

Crossbills. On February 18 a smaller flock was seen which was composed entirely of this species.

One individual Swamp Sparrow seen at Ithaca on January 1. This species is an occasional winter resident in this area. Several Lapland Longspurs have been seen this winter, mostly accompanying flocks of Snow Buntings or Horned Larks. It has been a good winter for Snow Buntings. Several reports of flocks numbering into the hundreds.

No reports this winter of Evening Grosbeaks, Pine Grosbeaks or Redpolls. - - Kenneth C. Parkes, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

REGION 3 - Lake Ontario

Land bird migration southward reached a peak about October 13 when temperatures dropped quickly. Early water-fowl were also passing south in good numbers in mid-October with numbers tapering off by early November. The more hardy species appear to have reached a peak rather late with good numbers present well into December.

There was some movement of Northern Finches, notably the Red Crossbill, into this area by mid-November and a few Snowy Owls appeared beginning in late November.

Thus far an unusual number of species, particularly small species, which do not normally winter here, has been present. At this writing (February 28) the early signs of migration have already appeared. Flocks of Horned Larks have been noted since early February. The gathering of Scaup and Old Squaw Ducks in the mouth of the Genesee River is growing each week and increasing numbers of certain birds of prey have been reported.

Loons - Geese:

A few reports into late January of Common Loon, none since. One immature Gannet off Summerville November 12th. Two Great Blue Herons December 24 - one still present on January 27 at Ellison Park. One Bittern at Braddocks Bay on December 31. One Whistling Swan at Braddocks Bay for at least two weeks following November 24. Snow Goose and Blue Goose - a few of each at Shore Acres mid-October.

Duck - Owls:

Scattered reports of Brant at Sodus Bay and Manitou October 26 - November 12. Good Fall flight of almost all species of ducks, notably Teal, Scaup, and Ruddy Duck. American Scoter off Manitou on November 18. Several hundred American and a few Red breasted Merganser wintering in Irondequoit Bay area. Flocks now increasing. Duck Hawk October 13. A few reports on Sharp shinned and Cooper's, one Red shouldered on December 31. Rough legged and Red tailed uncommon. Less Sparrow and Marsh Hawks than usual. First Bald Eagle on February 17 (immature) at Braddocks Bay.

Sora Rail - one at Durand Park on December 17. Late records - Purple Sandpiper November 7 to 12 (one). Black bellied Plover November 18, Sanderling and Red backed November 23. Golden Plover, November 7. Brunnich's Murre, at least four reports early December. Franklin's Gull, two reports October 15 - December 3 - single birds. A few Mourning Doves have remained as usual.

A few scattered reports of Screech and Great horned Owls, one Short eared Owl in November, several Snowy Owls after mid-November last reported February 3.

Land Birds:

One Kingfisher reported on February 25. Many Flickers and Red headed Woodpeckers, as well as a few Red bellied Woodpeckers and one or two Pileated Woodpeckers at

lower Genesee River flats and elsewhere. Horned Lark flocks became common by mid-February. Carolina Wren for two weeks at Ellison Park late December and January. Mockingbird observed December 16, December 31, Lake Shore Boulevard. Catbirds, 2 locations reported December 24 and one on December 31, none since. Robins unusually common - several scattered flocks up to 100 reported. 3 Bluebirds at Ellison Park on January 27; two there on February 25. Northern Shrike was completely unreported all winter, in contrast to last year. Small flock of Myrtle Warblers in Durand Park late December. A few apparently still there in late February. Small flocks of Redwings and Cowbirds at East Manitou Road appeared to be wintering. Rusty Blackbird - two reports since mid-winter. Cardinals appear to be holding about steady. Some Purple Finches in Durand Park. Several scattered reports of Goldfinches, Siskins and both Crossbills - Red in late Fall, White winged since midwinter. One Towhee on December 2nd.

One Oregon Junco at feeding station Allens Creek Road, Pittsford since late September. Several wintering White throated Sparrows in Durand Park. One or two wintering Fox Sparrows in Durand Park. Lapland Longspur on February 3 with flock of Horned Larks. - - Richard T. O'Hara, 100 Fernwood Park, Rochester, New York.

REGION 4 - St. Lawrence

November brought more than the normal amount of rainfall. Winter began soon after Thanksgiving. The incursion of Brunnich's Murres following the windstorm of November 25 is reported elsewhere. December was snowy with the heaviest fall south of Watertown along the lake shore. January brought several thaws with severe cold weather toward the end of the month. February was cold