

smaller, and was probably a Migrant. My own first record for Migrant Shrike is March 24th.

Vireos — Warblers:

An immature Cape May Warbler spent a week early in December at Wellsburg.

Blackbirds — Sparrows:

Meadowlarks appeared near Branchport on March 13, and in the Elmira area on March 18. A Baltimore Oriole (sex not stated) fed in a yard in Montour Falls where some unharvested grapes provided food till they were gone, when it visited the rest of the winter at various feeding stations in the neighborhood. First date for Bronzed Grackle was March 6, at Elmira.

Evening Grosbeaks were far less common than a year ago, but a few were observed at various dates through the winter at Watkins Glen, Elmira and Wellsville. A female Dickcissel wintered just over the state line at Athens, Pa., where the

Susquehanna Audubon Society maintains feeders.

There has been a scattering of Pine Siskins over the area, and this has been very definitely a Redpoll winter. Large flocks have been observed generally over the region. A Towhee spent the winter on the premises of Mrs. F. A. Cole in Penn Yan, another at Pine Valley, and a third for about a week in January south of Elmira. Mrs. Welles at Big Flats saw two Savannah Sparrows on March 24, one of which was in song. The writer banded a Fox Sparrow on January 8, which remained for another month, and another spent the winter at Mrs. Cole's in Penn Yan. I also banded a Swamp Sparrow on February 1, and it was retrapped several times in the next few weeks. Lapland Longspurs and Snow Buntings have been present* over the region in mixed as well as flocks of the two species.

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REGION 3 — LAKE ONTARIO

The mild winter continued with little snowfall and temperatures as high as 50°F. in January and February. With little melting snow, the fields and woods were unusually dry for March.

Loons — Ducks:

Several Holboell's Grebes remained at Sodus Bay and the lake shore from January till the present writing. Pied-billed Grebe and a Great Blue Heron were reported as early as January.

A flock of 125 Canada Geese and several Pintail wintered at Shore Acres, the corn fields furnishing food and the nearby lake providing shelter from their enemies. By the first of March the flock had grown to 1000 and a Blue Goose had joined them (Neil Moon). Baldpate and one European Widgeon were also reported from Shore Acres on the same day.

Two hundred Canvas-back were reported at Sodus Bay from the 31st of January through February. Two Whistling Swan were seen at the lakeshore as early as March 24.

Hawks — Owls:

Migrating hawks drifted by on the lake shore through all of March but no large flights were seen until Barry, Listman, and VanBeurden reported 105 Red-tailed Hawks on the 19th of March. They recorded a total of nine species of hawks on that one day.

On the 15th of March **The Genesee Ornithological Society** was rewarded with a view of a Golden Eagle at Hamlin Beach Park, and on the 22nd of March, Bieber and Listman observed another migrating Golden at Manitou Beach.

An early report for the Bald-Eagle was 7 Feb. on the west lake shore.

A Glaucous and an Iceland Gull remained at the lake shore through January and February.

The first Woodcock of the year was observed at the Burroughs-Audubon Nature Station on March 22 (McKinney); the first Short-eared Owl on March 12; and the first Saw-whet Owl on March 21.

The Kingbird

Swifts — Shrikes:

Three Red-bellied and a Red-headed Woodpecker were observed at Scottsville on January 18 on the G. O. S. hike.

A pair of Carolina and two Long-billed Marsh Wren wintered at Tryon Park and on January 15 we received a report of a Mockingbird on Latta Road. Two Hermit Thrush were regularly reported from Durand-Eastman Park in January and February.

The first Phoebe was seen on the 23rd of February, but the main group of migrants didn't arrive till the 18th of March. Tree Swallows became abundant along the lake after March 15.

Crows could be seen migrating along the lake shore in large flocks from the 12th to the 22nd of March and up to 2500 were reported on the 15th. Most of these birds were flying westward in just the opposite direction of our hawk migration.

Robins appeared in numbers on March 12 and Bluebirds on March 13.

Vireos — Warblers:

Myrtle Warbler was observed wintering at Durand (VanBurden) and a Northern Water Thrush was seen on the 7th and 21st of February at Tryon Park (O'Hara).

Blackbirds — Sparrows:

A flock of 30 Red-wings, 8 Rusty Blackbirds, a Bronzed Grackle, and 10 Cowbirds were all reported from the lakeshore as early as January.

Both a Hoary Redpoll from Island Cottage Woods and a Towhee from Long Pond Woods were reported on January 3.

Especially interesting is the flock of 100 Lapland Longspurs and 42 Snow Buntings seen at Shore Acres on March 15 by a group of birders on a **Genesee Ornithological Society** field trip.

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REGION 4 — ST. LAWRENCE

The winter was generally mild, with no prolonged cold spells, and was notable particularly for lack of snow. Watertown had the least snowfall in 50 years. Thaws were frequent and the ground was bare on several occasions during the winter.

Loons — Ducks:

A Brunnich Murre was killed at the Dexter marsh on Dec. 7.

Both White-winged and Surf Scoters were seen at Sandy Pond on Nov. 29 (Schneider).

Three species of grebes, Horned, Holboell's, and Pied Billed were present at Oswego Harbor during the winter (Schneider).

A Coot was seen at Oswego Harbor during February (Hileman).

The following winter records were also obtained at Oswego Harbor, Old Squaw, Hooded Merganser, Bufflehead, Canvasback.

Hawks — Owls:

A few wintering Rough-legged Hawks have been reported.

Iceland Gull, one at Oswego Harbor, March. 1 (Schneider).

Swifts — Shrikes:

Kingfisher, one remained into January at Colton (St. Lawrence Co.).

Pileated Woodpecker, apparently on the increase in the vicinity of Gouverneur.

Blackbirds — Sparrows:

Cowbird, a few wintered in Northern N. Y. Reported in January and February from St. Lawrence Co.

Meadowlark, one seen January 14 at Great Bend, Jefferson Co.

Cardinal, a male of this species spent the winter near Morristown.

Redpoll, present throughout the winter season, most numerous in March.

Evening Grosbeak, rather scarce during the early part of winter, much more numerous in February and March.

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