

REGIONAL REPORTS FOR FALL MIGRATION IN NEW YORK STATE

REGION 1 – WESTERN NEW YORK

No report for this region was received to date. From recent issue of the *Prothonotary* (August and September) the following notes have been taken in lieu of more recent information. The editor of *The Kingbird* sincerely hopes that in the future all regions will cooperate fully, so that an accurate picture can be given of migration across the State.

LOONS – DUCKS:

Common Loon (1) July 11-21 at Findley Lake (Schaffner).

Brown Pelican (1) July 2 at Hanford Bay at the mouth of Cattaraugus Creek (W. Allair rep. Eschelmann). American Egrets present, but not overly common as in past years. Wood Duck reported in Beaver Dam Area (18), Bunnship Creek (22) and at Bliss (10) on July 7, 9 and 23 respectively.

HAWKS – OWLS:

First Osprey reported August 19 at Onoville (Sundell et al). Black Tern (3500 max.) August 23 (Mitchell) Niagara River. Several July records from Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Barysburg and Wellsville of nesting Screech Owls.

SWIFTS – SHRIKES:

Pileated Woodpecker July 10 at Bliss (Rosche), Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, August 18 at Delaware Park (Mitchell) and Olive-sided Flycatcher, August 19 at Fluvanna (Beal). Purple Martins (1000 max.) at Delaware Park, Forest Lawn (Mitchell) August 18.

VIREOS – WARBLERS:

Blue-winged Warblers (5 max.) August 1-15 (R. H. Sundell and Nelson) at Dewittville. Tennessee, Blackpoll and Mourning Warblers observed at Delaware Park, August 25 (Mitchell, Kelly). Magnolia, Bay-breasted and Canada Warblers at Delaware Park, August 18 (Mitchell et al).

BLACKBIRDS – SPARROWS:

Pine Siskins seen at Bemus Point, June 16, 18 (late) (Beal).

Slate-colored Junco, Buffalo, August 25 (first fall date) (Mitchell et al).

REGION 2 – SOUTHERN TIER

(Including some records from Region 9)

Summers in our region are usually characterized by fairly long wet and dry "spells", which vary in sequence and duration from year to year. In 1951 wet weather generally prevailed through mid-July, followed by an extended dry period. There was nothing particularly abnormal about the summer, and no general marked trend was visible among the birds.

LOONS – DUCKS:

White Pelican – The bird mentioned in the June-July report remained at Montezuma all through the summer, and was seen by many observers. Mrs. Hoyt and Miss Thorpe saw it on September 17, and believed they observed it in the act of finally leaving the refuge. This is confirmed by the refuge manager, who stated on September 26 that he had not seen the