

fully identified Jun 8 after it hit window, recovered and flew away, Ellis Hollow Rd, e of Ithaca (Sally Norcross). Yellow-breasted Chat: bred at Bardeen farm (near Burdett) and at Kopps' at Reading Center. American Redstart: somewhat better numbers according to sev observers.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: while some observers felt these were scarcer, highest count ever (17) on the Trumansburg count (DM). Redwinged Blackbirds: fewer at MNWR (MP). Orchard Oriole: present, but nest not found, Ithaca. Baltimore Oriole: highest count ever (23) on Trumansburg census. Common Grackle: several localities reported fewer at feeders during summer, but flocks elsewhere were large. Scarlet Tanager: normal numbers most places. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: normal or somewhat higher numbers; breeding success good judging by late summer sightings of broods on the wing. Evening Grosbeak: 1 pair lingered into June nr Ithaca (D. Brann). House Finch: continued reports of these at feeders, but no evidence of nesting yet. American Goldfinch: numerous. Rufous-sided Towhee: scarce around Watkins Glen (JBr). Reports varied on the abundance of the 'meadow' sparrows. Field and Savannah Sparrows up in some areas, down in others. Henslow's Sparrow missing from several former locations (habitat change) but there were five on Dryden census, two on Trumansburg. Vesper and Chipping Sparrows present in normal numbers, with good breeding success. Song Sparrows abundant everywhere.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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It was a cool summer, sometimes decidedly so. The unusually prolonged nesting of Bank Swallows was perhaps a result of the coolness.

The decline in Henslow's Sparrows was particularly noticeable, but bluebirds were also down. Mockingbirds and titmice seemed at best to hold their own, but House Finches continued their increase. Marsh Hawk numbers have seemed a little better than in recent years, but accipiters and Red-shouldered Hawks remain scarce. Several of the "northern" species were found fairly frequently: juncos, White-throated Sparrows, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Brown Creepers and Winter Wrens. There were no rarities.

Observers: DB—Don Bemont, LB—Les Bemont, MB—Margaret Bowman, G,WC—Gail and Warren Corderman, A,MD—Anna and Marilyn Davis, EK—Eugene Kirch, MS—Mary Sheffield, E,FV—E. and F. Vermilya, CW—Cora Wellman, R,SW—Ruth and Sally White, and KW—Kathryn Wilson.

Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Surveys, as usual in the summer, provide much of the more significant data. The species counts from 5 of the surveys were available. They are reported in parentheses immediately following the name of each species that was found on at least one of the five. The first number is the total individuals found and the second the number of surveys on which the species was recorded. Thus "(7,4)" indicates a total of seven individuals on four surveys. The surveys reported with the observers were Coventryville (LB,DB); Lisle (Robert and Rita Pantle), Macdonough (Claude Howard), Oxford (Harriet Marsi and Claire Gottschall) and Whitney Point (Robert and Rita Pantle).

LOONS—DUCKS: Great Blue Heron: (3,2); a dozen reports of 1-3 birds each during period, mostly in Delaware and Otsego Counties, but no nesting colony reports. Green Heron: (2,2); scarce at East Branch, on the Beaverkill, (MB); and

none too frequently reported elsewhere except at Norwich where there were "lots" (R,SW). American Bittern: 1 Aug 10 Goodyear Lake (Jane Wright); several at Norwich (R,SW). Canada Goose: 1 Jun 26 and Jul 12 on Pepacton Reservoir (MB). Wood Duck: a female with 4 young Jul 22 at Oneonta (Mrs. P. Dobinsky).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 27 Jul 10 near Hancock (MB), the maximum count. Goshawk: Jun 6 south of Binghamton (EK, G,WC) and repeatedly in same area all summer. Sharp-shinned Hawk: 2 Jul 12 Pepacton Reservoir (MB), the only report. Cooper's Hawk: 2 Jun 28 Oneonta (KW) and 1 at the same place Jul 23 with Barn Swallows in pursuit; no others. Red-tailed Hawk: (1,1); 14 other reports. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Jul 24 near Maryland (CW, KW, et. al.); Aug 7 south of Binghamton (EK, G,WC); no others. Broad-winged Hawk: (1,1); "bred" at East Branch (MB); six other reports; Jul 6 Choconut Center (MS), 1 persistently harassing a Red-tail. Bald Eagle: 1 Jun 15 at Pepacton Reservoir (John Torrey). Marsh Hawk: (1,1), Oxford breeding bird survey; 1 Jun 26 North Franklin (KW). Sparrow Hawk: (5,4); "highest counts ever along highways in Delaware County (MB). Bob-white: 1 Jul 21 Oneonta (Mrs. P. Dobinsky). Ring-necked Pheasant: (7,4). Killdeer: (28,4). Common Snipe: 1 Jul 24 and 2 Aug 4 Sherburne (R,SW). Upland Plover: 1 June 27 near Plymouth in Chenango County (LB, DB). Solitary Sandpiper: 3 Aug 4 South Otselic Fish Hatchery (R, SW). Greater Yellow: 1 Jul 18 Sherburne (R,SW). Lesser Yellowlegs: 1 Aug 4 South Otselic Fish Hatchery (R,SW). Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 Aug 4 South Otselic Fish Hatchery (R,SW). Least Sandpiper: 4 Aug 4 South Otselic Fish Hatchery (R,SW). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 5 Aug 4 South Otselic Fish Hatchery (R,SW). Rock Dove: (35,2). Mourning Dove: Upland Plover: 1 Jun 27 near Plymouth in Chenango County (LB,DB). Solitary (23,5). Black-billed Cuckoo: (1,1). Screech Owl: Jun 12 and Aug 11 Chenango Forks (A,MD); Aug 8 Choconut Center (MS); no other reports. Barred Owl: Jun 7 and 10 south of Binghamton (EK, G,WC), young heard.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Chimney Swift: (44,4). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: (1,1). Belted Kingfisher: (3,2). Yellow-shafted Flicker: (60,5). Pileated Woodpecker: (1,1); only 2 other reports. Red-bellied Woodpecker: 1 Jun 13 New Lisbon in Oneonta area (E,FV), no details. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: (18,4); of three pairs at East Branch 1 female was red-headed and 2 were black-headed (MB). Hairy Woodpecker: (4,4). Downy Woodpecker: (333,5). Eastern Kingbird: (18,4). Great Crested Flycatcher: (22,5). Eastern Phoebe: (38,5). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Jun 5 Choconut Center (MS), first in Region this year. Traill's Flycatcher: (14,3); a dozen or more at Upper Lisle above Whitney Point (MS). Least Flycatcher: (56,5). Eastern Wood Pewee: (32,5). Olivesided Flycatcher: Jul 3 near Oneonta (CW,KW, et. al.), seldom reported in Region during summer, but not unprecedented. Horned Lark: (7,4). Tree Swallow: (23,4). Bank Swallow: (73,2); at Vestal still laying eggs in early Jul when nesting activities usually almost complete (GC). Rough-winged Swallow: (2,2). Barn Swallow: (104,5). Cliff Swallow: (2,1); "bred" in East Branch (MB). Blue Jay: (71,5). Common Crow: (179,5). Black-capped Chickadee: (27,5). Tufted Titmouse: (4,1); Jul 12 Vestal (G,WC), adult with young; seen regularly at Chenango Forks. Whitebreasted Nuthatch: (6,2). Red-breasted Nuthatch: 12 or more Aug 14 near Milford (CW, KW, Mary Dobinsky). Brown Creeper: 7 different reports in Binghamton and Oneonta areas; "bred" at East Branch (MB). House Wren: (58,5). Winter Wren: 2 Jun 19 east of Davenport in Delaware County (CW,KW, et. al.); Jul 10 in 2 areas east of Oneonta (CW,KW, et. al.); "bred" at East Branch (MB). Long-billed Marsh Wren: 2 Jun 13 and 8 or more Jun 20 at Sherburne (R,SW); Jul 25 at Upper Lisle (MS). Mockingbird: 1 seen occasionally near Union Center, north of Endicott, all summer (DB); a few other reports. Catbird: (49,5). Brown Thrasher: (28,4). Robin: (331,5). Wood Thrush: (109,5). Hermit Thrush: (3,2); 4 other reports, 1 of

a young bird Aug 8 south of Binghamton (EK, G,WC). Swainson's Thrush: 2 Jun 19 Pharsalia, in Chenango County, (R,SW) singing. Veery: (45,5). Eastern Bluebird: (7,3); not very many. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: "bred" at East Branch (MB). Cedar Waxwing: (40,5). Starling: (457,5).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: (2,2). Solitary Vireo: 1 Jun 19 Pharsalia (R,SW), singing; Jul 3 Oneonta (CW, KW, et. al.). Red-eyed Vireo: (60,5). Warbling Vireo: (6,3). Black-and white Warbler: (5,3). Blue-winged Warbler: (2,1); Jun 6 Choconut Center (MS); Aug 6 Chenango Forks (A,MD). Nashville Warbler: (8,3). Yellow Warbler: (85,5). Magnolia Warbler: 4 Jun 19 Pharsalia (R,SW); Jun 19 at 2 places east of Davenport and Jul 24 near Maryland (CW, KW); "bred" at East Branch (MB). Black-throated Blue Warbler: 5 or more near Davenport (CW, KW); 2 Jun 19 Pharsalia (R,SW). Myrtle Warbler: Jun 19 Davenport and Jul 24 Maryland (CW, KW). Black-throated Green Warbler: (6,2). Cerulean Warbler: 1 female Jul 4 at East Meredith near Oneonta (E,FV). Blackburnian Warbler: (1,1); 3 Jun 19 Pharsalia (R,SW). Chestnut-sided Warbler: (52,5). Blackpoll Warbler: Jun 3 Vestal (G,WC), the last of several Jun reports. Prairie Warbler: still present at Vestal Center in late Jun (E. Washburn). Ovenbird: (25,4). Northern Waterthrush: 8 reports. Louisiana Waterthrush: (1,1). Mourning Warbler: (1,1); Jun 6 Castle Creek, south of Whitney Point (MS); 2 Jun 19 Pharsalia (R, SW); Jun Davenport (CW, KW). Yellowthroat: (124,5). Yellow-breasted Chat: (1, 1), the only report. Canada Warbler: (5,3). American Redstart: (25,3).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: House Sparrow: (149,5). Bobolink: (94,5). Eastern Meadowlark: (108,5). Redwinged Blackbird: (803,5). Baltimore Oriole: (63,5). Common Grackle: (166,5). Brown-headed Cowbird: (43,5). Scarlet Tanager: (27, 5). Cardinal: (20,3). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: (11,4). Indigo Bunting: (18,4). Purple Finch: (5,2). House Finch: the colony at Endwell did produce an undetermined number of young—six males were seen at one time once during the summer (Florence Linaberry). American Goldfinch: (148,5). Rufous-sided Towhee: (60,5). Savannah Sparrow: (35,5). Grasshopper Sparrow: (3,2). Henslow's Sparrow: (2,1), Coventryville breeding bird survey, almost the only report. Vesper Sparrow: (4,2); reasonably common near Union Center (DB). Slate-colored Junco: (7,2); "many" Jul 18 on top of Bramley Mt. near Bloomville in Oneonta area (E,FV); 6 Aug 14 near Milford (CW, KW); 4 Jun 19 Pharsalia (R,SW); other reports of lesser numbers. Chipping Sparrow: (106,5). Field Sparrow: (60,5). White-throated Sparrow: (21,3); 8 Jun 19 Pharsalia (R,SW); 6 other reports. Swamp Sparrow: (3,1). Song Sparrow: (197,5).

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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In Central New York it was one of the wettest and hottest summers on record. One effect of the cold snowy winter which carried over into the summer period is the late departures of spring migrants. Many species (see body of report, below) had June, even late June, last dates. These were documentable at Derby hill as the species involved were either flying over in a NE direction or simply unknown as breeders on the brushy bluff that is Derby hill. The last big migration date noted there was June 20 instead of around May 20! The late icterids passing Derby however may not have been true migrants but feeding and roosting "commuters."

Concurrent with the spring migration watch in June, nine U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Breeding Bird Surveys (2 of which recorded migrant Blackpoll Warbler!) were conducted in Region 5, as well as several locally organized measured walking