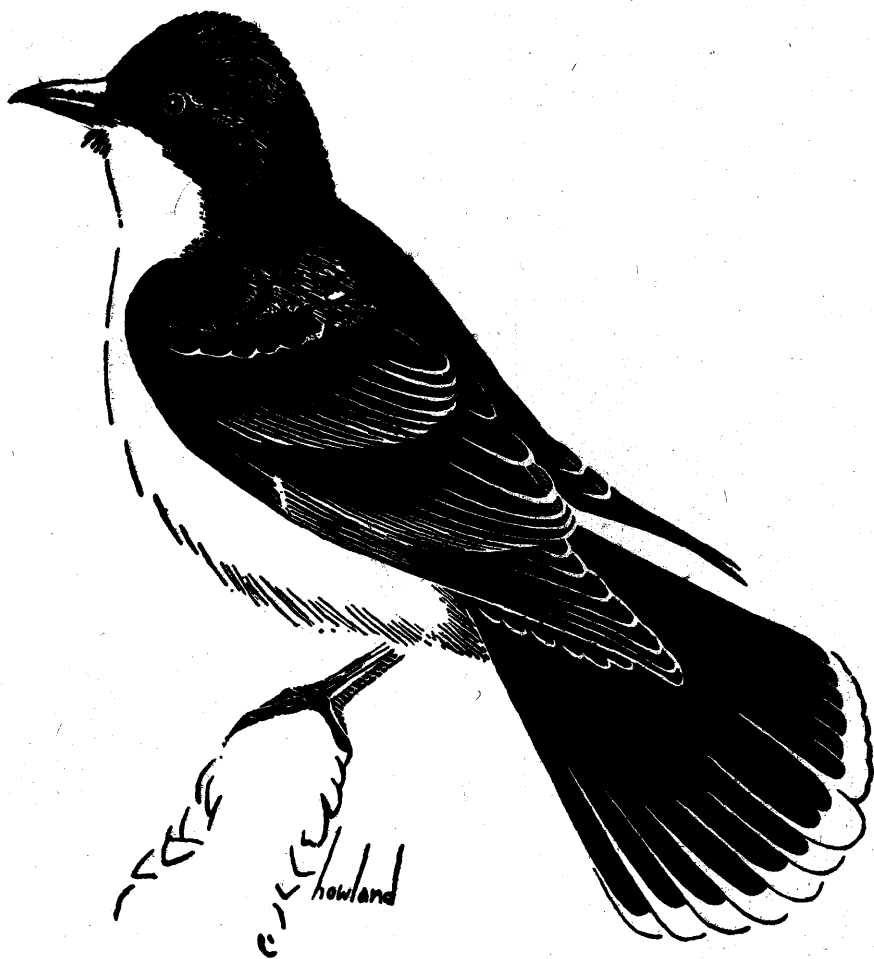


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breeding in the Syosset - Oyster Bay area; Purple Martin was wide-spread, and 23 Rough-winged Swallows were counted at Mill Neck, June 14 (W. Post, Jr.). Carolina Wren is again spreading westward with the mild winters. A fine colony of Hermit Thrushes was present in the Eastport - Speonk pine belt. A Mockingbird showed up again at Merrick where it was in the same location as last year, but did not breed either year. A Magpie was present at Lawrence during October. There are practically no records of Gnatcatcher and very few of Migrant Shrike.

VIREOS — WARBLERS: Both the Yellow-throated and Warbling Vireos occupy north short tracts from Manhasset to Oyster Bay; there was no abundance of either species during migration. The Philadelphia Vireo was reported from several locations in September on the south shore. Two reports of Black-throated Green Warbler nesting came from northern Nassau County and one from Mastic. The Chat was reported from both locations also. The fall movement of warblers continued through with such species as the Nashville, Prairie, Black-throated Blue and Black-throated Green, Chat and Redstart being seen toward the end of October. The Connecticut was present to October 16 at Idlewild. One or two reports of Orange-crowned and Brewster's Warbler came in from western Long Island.

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: Large flocks of Red-wings and Grackles were present at Seaford, Wantagh in mid-October. Records of the House Finch, formerly to Islip, now extend to Shinnecock Hills. Several records of Blue Grosbeak and Dickcissel came in from the Rockaways to Oak Beach, but both Dickcissel and Lark Sparrow reports were fewer than during last fall. There were no reports of winter finches except Siskin; a flock of 70 appeared at Seaford on October 27.

The first Ipswich Sparrow was seen at Spring Creek, Jamaica Bay, October 24. There was a good flight of White-crowned Sparrows in mid-October, but very few Fox Sparrows to date.

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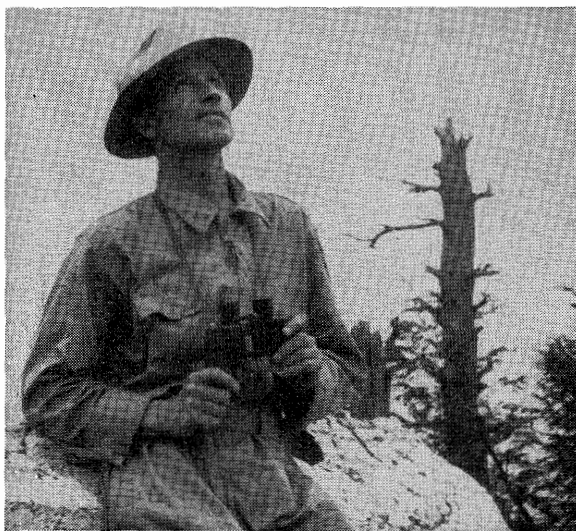
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