

and Wilson. An August 25 record of Olive-sided Flycatcher from Vandalia by Eaton intrigues me; we have many dates comparable to it, but all of our earlier fall dates are from the mountains in that vicinity, and I suspect some day a nesting pair will be found there. Northern Horned Larks appeared November 6. The swallows remained later than usual, though no records were broken. Chickadees, and to a lesser extent White-breasted Nuthatches swarmed over western New York in October. Brown-capped Chickadees were reported from Wilson (November 14, Axtell et al) and Chestnut Ridge Park (November 26, Coggeshalls). A goodly number of Carolina Wren records were received during September, October, and November. The last House Wren record was October 27 and the last Short-billed Marsh Wren was reported from Tifft Street October 18 (P. Greene). Eaton collected an Olive-backed Thrush at Vandalia October 19, and Mrs. McMurtry reported a Veery at Wellsville September 15. Perhaps the most noticeable effect of Hurricane "Hazel" was the very large number of Golden-crowned Kinglets which flooded the territory immediately afterward. Earliest Pipit record was September 25 (Grand Island, Rosche); there was an excellent October migration of the species. Gray Shrikes appeared early (October 23) and more records of their presence were received than in any previous year in my memory, as many as nine individuals being reported on one field trip.

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: In this group belongs one of the most unusual records ever to be reported in western New York, viz., the occurrence of a Dickcissel and a Harris's Sparrow in one day at one feeding station (October 4, Kenmore, Rathbun, Houck, et al). Both identifications were well authenticated. Actually, Nathan found a Harris's Sparrow in Forest Lawn Cemetery on September 28, and the Kenmore bird was seen from September 29 to October 4. The Dickcissel was present only one day. Also of great interest was the start of what promises to be one of our very best years for northern finches. Evening Grosbeaks first appeared October 21, and have been reported from many areas since. Pine Grosbeaks arrived November 14, and they too are present in good numbers. Only one Red Crossbill has been reported, but we have several records of White-wings, though the flocks are small. Common Redpolls and Pine Siskins are also here.

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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The fall migration in our area was good in several respects but poor in some ways. The land bird flight was interesting with many warblers in September and many chickadees in October. The waterfowl migration was poor due to adverse weather and the shorebird flight was also disappointing. As of Nov. 30 little snow has fallen and the weather was averaging fair.

LOONS — DUCKS: The first Common Loon was seen on Sept. 12 with a high count of 100 on Oct. 30. The first Red-throated Loon was seen on Oct. 30 with very few later records. One Holboell's Grebe on Nov. 6 and five on Nov. 7 at Payne Beach (Monroe Co.). There were several Monroe Co. records of American Egrets. One Eastern Glossy Ibis was seen Sept. 25 and 26 at Braddock's Bay (Monroe Co.) by many observers. A few Brant were seen, first date Nov. 13; maximum in one day 4 individuals. The first Pintail was seen on Aug. 14 and the greatest number (1085) was seen migrating east along Lake Ontario, urged on by strong NW winds on Sept. 11. First dates for other ducks — Ring-necked Duck Oct. 9, Canvasback Oct. 17, Goldeneye Oct. 28, Bufflehead Oct. 23, Old Squaw Oct. 17, Surf Scoter Oct. 17, Amer. Scoter Oct. 17, White-winged Scoter Sept. 12 and Ruddy Duck Oct. 16. There were 300 Lesser Scaup still present on Nov. 30 at Durand Park. An unidentified female Eider was seen at Rigney's Bluff (Monroe Co.) on Nov. 28. The diving duck and scoter flight was very poor. (Northerly winds were scarce during October and November). Red-breasted Mergansers were recorded in the thousands during the first and second weeks of November. At Hamlin Park Baldpates, Pintails, Green-winged Teals and Gadwalls were still present the last week in Nov.

HAWKS — OWLS: Bald Eagle, scarce; Coopers Hawk, more than usual — there is perhaps a small flight of this species east along the lakeshore in the fall. Red-shouldered Hawk, one late bird on Oct. 23; one early Rough-legged Hawk on Oct. 9;

last Osprey on Oct. 16; one Goshawk on Oct. 30 at Durand Park (O'Hara and Miller). Eleven Ruffed Grouse at Springwater on Nov. 30 (Jones). Sora quite common in marshes in September. There was a poor flight of shorebirds and all appear to be gone by mid-November. One Hudsonian Curlew was seen on Sept. 1 and Sept. 11 in Monroe Co. Western Sandpiper — three in August at Braddock's Bay and Shore Acres. There was a fair flight of Golden Plovers and the last Ruddy Turnstone was seen on Oct. 17. A late Woodcock was seen on Nov. 6 and a Purple Sandpiper was seen on Nov. 7 at Braddock's Bay (Beiber). The last Sanderling was seen on Nov. 7. On October 16, the morning after hurricane Hazel passed over Rochester, Laughing Gulls were seen along the Lake Ontario shore at the following points — Charlotte to Payne Beach four birds on Oct. 16 (Van Beurden and Corcoran), eight birds from Charlotte to Hamlin Park on Oct. 16 (Beiber and Listman). The majority of these birds were adults in winter plumage. Seven reports of Little Gulls from Braddock's Bay and Charlotte from Aug. 30 to Oct. 10. One immature Jaeger was seen at Braddock's Bay on Oct. 10 (O'Hara and Miller). Three Forster's Terns were reported from Braddock's Bay, Charlotte and Payne Beach from Sept. 25 to Oct. 17 (less than usual). The Yellow-billed Cuckoo was seen in greater numbers and later than usual — last date Oct. 16. The Barn Owl seems to be increasing. One Short-eared Owl and one Saw-whet Owl were found dead.

SWIFTS — SHRIKES: The last Hummingbird was seen on Sept. 22 and the last Chimney Swift on the late date of Oct. 16. One Olive-sided Flycatcher was seen on September 4; the last Crested Flycatcher on Oct. 3 and the last Phoebe on Oct. 16. An early Northern Horned Lark on Oct. 9 and two on Oct. 28. Last dates for swallows were Tree Oct. 17, Barn Nov. 3 (very late) (Listman), Bank Sept. 26 and Cliff Oct. 16. There was a large flight of Red-breasted Nuthatches. The Carolina Wren seems to be holding its own with a new location at Conesus Lake. The last date for Olive-backed Thrush was Oct. 23. The first Northern Shrike was seen on Oct. 23 and since have been reported in unusual numbers — as many as five in one day from Monroe Co. One Catbird was seen in Durand Park on Nov. 13.

The most outstanding event during Oct., beside hurricane Hazel, was the migration of Black-capped Chickadees beginning on Oct. 9. Birds in flocks containing more than one hundred individuals at times, were seen migrating east during the period from Oct. 9 to the middle of Nov. The birds moved along the Lake Ontario shore of Monroe Co. and appeared to be on the move on fair days with the wind from the west, southwest or south. (With these birds came Brown-capped Chickadees and Tufted Titmice in good numbers for our area). Actual counts made — Payne Beach Oct. 9, 10,500 indiv. (Listman and Van Beurden), Payne Beach Oct. 12, 12,000 (Listman) and 4,500 on Oct. 17 Payne Beach (Van Beurden). Brown-capped Chickadee — one on Oct. 17, one on Oct. 28 and one on Nov. 11 — all seen in Monroe Co. (Listman and Van Beurden). Tufted Titmice — seven reports from Oct. 2 to Nov. 25.

VIREOS — WARBLERS: There was a good flight of Philadelphia Vireos and last dates of other species were Yellow-throated Oct. 16, Blue-headed Oct. 17, Red-eyed Oct. 23, Philadelphia Oct. 3, and Warbling Sept. 17. Migrant Black and White, Magnolia, Blackburnian, Bay-breasted, Blackpoll, Pine and Wilson's Warblers appeared in late Aug. about as usual. One Connecticut Warbler was seen at Lakeshore Country Club on Sept. 17. The last Hooded Warbler was seen Sept. 25. Two Orange-crowned Warbler records — one on Oct. 10, and one on Oct. 12, Monroe Co. Fourteen species of warblers were reported in October and a definite increase in Palm and Blackpoll Warblers was noted on Oct. 16, the morning after Hurricane Hazel. It is quite probable that these birds were blown north. The last date of Blackpoll was on Oct. 23 at Durand Park. A late Magnolia was seen on Nov. 1. A Yellowthroat spent most of Nov. at Durand Park. Three species of warblers were reported in Nov.

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: The last Bobolink in Monroe Co. was seen Oct. 2; last Scarlet Tanager on Oct. 10. A fair flight of Evening Grosbeaks was observed starting Oct. 23 but have not been reported after Nov. 16. There was a normal flight of Goldfinches and Pine Siskins. There have been many Pine Grosbeaks the first in two years; first date Nov. 7, up to forty in a flock and mostly seen in Durand Park. A few Redpolls have been reported, the first in two years; first date on Nov. 6. There have been very few Red Crossbills but an excellent flight of White-winged Crossbills beginning Nov. 10. The first Slate-colored Junco was quite early

on Sept. 4 and there were several reports of Lincoln's Sparrows from Sept. 4 to Oct. 16. The first dates for Tree Sparrow Oct. 23, Lapland Longspur Oct. 2, Snow Bunting Oct. 23.

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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August and September were warm, somewhat above normal in temperature and dry throughout the Finger Lakes region. October and November were a little wetter, with two heavy wet snows, one on November 2 and one on November 21st, which were localized. The part of the region from Elmira east was hard hit by hurricane Hazel on October 15, Ithaca itself suffering most damage. Surprisingly enough, very little effect was noticed on the bird life, with few Southern or coastal birds reported; some observers reported that Song Sparrows seemed to disappear immediately after the storm. Apparently we are more affected, bird-wise, by storms to the east of us than by those which move from the south directly into the area.

The most outstanding feature of the season has been the invasion of northern birds of several species, unusually early and in much greater numbers than usual.

LOONS — DUCKS: Large flocks of migrating Loons were seen near King Ferry Nov. 30th A. M. (A. A. Allen). A Red-throated Loon was on Keuka Lake near Branchport 11/4 (Spiker). Horned Grebes appeared in normal number on all lakes.

A Great Blue Heron lingered late in November at Montezuma (Schaffner), one at Meyer's Point on Cayuga Lake (AAA) and one near Elmira (Smith, Welles). American Egrets were present at Montezuma until 10/3 (Walker) and one appeared in August at Hollister's Swamp near Branchport, second record for that area in 15 years (Guthrie). A Little Blue Heron was reported on Virgil Creek at Dryden 8/24 (Dunham). An American Bittern was rescued from a trap on Chemung River 11/22 by J. Arnesen. Least Bitterns and Black-crowned Night Herons up in numbers at Montezuma (Walker). The lone Whistling Swan was seen for the last time on 10/17 (Munfords) and was then in flight. On 11/20 there were 3 of this species at Montezuma (Walker) and 4 were on Keuka near Branchport 11/4-12 (Guthrie).

Good flights of Canada Geese all fall, an early flight seen at Avoca on 9/14 (Carter). 60 Brant at head of Cayuga Lake 11/5 (Rapalee). Several Blue Geese and 1 Snow Goose stayed at Montezuma awhile and were reported by various observers 10/23 to 11/18.

Ducks began returning to foot of Seneca Lake about 10/10 and soon there were good rafts of Scaups and Redheads there (Ward) — fewer on Cayuga this fall. Montezuma had 300 Baldpates, 150 Shovellers 10/10 (Munford). A Ring-necked Duck, irregularly here in winter, was seen at Montezuma 11/28 (Munford). A White-winged Scoter was reported killed on Cayuga 11/6 (Walker) and Mallards and Black Ducks were numerous at Brandy Bay on Keuka this fall, where they are being protected. An early Ruddy Duck at 7 Acre Pond near Elmira 9/1 (Welles), and on Cayuga 9/20 (Thorpe). Two early Red-breasted Mergansers were on Cayuga Lake, 10 miles south of the foot, on 8/29 (Van Beurden).

HAWKS — OWLS: Fewer reports of Turkey Vultures in northern part, but two were seen 9/12 on Ridge Road north of Horseheads (Samson) and Grossbeck reports 22 of them circling over a sheep carcass in town of Greenwood 9/19. A Goshawk again seen at Andrus place near Catlin 11/29 (Andrus). Several species of Hawks were present at Montezuma on 11/28 (Walker, Munfords) including the Peregrine which had been around there since 10/10. Rough-legged Hawk at Etna 11/9 (Hoyt) and at Montezuma 11/17 (Munford). Two Eagles were seen frequently all fall at Montezuma. A Pigeon Hawk appeared two miles south of Branchport 9/18 (Spiker). No other area reports of it.

Ruffed Grouse are scarce around Avoca (Carter). A late Florida Gallinule was reported to W. Thurber by another observer at Montezuma on 11/14. Coots have