

(Schaffner) were the first migrants of this species. The only Connecticut Warbler of the season was reported by Bourne Sep 19 near Chestnut Ridge Park. Several species of warblers remained into mid-October (Nashville, Cape May, Blackpoll) and were last reported on the Bird Count Oct 18. An Orange-crowned Warbler, uncommon in the region, was reported from Hamburg Oct 2 (Bourne) and another from near Java Oct 10 (Rosche et al). Three Magnolia Warblers were at Gainesville Oct 19 (Smith). A late Northern Waterthrush was observed by Eaton near Vandalia Oct 18, and the last Ovenbird was noted Oct 3 by him in the same locality. A Palm Warbler was at Bird Island on the remarkably late dates of Nov 13 (Brownstein et al) and Nov 27 (Mitchell, Andrie). A Yellowthroat was still at Burntship Creek on Grand Island Oct 25 (Clark).

B'ackbirds — Sparrows: A late record for Bobolink was two seen by Rosche and Blowers near Varysburg Sep 26. On Aug 26 there were an estimated 25,000 Red-winged Blackbirds at the Jamestown roost (Beal). The last Baltimore Oriole to be recorded was seen Sep 11 at Athol Springs (Csont). Four Rose-breasted Grosbeaks Aug 16 in Delaware Park were the first migrants reported (Brockner). Evening Grosbeaks (5) were first seen Nov 1 near Java (Wendlings). Thereafter from one to 30 were reported in many places in the region. Common Redpolls appeared in the first week of November and were noted in widespread localities after that. Approximately 250 were seen Nov 8 between Fort Niagara and Point Breeze along Lake Ontario (Axtells). Pine Siskins were recorded in small groups or singly from various places. A very early date for Red Crossbill was Sep 23 and 24 when one appeared at a feeder in Springville (Trues). One was again seen at the same feeder Oct 25 and 29 and also Nov 6 and 7. Eleven Red Crossbills were at Youngstown Cemetery Nov 8 (Axtells, Andries). Coggeshall reported a Grasshopper Sparrow Sep 12 and one Sep 14 near Elma. A very late? Henslow's Sparrow was well seen near Lake Akron in Wyoming County Oct 17 (Rosche, Krayna). Bourne observed a Sharp-tailed Sparrow at the pond near Langford in southern Erie County on Oct 2. This is the first record for the region in many years. Slate-colored Juncos were unusually numerous in October, over 10,000 being reported on the Oct 18 Bird Count. Four Field Sparrows seen Nov 25 at Wilson (Brownstein, King) was an interesting record. A White-crowned Sparrow was reported from Jamestown Nov 8 (Beal) and another Nov 29 at Hamburg (Averys). Several White-throated Sparrows were also seen late in November at various localities. A Fox Sparrow was at Hamburg Nov 30 (Averys). The first Snow Buntings (10) appeared Oct 28 at Hamburg-on-the-Lake (Csont, Bourne). On Nov 8 some 4500 were seen in a number of flocks between Fort Niagara and Point Breeze (Axtells). On Nov 22 at Java Lake in Wyoming County 1000 were recorded by Rosche and other observers.

Corrigendum: The published account (*Kingbird*, Vol. 8, No. 4, page 114) of a Grasshopper Sparrow at Elma on Oct 1, 1958, should read Henslow's Sparrow.

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures continued sharply above normal during the last half of August and the first ten days of September, with the year's high of 98 being recorded on Sept. 9. The next ten days produced temperatures much below average with a minimum of 32 on Sept. 17. Close to overage temperatures then prevailed until the middle of November. A cold wave which set in then produced a record low of 14 on the 18th. Rainfall was very light during the first six weeks of the period, but the "tail end" of a tropical hurricane produced heavy rain from Sept. 30 through October 2, and this brought a sharp temporary rise in the water level. October and most of November were drier than usual, with little snow during the latter month until the period of the 27th-29th when most of the month's eleven and a half inches fell.

The period birdwise was marked by a very good Canada Goose and Brant flight, a scarcity of Redheads, Canvasbacks, and Ruddy Ducks, and a good fall shorebird migration. The rarest birds recorded were the Marbled Godwit on Oct. 4 and 11 and the Western Kingbird on Sept. 6.

Loons — Ducks: An early Common Loon was seen Sep 17 at Manitou (Listman), and a high count of 188 was made Oct 25 at Hamlin (Dobson). Eight Red-throated Loons were seen Nov 8 at Webster Park (Kemnitzner). A single Red-necked Grebe was at Lighthouse Beach on Nov 28 (Listman, Kemnitzner). One Double-crested Cormorant was noted Oct 30 at Manitou (Listman), and three birds were seen Nov 8 along the east lakeshore (Kemnitzner). Two Common Egrets were at Braddock's Aug 16 (Schaffner et al), and one of these birds remained until Oct 3 (Listman). One bird was seen in Durand Aug 26 (Tetlow). A Least Bittern was at Ling Road Aug 22 (Starling, Listman).

A maximum count of 5000 Canada Geese was made Oct 11 along the west lakeshore (Dobson), and some 700 were seen at Mendon Ponds Nov 23 (Zeitler, Peters). A high count of 2000 Brant was made Oct 27 along the west lakeshore (Listman). Four Snow Geese were observed Oct 17 near Hamlin Park (A. Tanghe). Six Pintail were at Braddock's Aug 16 (Scheider et al), and 500 were seen Oct 18 at Manitou (Listman et al). Four Blue-winged Teal were noted Nov 3 at Manitou (Holland). Forty American Widgeon were at Salmon Creek Sep 19 (Starling et al), and 20 were at Mendon Ponds on Nov 10 (Peters et al). Two Shovelers were seen Sep 27 on the west lakeshore (Lloyd). Forty-two Wood Ducks were observed Sep 19 at Buck Pond (Listman), and there were three at Durand on Nov 22 (L. Moon). Some 2000 Greater Scaup were at Hamlin Park Nov 8 (Dobson). A Bufflehead was at Braddock's Aug 30 (R. Simons, Miller), and 38 were seen Nov 8 at Hamlin Park (Dobson). A King Eider was observed Nov 28 at Manitou (Kemnitzner, Listman). Three Surf Scooters Oct 19 at Manitou (Listman) and 12 Common Scoters Oct 25 at Webster Park (Kemnitzner) were the high counts on these two species. A Ruddy Duck was seen Aug 30 at Braddock's (G. O. S. hike). Eight Hooded Mergansers were noted Nov 16 at Manitou (Listman et al), and seven were at Mendon Ponds on Nov 23 (Zeitler, Peters).

Hawks — Owls: Two Turkey Vultures were seen Oct 10 near LeRoy (Kemnitzner). Twenty-five Red-tailed Hawks migrating at Braddock's on Aug 16 (Kemnitzner et al) is a large number for this area during the fall migration. A Red-shouldered Hawk was at Mendon Ponds on Aug 16 (Starling). Four Broad-winged Hawks were at Braddock's on Aug 16 (Listman et al), and four were seen near Cheshire the following day (Listman). A Rough-legged Hawk was observed at Manitou Oct 20 (Listman). Twenty-five were counted on Nov 11 migrating past Braddock's (Kemnitzner et al), and the species was rather common for the remainder of the month. A Bald Eagle was seen Oct 3 at Braddock's (Starling et al) was the only fall record. A Peregrine Falcon was seen at Manitou Sep 18 and 19 (Listman et al), at Irondequoit Bay Oct 4 (Kemnitzner et al), and at Hamlin Park Oct 11 (Dobson).

Thirty Semipalmated Plovers seen Aug 16 at Braddock's (Schaffner et al) was the season's high count for this species. There was a very good fall flight of Golden Plover, a high count of 183 being made Sep 4 in the fields west of Manitou (Listman). Eighty were still present in the area on Oct 3 (Listman), and one was seen at Manitou on Oct 24 (O'Hara et al). Fifty Black-bellied Plover seen Oct 10 at Salmon Creek and 18 Ruddy Turnstones observed Sep 5 at Manitou were both high counts (Listman). A Turnstone was still present at Manitou on Nov 28 (Meade et al). A Woodcock was noted at Manitou on Aug 30 (G. O. S. hike), and one was seen in Island Cottage Woods on Oct 18 (Lloyd). A Whimbrel was at Braddock's Sep 4 (Listman). Thirty Lesser Yellowlegs were there on Aug 16 (Kemnitzner et al). There was a Knot at Shore Acres Aug 22 (Starling et al), and seven were seen Sep 12 at Braddock's (Starling). The Purple Sandpiper was recorded Nov 3 and 24 at Braddock's, a single bird each time (Listman). Some 100 pectoral Sandpipers were seen Oct 2 near Shore Acres (Listman). Three White-rumped Sandpipers were observed Aug 16 on the west lakeshore (Scheider et al), and ten were present Nov 3 at Braddock's (Listman). Five Baird's Sandpipers were seen Aug 30 at Shore Acres (G. O. S. hike), ten were observed at Braddock's Sep 4 (Listman), and a late straggler was at Braddock's Nov 11 (Kemnitzner et al). Some 400 Dunlin were noted Oct 26 along the west lakeshore and ponds (Listman), 80 were seen Nov 14 at Float Bridge (Kemnitzner), and two were at Manitou Nov 28 (Meade et al). A count of 93 Short-billed Dowitchers was made at Shore Acres on Aug 22 (Starling et al), and 20 were there Sep 4 (Listman). Single Long-billed Dowitchers were at Shore Acres Sep 26 (Listman) and Irondequoit Bay Sep 27 (Kemnitzner). There were two at Long Pond Oct 11 (Listman). Three rather late Stilt Sandpipers were at the latter

locality on Oct 18 (Listman). One to two Western Sandpipers were at Manitou from Sep 4 thru 27, and a very late bird of this species was seen Nov 11 at Salmon Creek (Kemnitzner et al). The Buff-breasted Sandpiper was at Braddock's on Aug 30 (Lloyd, MacRae). There was one at Salmon Creek on Sep 16, and on Sep 18 two were there (Listman). The Marbled Godwit was seen Oct 4 at Manitou (Listman) and a week later at Long Pond (Lloyd, Listman). Except for one bird on Aug 19, 1950 these constitute our only local records for the species in the last thirty years.

Sixty-two Sanderling were seen Sep 27 at the Irondequoit Bay outlet (Kemnitzner), 75 were observed along the west lakeshore Oct 29 (Listman), and one was seen Nov 26 at Float Bridge (Kemnitzner). A Red Phalarope was at Salmon Creek on Oct 5 (Listman), and there was a Wilson's Phalarope at Long Pond from Sep 20-27 (Tanghe et al). From one to three Northern Phalaropes were present from Sep 12 - Oct 5 from Long Pond to Salmon Creek, and a very late bird was seen Nov 11 at Round Pond (Kemnitzner et al). Few Bonaparte's and no unusual gulls were reported during the period. A Forster's Tern was present at Braddock's from Aug 30-Sep 5, and four were at Irondequoit Bay from Sept 27 - Oct 10 (Kemnitzner).

A Yellow-billed Cuckoo was seen Nov 16 at Manitou (Listman). Last year the same observer had seen a cuckoo of this species in almost the same spot on Nov 15. The Snowy Owl was seen at Braddock's Nov 21 (O'Hara et al) and at Kodak Park West Nov 30 (Leubner). There were occasional reports of Screech and Great Horned Owls.

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: A freshly killed Whip-poor-will was found on a road near Short Acres Sep 12, and another bird of this species invaded the Manger Hotel in downtown Rochester Oct 7 and was finally captured in the "Lilac Room" of the hotel where a meeting of women hair stylists had been sadly disrupted by the appearance of the bird. Seven Chimney Swifts were seen Oct 10 at Manitou (Listman), and on was noted Oct 19 at Pittsford by the same observer. A Ruby-throated Hummingbird was observed Sep 20 at Mendon Ponds (G. O. S. hike). A very late Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was seen in Durand Nov 22 (G. O. S. hike). Seven Eastern Kingbirds were noted Sep 12 near Shore Acres (O'Hara, Miller), and a Western Kingbird was carefully identified Sep 6 near Shore Acres by B. and A. Kemnitzner, Listman, Lloyd, and MacRae. This is the first county record, but the bird had been recorded once before near Sodus in Wayne County (Sep 19, 1953). All six species of swallows were at Braddock's Sep 19; the estimated numbers were Tree Swallow 150, Bank Swallow 10, Rough-winged Swallow 1, Barn Swallow 20, Cliff Swallow 100, and Purple Martin 10 (Listman et al). Five hundred Black-capped Chickadees were seen migrating at Braddock's Oct 10 (Listman). A Tufted Titmouse was observed Sep 12 at BANC; one was banded Oct 23 at Leubner's feeding station in Irondequoit and was still present at the end of the period, three were seen at Manitou Oct 24 (Listman), and up to six were frequenting the Sunderlin and McNeth feeders east of Irondequoit Bay from mid October until the end of the period. Four Red-breasted Nuthatches were seen in Highland Park Aug 18 (Starling), and about six birds were present in Durand at the end of the period. An early Brown Creeper was at Island Cottage woods Sep 2 (Schmanke). Twelve House Wrens were noted Sep 19 in brushy thickets near Salmon Creek (Starling). A Carolina Wren was observed Oct 31 at the Moon feeder in Irondequoit, and two more were present east of Irondequoit Bay during the last two months of the period. A Mockingbird was seen Sep 23 near Clarissa Street Bridge (Foster), and two birds were seen at intervals during October and November east of Irondequoit Bay. Robins became very scarce after the first week in November; one was in Durand Nov 22. Two Hermit Thrushes were still in Durand at the end of the period, and one was observed in Hamlin Park Nov 28 (Kemnitzner et al). Four Gray-cheeked Thrushes were seen Sep 19 in Island Cottage woods (Listman). Five Bluebirds were at Webster on Oct 23 (Kemnitzner); this species has made some recovery from its tragic low of a year ago. A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was seen Sep 2 in Island Cottage woods where it had nested this year (Schmanke). A Ruby-crowned Kinglet was noted Nov 29 at Irondequoit Bay (Kemnitzner).

Water Pipits were rather scarce this fall, but six were seen Oct 2 west of Manitou (Listman) and two were at Manitou on Nov 28 (Meade et al). Two Bohemian Waxwings appeared among a flock of about 150 Cedar Waxwings in Durand on Nov 7 (Holland et al), and from one to four birds were present there for the rest of the month. A Northern Shrike seen Oct 29 at Braddock's (Listman) was the first report of the fall season.

Vireos — Warblers: There were three Solitary Vireos at Island Cottage woods on Sep 19 (Listman), and a Philadelphia Vireo was seen in Durand Sep 12 (O'Hara et al).

Among the more outstanding records of a very good fall warbler flight were three reports of single Orange-crowned Warblers: Oct 10 near Irondequoit Bay (Starling et al), Oct 24 at Irondequoit Bay (Kemnitzer), and Oct 29 at Island Cottage woods (Listman). A Pine Warbler was noted Aug 18 in Highland Park (Starling), and there was a Connecticut Warbler in Island Cottage woods on Sep 20 (Dobson). A Yellowthroat was seen at Manitou on Nov 24 (Listman). Among the commoner warblers (a count of 23 Black-throated Green Warblers Sep 22 in Genesee Valley Park (Schmanke) and ten Wilson's Warblers Sep 19 along the west lakeshore were somewhat exceptional.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: A Baltimore Oriole appeared at Gerry Leubner's feeding station in Irondequoit Nov 29. A full plumaged male Dickcissel was first observed Nov 9 at the Munsen feeding station in Penfield and was still present at the end of the period, during which time it was seen by many observers. Eleven Evening Grosbeaks appeared in Durand Nov 7 (Holland et al), and within a week or so flocks of 40 or more birds were seen at Fisher's (Holland et al) and along the east lakeshore (McNeth, Sunderlin). At the end of the period they were still present but in reduced numbers. The Pine Grosbeak was unreported. A very heavy flight of Common Redpolls occurred in late October, with 400 being recorded Oct 28 and 1000 on the 29th along the west lakeshore (Listman). During the last month of the period numbers had decreased, but small flocks could be found scattered throughout the area on most trips in the field. In these large migrating flocks were an undetermined number of Hoary Redpolls. Three of this species were positively identified Oct 29 and one on Nov 3 at Braddock's by Listman who felt that there was a fairly good representation of the rarer species in these flocks. In contrast to the large number of Redpolls present, Pine Siskins seemed rather uncommon, five on Oct 29 (Listman) being one of the few reports. A single Red Crossbill was seen Nov 23 near Spencerport (Listman). A Rufous-sided Towhee was present in Durand until Nov 22 (G. O. S. hike), and one appeared at Gerry Leubner's feeder in Irondequoit Nov 29 and 30.

A Sharp-tailed Sparrow was observed Oct 17 in a small marsh in Brighton (Starling); the observer believed that it was probably the subspecies *nelsoni* after a long and careful study under ideal conditions. A Field Sparrow was present at Manitou throughout October (Listman). Two White-crowned Sparrows were seen Nov 26 at the Kemnitzer feeder in Webster. White-throated Sparrows fairly swarmed during their normal migration period, but strangely enough, in contrast to last year, very few seemed to remain after the conclusion of the fall flight. Twenty Fox Sparrows at Island Cottage Oct 18 (Lloyd et al) and 12 Lincoln's Sparrows Sep 26 along the west lakeshore (Listman) were very good peak counts on these two species. A single Lapland Longspur Nov 21 (Listman) was the only record for this species. A flock of 20 Snow Buntings was observed Oct 24 at Manitou (O'Hara et al), and flocks of 500 were seen in the same area on Nov 3 and again on Nov 11 (Kemnitzer et al).

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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September continued the warm and dry pattern. October was slightly cooler than normal, although killing frost held off until mid-month or, in some spots, until early November. October's precipitation almost made up for the prolonged drought. More than twice the normal amount of rain fell — half of it during the first week. November's temperatures and precipitation were near normal. There was no snow accumulation at Ithaca, but eight or ten inches were at Geneva on November 30.

In spite of the dry summer and early fall, water levels were high enough in some places (Keuka, Geneva, Montezuma — the latter controlled of course) to eliminate possibility of shorebirds. Ithaca's Big Hole had good conditions, however, and Sapsucker Woods Pond was the lowest ever, with resulting mud flats.

The goose population reached record numbers. Ducks, on the other hand, were scarce. John Morse comments on the increase in Canada Geese at Montezuma as