

**VIREOS — WARBLERS:** Philadelphia Vireos were reported at three places: near Branchport, Crescent Swamp 9/2 (Spiker); Etna 9/4 (Hoyt) and the Island 10/3 (Walker).

Warbler migration was normal, all species being reported that could be expected, but no unusual waves. A Connecticut Warbler was seen  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile west of Penn Yan 9/7 (Lerch). There were few reports of lingering Myrtles.

**BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS:** Enormous Grackle flights were seen November 5 by A. A. Allen and by Sundell, with some Redwings and Starlings also. Thurber reports missing the usual large Blackbird concentrations at Montezuma; 450 bobolinks at Montezuma 8/28 (Van Beurden).

Late Scarlet Tanager at Keuka Park 10/16 (Guthrie).

I am late in reporting a Dickcissel 7/10 of this year at Ithaca, on Culver Road (Phil Allen). Flocks of Dickcissels fed on Bird's-foot Trefoil on the shore of Keuka near Penn Yan in August (Mrs. Arthur Cowell).

The fall has been particularly marked by the invasion, early and in numbers of Evening and Pine Grosbeaks. The Pines have come into villages and cities, feeding on maple buds and seeds, privet and sumac. Evening Grosbeaks came to feeders in Ithaca the end of November, when box elder had not yet been exhausted. The earliest Evening Grosbeak report was 10/14 (Fischer) at Ithaca; earliest Pine Grosbeak 10/19 near Branchport (Spiker). White-winged Crossbills have also been reported, 11/9, Etna (Hoyt, Dickinson). There are few reports of Siskins or Redpolls yet.

Sharp-tailed Sparrow, often missed in migration, 9/3 and 9/24 at Ithaca (K. Thorp). Juncos are very common this fall, large flocks near Cortland 10/17 (Thurber). Early Junco report from Branchport 8/27 (Spiker) although this may have nested nearby at a higher elevation.

Flocks of migrating Chipping Sparrows 9/28 at Avoca (Carter). White-throated Sparrows seemed scarce to several observers. A late Fox Sparrow sang at Etna 11/25 (Hoyt).

Lapland Longspurs are abundant, being seen from 10/22 on (AAA). Snow Buntings also came early and in numbers, the first being seen 10/24 at Branchport (Spiker).

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## REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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The first two or three weeks of August, in the Susquehanna Region, were a continuation of the drought experienced during the latter part of June and all of July. Towards the end of August the weather reversed itself completely to cool and wet. September and October were the usual mixture of beautiful sunny days and an overcast drizzly one, except for October 15 when Hazel passed through. Her only calling card was a Black Skimmer, found north of Norwich two days later. November 2 brought the first heavy snowfall of the year and the next one was at Thanksgiving.

**LOONS — DUCKS:** The earliest Horned Grebe reported was one at Norwich 10/20 (R. White), and the last Pied-bills were 3 at Unadilla 10/23 (Wisner).

10/28 saw the last Great Blue Heron at Norwich (R. White). The lone American Egret of the season was one at Campville 9/6 (Sheffields & Bemont). The last Green Heron was noted 10/3 near Binghamton (Triple Cities Naturalists' Club). An immature Yellow-crowned Night Heron showed up in Chenango Bridge 8/22 (Bemont) and was obliging enough to return to the same spot for four other observers (Fessenden, Washburn, Sheffields) to confirm the identification. It appeared once more on 8/28 before leaving for good.

An American Brant was seen on Oquaga Lake near Deposit 11/6 (Wilson).

Three Green-winged Teal, our first of the season, were seen on Boland's Marsh, north of Binghamton 9/19 (Washburn & Sheffields) and a flock of 26, the season high were in the same place 9/25 (North & Bemont). Six Blue-wings 8/29, our first, and 15 in a flock 9/23, the season high were on the same marsh (Bemont). Our only fall Teal report in the previous two years was a single Green-wing in Nov. 1952.

**HAWKS — OWLS:** The first Broad-winged Hawk of the season was seen at Ely Park in Binghamton 8/20 (R. Sheffield). A Rough-legged Hawk was seen 11/27 (Hannan). The last Osprey was seen near Unadilla 10/10 (Wisner). A Duck Hawk was noted near Bainbridge 9/12 (E. J. Smith).

A Florida Gallinule with 6 small chicks was seen at Boland's Marsh 8/8 and the last one was noted at the same place 9/19 (TCNC).

A Pectoral Sandpiper at Whitney Point 10/10 (Bemont), a White-rumped Sandpiper at Boland's Marsh 8/8 (TCNC) and a Sanderling at Whitney Point 8/27 (Bemont) were the high points of a somewhat better than normal shorebird migration.

The first Herring Gull of the season was noted at Campville 9/25 (North & Bemont).

A Black Skimmer was found at Mead's Pond above Norwich 10/17 (R. S. & L. White). This was the second day after Hazel passed through and the bird still seemed exhausted as it allowed observers to approach within 15 feet and then flew only reluctantly.

There were two reports of late Yellow-billed Cuckoos — 9/26 at Norwich (R. White) and 9/28 at Bainbridge (E. J. Smith).

Screech Owls seem to be increasing in numbers around Binghamton (TCNC).

**GOATSUCKERS — SHRIKES:** Three very late Nighthawks were reported from the Binghamton area 10/11 (Sheffields), and the last Chimney Swifts were seen over Binghamton 10/3 (TCNC). The last Ruby-throated Hummingbird was observed at Hillcrest, just north of Binghamton, 9/27 (Mrs. R. P. Easton).

An early Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was found in Binghamton 9/8 (Marsi).

Crested Flycatchers were last seen near Binghamton 9/5 (Sheffields & Ohrbergs) and the last Phoebe 10/10 in Endicott (Washburn) and at Norwich (S. White).

A Brown-capped Chickadee came to a feeder in Hillcrest 11/22 (Easton). The following day two appeared and have been regular customers since. Up at Norwich a flock of 6 Brown-caps were seen 11/28 (R. White).

Red-breasted Nuthatches were first reported at Deposit 8/26 (Wilson) and at Norwich 3 or more were noted 8/29, another 9/5 and 3 more 9/6 (S. & R. White). All these reports are ahead of the usual early date. Reports from other areas indicate the bird to be definitely up in numbers.

Two Short-billed Marsh Wrens were found at North Norwich 7/15 (R. White). One was seen at the same place 8/14 (Sheffields & R. White).

There were two reports of late Hermit Thrushes, both in Binghamton, one 10/31 (TCNC) and one 11/13 (Carpenter).

Ruby-crowned Kinglets at Norwich 8/29 (S. White) were almost a month early. A flock of twenty or more American Pipits at Oxford 11/2 (Stratton) constituted the only report of the bird received all fall.

**VIREOS — WARBLERS:** A Brewster's Warbler was found behind Boland's Marsh 8/8 (TCNC). This is the second report of this hybrid this year. An early Cape May Warbler 9/6 and 2 late Palm Warblers 10/20 were seen at Norwich (R. White).

**BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS:** The first Evening Grosbeak was a single bird at Oxford 11/12 (Stratton). Small flocks have since been reported from Oneonta and Sidney and a flock of 20-30 at Unadilla 11/17 (Atkinson).

The first Pine Grosbeaks were a flock of 12 at Chenango Valley State Park near Binghamton 11/20 (Sheffields). They have since been found in two other spots around Binghamton as well as in Bainbridge and Oxford.

The only Pine Siskins reported were a flock of 15 or more near Norwich 10/20 (R. White).

Dr. E. Wolf of Oneonta State Teachers College writes that Slate-colored Juncos were present during the summer, although he doesn't mention any definite breeding record.

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## REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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The cool August was reflected in early dates for some migrants; however, the remainder of the fall was mild and warm with few sharp or prolonged