2 (pair) at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 2nd (BFA fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 M at Jim's Pond, McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res., *Durham* on 7th (GC).

NORTHERN SHOVELER - 2 (pair) at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 2nd (BFA fide ONTBIRDS), 8 (4 pairs) at Holland Landing S.L., *York* on 3rd (Linda Wells fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 (2 pairs) at Jim's Pond, McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res., *Durham* on 7th (GC).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL - 9 M at Jim's Pond, McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res., *Durham* on 7th (GC).

CANVASBACK - 2 (pair) at West Beach, TI on 5th (NMu), in slough at back of beach. 3 at Triangle Pond, LSS on 6th (GC), one F on nest w 8 eggs; also an additional M & F - apparently not nesting yet, or perhaps failed.

LESSER SCAUP - 1 M at LSS on 6th (GC) & 1 at LaSalle Marina, *Halton* on 23rd (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

HARLEQUIN DUCK - 3 (AD-M, 1Y-M and a F) at Whitby Psychiatric Hospital, *Durham* on 2nd (BH fide DRBA).

HOODED MERGANSER - 1 F at West Beach, TI on 5th (NMu) & 2 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 30th (DW).

COMMON MERGANSER - 1 at Thicksen's Point, *Durham* on 14th (RPye fide DRBA), 2 at LaSalle Marina, *Halton* on 23rd (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Oshawa, *Durham* on 23rd (DRuch fide DRBA).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER - 2 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 7th (GC).

RUDDY DUCK - 2 M at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (GC) & 1 there on 26th (DRuch fide DRBA).

WILD TURKEY - 2 (1 F, 1 FY) at Humber Stn Rd, S of Patterson, *Peel* on 14th (LF fide ONTBIRDS). 2 (M & F) at Patterson SR, W of Hwy 50, *Peel* on 14th (RBHS,WP) & 1 heard there on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON LOON - 1 flying over at LSS on 3rd, 1 on 6th & 2 on 7th (DDe,TTPBRS). 1 flying over at Walkers Line & Regal Rd, *Halton* on 9th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

HORNED GREBE - 1 at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* on 7th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-NECKED GREBE - 3 nests at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 6th & 1 at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* on 7th (both anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 off mouth of Highland Creek on 12th (D VW fide ONTBIRDS).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT - 2500 flying over at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

AMERICAN BITTERN - 1 at Humber Stn. Rd, S of Patterson, *Peel* on 14th (LF fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 26th (DRuch fide DRBA).

LEAST BITTERN - 2 heard calling on N side, then 2 flushed on S side at Bronte Marsh, *Halton* @ 08:30hrs on 15th (DEP fide ONTBIRDS). 2 photographed at Bronte Marsh, *Halton* on 28th (John Millman fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 there on 30th (Andrew Don fide ONTBIRDS).

GREAT EGRET - 1 at Hanlan's Point, TI on 5th (NMu) & 5 nests at LSS on 6th (GC), "5 of the 6 nests I observed in late April are still active". 1 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 11th (SLo, fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 there on 30th (DW). 1 at Guelph Line Stormwater Lagoon, *Halton* on 16th (James Kraneck fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at HP on 24th (SMF).

GREEN HERON - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd (DDe,TTPBRS).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - 2 at Scott's Marsh, Whitby, *Durham* on 14th (DRuch fide DRBA).

TURKEY VULTURE - 3 at Patterson SR, W of Hwy 50, *Peel* on 14th (RBHS,WP) & 6 there on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Keffer Marsh, Concord, *York* on 21st (RBHS) & 1 at HP on 24th (SMF).

OSPREY - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 21st (RPye fide DRBA) & 1 at Oshawa, *Durham* on 23rd (DRuch fide DRBA).

COOPER'S HAWK - 1 at HP on 2nd (SMF) & 1 at Humber Stn. Rd & Patterson SR, *Peel* on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK - 1 seen carrying food at Humber Stn. Rd & King Rd., *Peel* on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

MERLIN - 1 at High St, Whitby, *Durham* on 15th (RBHS,WP); 1 in a backyard at Adelaide & Townline, Oshawa, *Durham* on 16th (Otto Peter fide DRBA) & 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 26th (DRuch fide DRBA). 1 (carrying prey) at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* during week ending 20th was another intriguing observation (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

PEREGRINE FALCON - 5 (2 AD, 3 FY) at Clarica Centre, Islington on 13th (SCH), the young fledged on this date. 3 at Lift Bridge, Burlington Beach Canal, *Halton* on 24th (Ken Newcombe fide ONTBIRDS). As of 10:30hrs, 3 of the 4 young had left the nestbox. One (Maitland), with band 43Y, was seen perched on the bridge for more than an hour. This is the first time that young have been hatched at this site. 1 at downtown Oshawa, *Durham* on 25th (DRuch fide DRBA).

COMMON MOORHEN - 1 at McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res., *Durham* & 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (GC). 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 29th (DRuch fide DRBA).

AMERICAN COOT - 13 (10 AD, 3 FY) at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 26th (DRuch fide DRBA).

SANDHILL CRANE - 1 heard at Lake Scugog Marshes, *Durham* on 29th (DBar fide DRBA), calling from direction of Simcoe St & Townline.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER - 1 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 5th (GCarp, Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS).

SEMPALMATED PLOVER - 28 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 1st (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at West Beach, TI on 1st (NMu, ICa, fide ONTBIRDS) & 7 at LSS on 6th (DDe, TTPBRS).

PIPING PLOVER - 1 at West Beach, TI on 1st (NMu, ICa) [No doc. seen], first found by Alfred Adamo on 31 May 2008.

SPOTTED SANDPIPER - 10 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 1st (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS), 11 at West Beach, TI on 1st (NMu, ICa) & 19 there on 5th (NMu).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS - 1 (breeding plum.) at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 5th (GCarp, Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 30th (DW).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS - 1 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 1st (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 30th (DW).

UPLAND SANDPIPER - 1 at Ashburn Rd nr Conc 9, *Durham* on 20th (DRuch fide DRBA). 1 at Kleinburg Hydro Research Stn., *York* on West Humber Nats. Club June summer bird count (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS).

RUDDY TURNSTONE - 10 at West Beach, TI on 1st (NMu, ICa) & 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 7th (GC).

SANDERLING - 3 at West Beach, TI on 1st (NMu, ICa).

SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER - 320 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 1st (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & 34 at West Beach, TI on 1st (NMu, ICa). 1 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* (GC) & at Sobey's Pond, Whitby, *Durham* on 7th (GC). 2 at Rebecca & Great Lakes Dr, Oakville, *Halton* on 12th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

LEAST SANDPIPER - 11 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 1st (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & 25 there on 5th (GCarp, Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS). 5 AD at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 11th (SLo, fide ONTBIRDS).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER - 4 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 1st (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 11th (SLo, fide ONTBIRDS).

* BAIRD'S SANDPIPER - 1 at West Beach, TI on 1st [No doc. seen] (NMu, ICa).

DUNLIN - 94 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 1st (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 there on 5th (GCarp, Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS). 23 at West Beach, TI on 1st (NMu, ICa, fide ONTBIRDS), 6 at Jim's Pond, McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res., *Durham* on 7th (GC) & 1 at Reesor Road Ponds, *York* on 11th (SLo, fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK - 1 at Baselands, LSS on 6th (GC) & 1 at Canadian Tire, Oshawa, *Durham* on 21st (DRuch fide DRBA).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE - 1 at Rebecca & Great Lakes Dr., Oakville, *Halton* on 10th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE - 2 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 1st (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 M there on 2nd (BFA fide ONTBIRDS), on 4th (C. Adey fide DRBA) & on 5th (GCarp, Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS).

LAUGHING GULL - 1 flew past CCIW-Centre for Inland Waters, *Halton* on 10th [No doc. seen] (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS); could not be relocated.

CASPIAN TERN - 4 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 2nd (BFA fide ONTBIRDS). 8 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* & 2 at Sobey's Pond, Whitby, *Durham* on 7th (GC).

BLACK TERN - 15 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 1st (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & 18 there on 5th (GCarp, Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 2nd (DDe, TTPBRS) was the 2nd record for TTPBRS. 3 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (GC) & 55 (incl. 2 1S imm.) at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 22nd (AW).

COMMON TERN - 50 at Trout Pond, TI on 1st (NMu, ICa, fide ONTBIRDS), on and around the tern raft & 75 there on 5th (NMu).

FORSTER'S TERN - 1 2S at LaSalle Marina, *Halton* on 23rd [No doc. seen] (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO - 1 at Hanlan's Point, TI on 1st (NMu,ICa), 1 S of Tremaine Rd., Bronte Creek Prov. Park, *Halton* on 13th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Riverside Trail, Glen Rouge Park on 17th (SMF). 1 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 15th (RPy fide DRBA), 2 on 20th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 1 there on 29th (SLaF,DRuch, fide DRBA). 1 at Gibb St W of Thornton Rd., *Durham* on 18th & 2 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 26th (DRuch fide DRBA).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO - Singles at Ward's Island, TI on 1st (NMu,ICa), Peninsula D, LSS on 2nd (DDe,TTPBRS), Frontenac St, Oshawa, *Durham* on 9th (DRuch fide DRBA), Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 15th (RPy fide DRBA) & 1 at Ozark Park, Oak Ridges, *York* on 18th (Glenn Steplock fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Purple Woods C.A., *Durham* and 1 at Long Sault C.A., *Durham* on 20th (DRuch fide DRBA). 3 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 26th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 1 at Kortright C. A., *York* on 30th (Lev Frid fide ONTBIRDS).

EASTERN SCREECH-OWL - 4 (2 AD, 2 FY) at Bronte Marsh, *Halton* on 30th (Andrew Don fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK - 4 at Ritson Rd & Bond, Oshawa, *Durham* on 2nd (J. Foster fide DRBA) & 1 at Conc. 3, Liberty Rd, Bowmanville, *Durham* @ 21:00hrs on 2nd (Jim Yaki fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Canadian Tire, Oshawa, *Durham* on 9th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 1 heard at Avenue Rd & Lonsdale @ 21:10hrs on 21st (RBHS).

CHIMNEY SWIFT - 350 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER - 1 at Hanlan's Point, TI on 5th (NMu).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER - 1 at Duffy's Lane, N of Patterson, *Peel* on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

PILEATED WOODPECKER – Singles at Dixie & Conc 3., *Durham* on 5th (T. and S. Wakes fide DRBA), Patterson SR, W of Hwy 50, *Peel* on 14th (LF fide ONTBIRDS) & at Kortright C. A., *York* on 30th (Lev Frid fide ONTBIRDS).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER - 1 at Ward's Island, TI on 1st (NMu,ICa) & 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 6th (DDe,TTPBRS).

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE - 11 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER - 3 at Peninsula D, LSS on 5th (DDe,TTPBRS) & 1 at 426 Valermo Dr, Etobicoke on 5th (AK fide ONTBIRDS).

ALDER FLYCATCHER - 1 at Ward's Island, TI on 1st (NMu,ICa) & 1 at West Beach, TI on 5th(NMu). 1 at HP on 2nd (SMF), 1 at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* on 7th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Humber Stn. Rd, S of Patterson, *Peel* on 14th (LF fide ONTBIRDS).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER - 2 at Hanlan's Point, TI on 5th (NMu) & 6 at Baselands, LSS on 6th (GC).

TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER - 8 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 2nd (DDe,TTPBRS).

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER - 7 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa) & 4 at Peninsula D, LSS on 6th (DDe,TTPBRS).

WESTERN KINGBIRD - 1 found at Reesor Rd S of Steeles @ 09:40hrs on 6th (JFa), was relocated further E at 11:00hrs (JFa,JCS, fide ONTBIRDS). It was found still further E (between 2nd and 3rd hydro towers in a deep gully) later that day @ 15:00hrs (GCarp,AEMA, fide ONTBIRDS), but not reported subsequently [No doc. seen].

EASTERN KINGBIRD - 9 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

WARBLING VIREO - 28 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

RED-EYED VIREO - 17 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

HORNED LARK - 1 AD-M at West Beach, TI on 1st & 1 JUV there on 5th (NMu).

PURPLE MARTIN - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 1st, 3 on 2nd & 1 on 7th (DDe,TTPBRS). 8 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 29th (DRuch fide DRBA).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW - 28 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa) & 15 at Hanlan's Point, TI on 5th (NMu).

BANK SWALLOW - Colony with 113 nests at the Lake at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 7th (GC).

CLIFF SWALLOW - 32 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

BARN SWALLOW - 150 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

* TUFTED TITMOUSE - 1 was seen at Hendrie Valley, *Halton* during the week ending on the 13th, 'Being seen regularly ... it most likely has nested'. A family was reported there during the week ending on the 27th, it appears that nesting was successful (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 1 at HP on 21st & 3 on 22nd (SMF).

CAROLINA WREN - 1 at LaSalle Park, *Halton* on 23rd (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

SEDGE WREN - 1 S of Tremaine Rd., Bronte Creek Prov. Park, *Halton* on 13th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER - 8 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa), 1 at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* on 7th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Glen Rouge Park on 19th (SMF). 7 reports from 2nd to 29th from HP with highs of 3 on 11th & 4 on 24th (SMF).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD - 2 at Long Sault C.A., *Durham* on 1st (D. Docherty fide DRBA), 2 (M & F) at Patterson SR, W of Hwy 50, *Peel* on 14th (LF fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Long Sault C.A., *Durham* on 20th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 6 (2 AD, 4 FY) at Kortright C. A., *York* on 30th (Lev Frid fide ONTBIRDS).

VEERY - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 7th (DDe,TTPBRS) & 1 at Finnerty SR W of Duffy's Lane, *Peel* on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH - 1 at Idleswift Dr, Thornhill, *York* on 2nd & 3rd (GDe fide ONTBIRDS), singing at 05:30h both days. 1 at Brookbanks Ravine on 20th (RJP,JI), sang about 20 times in early am.

WOOD THRUSH - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 7th (GC). 2 (1 AD, 1 FY) at HP on 26th (SMF).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD - In total, there were 129 reports this month, with 34 from *Toronto*, 71 from *York*, 5 from *Peel*, 19 from *Durham* and none from *Halton*. Fieldwork by RBHS and WP was reduced this season (accounting for the general lack of reports from *Peel* and *Halton*), but SCH followed up on some sites in Etobicoke, while Dave Ruch discovered for himself that there are quite a few to be found in Oshawa! Thanks to the other 7 observers who reported them this month: GCarp fide DRBA; GC; Petra Grass; RLau; NMu; FP; and DW.

BROWN THRASHER - 4 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

CEDAR WAXWING - 66 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER - 2 at Long Sault C.A., *Durham* on 1st (D. Docherty fide DRBA).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER - 1 singing M at Finnerty SR, W of Duffy's Lane, *Peel* & 2 at Humber Stn Rd & Patterson SR, *Peel* on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

BREWSTER'S WARBLER - 1 at Crow's Pass C.A., N of Brooklin, *Durham* on 7th (GCarp, Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS), 2nd generation Brewsters hybrid, with yellow crown, white breast, grey back and yellow wingbars.

TENNESSEE WARBLER - 1 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 1st (DDe,TTPBRS).

NASHVILLE WARBLER - 1 at Duffy's lane, N of Patterson, *Peel* on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

YELLOW WARBLER - 72 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER - 1 F at Peninsula D, LSS on 5th (DDe,TTPBRS).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd & on 6th (DDe,TTPBRS).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER - 1 at Duffy's Lane, N of Patterson, *Peel* on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

PINE WARBLER - 1 singing at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 7th (GC) & 1 at LaSalle Park, *Halton* on 23rd (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER - 6 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa) & 1 (singing) M at Hanlan's Point, TI on 5th (NMu). 8 at Peninsula D, LSS on 5th (DDe,TTPBRS), 1 M at HP on 5th (SMF) & 1 at 155 Ravenscroft Rd, Ajax, *Durham* on 6th (GCarp fide DRBA).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER - 1 at Duffy's Lane N of Patterson, *Peel* & at Finnerty SR, W of Duffy's Lane, *Peel* on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH - 1 at Duffy's Lane N of Patterson, *Peel* & at Finnerty SR, W of Duffy's Lane, *Peel* on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

MOURNING WARBLER - 1 at Duffy's Lane, 200m S of Patterson SR., *Peel* on 14th (LF fide ONTBIRDS), 4 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 15th (RPye fide DRBA), 2 at Long Sault C.A., *Durham* on 20th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 1 at Kortright C. A., *York* on 30th (Lev Frid fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT - 5 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

WILSON'S WARBLER - 16 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

SCARLET TANAGER - 1 at Purple Woods C.A., *Durham* on 20th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 1 at Burketon, *Durham* on 29th (RPye fide DRBA).

FIELD SPARROW - 3 at Long Sault C.A., *Durham* on 20th (DRuch fide DRBA).

VESPER SPARROW - 1 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 20th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 2 at Burketon, *Durham* on 29th (RPye fide DRBA).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW - 1 at Patterson SR, W of Hwy 50, *Peel* on 14th (LF fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 there on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

SONG SPARROW - 27 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW - 1 banded at Peninsula D, LSS on 6th (DDe,TTPBRS) was record late for this station.

INDIGO BUNTING - 2 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 20th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 3 (2 M, 1 F) at HP on 30th (SMF).

BOBOLINK - 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 7th (DDe,TTPBRS), 2 at Patterson SR, W of Hwy 50, *Peel* on 14th (LF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 M at Kleinburg Hydro Research Stn., *York* on 14th (RBHS,WP). 8 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 26th (DRuch fide DRBA).

WESTERN MEADOWLARK - 1 singing male was first reported at Patterson SR, W of Hwy 50 at Palgrave, *Peel* @ 19:30hrs on 7th (PNP fide ONTBIRDS). It was reported at this location on many days up to and including the 23rd (m.obs).

ORCHARD ORIOLE - A nest was found at LSS on 2nd, while waiting to do a CBC interview re: birding (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS on 3rd (DDe,TTPBRS), 1 F at Floral Maple Leaf area, HP on 2nd & 1 AD-M there on 11th (SMF). 1 M at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 12th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), 4 M along Waterfront Trail at Thickson's Point, *Durham* on 14th & 28th (RPye fide DRBA). 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 21st (RPye fide DRBA), 1 at Pumphouse Marsh, *Durham* on 23rd (DRuch fide DRBA) & 2 AD-M singing at Milne Cons. Area, Markham, *York* on 30th (DW).

BALTIMORE ORIOLE - 59 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa) & 23 on 5th (NMu).

PURPLE FINCH - 4 (2 pairs) at Ballantrae Golf Club, *York* on 9th (FP) & 2 at Patterson SR, W of Hwy 50, *Peel* on 14th (LF fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at Duffy's Lane N of Patterson, *Peel* & 2 at Finnerty SR W of Duffy's Lane, *Peel* on 16th (NMu,ICa, fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH - 24 at TI on 1st (NMu,ICa).



Western Meadowlark at Patterson SR, Palgrave, *Peel*, 14 June 2008. This bird was easily identified by its persistent, liquid song. Also, plumage features such as a completely yellow malar, more white along the flanks, and limited white on the outer tail feathers, are additional supportive field marks. *Photo © Winnie Poon.*

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NOTE

The status of Baird's Sandpiper as a spring migrant in the Greater Toronto Area

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Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*) undertakes one of the longest and most rapid migrations of any North American bird species, travelling up to 15,000 kilometres in spring in as little as five weeks (O'Brien *et al.* 2006). It migrates from its southern South American wintering grounds (from Ecuador and southern Brazil to southern Chile and Argentina), overflying much of Central America, and up through a narrow corridor of the Great Plains and Canadian Prairies (staying to the west of both the Mississippi watershed and Hudson Bay), on the way to its breeding grounds on the sparsely-vegetated dry tundra habitat of the High Arctic (from the Chukotski Peninsula of eastern Siberia, across all of the Canadian Arctic islands, to northwestern Greenland).

Baird's Sandpiper is mainly an insectivore, and northbound migrants favour grasslands, flooded pastures, prairies, rice and alfalfa fields, and alpine tundra meadows, earning it the reputation as a "grasspiper" (Moskoff and Montgomerie 2002).

Spring sightings of adult Baird's Sandpipers away from their central flyway migratory corridor are quite rare. Migrants appear in the Great Plains states from mid-March to mid-May, often staging for a period before heading to their Arctic breeding grounds (Moskoff and Montgomerie 2002). They typically arrive on territory at their breeding grounds from late May to early June (Parmelee *et al.* 1967).

Fleming (1906) did not list any spring records or specimens for Baird's Sandpiper in the Toronto area. James (1991) considered Baird's Sandpiper to be a *rare spring migrant* in Ontario between mid-April and early June. Curry (2006) characterized it as an *extremely rare spring transient*, listing only seven records from the Hamilton area between 12 April and 8 June. Tozer and Richards (1974) considered it a *rare spring transient* in the Oshawa-Scugog area, citing only four records between 16 May and 3 June. Speirs (1977) listed it as a *rare spring migrant*, noting only six records from Pickering to Whitby between 16 May and 3 June. Goodwin (1988) notably mentioned it only in the context of fall migration, citing no spring records at all for Toronto. At Presqu'île Provincial Park, LaForest (1993) considered it a *rare spring migrant*, citing eight spring records between 4 May and 12 June. In the Kingston region, Weir (1989) considered it a *rare and irregular spring migrant*, citing records in only six years, spanning dates ranging from 8 to 31 May.

Baird's Sandpiper is clearly a very rare spring migrant in southern Ontario. In 50 years of very active birding in our area, Jim Baillie only saw a single Baird's Sandpiper in spring. In 35+ years of birding in southern Ontario, I have only seen a lone Baird's Sandpiper in spring (by comparison, I have seen more Wilson's Plovers and Curlew Sandpipers in Ontario in spring in that time!). The majority of long-time birders in our area have never seen a Baird's Sandpiper locally in spring.

In the database of the Toronto Ornithological Club, there are 22 reports of spring occurrences of Baird's Sandpiper in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Some of these involve known or suspected misidentifications, and others have little details upon which to make any substantive determination. I have provided a list of those 15 reports (Table 1) which I feel likely involved genuine spring records of Baird's Sandpiper in the GTA. This is simply based on my own personal assessment of the merits of individual reports, and may overestimate the true number of accurate records. None of the records involve specimens, and only one record involves photographic evidence. The remaining records lack any written description, or much else in the way of documentation.

It would appear clear that very few adult Baird's Sandpipers are found in the GTA in spring migration. There are no records prior to 1956. Only one record involves more than a single bird, and no records involve

flocks of birds. Occurrences are not even close to annual, and gaps of more than a decade between spring sightings are not unusual. The present range of dates of occurrence spans the period 16 May to 9 June.

Table 1. Spring records of Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*) in the Greater Toronto Area

Location	Date	Number of birds	Observer(s)
Cranberry Marsh [Durham]	18 May 1956	1	Naomi LeVay
Cranberry Marsh [Durham]	17 May 1958	1	Naomi LeVay
Pickering [Durham]	3 June 1958	1	Don Perks
Whitby Harbour [Durham]	3 June 1961	1	Gordon Giles, J. Murray Speirs
Whitby Harbour [Durham]	31 May 1964	1	Edgerton Pegg
Cranberry Marsh [Durham]	16 May 1969	1	James L. Baillie, Naomi LeVay
Humber Bay Park [Toronto]	19 May 1984	1	Bruce D. Parker
Pickering [Durham]	21 May 1984	2	Phill Holder
Leslie St. Spit [Toronto]	22 May 1992	1	Greg Sadowski
Nonquon Sewage Lagoons [Durham]	28 May 1993	1	Patrick Stepien-Scanlon
Darlington Provincial Park [Durham]	9 June 1994	1	Michael McEvoy, Rayfield Pye
Leslie St. Spit [Toronto]	20 May 1996	1	Larry Morse
Leslie St. Spit [Toronto]	9 June 1996	1	Hugh Currie, Norm Murr, Glenn Coady, Craig S.A. McLauchlan
Nonquon Sewage Lagoons [Durham]	17 May 2008	1 Represents the only GTA spring record with material evidence (photos)	Brian Henshaw, Jean Iron, Ron Pittaway, James Kamstra
Darlington Provincial Park [Durham]	27 May 2008	1	Tyler Hoar

What factors may contribute to an over-reporting of Baird's Sandpiper in the GTA in spring? I believe the most prevalent reason is the unfamiliarity of inexperienced observers with its rare status as a spring migrant in our area (and hence a lack of sufficient scrutiny). Another factor that undoubtedly leads to its over-reporting is simply the unfamiliarity of eastern North American observers with the breeding plumage of Baird's Sandpiper. Unless observers have spent a lot of time at migration spots on the Great Plains or on the High Arctic breeding grounds, most Ontario birders have little experience with adult Baird's Sandpipers in breeding plumage. Additionally, observers probably underestimate the possibility of mistaking the adult Semipalmated Sandpiper for Baird's Sandpiper. Despite the size difference between the two species, differences in their bill structure, their primary length, and the presence or absence or partially webbed toes, solitary birds may present difficulty, particularly when other species are not available for comparison. Godfrey (1986) is one of the few authors that pointed out the striking similarity of the breeding plumages of Baird's Sandpiper and Semipalmated Sandpiper, a dilemma which observers first seeing the two species together in the Arctic quickly learn to appreciate. The separation of Baird's Sandpiper from the similarly-sized White-rumped Sandpiper in breeding plumage, although fairly straightforward, can also present challenges in birds that are not seen under ideal conditions.

In the future, the growing trend toward digiscoping should provide for the possibility of additional spring records of Baird's Sandpiper in the GTA that are supported by good material evidence. Like specimens, these will serve to provide a more solid basis upon which future authors may re-evaluate the historical records.

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