

Swifts — Shrikes:

Few reports of Cliff Swallows came in, but a record Purple Martin concentration was observed, with 2,000 at Lake Ronkonkoma, August 30, in the early morning. This exceeds all Long Island records for abundance of this species (H. Darrow). One or two Red-headed Woodpeckers, the same of Arkansas Kingbirds, and two or three Mockingbirds, constituted the fall reports for these species. Red-breasted Nuthatches were not as common as last year; Short-billed Marsh Wren was last seen November 1 (Idlewild), and five or six Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were recorded from early September to October 4. The Migrant Shrike was less common than last year, and the Northern Shrike was reported only once in late fall.

Vireos — Warblers:

The Blue-headed Vireo passed through in regular numbers; the Warbling Vireo migrated early almost unnoticed, and there were only one or two records of Philadelphia Vireos that came in this fall.

The Warbler migration was poor, except on western Long Island. Individual Magnolia, Bay-breasted and Hooded Warblers appeared, August 4, at Massapequa, but later concentrations did not materialize, and migration was straggly to the middle of September, except for the Bay-breasted Warbler which was more common than usual. There were few Tennessee and Cape May Warblers. A good flight of Parula Warblers came through September 23. The Myrtle Warbler appeared early, with six at Heckscher Park, August 26 (Wm. Reid, Jr.). On extreme western Long Island, at Riis Park and at Idlewild, warbler migration was somewhat better than eastward, and stragglers of a half-dozen species remained or passed through in early November. Very few Orange-crowned Warblers were recorded. Several Yellow-breasted Chats were found in early winter from Massapequa westward. An immature Western Tanager, first found November 23 at Jones Beach (W. Sedwitz), was seen regularly into December.

Close to a dozen reports came in of both Dickcissel and Lark Sparrow, mostly coastal and from Gilgo westward. A tremendous flight of Siskins and Goldfinches passed through during October, and a good flight of Red Crossbills, with a flock of at least 80 at Jones Beach, appeared in late fall. On October 26, while observing large number of Juncos, an Oregon Junco was reported at Jones Beach (Bull). White-crowned Sparrows were very numerous. Lapland Longspurs came through regularly in late October, and a flock of 40 were reported at Idlewild in early November (J. Mayer, G. Rose). Snow Buntings were reported first on November 10, with flocks recorded of up to 60 since.

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REGION 9 — FINGER LAKES

Fall migration records up to October 1, 1952, were reported in the last issue of The Kingbird. However, two important breeding records were omitted from this report. There are of Golden-winged Warbler in the Pine Plains region near Geneva feeding young on 6/28 (Miss Holtby), and young birds held in hand 7/6 (Dr. and Mrs. Munford); also, Upland Plover at 3 locations in Seneca County during summer with young at one location (Walker), and adult with 3 young on 7/6 (Munfords). Diurnal movement of birds was quite spotty and sporadic and in general was quite extended. For example, large numbers of plovers, Ruddy Turnstones, and several species of sandpipers were still present along the lower St. Lawrence River Valley and the Atlantic coast in Canada during late August. Some of these species were observed at Montezuma Wildlife Refuge in good numbers in the same period of August 24-30.

Some of the more interesting late fall observations include Barn and Tree Swallows 10/26, Wood Thrush and Black-poll Warbler 10/14, Cowbirds 11/29, Pipits 10/16 and 18, flocks of Robins 10/18, White-crowned Sparrow 10/24, White-throated Sparrow 12/8, Vesper Sparrow 11/2, flocks of Prairie horned Larks 11/10, and Killdeer 12/28; however, following the first snow at Geneva on October 20,

there was a rapid decline in population of land birds and some increases in water birds, such as ducks and geese. The most unusual record on winter residence is that of a Mockingbird by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Utter, Seneca Falls, N. Y., from Nov. 3 to Feb. 22. Others are: Double-crested Cormorant 10/25; 70 Brant at M. W. R. 10/19; Green-winged Teal, Shoveller (40) 1,000 plus American & Red-breasted Merganser W. R.; 1 Golden and 2 Black-bellied Plover on 11/16; Pectoral, Red-backed Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs on 10/26 (M. W. R.) by O. A. S. 1 Iceland (1st year) and 1 Kumlein's Gull (adult) Fulton by Hillmont & Scheider. Brunnich's Murre — 1 shot at Cross Lake about mid-December and 1 seen at Cross Lake after above bird was taken 12/20; 1 Indigo Bunting, Oneida Lake (Scheider) 12/7; few reports of Purple Finch in November. Several reports of Pine Siskins and Redpolls in early November; one male Dickcissel at feeding station of Mr. & Mrs. O. M. Edwards in Cazenovia for 3 weeks prior to Dec. 21.

Loons — Ducks:

One Common Loon, 1 Pied-bill Grebe at Canandaigua 1/18, and Canada Geese 1/15 (Ward). Practically all species of diving ducks appeared after October 1. By October 19 Horned Grebes, Canada Geese, Red-heads, Scaups and Ruddy Ducks were fairly common (Gambrel et al); and up to 3,000 Redheads; 500 Lesser Scaups; 300 Greater Scaups; 40 American Goldeneye (200 north end of Cayuga 1/24/53, **Onondaga Audubon Society**); 50 American, 2 Hooded and 5 Red-breasted Merganser; 2 Ring-necked Ducks; 7 Bufflehead; 40 Mallards; 100 Black Duck; 25 Ruddy Duck; and 60 Coot have been observed on or after October 9, 2500 Canvas-backs seen M. W. R. on 11/16 but were very scarce in winter.

Hawks — Owls:

Wintering records include Sparrow Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed and the Rough-legged Hawk. The latter species is somewhat scarce in the Romulus-Seneca Ordnance Depot area, but present in appreciable numbers between Syracuse and south shore of Oneida Lake. Mr. Farnham (O. A. S.) reported 22 in 3 days of observation at 9 different places in the Syracuse area (7 seen in view at one time on Jan. 4, and 6 at Cicero Swamp on Jan. 17).

Marsh Hawks and Sparrow Hawks seen on several dates in January (O. A. S.) Seven Short-eared Owls reported along south shore of Oneida Lake Dec. 28 by Scheider, Burt, Evans, Spofford. The **Onondaga Audubon Society** also reports the following: 1 Killdeer 12/28; 1 Woodcock in City of Syracuse 1/10; 1 Flicker at feeding station in mid-January (Evans) in Syracuse; Winter Wren 12/28/52; five northern Horned Lark and 25 Prairie horned Lark, 2 Cardinals, 2 Tree Sparrows on 12/28/52 (Gambrells, Hartzell, K. Brownell).

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