

A late Parula Warbler was seen at Indian Pines, near Penn Yan 10/22 (Orcutt). Thurber found Myrtles in unusually large numbers all fall throughout this area. An interesting observation of one or more Palm Warblers was made by Welles, at Elmira on 9/13, 9/21 and again 10/6, as the bird fed on insects on a hay rake, for some time. A Connecticut Warbler was banded by Lerch 9/19 at Penn Yan. This species has been reported only 5 times in 10 years in that area.

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: Well over 5000 Bobolinks fed on millet at Montezuma Refuge from 8/20 to 9/18 (Smith, Walker). As reported elsewhere, they shook much to the ground where it was available later for ducks. Reports of Redwings destroying grain extensively were investigated by Walker, where it was found that the real culprit was the Starling, with a few Redwings. Redwings were reported as unusually abundant everywhere, and lingering late. (Est. 100,000 at Montezuma 11/9. Thurber). A male Baltimore Oriole was seen by several observers at a feeder in Forest Home, Ithaca in late November. Migrating Scarlet Tanagers were evident in Etna on 9/14 (Dickinson, Hoyt).

It is evidently going to be a good year for Evening Grosbeaks, first reported 10/24 at Ithaca (Fischer) with numerous scattered reports since, all areas except Watkins. A few Pine Grosbeaks have also been seen. 1 Red Crossbill, Snyder Hill, Ithaca 11/25 (Fischer). No Redpolls yet. 1 Pine Siskin, Ithaca 11/25 (Fisher). 15 Pine Siskins at Avoca, 10/26, feeding on arbor vitae seeds. (Carter.) Goldfinches abundant everywhere.

No Grasshopper Sparrows reported in 1955 by Eaton Bird Club, also scarce at Ithaca. White-throated Sparrows seemed scarce in migration at Ithaca, abundant at Avoca (Atwood). Lincoln Sparrows in unusual numbers at Keuka. Lerch banded 17, Spiker 3.

Lapland Longspurs at Montezuma early in November (York, et al), scattered reports elsewhere. Snow Buntings 10/22 near Penn Yan (Lerch), and in small numbers around Ithaca (AAA and others).

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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The weather during this period has been characterized by extremes. It was mainly very hot and dry during August, but towards the end of that month and during September we were subjected to several violent wind and rain storms, not all of which were associated with tropical hurricanes. October was the wettest month since weather records have been kept in the Triple Cities area in terms of total precipitation, although the last few days of the month and the first week or so of November produced the only appreciable stretch of fair weather of the fall season. From then on the weather became cold and raw but the only noticeable amount of snow fell during Thanksgiving week and even that didn't last very long on the ground.

LOONS — DUCKS: A Common Loon spent 3 days from 11/19 to 11/21 on White's Pond near Norwich (R. & S. White). Loon records are infrequent enough, in the Susquehanna Region, to make each one noteworthy. Our first Horned Grebe was at Norwich 10/12 (R. White).

A flock of 6 American Egrets was seen along the Delaware River near Deposit 8/9 (Wilson). No more were reported all fall. Black-crowned Night Herons were seen at Sherburne several times from 8/9 to 10/16 (R. & S. White). There were never more than 4 seen at one time and they were all adults.

The first Canada Geese were two at Norwich 10/1 (R. White). A migration peak seemed to be reached the week-end of 10/8 when several good sized flocks were noted in various places. A second less pronounced peak was apparent about 10/23.

A late Wood Duck was at Mead Pond near Norwich 11/27 (Nodecker). A male Old Squaw was at White's Pond 11/19 (R. & S. White). Two Ruddy Ducks were at the same place 11/20 and a single 11/27.

HAWKS — OWLS: A Turkey Vulture was seen near Deposit 10/2 (Wilson). That is the only part of the region from which Vultures are reported with anything approaching regularity.

A late Broad-winged Hawk was at Unadilla 10/12 (Wisner) and the first Rough-legged Hawk was at Norwich 10/2 (R. & S. White). A Bald Eagle was seen south of Deposit 9/6 (Wilson).

2 Baird's Sandpipers were reported at Sherburne 8/7 and 3 more at the same place 8/14 (R. & S. White).

A flock of 25 Ring-billed Gulls was at Oquaga Lake near Deposit 8/5 (Wilson). Gulls of any kind are rarely seen in this region during the summer months. A Least Tern was at Norwich 8/16 (R. & S. White).

A Barred Owl was heard near Norwich 8/28 at 6 p.m. (R., S. & L. White).

GOATSUCKERS — SHRIKES: Our last Nighthawk was seen 9/7 at Endwell, near Binghamton, (Bemont) and the last Chimney Swift was at Boland's Marsh 9/11 (Triple Cities Naturalists' Club).

The first Sapsucker of the season was near Binghamton 9/18 (TCNC). The last Phoebe was at Norwich 10/21 (R. White) and the last Wood Pewee near Binghamton 9/26 (H. Marsi).

Our first Red-breasted Nuthatch was at Norwich 9/25 (S. White). This is the only report of the species received from anywhere except the Deposit area where the first one arrived 10/1 and the woods were literally full of them all through the month of November. Mr. Wilson writes that he has never known them to be so common.

An early Brown Creeper was at Norwich 8/31 (R. White).

The last large flocks of Robins were observed near Binghamton 10/24 (H. Marsi) although there were several later reports of individual birds. The last Olive-backed Thrush was at Oxford 10/27 (Stratton) and 3 Bluebirds 11/11 at Choconut Center near Binghamton (Sheffields) were the last of that species.

Our first Golden-crowned Kinglets were 5 at Norwich 9/25 (S. White). All Ruby-crowned Kinglet reports fell between 9/21 and 10/23. Two American Pipits were at Norwich 9/12 (R. White).

A Northern Shrike was seen 11/24 and another 11/25, both in the general vicinity of Coventry but about 2 miles apart (Mrs. Nodecker). A Migrant Shrike was at Preston 8/18 (R. & S. White).

VIREOS — WARBLERS: A Red-eyed Vireo was still feeding an almost fully grown young one near Norwich 8/31 (R. White).

A very late Black and White Warbler was at Oxford 11/15 (Stratton). The first fall Nashville Warbler was at Norwich 9/11 (R. & S. White) and the species was reported fairly frequently until 10/10 when the last one was seen near Binghamton (H. Marsi). Several Parula Warblers seen 10/1 near Deposit were the last ones (Wilson). There was one Cape May Warbler report turned in all fall and that from the Binghamton area 9/18 (TCNC). An early Myrtle Warbler was at Guilford 8/28 (R. & S. White). A late Blackburnian Warbler was at Oxford 10/24 (Stratton) and a late Chestnut-sided Warbler was seen near Binghamton 10/17 (H. Marsi). A Yellow-breasted Chat was singing 9/18 in the Binghamton area (TCNC).

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: A large flock (½ mile long) of Redwings was seen migrating over Oxford 10/12 (Stratton). The last flock noted was at Unadilla 10/24 and was comprised of 150-200 birds (Wisner).

Evening Grosbeaks have been present around Unadilla since 11/4 (Wisner), 11/11 at Deposit (Wilson) and 11/28 at Oxford. None had been reported around Binghamton by the end of the month. White-crowned Sparrows migrated thru during the first 9 days of October. A single bird seen 11/6 at Chenango Valley State Park near Binghamton (TCNC) was the lone exception reported.

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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August was wet, September and the 1st half of Oct. were mild, the latter half of Oct. windy and rainy, November windy and cold. Hurricane "Connie" in August had no *observed* avian effects in the area. Certain fall migrants came thru in much greater numbers, namely: loons, grebes, scoters, and Amer. and Red-breasted Mergansers — best numbers in many years; shorebirds — good to very good but left abruptly in mid-Oct.; warblers and sparrows — counts much above expected fall counts. On the other hand, certain groups were seen in fewer numbers than usual, namely: geese, dabbling ducks and the Scaup-Redhead group — fair to poor to very poor; flycatchers and swallows — at best, only a fair flight. Certain species of those