

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: Belted Kingfishers seemed to be mostly absent from the region this winter. The only reports before March were of one at Vandalia on Dec 24, two there on Jan 21, and two at Olean Dec 26 (Eaton). Several Yellow-shafted Flickers were observed in scattered localities. Of interest was the record of a Red-bellied Woodpecker Feb 1 and Mar 1 at Java Lake (Rosche, Blowers). Apparently this bird was present all winter. Two more of these woodpeckers were reported Mar 24 at Pavilion (Annabel rep. Rosche). Phoebe appeared from Mar 22 on. Four Horned Larks (alpestris) on Feb 11 at Bay View (Bourne) were unusual. No swallows were reported in March. Tufted Titmice continue to be observed regularly in widespread areas but the Carolina Wrens were little in evidence in the region. The only reports were on Jan 4 at Jamestown (Raistrick rep. Anderson) Mar 8 at Angola (Brockners) and Mar 19-31 at Chautauqua Lake (Knott, Mealy). A Mockingbird appeared Dec 31 at Snyder and was still there at the end of the period (Knox et al). Another was seen Dec 3 at Niagara Falls and on Mar 26 at the same place (Heilborn). On Dec 18 and 28 a Mockingbird was observed at Lakewood, Chautauqua County (Beal et al). Robins wintered in a number of localities in the region. On Jan 25 and Feb 22 individual Hermit Thrushes were noted (Rosche, Clark, et al) on Grand Island. In the same place a Brown Thrasher was found on Jan 25 by these observers. Another Thrasher which probably wintered was seen on Feb 12 and 28 at Williamsville (Clark, Rubach). Bluebirds continued rather scarce, the first not appearing until Mar 18 in Hamburg (Bourne).

Vireos — Warblers: At least 11 Myrtle Warblers were located in the vicinity of bayberry bushes and evergreens on Jan 4 near Alden (Wolfling). Ten were noted at the same place on Feb 14 (Andrle, Thill). One Myrtle Warbler was seen for three days in Dec in Wellsville (Davie rep. Maddren) and another was observed at Corwin Jan 12 (Lehrer).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Redwinged Blackbirds, Common Grackles, and Brown-headed Cowbirds wintered in a number of widespread localities. One Rusty Blackbird remained near a feeding station from Dec 2-20 at Hamburg (Avery, Bourne). The first migrants of this species was a flock of 25 at Chautauqua Lake Mar 19 (Anderson). American Goldfinches seemed to be more numerous than usual while a few small flocks of Pine Siskins were reported through the period. The only White-winged Crossbills to appear were eight near Vandalia Dec 26 (Eaton), five at Youngstown Feb 1 (Wendlings), and one on Mar 22 at Allegheny State Park (Wheeler rep. Rosche). Rufous-sided Towhees were reported from four places in the region during December and January. Vesper, Savannah, Field, and Fox Sparrows appeared during the last week in March. A male Oregon Junco came to a feeder at Lewiston all through the period (Klabundes et al), while another appeared from Jan 22 to Feb 14 at a feeding station in Kenmore (Webster et al). Several others were reported from various places in the region. An unusual occurrence was that of a Chipping Sparrow at a feeder from Jan 1 to at least Mar 1 in East Aurora (Loersch rep. Rosche). Single White-crowned Sparrows appeared at three feeding stations in Hamburg and East Aurora through most of the period. In Dec and Jan from two to three White-throated Sparrows were observed at a feeder in Hamburg (Bacon, Bourne). On Jan 31 a Swamp Sparrow was seen at Wilson (Rosche et al). Also at Wilson a flock of 200 Lapland Longspurs on Jan 11 was most interesting and from 12 to 15 were also reported from the Youngstown area on Feb 15 (Vanderbles et al).

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This area experienced a real old-fashioned winter. The snowfall was within one inch of the greatest total ever recorded in this region. While the lowest recorded temperature was -2°, temperatures averaged below normal most of the time. However, occasional brief thaws prevented as heavy an accumulation of snow on the ground as was present during the winter a year ago. Pheasants seemed to have come through the winter in good shape, and

some at least of the semi-hardy species wintered successfully. The northern finches made a rather poor showing, only the Evening Grosbeak and Pine Siskin being regularly reported. The northern white-winged gulls were also scarce. In spite of the fact that the winter's heaviest snowfalls came late (19 inches on March 13 and 9 inches on March 27), the spring migration seemed more advanced than last year.

Loone — Ducks: Two Common Loons on Conesus Lake Dec 6 (GOS hike) were the last seen for the period. A single Red-throated Loon on March 31 at Webster Park (Kemnitzner) was the only report of this species. A Red-necked Grebe was present on Irondequoit Bay from Mar 8 to 14, and 38 were seen Mar 31 at Webster Park (Kemnitzner). Twelve Horned Grebes were seen on Canandaigua Lake Jan 18 (Whites), about six wintered on Sodus Bay (G. Jones), and a very few were reported along Lake Ontario. No Pied-billed Grebes were reported. A single Gannet was seen Dec 7 near the Russell Station (W. Lloyd). Eight Great Blue Herons were noted Mar 26 at 1000 Acre Swamp (Kemnitzner), and a wintering bird was seen in Pittsford Feb 3 (Cameron). No other herons were reported during the period. Last spring Whistling Swans were almost unreported in this area. This spring, however, there was a heavy flight, peak numbers being 58 Mar 21 at Ducand (Tanghe), 191 on Mar 22 at Braddock's Bay by the same observer, and 220 Mar 23 in the same place (L. Moon). The spring flight of Canada Geese seemed about overage. Some Mallards and Black Ducks were the only wintering "puddle" ducks except for a single Green-winged Teal seen Dec 21 and Feb 22 at Ling Road and a Wood Duck Dec 21 at Irondequoit Creek (Klonick). Three Blue-winged Teal were seen Mar 28 at Sandy Creek (O'Hara et al). Nine Shovellers and 30 Ring-necked Ducks were seen Mar 21 at Sodus Bay (GOS hike). Some 300 Redheads and 130 Canvasbacks were on Canandaigua Lake Jan 18 (Dakin), and 50 of the former and 60 of the latter were seen Jan 25 on Sodus Bay (E. Brown, Miller). 2500 Common Goldeneyes were seen Jan 18 in the Manitou area (Listman). A flock of about 20 Buffleheads wintered at Rigney's Bluff. 5000 Oldsquaws on Dec 31 and 2000 on Mar 26 along the east lake shore (Kemnitzner) are high counts for this species. Some 1000 White-winged Scoters Dec 31 and 750 Mar 26 in the same area and by the same observer are also noteworthy totals. Ten Surf and two Common Scoters were seen Dec 2 at Oklahoma Beach (Listman). A Ruddy Duck was noted Jan 18 at Summerville (Rising). Four Hooded Mergansers were seen at Sodus Bay Mar 21 (GOS hike).

Hawks — Owls: A Goshawk seen Dec 11-14 in Powder Mill Park (Whites, Dakins, Zeitler) was the year's first record of this bird. Redtailed Hawks were rather common this winter. A fairly good early hawk flight under favorable wind conditions Mar 20 brought 30 Red-shouldered Hawks in addition to some of the other early migrating species along the west lake shore (Starling). Rough-legged Hawks were rather scarce this winter. A Pigeon Hawk was reported from the vicinity of her feeder at Avon during December (Haller). Twelve Ruffed Grouse were seen at Canadice Lake Dec 27. Twelve American Coots were at Canandaigua Lake on Jan 18 (Dakin). A Killdeer was seen Dec 21 at Charlotte (Tanghe) and the first migrants were three birds reported Mar 1 at Conesus Lake (W. Lloyd). The first American Woodcock was reported Mar 20 from Hamlin (GOS hike).

A single Glaucous Gull was seen Feb 4 at Summerville (Starling), and another was seen Feb 15 at Sodus Bay (E. Brown, Miller). An Iceland Gull was noted Feb 28 on the Genesee River (Starling, Miller). Six Mourning Doves were seen at Powder Mill Park Dec 11 (Starling) and 18 at Avon Jan 15 (Haller). In addition, about 30 birds of this species frequented the feeders north and northwest of Rochester. The Snowy Owl was reported Jan 20 and 26, Feb 8 and Mar 5 and 19 from Braddock's (Listman et al). These reports apparently represent two birds, a large dark one and a smaller whiter one. Two Long-eared Owls were seen Feb 7 in heavy evergreen growth on Frisbee Hill Road (Starling, Miller). A few Short-eared Owls wintered around Braddock's with the maximum number of eight being seen Mar 28 (Tanghe, Listman). This last figure may in part represent migrating birds. A Saw-whet Owl was observed Dec 29 in Penfield (Listman).

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Yellow-shafted Flicker was noted Jan 3 in Irondequoit (O'Hara et al). Three birds were seen Jan 15 at Avon (Haller), and two birds were noted in Reed Road Swamp Feb 8 (Kirvin). Five Pileated Woodpeckers were seen in the "upland lakes" area Dec 27 (Christmas census), two were seen Jan 2 at Avon (Haller), one was observed Jan 21 at Powder Mill Park (Starling), and still another was seen four times during the period on the east side of Irondequoit Bay (Sunderlin). Ten Red-bellied Woodpeckers were seen Jan 15 at Avon (Haller) and one was noted Jan 4-31 at Pelleth Road (Starling, Miller). A Red-headed Woodpecker was seen Jan 31 at Avon (Haller). A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was seen Dec 6 and Feb 1 in the Reed Road area (Kirvins) and another bird was seen Dec 11 and Jan 25 in Powder Mill Park (Starling, Listman, Brown). The only Phoebe reported was a bird seen Mar 31 at Honeoye Lake (Listman). Fifty Horned Larks were noted in Webster Jan 17 (McNetts).

A maximum of eight Tufted Titmice spent the winter around feeders on the east lake shore. This species seems to be well established in that area. Twelve Red-breasted Nuthatches were seen Dec 14 in Durand (Dobson). Brown Creepers seemed more common than usual this past winter. No Carolina Wrens were reported. A Brown Thrasher was seen Dec 17 in Powder Mill Park (Starling) and again on Feb 15 in the same place (Kirwin, Starling). Forty-five Robins were noted Dec 21 (Christmas census), but only a few of these spent the entire winter in the area. Two Bluebirds were seen Dec 29 in Powder Mill Park (Starling). The first migrant appeared Mar 21 at Manitou (GOS hike). Twelve Bohemian Waxwings were seen in Durand Dec 21 (Christmas census). Four birds seen Jan 4 (Whites, Miller) was the last report of these unusual visitors. Northern Shrikes were regular but rather scarce this winter, not more than one appearing on any single report. Two Loggerhead Shrikes seen on Mar 21 (GOS hike) were the first of the season.

Vireos — Sparrows: A Myrtle Warbler was seen Dec 6 and Feb 8 at Cedar Springs (Starling, Kirvins), and four were noted in Durand Dec 21 (Christmas Census). These latter birds were not reported subsequently. A Yellowthroat was seen Dec 21 at Ling Road (O'Hara), and another was seen Jan 11 at Powder Mill Park (Starling). An Eastern Meadowlark was noted Dec 7 at Ling Road (Zeitler), and eight were observed on Mar 20 migrating at Braddock's Bay (Starling). About 1000 Redwinged Blackbirds were seen Mar 20 at Braddock's (Listman). For the second straight year a Baltimore Oriole was reported on the Christmas census, a bird being present in Irondequoit from Dec 1-21 (Leubner et al).

A single Rusty Blackbird was noted Mar 1 at Ling Road (Brown and Miller), and another was seen Mar 28 at Manitou (O'Hara et al). Ten Brown-headed Cowbirds were seen at a feeder in Irondequoit Feb 8 (Denison). A record number of 91 Cardinals was reported on the Dec 21 Christmas census. Evening Grosbeaks seemed to be mostly confined to the east lake shore, where flocks of up to 75 were reported from the McNett and Sunderlin feeders. Fifteen Purple Finches from Durand Mar 8 (Davis) was the high count for the area. The Pine Grosbeak was entirely absent, and the only Common Redpolls reported were two birds in Webster Dec 21 and four Mar 31 in Irondequoit (L. Moon). Pine Siskins were regular in medium flocks, the largest being one of 30 birds in Durand Mar 22 (Dobson, Tanghe). A flock of 150 Goldfinches was seen Jan 21 on Pelleth Road (Starling, Miller).

Four White-winged Crossbills were noted Dec 13 at Pelleth Road (Kemnitzer and Listman). A Rufous-sided Towhee was reported all of December at Durand, and two birds were also seen at Pelleth Road throughout the same month (Kemnitzer). One of these birds was still present Mar 1 (Suber et al). An immature White-crowned Sparrow appeared Jan 17 at the McNett feeder just north of Irondequoit Bay and was still present Mar 31. This is our first winter record for this species. Nineteen White-throated Sparrows were seen Dec 21 (Christmas census), and many of these wintered successfully. Some 105 Song Sparrows were noted Dec 21 (Christmas census) with one observer (Tanghe) recording 78 along a stretch of the lower Genesee River. Lapland Longspurs were reported in small flocks, the largest being one of 15 birds seen in Webster Mar 29 (Davis). The largest flock of Snow Buntings reported was one of 300 in Webster, also on Mar 29 (Davis).

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