

Blackbird — Sparrows:

Mrs. J. B. Darling reporting for the Watkins-Montour Falls club has 5 Red-wings for the Seneca area on February 12. My last record of Cowbird was on November 16. Mrs. McMurtry had 10 Evening Grosbeaks on November 24, and no more till 3 came to the feeder of Mr. James Randall at Riverside on February 4 and 5. A few fed a few days the first week in February at Andover. This has been a winter for Redpolls in the region, coming in November. They have mostly occurred in small flocks, but Mrs. John Whitaker of the Keuka Park club saw a flock of about 1000 the third week in February a few miles west of Penn Yan. A few Pine Siskins have been seen here and there. Mrs. F. A. Cole, at the edge of Penn Yan, has had a Towhee and a Fox Sparrow all winter, and the writer banded a Fox Sparrow on January 8. I also banded a Swamp Sparrow on January 26, which was retrapped a number of times until February 14. Lapland Longspurs have been reported from the uplands back from the lakes, usually mixed with Snow Buntings.

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REGION 3 — LAKE ONTARIO

October was a rather dry month, with the precipitation only half of normal. However, Lake Ontario remained high enough to cover many of the shorebird feeding beaches and forced them to flooded mud flats such as we have at Ling Road.

November and December were mild with little snowfall which resulted in many unusual records of wintering migrants.

Loons — Ducks:

American Egret was abundant most of August with as many as thirty-four being seen at the Stutson Street marsh. The duck migration started on the ninth of August with a report of Pintail. Large flocks of dabbling ducks found food and protection in Rose's Marsh, west of Manitou. Large numbers of all three species of Scoter have been seen along the lake front all fall (Listman and Kemnitzers).

The first fall record of the European Widgeon in Monroe County was observed by Richard O'Hara. The bird, a female or immature, was seen in the lake off Durand-Eastman Park on November 28.

Double-crested Cormorants were numerous, being reported on nine days during October. These may be from the colony of 20 pair that nested on Gull Island in Henderson Harbor.

Hawks — Owls:

A good flight of Rough-legged Hawks (eleven birds on October 26) was observed, with most of these birds in the flight phase. One Parasitic Jaeger was observed flying along the lakeshore at Braddock's Bay on October 4 (Barry-Listman-VanBeurden).

Great Black-backed Gulls remained with us and several could always be seen in any large flock of gulls. In reverse of other years, the Ring-billed Gull outnumbered the Herrings.

Another first record for Monroe County was the October 4 observation of a Sabine's Gull at the lakeshore (Barry-Listman-VanBeurden). An immature Kittiwake on November 8 was also a first record for the county (Listman-VanBeurden). Forester's Terns were present through October with a report of six birds on the twenty-fifth.

We had a flight of Northern Phalarope between August 23rd to 30th with a report of twelve birds coming from Manitou. Manitou also reported a Purple Sandpiper on October 25 (O'Hara).

Swifts — Shrikes:

A Hermit Thrush wintered at Durand-Eastman Park and was heard singing as late as November 29 (Dolan). Tree Swallows reached maximum abundance September 13 when reports of 3,000 were turned in. Scattered reports of Cliff Swallows came in at the same time.

Vireos — Warblers:

The fall warbler migration seemed normal, but due to the mild weather a Northern Yellow-throat and seven Myrtle Warblers remained with us through to the Christmas Census in December. Also reported at that time was a Red-eyed Vireo

from Durand (McNett), a most unusual record, also observed by Mortons.

Blackbirds — Finches:

Cowbird, Bronzed Grackle, and Red-wings were reported through December and as many as 75 Rusty Blackbirds were seen at Flynn Road on the 27th of December.

Pine Siskin arrived as early as October 8. Unusual numbers of Redpoll and Siskin have been turned in all fall, but few Pine Grosbeak and no Evening Grosbeak have been seen.

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REGION 4 — ST. LAWRENCE

Loons — Ducks:

Common Loon, 4 Sandy Pond, Nov. 1 (Farnhams and Scheider).

Red-throated Loon, 6 same time and place.

Horned Grebe, one seen in St. Lawrence River at Cape Vincent Nov. 20, fifty at Sandy Pond Nov. 2 (Scheider and Farnhams).

Pied-billed Grebe, last seen Nov. 5.

Am. Goldeneye present in St. Lawrence River at Ogdensburg Nov. 6 and later.

White-winged Scoter, one reported from Sandy Pond Nov. 29 (Scheider), also three Oct. 12, Sandy Pond.

Surf Scoter, one reported from Sandy Pond Nov. 29 (Scheider).

Hawks — Owls:

Red-tailed Hawk, last date Oct. 24.

Marsh Hawk, last date Oct. 21.

Rough-legged Hawk, marked fall flight, particularly in Jefferson Co. mid-October to mid-November, a few reported after this date.

One Northern Phalarope, winter plumage, Sandy Pond Inlet Nov. 2 (Scheider and Farnhams).

Wilson Snipe, one near Cape Vincent Nov. 5.

Mourning Dove, last seen Nov. 18.

Blackbirds — Sparrows:

Tree Sparrow, first date Oct. 29.

Redpoll, large flock, est. 250, near Gouverneur Nov. 18.

Red-winged Blackbird, Nov. 29 at Sandy Pond (Scheider).

Snow Bunting, Nov. 29 at Sandy Pond (Scheider).

Evening Grosbeak, a few reported in November from scattered localities.

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REGION 5 — ADIRONDACK

The fall and early winter season was definitely colder and wetter than the past two years. First snow on October 10th. Permanent snow began November 20th and continued heavier than for past five years until mid-January. Good cone crop in the Adirondacks.

Loons — Ducks:

The fall and early winter brought a fairly good flight of ducks along Lake Champlain. About 125 Snow Geese and 4 Blue Geese near Port Kent in early December. 15 of the Snows still present on December 25th. The importance of the Champlain Valley as a flyway for many species is becoming more evident the more it is studied. During first half of October each year heavy crow flights occur down this valley.

No White Herons were reported in Adirondack region this summer or fall.