

June warbler-hunting produced some interesting site and nest discoveries, providing proof of suspected breeding and data for eventually mapping of the central New York distribution of "fringe" warblers, i. e., those at the northern or southern limits of their breeding ranges. Prothonotary Warbler: a nesting hole with nest-building in progress located at Short Point Bay, Oneida Lake, Jun 1. Golden-winged Warbler: two new stations located between Brewerton and Euclid along the Oneida River; one irregularly seen and heard near Selkirk Shores St. Pk. may represent breeding extension of this species. Nashville Warbler: seven singing males noted along the bog edges in the Tugg Hill Plateau, Jun 2. Yellow Warbler: away from the immediate vicinity of Oneida Lake, this species appears to be somewhat reduced in numbers; a count of 35 moving south along the Sandy Pond dunes, Aug 3, is first (but late) evidence of landbird migration.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: singing males noted at Highland Forest, southeastern Onondaga County, Jul 6, and near Centerville, Oswego County, Jun 17, both places new stations for this species. Myrtle Warbler: two adults feeding a barely fledged young (no pun intended), Jul 5, at Highland Forest is proof of this species' breeding there, a suspicion of three years' duration (Scheider). Cerulean Warbler: noted in numbers at Plainville (Bitz, Evans) and seen bathing at a "warbler pool" near Oneida in mid-Jul (Paquette). Mourning Warbler: singing males of this species were noted at Highland Forest and north of Rome (fide Aspinwall), unrecorded heretofore from both sectors.

Yellow-breasted Chat: a recently vacated nest (four fledged young nearby) found Jun 22, south of Camillus (Seaman). Hooded Warbler: a nest with two eggs and two Cowbird's eggs found Jun 15, Selkirk Shores St. Pk.; a second nest with one egg and three Cowbird's eggs, Jun 29, south of Onondaga Hill is a new location and one of the two records south of Syracuse (both Spofford). Canada Warbler: comments from most reporters stress the abundance of this species this summer; the variety of habitat utilized (spruce bogs, alder bogs, hemlock glens, weedy ravines) for breeding is also noteworthy.

Common Grackle: described as "everywhere", a "nuisance", "pestiferous", and "annoyingly abundant" this season. Cowbird: nest parasitism noted on Hooded Warbler, Redstart, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, and Indigo-Bunting (all Spofford).

Indigo Bunting: an abundant bird this year in the brushy areas of the Tug Hill Plateau, around Rome and Selkirk Shores St. Pk., and in the Rome Pine Plains. Purple Finch: evidence of breeding (fledged young) at Highland Forest, southeastern Onondaga County, and at Syracuse (Rusk); also eight near Taberg, Aug 1 (Aspinwall). White-throated Sparrow: a single immature, Aug 3, Syracuse (Rusk) is phenomenally early if migrating, very early if post-fledgling wandering.

151 *Seventh North Street, Syracuse 8, N. Y.*

REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

FRANK A. CLINCH

The summer of 1958 was wet and cool. In Watertown the average June temperature was 60.7 degrees, or 4.8 degrees below normal, and the rainfall was about 1.5 inches above the average. In July and August the weather followed much the same pattern, and at no time was there any lack of moisture.

Loons — Ducks: No Common Egrets have been seen this year. Four Glossy Ibises were found on the Perch River marsh Jun 22 (Allen, Clinch). Several persons had reported seeing two before this date, but none were seen thereafter. Pintails nested at the Perch River Refuge. There has been an increase in the number of reports of the Green-winged Teal, but this could be the result of more careful observations rather than more birds. They have been seen in the Tug Hill section and near Perch River and one was found dead. Redheads also raised young at Perch Lake Refuge. One wonders whether the Redheads are not too tame for their own

good. On Aug 14 fifty Redheads, aged five weeks, were stocked at Perch Lake, and the same number at Perch River and at Wilson Hill. The latter is a fish and game management area between Massena and Waddington which is being developed as a result of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power projects. Some 1870 acres have been flooded, and in the near future this may be a good place to find birds. Wood Ducks are said to be present in good numbers. The breeding season for ducks in Jefferson County has produced average or better than average results. Some ducks seemed to nest much later than others.

Hawks — Owls: Belknap reports a Turkey Vulture near Oxbow Jul 17. An adult Bald Eagle was seen by Gordon near Perch Lake Jun 15. The Osprey nest contained three young this year. The first Dowitcher appeared at the Perch River flats Jul 11. Other records of shorebirds include: Black-bellied Plover Jul 24 at Stony Point, Ruddy Turnstone Aug 14, and Pectoral Sandpiper Jul 24. Nichols reports that the Greater Yellowlegs returned early from Canada and that he found one at Perch River marsh on Jul 15. More Yellowlegs were seen there Aug 10. Semipalmated Sandpipers and Sanderling were at Stony Point Jul 24. Caspian Terns were seen near Clayton Jul 27 and at Stony Point on Lake Ontario Aug 14. A count of Mourning Doves indicated fewer birds of this species this year in Jefferson County. J. Blake reported Long-eared Owls near Clayton in July and August.

Goatsuckers — Sparrows: Red-headed Woodpeckers nested in the same tree again this year at the Perch River Refuge and at least one immature bird was seen. Gordon found the Olive-sided Flycatcher Jul 20 near Highmarket, Lewis County. This is on the Tug Hill Plateau. He reports the Winter Wren at the same place Jul 12. On Jun 17 a pair of Bluebirds was found on the summit of Catamount Mountain, St. Lawrence County, at 1800 feet (Nichols). On Jul 15 a Tennessee Warbler was singing in Ogdensburg. Two Pine Warblers were seen near the village of Cranberry Lake Aug 9, and perhaps they bred locally (Nichols). Gordon reports seeing the Northern Waterthrush Aug 3 and Mourning Warbler Jul 12, both near Highmarket.

A pair of Orchard Orioles was found in June near Clayton (J. Blake). On Aug 9 Nichols found two singing male White-winged Crossbills, perching on top of dead trees in an open swampy area a mile southwest of Wanakena. One sang almost continuously for five minutes. Juncos were found as low as 1350 feet near Stark Reservoir on Jun 17 (Nichols). J. Blake observed a pair of White-throated Sparrows several times this summer near the St. Lawrence River and four miles above Clayton.

173 Haley St., Watertown

REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK - CHAMPLAIN

THOMAS A. LESPERANCE

Our summer weather left much to be desired. In fact, the first real summer day was June 30. That was the first day on which the temperature rose to above 72 degrees. July was not much better, and only five days had temperatures above 80 degrees. The high reading for August, normally our hottest month, was 91 degrees. During that month there were 14 cloudy days, nine partly cloudy days, and eight clear days. August rainfall was 4.3 inches. A normal August has about 20 clear days, less than an inch of rainfall, and temperatures well into the high 80s and low 90s. Because of this radical change from the norm, it is justifiable to predict an early migration from this area.

There seemed to be few species in the usual birding haunts where they have been recorded in the past. New sites were selected and the more common summer species were eventually found, but in greatly reduced numbers. Warblers especially were scarce, as were vireos, flycatchers, tanagers, and grosbeaks. Common were sparrows and blackbirds. This complaint is