

usual flocks. One albinistic bird in urban Schenectady flock for several days (yellow in tail and sides, colored wax in wing, normal eyes). More Eastern Meadowlarks wintered than usual. One female Baltimore Oriole made the rounds of four feeding stations at Ballston Lake through February. Small flocks of Evening Grosbeaks observed, remaining for only short periods at feeders. One recorded at Broadalbin January 3rd. Large flocks of Purple Finches noted. Common Redpolls less numerous this year. Large flocks of Pine Siskins noted as were American Goldfinches. A few Red Crossbills were observed but were scarce. Only two winter records of White-winged Crossbills. One White-throated Sparrow at Loudenville on December 23rd. Three Lapland Longspurs observed in January with a flock of Horned Larks -- Mrs. I. A. Rosa, 8 Grieme Avenue, Amsterdam, New York and Mr. Fraser R. Turrenting, 110 Union Street, Schenectady, New York.

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November started off with bluebird weather in this region and migration reached a peak about November 12th. On the day of the big wind, November 25th, many pine and hemlock trees in Bronx Park were uprooted. Generally the storm had little effect on birds. December was mild with a few days of freezing weather about December 15th. The weather remained open through January and February and the largest snowfall was about 4 inches on January 31st. It is the writer's opinion that many of the Owls, Chickadees and Bluejays did not move into this area this winter due to the fact that they remained further north.

Loons and Grebes:

Pied-billed Grebe at Jerome Reservoir through November until December 20th. 4 Horned Grebes, 7 Common Loons and 3 Red-throated Loons in the Rye and Pelham Bay reg-

ion of Long Island Sound during November and December. An oiled Red-throated Loon at Hillcrest Reservoir February 25th.

Hérons:

12 Black Crowned Night Herons wintering at Bronx Park and the usual 20 or more Great Blue Herons at Rye, N. Y.

Geese and Ducks:

4 Canada Geese at Pelham Bay December 23rd, 1 Brant in early December. 1 Snow Goose, Ferry Point Park -- January 13th, February 25th -- Terres and Carleton. An immature Blue Goose by Milch and Lehrmann at Pelham Bay on December 23rd. (Note: Believed to be first wintering record for New York area.) The usual numbers of Greater Scaup, Black Ducks and Mallards, Red breasted Mergansers, Goldeneyes and Canvasbacks were present in the Long Island Sound region from Whitestone Bridge north to Rye. A count of over 500 Canvasbacks were reported at Whitestone Bridge on December 23rd by Philips and Feigin. 30 Ruddy Ducks spent all of November and December on Jerome Reservoir, 14 at Hillview December 23rd, 24 at Hillview January 13th and 2 Ruddy Ducks at Central Park Reservoir on December 31st. --Manhattan Census. A flock of 35 Ring-necked Ducks were present at Kenisco Reservoir on December 3rd by Komorowski. Buffleheads, American and Hooded Mergansers, Old Squaws, White-winged, American and Surf Scoters were all present during December in the Rye, New Rochelle and Pelham Bay areas of Long Island Sound. A few Baldpates, Pintails and Wood Ducks are spending the winter in Bronx Park. 1 Gadwall at Bronx Park on January 26th by Norse and Cantor. 12 Green-winged Teal, 2 Pintails, 100 Mallards, 250 Black Ducks at Grassy Sprain on February 25th by Komorowski.

Hawks:

Scattered Red-tailed, Red-shouldered, Cooper's and

Sparrow Hawks were present during December in Pelham Bay, Van Cortlandt and Westchester. 3 Bald Eagles on December 17th at Croton Point by Komorowski, 18 on February 11th--Darrow. 1 Duck Hawk on ice flows off Yonkers Ferry on February 11th by Russak.

Rails:

The usual Virginia Rail was present at Van Cortlandt in December and during January. An unusual Coot was recorded on December 23rd at Hillview Reservoir--Russak, Solomon, Gershon and Komorowski. Also one bird at Dykeman Street Boat Basin on December 31st by Manhattan Census.

Shorebirds:

A few Killdeer, Black-bellied Plover and Greater Yellow Legs were recorded from Pelham Bay area during all of November and most of December. On the Bronx-Westchester Census December 23rd, 1 Killdeer from Hillview Reservoir, 6 Purple Sandpipers and 9 Sanderlings from Rye area--Herbert, etc. 2 Killdeer at Pelham Bay on January 13th and 1 Wilson Snipe at Van Cortlandt Park on February 12th--Norse.

Gulls:

Laughing Gulls were present in Pelham Bay area until the middle of December. A flock of 19 Bonaparte's Gulls were recorded off Rye on December 23rd by Ryan. An adult Black-headed Gull was reported on December 31st in New York Harbor by Ryan while taking the Manhattan census. Note: This species has been reported every winter for about the last six years. Adult Glaucous Gull at Hillview January 14th, also one at Croton Point, February 11th--Darrow. A Barred Owl was seen on November 9th at Bronx Park - Komorowski - and 1 Long eared Owl at Pelham Bay on December 17th by Russak and Solomon - at Grassy Sprain on December 23rd - Bull & Darrow, at Bronx Park on February 4th - Norse, Cantor, Komorowski.

A Richardson's Owl was seen and studied on February 12th at Croton Point for one hour at 15 feet by Rose and Mayer.

Landbirds:

The land bird migration was over by the end of November, and the winter population of Juncos and Tree Sparrows were late, arriving about December 15th. One unusual Carolina Wren, 3 Robins, December 25th-Bronx Park. At Rye on December 23rd by Herbert, Eisenmann, Norse, Cantor, -2 Long billed Marsh Wrens. 1 Pine Warbler at Pelham Bay, December 23rd, Russak, Solomon. 1 Orange Crowned Warbler at Pelham Bay-December 16th, Solomon and Russak. 1 Grasshopper Sparrow - Dead Mt. Kisco - December 17th - Grison, Weeks. Bronx Westchester Census on December 23rd was average - 90 species. Highlights were Coot, Pine Warbler, and Blue Goose. Manhattan Census on December 31st - 47 species. Highlights were Coot and Black headed Gull. Lack of Owls, Bluejays and Bl. cap. Chickadees was noted in January and February in the region. Catbird, Towhee, 1 Cardinals, 1 Chipping Sparrows, spent all winter in Bronx Park-Komorowski. 2 Chipping Sparrows, 1 Hermit Thrush, all winter in Central Park, Skelton. 2 Catbirds all winter at feeder, Mrs. E. D. Appleby, Katonah, N. Y. 1 female Baltimore Oriole at feeder December 30-January 2-Katonah by Mrs. J. Blum - Grison. 2 Brown Thrashers, all winter, feeder, Mrs. C. Temaselli-Bedford Hills, N. Y. 1 male House Finch December 31 by Grison at feeder-Katonah. 2 House Finch, Bronx Park, February 11 by Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell. A big increase in Robins - 175, 200 Juncos, 50 Cedar Waxwings, noted in Bronx Park, February 27th, Komorowski. 16 Red Crossbills feeding on pine cones at Bronx Park - February 27 by Komorowski. -- George Komorowski, 240 East 199th Street, Bronx 58, New York.