

Vireos — Warblers:

Warbling Vireo was more wide-spread, with three records coming from very unusual locations: Sheepshead Bay, Idlewild and Babylon. The bird normally nests along the north shore on western Long Island. The Yellow-throated Vireo was regular at Oyster Bay and in other areas westward. The Black-throated Green Warbler nested again at West Hills. Pine Warblers and Black and White Warblers were feeding full grown young at Selden, July 6. Louisiana Water-Thrush was comparatively uncommon; the Yellow-breasted Chat was noted as breeding in four areas, and the Redstart at Sunken Forest, Fire Island.

Blackbirds — Sparrows:

The Red-winged Blackbird was noted breeding in upland tracts, practically waterless; Grackle was seen carrying nesting material at Seaford, April 7. Orchard Oriole was present at Oyster Bay, and an adult male lingered at Seaford into the first half of June. Cardinal was increasing rapidly over western Long Island where in one or two locations two or three broods have been observed. Rose-breasted Grosbeak, rare here, is regarded as a regular breeding bird at Sea Cliff and there were two other singing locations in June. The Vesper Sparrow has disappeared largely through central western Long Island due to building. Burning on the nesting grounds eliminated Short-billed Marsh Wren, Bobolink and Henslow's Sparrow at Massapequa this summer.

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The summer season has been generally dry and hot and insects abundant. Gallinaceous and other types of birds seemed to have fared well during the breeding season.

At Montezuma Wildlife Refuge there was a good flight of shore birds during the last half of August and they were still present in numbers during late September. The lowered water table in the marsh area for the purpose of removing carp and probably partially due also to thruway operations and dry weather provided excellent feeding and foraging areas for the various species of shore birds. Certain species were present in abundant numbers, others in relatively small numbers.

Loons — Ducks:

Five hundred Great Blue Herons at Montezuma Sept. 19-24 (Wilson, Andrews, Munfords); at Montezuma 33 American Egrets August 17 (Ward), 7 on Oct. 1 (Scheider and Evans). Flock of Canada Geese Sept. 25 over Syracuse (Scheider). At Montezuma 25 Shoveller Ducks on Sept. 7 (Wards). In fall census conducted by the **Eaton Bird Club** on Sept. 28 a total of 101 species were observed. Little Blue Heron was observed but practically no diving ducks such as Scaups, Canvas-back, Redheads had arrived on Seneca or Cayuga Lakes from their breeding grounds. Four early Green-winged Teal Sept. 14 at Montezuma.

Hawks — Owls:

Bald Eagle nested again at Montezuma. Duck Hawk first report Sept. 14, subsequent reports Sept. 21, 27, two Sept. 28, one Oct. 1. No large Hawk concentrations were reported in this region this fall.

Shore bird records were phenomenal. Just a few of the more unusual records follow:

Golden Plover, 10 on Sept. 1 Montezuma (Gambrells), 19 on Sept. 14 Montezuma (Scheider, Cate, Woolf), 2 on Sept. 20 Montezuma (Minor), 80 on Oct. 1 Montezuma (Scheider, Evans). Ruddy Turnstone recorded at greater frequency this year than in past years at both Montezuma and Oneida Lake. Few Greater Yellow-legs but Lesser Yellow-legs recorded from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1 in numbers up to 70 individuals at Montezuma. 15 Baird's Sandpiper, Sept. 1, Montezuma (Gambrells and Wards), 3 at Montezuma on Sept. 14 and 2 on Sept. 21, Sylvan Beach (Minor, Scheider). Hudsonian Curlew at Montezuma Aug. 31 (McKinney). Red-backed Sandpiper at Sylvan Beach Sept. 28 and Oct. 1 (Hilemans).

Many reports of Dowitchers, high count at Montezuma of 25 on Oct. 1 (Evans, Scheider). Several records of Stilt Sandpiper and one record of a Western Sandpiper at Sylvan Beach Sept. 21 (Minor, Scheider, Little). Buff-breasted Sandpiper Aug. 31 at Montezuma (Kemnitzer, McNett). Hudsonian Godwit at Sylvan Beach Sept. 21 (Minor, Scheider, Little) observed within 5 ft. Three also observed at Montezuma Sept. 1 (Gambrells, Wards). Thirteen Northern Phalarope observed Aug. 22-Sept. 1 (Wilson et al), also one until Sept. 28. Bonaparte's Gull high number of 30 at Sylvan Beach, Sept. 21.

Evidence of breeding Long-eared Owls, Barred Owls and Great-horned Owls at Camp Woodland, Constatia, N. Y. judging from persistent hooting through the summer (Scheider).

Swifts — Shrikes:

Late Chimney Swift Sept. 27 at Montezuma. Late Hummingbird Sept. 23 at Syracuse (Mrs. Cate), Montezuma Sept. 28 (Farnham). 3000 Tree Swallow Sept. 10 at Montezuma (Scheider), poor year for Oneida Lake Cliff Swallow colony. Winter Wren appears up in numbers due to blow-down damage. Wood Thrush at Syracuse Sept. 30 (Mrs. Mayer). Good flights of Olive-backed and Gray-cheeked Thrush noted night of Sept. 13-21 (Scheider).

Vireos — Sparrows:

There were only few reports of early Warbler movements, however Scheider reported some activity the nights and days of Sept. 13 and 14. One Lapland Long spur at Montezuma on Sept. 14 (Hamilton). Juncos in flocks at Syracuse on Sept. 28 (Scheider).

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