

in our area.

Some finches stuck around the Henise feeders into May, with **White-crowned Sparrow** until 5/11 and **Pine Siskin** until 5/7. The bird of the season was also a finch. An ad. ♂ **Blue Grosbeak** was found at LG 5/21 (DC). Colyer had good looks and made good field notes. This is not the first in our area, but nonetheless is quite rare this far north in PA.

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Abbreviations: Clark Creek Valley (CCV), Harrisburg (HBG), Hershey Medical Center (HMC), Stony Creek Valley (SCV), Susquehanna R. (SR), Swatara Creek (SC).

This quarter began with good number of waterfowl (20 species) reported on SR from 4/5-8. A summary of 2 reports by RK and JW includes 4 Common Loon, 40 Horned Grebe, 750+ Lesser Scaup, 40 Common Goldeneye, 5 Oldsquaw, 3 White-winged Scoter at Ft. Hunter (increasing to 7 by 4/21), 500 Bufflehead, 4 Common and 30 Red-breasted merganser. A probable fly-by **Brant** was also reported near Bainbridge 4/22. Other species seen were Double-crested Cormorant, Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Am. Wigeon, Canvasback, Am. Coot and a flight of 1000+ Tree Swallow 4/6. An ad. Little Blue Heron was observed at Wildwood L. Nature Center 4/14 (RK). Bonaparte's Gull peaked to 2500+ by 4/7, with 3 other gull sp. present in smaller numbers.

Our best April performance began 4/7, when Anne & Bruce Stanley discovered an ad. ♂ **Yellow-headed Blackbird** in their Hershey yard. It remained until 4/15, regularly visiting their feeder along with Common Grackle and Brown-headed Cowbird. Another Hershey feeder bird was a Pine Siskin sporting a yellow band on its right leg, seen 4/5-6 (EC). Any information on banding location?



Yellow-headed Blackbird, Hershey, 4/11/90. Photo by Randy Miller.

Although siskins were reported by most to leave feeders by mid- to late-Apr. (EC,RPW), they persisted until 5/13 in HBG (CW) and were feeding in hemlocks around Hershey until the same date (SR). A good find was a Pine Grosbeak n. of Hummelstown 4/21 (CW) (no details— eds).

Migration proceeded pretty much on schedule of changing weather patterns. Expected flocks (50+) foraged flood plains of the SC 4/18 (S Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned kinglets 4/12 (SR at HMC) to 4/21 (JW at SCV). A singing) persisted at HMC until 4/19 (SR) and 4/23 (JW). Our resident House Wren arrived early in Hershey, 4/22, vigorously singing as overhead (SR). Cape May Warbler was at location (RPW,JW), the same date for a Black (SR,WE), the only cuckoo reported for the Blackburnian, Bay-breasted, and Blackpoll: HMC 5/15 (SR,WE). Of note was a hybrid 1 winged warbler in HBG 5/9 (JW).

Warblers peaked in mid-May with our (SR,WE). That same outing produced a barn-cheeked, Swainson's and Wood, Veery, present. The next day produced 1 lingering Gen Thrush, and all the rest!

For those readers who want a good spot drakes chased 3 hens back and forth across the Hotel 5/8 (SR,SLR). One week later the odds in bachelors and at least 6 pairs. The woods behind good spot for thrushes and for Acadian Flycatcher from mid-May through June (RPW,SR).

A superb sighting of an ad. Glossy Ibis on 39 n. of Hershey was made by RPW 5/14. The near a Great Blue Heron and several Spotted (SR, DS,SS), and was observed again the following.

Other reports of interest include Common 6/15 (SLR), Lincoln's Sparrow in HBG 5/3 and White-crowned Sparrow 5/25 (RPW), and a pair for Bobolink n. of Hershey (RPW). A Great Black-crowned Night-Heron were observed throughout the period (SR,SLR,DS).

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Abbreviations: Crum Creek Res. (CCR), Ridley Creek SP (RCSP), Tinicum Nat'l Environ Tyler Arboretum (TA).

Two Horned Grebe were found on the DLR On 5/5, on the Tyler Arboretum birdathon. Cormorant were a large number seen this far. Also, on 4/27, 6 cormorants were flying over the Duck throughout the area seem to be increasing.

A nice find was an Osprey on the late in usually manages to find a Bald Eagle in the Swarthmore every year and this year was no exception an adult fly over 6/26. On our Big Day, 5/17, we at the PHL Airport (JF,AG,JCM,NP). The first was seen over Swarthmore 4/18 (HMc). On 6/13 the airport, 1 N. Bobwhite was seen flying and Whether this bird was introduced or not is unknown was present in Folcroft 5/17 (JF,AG,JCM,NP). right on schedule at CCR when 1 was found 4/21 present there 5/8 (EK). The usual number of yellow

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Historic Record

Species: Yellow-headed Blackbird Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus

Date of Sighting: 7 April 1990 to 15 April 1990

County : DAUPHIN

Location : HERSHEY

Observer(s): Anne Stanley, Bruce Stanley

Date of Submission: 2007

Submitted by: Historic Record

Written Description: No

Photo: Yes

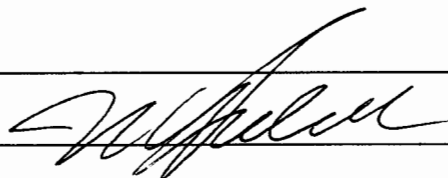
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
A. Guarente	x							
T. Johnson	x							
E. Witmer	x							
N. Pulcinella	x							
J. Heller	x							
G. Malosh	x							
TOTALS	6							
DECISION	x							

Comments: Reviewed at 2007 Annual Meeting. Voice Vote

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

2/24/09