

of either species was found but it will likely prove most interesting to search this promising area more intensively in future years. A Blackpoll Warbler remained until Jun 6 in Williamsville (Wendlings). There was no indication of a warbler migration up to the end of the period.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: On July 6 over 1400 Common Grackles were seen near Alabama (Brockners). This species was noted to be particularly common north and east of Buffalo earlier this year. A male Slate-colored Junco, which visited a yard in Athol Springs Jul, 15 and 16 (Csont), was interesting in that this species is usually restricted to higher elevations farther south in the region.

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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June and the first half of July averaged somewhat cooler and wetter than normal. The last month of the period averaged warmer and drier than earlier in the period. No excessive heat waves have occurred as yet this summer, the highest temperature recorded being 87°, which has been recorded several times. On June 25 a violent thunderstorm carrying wind gusts of over 100 miles an hour and extremely heavy rainfall occurred. This storm showed some characteristics of a tornado and did some damage to buildings and much damage to trees. The level of Lake Ontario continued to fall slowly during the period, but much of the exposed shore and marsh has become choked with a rank weed growth, making many places undesirable for many species of birds.

Grebes and herons have been scarce during much of the period, as has the Short-billed Marsh Wren. Shorebirds lingered in fair numbers late in the spring, and the fall flight has been about average so far. Among the more unusual birds recorded during the period may be mentioned the Snowy Egret, Whimbrel, Western Meadowlark, and Orchard Oriole, together with a late straggling White-crowned Sparrow and an even later Blackpoll Warbler.

Loons — Ducks: A Common Loon was seen Jun 1 off Sea Breeze (Kemnitzers) and another bird of the same species was seen Jul 10 at Manitou (Listman). No Pied-billed Grebes were reported during the entire period. A Double-crested Cormorant was seen Jun 5 at Manitou (Listman). Common Egrets have failed to pick up in numbers, only an occasional single bird being observed. A Snowy Egret which was reported late in May at Braddocks Bay was seen in the same general area Jun 1 (Listman). Black-crowned Night Herons and Bitterns were scarce this summer, although the former showed a decided increase during the last two weeks of the period. No Least Bitterns have been reported this year. A single Whistling Swan was observed along the west lake shore from Jun 7 to 15 (Allen et al.). Twenty-five Brant were observed June 2 at Manitou (Listman), and five were still present June 5 in the same area. Mallards were present in average numbers but Black Ducks seemed scarce. A number of pinioned Pintails and Redheads were "planted" in two or three places in the area, and gave bird watchers trouble in distinguishing them from typical wild birds. An apparently wild Pintail was seen at Ling Road Jul 26. A pair of Green-winged Teal seen at Braddocks Jun 14 (Starling, Miller) raises the interesting possibility that this secretive bird may have nested in this area. This species appeared in small numbers late in the period. Blue-winged Teal have seemed more common than usual this summer, while Wood Ducks have seemed down in numbers. Two American Widgeon were seen Jul 26 at Shore Acres (Listman et al.). A Lesser Scaup was seen Jun 11 at Manitou (Listman) and another or the same bird Jun 29 at Irondequoit Bay (Kemnitzner). A very late Bufflehead was seen Jun 1 at Sea Breeze (Kemnitzner), and a Ruddy Duck was observed on Irondequoit Bay Jul 13

by the same observer. A Hooded Merganser was seen July 16 at Manitou (Listman) and a Red-breasted Merganser was seen Jul 3 at Braddocks by the same observer.

Hawks — Owls: An immature Bald Eagle, which was first seen Jul 19 at Braddocks, was still present at the end of the period. A late Osprey was seen Jun 1 at Webster (Kemnitzer). Six Virginia Rails were seen Jun 15 at Round Pond (Dobson), and two Soras were also there that date. This is our only report of the latter bird this year. A Coot at Round Pond on June 15 (Tanghe) raises the possibility that this species may have nested there. Four Semipalmated Plovers were seen Jun 17 at Braddocks (Listman) and a sickly appearing individual spent much of the summer there. The first fall migrant of this species appeared at Braddocks Jul 26 (O'Hara et al.). A single Black-bellied Plover was seen at Braddocks Aug 3 (Tanghe). Three Ruddy Turnstones were at Braddocks on June 17 (Listman) and two were seen in the same place Jul 27 by the same observer. A Common Snipe in a cattail marsh at Bergen Jun 8 suggests possible nesting. Fourteen birds of this species were seen Aug 9 at Ling Road (O'Hara, Miller). Three Whimbrels were seen at Manitou Jul 19 (Listman, Kemnitzer). This is our only fall record so far. Four Upland Plover were seen at the Monroe County airport Jun 15 (Miller). Lesser Yellowlegs appeared in fairly good numbers early in July, but the first Greater Yellowlegs was not reported until Aug 9 at Shore Acres (Starling). Seven White-rumped Sandpipers were seen at Salmon Creek Jun 1 (Listman) and four were still at Braddocks Jun 14 (Starling, Miller). One hundred Least Sandpipers were seen at the Irondequoit Bay outlet Jun 2 (Kemnitzers), and they were back in numbers by Jul 10. A lone Dunlin was seen Jun 15 at Manitou (Listman). A Short-billed Dowitcher was seen at Braddock's Jul 12, and 14 were present there Jul 26 (Starling et al.). Stilt Sandpipers were not reported until early August when two were seen Aug 2 at Ling Road (Miller). One was seen Aug 3 at Braddocks (Tanghe) and two were at Shore Acres the same day (Listman). One was at Ling Road Aug 9 (Starling). More than 200 Semipalmated Sandpipers were seen at Salmon Creek Jun 5 (Listman). These late flocks usually contain an undetermined number of Western Sandpipers of which more than ten were reported as late as Jun 17 at Manitou (Listman). Three Sanderlings on Jul 19 at Braddocks (G. O. S. field trip) were rather early for this area. A Wilson's Phalarope was seen Jul 26 at Shore Acres (Listman et al.).

An immature Great Black-backed Gull was seen Jun 30 at Manitou (Listman). Two Forster's Terns in typical fall plumage were seen Jul 12 at Manitou (Listman) and one of these birds was still present a week later. These dates are early for this species in this area. Two Caspian Terns were seen Jun 14 on Irondequoit Bay (Kemnitzer). The species did not appear again until early August when a few were reported along the lake shore. Except for a few Screech Owls the only owl reported was one Short-eared Owl at Braddock's Aug 1 (Listman).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: A Red-bellied Woodpecker was seen Jul 24 on the Lake Road near Webster (O'Hara). An adult Red-headed Woodpecker was observed regularly from late in June to Aug 10 in Webster Avenue Park in the city of Rochester, a most unusual location. No signs of nesting were observed, however. Five of these birds were observed east of Pittsford Aug 2 (Starling). These birds were nesting in dead timber near a gravel pit. An adult male Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was observed Jun 25 at Powder Mill Park (Starling). This species has been observed in this area occasionally during the summer and probably rarely nests there. A late Olive-sided Flycatcher was seen at Manitou Jun 5 (Listman) and a very late bird of the same species was seen and heard Jun 17 near Highland Park (Starling). A Horned Lark showing all the characteristic markings of typical alpestris rather than praticola was observed carefully Jun 15 near Shore Acres (Dobson). This subspecies was reported from the same area some years ago by Listman. Five pairs of Cliff Swallows were observed starting nesting operations Jun 8 near Bergen (McKinney et al.). A singing Tufted Titmouse was observed on Pellett Road north of Webster Jun 24 (O'Hara). Our only report for the period of the Carolina Wren was of one bird seen and heard in Penfield on Jun 14 and 15 (G. Davis). This species is greatly down in numbers after last winter's severe weather. A Short-billed Marsh Wren was seen Jun 14 near Long Pond (Starling, Miller) and two were observed Jun 25 in Powder Mill Park (Dakin, White). A Mockingbird was present from Jun 16 to 23 on McCall Road in Greece (Tanghe, Mitchell). Bluebirds seemed very scarce, very few reports having been received. Loggerhead Shrikes also seemed to

be scarce. The only two reports are one present during all of June at Webster (Kemnitzer) and one near Shore Acres Aug 9 (O'Hara, Miller).

Vireos — Sparrows: Twelve Golden-winged Warblers were seen near Fishers Jun 25 (Starling, Brummer). A singing male Blue-winged Warbler was seen at Bergen Swamp Jun 8 and at least three birds of the same species were seen near Fishers Jul 5 (Starling, Miller). A careful search of the swampy thickets in this area at the right time of year would probably uncover some interesting facts in regard to the numbers and breeding of these two warbler species. A male Brewster's Warbler was seen and heard regularly at the Burroughs-Audubon Nature Sanctuary at least until Jul 6 (Starling). Two singing Nashville Warblers were seen at Bergen Swamp Jun 8 (G. O. S. field trip). A straggling Blackpoll Warbler was seen and heard near Irondequoit Bay Jul 9 (McNetts), and a late Northern Waterthrush was seen Jun 1 near Manitou (Listman). A Louisiana Waterthrush was seen at Conesus Lake Jun 21 but was not seen one week later (Tanghe). A Yellow-breasted Chat was seen Jun 1 at Burroughs-Audubon Nature Sanctuary (McKinney), and five were observed Jun 21 near LeRoy where they are known to be of regular occurrence.

The Western Meadowlark was seen and heard regularly during all of June and July on Lake Road, Webster. The male bird was once observed with food in its bill but no nest was actually found. This species was also seen and heard Jun 4 near Spencerport (Listman). A singing immature male Orchard Oriole was seen Jun 24 on Lake Road near Webster (O'Hara). A pair of Purple Finches was observed feeding two young birds Jun 15 in Riverside Cemetery (Dobson). A White-crowned Sparrow was seen on the remarkable date of Jun 30 near Irondequoit Bay (McNetts, Kemnitzer). A White-throated Sparrow was seen Jun 8 in East Bloomfield (Allen) and three were heard the same day in Bergen Swamp.

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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Weather-wise the summer of '58 has followed the pattern set by the late winter and early spring: precipitation has been much above normal and the temperature below normal. However, there were few violent storms of the type that destroy nests and kill young birds, which was a help in a season when the bird population started out at a low level. But even by mid-August one is struck by the general scarcity of birds and the lack of song. This seems particularly true of the field birds. Bobolinks, Meadowlarks, Field, Savannah, Vesper, Grasshopper, and Henslow's Sparrows have been difficult to find.

Loons — Ducks: Pied-billed Grebes raised more young this year than last at Montezuma (L. Smith), but did not nest at Sapsucker Woods this year. A pair appeared again in July at the preserve at Mitchellville (Carter). Great Blue Herons were in usual numbers at Montezuma, although none nested there. The Common Egret, on the other hand, did not turn up in the numbers it had reached in recent years, the highest count at Montezuma being 20 on Aug 3. One appeared on Aug 3 at the Gus Swansons' pond, south of Ithaca. One, perhaps the same individual, was spotted on Aug 7 and 9 at the Radio Astronomy Laboratory pond a half mile beyond Sapsucker Woods, and on Aug 13 paid a brief visit to the sanctuary pond — a new record for Sapsucker Woods. No Snowy Egrets or Little Blue Herons were reported this summer. Green Herons, Black-crowned Night Herons, American and Least Bitterns were in usual numbers at Montezuma. The American Bittern has been absent the last few years near Avoca, perhaps because of intensive swamp drainage there (Carter). The Glossy Ibis was again seen at Montezuma on Jul 3 (Smith).

Montezuma personnel report that this year there were definite brood records for only Mallards, Black Ducks, Blue-winged Teal, Wood Ducks, and the Ruddy Duck