

and 20 (Williams). The latter species was also reported three miles south of Tully Sep 10 (Wisner). Redstarts were around until Sep 17 at Choconut Center (L. Bemont, M. Sheffield, et al.).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: "Lots" of Bobolinks were at Whitney Point Sep 3 (M. Sheffield). They were last reported Sep 9 at Owego (Gerould, Williams). Meadowlarks were seen regularly thru October with scattered reports continuing thru November. On Nov 8 Redwinged Blackbirds were "still here in large numbers" at Owego but have not been reported since. Baltimore Orioles were seen regularly, in the Triple Cities area, until Sep 11. Two at Choconut Center Sep 17 (L. Bemont, M. Sheffield, et al.) were the last. The only Rusty Blackbird reported was "on the lawn" at Norwich Oct 19 (Whites). Large flocks of Common Grackles were gone after the middle of Oct but a few individuals were seen regularly until Nov 20. The last Scarlet Tanager report, at Chenango Forks Oct 8 (M. & A. Davis), seemed rather late but there were three other reports within a week and a half before that.

A pair of Cardinals brought babies to the feeder in Deposit Aug 23 (Wilson), the first definite evidence of successful breeding in that area. 25 or so Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were seen south of Tully Sep 10 (Wisner) and there were quite a few other September records, but the last of the species was at Owego Oct 5 (M. White). Indigo Buntings were last reported Sep 24. An Evening Grosbeak was at Deposit as early as Sep 7 (Wilson) but it was Oct 2 before any number of them arrived. They were reported in increasing numbers during Oct and were downright common all during November when 136 were banded at Deposit (Wilson). At Unadilla they had already cleaned up about all the box elder seeds by the end of the period. At Deposit Purple Finches were numerous throughout the late summer until at least Oct 8, but after Nov 3 when Mr. Wilson returned from a trip there were none. Our first dated record of Pine Grosbeaks was from nearby Pennsylvania Nov 15 (Washburns) but they were soon reported from several other areas. At Greene they were "more abundant than any other movement of them that I have ever seen. Every wood lot and old orchard and especially the conifer stands had its quota of birds" (Bartlett). Only a few Pine Siskins have been reported so far, the first a banding record at Deposit Nov 24 (Wilson). A late Rufous-sided Towhee was still at Newark Valley Nov 11 (Durie), the last previous report being Oct 31.

Slate-colored Juncos started arriving in force about Oct 8 and were quite common to the end of the period. The first Tree Sparrow was at Homer Oct 12 (Gustafson) but it wasn't until Nov 3 that they arrived in any numbers. Small migrating flocks of Chipping Sparrows could be seen until Oct 16 with the last straggler being reported Oct 28 at Endwell (Washburns). White-crowned Sparrows were at Owego from Sep 17 to Oct 28 (M. White). They were quite numerous at the Triple Cities from Oct 1 to Oct 23. White-throated Sparrows were seen from Sep 16 to Nov 13. Fox Sparrows were at Owego Oct 15 (Williams). In the Triple Cities area, where they were more frequently reported than usual, they were around until Nov 12. Lincoln's Sparrows were at Owego Sep 1 (Williams), at Choconut Center Sep 17 (Bemont, Burgher) and at Binghamton Oct 6 (Marsi, Corderman). Snow Buntings were reported twice in late October, the 27th at Owego (Gerould) and the 30th at Greene (C. & J. Davis) and then again Nov 22 at Castle Creek (Burgher) and Nov 23 at Norwich (Whites).

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Both August and September were dry and warm. October was also warm, with the first cold spell on the 14th-17th, which may have caused the heavy Canada Goose migration. November temperatures were normal; there was little snow.

On the positive side the fall migration included: the tremendous Canada goose flight Oct 14-15; outstanding numbers of White-winged Scoters; the occurrence of Whimbrel, Purple Sandpiper, and all three phalaropes; an immature Jaeger Sep 16-17; big flights of paridae and Red-breasted Nuthatches; occurrence of Bohemian Waxwings; the large October Myrtle Warbler migration; and the fine influx, for the first time in four years, of the Grosbeaks.

Negatives which must be noted were: continuing low numbers of most diving ducks, especially Redhead and Canvasback; a shorebird migration mediocre in com-

parison with the fine one of 1960; a September landbird migration which was uneventful, probably due to the unvarying hot and windless weather.

The following abbreviations are used in this report: HIGMA—Howland's Island Game Management Area near Port Byron, SP—Sandy Pond, SSSP—Selkirk Shores State Park and TRGMA—Three Rivers Game Management Area near Baldwinsville.

Loons — Ducks: Common Loon: no notable fall flight reported. Red-throated Loon: one-three/day late Oct and early Nov, SP, (E. Evans). Red-necked Grebe: one, SP, Oct 19 and 31 (Evans); one Fairhaven, Nov 12 (H. Miller), and one, Derby Hill, Nov 23 (M. Rusk). Horned Grege: largest concentrations were 50-70 Lake Ontario in late Oct and Nov; 50, Oneida Lake, Nov 26. Pied-billed Grebe: recorded to end of period.

Double-crested Cormorant: single birds were recorded at Onondaga Lake Oct 14 and Nov 4 (E. Estoff, J. Propst); SP, Oct 19 (Evans). Great Blue Heron: in general, reported in smaller numbers than last year, but 37 counted at HIGMA in late Oct (R. Bauer); present to end of period. Common Egret: seen irregularly with max of three at HIGMA; last seen end of Oct. Black-crowned Night Heron: Bauer reported a few during Oct at HIGMA; otherwise only records were one, Onondaga Lake, Aug 22, and one, SP, Oct 14.

Canada Goose: first Sep 4; huge flight Oct 14-15 when flocks were widely reported from the Syracuse area to the western edge of the Region. The flight was noticeable enough to draw comment from people not normally interested. The largest single count was 3,000 over Tully Lake (Propst), but the total number involved must have been vastly greater. Brant: no large numbers were reported on Lake Ontario; max 90, Derby Hill, Oct 21; 500/day mid-Oct Shackleton Point (P. Laible). Snow goose: Two, SP, Oct 17 (Evans).

Mallard: numbers reported as normal from HIGMA; max 2800. Black Duck: a fine late flight with a big increase in early Nov to a max of 7000 (Bauer). Gadwall: not reported away from HIGMA, max 25, Nov 22. Pintail: reported as scarcer than last year at HIGMA, max there 200, Oct 16. American Widgeon: numbers down at HIGMA (Bauer); max there 500 Oct 16 (D. Peakall); 500, Beaver Lake Nov 4 with 300 still there Nov 11 (Estoff, Propst). Green-winged Teal: Bauer reported good numbers at HIGMA, max count about 500 in mid-Oct; present until end of period. Blue-winged Teal: max 400 Oneida Lake Sep 3; 300 HIGMA Oct 24: last reported, HIGMA, mid-Nov.

Redhead: continued to be very scarce; arrival date Oct 26 (late); group of 50 at HIGMA Oct and Nov (Bauer) probably locally raised; otherwise, max 12 Beaver Lake Nov 4; none reported from Shackleton Point (Laible). Canvasback: also still scarce; arrival date Oct 26; maxima 250 Beaver Lake Nov 24 and Shackleton Point late Nov. Scaup: not recorded in large numbers except 1000 Shackleton Point late Nov; Laible's banding showed that 30% of the birds caught were adults in comparison with his normal figure of 3%, indicating a poor breeding season. Oldsquaw: 20 on Oct 5 SSSP (Evans) is a high, early count. Scoter: there was a fine flight of White-winged — 200 Oct 23, 700 Nov 19, Lake Ontario (Evans); only records of Common Scoter one Oct 28 Lake Ontario and one Oneida Lake Nov 26; Surf reported from Beaver Lake, max seven Oct 15-Nov 4, and SSSP one Nov 12 and 25.

Mergansers: max Hooded was 100 HIGMA (Bauer) and 50 Beaver Lake Oct 24; Common — arrival rate Oct 28, max 55 Lake Ontario Nov 11; fine flight of Red-breasted, 10,000 off Oswego Nov 22 (Peakall), the largest concentration observed since 1956, but the observation of these flights is largely a question of luck.

Hawks — Owls: No flights of hawks reported along Lake Ontario. Sharp-shinned: one Conquest Oct 7 (Rusk). Cooper's: a few scattered throughout the period. The only Goshawk was one near Jordan Nov 26 (W. Spofford). First Roughleg was reported near Utica Oct 16 (E. Curtis), and at about the same time at HIGMA they were noted as numerous (Bauer). Only record of Bald Eagle is one near Mexico Oct 21 (Estoff, Propst). Peregrine: adult and immature seen perched and in flight, Onondaga Lake, Nov 25 (Evans), a late date for these scarce birds. At the same time an Osprey was seen, also late. Pigeon Hawk: only record is a probable, SP Sep 22 (D. McIlroy).

Bobwhite: birds released at Shackleton Point in late summer were still present at the end of the period (Laible). Semipalmated Plover: max first week of Sep when there were 30 SP, 60 Verona Beach, and 50 Onondaga Lake; there was a considerable reduction in numbers by mid-Sep; last, Oct 14 SP. Piping Plover: one Onondaga Lake Aug 25-30 — the species is rare away from SP; one SP Aug 26. Killdeer: max 100 Onondaga Lake Aug 25 and HIGMA Sep 23; rapid fall-off in

Oct but present until end of period. Ruddy Turnstone: numbers low — max 15, Aug 26 and Sep 2; last Sep 6, very early. Golden Plover: one Aug 17-26, four Sep 4, one Sep 8, two Oct 3, all at Onondaga Lake; one Sep 24 Verona Beach. Black-bellied Plover: scarce — max 15 Onondaga Lake Oct 3; last, Verona Beach Nov 5.

Snipe: last date Nov 12 Brewerton. Whimbrel: one SP Aug 26 is the only record. Spotted Sandpiper: max 50 Onondaga Lake Aug 22; rapid fall in numbers late Aug; last Sep 22. Solitary Sandpiper: late date HIGMA Sep 23. Greater Yellowlegs: max 12, low, late Sep-mid-Oct; last, Onondaga Lake Nov 11. Lesser Yellowlegs: max first week Sep when there were 40 Onondaga Lake, 40 HIGMA, and 20 Verona Beach; last Oct 21. Knot: one Verona Beach Sep 17 (P. Paquette) and Sep 21 (Rusk). Purple Sandpiper: one SP Nov 11 (Rusk, Spofford); this rare visitor now appears to be annual. Pectoral Sandpiper: max 25 late Aug-early Sep; last, HIGMA Oct 29. White-rumped: one SP Oct 14 is last record. Baird's: scarce this fall with three records involving five birds Aug 25-Oct 8. Least: max counts were 120 Onondaga Lake Aug 25 and 200 Oneida Lake Sep 3; last HIGMA Oct 13. Dunlin: arrival date Sep 15; max counts 50 Oct 3 and 75 Oct 29; last, Oneida Lake Nov 19. Short-billed Dowitcher: max 25, Aug 26; last Oct 21. Stilt Sandpiper: max three Sep 22; last, HIGMA, Oct 13 (fairly late). Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 300 Onondaga Lake Aug 25; Sharp fall-off last of Sep; last date Oct 29 HIGMA (Rusk) is late. Western Sandpiper: one SP Aug 19 (Rusk); two Onondaga Lake Aug 25 (F. Scheider et al); one HIGMA Sep 3 (Peakall); one Onondaga Lake Sep 15 (Estoff, Propst). Sanderling: very scarce at SP; 40 Verona Beach Sep 3 was max; last date Nov 12.

Wilson's Phalarope: one Onondaga Lake Aug 17 (Rusk); two HIGMA Sep 3 (Peakall). Northern Phalarope: one Pond's Pond Sep 16 (Rusk). Red Phalarope: two SP Nov 11 and one Nov 12 (Spofford).

Jaeger: immature, probably Pomarine, seen and photographed at close range SP Sep 16-17 (P. Peterson, Ruck, J. Taylor). Great Black-backed Gull: max 50 Fair Haven Nov 22. Herring Gull: low counts until early Nov; max 1200 Oswego Nov 22. Ring-billed Gull: counts of 500-700 throughout Sep and Oct with no sharp max; numbers decreased early Nov. Bonaparte's Gull: moderate numbers with max 30 Oneida Lake Sep-Nov. Forster's Tern: one SP Sep 8 (Evans) is the second of the fall and the only record within the period. Common Tern: max 300 Sep 3 Oneida Lake; last, SP and SSP, Nov 11. Black Tern: max 80 Sep 3; last date Sep 8.

Snowy Owl: one SP and another SSSP Nov 11 (Rusk, Spofford); one Onondaga Lake Nov 25 (Evans); one Pond's Pond Nov 25 (Estoff, Propst) may have been the SSSP bird. Long-eared Owl: one Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse Oct 3 (Rusk).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: Nighthawk: a notable high of 50 milling about in the sky, migrating over the south side of Syracuse Aug 31 (Peakall); last date Sep 16 Syracuse is about normal. Chimney Swift: last date Sep 16 Syracuse. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: no migrating concentrations noted along Lake Ontario this year (i. e., high was three Aug 27 SSSP); last date Sep 24 one Syracuse (D. Hawley). Kingfisher: present at the end of the period in a few sheltered locations with open water, as usual. Flicker: a moderately high count of 28, Sep 15, HIGMA and vicinity (Estoff, Propst); last migrant Nov 6 Syracuse; one present at end of period in Syracuse (Dawley). Pileated Woodpecker has been regularly reported from HIGMA, a good woodpecker habitat but new location for this species; one also present at Tully, a usual site, in Aug, Sep, and Nov. Red-bellied Woodpecker: one was at HIGMA as usual; one at Tully Lakes Aug 19; two were observed at Plainville, where they are intermittently present, Nov 5 (M. Bitz); one was at a new location, New Haven, in Nov (I. Stone), especially noteworthy as it is near Lake Ontario, farther north, and farther from the usual Finger Lakes area sites. No Red-headed Woodpecker was reported during the period. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: only a moderate flight, with high of eight Oct 5 Syracuse. No flight of Hairy or Downy detected.

Crested Flycatcher: one at Skaneateles Oct 8 (Peakall) is late. Last date for Phoebe is Oct 19, two Osceola (Aspinwall), rather late. Last Empidonaces three, Oct 5 TGMA (Evans) also late. No waves of Empidonaces nor Wood Pewee noted (Max Pewee ten, Sep 16, SSSP) in contrast with the usual experience — probably due to the lack of weather changes during Sep. Last Wood Pewee Oct 6 (late), two at Oakwood (Estoff, Propst).

Horned Lark: 70 the highest count for the season at SP Nov 12, not outstanding. Peak counts of migrating swallows for the period moving by at a rate of

1500/hour at SP Aug 26 (Peakall) include 3000 Tree, 5000 Bank, and 800 Barn (the last were present at one time on the beach). Last dates are: one Tree, Oct 13; one Bank, Sep 22; one Barn, Oct 9; one Purple Martin, Sep 4, all at HIGMA—all about normal. Cliff Swallow: 20-30 Stony Pond Conservation Area Sep 4 (N. Felle).

The Black-capped Chickadee migration was outstanding in various parts of the region, with high counts as follows: 190 at SP and SSSP combined Sep 22; 150 in ½ hour at Oakwood Sep 24; 200/hour there Oct 3; and 210 SP and SSP combined, Oct 8. By the second half of Oct this great migration had tapered off, but on the feeder survey for the first week of Nov Dr. Ben Burtt had reports totaling 395 Chickadees/100 feeders, twice as many as for the same period of the two previous years. Also on this feeder survey were reports of Tufted Titmice from DeWitt, Fayetteville, and Chittenango; Titmice have not occurred regularly in these locations heretofore. The small colony of Titmice at Baldwinsville which has raised young in 1960 and 1961 is still present. Nov 10 at SSSP a Titmouse was noted with Chickadees (Evans) the first record for the Lake Ontario shores in Region 5. Nov 12 three Titmice were at SP with Chickadees, apparently moving south down the dunes (Peakall et al). Nov 14 four Titmice again with Chickadees were at SSSP (Evans), and four were seen there (about ½ mile south of Mrs. Evans') Nov 23, also with Chickadees and again noticeably moving south along the dunes (Rusk). Nov 25 three Titmice were at still another new regional location, on the south shore of Oneida Lake just east of Bridgeport (Scheider). It is doubtful whether Titmice in any numbers migrating along Lake Ontario in previous years would have gone unnoticed, as the area has been regularly and intensively birded. This lakeshore-migration-with-Chickadees seems therefore a new phenomenon, and the question is, where are they coming from? (Cf. Eaton, S. W., "The Tufted Titmouse invades New York", *Kingbird*, Jul 1959, p. 59). Another unusual Parid record is of three Boreal Chickadees at Highland Forest (Southeastern corner of Onondaga County, 2000 ft. elev.) with Black-cappeds in larch plantations Nov 25 and 26 (Rusk, Prost), the first regional record elsewhere than on the fringes of the Adirondacks. At least one Boreal was still present there Dec 9; this seems to represent the start of a notable winter incursion.

Several observers noted good numbers of migrant Red-breasted Nuthatches 20 on Sep 22 SP-SSSP, ten Oct 3 at Oakwood; Brown Creepers 24 on Oct 8 SP-SSSP; and Winter Wrens 18 on Oct 8 SP. Last dates for migrant House, Winter, and Long-billed Marsh Wren are Oct 25, 28, and 14, respectively, the last quite early in view of the warm weather, but Winter Wrens were reported from several regional locations thru Nov.

Mockingbird: one report for the period, Nov 24 Syracuse (fide Burtt). Last migrant Catbird Oct 29 HIGMA (E. Farnham) and Brown Thrasher Nov 11, late, SP (Spofford). Robins seemed plentiful this fall with a high of 200 Oct 16 HIGMA; last migrant Nov 21 Syracuse (Dawley). Most regional observers thought the thrush migration good; in a big fog-grounded group of landbird migrants Oct 3, 12 Wood Thrushes, Three Swainson's, and two Gray-cheeked were observed at one time scolding a Long-eared Owl in Oakwood Cemetery (Rusk); the high count of Hermit Thrushes 25 SP, Oct 8. Only Bluebirds reported for the season: three at Canstantia Sep 29 (C. Leiger), two at Taberg Oct 25 (Aspinwall), and one at Oneida Oct 25 and 28 (Felle).

Arrival date for Ruby-crowned Kinglet Sep 8 three SP, Golden-crowned Sep 22 one SP; good migrant numbers with maxima 170 Golden-crowned and 65 Ruby-crowned both Oct 8 SP-SSSP. Last Ruby-crowned were singles Nov 11 SSSP and Nov 14 Oakwood. Small groups of about four Golden-crowned present in spruces in various parts of the Region at the end of the period as usual. The Pipit flight was fair with max 150 at SP Sep 22 and 150 near Otisco Lake Oct 15; last noted SP Nov 12.

Extremely noteworthy is two Bohemian Waxwings near Utica (near where they were recorded in Jan 1960) first seen Nov 11 with two Evening Grosbeaks (Curtis), present to the end of the period and viewed by numerous observers. Northern Shrike: one Nov 25 near Bridgeport (Rusk); the paucity of observations suggests that this will not be a flight year for this species.

Vireos — Warblers: No sizable vireo flight was noted. Last dates include one Yellow-throated Oct 6; one Solitary Oct 13; one Red-eyed Oct 9, all at Syracuse and one Warbling Sep 29 (late) Tully (Estoff, Prost).

The Sep warbler flight was enjoyable for variety of species at SSSP (Evans), but no species except Myrtle, Black-throated Green, and Bay-breasted were noted in

numbers higher than 12/day in that month: the warm windless weather seemed to preclude any big waves.

Most interesting is a Blue-winged Warbler at Centerville Sep 6 (Evans); the species has not previously been recorded from this part of the Tug Hill outskirts, but Centerville is the locality where Golden-winged are regularly seen in migration as well as summering. The rather rare Orange-crowned Warbler was noted only once, Oct 13, Syracuse (Rusk).

The better high counts include: 25 Yellow Aug 26 SP, six Cape May Sep 19 SSSP, 25 Black-throated Green Sep 20 SSSP, nine Blackburnian Aug 29 SSSP, 20 Bay-breasted Sep 3 Verona Beach, 20 Redstart Aug 27 SSSP. Early and mid-Oct brought a notable Myrtle Warbler flight, with "thousands" during the second week of Oct at Shackleton Point, Oneida Lake, even coming into the barns there to feed on Buckwheat flies (Laible); also high numbers at SSSP during the same period (Evans); an SP-SSSP count of 160 Oct 8 (Rusk).

Last dates (single birds unless otherwise noted) include: a Prothonotary Aug 24, Short Point Bay, Oneida Lake, the latest regional date for this species (Rusk); Tennessee Sep 23, early; Nashville Oct 13; Parula Oct 5, Yellow Sep 11; Magnolia Oct 22, late, Plainville (Bitz); Black-throated Blue Oct 9; Myrtle Nov 6, two; Black-throated Green Oct 12; Blackburnian Oct 6; Chestnut-sided Oct 14, late, TRGMA (Estoff, Propst); Bay-breasted Oct 3, seven; Blackpoll Oct 3, early, two; Pine Sep 27; Palm Oct 8; Ovenbird Oct 1; Yellow-throat Oct 16; Wilson's Oct 5; Canada Sep 17; Redstart Sep 24, early.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Late-lingering Icterids include two Bobolinks Oct 1 (R. Gould) and a female Baltimore Oriole at a feeder in Baldwinsville Nov 18 (Bisdee fide Burtt). 80 Rusty Blackbirds feeding with shorebirds at a recently drained pond at HIGMA Oct 29 is a good count.

Evening Grosbeaks arrived early: one in DeRuyter Sep 28, 12 near Fulton Oct 1, ten in Syracuse Oct 6. Oct 14-16 they came en masse with six separate reports on Oct 15 (fide Burtt). They are present in good numbers — 290/100 feeders on the survey for the first week of Nov, compared with almost none for the corresponding week last year — but though they are widespread, the numbers at the end of Nov weren't quite as high as in 1959 at that time. Purple Finch: only reported from Cazenovia, Plainville, HIGMA, TRGMA, Oneida, SP, near Pulaski, SSSP, and Syracuse, never in number higher than eight, and not at all in Nov, indicating a minor and early flight.

Probably the Pine Grosbeak flight will prove to be the outstanding passerine irruption of winter 1961-62: first reports from Utica Nov 9, eight (Curtis); Sherrill Nov 10, ten (H. Nodecker); Brookfield Nov 12, seven (R. & S. White); also SSSP Nov 11, one (Rusk et al). Later in the month they were reported from Jamesville, Syracuse, and Skaneateles also; the high to the end of the period is a count of at least 25 at Highland Forest Nov 25. Redpolls arrived Nov 8 SSSP, 25 (Evans) and were present pan-regionally thru Nov in flocks up to 60. At SSSP a mixed flock of 30 Redpolls and 30 Pine Siskins was observed Nov 12, and Siskins were reported from HIGMA, SP, Syracuse, and from TRGMA with a high of 50 Nov 11, but this constitutes nothing approaching last winter's flight.

Towhee: one present at a feeder in Syracuse thru the end of the period (Dawley); also unusual is one at Highland Forest Nov 26 (Propst).

Henslow's Sparrow: last date Oct 5 TRGMA (Evans) — this bears out recent years' experience regarding departure date of the species (see Region 5 reports, **Kingbird** Dec 1959 and Dec 1960). Sharp-tailed: of this regionally rare species one report again this year, Oct 5 TRGMA (Evans). Vesper Sparrow: last noted Oct 21, early, three (Propst). Junco: arrived Sep 15, slightly late; high count 130 Oct 9, only moderately good. Tree Sparrow: arrived rather late in most parts of the Region with first date Oct 22 at Plainville, and remained in very low numbers thru Nov — no count of over 15/day reported. Last dates for Chipping Sparrow Oct 29, early, and Field Nov 25, Bridgeport, rather late. The flight of White-crowned was, like this spring's migration, not spectacular, with a high of only 30, Oct 8, SP-SSSP; the last migrant noted Nov 12. White-throated: a moderately good flight with high of 220 Oct 8 SP-SSSP; one still present Nov 29 Skaneateles. There was a nice migration of Fox Sparrows with reports from Oneida, Plainville, and Syracuse; as many as seven/day at Syracuse Nov 6; one remained to Nov 21 Syracuse. The regular but uncommon Lincoln's Sparrow was reported only from TRGMA Oct 7 and 15, one each date (Rusk) and SP Oct 8, two (Spofford).

Lapland Longspurs were noted at SP Nov 12 (Rochester group) and on the Solvay waste beds at Onondaga Lake Nov 26 (Burtt et al). Snow Buntings arrived Oct 28; late, 70 combined count Derby Hill and SP; high for the period was 400 at the Syracuse airport Nov 11 (D. Gibson), a good count for the fall.

CORRIGENDUM: Kingbird, Oct 1961 "Region V — Oneida Lake Basin", p. 167, Parula and ff should read:

Parula: again noted in THP (Scheider) — one on June 3 and two Jun 24. Yellow: ten noted Jun 3 in the lower part of the THP (Scheider) is unusual; high of 50 in the Otisco Lake vicinity Jun 10.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The weather from the middle of August to the end of November was ideal much of the time and there were many very pleasant days. September brought some real heat waves, and the average temperature for the first 25 days was above 70 degrees. Good weather continued in October. Temperatures in November were slightly above average, and Watertown had only a little snow.

There were early indications that we might expect Evening Grosbeaks, Pine Grosbeaks and Snowy Owls during the coming winter. The Cattle Egret, Tufted Titmouse and eight Turkey Vultures provided some surprises for us. El Dorado was visited several times, but warblers were forgotten.

Loons — Ducks: A Common Loon was reported near the Pillar Point Road Nov 18, and one at Pillar Point Nov 24. Horned Grebes appeared near Adams Cove Oct 21, and became common along Lake Ontario the rest of the period. A Cattle Egret remained at Baggs Corners, Jefferson County, Nov 13-19, and was seen by several persons. It may have stayed as late as Nov 25 at which time there was some snow. There were no other egrets. A Great Blue Heron was near Chaumont Nov 24. Gordon found an immature Black-crowned Night Heron at Sherwin's Bay Oct 21.

Canada Geese migrated thru the area quickly, most of them Oct 14-15 (Wilson). In describing the first day of the duck season the Watertown paper said, "Perch River Game Management Area hunters had reasonable luck with local ducks and, according to one hunter, managed to deplete a flock of geese from 28 to three birds in a matter of seconds after the season opening." No doubt these were the local Canada Geese which we saw several times (No comment). The results of banding at Perch Lake GMA showed an increase in numbers of Mallards with a decrease in Blacks. More Green-winged Teal were banded, 40 this year or twice as many as last year. At El Dorado ducks were reported as follows: Mallard 40, Black 50, Pintail 9, Green-winged Teal 10, all on Aug 25 and 200 Blue-winged Teal Sep 2. American Widgeon were seen at Perch Lake GMA Sep 16 and at El Dorado Sep 17. Large numbers of scaup were reported in the area. There were five Oldsquaws at El Dorado Nov 11. During Nov Buffleheads were seen several times in Lake Ontario. Hooded Mergansers were noted frequently in Nov.

Hawks — Owls. Two Turkey Vultures were seen near Somerville, St. Lawrence County, Sep 11, and 8 were there Oct 5 (Belknap). This is the first time more than one or two have been seen at any time in this region. The first date for Rough-legged Hawk was Oct 12 (Allen). On Oct 21 there were 16 at Point Peninsula, and they were numerous there in Nov, the number being estimated at 20-25. Marsh Hawks were present during the fall and two were seen Nov 28. A Pigeon Hawk was seen near the southern limit of this region. Unless otherwise stated the following were seen at El Dorado: Semipalmated Plover, 100 on Sep 2; Golden Plover, one Sep 30 (Gordon); Black-bellied Plover last seen Sep 17; Ruddy Turnstone, last Sep 30; Common Snipe, last Oct 21 at Sherwin's Bay; Greater Yellowlegs, last, one at Pt. Salubrious Nov 24; Lesser Yellowlegs, 140 Aug 25; Knot, Aug 31 and Sep 14; Purple Sandpiper, one with, two late Dunlins Nov 11 (Gordon); Pectoral Sandpiper, 25 on Aug 25; White-rumped Sandpiper, 3 on Aug 25; Least Sandpiper, 100 on Sep 2; Short-billed Dowitcher, 25 on Aug 25; Semipalmated Sandpiper, 200 Aug 19 and Sep 2; Western Sandpiper, Sep 14 (Allen); Sanderling, 130 Sep 2; Great Black-backed Gull, two Aug 25; Bonaparte's Gull, 5 Aug 25; Common Tern, Caspian Tern and Black Tern, Sep 2. The first reports of Snowy Owls came from