

REGION 2—GENESEE

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Temperatures for the period were moderate, with only two days of 90° or above, and with most nights comfortably cool. Rainfall for June and August was above normal, with that of July below average.

A late spring migration saw large numbers of shorebirds migrating into June and above average numbers of late spring migrant land birds present until well after their usual departure dates. On the other hand, the southward shorebird migration was comparatively dull and uninteresting, with small numbers of the regular transients and none of the rarer species. The high water level in many areas was probably responsible for most of this lack of shorebirds. No worthwhile southbound flights of land birds had been recorded by the end of the period.

The outstanding find of the summer was, of course, the Chuck-will's-widow, and details on this record are furnished in the field notes section of this issue. Other interesting birds observed included the Little Gull, Forster's Tern, Long and Short-eared Owls, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Yellow-breasted Chat.

Loons — Ducks: A Common Loon was reported to Al Malley on Jul 23 as having been present all summer on Canadice Lake. He saw the bird himself on Aug. 13. There seemed to be but one bird present, and there was no evidence of nesting. The only report of the Common Egret was a single occasionally at Groveland (Tetlow et al.). None of the other rarer herons were recorded.

Thirty Black-crowned Night Herons were observed at Braddock's Jun 3 (Listman), and a female Gadwall was noted in Parma, also on Jun 13 (Listman). A small flock of Pintail was present at Braddock's much of the summer. Some of the birds were banded, and all were probably recently released birds. Three American Widgeon were at Groveland Jul 3 (Listman). A drake Redhead was seen at Braddock's Bay Aug 11 (O'Hara et al); this also may have been a released bird. A female Bufflehead was seen on a small pond in Parma Jun 10 (Tetlow et al), and there was a female Hooded Merganser at Braddock's Bay Aug 11 (O'Hara et al). The latter record may indicate nesting in a nearby area.

Hawks — Owls: A Cooper's Hawk was observed at Groveland Jul 9 (GOS hike). Both this species and the Sharp-shinned Hawk have seemed scarce this year. Twenty-five Broad-winged Hawks were seen migrating past Braddock's Bay Jun 3 (Listman). This late flight composed mostly if not entirely of immature birds is a regular occurrence in this area. Two Rough-legged Hawks were seen migrating past Braddock's Bay on the same day (Listman). Late stragglers of this species are regular at this time along this flightway. A late Osprey was noted at Braddock's Jun 8 (Listman).

Four semipalmated Plovers were seen in Parma Jun 8 (Foley et al), and 50 Black-bellied Plover and 100 Ruddy Turnstones were noted migrating past Braddock's Bay Jun 1 (Listman). A Greater Yellowlegs was observed in Parma Jun 3, and two Lesser Yellowlegs were at Manitou Jul 2 (Listman). A rather early Baird's Sandpiper was seen west of Manitou Aug 8 (Listman). Four White-rumped Sandpipers, 75 Dunlin, and 1000 Semipalmated Sandpipers migrating past Braddock's Bay Jun 1 (Listman) were all good counts. A Sanderling, a very uncommon spring migrant, was seen in Avon Jun 4 (Haller), and a female Wilson's Phalarope in full breeding plumage was seen in Parma Jun 10-11 (Foster et al).

With its recent increase, a few immature Great Black-backed Gulls spend the summer in the mixed gull flocks at Braddock's Bay. A maximum of three was seen there Jun 1 (Listman). A maximum of three Little Gulls was reported at Braddock's Bay Jun 25 (Lloyd, MacRae). One or two birds were reported regularly during the early summer with the last bird being reported Aug 4 (Listman). At this time the Bonaparte's Gulls had virtually disappeared. Single Forster's Terns were reported from Braddock's Bay from Jul 4 on (Listman et al). The maximum count of Caspian Terns was 30 at Braddock's Bay Aug 10 (Listman).

A pair of Long-eared Owls nested near Jean Haller's home near Avon and raised four young. These owls and resident Screech Owls were reported by the observer as flocking to the porch to listen and call to the music of a guitar. The writer has heard of dogs sernading a bagpipe, but this owl-guitar relation is new. A Long-eared Owl was seen just west of Braddock's Bay Jul 6, and a Short-eared Owl had been recorded in the same locality the previous day (Listman).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: A Chuck-will's-widow was present west of Manitou from Jun 1 to Jul 2, and full details of this rarity are given elsewhere in this issue. Fifteen Common Nighthawks were observed migrating past Braddock's Bay Jun 3 (Listman). Four Red-haeded Woodpeckers were seen in Periton Jul 29 (Malley, Tetlow). A female Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was observed in Powder Mill Park Jul 2-4 (Starling et al). Several small trees in the area showed fresh typical Sapsucker workings, and the birds probably nested in the area, as they have done more or less regularly in the past. Another bird of this species was observed in Periton Jul 29 (Tetlow et al).

A rather late Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was seen west of Manitou Jun 11 (Miller), and an Olive-sided Flycatcher was observed in the same area Jun 8 (Listman et al). Two hundred Blue Jays were noted migrating past Braddock's Bay Jun 10 (Listman). Black-capped Chickadees seemed very common late in the period, but the Tufted Titmouse was unrecorded. Red-breasted Nuthatches were generally distributed in numbers by the end of the period. A Brown Creeper was noted at B.A.N.C. Jul 31 (McKinnney). There was a Carolina Wren at Holley Jul 17 (Listman), and the Short-billed Marsh Wren was reported from the Parkway just west of Dewey Avenue (O'Hara et al) and from the Webster area (Kemnitzer).

A Swainson's Thrush was reported from Manitou Jun 10 (Listman). Listman also reported a Gray-cheeked Thrush from the same area on Jun 8. **Ten** Eastern Bluebirds were seen in the Fisher's area Jul 1 (Starling). Other lists, however, showed either one or no birds. Bluebirds are known to have raised young in the Webster, B.A.N.C., and LeRoy areas. Two Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were seen in Periton Jul 29 (Tetlow et al). A Golden-crowned Kinglet was noted in the heavy spruce growth near Inspiration Point in Letchworth Park Jul 9 (GOS hike). Two adult and two young Loggerhead Shrikes were seen in Parma Jun 25 (Lloyd, MacRae).

Vireos — Warblers: A Blue-winged Warbler was seen during early June near Avon (Haller). Among late spring warbler dates at Manitou (Listman) were singing male Tennessee Jun 16, Black-throated Green Jun 17, and Blackpoll Jun 17 and 25. A pair of Louisiana Waterthrushes feeding young was seen at Conesus Lake Jun 17 (Tetlow et al), and a young bird was noted in Wheeler's Gully near Avon Jun 18 (GOS hike). Three birds were seen near Naples Jul 23 (Starling). A Yellow-breasted Chat was noted near LeRoy Jun 11 (Lloyd, MacRae), one was seen in Webster Park Jun 17 (Lloyd), and a pair successfully raised young near Avon (Haller). Four Hooded Warblers were seen in Webster Aug 11 (O'Hara).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Four Pine Siskins were observed near Manitou Jun 10 (Listman), and a single bird was noted there the next day (Miller). Five Red Crossbills were observed moving west near Manitou Jun 11 (Foley et al). A very late White-crowned Sparrow was seen at Manitou Jun 21 (Listman), and a late Lincoln's Sparrow was banded at the same place Jun 1 (Leubner).

Addendum: Twenty-three Blue-winged Warblers were seen by Rosche in Letchworth Park on May 13. This report was omitted from the spring summary.

Corrigendum: The date of the all-time record count was shown as May 22 (Vol. 11, No. 2, p. 99); this should read May 21. Richard Rosche's record of 15 Bay-breasted Warblers at Letchworth Park should read May 20, not May 13, and the record of three Rusty Blackbirds by the same observer should read Apr 29, not May 29. — 54 Luella Street, Rochester 9

REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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Summer continued the pattern set by spring — wet and cool, temperatures averaging several degrees below normal. In the area around Ithaca, there was only one day in the entire month of July (the 28th) on which rain did not fall somewhere in the county, and total precipitation for that month was twice normal. Nesting success was not materially affected, however, judging by the numbers of young birds around in early August. In Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary, the fifth annual breeding bird census, taken by A. A. Allen in early June, produced 232 nesting pairs of birds, up 36 over 1960, and 55 species represented this year, compared to 51 in 1960. Conspicuously absent were Redstarts, and the Pileated Woodpecker — the latter apparently moving to an adjoining woodlot to nest.

Weather conditions reduced insect life, and Swallows left early. But earthworms thrived on lawns and golf courses, and Robins had a field day. High water interfered with Region 3's hopes for shorebirds.