

Black-bellied Plover were reported from Buffalo Harbor July 27. Adult Bonaparte's Gulls returned (late) to the Niagara River on July 30 (Beardslee), and by that date the number of Black Terns on the river was building up toward the tremendous peak due a month later.

SWIFTS — SHRIKES: Sapsuckers seen feeding young June 26 in Allegany State Park by the McCanns and Brockners. Despite the drought I heard more Alder Flycatchers this summer than usual, and I was also delighted to note an apparent increase in our Prairie Horned Lark population. Winter Wrens must have nested in Allegany State Park as they were seen there June 26 (McCanns and Brockners). Short-billed Marsh Wrens continue to be scarce, but Carolina Wrens appear to be on the increase. An Olive-backed Thrush's nest was found near Vandalia on June 26 by Eaton.

VIREOS — WARBLERS: I believe I heard more Red-eyed Vireos singing within Buffalo's city limits than in any previous summer. Our normal population of breeding warblers was reported, including, however, only one Prothonotary (June 4, Oak Orchard, Brockner). Eaton reported a loose aggregation of eight individuals of four species of summer resident warblers moving through the woods behind his home as early as July 17.

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: One observer's impression: Towhee, Grasshopper Sparrow, Field Sparrow somewhat more numerous than usual; Henslow's and Swamp Sparrows heard less frequently.

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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June was a warm, dry month. July was cooler in the first two weeks, however, and moderately rainy. Few good shorebirding areas appeared in July due to the continuing influence of Lake Ontario's high water level. Also, few outstanding records were secured during this period. Breeding work in June & July was sparse as usual.

LOONS — DUCKS: Whistling Swans were reported at Braddock's Bay on a late June 2nd. Lesser Scaups were reported in June and July.

HAWKS — OWLS: Least Sandpiper reported June 18, Semipalmated Sandpiper July 2, Stilt Sandpiper July 19. A White-rumped Sandpiper was seen on June 22 (C. & H. Jarvis).

SWIFTS — SHRIKES: Nesting cliff swallows were reported on June 12 from south of Sodus Bay. This is the closest known nesting location to Rochester at present. Brown Creepers were seen in June and July in Bergen Swamp.

VIREOS — WARBLERS: The only record of interest in this category is that of a Brewster's Warbler on June 5 in Powder Mill Park (Davis).

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: A pair of nesting Dickcissels was discovered in late June at the intersection of Strong and Dryer Rds., Victor, Ontario Co. (Edson). A nest and four eggs were present until destroyed in early July. The birds were observed from June 26 to approximately July 4 and seen by various observers. A Western Meadowlark was reported near Batavia (fide Beardslee) in July.

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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June and July were unusually dry throughout. The first two or three weeks in June were quite cool, but then excessive heat took over, which, combined with the drought made crops suffer.

A. A. Allen noted that there was considerable infertility in the eggs under observation, and many other nests were broken up for one reason or another. Even Cowbirds had a hard season Mrs. Carter noted that around Avoca many young birds seemed to leave nests too soon and there were more casualties than usual, for no apparent reason. This seemed especially true in Robins, Chipping Sparrows and Red-eyed Vireos. I had numer-