

REGION 2--SOUTHERN TIER

The fall migration season in the southern tier has not been too conducive to good bird recording, as until the 8th of October it has been cool and dry, with only an occasional shower or unusually warm day. There have been few waves although two members of the Keuka Park Conservation Club each reported one the latter part of September. One reported quite a variety of warblers, while the other reported a wave consisting largely of Black-throated Blue and Parula Warblers and Wood Pewees.

My own banding traps have yielded a few noteworthy items, viz., a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher on September 10; Ovenbird on September 13; and an Olive-backed and a Gray-cheeked Thrush in the same trap together on October 2.

Some "last dates" reported by the club include Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Sept. 6; Chimney Swift, Sept. 7; Least Flycatcher Sept. 6; Wood Pewee, Sept. 30; Barn Swallow, Sept. 17; Veery, Sept. 12; Wood Thrush, Oct. 1; Yellow-throated Vireo, Sept. 23; Warbling Vireo, Sept. 10; Red-eyed Vireo, Sept. 23; Parula Warbler, Oct. 1; Yellow Warbler, Aug. 15; Magnolia Warbler, Oct. 1; Ovenbird, Sept. 15; Redstart, Oct. 1; Scarlet Tanager, Sept. 21; and Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Sept. 30.

"First dates" recorded: Whip-poor-will, Sept. 9; Myrtle Warbler, Sept. 17; Palm Warbler, Sept. 17; Rusty Blackbird, Sept. 17; White-throated Sparrow, Sept. 21; White-crowned Sparrow, Oct. 4; Lincoln's Sparrow, Sept. 24. Individuals of these species are still here. A flock of 20 Whistling Swans flew over me Oct. 11, while I was picking grapes.

A group of about a dozen members of the Keuka Park Club meet at the end of each month to pool their lists for that month, making up the combined list, which is published in the Penn Yan Chronicle-Express. I hope something similar may be done in the other clubs of the southern tier, that unusual occurrences may be published in THE KINGBIRD.--

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