

Colden TV Tower are as follows: Ovenbird — 47 (second most common kill bird), Blackpoll Warbler — 27, Bay-breasted Warbler — 25, Black-throated Blue Warbler — 21, Magnolia Warbler — 18, Yellowthroat — 18, Black-throated Green Warbler — 11. A total of 216 warblers were picked up dead. Orange-crowned Warbler: one Oct 27, Fort Niagara (WHK) — late. Parula Warbler: one, Oct 10, Colden TV Tower (RCR) — late. Black-throated Green Warbler: one, Oct 28, Lake Erie State Park (OS, NB) — late. Prairie Warbler: one, Sep 13, Hamburg (TLB) — always rare and especially so in autumn. Connecticut Warbler: single birds, Sep 21, Delaware Park, Buffalo (KPA); Oct 3, Eden (TLB); Oct 7 (alive), Colden TV Tower (KPA). Mourning Warbler: one, Sep 27 (KPA, RCR) and one, Oct 7 KPA, Colden TV Tower — late. Yellowthroat: one, Nov 16-30, Hamburg (AMB); one, Nov 17, Lancaster (CM) — late. Hooded Warbler: one, Oct 7, Colden TV Tower (KPA) — late.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Western Meadowlark: one, Aug 25, Town of Marilla, Erie Co. (RCR, KPA) — probably same bird as reported in Vol. XII, p. 147. Common Grackle: 10,000, Allegany State Park (WWB). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 34, Sep 27-29, Colden TV Tower (KPA, RCR) — fourth commonest kill bird. Evening Grosbeak: no reports. Pine Grosbeak: no reports. Common Redpoll: no reports. Pine Siskin: moderately good flight; maximum counts of 170 occurred Oct 28 along the south shore of Lake Ontario between Wilson and Point Breeze and 87, Nov 18, between Youngstown and Point Breeze (KPA, RCR). Crossbills: no reports. Lincoln's Sparrow: one, Sep 27 and two, Oct 10, Colden TV Tower (RCR, KPA); one, Oct 6, Hamburg (TLB).

Addendum: Mockingbird: the nest at Eden, Erie Co., reported in the last issue (p. 146) was a second nesting. This same pair successfully reared one young earlier in the summer in another nest nearby (fide RWR).

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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The first two weeks of the period were characterized by above normal temperatures. This was followed by much cooler than average September weather. The last two months of the period brought almost average temperatures. Precipitation for September was well above normal and, for the rest of the period somewhat below average. A "sneak" snowstorm on November 17-18 brought up to six inches to the area. Light snowfalls occurred in late October, but November brought little other snowfall. The high temperature for the period was 94°F (the year's high) on August 31 and the low 15°F on November 19.

Outstanding birds recorded during the period include Common Eider; Wilson's Phalarope; Laughing, Franklin's, Little and Sabine's Gulls; Hawk Owl; Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker; Bohemian Waxwing and Oregon Junco.

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Abbreviations: BB — Braddock's Bay; OB — Oklahoma Beach; EM — East Manitou; WM — West Manitou; DEP — Durand Eastman Park; GOS — Goshike; HSP — Hamlin State Park; WP — Webster Park; R — Rochester; SA — Shore Acres.

Loons — Ducks: A remarkable flight of Common Loons occurred over DEP on Nov 18. The morning was foggy and the birds apparently had become confused after losing their way. The flight was estimated at about 700 birds, and they milled around aimlessly for some time before disappearing over Lake Ontario (GOS). At least three Red-throated Loons were identified in this flight. A single Red-necked Grebe was at HSP Oct 27 (GOS) and one was at WM on Nov 23 (WCL).

While some Horned Grebes were present, the numbers on Lake Ontario and adjoining ponds seemed down sharply compared to previous years. Where it was usual to count upwards of 50 birds in a day, ten seemed about an average day's count this year. A Double-cr. Cormorant was at WP Oct 13 (HSM, TET). This bird seems to have decreased noticeably in the area the last few years, probably due to the decrease in nesting colonies in the eastern part of Lake Ontario. A great Blue Heron was at BB at the end of the period. This species was relatively scarce in the area during the period. A Common Egret at SA Aug 31 (GWL) was the only report for the area. 25 Black-crowned Night Herons at Cranberry Pond Aug 31 (WLC, TET) was by far the largest number reported. A very late Am. Bittern was at BB on Nov 25 (WCL).

No Whistling Swans, Blue or Snow Geese were reported. Canada Geese appeared in average numbers and two were still on BB on Nov 30 (WCL). 46 Brant were at WP Oct 15 (AEK) but the peak was not reached until Nov 3, when 1070 went past WP on the usual n. e. Wind (WCL). One straggler was still at BB at the end of the period. Three Gadwall were at BB on Nov 23 (WCL). The high count of Pintail was 150 on Lake Ontario Sep 15 (WCL) and of Green-winged Teal, 100 at HSP Oct 13 (HSM, TET). Seven Wood Ducks were at DEP Oct 28 (GD). No Redheads were reported. On the other hand, Ring-necked Ducks, usually an uncommon fall migrant, were fairly common, with a high count of 11 at DEP Oct 13, (HSM, TET). Single Canvasbacks were at WM Nov 11 & 20 (WCL). An early Common Golden-eye was at WP Sep 2 (AEK) and the species seemed to become common somewhat earlier than usual. A Common Eider was carefully observed at close range at Summerville Nov 12 (WCL) but the much less rare King Eider was unreported. 300 White-winged Scoters off OB Nov 25 (MF, JF, et al) was the high count for the species. The two less common scoters appeared commoner or were identified positively more than usual. High counts were ten Surf Scoters at OB Nov 18 (GOS) and 52 Common Scoters at WP Oct 13 (AEK). Two Ruddy Ducks were at BB Nov 23 (WCL), and nine Hooded Mergansers were seen at the same place and time (WCL).

Hawks — Owls: An occasional Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks were reported. Red-tailed and Rough-legged Hawks, "the mouse hawks", were scarce along the lake-shore, probably due to low rodent population. Inland, the former was commoner and a few of the latter were regularly present. A Peregrine Falcon was at WM Oct 9 (WCL). Nine Ruffed Grouse were at Alton Oct 28 (DRC) and the species was reported by hunters to be quite common in the hill country south of Rochester. A very late Common Gallinule was at BB Nov 25 (WCL). After a dismal beginning, shorebirding in the area improved and all the commoner species were recorded, some in small numbers. However, only a few areas were suitable for feeding, and the fall flight quickly reached a peak and dwindled rather early. The first Am. Golden Plover was at Round Pond Aug 16 (HSM, AS). From 25-35 were in Webster from Sep 9-30 (AEK) and the peak count for the fall was 80 at Happy Acres Sep 28 (AEK, WL). The high count for Black-bellied Plover was 20 at SA (JMc, TMc). Am. Woodcock seemed fairly common, especially during the period of Sep 10-25. 17 Upland Plover at the Monroe County Airport Aug 25 (AM) was the peak count for this species. A very late Spotted Sandpiper at WP Nov 3 (TET). Two Knots, not necessarily the same birds, were at SA from Aug 23 to Sep 1 (AM, AS). This was the year's only record for this species.

Four Purple Sandpipers at WM Nov 16 (WCL), and two were present for the next two days (GOS et al). Six White-rumped Sandpipers at WM Oct 29 & 30 (WCL et al) was the year's peak count, as were six Baird's Sandpipers at SA Sep 16 (WL, RM). 24 Dunlins at WM Nov 4 (MF, et al) and two were still there Nov 30 (WCL). 12 Short-billed Dowitchers at SA Sep 9 (JMc, TMc) was the year's peak count. One-two Stilt Sandpipers at SA Aug 16 — Sep 22 (RTO et al). The last Sanderling at WM Nov 4 (JF et al). A Wilson's Phalarope south of Manitou Aug 20 (WCL) was the year's only record for this species. A Northern Phalarope was at SA Sep 8-16 (AS et al) and another was at WM Sep 29 (WCL, HSM). Three Parasitic Jaegers were migrating east at HSP Oct 6 (MF, TH, AM, TET). While single immature birds of this species are regular along the lake in the fall, the above number is very unusual. An immature Laughing Gull was carefully observed at Salmon Creek Sep

3 (WL, RM), and two Franklin's Gulls were observed at leisure at WM Oct (WCL). A peak count of 500 Bonaparte's Gulls were along the east lakeshore Nov 24 (MC et al). With them was an adult Little Gull (HSM, M& RTO). Two Sabine's Gulls, a casual migrant here, were at WM Oct 1 (WCL). A Forster's Tern at EM Aug 28 (TMc, MS) but the species has been very scarce in the area this fall. A very late Common Tern was on the Genesee R. about five miles south of Lake Ontario Nov 4 (JF). A flock of 35 Mourning Doves has appeared irregularly at the McNetts' Feeders in Webster.

A **Hawk-Owl** appeared in Greece Oct 25 (WCL) and was seen by six or eight other people during the day. It was not subsequently observed. The only Short-eared Owl was at Ling Road Nov 24 (WCL) and the year's third Saw-Whet Owl was at DEP Nov 25 (JMc, TMc). Some reports of both Screech and Great Horned Owls were received.

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: 17 Common Nighthawks were over R Sep 17 (JF) and five were in Henrietta Sep 30 (TET). Two late Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were in Irondequoit Sep 29 (LM, NM). A Pileated Woodpecker was near Float Bridge Nov 22 (HSM). This area is close to the built-up section of the n. e. part of Rochester. A late Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was in Mount Hope Cemetery Nov 11 (AM). A Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker, the first observed in the area was in Penfield Nov 11 & 22 (EM). A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in DEP Sep 2 (HSM) and another was at WM Sep 22 (WCL). 500 Tree Swallows were in Greece Oct 12 (WCL). An estimated 10,000 Bank Swallows were at EM Aug 16 (HSM, AS). Two Cliff Swallows were with a large flock of Tree Swallows at EM Oct 6 (HSM, AS). A very late Purple Martin was at EM Sep 22 (HSM, RTO). A few Black-capped Chickadees were seen moving east over BB but the flight was very light. Some Tufted Titmice are frequenting the feeders in Webster and Penfield areas and there were one or two reports from other sections. Red-breasted Nuthatches appeared in DEP in mid-Sep and probably six to eight birds were present at the end of the period.

Two Brown Creepers in Island Cottage Woods Aug 16 (HSM, AS) may indicate nearby nesting. 11 Winter Wrens in Penfield Oct 10 (EM) probably indicates the peak of the fall migration. One was seen in Greece Nov 22 (WCL). A Long-billed Marsh Wren was at BB Nov 25 (WCL). Two Mockingbirds irregularly frequented the John Jordan feeder in Pittsford and another bird returned to the Carl Imm feeder in Fishers. Late Catbirds were in Greece Nov 5 (WCL) and in DEP Nov 11 (JMc, TMc). Swainson's Thrushes, scarce this last spring, appeared early and in average numbers. Gray-cheeked Thrushes, ever scarcer in the spring, also appeared in normal numbers. 15 Eastern Bluebirds, with a mixed flock of fall migrants, in Powder Mill Park Oct 3 (TH) was an encouraging count for this species. A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, a rare bird in fall here, was at WM Sep 28 (WCL, HSM). There were very few reports of Water Pipits. A Bohemian Waxwing joined about 200 Cedar Waxwings in DEP Nov 9 (AM) and remained until Nov 11 (JM et al). A few Northern Shrikes were reported, but the numbers were small.

Vireos — Warblers: The fall warbler flight, probably due to the cool weather of September, seemed earlier than usual, with only stragglers remaining into October, except for Myrtle Warblers. Outstanding records were an Orange-cr. Warbler in Webster Sep 30 (WL); a Pine Warbler at HSP the same day (MF et al) and a Connecticut Warbler (or warblers) in R on three dates ranging from Sept 4-9 (JF). 100 Bay-breasted Warblers in DEP Sep 2 (HSM) merely points out that often around Sep 1 this species is by far the prevalent warbler.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Red-winged Blackbirds and Brown-headed Cowbirds were still generally distributed at the end of the period, with the latter especially frequenting areas where feeding was being done. All the northern finches except the Red Crossbill were reported during the past fall, but except for the Pine Siskin, all in small numbers. A pair of Evening Grosbeaks that had nested in Pittsford, irregularly frequented the John Jordan feeder. One was seen flying over DEP Nov 25 (JF et al), and seven were seen flying over the McNett place in Webster. Up to six Purple Finches were in the fruit orchard in DEP. Four Pine Grosbeaks were in Webster Oct 28 (JMc, TMc). A lone Common Redpoll was flying over WM Nov 25 (WCL). Pine Siskins were common and generally distributed during October, with a high count of 500 in DEP Oct 28 (TET). They occurred in smaller numbers

during November. Seven White-winged Crossbills were in DEP Nov 12 (WCL) and were still present at the end of the month. An Oregon Junco was in Webster Nov 12 (AEK). A late Field Sparrow was in Parma Nov 24 (EWH), and two late White-cr. Sparrows were in Sweden Nov 9 (WCL). A few White-thr. Sparrows were still to be found at the end of the period. No Lapland Longspurs were reported, but fair numbers of Snow Buntings were present from late October on.

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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It was a period of extremes, weather-wise. The second half of August continued dry, until a 2-inch rain at the end of the month, and there were cool, windy days. September was rather dry but the drought ended with a splash the second week of October, when from 3-5½ inches of rain fell in a 12 hour period in Tompkins County. Killing frosts were late in coming (first week Oct. in the 'cold pockets, last week October elsewhere). Leaves remained late on trees and migration was slowed and spread out, hence little noticed. 8 inches of snow fell in the southern tier on Nov. 3-4 forcing the late migrants into the open. Temperatures were above normal at the end of November. Fruit and seed crops did not suffer as had been expected, following the prolonged drought. However, cone crop is not heavy.

Highlights include: 3 Common Scoters on Cayuga Lake, Oct. 27; the increase in ducks using Montezuma Federal Wildlife Refuge; six sightings of Peregrines, it is not known how many individuals were concerned; first record of Western Kingbird for Cayuga Lake Basin (Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary, Oct. 15); lack of winter visitors.

Abbreviations used: MFWR — Montezuma Federal Wildlife Refuge; Cay L — Cayuga Lake; SWS — Sapsucker Woods Canctuary.

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Loons — Ducks: Common Loon: 26, mid-Nov (high). Sheldrake on Cayuga Lake, (S. Cooper); none on Keuka L.; 2 (high) Owasco (W. H. Allison). Pied-billed Grebe: fewer in migration at Montezuma, though breeding number had been normal (J. Morse). No fall reports of Cormorants. Great Blue Heron: 150 (high) MFWR (JM) compared with peak of 123 in '61; a few still present at end of Nov. Fewer Green Herons. Common Egret: Peak of 91 during period, peak of 50 in '61; 2 Oct 7 (last) MFWR (W. E. Benning); 1, Aug 18, Fremont, (W. Groesbeck). Snowy Egret: one, Sep 11, mouth of Cayuga Inlet (M. and V. Hannan). This is the first regional report since summer of 1957 and probably the first at south end of Cay L. Black-crowned Night Heron: higher numbers than past years at MFWR, probably due to newly discovered breeding colony; One, Nov 9 (last) Elmira, (O. York). Whistling Swan: one, end of Nov, s. of Aurora on Cayuga Lake, seemed injured; 60, Nov 9, Seneca Lake at Watkins Glen (fide B. Strath). Canada Geese: migration seemed to be in narrower bands this year — some points reporting heavy flight, others none; 1500, Oct 25, MFWR, peak (JM) as opposed to peak of 560 last year. Still 1100 on Nov 30. Brant: 100 (high) Nov 3, s. end Cay L, (R. Sandberg). Snow Goose: one, Oct 7 throughout period, MFWR. Blue Geese: five on Oct 6, MFWR (WEB); three, from Nov 3 on, joined by fourth later. Mallards: 300-350 (peak) Oct 30 on, SWS (A. A. Allen). Black Ducks: 90 (peak) mid Nov, SWS (AAA); 14, Nov 9, Punch Bowl Lake, Watkins Glen (A. Robinson). European Widgeon: one, Oct 28, MFWR (WEB). Wood Ducks: 4 reports, Keuka Lake (scarce). (fide F. Guthrie); 75-100 in October (peak) SWS, 6 remaining Nov 30. (AAA). Bufflehead: Oct 27 (first) Cay Lake. Common Scoter: 3, Oct 27 (rare) Cayuga Lake (RS). Ruddy Duck: five, Nov 15, s. end Cay L, (S. Hoyt); one, Nov 9, Chemung River below Wellsburg. (K. Fudge).

At MFWR, all ducks: 34,280, (peak) Oct 25, (JM). Largest concentration since 1955, compares with 10,380 last year. Following are peaks of major species, with last year's peaks in parentheses: Mallards: 10,500 (1,900); Black Ducks: 3,800