

REGION 2 — GENESEE

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The entire summer was cool and the rainfall except during June was considerably above normal. Migrant warblers remained on the lakeshore through the first week of June. In the latter part of June a good variety of resident warblers was observed in the hilly areas 30 to 40 miles south of Rochester. The most noteworthy record for this period was the first Monroe County record for the House Finch.

LOONS — DUCKS: The only Pied-billed Grebe record for the summer was that of a single bird on a small pond south of Sodus Bay on Jul 6 (Kemnitzers). American Egrets made only one mid-summer appearance in the marshes along Lake Ontario near Braddock Bay. Seven of a larger flock of Brant remained on the west lakeshore until Jun 3. Mallards and Blue-winged Teal were plentiful throughout the summer, but Wood Ducks remained scarce. A female Lesser Scaup, dyed a beautiful pink, was observed at Ling Road on Aug 11 (Tanghe, O'Hara). This bird was approached to within about 30 feet, when it took off in a sustained flight, normal except for a slight list to the right. One Ruddy Duck was seen late in June near Bushnell's Basin (Rose, Hartwell).

HAWKS — OWLS: Among the hawks, only the Red-tailed and the Sparrow Hawk were reported regularly. A Bald Eagle was seen near Gaines on Jun 30 (Lippert) and a Duck Hawk at Braddock Bay on Aug 4 (Listman). Irondequoit Bay and Braddock Bay have provided little in the way of shore-birds. At the latter location, however, 26 Ruddy Turnstones were seen on June 3 (Tanghe). Ling Road marsh, despite the continuing fill-in, remained the best spot for shore birds. In early June a Western Sandpiper was seen there by Listman. Among the returning shore-birds, this small area yielded Solitary, Least, Semi-palmated and Stilt Sandpipers, Lesser Yellow-legs and Dowitchers on Jul 15 (Miller); Wilson's Snipe and Pectoral Sandpiper on Jul 22 (GOS hike); Upland Plover on Aug 4 (OHara); a Wil-

son's Phalarope on Aug 12 (Listman, Simons); and a Black-bellied Plover on Aug 15 (Listman). Other significant shore bird records were a Hudsonian Curlew at Port Bay on Jul 26 (Kemnitzers), Greater Yellowlegs at Gaines on Aug 9 (Lippert), two Knots along the lakeshore near Hilton on Aug 30 (Listman), and eight Sanderlings at Sodus Bay on Aug 12 (McKinney). No Baird's or White-rumped Sandpipers had been reported by Aug 15.

A mid-summer Black-backed Gull was seen on Aug 15 by Listman. Two Caspian Terns were reported at Pultneyville on July 4 by Hartwell. This date is at the normal low point between the spring and late summer migrations. Black and Common Terns were abundant throughout the summer. There were a few summer reports of Black-billed Cuckoos, but none of Yellow-billed. The Screech Owl was reported occasionally, Great Horned once, and others not at all.

SWIFTS — SHRIKES: A Red-headed Woodpecker was seen near the Museum on East Avenue, Rochester, on June 9 (Clancy), and a pair nested on the lakeshore at West Braddocks. There were a few records of Red-bellied and Pileated. An Olive-sided Flycatcher was observed through a surveyor's transit in Brighton on Aug 13 (Listman). The first breeding record of the Tufted Titmouse was reported from the lakeshore east of Rochester during July by Kemnitzers. There were two adults and four young in the family group. A Mockingbird was seen in Pittsford on Jun 9 by George Jones, Jr. There were two-midsummer records of the Brown Creeper. One bird was seen on the lakeshore east of Rochester by the McNetts on Jul 22, and two at Bergen Swamp by McKinney on Jul 26. There have been a few summer records in previous years of this bird from the latter location. A Hermit Thrush was reported from Wayland on Jun 17 by the Perrys. The only record of Migrant Shrikes was that of a pair seen regularly throughout the summer at Hilton by Dobson. An albinistic Starling was seen at Port Bay by the Kemnitzers on Jul 26. The bird was not pure white, but a very light gray.

VIREOS — WARBLERS: There were several reports of both Blue-winged and Brewster's Warblers. Both birds were observed during June by Mrs. Haller at Avon. Four Blue-winged Warblers were seen in Letchworth Park by Listman on Jun 23, and a Brewster's at the Burroughs Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary by McKinney on Jun 10. A Pine Warbler was seen in Letchworth Park by Listman on Jun 24. Five more records of the Yellow-breasted Chat continued to come in during the summer from well separated areas: LeRoy, Letchworth Park, Mendon Ponds, Fairport and Pittsford. In the Mendon Ponds record of Jun 29 by the Whites and Dakins, two birds were observed, one of which was carrying food. Hooded Warblers were seen regularly by the Kemnitzers during the summer near the lakeshore in Webster.

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: The House Finch was reported for the first time in Monroe County by the Kemnitzers and McNetts. This bird, a male, remained at a feeder on the lakeshore just east of Rochester from May 31 to June 2, and was studied at close range under ideal conditions. Two Sharp-tailed Sparrows were seen by Listman, Miller and O'Hara on Jun 2 near the lake shore about two miles west of the Genesee River. The birds were seen within 20 feet in good light for ten minutes, and all field marks were clearly noted.

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