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Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*)

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Pair of Virginia Rails performing courtship preening. Photo was taken north of Wiarton, *Bruce County*, Ontario, on 25 May 2008.

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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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This **Trumpeter Swan** was photographed at Holland Landing Sewage Lagoons, York, on 22 May 2010. It shows an atypical diffuse yellow patch on the bill, but according to Harry Lumsden this is within the range of variation occasionally encountered. This bird, a male, was originally tagged (as 099) on 26 November 2006 and has a history of sightings from the Aurora/Newmarket area.
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BRANT - 22 flying W at Thickson's Bay, *Durham* on 15th (GC) & 1 at Ben Machree Park, *Peel* on 21st (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS). 70 (flocks 50, 20) flying over at CSSP @ 20:30hrs on 21st (Jack Alvo fide ONTBIRDS) & 27 at L. Ontario off Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 22nd (BH).

CANADA GOOSE - 3 (1 AD, 2 downy) at 126 Select Ave (E end) on 1st (RBHS). First fledged young seen this year.

TRUMPETER SWAN - 1 on nest at Kortright C.A. *York* on 2nd (Lev Frid, photo on Flickr). 2 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 4th (DEP fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 seen again there on 24th (RBHS), both had tags but could not read them. 1 at Holland Landing S.L., *York* on 22nd (RBHS,WP), wing tag # C24. This bird had an unusual mottled yellow patch symmetric on both sides of bill, see photo. 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 30th, 'still no Mute Swans in the marsh since the 2 Trumpeters killed one a few weeks ago' (THo).

WOOD DUCK - 25 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW), most fairly tame having been hatched here and used to people. 6 (5 M, 1 F) on 6th, 10 M on 9th & 10 (2M, 1F, 7 FY) at HP on 27th (SMF). 16 at Holland Landing S.L., *York* on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 18 (1M, 3F, 14 yng) there on 28th (FP). 2 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 4th (DEP fide ONTBIRDS), 7 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 9th (AA) & 23 (1 F, 22 FY) at Ravenshoe Road Floodlands, *York* on 29th (WP). 5 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 4th, 38 on 7th & 51 there on 30th (THo).

GADWALL - 43 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 30th (THo).

AMERICAN WIGEON - 1 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW), 1 M at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 15th (RBHS) & 2 there on 30th (THo).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 30th (THo).

MALLARD - 94 at Ravenshoe Road Floodlands, *York* on 29th (RBHS,WP) & 478 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 30th (THo).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL - 4 (2 pairs) at Reesor-Old Finch Pond & 2 (pair) at Pearse House Pond, Rouge Park on 1st (RBHS). 4 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 4th (DEP fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 22nd (Andreas Jonsson fide MHC, fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN SHOVELER - 14 at Holland Landing S.L., *York* on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 M there on 28th (FP). 2 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW).

NORTHERN PINTAIL - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 30th (THo).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL - 32 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 7th & 6 there on 30th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 2 (pair) at Jim's Pond, McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res., *Durham* on 15th (RBHS), 1 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 22nd (Andreas Jonsson fide MHC, fide ONTBIRDS) & 6 at Holland Landing S.L., *York* on 28th (FP).

CANVASBACK - 2 at Bluffer's Park on 3rd (anon fide OUTON). 11 reports from TI beginning with 9 (4 M, 5 F) at Trout Pond on 2nd (AA), high counts of 14 on 6th (NMu,MVL), 24 (12 pairs) on 11th (Skip Shand,MM, fide ONTBIRDS), 16 on 15th (NMu,MVL,Peter McParland) & last report was of 2 (pair) at Trout Pond on 25th (NMu,MVL).

RING-NECKED DUCK - 4 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (JWi,BKa) & 3 there on 9th (AA). 1 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 14th (JKa fide DRBA).

LESSER SCAUP - 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (JWi,BKa).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - 7 at L. Ontario off Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 4th & 42 at Bonniebrae Pt. Oshawa, *Durham* @ 08:45hrs on 7th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 11 at CSSP on 13th (BPB fide OUTON), 15 on 22nd (JWi,BKa) & 20 on 26th (MHC fide ONTBIRDS). 21 at Thickson's Point, *Durham* on 25th (CSAM).

LONG-TAILED DUCK - 2 at Western Spit, CSSP on 16th (RBHS) & 7 at Pipit Point (SE Tip), LSS on 23rd (RBHS).

BUFFLEHEAD - 2 (M & F) at Pearse House Pond, Rouge Park & 2 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 1st (RBHS). 1 at CSSP on 8th (AK fide ONTBIRDS) & 5 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 9th (AA) & 2 at Darlington P. P., *Durham* on 15th (RBHS). 3 at Trout Pond, TI on 10th & 15th (NMu,MVL,Peter McParland).

COMMON GOLDENEYE - 2 at Bonniebrae Pt. Oshawa, *Durham* on 7th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 21st (GCarp fide DRBA).

HOODED MERGANSER - 6 reports from 4th to 20th of 1 M at Wards Is, TI (NMu,MVL).

COMMON MERGANSER - 2 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER - 23 at Thickson's Bay, *Durham* & 54 at L. Ontario off Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 15th (RBHS). 2 at CSSP on 22nd (JBMW,SMF).

RUDDY DUCK - 4 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (JWi,BKa) & 1 on 20th (RPye fide DRBA). 1 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 14th (JKa fide DRBA). 1 F at Reesor Pond, *York* on 24th (SLo fide ONTBIRDS), 28th (FP) & on 30th (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT - 1 heard at Humber Arboretum @ 09:55hrs on 2nd (RBHS).

RUFFED GROUSE - 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 28th (FP).

WILD TURKEY - 1 heard at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 F at W bank, Humber Marshes Area on 4th (Bill Halliday fide OUTON). 1 at Island Airport, TI on 8th (DBe, photo on Flickr).

RED-THROATED LOON - 1 at Bonniebrae Pt. Oshawa, *Durham* on 7th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 21st (GCarp fide DRBA). 2 at Thickson's Point, *Durham* on 25th (CSAM) & 2 flying E at HBP [W] @ 19:20hrs on 25th (AA).

COMMON LOON - 4 flying over HP on 2nd (GCam fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Port Perry, *Durham* on 5th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 39 at Bonniebrae Pt. Oshawa, *Durham* on 7th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at Thicksons Point, *Durham* on 8th (AA) & 8 there on 25th (CSAM). 9 at CSSP on 22nd (JBMW,SMF) & 5 on 26th (MHC fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Lake Wilcox, *York* on 27th (Kirsten Martyn fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 on 28th (FP).

PIED-BILLED GREBE - 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (GCarp fide DRBA) & on 20th (RPye fide DRBA). 2 at Cook's Bay (S End), *York* on 28th (FP).

HORNED GREBE - 1 at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* on 24th (RZD,& fide HBGG) & 1 (alternate) at Tip, LSS on 29th (OFO,JRC, fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-NECKED GREBE - Nest with 2 eggs at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 1st (GRE fide ONTBIRDS), attached to a plastic float (likely a boat fender), just E of the picnic dock. No tires had been put out yet. 1 at CSSP on 8th (AK fide ONTBIRDS), 7 on 14th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 on 22nd (JBMW,SMF). 2 were seen there on 23rd (JI). This pair had a nest with 3 eggs on an artificial floating platform; nest destroyed by pair of Mute Swans. Later they began rebuilding the nest (photos on her website) & on 25th the pair was seen copulating on nesting platform (JI).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN - 1 (flying E) at East Point Park on 15th [No doc. seen] (MAK,Theresa McKenzie (finder), fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at L.Scugog N of King Bay Estates, *Durham* on 28th (DBar fide DRBA). [No doc. seen for either report].

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT - 300 flying over at TI on 1st & 350 flying over there, with many carrying nesting material on 6th (NMu,MVL). 10 at Cook's Bay (S End), *York* on 28th (FP).

AMERICAN BITTERN - 1 at East Point Park on 1st (MAK fide ONTBIRDS).

LEAST BITTERN - 1 at Baselands, LSS on 11st (NMCh).

GREAT BLUE HERON - 54 nests at Bruce Street Heronry, *York* on 22nd (RBHS,WP), probably not all in use but many with birds on them. First reported in 2010, but may have started in 2009. Perhaps most birds moved from the nearby Holland R. Mouth Heronry, but at least one active nest remained there on 22nd (RBHS,WP): saw AD feeding a small young -distant view scanning from Beeg Park, Keswick (Young's Harbour). 31 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 30th (THo).

GREAT EGRET - 1 at East Point Park on 1st & 2 on 3rd (MAK fide ONTBIRDS). 1 seen from Rosetta McClain Gardens on 3rd (Walter Fisher fide OUTON), 2 at CCIW-Centre for Inland Waters, *Halton* on 7th (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 (unbanded) at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at TI on 6th & 10th (NMu,MVL), 2 there on 14th (AA). 6 birds (5 nests) at Peninsula C, LSS on 23rd (RBHS,WP), in with Black-crowned Night-Heron nests on edge of colony. The Black-crowned Night-Herons have been pushed E by expanding Double-crested Cormorants, killing trees on outer part of the peninsula. At least 3 birds seemed to be incubating; not sure about the other 2 nests. 1 at Thickson's Point, *Durham* on 25th (CSAM).



Great Egret at the nesting colony on Peninsula C, Leslie Street Spit, *Toronto*, 14 May 2010. © Winnie Poon.

LITTLE BLUE HERON - 1 (breeding plum.) AD at South Platform, Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 9th was first seen @ 08:00hrs (RPye fide MJCB, fide ONTBIRDS). It spent most of the day in the cattails, hiding from the cold wind but was seen again that day @ 10:25hrs (AK fide ONTBIRDS), @13:25hrs (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & @ 17:10hrs (DVW fide ONTBIRDS). It was last reported there @ 11:30hrs on 10th (HC fide ONTBIRDS) after a wait of 2 hrs before it showed itself. [No doc. seen for any of these reports].

GREEN HERON - 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (GCarp fide DRBA).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - 1 at Mouth of Joshua Creek, *Peel* 08:15hrs on 24th (RBHS) & 1 at Ajax, *Durham* on 31st (GCarp fide DRBA).

DARK IBIS SP. - 1 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* @ 20:55hrs on 22nd (Andreas Jonsson fide MHC, fide ONTBIRDS), made a large circle and lost in dim light.

BLACK VULTURE - 1 AD at 10049 Yonge St, Richmond Hill, *York* @ 10:29hrs on 31st [No doc. seen] (NMu fide ONTBIRDS), was seen from a bus. It was perched in dead tree about 2 blocks N of Major Mackenzie; not there at 12:30h.

TURKEY VULTURE - 5 flying over at TI on 10th](NMu,MVL,Peter McParland) & 1 at Courtneypark & Edwards, *Peel* on 30th (RBHS). 7 at Teston & Cranston Park, *York* on 30th (RBHS), on/around an old barn (now abandoned) about 200m N of Teston Rd.

OSPREY - 2 (pair) actively nest building on the cell tower at Yonge & Stouffville Rd., *York* on 4th, on the 11th the pair were seen & F appeared to be laying or incubating eggs, with M in close attendance. First nest had been destroyed in late April (PNP). 1 adult was seen there on the nest on 22nd (RBHS,WP). 2 (@ nest platform) at Westside Marsh, *Durham* on 13rd (Jim Yaki fide ONTBIRDS), 1 on nest at Bruce St. Marsh, *York* on 22nd (RBHS,WP) & 1 near nest at Boag Road Tower, *York* on 22nd (RBHS,WP). 1 on nest platform at N End Bathurst Street, *York* on 22nd (RBHS,WP), 2 at Lake Wilcox, *York* on 27th (Kirsten Martyn fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at Cook's Bay (S End), *York* on 28th (FP) & 2 at 9th Line N of Aurora Rd., *York* on 28th (FP). 4 at Best Asia Farms, Ravenshoe Flats, *York* on 29th (RBHS,WP), nest on platform about 400m W of Best Asia Farms, but could not determine if active.

BALD EAGLE - 2 (pair and nest) at Holland R. Mouth Heronry, *York* on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Burlington Beachstrip, *Halton* on 2nd (Cody Law fide ONTBIRDS). 1 IMM at Lake Wilcox, *York* on 27th (Kirsten Martyn fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 IMM at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 30th (THo).

NORTHERN HARRIER - 3 at Ravenshoe Flats, *York* on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 (M & F) there on 29th (RBHS,WP), probably nesting in the large cattail marsh at S end of old Yonge St. 1 at TI on 16th (AA).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK - 1 at Shell Park, *Halton* on 15th (Cody Law fide ONTBIRDS).

COOPER'S HAWK - 1 IMM at HP on 1st, 5th, 14th & 15th, 2 AD there on 27th (SMF). 2 (nesting pair) at Morningside Park throughout the month (RLau), high nest in tall White Pine on the S side Ellesmere, 200m E of Neilson Rd. 2 (AD-M, 2Y-F) at nest at Pine Point Park on 2nd (MK fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at TI on 4th (NMu,MVL), 1 on 16th (AA) & 1 on 23rd (Mathieu Siol fide OUTON). 1 at Harvey's, Yonge St., Richmond Hill, *York* on 8th (RBHS), 1 F at Trinity-Bellwoods Park on 17th (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON) & 1 adult seen on nest there on 21st (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON). 1 at Bathurst & Wellington, Aurora, *York* on 22nd (RBHS,WP).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK - 1 heard at Happy Valley Forests (N end of 7th Conc.), *York* @ 08:00hrs on 28th, in response to Barred Owl imitations (FP). Another 1 heard in Happy Valley Forests @ 10:00hrs, was presumably a bird from the territory at W end of 17th SR (FP).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK - 1 at E of Keele St, *York* on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

MERLIN - 1 at Port Perry, *Durham* on 5th (DRuch fide DRBA) & 1 at Hwy 25 S of Milton, *Halton* on 24th (Cody Law fide ONTBIRDS). 1 M or F were seen almost daily throughout the month at Newton Dr, Willowdale (DW).

PEREGRINE FALCON - 2 at Central Park, Etobicoke (S of Bloor St) on 1st (SCH) in aerial combat with much vocalizing. Nest with 3 young at Sun Life Financial Centre (Bloor & Islington) on 9th (SCH); web cam was still inoperable. 2 at Hanlan's Point, TI on 13th (NMu). 1 at Yonge & Finch @ 19:50hrs on 18th (RBHS), landed on NE-facing balcony at 17th floor level of offices at Yonge & Hendon Ave. This individual was seen again there @ 07:50hrs on 19th (RBHS).

VIRGINIA RAIL - 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (JWi,BKa) & 4 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 9th, flipping over leaves at base of South platform (AA).

SORA - 2 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (JWi,BKa) & on 9th (AA).

COMMON MOORHEN - 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (GCarp fide DRBA) & on 20th (RPye fide DRBA).

AMERICAN COOT - 1 at Cook's Bay (S End), *York* on 28th (FP).

SANDHILL CRANE - 1 over Walkers Line & Hwy 407, *Halton* on 4th (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 over Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 22nd (MJCB,BH). 3 (2 AD, 1 FY) at Ravenshoe Flats, *York* on 23rd (BB,SM) were seen on a dyke at S end of Yonge St. [Documented]. **FIRST CONFIRMED breeding for York R.M. (and hence GTA).** 2 there on 24th (Irving Himel fide FP) when several good photos were obtained of one of the adults, at the W end of the dyke running E-W to Holland River. Also on 24th, photo-documentation of the adults and chick was obtained (KRS). 3 (2 AD, 1 FY) seen there (same dyke, near the Holland River) @ 08:20hrs on 29th (RBHS,WP,Marshall Folk); the small downy young reached about 'knee' height of AD. It was basically orange-brown, downy; clearly not flying yet. Birds moved N and hid in vegetation.



One of the nesting **Sandhill Cranes** observed foraging on agricultural land at Ravenshoe Flats, Holland Marsh, *York*, 29 May 2010.
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BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 1st, 5th & 7th (GCarp; THo fide DRBA), 36 on 26th (GCarp fide DRBA), 20 on 28th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 36 there on 30th (THo). 1 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 15th (SLo fide ONTBIRDS) & on 31st (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS). 9 at Endikement, LSS on 29th (OFO,JRC, fide ONTBIRDS).

SEMPALMATED PLOVER - 1 at West Beach, TI on 13th (NMu), 5 at Darlington P. P., *Durham* on 15th (RBHS) & 4 at Carruthers Creek Marsh, *Durham* on 18th (DW fide DRBA). 1 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 15th (RBHS), 10 on 23rd (SLo fide ONTBIRDS), 1 on 28th (FP) & 3 there on 31st (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 9 on 22nd (Andreas Jonsson fide MHC, fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Ravenshoe Road Floodlands, *York* on 22nd (RBHS,WP), 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 26th (GCarp fide DRBA) & 15 there on 28th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER - 2 at Pearse House Pond, Rouge Park on 1st (RBHS). A nest with 4 eggs at CSSP on 15th (WER,&, fide ONTBIRDS) & 9 at TI on 15th (NMu,MVL,Peter McParland).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER - 7 reports from 2nd to 22nd of single birds, 3 at Valley Inn, *Halton* on 6th (Ken Newcombe fide ONTBIRDS) & 8 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS - 1 at Ravenshoe Road Floodlands, *York* on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & on 22nd (RBHS,WP). 3 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (GCarp fide DRBA), 1 at Carruthers Creek Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd & 3 there on 7th (DW fide DRBA). 2 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 2nd (JKa fide DRBA), 2 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel*

on 6th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 (v. late) at Holland Landing S.L., *York* on 28th (FP). 1 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 8th (RBHS) & on 30th (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

WILLET - 11 flying W at Sheldon Creek Park, Bronte, *Halton* @ 10:00hrs on 2nd (Dave Don fide ONTBIRDS) & 11 flying W at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* @ 18:10hrs on 2nd (CTB fide ONTBIRDS) were probably the same birds as seen at Oakville earlier. 7 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* @ 12:30hrs on 2nd (Dan Kaczynski fide JDL, fide ONTBIRDS) were on a sandbar off the mouth of Lynde Creek, and were also seen later that day (Lev Frid, Kyle Holloway, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Sunnyside on 13th (Ed Wugalthier fide ONTBIRDS). [No doc. seen for any of these reports].

LESSER YELLOWLEGS - On the 1st there were 2 at Ravenshoe Road Floodlands, *York* (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* (GCarp fide DRBA). 13 at Carruthers Creek Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd & 102 there on 7th (DW fide DRBA). 15 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 2nd (JKa fide DRBA), 9 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 6th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 130 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

WHIMBREL - 2 seen and photographed at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* on 12th (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS) were record early for the Hamilton area.

At CSSP there were 8 on 20th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 20 on 22nd (JBMW, SMF) & 624 made up the total during a 14 hour watch on 23rd (TOC fide WER, fide ONTBIRDS). Only 48 were seen for the day (all during first and last hour of observations) on 24th (TOC fide WER, fide ONTBIRDS). 618 (in 19 groups) on 28th (WER, TOC, fide ONTBIRDS), seen between 06:00 and 12:00h, with all except 43 between 06:00-07:15. The last report from CSSP was of 196 (in 7 flocks) seen between 06:00-12:00h on 29th (TOC, WER, fide ONTBIRDS).

150 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 21st (GCarp fide DRBA), 27 on 22nd (BH, C. Adey) & 2 there on 28th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA).

180 at LSS on 23rd (PNP fide ONTBIRDS), in 4 flocks between 06:00 and 08:00h: 2 groups of 50 at 06:00h (heard from Peninsula D); then about 20 at 07:00h; then 60 at 08:00h; all casual observations while warbler-watching. 19 at Cell #1, LSS @ 13:30hrs on 23rd (RBHS); flock flew over, circled a few times; rather wary before and for few minutes after landing. One had radio antenna and pale green leg flag (AYN) on L leg, with yellow band above; metal band on R leg and was the only marked one in this flock. Another report around the same time was of 30 at Cell #2, LSS @ 13:30hrs on 23rd (anon fide OUTON), and included a photo of some in flight, showing the bird with the radio antenna. 85 at Endikement, LSS on 29th (OFO, JRC, fide ONTBIRDS); at 16:00h a flock of 55 flew in and joined 30 already there.

Other sightings were 4 at Sheldon Creek Park, Bronte, *Halton* on 21st (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS), 40 at Darlington P. P., *Durham* on 22nd (BH), 20 at HP on 22nd (SMF), 75-80 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* @ 12:00hrs on 22nd (DEP), 55 (in 3 flocks) at East Point Park on 23rd (MAK fide ONTBIRDS), 68 at HBP [W] @ 19:20hrs on 25th (AA), 3 at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* on 29th (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS) & 8 at Westside Marsh, *Durham* on 31st (Heather Pankhurst, Denby Sadler, fide ONTBIRDS).

RUDDY TURNSTONE - 1 at Farre Is., *Halton* on 16th (CEE fide HBGG). 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 26th (GCarp fide DRBA) & 5 there on 28th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA). 80 (flocks 35, 45) at CSSP on 28th (WER, TOC, fide ONTBIRDS).

SANDERLING - 1 at West Beach, TI on 15th (NMu, MVL, Peter McParland) & 37 at CSSP on 28th (WER, TOC, fide ONTBIRDS).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER - 13 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 22nd (RBHS, WP) & 24 there on 30th (SLo fide ONTBIRDS). 5 at Ravenshoe Road Floodlands, *York* on 22nd (RBHS, WP), 15 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 28th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 139 there on 30th (THo).

LEAST SANDPIPER - 5 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 3rd (SLo) & 3 on 15th (RBHS). 4 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 6th, 7 on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 20 there on 22nd (Andreas Jonsson fide MHC, fide ONTBIRDS). 5 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 8th (THo fide DRBA), 40 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 14th (JKa fide DRBA) & 22 at Carruthers Creek Marsh, *Durham* on 18th (DW fide DRBA). 3 at Bay D, LSS on 25th (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON) & 38 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 30th (THo).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER - 1 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 2nd (JKa fide DRBA). 3 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 6th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS).

DUNLIN - 7 at Ravenshoe Road Floodlands, *York* on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 1st, 100 on 26th (GCarp fide DRBA), 25 on 28th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 80 there on 30th (THo). 1 at Carruthers Creek Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (DW fide DRBA), 2 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 14th (JKa fide DRBA), 13 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 18th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 9 there on 22nd (Andreas Jonsson fide MHC, fide ONTBIRDS). 7 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 23rd (SLo fide ONTBIRDS), 30 at CSSP on 26th (MHC fide

ONTBIRDS) & 535 (flocks 500, 35) at CSSP on 28th (WER, TOC, fide ONTBIRDS).

STILT SANDPIPER - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 30th (THo).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 4th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 7 there on 22nd (BH, C. Adey). 8 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 15th & 1 there on 23rd (SLo fide ONTBIRDS). 8 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 16th (Dan Kaczynski, J. McKnight, fide DRBA), 10 at Carruthers Creek Marsh, *Durham* on 18th (DW fide DRBA) & 1 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 22nd (Andreas Jonsson fide MHC, fide ONTBIRDS).

WILSON'S SNIPER - 1 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 30th (RPye fide DRBA).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK - 4 at Hanlan's Point, *TI* on 23rd & 1 at Baselands, *LSS* on 24th (AA).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE - 2 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 2nd (JKa fide DRBA). 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 4th, 1 on 5th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 on 7th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 2 (1 M, 1 F) at Reesor Pond, *York* on 4th & 1 F there on 6th & 8th (SLo fide ONTBIRDS). 1 M at Ravenshoe Road Floodlands, *York* on 22nd (RBHS, WP).

BONAPARTE'S GULL - 254 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 7th & only 1 still there on 30th (THo). 437 at Bonniebrae Pt. Oshawa, *Durham* on 7th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 500 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 8th (THo fide DRBA). 1840 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 9th & 23 on 15th (THo fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Baselands, *LSS* on 24th (AA).

LITTLE GULL - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 1st, 11 on 4th, 2 on 5th, 13 on 7th (GCarp ; THo fide DRBA) & 2 still there on 22nd (BH, C. Adey). 4 at Bonniebrae Pt. Oshawa, *Durham* on 7th, 12 at Darlington P. P., *Durham* on 9th & 1 there on 15th (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

ICELAND GULL - 1 at HP on 15th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS).

GLAUCOUS GULL - 1 at Rotary Park, *Ajax*, *Durham* on 21st (GCarp fide DRBA).

CASPIAN TERN - 11 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 11 on 15th (RBHS). 1 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street, *York* on 22nd (RBHS, WP), 2 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 22nd (Andreas Jonsson fide MHC, fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Ravenshoe Flats, *York* on 29th (RBHS, WP).

BLACK TERN - 1 at Toronto Harbour on 11th (Skip Shand, MM, fide ONTBIRDS), 100 at Nonquon S.L., *Durham* on 16th (Dan Kaczynski, J. McKnight, fide DRBA), 2 at East Point Park on 23rd (MAK fide ONTBIRDS) & 20 at Cook's Bay (S End), *York* on 28th (FP).

COMMON TERN - 35 at Trout Pond, *TI* on 1st, 50 on 4th, 35 on 6th & 50 on 10th (NMu, MVL). 14 at Endikement, *LSS* on 23rd (RBHS), some birds seemed territorial (attacking) along outer edge of Endikement (mid-section), but no nests found. 123 at Cell #1, *LSS* on 23rd (RBHS), on/around the island in Cell 1. Some seemed to have started nests (poss. incubating); others making scrapes or still selecting sites?

FORSTER'S TERN - 4 at Cook's Bay (S End), *York* @ 13:00hrs on 28th [No doc seen] (FP).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO - 1 at Baselands, *LSS* on 2nd (Anthony Glenesk fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 5th (GC) & 1 at Sherwood Forest Park, *Halton* on 14th (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at HRF - Currie Tract, *Halton* on 23rd (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 on 24th (RZD, & fide HBGG) & 1 there on 29th (AA). 1 at Happy Valley Forests, *York* on 28th (FP).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO - 1 heard at West Deane Park on 2nd (GVR fide ONTBIRDS), 4 at East Point Park on 7th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Ravenscroft Rd, *Ajax*, *Durham* on 7th (GCarp fide DRBA). 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 15th, 3 on 16th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 28th (FP).

GREAT HORNED OWL - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* @ 10:00hrs on 15th (m. obs, RBHS).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK - 1 at The Meadow, Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 1st (DBar fide GC) was one of the earliest all-time GTA records. Other unusually early records were 2 at Riverside Road, Old Mill @ 07:45hrs on 4th (AA) & 1 at Rotary Park, *Ajax*, *Durham* on 5th (GCarp fide DRBA). More typical first dates were 1 at CSSP @ 21:00hrs on 21st (Jack Alvo fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Richmond Heights Plaza, *York* on 24th (NMu), which was his first sighting in Richmond Hill since moving there in 1973.

CHIMNEY SWIFT - Early reports were of 1 at Hanlan's Point, TI on 2nd (AA) & 1 at Port Perry, *Durham* on 5th (DRuch fide DRBA). 400 at TI on 6th, 125 on 10th, 35 on 13th, 250 on 15th & 50 there on 17th (NMu,&).

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD - 1 at Ravenscroft Rd, Ajax, *Durham* on 7th (GCarp fide DRBA), 2 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 at TI on 15th (NMu,MVL,Peter McParland). 1 F collecting spider webs for nest (not located) at Happy Valley Forests, *York* on 28th (FP).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER - Singles at Gibraltar Point, TI on 1st (NMu,MVL), HP on 15th (AA) & at Cannington, *Durham* on 21st (GCarp fide DRBA).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER - 1 at Rosetta McClain Gardens on 3rd & 13th (Walter Fisher fide OUTON). 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (anon fide DRBA) & 1 on 22nd (MJCB,BH). Other singles at Lambton Woods on 8th (DEB,JBMW), Newton Dr, Willowdale on 14th (DW), at HP on 16th (SMF), at LSS on 29th (OFO,JRC, fide ONTBIRDS) & at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 30th (RPye fide DRBA).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER - 1 at TI on 10th & 20th (NMu,MVL). 2 at Happy Valley Forests, *York* on 28th (FP).

PILEATED WOODPECKER - 1 at Happy Valley Forests, *York* & 1 heard at Holland Landing S.L., *York* on 28th (FP).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER - Singles at Riverwood Park, Erindale, *Peel* on 15th (Reuven Martin fide ONTBIRDS) & Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 20th (anon fide DRBA) & on 29th (GC). 1 at German Mills Park, *York* on 26th (DW) & 1 at HP on 31st (SMF).

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE - 6 at TI on 15th, 10 on 17th, 10 on 20th & 7 on 25th (NMu,MVL,).

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 18th (RPye fide DRBA) & on 29th (GC). 1 at Baselands, LSS on 24th (AA).

ALDER FLYCATCHER - 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 22nd (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 28th (FP). 1 (calling) at Ward's Island, TI on 25th (NMu,MVL).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER - 1 at TI on 1st (NMu,MVL), 8 on 23rd (AA) & 2 there on 28th (NMu). 1 at CSSP on 22nd (JWi,BKa). 12 at Baselands, LSS on 24th [No doc. seen] (AA), this would be a new record high count, if documented. [Previous high was 10, also at LSS, on 28 May 2006]

LEAST FLYCATCHER - 2 at East Point Park on 1st (MAK fide ONTBIRDS). 10 reports from TI beginning with 1 on 1st (NMu,MVL), numbers gradually increased to highs of 30 on 16th (AA) & 24 on 20th (NMu,MVL), last report was of 12 on 24th (NMu,MVL). 1 at HP on 2nd (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at CSSP on 4th & 5th (SMF) & 2 at Cool Hollow, McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res., *Durham* on 5th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Baselands, LSS on 23rd (RBHS), where an almost complete nest was found at 13m height in a 20m Cottonwood, with 2 small dead branches supporting the nest beside the main trunk.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER - 1 at CSSP on 1st & 6th (SMF). Singles at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 7th (RLau), Lambton Woods on 8th (DEB,JBMW) & at HP on 10th (SMF). 1 at TI on 5th (AA), 2 on 10th, 5 on 15th, 5 on 19th, 6 on 20th & 13 there on 25th (NMu,MVL), 4 at Jokers Hill Stables, *York* on 28th (FP).

EASTERN KINGBIRD - Singles at Christ the King Cemetery (Reesor Rd & Steeles), *York* on 1st (RBHS), Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (Lev Frid,& fide ONTBIRDS), Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 2nd (JWi,BKa) & at SE corner, Hwy 2 & Lakeridge, *Durham* on 3rd (JKa fide DRBA). 1 at TI on 4th, 1 on 6th, 12 on 17th & 11 there on 25th (NMu,&). 1 at CSSP on 6th (SMF).

WHITE-EYED VIREO - Singles at Arkendo Park, *Halton* on 1st (DEP fide CEE, fide HBGG), East Point Park on 7th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS) & at Ward's Island, TI on 10th (NMu,MVL,Peter McParland).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO - Singles at Cool Hollow, McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res., *Durham* on 5th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), HRF - Currie Tract, *Halton* on 13th (Robert MacIver fide ONTBIRDS), Pine Point Park on 16th (MK fide ONTBIRDS) & at CSSP on 16th (SMF).

BLUE-HEADED VIREO - 3 at TI on 2nd (AA), 2 on 10th & 3 on 15th (NMu,MVL). 5 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW), 6 at East Point Park on 14th & 1 there on 23rd (MAK fide ONTBIRDS).

WARBLING VIREO - 3 at East Point Park on 1st (MAK fide ONTBIRDS). 11 reports from TI beginning with 5 on 1st & high counts of 41 on 10th, 44 on 17th & 52 on 25th (NMu,&). 3 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW) & on 3rd (IDMF fide OUTON). 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* & 3 at Iroquois Beach Park, *Durham* on 1st (AA). 3 at Carruthers

Creek Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (DW fide DRBA), 2 at CSSP on 5th (SMF) & 8 at Lambton Woods on 8th (DEB,JBMW).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO - Singles at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 4th (DEP fide ONTBIRDS), Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 5th (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & on 15th (RBHS,GC), at East Point Park on 15th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS), TI on 15th (NMu,MVL,Peter McParland), Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 15th (RBHS) & at CSSP on 22nd (JWi,BKa). 2 at Baselands, LSS on 23rd (JJ fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 24th (AA). 2 at Shell Park, *Halton* on 24th (Cody Law fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-EYED VIREO - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 5th (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at HP on 8th, 2 on 14th (SMF) & 12 there on 15th (AA). 3 at Riveredge Dr, Etobicoke on 14th (AA), 5 at Trinity-Bellwoods Park on 14th (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON) & 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 15th (SMF). 3 at on 15th, 30 on 20th, 32 on 25th & 10 there on 28th (NMu,&).

BLUE JAY - 540 (migrating) at East Point Park on 1st & 544 on 3rd (MAK fide ONTBIRDS). 60 at HP on 2nd (GCam fide ONTBIRDS) & 31 at TI on 25th (NMu,MVL).

COMMON RAVEN - 2 at Westside Marsh, *Durham* on 13th (Jim Yaki fide ONTBIRDS), 1 flying W nr. Sunderland, *Durham* on 13th (RDJ) & 2 at Sewell's Rd & Old Finch on 16th (MK fide ONTBIRDS).

PURPLE MARTIN - 10 at Island School, TI on 1st (NMu,MVL) & 2 at Dufferin N of Miller SR, *York* on 28th (FP).

TREE SWALLOW - 60 at TI on 10th & 150 on 15th (NMu,MVL,Peter McParland).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW - 50 at TI on 15th (NMu,MVL,Peter McParland).

CLIFF SWALLOW - 10 reports from TI beginning with 15 on 1st, 15 to 50 seen there thro' month where they were nesting under Centre Island bridge (NMu,MVL). 30 at Cook's Bay (S End), *York* on 28th (FP).

BARN SWALLOW - 75 at TI on 6th, 75 on 10th & 250 there on 15th (NMu,MVL).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 28th (FP).

BROWN CREEPER - 1 at Happy Valley Forests, *York* on 28th (FP).

CAROLINA WREN - 1 at CSSP on 5th, 2 on 7th (SMF) & 1 on 22nd (JBMW,SMF). 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 5th (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & on 6th (Garry Little (finder),MJCB, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Algonquin Island, TI on 10th & 24th (NMu,MVL). 1 at Rosetta McClain Gardens on 13th & 14th (Walter Fisher fide OUTON). 1 at 7 Fairway Dr., Scarb. on 22nd (RLau).

HOUSE WREN - Singles at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (Lev Frid,& fide ONTBIRDS), HP on 2nd (SMF) & at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 2nd (JWi,BKa). 6 reports from TI beginning with 6 on 4th, a high count of 12 on 10th & last report of 5 on 28th (NMu).

WINTER WREN - 2 at Seneca College (King), *York* on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 2nd (JWi,BKa), on 4th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & on 14th (DBar fide ONTBIRDS).

SEDGE WREN - 1 singing in the evening after dark at Miles Hill Cr, Richmond Hill, *York* between 28th to 31st (FP). This area is accessed from the Oak Ridges Trail W of Yonge.

MARSH WREN - 1 at CSSP on 6th (Mathieu Siol fide OUTON) & 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 30th (THo).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET - 1 at CSSP on 21st & 22nd (SMF).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER - 12 reports from TI beginning with 2 on 1st, high counts of 9 on 4th, 8 on 6th & 7 on 15th & last reports were of 3 on 25th & 1 on 28th (NMu). 10 reports from HP beginning with 6 on 1st (BY,JBMW), high counts of 7 at HP on 3rd (IDMF fide OUTON) & 8 on 15th (AA), last report of 1 on 17th (SMF). 2 at West Deane Park on 2nd (GVR fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at Lambton Woods on 8th (DEB,JBMW), 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 9th (RPye,& fide DRBA) & 10 at Shell Park, *Halton* on 15th (Cody Law fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Cool Hollow, McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res., *Durham* on 15th was seen carrying nest material to nest at 6.5m height in a large willow (RBHS). 2 @ nest at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* on 16th (Philip Waggett fide HBGG), 1 at Baselands, LSS on 23rd (RBHS) & 1 at Mouth of Joshua Creek, *Peel* on 24th (RBHS).



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher seen at Toronto Islands, *Toronto*, 8 May 2010. Note the brown greater coverts and primaries. © David Beadle.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD - 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 1st, 2 on 15th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 M there on 28th (FP). 1 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS) & on 16th (BPB, fide OUTON). 4 (2 prs) at Bronte Creek P.P.Campground, *Halton* on 19th (Bill Morden fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at 9th Line N of Aurora Rd., *York* on 28th FP).

VEERY - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 1st (AA) & on 9th (RPye,& fide DRBA). 7 reports from TI beginning with 2 on 2nd (AA), high counts of 12 on 16th (AA & 9 on 17th (NMu,&), last report of 1 on 23rd (AA). 3 at East Point Park on 5th & 20 on 14th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS). 10 at Queen's Park on 14th (Mathieu Siol fide ONTBIRDS), 20 at Trinity-Bellwoods Park on 14th (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON) & 7 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 30th (RPye fide DRBA).

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH - Singles at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 14th (DBar fide ONTBIRDS) & 22nd (MJCB,BH), CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 on 24th (SMF), Trinity-Bellwoods Park on 21st (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON) & TI on 23rd (AA).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 5th (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS). 8 reports from TI beginning with 2 on 5th (AA), numbers gradually increased to highs of 44 on 17th & 38 on 20th (NMu), last report of 12 on 25th (NMu,MVL). 6 at Queen's Park on 14th (Mathieu Siol fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 at Shell Park, *Halton* on 24th (Cody Law fide ONTBIRDS).

HERMIT THRUSH - 4 at TI on 5th (AA), 8 on 10th & 1 on 17th (NMu,MVL). 1 at CSSP on 10th & 16th (SMF). 1 at HP on 12th (SMF).

WOOD THRUSH - 3 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 1st (TWRB fide DRBA), 2 on 5th (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 on 9th (RPye,& fide DRBA). 1 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW) & on 15h (AA). 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 1st (AA), 1 at East Point Park on 3rd (MAK fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Queen's Park on 11th (Mathieu Siol fide OUTON). 1 at TI on 5th (AA) & 2 on 10th, 15th (NMu,&) & 2 on 23rd (AA). 3 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 28th (FP), 3 at Happy Valley Forests, *York* on 28th (FP) & 2 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 30th (RPye fide DRBA).

AMERICAN ROBIN - 100 at TI on 6th, 100 on 10th & 125 (incl. FY) on 25th (NMu,MVL).

GRAY CATBIRD - 2 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW) & 1 on 3rd (SMF). Singles at West Deane Park on 2nd (GVR fide ONTBIRDS), Thicksons Woods, *Durham* & Whitby Yacht Club, *Durham* on 2nd (DW fide DRBA) & CSSP on 3rd

(SMF). 10 reports from TI beginning with 1 on 2nd (AA), high counts of 22 on 20th, 14 on 24th & 16 on 25th (NMu,&). 6 at Shell Park, *Halton* on 15th & 7 on 24th (Cody Law fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD - In total, there were 182 reports, due largely to increased survey effort by RBHS. There were 65 reports from *Toronto*, 61 from *York*, 41 from *Peel*, 14 from *Durham* and 1 from *Halton*. Twenty other observers provided one or more GTA reports. Of course, a 'report' does not necessarily refer to a single bird – at this time of year it could involve a pair, nest building, nest with eggs or young, or fledged young; as well as situations where an 'extra' singing male is found near to an established pair. And since some reports involved multiple visits to the same sites, the number of reports should not be used to estimate territories. Ten-km squares where a reasonable amount of surveys were done this month were: 17PU04, 17PU12, 17PU13, 17PU14, 17PU25, 17PU35, 17PU45, 17PU65 and 17PU75 (all NAD-27). Once again, virtually no fieldwork was done in *Halton*; the focus being on certain 10km squares in the other four regions. Despite the early start to nesting mentioned last month, those early nests that were adequately monitored mostly failed, either due to suspected predation or other reasons. In several cases where live or dead young were found in the nest, they were very under-developed relative to chronological age, suggesting lack of food. And indeed, there was a cold spell in the early part of the month which probably caused quite a few nest failures. Even as late as 15th May, unusually cold conditions probably caused additional food stress.

BROWN THRASHER - 2 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 1st (AA) & 1 on 2nd (JWi,BKa). 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 1st (AA) & 2 at Utica, *Durham* on 2nd (JKa fide DRBA). 7 reports from TI beginning with 4 on 1st, high counts of 6 on 4th & on 10th (NMu,MVL).

CEDAR WAXWING - 110 at East Point Park on 22nd & 69 on 23rd (MAK fide ONTBIRDS).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER - 11 reports from 1st to 23rd of single birds seen at Thicksons Woods, *Durham*, East Point Park, Darlington P. P., *Durham*, Riverside Dr, Etobicoke, Hanlan's Point, TI, CSSP, Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* & at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham*.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER - 1 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW), 14th (Kevin Fraser fide ONTBIRDS) & on 17th (SMF). 1 at Pine Point Park on 2nd (MK fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at East Point Park on 5th & 3 there on 15th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS). Singles at Shell Park, *Halton* on 14th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), TI on 14th (Peter McParland fide NMu, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Happy Valley Old Field, *York* on 28th (FP).

BREWSTER'S WARBLER - 1 at East Point Park on 14th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Riverwood Park, Erindale, *Peel* on 14th (Reuven Martin fide ONTBIRDS).

TENNESSEE WARBLER - 1 at TI on 5th (AA) & 4 on 15th (NMu,&). 1 at HP on 12th (SMF) & 3 on 15th (AA). 1 at Riverside Dr, Etobicoke on 14th (AA). 3 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 15th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 15th (SMF).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER - Singles at HP on 8th (SMF), East Point Park on 14th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS) & at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on 15th (Pat Hodgson fide OUTON).

NASHVILLE WARBLER - On 1st there were 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* (TWRB fide DRBA). 7 reports from TI beginning with 3 on 1st (NMu,MVL) & high counts of 12 on 2nd (AA), 15 on 6th (NMu,MVL) & 15 on 16th (AA). 5 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW), 19 at East Point Park on 5th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at CSSP on 6th (Mathieu Siol fide OUTON) & 12 at HP on 15th (AA).

NORTHERN PARULA - 36 reports from 12 locations from 1st to 23rd with 23 of them involving single birds. High counts at different locations were 6 at East Point Park on 15th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS), 16 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS), 4 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 15th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at HP on 15th (AA), 5 at LSS on 16th (Walter Fisher fide OUTON), 12 at TI on 16th (AA) & 3 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 18th (RPye fide DRBA).

YELLOW WARBLER - 2 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW), 2 at Iroquois Beach Park, *Durham* on 1st (AA) & 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 2nd (JWi,BKa). 1 at CSSP on 3rd, 2 on 5th (SMF) & 15 on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at Shell Park, *Halton* on 5th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS). 13 reports from TI beginning with 11 on 1st, high counts of 94 on 15th, 89 on 20th & 88 there on 25th (NMu,&).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER - Early reports of singles were from East Point Park on 1st (MAK fide ONTBIRDS), CSSP on 1st (SMF), Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 4th (THo fide ONTBIRDS), HP on 5th (SMF) & TI on 5th (AA). 6 other reports from TI with highs of 15 on 15th, (NMu,&) & 17 on 16th (AA), last report of 14 on 20th (NMu,&). 18 at HP on 15th (AA), 65 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS) & 8 at LSS on 16th (anon fide OUTON).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 1st (TWRB fide DRBA) & 6 there on 15th (RBHS). 1 at Shell Park, *Halton* on 5th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at Queen's Park on 14th (Mathieu Siol fide ONTBIRDS), 13 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 at HP on 15th (AA). 7 reports from TI beginning with 31 on 15th, highs of 31 on 17th & 20th, last report of 9 on 24th (NMu,&).

CAPE MAY WARBLER - 18 reports from 1st to 16th with high counts from different locations of 3 at Riverwood Park, Erindale, *Peel* on 15th (Reuven Martin fide ONTBIRDS), 4 at East Point Park on 15th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS), 6 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS), 4 at HP on 15th (AA) & 7 at TI on 16th (AA).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER - 25 reports from 1st to 20th with 1-3 seen up to 9th then numbers increasing with highs at different locations of 6 at Queen's Park on 14th (Mathieu Siol fide ONTBIRDS), 15 at Trinity-Bellwoods Park on 14th (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON), 20 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS), 12 at HP on 16th (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON) & 26 at TI on 17th (NMu,MVL,Gunnar Bessel).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER - 6 reports from TI with 33 on 1st (NMu), high counts of 140 on 2nd (AA) & 100 on 10th (NMu,&), 70 on 16th (AA). 20 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW), 80 on 15th (AA). 86 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER - 1 at Seneca College (King), *York* on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at TI on 4th, 11 on 15th (NMu,MVL) & 14 there on 16th (AA). 3 at Queen's Park on 11th & 5 on 14th (Mathieu Siol fide ONTBIRDS). 8 at HP on 15th (AA) & 45 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER - 1 at Arkendo Park, *Halton* on 1st (MHC fide HBGG), 4 at Darlington P. P., *Durham* on 8th (THo fide DRBA) & 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 9th (RPye,& fide DRBA). 6 at TI on 10th, 12 on 14th, 9 on 15th (NMu,&) & 1 on 16th (AA) & 8 on 20th (NMu,MVL,Gunnar Bessel). 2 at Riverwood Park, Erindale, *Peel* on 15th (Reuven Martin fide ONTBIRDS), 13 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS), 8 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 15th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 6 at HP on 15th (AA).

PINE WARBLER - 3 at TI on 1st & 4 on 10th (NMu,MVL). 2 at HP on 2nd (GCam fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at HRF - Currie Tract, *Halton* on 29th (AA).

PRAIRIE WARBLER - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 22nd (MJCB,BH) [No doc. seen].

PALM WARBLER - 1 at Seneca College (King), *York* on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 8 at East Point Park on 3rd (MAK fide ONTBIRDS). 8 at TI on 2nd (AA), 4 on 4th, 7 on 15th (NMu,&) & 9 on 16th (AA). 10 at HP on 15th (AA), 1 at Shell Park, *Halton* on 5th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS) & 7 there on 15th (Cody Law fide ONTBIRDS). 41 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS).

'YELLOW' PALM WARBLER - 1 at TI on 8th (DBe), photo is on his website. 1 seen again there on 10th (NMu,MVL,Peter McParland),

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER - Early reports were of 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & at TI on 5th (AA). On the 14th there were 2 at Queen's Park (Mathieu Siol fide ONTBIRDS), 1 F at Shell Park, *Halton* (CTB fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at



The 'Yellow' Palm Warbler at Toronto Islands, *Toronto*, 8 May 2010. © David Beadle.

Riveredge Dr. Etobicoke (AA). 1 at Riverwood Park, Erindale, *Peel* on 15th (Reuven Martin fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at HP on 15th (AA), 1 at Idleswift Dr, Thornhill, *York* on 16th (GDe) & 2 at Wards Is, TI on 17th (NMu,&).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER - Early reports were 1 at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* on 14th (WER fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Darlington P. P., *Durham* on 15th (Philip Kotanen fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at East Point Park on 15th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS). 7 reports from TI beginning with 3 on 17th (NMu), a high counts of 11 on 23rd (AA) & last report of 2 on 25th (NMu,MVL). 4 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 18th (RPye fide DRBA) & 8 on 29th (GC). 3 at CSSP on 22nd (JBMW,SMF), 2 at Shell Park, *Halton* on 24th (Cody Law fide ONTBIRDS) & 6 at Baselands, LSS on 24th (AA). 1 M at HP from 20th to 24th & 1 M at East Point Park on 23rd (SMF).

CERULEAN WARBLER - 1 M at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW;SMF), 1 at Darlington P. P., *Durham* on 8th (THo fide DRBA) & 1 M at Bronte Cemetery, West St., *Halton* on 16th (Andrew Don fide ONTBIRDS).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER - 3 at TI on 1st, 5 on 10th, 13 on 15th (NMu,MVL) & 8 on 16th (AA). 2 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 1st (AA) & 5 on 15th (RBHS). 6 at Queen's Park on 14th (Mathieu Siol fide ONTBIRDS). 10 at Trinity-Bellwoods Park on 14th (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON), 5 at HP on 15th (AA) & 5 there on 16th (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON). 9 at Shell Park, *Halton* on 15th (Cody Law fide ONTBIRDS) & 24 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN REDSTART - 1 F at Lakeside Park, Clarkson, *Peel* on 1st (MHC fide HBGG), 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 4th (THo fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 at Shell Park, *Halton* on 5th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS). 7 reports from TI beginning with 2 (early) on 2nd (AA) & high counts of 14 on 20th (NMu,MVL,Gunnar Bessel) & 16 on 23rd (AA). 1 M at HP on 8th (SMF) & 2 there on 15th (AA). 5 at Queen's Park on 14th (Mathieu Siol fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at Trinity-Bellwoods Park on 14th (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON), 31 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS) & 5 at Baselands, LSS on 15th (Andreas Jonsson,TFI, fide ONTBIRDS).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER - 1 M at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 25th [No doc. seen] (GC; DBar fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Peninsula D, LSS @ 10:00hrs on 29th [No doc. seen] (PNP fide ONTBIRDS), seen again 1 hr later but not subsequently. Sang for 5 min at time of initial sighting.

WORM-EATING WARBLER - 1 at East Point Park on 3rd [No doc. seen] (MAK fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 21st [No doc. seen] (anon fide JDL, fide ONTBIRDS).

OVENBIRD - 1 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW) & 3 there on 15th (AA). 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 2nd (DW fide DRBA) & 10 at Trinity-Bellwoods Park on 14th (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON). 1 on 5th (AA), 3 on 6th (NMu,MVL), 4 on 16th (AA) & 7 on 20th (NMu,MVL,Gunnar Bessel).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH - Singles at Seneca College (King), *York* on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), Ashbridge's Bay Park on 1st (TFI) & Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 2nd (DW fide DRBA). 1 at Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 4th (DEP fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at TI on 17th (NMu,MVL,Gunnar Bessel).

CONNECTICUT WARBLER - 2 at Ward's Island, TI on 15th & 1 (singing) there on 25th (NMu,MVL). 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 20th (RPye fide DRBA), sang twice but could not be found.

MOURNING WARBLER - 7 reports from TI beginning with 1 M on 10th (NMu,MVL,Peter McParland), a high count of 9 on 20th (NMu,MVL,Gunnar Bessel) & other reports thro' month were of 1-3. 1 at HP on 14th (Kevin Fraser fide ONTBIRDS) & 5 there on 15th (AA). 7 other reports from different locations from 13th to 28th of sings & 5 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 30th (RPye fide DRBA).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT - 1 at East Point Park on 1st (MAK fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Whitby Yacht Club, *Durham* on 2nd (DW fide DRBA) & 1 M at HP on 7th (SMF). 10 at Trinity-Bellwoods Park on 14th (Andreas Jonsson fide OUTON). 8 reports from TI beginning with 1 on 1st (NMu,MVL), high counts of 15 on 15th & 17 on 17th (NMu,&), last report of 4 on 25th (NMu,MVL).

HOODED WARBLER - 1 at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 1st & again in same place on 2nd (TFI) [Documented]. 1 at SE corner, Hwy 2 & Lakeridge, *Durham* on 3rd (JKA fide DRBA), 1 M at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* on 14th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 singing M at Happy Valley Forests, *York* on 28th (FP).

WILSON'S WARBLER - 9 reports from TI beginning with 1 (v. early) on 1st (NMu,MVL), high counts of 13 on 20th (NMu,MVL,Gunnar Bessel) & 14 on 23rd (AA), last report of 7 (all singing) on 25th (NMu,MVL). 3 reports from 15th to 22nd of 1 at CSSP (m.obs) & 1 at Shell Park, *Halton* on 16th (Andrew Don fide ONTBIRDS).



Good numbers of warblers were observed by David Beadle at Toronto Islands, *Toronto*, 8 May 2010. Some that he photographed were [Top left to right] - 'Western' Palm Warbler, Northern Parula, Cape May Warbler, Yellow Warbler, and Blackburnian Warbler.
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CANADA WARBLER - 1 (early) at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 5th (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Darlington P. P., *Durham* on 8th (THo fide DRBA), 1 at Queen's Park on 14th (Mathieu Siol fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at East Point Park on 14th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS). 7 reports from TI beginning with 1 (early) TI on 5th (AA), a high count of 10 on 20th (NMu,MVL,Gunnar Bessel) & last report of 1 there on 23rd (Mathieu Siol fide OUTON). Singles at HP on 14th (SMF) & CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS) & on 20th (SMF).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT - 1 at Shoreacres Park, *Halton* @ 08:05hrs on 5th [No doc. seen] (WER fide ONTBIRDS).

EASTERN TOWHEE - On the 1st there were 3 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* (TWRB fide DRBA), 3 at TI (NMu,MVL), 2 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* (AA) & 1 at Iroquois Beach Park, *Durham* (AA). 1 at Darlington P. P., *Durham* on 8th (THo fide DRBA), 3 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 15th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & on 28th (FP).

CHIPPING SPARROW - 16 at TI on 1st (NMu,MVL) & 12 at Ward's Island, TI on 5th (AA).



Chipping Sparrow at Toronto Islands, *Toronto*, 8 May 2010. © David Beadle.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW - 1 at The Meadow, Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & on 14th (MJCB fide TWRB). 2 at East Point Park on 5th, 1 on 14th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at CSSP on 14th (BPB fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 15th, 4 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 16th, 22nd (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & on 28th (FP).

FIELD SPARROW - 8 at TI on 1st (NMu,MVL), 6 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, *York* on 28th (FP) & 3 at Caledon Railtrail, W of Mississauga Rd, *Peel* on 29th (AA).

VESPER SPARROW - 1 at 9th Line N of Aurora Rd., *York* on 28th (FP).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW - 1 at Baselands, LSS on 2nd (Anthony Glenesk fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, York on 16th, and 4 there on 22nd (RJF fide ONTBIRDS); 1 there on 28th (FP).

SONG SPARROW - 6 reports from TI beginning with 23 on 1st & a high and last count of 28 on 25th (NMu,&).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW - 1 at East Point Park on 1st, 4 on 14th & 3 on 15th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS). Singles at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 4th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), at Cool Hollow, McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res., Durham on 5th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), on TI on 5th (AA) & on 6th (NMu,MVL) & at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, York on 22nd (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

SWAMP SPARROW - 3 at TI on 1st (NMu,MVL).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW - 225 at TI on 1st & 1 there on 28th (NMu). 17 at East Point Park on 3rd & 46 on 5th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS).

HARRIS'S SPARROW - 1 at Cool Hollow, McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Res., Durham @ 10:00hrs on 4th [No doc. seen] (THo fide ONTBIRDS).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW - 2 at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 1st (AA) & on 2nd (JWi,BKa). 2 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW) & 9 at CSSP on 6th (Mathieu Siol fide OUTON). 9 reports from TI beginning with 9 on 1st, a high count of 57 (48 on Hanlans) on 10th & last report of 17 on 20th (NMu,MVL).

DARK-EYED JUNCO - 1 at TI on 1st (NMu), 3 on 2nd (AA) & 1 on 6th & 17th (NMu,MVL). 1 at HP on 8th (SMF).

SUMMER TANAGER - 1 in backyard at Ontario St, Cabbagetown on 2nd (Piers M. Perrin fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 2Y-M at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 6th (Gary Little (finder),MJCB, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 IMM nr. picnic Area #4 in Darlington P. P., Durham @ 11:00hrs on 15th [No doc. seen] (Philip Kotanen fide ONTBIRDS), & 1 AD-M in the Robinson Creek Valley at Darlington P. P., Durham @ 11:20hrs on 15th [No doc. seen] (THo fide ONTBIRDS). *Four reports in one spring seems high for the GTA [Eds].*

SCARLET TANAGER - 1 at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 4th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 (incl. 1 orange variant) there on 8th (AA). 1 at TI on 5th (AA), 1 on 10th & 4 there on 17th (NMu,MVL). 3 at Darlington P. P., Durham on 8th (THo fide DRBA), 4 at Shell Park, Halton on 14th (WER fide ONTBIRDS) & 6 at Trinity-Bellwoods Park on 14th (anon fide OUTON). 3 (2 M, 1 F) at HP on 14th (SMF) & 3 at CSSP on 15th (WER,& fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at Jokers Hill Stables, York & 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, York on 28th (FP).

WESTERN TANAGER - 1 M at Darlington Prov. Park, Durham on 15th [No doc. seen] (THo fide ONTBIRDS). In Silver Maples nr. picnic area #2; last seen SW of Park Store.

NORTHERN CARDINAL - 11 at TI on 6th (NMu,MVL).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBREAK - 1 at HP on 1st & 2nd, 3 (2 M, 1 F) there on 5th (SMF). 1 at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 2nd (JWi,BKa) & on 4th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS), 18 there on 8th (AA). 4 at TI on 2nd (AA), 3 on 4th, 4 on 6th, 16 on 10th (NMu, &), 20 on 11th (Skip Shand,MM, fide ONTBIRDS) & 11 there on 20th (NMu). 1 at Idleswift Dr, Thornhill, York on 6th (GDe), 1 F at CSSP on 6th & 2 (M & F) there on 8th (SMF). 5 at Lambton Woods on 8th (DEB,JBMW) & 2 at HRF - Currie Tract, Halton on 29th (AA).

INDIGO BUNTING - 1 at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 2nd (DW fide DRBA), 2 (M & F) at Ward's Island, TI on 6th (NMu,MVL) & 1 M at CSSP on 6th (SMF). 1 M at HP on 7th, 12 on 14th (SMF) & 7 there on 15th (AA). 2 at Jokers Hill Stables, York on 28th (FP).

BOBOLINK - 6 at East Point Park on 1st, 4 on 5th & 33 there on 14th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS). Singles at Thicksons Woods, Durham on 1st (TWRB fide DRBA), flying over at Riveredge Dr. on 4th (AA) & at TI on 7th (GDe). 4 (3 M, 1 F) at CSSP on 14th (BPB fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, York on 28th (FP).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD - 100 at TI on 6th (NMu,MVL).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK - 3 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve, York on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD - 1 at Oak Ridges Trail W of Keele, York on 1st (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at East Point Park on 14th (MAK fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON GRACKLE - 75 at TI on 6th (NMu,MVL).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD - 50 at TI on 1st & 75 on 6th (NMu,MVL).

ORCHARD ORIOLE - 3 (2 AD-M, 1 2Y-M) at Hillside Gardens, HP on 1st (BY,JBMW) & 2 (pair) there on 2nd (GCam fide ONTBIRDS). 1 AD-M at Floral Maple Leaf area, HP on 2nd, 5th, 9th, 2 (M & F) AD on 16th & 1 AD-M there on 30th (SMF). 2 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 2nd (DW fide DRBA), 1 on 5th (anon fide DRBA) & 1 on 9th (RPye,& fide DRBA). 2 (1 1s-M, 1 F) at TI on 6th & 1 there on 19th, 20th & 24th (NMu,&). 1 M at CSSP on 6th (Mathieu Siol fide OUTON), 3 (1 M, 2 F) on 12th (BPB fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 14th (BPB fide ONTBIRDS) & 22nd (SMF). 2 at Lambton Woods on 8th (DEB,JBMW), 2 (pair) at East Point Park on 16th (DW) & 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 30th (THo). 4 (2 prs) at Bronte Creek P. P. Campground, *Halton* on 19th (Bill Morden fide ONTBIRDS). 7 other reports of singles from different locations throughout the month.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE - 12 reports from TI throughout the month with numbers gradually building to highs of 74 at TI on 17th, & 78 on 25th (NMu,&). On the 1st there were 4 at East Point Park (MAK fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* (TWRB fide DRBA) & 2 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* (GCarp fide DRBA). 3 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW) & 1-4 reported there up until the 10th. 2 at West Deane Park on 2nd (GVR fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Carruthers Creek Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (DW fide DRBA), 4 at Hwy 2 & Lakeridge, *Durham* on 3rd (JKa fide DRBA) & 12 at Lambton Woods on 8th (DEB,JBMW). 2 at CSSP on 4th & 1 on 5th (SMF).

PURPLE FINCH - 1 at HP on 1st (BY,JBMW), 4 M at TI on 6th (NMu,MVL) & 1 F there on 16th (AA).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH - 53 at TI on 6th, 36 on 15th & 24 on 17th (NMu,&).

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